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## Senate split on bookstore resolution

Resolution condemning possible sale of bookstore sent back to Ways and Means committee

Liz Virtue  
Argonaut

ASUI senators stand divided on a resolution written to denounce the sale of the University of Idaho Bookstore to a chain corporation.

The resolution opposes the sale of the bookstore and raises concern for the insufficient amount of student input on the issue, but senators disagree on how the resolution should be worded. The resolution, written by Justin Doble, ASUI presidential policy adviser, was tabled and sent to the Ways and Means committee for further examination and fine-tuning before it is readdressed next week.

Senate Pro-Tempore Dean Throop said the resolution needs to be approved quickly so students have time to voice their opinions before a decision is made by the university.

"The Division of Finance didn't talk to us about this issue and we need to stop it before it's too late," Throop said. "If we don't send a clear message now it will be too late."

Throop said that a decision as large as selling the bookstore is something that should be discussed with ASUI, especially if the fiscal impact will affect the students. Throop said there is no

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Senate Pro-Tempore

reason the Division of Finance should be able to make these decisions without first presenting them to the student body.

"We need them to wake up and smell the roses," Throop said. "We're not burning any bridges (with the Division of Finance) with these demands. There aren't any bridges there."

Other senators argued the wording of the resolution was too strong and that ASUI, as well as the student body, lacked the key information needed to make an educated decision on the issue.

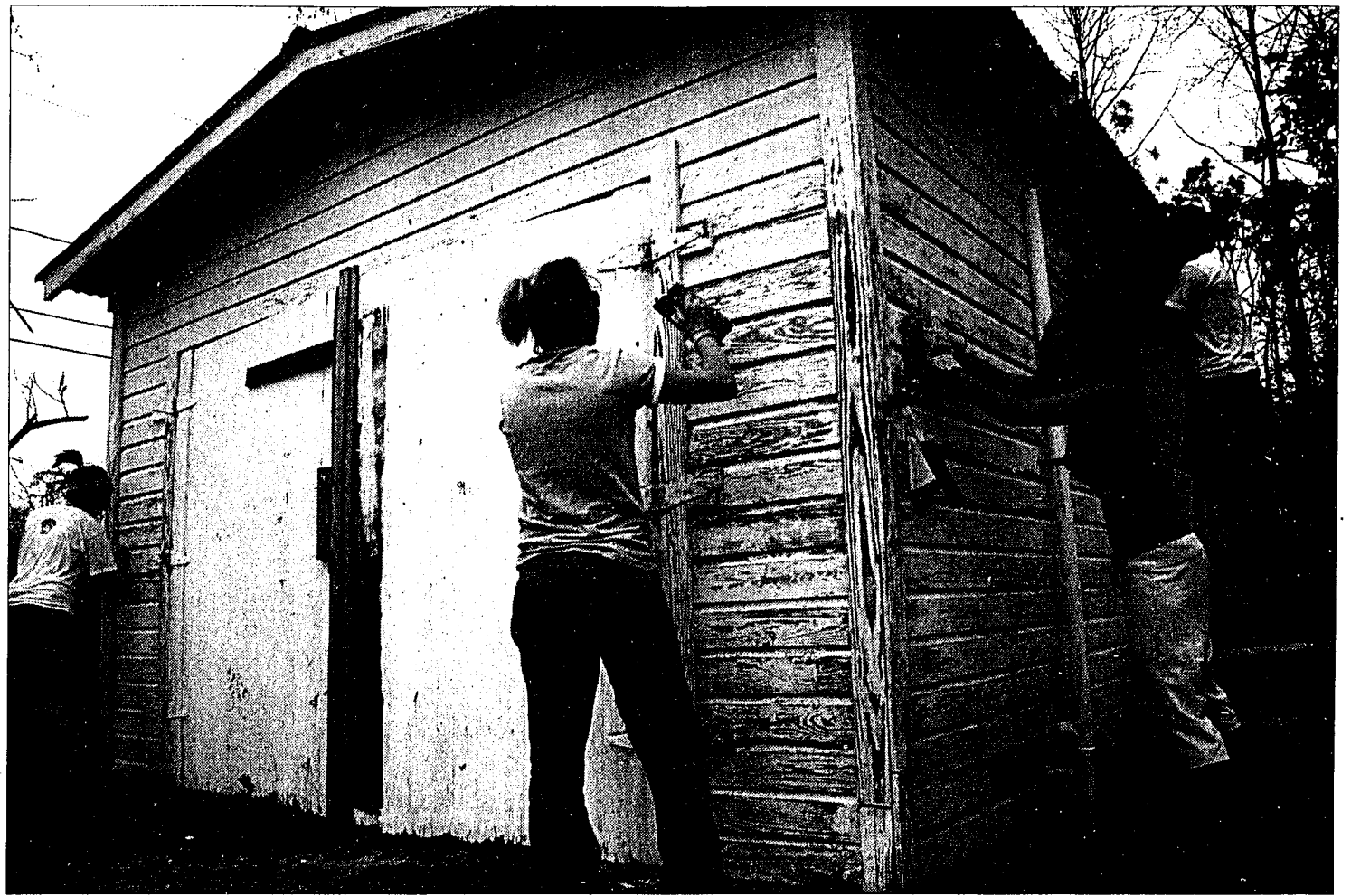
Sen. Lauren McConnell was one of the senators that argued against the approval of the resolution as it was written. "We don't have enough specific information," McConnell said. "I'm not willing to put my weight behind something that we haven't fully invested in."

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said he agrees that everyone needs more information before any more steps can be made and urges students to do their homework on the issue. Gaffney said that student input has been successful in changing campus policies in the past, but this means students need to speak up now if this is something they feel strongly about.

"I'm reacting at the same time as the students are to this and we need to find out more," Gaffney said. "Go talk to people at Washington State and see how it affected them. Start talking to administrators, write letters voicing your opinion, come talk to us about it."

Gaffney said the resolution isn't dead, but will hopefully be made more appealing to those who opposed it.

"This was the most debate we've had on an issue since I've been on the Senate," Sen. Kelby Wilson said. "We can look at it and get something next week that we can all agree on."



Idaho students (from left) Ashley Doak, Victoria Loehlein, Ashley Straley and Colin Seeley work on taking old waterlogged paint off a shed before repainting it during the Alternative Spring Break in Waveland, Miss., last spring.

File photo

## ASUI offers a different kind of break

Savannah Cummings  
Argonaut

While some students may be dreaming of spending Spring Break on the beach or watching too much TV, the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is hoping others want to spend the break making a difference to communities in the southern United States.

The eighth annual Alternative Spring Break program is hoping to take teams of students to eight different sites in the South to build houses and serve the local communities, said senior Matthew Haley, an Alternative Service Breaks intern.

"A lot of kids have been in class, they've done schoolwork. This is just such a different part of education," Haley said. "Learning about service and helping others is such an important part of education that students should learn in college. There's book education and there's real-world practicality."

As of Wednesday, only 20 applications had come back to the office, but Bruce Mann, ASB intern, said he wasn't concerned about the numbers.

"A lot of people wait to the last minute," Mann said. "We've seen more and more ap-

plications every year."

Last year the group took 108 people to New Orleans, Mississippi and Tennessee. Everyone who applied for the trips got to go, Mann said, and the Center for Volunteerism is hoping to do that again this year.

"We want to continue to expand it and not exclude anyone that wants to go," Mann said.

The week-long trips cost \$290 per person. A large portion of the trips are subsidized by the university, Haley said. The applications ask students to name their top three locations and also have room for the applicants to request to be placed on the same trip as friends. The center tries to honor requests as much as possible, Haley said.

The Center for Volunteerism is hoping to take students to Little Rock, Ark.; Asheville, N.C.; Newport, Tenn.; Rogersville, Tenn.; Spartanburg, S.C.; Pikeville, Kent.; Bay St. Louis, Miss.; and Montgomery, Ala.

Depending on the number of applications received, the center can add or remove trips from the itinerary, Haley said.

Students from all majors and walks of life are encouraged to apply for the service

applications due  
**TUESDAY**

Applications for this spring's Alternative Spring Break trips are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday to the ASUI office, located on the third floor of the SUB. Applications can be downloaded at [www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer](http://www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer) or students can pick one up on the poster by Common Grounds or at the ASUI office. For information, call the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action at 885-9442.

trips. Anyone can benefit from the experience, he said.

"Service is an international language," Haley said. "Everyone that goes on these trips has a transformational experience. It's just a different way to experience the world."

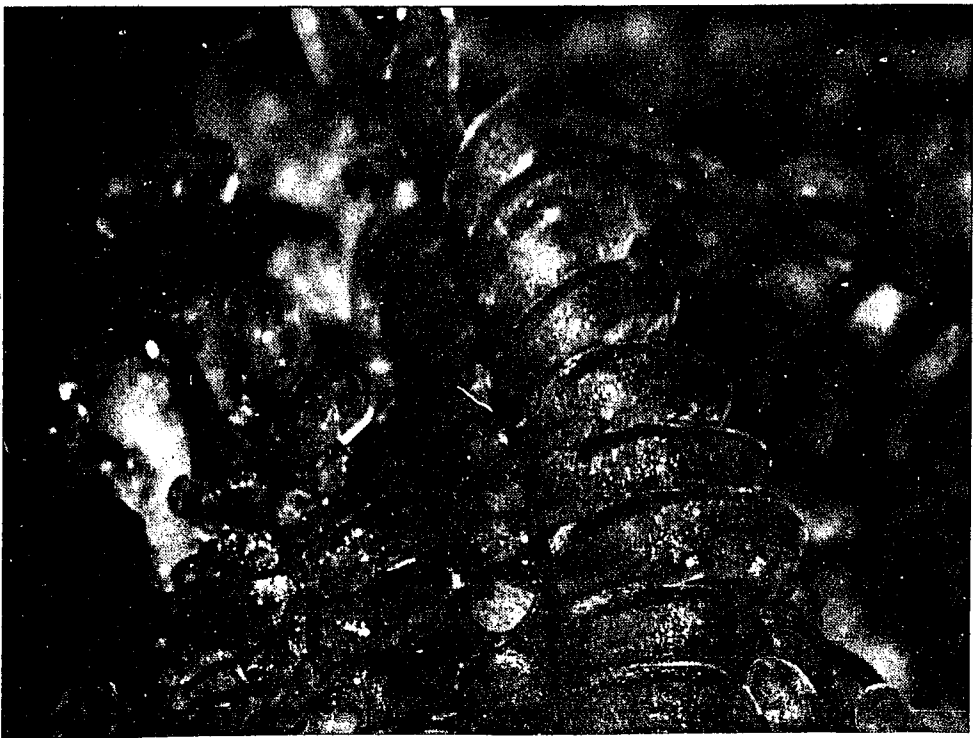
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For more information, contact the Center for Volunteerism at 885-9442, e-mail Haley at [mghaley@sub.uidaho.edu](mailto:mghaley@sub.uidaho.edu) or Mann at [mann@sub.uidaho.edu](mailto:mann@sub.uidaho.edu).

**"Service is an international language."**

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**HALEY**  
ASB Intern

## FROZEN SOLID



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Ice encases a fern outside the Art and Architecture South building on campus. The cold weather has made for power outages and slippery roads in the past week.

## Report critical of faculty culture, grad programs

Faculty Council will discuss findings at Jan. 29 meeting

Savannah Cummings  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho faces significant challenges in remaining a nationally competitive institution, according to a report released in December by the Yardley Research Group.

The report, commissioned by UI more than year ago to examine the university's graduate education, recommends UI develop a "comprehensive strategy to integrate the efforts of academic units, branch campuses and institutes into centers of excellence that can consistently compete for research support in particular research areas."

Among some of the findings released in the summary of the 435-page document are state-

ments about "serious faculty cultural issues," including stating that UI faculty members lack national perspective, are overly concerned with "trivia and do not feel they have an obligation to help with larger issues" and have a mistaken sense of national prominence.

Some faculty members have responded to the report's accusations and tones negatively.

"The tone of the document is mistaken," said Don Crowley, Faculty Council chair. "(It was) unnecessarily condescending."

Provost Doug Baker said he understands that some faculty see the tone as "off-putting" but hopes faculty members will see past that.

"The metathemes (of the report) are probably pretty accurate," Baker said. "I really don't want the tone to get in the way."

The report was commissioned to help UI accomplish its strategic plan, Baker said. UI hired Yardley, a national higher educa-

tion consulting firm, to conduct an assessment of the graduate programs at UI. Yardley collected data from interviews with faculty, administrators and students, external program reviews and compared UI to peer universities and programs and also examined factors such as student-to-faculty ratios, GRE scores, GPAs, research funding and research space.

The data was collected in 2006 and the spring of 2007, Baker said, and does not reflect recent changes made to the university, including efforts to increase multi-disciplinary programs, which the report urges.

Baker said he wants the report to start conversations about improving graduate education at UI. Crowley disagrees that hiring Yardley was necessary.

"I'm not sure we had to digest a sharply worded and derogatory report in order to have the conversation about the future of

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## on the WEB

Keep an eye on the Arg Web site for updates, exclusives and more.  
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Greetings, true believers. This is your friendly neighborhood Web editor here to welcome you to the re-imagined ArgoBlog. This blog will be the place to get news updates, sports results, entertainment reviews and more.

We'll be bringing you the stories behind your favorite Argonaut articles and photos and introducing you to some of

our staff members. We will have video and audio links, as well. In fact, if you open a page to [www.argorocks.uiargonaut.com](http://www.argorocks.uiargonaut.com) right now, you can watch a video featuring me, doing the same thing I'm doing right here.

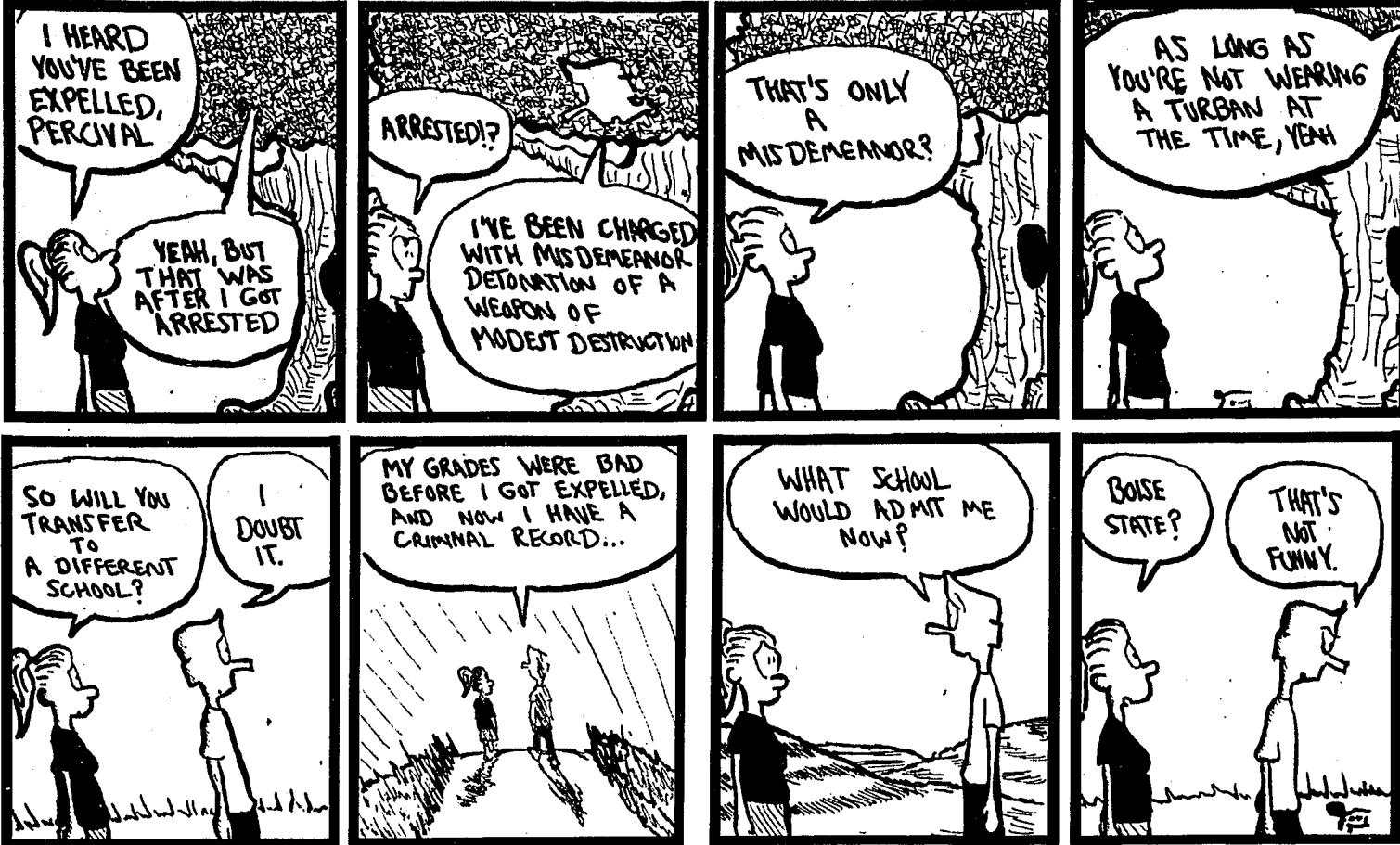
Join us as we attempt to conquer technology in new ways, boldly going where no other Argonaut staff has gone before.

Bring a sack lunch and a juice box, just in case. A tuna sandwich and grape juice sounds good to me. I think I'll have a grape juice now.

You can access the blogs from the left side menu on our homepage, too. So visit the ArgoBlog, leave a comment, let us know what you think. Sincerely, Not Stan Lee.

University AVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



BEYOND THE SHEETS

Drip is only for coffee

There are some things in life and the world I just do not like. Just as any other person, there are things I would rather not deal with. Unfortunately, it happens from time to time, that something must be discussed even if it is a least favorite. This is one of those times when I will grit my teeth, bear the pain, and talk about my least favorite STD, gonorrhea.



Chris Bidiman Sex columnist arg\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

cy incredibly difficult. It can, in fact, cause an egg to start to develop in the fallopian tube, presenting even further complications. In many cases, the end results are pre-mature birth or stillbirth. In both men and women, if the disease never presents symptoms (they usually start to appear about 14 days after infection), gonorrhea can cause sterility.

As much as I dislike gonorrhea, there is at least one positive attribute about it. This disease is bacteria-based. As most of you should know, bacteria-based diseases are curable. A simple shot of an antibiotic will take care of it. However, it is advisable to abstain from sexual activity until the gonorrhea is completely cleared up (meaning it is not an immediate cure rendering you disease free directly after leaving the doctor). You also want to abstain from sex to avoid possible re-infection. It is possible gonorrhea has been spread to your partner and you can become re-infected.

One of the things I really dislike about gonorrhea is that it can be spread very easily and is not limited to specific areas of the body. Many diseases will be present either in the vagina or the penis but gonorrhea has the added ability of being spread anally or even orally. Anal infection will present many of the same symptoms as either penile or vaginal infection. Oral infection tends to exhibit symptoms that one may pass off as something else entirely. A scratchy throat and difficulty swallowing are the most prominent symptoms of oral infection. While these may not seem that terrible, ultimately you have to remember that you have gonorrhea in your throat. That does not seem like a pleasant experience and should be treated just like any other STD ... see your doctor and get the disease taken care of.

That sums up the good news. As with most other STDs, gonorrhea comes with a list of signs and symptoms. A discolored, pus-like discharge may be experienced from both the penis and the vagina. Abdominal pain may be a symptom. A burning sensation during urination and an increased frequency of urination (or a feeling of needing to urinate more often) can be present. Sadly there is a longer list of signs and symptoms for women compared to men.

All of this boils down to a basic principle, if you are going to have sex, be smart and protect yourself. Often oral sex is thought of as being a safe sexual activity and gonorrhea proves otherwise. Latex, or polyurethane, barriers are always advisable. It takes an extra minute (if even that) to protect yourself from my least favorite STD.

Women may experience extra bleeding between menstrual cycles, which can also become irregular. Sex can become painful; the vulva may swell and become tender. A woman may experience fever or vomiting. Gonorrhea can cause reproductive complications and harm. The disease can spread to the fallopian tubes. Basically, what happens in this instance is that gonorrhea has caused pelvic inflammatory disease and will start to affect the fallopian tubes. This can cause scarring in the tubes making a pregnan-

Have fun, be safe, and avoid "The Drip." Have a sex related question for Chris? Send it to arg\_opinion@sub. uidaho.edu.

For more information about gonorrhea, visit www.plannedparenthood.org/sexual-health/std/gonorrhea.htm.

Chris Bidiman is a junior studying School and Community Health and a Safer Sex Outreach speaker.

On the front:

The old Incan city of Machu Picchu is shrouded in clouds as tourists explore the ruins. Photo by Bruce Mann. For more on the ASUI-sponsored trip to Peru over Winter Break, see pages 8 and 9.

SudokuPUZZLE

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

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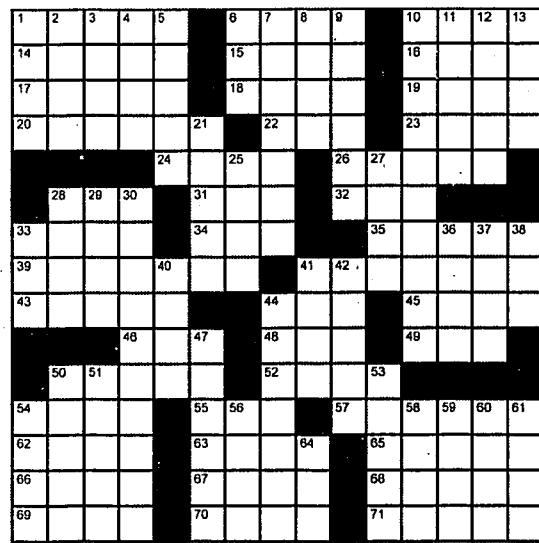
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CrosswordPUZZLE

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# Women's Center interim director search under way

Jessica Mullins  
Argonaut

Students, staff and faculty discussed the University of Idaho Women's Center definition and its future this week as they met with three interim director candidates for the center.

The hour-long receptions were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as a part of the candidates' day-long interviews. The search for an interim director began last month when Jeannie Harvey, who has been the Women's Center director since 1999, was selected as the interim director of the UI International Programs Office.

Harvey said her two big passions involve international study and women's issues. Her new position at IPO provides her with the opportunity to combine her care for gender and international issues, she said.

Harvey's experience abroad includes working as a Peace Corps volunteer and Habitat for Humanity volunteer in South Africa.

Harvey said she hopes to create joint programming between the Women's Center and international students and scholars. She plans to stay active in Women's Center programs, she said.

Harvey attended the three candidate receptions, but is not serving on the search committee.

Lynn Baird, dean of library services, is the chair of the four-person search committee for the Women's Center interim director. The committee includes students, faculty and staff.

The search is going to be as expedited as possible, Baird said.

The Women's Center director needs to be a strong advocate, Harvey said.

"It is an advocacy role in terms of being a leader," Harvey said.

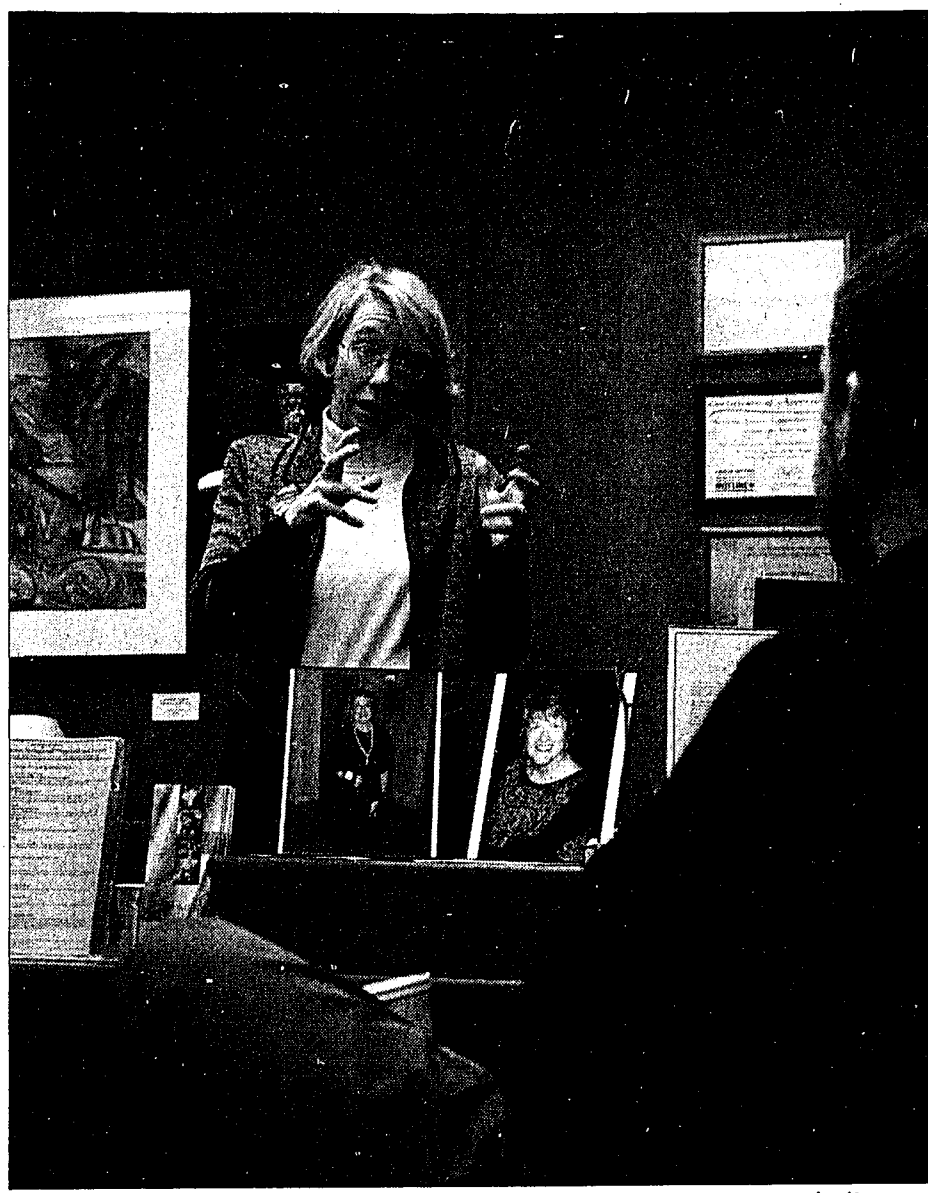
The director needs to raise difficult issues and questions with the university, she said.

"It is like being a radical feminist cheerleader," Harvey said.

When Harvey started as director, the Women's Center literally wasn't on the campus map, she said. Harvey said the center is now well respected on campus for a variety of things. It requires a leader taking the advocacy to a new level, she said, showing the center continues to exist and has a strong voice.

The new interim director should be well educated about the status of women today, said Traci Craig, assistant professor in the psychology department.

"It should be someone with the research and education to know the status of women



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Gretalyn Leibnitz, a candidate for the interim director of the UI Women's Center, discusses her qualifications during an open forum discussion in the Women's Center on Tuesday afternoon.

is still not equivalent," Craig said. "There is still need for a Women's Center."

Craig has been involved with the center for years, she said. She won one of the center's awards and serves as a co-adviser for FLAME, adviser for the Safe Zone Advisory Board and Gay-Straight Alliance adviser.

"I am looking for someone to continue a lot of what Jeannie is doing," Craig said.

"They need to make sure the agenda is made by attending meetings and dealing with money and programming. A lot of people don't see (that aspect of the posi-

tion) because Jeannie does it so well."

The director also should be familiar with the history of the Women's Center, Craig said.

"There are a lot of people who benefited from early efforts," Craig said.

Harvey's new position and the Women's Center interim director are both one-year positions, providing Harvey with the opportunity to return to the Women's Center if she desires.

The candidate resumes can be found at [www.students.uidaho.edu/womenscenter](http://www.students.uidaho.edu/womenscenter).

# UI employees make final decision on their benefits

Alexiss Turner  
Argonaut

After weeks of questions and debate, plan H has emerged the leading choice in healthcare plans for University of Idaho employees.

More than 50 percent of the employees previously enrolled in plans A and B migrated to plan H, which has the lowest cost per paycheck. The movement brings the total number of benefit-eligible full-time employees who chose plan H to 1,459, or 62 percent.

Linda Peavey, director of benefit services for human resources, said employees were given a "modeling tool" used to calculate both short and long-range costs of each plan. Peavey said during the one-on-one cases she experienced, a lean toward plan H was common.

"Plan H was almost always the clear winner," she said.

Another attribute of plan H is its \$1,500 deductible, the highest of all the plans. However, Peavey said many accept the high deductible after considering that plan H has the lowest out-of-pocket expense.

"Employees who knew they would have considerable expenses but were worried about a catastrophic event could have likely found this plan to provide superior coverage," Peavey said.

Tied to plan H is a health savings account. Peavey said for most employees, the cost of plan H is lower than what they would have paid for either plans A, B or C, previously offered during 2007. The health savings account is ultimately designed to store the extra money saved by choosing plan H and in order to pay the high deductible.

Peavey said plan H is liked by employees who have no regular medical expenses or don't plan on incurring high medical costs. Plan H completely covers the cost of physicals, immunizations and certain preventative exams.

As for the other options, 25 percent of the benefit-eligible full-time employees chose plan A, 50 percent less than the previous year's enrollment in the plan. Six percent of benefit-eligible full-time employees chose plan B, the most expensive of the three choices.

Six percent of full-time employees chose to waive their health coverage after providing proof of insurance from another source.

Peavey said 152 employees made no choice before the November deadline. Peavey said a common confusion was that a decision did not have to be made if the employee chose to stay with the same letter plan or wished to re-waive benefits, she said. All employees were required to confirm their choice in December, at which point these issues were cleared.

Rhonda Zenner, administrative assistant in the computer science department, chose plan B despite its cost. For Zenner, the coverage of prescription costs that plan B offers made the plan more affordable in the long run, she said. Zenner said her decision was easier because she did not have to factor in the cost of coverage for a family, an aspect she said she thinks would be impossible.

"There are a lot of people I care about (in this situation), and I know it's a struggle for them," she said.

Zenner said plan H shouldn't be looked upon as the most popular choice but as the most desperate attempt for employees supporting families to live comfortably.

"The fact is they have no choice," she said.

Computer Science professor Terence Soule has a family to support but chose plan H because of the cost. Soule said his family would have preferred plan A, but the extra \$226 needed per paycheck was too costly.

"I would have had to cancel all my children's activities," he said. "I just didn't have the money."

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# University celebrates diversity

## Living Voices remembers struggle

Kevin Otzenberger  
Argonaut

A nearly full Hartung Theatre sat captivated Wednesday night as Living Voices' Kevin Warren paced the front of the stage.

His message was clear, eloquent and strong: "All American citizens are guaranteed the same rights that people have fought for across history."

"Each individual is responsible for their contribution to the progress of civil rights or the digression from it," Warren said.

To commence a week's worth of events in memory of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., the Hartung Theatre hosted the Living Voices presentation of "The Right to Dream: Share the Struggle."

"In the past, we've had Living Voices as part of the 'Finding the Center' conference in the springtime, so we naturally thought of having them out for this really special event," said event coordinator Andreen Neukranz-Butler.

The presentation, performed by Seattle actor Warren, was a combination of dramatic footage from the civil rights movement, backed with timed character voiceovers. Warren passionately narrated his own story as the composite character, Raymond Hollis, by interacting with the recorded voices and images.

"Living Voices takes a person in history and shows how they are reacting to what's going on around them," said

event coordinator Leathia Bortello. "We might not see that component elsewhere."

The story of Raymond Hollis takes the audience through the thickest events in the most hostile parts of the country during the civil rights movement. The story closely outlines the effects of sit-ins, bus boycotts and marches, as well as leaders such as King and Malcolm X.

"It was very powerful, I really enjoyed it," said UI student and MECHA member Victor Mazo.

The presentation was followed by a discussion between Warren and the audience.

During audience questioning, Warren mentioned that his performance has been met with some nonviolent opposition in other regions of the country.

"In different regions there are issues that affect people differently," Warren said. "Depending on the ethnic makeup of the area, some will be more personal than others."

Warren's performance was immediately followed by a brief ceremony for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Campus Distinguished Service Awards. Mark Edwards, UI director of diversity and community, presented the awards to acknowledge students and faculty who

have contributed to building diversity on campus.

UI language professor Irina Kappler-Crookston, Heather

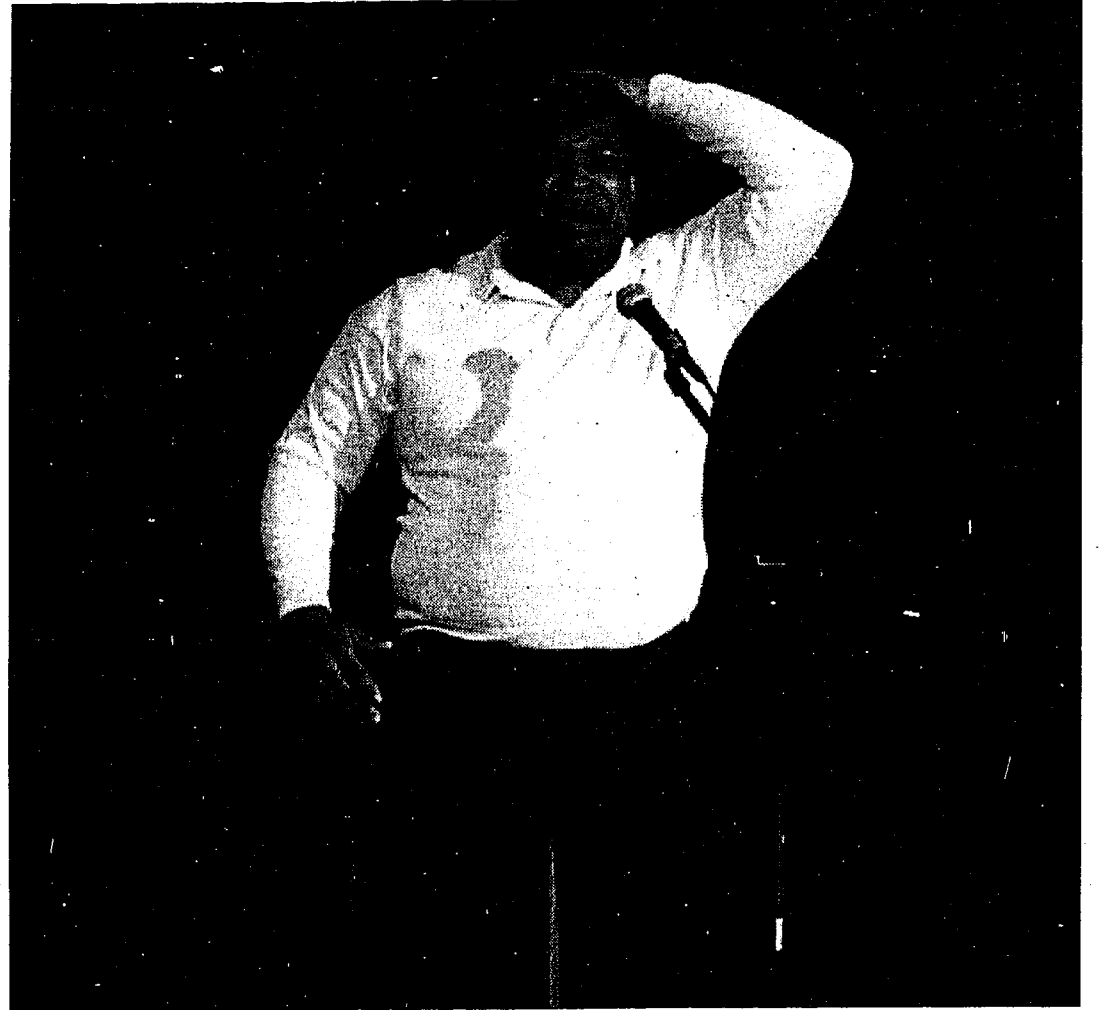
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Kevin  
**WARREN**  
Living Voices actor

be accepting," Mazo said. "We need to really show it with actions."

Community organizations including the UI Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the UI Human Rights Compliance office, the Latah County Human Rights Task Force, CHEER, and the cities of Moscow and Pullman have collaborated to produce a week's worth of events to be kicked off by Wednesday's show.

Tillery Williams, president of the UI Black Student Union said that events like "Share the Struggle" are pivotal in reminding audiences of the importance of the past 60 years of struggle, especially for schools



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Kevin Warren portrays the fictional character Raymond Hollis to tell the story of the civil rights movement in America in the Hartung Theatre Wednesday night.

that see less racial diversity.

"The demographics for ethnic diversity here are, percentage-wise, low, especially for me, coming from the South where there is such a high black population," Williams said. "One of the main goals is to bring in more black, Latino, and Asian students so we can

have more diversity."

Each year, cooperation between Washington State University and UI brings one major keynote speaker to the area. The event is alternated between campuses each year. The 2007 speaker was Martin Luther King III, who visited the UI campus. On Saturday, civil

rights activist Judy Richardson will be speaking at WSU at 3 p.m. in the Beasley Coliseum.

"I think a lot of people here don't know too much about black history, because they have no real type of association with it," Williams said. "I think that we are able to reach out and inform them."

### MLK weekend EVENTS

#### Saturday

**9 a.m.:** The Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Community breakfast will be hosted at Moscow Junior High School and is sponsored by the Latah County Human Rights Task Force. Maria Gonzales Mabbut will speak at the event. Mabbut has worked as Idaho's Farm Worker Advocate within the State of Idaho's Department of Commerce and Labor for eight years.

Two Rosa Parks Human Rights Achievement Awards will also be presented to a member of the community who has made an achievement in human rights, and a student who has shown promise in the field. Tickets are \$8 for the general public and \$4 for students and available at BookPeople or by contacting Latah County Human Rights Task Force chair member Joanne Muneta at [jmuneta@uidaho.edu](mailto:jmuneta@uidaho.edu).

**3 p.m.:** The 2008 keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is Judy Richard-

son, the educational director of "Eyes on the Prize." Richardson is a prominent activist in the Civil Rights Movement. The event will be held at WSU's Beasley Coliseum.

#### Monday

**9 a.m.:** WSU will be presenting the Freedom School workshop in Room 512 of the Center for Undergraduate Education. Registration for the events is from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities will be held in the afternoon every hour focusing on the Civil Rights movement. Activities will end with a theatrical performance of "The Meeting," a one-act play about a meeting between King and Malcolm X. The performance is by school-aged children, featuring music by God's Harmony Choir.

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m.:** Food drive at Pullman Safeway and Disssmore's.

#### Wednesday

**12:30 p.m.:** The UI Women's Center's Brown Bag Series will discuss "Defining Diversity" at the Women's Center Lounge. The lunch will feature a panel of guests as well as university faculty. The event is free and open to everyone.

## Moscow, Pullman offer range of events for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

### AmeriCorps project looks at local thoughts about diversity definition

Scott MacDonald  
Argonaut

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Moscow Regional Team of AmeriCorps conducted a survey to garner information about what people in Moscow think about diversity.

Bethany Anderson, an AmeriCorps member as well as the program coordinator for the University of Idaho Women's Mentoring program, said they decided on this project because of the holiday.

"Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a national day of service," Anderson said. "We wanted to find a project that related to diversity."

Anderson and seven other AmeriCorps members asked random people in Moscow "What does diversity mean to you?" The group has interviewed about 40 people for the survey so far.

"The goal of the project is to help generate discussion between a broad range of people," Anderson said. "This is still an important issue."

One participant described diversity as "recognizing that there are

differences among all human beings and the need for tolerance, respect and acceptance to those that are different."

"The overall theme we got, is people embrace (diversity)," Anderson said. "It seems like it's on people's minds more than it has been other years."

Another participant said, "Diversity is having a wide range of cultures and influences on every aspect of life."

Allowing for the possibility of a new idea or style or tolerance for any of the above is a definition of diversity to me."

Anderson invites people to go to the survey's Web site, <http://meaningofdiversity.blogspot.com>, to read definitions of diversity from survey participants and to add their own meaning of diversity to the list.

Anderson said the team is planning on combining the responses into one document to give a well-rounded view of what diversity means to the community. AmeriCorps members will also visit local elementary schools to lead a discussion on what diversity means and the survey will be used as a tool for the discussion.

AmeriCorps is a service-based non-profit organization that focuses on tutoring and mentoring programs across the United States.

### DEALING WITH RACISM

# Ignoring racist remarks teaches wrong lessons

Experts encourage parents to make stand against racist comments, explain race to kids

Associated Press

When a relative recently made a disparaging remark about blacks to Arica Prejean in the presence of her children, Prejean immediately repudiated it.

"There was no hesitation," said the 28-year-old, who is white and lives in Lafayette, La. She considers speaking out against racism part of her job as a parent.

"I own a staffing agency. Every race comes through our door," she said.

"It's the ignorance that's being passed down from generation to generation that's not making things any better."

Many parents struggle with what to do when someone makes a racial slur in front of their children. Should they set an example by speaking out and showing that such comments aren't acceptable? Or would a confrontation be too uncomfortable and magnify the insult? When the offending person is a friend or loved one, things get even more complicated.

"It definitely needs to be addressed," said psychologist Lawrence Cohen, who writes parenting articles for NickJr.com, the Web site for the children's television network. But it's important to do so in a way that doesn't upset the child.

"Don't start hurling nasty names or the child will be very confused," said Cohen. "If we're hostile and angry, they're not going to learn very well."

If you're able to calmly ask the person to refrain from speaking that way in front of your child, do so. If not, wait until you've cooled off, Cohen recommended.

When you do broach the issue, use "I" statements to make your point, recommended Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College in Atlanta and author of "Can We Talk About Race?" (Simons College/Beacon Press, 2007).

For example, she suggests saying, "I felt that way or I used to think that way." Then say what changed your mind and add, "Now I feel it's important for me to say something."

This approach works because it does not accuse the speaker, she said.

If comments persist, let your relationship with the person determine how you respond, said Carmen Van Kerckhove, a diversity trainer who runs the blog [www.antiracistparent.com](http://www.antiracistparent.com).

If the speaker is an acquaintance, you might be able to stop associating with him or her. If it's a relative, you might have to threaten to limit contact with the children.

"Parents need to make decisions about how important it is for the child to have that person in their life," Van Kerckhove said.

Prejean said she has told family members: "If you can't keep that to yourself when my kids are around, we're not going to bring them around."

Exposing children to people of all backgrounds is critical in creating open minds, experts say.

"Real experiences, real knowledge of people is the only thing that breaks down those stereotypes," said Cohen.

Liz Dwyer of Los Angeles, who is black, said she likes her city's diversity; her two boys, Olinga and Toussaint Bolden, play with Hispanic, white, Chinese and Iranian kids. But Dwyer has had to chastise relatives for insensitive remarks about Hispanics. She said she tells them, "That's what they used to say about black people."

Parents also need to tell children that racism exists and explain what it is, Van Kerckhove added. "The most important thing is for parents to start talking about race

### tips for PARENTS

Tips for parents on helping children handle racist comments:

- Your children will face racism, so prepare them for it. Don't assume that race is a non-issue for your family.
- Forget trying to be colorblind; it's not possible. As NAACP Chairman Julian Bond says, colorblindness means being "blind to the consequences of being the wrong color in America today."
- Make conversations about race relaxed and frequent. Don't wait for "a very special moment." Conversations about race should be as normal and casual in your family as discussions about "American Idol."
- Lead by example. Actions speak louder than words. If you tell your children they should accept everyone, regardless of race, but you only socialize with people from one race, what message do you think your children will absorb?
- Be aware of your own biases and privileges, and never stop working to overcome them.

— [www.antiracistparent.com](http://www.antiracistparent.com)

early on," she said. "Parents underestimate the likelihood of kids hearing racial slurs."

Prejean was disheartened when 6-year-old Kameron came home from school and asked why one of his friends was getting teased about having black skin. She and her husband, Ian, explained that skin comes in all different shades, like hair.

"We did tell him if somebody says that in front of you, it's OK to say something because maybe their mom or dad hasn't told them it's the same thing as different color of hair," she said. "I think if it happened again, now that he understands, he'd speak up."

Most of all, be honest with your children, recommended Keith Morton, who blogs about being a black dad at [fatherdad.com](http://fatherdad.com).

"You can't be afraid of the topic," said Morton, of New York. "Fear of the topic creates ignorance, and that's no way to live."

# Iranian president accuses Bush of inciting confrontation during trip

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that President Bush sent a "message of confrontation" during his recent Mideast trip.

Bush spent much of his visit to the region, which he wrapped up on Wednesday, rallying support among Arab allies for a strong stance against Iran — calling the country the world's top sponsor of terrorism.

"President George Bush sent a message to the Iranian people and all the nations worldwide," said Ahmadinejad during an interview in Farsi with Al-Jazeera television. "This message reflects his own conceptions and it is a message of rift, a message of sowing the seeds of division. It is a message of confrontation demeaning the dignity of mankind."

The Iranian president said Bush's statements were made for domestic political reasons.

"They are in need of these statements for their presidential race," said Ahmadinejad. "However, these statements increase the sentiment of resentment of the Iranian people against the U.S. officials."

Ahmadinejad also lashed out at Israel, a key U.S. ally in the Mideast, saying the country was "rapidly doomed to collapse."

"All these nations believe

they (the Israelis) are a murderous group carrying arms and trying through threats to change their image," said Ahmadinejad.

Israel on Thursday successfully tested a new long-range missile, said senior defense officials speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the project. Israeli radio reports indicated the missiles are capable of being armed with nuclear warheads.

Ahmadinejad dismissed the missile test, saying Israel "lacks the courage to launch any attack against the Iranian state."

"They are aware that any attempt or strike will be confronted by a very strong response," added the Iranian president.

Tensions between Iran, Israel and the U.S. have remained high over Tehran's controversial nuclear activities. The U.S. and Israel claim Iran's program could be a pathway to nuclear weapons development, but Tehran insists its intentions are peaceful.

"They would like to deceive our people alleging that the nuclear capability would amount to a nuclear weapon," said Ahmadinejad on Thursday.

U.S. attempts to keep up international pressure against Iran were complicated by a December intelligence report saying Iran suspended its weapons development program in 2003 and has not re-

started it.

Bush used his first major Mideast trip to stress to Arab allies that Iran's continued uranium enrichment — a process that can produce fuel for a nuclear reactor or fissile material for a bomb — still posed a threat to the region.

The U.N. Security Council has passed two sets of sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend enrichment. Germany and the five permanent Security Council members plan to meet Tuesday in Berlin for talks that diplomats say will include attempts to finalize a third set of sanctions.

Ahmadinejad said the U.N. Security Council had no legal justification for focusing on Iran's nuclear program, claiming their sanctions were based on false information.

"If we pay close attention today, it is opportune time for the U.N. Security Council to rectify their false statements," he said.

The Iranian president said his country's cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency meant that the IAEA should be the only U.N. body with jurisdiction over the nuclear issue.

In November, an IAEA report said Iran had been generally truthful about key aspects of its nuclear history, but warned that its knowledge of Tehran's present nuclear work was shrinking.

## CampusCALENDAR

### Saturday

Martin Luther King, Jr. human rights community breakfast  
Moscow Junior High School  
9 a.m.

School of Music band fest  
University Auditorium  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Memorial service for Betsy Thomas  
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse  
1:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. human rights celebration event  
Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum  
3 p.m.

### Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr./Human Rights Day  
Campus closed

Body image task force  
Women's Center lounge  
5 p.m.

Non-traditional student brown bag  
Women's Center lounge  
12:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Faculty Recital  
School of Music Recital Hall  
7:30 p.m.

Women's Center article reading club  
One World Cafe  
6 p.m.

## SenateREPORT

### Open forum

Justin Doble, presidential policy adviser, said he encouraged senators to look at resolution S08-01, a resolution denouncing the University of Idaho's plan to sell the bookstore. He passed out petitions to senators and said he hopes they will use the petitions to gain student support for the resolution.

### Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney welcomed everyone back from Winter Break. He said that spring semester is a busy semester and there is a lot of work to do concerning student fees, final's fest and student recruiting. He said he is looking forward to a busy and intense semester.

### Unfinished business

S08-01, an act providing for the assignment of senators to living groups, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-02, an act providing for the assignment of senators to senate standing committees, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-03, an act providing for the assignment of senators to ASUI standing boards, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

### New business

S08-04, an act suspending Senate rules and regulations section 4030.010 for the January 30, 2008 meeting, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-05, an act appointing Garrett Holbrook to the position of ASUI parliamentarian, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-06, an act appointing Garrett Holbrook to the position of ASUI vice president adjutant, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-07, an act appointing Tyler Doil to the position of ASUI student recreation board facilities coordinator, was sent to Government Operations and Appointments.

S08-08, an act appointing Andrew Jacobson to the position of ASUI Vandal Entertainment films coordinator, was sent to Government Operations and Appointments.

S08-09, an act appointing Kelsey Laroche to the position of ASUI Vandal Entertainment promotions coordinator, was sent to Government Operations and Appointments.

### Resolutions

S08-01, a resolution denouncing the university's plans to sell the bookstore was tabled and sent to Ways and Means.

— Liz Virtue

## NewsBRIEFS

### Jazz conference to honor music legend

Fans of jazz will be granted an extra treat, "Jazz History and Culture: An Academic Conference in Honor of Lionel Hampton's 100th Birthday."

The conference provides an academic connection to the jazz festival, adding an intellectual component to the jazz performances. The conference keynote lecture, "Reading Hamp: Celebrating Seven Decades of Good Vibes," will be given by Bruce Raeburn, director of the Hogan Jazz Archives at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Academics from around the country will deliver papers on various topics related to jazz and American culture. The event will offer a forum for scholarly interpretation and examination of the role of jazz in American life and culture, as well as relate jazz to the American experience.

### University visits state Legislature

On Tuesday state legislators heard stories and statistics about the quality of the University of Idaho's programs, people, and impact.

In prepared remarks delivered before Idaho's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, President Timothy White outlined the distinctions and strengths of UI.

White identified several areas in which the University of Idaho demonstrated leadership during 2007, and a "great return" on the investment of public dollars.

These achievements included the receiving of the National Medal of Arts for the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, becoming the first public university ever to

receive the nation's most prestigious arts award.

Also, UI has attracted 85 percent of the state's 95 National Merit Scholars over the past eight years.

### Field campus now available for rent

Owned and operated by the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources, the McCall Field Campus is now open year-round for groups wishing to host conferences, meetings, courses and community events in a relaxed, natural setting with well-equipped facilities, professional hospitality and food service.

The campus is located in Ponderosa State Park. Located in the mountains of central Idaho, near by Brundage Mountain is best known for snow covered glades and widely groomed runs.

## Welcome back U of I Students



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# Anglers start gillnet protest

Associated Press

LEWISTON — Sport anglers have started a protest campaign against the Nez Perce Tribe's gillnetting season on the Snake and Clearwater rivers.

Members of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Idaho have started collecting signatures on a petition they plan to do any good, but at least we are trying."

The tribe announced recently it was opening a commercial steelhead season on the Snake River from Lower Granite Dam in Washington upstream to Hells Canyon Dam on the Idaho-Oregon border. On the Clearwater, tribal fishing would be from the mouth upstream to about Orofino Bridge.

Joseph Oatman, chairman of the tribe's fish and wildlife commission, said Wednesday that tribal fishermen put several gillnets in the Snake River last week and those nets have captured one wild fish and no hatchery fish.

This week, as many as 10 gillnets have been put into the Snake, but Oatman said he had no harvest information on those.

David Johnson, program manager for the tribe's fisheries department, said the impacts of gillnet fishing can be managed just as effectively as hook-and-line fishing.

Johnson said hatchery runs in the Snake are "very healthy" and added, "Consistently we're (helping restore) thousands and thousands of hatchery steelhead, and really their only purpose is for harvest. The tribe should deeply share in that harvest."

The tribe, as part of an 1855 treaty it signed in exchange for giving up lands, has a right to 50 percent of the harvestable fish within the reservation and from traditional off-reservation fishing areas, but has typically not taken its share of steelhead.

This season, that would be 61,000 steelhead, though the tribe says it's unlikely the harvest will come near that.

The Clearwater and Snake — favored among sport steelhead anglers — have a surplus of hatchery steelhead for fishing. But wild Snake River steelhead are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and sport anglers must release them unharmed.

Anglers fear the gillnetting will harm wild runs by indiscriminately killing hundreds of the native fish.

The petition circulated by the group acknowledges the tribe's efforts to restore fish habitat and its right to harvest steelhead. But it calls on officials to "make it a priority to protect endangered wild steelhead" from commercial harvest outside of federally designated areas.

# Luna trims teacher proposal

Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho public schools chief Tom Luna on Thursday scaled back his teacher pay-for-performance proposal in a bid to win Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's support.

Originally pegged at \$60 million, Luna's plan would now cost about \$50 million, most of which would go toward his teacher-pay package called Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System, or "iStars."

Both proposals are merit-based — not all would get raises. Luna wants the Legislature to make up the \$5 million difference between his plan and the governor's.

"The governor's position on iStars hasn't changed," said Otter spokesman Jon Hanian. "However, we do believe that Superintendent Luna's modified proposal is moving in the right direction."

The reduction in Luna's plan is based on new estimates of how many of Idaho's 14,500 public school teachers will participate — 25 percent, as opposed to a 40 percent original estimate — and cuts

with something that purely hypothetical," said Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise.

Since introducing it last year, Luna has promoted his proposal to lawmakers as the only way for Idaho to increase pay for teachers sufficiently to keep them in the profession rather than jumping to better-paid administrative positions. He said he wants to shake up the existing pay schedule with something that rewards teachers who work hard and help improve student performance.

Teachers work 13 years, they bump up against a ceiling, and the only control they have over making more money is they have to leave the classroom," he said. "We want to give teachers the opportunity to make more money, without forcing them to leave the classroom."

The plan calls for all teachers to be eligible for \$4,400 in pay in-

creases, down from \$4,800 under the original plan. That's on top of base salaries ranging from \$31,000 to \$49,000. To qualify for the pay increases, instructors must teach subjects that are in great demand and their students would need to perform well on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

Those teachers who take an extra step of exchanging their existing "continuing contracts" job security for new contracts like those of school principals, who enjoy fewer job protections, could earn as much as an additional \$6,600, down from about \$7,200 in Luna's first proposal.

The "new contract" portion of the Luna plan is the most controversial, with the Idaho Education Association opposing it as a union-busting tactic that puts teachers at the mercy of administrators who could dismiss them arbitrarily.

A pair of lawmakers, Sens. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, and Mike Burkett, D-Boise, are pushing a union-backed alternative called "We Teach" that would pay teachers more without forcing them to alter their contracts.

Luna told budget writers on Thursday that his plan has been misinterpreted as an attack on job protections.

**"We want to give teachers the opportunity to make more money, without forcing them to leave the classroom."**

Tom LUNA

Idaho public school chief

# Recent snowpack make up for lack of rain

Associated Press

BOISE — Mountain ranges across Idaho have received some hefty snowpack down payments in recent weeks to help make up for a water deficit created by years of drought.

State water experts say recent winter storms have helped build a snowpack that's close to normal in southern Idaho and mostly above normal in central and northern Idaho. Nearly half of Idaho's 19 river basins have now climbed above normal snowpack, a significant improvement from just a month ago.

"Since mid-December, the snowpack has improved tremendously throughout central

and southern Idaho," said Phil Morrissy, a hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "We finally started to see a bunch of storms roll in."

That's good news for water users in southern Idaho, where drought conditions forced the state to threaten farmers, ranchers and other groundwater users with water curtailment last summer.

Around the state, snowpack is at 103 percent of normal in the Boise River Basin, 91 percent in the Bruneau River Basin and 93 percent in the Oakley River Basin, all in the state's moisture-starved southern region.

A wet fall had already helped boost reservoir levels in the Up-

per-Snake River Basin in eastern Idaho. Water levels there now resemble what they were in 2005, which was one of the few decent water years of the last 14, state hydrologist Steve Burrell said Tuesday at a meeting of the inter-agency Idaho Water Supply Committee.

The next three months should help even more, thanks to La Nina, hydrologists say. The periodic cooling of waters in the Pacific Ocean should bring higher-than-normal precipitation across most of Idaho, said Jay Breidenbach, a National Weather Service hydrologist.

"No models show (ocean waters) warming back up," he said. "It certainly sets you up with a

pattern of very stormy weather." Snowpack in the mountain ranges in southeast Idaho is now 80 percent to 90 percent of normal, according to data gathered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

In the central and northern parts of the state, snowpack is mostly above normal, including in the Salmon, Payette and Weiser river basins.

Breidenbach said there's even a risk of flooding along the Weiser River in central Idaho if any precipitation in coming weeks arrives with weather warm enough to melt some of the snowpack. The river, which has a flood stage at about 9 feet, recently climbed to 8 feet.

## Amy, Graduate 2007

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I provide 10-15 massages per week at WSU Health and Wellness Center while attending University of Idaho pursuing a degree in School and Community Health. Massage has changed me in many ways. I'm calmer, I have more confidence in myself, and all in all happier than I have ever been. I love working with people and enjoy having a physically active job. Having more time to do other things is great too. My goal is to do massage related medical research with an aim to increase the acceptance of



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## Janene, Graduate 1996

### Licensed Massage Therapist State Director Missouri Sports Massage Team



As I graduated from school, I thought I would enter the "Spa" world of massage. After I had been in Missouri for a couple of years, I joined the local Sports Massage Team and have not looked back. The anatomy and kinesiology I learned in school has been the foundation for my entire practice. Learning early on how to put together a Swedish Massage has helped me become a great therapist.

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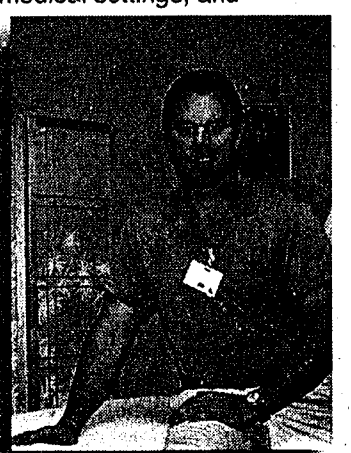


## Colin, Graduate 2006

### Licensed Massage Therapist at Vandal Massage U of I & Gritman Therapy Solutions

Before attending Moscow School of Massage, I worked for 7 years in a variety of jobs in medical settings, and Anesthesia Tech. After receiving a massage as a gift, I realized that I had found my calling. Making a positive difference in people's lives has always been important to me.

When the 10-15 clients I typically treat each week find relief from stress, pain, and injury, I feel joy. Moscow School of Massage was more than an educational institution for me; it felt like coming together with a family who share the same goal of helping people with massage.



## Meredith, Graduate 1997

### Licensed Massage Therapist, Private Practice

Immediately upon graduation I opened my private practice in Pullman, Washington. After 5 years, I relocated to St. Louis, Missouri. I see clients for 18-25 hours a week in my professional downtown office and also provide chair massage at a local architecture firm. I credit MSM's experienced instructors with helping me build a strong foundation for my fulfilling and successful career. I am proud to say that I have found what I truly love to do.



# Abortion foes use 19th-century Kansas law

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Religious conservatives have dusted off a largely forgotten 1887 state law that allows citizens to launch grand jury investigations, and they are using it to help turn Kansas into one of the nation's biggest abortion battlegrounds.

A grand jury that was impaneled Jan. 8 by way of a citizen petition drive is investigating Dr. George Tiller, a Wichita clinic operator abhorred by anti-abortion activists because he is one of the nation's few physicians who perform late-term abortions. This is the second such citizen investigation of Tiller since 2006.

Phillip Jauregui, counsel for the anti-abortion Life Legal Defense Foundation, said Kansas is invoking the 19th-century law because prosecutors are too soft on abortion.

"This is a right the people of Kansas have given them-

selves," he said.

But others say the law is a dangerous tool.

"This is a witch hunt, plain and simple," said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, an abortion rights group. "It clearly demonstrates the inherent danger of empowering biased advocacy groups to impanel a grand jury."

Normally, prosecutors decide whether to convene a grand jury to investigate something and bring charges.

Under the Kansas law, enacted during the Gilded Age and the nation's great railroad boom to curb political corruption, the people can force an investigation if they collect signatures from a certain percentage of voters in a county.

In small counties, that can be a few hundred signatures; in Wichita's Sedgwick County, about 4,000.

Five other states provide for citizen-petitioned grand juries: Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Dakota, Nebraska

and Nevada, according to a Tiller attorney.

One of the most publicized grand juries convened by citizen petition was formed in Oklahoma after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people.

The investigation was prompted by suspicions that Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols had help in the bombing. But the grand jury found no evidence of a wider conspiracy or a government cover-up.

So far, no other state appears to have used the process to pursue a social and moral agenda as extensively as Kansas, which is attacking not just abortion, but pornography.

Since 2005, citizen petitions have forced several grand juries in Kansas to investigate whether adult bookstores

should be charged with obscenity.

Twenty stores were indicted, said Phillip Cosby, executive director of the National Coalition for Protection of Children and Families. Most of the cases have not been resolved.

The strategy? "To strengthen the prosecutor's hand" and let authorities know that "they are not alone, that we the people feel there is a very big problem," Cosby said.

The anti-abortion movement rediscovered the law when David Gittrich used it in 2006 to force an investigation into the death of a Texas woman who had an abortion at Tiller's clinic. Though the grand jury failed to return an indictment, people noticed.

Said Gittrich: "I was inspired by God to use the grand jury."

This time, Tiller is under investigation on suspicion of violating a 1998 state law restricting late-term abortions. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Tiller has long been at the very center of the nation's abortion battle. His clinic was bombed in 1985, and eight years later, a woman shot him in both arms.

"We see in Kansas a perfect example of a system which has virtually become active vigilantism," said Lee Thompson, an attorney for Tiller. "A very small minority number of people who have a specific agenda can force a criminal investigation, and I think that is a usurpation of the executive power of government."

Forcing a grand jury investigation requires signatures from 2 percent of the number of people who voted in the last governor's election in the county, plus 100 more names. In Tiller's county,

activists gathered nearly 8,000, or twice as many as required.

Similarly, in December, a citizen-impaneled grand jury began investigating a Planned Parenthood clinic in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park.

Then-Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline filed charges against Tiller in 2006, accusing him of performing 15 late-term abortions without the required medical justification and failing to report details to state health authorities. But a judge threw out the case in a jurisdictional dispute involving the district attorney in Wichita.

Then in June, Kline's successor, Paul Morrison, brought new charges against Tiller, accusing him of not getting the signature of a second doctor before performing late-term abortions.

Abortion opponents complained that the charges did not go far enough, and took matters into their own hands by pressing for a grand jury.

"I am still looking for justice," Gittrich said. "I am going to figure some way to get justice."

**"This is a witch hunt plain and simple."**

Vicki SAPORTA  
NAF president

# Scientists produce embryo clones of two men using skin cells

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists in California say they have produced embryos that are clones of two men, a potential step toward developing scientifically valuable stem cells.

The new report documents embryos made with ordinary skin cells. But it's not the first time human cloned embryos have been made.

In 2005, for example, scientists in Britain reported using embryonic stem cells to produce a cloned embryo.

It matured enough to pro-

duce stem cells, but none were extracted.

Stem cells weren't produced by the new embryos either, and because of that, experts reacted coolly to the research.

"I found it difficult to determine what was substantially new," said Doug Melton of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. He said the "next big advance will be to create a human embryonic stem cell line" from cloned embryos. "This has yet to be achieved."

Dr. George Daley of the Harvard institute and Children's Hospital Boston called

the new report interesting, but agreed that "the real splash" will be when somebody creates stem cell lines from cloned human embryos.

"It's only a matter of time before some group succeeds," Daley said.

Korean scientist Hwang Woo-suk claimed a few years ago that he'd created such cell lines, but that turned out to be a fraud.

Dr. Samuel Wood, a co-author of the new paper and chief executive of Stemagen Corp. of La Jolla, Calif., said he and his colleagues are now at-

tempting to produce stem cell lines from the embryos.

The work was published online Thursday by the journal Stem Cells.

Scientists say stem cells from cloned embryos could provide a valuable tool for studying diseases, screening drugs and, perhaps someday, creating transplant material to treat conditions like diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

But critics raise objections. The process "involves creating human lives in the laboratory solely to destroy them for alleged benefit to others," said

Richard Doerflinger, spokesman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Citing the earlier work in Britain, he also said that as a scientific advancement.

Other objections to cloning include concerns about health risks and exploitation if large numbers of women are asked to provide eggs.

Those objections are one reason that an alternative route to stem cells made headlines last November.

Scientists reported a relatively simple way to turn skin cells directly into stem cells.

This direct reprogramming carries a theoretical risk of cancer for the recipients of tissue from these cells, however, and many scientists have urged that work continue on the cloning technique as well.

The cloning approach involves inserting DNA from a person into an egg, and then growing the egg into an embryo about five days old before extracting the stem cells.

In the new work, researchers took skin cells from Wood and another volunteer and produced three embryos with DNA matching the men's.

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Bruce Mann  
Steven Janowiak, director of student activities and leadership, uses a pick to clear out dirt in preparation for a rock wall the UI volunteers built.

# Trip leaves a lasting impression

Applications for Spring Break service trips due Tuesday

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

Peru wasn't the first international service trip taken by senior Matthew Haley, but it was one of the most moving.

"From the moment you step off the plane, you're hit with culture shock," he said. "It's not just that you're surrounded by the Spanish, you hear stories about pickpockets and it can be pretty overwhelming, especially with a large group."

During Winter Break, 24 students and four advisers participated in the first international Alternative Service Break trip to Peru. From Dec. 27-Jan. 11, students worked on building a youth center in Cai Cay, located just outside the capital of Cusco.

Students from varying programs and majors hauled rock to build a retaining wall, laid flooring, did gardening work and helped the local children. Most of the project was done using traditional building methods and in harsh weather.

"It's the raining season over there. Usually it would be sunny in the beginning, then flashflood in the afternoon and sunny again," Haley said. "They usually take a siesta in the afternoon, but it could get pretty intense."

Bruce Mann, one of the project coordinators, recalled the hard labor and gratifying nature of the work.

"We would take these rocks, which were somewhere between 40 and 200 pounds, and pile them up using mud and mortar to help build this wall," Mann said. "Everyone took their turn doing it, and by the end of the day you'd be exhausted. It's back-breaking work. Still, to know what your really capable of doing for another person, not your government, but you... that's an amazing feeling."

At night, the volunteers would sleep in tents under the support of the structure they helped build.

"It's a moving experience," Mann said. "Students came with the intention to serve but really they gave to us as much as what we gave to them. Seeing these kids who are so appreciative of what we take for granted, you can't be part of something like that without being moved."

Funding for school in the region is limited at best, and the farm children of Cai Cay often walk three to four hours to get to school in the morning and again to go home. When the youth center is finished, they plan to install dormitories so children won't have to make the long journey every day.

Although this project marks the eighth year of the ASB program, it is the first international trip. Steve Janowiak, director of student activities and leadership, said that international trips should become a normal part in investigating volunteer activities.

"The world is becoming more of a global community and I think one of the purposes behind these trips is to help improve the lives of people in the world without waiting around for someone else to do it," Janowiak said. "This entire ASB program enacts the university's strategy."

Janowiak hopes to do a return trip to Peru to help finish what the team started.

"I'd like to see us causing a lasting impact, a partnership between UI and this incredible vision. It would be a beautiful thing," he said.

Regarding the trip as "a leadership laboratory," Janowiak said that the nature of the experience had a profound impact on its participants. Haley echoed the sentiment but was also blown away by how it exceeded what he anticipated.

"I just expected 28 people to work hard and serve, I didn't expect to see them affected and changed right in front of me," Haley said. "The people that left aren't the same people that came back."

Although no firm plans have been made for next year's trip, applications are now available for the Spring Break ASB projects. With more than 100 open slots, students will be able to assist in projects across the southern United States. Applications are available in the ASUI office and are due on Tuesday.



UI senior civil engineering major Cara Haley fills holes in the newly completed rock wall with mud in Cai Cay, Peru.



Bruce Mann  
Local boys Alfred and Ciro tease Idaho senior Marcus Johnson during the last morning the volunteers spent in Cai Cay, Peru.



UI senior Rebecca Freeman tickles a student from C...

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— Senior Matthew Haley,  
Alternative Service Break intern

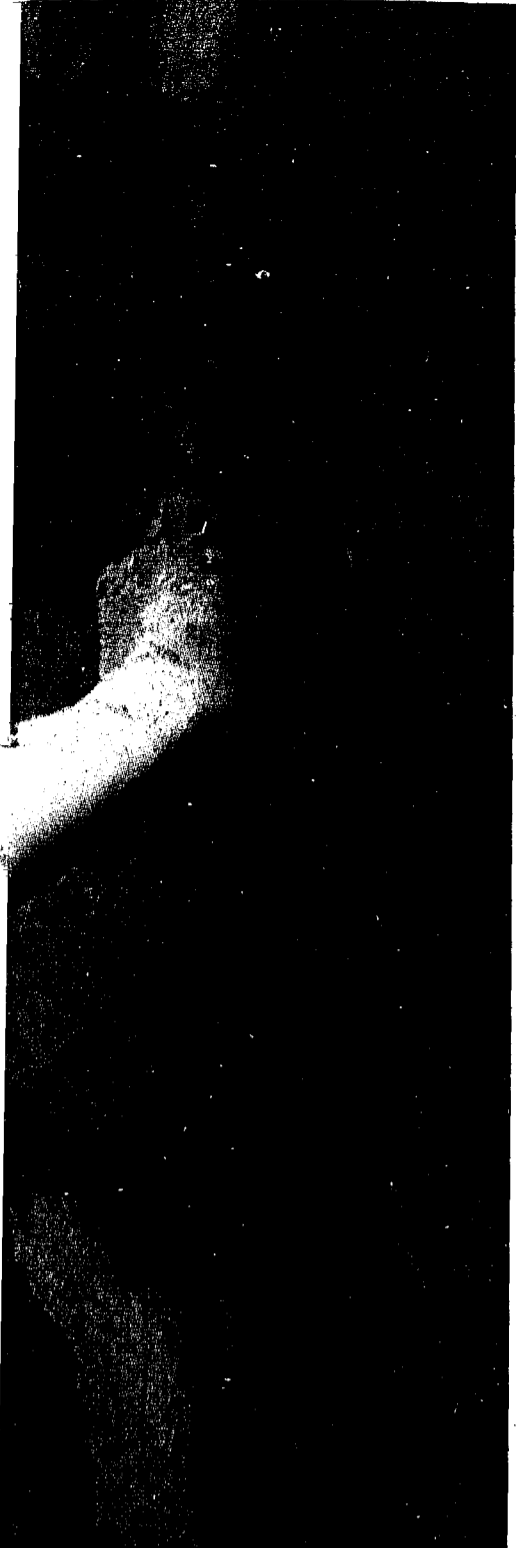
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Elizabeth, a local Cai Cay girl, performs a traditional Peruvian dance at a welcome ceremony for the Idaho volunteers.

# Living under one sky

There was no sign of sleep on the 28 faces that gathered amid the snow and ice on Sweet Avenue at three in the morning on Dec. 27.

There was no time to think of sleep — wonder and excitement had seized our every cognition.

Given that this was the first ASUI Alternative Service Break trip to travel abroad, we didn't really know what to expect. There were several hypotheses about the kind of work we would be doing and the things we would see (most of which proved incorrect) but only two facts were set firmly in stone: Our destination was a small poverty-ridden village in the Andes Mountains of Peru named Cai Cay, and our goal was to make a difference — somehow.

We each wore the navy blue long sleeved T-shirt designed for the trip with a quote from Konrad Adenauer inscribed on the back. "We all live under the same sky." We were about to learn the all-encompassing veracity of that quote.

The first two days were spent in transit to Cusco, Peru. We drove to Lewiston by bus, then took a 6:15 a.m. flight to Salt Lake City. While the plane taxied down the runway, it all became real. After months of planning, we were headed to Peru.

I was especially excited, as this was my first flight. Though it took some contorting of my six-and-a-half-foot body, I managed to stay glued to the window for the duration. There is something majestic about being above the clouds for the first time. Lucky for me, I had 12 hours to enjoy the experience.

When we touched down in Salt Lake City, I was officially further away from home than I had ever been.

## Cusco.

We arrived in Cusco at around 6:30 a.m. and it was straight to the hotel to pass out. The two days of travel took a toll on the group, but most didn't sleep for long; we had a city to see.

Before we got down to business in Cai Cay we spent two days as tourists around the ancient Incan capital. There we saw the ruins of Sacsaywaman just above Cusco, along with PISAQ and Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley of the Incas.

As our bus wound its way through the valley, which lays along the Urubamba River in the Andes, I was not the only member of the group glued to the window. The scenery, aided by a touch of altitude, was breathtaking.

While the ancient ruins were amazing, they were not the part of Cusco that grabbed my attention most. Anywhere you go in Cusco you find poverty laying next door to the tourist hotspots.

The streets are littered with people of all ages, at all hours of the day. Some try to sell

trinkets, some just ask for money. I must have met at least 10 men who claimed to be artists, all of whom tried to sell me the same pictures.

The most striking of these were the children. Some from our group found themselves being hounded to purchase gum by a group of 4-year-olds at 1 a.m. The going price for gum in Cusco was around 50 centimos, the equivalent of 15 cents.

## Cai Cay

After a gut wrenching hour long South American bus ride we arrived in Cai Cay. We enjoyed seeing the sights but most were eager to get to work.

We walked a few feet down the street to a set of double doors, behind which lay the project with which we were to be associated. "Fe Yunca Puncu," is the project's name, this translates roughly to "a bridge to the future."

When we walked through the doors, the children light firecrackers and the Marine Corps hymn was crackling through a very old set of speakers. The children were sitting in a circle around the patio with eager expressions on their faces.

Ernesto, the head of the project, led the children in a song and native dance to welcome us, while his wife Dina brought us a cup of Mate de Coca — a traditional Peruvian tea made from coca leaves. It felt almost as if we were coming home.

When the children's program was over, they left us to move into our tents and explore the community. The village had one street and we walked its full length in less than 10 minutes. The homes were made of adobe and were indistinguishable from the businesses. There were several small stores selling basic groceries and a few assorted sweets. One store also held one of the village's two telephones. These stores were usually divided from the owner's homes by a bed sheet.

Though the people have few possessions, they were eager to share what little they had with a group of complete strangers. At one point in our trek through the town we met an older man and two older women sitting in one of towns small squares eating a mango. When we came upon them they asked us to sit and enjoy their fruit with them. The man even ran back to his house to bring us another mango when he saw how much we enjoyed the first.

This hospitality was shown to us throughout our entire stay. It was apparent that things and money aren't important to the people in Peru. The Peruvians value relationships with people more than anything else.

The mango incident was when I first realized that we have more to learn from the Peruvians as they have to learn from us.

## The project

Fe Yunca Puncu is the brainchild of Ernesto and Dina, a Peruvian couple that live on site in Cai Cay. The purpose of the project is to provide additional education to the children of the community and surrounding area.

In the village, schooling is provided for children only until age 12. After the children outgrow the local school, they must continue their education in Cusco. For most children moving to Cusco is not an option.

Many children live miles outside of the village in the mountains. Ernesto explained since it would take these children as much as a seven hour donkey ride to commute to school, many do not attend the limited schooling that is provided to them.

This is where the project comes in. The purpose of Fe Yunca Puncu is to encourage education, and to make it more available for those children who desire it.

So far, Ernesto and Dina have set up after-school and summer programs for the children. These programs further concepts taught in the school, teach English keep the children eager to learn.

Volunteers come from across the world to teach the children and to continue construction on the project's facilities. Our group did a little bit of both, rotating people between construction and the children.

Currently, a building is being constructed to offer volunteers a more permanent residence in Cai Cay and to provide the children a classroom and computer room. Ernesto and Dina also plan to construct another building to serve as a dormitory and cafeteria for children living in the mountains, thus making it possible for them to attend school.

## The sky

I would encourage the University of Idaho to continue these trips and encourage other universities to begin them. Service trips are not only beneficial for the places receiving aid, but enlightening for all those who participate.

Personally I feel that I learned more about myself and the rest of the world in the past two weeks than I did last semester. We didn't just travel abroad, we became more educated.

As a group we realized just how lucky we are to have the opportunities we do, while other people have so little. We learned just how lucky we are to be able to obtain the education we seek and how important it is that we acquire and share the wealth of knowledge with those who are not so fortunate. Whether a child looks up from the streets of Cusco or a student looks out of his dorm room window, they will see the same sun or moon.

We all live under the same sky.



Bruce Mann

Cai Cay while watching a parade.

**Contact us:** ASUI Volunteer Center (Commons 3rd Floor), on website: [www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer](http://www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer)



## Gone today, hair tomorrow

### Longer hair can be a snap

Hairstyles can be seen as a way to express one's individuality.

Today's popular styles for women include Victoria Beckham's dramatic "A-line" cut, with the front of the hair much longer than the back, big, side-swept bangs and über long tresses.

After being inspired and braving "the chair" twice to cut 12 inches of my hair off within a two-week period, I acquired a newfound hobby: Growing my hair out.



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For those who chopped their locks and now yearn for the hair length they once had, or anyone who has long hair and is looking for more volume or a way to add highlights or low tones to their hair without chemicals, extensions may be an option.

Britney's horrible extensions aside, they are becoming a growing trend among celebrities and come to the aid of those who want the hair of their dreams.

After a month of taking vitamins and trying every trick in the book to grow hair "faster," I too jumped on the hair extension bandwagon and bought a pack of clip-on hair.

Before, hair extensions were available at a hefty price, sometimes costing up to \$4,000 in high-end salons, using more advanced techniques.

A weave, where a stylist sews wefts of human hair onto the customer's own hair braided into cornrows, can cost up to the thousands and are high maintenance.

Bonding hair extensions can cost the same, are time consuming to apply and require a lot of care.

Furthermore, both processes can damage the hair and scalp if not done correctly.

While both can last up to six months, they may call for more attention throughout that period.

Companies such as Sassy and Euronext make clip-on extensions in a variety of colors and lengths and cost much less than professional extensions.

After cutting their long tresses, celebrities such as Jessica Simpson and Paris Hilton created their own line of clip-on hair extensions at prices ranging from \$30 to \$400.

They don't damage hair and can be removed anytime.

HairDo, the new clip-on hair extension line by Jessica Simpson and Ken Paves are growing more popular, but anyone can buy human hair extensions at Sally Beauty Supply as well.

While it may seem creepy to wear someone else's hair, it's an easy solution for quickly extending one's tresses.



Courtney Kinzer colors a client's hair Thursday at Hair Designers on Third Street. **Jake Barber/Argonaut**

### A helping hair

Reopening weekend for salon will feature marathon cut to raise money to fight cancer

**Sydney Boyd**  
Argonaut

When Nancy Blewett signed the deed to Hair Designers salon in 1980, she didn't know that 28 years later it would still be family owned.

Blewett started her salon career working for Leon Cover, who also owns Mr. Leon's School of Hair Design.

Within 10 years, she purchased the salon from Cover and bought the space.

Keeping the business in the family, in 1987 Blewett hired her son and his wife, Phil and LeAn Lee to work at Hair Designers.

Together, Phil and LeAn recently bought the business from Blewett, making it the oldest family-owned salon in Moscow.

A grand re-opening of the newly named Hair and Face Salon will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, followed by a Cut-A-Thon for cancer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Phil Lee has since become a national artist for Redken and travels throughout the United States and Canada conducting workshops and developing their technical and business building skills.

A licensed cosmetologist and esthetician, LeAn has over 20 years of experience with skin treatment and cosmetics.

Blewett said Phil knows how to have goals and how to get there.

"He has a good business head, a very progressive vision and is a very good educator," Blewett said.

Planning to incorporate what he does throughout the country, Phil said "I practice what I preach."

Phil said he looks forward to celebrating the new phase.

The inside of the salon has also been updated.

A neon art installment by local artist George Wray graces the mantle of the salon and fellow artist Linda Scott has painted a multiple-paneled screen with mural designs.

**"... Doing just a grand opening wouldn't mean a lot to people."**

**Phil**

**LEE**

Co-owner, Hair Designers

Phil feels strongly that the ambience in any salon is artistic and welcoming.

"It's wonderful to support local artists," Phil said.

At the re-opening, specially commissioned new works by artists Wray and Scott will be revealed.

Cellist Courtney Kinzer will be serenading the event and the open-house will feature food from Nectar.

Each guest will receive a free gift from Redken and be entered to win a gift certificate worth \$500 at both the re-opening and the event on Saturday.

At the Cut-A-Thon for cancer, stylists will cut hair for a minimum donation and all proceeds will go directly to Inspire Change, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting cancer patients.

"I felt that doing just a grand re-opening wouldn't mean a lot to people," Phil said.

He said that a typical hairpiece for cancer patients runs at around \$3,500 and are in high demand.

Inspire Change uses contributions to donate custom-made non-surgical human hair replacement systems to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

"I want to make this at least a yearly event with salon involvement in a charity, local or otherwise," Phil said.

Cut-A-Thon appointments can be scheduled by calling 882-1550 and are on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday.

**ArtsBRIEFS**

**Art Gallery hosts exhibition and auction**

UI's Prichard Art Gallery will feature an invitational exhibition Jan. 25-Feb. 9.

The gallery will conclude the showing with an auction of the pieces on Feb. 9.

According to Roger Rowley, Prichard Art Gallery director, this year's show will feature 70 pieces, "including a number of really good pieces that will require higher bids than we've traditionally seen," he said.

A social will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Prichard Gallery. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided by Nectar and entertainment by Parallax. The live auction will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the live auction are \$10 per person and include a free glass of champagne or sparkling water. Tickets can be purchased at the Prichard Art Gallery and Book People located at 512 S. Main St.

**Winter Solstice exhibit continues**

Moscow Arts Commission's seventh annual Winter Solstice exhibit is currently on display until Feb. 1 at the Third Street Gallery.

The exhibit features work by local and regional artists ranging from mixed media, sculpture, fiber art, photography, oils, watercolors, and acrylics, interpreting the winter season.

The Third Street Gallery is located on the second and third floors of Moscow City Hall, at 206 East Third Street.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information call 883-7036 or e-mail [gbaldwin@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:gbaldwin@ci.moscow.id.us).

**Kiva Theatre to host 'No Fish in the House'**

The Idaho Repertory Theatre For Young Audiences and the University of Idaho Department of Theatre and Film will present "No Fish in the House" by Tom Willmorth.

"No Fish in the House" will run Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at the University of Idaho Kiva Theatre, at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees. Admission is \$4.

Tickets can be purchased at 885-6465 or at the door.

**'Cloverfield' buzz a mystery**

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

Before ABC's "Lost" confused its way into my heart, J.J. Abrams was just another Hollywood name that didn't ring a bell.

Sure, there are some other projects he's worked on in the past, but none compare to his hits like "Lost" or "Alias."

Now this producer is coming to the big screen with his newest and most top-secret movie: "Cloverfield" — a movie about an attack on New York City.

The fact that the city is attacked is about all viewers know. Unaware of who did it, why or how, audiences just know that it happened and was recorded on a home video camera by a group of people.

Through this footage, audiences get to learn about the experience through their terrified eyes.

The first promotional propaganda was released last summer when posters featured a destroyed New York City and a headless Statue of Liberty.

Those images, accompanied by the numbers "1-11-08" (the movie's release date) were the only clues.

There were plenty of bogus Web sites claiming to be a part of the "Cloverfield" mystery, but aside from the posters and the one cryptic trailer, not much else was known about the monster movie, which is why so many people are dying to see it.

Given the secrecy behind the film's release, this movie has potential to either be incredible or incredibly lame.

This is because most everything about this movie has been kept secret for months now, building up huge amounts of anticipation and while it's finally here, there should be more reason to go

see it.

Although viewers may want their questions answered, it's difficult to find a good reason to dish out \$10 to go and see something most know very little about.

This movie leaves a lot to be answered, but so much that it might scare potential fans away.

Hopefully this movie will be worth the money and as awesome as it's been made out to be, and not something really lame such as "The Blair Witch Project."

Actually, deep down inside there's hopes that this movie is the missing piece for the crazy story that is "Lost," and that the monster, or whatever it is, is that creepy roaring thing that's been terrorizing the island and knocking down trees since season one.

"Cloverfield" debuts in Moscow today and while there are no guarantees, it could be the best well kept secret the movie industry has had in a long time.

**COMMENTARY**

**Lynch delivers epic new film**

Padhrig A. Harney  
Argonaut

Dark, disturbing and downright scary, David Lynch opens his perplexing imagination to the filmmaker in his new work "Inland Empire."

Lynch offers a world that is far from one's own and scares a like never before with strange ominous figures that cling to the imagination.

A world that can at times appear beautiful may have something demented lurking beneath the surface.

"Inland Empire" is visually stimulating with camera movements that will trick the eye and haunt one's dreams and is a mixture of several ideas that Lynch had been working with

for years. "The Rabbits," an Internet only released short film, plays an important part of the film.

With over two years invested producing this film, Lynch had a lot to work with.

Lynch fans have been delighted with his past works such as "Mulholland Dr.," "Wild at Heart" and "Eraserhead" for their originality.

The film starts out with what might sound like a normal narrative.

Actress Nikki Grace (Laura Dern) lands a new role with one of

Hollywood's dreamy male leads Devon Berk (Justin Theroux) and then the film quickly turns more sour and foreboding.

Lynch has a voice that captivates most film lovers, which is why it was so disappointing that the film was done in digital video and not 35mm film.

Digital video did allow Lynch to shoot for two years without a script or budget, piecing together a project that was far from an ordinary story.

After years of working with 35mm film Lynch will no longer do so.

Veterans like Michael

Mann ("Heat" "Miami Vice" "Last of the Mohicans") and George Lucas have switched from film to high definition digital video for better low light performance and lower production cost.

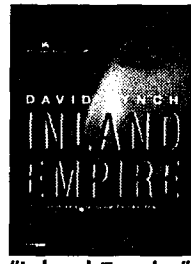
Lynch will no longer work with a script or a large Hollywood budget and this will enable him to produce more work faster.

The future of film is in doubt, which is very disappointing.

With its three-hour running time and digital video look, "Inland Empire" comes close to genius but just falls short in the end.

The DVD is available and accompanied by a great extras disc.

Not recommended for the faint of heart.



"Inland Empire" **★★★★ (of 5)** David Lynch Now available

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## Keep on talking

At Wednesday's meeting of the ASUI Senate, Senator Justin Doble introduced a resolution opposing the sale of the UI Bookstore. Doble learned of the potential decision by reading Tuesday's Argonaut.

ASUI should have heard about it from someone else.

To some extent, a student government is only as powerful as the administration lets it be. By keeping a body like the Senate out of the loop, the UI brass is keeping it from doing its job. ASUI is made up of students who were elected to be our leaders, our representatives. A decision that could affect a large portion of the student body should be one ASUI is at the very least aware of.

This resolution, which was tabled and has been sent back to committee for revision, is equally about the privatization of the bookstore and the lack of communication with and input from the student body. It reads, in part, that "the Division of Finance and Administration has exhibited a pattern of complete disregard for student input and collaboration."

These lines of communication must be kept open.

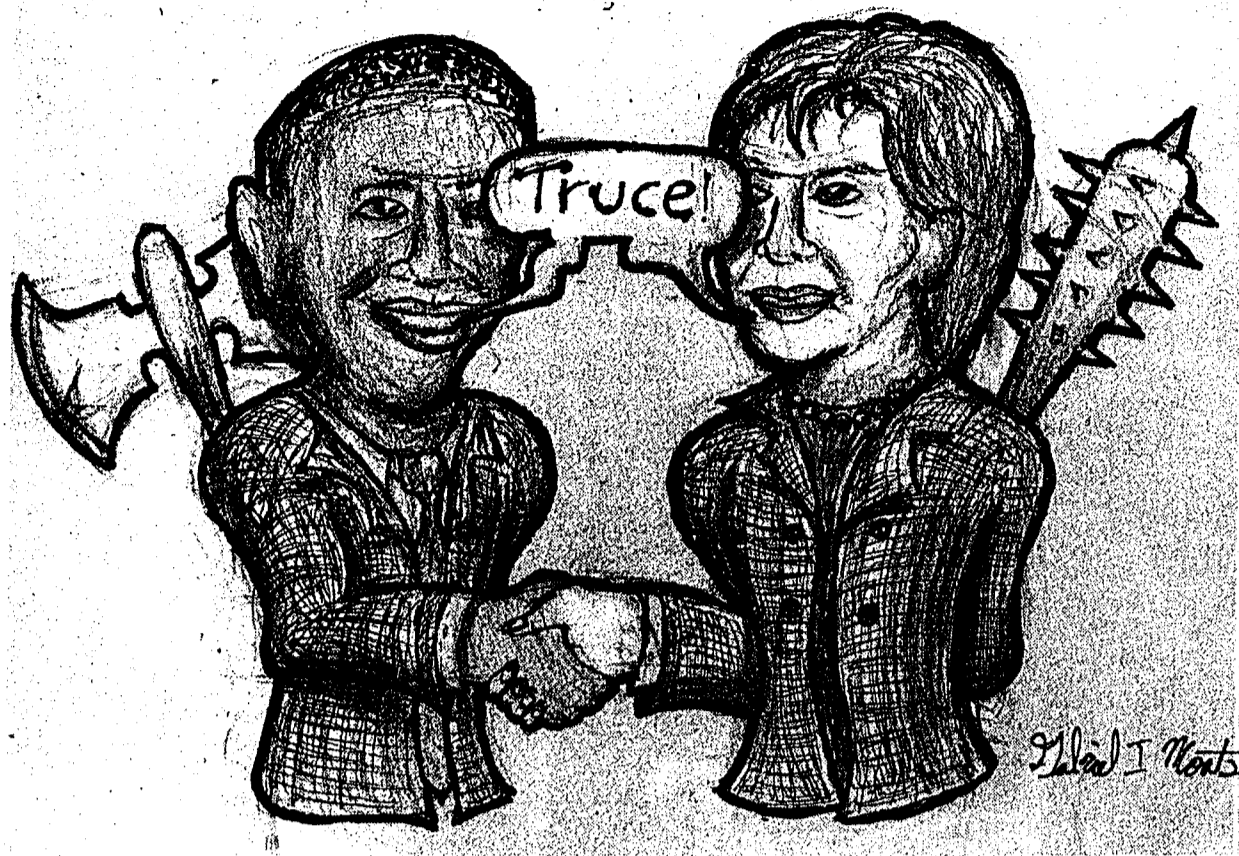
When Washington State University announced the sale of its bookstore to Barnes and Noble in June 2004, no one knew it was coming. Only ASWSU leadership was consulted, and even employees of the bookstore were taken by surprise.

More than three years and two new stores (Barnes and Noble-managed The Bookie, Too! and the independent Crimson and Gray) later, the issue is still contentious. There are those who believe the sale was a good idea, and still there are those who oppose it.

Open communication could have solved these problems. If ASWSU could have gotten the word out at senate meetings or open forums, the fears students had about selling the bookstore could have been addressed, and their ideas or suggestions could have been taken into account.

UI is in no position to make a decision yet. Considering the options, studying the possible effects and talking to all parties involved is where the process needs to start.

—CW



## God and government: Morals

Each week TIME Magazine prints the "God-o-meter," a rating of a presidential candidates' religiosity provided by beliefnet.com. At one end is "Secularist" and at the other is "Theocrat." For example, Mike Huckabee, not surprisingly, is a 10 and thus a theocrat.

This sort of labeling should make us pause. Obviously, theocrats are highly religious, but does being religious make you a theocrat? Does being a religious political leader make you a theocrat? The answer is obviously no, because many very religious people favor less government control, and many Christians are political libertarians (Ron Paul, for example). The proper antonym to "Secularist" would be "Religious Person," because each is simply a statement of religious belief. Theocrat is a more exciting term, but it is also a negative term and it is inaccurate, because it refers to a particular system of government control. Secularist is not a charged term, but

theocrat definitely is.

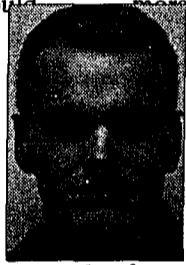
By the same token, being a secularist does not mean that one is committed to individual rights and limited government. Stalin, for example was a secularist, but it didn't seem to improve his politics. I'm not saying that the non-religious are likely to become evil dictators (I'd guess that the numbers are about even), but it sure doesn't slow you down.

So then, what does being religious mean when it comes to government? It means simply that your morals are based on a religious worldview. Having strong religious beliefs does not mean that you will feel the need to "ram them down everyone's throats" as we hear so often. However, a religious leader will legislate based on moral beliefs, because that is something that all governments must do. A law against theft is a moral judgment which the government is forcing upon you. A religious government official can make and enforce laws in good conscience because he believes that they reflect actual moral

truth.

Now, a secularist can make and enforce the laws just as easily, but he does not have metaphysical basis for his morals. He cannot claim that they are really right and true, only that they seem to work, or that he thinks they are good. A secularist will still legislate morals, just as a religious person would, because that is what governments do; they govern. The difference is that the religious are basing their governance on religiously based morals, while we're not sure if the secularists have anything on which to base their decisions.

It is true that religious governments can become totalitarian, and thus possibly theocratic, but secular governments are just as susceptible to the lure of totalitarian rule. Being religious is not synonymous with authoritarian rule, but it does dictate what principles would guide the autocrat, versus the unpredictable behavior of a secular autocrat. Therefore, just as the proper alternative to "Secularist" is merely "religious person," the proper alternative to "Theocrat" is not "Secularist," but rather "Arbitrary Tyrant."



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### MailBOX

#### Goodbye, Moscow

I wish to list the reasons why I will be leaving Moscow, and no longer recommending the University of Idaho to friends and colleagues.

First and foremost is health and safety. SHIP and Student Health for whatever reason cannot provide adequate care. This is nothing against the staff charged with providing health care. However they are limited by policy. With regards to safety, I no longer feel safe as a commuter on the Palouse. Numerous issues exist with regards to road maintenance which cannot at all be justified considering the property tax base on the Palouse especially when considering that property values have more than doubled in my time as a student at UI. Additionally, law enforcement seems intent on catching only people who speed, totally ignoring all other violators, including those who seek to jeopardize the lives of themselves and other motorists in attempts to enforce their moral beliefs on others.

Additionally, the University of

Idaho seems to have lost its sense of mission. DSS has a placard on the wall which indicates that the university is there for the students, not the other way around. We are not an income stream for an administration; we pay for a product — an education from an institution with a permanent mission as a land-grant university. And universal accessibility seems to have been lost around about the time of the Boise campus disaster.

Finally, it is impossible to find a reasonably affordable place in or around Moscow that is also safe to live in. Lack of laws to protect residents and greedy management companies run amok on the Palouse — overcharging tenants, violating their basic rights and destroying the housing market for non-student residents. I'm sorry, but there is no way in hell it should cost \$1200 per month for any house in Moscow, period.

Cost of living and cost of education were the biggest reasons I came to Moscow. The cost of an education at UI is far greater than the price of tuition. The value of the education is still worth the price, but going to UI isn't worth risking my health or

safety, and the cost of living now far exceeds the value of the education.

Michael Wolf  
Graduating Senior  
Rangeland Management and Ecology

#### The meaning of diversity

What is your definition of diversity? As AmeriCorps members serving in Moscow, Idaho, we were curious to know what those definitions of diversity would be. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we interviewed people in our community and around the country, asking them what diversity meant to them. Our goal is to bring an understanding of the different types of definitions people may have and also to make people aware that this is still an issue of concern. So, to generate discussion, we created a blog. We hope to keep this dialogue open and continuous, so feel free to post your ideas and comment on others' thoughts. Go to [meaningofdiversity.blogspot.com](http://meaningofdiversity.blogspot.com) and tell us how you would define diversity.

Bethany Anderson  
Women's Mentoring Program Coordinator, UI Women's Center

### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Pats rule

I am not a band wagoner. I've been cheering for the New England Patriots since the early 1990s, back when they played like this year's Dolphins. Now that they have become the greatest NFL team of all time (and will win Super Bowl XLII) I feel like a sports prophet. Next prediction: Dale Earnhardt, Jr. will win the Daytona 500.

— T.J.

#### This is the future

I saw I am Legend the other day and it showed me the freaking future. About a hundred years from now, some pasty computer animator will be putting the finishing touches on the latest hundred billion dollar summer blockbuster. As she adds a final sprig of nostril hair to the protagonist, she'll think "what if there was some way to capture images of real people and make them into a movie?" Enter the video renaissance, when people once again realize that they don't need CG in every god-damn scene.

This off the cuff was brought to you by computer graphics, "making real things look shitty since 1976."

— Alec

#### Go away, Tom Brady

Like T.J., I am not a bandwagon Patriots fan. Unlike T.J., I actually hate the team, mostly because of the smug-ass look Tom Brady gets on his face in every post-game interview he's ever done. Sure, he's good. But he doesn't have to be such a jerk about it. Next on my list: Tom Hanks. Yeah, you heard me.

— Carissa

#### Oooh, shiny

Thursday I had my first class ever in the Albertson Building and I was impressed. Maybe it's just being a journalism student with no building and no fancy new classrooms, but I really envy the business school. How much better would my education be if I could sit in a really comfortable rolling chair every day?

— Savannah

#### The Mafia Gets Cheesy

I was distracted today by the abundance of good news on BBC. One of my favorites was the one about mozzarella. Apparently Brucellosis has afflicted large numbers of water buffalo in the farms around Naples and is hurting the production of mozzarella cheese, one of Italy's largest exports. The strange thing is, the disease has been around for about 10 years, but did not become a problem until the Mafia put pressure on the local vets restricting them from taking care of outbreaks. Now Polizia will be accompanying the vets to help out. Who'd of thought the Mafia could affect the price of my string cheese?

— Roger

#### Inter-species love

I freaking love my cat. Aside from being incredibly sweet, cuddly and downright adorable, having kitty litter around when the roads are as icy as they've been is just amazing.

— Christina N.

#### Access for everyone

What's up with the accessibility ramp for the main entrance of Memorial Gym not being shoveled for winter? That entrance is the easiest access to the building from most of the campus, but not for a person with a disability if it's blocked off. Why not shovel the ramp and close the other section of stairs? Everyone can get up a ramp. Not everyone can access stairs.

— Christina L.

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# Chickens and eggs

I'm putting my foot down on this one.

**Thump.** That is the sound of my size 9 black work boot pounding the floor in frustration over a question that doesn't need to be asked ever again.

There were egg-laying animals on this planet long before there was any creature resembling a chicken. The bird-reptile animal that eventually spawned the first chicken laid an egg to do it.

Something like the eggs laid by Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton during the Iowa caucus and the full-grown chickens they rebounded in Michigan and New Hampshire, respectively.

Romney's win in Michigan places him in a position to continue his campaign and come in somewhere between the McCain and Huckabee camps.

Where's Rudy, you ask? Where's Edwards?

The most recent Democratic vice-presidential candidate is banking on the same hometown vote in South Carolina that Romney used in Michigan. If you've been paying attention, you'll know that Edwards is from North Carolina and Romney was only born in Michigan but never made a mark on the political landscape of the state.

As it is, Edwards is much closer to Barack Obama and Clinton than Huckabee and McCain are to Rom-

ney. But Romney's only won a single state so far, you say.

Are you paying attention? Say hello to Wyoming. You know, that other state bordering Idaho?

No? Doesn't sound familiar? Don't worry about it. No one else noticed either.

Romney's two second place finishes coupled with a Michigan win and the overlooked delegates from the Jan. 5 Wyoming caucuses put him well ahead of the rest of the Republican pack. Didn't know that, did you?

Put your Huckabee and McCain chickens ahead of the Romney egg, didn't you? Yeah, so did much of the rest of the country.

I didn't. I can't escape Romney. Between my family's religious background and my own constant viewing of election updates, he's always there. Like Huckabee haunting evangelical Christians, even those who don't participate in the religion, Romney is a specter hanging over my Mormon heritage. He's the chicken that grew from an egg of ideology that I no longer entirely believe in. It would be easier to get behind the guy if I knew I could count on him to stand by his beliefs, even if I don't buy into them.

My vote — and my non-vote, as it were — is undecided. I can't escape the chicken-and-egg image. And every time it pops into my head, I can't help but remember that snakes hatch from eggs, too.



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George Bush actually learns a lesson about economics



Gabriel Moats/Argonaut

## Love thy neighbor? Not today

It's 5 a.m. on a Saturday and I am lying in bed staring uncomfortably at the wall. From the other side of it come noises unlike anything I have heard before. For a moment I think my neighbor is murdering his girlfriend, but then I reason they have to be having sex. Murder wouldn't take this long. Either way, it doesn't sound like it feels good.

My neighbors are popular people. Their weekends are spent staying up late, rocking out to bass-heavy music and having at least a million people over. Mine are spent staring at the ceiling, cursing myself in the dark for my bad neighbor karma.

I blame myself for my living situation. It's my own days as the party neighbor catching up to me. I once had a party so loud that I actually got evicted. But I learned from my days as the drunk-girl-next-door and now I'm a sober, likes-to-go-to-bed-early-on-Saturday neighbor. I'd like to share what I've learned with others.

It is not the just non-college students in Moscow that can't stand your up-all-night shenanigans. Those of us with morning jobs, early classes and daylight-hours-only social lives can't take it either. And warning the neighbors about your parties before hand, while decent of you, is not a license to be as loud as you want.

The tricky part for me comes in the form of the noise. In my building, I am the only apartment that shares a wall with the noise polluters and it happens to be their living room and my bedroom wall.

I resented my noise-hating neighbor when I was the offender because he was a poor communicator. He never let me know that the 15 people crammed into my two-bedroom duplex at 2 a.m. was a problem for him. He didn't even call the cops and give me a warning, so you can imag-

ine my surprise when my landlord handed me a "get out now" notice.

I was determined not to make the same mistake with my neighbors, so I left a polite letter in their mailbox informing them of my situation and asking for respect. They even wrote me a nice letter back apologizing and inviting me over to the parties. I thought the situation was handled.

Until Saturday night and the 5 a.m. sex and Tuesday night and the world's loudest birthday party.

I'm sorry, but who is even awake for sex at 5 a.m.?

So now what do I do? I'm a single woman living alone and not exactly in the mood for extreme neighbor confrontation, especially in the middle of the night.

I'm not the kind of person to call the police on my neighbors, especially since I'm pretty sure I am the only person who can hear the noise. And how do you tell the dispatch operator that your neighbors' love life is too amorous for your taste?

An easy non-confrontational solution would be to just pack up and move. But I graduate in May. Do I want to break my lease and try to find a new place in January for four months? Not really.

There is always the "rat out to the landlord" option, but that doesn't sit right with me. I'd hate to be the grumpy neighbor responsible for getting someone evicted. I'm afraid of earplugs because I'm worried I won't be able to hear my alarm — and they don't drown out the vibrations from the bass. I could sleep in the living room, which is also my kitchen.

Except I did that to avoid the birthday party noise, and I could still hear their music and shouts of "We're out of vodka!"

So I think I am stuck for the next four months listening to late night shindigs and passionate love. Please, take pity on me, neighbors.



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## MLK still needs our help

Donovan Aird  
Mustang Daily (Cal Poly)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — After big wins, victors often tell sportswriters that the fruits of their labor were the result of a "team effort."

"Uh-huh," the journalists usually think, shuffling the response into the recesses of their minds as they talk to the individual leaders, the movers and shakers who carried most of the burden for the success.

If American society has been the collective reporter for the ongoing struggle that is the Civil Rights movement, it surely has taken this individualized worship to numbing heights — ones that blind people from ideals in favor of a person — and an incomplete and inaccurate, yet morally unobtainable portrayal of the person at that.

Of course, heroification of historical figures isn't exclusive to the Civil Rights movement. As with past presidents who get elevated to fairytale-like pedestals, for example, despite their gamut of flaws, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s singular near-deification following his assassination has unfortunately shifted the focus from what he stood for, to him.

Just like the aforementioned presidents, King wasn't perfect, although this country's school system propagates such, moving his accomplishments farther away from our sense of personal capabilities.

By many reputable accounts, he was a womanizing adulterer and may have plagiarized some of his writings. But the parts of his life that have been excised from the Pollyanna, high-school textbook narration used to distract would-be progressive thinkers from his contributions — and how the powers that were in this country wanted

to stonewall his ideals — to focus more on him, neither begin nor end there.

Because the other omitted portions of the story of King, who was actually born and may have officially died Michael King, are incomparably worse on the side of this country's own government, which repeatedly tried to stop him — and kill him.

Capitalizing on childhood suicide attempts King made, for example, J. Edgar Hoover, as the iron-fisted ruler of the FBI, endorsed letters sent to King urging him to take his own life.

Yet such a sinister piece of history would never weave its way into what has become the result of a transmutation of the man's vision and the man.

If the story of the man is deliberately incomplete and skewed from every angle, anyway, that story shouldn't be the focus.

But this happens because it's easier to frame his life in a safe, calming, unified and impeccably pristine context. That way, what could most resoundingly be gleaned from his legacy — true equality for all subjugated and persecuted — becomes secondary to images of a tangible person, a person who ceased to live decades ago.

What could be a heightened focus on the 9,080 hate-crime offenses reported in this country in 2006 (on bases of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity and national origin and disability) is supplanted by a familiar, unchanging, annual holier-than-us remembrance of one person.

This stagnant, it-was-all-about-him fixation impedes what could be even more progress for minorities of all kinds.

Ultimately, the simplified, black-and-white, he-just-talked-about-race-and-nothing-more version of events imparted from childhood in this country leaves out some of

for more INFO

For more about the University of Idaho's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations, see page 4.

the other beautiful parts of King's legacy — ones that we still can learn from.

Even though his legacy is still broadly invoked by politicians who engage in unnecessary wars — and people who support them — King, pacifistically denounced the Vietnam War before he died.

Even though to this day his legacy is still broadly invoked by politicians who seek to ban gay marriage — and people who support that position — King was against injustice everywhere, and was married to a woman who said, "I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream to make room at the table of brother- and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people."

An even more valuable day could be spent seeing through the myth-building and the simplified individualizing that has obfuscated him, and so much more importantly, his legacy.

Because civil rights always has been — and always will be — a team effort. Countless unsaid have done their part, and continue to do so, on behalf of every imaginable oppressed group.

Be one of them, at least in thought.

Don't focus simply on one exalted man who really wasn't so much different from our own human, fallible, yet socially hurting selves with potential to enact positive change.

He wouldn't have wanted that. This day and age presents new obstacles for different minorities in ways that may not have been fully realized in King's day.

Today, remember more what he stood for, and how he stood for it for everyone — not just those facing the same particular discrimination he did.

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### Did you know...

●Senior Russ Winger was the only athlete to qualify for the finals in both the shot put and discus throw at the 2007 United States Track and Field Outdoor Championships. Winger placed sixth in the shot put and seventh in the discus.

●Raegan Pebley, the head coach of the Utah State Aggies — the Idaho women's basketball opponent on Saturday — is a second-generation coach. Her father coached the team for over thirty years.

### Vandals by the numbers

**13** Number of three-point attempts by Mike Hall in the Vandal's basketball game against Fresno State, a school record.

**2.13** Average number of steals per game for Jordan Brooks, to lead the WAC.

**25** Number of points scored by Yinka Olorunnife against North Dakota State, the most for a Vandal this season.

**13-1.5** Heightcleared by junior pole vaulter K.C. Dahlgren, only the second Vandal in history to clear 13 feet.

### Vandals to watch

#### Andrey Potapkin



The freshman made an instant impact on the men's tennis team last fall, winning the Gonzaga-Eastern

Washington Classic tournament and placing second at the MCC Collegiate Clay Court Invitational. He finished the fall season with an 11-2 singles record and was ranked 26th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association from the Division I Mountain region.

#### Laura Leoni

The senior excelled in the fall matches for the women's tennis team. She placed second at the Montana Invitational in October and took home the doubles B main backdraw title at the University of New Mexico Fall Tournament with doubles partner Natalie Kirch. The Vandal women's tennis team opens their spring season this weekend.



#### Yinka Olorunnife

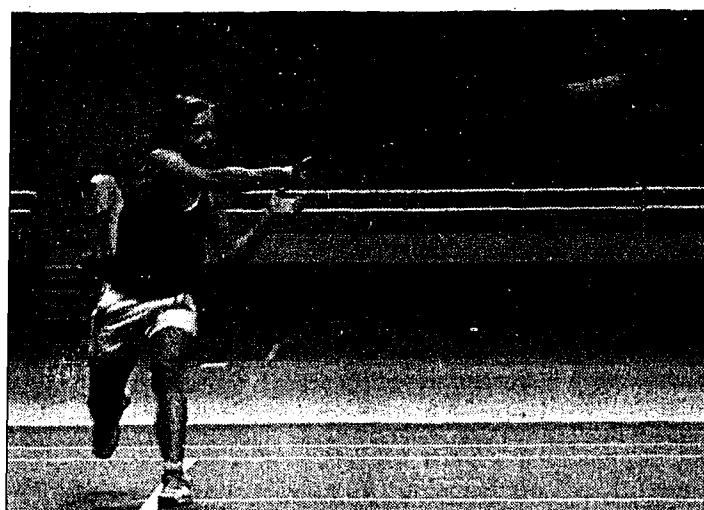


The freshman from Windsor, Ontario has stepped up for the Vandal women's basketball team this

season. She had 10 points and six rebounds last week in Idaho's loss to Fresno State. She has seven blocks on the season and has started 12 of the Vandals' 15 games. Women's basketball looks for their first WAC win against Utah State tomorrow.

#### Mandy Macalister

After placing third at the WAC Cross Country championships and leading the Vandals to a first place team trophy, Macalister is back for the indoor track and field season. She redshirted the 2007 indoor season. Women's track and field opens the indoor season in Pullman and Seattle this weekend.



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
Barbara Maciocha of the University of Idaho women's tennis team practices in the Kibbie Dome Monday afternoon.

## TENNIS

# Serving up the season

Scott Stone  
Argonaut

The spring tennis season begins this weekend for the Idaho Vandals, but not without tough competition for both the men and women.

The men will pack up and begin their season with a three day tour, taking on four different teams throughout Oregon.

They'll begin on Friday by taking on Portland State, and on Saturday they compete

against the University of Portland and the University of Oregon. The team will finish up its long weekend on Sunday against Weber State.

The women will begin Saturday morning against Lewis-Clark State College and step across the border in the afternoon with hopes to defeat the 50th ranked Washington State Cougars.

### Men

With four games in three

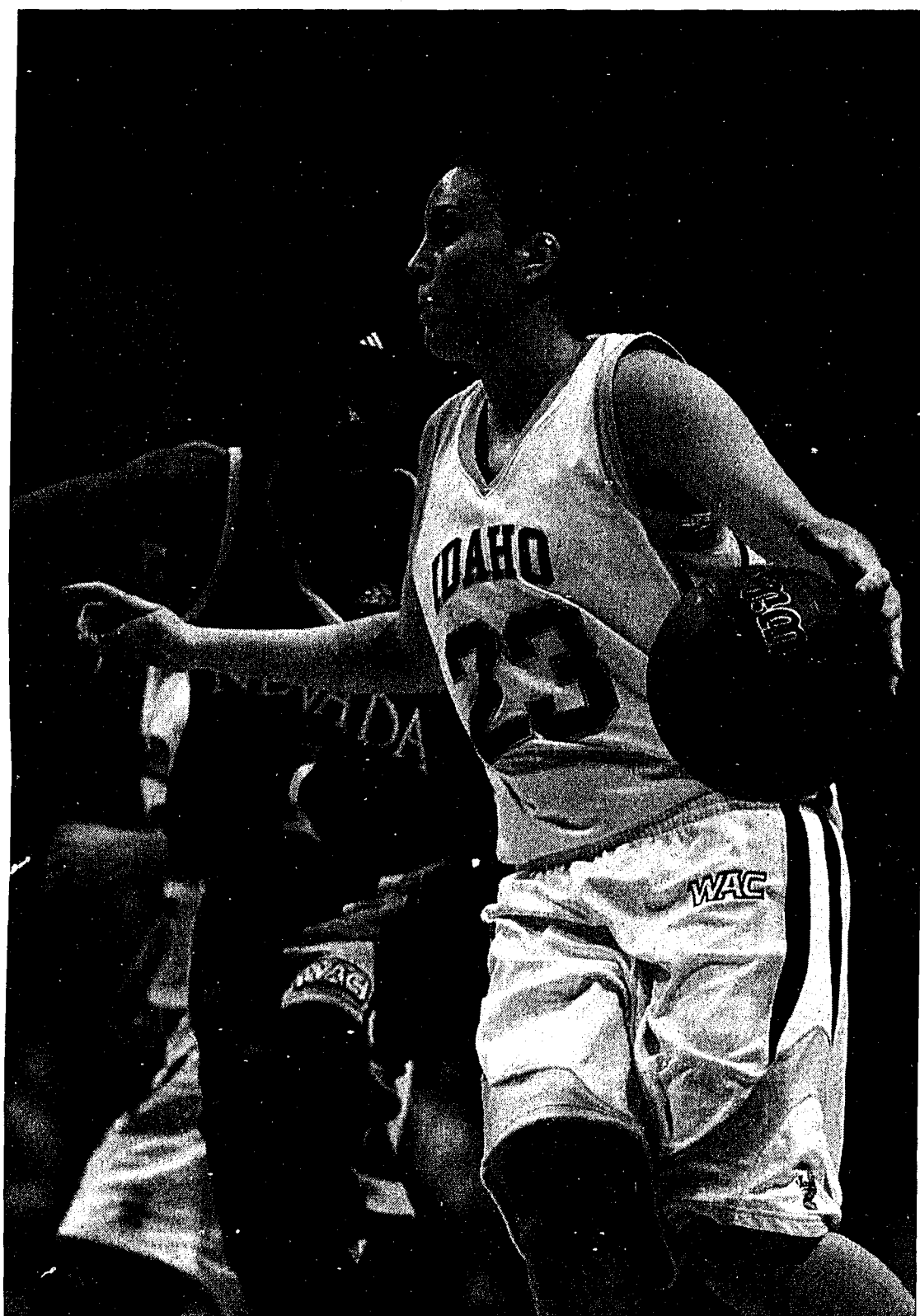
days, the men aren't starting out easy.

"This weekend will be a good chance for guys to see what we need to do to compete," said junior co-captain Tim Huynh.

Huynh said between the strong competition and the good facilities that they get to compete in, it will be an excellent way to start the season and build the team's confidence.

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## FALLING TO THE WOLFPACK



Perry Hanson/Argonaut  
Sara Dennehy moves around Nevada guard Brandi Fitzgerald in the Cowan Spectrum during Thursday night's game. The Vandals lost the game 77-53.

# Georgia Peach: Not that sweet

Normally I'd get right into my pre-Super Bowl talk involving the possibility of a classic match up between Tom Brady and Brett Favre.

I'm not going to start the hype-machine just yet, due to the fact that I don't want to jinx anything.

God knows nobody wants a Chargers vs. Giants Super Bowl. For that, I switch topics.

Instead of talking football, I'm going to share a story regarding former baseball player Ty Cobb — The Georgia Peach.

Cobb was ultimately the meanest, dirtiest, most-hated but greatest ballplayer of all.

He lived his life 100 mph and during his later years was known to drink two fifths of whiskey or scotch per day to help cope with cancer, diabetes and human beings.

Nobody ever told Cobb what to do. Honestly, nobody ever wanted to tell him anything.

After Cobb's death in 1961, only three former ballplayers attended his funeral. The guy played 24 years, from 1905 to 1928, and only three dudes showed up to honor his life.

They hated him and rightfully so. He was a jerk, but from afar, maybe the most interesting and entertaining ballplayer in history.

During Cobb's era, baseball players made less-than-honest salaries. Cobb became a millionaire after investing in a small Georgia soft-drink company. Ever heard of Coca-Cola?

In 1958, Cobb attended a banquet honoring baseball hall of famers.

He was hammered-drunk. While at the event, Cobb was approached by entertainer Louis Prima, one of the banquet's performers.

Their conversation is one of baseball's legendary stories.

"Ty, if you played today and had to face today's pitchers," said Prima, "what do you think

your batting average would be?" Cobb gave the question little thought and said, ".290."

Prima was taken back and said, ".290? Ty, your career average is .366, the greatest of all time. You think today's pitching is so good that you'd only hit .290?"

Cobb then replied, "No, I'm 72 freakin' years old, you ignorant son of a gun. That's why I'd only hit .290."

The reason Cobb was so funny was that he was never trying to be comedic. He honestly thought he could hit .290 in the Major Leagues at 72 years of age.

He was The Georgia Peach. And for the record, a career .290 batting average gets some players into the hall of fame.

If you ever re-tell this story, please replace the words "freakin'" and "gun" with two words less newspaper appropriate.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Senior Crowell makes music and points

Andrea Miller  
Argonaut

Michael Crowell is a soft-spoken guy with two talents: basketball and producing music. He is a senior who transferred to UI to play basketball from Central Arizona College. The Mesa, Ariz. native said he was impressed by the team upon his visit to Moscow and liked the idea of playing basketball for the Vandals.

But it was at Central Arizona where a teammate introduced Crowell to the software he now uses to produce music. He and his brother Demetrius are now hooked and produce hip-hop and R & B music.

"(The program) has lots of different instruments, different sounds," Crowell said, "and we put it all together."

The brothers' most recent project is a musical score for an indie film a friend of his is working on. The film is untitled at this time, but is scheduled to be presented at the Sundance Film Festival.

Crowell's brother was supposed to join him in Moscow this year, but had an injury

last spring that has kept him off the court this season.

Crowell is majoring in psychology while playing guard/forward for the Vandals. In his first season with the team, he averaged 3.9 points and 3 rebounds and started in 19 games.

His favorite game last season was the close loss to Fresno State.

"The whole team was clicking," Crowell said. "I was shooting a good rhythm and we took them to overtime."

Crowell scored 15 points, shooting 5-of-7 from the field in the double-overtime loss at Cowan Spectrum.

But Crowell looks at the 2007-08 season as a fresh start for himself and the team. After a 4-24 record last season, during the off season there was a remodeling of the team's roster and eight new players joined the team.

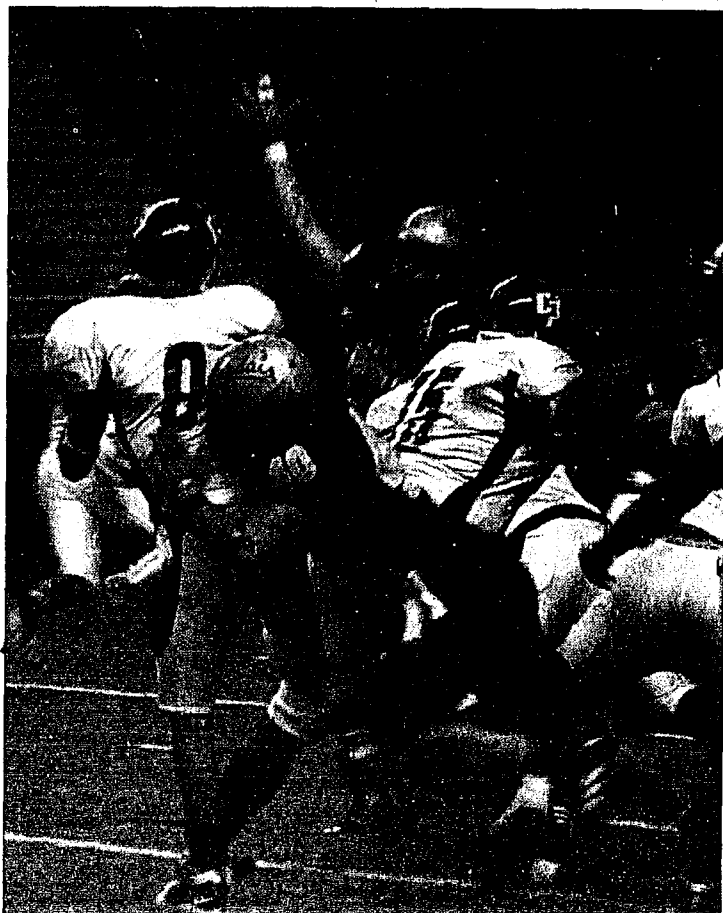
"The guys are cool (this year)," Crowell said. "Everyone's getting along."

One of the major motivating factors for Crowell is

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# Vobora chosen for Shrine game

Robert Todeschi  
Argonaut



File Photo  
David Vobora slams into Cal Poly's Jonathan Dally during a game in the Kibbie Dome on Nov. 17.

Idaho linebacker David Vobora earned a spot on the roster for Saturday's East-West Shrine Game in Houston. The game will be broadcast nationally at 4 p.m. on ESPN 2.

Vobora received the invitation Sunday night after another player was unable to make the game.

He caught the first flight to Houston and has been busy with practicing, visiting the Shriner's Children's Hospital and a Houston Rockets basketball game.

Vobora is the first Vandal to play in the game since Ma'o Tosi played in 1999 and is taking advantage of the situation.

"This is a great opportunity to play with the best in the nation and showcase myself," Vobora said.

Vobora will play alongside seven other Western Athletic Conference graduates on the West team coached by Mike White.

White earned Pac-8 Coach of the Year awards in 1975 and 1983 and will coach in the All-

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RUN TO THE FINISH

# Column conundrums in Grandma's ghetto

I have returned. I debated whether or not to return to the column because I thought I peaked out last semester. Not that I wrote such amazing columns, but because how much can I really write about running and me?

Plus, I faced some backlash from my bluntness and what comes off as being brash in the columns I write. I came to realize that I was a bit naive in thinking that all will enjoy what I write here.

The thing that bothered me the most was hearing what friends had said second or third hand.

Things such as, "she thinks she is the best athlete ever" and "she is cocky."

So do I think I am such an amazing athlete? No.

Am I going to tear myself down so people will believe me? No.

Do I think my poo smells? Yes.

Does it take guts to write a column? Yes.

But you know what takes more guts? Looking people in the eye day after day, smiling and really meaning it and saying what you feel.

When I took this columnist job, I was brought into an office and told that people won't always like the column, or me, and for the first time I am OK with that.

OK. Moving on. Over Winter Break, I visited my grandma, and let me tell you — she is exactly what I picture myself to be when I'm sixty-five. She lies about dying her hair, always has sour milk in the fridge and tells me that she is in charge and the boss.

I would say, "But grandma, I'm twenty-two!" This argument never worked, lights out by eleven and milk with every meal were the stipulations of me staying there.

When I had runs for over an hour and a half, she made me run by the window every ten to 15 minutes. This was frustrating because I would only be able to run on a sidewalk a five block radius.

I understood why she was so concerned — she did live in a horrible area of Portland. An area where the MAX train system runs through, the 7-Eleven has "working girls" and people's homes have bars on their windows.

As a result of the sidewalk training, my plantar fasciitis flared up. Plantar fasciitis is a chronic running injury that for some can be so painful they need a cortisone shot.

In simple terms, plantar fasciitis is when you have sharp pain in your arch, heel or pad of your foot and it feels tight, like it may rip at any minute.

I arrived back at Moscow Jan. 1, to get out of Grandma's ghetto and back to the Palouse. Long story short, Monday I finished my first hard workout and the foot feels great.

... Knock on wood.



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## TENNIS

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"We're hoping for a strong start," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "If we get 3-4 (wins) this weekend it's a strong start with this level of competition."

Beaman said the matches will show what the team needs to work on for the rest of the season.

"A lot of matches against three top teams show us right off the bat how fit we are and how we hold up with a lot of matches," he said.

The team has been working hard in the off-season and are coming off of an impressive fall season with two players ranking in the region's top 30, and the team finishing 8th in the fall regional.

Huynh and Beaman said that having two players receive

regional rankings motivates the team to play better and work harder.

"Last year we were close to having a winning record and we hope to achieve that this year," said Huynh. "Coach is getting us to play a lot of matches which is good, and we're going into the season with a mindset that we are a ranked team."

### Women

The women don't have to go far to find some tough competition in LCSC and the nationally ranked WSU Cougars.

"It will be interesting to see how we match up against these teams this weekend," freshman Yvette Ly said. "It was good to see what our competition will be like in the fall, and we'll all be looking to improve as matches go on."

Beaman said the team will learn from the LCSC match to prepare for WSU.

"It's going to be a tough

match," he said. "We'll use LCSC to get some jitters out and warm up for WSU that night."

The women's team lost a lot of seniors last year after their 16-10 record, but Beaman hopes to "keep it going and get the men up to that level."

Junior Laura Leoni is the oldest player on the team, but was out for most of the fall season with an ankle injury.

She recovered to compete in the last event of the fall season and had no problem moving into the semi-finals.

Beaman is excited about this season and watching his teams improve.

Improvements are coming much faster with two new courts in the Kibbie Dome and the renovations being done on the four tennis courts by the administration courts, he said.

Beaman said practice has become a more "effective and safe practice" than ever before.

## VOBORA

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Star game for the third time. The East Team will be coached by Super Bowl winning coach

Dick Verneil.

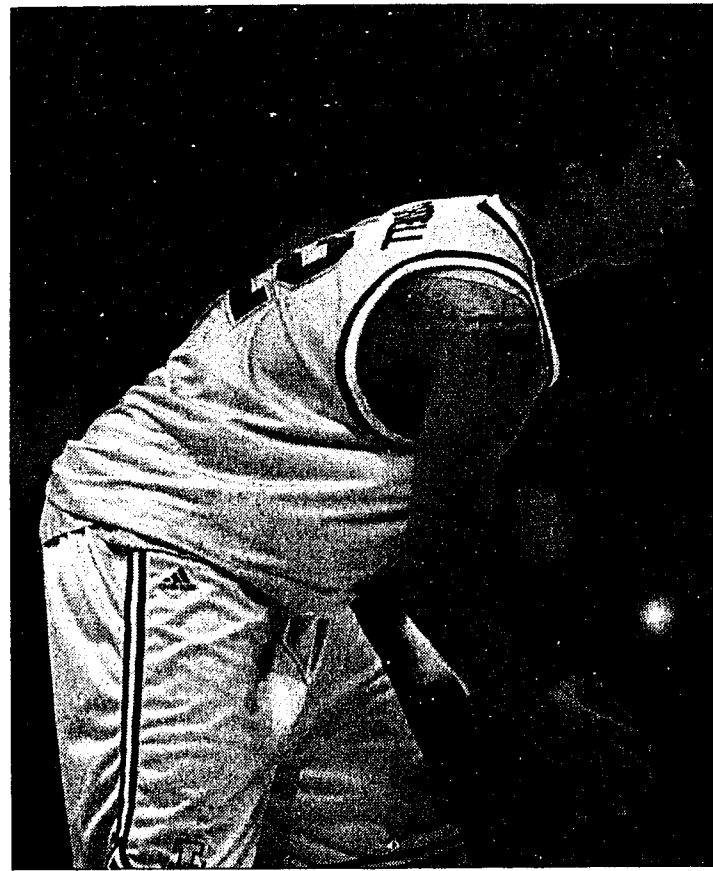
The next big opportunity for the former Vandal will come Feb. 20-26 in Indianapolis at the NFL Scouting Combine.

After graduating in December, Vobora moved to California to train for the combine — an

invitation-only event.

Vobora's performance will be rated by NFL management at the combine.

Vobora led the Vandals and the WAC in tackles the last two seasons and finished his career with 342.



File Photo Michael Crowell looks to pass during the close 69-71 loss to Idaho State University in the Cowan Spectrum on Dec 2.

## CROWELL

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the talent he sees in the team. Crowell said the team is still new so they haven't developed the chemistry they need, yet.

"The talent we have is real," Crowell said. "So once everyone starts clicking together, I think we'll start winning more games."

The team had a jump start on the 2007-08 season with a two week practice session in August. The 10-day practice session was wrapped up at the "2007 Take It to the Rack" event, a three game tournament in New Westminster, B.C.

"Canada was the most fun

I've had in a while playing basketball," Crowell said.

The Vandals went undefeated at the tournament, notching wins over Douglas College, Fraser Valley College and Malaspina College. Crowell had 15 points against Douglas and 14 points against Malaspina.

Crowell said assistant coach Mike Score has helped him improve as a smarter player this season. He has learned a lot from Score including shooting techniques and working on his defensive play angles, he said.

"He's got me looking at basketball from a different perspective," Crowell said.

Score, who joined the staff last April, said Crowell is one of the most solid pieces of the team's puzzle this season.

"He's so smart on the floor," Score said, "What he lacks in some of the quickness, he makes up for in just being so smart."

Score said he and the rest of the coaching staff have helped Crowell focus on his intellect this season and it has helped the team.

"The guys know he's always going to be in the right spot," Score said. "He's not always the most vocal guy but he's able to lead by example."

Crowell has had to overcome injuries in his time at Idaho. He has an unhealed fracture in his left foot that he plays on and had shoulder surgery in high school and still feels flare ups from the old injury while playing.

"It might heal if I were not playing," Crowell said. "But it's definitely worth it to keep playing."

Crowell and the Vandals are off to a 4-11 start on the season and 1-3 in the WAC. Crowell has started all 15 games this season for Idaho and averages 9.3 points per game. He is shooting 26-of-56 (.423) from beyond the three point arc and has 81 rebounds.

"He is the most constant player we have in our program," coach George Pfeifer said, "and right now he's the most productive."

Pfeifer said Crowell is not a glittery player, but the type of player a team needs in order to be successful.

He has seen Crowell improve and become more aggressive as a player this year, stepping up and looking to make big baskets.

Crowell stepped up with a career-high 20 points in the Vandals overtime loss against Idaho State in December.

The quiet guy is speaking volumes on the court for the Vandals this season.

## SportsBRIEFS

### Friday

Men's tennis takes on Portland State today in Portland.

Idaho track and field opens their indoor season at the WSU Indoor Open today and Saturday in Pullman.

### Saturday

Women's basketball takes on conference foe Utah State at 7 p.m. at Cowan Spectrum.

Women's tennis had a double-header starting with Lewis Clark State College at 10 a.m. in Lewiston. The Vandals then take on Washington State at 6 p.m. in Pullman.

Men's basketball takes on the Aggies at 6 p.m. in Logan, Utah.

Track and field also travels to Seattle for the University of

Washington Indoor Preview.

Men's tennis has a double-header on Saturday, first against the Oregon Ducks in Eugene, Ore. Then the Vandals face on University of Portland in Portland.

### Sunday

Vandal men's tennis faces Weber State University in Portland.

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# Marcos Baghdatis downs former champion

Associated Press

MELBOURNE-Australia — Marat Safin won't be a problem for Roger Federer at this year's Australian Open.

Marcos Baghdatis took care of that, downing 2005 champion Safin in a momentum-swinging five-set match that stretched into Friday morning and completed the second round.

Safin lurked as a dangerous floater in the draw because his slide down the rankings to No. 56 due to injuries meant he was unseeded for the tournament.

He beat Federer in the semifinals here three years ago, breaking up Federer's four Australian Open titles.

But Safin wasn't sure his game would have stacked up against Federer's this time. Nor is he sure anybody else's will, either.

"Roger Federer is a different level player," he said. "The way he's moving right now, full of confidence."

"And, of course, after being the No. 1 in the world and win-

ning 12 Grand Slams for the past five years ... he's the best by far. So I don't think anybody on ATP Tour can be compared with him," he said.

In a match packed with extended rallies and racket-throwing antics from Safin, Baghdatis held on 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Both players put in everything, with Safin making a diving, rolling stretch to pick off a passing shot for a winner in the fourth set and Baghdatis awkwardly doing the splits when he slipped on one point and tumbling onto his back on another.

Baghdatis, a Cypriot who won over Melbourne's large Greek population during his run to the final two years ago, had plenty of support to lift him after Safin broke him early in the third and fourth sets.

He pulled ahead 3-0 in the fifth and finished in 3 hours, 13 minutes by breaking Safin for the fifth time.

Baghdatis is one of three losing Australian Open finalists

still in contention — a list that will certainly be reduced by at least one in the third round. He will play 2005 finalist Lleyton Hewitt on Saturday.

Hewitt, in his 12th attempt to end a local drought at the Australian Open that stretches back to 1976, overcame a small lapse in the third set to beat Asian wild card entry Denis Istomin in four.

Fernando Gonzalez, who lost last year's championship match, beat South Korean Lee Hyung-taik 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Federer has reached the finals of the last 10 Grand Slam tournaments and won eight of them, losing twice to Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

Despite his imposing reputation, even Federer concedes he sometimes visualizes himself in another player's clothes.

After his straight sets win over Fabrice Santoro, the post-match interview turned to another form of entertainment.

Four-time Grand Slam finalist and now TV commentator Jim Courier asked Federer if

he played tennis video games and, if so, which player does he pretend to be?

"What do you think?" Federer said, before chuckling and admitting something else: he'd like to know what it feels like to have the muscular frame of Nadal or the booming serve of Andy Roddick.

"Honestly, I do change," he said. "I like to play as Rafa to see what a muscle game is like. Or have a big bomb like Andy. It's a little way of feeling like that sometimes."

Nadal and Roddick are into the third round and playing Friday. Nadal faces No. 28 Simon Gilles and sixth-seeded Roddick is against Philipp Kohlschreiber in a night match. Before that, No. 1 Justine Henin is aiming for a 31st consecutive win when she takes on 25th-seeded Francesca Schiavone in the opening match on Rod Laver Arena.

Last year's two women's finalists follow each other on Vodafone Arena, with defending champion Serena Williams

facing No. 26 Victoria Azarenka and fifth-seeded Maria Sharapova against another Russian, Elena Vesnina.

Serena Williams combined with sister Venus Williams on Thursday for a win in their first doubles match together at a Grand Slam since 2003.

It was a good warmup for the third-round for Serena, and a chance for Venus to blow off some steam after making 44 unforced errors and struggling with her serve in a grinding 7-5, 6-4 win over Camille Pin.

Eighth-seeded Venus Williams next plays No. 31 Sania Mirza of India. No. 2 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 4 Ana Ivanovic, No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze, No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova and No. 14 Nadia Petrova joined them in the third round.

No. 3 Novak Djokovic and No. 10 David Nalbandian, two men who beat Federer late last season, also advanced to the third round.

Nalbandian, 8-8 career with Federer and with the most recent two wins coming in Octo-

ber, is the only player still in the draw who has beaten Federer at Melbourne Park. He won their fourth-round match here in five sets in 2003.

Federer is now 9-2 against Santoro, who at 35 was the oldest player in the draw.

He was happy to play along with Santoro's deceptive slice and dice in what was almost an exhibition to celebrate the veteran Frenchman's record-breaking 62 Grand Slam tournaments — up to a point.

When Santoro pleaded for mercy on match point, gesturing at the scoreboard and suggesting the match go on a little bit longer, Federer had a laugh; then finished him off 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 with a serve-and-volley.

Federer won the last 10 games, finishing 53 winners and only 18 unforced errors; then jumped over the net to shake hands with Santoro.

"It's always a tricky match against him," he said. "But you know it's going to be fun. And this is what it's supposed to be, this game."

## O.J. goes home, judge doubles bail

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson returned home to Miami on Thursday, a day after an angry Las Vegas judge doubled his bail but allowed him to stay out of jail while he awaits trial on armed robbery.

Tom Scotto, who coordinated with four other friends to raise Simpson's bail, greeted Simpson after his arrival at Miami International Airport and escorted him to a waiting sport utility vehicle. Neither man spoke to reporters before the vehicle departed from the airport.

When Scotto talked to Simpson the night before the bail revocation hearing, "He said, 'Pray for me.' That's a first. He was really nervous she wasn't going to let him out."

Simpson, 60, posted bond and was released from jail just after 11 p.m. Wednesday. He walked out by himself, got into a white Mercedes, and was driven away without speaking to the media.

The former football star was picked

up last Friday in Florida by a bail bondsman and taken back to Nevada for violating terms of his release.

He had been ordered to have no contact with co-defendants or witnesses after he was freed on bail in September on charges of orchestrating the armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers at a hotel room.

But he found himself before a judge again Wednesday because he mentioned co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart while leaving a sputtering, foul-mouthed phone message two months ago for his bail bondsman, Miguel Pereira of You Ring We Spring.

"I don't know, Mr. Simpson, what the heck you were thinking, or maybe that's the problem — you weren't," Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass said.

In the message, Simpson asked Pereira to tell Stewart how frustrated he was about testimony during a preliminary hearing several days earlier.

"I just want, want C.J. to know that ... I'm tired of this (expletive)," Simp-

son said, according to a transcript. "Fed up with (expletives) changing what they told me. All right?"

Though there was no indication Stewart received the message, prosecutor Chris Owens suggested it was threatening. The judge merely said she didn't like the tone.

"I don't know if it's just arrogance. I don't know if it's ignorance," she said as she set his bail at \$250,000. "But you've been locked up at the Clark County Detention Center since Friday because of arrogance or ignorance — or both."

Defense attorney Yale Galanter denied the call was an effort by Simpson to contact Stewart.

Simpson and two other men are to face trial April 7. They have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, coercion and conspiracy charges. An armed robbery conviction carries mandatory prison time. A kidnapping conviction could bring a life sentence with the possibility of parole.

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