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A young participant at the Tutxinmepu Powwow dances to the beat of the drums in Memorial Gym on Saturday.

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Participants at the Tutxinmepu Powwow perform the Owl Dance in Memorial Gym on Saturday.

Different beats

Powwow links past traditions with future possibilities

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

At the University of Idaho, the Tutxinmepu Powwow has been a tradition for nine years. For Natalie Moose, it's been an intricate part of her entire life.

"It's part of our tradition, of who we are," she said. "I've been listening to this music since I was on a baby board. It's like a pulse."

Driving her car in Renly, Idaho, the teenager listens to powwow music regularly and is a member of Rose Creek, a drumming group created 10 years ago.

"The drums pull me, plus the voices. It's like a guitar to rockers," she said.

Rose Creek was one of many drum groups who came to play at Friday night's powwow. Each group was given an opportunity to play, while the crowd was invited to dance along with the songs. Each song signifies a different type of intertribal dance.

Deyo Esquivel is a member of the Iron Spirit group. He said that the importance of the powwow rests in its tradition and legacy.

"For a lot of people, they go to different powwow's almost every weekend, all year long," he said. "It's a big family, they constantly run into each other and that's what they call themselves — the powwow family."

"You see all the little kids here and you can

see, we're keeping our culture alive ... we're keeping our traditions alive."

Children filled Memorial Gym as they danced and played throughout the night. One popular event was the dance competition for toddlers. Featured for anyone age 6 or under, the floor filled up with children from various tribes, wearing traditional clothing and dancing in the traditional manner.

"Tutxinmepu" is a Nez Perce word for "the place where the deer lost their spots," or the Palouse region. However, visitors came from across the U.S. to celebrate. Nacho Martinez is from Arizona, but despite the distance, tribute was paid to him during the powwow for his military service in Vietnam.

Martinez said that the saddest part of his duty was bringing home the bodies of fallen soldiers. He also was not surprised about the level of respect his fellow American Indians have shown him.

"This country honors its veterans three times a year ... Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Native Americans honor their veterans at every powwow, I think they honor them every time they turn around," Martinez said.

The powwow was also used as an opportunity to welcome Angeliqwe EagleWoman,

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Alumni Relations seeks input for new center

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

For Steven Johnson, the executive director of Alumni Relations, working with alumni is a great honor.

"I had a wonderful experience during my time in school, it became a wonderful passion. And I believe it's a passion that our alumni have that's alive and well throughout the country," he said.

A 1971 graduate, Johnson was hired as the executive director last year and said that "active and effective" communication with alumni is a crucial part of his office.

It was in this spirit that Alumni Relations released a survey meant to gauge the desire of alum's to have new alumni center.

"We've had alumni say they've wanted a new center for many, many years," Johnson said.

AMS Inc., a California consulting firm, was hired to both construct and release the survey. They will also tabulate the results, which will be released by spring graduation.

The survey was sent through an e-mail to between 35,000 and 50,000 alumni with three basic questions: What should be in the building? Where should the building be? What services should it provide?

"One of the thoughts or suggestions was that the center should be at an entry point to

the university to welcome back students," Johnson said.

Johnson said he would like to see the creation of a visitor's center in the new alumni building, where people coming to see the school could relax and learn about the history of the university.

"We also want a center that students could relate to as well," he said. "We could have events there with other student organizations and become one more facility open to students."

Funding of the center would be taken from the \$15 million raised during the Silver and Bold fundraising campaign.

The current Alumni Center is short on staff parking spaces with no parking for visitors or anyone else with business at the Alumni Center. Also, in its current position at 1106 Blake Street across from the Farm House fraternity, Johnson fears the facilities are not as accessible as they should be.

He said the same way students come back to see their old professors or the Idaho Commons, "it would be nice if they could make a stop at the alumni center."

"It's very important to alumni to have a spot to come back to. What we're trying to establish is a spot for when you come back to campus, you can come in anytime," he said.

For more information about the survey, contact Alumni Relations at 885-6154.

Conference embraces rights

Human Rights Conference wants to 'find the center' at UI

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

On Feb. 25 a University of Idaho employee received a rude start to the morning when she discovered someone had drawn two nooses and written "lynch" on her office whiteboard.

President Tim White immediately released UI's statement on civility and alerted the campus that such behavior would not be tolerated. The act was a reminder that UI is not immune to hate.

Ask Toney Driver what the real issue here is and he'll say poor communication.

"Nothing will change unless there is something proactive that happens to people," he said.

"Unity can't happen unless you can find common ground."

As chair of the planning committee for the fourth annual University of Idaho action-oriented human rights conference, he said he definitely has the needed tools.

The focus of the conference, titled "Finding the Center," will be finding the common center of humanity. The conference is not what Driver describes as an "ain't it awful gathering" where tough topics are discussed with no real difference made, instead the conference is meant to leave listeners with the tools needed to communicate successfully.

The conference will be held at UI April 5-6. It will feature four lecturers followed by a banquet dinner and live entertainment provided by singer Libby Roderick. The conference costs \$130 per person and includes several meals.

get your TICKET

Pre-registration begins 7:30 p.m.
April 3 in the Memorial Gym or go
online at www.uidaho.edu/ftc. Cost is
\$130 per person. For more information
visit www.uidaho.edu/ftc.

Driver said the cost for such speakers could easily be \$500 or more but the event is heavily subsidized. He said scholarships are available for individuals interested in the conference. More information about the scholarships can be obtained online at www.uidaho.edu/ftc.

"There is something here for everyone," Driver said. "These guys are real stars, they're in demand."

Lecturers include Hind Makki, board member of the Southwest Interfaith Team, who will discuss issues surrounding the integration of Muslims in America as well as the difficulties non-Muslims face when communicating with persons of the Islamic faith.

Kathleen Macferra, a certified trainer for non-violent communication, has worked in schools, hospitals, correctional facilities and even prisons. Her lecture will focus on her decades of experience and how listeners can apply nonviolent

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ON the WEB

Keep an eye on the Arg Web site for updates, exclusives and more.
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Only six weeks left in this semester. You know what that means?

It means Guy in a Monkey Suit spent a single day and typed out more than 7,000 words of school work and work work.

That doesn't seem like much in the grand scheme of things, but he didn't start until 10 a.m. that morning. His arms are getting sore but his fingertips are fine.

All that work and he didn't have time to practice his guitar. Usually this would upset him, but not so much today.

Anyway... Pay a visit to www.uiargonaut.com. Check out the new stories, e-mail them to your friends at other schools and your parents back home.

While you are there, leave a comment on your favorite stories or even on a story you don't like. Read the comments that are there to see how it's done.

Or if you want to see your comments printed in a future issue, send us a letter to the editor at arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu. It's fun to see your name in print.

UI office revamping its international programs

IP hopes to make study abroad easier

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Jeannie Harvey speaks quickly and excitedly about improvements and possibilities at International Programs, where she is the interim director.

Since she began Nov. 27, Harvey has kept busy at the office — formerly known as IPO and now shortened to IP — with efforts to help everyone become better global citizens.

"It's been really fun," Harvey said. "I've been having a blast."

Before moving to IP, Harvey was the Women's Center director from 1999-08. She thought the IP position was perfect for her since she first heard about it, Harvey said.

"I kept thinking this is the right fit for me," she said.

International travel and development is one of Harvey's big life passions, she said, it helps her understand the world better. Taking the position let her stay in the UI community while focusing on another one of her main passions.

She said she always considers opportunities overseas.

Harvey's experience abroad includes working as a Peace Corps volunteer and Habitat for Humanity volunteer in South Africa. Harvey took a leave of absence from the Women's Center for one and a half years for a fellowship in Bangladesh. She served as a general adviser for the U.S. Agency for International Development in 2003-04.

When she began at IP, she met with all of the staff to learn about any issues, concerns, problems or strengths, Harvey said. Since her start the office began a re-design, shifting job responsibilities, adding positions and searching for ways to have more international programs and campus internalization.

"We are making it so it is a smooth operation versus having kinks," Harvey said.

Individual job roles are more defined, instead of having roles with a wide-variety of duties, Harvey said.

IP is comprised of three programs: the American Language and Cultural Program, Study Abroad and International Student Scholar Support. Each now has staff at all levels for each distinct program. Harvey is working to create more balance in the size of the staffs — Study Abroad has the largest staff, as it sends around 600 students abroad every year. The smallest staff was for ISSS, which has 632 international students, Harvey said, and receives no funding, unlike ALCP or Study Abroad.

To keep communication open between the three programs there are coordinators and adviser groups,



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Jeannie Harvey sits in her office at the International Programs Office Monday morning.

Harvey said. Harvey is working to add a fourth unit to IP, focusing on campus internalization and development. It would include efforts to make study abroad easier to plan for students and advisers, such as Ikuko "Koko" Valgenti.

Valgenti, a study abroad curriculum integration and enrollment specialist, is creating transformative learning maps that make it easier for students to plan study abroad.

Valgenti designed symbols that go next to required classes on a printout of degree curriculum requirements. The symbols tell if a course could be done on study abroad, national student exchange or other transformative opportunities including service-learning, internships or practicums. The learning map also provides information for recommended international universities.

Valgenti has met with deans of colleges including the College of Business and Economics and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. They all liked the idea, she said.

The CBE transformative maps will be the first finished and up on the IP Web site later this semester. Also expected this year are CLASS transformative learning maps.

Encouraging a transformative learning experience provides students with extra lifestyle dimensions, Valgenti said.

"You will be so aware of yourself and other great possibilities," Valgenti said. "You have to know who you are when you are in a foreign country."

Valgenti said when she came to the U.S. from Japan around five years ago, she realized she was looking at herself and others from one perspective.

"I came here and I realized it is bad to be different in Japan," she said. "Here you see yourself in different directions. You will have more solutions for your life."

Harvey hopes to offer more support and encouragement for faculty-led programs, such as UI faculty-led summer programs offered for architecture students in Italy.

"A lot of professors don't know we can assist," Harvey said. "The opportunities for faculty led programs are endless."

Also on Harvey's to-do list is finding additional space for an international student center. The office is beyond capacity and Harvey hopes to find a place for international students and scholars to meet.



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Julie Rogalski, a barista in the Common Grounds coffee shop in the Idaho Commons, prepares a drink during a busy Wednesday afternoon.

Barista serves up compassion, coffee

Matt Maw
Argonaut

Julie Rogalski loves her job. As the head barista at the Common Grounds café in the Idaho Commons, she said she enjoys seeing the many different customers who come in every day. She likes to get to know them, she said, and learn their drink preferences: such as the man who waits at the entrance every morning for the shop to open, even through calendar breaks in the semester; and the man she calls "Shots," who invariably orders a double-shot espresso each morning and afternoon.

She said it makes her happy to provide people with whatever their "coffee needs" require, and she loves when a customer takes pleasure in a drink. Sometimes, she said, as she walks into the shop in the morning for her shift and catches the coffee's aroma, the fact that she works there excites her.

"There's no better (work) environment," Rogalski said. Rogalski started in the Commons food court during the 2005-06 school year, spent the following summer working at Common Grounds and returned to her position at the food court the next semester. When summer came again, she went back to the café and has remained there.

Taanya Gust, a retail supervisor with Sodexo, said Rogalski is quick and capable, and her customer service is noteworthy. She's committed to her customers, Gust said, and she has a genuine concern for how they feel. Gust said her care for others is obvious — when meeting people for the first time, Rogalski tries to make

them feel welcome. "Julie is one of the most compassionate people I've met," she said.

Coworker Tori Bielenberg said Rogalski is a friendly, hard-working person. If there was one word to describe her, Bielenberg said it would be "cheerful." Neither does she fail to remark on her skills as a barista.

"She makes good coffee," she said.

Sometimes when she serves customers who speak Nepali, Rogalski said it surprises them when she asks if they'd like their drinks hot or cold in the same language. She said she also knows Nepali phrases like "good morning" and "good afternoon."

Rogalski said she would like to travel, something she hasn't had a chance to do yet. She said it wouldn't matter where she went, since each place would be "new and interesting."

Rogalski said she also spends a lot of time with her 9-year-old daughter, Krista. She likes to take her to the movies and to go snowboarding, camping and swimming and they're hoping to go to Disneyland this summer. Gust said that Rogalski got Krista into a Celtic dance group in town, and that Krista also plays the clarinet. She has also brought Krista into work a few times as well, said Bielenberg. Rogalski is a good mother, said Gust, and she's always willing to listen to Krista and never "shoes her away."

Rogalski enjoys what she does. She cares about the people she serves, and her friendly attitude is clear for all to see.

"Once you meet Julie you'll never forget her," Gust said. "She's got a true soul to her."

campus FACES

This week: Julie Rogalski

PoliceLOG

March 17

9:44 a.m. Commons: A semi-truck pulled a fire hydrant connection out of the ground.

March 18

1:45 a.m. Sigma Nu: A female walking home said that a male tried to grab her while on the street.

2:23 p.m. LLC Area: EMS responded for a female who fainted.

March 19

1:50 p.m. Theophilus Tower: Caller said that someone stole a television from the lobby.

3:38 p.m. College of Natural Resources: MFD responded to smell of gas.

8:36 p.m. 1020 Deakin Ave.: Caller said her bike was stolen from outside her apartment.

9:19 p.m. Wallace: Caller saw two men smoking outside the building and could smell marijuana.

March 20

7:31 p.m. Kappa Alpha Theta: Caller said someone stole money out of her purse.

Friday

12:51 p.m. UI Golf Course: Caller requesting additional patrols.

1:09 p.m. Alpha Phi: Caller reported two black labs running around in the area.

3:53 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Caller saw a German shepherd that was acting aggressive, that did not appear to be on a leash.

Saturday

1:12 a.m. Delta Tau Delta: Caller reported loud music and party noise coming from Delta Tau Delta for the last few hours.

2:08 p.m. Kibbie Dome area: Report of water backing up at an intersection.

7:04 p.m. Kibbie Dome area: One female arrested for driving with suspended license.

Sunday

8:53 a.m. UI Golf Course: Officers responded to a bur-

glary alarm. 4:57 p.m. UI Rec Center: Report of two males fighting on basketball court. They agreed to

go their separate ways. 9:28 p.m. Wallace: Caller reported marijuana smell. Officers determined it to be unfounded.

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MEET YOUR SENATOR

Chinchinian making most of UI

Liz Virtue
Argonaut

As an ASUI senator, sophomore Olivia Chinchinian is often in the public eye. However, she wasn't always so comfortable in the spotlight.

"In high school I was really awkward," she said, laughing. "I was the weird girl that sat in my favorite teacher's classroom at lunch talking about books and, like, cooking utensils."

Athletics weren't her forte so instead of playing sports like many of her peers, Chinchinian focused her energy on enhancing her public speaking skills, she said.

Chinchinian became active in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, a nonprofit organization for young adults. She said the experience helped fine-tune her speaking abilities and allowed her to grow as a person.

"I've definitely changed a lot since high school," Chinchinian said. "I've learned when it's important to fight for what I want and when it's better to sit back and listen."

Despite her change in attitude, Chinchinian said she is still shy and likes to keep to herself at times.

"I'm kind of loner, I'm re-

served. It's kind of my strength and my weakness," she said. "I'm still not the type to be loud and outward, I'm more of an inner thinker."

She grew up in Clarkston, a place she said she was ready to leave after high school. Like many other students, she said she had high hopes and big dreams for college. She soon realized these dreams had to be put on hold and she came to the University of Idaho after a little convincing from her parents.

"They made me come here and told me I only had to stay for a year," Chinchinian said. "But it's really hard to pick up and transfer after a year so I just decided to stay."

This is Chinchinian's first semester as a senator and she is already looking for ways to make changes at the university. She said she is frustrated by the lack of student involvement on campus and wants to make ASUI and the Senate more available to the student body. She is working to promote ASUI and bridge the gap between senators and students with a weekly mass e-mail, sent to students who want to stay informed.

She is also working to create senator posters to display around campus that will showcase pictures and biographical

information about current senators.

"I hate hearing people say there is nothing to do in Moscow," she said. "There is so much entertainment and lectures and things out there for students to take advantage of."

Chinchinian said she hopes to publicize events on campus to the best of her ability so students have no excuse not to attend.

"The best thing ASUI can do is put it out there and advertise it," she said. "We need to figure out what students want and how ASUI can conform to that."

To Chinchinian, ASUI is more than just an extracurricular activity and she wants to get this point across to the rest of the university. She said she wants to increase the level of professionalism of ASUI senators because they represent the entire student body on a daily basis.

"We're getting to the level where people are watching what you do and what you say all the time," Chinchinian said. "It's at a way higher level than it was in high school."

When she's not busy with school and ASUI, Chinchinian said she enjoys traveling, skiing, running and coconut.

"I love anything with coconut," Chinchinian said. "It's my weakness right now."

Chinchinian said she would like to stay involved with ASUI throughout her time at UI but hopes to take a semester to travel to Italy. She speaks a little French, but no Italian, which is where the real learning experience would come into play, she said. She hopes the cultural experience will give her more insight on her future, which is still up in the air, she said.

Chinchinian is a history major but has changed her major three times so she said she wouldn't be surprised if it changed again.

"I'm just going to keep going to school and eventually figure it out," she said. "College is supposed to be about enlightening ourselves."

Eventually she'd like to go to law school or work towards a master's degree right away because she said higher education is something she thinks is very important.

"Ultimately I just want a job I'd want to do for a really long time," she said.

Until then, Chinchinian said she'll continue to work hard as a senator and remain as active as she can.

"I like being productive at all times," Chinchinian said. "I'm a motivated person and I'd like to get to know as many people as possible on campus."



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Sophomore Olivia Chinchinian is proud of her work as an ASUI senator.

Women's Center looks for nominees

Virginia Wolf award given to UI student, faculty and community member to honor gender equity

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

Nominations for the 2008 Virginia Wolf award, which is given annually to three people who demonstrate an understanding of gender justice and equity issues, are due by April 2.

Now in its sixth year, the award is given to one Moscow community member, one member of the University of Idaho faculty and one student.

The awards began in 2002 when student Emily Sly approached then-director of the University of Idaho Women's Center Jeanne Harvey with an idea to recognize a faculty member for promoting gender equity. Sly wanted to nominate faculty member Kay Keskinen for an award regarding gender justice and equity. A couple of days later, Keskinen approached Harvey and said that she wanted to nominate Sly for the same kind of award, and the Virginia Wolf awards were born.

The awards are named after Virginia Wolf, a professor of physical education at UI from 1964 to 1982. According to the Women's Center Web site, Wolf was instrumental in addressing issues that had an effect on women on campus. She also helped to launch the Women's Center and chaired the university's Women's Caucus.

Each year, the Women's Center presents the awards at a luncheon that also features a keynote speaker. This year's speaker has not yet confirmed, said Lysa Salsbury, the program coordinator for the Women's Center.

Salsbury was hoping for an American Indian woman, but they haven't had

much luck so far. All of the American Indian women they have approached who would fit the bill are already engaged with other functions on the date of the luncheon.

"Having a woman of color re-emphasizes a woman's empowerment," Salsbury said. Since the inception of the keynote speaker, each speaker has been black, except in 2006, when the speaker was part black and American Indian.

The winners are picked by a committee composed of five to six members who are affiliated with the Women's Center. Each reader goes through the nominations and assigns points to each one. The nominations with the most points win.

Last year's winners were psychology faculty member Traci Craig, community member Mary Jo Hamilton and senior James French.

"(The awards are) wonderful. They recognize what's important on campus and in the community and it's an honor to receive one."

Traci
CRAIG
Psychology faculty member

Craig said. The tradition of a banquet and speaker began in 2005. The keynote speaker also guest lectures in classes that relate to their area of expertise.

"There are usually 50 to 60 attendees," Salsbury said. "This year we're hoping it will be the same."

The event is open to the public, but it requires a pre-registration. The luncheon is free and sponsored by the Women's Center. The food will be catered by Sodexo.

The luncheon is at noon on April 9 in the SUB Silver and Gold rooms.

Nomination forms can be found on the Women's Center Web site, at www.students.uidaho.edu/womenscenter.

Barbecue celebrates start of spring, warm weather

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Residence halls gathered Friday to celebrate spring with the first "All Up in my Grill" barbecue.

Students from Wallace Residence Center, Living Learning Communities, Theophilus Tower and McConnell Hall were invited to the Kibbie Dome to participate in football, kickball, dodge ball and ultimate Frisbee, among other events.

Music was performed by Dolphin Revolution and Verbose while students decorated cookies and T-shirts, played games and earned points for their halls.

"We wanted to get all of the residents involved," said senior Kami Barnes, coordinator for the event. "It gives students a chance to get out of their rooms after winter and socialize."

Freshman Juliette Feldman said the event is to get people from all halls together, hang out and get involved.

More than 100 students attended the event throughout the night, said resident assistant Torrey Ikeda.

Ikeda said it was a good turn out and there were more people than expected.

The event is fun and interesting, sophomore Gloria Mahoney said.

Mahoney said she came to the event because it sounded like a good thing to do and relax.

"I thought there would be more people," Mahoney said. "But the music is really good."

Dolphin Revolution is a cover band for Flogging Molly, Barnes said.

A barbecue was set up outside of the Kibbie Dome with a variety of food for the students.



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Resident assistants fire up the grill at the residence life barbecue Friday at the Kibbie Dome.

Barnes said there are not many events for everyone throughout the semester. She said the biggest draw for students to the event was the hall points. Points were given to everyone who showed up.

For each sporting event, the hall who won was given a trophy. The hall that won the football game was McCoy and Campbell was second. Campbell ended the night with 305 hall points, McCoy with 240 and Houston with 190.

Twenty-three halls were represented, Ikeda said.

Five halls didn't have enough members to make a team for any sporting event but still participated, Barnes said. Those halls were Scholars, Chrisman, Neely, French and Gault.

Wallace resident assistants

started planning the event in September, Barnes said. The residence halls are hoping to have it every year.

Everyone was invited to the event, but it was mainly advertised for in the residence halls, Barnes said.

Off-campus student Gunnar Miller said he heard about it through a friend and thought it was a nice event.

For Mahoney, spring brings the end of the school year and the summer. It's starting to feel more like spring she said.

"It's feeling more like spring, especially because I am from Alaska," Miller said.

Resident assistants went around to different halls and asked for money to sponsor the event. Most of the halls helped out, Barnes said.

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Iraq peace rally hits downtown Moscow



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Grandmas For Peace and other protesters showed their support for leaving Iraq and bringing our troops home at Friendship Square on Saturday.

Cyriella Watson
Argonaut

The Palouse Peace Coalition sponsored a peace march and rally in downtown Moscow to mark the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq on Saturday.

Information about the war is rarely seen on television anymore, said Palouse Peace Coalition member Jerry Swensen.

"It is getting easy for Americans to forget about the war," said Kurt Obermayr. "This is just a reminder."

"We are trying to raise consciousness about not only the deaths, but what we could do if we redirected the money being spent," Swensen said. "We are trying to make a splash in downtown Moscow."

More than 100 people joined the peace march and rally and held signs asking for peace.

"We're here to show that peace can be more fun," said Leeanna Hoffmann, member of Moscow Volunteer Peace Band.

Six to eight people spoke on various

economic aspects of the war, Swensen said. The speakers were drawn from all over, including Pullman and other surrounding cities.

Obermayr said he was glad to see someone in high school speak.

Several local musicians performed at the event, Swensen said.

Vietnam veteran David Armstrong said he doesn't want to be out here next year. He wants the war to end.

"I don't believe anything will change until we change it," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said he gets a lot of support from people because many of them can't speak due to their jobs.

"Either they're professors or they work for a judge and they don't want to get fired because of their beliefs," he said.

Armstrong said seven out of 10 Americans "want us out of Iraq."

The Palouse Peace Coalition also sponsors a peace vigil in Friendship Square every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Armstrong said he has been attending

it since 2004. He feels as a veteran it is the least he can do.

"About three or four years ago people would drive by and flip us off," Armstrong said. "They would say they liked the war, but now they like seeing us out here."

Those men and women who are joining the military are fantastic, Armstrong said. "But I don't think they know what they are really getting into."

He said when he joined the Army it was a lot different than what he expected.

Obermayr said he supports the troops but wants to know, "why are there always billions of dollars to blow up other countries, but not to help children who do not have health insurance?"

A really effective way to get people's attention about the war would be to get businesses to shut down, Swensen said.

Armstrong said he thinks everyone should serve, but not just through the military. He said people should help build bridges, protect the border and serve the community in whatever way possible.



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Protestors signed a board to show their support for ending the Iraq war and for peace at Friendship Square on Saturday.

City begins project to improve Paradise Path

Reid Wright
Argonaut

Users of Moscow's Paradise Path will see with greater clarity next fall after Moscow installs solar-powered lights between Blaine Street and Sweet Avenue.

The lights are part of the project to improve this section of Paradise Path that is scheduled to be completed this fall. The project also includes the construction of 1,500 feet of new paved pathway between Berman Creekside Park and the intersection of Sweet Avenue and U.S. Highway 95 with the goal of connecting the Latah Trail to the campus section of Paradise Path.

The project will re-align the existing pathway at the intersections of Styner Avenue and Blaine Street. This involves installing new curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This will make crossings safer because the path will no longer go straight through the streets, according to City Engineer Kevin Lilly.

Park benches and minor landscaping are also planned for the project.

"This project is on schedule," Lilly said. "It usually takes about three to five years to get federal aid."

The project will cost \$200,000 to \$250,000 to complete, Parks and Facilities Manager Roger Blanchard said.

The City of Moscow Public Works and Finance Committee requested a grant from the Idaho Transportation Department to finance most of the project and the city will match about

10 percent of the total cost, Blanchard said.

The new section of pathway — unlike the current gravel path — is planned to follow closer to Paradise Creek, then turn southwest along Highway 95 to the intersection of Sweet Avenue. The permission to build the path on the land was donated by Gritman Medical Center, Blanchard said.

Minimal leveling and excavation will be necessary to build the new section of path.

"It's pretty darned flat," Lilly said.

The pole-mounted solar-powered "smart" lights have efficient LED bulbs that can illuminate for up to 15 hours after only three hours of sunlight charge, Lilly said. This eliminates the need to install external electrical wiring.

Lilly said the lights would be there more as safety markers at potentially dangerous parts of the path than to provide complete pathway illumination.

This project is part of a larger plan to expand Moscow's path system as the city grows, Blanchard said.

"We'll just keep lining up grants," Blanchard said. "You've got to think ahead ... because these things happen slow."

The goal of the path system is not only to provide safer routes for pedestrians and alternative transportation, but to create "interior urban walks" that pass by Moscow's historic buildings and parks, Blanchard said.

"People want connections to recreation," Blanchard said.

Final planning for the project is scheduled to be completed by June. Construction is scheduled for the fall.

NewsBRIEFS

Women's Center offers series of events this week

This week will be a busy one for the Women's Center, but they offering a series of opportunities for students and community members to participate in.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the Commons will have a Women's History Month used book sale. Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, host the sale while using books removed from the Women's Center library.

Hardcovers will go for \$2 while paperbacks are \$1. The proceeds will go to FANM KOURAJ, a women's advocacy group from the Haitian island of La Gonave that runs HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programs.

From noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, the Women's Center will hold a reception to inaugurate the new "Q" office. Created during Spring Break, the new University of Idaho LGBTQ office (called "Q" for short) is located in the Women's Center and is ready for use. Refreshments will be served during the reception.

Saturday at the Pullman Moose Lodge (150 SE Kamiaken), the UI Gay-Straight Alliance, Washington State University's GLBTA, and Inland Oasis will host "The Prom You Never Went To." According to the Women's Center the event is designed, "for queer individuals and their allies to wear their '80s best and have a great time."

Tickets are being sold at Safari Pearl, the Women's Center and at the door.

For further information about any of these events, contact the Women's Center.

Humanitarian group to hold informative meeting

The UI student chapter of Engineers Without Borders will be having a general informational meeting about their upcoming projects.

Engineers Without Borders works to promote an interest in humanitarian and social work by providing interaction between students and faculty.

All majors are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Aurora room on the fourth floor of the Commons.

A question and answer session will follow a short presentation.

Former Reagan policy analyst comes to WSU

The WSU College Republicans are inviting anyone interested to come here their guest speaker, Dinesh D'Souza.

A former Reagan policy analyst, D'Souza is now a best selling author. He is coming to Pullman to discuss the state of American race politics and other issues surrounding the modern era.

The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight in CUE 230.

School of Music features world renowned pianist

As part of the Lionel Hampton School of Music Guest Artist Series, pianist Regina Yeh will present a recital at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Yeh will perform a recital of diverse works, including Robert Schumann's "Sonata No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22"; Frederic Chopin's "Barcarolle, Op. 60"; and Ma Shui Long's "A Sketch of Rainy Harbor." Yeh is an active chamber musician, including performances with the Seattle Chamber Music Festival and the Harlem Boys' Choir. The Taiwanese-born Yeh has an active performance schedule throughout the U.S. and her current concert tour includes a Carnegie Hall debut.

The concert will take place in the school of music concert hall and tickets are \$3 for students and seniors, and \$5 for the general public. They will be made available at the door.

RIGHTS

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techniques to their own communication skills.

Andy Neukranz-Butler, UI Human Rights Compliance Officer, said the conference will be a much needed refresher after what happened

in late February.

"There is an expectation that people will respect each other on campus," she said. "This just can't happen," she said.

Butler said it is sad but the conference is pertinent to the issue of late.

"Through the power of this conference people will learn how to discuss and

how to cope," she said. "We are hoping that this will heal our campus."

Pre-registration is available April 3 during the lecture featuring Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, authors of "Three Cups of Tea." Driver said the lecture will act as the kick off for the conference. The lecture is at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Gym.

Washington, Idaho law officers stripped of their badges

Associated Press

SPOKANE — At least 23 officers in Washington and another 14 in Idaho have had their badges stripped since 2007 through a process called decertification for offenses ranging from stealing prescription drugs from inmates to having sex on duty.

Since Washington established its certification commission in 2002, 78 officers have been decertified, including at least 23 since 2007. Idaho's Peace Officers Standards and Training office has decertified 127 officers since it was created in 1970, including 14 last year.

Officers who have been decertified in either state can no longer work in law enforcement, The Spokesman-Review newspaper reported Sunday after filing public records requests.

With about 10,000 law enforcement officers in Washington and 3,541 in Idaho, only a tiny fraction ever face

decertification, the newspaper reported.

Neither state goes out of its way to publicize the names and circumstances of officers who have been fired and decertified.

"We have difficulty explaining the process to police agencies, let alone the public," Doug Blair, deputy director of operations at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, told the newspaper.

Jeffrey Black, executive director of Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training, said decertification isn't the only reason more officers are losing their badges than in the past.

"I think problems have always been there, but now agencies are being more proactive," Black said.

Washington adopted the process to ensure that those who were unfit to be law enforcement officers couldn't work somewhere else, Blair said.

In one case, a Spokane County sheriff's detective served another six years as the chief

in St. Maries, Idaho, and as undersheriff in Washington's San Juan County after being fired in 1984 for falsifying 23 reports.

Under the current system, he would have been stripped of his badge and unable to work again in law enforcement in either state.

Officers in both states can face decertification for violating certain agency codes of conduct or being convicted of a crime.

Black says the most common reason Idaho officers lose their certification is for having sex on the job. In Washington, domestic violence and dishonesty are the most common, according to a list provided by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

"Officers are reflective of society, we are human," Black said.

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training certify police as well as decertify them.

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the new law professor. EagleWoman will teach federal American Indian law, seminars on American Indian natural resources and other issues relat-

ing to tribes, and a civil procedure course. She also will assist the College of Law and the university with tribal law and leadership initiatives. EagleWoman will begin teaching in the fall.

"It is a profound and unique honor to meet you all. I'm really happy to be here and I look forward to becoming a part of

this community," she said.

According to Moose, it was encouraging to see another American Indian face in a position of prestige.

"Whenever you see that, it's sort of special. I mean someone here could see her and think 'Hey, that could be me,' she said.

Living rent free but back with the 'rents

Economy forces some adult children to move in with mom and dad

Emily Fredrix
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — After being laid off from her job as an events planner at an upscale resort, Jo Ann Bauer struggled financially. She worked at several lower-paying jobs, relocated to a new city and even declared bankruptcy.

Then in December, she finally accepted her parents' invitation to move into their home — at age 52.

"I'm back living in the bedroom that I grew up in," she said.

Taking shelter with parents isn't uncommon for young people in their 20s, especially when the job market is poor. But now the slumping economy and the credit crunch are forcing some children to do so later in life — even in middle age.

Financial planners report receiving many calls from parents seeking advice about taking in their grown children following divorces and layoffs.

Kim Foss Erickson, a financial planner in Roseville, Calif., north of Sacramento, said she has never seen older children, even those in their 50s, depending so much on their parents as in the last six months.

"This is not like, 'OK, my son just graduated from college and needs to move back in' type of thing," she said. "These are 40- and 50-year-old children of my clients that they're helping out."

Parents "jeopardize their financial freedom by continuing to subsidize their children," said Karin Maloney Stifler, a financial planner in Hudson, Ohio, and a board member of the Financial Planning Association. "We have a hard time saying no as a culture to our children, and they keep asking for more."

Bauer's parents won't take rent money or let her help much with groceries. She's trying to save several hundred dollars a month for a house while working as a meetings coordinator.

Bauer would prefer to live on her own, but without her parents' help would "probably be renting again and trying to stick minimal money in the bank," she said.

Shirley Smith, 80, said she and her husband didn't hesitate when they invited Bauer to return to their home in Eden, Wis. Buying groceries for another person isn't stretching her bud-

get too much, she said.

"I've got three kids and any of them can come home if they want," she said.

But plenty of well-meaning parents must delay retirement or scale back their dreams because they have to help their children, Stifler said.

Some of Erickson's clients are giving as much as \$50,000 at a time to their kids, many of whom have over-extended themselves with big houses or lavish lifestyles. And the sliding economy might threaten their jobs.

Parents feel guilty if they don't offer help, but she warns them to be careful with their savings.

"I almost have to act like a financial therapist if you will," she said. "Here is the line I'm drawing for you. That's fine. You can do up to this point, but at this point, now you're starting to erode your own wealth."

Anna Maggione, 27, lost her job as a publicist in Los Angeles about three years ago and moved into her parents' house in Los Alamos, N.M.

She tried to find jobs, but nothing stuck, so she enrolled full-time at the College of Santa Fe to finish her bachelor's degree in business.

She figures her parents spend about \$1,000 a month on her, including a car payment, car and health insurance, school and other costs. Her father is a retired nuclear physicist and her mother, a guidance counselor, will retire this spring. Now Maggione is looking for work so she can supplement their income.

"It's kind of hitting me finally that I need to get out there and find a job," she said. "Even if it's just part-time just to help out however I can."

A new survey by the retiree-advocacy group AARP found that one-fourth of Generation Xers, those 28 to 39 years old, receive financial help from family and friends.

The online survey of nearly 1,800 people ages 19 to 39 also found 57 percent believed they were "financially independent." But in a separate question, 33 percent said they received financial support from family and friends.

Bauer was caught by surprise when her job at a resort in Kohler, Wis., was

cut four years ago, one year after she got divorced. The single mother bounced around to several lesser-paying jobs, declared bankruptcy and even moved 60 miles south to Milwaukee.

Her daughter, now 12, moved in with Bauer's ex-husband near her hometown.

Bauer decided to move to be closer to her and in December she found a job with the Experimental Aircraft Association in nearby Oshkosh. She tried to buy a house but needed 5 percent down. She only had 2 percent. She's now saving for a down payment and hopes to have it as early as June.

Bauer said she gets along well with her parents and knows she'll never get to spend so much time with them again. But it hurts her ego to live at home.

"I've had people say to me, 'Oh God, I could never do that,'" she said. "But you take humble steps in order to move forward."

"We have a hard time saying no as a culture to our children, and they keep asking for more."

Karin
MALONEY
Financial planner

IdahoBRIEFS

Pump prices reach record high

BOISE — Idaho motorists are paying record prices to fill their gas tanks.

AAA Idaho says a new record was reached last weekend for gasoline and diesel, and prices continued to climb Monday.

The average price for regular gas increased to \$3.26 per gallon, topping the previous mark set last May.

The average price for diesel jumped on Sunday to \$4.08 per gallon, which is 56 cents higher than last month's prices and \$1.20 more than a year ago.

Idaho's average price for regular has not fallen below the \$3.00 mark yet this year.

Analysts say that gasoline prices will continue to rise, most likely from now through May.

Governor signs tax break bills

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is on board with two bills providing tax breaks to a French company considering building a uranium enrichment plant in Idaho.

Otter signed the bills Monday that could help Areva Inc. save tens of millions on their tax bills each year.

The tax incentives are intended to help convince Areva to build a \$2 billion uranium enrichment facility near the Idaho National Laboratory in the eastern part of the state.

One bill signed by Otter extends a sales tax exemption for production equipment that handles nuclear fuel.

The other is designed to cap property tax valuations at the plant at \$400 million if Areva invests at least \$1 billion in the next seven years.

Woman works for legal poker

COEUR D'ALENE — A North Idaho woman recently named Idaho state director for the national Poker Players Alliance is betting that alot of fellow residents agree with her that the state is wrong to ban cash games in private residences.

"It's asinine," Wendy Nutting told The Spokesman-Review. "How can I be vocal about something I know is illegal?"

Kootenai County Chief Deputy Prosecutor

Marty Raap said he planned to have a poker game in his home until checking the law.

"I can't think of a case I've ever seen where friendly home games with other buddies are prosecuted," he said.

He classified the Idaho law banning home poker with other laws that aren't enforced, and said Idaho lawmakers should look at cleaning out antiquated laws.

Just across the state line in Washington, live poker games can be played at Hooters Owl Club Casino in the Spokane Valley. The state also allows in-home games of friendly wagering as long as the host doesn't charge anything. Montana also allows poker.

Interest in poker, particularly Texas Hold 'em, has exploded in the United States in the past few years.

"It's a mind game, a mathematical game, a strategy game," said John Pappas, executive director of Poker Players Alliance. "You'll never have hours and hours of programming with people watching roulette."

Nutting, a 35-year-old Coeur d'Alene native, said she started playing poker three years ago when she saw a professional game on television.

Nutting said she's unsure how to go about changing Idaho law, but Pappas said she's a good person to make the attempt, and was selected from among 24 applicants for the post.

Child care providers face fraud

IDAHO FALLS — Two former Ammon child care providers face fraud charges for failing to report income they made while one was receiving Medicaid payments.

A preliminary hearing for Gary and Beverly Moorehead was continued Friday.

Bonneville County prosecutors charged the Moorheads in September with fraudulently obtaining federal aid and issued a warrant for their arrest. They were arrested in California and returned to the Bonneville County Jail on March 7.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare alleges that the Moorheads failed to report income they earned at two day cares while Beverly Moorehead received Medicaid disability benefits from 2004 to 2006. The state alleges the Moorheads also failed to report \$530,000 awarded them in 2006 after suing a former business partner.

— Associated Press

Local/CALENDAR

Today

CAPP workshop: "Want to work in Seattle?"
Noon
TLC 144

Interdisciplinary colloquium: "Reclaiming Space, Restoring Life: Argentine Women and the Dirty War, 30 Years After"
12:30 p.m.
Aurora Room

CAPP workshop: "Secrets of salary negotiation"
5 p.m.
TLC 222

Vegan potluck
6 p.m.
Appaloosa Room

NCM Fusion
7 p.m.
Clearwater Room

Foreign films: "Manda Bala"
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Borah theater

Graduate student recital
7:30 p.m.
School of Music recital hall

Wednesday

Food systems subcommittee meeting
9 a.m.
Horizon Room

Donuts and discussion: "Islam and Islamic Women"
Noon
TLC 229

College Democrats meeting
6 p.m.
Chief's Room

Martin Forum: "Politics of Democratic Transition in Africa: Independence, Instability, and the Elusive Goal of 'Development'"

7 p.m.
SUB Ballroom

Sapatq'ayn Cinema Series
7 p.m.
Kenworthy Theater

Festival of New Works: "The One"
7:30 p.m.
Kiva theater

Thursday

MMBB Seminar: "Discovering the Power of Microbes for Remediation and Energy,"
12:30 p.m.
TLC 122

Writing Workshop for Graduate Students
5 p.m.
Crest room

Dancers Drummers Dreamers
7:30 p.m.
Hartung Theater

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Lisa Carlson
Professor of political science, University of Idaho

Richard Spence
Professor of history, University of Idaho

Moderator: Don Crowley
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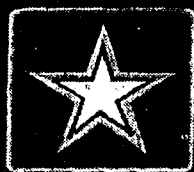
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I wonder if Bush has advising week before making big decisions.....



Julio Cesar Ponce/Argonaut

OurVIEW

On our best behavior

With Vandal Friday approaching in just a few short days it's time to start thinking about being representatives of UI. On Friday hundreds of high school students and their parents will be on campus checking out the university to see what it's like to be a Vandal.

At this time we should all do our best to reflect the best of what UI has to offer. Be kind to our young visitors and remember that we were all in their shoes once. They are about to graduate from high school and make a huge step in their lives and this may be their first taste of what college is like.

Some parents may already be concerned about UI's reputation as a party school and the simple fact that their child will be moving so far away from home. Acting like fools and being a poor representative of the university will not only hurt the university, but it will hurt those visiting the university as well.

This is not to say that we have to hide who we are or what is happening on campus. This campus is definitely not perfect and sometimes bad things happen at unfortunate times and this can't be helped.

What we can do is work hard to be the best representatives that we can. We don't have to be perfect, but being respectful and kind will go a long way. And Vandal Friday isn't the only time to have this outlook on life at UI. If UI is truly about a "legacy of leading" we should reflect that every day in the way we behave in and out of classes and to each other.

Friday we should do our best as a campus to show the visiting high school students how great it is to be a part of the UI community. Everyday we should strive to be our best and take pride in being a Vandal.

—RH

Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

... lasting more than four hours ...

Thursday is the 10th anniversary of FDA approval for Viagra. Seems like only yesterday those little blue pills popped up on the market. These days, Viagra faces stiff competition from Cialis, Levitra and Smilin' Bob's Enzyte. Who knew it would be so hard for Viagra to stay on top?

—T.J.

Politically correct?

We often have interesting debates in The Argonaut office. On Monday the argument was over correct AP style for "midget." Would they prefer to be called dwarves? Little people? Vertically challenged? We don't know, and the stylebook was silent on the matter. So if any shorter-than-normal people have a preference, please let us know.

—Savannah

Woman of the world

Last night I left my car lights on, which resulted in a dead battery. I totally thought I had the answer — just jump start the car. Turns out, I put the negative jumper cable on the positive post. POOF — sparks, smoke, bubbling liquid — pure joy. I waited three hours for a tow truck, only to find out that it was impossible to tow. I returned to my car at 8 a.m. this morning to wrestle the screws off the fuse box for an hour. After replacing the fuse, she started up just fine. I fixed my own car for the first time and did it without the help of a man — although plenty of you stopped by. And all you women walking by smugly without a word? Vindication was (eventually) mine.

—Christina L.

Off balance

I had no idea that what is going on in my ears has so much to do with the way I see the world. Since getting sick my ears have been plugged up and ringing resulting in dizziness and nausea. Just sitting at a computer or listening to someone talk can make me feel very uncomfortable and sick. I can't wait until whatever is in my ears finally drains out.

—Ryli

New York, New York

I just returned from the Model United Nations conference in New York. The university sent around 23 students to represent Uganda in a mock UN session. I must say the whole trip was phenomenal. Around 2,000 college students from all over the world convening in the Sheraton three blocks from Times Square, made for a pretty good time. And we got to hear from some pretty incredible people, such as Ban Ki-Moon. After a week in the city, rolling into Moscow seemed pretty strange, but New York City is not really for me. Either way, keep your eye out for a photo spread of the trip.

—Roger

Vandal Friday history

This Friday marks one of the greatest moments in UI history. Vandal Friday was created in 1897 by president Franklin B. Gault. After disappointing first year turnout, Gault made a deal with Lucifer himself to grant Moscow one day of guaranteed sunshine each year — the day of the event. Since then, UI has enjoyed a much greater attendance and subsequent enrollment. In return, Lucifer has reaped the souls of a dozen freshmen each year — those poor students who, not realizing Moscow's true climate, move north with only a track jacket to keep them warm and litter the campus with their frozen corpses. Shhh — don't tell the visitors.

—Alec

TEEJOCRACY

Common sense lies in the middle

Getting passionate people to agree on certain subjects is nearly impossible. The pro-lifers and pro-choicers will never find a middle ground that will let them learn to get along and be happy with the outcome.

Gun rights advocates and gun control supporters won't come to an agreement that will let each side have their way and let everyone go home happy.

Capital punishment? Same thing. You either kill them or you don't. No happy middle.

If you look at these three topics, you'd think there was one clear side that wants people to be able to kill anyone they want and another side that wants everyone to live.

If it was like that, it would be much easier. I want to live, so everyone else gets to live, too. Simple, isn't it? I want to live so all babies get to live and no one gets to shoot anyone with anything and criminals get to live out their lives, locked away in prisons.

And while we're at it, we'll never go to war for any reason.

Are you seeing the same problems I am? I'll break it down for you.

Republicans — and more specifically, conservatives — have taken the term pro-life for themselves. Pro-life sounds so happy and easy to support. These same Republicans want everyone to have a gun and then use the death penalty on anyone who actually uses their gun.

Liberals and the Democratic Party they generally truck with, tend to be pro-choice. That's another term that sounds easy to get behind. Yes, I want to choose and I want other people to be able to choose.

But you can't choose to buy a gun or put to death someone who probably didn't even use a gun to mur-

der multiple people.

And war? Sure lots of Democrats didn't want to go into Iraq but find me one that didn't want to go into Afghanistan after Sept. 11.

Put simply, you can kill some of the people some of the time, but never all of the people all of the time. We just can't agree on who to kill.

Somewhere in this country are people who firmly believe in never killing anyone, ever, no matter the situation. I want to meet one of them and ask a few questions.

Your daughter was impregnated by a rapist who may or may not have been another member of your own family. Do you allow the abortion?

An invader — foreign or domestic — breaks into your home and threatens to kill your whole family. Assuming you were allowed to own a gun, do you shoot back and save your family?

You decide not to shoot back and the invader kills your entire family except you. The perpetrator is caught and during the sentencing, do you support the death penalty?

Find me the person who says no to all these things and I'll show you a better person than me. Then again, talk is cheap. At least that person has a consistent philosophy, even if it would get them killed. It is, however, more comforting than the person who says, "Kill them all and let God sort it out."

I'd just like one of these politicians to admit they don't have the same consistency. It's like Lenny Bruce is supposed to have said, "Since they condone capital punishment, I want them to stop bitching about Jesus getting nailed up."

As for that other tense issue, here is a common sense solution. Ready? Offer choice, encourage life.



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Standing the test of time

Theater festival celebrates new writers

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Theater productions by older playwrights like Shakespeare are common and popular. Rarely are plays that are still in a gestation period being performed.

The University of Idaho Department of Theatre and Film's Festival of New Works is devoted to today's playwrights and their new works.

"Our commitment to producing new work is a commitment to a writer, rather than a particular script," said Robert Caisley, festival organizer, professional playwright and UI professor of dramatic writing.

Caisley said the majority of plays presented on academic and professional stages around the country have received the benefit of dozens of productions.

"That's what theater history has basically been about — people coming up with new and exciting ways to tell old stories of what it means to be human."

Robert
CAISLEY

UI dramatic writing professor

Caisley said the writers featured in the festival are all at different stages of their careers — from emerging student voices to established professionals.

UI students Luis Guerrero and Ulrike Rosser wrote two of the four plays in the festival.

Richard Warren, a professional playwright, wrote the second play to be shown, "Trio with Flute."

Warren will be visiting campus and conducting workshops about directing and writing for UI students.

While on campus he will also attend rehearsals with the director and cast, attend directing and playwriting classes, and meet with theater students to discuss the profession from their own unique perspective.

Jere Hodgkin, associate professor of theater, is directing "Ward 57," a play that poses the question: how do we honor sacrifices made by soldiers asked to fight in an unpopular war?

Hodgkin first encountered the play as a guest director in Missoula.

"I followed it through the re-writes," Hodgkin said. "Thematically, I'm deeply interested (in the play)."

Jessica Goldberg, a professional playwright currently working in Hollywood, is also part of what made Hodgkin

"Classics weren't always classics," Caisley said.

The festival focuses on plays that have not had revisions and have not had the benefits of hundreds of productions.

"... The unique thrill of producing new plays is that they are not yet road-tested," Caisley said.

The Department of Theatre and Film had been producing a series of one-page plays for the DNA Festival.

The initiation of the MFA in Dramatic Writing changed this.

"The need arose to offer the playwriting students opportunities to meet professional playwrights and have their own longer plays brought to life on stage," Caisley said.



Jenna Giguere (right) and Brittany Brook (left) rehearse "The One," part of the Festival of New Works, in the Kiva Theatre Monday evening.

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Old to the craft, new to the art

Furniture builder turns talent toward art

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

A needle indicates the rising pressure inside plywood pipes that lead to nowhere.

The strange apparatus sits next to a series of dark, tarnished tools that do nothing.

A bike pump, a handlebar light, hammers, spoons, knobs, handles and brushes all seem just as alien as they are classic.

A technical education student at the University of Idaho, James Pullen has been creatively sculpting for less than a year, but has already become immersed in his work and has received significant attention for it.

"I grew up in an old farm house in northern Maine, and in the attic of the barn we always had boxes of stuff," Pullen said. "For viewers, I wanted to sort of recreate that experience."

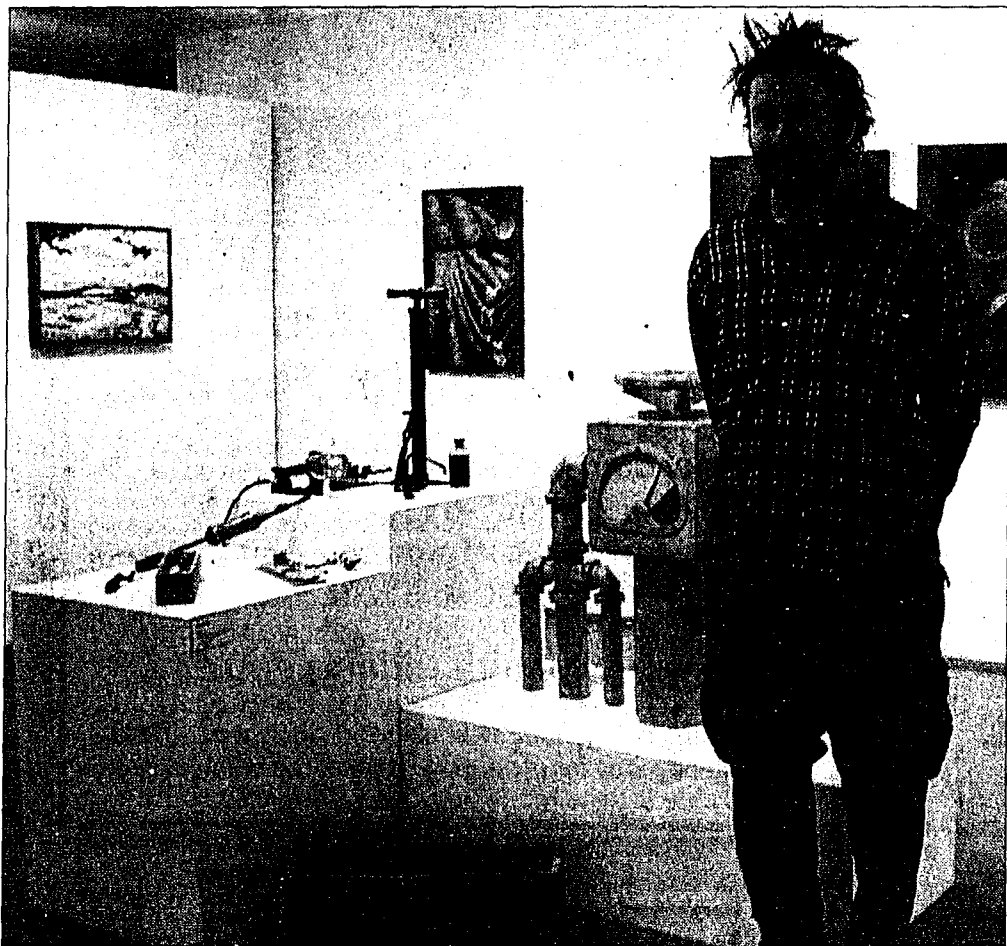
After his first year of college, Pullen dropped out of school.

After taking 10 years to decide what he wanted to do with his education, he and his wife decided to move to the Palouse, where he could seek an undergraduate program at UI and she could work on her master's degree at Washington State University.

He has since picked up a professional technical education major with a minor in art education.

Pullen also works as the assistant supervisor of the College of Art and Architecture Wood Shop.

In the fall, Pullen enrolled in a beginning sculpture class



Courtesy Photo

Technical education major and artist James Pullen stands by his artwork in the Reflections Gallery, which will be on display for the rest of the week.

taught by art and design graduate student Doug Burns.

This semester, Pullen is working with Jason Ferguson, the assistant professor of art and design and sculpture area coordinator.

"September was the first time that I've had an art class and made art for art's sake," Pullen said.

Ferguson has decided to nominate Pullen for an outstanding student achievement award through the International Sculpture Center in Hamilton, N.J. If he is selected, his work will be put on display in New Jersey and written about in Sculpture Magazine.

"He's only a semester and

a half into this, which speaks that he's competitive," Ferguson said. "... He's got direction."

In February, Pullen won a shared Best in Show at the University of Idaho's Juried Undergraduate Art Show. His entries were entitled "Tools"

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Seniors mix media and inspiration

Padrhig A. Harney
Argonaut

With spring at the University of Idaho comes graduation and senior exhibits for BFA students.

Eight senior students from the Department of Art and Design showcased their final projects on Friday in the Ridenbaugh Gallery.

Each artist incorporated different inspiration and skills for their work, which made for a versatile group of different works and mediums.

Hannah Crawford, a senior majoring in graphic design and Spanish, applied her BFA project toward helping children.

"Punchit! is designed to provide library services to kids that wouldn't normally have access because of home circumstances (such as single parents, etc.), or because of location," Crawford said.

She said she has always enjoyed books and reading and thought it would be fun to incorporate that into her senior project.

"I was inspired by memories of reading programs from when I was little, like 'Bookit!' as well as the summer reading programs put on by the local library," Crawford said.

Another artist combined his love of children stories and his talent for illustration to create a children's book "Find Penny."

"I actually had a dog growing up and his name was Penny," said Cory Schreiner, a senior majoring in art and design.

"Find Penny" is a story about a dog, which includes a card memory game.

"I printed the art for the cards

and sticker paper — then using the laser cutter on campus cut the cards out," Schreiner said.

Angela Heilesen, a senior majoring in art and design said she came up with the idea for "Eira — Women + Environment" in hopes of changing the generic look of outdoor clothing.

She said she was looking to add her own creativity and love for sports to the clothing line.

"I started with some abstract drawings over the summer and those turned into 'Eira' an outdoor clothing line for women," Heilesen said.

For their projects, the students utilized many different skills.

"To make the prints I created the artwork using vector drawings in Adobe Illustrator," Crawford said. "I used Illustrator for most of my layouts, with a little bit of Photoshop for the graphic wrap on the bus and InDesign for a general information mailer."

Heilesen said a friend helped with the finishing touches of her clothing line.

"My friend is great at screen printing, so I had her help me with the printing on the bags, and the tags for the shirts," Heilesen said.

Like many students, the seniors said they don't have any definite plans after graduation.

"I love the area and would like to stay here, but I think I need to go out and get some experience first," Crawford said. "I'm thinking I'd either like to go to Seattle or Portland because they have a busier graphic design market."

While Schreiner said he may move to Boise, Heilesen said she may decide to stay in Northern Idaho. "My fiends might help me

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Clearing the fog

Women's Center discusses modern-day Islamic women

Saida Razae
Argonaut

Mohamed Adouiane, professor of Islamic studies at the University of Idaho, will hold an event focused on Muslim women and their rights.

Hosted by the UI Women's Center, the discussion will be at noon on Wednesday in the Teaching and Learning Center, Room 229.

Adouiane will talk about new laws in Morocco that give women more of a democratic life.

In a question and answer session, Adouiane hopes to clarify misinterpretations and biased judgments that have been attached to Islam.

Safahati Adinda, a Muslim student at UI agrees with Adouiane that there are misinterpretations of Islam and Islamic women's rights.

"The event will open the eyes of Muslims and non-Muslims," Adinda said.

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Safahati
ADINDA
UI student

Muslims will become aware of their rights and non-Muslims will find out what the rights are given to Muslims — both men and women.

Adinda said countries' cultures have been mixed with the Islamic culture, which has created confusion.

Adouiane said he wants to interpret things within the religion, how it works and how it is relevant to our needs.

He said the world looks at the Muslim women as victims

hear the DISCUSSION

The discussion on Islam and Islamic women will take place at noon on Wednesday in the TLC building, Room 229

of harm caused by men, however, this can happen within any culture, religion and country and it is not a fair judgment to associate the crime with Islam.

"For example, if you see a Muslim committing a crime, it's not coming from Islam," he said. "It's coming from a Muslim and everyone should be able to see the difference."

At the end of the session when people leave, Adouiane said he hopes they will understand what really happens in the Islamic world.

Adinda said people do not

usually get their information from the right sources.

"If one wants to know about Islam and the rules and rights for women and men, they should go to the Quran," Adinda said.

On the other side, Adouiane said he wants to focus on the same matter.

He said that the Islamic laws have been changed by the ones that had the power to change it.

Then others that see those rules being applied think that Islam is all about those misinterpretations.

"In fact Islam is all about equal rights for both genders," Adouiane said.

Adinda agreed with Adouiane and said the Quran says "ya ayohal amazon," which means "rules are for all — not just men or women."

Adouiane and Adinda said they think anyone who attends the event will get a broader view of what Islam is all about: equality for both genders.

Distinguished writer visits UI

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

This week the University of Idaho will receive a visit from an award-winning fiction writer who will not only read from her first novel, but also teach a weeklong workshop for graduate English students.

Ann Pancake, who currently resides in Tacoma, Wash. and teaches at Pacific Lutheran University, will be making her first visit to UI as a part of the English department's MFA Creative Writing Distinguished Visiting Writers Series.

The workshops, which will be taught on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are an intense experience for the graduate students who participate, consisting of multiple hours of work each day.

"I hope by teaching these workshops, students will get a better sense of confidence and faith in their own vision and voices in their writing," she said.

Daniel Orozco, who teaches fiction writing at the undergraduate and graduate level for the English department, said that she will be a great addition to the

Distinguished Visiting Writers Series.

"She's an accomplished writer and a dedicated teacher. The students who will participate in these workshops will get exposure to great writing," he said.

Orozco said it's also important for any student writer to hear writing read to them instead of just reading it.

Orozco, who knows Pancake briefly from when they attended the MFA program together at University of Washington, said that she's a terrific writer.

"I like her writing. She's detailed and precise, and she evokes this world she's creating and puts you in it," he said.

Orozco is looking forward to Pancake's visit, and hearing her read her work.

He said that it's important for writers to hear other writers read their work aloud, instead of just reading their work out of a book.

Pancake, who got into writing at a young age, said that writing is what she's always done, and that it has been very rewarding for her.

"I've always done it when I don't feel worthless and cranky," Pancake said.

She said that through writing, she has learned to pay greater attention to the world around her, and that she's gained a lot of self-reflection through her work.

Pancake received her BA in English at West Virginia University, and her doctorate in English Literature from the University of Washington.

Her work has been published in several journals, and her collection of short stories titled "Given Ground" has won numerous awards.

Pancake is excited for her trip to Moscow as a visiting writer.

"The students in the workshops and individual conferences have already sent me their manuscripts. I'm looking forward to learning about these people and their stories," she said.

While the workshops that Pancake will be teaching are not open to all students, the reading she will be doing will be.

Pancake will be reading from her first novel, "Strange As This Weather Has Been," Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building auditorium.

Her novel, which was listed as one of Kirkus Review's Top Ten Fiction Books of 2007, is about a family from the Appalachian area and their experience with mining.

The reading is free and open to everyone who wants to attend.

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get a job in Coeur d'Alene," Heileson said. "I know some people doing graphic work there."

UI's Department of Art and Design offers three undergraduate degrees, each designed to prepare students for entry into a profession as a studio artist, designer or teacher or for entrance into related graduate programs.

The BFA degree is designed for those students who wish to develop profes-

sional careers in art and design.

Requirements for the degree are stringent and include intense involvement in studio work in the senior year, closely monitored by all faculty members, culminating in the development of a portfolio and written statement in support of a professional exhibition.

SPIRIT FINGERS



Perry Hanson/Argonaut
Dancers Drummers Dreamers in the Hartung Theatre on Friday night.

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and "Infrastructure." Both were an exploration of the relationship between the aesthetics and utility in the objects that he manipulated.

"It's a series of tools and other objects that I got from thrift stores and broke them apart, reattached them, and fabricated them into 'non-tools,'" Pullen said. "They are immediately recognizable as tools, but not easily identified as to what they're for."

Pullen's wife is a painter and is seeking her master's degree in fine arts.

Pullen said that his wife's artistic presence has had a major impact on his ability to quickly adapt his skills to art.

"Even though in the 10 years we've been together I've never been someone who was a creator of art, it's been an ongoing dialogue in our life," Pullen said. "Her classmates and friends are focused on it too."

Along with his exposure to art through his marriage, Pullen has spent his life acquiring the mechanical skills that give him an edge as a new sculptor.

"Students at his level usually haven't been as exposed to material processes," Ferguson said, "but he has a machinist background as a workshop supervisor, and has an understanding of the equipment."

Pullen said that, combined with

years of tinkering and building, he has also completed a furniture-making apprenticeship and used to build white-water boats while working in outdoor education.

"I have a lot of experience fabricating, so it was a natural transition," Pullen said.

Ferguson said that it's Pullen's experience and notion for safety that make it possible for him to pursue "big" projects.

Pullen's latest projects are especially big — including everything from turning a tree inside out to filling the back of his truck with every item from his apartment and standing it up on its tailgate, pointed toward the sky.

"He's not afraid of going really big with his stuff, so he comes up with the most un-receivable thing possible to get his idea across," Ferguson said. "He has no problem with ambitious projects or coming up with an idea and accomplishing it."

Pullen said that ideally, he is more compelled to pursue a teaching career than focus on his art.

"I think I'm enjoying some really good response for the work that I'm making, but I don't really feel driven by that," Pullen said. "I was always a horrible student, and that has somehow been turned on its head. Now, I'm driven to be an educator."

He said he hopes to find work in a vocational program at a school where "there is some crossover between art and trade."

"The more sculpting I do, though, the more I enjoy it," he said.

In the future, Pullen plans to continue bringing more of his art out to the public.

Currently, he has one piece on display in the Reflections Gallery of the Idaho Commons, and will be showing some of his work around the Commons for the upcoming Fine Arts Week event.

He also mentioned the possibility of working with his wife on an exhibit.

"My wife and I would love to do a collaborative show," Pullen said. "We both have a lot of work that focuses on the border between art and craft."

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so fascinated with the play. The festival was the first to contact her about the production, which makes this play about as new as possible.

"Something happens that is unique and magical when you give yourself over to a play," Hodgins said.

Caisley said that there is both value and distinction in live theater.

"Live theater has been around at least 2,500 years," Caisley said. "It has withstood the test of time and will continue to be sought out and valued by audiences because of the truly unique live exchange that occurs between the art and the observer of the art."

Caisley said that people should consider that even Shakespeare was once a new voice in an emerging and vibrant theater.

"That's why arts communities need to support new plays and new playwrights," Caisley said. "That's what theater history has basically been about — people coming up with new and exciting ways to tell old stories of what it means to be human."

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Vandals by the Numbers

6 Number of games the Vandal football team will play at home next season.

20 Number of starters the Idaho football team is returning for next season.

20 Number of years the newest Vandals' men's basketball coach Don Verlin has spent as an assistant or associate coach.

43 Number of returning letterwinners for Vandal football.

Did you know...

● Don Verlin, the new UI men's basketball coach, was the longest tenured assistant coach in Utah State history.

● The teams Verlin has been involved with have never had a record below .500.

● The Idaho women's tennis team has bounced back from a 3-7 record. The women have won six of their last seven matches to move to a 9-8 record. The team will travel to Las Vegas this weekend to take on Southern Utah.

Vandals to Watch

Lucas Pope
Track and field



Pope, a transfer from Idaho State, led the Vandals during the indoor season in the pole vault. Pope opens the outdoor season this weekend at the Sacramento State Invitational.

Shiloh Keo
Football



Keo, a junior, was the 2007 season's MVP. He returns to the field Tuesday for spring practice to help lead the Vandals in to the fall season.

Brad Tensen
Men's golf



Tensen started strong this spring with a 43rd place finish at the Fresno State Lexus Golf Classic on March 10-11. Tensen and senior Ben Weyland helped lead the Vandals to a 17th place finish at the tournament. Tensen will have the opportunity to lead the team again at the Oregon Duck Invitational today.

Vandals in Action

Today Football spring practice starts today in the Kibbie Dome. The team continues practice on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Women's golf continues play at the Oregon Duck Invitational in Eugene, Ore.

Men's golf heads to Eugene, Ore. for the Oregon Duck Invitational.

Saturday

Women's tennis takes on Southern Utah in Las Vegas.

Track and field heads to Sacramento, Calif. for the Nike Sacramento State Invitational.

At the Rec

Thursday is the deadline for doubles billiards for UI intramurals.

Spear welcomes new coach



Don Verlin, the new University of Idaho men's basketball coach, speaks at a press conference Monday evening in the University Inn.

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

Don Verlin was welcomed as the new University of Idaho men's basketball coach by President Tim White and Athletic Director Rob Spear at a press conference Monday night.

"I am very honored to be chosen the head basketball coach for the University of Idaho," Verlin said. "I am tremendously excited and am looking forward to building a winning basketball program here."

Verlin comes to Idaho from Division I's fifth-winningest program of the decade, Utah State, where he spent the past 10 years as an assistant coach. Idaho will be Verlin's first head coaching position.

Two years ago Verlin applied for the Idaho position, but later declined the job — he said that on this occasion everything happened at the right time for him and his family.

"There are only 319 Division I jobs and when you can get one in one of the

top ten conferences in America, you probably have to take your chance and get out there and get after it," Verlin said. "That's what I'm looking forward to doing."

Spear, who described Verlin as an "offensive genius," mentioned that the new coach has not had a sub-.500 season in his 16 years as an assistant coach.

Verlin said that as far as goals go, he is not concerned with numbers.

The coach said he wants to teach his team to "do the right thing," on and off the court, and to "win the next game."

Verlin's final goal was to get fans to care about Idaho basketball.

Shortly before the public meeting, Verlin met with his new team for the first time.

"I'm a little shocked, trying to adapt to all the new changes," Idaho forward Mike Hall said.

Hall added that though the program was already different, most of the team has a lot of respect for their new coach.

Mike Kale, who will be Idaho's only

four year senior next year, said he was a big fan of Utah State's style and is excited to play for Verlin next season.

"I think the program is headed in the right direction," Kale said. "I think Rob Spear knew what he was doing, and he brought in the right guy for the job. Everyone is really excited to have coach Verlin here for next year."

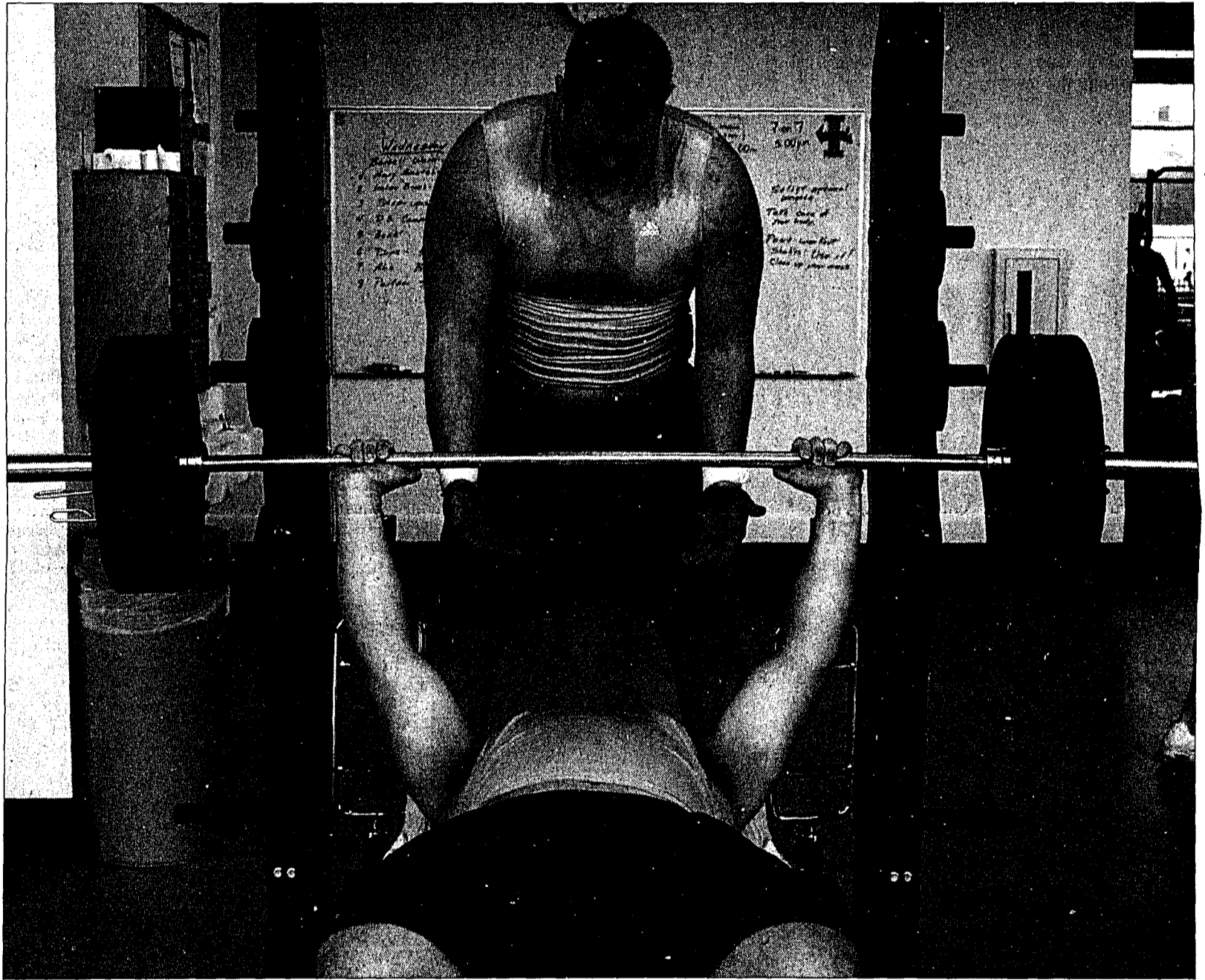
In his 20 years of coaching, including four years at the junior college level, Verlin boasts a 453-160 (.739) record.

"Don is a winner. He has been involved with winning programs throughout his whole career," Spear said. "He has been mentored by one of the most respected coaches in the game — Stew Morrill."

Off the court, Verlin has proven his dedication to learning by earning a master's degree in education from Colorado State in 1993.

Spear said an announcement on the Idaho women's basketball program will be out within two days.

WORKIN' IT OUT



Vandal offensive linemen and redshirt freshmen, Matt Cleveland (lifting) and Tyrone Novikoff (spotting) lift in the Kibbie Dome Wednesday afternoon to prepare for the start of spring practice.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

Spring practice addresses team's needs

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho football team will resume coach Robb Akey's quest to re-build the team and resume a winning tradition that dates back to the '80s when the Vandals played in the Big West as they take the field for spring practice for the first week today.

The Vandals are coming off a 2007 season that produced only one win.

Akey recognizes one thing vital to the process of re-building any team is recruiting.

Akey, in his second year as coach at UI, completed his first full recruiting year and said that the team has

addressed some needs and has players coming in that will be able to help the program immediately.

"It's really early, but we're going to find out this summer when the new guys get here," Akey said.

"We've got some guys coming in on the defensive line who are going to compete for the starting job and it's going to make us better."

The Vandals had two starting linebackers graduate since last season — David Vobora, a captain who had a team leading 148 tackles last year and Jo Artis Ratti. Both were an integral part of the Idaho defense. The Vandals will return a handful of linebackers who could replace Vobora and Ratti, and make a difference in the success of the defense.

"We'll find out early this fall who will be on the field," Akey said. "We've got some guys coming back that are going to help us, too."

The Vandals, who as a team gave up an abysmal average of 36 points per game last season, are making it a point to sure up the defense this year with 14 of a total 21 recruits being defensive players.

"On defense we are beginning to address the situation," Akey said. "We ought to be able to run the 4-3 (defensive) package that we like to run and last year our linebackers were our strength so we

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Snowboard Club women score big at nationals

Andrea Miller
Argonaut

The University of Idaho snowboard club had a lot of hardware to bring home from the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard National Championships earlier this month in Sunday River Resort, Maine.

The women's snowboarding team retained its first place title in the overall team competition with Amanda Wiebush, Heidi Miller and Katie Anderson scoring for the Vandals. Skier Brandon Hammer won the inaugural freestyle skiing event at USCSA for the Vandals.

Idaho women's snowboarding won for the second year in a row, with a six-

point advantage over second place finisher Colorado University.

"It was really good," Wiebush said. "I progressed a lot this year too."

Anderson led the Vandals with a sixth place finish in the overall individual competition. Wiebush was next, in seventh, and Miller finished 10th.

The women competed in three different events — slopestyle, boarder x and giant slalom.

In the slopestyle, Anderson and Miller led Idaho with third and sixth place finishes, respectively. Anderson and Wiebush paced the Vandals in the boarder x competition with seventh and eighth place finishes, respectively.

Wiebush led Idaho with a third place

finish in the giant slalom.

Snow in the Rocky Mountains is drastically different than the snow on the east coast of the U.S., but luckily the spring snow conditions didn't bring harsh conditions for the skiers and snowboarders.

"I was relieved that it wasn't icy," Wiebush said.

She said Maine had a good snow year and the resort got 14 inches of snow shortly before the team arrived at Sunday River.

Wiebush said Sunday River Resort also makes a lot of its snow. They have a "long" mountain with eight peaks and several different lodges.

It differs from resorts in the West,

which Wiebush said typically only has one summit.

Wiebush said the snowboard competition was fairly relaxed. Although the women were in competition, they were still able to have fun during their days on the slopes.

"We had a giant snowball fight," Wiebush said. "At the top of the course, it was pretty fun."

Hammer was a new addition to the snowboard club this year with the addition of freestyle skiing to the USCSA championships. Hammer said the ski club at UI is orientated on racing, which he doesn't have much experience with.

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Beiser 'sails to the top of the world'

Robert Todeschi
Argonaut

Mike Beiser, the University of Idaho's Outdoor Program Coordinator, sits in the lobby outside his office. He wears a tan, plaid shirt, North Face hiking shoes and below his sky-blue eyes, a dark beard with grey trim. Someone plays an acoustic guitar in the rental equipment garage behind him.

The atmosphere around the Outdoor Program office is as mellow as drinking a Red Stripe in a hammock. But beneath the monotone voice, fleece and ski-goggle tan lines, Beiser's energy is intense.

For years he saved money for a climbing expedition to Mt. Everest. Things didn't pan out and he transferred his permit.

His daughter had just been born and he wanted to be a part of her life so he took some time off. But Beiser didn't take the family to Disneyland with the money he'd been saving for Everest. He sold the house, and instead bought a sailboat. "I like to say, 'When you have the time, you don't have the money but when you have the money you don't have the time,'" he says. Beiser happened to have both.

For a year and a half, he, his wife, their 1-year-old daughter, and father sailed from the Puget Sound to Mexico. With three ocean routes to take, Beiser took the fastest and most dangerous, miles from the coast. "We left Washington, next

the Golden Gate Bridge," he says.

When he's in a storm at sea, Beiser says he'd rather be on a mountain. But he's been caught in storms with students on Denali thinking they were going to die and wished he was out at sea.

Beiser doesn't know what causes it.

"Was it genetics that got me here?" he says with a shrug and smile. "I don't know. You just take things to the limit. To the edge, the sensory deprivation," Beiser says. His hands motion as he speaks. "You come back, and every time life has never been so sweet."

A graduate in forestry from Colorado State University, Beiser realized early that forestry wasn't for him. He didn't want to cut trees. He wanted to preserve them.

For six years in the Teton Mountains and a year in Alaska, Beiser mixed his dream of becoming a park ranger with his passion for climbing and became a climbing ranger.

He lived cheap with forced free time. Beiser worked nine intense months and the remainder of the year traveled the world climbing. In the late 1970s, the general public considered outdoor enthusiasts the lunatic fringe.

"We didn't have any education. Guys and gals went out and just experimented." He says. "Back then, if you came back alive you were lucky."

His work came with a price.

Climbing rangers were ambulance drivers in the mountains. Bagging bodies of climbers was easy. Seeing the surviving victims suffer was the struggle. Beiser stares off for a moment. His mouth is open ready to speak but he chooses his words carefully and quiet.

"There were six to 12 fatalities a year," he says. "You come away somewhat jilted after that."

Only the noises in the Student Recreation Center are heard. He's learned hard lessons with death. Beiser says he introduced climbing to a dozen friends or students who later died recreating.

"Maybe I've kept 24 out of body bags though. I'm not counting," he says.

Beiser realized again he didn't want to rescue people. He wanted to educate them and keep them alive.

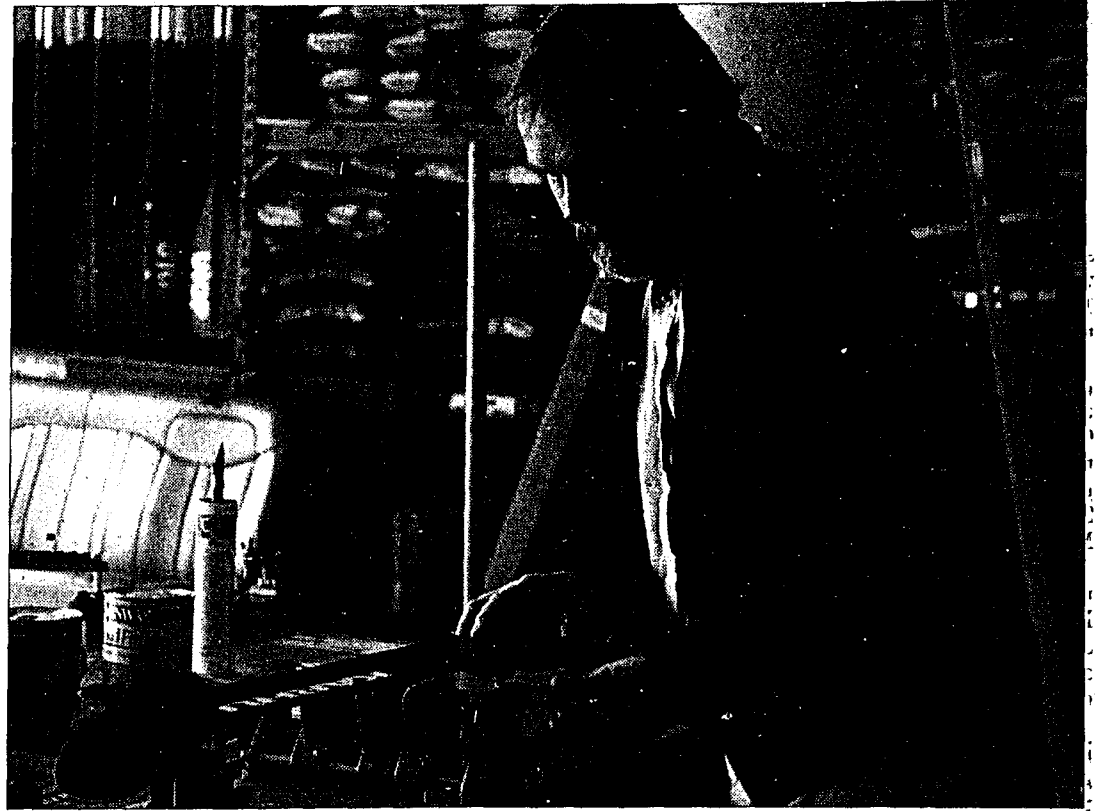
"I wanted to know what it was that you can do to curtail someone dying while recreating," he says.

In 1983, he took the outdoor coordinator job at Idaho. Back then, the program was run out of a closet in the basement of the Student Union Building.

A large closet, he laughs. He didn't think it'd last more than a few years.

After 25, Beiser is still in Idaho. There's grey in his hair and beard, but he speaks with the same "youthful idealism" he describes in his past.

Beiser laughs to himself. During last semester's snow closures, he kept the back door



Jake Barber/Argonaut
University of Idaho Outdoor Program Coordinator Mike Beiser gives a pair of skis a tune up Monday morning in the Student Recreation Center.

open of the outdoor center for rentals. It was the only building open on campus.

Students and employees come and go in the Outdoor Program. No one walks by without a joke from Beiser. It's the people that make his experiences worth while.

His legacy stands a few

paces away with one of the best rock climbing walls in the U.S., but his career affirmation comes from students.

Despite the Outdoor Program being non-academic, Beiser has had seven former employees become outdoor program coordinators at different universities. It makes him proud they're

out making people safe and appreciative across the nation.

"I've read tons of biographies," Beiser says. He interrupts himself and jokes with a work-study student about clocking in. "I just don't want to write one. But I've got a title," he says. "Sailing to the Top of the World."

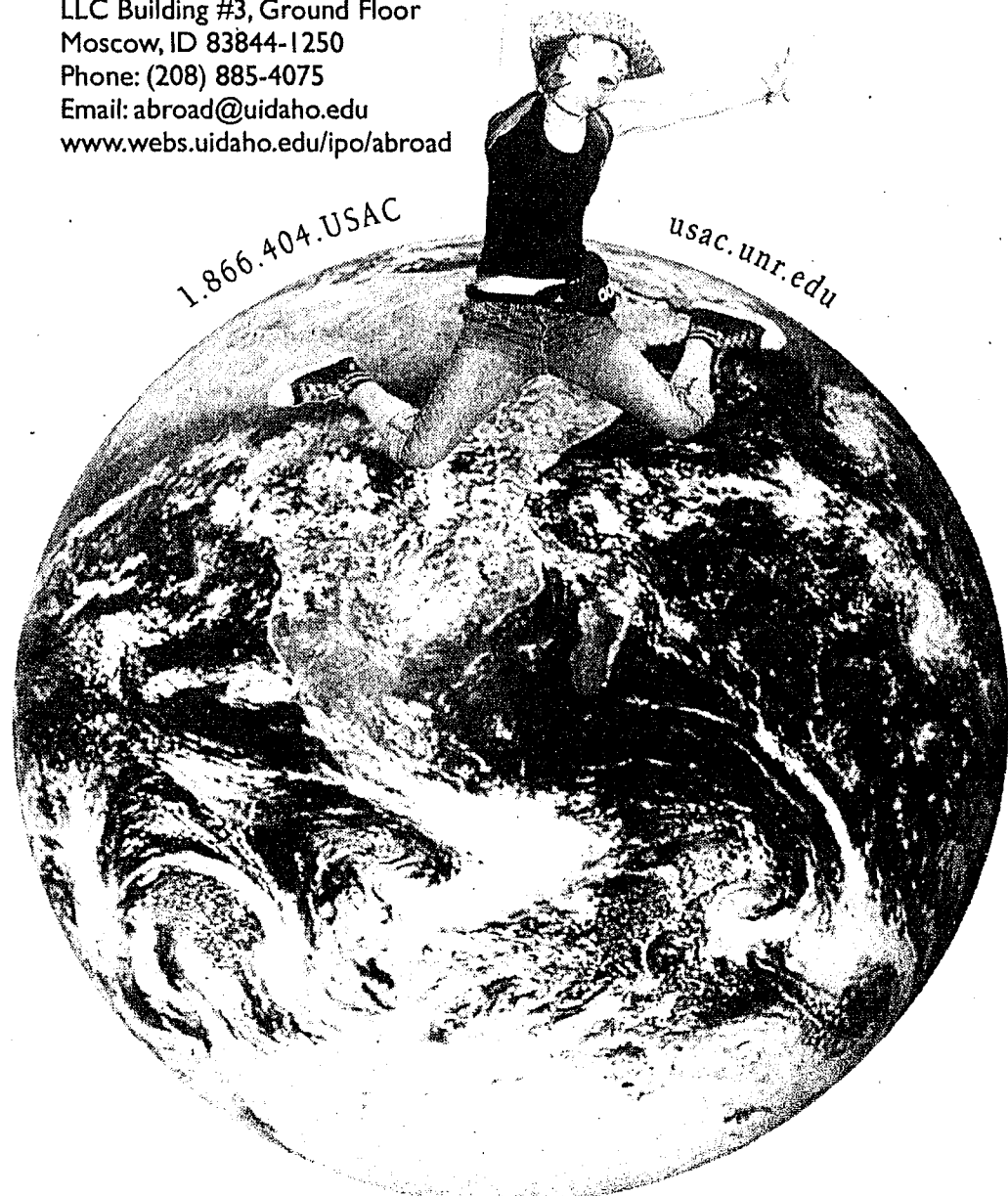
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March Madness bracket blues

I can't tell you how many conversations I've had regarding my March Madness bracket the past few days.

The NCAA Tournament is a sports geek's Las Vegas.

It's where the common fan gets crazy and becomes a die-hard fanatic.

It's where the regular guy turns into Peter Gammons.

It's fun. It really is. However, there is another side to this coin. I'm currently there.

Putting my bracket in The Argonaut, for the whole community to see, did what I thought it would.

It bit me in the tail. Like many of you, my bracket is basically done.

I had Pitt as my surprise Final Four team and they failed to escape the second round. My Pitt prediction turned out moronic, not to mention I also had Clemson and Arizona in the Elite Eight.

Yup, tool shed, right here. Seriously, my grandma's bracket is looking better than mine. Yes, my grandma has a bracket.

We've been doing a family pool ever since I can remember.

We're geeks in my family. Sorry, Grandma.

The worst part about this tournament is that I only filled out one bracket. That's never happened. Usually I'm the guy who fills out 10 brackets, with a couple of them ending up fairly reputable.

Next year I'll fill out two or three and give myself a better chance.

If you have any hopes of winning your pool, you just can't lose any of your Final Four teams within the first two rounds.

If you still have all four of yours, I'd say you're in good shape.

One great thing about the brackets is that they seem to validate one's fandom. I can't argue NCAA hoops with someone whose bracket is better than mine.

What do I know? He's the dude who had Michigan State over Pitt, and

West Virginia over Duke (I had Arizona over the Dukies).

The big dance turns normal, fans into experts and religious; fans into idiots.

As for me, I'm getting tired of hearing the drunk guy at the bar explain his reasoning, for picking San Diego over UCONN.

I don't know, maybe I shouldn't be so sure.

Hell, I should let him have his day. At least he had the guts to make the prediction.

It's just tough when you're the guy whose bracket completely failed him.

It's evident as to whose bracket is holding up. Seriously, you see people walking on campus with a little skip to their step. Almost like a strut.

Those are the people that either woke up to someone pretty and warm cuddling next to them or the one's with a killer bracket with cash prizes on the way. Some maybe have both the body and the bracket.

I can only imagine. I can't even beat my grandma.

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TENNIS

Vandals reach winning record

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The women's tennis team reached the level of play its been working hard for all season after they defeated Weber State this weekend to move to a winning record of 9-8.

The women have bounced back from their previous record of 3-7 and won six of their last seven matches to reach an overall record above .500 for the first time this season.

"They're playing with a lot more confidence," said Idaho coach Jeff Beaman. "There's a lot of improvement just in terms of mental, emotional, getting better the more matches we play. So (there's) all around improvement."

The Vandals defeated Weber State 6-1 by dominating in doubles and then winning every singles match except for the No. 3 spot with freshman Yvette Ly.

"We went out and played a really good match against Weber State," said junior Laura Leoni. "It's hard to go into a match when you haven't practiced or when you're practicing in snow."

With the football turf down in the Kibbie Dome, the tennis teams are forced to practice

outside, weather permitting.

"When it's raining, we can't play at all," Leoni said. "It's very hard on all of our players."

Leoni said that when it rains, the court is just too slick to practice. But despite the poor weather, the Vandals feel good about the way they're playing and have big goals as they near the end of the season.

"We really want to climb up in our (Western Athletic Conference) standings," Leoni said. "It's really important for us to go and win the rest of our matches before we get to conference."

The women have three big matches coming up this weekend as they travel to Las Vegas to take on Southern Utah, Bethany College and San Jose State in the last conference match of the regular season.

The men's team went 1-1 in Montana this weekend and continues to hold onto a winning record of 12-10.

They started the weekend Friday with a disappointing loss against Montana State-Bozeman 2-5, a team that Beaman hoped to perform much better against.

Beaman said Montana State has been to the NCAA team championships in three of the

last four years and a win there would have really helped the men's team. The Vandals have lost five of their last seven matches.

"I really wanted to have a good showing," Beaman said. "It was a really disappointing loss. It was a match I was looking forward to."

The men came back on Saturday and defeated the University of Montana 6-1, winning the doubles point and five of six singles matches.

"Montana's a team that's the same level as Montana State," Beaman said. "They're very closely matched. I think a huge factor was getting the match in the day before."

Beaman said that due to the bad weather, the team hasn't been able to practice as much as it would like.

"It is an excuse," Beaman said. "But it's like trying to play in a golf tournament when you haven't been able to swing a club."

Beaman said they're continuing to work on improving as a team, but for now they're just "praying for good weather."

The men have a two week break before they travel to Boise to take on Boise State and the University of San Diego.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Nakashima hits her stride

Jaimee Myers
Argonaut

For University of Idaho senior Kelly Nakashima, golf was a sport she took up at age 10 because her mother was taking golf lessons.

Those childhood lessons paid off because she was recognized as Western Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week after participating in the UNLV Spring Invitational on March 10 and 11.

"My mom was taking golf lessons when I was 10," Nakashima said. "I tagged along, and decided to try it out for myself."

She participated in junior golf as a young girl, and went on to play in high school as well.

Nakashima is from Wailuku, Hawaii and chose to come to UI because she knew three other women that attended Idaho to play golf.

She met the former coach of UI at a golf tournament in Washington and was eventually recruited to play for the university.

"Coming from a small area back home, I wanted to attend a smaller campus as well," Nakashima said.

Her parents travel from Hawaii once a month to watch her participate in the tournaments.

"My dad works for an airline, so he gets travel benefits," she said. "So that's really nice to have them come and support me."

She said the Boulder Creek Golf Course in Las Vegas, where she earned her WAC award, was her favorite course to play on.

"I've just always played well there for some reason," Nakashima said. "I was really excited!"

The women's golf team has been traveling to Lewiston for practice due to the unpredictable weather conditions.

"We have had a tough winter, therefore giving us less practice time," she said. "My goal for us is to win the WAC again this year."

Over the last four years, Nakashima said she believes

the team has grown and improved with each season.

"I knew we could compete with the big schools, even if we are from a little town named Moscow," Nakashima said.

The team has some improvements to make before reaching the WAC championship tournament, she said.

"As a team, we need our scores to be more consistent, shoot more for the 70's, fairways, greens, etc," Nakashima said. "As for myself, I need to work on mentally preparing for each round I need to reach a winning state of mind and learn to focus."

Over Winter Break, Nakashima traveled home to Hawaii for the holidays and worked on her swing — making minor changes to prepare for the spring season.

Her goal is to win a tournament individually or as a team, as well as win another WAC title, and head to regionals and nationals.

"I take out my iPod, and listen to music to get ready for each round. If one song pops out to me that day, and I play well after listening to it — I keep it in my head all week-end long," Nakashima said.

"However, if that was not the lucky song for the day, I find a new song to represent my play that day — change it up a bit."

Besides the music, she also makes sure that every ball she plays with has "No. 1" written on it.

"Because of course, I am shooting to be No. 1," she said.

Nakashima plans to graduate this summer. She wants to try out for Q School, a school that only accepts the top golfers across the country and invites them to play in various qualifiers to play professionally.

"Only the top 30 are accepted after various cuts at tournaments in California and Florida," Nakashima said. "But, if that doesn't work out, then I guess I will go to grad school."



Kelly Nakashima



Heather Bergland, left, practices with Christie Gordon on the SprinTurf in the Kibbie Dome on Monday afternoon.

Superstitions build a champion

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

Heather Bergland is not your stereotypical collegiate athlete.

She is modest, still gets nervous, has a routine before meets that she follows religiously and is superstitious. One thing she does have in common with most other athletes, however, is a competitive streak.

She hates to lose.

"It doesn't matter what we do, she doesn't want to lose," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "It doesn't matter whether it's a race, board game or ultimate Frisbee — she wants to win."

Bergland has competed in track and field since grade school, but really decided it was the sport for her as a freshman in high school. Today she is a two-time Western Athletic Conference track and field champion.

"I started in relays in grade school, I guess," Bergland said. "In high school I did the 4X1 (relay), 100 meters, 200 meters and the hurdles."

Bergland, a junior from Edmonton, Alberta, said she didn't really compete for her high school though.

"In Canada track isn't that big in the high schools," she said. "It is mostly club teams. So if you want to run track you join a club."

Bergland, who won the 60-meter hurdles at the WAC Indoor Championships with a personal best in the event, said that her best moment in track was her performance at the 2007 indoor championships where she won.

"My best moment would be at indoors last year," Bergland said. "It was the most exciting because I won and I wasn't expected to win."

Bergland said that she would love to compete in track and field as a professional after college but doesn't consider herself that good, at least not yet.

"I have always wanted to run track professionally. Doing something you love would be awesome," she said. "It's hard to think of yourself as that good when your coach is an Olympian, but I do think I

may have the potential to be that good."

Although Bergland realizes her potential, she still gets nervous.

"I still get nervous before every meet," she said. "If I'm not nervous I normally run poorly."

If that nervousness doesn't show up before the race, Bergland has a solution for that too.

"I try to make myself nervous before a race," she said. "I am very competitive, so I think about the race before hand to get nervous, and it makes me run fast. I hate to lose."

Phipps said that he thinks Bergland uses losing to her advantage.

"I think not losing for Heather is a motivating factor," Phipps said. "This sounds funny, but something that sets Heather apart from other athletes is the fact that she's out to win while others are just out to do their best."

Superstitions are a taboo subject among many college and professional athletes. From not washing certain articles of clothing, to letting ones hair

grow until a loss, superstitions are a part of a sport that grip athletes and rarely lets go.

Bergland is no exception.

"I have a lucky pair of socks I wear. Oh, and I have to have caffeine before the race too," she said. "I have to have the exact same warm up unless I have a poor performance the week before, then I change it."

Bergland ran a lifetime-best 8.39 seconds in the preliminary round at the Husky Last Chance Meet to give her the first NCAA provisional qualifying time of her career. She finished second overall with a time of 8.45. Both times eclipsed her previous career best of 8.49 from last year's Western Athletic Conference Championship.

Bergland's most important superstition and routine comes in the form of music. More specifically, a single song by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band that she listens to before each meet. The title of which escapes her.

"It's a song my dad first heard when I was born," she said. "So I guess it gives me inspiration."

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ran more 3-4 defense."

Akey said the efforts of the defensive linemen could make a big difference on the team.

"We have a couple defensive linemen that could have bright futures in college," Akey said. "We like to stop the run with a four-man front and if we can get pressure on the quarterback, too, it's always a good thing. Right now I think we're getting closer to

being able to do that."

On offense the Vandals will return nearly their entire starting squad from last year and should be more familiar with the offense.

"It's always good having a lot of guys returning on offense right?" Akey said. "Those guys having run the offense for a year are going to come back bigger, stronger and smarter and that is what we need to build this program."

Akey also said that he is pleased with the schedule this year and that the fans should

like it too. With six home games for the second year in a row, the Vandals showcase a non-conference schedule that includes Arizona and Western Michigan.

"We have a much better scenario with our non-conference games," Akey said. "It's a well-balanced preseason that can get us ready for the conference schedule. I like the way it rolls out."

The Vandals will start spring practices Tuesday and begin preparation for their first game on Aug. 30 against Arizona.

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But when freestyle skiing was added, he was approached by members of the snowboard club to compete with them.

"This was the first year they opened up freestyle skiing in the USCSA," Hammer said. "So basically I owe everything to Heidi Miller, Katie Anderson and Jared Mary."

Hammer said they allowed him to join the club at Nationals. Because the division of free-

style skiing at the USCSA level is so new, Hammer didn't have to qualify at a regional tournament.

There were two events in the overall competition, slopesstyle and skier x — Hammer finished second in both.

Hammer said his favorite tricks are the "d-spin", 1080 and a double backflip. In the competition, inverted tricks were prohibited.

In the slopestyle, Hammer said he did a "cork 720 followed by a 900."

Hammer was also pleasantly surprised by the snow conditions in Maine.

"The mountain did a good job of grooming, so it was really never too icy," Hammer said. "The park was always nice in the evenings."

Hammer said the skier x competition day was the worst as far as conditions went. It was very icy and several people went down with injuries through the course of trial and competition runs.

Next winter looks promising for the snowboarding club again. Wiebush is graduating in May but Anderson and Miller will be back next winter to defend the women's snowboarding title for Idaho.

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Don Verlin to take over Men's Basketball

MOSCOW, Idaho - University of Idaho director of athletics Rob Spear confirmed Friday that Don Verlin, a long-time assistant coach at Utah State University, will be the Vandals' next men's basketball coach. Verlin will be introduced formally Monday at a 5 p.m. news conference/social at the University Inn-Best Western.

"Don is a winner. He has been involved with winning programs his entire career," Spear said. "He has been mentored by one of the most respected coaches in the game - Stew Morrill.

"Don is a program-builder, a great evaluator of talent, and he understands what it takes to be successful in the Western Athletic Conference."

Verlin has been with Morrill for 16 years, which includes their time together at Colorado State University before Morrill was hired at Utah State 10 seasons ago. The offensive guru for the Aggies, Verlin has been a key compo-

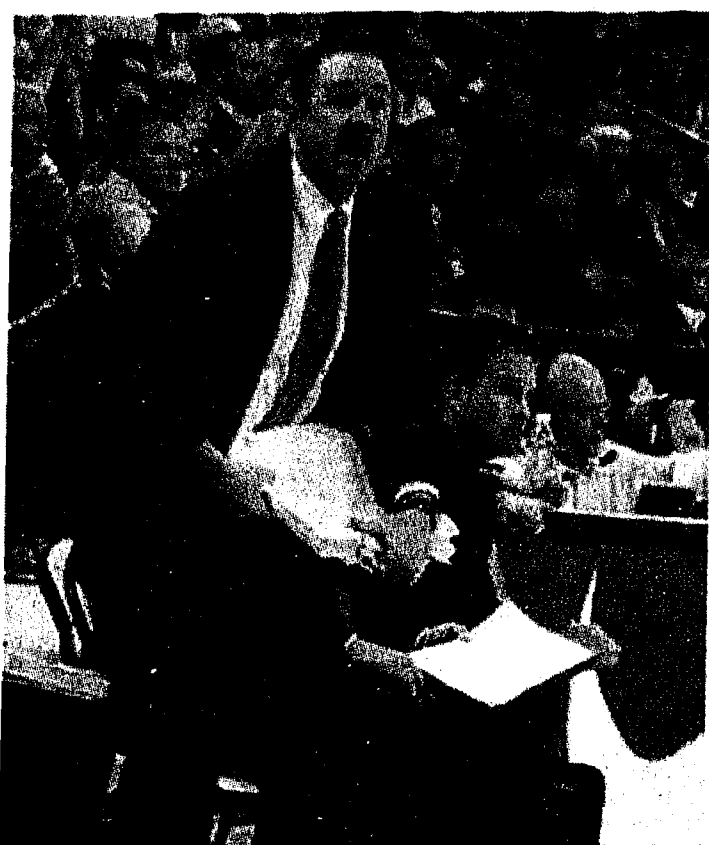
nent in Utah State's nine successive post-season appearances and nine-successive 20-plus-win seasons.

"I'm extremely honored to be chosen the head basketball coach at the University of Idaho," Verlin said. "I am tremendously excited and am looking forward to building a winning basketball program there."

Verlin said the schools share not only a conference affiliation that will be beneficial in his transition but a college-town atmosphere that is a draw to his recruiting style and his family.

"One of the things that really impressed me was the passion Rob Spear and (Idaho president) Tim White have for the University of Idaho," Verlin said.

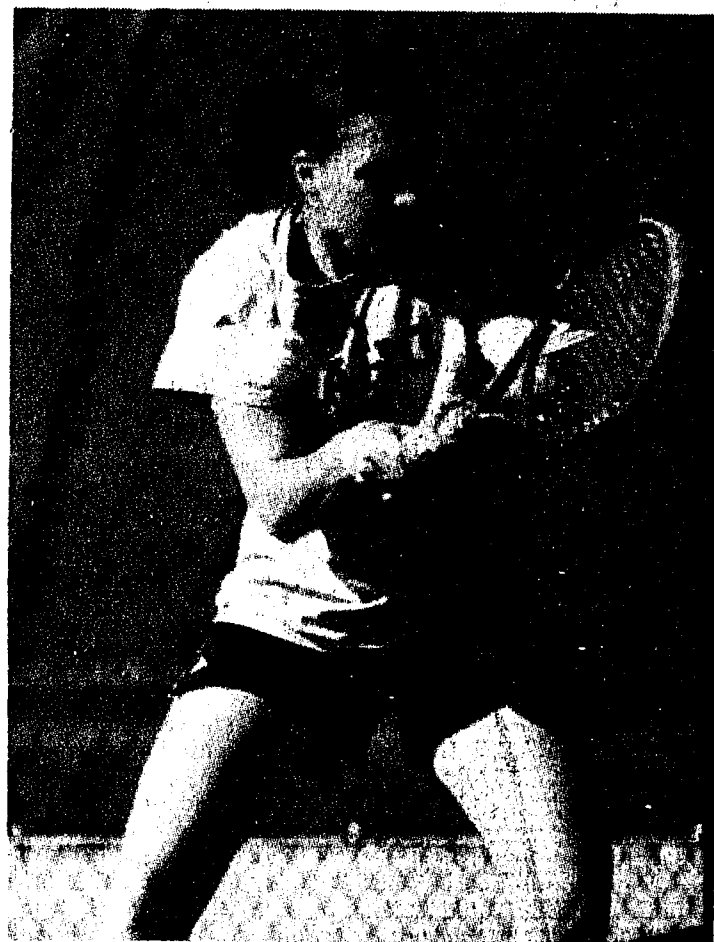
Verlin, a native of Roseville, Calif., and a graduate of Cal State Stanislaus, is married to the former Serena Shumway and has two children - Jacob (12) and Sydnee (5).



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Nakashima earns WAC Golfer of the Week



DENVER - Idaho women's golfer Kelly Nakashima has been named Golfer of the Week by the Western Athletic Conference for the week of March 10-16.

The senior from Wailuku, Hawai'i finished in an eighth-place tie in the field of 96 golfers with a 2-under par 214 (68-70-76) at the UNLV Spring Invitational at Boulder City, Nev. Nakashima's opening-round score of 68 was her best of the season and her second-

round score of 70 put her in a tie for the lead going into the final round.

Nakashima was the highest WAC finisher out of 15 conference competitors at the tournament. Her finish helped the Vandal women take ninth out of 18 teams.

The honor is the second conference award of the year for Nakashima. She earned WAC Golfer of the Month honors for October during the fall semester.

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PORTLAND, Ore. - The Vandals were too much for Montana to handle, as they dominated the Grizzlies, 6-1 on Sunday. With the win the University of Idaho women's tennis team went 2-1 over the weekend and improved to 8-8 this spring. The Vandals started the dual match a little shaky, losing two of the three doubles matches. The pair of Yvette Ly and Alexandra Ulesanu scored the only doubles win for Idaho, defeating Martyna Nowak and Danni Paulson, 8-4. Losing the opening doubles point didn't faze the Vandals as they came out strong in singles taking all six matches in straight sets from Montana. At one singles, Idaho freshman Silvia Irimescu took down Liz Walker,

6-4, 6-3. Sophomore standout Basia Maciocha improved to 8-1 in her last nine singles matches with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Mari Castello of Montana. At No. 3 singles, Idaho's Yvette Ly won her third match in a row with a two set win against Paulson, 7-5, 6-3. Sophomore Ulesanu defeated Montana's Nowak in the fourth position, 7-5, 6-3. Idaho rounded out their perfect day in singles with two dominating wins in the No. 4 and 5 matches. Jana Siwa defeated Montana's Rebecca Bran, 6-3, 6-2 at five singles while freshman Natalie Kirch was unrelenting in her 6-0, 6-1 win over Jessica Souza of Montana. The Vandal women will have a short break before they hit the courts again to take on Weber State in Spokane on Sunday, March 23.

March 16, 2008
Portland, OR
Idaho 6, Montana 1
Singles

1. Silvia Irimescu, Idaho, def. Liz Walker, Montana, 6-4, 6-3;
2. Basia Maciocha, Idaho, def. Mari Castello, Montana, 6-2, 6-0;
3. Yvette Ly, Idaho, def. Danni Paulson, Montana, 7-5, 6-3;
4. Alexandra Ulesanu, Idaho, def. Martyna Nowak, Montana, 7-5, 6-3;
5. Jana Siwa, Idaho, def. Rebecca Bran, Montana, 6-3, 6-2;
6. Natalie Kirch, Idaho, def. Jessica Souza, Montana, 6-0, 6-1

Doubles
1. Castello/Walker, Montana, def. Leoni/Irimescu, Idaho, 8-0;
2. Souza/Bran, Montana, def. Siwa/Maciocha, Idaho, 8-3;
3. Ly/Ulesanu, Idaho, def. Nowak/Paulson, Montana, 8-4

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