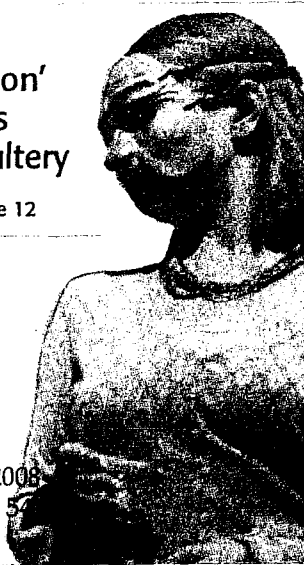


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## Faces of cancer

Four University of Idaho students fought cancer and survived to tell their stories

Liz Virtue  
Argonaut

Tim lost 35 pounds in two weeks. Carlie had her left kidney removed. A.J. spent two years of his life in the hospital. Carla lost all of her hair. Four different people with four different stories, lives and goals. But all of their lives were changed drastically by the same thing — cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 1,437,180 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2008. While the cause of many types of cancer remain unknown, it's becoming more and more apparent that the people affected by it are everywhere. Four students from the University of Idaho chose to share their stories, hoping to put a face to the illness.

### Tim's story

Freshman Timothy Kunz first heard the news on August 2, 2006. He was 16 years old. "It was a Wednesday, my mom picked up the phone," he said. "At first she looked all right but I figured out exactly what was going when I saw the blood drain from her face." Kunz was diagnosed with embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma, a fast-growing, highly malignant tumor, typically found in the head and neck region of children under the age of 15.

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## State Board addresses fees Monday

UI asking for 7.9 percent increase in student fees

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

On Monday, the university will address the Idaho State Board of Education in Boise about the 7.9 percent student fee increase proposed for the 2008-09 school year.

For the past two years, fee increase proposals made by the university have not been approved by the Board, but Lloyd Mues, the vice president of finance and administration, is optimistic about this year.

"I can defend this proposal to the teeth," he said. "If I get them to understand what we're doing here and why we're doing it, I think they'll approve it."

Last year the proposal given to the Board was a 5.95 percent increase that was cut to a 5 percent increase. For 2006-07, the proposal was cut from 9.5 to 5.85 percent. The 5.95 percent request last year was the fourth lowest proposal made in the past 20 years.

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said that university budgets have not been strong in the last few years and sees this increase as a necessity.

"No one wants to pay more student fees," Gaffney said. "But if the legislators don't provide funding at a rate proportional to cost increases, it's either pay the fees or start cutting degrees."

According to Mues, if the fee increase doesn't go through, the university will have to look at where the school can afford to make cuts. The fee increase being proposed is the largest in the state but according to Mues, it's unavoidable.

"Everyone wants to know what happened," Mues said. "Do you pay the same for gas as you did last year? Do you pay the same for food? ... Prices have skyrocketed."

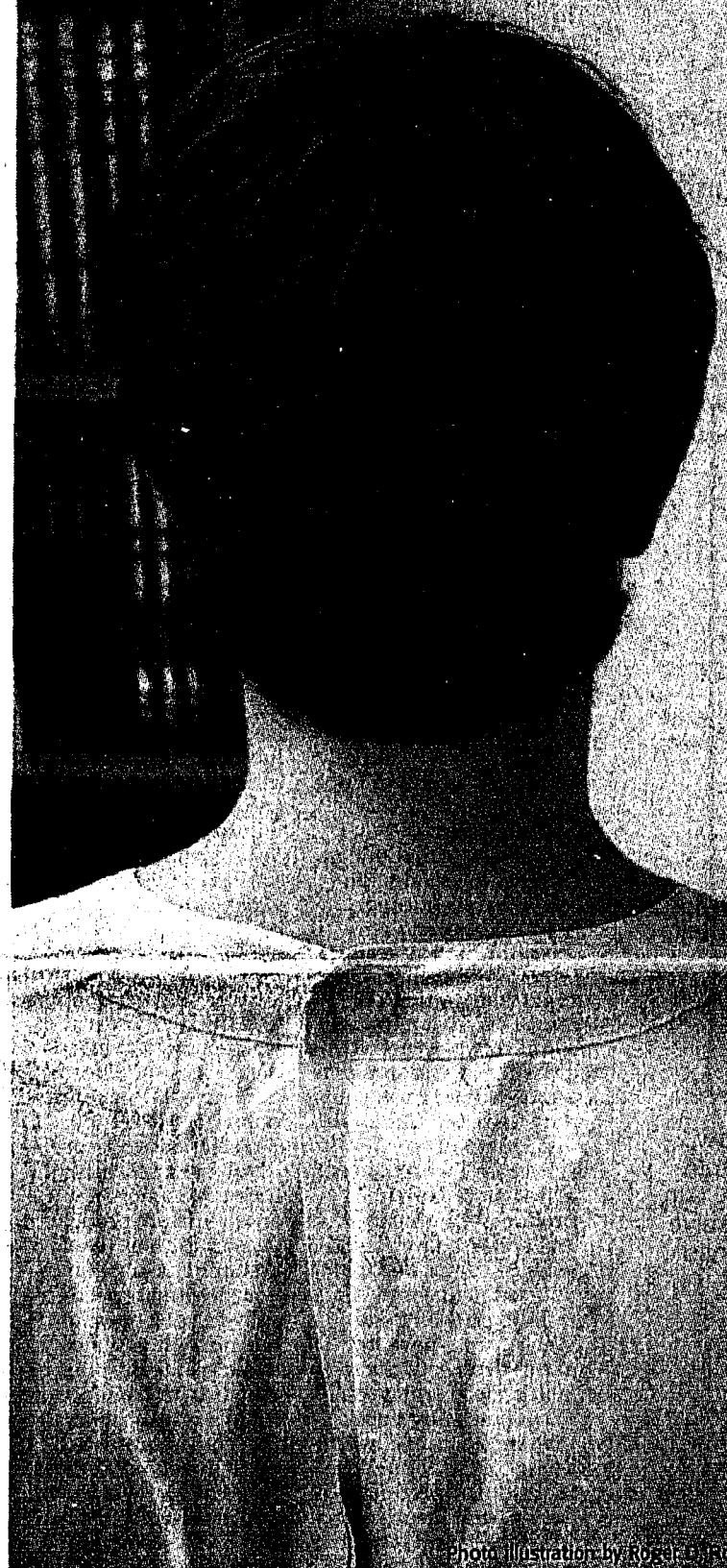
Currently, 16 percent of the university's total revenue comes from students, the proposed increases won't change that. Full-time, in-state undergraduate students pay \$2,205 a semester in fees. The proposed increase would amount to about \$350 more per year.

Student fees are made up of four parts: student activities, student technology, matriculation and facilities.

Activity fees pay for student services; technology supports the computer labs; facilities fees pay for maintenance; and matriculation funds the basic operation of the university, such as paying for heat and lights. In the past, the university has cut back from the matriculation fee and it can't afford to that anymore, Gaffney said.

"Student fees have allowed us to have things like the OMA and the Women's Center. Now we need them for something even bigger ... we need them to keep the school going," he said.

See **FEEs**, page 5



### Relay for LIFE

The fifth annual Latah County Relay for Life begins at 6 p.m. today at the Kibbie Dome.

More than 80 teams have signed up to participate in this year's relay, an increase from the 64 teams that signed up last year.

Opening ceremonies begin at 6 p.m., followed by the survivors lap at 7 p.m.

Debbie Jacobs, Relay for Life event chair, said people are encouraged to stop by and check out the festivities even if they aren't signed up with a team.

Activities, music and games will help relay participants throughout the night. Closing ceremonies will begin at 10 p.m. Saturday.

For more information go to [www.cancer.org/rflatahcountyid.com](http://www.cancer.org/rflatahcountyid.com).

## Student project assesses energy use

Alexiss Turner  
Argonaut

Ask A. B. Rakesh Kamal where any room is in the SUB or Idaho Commons and he'll give you detailed directions. After the miles he and Harshana Thimmanna have logged touring buildings on campus, the two have become veritable experts when it comes to their layout.

However, the two University of Idaho graduate students aren't simply out seeing the sights, they're counting illuminated light bulbs, recording temperatures and noting what switches are set to on.

"We went into each room and investigated," Kamal said.

"We'd peek through the windows and see that all the computers were on all night," Thimmanna said.

Their search is part of a grant-funded project to assess energy consumption, why that energy is used and how it can be decreased.

Their project is one of three selected by UI's Sustainability Center to help produce a more sustainable campus. Kamal and Thimmanna received \$10,650 to spend on their project.

Since fall semester, the group has compared the energy use of 12 buildings. Kamal and Thimmanna worked closely with Richard Nagy of the UI facility management department in order to calculate daily energy use of each building.

Nagy said he had many discussions with the group about how to fairly compare buildings. Each were categorized in six groups based on function: auxiliary, residence halls, offices, classrooms, labs and recreation.

With Nagy's support, Kamal and Thimmanna also gave some consideration to the age of each building, making sure to compare the energy use of a new building with that of an old.

Nagy said people tend to think that on-campus buildings use energy much like a house

would, which isn't true. For example, Nagy said most older buildings don't have temperature options, when it comes to heat the choice is either on or off.

"The system is not broken," Nagy said. "That is how it was intended to be run."

Also contrary to popular belief, newer buildings with such comfort features as temperature scales tend to use even more energy than the old.

Kamal and Thimmanna both agree that the biggest task will be spreading the word about energy issues on campus and little things people can do to reduce use such as turning off lights and computers when they are not in use. The two have had

booths outside the Idaho Commons where they measured the carbon footprint of visitors. They have also attended community meetings of both the Wallace Complex and Theophilus Tower to inform residents of their cause.

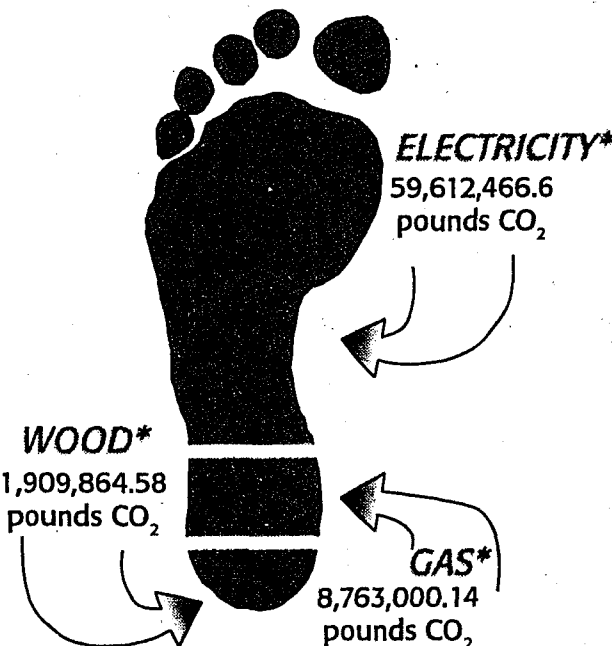
"Addressing a larger mass is the problem," Thimmanna said.

"You need to keep reminding people," Kamal said.

In the near future Kamal and Thimmanna will be conducting surveys in all selected buildings in order to determine how residents use the facility as well as how conscious they are of everyday conservation acts they can do themselves.

**"We'd peek through the windows and see that all the computers were on all night."**

Harshana  
**THIMMANNA**  
UI graduate student



### UI's annual carbon footprint

\* The carbon footprint amounts are based on: 63,265,700 Kilowatt hours; 21,165.39 bone-dry tons; 733,951 therms of gas

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### on the WEB

Keep an eye on the Arg Web site for updates, exclusives and more.  
[www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com)

Well, Guy in a Monkey Suit tried to get some new duds this week but it didn't work out. He's still sporting the same shagging, worn down suit he's had all year.

But he did get new shoes. They have pinup girls on them. He likes pinup girls. Many people ask the Guy what he does

over the weekend. They also ask how they can be as cool as him. The first question is easier to answer.

This weekend, the Guy plans on catching Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket" at the Borah Theater. This will cause the Guy to scream, "What is your major malfunction, Pyle?" at other people all weekend.

Then he has two parties to attend Saturday night. One is jungle themed so he shouldn't have to dress up any different than a normal day.

On Sunday, you'll find him planted in front of the TV, watching NASCAR. Didn't know Guy in a Monkey Suit was from the South, did you?

PeopleWeKnow

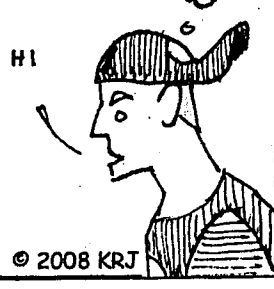
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Uh-oh, it's John. I better give a "non-committal-we're-just-friends-hi."

Oh my gosh it's John! I'll use a "playing-hard-to-get-hi."

Hmmm, John's new. I'll use the "I'm-outgoing-and-social-hi"

Don't just stand there, John, say something...



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People complain that newspaper's don't care what they print, just so long as they can fill all the empty space between the advertisements.

Not so!



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**Correction:** In the March 28 edition of the Argonaut, Bethany College was misidentified in the article "Vandals seek Vegas victories." The University of Idaho men's tennis team played the Bethany College tennis team from Kansas, not West Virginia. The team had a record of 4-2 going into the UI match, and was ranked No. 26 in the nation in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

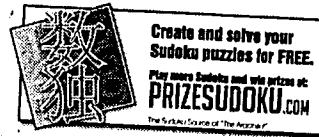
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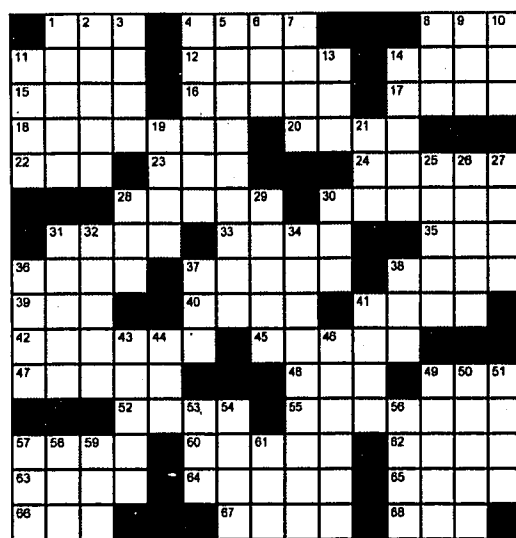
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).



CrosswordPUZZLE

Across

- 1 Cut off
- 4 Aeneid
- 8 To and
- 11 Roof
- 12 B. Toklas
- 14 Appeal
- 15 Dill seed
- 16 Jamborees
- 17 Expel
- 18 Majestically
- 20 Hateful
- 22 Age
- 23 Affirmative vote
- 24 Egg holders
- 28 Retrieve
- 30 Mollusk
- 31 Gazelles
- 33 Adolescent
- 35 Macaw
- 36 Fuse together
- 37 Dig
- 38 Shade trees
- 39 Goal
- 40 Brink
- 41 Porters
- 42 Locomotive type
- 45 Bedouins
- 47 Disease controller
- 48 Wildebeest
- 49 Watering hole
- 52 Tern
- 55 Revolves
- 57 Thought
- 60 Transported, as gas
- 62 Workspace
- 63 Perjurer
- 64 Fling
- 65 Crafts' buds



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- 10 Cereal grain
- 11 Challenge
- 13 Compass point
- 14 Combread
- 19 Caustics
- 21 Some
- 25 Moth-eaten
- 26 Conditions
- 27 Sp. ladies (Abbr.)
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- 36 Espouses
- 37 E. state (Abbr.)
- 38 Golfer Ernie
- 41 Meet
- 43 Sweetener
- 44 Ostrich relative (Abbr.)
- 46 Electrodes
- 49 Cubic meter
- 50 Blighters
- 51 Queries
- 53 Old records (Abbr.)
- 54 Mouth parts
- 56 Garden man
- 57 Sick
- 58 Expire
- 59 Consume
- 61 In favor of

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For hints on solving The Argonaut crosswords, see the Crossword Dictionary at [www.crossword-dictionary.com](http://www.crossword-dictionary.com) or One Across at [www.oneacross.com](http://www.oneacross.com).

BEYOND THE SHEETS

Confused by lube

Dear Chris, I recently ordered a personal lubricant called Firefly by a company called Applied Organics. I was particularly interested in this product because it does not have any of the scary synthetic ingredients that so many other lubes do. It also does not contain glycerin, which I have heard can cause yeast infections in those who are prone to them. Anyway, long story short, Firefly claims that it is safe to use with latex condoms, yet it is an oil-based lubricant. Granted, the oils are not petroleum-based, but they are oils nonetheless (canola and shea butter, for example), and I have always thought that any oils could weaken latex. So, my question for you is, what is the straight story here? Is Firefly safe to use with latex condoms, or is this company giving false information on their Web site? For those of us interested in natural alternatives to synthetic products, the accuracy of such information is crucial. And, yes, I know I could use polyurethane condoms instead, but I have seen conflicting evidence of their effectiveness compared to latex, so I'd rather not take any unnecessary risk.

Sincerely,  
Lost in Lube

Dear Lost, One of the first things I started to wonder after reading your question is how you found out about this lube. Was this something you heard about from a friend or from a physician (more specifically a gynecologist), or did you stumble across it during searching the Internet for lube? The main reason I wonder is because I would put a little more faith in a product recommended and endorsed by a gynecologist versus one that you just managed to find. I did go the Firefly Web site and have to admit that I found it to be a little too "commercial." What I mean by this is that the site is of course going to talk about how fantastic the product is. Someone in the marketing department would quickly be fired for setting up a Web site that does not promote how wonderful the product is. My overall impression after going through the various sections of the site is that the product is too good to be true. A lube that never dries out, can be flushed out of the body, especially the vagina, easily and naturally, is latex compatible and has the best customer satisfaction out of all lube brands ... seems like something is not quite right here.

Having worked in the adult industry, I would give this lube my seal of approval based on the characteristics the site suggests. Based on being an educated consumer, I approach this lube with caution.

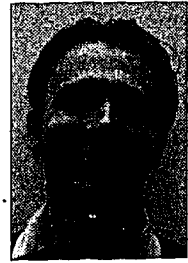
Something else that bothers me a bit about

this specific product is the lack of Food and Drug Administration testing and backing. There are always loop holes to get out of being required to submit a product to the FDA, but my feeling is that if this company wants everyone to know how fantastic they are, they would want to submit their product to the FDA as soon as possible. Yet, there are no records — at least for public viewing — about this product.

As far as latex compatibility, the fact of the matter is that I do not know. Since there seems to be a lack of data about the testing of this lube with latex, and the only information available is through the Web site, I would say be cautious. You should be able to find this information (for example, I looked up ID Glide, and the FDA record talks about its compatibility with latex). If you want to continue to use this lube and, of course, use condoms, start keeping track of how many condoms break during sex. Keep a small notebook by the bed, and every time a condom breaks while you are using this lube, mark it down. Once the bottle you ordered is gone, get a different lube and repeat the same series of record keeping and then compare the failure rate. Until further testing comes out and is available, this is the only way you are going to be able to see the compatibility for yourself. I realize that is not the answer you were hoping to hear, but there just is not enough available data to give an informed, definitive answer at this point.

As far as that goes, if you are looking for a lube that is more natural and if you are prone to yeast infections (I am assuming you are since you cited that specifically in your question), I recommend you pick up a bottle of O'my and use that as your comparison lube. It is also fantastic for women prone to yeast infections in that it helps break them down and also helps prevent them. It is also more cost efficient than Firefly seems to be. Personally, the amount of faith I put in O'my is superior to Firefly. I tend to trust companies that have been around for several years and have spent a lot of money not only on product development but in also promoting sexual health and wellness.

So there is my final answer. Until further research and testing are done and made available for public viewing, Firefly does not get my seal of approval and I recommend trying another natural lube. Have fun, be safe and good luck. Have a sex question for Chris? Send it to [arg\\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu](mailto:arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu). Chris Bidiman is a junior studying School and Community Health and a Safer Sex Outreach speaker.



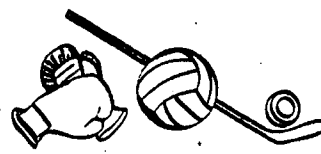
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# The 613 Mitzvot and beyond

Scott MacDonald  
Argonaut

One rule that graduate student Zev Kronenberg lives his life by comes from the Talmud, the collection of rabbinical discussions pertaining to Jewish law, ethics, customs and history. The rule says, "That which is hateful unto thee do not to your neighbor. This is the whole of the Torah. The rest is commentary."

Kronenberg has been Jewish all his life and has another name he sometimes goes by. When called to read prayers at his temple, Ahavath Beth Israel in Boise, they call him by his Jewish name, Zev Nachman Ben Hananya Va Shira. Translated from Hebrew, a primary component of Judaism, the name also includes the names of his parents. Kronenberg's first name translated means "wolf."

"My sister's name, Arielle, means 'lionesse of G-d' — two predators. Maybe that's why we fight so much," Kronenberg said.

Kronenberg said he tries to follow the 613 Mitzvot in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. The Mitzvot are commandments to either perform or abstain from an action. Examples include being charitable and not oppressing the weak. One that

Kronenberg does everyday is saying the Shema — a specific prayer — twice a day.

"Ideally I try to follow all the Mitzvot, but a lot of them are outdated and I would never do (them)," Kronenberg said. "I'm a pretty practical guy and some of that stuff I think is just silly, like not shaving. I don't know most, so I think I do many without even knowing it."

Kronenberg said another belief he holds is not putting his beliefs on others.

"I think in the public setting, like the Idaho Commons, there shouldn't be people or Christian groups praying over me or my family," Kronenberg said. "I don't try to convert strangers nor should they."

Kronenberg said he enjoys the traditions he celebrates in Judaism.

"It is very traditional to have a Shabbat dinner with your extended family. You light Shabbat candles, say a few prayers over the food and enjoy each other's company," Kronenberg said. "It's really relaxed and I have fond memories of this."

Shabbat is the Hebrew word for the Jewish Sabbath, the day of rest. It occurs from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Resting on Shabbat is one Mitzvah Kronenberg said he has trouble with.

Another Jewish rite that Kronenberg follows occurs on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

"During the High Holy Days, there is a practice called Tashlikh. What you do is cast small pieces of bread into a river that will make it to the ocean. These represent your sins and bad deeds being cast away," Kronenberg said. "I like it because I spend a fair amount of time reflecting on my last year and trying to set a better course for next year."

The seventh Mitzvah, not profaning God's name, is a commandment Kronenberg devoutly follows. When writing about God, Kronenberg said he replaces the letter 'o' with a hyphen.

"Jews take the holy one's name very seriously. Thou shall not use the L-rd's name in vain," Kronenberg said. "If I (write) G-d's name, there is some chance it might end up in the trash. The trash is no place for the L-rd's name."

Kronenberg said religious texts such as the Torah are not thrown away. They are buried in a similar manner to that of a human Jewish burial.

"When I drop a prayer book, I pick it up and give it a little kiss, it's a sign of respect. I also try not to put things on top of my Torah book," Kronenberg said.

Kronenberg said he sometimes has difficulty believing in the Jewish god.

"I struggle with the idea of there being an ultimate force and

sometimes I do (believe) and sometimes I don't (believe)," Kronenberg said. "I think that many Jews wrestle with this idea and if you look through the Old Testament, even Moses didn't believe in G-d's power at times, like when he struck the rock for water."

There are many terrible things that happen in this world that Kronenberg said justifies divine intervention.

"During the Holocaust, millions of innocent people died and many were Jews," Kronenberg said. "If the Jewish people followed the laws of G-d, then why should they die just for believing?"

Kronenberg said that if there is a God, he thinks it cares more about groups of people than just individuals.

"I have a strong aversion to praying to G-d for personal favors. Too many people today use G-d as a crutch instead of accepting personal responsibility," Kronenberg said. "I hate it when people say they will pray for me, because I believe my religious faith doesn't rely on me thinking I will get a reward at some point."

Kronenberg said he wants to live by the rules God gave to the Jewish people because they have a positive influence on him and society.

"In a lot of ways, that is the equation that makes a person good: willing to believe and help



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
Don Verlin, the new University of Idaho men's basketball coach, speaks at a press conference Monday afternoon in the University Inn.

another without getting anything in return. I'm ok with the idea that I'm there for G-d even if it's not there for me."

# Cow pies, hay tossing part of Ag Olympics

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences sponsored event takes place Saturday afternoon

Brandon Macz  
Argonaut

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will conduct its first Ag Olympics at 2 p.m. Saturday with games that match the college, including a pie baking and a pie throwing contest, only one of which is made from feces.

Similar events have been hosted by other agricultural programs, said junior Ryan Rademacher, chair for the Ag Olympics Committee, but the University of Idaho has just become one of them: The event is open to all CALS students or students associated with a department club.

CALS Associate Dean John Foltz brought the idea to the table last semester and the Olympics committee formed in December. Heading the committee are members of the Agriculture Student Affairs Council.

"The students on it are elected stu-

dent government and liaisons to the rest of the colleges and administrators on campus," Foltz said, their role being to "provide opportunities for students to learn leadership."

Participating students are also expected to learn about teamwork and communication skills that will benefit them when they leave UI, Foltz said. The underlying theme for Saturday's event, however, will be fun.

"I just thought, 'Get students together and compete with each other,'" Rademacher said. "I thought it would be a fun thing to do."

Many CALS events take place during fall semester before winter dampens Moscow for outside events, said Cyndi Faircloth, CALS special projects coordinator. Most of Ag Olympic events will take place in the Livestock Pavilion, which is mainly used for judging livestock.

"The last time we talked about us-

ing it, the hogs had just been in there and it didn't smell too clean," Faircloth said.

The state of the pavilion has changed since then. With its bleachers and dirt floor, Foltz said it is the perfect place to host the Ag Olympics. Every event is being coordinated by a CALS club or living group, such as the Sigma Alpha sorority. They will be conducting the sunflower seed spitting contest.

"Some of our events might get a little messy," Rademacher said.

Other events include a milk chug, hay bale bucking/tossing, pie baking, siphon tube setting and cow pie throwing contest.

"A lot of the clubs that are involved in the CALS are pretty involved," Rademacher said. "We had a couple issues with some clubs that didn't have enough manpower."

"It's networking via fun," Foltz said.

The Collegiate Farm Bureau is in charge of conducting the cow pie throwing contest. Junior Bill Brewer has already collected the pies from around the pavilion into the bed of his truck. He said the contest will be based on the distance the largest piece of the cow pie reaches.

**"Some of our events might get a little messy!"**

Ryan Rademacher  
Olympics Committee chair

Unlike a discus, cow pies are harder to keep intact.

"You can pick through the whole pile of cow pies," Brewer said. "But it has to be twice the size of your hand so they can't clump it up into a ball."

Students can sign up for the olympics in Room 40 of the Agricultural Science Building or by e-mailing Rademacher at ryanrademacher@vandals.uidaho.edu. Contestants will be divided into

teams of five.

Each teammate will be able to compete in two contests and the entire team will compete in the round bale rolling contest. Because round bales

can weigh 1,200 to 1,600 pounds, this was the obvious team event, Rademacher said.

Along with organizing the events, clubs will provide prizes for winners, while Ag SAC will provide prizes for the athletes who do best overall and the three top-winning teams will be awarded separate prizes.

"They'll be able to put it on their resume and say, 'Hey, I organized this event,'" Foltz said.

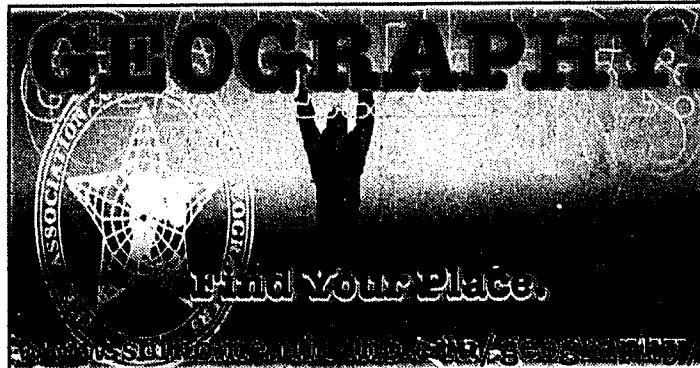
Foltz said if at least 30 students participate this first year the event will be a success. After 17 years at UI, he said this is the first time he has heard of an event like the Ag Olympics.

"We're not getting bowled over with clubs signing up," he said. "If you're going to try something new, give it three years."

All students are welcome spectators to UI's first Ag Olympics, Rademacher said. If the event is successful, he said he would like to extend the Olympics to all colleges. Foltz said he would also like to move the Olympics later in the spring and possibly into a larger, outside arena.

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## MEET YOUR SENATOR

## Harpole a leader in ASUI, on karaoke stage

Liz Virtue  
Argonaut

Senior Ian Harpole said he's made quite the name for himself as a karaoke singer.

"I like to think I'm a good singer but I think it's more of a stage presence," Harpole said, laughing. "My favorite song to sing? Stevie Wonder 'I Just Called to Say I Love You.'"

While Harpole may be known for his singing abilities, he may also be known for his work as an ASUI senator. He spent nearly four years at the University of Idaho before he decided to get involved with ASUI.

"I figured I knew the campus really well after four years," Harpole said. "I thought I could get a lot of stuff done through all of my experience here."

Harpole held leadership positions in his fraternity and the Interfraternity Council previous to his time as a senator but said he wanted to be involved with the university as a whole.

He is currently working to create a student voice on the Moscow City Council. Harpole has already met with council members and said he plans to meet with the mayor to further discuss his plans for a student

liaison on the council.

"Ideally I'd like to establish a non-voting student member on the City Council," Harpole said.

In order for someone to earn a vote on the council, they have to be formally elected to the position, he said.

"Students make up enough of the population in Moscow to deserve a say in things that are going on," Harpole said. "I think they should have a say and not just be seen as a transient group of people."

Aside from his determination to blend students and the City Council, Harpole said he enjoys helping out with anything else going on with ASUI.

Harpole plans to graduate next fall with a degree in journalism and a minor in political science. However, things could change if he decides to turn his political science minor into a major.

"My original plan when I started school was to go to law school," Harpole said. "That's the reason for political science. I've always wanted to be a lawyer. My grandpa was a lawyer."

When he's not busy with school and ASUI, Harpole said he enjoys snowboarding at Schweitzer. He started the sport in seventh or eighth grade and he almost had to give it up when he blew

his ACL and meniscus in high school.

He was snowboarding in the woods when the front edge of his board caught on a tree branch but his body continue to move down the hill, he said.

"My knee did a big pop," Harpole said. "I didn't want to wait for the snow patrol so I snow plowed down the rest of the mountain in excruciating pain."

Harpole said his ACL and meniscus were only partially torn so he was encouraged to stay off of his knee until they healed. But they didn't heal properly and Harpole kept tearing them repeatedly.

"I think I tore them like three or four times doing this, that and the next thing," he said. "I finally had to have surgery the summer going into my sophomore year of college. I had to spend the summer on my parents' couch."

Despite the painful surgery, Harpole said he is glad he did it because he no longer lives in fear of tearing them again and is free to participate in intramurals.

"I knew if I ever wanted to do any active sports I had to have it operated on," Harpole said.

Tearing his ACL and meniscus is typical of Harpole, he said. When he was young, his friends and family referred to him as the "walking catastrophe" be-

cause he always had casts on his arms and legs, he said.

"I have a knack for getting myself into stupid situations," Harpole said. "I do things like lock my keys in the car when I'm on vacation at the worst possible time or I lose my wallet. My friends know me to do some pretty stupid things."

But being a part of ASUI is not one of those things, he said.

Harpole is happy to have another semester left in office and is excited to see who will be joining him on ASUI next fall. Harpole said he'd like to help the new senators transition well and hopes the Senate and ASUI will continue to run as smoothly as they are now.

"Ever since our Senate retreat we've been a pretty tight group," Harpole said. "Our views aren't always on the same page but we can joke and kid around and that helps us get stuff done."

Harpole said his advice for future senators would be to simply listen to what is going on around them.

"Pay attention to what you're hearing on campus," Harpole said. "Because word of mouth is usually how things start. That's when you find out what students really find important."



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
ASUI senator and journalism major, Ian Harpole stands on Hello Walk near the UI Administration Building Thursday evening.

## NewsBRIEFS

## University offers jack cheese

UI just got cheesier. A Vandal pepper jack cheese is now available at the University Bookstore, the cheese is sold in half pound packages for \$5.50 and also may be offered in a gift basket paired with the Vandal Meats. The university's Palouse Research Extension and Education Center teamed up with Auxiliary Services, Idaho Dairy Science students and the Dairy Science Club to produce Vandal Cheese.

The milk used in the cheese came from cows on campus. It was then taken to Ferdinand's Dairy and Creamery at Washington State University to be processed into cheese. Once the cheese was made, the University of Idaho's Dairy Science Club — made up of some 15 to 20 students — was hired to cut, package and label the cheese as a fundraiser for their club.

Cheddar and jack cheeses are in the works, along with some other new Vandal products.

## Tree dedicated in honor of professor

Celebrating their 110th birthday, UI's Alumni Association is dedicating a tree to honor longtime music profes-

sor and Idaho alumnus Daniel Bukvich.

A tree has been planted on campus each year since 1984 on the day of the association's founding, April 7. The members of the Student Alumni Relations Board select an alumni, faculty, staff or friend of the university who have made significant contributions to the institution, either financially or through years of dedication and service.

A tree is selected by the recipient and planted in a place on campus that is relevant to the recipient's area of interest. A bronzed plaque is placed in front of the tree that displays the species of the tree and name of the person awarded.

The ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Monday on the north side of the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

## Faith, sustainability meet at seminar

The Faith and Environment Network are inviting anyone interested in the making faith bases organizations green to come to the "Called to Care Seminar."

The event is at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Lutheran Church. The keynote speaker, Courtney Rush will speak on "Sustainable Abundance: Living a big life, leaving a little footprint."

This is a great opportunity to find out how other organizations are becoming sus-

tainable, glean assistance and expertise, and to walk away with a bag of hands on practical tips.

The cost is \$10 per person, \$24 a family with lunch included. Salem Lutheran Church is located at 1428 W Broadway in Spokane. For more information contact Shelli Pitner at (509) 294-3944.

## Idaho Law Review hosts symposium

A UI professor of law, a former Idaho chief deputy attorney general and a law student will be among the legal minds exploring the state's health care law at a symposium being hosted by the Idaho Law Review.

The main event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 11 at the Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtown, 1800 Fairview Avenue in Boise. Small classes on health law also will be offered from 2-4 p.m. April 10.

The topics being covered include the privacy rights of patients, the informed consent by patients to medical procedures and the processes for resolving claims of medical negligence.

For more information on the Idaho Law Review's Law and Healthcare Symposium speakers, presentations and events, contact Tami E. Monek at 371-1691 or tmonek@vandal.uidaho.edu.

## SenateREPORT

Open forum  
None

## Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney encouraged senators to strongly consider the new bills on the agenda. He said he strongly supports the bills and hopes the Senate will immediately consider each one. S08-30 increases the salary of Kelsey LaRoche, ASUI Vandal Entertainment Promotions Coordinator. Gaffney said LaRoche deserves the \$5 pay increase because she has done a phenomenal job in her position and it would show the Senate thinks she's doing a great job. He also said he hopes the increase would encourage her to apply again next year.

He also voiced support for S08-31, which would transfer \$10,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI activities board. Gaffney said ASUI currently has more than \$160,000 in reserve and are only required to have \$100,000. With over \$60,000 left over, Gaffney said it would be beneficial to give the money to a group that could use it to benefit the rest of the university.

Gaffney said S08-29, a bill that will establish the operating budget for the ASUI in the 2008-09 school year is important for senators to consider. He encouraged senators to look over the budget changes.

He then thanked the three potential senators who came to sit in on a Senate meeting to gain perspective.

Finally, Gaffney vetoed the bill S08-25, a bill that would have added a partition called the "Great Wall of Gaffney" to the ASUI office, splitting the executive branch from the legislative branch. Sen. Zach Arama said the bill was written in fun. Gaffney said that although the idea of a "Great Wall of Gaffney" was tempting, he believed it would not be in the best interested of the office cohesiveness.

Unfinished business  
Bills

S08-24, an act amending the ASUI Senate's official meeting agenda to allow senators the opportunity to officially report their living group and committee status to the rest of the Senate. The amended bill asked senators to report their status every week. Senator Cook requested the bill be further

amended from an oral report to a written report. Sen. Arama said a written report wouldn't hold senators fully accountable to the rest of the Senate. The bill was finally amended so that senators are obligated to give an oral report bi-weekly instead of weekly and passed.

S08-28, an act appointing Aaron Short to the position of ASUI Director of Community Relations, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

New business  
Bills

S08-29, an act setting the FY2009 general operating budget for the ASUI, was sent to the Finance Committee for further examination before discussion next week.

S08-30, an act changing ASUI executive position salaries in accordance with ASUI Rules and Regulations section 3100, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

S08-31, an act transferring \$10,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI activities board, was sent to the Finance Committee for further examination before discussion next week.

— Liz Virtue

## LocalCALENDAR

## Today

Finding the Center conference  
8 a.m.  
Commons

Enchilada sale  
5 p.m.  
St. Augustine's

Festival of New Works: "Ward  
57"  
7:30 p.m.  
Kiva Theater

Campus Read: "Three Cups  
of Tea"  
7:30 p.m.  
Admin Auditorium

Latah County Relay For Life  
All night  
Kibbie Dome

## Saturday

Festival of New Works: "The  
Woods of Weaver"  
2 p.m.  
Kiva Theater

Social Dance  
7 p.m.  
Memorial Gym Basement

Festival of New Works: "Ward  
57"  
7:30 p.m.  
Kiva Theater

## Sunday

Festival of New Works: "Ward  
57"

2 p.m.  
Kiva Theater

From 'Naughty' to Nice...  
7:30 p.m.  
Admin auditorium

## Monday

Silver and Gold Tree Dedication  
3:30 p.m.  
School of Music 216

CAPP workshop: "How to  
Get Into Law School"  
5 p.m.  
TLC 222

Foreign film: "This is England"  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
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## FEE

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# Committee calls for SBOE changes

Associated Press

Elected university representatives formulated the fee increase. Three ASUI officials, a GPSA member and a spokesperson from the Student Bar Association made up the students who reviewed 17 presentations given by different groups of campus all seeking funding in January. In the end only half of the requests were approved.

Gaffney was a member of the board that created the proposal. He said fees are the student part in keeping the university running.

Mues called the student proposal as "a mature response, one with great merit." It was approved by both him and President Tim White. The final decision of the SBOE will be announced Monday afternoon.

"The important thing to remember is that according to law, this school has to end in the black ... so if we can't get the funding this way we'll have to make cuts," Mues said. "You can either raise more money, receive more money or cut programs."

BOISE — The Senate Education Committee wants Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to strip some power from the state Board of Education and give it to the Department of Education, according to a letter made public Friday.

The recommendations, such giving Otter more power to fire the president of the Board of Education trustees, are meant to help remedy problems that arose last year at the agency that oversees Idaho public schools, including a financial meltdown and allegations of open-meetings law violations.

There's also a separate letter to trustees urging them to make additional changes, like annually reviewing open meetings laws and spending procedures to make sure they're followed.

The letters, likely the Senate Education Committee's final action on a matter that dominated several of its hearings in the 2008 Legislature, underscore its members' contention that the board in recent years has overstepped its constitutional mandate and needs to be reined in. Last year,

the agency flubbed an \$18 million federal grant, nearly losing it, then violated state accounting standards to pay for test contracts that saddled it with a \$1.4 million deficit.

"We don't believe operational administration of programs should be with the state board," said Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow and a frequent critic of the Board of Education. "The state board, as the constitution says, should have general supervision of education."

The letter asks Otter to appoint a transition team to shift administrative duties, including oversight of federal grants, back to the Department of Education. It also asks Otter to review agencies now overseen by the board, including the Idaho State Historical Society, Idaho Public Television and the Charter School Commission, to determine whether changes in their leadership are needed.

The committee also wants Otter to consider an arrangement in which the governor would appoint the president of the board's trustees. While trustees are currently appointed by the governor, the trustees themselves choose a

president for a one-year term.

"It is the feeling of the Education Committee that the effectiveness and accountability of the board would improve if the chief executive could remove a president," the Senate Education Committee wrote.

The committee failed to agree whether responsibility for testing, such as the federally mandated Idaho Standards Achievement Test, should be returned from the Board of Education to the Department of Education.

Otter, who has already indicated he will make unspecified changes at the agency, hadn't seen the committee's letter by Friday afternoon and declined comment on whether he'll follow any of its recommendations.

He also declined to say whom he planned to appoint to a trustee post that expired March 1. Until then, it was held by Laird Stone, a Twin Falls lawyer. Stone has said he's interested in being reappointed.

In the separate letter to board trustees, the Senate panel urged them to plan an annual review to make sure they don't violate state laws and policies.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden in February opted not to fine trustees, but concluded they may have violated the state's open meeting law by going into an allegedly illegal executive session.

Schroeder believes the trustees haven't followed the open meeting law in the past.

"All of a sudden they go into executive session, and they come back and make a decision," he said. "There's no one in the room who believes they didn't discuss the matter in executive session, make a decision and go out and do it."

The Education Committee also told trustees it wants them to set a minimum attendance standard for members at meetings, and enforce it.

That recommendation appeared directed, at least in part, at trustee Blake Hall, who conceded at a Feb. 28 hearing held to review last year's problems that he missed several meetings in 2007 and wasn't completely aware of the magnitude of the crisis until December, when the agency was forced to cancel testing for some students to save money.

Hall didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

# Changing economic complexion dominated Legislature

Associated Press

BOISE — The 2008 Legislature was a tale of two sessions, one before the bad economic news and one after.

Before, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter pitched a \$3.13 billion budget, nearly an 11 percent increase over three previous years, including \$50 million for scholarships for low-income kids and a 5 percent state employee raise. There was enough cash to add six new crime-busting Idaho State Police forensics officers and begin dumping the \$120 million business equipment tax.

Then state economist Mike Ferguson delivered the news that the best of times was over.

At January's end, Idaho tax revenue was about \$36 million behind forecasts. February figures showed the slide intensifying on account of the housing crunch; Ferguson predicted tax revenue growth for the year starting July 1 would slide to 2.8 percent, from a previously predicted 3.4 percent.

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee budget writers pulled out their red pens and drove Otter's pre-Legislature ambitions fast to the tomb. Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, told the panel it was a far better thing to do to cut the governor's Opportunity Scholarship appropriation to just \$10 million, a fifth of its original amount.

The 5 percent pay hikes for state workers shriveled, to 3 percent, Otter got a third of his forensics funding and he began telling anybody who would listen that the window was closing on personal property tax relief.

In a fit of pique, the governor withdrew his plan to raise \$202 million annually for roads through registration fee hikes, then chastised lawmakers for an acute case of provinciality that left them unable to see the ills that plagued broader Idaho. To the House's \$68 million transportation counteroffer, Otter said "You might as well just get out of town."

It didn't help that Otter had to spend a couple of weeks in the hospital and at home after surgery to revamp a gimpy hip, a predicament that may have left him distant enough from the Legislature not to realize lawmakers were growing more pessimistic about the economy than even he was.

"Right now, everyone is saying, 'The governor didn't get this, the governor didn't get that.' I think a lot of it is because the economic assumptions changed," said Jasper LiCalzi, a professor of political economy at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, last week. "The Legislature changed more quickly than the governor did."

That's not to say Otter and lawmakers got nothing done.

A year after lawmakers rejected Otter's 2007 plan for relief on taxes Idaho residents pay on food, a deal was reached for each member of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 to get an annual rebate of \$50; everyone else will get \$30, up from \$20 now. That's due to rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

After a veto fight, Otter and lawmakers agreed to nearly double state money for substance abuse treatment and the state plans to bond for a new \$70 million mental-health prison.

Lawmakers also approved the latest \$134 million bonding installment of the \$1 billion "Connecting Idaho" roads project. Otter got \$1 million for the Idaho Meth Project, \$3 million

in state funding for the 2009 Special Olympics Winter Games and \$20 million for an aquifer modeling project meant to map Idaho's vast but dwindling underground water resources.

What's more, businesses will be exempted from paying taxes on the first \$100,000 worth of their equipment, provided state tax revenue grows 5 percent, according to a deal hashed out on the 2008 session's final day.

Still, marquee wins remained elusive.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's \$60 million plan to give teacher merit pay increases? Dead. More transportation money? Dead. Local-option sales taxes for roads and mass transit? A new 1,500-bed, \$200 million prison? All dead.

Out of Otter's nearly 11 percent budget increase proposal, the fiscal year 2009 budget will rise only about 5 percent.

"It's all a matter of perspective," said Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot. "I'd still say we didn't accomplish a lot."

Especially in an election year, especially with the economy tottering, conservative lawmakers couldn't find agreement with their governor on expensive items that were due to cost residents more money.

Minority Democrats said the complexity of the issues this year, against the backdrop of economic malaise, required Otter to provide the leadership to at least kick-start resolution of the big issues. They said past governors including Republican Phil Batt, one of Otter's mentors, had an uncanny

knack for bringing lawmakers to the table.

Otter fell short of achieving cohesiveness needed to tackle bigger issues by firing off letters and statements from his offices in the Borah Post Office when he didn't get his way, said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum.

"Phil Batt could give him a tutorial," she said. "With his missives and guest opinions, they were almost insulting to his own party."

Otter aides said the governor never closed his door or his mind to lawmakers of either party.

"This notion that he was throwing up his hands and having a hissy fit is not true," said Jon Hanian, his spokesman. "One day when he was home recovering from hip surgery, he had 12 conference calls with those guys. Everybody who wanted to see him face to face or talk to him, got to do that. Even when he was going through the height of his recovery, the 24-hour rule was always in play."

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, declined to blame Otter.

Economic uncertainty, not some insoluble conflict with the governor, made a season of darkness out of the season of light that inspired Otter's expansive state of the state address in early January, he said.

"I feel like the issue wasn't ready to move forward statewide," Bedke said, of the transportation impasse. "We'll go home over the interim, talk to the local highway districts and all of those people who are in charge of the roads, and when

**"It's all a matter of perspective. I'd still say we didn't accomplish a lot."**

Dennis LAKE

Blackfoot representative

## A summary of the 2008 session

BOISE — The 2008 session that wrapped up Wednesday will go down in legislative lore as the one where the economy flew the coop, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter flew off the handle over transportation funding and 10 Idaho lawmakers just flew — on a private jet to a Republican political event in Idaho Falls. Here are some of the highlights.

**ROADS FUNDING:** Lawmakers approved \$134 million in bonds for the latest installment of the \$1 billion "Connecting Idaho" roads plan, but couldn't reach agreement with Otter on a plan to help address the state's \$240 million annual transportation funding shortfall. Otter's response to the House's \$68 million proposal? "You might as well just get out of town."

**LOCAL OPTION:** A coalition of cities, counties and business groups was fractured by a plan to anchor the rules for future local option taxes in the Idaho Constitution, including requiring that two-thirds of voters support such plans for roads and mass transit funding. It passed the House, but stalled in the Senate.

**DOGFIGHTING:** Lawmakers voted to make running a dogfighting operation a felony.

**PRIMARY ELECTION:** Lawmakers declined to pass new primary election rules, meaning the Republican Party could sue the state over its refusal to close the GOP primary to all but registered party voters. This is a rift that's split moderate party members who want to keep the existing open primary and conservatives who fear Democrats are crossing the lines and skewing results.

**LIQUOR ELECTIONS:** Drink up! Lawmakers repealed a Depression-era law forbidding package liquor sales on Election Day in Idaho.

**TEACHER MERIT PAY:** Public schools chief Tom Luna's Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System merit-pay plan failed in the Senate on opposition from the Idaho Education Association teachers union. But opponents of the plan said that the close 19-16 vote should be fair warning to the union that a merit-pay plan will eventually succeed. "When the IEA comes to the negotiating table, they better come in good faith," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** Drivers who speed in Idaho's school zones now could pay up to \$116.50 for their carelessness, under a bill aimed at protecting children.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** After a veto fight, Otter and lawmakers agreed to spend another

\$15 million on drug treatment programs that originally began as part of a three-year, \$21 million federal grant. The move effectively doubles state funding for substance abuse treatment.

**GROCERY TAX RELIEF:** Each member of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 will get an annual rebate of \$50; everyone else will get \$30, up from \$20 now. That's due to rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

**FLIGHT OF FANCY:** Ten Idaho GOP lawmakers boarded a pair of corporate jets Feb. 28 to attend a Lincoln Day campaign event in Idaho Falls. The flights came just hours before the Senate was to vote on legislation being pushed by Frank VanderSloot, owner of one of the planes. The legislation passed. The high-flying lawmakers will have to report the flights on their campaign disclosures as in-kind contributions; there's still wrangling over how much the round-trip journey will cost.

**PRISON PLAN:** In late March, lawmakers told Department of Correction leaders and Otter it was too late for them to even consider a proposal for a new 1,500-bed prison that would cost the state more than \$190 million.

**DISCRIMINATION:** Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Nampa and chairman of the State Affairs Committee, said there wasn't enough support for a bill to prohibit businesses from discriminating against workers based on sexual orientation to give the matter a full hearing. The bill died.

**ED BOARD FIASCO:** Details of financial miscues at the State Board of Education emerged, including violations of state accounting standards by former director Karen McGee and others that left the agency \$1.4 million in the red. The Senate Education Committee sent a letter to Otter advising him to revamp the agency and its board of trustees, including giving the governor power to hire and fire the president.

**EMISSIONS STINK:** Lawmakers overruled objections from Canyon County and passed a law allowing state environmental regulators to establish a vehicle-emissions testing program for regions where air quality hovers close to a new federal regulatory limit.

**HOLLYWOOD IDAHO:** In an effort to bring more Hollywood to Idaho, lawmakers cleared a measure that would establish a fund to provide 20 percent rebates on expenditures to producers who shoot their films, TV shows or commercials in the state.



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## CANCER

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"They basically tell you you're going to die," Kunz said. In the blink of an eye, Kunz's life went from soccer games and homework to hospital visits and chemotherapy.

It started as a lump at the base of his neck and as a highly involved, energetic teen, Kunz said he wasn't really concerned.

"I was really active in high school. I played on a club soccer team and practiced three times a week," he said. "Plus I never did anything that would have been detrimental to my body. I didn't smoke, I didn't drink. I wasn't worried."

But the bulge didn't go away — it got bigger. Kunz told his mother and they had it checked out. The doctor performed a number of tests and decided there was nothing alarming about the swelling.

"The funny thing is, he said the last thing it could possibly be was cancer," Kunz said.

He was given an antibiotic and sent on his way but Kunz suffered from constant dizzy spells and feelings of light headedness. After numerous tests, CAT scans and MRI's, doctors finally decided to remove the mass. It was only then that they realized the lump was cancer.

Kunz started chemotherapy a week later, he said. The treatment uses chemical agents to stop cancer cells from growing and is usually paired with radiation to successfully rid the body of cancerous cells. The chemicals used during chemotherapy cannot decipher between cancerous cells and healthy cells and this is why many suffer severe side effects from the treatment, he said.

"About three weeks into chemo, my hair started falling out. My mom didn't want me to shave it but it falls out in clumps and in really weird ways," Kunz said. "I looked like a 16-year-old balding man, so I finally shaved it."

He continued the treatments, each session resulting in days of nausea and fatigue. He began radiation therapy that November, just three months after his initial diagnoses.

While chemotherapy targets the entire body, radiation works as a localized treatment, meaning it only affects the area being treated, he said. In this case, Kunz's neck and throat.

The first sign of side effects hit two weeks later. Kunz realized the back of his neck started looking tan and things began to



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— Timothy Kunz

taste funny.

"Eventually the back of my neck was burnt raw and the skin was peeling off. It oozed puss like a sore," Kunz said. "The only thing I could eat was dry cereal and water. Actually Cheerios, that was the only cereal I could handle."

Kunz began losing weight rapidly, dropping 35 pounds in two weeks, and his health plummeted but he continued to attend treatments.

May 25, 2007 was his last day of high school. It was also his final day of chemotherapy. A week later he received his diploma at graduation.

"It was the first time that I could walk in front of everyone and say 'I'm a survivor,'" Kunz said. "It was an amazing experience."

Less than a year later, Kunz is cancer free but still returns to the hospital for MRI's and CAT scans to make sure he stays that way. Cancer destroyed the nerves in his feet, affected the hearing in his left ear and equilibrium, but Kunz said he doesn't spend much time feeling sorry for himself.

"When you're living on the edge of life and death for 10 months, you just have to learn how to deal with it," he said.

Kunz is an active participant in Relay for Life and believes in the power of telling his story to others. He hopes that people will realize cancer is everywhere and everyone should do what they can to help find a cure.

"Cancer doesn't just happen to a certain type of person," Kunz said. "Cancer picks whoever it wants."

## Carlie's story

Sophomore Carlie Depres suffered from intense pain in her side throughout her childhood but doctors dismissed the pain as kidney stones. Finally, after years of suffering, a trip to a urologist uncovered the truth. What started out as bad side aches and horrible cramps quickly morphed into a health nightmare: a deadly kidney cancer known as renal cell carcinoma.

"They found a tumor on my left kidney the size of a softball," Depres said. "I had this my whole childhood. If someone would have checked earlier it wouldn't have been so bad."

Her cancer was diagnosed at stage 4, the worst and final stage of cancer and the hardest to treat. Her entire left kidney was removed but the cancer had already spread to her lymph nodes.

She was told by doctors that chemotherapy and radiation did not work in the treatment of most kidney cancers, especially those in stage 4 of development. Her only option was immunotherapy, a treatment that stimulates the immune system to work harder and faster to fight cancerous cells, according to the American Cancer Society.

Depres had to travel to the University of Utah for treatment because it wasn't yet available in her hometown of Boise.

She spent most of the eighth grade in and out of the hospital receiving treatment. Sometimes she was well enough to return home but there were many weeks that Depres stayed in Utah.

"Being newly diagnosed, I wasn't comfortable talking about it," Depres said. "When I came back to school I didn't want to say where I had been and was always trying to make up excuses for missing school."

With the help of her teachers, Depres was able to complete the eighth grade while in treatment but had a hard time adjusting socially with her peers when she finally returned to school.

"Many of the kids didn't know what cancer was and when I'd come back they would ask to be moved, right in front of me, because they didn't want to get sick," Depres said. "Middle school is a difficult time anyway but it made it even harder to fit in."

Depres suffered many of the same ailments as patients who undergo chemotherapy and radiation and said she had to come to terms with death, even at the age of 13.

"I think I was more OK with dying than my family was," she said. "The person going through it has to come to terms with death so much faster than their



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Now, six years after her surgery, Depres's cancer is in remission. She said she is fearful it might return someday but is more concerned about other aspects of her future. She worries about getting life insurance and having children, for fear they could also be affected, but said she tries to stay positive.

Aside from a scar on her stomach, Depres has no other physical reminders of her illness but said she wishes more people would realize that cancer survivors are still struggling, even if they are cancer free.

"Just because we're not all bald or sick doesn't mean we're not still affected by it every day," Depres said. "I still think about it in some way almost every day."

But she said she is not going to let cancer stand in the way of her dreams. Depres is studying political science with hopes to one day attend law school. She's taking 17 credits and spending as much time as she can volunteering. She is on the Relay for Life committee at UI and hopes to help spread the word about cancer.

"I want people to be more conscious about it," Depres said. "You always hear about older people having cancer so I think it has a different impact for students to hear about younger people going through it because they are young themselves. It really proves it can happen to anyone."

## AJ's story

As an eighth grader who had just moved to a new town, he should have been concerned with making new friends and adjusting to life as the "new kid." But UI senior A.J. Oster had bigger problems to worry about. At the age of 13, Oster was diagnosed with bladder cancer.

"It was my first year at a new school but no one knew who I was because I was sick," Oster said. "Afterward, everyone knew who I was because I was sick."

Painful urination landed him at the doctor's office, where he was first told he was suffering from a common bladder infection. Once medication failed to cure his symptoms, Oster underwent a biopsy that revealed a cancerous tumor.

Oster started chemotherapy and endured two bladder surgeries to remove the tumor.

"They had to do two surgeries because if they would have taken it all out at one time, it would have pretty much destroyed my bladder," he said.

Cycles of chemotherapy accompanied the surgeries continued for eight months, he said. The whole ordeal caused him to miss his entire eighth grade year but the cancer had been successfully removed and Oster was cancer free.

"My tumor was malignant but it wasn't really bad," he said. "I guess they're all bad — but mine was one of the more treatable types."

However, this wasn't the end of his experience.

Doctors had warned Oster and his family that 2 percent of all patients who went through chemotherapy developed myelodysplastic syndrome. According to the American Cancer Society, the syndrome occurs when a person's bone marrow cannot produce blood cells effectively. Oster was part of the 2 percent.

If left untreated, the syndrome could lead to leukemia, another form of cancer. In order to avoid leukemia, Oster had to undergo a bone marrow transplant. The transplant would provide him with new bone marrow that would be free from the abnormal cells that make up myelodysplastic syndrome.

A final round of chemotherapy was administered to destroy any existing bone marrow in Oster's body and make room for the new marrow he would receive during the transplant.

Oster had only been out of the hospital and cancer free for a year before he was placed back in the hospital. This time he had to travel from his home in Athol, Idaho to Seattle to receive the best treatment.

"The transplant made me so



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immune deficient," Oster said. "I missed my whole 10th grade year because I couldn't afford to be around too many people."

While in Seattle, Oster contracted pneumonia and a hip infection that resulted in another surgery.

"I don't know if the syndrome caused these things," he said. "But I'm sure if I didn't have it I would have been able to fight off those conditions."

Although the bone marrow transplant was difficult, Oster said it was easier to deal with than the cancer itself.

"During the transplant I didn't get as sick as I was with chemo," Oster said. "I was in the hospital for three weeks less than they said I would be."

Despite missing two years of school, he tried his best to remain optimistic, he said and believes that is what helped him through the traumatic experience.

"My prognosis was always really good," Oster said. "I was always sure it would work out for me."

Now, Oster is approaching his 22nd birthday. He is studying political science at UI and hopes to graduate next year. He doesn't worry about his cancer anymore, he said.

"I have no fear," Oster said. "My cancer is not in remission, it's just gone."

He plans to participate in Relay for Life for the first time this year because it seems like the right thing to do, he said. He thinks that helping to find a cure for cancer is just as important as helping out for any cause.

"Doing whatever you can to help people is always good," he said.

## Carla's story

Sophomore Carla Alo-Cabalquinto said a car accident saved her life. After suffering from whip lash and dizzy spells after the crash, she went to the doctor and found out she had a cancerous brain tumor on the right side of her frontal lobe.

"If the car accident hadn't happened, it would have taken a lot longer for them to find it," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "It was like God was saying 'Carla it's there. Please do something,' and I was lucky I did."

The accident was in April 2007. Soon after, she began feeling dizzy. Her mother insisted she visit the Student Health Center and Alo-Cabalquinto went without hesitation.

"They told me I had positional vertigo. That has to do with your ears," she said. "Luckily my mom is a nurse because she told me that was B.S. and made me get an MRI."

The MRI revealed the unthinkable — a tumor was blocking the natural flow of her brain.

"The doctor showed me a picture of it. I saw this cauliflower looking thing on my brain," she said. "I was told I could die at any time."

Her mother, who was in the Philippines visiting her grandparents at the

time, flew home immediately and Alo-Cabalquinto prepared for the first of four extensive brain surgeries in three months.

Her first surgery on June 7, 2007 successfully removed 40 percent of the tumor.

Alo-Cabalquinto had to endure three more surgeries and spend a month in the hospital. Like many others with cancer, she said she had to prepare herself for the worst. She was able to find comfort in her faith and said she knew it was out of her hands.

"You know how before a trip, you pack all your stuff so you are ready to go? That's how it felt," she said. "At the hospital it was like I had packed all my stuff and I was ready if it was my time to go."

Her final surgery was on August 7 and since then Alo-Cabalquinto said she is doing well. Her cancer made her rethink her life and her future and forced her to slow down and appreciate life every day, she said.

Before her diagnosis, Alo-Cabalquinto wanted to go into the Air Force but has changed her mind. She came back to UI in time for the 2007-08 school year, just weeks after her last operation, because she wanted to return to her normal life as soon as possible, she said.

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Because the frontal lobe is the part of the brain that controls a person's emotions, Alo-Cabalquinto said she suffered from depression after the evasive surgery.

"People always say 'I love you with all my heart,' but they should really be saying 'I love you with all my frontal lobe,'" she said. "I was really depressed for months after but I've been talking about it to people. In order to heal you have to talk."

While her body suffered from the operations, Alo-Cabalquinto said it was her appearance after the cancer was gone that is her biggest struggle. In preparation for the surgeries, doctors had to shave off Alo-Cabalquinto's chest-length hair. It was the hardest part of the ordeal, she said.

"Hair makes you who you are," she said. "It's who we as women are, not deep inside but that's how society sees us. I couldn't look at myself in the mirror until it grew back."

Her hair loss resulted in a loss of

self-confidence and self-esteem, something she said she is still working to regain.

She moved back into her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, and said her sorority sisters have played a huge role in her recovery, alongside her faith in God.

"People always tell me I'm so strong," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "Don't tell me I'm strong. My strength came from my faith, from my family."

Alo-Cabalquinto has been given a 15-20 year survival rate. Her operations removed all of the tumor but she was told the cancer could come back. Because it's slow growing, she hopes to catch it quickly if it ever does.

"If I make it up to 40 I'll be the happiest woman alive," she said.

Because cancer affects so many people, everyone should be willing to get involved with finding a cure, whether it's donating money or time at events like Relay for Life, she said.

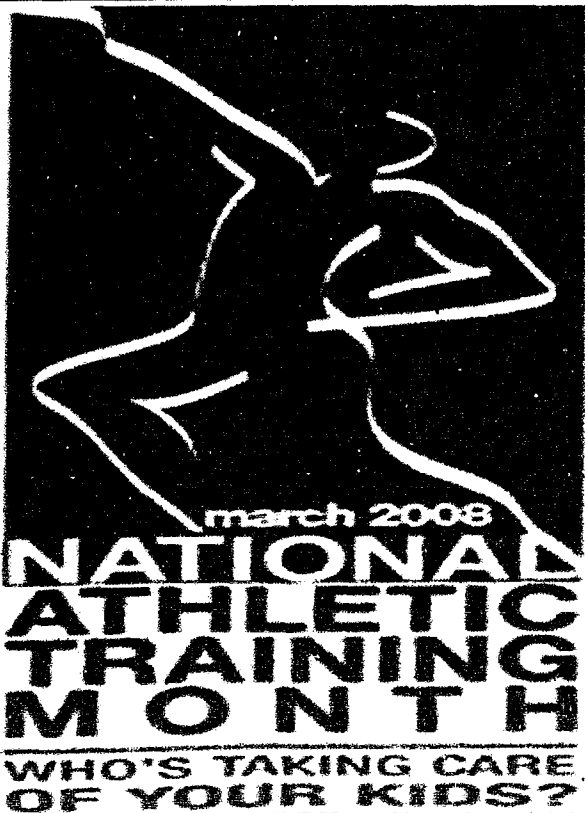
"Relay for Life should be for life. You should fight for this every day,"



Alo-Cabalquinto said. "Not just by giving your money but by being educated and being sensitive to people who have cancer, just by listening to someone's story."

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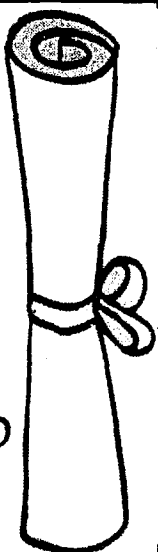


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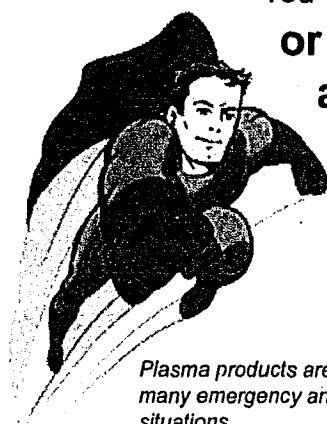
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# Borah speaker fills the Ballroom

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Nobel Peace Prize winner F.W. de Klerk visited the University of Idaho Tuesday night as keynote speaker of the Borah Symposium.

De Klerk served as president of South Africa from 1989 to 1994, and then as executive deputy president under Nelson Mandela.

"As a leader of great change, a reformer, the father of resolution of one of the major conflicts of the 20th century, we honor the president by his appearance here, and by his appearance here, he honors us," UI President Tim White said. "He is a man of principle, a man of conviction and a man of strength."

There was a full house present in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The former president spoke about the challenges of uniting the politically and racially divided nation.

"Fifteen years ago, South Africa was caught in the grip of a seemingly irresolvable conflict," de Klerk said.

There was nationwide fear of a racial war, he said. Political parties were also trying to gain power.

"All three parties saw each other, not as they really were, but as the stereotypes depicted by their own propaganda," he said.

The African National Congress had a "radical socialist initiative," de Klerk said, that advocated a strong central government. It was allied with the Russian communist party and viewed itself as revolutionary.

In contrast, the National Party favored a free enterprise

economy with a limited central government, he said.

Finally, the Inkatha Freedom Party were not revolutionary, but worked within the government to achieve their goals. They were federalist, supported free market and had the support of the Zulu, which was the largest ethnic group in South Africa, he said.

There were three very important things that the parties all agreed on: The participation of all three parties was necessary for peace, any attempt by any party to use force would result in disaster, and a constitution was needed that guaranteed rights to all citizens, de Klerk said.

The collapse of communism in 1989 helped with the uniting of South Africa because it eliminated the threat of soviet control of the nation, he said.

"It created a wonderful window of opportunity," de Klerk said. "For us, Soviet expansionism was not an empty propaganda exercise — it was reality."

Soviet and Cuban troops were in nearby Angola "in the tens and hundreds of thousands," he said.

After the breakup of the Soviet Union, the ANC was weakened without support from Russia and the communist party.

"It failed, therefore the ANC lost the sting in its tail," he said.

U.S. and other international support were very important for the unification of South Africa, de Klerk said.

"I was greatly encouraged by the warm support they gave me," he said.

The crux of negotiations was the development of a transitional constitution and parliament, de Klerk said.

The final constitution allowed for participation of all parties in government. It included a supreme court, a democratic congress, and a system of checks and balances, de Klerk said.

"We adopted your model of a constitutional state," he said.

April 27, 1994 national elections were held, and Nelson Mandela was elected president.

"We entered a new and exciting era," de Klerk said. "We had laid the foundation for a multi-racial and democratic nation."

However, he said the challenges were far from over.

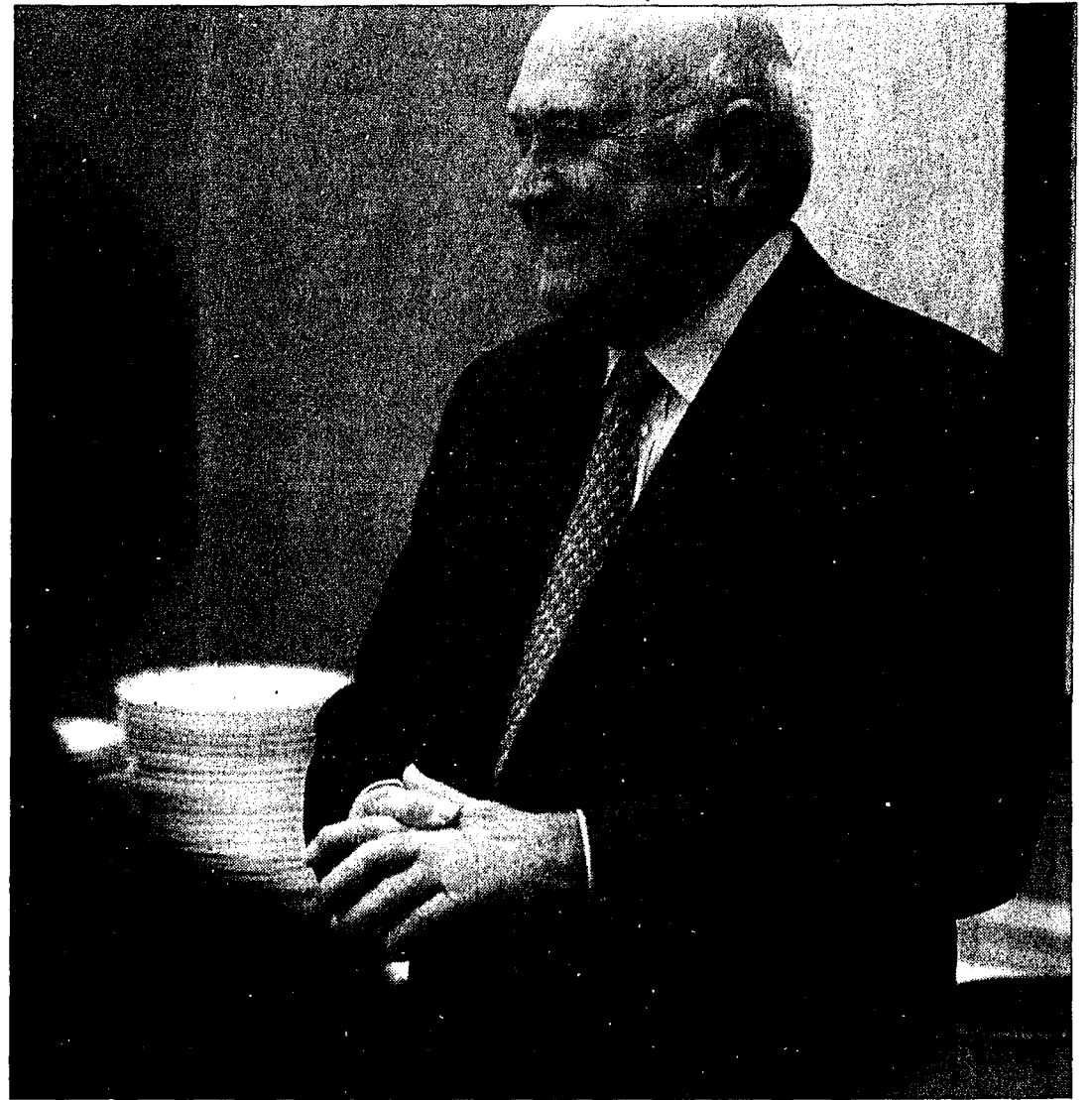
"One of our greatest tasks was coming to grips with the conflict of our past, and finding true and lasting reconciliation."

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was founded to help unite the fledgling government. Although it did not succeed in bringing the groups together, it did help to bring closure to old atrocities, de Klerk said.

"In this process, we learned that it was often easier to reach agreement on the challenges of the future ... than on the grievances of the past," he said.

Forgiveness is crucial to the process of peace, both nationally and personally, de Klerk said.

"Until we truly forgive our enemies, we carry within our hearts bitterness that can poison every aspect of our lives," he said. "By continuing to nurse grievances against those



Former president of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk, spoke with a small group of students in the Aurora Room in the Idaho Commons on Tuesday. Later that evening the Nobel Peace Prize winner was the keynote speaker at the Borah Symposium in the SUB Ballroom.

who have done us wrong, we actually give them power over us.

"All human relationships

require constant care and constant attention. South Africa has made great and powerful strides ... but in some re-

spects, we have still not yet really found one another. We can never sit back and say that we have solved the problem."

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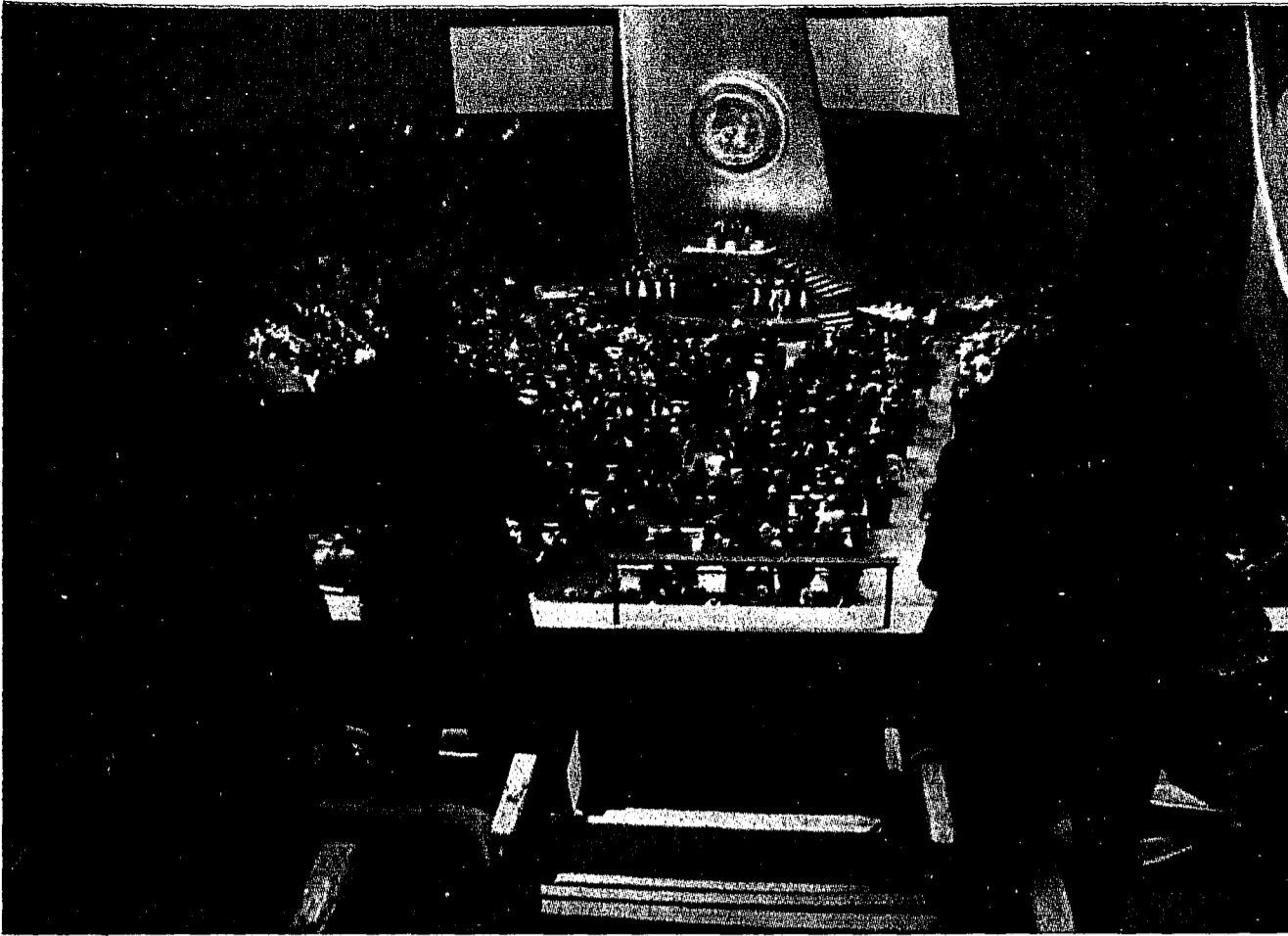
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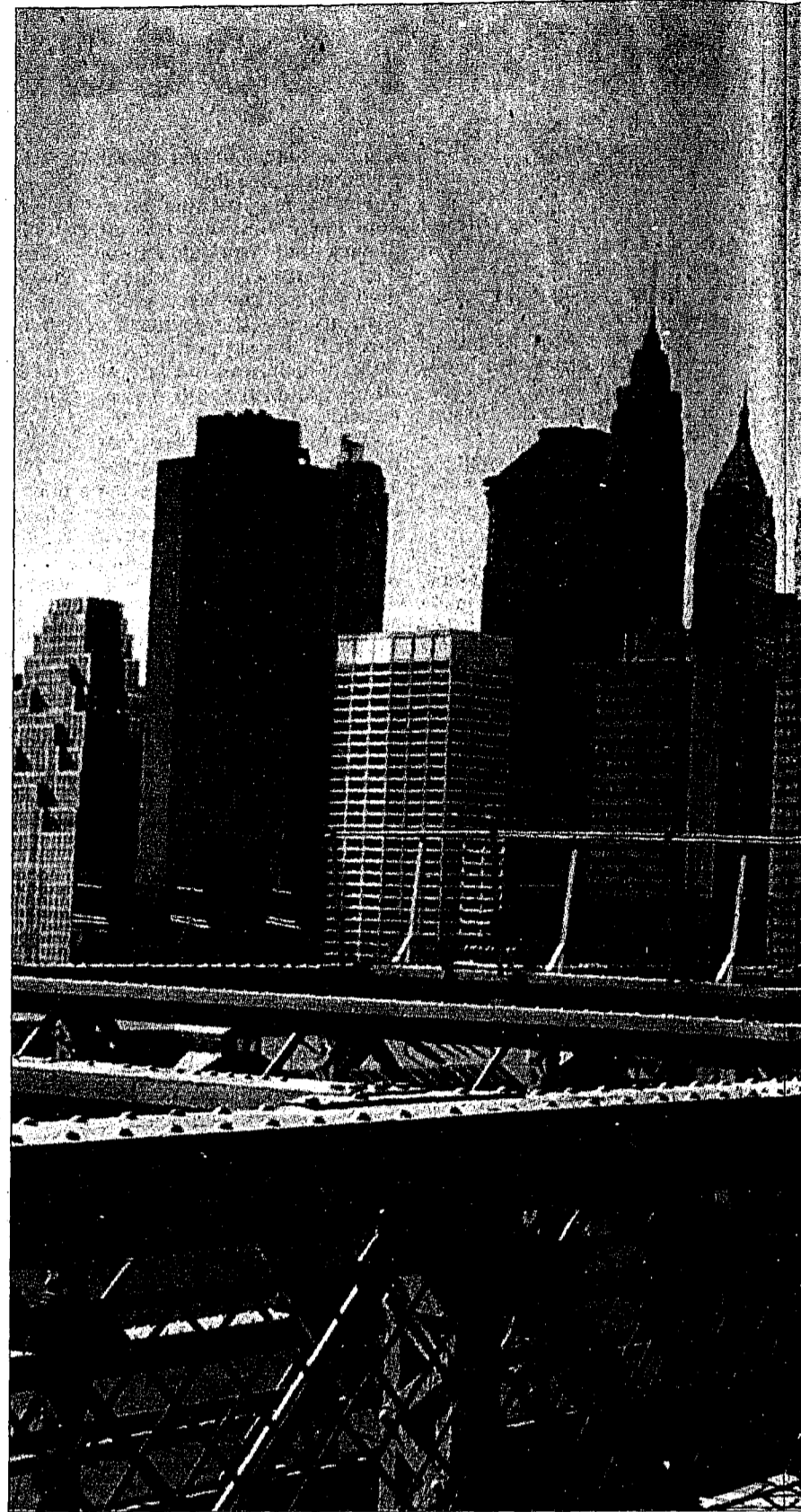
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Despite inclement weather, many delegates still managed to explore the city including Central Park, which was only three blocks from the Sheraton Manhattan hosting the event.



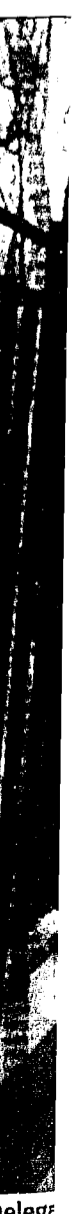
The buildings of Manhattan jut into blue sky as people make use of the good weather in an ideal location four blocks from Time Square and seven blocks from Central Park.

# Beyond classroom

IS 320 sounds like just any other class on a transcript. The students in this class however, gain far more than just a few credits. They engage in experiential learning, working to solve real world problems. Every year students participate in a mock United Nations conference with students from across the globe. Representing the Martin Institute, the University of Idaho students recently boarded a plane to New York on March 16.

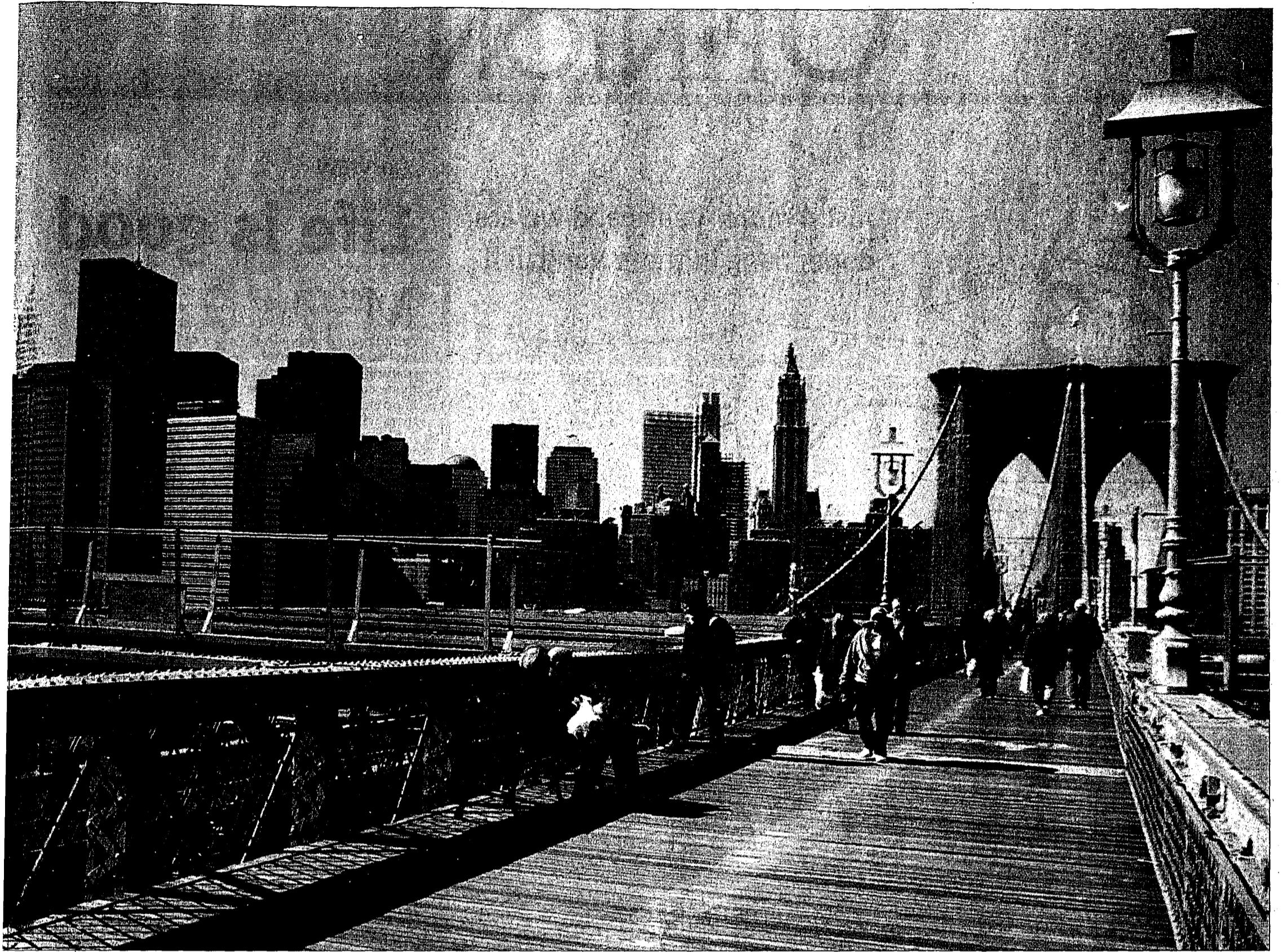


Idaho student delegates gather in the subway on their way to the UN to meet with ambassadors from Uganda in order to better represent the East African country in the conference.



Delegates on the way to the UN.





Weather on a stroll across the Brooklyn Bridge. The National Model United Nations conference has always taken place in Manhattan. This year, the Sheraton Manhattan hosted the conference placing students at Central Park.

# and the boom

Students that enroll in the international study program gain a weekend-long international experience. Students from IS 320 take part in an international conference at the real United Nations in New York City. From Uganda and Fiji, the 27 students of IS 320

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Students wait to get through security screening outside the UN before the opening session.

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Julio Cesar Ponce/Argonaut

**OurVIEW**

## Life is good

Most college students think of themselves as being invincible. Nothing bad will ever happen, nothing could ever hurt them and there is certainly no chance that any of them will ever die.

Unfortunately, though we all may think that we are immortal it is far from the truth. We can't always control whether or not something bad is going to happen. People get hurt, or sick and sometimes they don't even make it through.

Being young and feeling invincible is no excuse to not appreciate what you have. Enjoying every day and being thankful for all of the things — especially the people around you — is important.

Today more than 80 teams will walk the Kibbie Dome track for Relay for Life. Relay for Life is an event to celebrate survivors, remember those lost and fight back against cancer. Teams will

literally walk through the night to fight against the disease.

For the most part, cancer is not something that can be easily prevented, but everyone should be conscious of his or her health. Take care of yourself and others around you and most of all remember to stop and enjoy life.

There is no way of knowing how much time anyone has left so coasting through life without enjoying it isn't an option.

Take care of yourself, take care of your friends and take care of your family. No matter what you will be glad that you did. Tell everyone you know that you love them, even your friends, because there might be a time when you wish you had.

The semester is quickly coming to a close and life can become a whirlwind at times, so stop, take a deep breath and enjoy what you have.

—RH

### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### To the vets

Last week one of my uncles was injured while serving in Iraq. His injury isn't serious and won't bring him home, but it does serve as a reminder that the war does hit home to too much of my family. Besides my now injured uncle, I have three cousins currently serving and another uncle who teaches at West Point. You probably know someone serving, too. Just remember that it is OK to be against the war and still love our troops.

—T.J.

#### Big girl now

I have a job interview in a few weeks. In South Dakota. I have to fly there all by myself, rent a car, drive to my hotel and find out how to get to my interview without getting lost. I'm a little intimidated. It's simultaneously making me feel really grown-up and really unprepared.

—Savannah

#### The Back Lung

The other night I spent a few hours in the Alley for a friend's birthday, and everything that crossed through that dimly lit threshold still reeks of the smoke that filled the room. I'm not bagging on smoking, in fact the idea of a smoke break really appeals to me. However, a smoking ban in bars is reason enough for me to drive to Pullman occasionally. The French banned smoking in public buildings years ago; when will Idaho's day come?

—Roger

#### One smart Dumbo

I've never seen an elephant fly, but I have seen an elephant paint. Although I would never have believed it if someone told me, seeing an elephant paint with my own eyes floored me. YouTube:

"Elephant paints self portrait" and see for yourself — it's amazing.

—Christina N.

#### Be ashamed

The audacity of some members of my generation astounds me. I attended F.W. de Klerk's speech Tuesday for the Borah Symposium and was lucky enough to sit next you, Mr. "I'm doing my art homework at the lecture of a former head of state." Thank you for your blatant disrespect of a Nobel Peace Prize winner. I'm sure you absorbed the importance of his words as your mechanical pencil squeaked across your worksheet. Why attend such an event if you have such a lack of appreciation for another person's thoughts and experiences?

—Christina L.

#### ZOMBIE!

I am pretty much a zombie right now. Just typing is really hard. Cough and pain medicine is the pits, but there is one plus side. When go to bed at night, the second my head hits the pillow I'm completely relaxed and ready to go to sleep. The problem is, I'm also ready to fall asleep at any moment.

—Ryli

#### Grammar nerd

Now and then I wonder why we say the things we say that don't fit into any rules of English. For instance, "how come." Used in a sentence, it might be: how come there's still snow on the ground in April? As a child, I said this all the time. Today, I feel confused. Are there words left out? Does it stand for "how did it come about that there is still snow on the ground?" The word "why" is clearly the solution to this complex problem and should always replace "how come." But one last question: How come kids are using such complex abbreviations?

—Sydney

### TEEJOCRACY

## Punch drunk dumb people

The 2002 Adam Sandler film "Punch-Drunk Love" features a subplot concerning Sandler's character getting blackmailed after calling a chat line. He gets beat up, robbed and harassed just for being a little too lonely and horny one night.

Somebody in Texas must be a fan of director Paul Thomas Anderson because they are using the same trick to beat up unsuspecting, horny guys and steal their cars.

Two men in Baytown, Texas have reported meeting women they spoke to on chat lines and then being assaulted by multiple men before having their cars stolen by the group.

You know these numbers. They advertise late at night and take up space in the back pages of alt-weekly newspapers. They usually show overtly sexual women stating that men can call for free, just to try it out before paying \$40 a month to hear messages from guys pretending to be women just to get off.

Women are always free to call. And men are stupid. Desperate, lonely men are even stupider.

I feel for these two guys, having spent much of my life lonely and horny. But how dumb do you have to be to meet anyone in a dark parking lot, alone, just because she said she'd bring a friend?

The likelihood that the women looked anything like the models in the commercials isn't very high, either. We don't know for sure because investigators haven't

released their descriptions.

Girls like that don't need phone sex lines or Internet chat rooms to meet guys. The only reason girls like that appear in those ads is to build their resumes.

You know, until they can break into porn.

Maybe it isn't every girl and maybe every guy that calls one of those lines isn't a moron. Stupidity can hit even the brightest people.

Former president Bill Clinton was a Rhoads scholar, you may recall.

I expect boneheaded moves like this from desperate, horny teenagers like the two 17-year-olds who claim to have been jacked by the same group.

Let's face it, just because they say "no one under 18 allowed" doesn't mean underage kids aren't calling or logging on to these services. We know they are. How do you think "To Catch a Predator" found all their perverts? By exploiting the fact that kids go online looking for things they shouldn't and finding adults they should never meet.

This is one of those double standards I'm totally OK with. If this was a kid who made this mistake and was kidnapped, molested and possibly killed, we'd be up in arms, torches and pitchforks ready, looking for the sick bastard who did it.

Instead, it's two guys — four if you count the teenagers — who did something stupid and are now

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T.J. Tranchell  
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### MailBOX

#### Good people gone, too

I read with dismay at Lloyd Mues's assertion that the "Life on Wheels" was not a moneymaker for the university. As the marketing manager of the Idaho Repertory Theatre, I can say exactly how much money the LOW conference generated for IRT: \$2,000-\$3,000. Also I know that the Bookstore, Commons Food Court, Sixth St. Marketplace, Printing & Design, UI Kibbie Dome Box Office, and others — like IRT — are all taking a hit from this "mis-

communication." As for the "town" half of "Town & Gown," I spoke to a manager of one business in Moscow that said they will lose \$25,000 in revenue because of this. Furthermore, the loss of "Life on Wheels" is not just a financial loss, they were a GREAT group of people! What a shame.

Micki Panttaja  
marketing Manager  
University of Idaho Department of Theatre & Film  
Idaho Repertory Theatre

#### Toast to the Senate

I am writing this letter to congrat-

ulate the ASUI Senate and especially Senate Pro-Tempore Dean Throop. As a former senator I know how difficult reaching out to students and getting input can be. Making decisions sometimes feels rushed and oftentimes there is not much communication between the administration and the student senate. Throop has done a commendable job organizing the information and presenting it to the student body. From the noise ordinance to firearms on campus, Pro-Tempore Throop has constantly sought student involvement. He also started the off-campus student council, which is a wonderful idea. I want

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# In praise of a painful process

At the moment, most Americans with a weakness for politics are devoting their attention to the presidential campaigns and primary elections.

In the midst of all the attention that the candidates are receiving, we sometimes forget that we have an acting president still in the White House. However, our incumbent got a bit of attention in February when he gave his seventh State of the Union address. In the breaks between the incessant outbursts of applause that tend to afflict all such addresses, President Bush frequently mentioned "trusting the American people." He used the phrase when referring to several issues including tax cuts, education, healthcare and energy.

No one is going to contradict this concept directly, but is our country's highest ideal to trust the people? How does this principle apply to the election underway? Although we may disagree on the issues President Bush mentioned, I think that virtually everyone, when asked if we should apply this principle in our presidential elections, would respond, "Of course. Elections are all about trusting the people with the decision."

This is partially true. In November we will hold the best-informed election in the world. We present the voters with as much information as possible and then give them complete freedom to choose whichever candidate they deem best. Though some complain about how long the election process is and how early it starts, its length and intensity draw out most everything we would care to know about the candidates, their beliefs, their backgrounds and their personalities. When November arrives, we should have a pretty clear picture of who the people on the ballot are, and we can choose between them as conscience dictates.

In large part, the reason our election system is so good is that it doesn't just trust the people. The caucuses, debates and extended

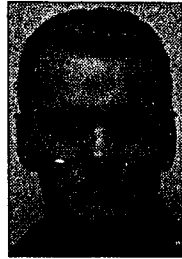
campaigns outlast temporary swings in public opinions, and they severely test the candidates in ways other than direct primary results. Early primaries in small

states test the candidates' charisma and personableness; larger states test the candidates' broader appeal, organization, and financial viability; debates test the candidates' intelligence, knowledge, and speaking abilities and relentless attacks, public criticism, and media coverage test the candidates' endurance and good humor.

Rudy Giuliani tried to bypass the smaller states for the larger ones, but then lost in Florida. Fred Thompson tried to make do with humor in debates, but could not be taken seriously. And Dennis Kucinich again demonstrated that without charisma, organization, financial support and broad appeal, a campaign will not even get noticed. Even the length of the campaign helps, as it does not permit candidates to win based on short-term popularity surges and makes it difficult to hide information.

The direct election takes the decision directly to the American people, but before we step into the voting booth, we will have already narrowed the field from 300 million down to two. The election just eliminates one more. Some would say that the campaigns should be shorter, the early primaries shouldn't get so much attention and the election should be determined by direct popular vote, but the process we have is much more complicated than a one-time opinion poll, and with good reason. It may not be as purely democratic as we like to think, but it gives us better results.

With all this in mind, take advantage of our long, cumbersome, and sometimes annoying system. Be informed, watch debates — on both sides — and see past trivialities that get too much press coverage, and don't be fickle. Remember, democracy is when people get the government they deserve.



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Gabriel Moats/Argonaut

## LETTERS

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to thank Tempore Throop and the rest of the Senate for doing such a fine job.

Michael Barker,  
senior, Business Economics

### Making a decision

University of Idaho students will soon be faced with a tough decision: choosing a new ASUI President and Vice President. Both tickets offer the possibility for strong leadership, and all candidates running would bring strengths to their respective offices.

Our time in office is coming swiftly to an end, and we find ourselves wondering what directions the ASUI will take over the next few years. Though we know that not all of our initiatives continue, our underlying hope is for the organization's continued success.

Key to this success is strong leadership. Having held the offices of ASUI President and Vice President for nearly a year, we feel uniquely situated to understand the requirements and responsibilities that these positions entail.

Because of our experience and, more importantly, the experience of one particular ticket, we strongly endorse

Garrett Holbrook and Tricia Crump for the offices of ASUI President and Vice President. During their service in ASUI, both Garrett and Tricia have shown an unmatched dedication to students. We have worked closely with both of them and are impressed with their proven track record. For example, Garrett spearheaded ASUI's efforts to keep parking rates reasonable for students and led UI to a victory over Boise State, coordinating a food drive that raised an incredible 10,000 pounds of food to BSU's paltry 1,500. During her time in the Senate, Tricia served faithfully on the Finance Committee, ensuring that student funds were responsibly spent. She currently is working to ensure that the Student Health Insurance Program provides maximum benefits to students at the lowest possible cost. This dedicated leadership and service to students makes them ideal for the positions they seek.

We strongly encourage you to vote for Garrett Holbrook and Tricia Crump for ASUI President and Vice President on April 14-16.

Jon Gaffney  
Amy Huddleston  
ASUI President  
ASUI Vice President

### Election bias?

As a student and former

journalist I enjoy reading our university's newspaper. I believe it is an impressive publication and the skilled writers do their best to present fair and truthful information.

However, regarding your recent article "Candidate forums begin Wednesday" I am concerned with what appears to be a bias toward one presidential candidate. The article partly discusses Facebook as a campaign tool and it quotes presidential and vice-presidential candidates Garrett Holbrook and Tricia Crump three times regarding their use of Facebook, among other things. No response or example was cited from the other presidential and vice-presidential candidates Lauren McConnell and Derek Arnold. It was as if they were not given the same opportunity to express their thoughts about the campaign. This resulted in a slanted article by giving unfair publicity to one candidate without providing an adequate counterpoint. In fact, the only instance where Lauren and Derek are mentioned in the article happened in a sidebar where they are referred to as "The Second Pair."

In this high profile time of student elections it seems that as a media outlet, you should take extra care to represent all parties equally and avoid the appearance of bias.

Dustin Smith  
junior, management,  
marketing and operations

### Thank you, Adrien

The Idaho Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi thanks UI Greek Advisor, Adrien Loering, for her dedication to Pi Beta Phi and the UI Greek Community! Her caring heart, passion and hard work are the heart of our community's growing success, today and for the future.

When our chapter house caught fire last fall, Adrien was genuinely caring and incredibly supportive. She worked tirelessly to ensure our women had somewhere to live, accommodations for successful recruitment, and that we were well prepared for the semester. She has constantly embraced our members and is one of the key reasons we were able to fully function as a chapter, despite the loss of our house on Greek Row. Adrien kept smiles on our faces and our spirits high.

We are so thankful for you, Adrien! Every one of our members is truly blessed to have you in our lives. Without you, there would be no us! Thank you again, we truly appreciate all you do.

The members of the Idaho Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

Samantha Hauger  
Chapter President  
Idaho Alpha Pi Beta Phi

## CHAT

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paying for it in ways they didn't imagine.

Beaten, bruised and embarrassed, they will forever be the known as two guys who couldn't meet a girl without getting robbed.

As far as we know, neither of them has a wife to go home to and explain why the car went missing or why they were in the hospital.

It's only politicians, I guess, who bring their wives to their public floggings.

Then again, they'd use the office phone for such things to avoid explaining the bill to their wives.

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## Revealing the inner ego

Sydney Boyd  
Argonaut

Everyone has an alter ego — a public and a private personality. "Passion," a play presented by Washington State University's Department of Theatre and Dance, sets out to show both the masked and unmasked sides of humankind.

"People with nothing to hide don't wear masks," said Patrick Harris, WSU student and movement and mask director of the play.

This is meant in a figurative and literal sense, because all but two characters in the play wear actual masks.

"The play is not written with masks," Harris said. "It's a concept that the director came up with."

Harris said that what you can accomplish with a mask is notable.

"Just the slightest tilt of the head makes a huge difference," Harris said. "Without a mask, head twitches become static and you lose focus on acting."

The play is about a middle-aged couple who hit a plateau in their marriage. A love triangle forms between husband, wife and a younger woman. But the playwright, Peter Nichols, adds two additional characters (the alter egos of the husband and wife), making the triangle into a twisted pentagon.

The masks show the public side of people, and the two unmasked people are the genuine personalities, the only reality.

"It gives an eerie 'watching' feeling, which feeds into the public-private feeling," Harris said.

Terry Converse, WSU professor of Theatre, is directing the play and said that having both a masked and unmasked version of the two main characters is a highly effective theatrical way of emphasizing the difference

### for more INFO

"Passion" will show at 8 p.m. on April 3-5 and 10-11 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on April 12 in Daggy Hall's Jones Theatre on the WSU campus.

Tickets are available at the Daggy Hall box office and beginning one hour prior to the 8 p.m. curtain.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors and \$5 for students. WSU graduate/professional students are admitted free of charge with an ID. Call (509) 335-7236 for reservations.

between the public and private facets of the characters.

"To admit that our private and public selves are not one and the same is disconcerting at best because it is a realization that we are, in effect, at war with ourselves," Converse said.

Speaking specifically about the husband's alter ego character, Converse said, "He is more private. He doesn't have to wear a mask — he's more to the core."

The play is a story about marriage and adultery.

"It's a psychological reality from both the male and female point of view," Converse said.

The play focuses on one of the roughest parts of marriage — adultery.

"Fifty percent of all marriages end in divorce," Converse said. "(This play) is like real life. The problems are out there — look at them."

This play is more light-hearted than Converse usually takes



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

A performer poses during a rehearsal of "Passion," playing at the Jones Theatre on the WSU campus April 3-4 and 10-11.

on, but balancing comedy with seriousness drew him in.

"I like the challenge of taking an out-in-out, not-hurry topic and working intently on making

it comical," Converse said.

Taking a topic like adultery and making it comedic might seem risky, but Converse said that it shows a level of life expe-

rience and maturity and people will connect with it.

The ending of the play is deliberately unclear, leaving the audience to interpret which self

took over.

"There is a struggle between inner and outer self. The ending is in the eye of the beholder," Converse said.

## Artists get 'Somewhat Clever'

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

A children's picture book, life-sized wire figures and a creative ad campaign all make up "Something Somewhat Clever."

The BFA Thesis Exhibition features work from eight students who have drawn their inspirations from past experiences and what they've learned during their time at the University of Idaho.

The exhibit opens at the Ridenbaugh Gallery with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. today and will run through April 11, will feature work from a handful of graduating seniors.

Jenna Rinaldi, one of the students who is involved with the exhibit, said that the title for the show came as a collaborative effort of the students participating.

"It was a random cool thought," she said.

While most of the students who are involved are graduating in May, Rinaldi won't be graduating until December because she intends to finish her second BA in advertising.

Her works that are on display make up an advertising campaign for an existing company, Pyramid Skate/Screen which is located in Post Falls.

"I share the owner's interests and it complements the dichotomy of the two degrees I am working toward, so I thought it would be the perfect endeavor," she said.

The pieces include a billboard, logo, Web site, posters, skateboard decks, shirts, fliers, direct mailer and a business card, which she has worked on both this and last semester.

Rinaldi said that people should come see the exhibit because they can see what people on campus have put so much time and effort into creating.

"It's the culmination of everything we have been going to school for," she said.

Denali Struble said his project for the display was writing, illustrating, designing and self-publishing a children's picture book for children ages four through eight.

"I also designed a few advertise-



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Senior and fine arts student Jeremy Johnson puts the final touches on his illustrations of "Alice in Wonderland" for the art show, "Something Somewhat Clever" showing today in the Ridenbaugh Gallery.

ment pieces to promote the book," he said. "I wrote the story for my children's picture book the first semester of my senior year, as well as developed the ideas for the illustrations and started producing illustrations, which were done in watercolor and ink."

Struble published his book, which is titled "Wren's Surprise," at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com).

He said it took several hours to produce each painting and drawing for the book, which is 57 pages long.

His inspiration for his project came from his love of children's books and his history of telling stories to his little sisters.

"I have always loved children's

books and have wanted to write one for years," he said. "I have been telling stories to my younger sisters for a long time and 'Wren's Surprise' originated from a bedtime story I told them. The paintings were mostly inspired by photographs I took of my little sisters last semester."

Jeremy Johnson's project for the exhibit are also illustrations, but the seven large form prints are based on the classic, "Alice in Wonderland."

"I used scenes from the book that may be less known and used excerpts from the text as well for better understanding," Johnson said.

Johnson originally wanted to write a fantasy children's book but said he found himself getting caught up in an overly elaborate storyline,

and eventually his teachers suggested that he illustrate an already published work.

"My illustrations are cartoonish, but the classic style is referenced," he said.

Johnson, who first came to UI in 2002 and recently switched his major back to studio art, said that the students in the senior studio class are the most talented group of people he's seen during his years here.

Erik Allen, whose three life-size wire figures are on display at the exhibit, said that when you graduate with a BFA it's important to have gallery experience, and that's what a big part of the exhibit is.

## eBay the right way

Kevin Otzenberger  
Argonaut

With 276 million registered users in 39 markets including the U.S., eBay has generated a record \$1.5 billion in annual net marketplace revenue with an annual growth rate of 21 percent.

For those who want in on it, Linda Sundstrom can show how it's done.

Sundstrom, postmaster of the Genesee Post Office, will be presenting "Selling on eBay and USPS.com" at 7 p.m., April 7 in the Latah County Library.

During the free workshop, Sundstrom will visually walk participants through sales transactions, using her own eBay account as an example.

She will outline typical auctioning and shipping procedures through [eBay.com](http://eBay.com) and then through USPS.com.

"When you think about what you're selling it's really a wide open field," Sundstrom said.

As a cross-promotional agreement between eBay Inc. and the U.S. Postal Service, postal districts throughout the country have elected representatives to educate those interested about how to effectively do business through the two Web sites.

There will also be coupons available at the event allowing new eBay users to make their first three sales without paying enlisting fees.

The workshop will cover features of the eBay and USPS partnership that many consumers overlook, including how to get free packaging materials through USPS.com and how to print labels at home.

She added that many USPS users do not realize their packages can be picked up by a carrier at their own doorstep.

Sundstrom also mentioned the potential fundraising opportunity that eBay could offer, especially for a college community.

"Representatives from living groups really can earn some extra money this way," Sundstrom said. "When you guys move out in May and the Dumpsters fill up with what you don't want or don't want your parents to know you have, you could be listing your stuff to make money for next year's programs."

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# Remembering César Chávez

**Padrhig A. Harney**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College Assistance Migrant Program's third annual "Feast from the Fields" event celebrated César Chávez Day with food, dance, song and theater.

"The first 'Feast From the Fields' event was much smaller with only a small amount of food and speakers," CAMP Coordinator Jesse Martinez said.

This year's event resulted from help from many different groups.

The highlight of the event was the music from the Wanatchee, Wash. based band, Mariachi Huenachi.

On Monday, Mariachi Huenachi proved to be entertaining by playing a small concert in the Idaho Commons and also playing at the main event.

"We were very lucky — this year's event had a great play and the Mariachi Huenachi band as well," Martinez said.

In 1992, Chávez was awarded the "Peace on Earth" award.

Other recipients of the "Peace on Earth" award include Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa.

Chávez died on April 23, 1993 of unspecified natural causes in a rental apartment in San Luis, Arizona.

César Chávez Day is observed on March 31, or the appropriate Monday or Friday nearest that date, in remembrance of César Chávez's birthday.

The state holiday is intended to promote service to the community in honor of Chávez's life and work.

CAMP is a UI program that assists students who meet the definition of migrant or seasonal farm workers or children of migrant or seasonal farm workers. The program provides support for qualifying students during their first year of enrollment in higher education.

CAMP was founded in 1999 and

has provided support for nearly 35 new students every year since.

"Our retention rate is around 95 percent," Martinez said.

As a student-run and organized event, "Feast From the Fields" provided an opportunity for many students to get involved.

University President Tim White gave a small speech at the beginning of the event.

"Timothy White has been to all three 'Feast From the Fields' events," Martinez said. "He has been a big help to our organization."

White urged students to read about great American leaders for inspiration.

"If you ever have a chance to visit my office, you will see my poster of César Chávez," White said. "My wall is filled with people that inspire greatness. César Chávez was a great man who was unwilling to accept that status quo."

Another unique addition to this year's event was the play "Los Vendidos" by Chicano Civil Rights movement playwright and filmmaker Luis Valdez.

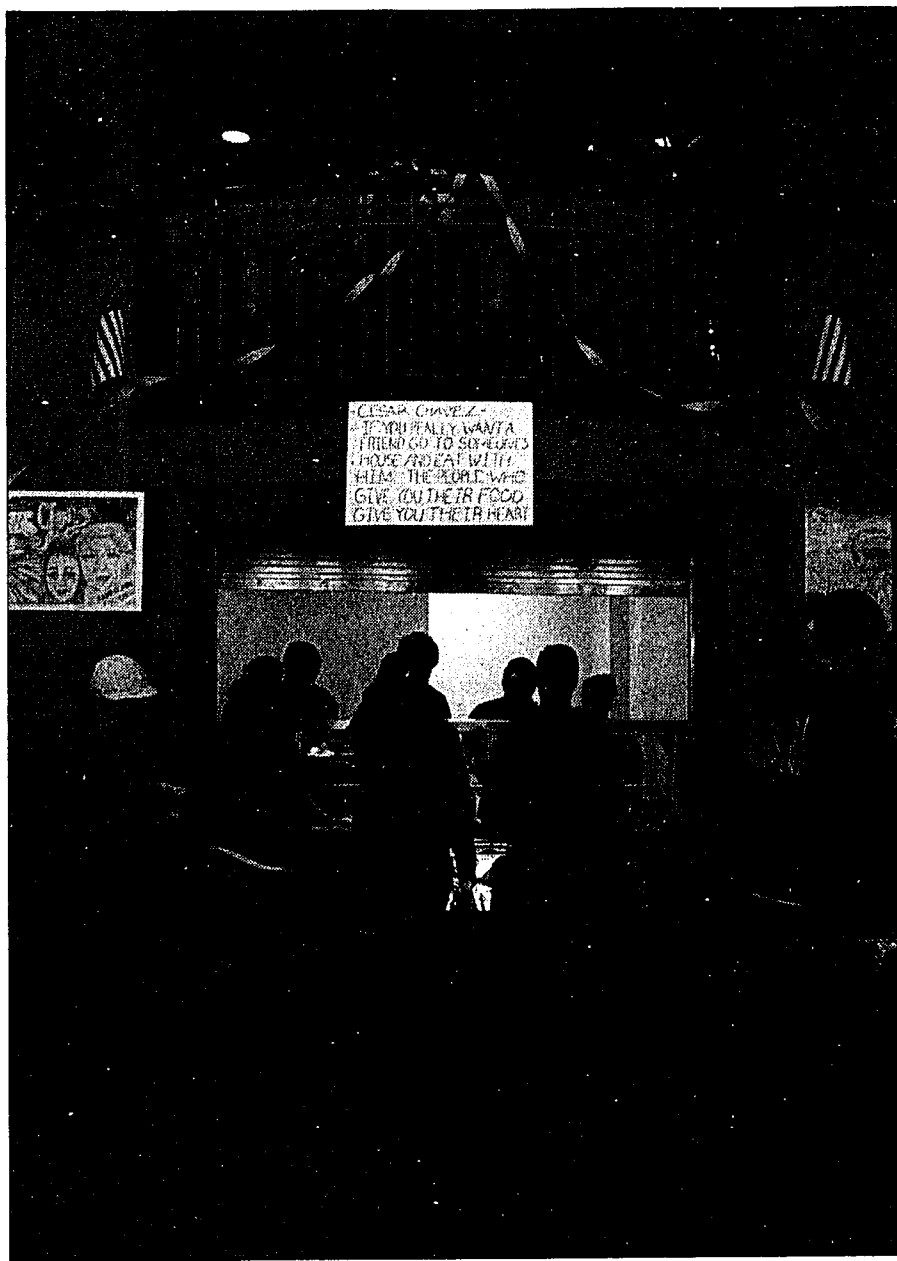
Chicano Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, also known as El Movimiento, is an extension of the Mexican American Civil Rights movement that began in the 1940s with the goal of achieving social liberation and Mexican American empowerment.

Figureheads of the movement, like César Chávez, Oscar Zeta Acosta and Luis Valdez, were influential at the time.

While eight states recognize César Chávez Day, Idaho is not one of them.

Next year, CAMP students will make an effort to bring the holiday to Idaho with the help of university staff.

"Events like 'Feast From the Fields' brings awareness to the holiday," Martinez said.



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut  
A large turnout of community members enjoyed mariachi music and Mexican food at the Cesar Chavez celebration in the 1912 Center on Tuesday.

## 'Exiled' hits the spot

**Padrhig A. Harney**  
Argonaut

Veteran auteur Johnny To brings a unique look to the screen in American movie theaters.

With superb acting and a tight plot, "Exiled" keeps audiences entertained.

Plain dumb luck follows a band of triad members and their attempts to save their longtime friend.

The film's dark comedy runs through the 105 minute running time, keeping a smile on the viewer's face.

The stunning visuals and cinematography will stick in your mind after viewing this film.

With vivid color and smooth camera movements this film stands apart from the norm.

To has been working in film for the last 25 years.

With over 50 films to his credit, To is one of Hong Kong's

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most prolific directors. His latest work blends together all of the things that make him a great asset to the world of film.

"Exiled" works on all levels, mixing in humor, action and drama.

The film opens with a fist pounding on a door, opened by a run down woman with a baby squealing in the background.

To starts off with a bullet ballet that could rival the best of John Woo's early works.

If To falters, it is most often a lack of attention to his characters that brings his films down.

However, this is not even remotely a problem.

His characters are rich and unique, the motivations run deep, the plot line is clever and engaging while never losing sight of the people that drive it.

With small breaks from the action for the cast to build a table or cook dinner, the film gives audiences some bits of reality mixed with fantasy.

A suspension of disbelief would be a virtue to anyone viewing "Exiled."

Overall, the film is one of To's best works and is a must see for any film lover.

## Discussion clears religious, cultural misconceptions about Islam

**Saida Razaee**  
Argonaut

On March 26, Muhammad Adiouane talked about women in Islam at a conference hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Idaho.

Adiouane started the session with an introduction about Islam as a "religion of the book" and he explained that all religions have the same message from God.

Adiouane then answered questions throughout the session.

"Islam as a theoretical text belongs to God, not to a human thought," Adiouane said. "Meaning there is one God and all of us are his slaves, so we can't be slaves of each other."

"God said that I created you as men and women and you all have responsibilities and obligations to keep yourselves

free," Adiouane said. "God says that men and women have the same responsibilities."

Adiouane also said Muslims should live the text and leave the misinterpretations and bias judgments out of their lives.

"The Romans and Persian empires were one of the first to delete women from their political world," he said. "Then others followed them so blindly and they forgot that the first council of the Prophet Muhammad was his wife. Women are well treated in the Islamic religion, not mistreated."

Reading the text and looking back at the history of our prophets we see that women were able to do anything that men were able to do.

Women were able to work outside of the house.

They were able to take parts in the political and social relations.

If we see things differently

today it's all misinterpretations.

"They are mistreated not within the text but only within the Muslims actions," Adiouane said about women.

He said misinterpretations and bias thoughts are everywhere not just within Muslim countries.

Adiouane said "We can't apply the Romans' and Persians' rules anymore and we need to realize what's relevant to our needs today."

He also talked about how Muhammad the Prophet had more than one wife.

Each of the wives had her own story to justify why she was married to Muhammad.

The first one was 25 years older than the Prophet, showing it doesn't matter if there is a large difference in age between the two spouses.

The next one was 13 years old, and that was because God gave Muhammad the justice quality.

It doesn't matter if a spouse is older or younger, if she is from a different country, ethnicity or has religious beliefs.

The reason why the prophet was able to have several wives was that God gave him the ability to treat all his wives with justice and equality and not to favor one more than the other.

The justice quality was necessary for setting an example.

But now men can't take several wives because God didn't give them the same justice quality that he gave the prophet because they are followers of the prophet, not example setters.

"God said that any man can have four wives as long as he can treat them all equally."

"Then he said that he created men and knows that they are not able to be just toward several spouses," Adiouane said.

That's the reason they can only take one spouse.

Now if men take more than one wife, they are not applying the soul of Islam, but only the misinterpretation of Islamic texts related to gender issues.

## MySpace joins with major record companies to launch new service

**Alex Veiga**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — MySpace, which has lured millions of big acts and garage bands alike to build profiles on the popular social networking hub to attract fans, said Thursday it will turn those pages into portals for selling music, merchandise and more.

Helping back the new MySpace Music are three of the biggest recording companies — Vivendi SA's Universal Music Group, Sony BMG Music Entertainment and Warner Music Group Corp.

Financial terms of the partnership were not disclosed, but each of the music companies will receive an unspecified equity stake in the new company, said Chris DeWolfe, MySpace co-founder and chief executive.

The fourth-largest music company, EMI Group PLC, is not part of the deal.

DeWolfe said MySpace is in licensing talks with "everyone" but declined to say where discussions stand with EMI, home to artists such as Coldplay and Norah Jones.

MySpace Music, which will roll out gradually in coming months, will enable artists to sell music downloads, concert tickets and merchandise such as T-shirts through their profile pages and to offer ringtones through a unit of MySpace parent News Corp.

"We believe that the Web is becoming increasingly more social," DeWolfe said during a conference call. "MySpace Music is a new way of experiencing music online that everyone can participate in."

Fans also will be able stream audio and video for free through musical artists' profile pages.

DeWolfe said some tracks will be sold without copy-protection safeguards but noted that the major labels had committed only to experimenting with offering content in an unrestricted format.

Selling music without the copy protections that make such tracks incompatible with Apple Inc.'s iPod music players could place MySpace Music in direct competition with existing digital music stores such as Apple's iTunes, Amazon.com, Napster Inc. and others, analysts said.

"It's definitely got a lot of potential to it, but how much it really changes the game is yet to be determined," said Michael Gartenberg, vice president and research director for Jupiter Research. "This is one of those important events in the history of digital music and it has a lot of potential going forward."

MySpace may also be looking for ways to maintain its lead on rival social network Facebook, which has been gaining in popularity.

James McQuivey, digital music analyst for Forrester Research, noted that the venture is wisely aiming to serve as a one-stop portal for music fans.

"A MySpace music store is exactly the right step to get the music industry to the next level because it recognizes that consumers don't just buy music, they experience it... That's what people do with music already on MySpace, it's what has made Last.FM and iMeem.com so popular so quickly," he said.

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New art displayed at Third St. Gallery

The Third Street Gallery opens a new exhibit today, featuring work by Moscow residents Charles and Joanne Sutton.

Works include pieces by Harold Balanz, Dale Chihuly, Jim Christianson, Alf Dunn, George Flett, Mary Kirkwood, Beth Mickey, Kay Montgomery, Gifford Pierce, Malcom Renfrew and Genevra Sloan.

There will be a reception from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact gbaldwin@i.moscow.id.us or call 883-7036.

Above the Rim opens new exhibit

The Above the Rim Gallery will open a new exhibit on April 11 called "Homage to Women Artists," a project of the Palouse Chapter of the Women's Caucus for the Arts.

There will be a reception from 5-7 p.m. The show will run through May 31.

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

IRT schedules summer program

Subscriber tickets for the Idaho Repertory Theatre 2008 season are now on sale and single tickets go on sale April 29.

This year, IRT celebrates its 55th season presenting professional summer theater on the Palouse.

The season runs from June 26 to Aug. 2 at the Hartung

Theatre, indoor and outdoor stages, and features three mainstage productions: "Forever Plaid" by Stuart Ross; "The Nerd" by Larry Shue; and "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare.

For young audiences, IRT will present the musical "Alexander and The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" by Judith Viorst and Shelly Markham, which will be performed in UI Kiva Theatre.

IRT will also feature two benefit performances on July 31 and Aug. 1 in the Hartung Theatre.

Television stars Bill Faggerbakke and Catherine McClenahan will be performing "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney, and "Hate Mail" by Bill Corbett and Kira Obolensky.

For information about purchasing season tickets call the Kibbie Dome Box Office at 885-7212 or go to www.idahorep.org.

Ren Fair makes it to the big screen

"Moscow Renaissance Fair: The Movie" will be shown at 7 p.m. on April 10 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

Cost of admission is \$10. This year's Renaissance Fair poster will be unveiled and guests will have the chance to win one of nine door prizes.

Advanced tickets are now on sale at BookPeople of Moscow.

Artist reception in Idaho Commons

There will be a reception from 4-6 p.m. today for UI graduate student, Goran Fazil's exhibit, "Memories of Bosnia," at the Reflections Gallery in the Commons.

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Sundstrom said eBay classes available to the public charge substantial attendance fees, so a free tutorial is a rare opportunity.

"It's a public service that probably wouldn't happen anywhere else," said Chris Sokol, Latah County Library Adult Services Manager.

Sundstrom has been the official eBay representative for the Spokane postal service district for two years. With a degree in education and experience teaching in public schools, Sundstrom was excited for the opportunity to volunteer for the lecturing job.

"I do (eBay) myself, but there's so much involved that I always learn a new tip every time I talk to somebody," Sundstrom said.

Since she began, she has been hosting the workshops primarily in the Spokane and Boise areas.

"She approached us," Sokol said. "She's a library patron in Troy, so she's familiar with our library system. She came to me and explained it, and it sounded like a good idea."

The county library routinely hosts other public service presentations and historical society discussions.

"It's always something we think the public would be interested in," Sokol said. "It's usually people in the community or elsewhere in the state who want to talk for an hour about what they know about sharing information. It's usually a contemporary topic."

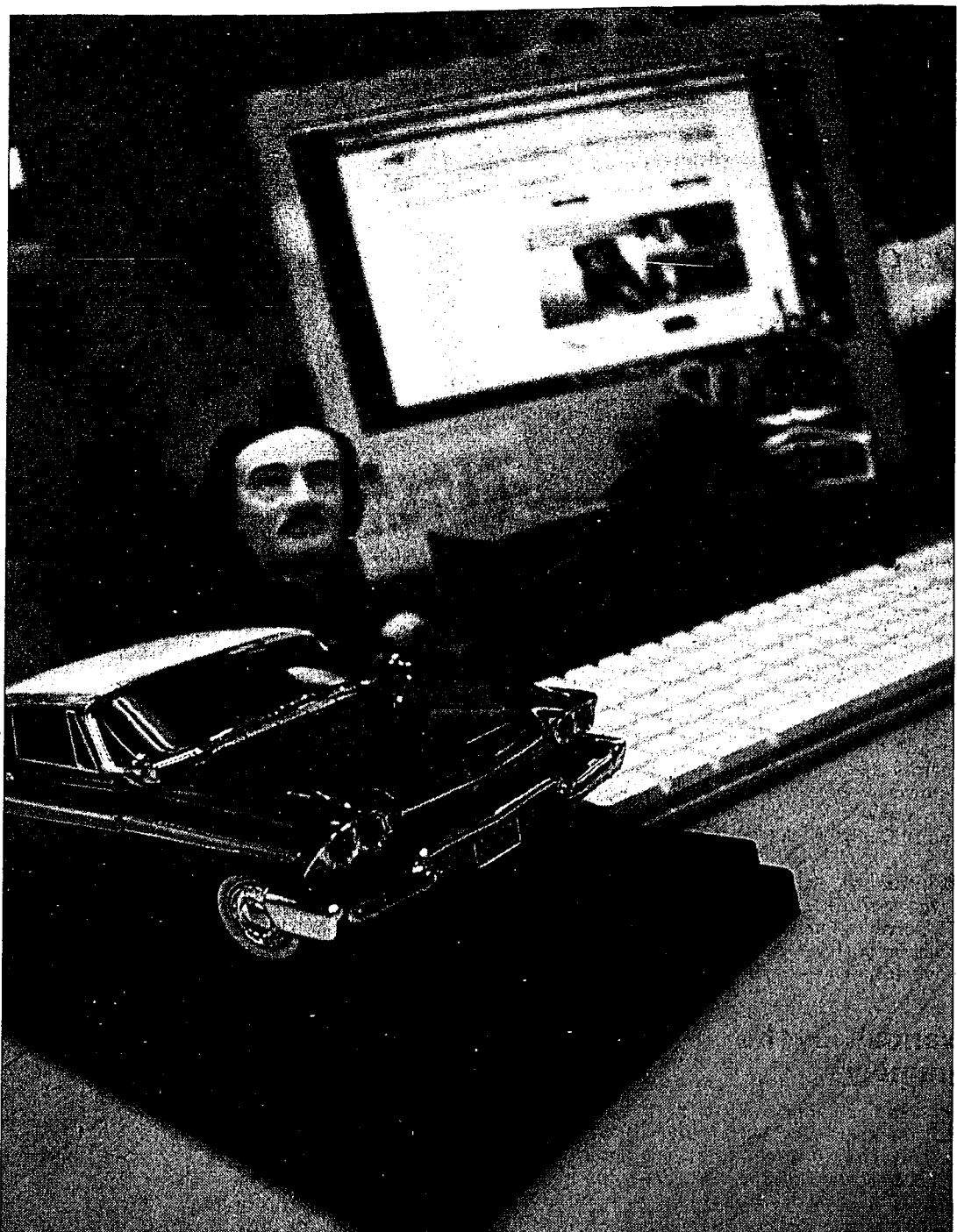


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Not only can you buy anything on eBay, but you can sell it too.

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Allen also said it's interesting to see what artists from UI, particularly his college, have been doing, and to see their different talents showcased together.

"I'm wicked proud of everyone," Allen said.

Struble said that the students presenting their work in the exhibit take their work very seriously, and that a lot of thought has gone into each of their pieces.

"This exhibit means to most of us, if not all, the accumulation of all the

knowledge and insight that we have learned so far at UI," Struble said. "As well as a way to show our parents and family what we have learned, and hopefully create a stepping stone for future jobs."

Struble said he isn't sure where the origin of the title of the show came from, but knows they wanted a title that

would reflect the pieces in the show, which are both diverse and creative.

"I believe that my class of seniors is full of brilliant and talented people that have dedicated a lot of time and effort into their senior BFA show," Struble said. "We tried to think of a title that would reflect the work that we put into this show."

Big Easy Concert House advertisement featuring a grid of concert listings for various bands like Midget Wrestling, Why?, Roger Clyne, and Goldfinger.

Check out The Argonaut every Tuesday and Friday.

Audience Theatre and Village Centre advertisement listing movies like Juno, NIM'S ISLAND, and Superhero Movie.



## QuickHits

### Did you know...

● Mike Burns, the newest addition to men's basketball coach Don Verlin's staff, has coached at Washington State, Eastern Washington and the Community Colleges of Spokane before coming to Moscow.

● The track and field team hit four NCAA Regional marks at last year's Stanford Invitational, where it begins outdoor action today.

● Thrower Russ Winger earned Western Athletic Conference Field Performer of the Year award after the track and field team's indoor season. Winger returns to outdoor competition this weekend after redshirting the 2007 season.

● In his 16 years at the NCAA level, Verlin's teams have won 73 percent of their games and over the past 20 years his teams have 467 victories.

### Vandals by the numbers

**6** National ranking of the track and field team's new recruit, Lindsay Beard, in high school pole vaulting.

**13** Number of consecutive seasons the track and field team has had an NCAA qualifier.

**17** Place of the women's golf team at this week's NCAA West Regional Preview.

**14** Number of returnees on the track and field team who competed last year at the outdoor championships.

**4** Number of opponents the volleyball team will face next season that reached the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

### Vandals to watch

**Andrey Potapkin**  
Men's tennis  
(Not pictured)

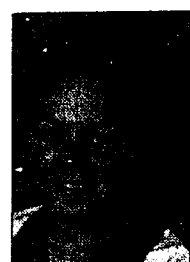
The freshman from Moscow, Russia has played consistently for the Vandal men's tennis team this spring. Potapkin is 9-5 on the season so far playing No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles with partner Stanislav Glukov. The men's tennis team hits the court in Boise this weekend for matches against BSU.

**Alice Draser**  
Track and field



The freshman from Augsburg, Germany had a strong indoor track and field season, earning second-team All-WAC honors in the pentathlon at the Indoor Championships. Draser begins her first outdoor season for the Vandals in Palo Alto, Calif. this weekend.

**Mykael Bothum**  
Track and field



Bothum earned an NCAA Regional qualifying mark at last year's Stanford Invitational. She threw a 48-1 in the shot put at the invitational and will look to begin the outdoor season with similar results.

### Vandals in action

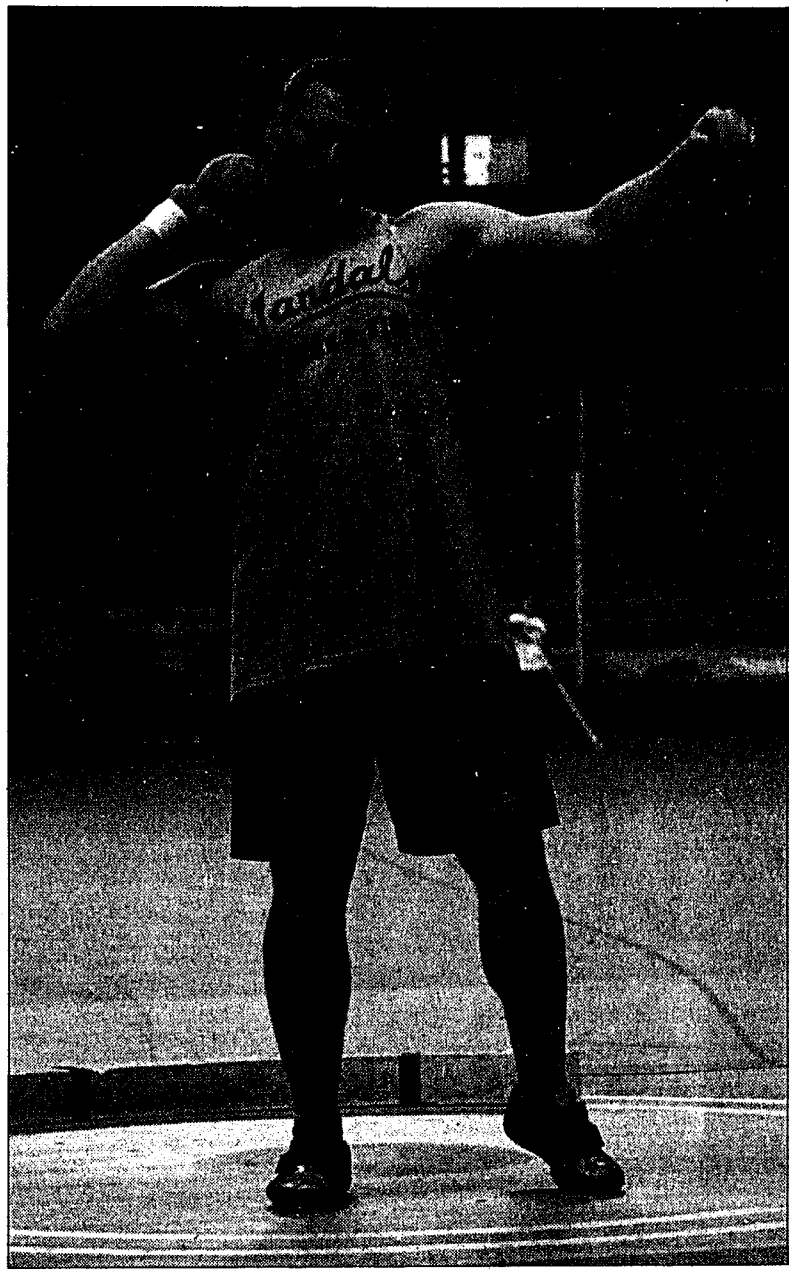
Track and Field start their outdoor season at the Stanford Invitational today and tomorrow in Palo Alto, Calif.

The football team continues practice Saturday and will hold its second scrimmage at 10 a.m. Men's tennis is in action Saturday in Boise, taking on WAC rival Boise State.

Women's tennis takes on Sah-ta Clara in Pullman on Saturday.

## TRACK AND FIELD

# Reloading with recruits



File Photo  
University of Idaho track athlete Russ Winger practices his shotput throw in the Kibbie Dome. Winger will be graduating this spring.

**Levi Johnstone**  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team recently finished third in the Western Athletic Conference indoor action and sent several athletes to compete at the National Indoor Championships. Now the track and field team will do what every program must stay successful — recruit.

Vandals' coaches have already signed nine athletes and they aren't done yet.

The Idaho squad, which already features some of the most dominant field athletes in the country will try to build more consistency in the track end of the team.

"Right now we're known for our field events, especially throwing events," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "Our goal was to get some distance runners and more athletes on the track side so we will have a better chance of winning a championship."

So far the Idaho team has signed two athletes on the men's side and seven on the women's. Phipps said the disparity in numbers was due to a couple different factors.

"The NCAA allots more scholarships for the women's team," Phipps said. "We also have more players graduating on the women's team as well."

Of the seven women's recruits, three will compete in distance races, one in sprints, one in sprints and jumps, one pole vaulter and one multi-events athlete.

Ellen Rouse, an Orofino, Idaho native, could provide excitement for the UI track team from the onset of her college career.

Rouse is an eight-time Idaho 2A state champion, including four individual titles as a junior in 2007. Rouse helped the Marniacs at the championships by winning the 100-meter dash, 200 meters, shot put and also finished sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Rouse competed unattached at the WSU Open Indoor meet in January, where she posted an 8.06 second

time in the 60-meter dash. The effort was good enough for sixth overall. Former UI athlete and current assistant coach Angela Whyte won the event at the meet with a final time of 7.59 seconds.

Also among new athletes coming to UI is Lindsay Beard — the sixth ranked high school pole vaulter in the nation.

Beard cleared a lifetime best 12 feet, 7 inches to finish third in the Pole Vault Summit. The Pole Vault Summit, a meet that is designed for "elite" pole vault athletes, showcases the best talent in the nation as nearly 2,000 athletes compete simultaneously on 12 separate runways.

This year, Melinda Owen and K.C. Dahlgren represented UI at the summit. Dahlgren hit an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 13-1 1/2. Just six and a half inches better than Beard's vault at the meet.

For the men's team, recruit James Clark is no stranger to track and field. Clark has been competing in track since he was nine years old.

As a nine-year-old from Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Clark was an age group champion in the 200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, 1,500 meters and in the cross country competition.

Clark has been selected to a number of Canadian Junior Nationals teams and was awarded the Thomas Haney Male Track Athlete of the Year award in 2005 and 2006.

While the class is strong now, Phipps said that they are still looking to sign a couple more athletes.

"We are headed where we want to go and we think this will give us a better chance of winning a championship," Phipps said. "We are still going to sign more people, so that is going to help us even more."

UI will have nine women's athletes and five men's athletes from the team graduating. Most notably will be the loss of All-American thrower Russ Winger on the men's team and UI record holder Melinda Owen in the pole vault for the women's team.

# New coach emphasizes education

**Hugh Jones**  
Argonaut

Don Verlin is looking for new faces — faces you might not expect.

Verlin, who was recently selected to be the new University of Idaho men's basketball coach, has spent the past week on the road recruiting for Idaho.

"I always think education is giving kids a chance," Verlin said. "Sometimes kids haven't had the chance to get a quality education or someone to help motivate them to get that education. I love guys who are good students, but I'm more of a fan of giving people an opportunity, not everyone has had the opportunities that we have growing up."

After being hired less than two weeks ago, Verlin has repeatedly expressed the importance of his team being "student athletes."

This strong educational focus may very well be a product of Verlin's own education. The long time Utah State assistant coach went through community college in his hometown of Loomis, Calif.

After attending community college, Verlin went to California State University Stanislaus in Turlock, Calif. where he obtained a degree in physical education in 1991.

To follow up his bachelor's degree, Verlin went on to earn a Master's degree in education.

"Education is the thing that makes it

all go 'round," Verlin said.

Verlin has not only been recruiting players, but a coaching staff as well. His most recent addition is former EWU head coach Mike Burns.

Burns also has ties to the Bennett coaching years at Washington State as he spent the 2003-04 season under Dick Bennett.

Another part of Verlin's plan for Idaho has more to do with the fans than the players.

"I want people to be excited to get out and see the Vandals in the Cowan Spectrum," Verlin said in a press conference shortly after his hiring.

Renewing excitement for a program that hasn't had a taste of NCAA tournament success since 1990 next door to the team's Sweet 16 neighbors Washington State may seem daunting, but several years ago the Cougars were in a very similar position.

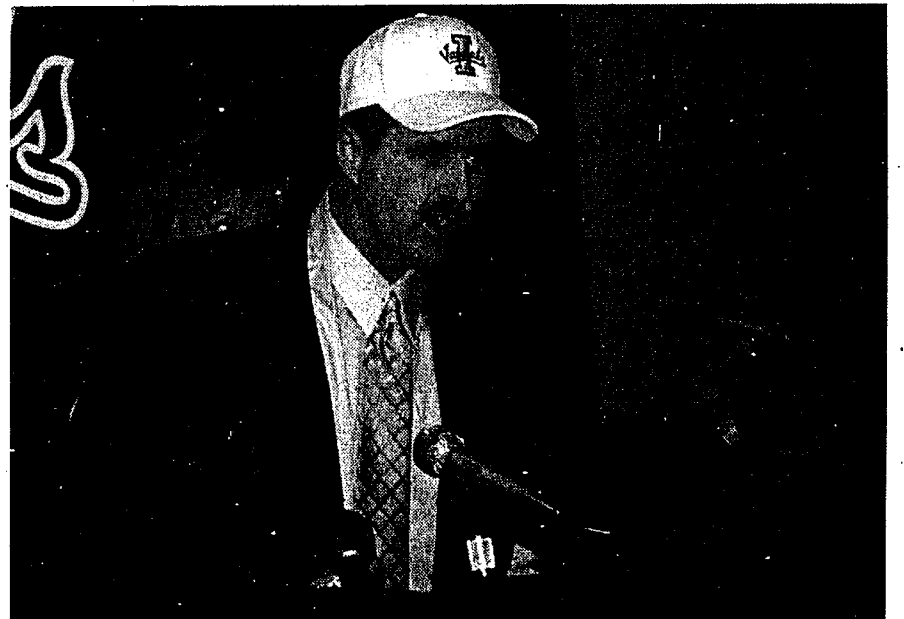
Verlin has expressed his feeling that with enough fan support and hard work, he said he thinks this program too can gain momentum.

"I am tremendously excited and am looking forward to building a winning basketball program here," Verlin said.

Stew Morrill, coach for Utah State, said he thinks Verlin has the skills necessary to lead a team.

"He will be a terrific head coach," Morrill said.

It was written into Verlin's contract at Utah State that he would take over the



File Photo  
Don Verlin, the new University of Idaho men's basketball coach, speaks at a press conference March 24 in the Best Western University Inn.

program from Morrill upon his retirement.

Outside of basketball, the coach's priority is to be a good father. He says his children — Jacob and Sydnee, ages 12 and 5 — take up a majority of his spare time.

"Monday when I get home — the first

time I've been home in days — I'm going to take my son out to the batting cages and throw the round ball around a little bit," Verlin said.

The Verlin family will continue to call Utah home until late June or July to allow their son to finish out the school year and athletic seasons.

## REDNECK SUMMER

# Two victories for Toyota and on to Texas

In its second year, the Toyota Camry has won two races with two drivers.

This shouldn't surprise anyone. In the manufacturer's first year in NASCAR's top series, the most accomplished driver was Dale Jarrett. The 1999 champ is now retired, but hadn't been competitive since his last days at Robert Yates Racing in a Ford.

Even that final year wasn't that great.

This year, however, Toyota hooked up with Joe Gibbs, an organization that has won three championships with two drivers and two manufacturers — Pontiac and Chevy.

So where is the surprise?

Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin — Sunday's winner in the Goody's Cool Orange 500 at the Martinsville Speedway — are past Rookies of the Year and potential future champions. That these two young guys have

each won a race this year shouldn't be any more of a surprise than that Dale Earnhardt, Jr., continues to be the most popular driver on the circuit.

That third guy at Gibbs is no slouch either. Two-time champion Tony Stewart is sixth in points after Martinsville, one behind Busch and two ahead of Hamlin.

Gibbs isn't the only stable with multiple drivers in the coveted top 12 six races into the season.

Richard Childress Racing's Chevys hold the top two spots, as well as 12th. Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton have been battling for leads all year, while Clint Bowyer is showing a consistency and patience unusual for a third year, 28-year-old driver.

Pretty good for a team that was proclaimed dead four years ago.



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cars in the top 10 for the race and get himself a guaranteed start for Sunday's Samsung 500 at Texas Motor Speedway by being the top 35 in owner's points.

Where's Roush, you ask? Only Greg Biffle is in the current top 12, despite Carl Edwards' two wins.

Texas, however, has been kind to Roush drivers. His Fords have won five races there, including the first in 1997. Burton won that race, just as he won in 2007. Edwards won the fall race.

Johnson and Earnhardt have wins at Texas, also, but take a look at all past winners and you'll notice there is one name missing: Gordon.

The Dupont Chevy has never won a race at Texas, one of only two active NASCAR Sprint Cup tracks not included in his 81 career wins.

Season closer Homestead-Miami is the other. Until April 2007, Phoenix was on that short list too.

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GOLF

# Regrouped, ready for the WAC Championship

Jaimee Myers  
Argonaut

After regrouping, and recognizing that the third round of play needed to be better than the rest, the Vandal women's golf team pulled through for their best round at the Far West Regional Preview.

The women played two rounds Monday in Lincoln, Calif., averaging as a team a 310 on the first round, and a 322 on the second round.

"This tournament was not one of our best, especially the second round," coach Lisa Wasinger-Johnson said. "It affected our placing as a team, but then we came back and

shot better."

Sophomore Amanda Jacobs was the Vandals top finisher with a 14 over 230 to finish in a tie for 32nd. Renee Skidmore shot a 241 to tie for 25th, while senior Kelly Nakashima tied for 66th with a shot of 237. Senior Jenna Huff and freshman Dani Madden tied for 86th with a shot of 243.

Refocusing, mentally preparing and creating team unity are going to be the basis for preparation for the upcoming Western Athletic Championship. The WAC championship is three weeks away and Wasinger-Johnson said she has strong aspirations and excitement for her team ahead.

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"We need to get excited because we have the opportunity to win," she said. "We need all five players to play their best three rounds of golf."

Last year the Vandal women completed the season as WAC champions, and are striving to do so again this spring.

"If we play our best, we will win the WAC, and get our automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament for the second year in a row," Wasinger-Johnson said.

The team is not practicing the next few days in order to catch up on schoolwork and rest from all the traveling. Starting next week, the team

will be back on the course with focused training to work on the small technical aspects to the game, she said.

"We will be working on our short game, ways to execute shots, and most importantly create positive energy for the tournament," Wasinger-Johnson said.

Jenna Huff, Kelly Nakashima and Renee Skidmore are all seniors and will be playing their final three rounds of collegiate golf at the WAC Championship.

"This is very exciting for them especially, (being seniors) that is why we need to repeat another WAC Championship," she said.

Golf at the collegiate level is a two season sport; taking place in both the fall and the spring. Over the course of this spring the women's golf team has made improvements with their putting and feel for the ball, she said.

With a couple more weeks of hard work before the championship Wasinger-Johnson said she expects even more improvements from her team.

"We have not always posted the numbers we have wanted at the tournaments, but with some minor improvements over the next few weeks, we should be ready," Wasinger-Johnson said.

Even with the unpredictable weather during their spring season, the Vandal women have been able to execute in many of their tournaments, she said.

"We cannot use the weather as an excuse for a bad round of play, but it is difficult when we do not practice in the same weather conditions we play in," Wasinger-Johnson said.

Sophomore Beth Stonecypher will not be competing due to her knee injury.

"Beth is recovering well, and it's a shame we don't have her on the roster," Wasinger-Johnson said.

The WAC Championships will be held in Fresno, Calif. on April 21-23.

## DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

# The best Final Four ever?

A couple of weeks ago I told everyone not to pick all four No. 1 seeds to reach the final four in the NCAA tournament. I might have even called you a moron for doing so.

OK, not that there's any debate with this, but I'm obviously the moron. All four seeds reached the Final Four.

I must again reiterate that never before have all four top dogs reached the Final Four during the same season. Which is why I instructed each fellow bracketologist not to do so. That's so me.

The first year I have a sports column and people can actually read my theories, it seems like everything comes back to bite me.

Even though my bracket is ruined, I'm damn excited for the Final Four, which begins Saturday.

I'll go out on another limb and predict this to be the greatest Final Four ever, in terms of team's competition. Certainly it won't be another "Magic vs. Bird '79 showdown," it should, however, give fans exciting basketball for all three games.

Seriously, North Carolina versus Kansas and Memphis versus UCLA. C'mon now, you don't even have to be a geek to enjoy those games.

There won't be a single debate as to who the actual champion is. The kind of debate that usually surrounds the NCAA Bowl Championship Series football champion each season.

The Final Four this season is the dream we all want out of college sports — the best teams competing against each other and actually having to earn the title of "champion." The four participants in this season's Final Four were all tested during the national tournament four times and each passed test after test in order to get to the championship round. This is not like football in which we have a system of computer rankings and sports writers deciding the top teams and national championship participants.

If college football would adopt the 16 team tournament as I often suggest on the radio, we would never have any problems deciding which teams should be playing. Sure, the NCAA is not going to listen to me, but if not me, someone else please.

College basketball has it just right with the NCAA

Tournament because teams must earn the right to play in front of millions, not hope their computer rankings and pollster romance is high.



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These factors are again why I think the 2008 NCAA Final Four may be the greatest of all time. There isn't any debating as to which teams got jobbed and undeservedly reached this height. All four teams were tested and passed accordingly.

Another factor that adds to the splendor of the Final Four is the storied basketball programs competing. UNC, UCLA and Kansas? Throw in Memphis and you may have the best final four in terms of program prestige, too. A national championship game between UCLA versus either UNC or Kansas would be watched by millions Monday night.

It's going to be a great weekend of hoops, that's for sure. I just wish college football would get the picture, too.

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## NASCAR

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Texas is one of the intermediate "cookie cutter" tracks — a 1.5 mile oval that tends to give Earnhardt trouble. He's run well there and had decent finishes at intermediates this season, but I'm not picking him to win.

There's a rule that you should always root for your

driver, no matter how unlikely it is that he will win. I am predicting another top five for the No. 88.

Your race winner will be points leader Kevin Harvick and his No. 29 Pennzoil Chevy.

I hate the yellow and red paint scheme the car has used since switching sponsors from General Motors Goodwrench, but it seems to have lit a fire under Harvick. After close finishes this year and a focus on Sprint Cup and not the Na-

tionwide Series, he will be a threat every week and should be considered a true championship contender.

Burton will finish third after getting passed by Earnhardt on the final lap. Biffle will be the highest finishing Ford in fourth, with Stewart rounding out the top five. Dodge will put two in the top ten with high finishes from past track winners Ryan Newman and Kasey Kahne.

So sit back, crack open another Amp and let's go racing.

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## White pushes sports, law school

Associated Press

SPOKANE — University of Idaho President Tim White agrees with the recent firing of basketball coach George Pfeifer, is pushing hard to open a second law school in Boise and doesn't think a proposed medical school at Idaho State is a good idea.

White, in an interview with The Associated Press on March 26, said a successful sports program is key to the image of his Moscow-based school.

"You bet it matters," said White, a former college water polo coach.

Idaho sports has had a troubled decade since moving to the Division I-A ranks, especially in the main revenue sports of football and basketball.

White blamed much of that on heavy turnover in the coaching and administration ranks, and jumping among several conferences.

"There was no stability in leadership," White said. "You can't do anything without that level of stability."

Now the Vandals are solidly ensconced in the Western Athletic Conference, a good fit with peer institutions, White said.

He has faith in athletic director Rob Spear and second-year football coach Robb Akey. But

White and Spear did not think Pfeifer was the man to make a dramatic turnaround in the basketball program, and he was fired after his second season.

Don Verlin has been hired from Utah State to lead a turnaround.

"We will start winning games," White said of Vandal sports.

Once the premier college sports program in the state, Idaho has been eclipsed in the past decade by the rise of Boise State football and basketball.

In January, Idaho announced a \$52 million project to expand and renovate the Kibbie Dome, which hosts football and basketball games and other events.

The project will add 3,600 seats, increasing capacity to 20,000. It will lower the playing field, add 306 club seats, 34 loge boxes and six suites.

The project will require \$17 million from university funds and \$35 million from private gifts.

Meanwhile, the Idaho State Board of Education will soon be asked to approve placing a freestanding branch of Idaho's law school in Boise, the capital and largest city.

While the Idaho Constitution requires that the School of Law be based in Moscow, real-

ities show a need to expand to Boise, White said. The two law schools will focus on different aspects of law, but will share administration.

"We have a model for the future," he said.

White is not a supporter of recent efforts by Idaho State University in Pocatello to create a medical school on its campus.

UI is charged with producing doctors for the state, and does that as part of the WAMI program at the University of Washington in Seattle, White said.

The joint medical school project also trains students from Wyoming, Alaska and Montana and is a high-quality, cost-effective way to produce doctors, White said. Students take classes at both Idaho and Washington.

After a period of turmoil caused by presidential turnover and financial issues, White said Idaho is on a roll, luring new faculty and higher-quality students. President since 2004, White is pushing programs to get more American Indian students and more students who are the first in their families to go to college.

White is a native of Argentina who was the first in his family to go to college.

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