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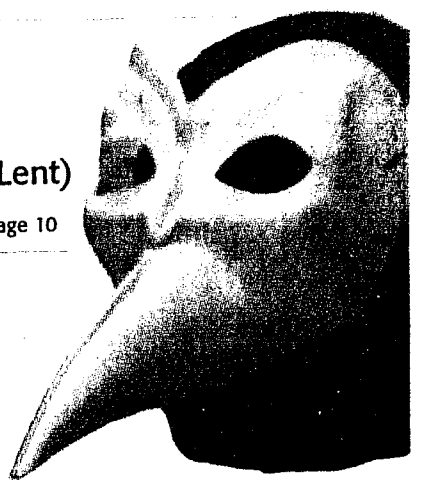
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The buzz about caffeine

Popular beverages are a huge money-maker for university, but cause some health issues

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

There is something energy drinks, coffee and sodas all have in common: caffeine.

On a college campus it can be a liquid breakfast or the fuel required to finish those daunting class assignments. At the University of Idaho, energy drinks alone draw in \$6.7 million in revenue per year. With students consuming to maximize efficiency, most don't take time to look at the consequences or even consider how much caffeine is too much.

Caffeine releases epinephrine and dopamine into the body. These natural hormones usually filter through the body on their own terms, but caffeine can cause a depletion of these hormones, said Verna Bergmann, dietician for UI's Student Health Services. This causes fatigue or what is casually called a "crash."

"I don't think it's worth the crash," Bergmann said. "Not from what I've heard from students. These were individuals who had been on caffeine and were trying something different. A healthy diet makes it so that they don't need so much caffeine."

Bergmann said it can be harder for students to find a diet that provides "fuel for the brain that is longer

lasting," especially with the convenience of caffeinated beverages on campus and in society at large.

Campus Dining Services sold 19,212 energy drinks last semester. There are eight different energy drinks sold on campus, including Red Bull, a big seller according to Jerry Curtis, general manager for CDS.

"Red Bull use to be the only one," he said.

Red Bull makes up 38 percent of beverages sold at the Sixth Street Market and 25

percent of the remaining shops on campus. Curtis said they manage one store for every 1,000 students. Other brands of energy drinks include Mountain Dew Amp, Sobe Adrenaline Rush, Sobe No Fear, No Fear Gold, Essence, Nitro and Sugar Free Red Bull.

"In the beverage market, (it's) huge," Curtis said. "(Energy drinks are) probably No.1. That doesn't include sodas. (Students) stay up late at night. They've got late hours. They're burning the candle on both ends."

Coffee, which contains less caffeine than energy drinks, not including bottled coffee, was the highest seller last semester. Among the five different locations on campus where coffee-based beverages are sold, CDS sold 113,181 drinks. UI was the first to serve Starbucks brand coffees in Idaho in 1995.

"Coffee is more of a culture here. I don't think you can go on a college campus these days and not see some kind of espresso," Curtis said. "They demanded it, so we gave it to them. If someone said to me, 'We have to put one (coffee shop) in the library,' we'd probably put one in the library."

With caffeinated beverages outselling so many

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Campus Dining Services



Gabriel Moats/Argonaut

While the buzz offered by energy drinks is attractive, addiction is just one downside of a caffeine habit — energy drinks, coffee and soda can be expensive.

alternative beverages on campus, Curtis said it is smart business to put those drinks at the tops of vending machines to maximize profits, while water tends to be located on the bottom levels.

"The eye level is where you want to put your biggest sellers. If you want water, you're going to find it," he said. "I'm going to sell you this."

Bergmann said what students might also be buying are health problems compounded with every guzzle of caffeinated beverages. Caffeine effects individuals differently depending on a built up tolerance and physical response to the chemical additive.

"The response to it can certainly be different from one another," Bergmann said. "The response could be very unpleasant. It may not have a positive effect on a person at all."

The desired effects of caffeine consumption are more energy and increased focus. In small doses, Bergmann said, caffeinated beverages can meet these expectations, while too much caffeine can lead to adverse health effects. The increase in caffeine consumption is partly a result of a built up tolerance, said William Cone, psychiatrist for Student Health.

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ASUI Address goes unheard

Liz Virtue
Argonaut

ASUI President Jon Gaffney spoke to a nearly empty room at 9 a.m. Thursday during his State of the ASUI address. A total of five students attended the presentation in the Whitewater room of the Idaho Commons, three were members of the Senate and two were broadcast students representing "Mostly Moscow." Gaffney said he was a little let down.

"If we're doing our jobs right, people don't know we're doing it," Gaffney said. "It's disappointing, I would have loved to see a full crowd today."

The State of the ASUI address was advertised throughout campus but students were not present. Gaffney said there is only so much that ASUI can do to grab students attention.

"Things are there for students if they want to pay attention," Gaffney said. "The bottom line is students have to be interested enough to come."

Vice President Amy Huddleston agreed but said no matter the turnout or student response, ASUI will continue to do its job.

"We're not here for glory or to be recognized," Huddleston said. "We're here to serve the students."

Members of the ASUI Senate are working to close the gap between

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UI receives recognition for service

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

David Prinz sat with a group of three others in front of the skeleton of a house in the New Orleans heat, awaiting instruction. They waited for half an hour before the group decided to get started. When their instructor arrived, the team was already mudding the house, covering screws in the sheetrock.

"We knew what we needed to do, we just jumped in and started doing it," he said.

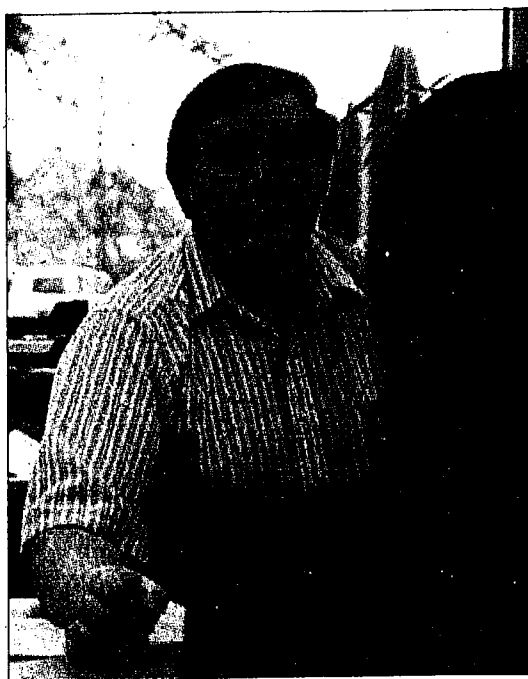
Prinz, a sophomore at the University of Idaho, was one of 108 students to travel to either New Orleans, Tennessee or Mississippi during the 2007 Alternative Spring Break. He spent his break in New Orleans helping rehabilitate the community by working on houses, cleaning up parks and helping with the local animal shelter. Prinz has been a part of many community service activities during his two years at UI.

"I guess I just like being a laborer," Prinz said of his attraction to community service.

Over the past two years, UI volunteers have racked up an estimated 50,000 hours of service. Because of the excellence these volunteers have demonstrated UI was awarded the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The award is the highest a university can receive for their service to the community.

Josh Dean, coordinator of the

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

Mike Sohns explains the conditions of the Vandal card to Janis Johnson, an assistant professor of English and American Indian studies, Wednesday afternoon in the Student Union Building.

Navy man, tuba player at home in Vandal Card Office

Matt Maw
Argonaut

Vandal cards don't come with an instruction booklet or safety labels, but most would agree that such flimsy plastic shouldn't pass under a lawnmower, or be within reach of a 2-year-old with a paper shredder. Mike Sohns, who has worked in the Vandal Card Office for six years, has witnessed the strange results of these and many other mishaps.

As well as replacing shredded fragments with new cards for students and faculty, Sohns issues access passes to University of Idaho alumni and gets other identification cards to people who need

them. He said he resolves access issues when cards don't work and he helps arrange meal plans for people who live on and off campus. Chances are, every student has visited him.

"We'll see every person on campus at least once at one point or another," he said.

Prior to his time at the Vandal Card Office, Sohns was in the Navy, and before he retired in 1992 he was installing tactical communication systems on cruisers and aircraft carriers. He moved to Moscow upon retirement and pursued a master's degree in accounting, during which time he worked as a bus driver for the Moscow School District 281. After he completed his degree, he said, he worked a sec-

ond part-time job in the Accounts Payable office for the two years before he moved into his current position. He began full-time employment in 2005 and dropped his bus route.

"It doesn't happen often," he said, "but sometimes kids will come in to get their Vandal cards, and I'll recognize them from when I drove them to school on the bus."

Katherine Clancy, an employee across the hall from Sohns in the Student Accounts/Cashiers Office, said she has worked with Sohns many times. He goes out of his way, she said, to help students with meal plans. A co-worker of Clancy's, Ali Frederiksen, said she was given charge of a project which

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ON the WEB

Keep an eye on the Arg Web site for updates, exclusives and more.

www.uiargonaut.com

Turns out there are quite a few Knights who say "Nee" visiting The Argonaut's Web site. Don't let that fool you. People looking for an argument — and not all of them write letters to the editor — and OK lumberjacks are not far behind.

Sadly, the parrot is indeed dead, deceased, expired, no more and sitting in last place.

The likelihood you will encounter any of these things during Spring Break is not great. Speaking of Spring Break, keep sending in those break ideas and tips to arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu. The best ideas will be featured right here and on the Web next week.

Your bikini-clad, drunk photos, however, can stay on Facebook. We like you,

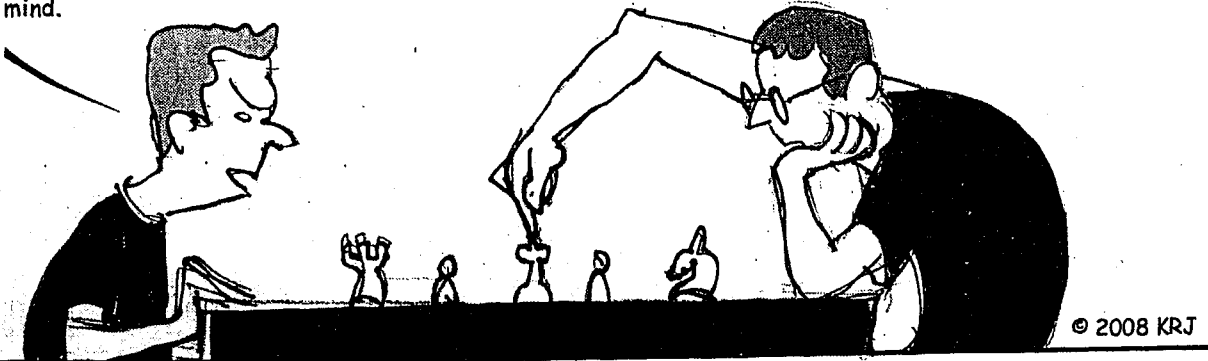
but we don't "like" like you. Only your real friends should see you half naked with vomit in your hair. Even if said vomit isn't yours. Same goes for Moscow Mardi Gras this weekend. Keep your shirt on.

As always, stop by www.uiargonaut.com to leave your comments, suggestions, criticisms, warm cookies and fresh-squeezed orange juice.

People We Know

by K. Ray Johnson/Argonaut

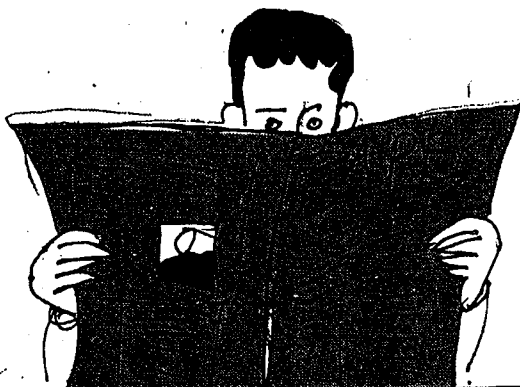
You are making a boring game even boringer by taking forever to make up your mind.



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Here's an article titled "why student government matters," written by a student, who holds a student government position, who is writing in a student newspaper.

Must be a lot of proud teachers out there...

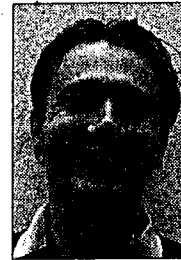


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BEYOND THE SHEETS

Keep your shirt on

Moscow Mardi Gras is coming this weekend. It's an annual event which has, within the past few years, become a big drunken party. I have nothing against big parties, they are fun, but I suggest making wise decisions while out and about. Also, some things should be kept in mind this weekend.



Chris Bidiman Sex columnist arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

First of all, it is important to note that some chest bearing may take place during the hunt for Mardi Gras beads. An even more important aspect to note and keep in mind is that just because she flashes you, does not mean she has any interest beyond getting your beads. Chances are that she is not interested in going home and having sex with you so do not make the assumption otherwise.

Women should keep in mind that you are not required to bear your chest. Yes, the beads are awesome and hopefully you collect several (if that is your goal). There are some situations, however, where the beads are not worth it. Perhaps the particular beads are not that great. Perhaps you just are not comfortable lifting your shirt in public. Perhaps the person wanting to give them to you makes you feel uncomfortable, nervous and anxious or creeps you out. In any of these situations, you have the right to say, "No."

There are some things I never recommend and the following is especially true during Mardi Gras.

Do not have sex while intoxicated. Your chances of making bad, unsafe deci-

sions regarding sex are greatly increased while intoxicated. You may hook up with someone you do not have an interest in. You may go home with someone harmful. Also, chances are you will not think to use protection. Ultimately, try to avoid intoxicated sex.

If you feel you "must" have sex, plan ahead. Men should put wrapped condoms down the front of their pants. While undressing, the condoms will fall out, be seen and hopefully used. Women can also plan ahead. Recipient condoms are wonderful options. These are inserted and provide a latex barrier for the vagina with a small amount hanging outside. It may look a little disconcerting for the other partner, but the protection offered outweighs aesthetic objections.

Another good aspect about recipient condoms is that they can be in the body for about eight hours — allowing it to be inserted before going out. At the end of the night throw all condoms away, male and recipient, regardless of use (but especially so if they have been used).

Finally, there is a topless ordinance in Moscow. Be aware of where you are and who is around when lifting your shirt.

Have fun, be safe, and happy bead hunting.

Have a question for Chris? Send it to arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

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The AP reported today that one in every 100 Americans is incarcerated. Unless we have grossly underestimated our circulation, congratulations on being one of the other 99.

SudokuPUZZLE

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Solution

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



CrosswordPUZZLE

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- 1 Month (Abbr.)
 - 5 Not again! ___vu
 - 9 Drifts
 - 14 Domain
 - 15 Dance
 - 16 Pointer
 - 17 Grotesque ornaments
 - 19 Bush or Dem
 - 20 Mixture of soluble salts
 - 21 Sulk
 - 23 Roadhouse
 - 24 Shoe strings
 - 26 Lampblack
 - 28 Muffin
 - 31 Inactive
 - 34 Dross
 - 35 Jamboree
 - 38 Mexican dish
 - 39 Pelvis
 - 40 Runway stroller
 - 41 Land parcel
 - 42 Swear
 - 44 Solar disk
 - 45 Valley
 - 46 Common contraction
 - 48 Hydriodic acid salts
 - 51 Root vegetable
 - 52 Bone cavities
 - 53 Mauna ___
 - 55 Low dam
 - 57 It, in a game
 - 61 Family member
 - 63 Think
 - 65 Warheads
 - 66 Ace
 - 67 Malaria
 - 68 Resource
- Down**
- 1 Adventure story
 - 2 Epochal
 - 3 Fringe benefit
 - 4 Filipino
 - 5 Solidified carbon dioxide
 - 6 Soft-finned fish
 - 7 Landrovers
 - 8 Likewise
 - 9 *Complete Angler* author Izaak ___
 - 10 Macaw
 - 11 Waldorf, e.g.
 - 12 Lacerated
 - 13 Aquatic bird
 - 18 Patron saint of Norway
 - 22 Common
 - 25 Plant disease
 - 27 Away
 - 28 Grandma's word
 - 29 Oil type
 - 30 Some books
 - 32 Fr. school
 - 33 Showers with attention
 - 36 Beverage
 - 37 Bolsheviks founder
 - 40 Dull
 - 43 Sandpiper
 - 45 Schematic
 - 47 Most up-to-date
 - 49 Playful aquatic mammals
 - 50 Dreary
 - 52 Stadium
 - 53 Moon goddess
 - 54 Burden
 - 56 Rel. image
 - 58 Enamored, to the hilt
 - 59 Pocketbook
 - 60 Exploit
 - 62 Downwind
 - 64 Agent (Abbr.)

Solution

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For hints on solving The Argonaut crosswords, see the Crossword Dictionary at www.crossword-dictionary.com or One Across at www.oneacross.com.

Campus Recreation

Intramural Sports Deadlines

- Co-Rec Ultimate Frisbee** Forms Due: 3/3 Play Begins: 3/19
- Co-Rec Basketball** Forms Due: 3/4 Play Begins: 3/19
- 4 on 4 Volleyball** Forms Due: 3/3 Play Begins: 3/17
- Softball** Forms Due: 3/4 Play Begins: 3/17
- Softball Official's Clinic** 3/3 4pm in SRC Classroom
- Roller Hockey** Forms Due: 3/5 Play Begins: 3/18
- Co-Rec Soccer** Forms Due: 3/5 Play Begins: 3/17

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Fraternity wants to rebuild image

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Alpha Tau Omega is working to improve its image and go in a new direction. With membership declining, the fraternity, which has been on the University of Idaho's campus since 1925, was heading for closure, ATO President Jeff Stackhouse said.

The house started off with 11 members at the beginning of the fall semester. The fraternity now has around 40 members.

More than half of its members are freshmen, Stackhouse said.

ATO numbers decreased after a senior class of about 20 graduated and moved out, junior Aaron Sycks said. The reputation further declined because the house wasn't in good condition and officers weren't doing their jobs.

When the graduating class moved out all at once, Sycks said the remaining members lost hope but the fraternity is trying to get back on track.

Stackhouse said the house has all new members and because membership is mostly freshmen, a lot of positions are filled by them. He is the first sophomore president ever for the fraternity, Stackhouse said.

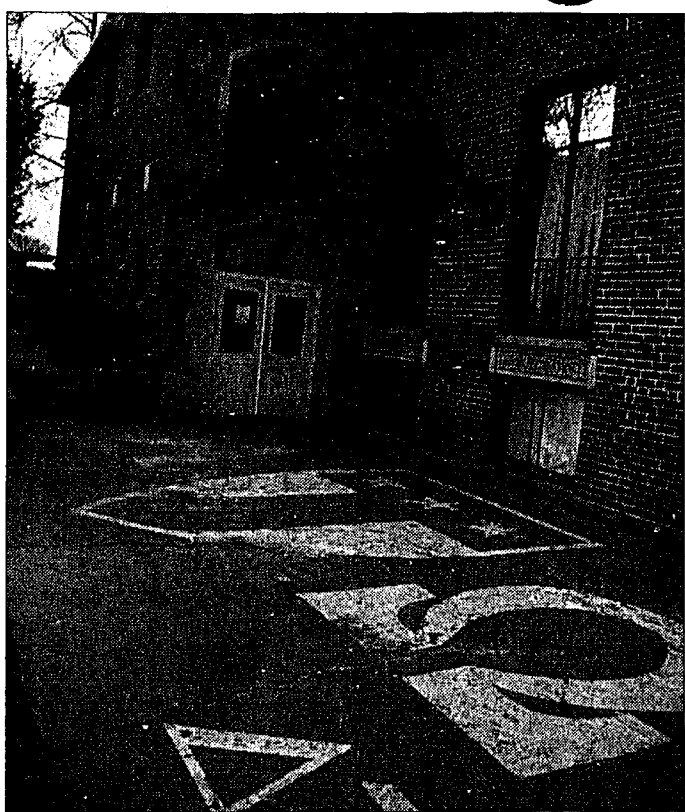
Since December when Stackhouse was voted as president, the whole house has been showing improvement, Stackhouse said. The fraternity is also encouraging members to improve their GPAs. ATO members had low GPAs last semester, Stackhouse said.

"Just because we're small doesn't mean we don't get things done," Stackhouse said.

ATO Recruitment Chair Brett Adams said the biggest problem facing the fraternity is the low number of members.

The fraternity hopes to improve enrollment by participating in summer recruitment, Adams said. The house also plans to participate in more philanthropies, Stackhouse said.

"We are aiming for 10 spring



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Alpha Tau Omega is working on improving its enrollment numbers.

recruits and we are at five now," Adams said.

The house has never done summer recruitment before because members couldn't afford it, Stackhouse said. But increased alumni support will hopefully help cover the cost, he said.

Improving the fraternity's image is important for membership because people don't want to be involved with an organization that isn't going anywhere, he said.

Another problem facing the fraternity is that ATO has not always been on good terms with the university, Sycks said.

"The university wanted us to act as a poster child for the campus because we live so close to the Student Union Building and we're one of the first houses people see," Sycks said. "They didn't like our tin can party."

During the tin can party, the fraternity would cover the entire house with tin cans it collected throughout the year. But the house is no longer doing it because it has a negative effect on public relations, Stackhouse said.

The fraternity is working to improve its relationship with the university, Stackhouse said. He has been working with Greek adviser Adrien Loehring on a regular basis.

"We came up with a better class, but now they're gone," Sycks said. "We now know what we need to do."

Stackhouse described ATO as a "mixing pot house." He said everybody gets along and members are from all different kinds of backgrounds.

"We're here to stay," Adams said.

New director provides relief at Women's Center

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Heather Shea Gasser found the job that is just the fit for her.

Gasser began last week as interim director for the University of Idaho Women's Center, which has been director-less for the past two months.

"It has been hard not having leadership," said Lysa Salsbury, the Women's Center program coordinator. "The staff feels a big sense of relief because we have someone."

The three-person staff collaborated together during the absence of the director to run the center, Salsbury said.

"Definitely all the staff is pleased we have a voice at the table again," Salsbury said.

Gasser said it is important for her to provide a voice for students.

"It is my obligation as someone who is working on a college campus to address the needs of those who don't have a voice," Gasser said. "It is important to have administrators passionate about the needs of students."

Gasser said she is excited to be part of a "strong office" in a position that pertains to her interests.

"This position is kind of a perfect mix of my personal philosophies and personal goals," Gasser said. "The center has a history of strong advocacy."

She has worked in student affairs for eight years.

Gasser moved from Tucson, Ariz., to Moscow with her 3-year-old Eli, 6-month-old Dylan and her husband, Ray Gasser. The family moved because Ray Gasser was selected as the new director of University Residences. He began in the middle of January.

In her new community, Gasser searched for work and heard of the opening at the Women's Center. It was a position adhering to her skills and interest.

"It is the perfect combination of working for equality issues and student affairs," Gasser said.

There is much Gasser is looking forward to in her five-month position.

The programs at the center are well established, Gasser said.

"It is doing a lot of great things," Gasser said. "The Women's Center has an important place on this campus."

Gasser looks forward to meeting students and interacting with other professionals, she said.

"I'm excited to be able to shape what happens for the rest of the semester, providing leadership and stability," Gasser said.

She said she would like to see the office reach out more to non-traditional students.

Gasser also hopes to be able to use technology more effectively to reach students, such as outreach through Facebook or podcasting, she said.

Salsbury said Gasser brings a huge amount of experience to the center.

"She is well versed in the things we do," Salsbury said. "I'm excited to have her on board."

Throughout her time at the University of Ari-



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

Heather Gasser, standing at the front desk of the Women's Center, says it has been a busy first week as the new Interim Director.

zona, Gasser worked in a variety of areas involving inequality issues. In commuter student affairs she served as a campus advocate for off-campus and non-traditional students. In the Commission on the Status of Women, she was the chair of professional development. Gasser worked with underrepresented groups and first generation, low-income students of color in Multicultural Affairs.

Gasser also worked in a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender office when she was a graduate student.

"I realized it is sometimes difficult for students to put themselves out there," Gasser said.

Gasser went to undergraduate and graduate school at Colorado State University, where she double majored in graphic design and marketing with a minor in art history. In graduate school she studied student affairs in higher education.

Gasser was chosen by the search committee for the position. The position became vacant when Jeannie Harvey, past director of the Women's Center, accepted the interim director position at the International Programs Office.

Gasser's position will extend through the summer. The full-time director of the Women's Center position will re-open if Harvey becomes the director at the IPO for the fall.

PoliceLOG

Feb. 19

12:13 a.m. Wallace: Report of marijuana smell.

1:39 p.m. Third Street Crosswalk: Caller was crossing the street when car swerved around them and sped off.

6:09 p.m. UI Bookstore: Officer responded to an alarm, and found someone who had been locked in the building by mistake.

11:41 p.m. Wallace: RA reported smell of marijuana.

Feb. 20

12:51 a.m. Wallace: Caller reported digital camera stolen, and had some ideas on who may have taken it.

12:21 p.m. LLC: A white sedan blew past a stop sign and almost struck the reporting party.

4:59 p.m. Perimeter Dr.: Report of someone running a stop sign.

Feb. 21

1:16 p.m. Gauss Hall: Caller reported someone standing outside and staring at students in the computer lab.

Feb. 22

2:12 p.m. Kappa Sigma: 18-year-old male had a seizure.

10:28 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Ambulance responded for illness.

Feb. 23

1:13 a.m. 525 Idaho Ave: One

male arrested for consumption of alcohol as a minor.

2:08 a.m. 525 Idaho Ave: Caller said that a group of four to five males were throwing eggs from a fraternity, and his car was hit.

2:25 a.m. 800 Elm St: Officer found a woman's handbag containing a digital camera.

2:42 a.m. Alpha Kappa Lambda: One male was arrested for punching several people, after refusing to leave from a party.

7:52 a.m.: Student Union Building: Caller said that a vehicle went around a barricade

and drove down a part of the road that was closed.

11:03 p.m. Perimeter Dr.: Caller said that she saw a vehicle swerving all over the road, finally parking in a blue parking lot.

11:52 p.m. UI Golf Course: Report of a high centered vehicle by the golf course. Caller said that the driver ran from the vehicle, and they believed the driver had been drinking. The vehicle was towed and the driver was unable to be located.

11:52 p.m. Delta Chi: Caller said that three males beat his

friend's car with 2-by-4s.

Feb. 24

2:34 a.m. Delta Tau Delta: Caller reporting a simple bat-

tery that occurred while she was visiting her friend.

11:03 a.m. Alpha Phi: Caller reported someone breaking into Red Bull car last night.

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Arama comes from across the pond

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Sophomore Zach Arama came to the United States on a whim but has made serious use of his time here. He attends classes, is a member of a fraternity, plays sports, works, volunteers and dedicates his time to the University of Idaho as an ASUI senator.

Arama was born and raised in London until he was 15 years old. He was at a boarding school when he learned his mother had made a decision that would change his life.

"My mom met my stepdad on the Internet and they were engaged before they even met," Arama said. "He lived in the United States so I came to visit them and liked it so I never left."

They have been married for the past eight years and Arama said he is happy he made the move. He recently passed the U.S. citizenship test and is eagerly anticipating May 1 when he will be officially sworn in as a U.S. citizen.

"It was really easy," Arama said. "They asked me to write a second grade sentence and say 'I want to be a bus driver' in English."

Arama lived in Pagosa Springs, Colo., for three years before he came to UI. Although he's not an outdoorsy person, Arama said he enjoys the atmosphere of the university.

"I like how everyone is very closely connected to each other," Arama said. "You can walk by the same people five times a day. I like how we are all entwined. And the cows are cool."

Cows aren't the typical scenery in London but Arama said he loves Idaho, even if it is a bit different.

"It's a lot smaller, London is a big city," Arama said. "It's a little like a get-away for me here and I still go back to London in the summer."

Arama's father still lives in London so he travels back to Europe every summer to visit with family and friends. Many of his friends want to know what America is like, he said.

"I get asked if things are really like they are in 'The Simpsons,'" Arama laughed. "I usually give them a sarcastic answer because I always get asked the same questions."

The stereotypes exist in the U.S. as well.

"People here ask me if I would like some tea instead of soda," Arama said. "Or if I own a yacht."

But Arama enjoys meeting and talking with new people, whether it's to dispel generalizations or to answer questions about ASUI.

American politics is something Arama said he found very appealing. He decided to major in political science to learn more about the structure of politics in the U.S. and how it differs from politics in England.

A role as an ASUI senator seems like a good fit for a political science major but Arama said ASUI used to intimidate him.

After he attended some ASUI Senate meetings and got to know current Vice President Amy Huddleston, Arama decided to give it a shot.

He ran for a spot in the ASUI Senate and was elected with 56 percent of the votes, the highest percentage out of seven elected senators.

One of his main goals as a senator is to increase student engagement at UI. As the chair of the student engagement task force, Arama said he hopes to connect students and members of ASUI.

"I love when students come up and ask me questions and I can break it down for them," Arama said. "A lot of students don't know who to ask when they have questions and I like being able to make a positive impact."

Arama plans to stay active with ASUI but it's not the only thing he's involved with at UI. He is also a member of the Farm House fraternity, something he never thought he'd be a part of during college.

"I came for Vandal Friday and they told me I was staying in a frat and I didn't know what that was," Arama said. "I went through rush but I was still slanted against them. I guess I did it to say I'd done it and it ended up working out."

Volunteering is another important aspect of Arama's life and is something he tries to do as much as he can through projects at the volunteer center. He also works at the Kibbie Dome when he has a spare moment.

"College is what you make it," Arama said. "You have four to six years to make good choices. I'm going to graduate with hundreds of other people with my same degree so I have to separate myself and think what else do I have?"

While hard work is important, there



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ASUI Senator Zach Arama explains why he chose to leave England to study political science at the University of Idaho on Tuesday afternoon.

is a lighter side to Arama.

He's proud to admit he was the poster child for Pampers' diapers in the UK as a baby.

"My mom was a prenatal teacher and also did some modeling so she got me into it," Arama said. "I guess I was just a ridiculously attractive baby."

While he's had his start at a modeling career, Arama swears it's not for him.

"I've thought about it," Arama said. "But I think politics is the way to go."

Arama said that twenty years from now he'd like to be involved with the government and possibly living in Washington, D.C., but he's still open to suggestions.

"I'd like to be a rock star but I can't sing," Arama said. "I'm still young, anything can happen."

Students plan to get more than a tan during break

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

While the majority of University of Idaho students' dream spring break includes gliding down powdery slopes or relaxing on sandy beaches, there are more than 100 whose week off will include neither.

This year's Alternative Spring Break trips are bigger than ever. Around 110 students are preparing to depart Moscow next week to help those in need nationwide.

ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action Coordinator Josh Dean said he is excited for the journey that will benefit so many.

"I think (participants) get a great sense of self and how they can affect a community," he said. "It gives them the opportunity to realize they can do something to make a difference and help others. Even if they are just students at UI, they can do something to help change the world."

Dean said the community service-based trips began in

2001 with just 12 students traveling to Seattle. This year, the dozens of interested students filled out an application explaining why they wanted to attend and their preferred locations. Dean said the Volunteer Center was overwhelmed by the student response and excited to make a place for each of them.

"We were lucky this year in that we were able to accommodate every student who applied," he said.

Dean said this year's excursions will consist of 10 destinations where volunteers will assist in everything from food banks to homeless shelters. The locations include Asheville, N.C.; Bay Saint Louis, Miss.; Little Rock, Ark.; Montgomery, Ala.; New Port, Tenn.; Pikeville, Ky.; Rogersville, Tenn.; Spar-

tanburg, S.C.; Santa Clara Pueblo, N.M.; and the one he will advise in Salt Lake City. He said the small groups attending each site will provide for the ultimate bonding

experience between attendees and the citizens which they will serve as well.

"They will get more interaction with their fellow participants and get to know each other well," he said. "They will get to interact more with the community and be seen less as a huge group of people invading and more as a few individuals coming to help."

Dean said there are two destinations that are a little different than the rest. Students traveling to Salt Lake City and Santa Clara Pueblo are going with specific intentions to help in fields relevant to them.

Dean is the adviser for the Salt Lake efforts and said the idea was proposed and approved by ASUI from UI's Gay Straight Alliance. He said the group did all the research and searched for projects in need of help. He said they thought it would be very beneficial to work with transgender communities, transitional housing facilities and youth outreach programs and learn the ways of the organization, Tolerant Intelligent Network of Teens. He said the 12 members of the group who are attending are very excited to make a difference.

"I think it's ground breaking," he said. "It's great that UI is helping these students do a project like this and providing them with this leadership experience."

Those traveling to New Mexico are also in for a person-

alized experience. Dean said the College of Education proposed the trip to ASUI with the intention of participants educating local American Indian children during their stay.

"There is a large Native American population (in Santa Clara Pueblo,) so they will be working with many individuals from there," Dean said. "I think it's great that (education majors) will be getting hands on experience working with cultures that are most likely very different from their own."

Dean said student fees cover the majority of funds necessary for the trip but volunteers must come up with the remaining \$290. He said cheap meals and shelter account for the low cost.

"Most of them are staying in churches, retreat centers or college dorms," he said. "They will cook most meals themselves but some service organizations are providing meals for the volunteers while they're there."

Rogersville trip adviser Jon Reardon said he's anxious for the journey and the friendships he's bound to form.

"The thing I am looking forward to most is the opportunity to go to a new place, learn from new people and bond as a team," he said. "It's a great opportunity to learn about yourself and other people."

Dean said the groups will depart March 7-8 and return home March 15. He said the seven short days they are away are likely to be remembered forever.

"We just got back from going to Peru and those people are still talking to each other, hanging out on campus and traveling together," he said. "The Alternative Spring Break" allows you to get to know people on a level that you don't get to know other students. It's an amazing common bond (participants) share through serving others."

Agricultural legacy lives on in Idaho, university

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Agriculture is an industry of great importance to the University of Idaho and the state of Idaho, wrote UI President Tim White in the Feb. 15 Friday Letter.

White discussed the future of agriculture in Idaho with Idaho agricultural representatives at the annual Larry Brannen Agricultural Summit Feb. 11-12 in Boise.

"Agriculture is vital to Idaho," White wrote.

Nearly 70,000 residents earn a living from agriculture.

"Agriculture is more stable because it is more diverse and widespread," said Bill Loftus, science writer for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "Agriculture is in all the little towns in Idaho in one form or another."

Agriculture is important to the economy and UI, he said.

"UI is the flagship research institution in the state," Loftus said. "A big part of the research is focused on agriculture."

UI has 13 research stations around the state, he said.

Idaho farmers broke financial records in 2007 with a projected \$5.6 billion in cash receipts from sales of crop and livestock, according to the UI College of Agriculture and Life Sciences annual financial condition report. The increase from 2006 was 25 percent.

The report says livestock revenues exceed crop revenues.

For four years Idaho's leading agricultural industry is dairy. Second are cattle and calves.

Around 140 different crops are grown in Idaho.

Potatoes remain as the most valuable crop, while wheat, barley, hay, alfalfa, onions, beans and sugarbeets are also common.

White noted agriculture is in transition in the Friday let-

ter, especially due to technology changes.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and its extension programs are addressing the issues raised by technology advances, climate change, fuel costs, water resource demand and energy issues.

"Technology is important to the states economy but sometimes it gets to much emphasis as the most important part of the economy," Loftus said.

Agriculture is a stable foundation, while technology tends to behave like other industries, Loftus said.

Efforts continue to adapt to changes in agriculture.

"It's all part of our land-grant mission of linking teaching, research and outreach to the critical needs of the agricultural community," White wrote.

Land-grant universities, such as UI, began in the 1860s. At that time congress wanted to establish an education system that focused on the education system and could help the U.S. agricultural industry.

"The U.S. was a rural country," Loftus said. "Developing, industrializing and engineering became important."

The universities were allocated thousands of acres that could support UI and provide land needed for research, he said.

"At the University of Idaho, we are bringing the expertise of the entire university together in interdisciplinary efforts to address issues important to agriculture, and to all of Idaho," White wrote.

Addressing agriculture is included in the UI Strategic Action Plans, in efforts to strengthen partnerships with public and private sector groups.

The goal is to build a "seamless, interconnected system of people, programs and facilities across the state to lead the way in responding to a rapidly changing world," White wrote.

Two UI representatives received Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture. Mary Lee Wood, a retired Extension educator, was awarded for her work expanding Idaho's 4-H program. UI professor Esmail Fallahi received the technical innovation award because of his work promoting new crops and water conservation efforts.

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Students moved by stories of Haitian lecturer

Lianna Shepherd
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It was dark Wednesday in the Hartung Theater. Seven people waited in the blackness for someone to remember them so they could begin their program. They had a guest speaker, event organizer and a few guests; all they were missing was the power.

When the lights finally came on almost 30 minutes later, the Black Student Union was ready to begin a conversation with Bapthol Joseph, president and CEO of Changing Directions 4 Youth & Families. Joseph was brought in to visit with students and the community. Joseph is the founder of Project New Hope, an after-school initiative that serves nine schools in Pompano Beach, Fla., and Deerfield, Fla.

An immigrant from Haiti, Joseph is proud of his heritage and calls his country "Ayiti," meaning high places. He was not frustrated by the small turnout.

"Don't feel bad about having a small group... like I told Jessica, I'd be here if there were only three of you," he said.

Junior Jessica Samuels was the program's organizer. She first met Joseph last year at a black leadership summit. After hearing him speak she saw the benefits of people from Moscow hearing his story.

"He was talking about what he was doing in Florida with Haitian immigrants and he was inspiring," she said.

Joseph came to the U.S. in 1985 looking for the promised opportunities of America. His intention was to go to school and then go back to Haiti to find a better job. But Haitians weren't respected by blacks or whites — they were in a caste lower than the Cubans.

"Young Haitians were killing themselves everyday, so I began work to help the police understand our culture, to understand why we are scared," he said. "One man was killed at a traffic stop, the police couldn't understand him. They don't know the language, and they don't know that the



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Haiti native Bapthol Joseph gets in close to the small crowd at the Hartung Theatre on Wednesday night to tell the history of his country and how it has affected his life.

violence of the army in my country taught you to run from uniforms."

He has lived in Florida, which has the nation's highest Haitian population, off and on for many years. Trying to escape the institutionalized racism of the South, he moved to New York for a while, but hardships for Haitians was a national issue and he eventually moved back.

"It is 95 percent negro in my country, anybody successful is called a gronegro, meaning great negro," Joseph said. "To us a white or a negro, we don't see the difference."

Trying to adjust to being the minority was difficult in its own way, but then rumors about his people increased the sense of division, such as the idea that Haitians brought AIDS to America.

"It wasn't until Rock Hudson died that the FDA finally said that wasn't true," he said.

After that he and his late wife formed Changing Directions 4 Youth & Families. The organization has served as a support system for the

underprivileged in Pompano Beach and Deerfield.

Changing Directions asks parents to give them power of attorney so that during an emergency a representative of the organization can go to the school and even negotiate expulsions and suspensions.

"Blacks in south Florida are suspended more than everyone else," Joseph said. "But not just black, nor white, nor Hispanic... but we welcome all students."

He expects all his students to maintain straight As, because he believes that "through the purist of perfection, we achieve greatness."

Graduate students Richard Hill was present for the lecture and believes that it is because of Idaho's lack of diversity that these programs are crucial.

"It expands your viewpoint... you grow up in a certain environment and you become subject to the experiences of that environment," Hill said. "It's nice to have black speakers come who are intellectually based, not just talking about sports or music."

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"You need to boost the dose to get the desired effect," Cone said. "As you increase it, you can run into some of the negative effects of caffeine. People can get anxiety and feel shaky and jittery."

Other side effects of excessive caffeine intake include nervousness, irritability, sleeplessness, increased urination, abnormal heart rhythms, decreased bone density and upset stomach, according to a 2007 study conducted by the University of California-Davis.

Alyssa Hulbert is a neuroscience and psychology major at Washington State University and a barista at Cafe Moro in Pullman. Hulbert said she started drinking coffee when she was 12 years old and uses the caffeine content to help her study.

"Gotta deal with this crazy major," Hulbert said. "I think I'm pretty much used to it. It keeps me awake just enough. I can drink 20 ounces of coffee and go right to sleep. I have no problem with that."

Cone said a typical college student can drink caffeine before they go to bed and have no problems falling asleep. This, he said, is due to caffeine's effect on brain sensitivity and the brain's ability to become accustomed to the additional neurotransmitters.

"(Caffeine) is so socially sanctioned," Cone said. "It's just not addressed."

Elaine Stanton and Grace Burnett, sophomores at New Saint Andrews College in Moscow, said they have different tolerance levels, but study together at coffee houses where it is easier to focus.

"All the coffee shops have tables inviting you to study," Stanton said. "If I drink a Diet Coke with dinner, I can't go to sleep."

Burnett said she has a cup of coffee every morning and one in the afternoon if she knows she is going to be in class all day. She tried quitting caffeine for a period during Winter Break, but it didn't work. Hulbert said she also tried to give up caffeine but came to the

same negative conclusion as Burnett.

"I gave it up for a while once," Hulbert said. "It didn't work out. I get really bad headaches when I don't have it."

Cone said caffeine withdrawals can occur within 12-24 hours of suspending caffeine consumption and can include fatigue, moodiness, difficulty concentrating and flu-like symptoms.

"Headache probably is the most common," he said.

Just like alcohol-based beverages, Cone said there is a limit to caffeine consumption for an individual. While the FDA does not regulate the levels of caffeine in beverages readily

available to the public, it recommends no more than 68 mg of caffeine per eight-ounce serving, considerably less than the concentration in energy drinks.

Ten popular energy drinks were analyzed by the Journal of Analytical Toxicology in 2006, finding an average caffeine concentration of 70.5 mg per eight-ounce serving.

"We don't necessarily watch those serving sizes as much as we should," Bergmann said. "It really is up to the consumer to do the arithmetic to read the labels, to not make assumptions about foods."

Many energy drinks not only exceed the recommended quantity of caffeine, but are larger and contain multiple servings.

Monster Energy XXL contains 80 mg of caffeine per eight-ounce serving, but contains three servings per container, meaning an individual can consume 240 mg in one sitting. Cone said a normal person will feel severe effects after 250 mg of caffeine (two to three cups of coffee).

"People that describe that 'caffeine buzz,' that might be a mild form of caffeine intoxication," he said.

Caffeine intoxication can cause excitement, nervousness, muscle twitching, inexcitability, rambling flow of thought and speech, insomnia and psychomotor

agitation, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition Text Revision.

"(Caffeine) can compound anxiety and stress problems," Cone said. "If it's abused and misused, then it can have a deleterious effect."

Cone said caffeinated beverages are a poor energy solution for all-night studying, complicating students' already forced sleep deprivation that impairs concentration and the basic ability to use judgment and recall.

"There certainly can be a point of diminishing your terms," he said. "And certainly a point where caffeine won't be able to make up the difference."

The importance of caffeine for college students is to get a "quick energy boost," Bergmann said, while Cone said caffeinated beverages appeal to the culture of our society, and "a lot more availability" of products has helped popularize these beverages. That availability, Curtis said, is what Campus Dining Services facilitates.

"They (students) stay up late at night," Curtis said. "What do you do when you have an eight o'clock class the next day? It is the legal choice."

Ultimately, the degree of caffeine intake has to be rationalized individually. Matteo Farmer, who is taking a semester off from classes at UI, said he once drank two pots of coffee to stay up late and finish his classwork.

"It really messed me up," Farmer said. Farmer felt sick and jittery, but the coffee served its purpose in keeping him awake. Unfortunately, he said, it kept him up all night and then he felt the side-effect: fatigue.

"I woke me up and then I... just crashed," he said. "I've never done that since. I really watched my caffeine consumption after that. I've stopped doing all-nighters. I just can't do them anymore."

"I can drink 20 ounces of coffee and go right to sleep. I have no problem with that."

Alyssa HULBERT
WSU student, barista



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Open Forum

There was no new business.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney thanked all the senators who attended and volunteered at the International Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival last week. The student fee requests will be out by the end of the week so Gaffney told senators to be ready to answer questions concerning the recommended fees to their living groups and other students on campus.

Unfinished business

There was no unfinished business.

New business

S08-20, an act amending the Senate bylaws to provide the ways and means committee with additional responsibilities concerning university communication, was sent to the rules and regulations committee for further examination before it will be discussed in the Senate. This bill would establish the ways and means committee as the Senate's liaison to UI administration.

— Liz Virtue

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ASUI and the rest of the student body by sending out weekly mass e-mails, Pro Tempore Dean Throop said. In the next few weeks, students will be given the option to sign up for a weekly update from the Senate that will detail what's going on around campus. This is one step the Senate's student engagement task force is taking to make sure students stay informed, Throop said.

Gaffney proceeded with the address despite the lack of student turnout. He announced the state of the ASUI is strong thanks to a powerful staff and Senate. Senators have worked hard to make changes around the university, Throop said.

"The Senate has made great strides to improve our image on campus," Throop said. "They are making sure student voices are being heard."

The Alternative Spring Break trips are just around the corner and the University of Idaho will send more than 100 students to 10 different service sites across the country, Gaffney said.

Alternative service breaks give students the opportunity to travel to different parts of the world and volunteer their time and resources to help others in need, Gaffney said, something students at UI feel strongly about.

"Idaho is second in the nation for college-aged volunteers," Gaffney said. "We're doing some things better than some of the big schools on the East Coast."

Students will leave for these

trips next week.

Finals Fest is approaching and ASUI is working to make students happy, Gaffney said. Voting booths were set up Thursday for students to cast their votes on which band they would like to see perform. And Gaffney said he hoped students would take the time to vote so that Finals Fest is successful.

Financially, the ASUI has spent less than 50 percent of its budget, which means it has been managing its money well. This responsible budgeting allows for events like Finals Fest to be bigger and better, he said.

One major concern on campus is the issue of safety.

"As far as actual safety, we have a very safe campus," Gaffney said. "The climate of safety is where we need some work. Some students don't feel safe on campus even though they are safe on campus."

Huddleston said ASUI will be pairing up with Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse to provide students with more safety programs and events next year.

Student fee proposals will be available to the public this week. Gaffney said the fees are fairly modest this year. An open forum for students, faculty and staff will take place next Thursday. The time and place will be announced later in the week.

Despite the lack of student turnout for this year's State of the ASUI address, Throop said good things are still in store for the university.

"We will continue to make sure student issues are heard on campus," Throop said. "Whether we are appreciated or not is fine."

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ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, said exemplary attitude and drive is something found in all UI volunteers.

"Our students are committed to community service," he said. "They are interested in learning more about their community and exploring what their role is not just at the university."

Both the volunteer center and the Career and Professional Planning Service-Learning Center applied for the award together. Winners were chosen based on the level and quality of community service involvement. UI is one of 528 other universities to be recognized for their achievement, UI being the only college recognized in Idaho.

Beside the annual Saturday of Service and Make a Difference Day, other philanthropic activities making UI worthy of the award include the creation of a documentary film on poverty in rural Latah County. The film was created by a group of 11 students and three faculty members and took an estimated 720 hours to create. The group worked closely with the Latah County Community Action Partnership to design an educational tool to strengthen awareness in the significant but often overlooked issue.

In 2007, volunteers also spent a semester as interns at Lakeside High School, a small school in Plummer catering to 132 students.

Larry Young, UI assistant director for service learning and internships, said many Lakeside

students live in poverty and the drop-out rate is high.

"The challenges and barriers facing students are more complex than most UI students have to face," Young said. "One manifestation of our commitment is to see improved education success."

Twelve volunteers took part in the opportunity, they were grouped evenly into morning and afternoon sessions and worked as both tutors and mentors for students of Lakeside. Along with helping out with class work and assignment, volunteers are there to encourage persistence and success. The morning group of interns takes part in two class periods while the afternoon group tutors one period and leads an hour-long after-school study table. The program is also slowly incorporating activities at the middle school level.

Senior Katie Budd has participated in the internship for the last two semesters. She worked with students in biology and pre-algebra class, tutoring in math and helping encourage them to complete their homework. Along with being a tutor, Budd said her students often saw her as a source of advice.

Budd said her favorite part of the experience was the rides to and from Lakeside when she could talk to her peers about what she had learned.

"I learned a lot about myself through working with the kids," she said. "It was an atmosphere totally different than my own. It was eye opening."

To learn more about the award go to www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll. For information on volunteering, visit www.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer.

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and said he has been patient and lends a hand whenever she needs help with it. According to Frederiksen, Sohns is a good communicator and touches base with them whenever he knows he'll be gone. She said he sometimes brings the office snacks, such as Amish friendship bread, and he chats with them about his cat, Lloyd.

Sohns said he and Lloyd live by themselves at his home here in Moscow. He inherited the 2-year-old cat, from his daughter Kimberlee and husband Josh, and he has to make sure the toilet seat stays down so Lloyd doesn't drink from the bowl. Sohns also said the cat sometimes wakes him in the morning.

"I call him my auxiliary alarm," he said. Sohns said Lloyd will stick a paw in his face to wake him up if he hits the snooze button too many times.

Sohns also pursues multiple avenues of musical performance. He started playing the tuba seven years ago. He played the tuba in UI's concert band last semester and plays the trombone in the band this semester. In past years, he said he's played for Oktoberfest at the Lewiston Home Brewers Club. For the past five summers, he said, he's also added his horn to the Moscow Arts Commission Band. On Sunday, he'll be performing at a sausage feed at the Artisan Barn in Union Town, with a group called Aufghets that specializes in playing German music.

Sohns enjoys his work at UI, and the people who work around Sohns enjoy him, too.

"He's a good guy," Clancy said.

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Monday

Open forum and reception for COS dean candidate 8:30 a.m.
Horizon Room

Disney college program presentation 12:30 p.m.
Aurora Room

CAPP workshop: finding jobs in higher education 5 p.m.
TLC 222

Body Image Task Force meeting 5 p.m.
Women's Center

NewsBRIEFS

College of Business receives donation

Christmas has come early for the College of Business and Economics, which has received a pledge of \$100,000 from the Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation.

One of the world's leading silver companies and a significant gold producer, the corporation is led by two UI graduates with degrees from the College of Business and Economics: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Wheeler and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer James Sabala.

The Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation also owns a major gold project in Alaska and conducts exploration activities in

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico and Tanzania.

Wyoming offers outdoor experiences

UI will play host to the National Outdoor Leadership School from Lander, Wyo. They will give a presentation on their school and outdoor programs.

The idea is that through an extended expedition a person could learn and practice necessary leadership skills, is the backbone of every NOLS course. The school is widely recognized as the world's leader in the extended expedition, from two weeks to twelve.

A certified NOLS instructor will be presenting information about the program and answering questions from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the SRC classroom.

This is a free event open to anyone interested in seeking information about the NOLS program.

CAPP programs next week

UI's Career and Professional Planning office is offering three workshops next week. On Monday, the office will offer advice on finding jobs in higher education. Tuesday's session will talk about opportunities in government employment. Resume and cover letter help will be offered for science and engineering students Thursday. All workshops are from 5-6 p.m. in TLC Room 222.

Students do not have to sign up to attend the workshops. For a complete list of upcoming workshops or more information, visit www.capp.uidaho.edu.

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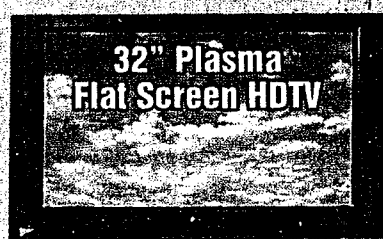
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Students serve others at Idaho

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Fafanyo Asiseh came to the University of Idaho from Ghana, and for the last year has been fighting Moscow's war on hunger.

"A lot of people think it's just in Africa, but this is a global issue. It's right in front of us everyday, we have to pay attention," she said.

Asiseh, a second year graduate student and the recruiting chair for the UI branch of War on Hunger, first became aware of the organization through flyers she saw around campus this fall. Since then she has become dedicated to being involved with War on Hunger's work.

"You talk about grad students and all you think of is research, research, research ... but you know your whole life can't be about grades," she said. "No one remembers you for your grades, but they remember you for helping them out."

As recruiting chair, Asiseh will be one of the organizations representatives at a conference this weekend in Washington, D.C.

"It's an opportunity for us to get together with other people from War on Hunger and talk about what we've done and what we're doing. We also learn new techniques for the new year," said Jackie Goddard, the War on Hunger co-chair.

The national organization is made up of 52 universities with UI traditionally being one of the most successful. Based on this year's various programs (for example the Move-out Program) and partnerships with outside organizations, Goddard sees a continuation of that trend.

"We got a lot of groups on campus together to support each other and I think that helped to create a stronger level of awareness across the campus," Goddard said.

A junior at UI, Goddard has always been drawn to people with a "knack for causes." It is her third year at UI and she said that this year has seen a level of cooperation between service organi-

zations that she has never seen before. She believes STAND to be the source of the change.

"Travis Thompson and Alex Edstrom have been completely inspiring, the care and passion they've had for global concerns made the rest of us want to rally behind them," Goddard said.

"We're all committed to making the world better in our own ways"

Alex
EDSTROM
President of STAND

Edstrom is the president of STAND and has always had an interest in the Darfur conflict. STAND, Student Anti-Genocide Coalition, is a national organization that serves as a guide for student groups in colleges, helping them to develop their efforts for Darfur and anti-genocide activism. Although more than 600 colleges and universities have branches of the program, there isn't one in Idaho. A chapter

was tried in Boise but it eventually fell apart.

When Edstrom was approached in the fall by Thompson about starting a STAND chapter at UI, he was enthusiastic about becoming involved.

He said that the cooperation between different service groups on campus is based on the level of communication and identifying their similar goals.

"Activism in general appeals to certain groups of people. Each member of each individual group can see the crossover," Edstrom said. "We're all committed to making the world better in our own ways, we all want to see people get involved."

Asiseh recognizes that the War on Hunger group may not be the organization for everyone but she has spoken to core classes and high schools trying to educate students about global causes.

"This generation has the world's highest number of youth and it could either be an opportunity or a threat," Asiseh said. "That's why you always see universities being involved. They're filled with young people who are bright, determined and preparing for the future."

For further information about War on Hunger go to www.uidaho.edu/waronthunger.

University continues to boost student enrollment efforts

Will McWilliams
Argonaut

With the University of Idaho's continued decline in enrollment, university officials have been taking action to alleviate the situation.

Lloyd Scott, director of New Student Services at the university, said that he is in the business of trying to attract quality students to the university.

"We're trying to attract the kind of student for whom this school would be a good fit, and the kind of student who will be successful here," Scott said.

According to Scott, UI offers more than \$21 million in scholarships to attract students.

"That's more than any public institution in Idaho," Scott said. Scott added that the university offers scholarships for high-achieving students such as the National Merit Finalists scholarship that covers tuition and fees, room and board and books for four years.

"We have 42 National Merit Scholars," Scott said. "We have the second highest total in the Northwest."

Scott said that the university offers other scholarships such as ones that are need based.

"We offer over \$1 million in access to scholarships for people that show high need," Scott said.

The university also offers scholarships for transfer students, achievement scholarships and leadership scholarships.

"There are a large number of scholarships offered at the university level, the college level and the academic department level," Scott said. Since the university's decline in enrollment Scott said that there has been an emphasis from all levels of administration on attracting quality, diverse students.

"We're getting some great leadership in this area," Scott said.

Scott said that the university has realized the importance of establishing a relationship with students and their parents at a younger age.

"We have developed a whole series of communication materials just for high school juniors and below," Scott said. "We developed an on-campus event specifically for high school juniors and below like we've done with

Vandal Friday, and this event is called the Idaho Sneak Peak."

The second Idaho Sneak Peak is scheduled for April of this year.

"We were pretty pleased, and the students and parents were pleased by how the (first) event went," Scott said.

From the university's perspective, and from the student and parent perspective, it's about building relationships, Scott said.

"We try to develop relationships one student at a time," Scott said.

The university recently got a new series of publications that have been developed for prospective students and their parents.

"I think we've upgraded what we are communicating and how we're communicating," Scott said. "We have an integrated marketing plan."

In addition to the new student outreach for high schools the university has increased marketing and advertising, particularly in key markets such as the Treasure Valley, Boise, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane.

Scott said that the university recruits heavily in all of Idaho, most of Washington, most of Oregon, Alaska and Northern California. Scott also said that UI has alumni that recruit around the country as well.

"We have alumni in Texas and New York that do a large amount of college fairs," he said. Scott added that the alumni recruitment efforts do attract some students from those areas.

"It gives the university visibility in areas we would otherwise not be able to do," he said.

Scott said that he thinks that the university community and beyond is recognizing that enrollment and student recruitment is everybody's business.

"Our staff can play a role, our faculty can play a role and our students can play a role," he said.

Scott also said that he thinks that the colleges and departments within the university are recognizing the importance of enrollment, and have renewed their emphasis on the impor-

ance of enrollment.

"What's different right now, everybody has a role and I think we're realizing that," he said.

But not all the universities in the area are suffering from low enrollments. Frank Zang, director of University Communications at Boise State University, said that Boise State just set another all-time spring enrollment record of 18,862 students.

"It was the largest spring-to-spring enrollment increase in five years," Zang said.

According to Zang the record increase of enrollment is in large part due to increased outreach efforts to attract high-achieving students, improved retention of Boise State's continuing students and growth in the number of students in Boise State's graduate programs.

"I think it is all art of the growth that is taking place here," Zang said. "It's certainly growth in enrollment and growth in academics."

Zang said in recent years Boise State has added National Merit Finalist Scholarships called the Presidential Leadership Scholarship and the Capitol Scholarship Program.

"We have more to offer now," Zang said.

Zang also noted that the success of Boise State's football team and the Fiesta Bowl have given the school increased awareness.

"You can't overlook the awareness that the Fiesta Bowl and the football success has brought to the university," he said. "To the point of the Fiesta Bowl and football team we saw an immediate spike in online applications."

Another aspect that may be a contributor to Boise State's increased enrollment is the implementation of several student success, counseling and orientation programs.

"Our enrollment counselors have extended their outreach into the Pacific Northwest market," Zang said.

"We have a person who recruits up in Alaska and we have people in California so that's probably another reason why we've expanded our scope of recruitment efforts."

"You can't overlook the awareness (football success) has brought to the university."

Frank
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OurVIEW

Keep up the good work

The University of Idaho is boosting its reputation this academic year with some big awards. The National Medal of the Arts was awarded to the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival and now the university has received the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll from the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the highest award a university can receive for its service activities.

For all of the bad reputation university students seems to get from the community, like the recent noise ordinance and boarding house ordinance, UI seems to be making a name for itself nationally.

Students and faculty are giving back to those who have less through Alternative Spring and Winter Breaks, Greek philanthropies, service learning programs and a variety of other service activities.

In fact, every time you turn around you run into a service organization doing something. Whether it is an awareness week, a documentary festival or a Nearly Naked Dash, there is something for everyone to get involved in.

Members of the UI campus have some positive things to pat themselves on the back for. This is what

being a part of this university is all about, not about parties or making our neighboring Moscow residents angry, but doing service for others.

There are even efforts on campus to better reputations within the university community. The ATO fraternity is in the process of changing their reputation and one of the ways they want to improve is to participate more in philanthropies.

Good reputations like this take upkeep. Like the ATOs, we need to be thinking about our image within the community and working to better it every day.

This doesn't mean we won't continue to face adversity. No school, community or family is without its problems. How we react to those problems is more indicative of our attitude than the problems themselves.

Ignoring problems does not make them go away. Facing up to them, like ATO is doing now, is the way to make our community a better place to live and the best way to attract a higher class of future students.

The work doesn't and won't stop with the awards, UI needs to think about their long tradition of service and keep building on it.

—RH

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

After these messages

Today is brought to you by Mountain Dew Amp energy drink, Snickers Almond, Marvel Comics, Levi's 501 jeans, Stephen King, "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," the letter K and the number 19.

Now back to the show.

—T.J.

Suck my blood

I can't believe I lived so much of my life without Spike, Xander and the whole gang. That's right, I am now a passionate "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fan. And the flashbacks to how horrible the styles were in high school are priceless. Now I have something to watch other than the same four seasons of CSI. Thanks, Carissa!

—Savannah

R-e-s-p-e-c-t (boobs)

With Moscow Mardi Gras this weekend, I just want to say I love boobies as much as the next person. They're fun to have, they're a part of our womanhood and yes, they're something we should be proud of. But! For all that is good in the world, keep the twins to yourself Saturday night. Flashing some slobbery, incoherent inebriated goon for a couple of strands of cheap beads will not make you feel better about yourself. Love and respect yourself for who you are, which is much more than just your t-tas.

—Christina L.

Love my docs

I love documentary films, but there is nothing I hate more than a poorly made documentary on a really interesting subject. When there is a subject that catches my eye, but the presentation of the subject sucks, there is nothing more disappointing. Specifically, I am sad about the Netflix movie I received recently. And now I have to take the time to send that piece of crap back for something new.

—Ryli

Spring?

Well, as much as I love this nice weather I am a little skeptical still. I am waiting for another freeze. But until then, I just might have to break out my Birkenstocks. And good thing, because I am running out of clean socks very quickly.

—Roger

Helvetica vision

I'm watching a documentary on the Helvetica font in one of my classes, and now I'm overwhelmed by how much I see it. Ikea, street signs and pretty much everything related to UI have taken on a whole new meaning — a much nerdier meaning.

—Alec

... you're cool, I'm out

After just over two and a half years spent in this office, I'm writing my last off the cuff, working my last production night. I've been a design monkey, a staff writer, an unpaid assistant editor, an editor in chief and two different kinds of underling editor.

There has been no better experience in my college career. Seriously, it's been great.

Thanks is due to everyone at the Arg and Blot, but I'm limited on space so I'll have to condense: Shawn O'Neal, you're one of the best advisers (in every sense of the word) I've ever had the pleasure to work with. Thank you.

—Carissa

Mardi Gras virgin

Year after year, I hear about people's crazy stories, debaucheries and drunken tomfooleries that take place during Moscow's Mardi Gras.

It seems like something everyone should try before leaving Moscow, so I might have to make the rounds on Saturday night. Although I may be losing my Moscow Mardi Gras virginity, no matter how many shiny beads twinkle before me: The top stays down.

—Christina N.

The finer points of college parties

Although college students are often accused of being apathetic, there are some issues about which we care strongly and are eager to learn.

Perhaps foremost among them is partying, and in order to facilitate a quality educational experience, today's discussion of the topic will be presented in an easy-to-follow question and answer format.

Not only does this method take up unnecessary space, but it also allows the reader to read individual questions out of context more easily.

Question: What is the primary purpose of partying, or of attending a party?

Answer: In addition to being a needed break from intensive studying, a good party supports struggling beer manufacturers, gives the police something to pass the time at night and prevents neighborhoods from becoming dull, peaceful and restful places.

Q: Is that all?
A: No, they also keep you from

being a loser.
Q: Is there a need for moderation when balancing partying with academics?

A: Seriously?

Q: No, just kidding.

Parties are most important, right?

A: Of course. Combined with alcohol they provide joy and fulfillment to all involved and their benefits are graciously spread to those nearby through the noise and the smell.

Q: Is it even possible to have fun if you are sober and quiet?

A: Not that we can tell. The lives of those people seem to be empty and devoid of meaning.

Q: Aren't there studies to show that students who go to parties regularly during college are also happier and wealthier later in life?

A: No.

Q: Oh well, it was a thought.

A: Whatever the case, the most important thing is to have a good party and to brag about it afterward, especially to others who

don't party, because they really care deeply about what you did over the weekend.

Q: Do you recommend less alcohol, so that you can better remember the event?

A: Of course not! Without having your better judgment removed by alcohol, most standard party activities would not be able to take place. Beer is key. And noise.

Q: What if you can't remember the party the next day?

A: That is one sign of a good party. Fun times should never be remembered, it only cheapens them to think about them, either before or after.

Q: So then how do you brag about them later?

A: The simplest and most effective method is to make things up. The other person wasn't there, and if they were, they probably don't remember it either. However, there are other ways of determining whether or not you were at a good party: for example, if your neighbors give you nasty looks the next day, if you can't find your car, if you do not know

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TEEJOCRACY

It's only a movie, until someone dies

Remember the opening of "Scream 2" with the movie screening and Jada Pinkett Smith getting sliced up during the show, but the crowd thinks it's only a gimmick?

Two Fullerton, Calif., men just lived that scenario. Thankfully, they lived through it, too.

The movie they were watching, a 2007 horror movie called "The Signal," is about a strange transmission that is broadcast through every cell phone, TV and radio and turns people into vicious killers.

Back up a second. Two men were randomly stabbed

while watching a movie about a signal that turns average people into psychopathic killers.

The local news report on this incident said that no connection between the film and the attack could be made.

I want to believe that. My horror fan heart yearns to remain innocent and naive about the correlations between on-screen and real life violence. It doesn't happen, I tell myself. No one died during "Scream" — except a little bit of Wes Craven's threadbare respectability — and kids don't run over people with cars after playing "Grand Theft Auto."

I can't remain so blind, but let's not rush into this.

I am not calling for a ban on horror movies or serial killer movies or violent, graphic video games. A good 65 percent of my entertainment would go right out the window and into the garbage heap, that many think such things belong in.

If this happened, I'd have to take the replica of "Christine" off my desk, as well as my Edgar Allan Poe bobblehead, Iron Maiden "Phantom of the Opera" figurine and Undertaker action figure.

At various times in this country, there have been incidents spurring people on to censor or ban horror-related entertainment. I remember

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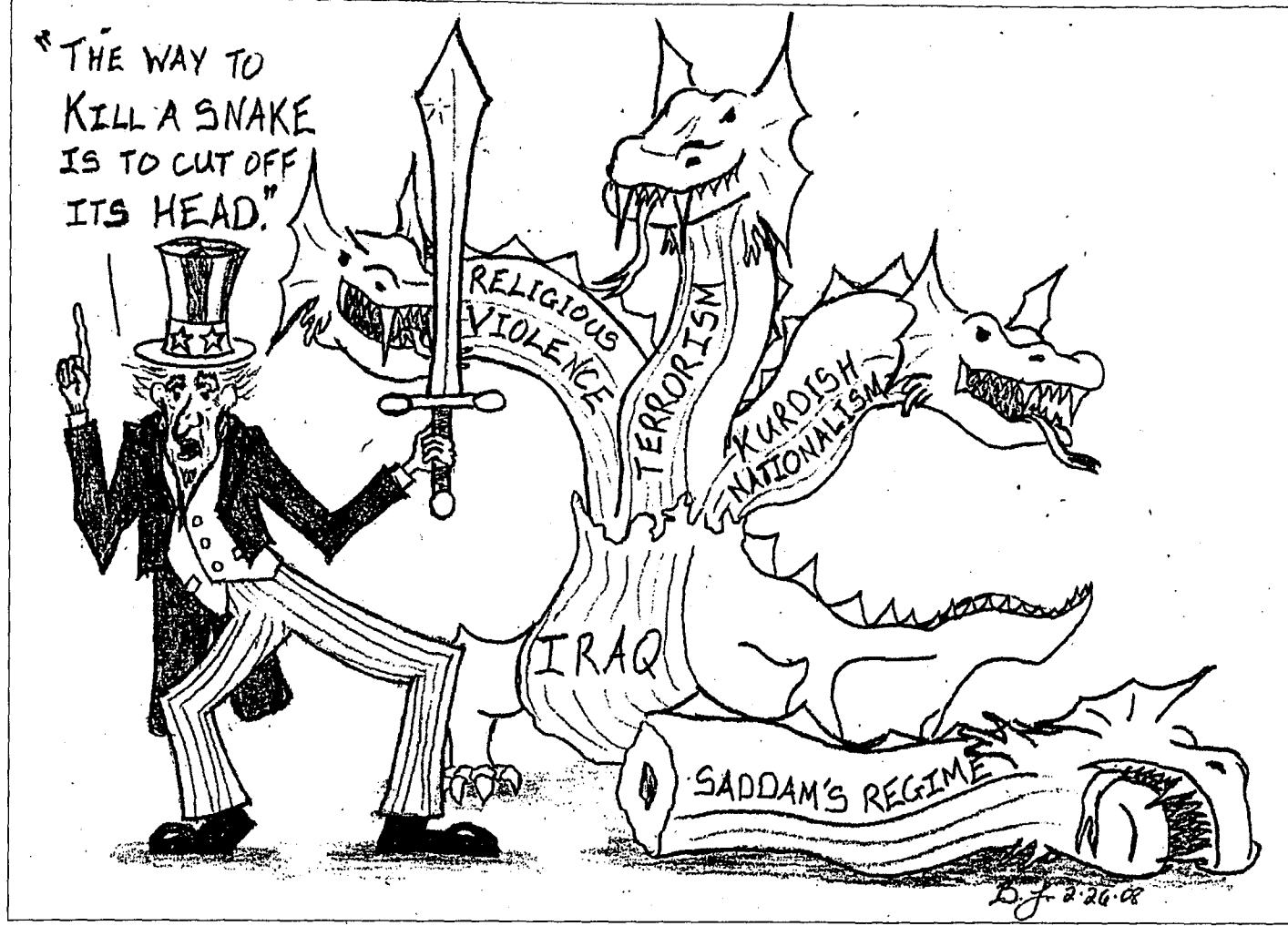
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It's time for the Collegian, CSU to part ways

Clay Lambert
Rocky Mountain Collegian
(Colorado State U.)

Hey kids, have you ever been to New York City? Well, I hadn't, not alone anyway. Not before the summer of 1985. That's when, as editor-in-chief of the newspaper you are holding, I finagled — I mean "earned" — a trip to the Big Apple for a big college journalism conference.

I planned for the trip the same way I might have prepared for an important midterm. Which is to say I didn't plan at all. I stuffed a few things in a cheap suitcase and next thing you knew, there I was.

I didn't realize anything was amiss until I checked into a Manhattan hotel. They actually expected me to pay. The hundred bucks in my pocket, money I planned to spend willy-nilly on sin, wouldn't even buy the first night's shelter.

In the panicky moments that followed, I called the Collegian office. And the secretary did what Collegian folks have always done when real trouble comes: call the university administration for help. The vice president of Student Affairs wired me some money and I was instantly safe and warm and free to write that the administration was all just a bunch of jackasses.

Twenty-three years later, profiteers have come calling and this arrangement turns out to be a problem.

The Collegian gives every appearance of being an independent newspaper. Talented journalists work late into the night to bring you news from CSU and around the globe. They really do phenomenal work. Trust me. Some of them will go on to work at the best news organizations in the country.

In point of fact, the education reporters and editors get from working at the Collegian is more important than that which they receive in lecture halls across campus.

The trouble is the Collegian staff accomplishes this almost daily high-wire act above a

safety net lovingly held in place by the Board of Governors of the CSU System.

The Collegian is actually an untidy sliver of the same state government it often lambastes. It's time to change that. It's time for the Collegian to go it alone.

Change isn't necessary simply because Gannett would like to make the Collegian its 86th newspaper. It isn't needed just because the editorial board printed the "F" word in close proximity to the name of the president of the republic. Lord knows that's happened before. (Looking back at some old issues last night I see I called Ronald Reagan both a "tyrant" and a "terrorist.")

No, it's time to change Collegian ownership because it's an obvious conflict of interest when a state-owned newspaper is reporting on a state university.

It's time to change ownership because Collegian reporters and editors would benefit from learning they are free to write what they want, but they may well pay for having done so.

You can't very well ask the university to bail you out of every financial crisis — and my trip to New York was only one of the least urgent — and then rail when the same university courts more profitable, less sourly bedfellows.

I don't claim to know the path out. But I'm told the newspaper can achieve nonprofit status through some lawyerly hieroglyphics and continue as an incubator for journalists and fount of wisdom for students.

Such an arrangement may have implications for the newspaper's professional staff. Perhaps the paper would have to move off campus.

And there would be no one to call when a flood leaves the newsroom in ruins or, as happened for a time in the 1990s, student fees were needed to keep the thing afloat.

In other words, the Collegian's fortunes would rise and fall on the basis of the talent and hard work of its staff. Just like a real, independent newspaper.

Cult of hope? Pass the Kool-Aid!

Nate Whitney
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

Welcome, dear reader, to all-Osama all-the-time.

TV, blogs, newspapers, magazines. He's everywhere. About as unavoidable as the annual post-Oscar blitz of meaningless drivel, Miley Cyrus' choice of Hello Kitty barrette, or Regis Philbin's impeccably tied tie. This very Opinions page has hosted a parade of columns lately defending Barack from the daily assaults by the Clinton camp, and rightly so. He's a plagiarist, they cry; he's new to Washington, and we're pretty confident he likes to kick small fuzzy animals about the genitals.

Much booing and hissing, wave the banner for change, and await the coronation from Sir Texas and Lady Ohio on March 4.

Speaking to a crowd in Ohio a few days ago, Hillary Rodham Clinton had some fun with Obama's messianic prophecies. "The sky will open. The lights will come down. Celestial choirs will be singing, and everyone will know we should do the right thing, and the world will be perfect." The sarcastic delivery employed was even laughed at by Barack himself in Tuesday's debate. "Sounds good to me," he confessed. Hillary cackled, the crowd laughed, Israelis and Palestinians high-fived and went for shakes at Whitey's.

The Arizona Republic and the UK's Independent have, in the last several days, contained letters to the editor and columns discussing the sometimes cultish aspect of Obama's following. Just

Wednesday, the Harvard Crimson featured an editorial warning about the "Ron Paulization of Obama" (note to self; mentioning Ron Paul in a column is a sure-fire way to get at least one angry comment on the Daily Iowan website). He's gathered a strong following of fervent supporters, and suddenly people are crying for the authorities to ready the riot hoses and tear gas. There's no reasoning with these zombies of change; they're taking over the political landscape.

This is bad. Really bad. People are organizing, taking interest when they previously hadn't. Wednesday, Obama's campaign reached the 1 million donor mark. One million! No wonder the economy is tanking. It's not the media's fault, it's Obama's. All part of his devious plan, I'm sure.

And this is what we've arrived at. A candidate is being likened to David Koresh because he transforms the politically vapid. After recruiting hosts of pro athletes and movie stars to turn up turnout and releasing the hounds at MTV to rock the vote, a politician steps in and does what Samuel L. Jackson and Madonna could not. These damned people are just fired up, and they won't go away with their audacity to hope. The gall. What a crock.

But it's puzzling, for a gamut of people. Everyone from Clinton supporters to Michelle Malkin fans ask, "What do they see that I don't?" The substantive plans that were lacking early in his campaign are now sturdy planks of policy platform, and what was once a bobbing sea of Democratic contenders has turned into a two-duck bathtub. Still,

these aren't the bigger points that draw.

I consider myself so fortunate to have grown up a Bulls fan in the '90s. How luxurious, to be able to turn on the TV nearly any winter night and watch the greatest player to ever step on the hardwood live, as it happened. Michael Jordans don't come around often, if ever. I can only imagine how it would have felt to see Muhammad Ali fight Joe Frazier. The exhilaration of watching Ali trade verbal jabs with Howard Cosell. Even more than Jordan, that's truly something you tell your grandkids about.

I go to the sports cliché naturally. But the same point could be made with Johnny Cash, Cary Grant, Ella Fitzgerald. Greatness is appealing. It pulls us in by transposing our mundanity with rare perfection. We see this in actors and athletes, models, and moguls, but in a politician?

I'm not saying Obama is perfect. No one with the stomach for running for the highest office can be all there. I'm saying that it's that chance, the potential that he might be the next "great one," that's filling his arenas as much as his war chest. Bill Clinton calls him a gamble, but it looks like Obama is a bet folks don't mind making, because the payoff looks big. Greatness this time doesn't result in a new home-run record, but possibly health-care reform, or lower energy costs. The greatness of an individual becomes that of a nation.

With all this world's faults, all our growing problems and misery, we're really going to get down on people for being political optimists? Really?

MOVIE

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reading about a kid in 1940s New York who dressed like Dracula and went around biting people.

Horror comics were banned in the '50s because they supposedly corrupted youth.

Then all those youngsters who couldn't read "Tales From the Crypt" anymore were sent to Vietnam to face real horror.

Here's the thing, for every nutjob that wants to be Dracula or makes his own Freddy Krueger gloves from kitchen knives, there are a thousand people who use horror movies, books, TV shows and violent video games to cope.

You know, life doesn't seem so bad when you see people being chased by giant monsters or masked asylum escapees.

Somewhere out there, someone always has it worse than you do.

As for the two guys in Fullerton who came right up and close with horror, I hope they got a refund.

The price of movie tickets and popcorn these days — that's a real killer.

PARTY

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where you are in the morning, if you are missing some of your clothes, if someone threw up in your bathroom, if there are embarrassing photos or videos of you online, if you are in bed with someone you don't know, or if you were incarcerated. These are all key indicators of a quality party.

Q: Why is this column in 'Opinion,' rather than being presented as a special instructional report?

A: Good question. Although we have repeatedly petitioned the editors to move this column from the 'Opinion' section and into the 'Fact' section, they have been unyielding.

We would encourage all like-minded readers to write to the editors and express their support for this necessary change.

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Beads for charity



There is more to Moscow Mardi Gras than meets the eye, with local businesses donating ticket proceeds to charities

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Beads, booze and flashing are all things commonly affiliated with any Mardi Gras celebration.

While Moscow Mardi Gras has become famous for being a night full of alcohol-fueled craziness, it is actually an event that helps the community.

Since its creation in the late 1970s, the annual event has undergone many changes. Cope Gale, who started the annual event, said that it all began as a sales promotion for his store, Ward Paint and Hardware.

"There were a couple other stores that participated, and after that it just grew," Gale said.

In the past, Moscow Mardi Gras has been an all-day event, filled with a

parade and other events, some years even holding a ball.

Now more than 20 years later, Moscow Mardi Gras is an event that takes place solely in the evening, and the money raised is donated to different youth organizations in the area.

Last year the money raised from the event amounted to more than \$10,000.

"I like that we're able to raise this money and give it to the kids. Everyone sees it as this crazy, college-driven, wild, night, but it's more than that. I get to sit down with the grant committee and write the checks that go out to these groups, and they really appreciate it," said Roger Crozier, president of the Moscow Mardi Gras committee.

The change from an all-day event to an evening-only event happened in the last three or four years, Gale said, and the committee eventually decided to focus on what was bringing in the most people.

"It cost a lot of money, and it took a lot of time to plan for an all day event," he said. "The streets had to be closed for things like the parade, and there's been a bigger turnout in the evening when the bands play the bars."

Kathy Sprague, former Moscow Mardi Gras Committee president, said that Moscow Mardi Gras used to be one of the biggest Mardi Gras celebrations in the country.

"For a while it was the second biggest Mardi Gras celebration in the United States," Sprague said.

Sprague said that the donations from Moscow Mardi Gras have made a difference in the community, and over the years donations from the event have been given to local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the library and Festival Dance, among many other organizations and groups.

As for celebrating Mardi Gras several weeks after the real festival in Louisiana, it is something that has just happened over the years.

Gale said that the move to March was made once more of the festivities started being held at night.

"It's not exactly warm enough to be standing out in the streets in the beginning of February," Gale said. "That's not very fun. In the beginning of March it's at least a little warmer."

Sandy Murphy, who has been on the Moscow Mardi Gras committee for the past 20 years said what she likes most about the night is that it's one of the biggest events of the year for students in Moscow.

"Students are gone for big events like New Years and the Fourth of July," Murphy said. "It's one of the biggest nights in town and everyone gets to have a lot of fun."

The entertainment begins at 9 p.m. on Saturday when five different bands take the stage at five bars in downtown Moscow.

The Moscow Moose Lodge will host the Clumsy Lovers in their ballroom, John's Alley will host Papa Mali, the Eagles Lodge will host Dennis Weaver and Friends, the Garden Lounge will host Soul Jibe, and Mingles will host the Fabulous Kingpins.

Dale Keeney, who plays the drums for The Fabulous Kingpins, said that

Flash some BEADS

Moscow's Mardi Gras will begin at 9 p.m. on Saturday.

The Moscow Moose Lodge will host the Clumsy Lovers in their ballroom, John's Alley will host Papa Mali, the Eagles Lodge will host Dennis Weaver and Friends, the Garden Lounge will host Soul Jibe, and Mingles will host Fabulous Kingpins.

Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at BookPeople of Moscow or Safari Pearl.

One \$10 dollar ticket is good for all five bars.

In addition, CJ's nightclub will host Mardi Gras Madness, which will benefit the Humane Society of the Palouse.

It costs \$10 to get in and the doors open at 6 p.m.

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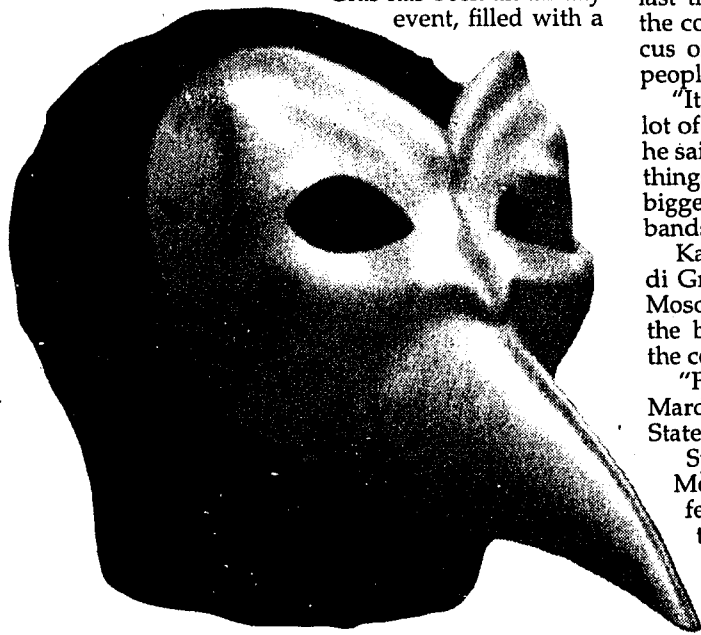


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Happy birthday, Dr. Seuss

Remembering work of a legendary author and artist

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Horton, the Grinch, all the Whos and Thing 1 and 2 are on the loose to tell the world the happy news: Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss.

Sunday will mark the 104th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss.

Today, public schools throughout the country, including many in the Palouse will host Dr. Seuss Day reading and activity events.

But lifelong Seuss fans of any age can reflect on growing up with his books in hand.

"I definitely remember having his books read to me as a kid," University of Idaho director of writing Gordon Thomas said.

Yesterday evening, Washington State University held their Seuss celebration, "Fam-

ily Night Out."

The event took place at WSU's Cleveland Hall, where children ages 3-10 were invited to eat birthday cake, read Seuss' books, make Cat in the Hat hats and play a Seuss-themed game.

The evening was led by a list of readers, including Craig Nelson, principal of Jefferson Elementary, Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson, two local firefighters, guest cheerleaders and Barker, the mascot of the Pullman High School Greyhounds.

There were also appearances made by Cat in the Hat and Butch T. Cougar.

"We wanted to be involved in our own way and not join in with other schools," said event co-adviser, Staci Bickelhaupt. "This way, pre-schools and other non-public schools could be a part of it all."

Event chairperson Erika Navarro said that last year's Dr. Seuss Day attracted around 20 children and that they expect more each year.

"I remember reading Dr. Seuss in my school activities, but mostly I remember reading with my parents," Navarro said.

"That's the main thing."

UI grad student and creative writing instructor, Claire O'Connor said that an event similar to WSU's would likely be well received at UI.

"I think the English grad students could have a ball with something like that," O'Connor said, "maybe a write-alike contests for undergrads or something. It could be a fun exercise."

As a political cartoonist, filmmaker, author and illustrator, Seuss was a busy man, especially throughout the 1950s and 1960s. His most notable works were his line of 44 children's books, the first of which he published in 1937.

O'Connor said that her first encounters with Seuss were with "The Cat in the Hat" in grade school.

"I think I was actually more perturbed by it than anything because a lot of it didn't make sense," O'Connor said. "I didn't understand why the bad kids seemed to get away with everything and they were so nasty."

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SING IT OUT



These musicians were part of many performers of the "Shades of Black" event in the SUB Ballroom on Thursday night.

Tyler Macy/Argonaut

ArtsBRIEFS

ASUI prepares for concerts

Vote for a guest artist for Finals Fest between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today outside the commons, by the Common Grounds coffee shop.

The choices for Finals Fest are: Hellogoodbye, The Donnas, Sara Bareilles, The Mars Volta and Coheed and Cambria.

There will be a concert by acoustic jazz/folk rock singer Debra Fotheringham

Tuesday March 4 at 8 p.m. on the first floor of the SUB, by the coffee shop.

The event is free and there will be free cookies and drinks.

Mardi Gras is for animals too

Mardi Gras Madness at CJ's will sponsor a benefit event at 6 p.m. on Saturday for The Humane Society of the Palouse.

There will be free pool all night long.

The Humane Society of the Palouse is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to ensure the humane treatment, welfare and safety of all animals in Latah County.

With every \$10 ticket purchased, a dog can eat for about a month.

Visit www.humanesocietyofthepalouse.org for more information.

'Seussical the Musical' at RTOP

Regional Theatre of the Palouse will feature "Seussical the Musical" April 10 to 12 and 17 to 19 at the new RTOP Theatre at 122 N. Grand Ave. in Pullman.

The show will incorporate bits and pieces of 14 Seuss classics including, "Horton Hears a Who," "Horton Hatches the Egg," "Gertrude McFuzz" and "The Cat in the Hat."

More information on the cast and show is available on the RTOP Web site at www.RTOPtheatre.org.

For more information call John Rich at (509) 334-7033.

IRT to hold local auditions

The Idaho Repertory Theatre will be holding auditions for local and regional community members on Tuesday, March 4 at the UI Hartung Theatre.

Auditions are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The IRT 2008 season runs from June 26 to August 2 with rehearsals begin at the end of May.

Both male and female actors ages 18 and over are encouraged to audition and must sign up for an audition time with Judy McPherson at the UI Theatre and Film main office in person at Shoup Hall, Room 201, by phone at 885-6465, or by e-mail at judymp@uidaho.edu.

The five-minute audition will include work with a verse monologue and one contemporary-contrasting monologue.

Those auditioning for one of the musicals must also be prepared with 16 bars of music to sing.

A CD player will be provided, but actors must bring own music.

There is also one youth part available for an actor 12 years old or older, but looks younger.

Youth actors must have some previous stage experience, and do not need to prepare a verse monologue.

For more information about the auditions, contact John O'Hagan at johagan@uidaho.edu

Exhibit at Above the Rim Gallery

The Above the Rim Gallery is currently sharing the work of three artists.

The exhibit will feature watercolors by Chris Berdoll, mixed media collages by Jana Brubaker and pastels on sheetrock by Jim Gale.

The Above the Rim Gallery is located upstairs in Paradise Creek Bicycles, at 513 South Main Street, Moscow.

For more information, contact Gerri Saylor at birdhouse@moscow.com.

Taste wine at Camas Prairie

Camas Prairie Winery will have a no-host wine tasting from 5 to 7 p.m. today.

For more information, contact the University of Idaho Alumni Office at 885-7957.

SUESS
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She said potentially useful metaphors and lessons can be drawn from Seuss' writing in professional or college lectures.

"I wish we saw more of that," O'Connor said. "I think his work is underutilized by adults."

"The whole point was to make reading fun," Thomas said. "It's the rhyming that makes it fun for kids. It helps them understand the language through rhythm and the rhythms are the reason we can remember the stories."

Thomas said the books have remained timelessly applicable since they began appearing a half-century ago.

"I think it's because of their original audience," Thomas said. "They were written for kids in the baby boomer era, like myself. We read the books to our little brothers and sisters, and then to our kids who read them to our grandkids."

"He's just so absurd, but in a way that seems really approachable," O'Connor said. "No matter how crazy his characters are they are sort of soft and fuzzy and you aren't turned off by them."

Assistant professor of creative writing Daniel Orozco also reflected positively on growing up with Seuss' writing.

"It's always been great stuff for kids' literature. It's inventive, funny, and it always makes a point, as it has to," Orozco said. "When I pick up one of his books in a book store, I'll read it straight through, which I won't do with any other children's books."

Orozco said he has been compelled with by Seuss since he first saw the animated version of "How The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" on television as a child.

"I still engage with it as a story," Orozco said. "It's funny, humane and I like it, I've enjoyed watching it every year."

Cruising through culture

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

A big budget and a week off are not always necessary to be immersed in culture.

At the University of Idaho's annual "Cruise the World" event on Saturday, anyone can take a day's vacation without leaving Moscow.

"A lot of people would like to travel but don't have the time or the means," said Glen Kauffman, International Friendship Association coordinator.

The International Friendship Association is hosting the event and is funded by ASUI and International Programs.

Kauffman said this event showcases many parts of facets of different cultures — food, music, dancing and even clothing.

"During this event, the International Ballroom looks, sounds and smells wonderful," Kauffman said.

Cultural booths, staffed by student ambassadors, will offer several different kinds of food for sale.

Lidwine Clerc, senior International Studies major, was involved in the French booth last year and will be running it again this year.

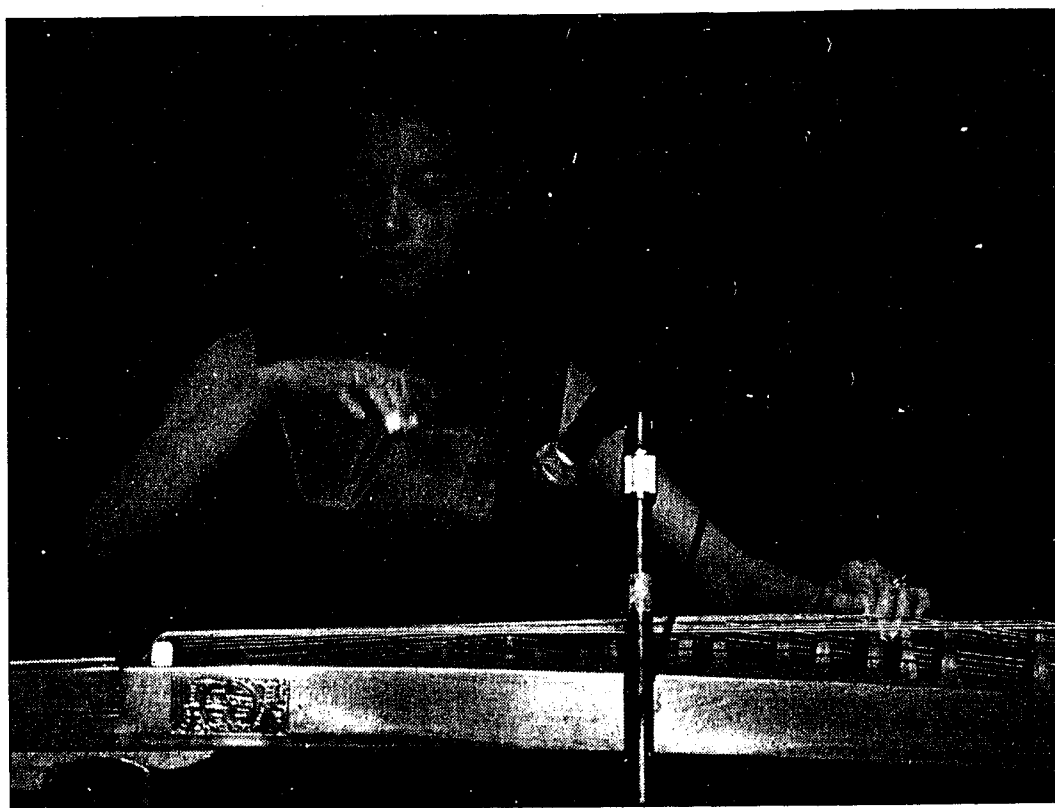
"People ask about what we eat because France is the food country," Clerc said.

Clerc said food in France has less sugar and fat than in the United States, but that doesn't mean the crepes the French booth will be selling won't be delicious.

Also at the booth will be a wine and cheese map of France.

While people are pry out new tastes on their palate, there will be entertainment on the stage every half hour.

The UI Marimba Ensemble will be part of the entertainment and carry a definite African sound.



A performer shares music from another culture at last year's "Cruise The World" event. File photo

New this year is a Guatemalan guitarist who will be playing traditional folk songs from Central America and Ecuadorian dancers who will also be entertaining the crowd.

Kauffman said people can "try on culture" — literally.

Ticket buyers will have the chance to learn how to correctly put on a kimono (yukata) or a sari.

Passports are given to ticket buyers as they enter, with the countries presenting at the event inside, making it easy to find countries they want to "visit" and experience their culture.

Clerc said many people ask her about life in France and how it is different.

Part of the fun of the event, Kauffman said, is that people can learn about other cultures

by talking to people like Clerc. "There are so many foreigners at this school," Clerc said. "We (French) are so different. It's important for people to understand Europe exists."

Clerc said that many might feel motivated to go abroad after experiencing the culture the event offers.

In her own experience of coming to a new country, Clerc said, "It opened my brain, to be exposed to culture."

Kauffman said the event carries benefits for the campus and the community.

"One of our goals is to globalize student views," Kauffman said. "Cruise the World helps students share their culture with the campus and community and demon-

Cruise the WORLD

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday in the SUB Ballroom.

Tickets for students and children ages 4 to 18 are \$4, general admission is \$6 and families with up to three children may attend for \$15.

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they've been playing at Moscow Mardi Gras on and off for the past 20 years. "It's a good fundraiser for groups in Moscow," Keeney said. Bill Cole, the Assistant Manager at the Garden Lounge said that Moscow Mardi Gras is one of his favorite nights of the year. "It's a great charity event and we're proud to be one of the five bars in town that are a part of it," Cole said. "We all come out to work it and it's one of our favorite nights of the year." One \$10 dollar ticket gets anyone into all five bars. "You pay 10 dollars, you get in everywhere," Crozier said. "There are four or five bars in Seattle that do the same style thing." While other places downtown like CJ's and the Beach are holding their own festivities Saturday night, they are not affiliated with the official Moscow Mardi Gras charities. CJ's nightclub will be holding Mardi Gras Madness Saturday night, which benefits the Humane Society of the Palouse and is co-sponsored by Z-Fun 106.

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'Burnout Paradise' is heaven on wheels

Nathaniel Schoenfelder Argonaut There's something about the shattered glass and twisted steel that makes gamers cringe as they watch their car helplessly tumble down the busy streets of Paradise City. "Burnout Paradise" for Playstation 3 and Xbox 360, Criterion Games' latest entry in the "Burnout" franchise, brings signature white-knuckle racing and arcade feel to the open road. The biggest draw to "Paradise" is the new open-world mechanic. Instead of participating in canned races and challenges selected from a menu, players are dropped into Paradise City, a city by the bay with fast cars, busy streets and plenty to do. Almost every intersection in Paradise City has an event, which can range from simple point-to-point races to scored stunt runs, many "Burnout" favorites mixed in between.

To start a race, just pull up to a spotlight, hold the brake and step on the gas. The open-world racing game idea isn't new, but "Paradise" does its best. The only complaint about the setup is the lack of a retry option when players mess things up. If players want to redo an event, they have to turn themselves around, go back to that intersection and try it again. Early on, it's not that frustrating, since other races will be waiting near the finish line. Later, however, when players have already done many of the races, backtracking adds a little too much insult to injury. Speaking of injury, Criterion has outdone itself in the crash department. Beyond simple broken windows and crumpled fenders, cars twist and



"Burnout Paradise" ★★★★★ (of 5) Xbox 360/PS3 Available now

mangle themselves into gnarled piles of metal and glass. Crash just the right way, and players can send wheels or even the whole engine block sailing. Visceral crashes are just icing on an already gorgeous game. Burnout games are known for being pretty, but Paradise goes beyond expectation. The sun-washed streets of Paradise City are beautifully crafted with nary a framerate dip in sight. Like any good racing game these days, online play is a must. The game's Freeburn mode lets players drive with others across the streets of Paradise City, turning it into a giant vehicular playground. At any time, simply press right on the

D-pad, select Freeburn and players are set. Players can organize races or specific challenges to compete in, or can just go about doing their own thing in the same "make your own fun" vein as "Crackdown"'s co-op or the Forge in "Halo 3." 360 Core owners need to be wary, as the game's online mode requires a hard drive. Also, with no split screen for both PS3 and 360, if you don't plan to play online, expect to drive solo. With its arcade feel and instantly gratifying drive anywhere mentality, "Paradise" is great for squeezing in a race or two between classes, and with hundreds of shortcuts to find and cars to unlock, it will always have plenty for one to do. For anyone looking for something new to dive into, or just want something to pick up and play, take "Burnout Paradise" out for a spin.

Secondhand fashion appeals to high-end shoppers

Samantha Critchell Associated Press WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — Go ahead, visit a secondhand store: It's good for your wallet. It's good for the environment. It might even be good for your cluttered closet. On a recent shopping spree, \$88 scored three outfits, including an of-the-moment safari-inspired Max Studio wrap dress with the tags still on it, and a pair of Calvin Klein shoes with soles that have never touched the ground. It also spawned good intentions to bring to Goodwill several unworn items that hang in the closet two sizes too small. The mission: to find clothes that represented current fashion trends, even if the clothes themselves weren't new. Since what goes around comes around in the world of fashion, you can always find old styles that look fresh even if "vintage" isn't your look. The savings could be significant, if relative. A Gap safari-style jacket in khaki twill was \$9.99 from Goodwill, a two-piece Carolina Herrera evening outfit that would nor-

mally have a four-figure price tag was \$275 at Designer Label Consignment. Joleen Higgin, a teacher from Redwood City, Calif., recently scored a full-length cashmere coat for \$10 and new Salvatore Ferragamo boots for \$50. For her, it's not just a bargain, it's a pleasant shopping experience. Sifting through rack after rack of used clothing may not sound like a good time. But many secondhand stores are laid out like a typical retail store — and the merchandise can be similar, particularly if you scour wealthy areas. "I often go as a way to wind down from work," Higgin says. "It's kind of like 'Cheers' ... They all know me, it's a friendly environment." Laurie Perren, owner of the four Roundabout Designer Closeouts & Consignments stores in Fairfield County and neighboring Westchester County, N.Y., says that some of her top consignors do their shopping in Europe and want to be the first to wear something. That means the following year, when they clean their

closet and bring the item to her, the garment actually is in line with the trends. "High-end designers come out with things the general public isn't ready for until a year later," Perren says. "They will seem really on target the next season because everyone has accepted the trend and is ready to buy it." On the flip side, only the most fashion-conscious people would notice the difference between this year's pinstripe Dolce & Gabbana pantsuit from last year's "except it's \$450 here instead of \$2,500." Perren also receives from boutiques brand-new merchandise that didn't sell the first time around. She encourages her customers to visit traditional luxury retailers, such as Barneys New York or Bergdorf Goodman in Manhattan, and then come to Roundabout to appreciate the savings. At the Children's Cottage in Ridgefield, a consignment store specializing in kids' items, owner Maura Sullivan says she sees a ton of unworn clothes because either the kids didn't fit into the items or the seasons never aligned with a

growth spurt. She also gets a lot of dressy clothes that children need for that one big event and never again. "I have such a big collection of navy blue blazers," she says with a laugh. But she also sells a lot of blazers, along with communion and flower girl dresses, because parents don't want to spend big bucks on something kids will wear once. And she's seen a boost in both consignors and shoppers since the start of the green movement. "It's recycling. ... I hear so often, 'I just couldn't get rid of it, it's almost new or never worn,'" Sullivan says. "And with the cost of living these days, why not save a little money?" Even better, you can buy from thrift stores that benefit others — many, like Goodwill, are affiliated with charities. Whitney Haslam, herself a consignment and eBay shopper, wants to recreate that feel-good vibe online at GetGown.com, which launches later this spring. Her Web site will allow people to buy, sell or trade secondhand clothes and accessories. "I have a tendency to love to wear a dress four or five times, but then I want to move on to a new dress that I love," says Haslam, of Knoxville, Tenn. "You'd be more likely to buy a dress if you knew you could sell the dress." GetGown.com also will have a wish-list feature, so users can post — in detail — what they're looking to buy. If you're on the market for a Louis Vuitton purse, there's probably someone else out there looking to get some cash for hers. Sullivan says it's not uncommon for customers to either call before coming to see what's available or to ask her to keep her eye out for something specific — say, a pink raincoat, size six. But Barbara Lindsay of Palo Alto, Calif., says she has more success by just browsing. "I mostly buy clothing, but I always look at accessories, furnishings, dishes, knickknacks, all of it," she says. "I go sporadically with my daughter because we love bargains."

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Vandals by the numbers

486 Number of games the men's basketball team has held opponents to under 100 points, which is the longest streak in the WAC.

4 Number of women's basketball players who celebrate Senior Night on Saturday.

22 Number of points Lindsey Koppen scored against San Jose State last year on Senior Night. It was a career high for the Vandal senior.

4 Number of returning individual champions for Idaho at the Indoor Track and Field Championships, one for the women and three for the men.

Did you know...

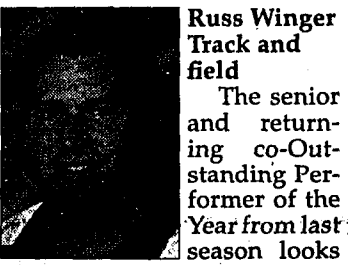
• The men's basketball team has made only 53 of their last 100 free throws.

• The last time the men's basketball team won against the Rainbow Warriors in Honolulu was Dec. 12, 1987.

• The women's basketball team has never won a game against Hawai'i. The series dates back seven games to 1982.

• The last time the women's track and field team won an Indoor Track and Field Championship came in 1983 in the Mountain West Athletic Conference.

Vandals to Watch



Russ Winger
Track and field

The senior and returning co-Outstanding Performer of the Year from last season looks to defend his

WAC shot put title this weekend in Nampa. Winger is second in the nation in the shot put and leads the WAC by over 10 feet.



Heather Bergland
Track and field

Bergland, a sophomore, looks to defend her 60-meter hurdle title this

weekend at the WAC Indoor Track and Field Championships in Nampa. Bergland is ranked first in the WAC going into the meet, leading teammate Christie Gordon by one tenth of a second.



Katie Madison
Women's basketball

Madison, the leading scorer for the women's basketball team, missed the Vandals'

first meeting with San Jose State with a knee injury. The Vandals lost 53-46. Madison and the women's basketball team hope to gain their third win of the season Saturday on Senior Night.

Vandals in Action

Today
Men's tennis travels to Spokane for a match against Gonzaga University.

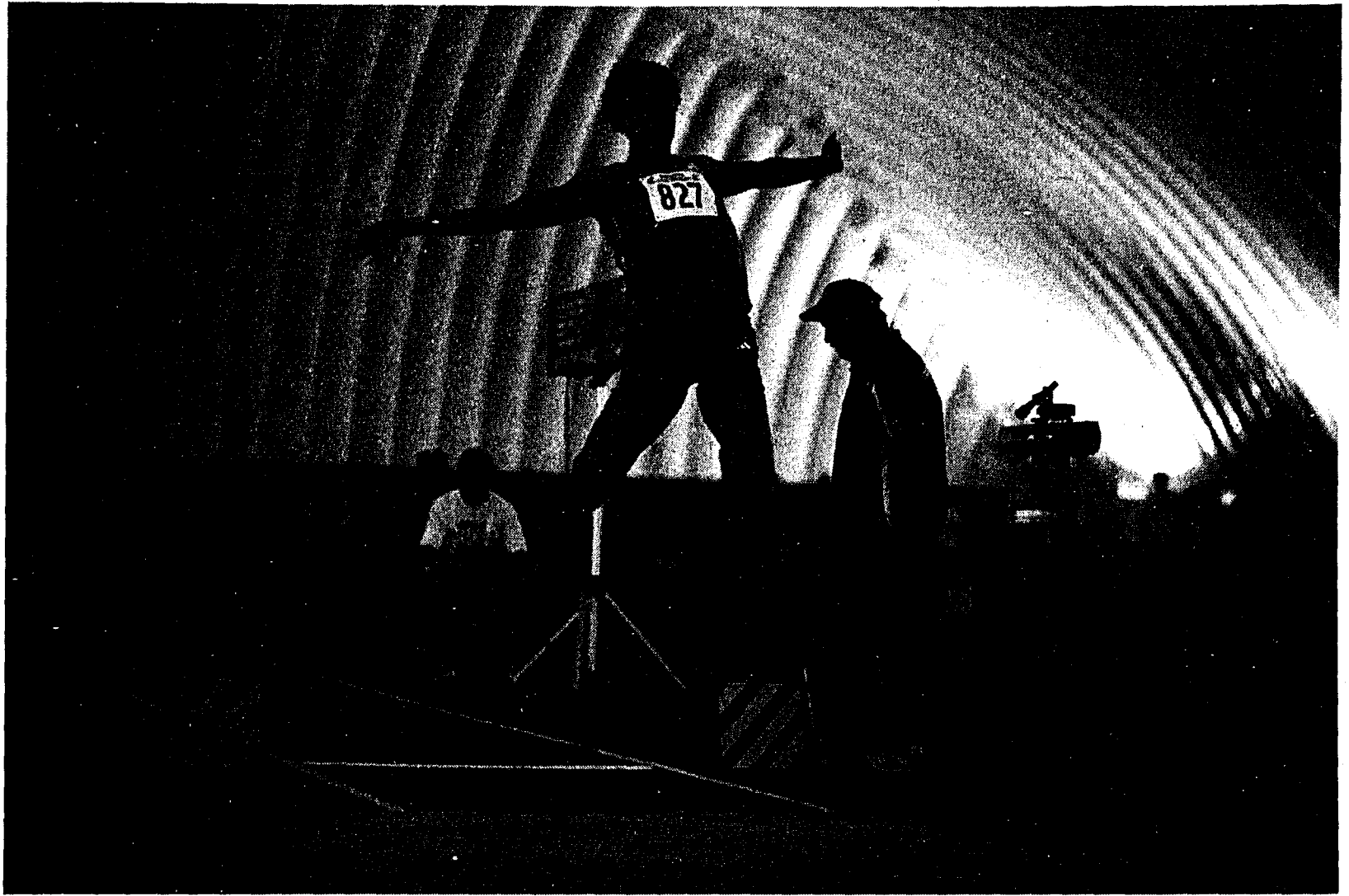
Track and field continues competition in the WAC Indoor Championships in Nampa.

Saturday
Women's basketball is in action against San Jose State University for Senior Night at 7 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum. Men's basketball plays San Jose State at 7 p.m. in San Jose, Calif.

Sunday
Women's tennis is at home in action against Idaho State at 10 a.m.

Monday
The women's golf team will head to San Jose, Calif. for the San Jose State Invitational Monday and Tuesday. It will be the first time the team will be in action during the spring season.

Headin' to the championships



File photo

Angela Whyte, competing unattached, attempts the long jump during the indoor track meet at Washington State last weekend.

Idaho track and field looks to capitalize on regular season successes

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team will load themselves on chartered buses and make the trip to Nampa, where athletes will try to bring home new banners to hang in the Kibbie Dome.

Vandals men's and women's athletes will face off against other Western Athletic Conference schools at the WAC Indoor Championships, which started Thursday and will run through Saturday.

If successful, the victory would be the first men's title since 1997, when UI competed against an assortment of PAC-10 and Big West schools in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The last championship title for the women's team came in 1983 as a part of the Mountain West Athletic Conference.

After an already successful regular season where Vandal athletes showcased a total of six WAC Track and Field Athlete of the Week awards, a slew of provisional and automatic qualifying marks and several broken school re-

ords, expectations are high for this week's meet.

"Our goal is always to win championships," said Idaho coach Wayne Phipps. "Expectations were high coming into the season and that hasn't changed."

Last year's meet produced an exciting finish with scores separating the first and second place team by two points in the men's competition and three and a half points in the women's.

"When we were in the Big West or the Big Sky, we knew we could go in and be a little bit off and still finish ahead of four or five other schools," Phipps said. "But here, you have a couple off events and you could drop in a hurry from first to last."

If the team doesn't bring home the championship though, it will not affect how successful the season was, he said.

"Without a team title, there is still a lot of success on the team," Phipps said. "With track and field, there is individual as well as team success and not winning the title

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandals can't keep up

Idaho remains winless against Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine team

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

The University of Idaho women's basketball team has never beaten the Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine, and that trend didn't change on Thursday night as the Vandals lost 67-54 in the Cowan Spectrum.

Last time the two teams were matched up, Hawai'i came out with a similar win - 68-53.

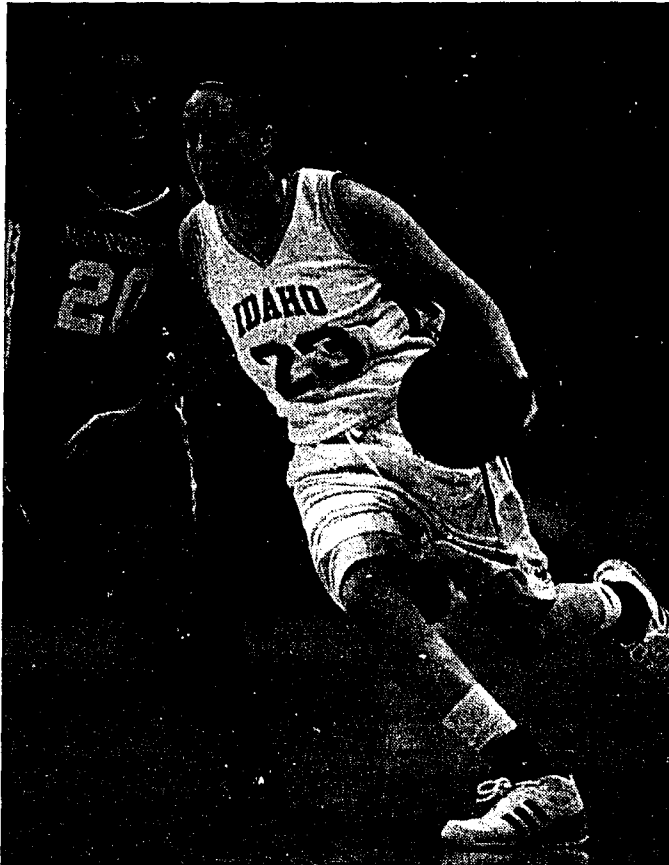
With the loss, the Vandals slipped to 2-24 on the season and 1-13 in Western Athletic Conference play. Hawai'i shot its way to 11-15 on the season and 5-8 in the WAC.

The Vandals got off to a slow start and continued that pace throughout the first half. With eight minutes remaining in the half, the Vandals had a shooting percentage of .176 compared to the Rainbow Wahine's percentage of .462.

A series of offensive rebounds and a shot made by sophomore Katie Madison late in the second half led the Vandals into the second half tied at 21.

The Vandals started off the second half with a running start, but couldn't maintain that pace. The women ended the second half shooting 33 percent overall, but the Rainbow Wahine stayed on top and won the game, shooting 44 percent overall.

Madison led the Vandals with 20 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Yinka



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Sara Dennehy slips past Rainbow Wahine defender Sandra Cariaga in the Cowan Spectrum Thursday night.

Olorunnife followed Madison with 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Olorunnife was one rebound away from capturing her second double-double of the season.

Hawai'i's leading scorer was Megan Tinnin, who shot her way to a career-high 25 points and five rebounds. Sandra Cariaga was second leading-scorer with 13 points.

The Vandals will bid farewell to four seniors in their last home game this season

see the GAME

The Vandals will honor four seniors at their last home game at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

on Saturday. The women will face San Jose State at 7 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Women's lacrosse resurfaces at Idaho

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

A group of University of Idaho women took the first steps to restarting the women's lacrosse club this spring.

For the past two years, the club has been dormant, but Jenna Davis, an organizer for the team, has been in touch with the university Sports Club Federation Council and is in the process of recruiting a team this spring.

Davis, a freshman from Boise, got involved with lacrosse in high school. A former coach, and a former member of the UI team, encouraged her to get the program going again at Idaho.

"There used to be a team but it sort of evaporated," Davis said.

Davis began recruiting this spring and said between 12 and 15 girls have shown interest.

"Some have high school experience but there are even girls from New Zealand that are interested and have never played," she said.

In order for the club to be formed, Davis contacted Gordon Gresch at the Student Recreation Center.

Gresch is the sports club director for the university. Students come to him with interest in forming sports clubs and he and the SCFC help get them started.

Gresch said the process for forming a sports club is simple. Students fill out paperwork, begin soliciting to the living groups and then call meetings. If enough people sign the roster to field a team, the SCFC votes the club in.

Gresch said there is roughly 28 to 30 sports clubs with about one or two inquiries a

year to bring out a dormant club. Nontraditional clubs such as the longboard, disc golf and ultimate Frisbee clubs are continually forming.

"Clubs come and go in cycles because of student leaders," Gresch said. "Freshmen don't typically start clubs."

Davis and her prospective teammates took the initiative this semester and scheduled their first meeting Thursday. They've been in contact with the women's teams from Gonzaga, Washington State and Boise State for future games.

Equipment from the last women's team is still at the university and Davis and the other experienced teammates will be their own coaches for the spring season.

If the SCFC accepts their petition to form, they will schedule practice times, field space and compete.

The university and the SCFC have a financial obligation to sports clubs' needs.

Gresch said the clubs are separately funded with a percentage of student fees. The SCFC votes how much each club receives based on their income and expenses for travel, practice facilities and equipment.

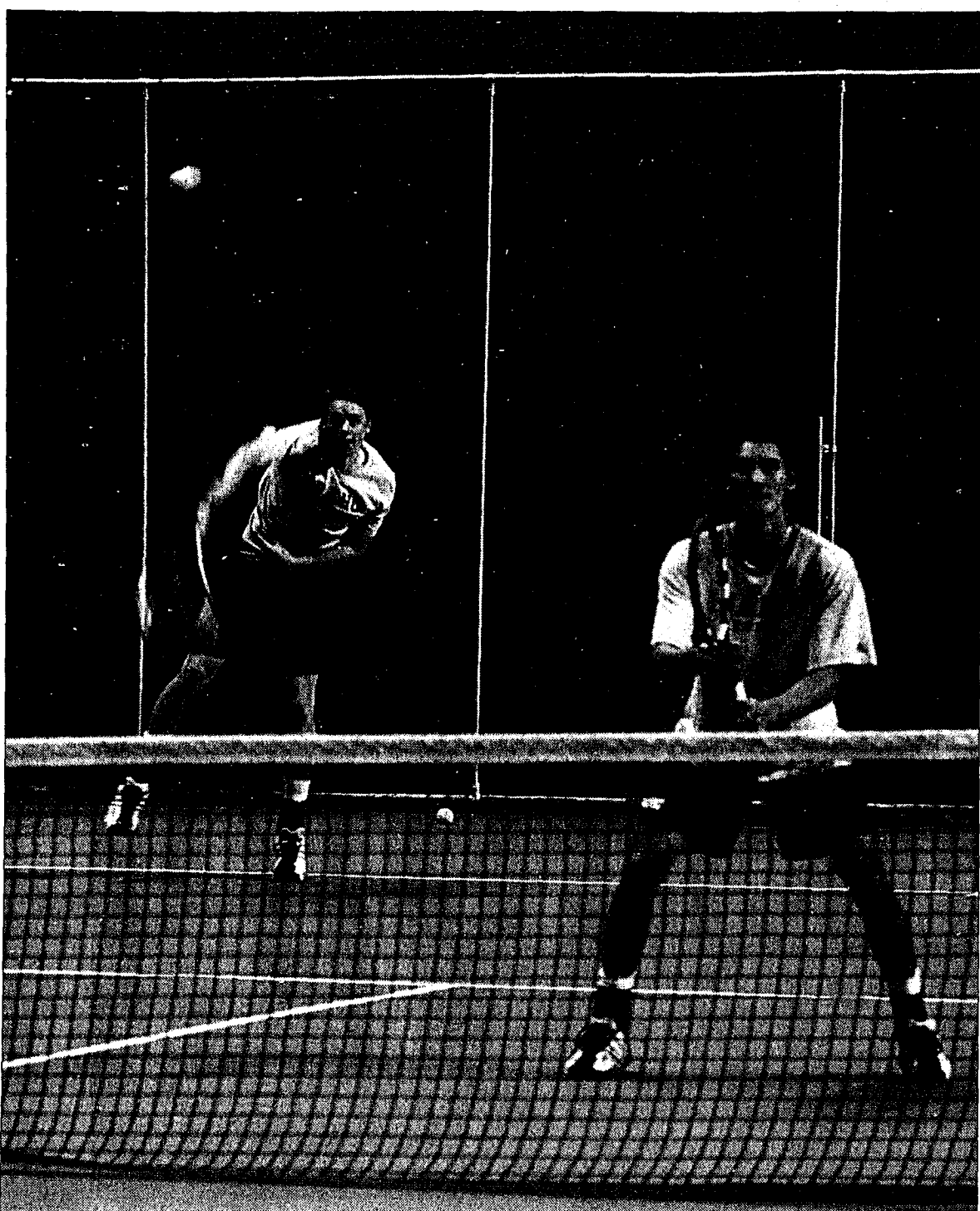
"That's why the process is so formal," Gresch said.

Davis said this spring's team may or may not receive funding, but if the team remains active, they will receive funding next year.

Lacrosse started on campus in 2004 with the men's team and it wasn't until 2007 that they had their first coach. The men's club has had continued success since they were founded.

"It's not about wins and See **LACROSSE**, page 15

TENNIS



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal tennis player, Rob Chalkley, serves past his doubles partner, Tim Huynh during their Tuesday afternoon practice in preparation for their match against Gonzaga in Spokane Thursday evening.

A break from the road

Scott Stone
Argonaut

MEN

After traveling to Arizona and Colorado, the men's tennis team finally gets to stay close to home as they travel to Spokane, where they'll take on the Gonzaga Bulldogs and Eastern Washington University.

Idaho coach Jeff Beaman and co-captain Rob Chalkley said they will be focusing on recovery this week.

The men are coming off a tough weekend finishing 2-2 in Colorado Springs, but they are excited about the challenges they'll be facing this week.

On Sunday, the Vandals will take on Gonzaga, who defeated them last year but has a current record of 3-5, and is showing no signs of being a dominant tennis team this season.

"I think the match ups are really good," Chalkley said. "I think we have a really good opportunity to step up and take the game to them."

The men will get a day off and head to Chaney, Wash. on Tuesday to take on EWU, who may be capable of a national ranking this year.

Eastern Washington has a current record of 6-2 and defeated Gonzaga earlier this season with a dominating 7-0 victory.

"Eastern's a team that's a lot better than they've ever been in the past," Beaman said. "If we're going to be a nationally ranked team, we've got to beat them."

The men have a current record of 10-6.

WOMEN

The women's team also gets a rest from traveling this weekend as they host the first home match of the season, a double-header against Idaho State on Sunday.

The women will be looking to improve on their disappointing weekend in Boise where they went 0-3.

"It's a home match so we should have the home court advantage," Beaman said.

A home court advantage won't come easy though. Beaman said there are four courts in the Kibbie Dome, two of them are standard courts and two of them have a different surface material and are "very fast."

Beaman compared it to playing football on natural grass and then switching to a concrete surface.

Idaho State has agreed to play on all four courts with a random selection for each match. This means a player could go from playing her first match on a slow court to her second match on a fast court and have to re-adjust.

Idaho State, with a current record of 0-2, shouldn't do too much damage to the Vandals.

"They're sort of middle of the Big Sky (Conference)," Beaman said. "It should be a good competition."

The women's tennis matches will begin Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Kibbie Dome and admission is free.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors celebrate season

Andrea Miller
Argonaut

When Lindsey Koppen, Sara Dennehy and Katie Schlotthauer take the court Saturday night at the Cowan Spectrum, it will be the last time the seniors play together in front of their home court fans, family and friends. It has been a long journey for each of them.

Best friends and teammates for the last four years, Koppen, from Missoula, Mont., and Dennehy from Redmond, Wash., first met at North Idaho College in the fall of 2004.

"It was a last minute decision," Dennehy said. "I was recruited pretty late."

Koppen, who chose to play basketball over track and field, which she had offers for coming out of high school, also decided on NIC.

At NIC, both had success. Koppen averaged 10.8 points, starting 18 of her 31 games.

Dennehy started 24 of 31 games she played and averaged 14.7 points. The pair was then recruited to play at the University of Idaho. Idaho assistant coach Allison Chase, who was also an assistant at NIC from 2004-2006, helped bring her former players to Moscow.

"I do appreciate it," Koppen said. "It's the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Playing at Idaho, a Division I school, has been a lifelong dream for the duo.

Koppen, who at the beginning of her basketball career was playing in a carpeted gym in Seeley Lake Mont., and Dennehy, who followed the lead of her older brothers, Matt and Greg, taking up basketball in the Seattle area, are grateful for the opportunity Idaho has given them to realize their dream of playing basketball at the Division 1 collegiate level.

"It was the best day of my life," Koppen said of committing to UI.

She thought she was done playing basketball after graduating from NIC. To be able to come with her best friend to Idaho, "was even better," she said.

Dennehy has had to overcome some adversity during her basketball career at Idaho. She has had two surgeries on her right foot in the last two years and has played both seasons at Idaho with a stress fracture in her foot.

"It really held me back

as a player I think," Dennehy said. "I didn't reach my full potential that I could have been."

Dennehy has been forced to sit out of practice daily, watching her teammates play, but said the injury has taught her a lot.

"You really do learn from things you go through," Dennehy said. "And things happen for a reason, it's never going to be easy."

Idaho has gone 8-55 since the women came to Idaho, but they have enjoyed the extra years growing and playing together. The pair has been roommates since their first days in Moscow.

"Coming in together was really nice," Koppen said. "We've grown much closer just in these two years too."

They also said their familiarity with each other has been a benefit on the court.

"When we play, ... we know where each other are," Koppen said.

Dennehy added, "We knew how each other played (coming in) and we play really well together."

Their favorite memory of Vandal basketball was the triple overtime win over New Mexico State last season. Both girls played the entire third overtime, in off positions as the Vandals held on for the win.

"We won over all that adversity, it was crazy," Koppen said.

Next year the pair go their separate ways. Koppen, who graduates in May with a degree in television, digital, radio production, hopes to move to Los Angeles and pursue internship opportunities in production of movies or television. Dennehy is interested in a career in physical therapy and plans to move back to Seattle after graduating with a degree in sports science.

Senior Hannah Wells will be watching the senior game from the bench with an injury. Wells started playing basketball in the fourth grade. Friends persuaded her to crossover from soccer and softball to pursue basketball and she was a natural, playing for her high school team and AAU team in Puyallup, Wash. Through their basketball careers Wells and her sister, Careo, have worn the same number — 21.

Like Koppen and Dennehy, Wells came to Idaho out of a junior college. She

attended Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Wash. before becoming a Vandal.

Wells played in every game for Idaho last season and averaged 4.1 points and 2.5 rebounds. She had a career-high nine rebounds in the Vandals' loss to Nevada. Wells had her senior season cut short after she broke her tailbone last month in practice.

"It was the worst pain of my life," Wells said.

Wells said she almost finished practice after taking the fall because no one believed that she was hurt.

"It was a weird way to end my season," Wells said. "It's pretty awkward."

Wells still appreciates the friendships she has made and people she has met while in Moscow. She will graduate in May with a degree in communication studies. Wells plans to move to Los Angeles in the fall and pursue her dream of becoming an actress.

Schlotthauer joined this year's senior class, forfeiting her last year of eligibility in order to start her career early. Schlotthauer, from Newport, Wash., has been a part of coach Mike Divilbiss' basketball team for four years but she was also born and raised as a Vandal. Schlotthauer's father played basketball for Idaho from 1963-1967 and two of her older brothers attended Idaho. Her father ranks 10th on the Vandals all-time average rebound list with 10.37.

Schlotthauer said her love of the game is what has made her stick with basketball through the last four years.

"I love playing basketball," Schlotthauer said. "And I like the coaches too, they have given me so much."

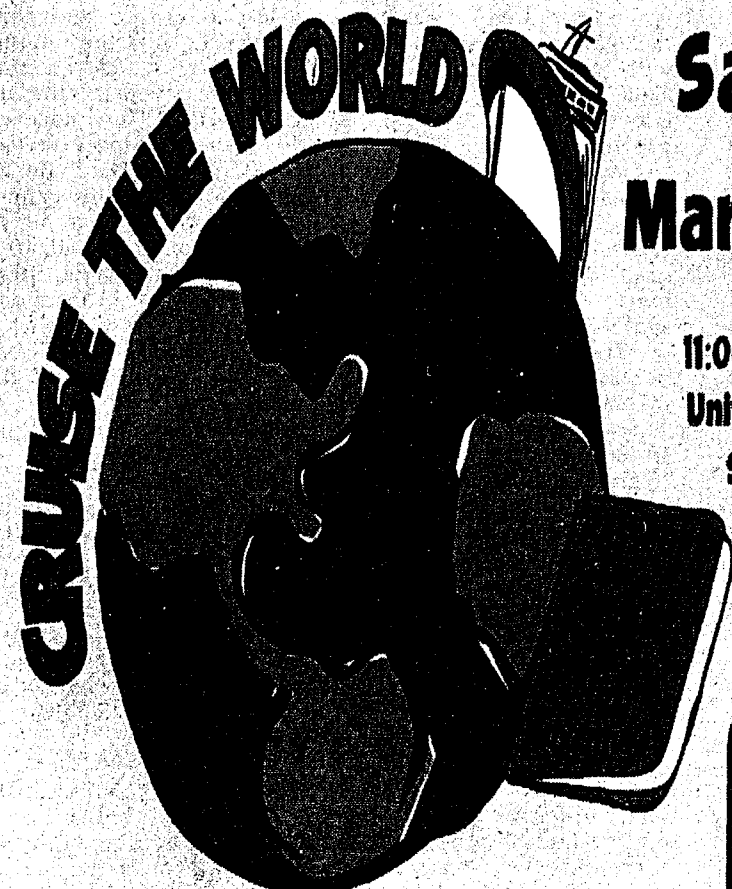
Schlotthauer redshirted the 2004-05 season and played all but one game last season. She has seen the most playing time of her career this season. She has played in all 25 games and is averaging 1.8 points. She had a career high 12 points against Washington in November and twice has had eight rebounds.

Her best memory of being a part of Vandal basketball was the team's yearly trips to Hawaii.

"We got to go every year and we made so many memories," Schlotthauer said.

Schlotthauer has prolonged her degree as long as she was able to continue to pursue basketball and will graduate in May. She majored in math education and will begin student teaching next fall in Coeur d'Alene.

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I love fantasy baseball. It's the second best fantasy sport to play other than football. The season begins in early April and ends late September, which is by far the largest fantasy season.

Playing fantasy baseball gives us sports geeks something to stay occupied with during the dog days of summer when baseball is the only major sport in season.

Plus, it takes us right into fantasy football, which begins in mid-August.

I enjoy drinking a cold beverage on a hot summer night while watching Baseball Tonight on ESPN and seeing what my fantasy team players are doing.

Fantasy baseball takes more time than every other fantasy sport combined. It's a daily grind and owners must check their roster each day.

It also rewards the truest geeks.

There will be many players who we've never heard of that will have breakout seasons and help your team.

If you're willing to work the waiver wire at 2 a.m. you will definitely have an advantage over other members of your league.

I recommend playing fantasy baseball at yahoo.com. It's a better setup than ESPN and is completely free.

Last season I knew a guy that paid \$25 for an ESPN league. He won the league, but all he received was a T-shirt. His league had 12 teams each paying \$25 and ESPN, being the sports giant it is, gave him a T-shirt for winning his league title? Play yahoo, you'll find it easier, fun and free.

Here's a quick tip when drafting your team: wait on pitching. You will be able to draft players like C.C. Sabathia,

Brandon Webb, Josh Beckett and Aaron Harang in the 4th round and beyond.

There is no need to take pitchers such as Johan Santana or Jake Peavy in the 1st or 2nd round when players like Sabathia, Webb, Beckett and Harang will be available in later rounds. In my opinion, stock pile position players during your first three picks and grab the nucleus of your pitching staff in the middle rounds.

Here's a list of my top 10 fantasy baseball players heading into the 2008 season:

1. Alex Rodriguez — He is the top fantasy player. A-Rod's numbers are Babe Ruth-ish. He'll carry your team and has a great chance to lead MLB in home runs and RBIs. He's a fantasy monster. Even if you despise the Yankees, do not pass A-Rod up — if you're lucky enough to get the first pick.

2. Hanley Ramirez — Last season, Ramirez had one of the best seasons in history for the short stop position. He's a 5-tool player to the truest sense. Not only did he hit .332 with 29 HRs, but he stole 51 bases and scored 125 runs. He does scare me slightly with the loss of Miguel Cabrera to Detroit, and he's only 24 years old. Still, his numbers last season should indicate what's to come.

3. Jose Reyes — Reyes is very similar to Ramirez only with less power. Reyes is a proven stud at the tender age of 24. He's averaged at least 60 stolen bases the last three seasons — 78 last year alone. He'll lead your team in hits, runs, triples and stolen bases. I could see him going ahead of Ramirez simply for the fact that he's more proven. You won't regret taking him. He'll steal more

bases than other teams and is one of only a few players that will win you several statistical categories every week.

4. Matt Holliday — Most people have Holliday ranked 7th to 10th. I, however, like him at the 4th spot. Check out his numbers last year: .340 BA, 36 HR, 137 RBI, 120 R, 11 SB. His numbers are disgusting and merit this pick. Plus, he's in a potent Colorado lineup and plays in the most hitter-friendly park — Coors Field — in the league. A monster season is on the horizon for Holliday, don't regret reaching for him in the top 5.

5. David Wright — You can't argue with Wright's rise to the top of fantasy baseball. His numbers have improved every season. He's a power-hitting third baseman that swiped 34 bags last year. Stealing that many bases while also hitting 30 HRs isn't something that many other players can do. He'll carry your team.

Here's the remainder of the top 10. All will be solid first-round picks:

6. Jimmy Rollins — J-Roll does everything. You'll love having him.

7. Chase Utley — He is maybe the best fantasy second baseman of all time.

8. Albert Pujols — Pujols scares me with a lingering elbow injury. Take caution.

9. Miguel Cabrera — He's now in Detroit he will anchor one of baseball's greatest ever lineups.

10. Prince Fielder — As a 22-year-old, he hit 50 HRs with 119 RBIs. Hello!

Have fun with your draft, it's the best day of the season. Remember to take players that do a number of things well with your first couple picks, but most of all, have fun.

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Golf takes fifth in first tournament

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The University of Idaho men's golf team traveled to Santa Ana, Calif. for the UC Irvine Anteater Invitational Monday with hopes of returning with a victory. But the team's new assistant coach, Jon Reehorn, said his players were caught off guard.

The team shot 17-over-par 305, a fifth place finish out of 10 teams. It was Idaho's first invitational of the spring season.

"The guys played pretty well in the first round, but the second two rounds were just OK," Reehorn said.

The golf team participates in tournaments in both the fall and spring for a total of 10 tournaments throughout the year.

"I think they were just out of competition mode because they had not competed since November," Reehorn said.

Senior Ben Weyland finished ninth for Idaho with a 54-hole two-over 218.

Sophomore Brad Tensen, who bogeyed four of his first six holes and who was seven over after the first round, bol-

stered a comeback to end the tournament at eight-over 224 and tied for 18th.

Junior Russell Grove was the other top-25 finish for the Vandals — scoring nine-over 225 to tie for 24th. Senior Colter Kautzmann tied for 34th at 228 and sophomore David Nuhn tied for 53rd at 241.

The point system for golf works differently than any other sport, Kautzmann said.

"With five people competing at each tournament, we take the top four scores," Kautzmann said. "We are definitely going to make a statement this season."

The Vandals are hoping to regain successes of two years ago, when Idaho hosted a tournament and took the title. The team played in Utah where they took third place at the Purple and Red Invitational the same year.

This spring the team is not hosting any home tournaments. They will travel to Utah State, Southern California twice and New Mexico.

Weyland is looking forward to the spring season. He and Kautzmann are on scholar-

ships and have been training indoors this winter by hitting golf balls and lifting in the Kibbie Dome.

Reehorn was hired this season to work with the men's and women's golf teams. He played at Washington State where he took the title his senior year at the Oregon Duck Invitational. He was also named second team at the All Pacific Athletic Conference.

After graduating from Washington State, he traveled to University of Louisville for graduate school and was a graduate assistant coach. In the fall of 2004, he was an assistant coach for the University of Washington until last year when he decided to come to Idaho.

"It was a great opportunity to further my career," Reehorn said.

The women's team won the WAC tournament last year, and will compete for the first time in the spring season at the San Jose State Invitational March 3-4. The men will be back in action at the Fresno State Lexus Golf Class March 10-11.

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losses with clubs," Gresch said. "It's more about the fun students have."

Gresch said he feels as

soon as the administrators get involved, the sports get too structured with finances, recruiting, divisions and NCAA rules.

That doesn't mean that Idaho's sports clubs can't compete. Many clubs including the ski and snowboard

team and the rodeo club compete at the national level. The men's lacrosse team travels to Pac-10 schools and will play nationally ranked opponents this season.

"Students go out, form the best team and just play the game," Gresch said.

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definitely doesn't define the season, but without it, the staff and team will be a little disappointed."

The UI team returns three reigning champions on the men's side and one on the women's.

At last year's meet, Heather Bergland won the 60-meter women's hurdles while Russ Winger won the shot put, Matt Wauters won the 35-lb weight throw, and Bastien

Tardy brought home the title in the 800-meter race.

"There are five teams that could win it on the women's side," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said. "It's nerve-wracking to know that it's going to be that tight, but we're going in as a very experienced, confident team."

While much of the attention has been focused on the high profile athletes like Winger and Wauters during the regular season, the WAC championships are a place where it's not only first place that matters.

"I like going into this kind

of meet a lot more, because it's great for the kids who have a chance to be sixth, seventh or eighth to really step up and contribute," Teevens said.

"Throughout the year, the big focus in the media and at the meets is on the 'big dogs' and their marks and times, then all of a sudden these kids who are in sixth, seventh or eighth place are very significant."

The meet began Thursday with the men's and women's heptathlon and the rest of the competitions will begin today.

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Roger Clemens being investigated for perjury

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI took up the Roger Clemens case Thursday, told by the Justice Department to investigate whether the star pitcher lied when he testified to Congress that he never took performance-enhancing drugs.

The FBI's involvement was announced one day after the leaders of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee told Attorney General Michael Mukasey they weren't sure whether Clemens told the truth under oath at a Feb. 5 deposition and Feb. 13 public hearing.

A probe could result in charges against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner for perjury, making false statements or obstruction of justice. Congress did not ask for a similar investigation of Brian McNamee, the former personal trainer who testified under oath that he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

"The request to open an investigation on the congressional testimony of Roger Clemens has been turned over to the FBI and will receive appropriate investigative action by the FBI's Washington field office," FBI spokeswoman Debra Weierman said.

As with Barry Bonds and Marion Jones, Clemens faces scrutiny from federal authorities more for what he said than what he might have done.

Bonds, baseball's home run king and a seven-time MVP, was indicted in November on perjury and obstruction of justice charges stemming from 2003 grand jury testimony in which he denied knowingly using illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

Jones, the track and field star who won five medals at the 2000 Olympics, was sentenced in January to six months in prison for lying about using performance enhancers and her role in a check-fraud scam.

Miguel Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP, also is being investigated by the FBI over whether he made false statements to the House committee three years ago. He told congressional investigators he never took performance enhancers and had no knowledge of other players using or talking about steroids.

Clemens testified that he never used steroids or HGH; McNamee testified he injected Clemens with performance-enhancers at least 16 times from 1998-01.

"We've always expected they would open an investigation," said Clemens' lead lawyer, Rusty Hardin. "They attended the congressional hearing. So what's new?"

IRS Special Agent Jeff Novitzky, a key member of the government's prosecution in the BALCO drug cases, attended the Clemens-McNamee hearing two weeks ago. It was not immediately clear to two law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity what role Novitzky or the IRS would play in the FBI inquiry.

Similarly unknown was the role of assistant U.S. attorney Matt Parrella, a federal prosecutor in San Francisco, where the BALCO investigation that ensnared Bonds and Jones is based.

"Separating the investigation of perjury in Congress from everything (federal prosecutors in California) and Novitzky has developed before that would be foolhardy, wasteful and duplicitous," said Richard Emery, one of McNamee's lawyers. "Any indictment that does ensue will obviously be lengthy and complicated and should be the product of a cooperative effort."

Clemens didn't answer questions directly Thursday when approached by reporters at the Houston Astros' spring training camp in Kissimmee,

Fla., where he's been throwing batting practice to minor leaguers.

"I'm going to handle it the right way," Clemens said. "You guys are wasting your time. We're going to handle it the right way."

In asking the Justice Department to look into Clemens' statements to Congress, committee chairman Henry Waxman of California and ranking Republican Tom Davis of Virginia said they weren't in a position to reach a definitive judgment on Clemens' truthfulness. They cited McNamee's testimony and that of former Clemens' teammate, Andy Pettitte, who told the committee Clemens admitted HGH use to him nearly a decade ago.

Waxman and Davis both declined comment Thursday. Pettitte acknowledged he's prepared to be interviewed again about Clemens.

"It makes it extremely difficult," Pettitte said at the Yankees' spring training camp in Tampa, Fla. "I don't like any of this. I cannot stand it. I told you how I feel about him. I hate it. It's like a part of my family that's going to have to go through this."

Waxman's committee felt Clemens' repeated and vigorous denials of McNamee's allegations questioned the legitimacy of the Mitchell Report, prepared by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell and released in December.

Mitchell, a Boston Red Sox director hired by baseball commissioner Bud Selig to examine drug use in the sport, provided the first public accounting of McNamee's allegations that he injected Clemens with HGH and steroids.

Pettitte and Chuck Knoblauch, another former teammate of Clemens with the Yankees, both acknowledged that McNamee was correct when he said they used per-

formance enhancers.

An 18-page memo Waxman sent committee Democrats sets out "seven sets of assertions made by Mr. Clemens in his testimony that appear to be contradicted by other evidence before the committee or implausible."

Those areas involve Clemens' testimony that he has "never taken steroids or HGH"; that McNamee injected him with the painkiller lidocaine; that team trainers gave him pain injections; that he received many vitamin B-12 injections; that he never discussed HGH with McNamee; that he was not at then-teammate Jose Canseco's home from June 8-10, 1998; and that he was "never told" about Mitchell's request to speak to him.

Those same issues were highlighted in the letter to Mukasey, which stated: "We also understand that federal law enforcement officials may have access to additional evidence on these matters." That is a reference to needles, bloodstained gauze and other items McNamee turned over to federal prosecutors in January.

No DNA evidence involving Clemens had been turned over to the FBI's lab in Quantico, Va., the two law enforcement officials told the AP. It was not known if the FBI would seek fingerprints or DNA from Clemens as part of its investigation.

Evidence gathered by the FBI, in consultation with Justice Department prosecutors, is presented to grand juries, which meet in secret and consider whether there is sufficient evidence to indict someone on charges of violating a law.

"There appears to be an enormous initiative to determine whether and from where Roger got steroids from 2002 onwards," Emery said. "That opens the door to an investigation of his home turf, at least."

Players leave on the eve of free agency

Associated Press

Isaac Bruce and Lorenzo Neal are on the move. Flozell Adams is staying put.

On the eve of free agency, the St. Louis Rams cut long-time star receiver Bruce, while the San Diego Chargers released All-Pro fullback Neal. Then Pro Bowl tackle Adams re-signed with Dallas.

Bruce, the last player remaining from the Rams' 1995 move from Los Angeles, was a second-round draft pick in 1994. The 35-year-old wide-out is among the NFL career leaders with 942 receptions for 14,109 yards and 84 touchdowns. He was the Rams' second leading receiver last season with 55 catches for 733 yards and four TDs.

"It's a tough choice for the franchise," coach Scott Linehan said on the team's Web site. "It's like anything else. We make decisions as a franchise on the business side and that's the part that makes it the most difficult."

Linehan said the "possibility is always open" for Bruce to re-sign with the Rams, who also cut backup quarterback Gus Fretotte.

Neal, 37, was among three veterans released by the Chargers, who also parted with safety Marlon McCree and right tackle Shane Olivea. General manager A.J. Smith said all three requested their release so they can quickly jump into free agency.

Olivea had four years left on his contract while McCree and Neal each had three years remaining.

Neal has been with six NFL teams in 15 pro seasons and, for most of those years, blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher. He was instrumental in Lardarius Tomlinson's record-setting 2006 season.

Adams signed what the team called a long-term agreement that likely guarantees he will finish his career in Dallas.

"I'm just really happy to be here," Adams said on the team's Web site. Asked if he considered leaving Dallas, he added, "Nope. Not at all."

Adams joined the Cowboys as a second-round pick in 1998. He and linebacker Greg Ellis are the team's longest-tenured players.

Dallas also moved to keep three restricted free agents, putting tenders on Pro Bowl running back Marion Barber (\$2.56 million, the highest possible), defensive end Chris Canty (\$2.017 million), and guard Joe Berger (\$927,000).

Running back Tyson Thompson, who lost his job as a kick returner late in the season, was not tendered, freeing him to sign wherever he wants.

Derek Anderson, the 24-year-old Cleveland quarterback who stepped in as a starter after the first game and led the Browns to a 10-6 record last season, was tendered a one-year offer for \$2.5 million.

But Browns general manager Phil Savage said if another team makes the restricted free agent a better offer, Cleveland is unlikely to match it.

Cleveland also has made a \$20 million, three-year offer with \$10 million guaranteed to Anderson. But having traded away this year's first-round pick to take Brady Quinn in last year's draft, the Browns apparently feel Quinn remains their quarterback of the future.

If Anderson does move, Cleveland would get first- and third-round choices for him.

"If Derek wants to be a Brown and really wants to stay here in Cleveland and play with the players that are on our team, then he can do that rather easily," Savage said. "We can look in the mirror and know we put a strong offer out there."

"But he's earned the right to get to this point because of his play last year. We're in a good situation either way."

Another quarterback, Alex Smith got a vote of confidence from San Francisco. The 49ers exercised a multimillion-dollar buyback clause in the former No. 1 draft pick's contract that essentially extends his deal through 2010.

Smith, who floundered through injuries and a public argument with coach Mike Nolan last season, will compete with Shaun Hill for the starting job. But general manager Scot McCloughan showed the 49ers' feelings about him by overriding language in Smith's contract that could have allowed him to become a free agent after next season.

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