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Faculty smarting from benefits, Yardley

Argonaut survey finds morale is just average at UI

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

Universities are made up of several parts: students, faculty, administrators and support staff. If any one of those groups is unhappy with the way things are going, a school is bound to have problems. And right now, the University of Idaho faculty have several reasons to be unhappy.

December's rough draft of the Yardley Report, which criticized UI's programs and used unflattering language to de-

scribe faculty culture, is just one reason faculty at the university are unhappy. Robert Dickow, local union president for the American Federation of Teachers and an instructor in the Lionel Hampton School of Music, can think of several more. Among them are the changes to faculty health benefits, low salaries compared to peers at other institutions and the way the administration communicates with the university.

The most recent blow to faculty morale was the Yardley Report. The report, commissioned more than a year ago by the

university to examine the effectiveness of UI's graduate programs, was managed negatively, Dickow said.

Among some of the findings released in the summary of the 435-page document were statements about "serious faculty cultural issues," including stating that UI faculty members lack national perspective, are overly concerned with "trivia and do not feel they have an obligation to help with larger issues" and have a mistaken sense of national prominence.

"The faculty felt a little bit insulted by (the Yardley)," he said. "It put a lot of blame on the faculty ... for problems out

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what is **YARDLEY?**

Released in December, the Yardley Report was commissioned more than a year ago by the University of Idaho to assess UI's graduate programs. The Yardley Research Group is a national higher education consulting firm. Yardley collected data from interviews with faculty, administrators and

students and external program reviews. It compared UI to peer universities and programs. It also examined factors such as student-to-faculty ratios, GRE scores, GPAs, research funding and research space. The data was collected in 2006 and spring 2007. Faculty were allowed to comment on the rough draft and it is currently in revision. To see a copy of the rough draft summary, visit www.uiargonaut.com.

Elections start on Monday

Liz Virtue and Alexis Turner
Argonaut

Each candidate running for a position on the ASUI Senate was asked the following three questions. Responses have been edited to fit within the space allotted, as well as for grammar and style. For complete responses to the questions, go to www.uiargonaut.com.

1. What qualities do you possess that will make you a good senator?
2. What is one thing you think needs improvement at the University of Idaho?
3. What is one thing you are going to DO for the students if elected?



Matthew Draper

1 I am a very determined and responsible person and those are the two main qualities that make a good senator in my opinion. I am honest and feel that hard work and dedication are other attributes that I possess that will make myself a good senator.

2 I do not think there is only one thing UI needs to improve on. I think UI as a whole needs improvement. This is a very diverse university and for the betterment of UI improving all aspects of the campus and the institution are of the up most concern to me.

3 If I am elected for the position of ASUI senator I will represent my constituents with dignity and will do what I feel is the right thing to do. I will do everything that is necessary for the student body to ensure that their higher education continues at the highest level UI has to offer.



Brad Griff

1 One of the most important qualities I possess is experience. My entire college career I have been extremely involved with my living group and other organizations such as SARb. Most recently, I have served as the ASUI Faculty Council representative. This position has allowed me to obtain the tools necessary to be an effective senator. I have spent the last year working on issues important to students. I have first hand knowledge of how ASUI operates and established a network with people within the ASUI currently fighting for students.

2 One thing that needs to be addressed is assuring that student voices are heard by the administration. This past year as a member of ASUI, I have seen how the administration either intentionally or unintentionally ignored the student's opinions on several important decisions such as parking and the bookstore. In order to have more control over what happens at our university, it's crucial that the administration hears student's voices and takes them into account when considering policy change.

3 One project I want to begin working on immediately is called the Silver and Gold Walk. This is a new tradition surrounding the football team that I want to spearhead. As the football team arrives at the Kibbie Dome, the Vandal marching band and fans would be present to greet them and cheer them on as they walk into the Dome in a type of pep rally. It will get the players, coaches and fans excited and help usher in a new era of Vandal football.



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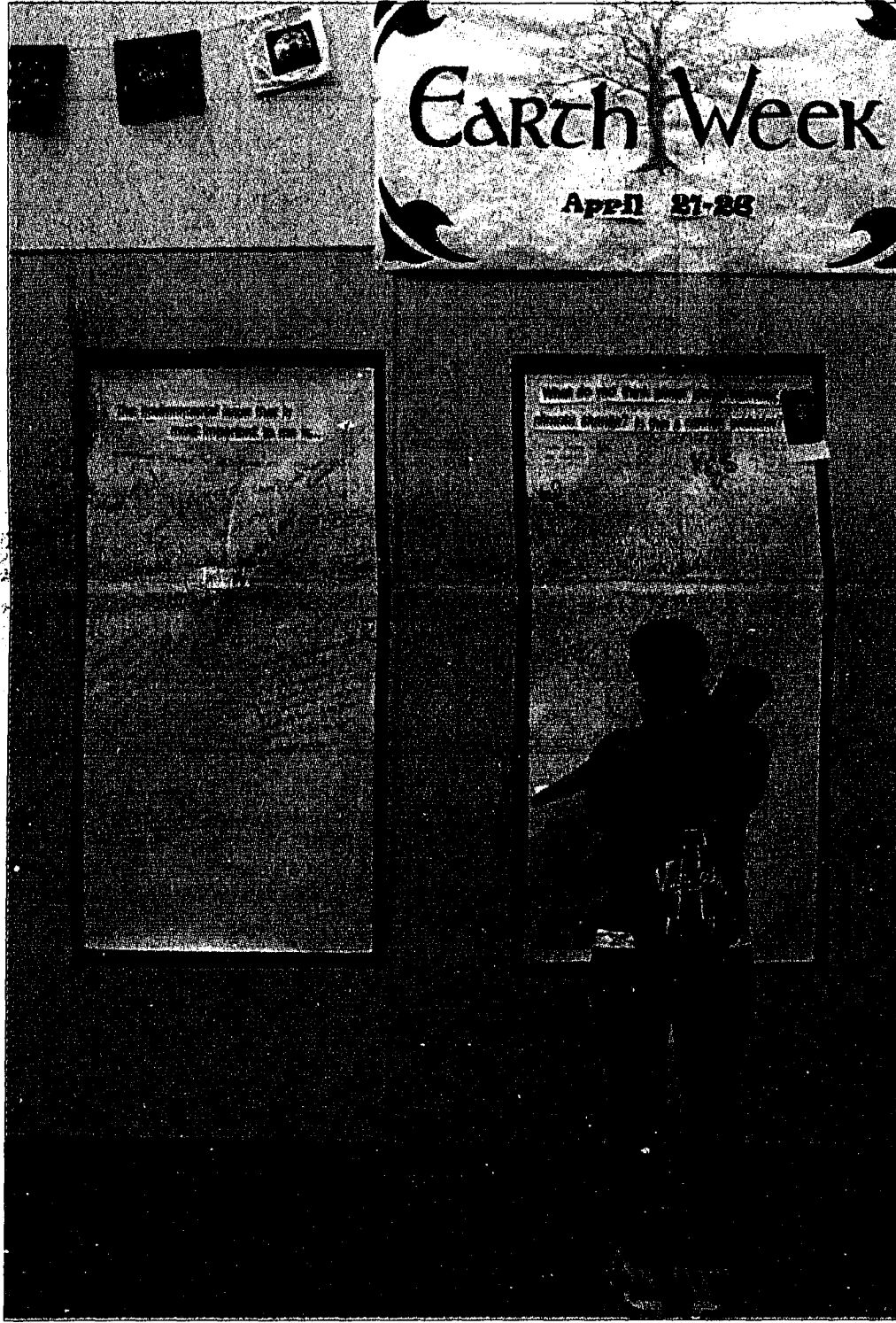
1 I think that I have a passion for making life better and do what I can to achieve that. I have experience with planning and programming, which I can use to accomplish my goals.

2 More student involvement in ASUI is something we need to see more of.

3 If elected I would like to mainly work on creating awareness among students as to what ASUI is, what we can do for them and how they can have more power and a stronger voice.

For more candidate Q-and-A's, see page 7

SPEAK UP



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut
Kelcey Morgan reads student comments about environmental issues on a display in the Idaho Commons set up by the Environmental Club. The display allowed students to write opinions on large sheets of paper.

Student may have meningitis

Fraternity member hospitalized Wednesday

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The University of Idaho campus is preparing itself against a meningitis outbreak after a student was hospitalized Wednesday with an unconfirmed case of bacterial meningitis.

The student, a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, reportedly was acting ill and confused Wednesday and was taken to Gritman Medical Center. Preliminary tests showed the student may be suffering from bacterial meningitis, a rare form of the illness, and he was airlifted to Boise. As of Thursday evening, test results were not yet back but North Central District Health said results should be known today.

Meningitis is caused by a bacteria that makes its way into the blood stream or spinal fluid, said Donna Anderson, staff epidemiologist at NCDH. Symptoms of the illness can be mistaken for the flu and include the acute onset of fever, stiffness, joint pain, nausea and vomiting, as well as confusion and dizziness.

The illness is spread through close contact with the patient and is most easily transmitted through body fluids such as saliva.

After discovering the case on campus, the Dean of Students Office and NCDH have been locating students who may have been in close contact with the student. The students were given information about the illness and encouraged to visit the Student Health Clinic.

"Even though the likelihood is low, there is a possibility of transmission person-to-person through saliva," Anderson said. "So we've been trying to identify those student who have close contact."

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Students show up in droves for Saturday of Service

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

The weatherman will be smiling down Saturday on the record number of University of Idaho students signed up to participate in the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's annual Saturday of Service. With forecasts for sunshine and a high of 67 degrees, 450 UI students will cover the Palouse with one mission: to serve the community.

ASUI's Days of Service Intern Mallory Nelson is thrilled at the turnout the event has had this year. She said previous years have averaged 150-200 volunteers.

"It's really really cool that we have so many people participating this year," Nelson said.

The Days of Service program

was launched in 2000 and events are held twice a year. Make a Difference Day in the fall and the spring Saturday of Service.

Nelson contributes the turnout to increased advertising and recruitment efforts. Each site leader was encouraged to find volunteers for the project and Nelson visited with living groups to encourage students to participate.

The volunteers will be tackling about 30 projects in Moscow, Lewiston and Pullman. A group in Lewiston will be finishing up a Habitat for Humanity house. Other groups will work with local schools, nursing homes, food banks and the Palouse Discovery Center.

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute is one of the

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File Photo
Saturday of Service has been organized by the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action since 2000. It allows students to give back to the community through volunteer work such as cleaning up trash like these students last year.

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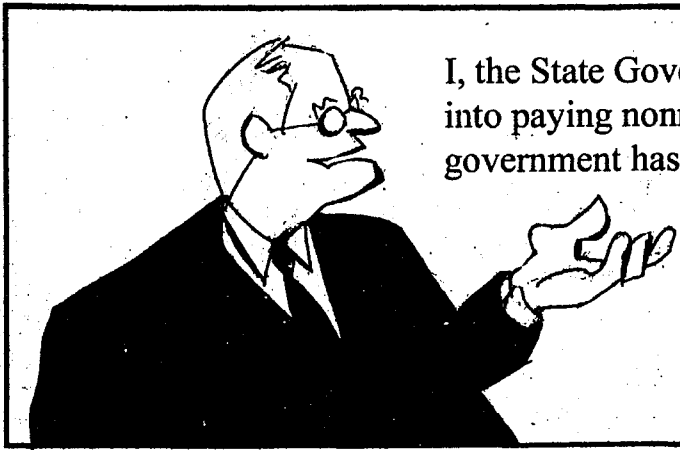
There are days when you just need a beer. Or a whiskey.
While The Argonaut and Guy in a Monkey Suit do not endorse excessive drinking, we understand that sometimes, you just need a stress reliever.
Other favorite stress reducers include:
Horror movies wand/or goofball comedies: It's cathartic to see other people in

crappy situations and how they deal with it. Horror and comedy are more closely related than you think.
Slinkies: Everyone loves a slinky. Push one down the stairs and watch it go. And when you get tired of it, give it to someone else.
Meat: Tearing into a medium rare steak or a thick, juicy burger brings you back to

your caveman roots. Teeth and gristle, you know. Tofurkey doesn't count.
You may have some other ideas. Feel free to share your stress relievers at arg_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu.
And remember to breathe.
In and out.
In.
Out.

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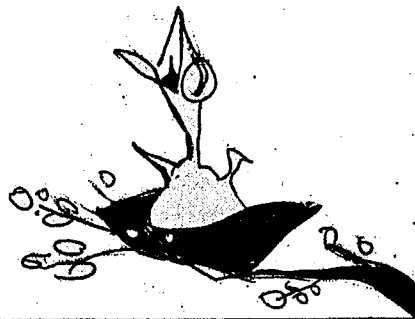
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I, the State Government, have just suckered all you nonresidents into paying nonresident tuition forever. However, your student government has made a positive difference:

There will be more frisbee games.

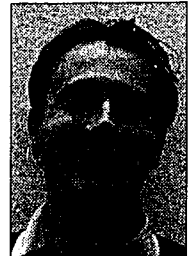
In spring we hear the cute sound of student government elections.



BEYOND THE SHEETS

What makes me angry

Having been involved in the adult industry on the retail side, as well as studying sex as part of my degree, I have developed not only a high tolerance, but also a high understanding and appreciation for almost all activities — apply the concept of “do not judge until you have tried it.” There are very few things when it comes to the realm of sexual activity that make me angry.



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Sex columnist
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In fact, I believe there are three, maybe four things that really make my blood boil. I experience intense anger when it comes to child molestation, sex with animals and sexual assault. Using drugs while having sex also upsets me quite a bit. For those that are not aware, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and there is even a specific week at the University of Idaho devoted to various activities and displays bringing awareness to this issue.

During the week of April 21, you will all be able to participate in and view these displays right here on campus!

Some of you may be wondering what sexual assault has to do with you. You may be thinking that you are always careful with your body. You participate in the “buddy system” when walking anywhere when it’s dark out of fear of some faceless stranger jumping out of the bushes with a weapon and assaulting you.

However, here is the real kicker. Most sexual assaults do not fit this vision (called stranger rape). In fact, the majority of them are what is referred to as acquaintance rape. Just as the term implies, this means that most sexual assault, or rape, is committed by someone the victim knows in some capacity. The assaulter may be a friend, a family member, or someone the victim has met once or twice or has just started dating. What disturbs me even more about this specific topic is the occurrence rate. It is estimated that one in four college-aged women are victims of acquaintance rape.

I say estimated because it is widely assumed that many cases go unreported, even still that is 25 percent. This is an alarming rate. The only “good” thing about this rate, is that if you are reading this and you have been assaulted, or are a friend of someone who has been assaulted, you may be able to find a little comfort knowing that you are not alone.

So, now that it is known how frequently it happens, the next step is seeking help. The very first thing you have to do is report it. Sexual assault is not something that will go away if you ignore it. In fact, the more you ignore it the worse off you will be. Calling the police and reporting the incident is something you have to do. After that, you need to go to the hospital the same night the assault happens. As much as you may not want anyone around you after you have just had this happen to you, it is important for the hospital

to give you a rape kit in order to provide evidence for the police investigation. I do not recommend showering or cleaning yourself after the assault until after you have gone through these steps.

Then you have to go home and deal with what has happened, that is the hard part. Something really horrible has just happened to you and you will be experiencing a myriad of emotions and feelings. It is important to remember you are not alone. You may find solace with a trusted friend, family member, a loved one or even by yourself. However, if you feel uncomfortable being alone, then do not be alone, instead find company that will be supportive of you.

The next step is seeking the appropriate help to process what has happened to you as well as provide the appropriate resources for you to heal to whatever degree you can. Inside of the Dean of Student’s Office, you will find the Violence Prevention Office. There you will find two professionals who are trained to help and deal with this situation. You will not be the first individual to seek their assistance nor will you be the last. Do not be intimidated or afraid to ask them for help. They can help you go through the appropriate red tape as far as paperwork as well as refer to you other assistance. This is a service provided to you for attending UI, so utilize it if need be.

Some of you may be wondering how sexual assault is classified. While there are very specific terms written into the law, there are also very basic “rules.” If consent is not present and sex occurs, then it is rape. Just to dispel any myths, saying “no” is not playing hard to get and does not mean that she really wants it but is pretending otherwise. Instead, it really does mean “no.” This extends to an individual who is not conscious or coherent enough to make an informed decision.

If the person is so drunk as to barely be able to form words, you can assume that consent is not being given.

A final thing about sexual assault and sex in general is this belief I just learned about. Someone recently informed me about this notion that unless it involves ejaculation, it is not considered sex. This belief suggests that penetration can occur, but as long as ejaculation is absent, it is not sex. Not only does this idea confuse me, it also conjures many issues with sexual assault, in that many assaulters do not ejaculate. By this belief, would it still be considered sexual assault? I am posing this question to the readers: what is considered sex and how does that effect sexual assault? Send me your answers as I am very curious to learn what you think.

Have fun, be safe, and be aware.

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

Correction:

A headline identified the wrong department in the news section in Tuesday’s Argonaut. The story “Geology grant looks to further research in climate change,” should have read “geography” instead of “geology.”

In the April 4 article “Artists get ‘Somewhat Clever’” in the Arts and Culture section, due to reporter error, Denali Struble was misidentified as a male. Struble is a female and her work for the “Something Somewhat Clever” exhibit remains on display today in the Ridenbaugh Gallery.

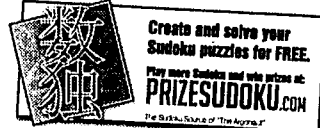
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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 - 22 Main artery
 - 23 Where Earl Grey is served
 - 24 Customers
 - 27 Called for military service
 - 29 Obtain
 - 30 Sufficient
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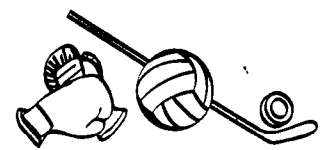
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Clinic explains tenant rights

Reid Wright
Argonaut

Its springtime in Moscow. Birds are chirping, green grass is poking up and students are preparing for the annual May exodus, where they gather up their belongings and rotate housing.

Some student renters may find themselves unpleasantly surprised by lease violations, lost security deposits and could even face lawsuits.

The College of Law is hosting an open forum from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building Gold Room to discuss the legal rights and obligations of renters.

"We just figured people had a lot of questions about their leases," said Carole Wells, supervisor of UI's College of Law Victims' Rights Clinic. "If we could provide a forum for questions, we could provide them with this information."

Law students will be talking individually with students and community members about their situations as well as handouts, information and help filling out legal forms, Wells said.

She emphasized that the forum was designed to educate students about their rights and not to provide actual legal council.

Communication between landlord and tenant is key to avoiding conflicts, Wells said. Both parties need to be clear on the lease, expectations and responsibilities. Also, a tenant should know exactly when and how to get their security deposits back.

"I'm concerned that people are leaving town and not coming back to fight for their security deposits," she said.

Tenants are responsible for protecting the property and making sure damage does not occur. This can be deducted from a security deposit.

Regular "wear and tear" should legally never be deducted from a security deposit, Wells said. This includes things such as carpet wear, although you should clean your carpet when you move out.

The Idaho Volunteer Lawyers program recommends photographing or video taping existing damages when you move in, as well as keeping an inventory of things that are missing such as curtain rods, light bulbs and fire extinguishers.

You can clean a place yourself, or talk to your landlord about hiring cleaners. This could end up being cheaper than having the landlord pay for cleaners after you move out. Also, a judge can determine if a landlord's cleaning fees are unreasonable, Wells said.

"A lot of times, students just let things go," Wells said. "They want landlords to be hands off. You should speak up."

Landlords are legally required to maintain plumbing, heating, electrical, ventilation and cooling, Wells said.

If disputes cannot be resolved through direct communication, they can be taken to court.

"Landlords usually have money to hire an attorney," Wells said. "Tenants don't."

Although many students cannot afford an attorney for a lawsuit, small claims can be filed in Idaho without an attorney if the assets in contention are less than \$5,000, Wells said.

This will cost a \$32.50 service fee to have the defending party informed, and a \$35 court fee.

Usually, disputes are solved in third party mediation before going to trial, Wells said.

"People say, 'I want my day in court,' and then they realize they just wanted to be heard," she said.

Legal forms for small claims can be acquired free online with audio

instructions at www.courtsselfhelp.idaho.gov.

"It's pretty basic," Wells said. "Make a copy for yourself. It's always important in the legal world to make a copy."

It's best to have a written and negotiated lease agreement that specifically states the term of the agreement and how many people are living there, she said.

If a tenant has to break a lease, it's best to give the landlord a month's notice, Wells said. This will require the landlord to also look for a tenant to replace the one leaving. If a tenant doesn't give a month's notice, then they have to find a replacement themselves.

A tenant should never simply ignore an eviction notice, Wells said.

Saturday's forum will be sponsored by the J. Ruben Clark Society, the Public Interest Law Group and the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Students stuck between rock and lucrative place

Oil prices leave geology graduates in high demand

Scott MacDonald
Argonaut

Geology students across the country won't have to survey or excavate much to find a job after graduation.

"Currently, we simply cannot provide enough graduates to meet industry demand. Bachelor of Science graduates are being snapped up," said Peter Isaacson, professor of geological sciences, in a press release. "I've never seen this before in my career. Currently, new hires are starting with salaries ranging from \$80,000-\$140,000, depending on the degree, along with full medical, retirement and stock option plans."

One reason for the energy and geology industries booming is the current demand for oil, said Mickey Gunter, professor of mineralogy at the University of Idaho.

"The demand for petroleum and oil are at record highs. Half the petroleum in this country is imported, the other half is here," Gunter said. "There is a big need to find other resources and people who know how, to look."

He said another reason for the demand in the geology and energy industries comes as a consequence from the last boom 20 years ago.

"All those people hired are retiring. We need to increase staffing," Gunter said.

Over the last 20 years, there has been a decline in mining.

"Go to a big city and look at how many people drive. How many people do you usually see in a car? One," Gunter said. "All the prices for metals have gone back up. Production is very profitable and geologists are the ones that go find them."

Aside from the salary and fringe benefits, Gunter said there are other benefits to students from the recent boom.

"You get the satisfaction of producing resources that someone wants. People may not like resource use, but they still use them," Gunter said.

The boom of the industries doesn't bring more money into the programs though, Gunter said.

"As an academic, I enjoy helping people and at the university more work means more students," Gunter said. "In the short term though, it doesn't bring money in. Sustain it for 10-15 years though and it will."

Gunter said that being a geologist is a rewarding experience.

"You go out in the middle of nowhere, prospect and send someone to drill. It's incredibly rewarding, knowing you've done something," Gunter said.

Geology is an interdisciplinary science, encompassing many types of classes, Gunter said.

"Students take math, physics and chemistry, and understand how it relates to Earth.

They also understand environmental impact," Gunter said.

Posted on the geology department's Web site, www.geology.uidaho.edu/welcome, are stories from students that have graduated from the geology program.

"Most success stories have been getting jobs. Salaries are above professors' salaries. And that's with a bachelors or master's, not a Ph.D.," Gunter said.

Graduate student Christina Bader graduated from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in applied geophysics before coming to UI.

"I started work at a geotechnical engineering and construction design firm in Maryland in the spring of 2004," Bader said. "I worked there as a Senior Staff Geophysicist for a little less than three years before leaving to come to UI for my master's."

Bader said she began with a salary of \$40,000, which she said is good for a field person, and was making \$60,000 a year when she left.

Bader said she is realistic about the boom.

"The upswing in the industry is good for those who want to work for the big oil companies, which I'm not so sure I want to do," Bader said. "Most of them are based in Texas or in Oklahoma, the Gulf States pretty much, and you have to be willing to sacrifice your own way of living to work in those states."

Bader said she is not fond of the requirements of living in a big city.

"Traffic becomes an issue in large cities, safety concerns, where the high crime areas are relative to where you live and work, housing costs, and just the overall cost of living to be in a big city doesn't appeal to me anymore," Bader said. "I think it's great for a young person who wants to travel, and likes city living, to experience it while getting paid well. But as you get a little older, you realize money may not be all there is to life."

Bader said she wants to move to Alaska with her fiancé when they finish at UI.

"I might pursue a Ph.D. or maybe to work for the private sector again with another geotechnical or geophysics firm, maybe as a project manager of this time," Bader said. "I am excited to see all the job listings out there. It's definitely a different picture than 4 years ago when I was first looking for a job."

Bader said she is glad that oil companies are recruiting at UI.

"It gives the students a chance to see what jobs are really out there and to showcase their own research," she said.

Bader is reserving excitement for herself, for the mean time.

"I'm not going to get too excited until I have an offer in my hand. I did have an informal interview and lunch with an Exxon Mobil recruiter and some of his co-workers in early March when I went to Houston for a Lunar and Planetary Science conference," she said. "Since I am about a year away from finishing they didn't want to rush an offer, yet."

Award recognizes gender equity efforts

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

Three individuals were honored Wednesday for their dedication to improving and promoting gender equity throughout the University of Idaho campus and community.

Women's Center Program Coordinator Lysa Salsbury said the three individuals who received this year's Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Award have shown a "long-term commitment to the cause of advancing equity in both their professional and personal lives." She said their dedication to bettering our community represents the goals and devotion of the center.

"(The hard work of recipients) truly validates all that we seek to accomplish at the Women's Center and reinforces the reason we're here," she said.

Salsbury said, this year's honorees, Tara Malmquist, Liz Brandt and Amy Stone Ford are the exact representation of the award.

"They have shown long-term commitment to the cause of advancing equity in both their professional and personal life," she said. "They have demonstrated extensive advocacy for women or other marginalized groups in a variety of ways."

Malmquist received the award in the student category. She currently interns for the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action. Brandt, dean of the College of Law, was the faculty/staff recipient. The community member recognized, Amy Stone Ford, is a past president of the Moscow League of Women Voters.

The three recipients beat out a variety of other hard workers. Moscow High School junior Clay Mosman was one of them. Mosman was nominated by fellow classmate Diane Norton because of the constant respect he shows others.

"He's a guy who appreciates women and knows how to treat them," she said. "He does a lot of things to recognize equality and I thought it should be recognized."

Although he didn't walk away with a plaque, Mosman said just his nomination shows how far our society has come.



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Liz Brandt poses with her Virginia Wolf award in her office on Thursday afternoon. "One of my students nominated me, those are the best ones," Brandt said.

"Gender justice is typically associated with females, so it was a big step for me to even be nominated," he said. "I was definitely honored (to even be considered.)"

The awards were created in 2002 when Women's Center Director Jeannie Harvey was approached by former UI ITS staff member Kay Keskinen, who was also involved in the center. Keskinen wanted to recognize the activism efforts of former student Emily Sly who was the co-founder of the student group FLAME. Ironically, Sly had also approached Harvey to honor Keskinen's similar work, resulting in the creation of the award.

"They decided to name it after Virginia (Ginny) Wolf, a professor of physical education from 1964-1982," Salsbury said. "The award is given annually to individuals who reflect the same level of commitment that Ginny gave more than 30 years ago."

Salsbury said Wolf is the perfect candidate to represent this honor. She said during her stint at the UI, Wolf was dedicated to achieving gender equality.

"(Wolf) had taken a key role in addressing issues affecting women on campus, including chairing the UI Women's Caucus and helping launch the campaign that brought about the establishment of a permanent UI Women's Center," she said.

Salsbury said the selection process of the winners began a month ago when the center called for nominations. Nominators varied from regular citizens to professors and students. They provided a 500-word essay detailing the nominees' achievements and efforts on behalf of women, and the reason why they were deserving of the award. The center appointed a five person selection committee to sort through the submissions and select the beneficiaries.

Salsbury said the process of recognizing the hard working individuals is enjoyable.

"My favorite part of the process is having the wonderful opportunity to honor the richly deserving members of our society who work tirelessly and selflessly, often with little or no recognition, on initiatives whose primary goal is to somehow improve the lives of women," she said. "It is inspiring, humbling and heartening to learn of recipients' efforts and contributions toward making the world a more just and equitable place."

This year's winners were treated to a luncheon celebration with keynote speaker Dr. Susan Rae Banks-Joseph of Washington State University. They received an engraved plaque accompanied by a book of women's quotations.

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Officials trying to lure more teachers south

Associated Press

KETCHUM — Officials in the resort area of central Idaho are trying to head off a possible teacher shortage they foresee being caused by high home prices that teachers can't afford.

"They love the salary, they love the scenery, they'd love to move here, but when they see the cost of living and housing, they're not even interested in filling out an application," Mike Chatterton, business manager for the Blaine County School District, told the Idaho Mountain Express.

The Blaine County Education Foundation announced earlier this month that it has awarded its first "forgivable loans" to help two Wood River High School teachers make down payments on homes.

Erika Swanger was hired this year to teach Spanish at Wood River High School, and was one of the first two recipients of a "forgivable loan" of up to \$10,000.

The loans are forgiven at a rate of \$2,000 per year.

"I think this grant is great," Swanger said. "It helped us get stabilized in the valley. It's an expensive place to live. With the program, they make it possible to actually stay here. I wouldn't have been able to buy a home by myself."

Chatterton said that teacher salaries in Blaine County are 40 percent higher than those of teachers farther south, near

Twin Falls. But he said the cost of buying a home in Blaine County is 60 percent higher than it is in the Twin Falls area.

Another looming problem, Chatterton said, is that half the district's teachers will reach retirement age within 10 years.

"I wouldn't say it's at a crisis stage, but it's a big area of concern for us and we have to start moving toward some solutions now," he said.

To bring in teachers, the district is offering rent subsidies, is helping some workers in the district with college expenses so they can become teachers, and is looking at ways to get into the real estate market for teacher housing.

"There are a lot of programs we've developed over the years that will help with the problem, but we won't really solve it until we can provide affordable housing for teachers," Chatterton said.

He said the district also needs instructors who can teach in both English and Spanish as the county's Hispanic student population continues to grow.

About 28 percent of the district's students are Hispanic, but that is expected to reach 50 percent with the next eight years.

Chatterton said many Hispanic students come to the area speaking little or no English. The district is trying to help those students with its Dual Immersion and English as a Second Language programs, which start in kindergarten.

Calendar

Today

Seminar: Using human test subjects
12:30 p.m.
Crest Room

CAMPOS talent show
6 p.m.
Engineering Building 104

Jazz bands and choirs concert
7:30 p.m.
School of Music recital hall

Saturday

Tenant's Rights Legal Workshop
9 a.m.
Gold Room

Graduate recital featuring Duncan Monserud
1 p.m.
School of Music recital hall

Sunday

Student recitals
1 p.m.

School of music recital hall

Book reading: "A Thousand Miles of Dreams: The Journeys of Two Chinese Sisters"
2:30 p.m.
1912 Center

Women's Appreciation Banquet
6:30 p.m.
SUB Ballroom

Monday

National Library Week features Dennis Baird and Julie Monroe
Noon
Library

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

CAPP workshop: The Secrets of Salary Negotiation
5 p.m.
TLC 222

Foreign film: "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly,"
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Borah Theater

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Dalai Lama visit begins amid Olympic turmoil

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Dalai Lama arrived in the United States on Thursday for the first time since the recent turmoil in Tibet, serenaded by fellow Tibetans as he prepared to anchor an ambitious conference on compassion.

The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader came here a day after demonstrators disrupted the Olympic torch run in San Francisco in a protest of China's treatment of his people. The Dalai Lama will be attending a five-day conference that begins Friday.

With the Dalai Lama in town, some community leaders said they expected counter-demonstrations from pro-China groups.

But all was peaceful when he arrived at a downtown hotel Thursday, telling local Tibetans who sang to him that he supports nonviolent demonstrations but was saddened by the protests in San Francisco.

In Tibet, the recent protests against five decades of Chinese rule have been the largest and most sustained in almost two decades. China has accused the Dalai Lama of being involved in the uprising. The Tibetan leader has said that he wants greater autonomy for the remote mountain region but is not seeking independence.

Earlier Thursday, during a stopover in Japan, the Dalai Lama said he has always supported China's hosting of the Olympic Games this summer, but said Beijing cannot suppress protests in Tibet with violence or tell those calling for more freedom in his homeland "to shut up."

He strongly denied Chinese allegations he and his followers have used the run-up to the Olympics to foment unrest.

"Right from the beginning, we supported the Olympic Games," he told reporters near the airport outside Tokyo. "I really feel very sad the government demonizes me. I am just a human; I am not a demon."

Organizers of the five-day Seeds of Compassion conference in Seattle say the Dalai Lama's visit is expected to draw more than 150,000 people.

The Chinese community in Seattle has been split by the Tibetan situation, said Assunta Ng, publisher of the Northwest Asian Weekly, a local Asian-American community newspaper. Ng said she wouldn't be surprised if pro-China demonstrators show up at some of the events, and added that some Chinese students plan to protest the politicization of the Olympics.

The conference will feature dozens of workshops on various subjects, beginning with a panel discussion Friday with the Dalai Lama on "The Scientific Basis for Compassion: What We Know Now."

Tickets for events involving the Dalai Lama have already sold out, according to the conference Web site.

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels will present the key to the city to the Tibetan leader and the University of Washington will present him an honorary degree.

The Dalai Lama fled to India after a failed uprising in 1959 in Tibet, but remains the religious and cultural leader of many Tibetans. He was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1989.

He was determined to attend the Seattle conference because of his commitment to global peace, organizers said.

"He wants compassion for both sides, for the Tibetans, for the Chinese brothers," said Lama Tenzin Dhonden, a Tibetan monk who spearheaded the development of the conference.

After Seattle, the Dalai Lama is scheduled to speak at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on April 19 and 20, then at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., on April 22.

Larry Grant drops out of 1st District Democratic race

Associated Press

BOISE — Democrat Walt Minnick finally has a clear path to November's general election.

The former Nixon White House staffer and corporate executive became the Democrats' presumptive nominee in the race for Idaho's 1st Congressional District when challenger Larry Grant dropped out Thursday.

The move allows Minnick to save money for the general election and avoid a bruising primary in a year Democrats believe they stand a fighting chance to end the GOP monopoly on the Gem State's congressional seats.

"Now it's time to bring everyone together," Minnick said after Grant's announcement. "It was an extremely gracious thing for Larry Grant to do, to put his own personal ambitions for elected office temporarily on hold in order to unify the party and allow us to go forward together from this date."

It may also have been a savvy political calculation driven by dollars.

Grant, 62, a former Micron Technology attorney, had raised just a fraction of the total reported by Minnick in December, the most recent reporting date for political campaigns.

Minnick, who earned law and business degrees at Harvard and

is the former CEO of TJ International, a forest products company, entered the race in November and quickly built a commanding fundraising lead.

In December, Minnick reported raising more than \$420,000, including \$100,000 of his own cash. Grant, who had been campaigning since losing his first bid for the seat in 2006 to first-term Republican Bill Sali, reported just \$24,800, according to records.

"I would have to guess he realized he just couldn't raise the money to run an effective campaign," said Jasper LiCalzi, a professor of political economy at the College of Idaho. "It's still a bit of a surprise. He had a good deal of support out there still, grass roots people on the ground, people loyal to the party."

At a news conference Thursday in downtown Boise, Grant thanked his backers, but urged them to get behind Minnick and focus on the goal of winning in November.

For the last two years, state and national Democrats have attacked Sali's voting record and what they term his ineffectiveness as a first-term representative in a Congress controlled by Democrats. Sali is a

former state lawmaker.

At one point, Grant, hoping for a rematch, was one of three Democrats heading into the May 27 primary. But earlier this year, Rand Lewis, a retired U.S. Army counterterrorism expert, stepped aside and endorsed Grant. Now the field is down to Minnick, who is also seeking a shot at political redemption, having lost a Senate race in 1996 to Republican Larry Craig.

"I ran last time, which provided us with the opportunity to build the organization more and get more people involved," said Grant, who appeared with Minnick and former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus.

"Most folks would say 'stay in,' but I didn't see that as helpful to the ultimate objective. I didn't want to be sitting around in November and say 'what could we have done?'" Grant told The Associated Press.

Sali is the Republican favorite, yet faces a primary challenge from Matt Salisbury, a former Iraq veteran from Nam-

pa, a GOP stronghold in the 1st District.

Still LiCalzi and other political analysts say discontent with President Bush, the war in Iraq and the national economy, along with Minnick's knack for raising money could make the race more competitive than expected in a red state like Idaho.

If the race seems competitive, national Democratic officials who consider Sali vulnerable may be inclined to provide extra money and resources to help snatch the seat.

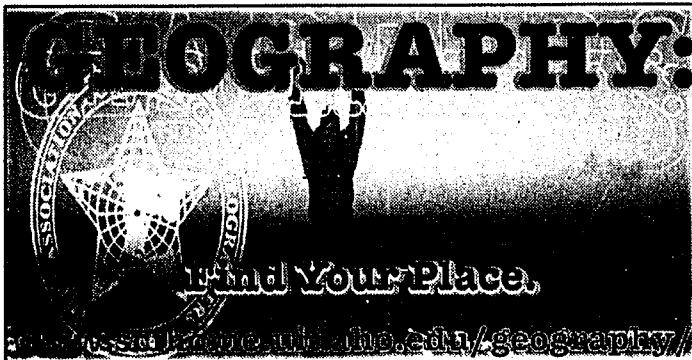
"Sali is about as vulnerable as someone is going to get. National Democrats are targeting this race," LiCalzi said. "But the important thing to remember is this is a presidential election. And in Idaho, when turnout is higher, like it tends to be for those races, that helps Republican candidates across the board."

Meanwhile, Sali says he is content matching his record with any Democrat. Perhaps offering voters a glimpse of things to come, Sali wasted little time lumping Minnick in the liberal wing of the Democratic party.

"With Walt Minnick as the Democratic nominee, Idahoans are left with a very clear choice," Sali said in a statement.



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Parking services plans forum about shuttle services

Parking services, in association with disability services, will be having a forum to discuss the university's new disability shuttle.

The purchase of the disability shuttle was made possible by a grant from the Idaho Transportation Department. With the planning process already underway, the shuttle should be operating by the fall.

The forum is designed to answer any questions people may have about the shuttle and explain the plans. It will take place at 2:30 p.m. on April 22 in the Gold Room on the second floor of the SUB.

Contact Parking and Transportation Services at 885-6424 for information.

Women's Bike Clinic at Poultry Hill Warehouse April 23

Bike repair and safety will be the topic for the Women's Bike Clinic being held at 6:30 p.m. on April 23 at the Poultry Hill Warehouse on UI's Campus.

The International Friendship Association, the Women's Center, and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute's Village Bicycle Project, have joined together to teach women about basic

bike repair, operation and safety.

Tools will be available to the first 10 registrants. If there are more people interested, a waitlist will be created for a second workshop. Bicycles needing minor repairs will be available to participants who do not own bikes. The two hour clinic is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Dee Dee Brown 885-6616.

Chamber of Commerce hosts business forum Wednesday

The Moscow Chamber of Commerce is holding a general membership business forum luncheon at noon on Wednesday at the Best Western University Inn.

Steve Robischon, the Palouse Basin Aquifer Manager, will provide a water update. Information will be included on 2007 ground water pumping and water levels as well as a summary of ongoing activities in the basin. The presentation will have background information on the regulatory structure that applies to water supply on the Palouse, including implications this may have for business decisions in the future. To ensure space availability, please RSVP the Chamber at 882-1800 no later than Monday.

Women's Center hosts events with Asian group, fraternity

The Women's Center has planned for two major events this weekend that they are inviting the community to participate in.

Partnering with the Women's Center, the Palouse Asian American Association is sponsoring an author reading of "A Thousand Miles of Dreams: The Journeys of Two Chinese Sisters" by Sasha Su-Ling Welland.

It will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the 1912 Center, located at 412 E. Third.

Welland is an assistant professor of Anthropology and Women's Studies at the University of Washington.

Sunday evening, Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity presents their 5th annual Women's Appreciation Banquet to honor and celebrate women. The evening will also feature special guest speakers and other tributes. This event is completely free and open to all women. It begins at 6:30 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. To reserve your seat, please e-mail sanc1371@vandals.uidaho.edu.

Gritman Foundation announces two scholarship opportunities

For anyone interested in a career in the healthcare field, the Gritman Medical Center Foundation is offering two scholarship opportunities.

Up to four scholarships of \$1,000 or more will be awarded from the Janet Chisholm Martin Healthcare Scholarship Fund. Eligible applicants include current high school seniors and college students in Latah and Whitman counties who

are maintaining a minimum 2.0 grade point average, have a demonstrated financial need, and plan to pursue a career as a doctor, nurse, medical technician, physical therapist or pharmacist.

Students who are already in the second year of college or higher and are residents of Latah, Whitman, Nez Perce or Asotin counties can apply for the L. Clay Boyd Memorial Healthcare Scholarship. This \$1,500 scholarship can be used for the junior or senior year of undergraduate studies or graduate work in any healthcare field. Applicants must be maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The application deadline for both scholarships is April 21. Application forms are available at www.gritman.org/foundation/scholarships.htm.

Parking permits will go on sale earlier this year to avoid rush

In an effort to avoid the fall semester rush and provide an option for planning ahead, parking services is getting an early start on selling next year's permits.

Parking permits for the 2008-09 academic year will go on sale online beginning at 9 a.m. on June 26. Parking permits will go on sale in the parking office beginning July 10.

2007-08 permits will expire Aug. 1. New parking permits will be required in all Gold and Green lots beginning Aug. 4. The parking permits will be required in all Red, Blue, Purple and Silver lots beginning Aug. 25.

SenateREPORT

Open forum

Katie Havens, director of sustainability at the University of Idaho, discussed Earth Week with members of the Senate. The event will run from April 21-25. Havens said the week is pretty self-explanatory and senators should e-mail her if there are any questions or concerns.

Brad Griff, Faculty Council representative, summarized his work throughout the semester. He said the topics discussed on Faculty Council do not directly affect students and deal with issues in the faculty handbook and retirement.

James Fox, the ASUI lobbyist, briefly summarized some of the legislation handled by the state capital. One of the biggest issues was Senate bill 1381, regulating firearms. The bill was withdrawn by the Senate and may be brought back up again next year, he said.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney congratulated Matthew Haley for receiving second place in the employee of the year awards. Haley works for the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action and helps plan alternative service breaks at UI. Gaffney also reiterated the end of the year is in sight but senators must continue to work hard to tackle the big issues still at hand. Gaffney explained all bills on the agenda concerning appropriating money from the general reserve were bills that should be immediately considered. The extra money is there and is needed for each part of ASUI to do their jobs successfully. Gaffney also spoke on behalf of Kirsten Cummings, activities board chair. She wanted the members of the Senate to understand the amendment to S08-35, which changes the word "reimbursement" to "funding" in the entirety of the bill to avoid the implication that funding is automatic.

Unfinished business

Bills
S08-29, an act setting the FY2009 general operating budget for the associated students of the University of Idaho, was considered and unanimously passed. The bill fulfills a requirement of the ASUI Constitution and establishes a balanced, workable budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

S08-31 an act transferring \$10,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI activities board was considered and unanimously passed. The bill transfers the money for use in the student organization funding.

New business Bills

S08-32, an act transferring \$12,000 from the general reserve to alternative service breaks, was sent to the finance committee for further examination and will be discussed next week. The money would be used to cover the cost of this year's ASB trips.

S08-33, an act transferring \$10,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI general operating budget, was sent to the finance committee for further examination and will be discussed next week. The money would be used for purchasing printers, supplies and tabletop displays.

S08-34, an act transferring \$30,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board, was sent to the finance committee for further examination and will be discussed next week. The money would be used for Finals Fest programming next year.

S08-35, an act adopting an amended version of the bylaws of the ASUI Activities Board, was sent to the Government Operations and Appointments Committee for further examination. The bill amends the bylaws by changing the term "reimbursement" to "funding" throughout the bill to avoid the implication that funding is automatic.

S08-36, an act amending section 3100.010 of the ASUI Rules and Regulations to provide greater compensation for multiple term senators, was sent to the Rules and Regulations Committee for further examination. The bill would help encourage Senators to run for reelection and recognize their earned experience in the Senate.

S08-37, an act creating the position of ASUI Senate secretary; amending ASUI Bylaws section 3000, was sent the ASUI Rules and Regulations Committee for further examination.

S08-38, an act amending section 4010.30 of the ASUI Rules and Regulations to require professional dress all day on alternating Wednesdays, was immediately considered and debated by members of the Senate. The bill was amended to require professional dress every Wednesday and passed.

— Liz Virtue

MENINGITIS

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The Student Health Center was opened for extended hours Thursday to accommodate the students who sought the vaccination, said Tania Thompson, director of Media Relations.

If left untreated, the illness can become very dangerous, Anderson said.

The common incubation period for the disease is three to four days, she said. However students who have been exposed to the disease can be infected as soon as two days after to as long as 10 days. NCDH and UI are trying to locate people who came in close contact with the pa-

tient in the last 14 days, between March 26 and Wednesday, Anderson said.

"We want to find the closest contacts as fast as we can," she said.

Close exposure means exchanging saliva with the patient, such as sharing a meal, beverage or cigarette or kissing him. Students living in the same fraternity or who have slept in the same room or household as the patients are also at risk.

"Sitting in a classroom does not equal close exposure," Anderson said, so most students should not be concerned.

Anderson said the case is a timely reminder to students to protect their respiratory health by covering their coughs and washing their hands often.

Anyone who has concerns about their exposure should contact Student Health at 885-6693.

SERVICE

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organizers hosting volunteers this year. Originally, PCEI was scheduled to take about 60 students for projects. Now it is hosting around 120 students who will work on four projects.

PCEI Volunteer Coordinator Courtney Rush is thrilled about the increased participation this year. She credits the interest to increased involvement in the community and concerns about the environment.

"I think that service learning is becoming a larger part of the university. Students are more aware of community needs," Rush said. "Students are especially interested in getting outside and helping the environment because of the huge buzz dealing with global warming. Students realize that they are the prime population to make decisions about the future of our Earth."

PCEI is working to prepare its seven and a half acre Rodeo Campus for the influx of volunteers. The organization has a 13 person staff, seven of whom are full time AmeriCorp members. Annually, the group hosts about

1,500 volunteers.

On Saturday, UI students will be working on the south fork of the Palouse River removing invasive weeds, cleaning up the creek and straightening plant protectors, Rush said. Other groups will work on PCEI's campus preparing its learning nursery for spring sales, which includes organizing 12,000 potted plants.

"It's going to look like a beehive," Rush said.

Other groups will learn how to plant willow tree cuttings, which are used to stabilize stream banks, and do some native landscaping on the campus.

The Center for Volunteerism has been planning the event for about three months, but it was unprepared for the number of students who signed up, Nelson said. She had to find extra projects for the 150 students she didn't expect. Students can still sign up for the day, Nelson said, but she is worried about not having enough work for people.

"I don't want to turn anybody away, either," she said.

Registration for the day begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in the SUB Ballroom. Work will begin at 9 a.m. and runs until noon. Students will be given breakfast and the first 300 volunteers will get a T-shirt.

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Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in the SUB Ballroom. Groups will leave for their work sites at 9 a.m. The first 300 students to register will receive a free T-shirt. Breakfast will be provided.

Students will also receive a 20 percent discount at Quiznos or Applebees after the work is finished, Nelson said.

All in all, the event should be a success, she said.

"It does make a huge difference in the community," Nelson said. "When you add up all the volunteer hours ... it makes a huge difference. It really helps out a lot of these nonprofit organizations. You learn more about the community."

Students who miss out on Saturday's service opportunities are always welcome at PCEI, Rush said. Interested volunteers can e-mail Rush at crush@pcei.org.

For more information about Saturday of Service, contact the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action at 885-9442.

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FACULTY

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of the faculty control." Computer science faculty member Paul Oman agreed that the Yardley did not have a positive effect on UI faculty's already low morale.

"The Yardley Report was divisive," he said. The American Federation of Teachers state president and retired UI professor Nick Gier agreed that the Yardley Report was bad for morale.

"The section on faculty culture was so insulting," Gier said. "It was a total waste of \$130,000."

Beyond that, Gier questioned why the draft of the report was ever made public, given its harsh language.

"(The report) was a major blow to many departments," he said.

Even more devastating to some faculty than criticism from an outside organization were the effects of UI's recent changes to the health benefits package.

"The health benefits package was a slap in the face," Oman said. "Faculty and staff were livid when they saw the plan."

The new benefits package, which was revealed last fall, raised insurance costs for many of UI's employees. While Oman said he understands the need to save money, from a public relations perspective the release of the plan was "a debacle."

Dickow acknowledged that the union has seen faculty upset about the benefits, particularly among retired faculty members who had spousal benefit coverage taken away. A group of retirees is going forward with a suit against UI for breach of contract regarding the benefits.

"The faculty is sometimes on the defensive with what they see as a degradation of benefits," he said.

Salary concerns

Another concern Dickow and Gier have is faculty salaries. According to the AFT's annual salary survey, UI ranks 14th out of 17 peer institutions. Full professors make 12 percent less than their peers, associate professors make 9 percent less and assistant professors make 10 percent less. This includes a 3 percent raise for FY06-07.

"We're very happy to have jobs," Dickow said. "But there's a great disparity (in salaries)."

Since 1982, full professor salaries have increased by 187 percent, the survey said. Administrative salaries have increased by 260 percent and UI President Tim White's salary is a 392 percent increase over former President Richard Gibb's in 1982. The salary survey also said that in the past 11 years, 45 faculty members in 15 departments have moved on to "greener pastures," or better paying jobs, Gier said.

Both men hope that some day UI will implement a "step-system" for salaries. A step-system "levels the playing field," Gier said, by having a set salary for all people coming into a position. For example, all assistant professors would make the same salary their first year regardless of what department they work in.

Some criticisms of the step-system are claims that colleges can't hire professors at a first-year level, but Gier said there are ways around that problem.

In the current system, it is "every man for himself," Dickow said. Because new faculty must be hired at market value, Dickow said it hasn't been uncommon for a new faculty member to make more money than he does.

That is a problem of salary compression, Gier said, which happens when faculty are given raises that don't keep up with inflation. Before long, new faculty members are being hired at more than current faculty make. It was more of a problem under former UI President Bob Hoover, but since then the university and union have made some headway and raises have helped faculty catch up with inflation, he said.

The major stumbling block to getting a step-system in place at UI is Idaho's right-to-work law, which somewhat limit unions, Dickow said.

Idaho also does not allow employees in higher education to have collective bargaining. Collective bargaining allows workers to organize and negotiate with employers through a representative, such as a union or attorney.

"(The law) makes us ineffective for representing groups of people," Dickow said.

This year, the AFT worked to introduce a collective bargaining bill to the Idaho Legislature. Reps. Shirley Ringo and Tom Trail, along with the Idaho Attorney General's Office, helped the AFT with the wording of a bill that would allow collective bargaining in higher education in Idaho. However, it didn't get off the ground this session, Gier said.

"It's a risky business," he said. "It's a real uphill battle to get collective bargaining rights."

Gier said he hopes to make some changes to the bill, such as including graduate student teacher's aides in the process, and reintroduce it next year.

Making changes

A faculty survey sent out in January by The Argonaut found that, out of a 177 respondents, faculty gave UI an average morale of 5.16 out of 10. That number "rings true" of the state of campus, Dickow said. But what can the university do to improve faculty morale?

Aside from the finances necessary to get true pay equity, Dickow said it would help if faculty felt like the administration was really listening to their complaints.

UI's Strategic Action Plan Goal 4 Implementation Team, chaired by director of International Programs Jeannie Harvey, has started that process.

Organized by Provost Doug Baker two years ago, the group includes administrators, faculty and staff from across campus.

"Partly what we're doing is to figure out where are the climate issues, where are the glitches?" Harvey said of the group's mission.

Goal 4 of the strategic plan deals with organization, culture and climate. The group "seeks to guide a process of organizational transformation that improves climate in all aspects of university life," according to UI's Web site.

The team has started tackling issues they can impact, Harvey said, including issues of adequately training supervisors and organizing programs and advising.

"We tried to find out who's doing what on campus and how can we push that forward," she said.

This spring the group is planning a campus climate survey, which will be conducted by a national organization next fall. UI has

participated in the surveys in previous years, Harvey said, but there was never any follow-up done. This time around, the university hopes to benefit more from the survey and follow up on issues it finds, she said.

Along with the survey, the team is hosting a university-wide seminar on Monday and Tuesday called "Being Heard: A Prelude to Action." The event will be facilitated by Frances Kendall, a national consultant on organizational communication and change, and features five group sessions. For information on the event, visit www.uidaho.edu.

"We're trying to make the climate better, but we don't have the language or the tools," Harvey said. "Lots of universities are going through this process."

The biggest issue Harvey sees with faculty morale is trust. Previous administrations and problems the university has faced — such as the financial troubles following the failure of University Place in Boise — has made some faculty weary of administrators.

"There's a real sense that (faculty) felt like their trust had been violated," Harvey said. "That issue still remains. There's a sense of wanting to move on from the past, but there's a lot you have to do to climb out of that hole. The administration is doing what it can — I don't think we're there yet."

Poor communication between the administration and the faculty have continued to cause trust problems, she said. It leaves faculty members wondering, "Can I expect to know what's going on?" Harvey said.

Processes like the benefits package don't feel transparent, she said, and it makes faculty suspicious. The administration needs to work to communicate its efforts clearly, otherwise faculty get the idea that the administration doesn't have their best interests at heart.

"I think we have to work really hard to understand the impact that these things have on individuals," Harvey said. "It may not impact administration the same way as it does someone who's really on the line."

White and Baker had no comment on The Argonaut survey or faculty morale.

The Goal 4 team has looked at some of UI's peer institutions to see ways they are overcoming problems of low faculty morale. Harvey said the team found two schools that have really succeeded and hope to copy some of their programs.

As far as current morale, Harvey said a 5 out of 10 is not good enough.

"I'd love it to be higher than that," she said. "I'm an alum — I love this place. People who are here have a sense of pride. I'd love (morale) to be higher. I think it can be."

Harvey said the administration has to listen to faculty concerns in order to increase morale.

"Faculty have to be heard in a real way," Harvey said. "They have to understand that not only will their voice be heard, but action will be taken."

Harvey said she sees the administration making attempts to improve the university, but "I would love the bureaucracy to move faster."

Gier agreed that the administration does try to communicate with faculty.

"I think Tim White has a lot of good qualities," Gier said. "He always has an open door (to the union). Tim embraces us. He wants us to tell him what we think is wrong."

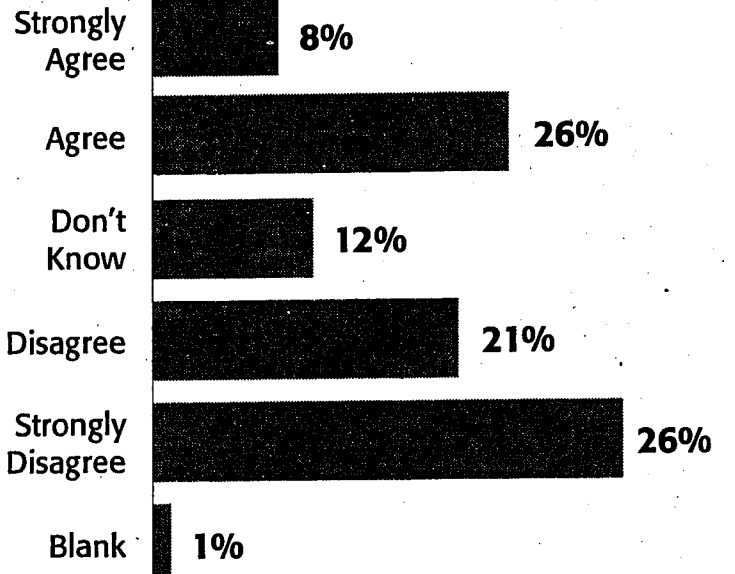
Speak your MIND

"Being Heard: A Prelude to Action" is a series of dialogues sponsored by the university on culture, climate and organization. The events will be held Monday and Tuesday and will be led by Frances Kendall, a national consultant and author on organizational communication and change. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend a forum at 10:30 Tuesday in Agricultural Science Building Room 106.

About the survey

Because high faculty morale is vital to students getting a good education, The Argonaut staff decided it was important to attempt to survey UI's teaching faculty about their opinions on how UI is doing. The non-scientific survey was sent out in January to a little more than 600 faculty members. The Argonaut received 177 responses from faculty across campus. The survey asked faculty to give their opinions about how the university is doing financially, academically, as a leader in the state and region and to rate their confidence in university and departmental leadership. Faculty also were asked to rate campus morale on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very poor and 10 being excellent. The average morale was 5.16. The full survey results are available at www.uiargonaut.com.

Question 4: I am confident in the leadership of the university as a whole



Minority faculty low at university

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Ivan Castaneda, a Hispanic teacher in the College of Art and Architecture, recently resigned from his position due to the "covertly prejudice nature of the university."

"It's absolute hypocrisy. They'll talk about their policies, but you won't actually see it at work," he said. "I'm not leaving because I don't want to be here, I'm leaving because I felt it was impossible for me to work here."

In one incident, Castaneda recalls someone jokingly referring to "uppity spicks." He said that he reported the comment and received no reply from the administration until he contacted the Idaho Human Rights Association. His department head declined to comment.

Although Castaneda acknowledges that this was an isolated incident, he believes that the problem lies in "the tone" of the university.

"I call it the 'white boys club.' It's all about northwest white men who control everything. They claim they want more diversity — that's not really the case," he said.

With a growing number of Hispanic students on campus, Castaneda is frustrated by the lack of minority faculty members.

"The Hispanic students on the campus are growing, but if you don't have the teachers... the faces, they won't stay long," he said.

When senior Brenda Arteaga moved to Moscow from Parma, Idaho, she was surprised by the level of culture shock she felt.

"You pass a certain point and the Spanish radio just clicks off," she said. "In southern Idaho, you can get Spanish television... overall, there are more Hispanics and the culture is everywhere."

The treasurer for UNITY, Arteaga said that it is important for minority teachers to be a fixture for UI both in a supportive role and one of encouragement.

"That's one of the main reasons I decided to study secondary education," she said. "I think that it can really make a difference when you see people of color in higher education... where you're coming from and you see all the things you can achieve."

For the 2006-07 school year, the university reported 220 employees who identified themselves as American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, African American/black and Hispanic origins. UI had 295 employees that were listed as unknown or other. Most of the faculty and staff, 2,542 people, were classified as Caucasian.

In 2006, the university created the task force of diversity implementation. The report it released has served as the blueprint for UI's diversity plan. One of the first proposals was the creation of Mark Edwards' position as director for diversity and community.

"Recruiting students isn't the same as recruiting faculty," Edwards said. "When looking at students you expect a certain level of turnover every year, so it takes less time to see the effects of our recruitment efforts. But with faculty, they're hired by the department and the turnover isn't as rapid."

Over the last year, Edwards has made an effort to visit with different departments on considerations when hiring minority faculty. Everything from where announcements for open positions are placed to how the instructor's reception upon arrival should be considered.

"It's not just about bringing people here and walking away," he said. "There has to be a cultural climate where they feel accepted, otherwise they won't stay."

Castaneda stressed that he had no problem with the city of Moscow or his fellow instructors. But he felt people of color are being "pushed out of the university," because of a lack of understanding. Castaneda is in the course of a lawsuit against the university because of an "unnecessary" document placed in his promotion and tenure portfolio that he claims was "used in retaliation for his prior complaints against the university."

"Moscow's a wonderful place to live — the university just isn't accommodating to minorities," he said. "You come and can't help feeling like a second class citizen... They have real problems that are going to require serious changes."

Besides creating the position of diversity director, the task force report also recommends appropriating funds for need based access grants, creating a student diversity center to provide more meeting space for student groups, new staff positions in new student services and the Career and Professional Planning Office to work with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the creation of a board composed of faculty, staff and students to advise the director and assist in executing diversity proposals.

So far, only one of the five proposals of the task force report has been implemented, but Edwards hopes to see that change starting next fall with the implementation of the diversity council.

"I'm viewed as the chief diversity person... it's not fair to have me issue orders on these important issues. Everyone should have a voice because everyone is affected," Edwards said.

Arteaga is excited by the idea of a diversity council. She said that better communication may be the foundation for a more inclusive environment.

"We don't have that kind of environment right now. It can feel pretty divided. It doesn't have to feel that way and you can see people trying to fix it," she said. "I would love to see a greater mix of teachers on campus, but it's also important that they don't sacrifice quality when hiring. That wouldn't help anybody."

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Your ASUI election guide

Bios have been edited for space. Full bios available at www.uiargonaut.com.

What qualities do you possess that will make you a good senator?

What is one thing you think needs improvement at the University of Idaho?

What is one thing you are going to DO for the students if elected?



Casey Attebery

I would consider myself a very hardworking individual. I am kind of a perfectionist and I have a hard time settling for anything less than a job well done. I have always taken the organizations and groups I have been a part of very seriously and have sought ways to take on leadership roles within them. If elected, ASUI would be no different and I would take my duties as senator very seriously and settle for no less than serving the student body to the best of my potential.

Probably the biggest concern for me as well as what I think most needs to be improved is enrollment. It puzzles me how such a great university and campus life found here has a problem with dwindling numbers in the enrollment department. It doesn't help that we have to compete with Boise State and all of the free advertising that businesses and other organizations use in the Boise area. ... Also, I think that if we could just establish more programs to get prospective Vandals to visit campus, then they too will come to fall in love with all of the aspects of our beautiful campus that brought all of us here.

If elected, I will make sure the student dollars that fund ASUI events and programs will not be wasted. ASUI is funded by tuition dollars and the students need to get the best use out of their money. I know I will personally work to achieve this goal through the duties and responsibilities of senator. I would also encourage my peers to do the same, as well as make sure that any increase in student fees goes to worthwhile purposes and I will not be in favor of them if my constituents are not in favor of them.



Patrick Bradbury

I was a member of the executive board in my living group and am on the executive board in the Psi Chi honors society. I am also on the Homecoming Committee for next year and the Tradition Keepers chair for the SArb. Through these experiences I have learned how to be a leader and get things done. These skills will be necessary to best represent the students. I have been working with ASUI since November, and ... I have had a chance to network with both ASUI and university administrators. This networking will allow me to enter office and start working immediately to further the students' interests.

Administration transparency is a major issue that needs improvement. (Recent topics brought up by the administration) include student fees, outsourcing management of the bookstore and parking reform. I am concerned with the secrecy in which the university has approached these issues. ... This essentially is cutting the students out of the decision process, silencing those who should have a voice. I would work to increase my knowledge of what would best serve the students and place pressure on the administration to be open ... The university needs to stop making decisions behind closed doors and ignoring the very people the university is here for: the students.

I am going to give the students greater voices in the administration of the university. I feel like UI will be a better, more attractive place if the students' voices are taken into account. I would work to make sure the decisions that are made are in the best interest of the students and the best way to do that is by listening to what they want. ... This is not going to be an easy goal to accomplish. It will require diligence and patience. I think that I am the best person for the job because I don't give up. ... We will not stand aside and allow them to ignore us any longer.



Alex Ganevsky

Through my college career I have been involved in leadership positions on the executive boards of both living groups I have been in — the dorms and my fraternity. I have learned what it takes to run a student organization structured similarly to the ASUI student organization. I have learned how the process works in these organizations and what it takes to make sure such an organization runs efficiently and effectively. I also am very hard working, creative and dedicated. You can always count on me to get a job done.

I think that security needs improvement. I believe UI should start by upgrading the security phones on the campus. I hear students say that they have never seen these phones on campus. ... The first thing this university needs to do is place more of these phones on campus to provide better emergency coverage. ... The university needs to also consider upgrading these phones to the Blue Light Emergency Phone. ... There is a red button that if pushed, will activate the flashing blue light and will dial the emergency number programmed into it. ... With this new emergency telephone model, students would have safer walks on the campus.

I would also like to add a feedback page to ASUI's Web site that students can use to e-mail any concerns or desires they have of ASUI. ... This would provide another way for students to get involved and voice their opinions, concerns and ideas. ... Basically, this Webpage would have a direct link for students to e-mail members of ASUI or a committee established to manage these messages, and then ASUI could look over what people are asking for and do what they can to fulfill the students' wishes. ASUI's job is to represent the students and this online student voice box would help ASUI do this more effectively.



John Rock

There are three strong qualities that come to mind. The first quality I call "ROCK the Vote," which is a way of saying that I like to get involved in activities. I have a unique perspective on campus, having lived off campus, in a living group, attend a community college and UI and worked in the real world. The second quality I possess is I like to think of myself as a "second chance student." I worked hard at a community college in my hometown to get to UI, and now that I am here I want to make the most of it and give back to the campus. ... Thirdly, I have always believed in the value of leaving something in better condition than you found it — that is what I would like to do.

One of the major issues that I feel strongly about is student representation. I feel that ASUI should do a better job of meeting with their living groups and could be a lot more visible on campus. I know of living groups who have a senator meet with them regularly, but the living group I am in has yet to meet with their senator even one time in this entire year. I know this has been a problem with several of the other living groups on campus as well. Also, I know that a majority of students on campus wouldn't recognize an ASUI senator if they saw one.

One word: Accountability. There are two ways in which I will be accountable to the student body. The first I call "ROCK and ROLE," which is a slogan for my plan of action. I plan to meet with my living groups ... twice a month and make a point of meeting with students individually. The other slogan I have I call "ROCK Talk." This stands for a position I will have of making myself more visible and available to students. ... (To implement these) one idea is to wear a shirt that shows I am a senator so that people know (to come to me with) needs and concerns and the other is to set up a table to act as a sounding board for students.



Dakota Gullickson

I believe I can help the school in a positive way. I have seen how the university works in the three years that I've been here and what needs to be changed and what can stay the same. I have held many leadership positions in my Greek chapter as well as when I was in high school, so I really know how to take charge of situations and get things done to benefit my classmates and peers. I would love the opportunity to help the school out that is giving me an education and I know I'm qualified and ready to do so.

I don't think anyone would disagree that the ASUI as an organization is effective and heading in the right direction. However, it does have some flaws. Connections with the Senate and the administration need to become stronger. I also think that each and every senator should be held accountable for each different project because otherwise the overall purpose is defeated. Without accountability, some senators could just sit back and not do much work and not get in any trouble for it.

I think a lot of people think the Senate needs to communicate to the students better when the real issue relates to having better communication with the administration. I would like to implement some mechanism so the admin and Senate are forced to work with each other with every pressing problem. ... I also would like to get some type of off-campus involvement system because I feel it is important to include the opinions of the off-campus students. They are a huge majority of this school and need to be just as involved as the people living on campus.



Hui-Ju (Sophia) Tsai

... I will listen and take in all the concerns and ideas into consideration, and I will address them to the best of my abilities. ... I'm driven and passionate in all that I put my mind to. I'm also a fast learner. ... To be born and raised in Taiwan, I feel I could bring diversity and a unique point of view to the Senate. ... I strongly believe that to have a strong cooperation and team work within the Senate will allow the senators to effectively and efficiently address the issues. ... To be able to work together is how the Senate will be able to accurately represent the students and to address their wants and needs.

The university and ASUI have given me a great first year college experience. However, there are certain issues that should be addressed to make UI a better community. Lack of communication and interaction between students and ASUI is an issue that is still looking for an answer. ... Without communication and interaction, senators cannot accurately serve those who voted the senators in office and the rest of the student body. If voted in office, I will visit the living groups as much as I can. ... I want to interact with the students so that they would feel comfortable speaking to me.

If elected to office, I promise to serve the students to the best of my abilities. Fall semester is still months away. I cannot predict the future of what will be an issue and what will not. The issue about the bookstore will be resolved soon. Also, the issue about parking is something the current Senate is already working on. ... No matter what issue will come at me, I will work with the senators to do what is best for the students. The students believe in my abilities to serve as their representative in order to put me in office, and I will work so hard to see the best for them.



Casey Lund

Personally I feel like my work ethic and following through with the projects I start makes me a good candidate for the Senate. Although I have no formal ASUI experience, I have been heavily involved in the student council for my high school of which I was the student body president for two years. I feel that has given me the experience, know-how and drive to be a good senator.

I think every senator would probably agree that communication between three parties, UI students, ASUI student government and the administration needs to be improved. There are a lot of different smaller issues that need to be dealt with but one of the biggest things the Senate needs to tackle is this communication. This is a really interesting time when things are changing and a lot of different things are happening at the university. Making sure that everybody is on the same level is very important.

One big thing that my running mate, Brad Griffin and I are both excited about is the Silver and Gold Walk. It is a new tradition that we would like to create involving the football team and the marching band. It's a cool idea, something that I really want to be a part of along with all the other stuff that every senator would agree needs attention. To find out more about the Silver and Gold Walk visit Brad's Facebook page.



Monzerrath Magana

Over the last 10 years the face of campus has drastically changed and I want to make sure that ASUI is reflective of that change. I am a Resident Assistant and with this role I am responsible for the well being of my community and active within the campus itself to help transition the student to campus life. I am very passionate and motivated in everything I do. I know that with hard work and motivation my leadership would be a great asset to all the students at the University of Idaho.

There are few areas of ASUI that need improvement, and one area might be in making sure that senators are accessible to diverse students in the same capacity as all campus residents attending U of I. I want to listen and be an advocate of multicultural students' issues. I will be a resource to my constituents. By listening and exploring what the students' needs and wants are, we can better learn to create policy amendments and make effective change. I will also examine past concerns from the students and see how those issues can be of relevance today in creating a better campus for all.

... If elected I will care for the needs of the students attending UI. One of my major concerns is how students are able to fund their education specifically through grants, scholarships and loans to attend UI. I want to work on a program with Student Financial Aid office to help create scholarships for students with high financial need as well as work with organizations and committees already established on campus, such as Juntura, who review and recommend policy for underrepresented groups. I believe that that this issue is key for the recruiting and retaining students that have little to no help from their families to help fund their education. ...



Ofelio Flores-Resendiz Jr.

I've held many leadership roles in the past. Currently I am president for a just-established fraternity on campus, Lambda Theta Phi. ... I'm also co-chair for UNITY. I am a very social person. I like to be out there talking to people. I was in charge of contacting people, setting up events and coordinating. ... I'm just a people person I'd say. I'm out there talking to everyone. I believe that those are two qualities a senator should have: being able to be social with all students who need to be represented and being able to lead them.

One thing that I really do think needs improvement is security. After all the incidents that have happened on campus it's kind of scary for students now and even incoming students. ... One thing that I would like to do is set up emergency phones. ... To increase security on our campus would be great for student retention and recruitment. I had a cousin who was thinking of coming up here but after she heard about these things she decided to go somewhere else. I believe if our campus was safer recruitment would go up.

... I would like to decrease student fees. As students, we're already paying tuition and for books and to add on that cost puts us more in debt. Most of us are taking out student loans. I would like to increase fees in programs that really need it. For example, the UI Women's Center has a low budget. This past semester I know they have had to do their own fundraising to pay for the programs they've set up. When they have asked for a fee increase they received lower than what they requested.



Aussey Robnett IV

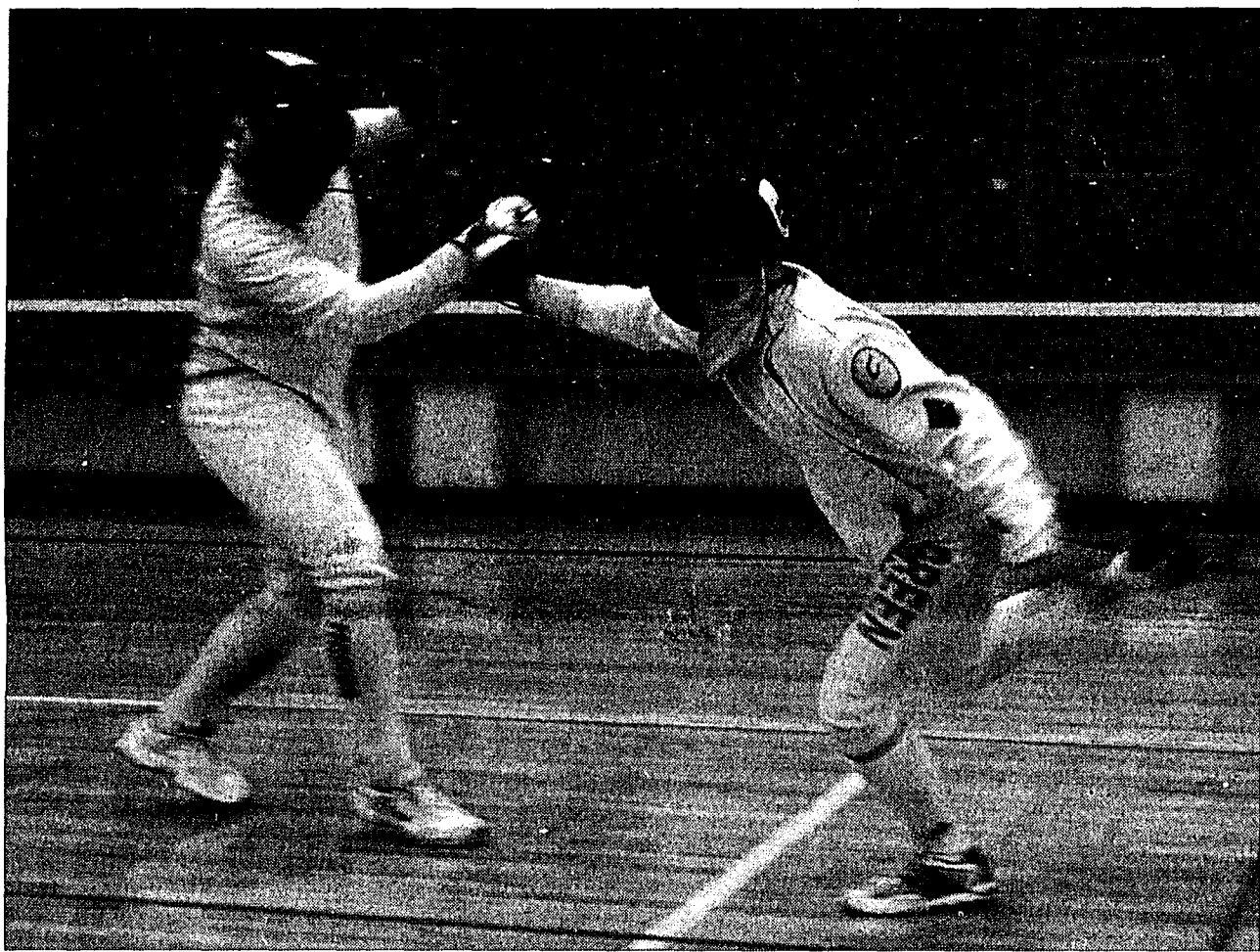
I feel that a few of my best qualities that will make me a strong senator include my own leadership experiences and my ability to communicate clearly with people. I have held numerous positions within my living group since I started here at UI, including our house chaplain. These required that I go out of my normal boundaries in order to plan, organize and run our ceremonies. I've also taken part in the ASB program, which helped teach me the value of being available and easy to speak with, along with giving me a taste for trying to make a difference in both my environment and others.

(Projects I am supporting) include parking issues, Advising Program changes and ASUI funding program transparency. While these are very important, I feel that the first ... improvement the university needs to make concerns the communication between the student body, their elected officials and the administration. As things stand right now, there are established methods for the senators to reach out to their constituents and hear the student's concerns, but most students are unaware of these options. ... If the student body is aware of our availability, it will make it easier for us to (hear) their concerns. ... If we know the concerns of the student body, we will be able to act on them.

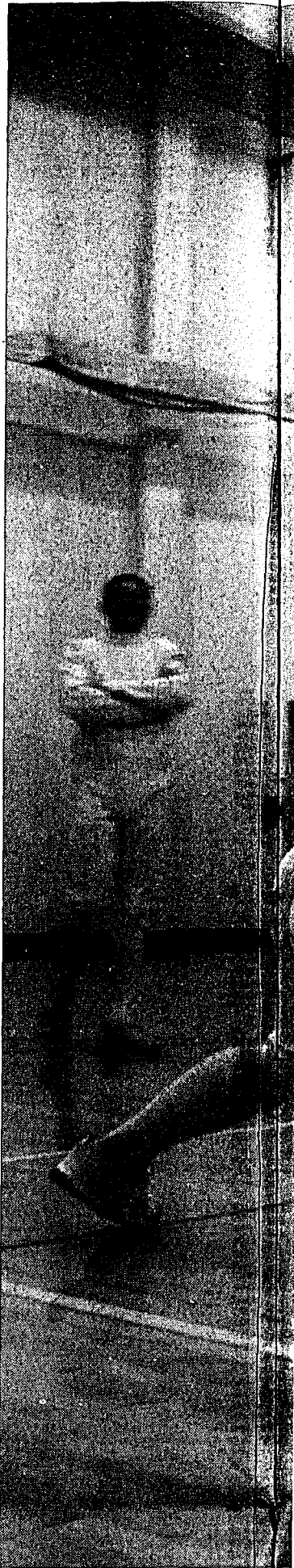
When I am elected to the ASUI Senate, I have two main goals. ... First, I intend to improve upon a great system we have now in regards to communication between the students, ASUI and the administration. Without a solid and reliable line of communication between the students and the administration, they are not even going to recognize our concerns when they make decisions. I hope that, by improving communication both through making my office hours more readily known and available as well as visiting my living communities as often as possible, I can take our concerns to the Senate and to the administration.



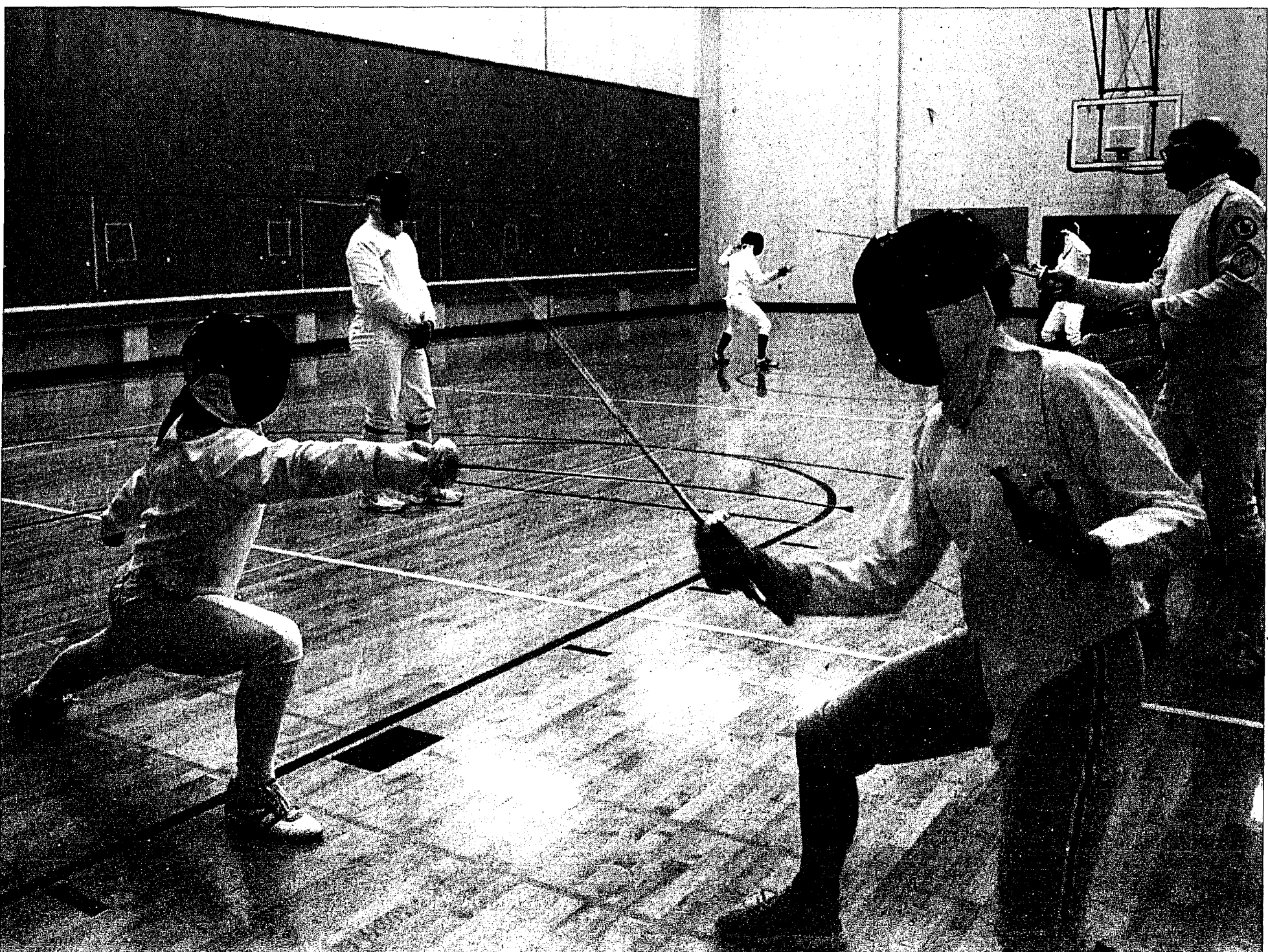
Fencing coach and professor of information systems Norm Pendegraft, right, helps students with their footwork in the advanced fencing class.



Jake Green, right, performs an advanced fencing technique called a fleche, where he leaps off of his leading foot to make a hit and run by his opponent, Gunnar Miller at a Monday evening meeting of the Fencing Club.



Members of the advanced fencing club



Grace Young, right, and Kevin Van De Bogart practice fencing drills in the advanced fencing class.



The advanced fencing club



Two fencers in a sparring session, with judges standing by.

En garde!

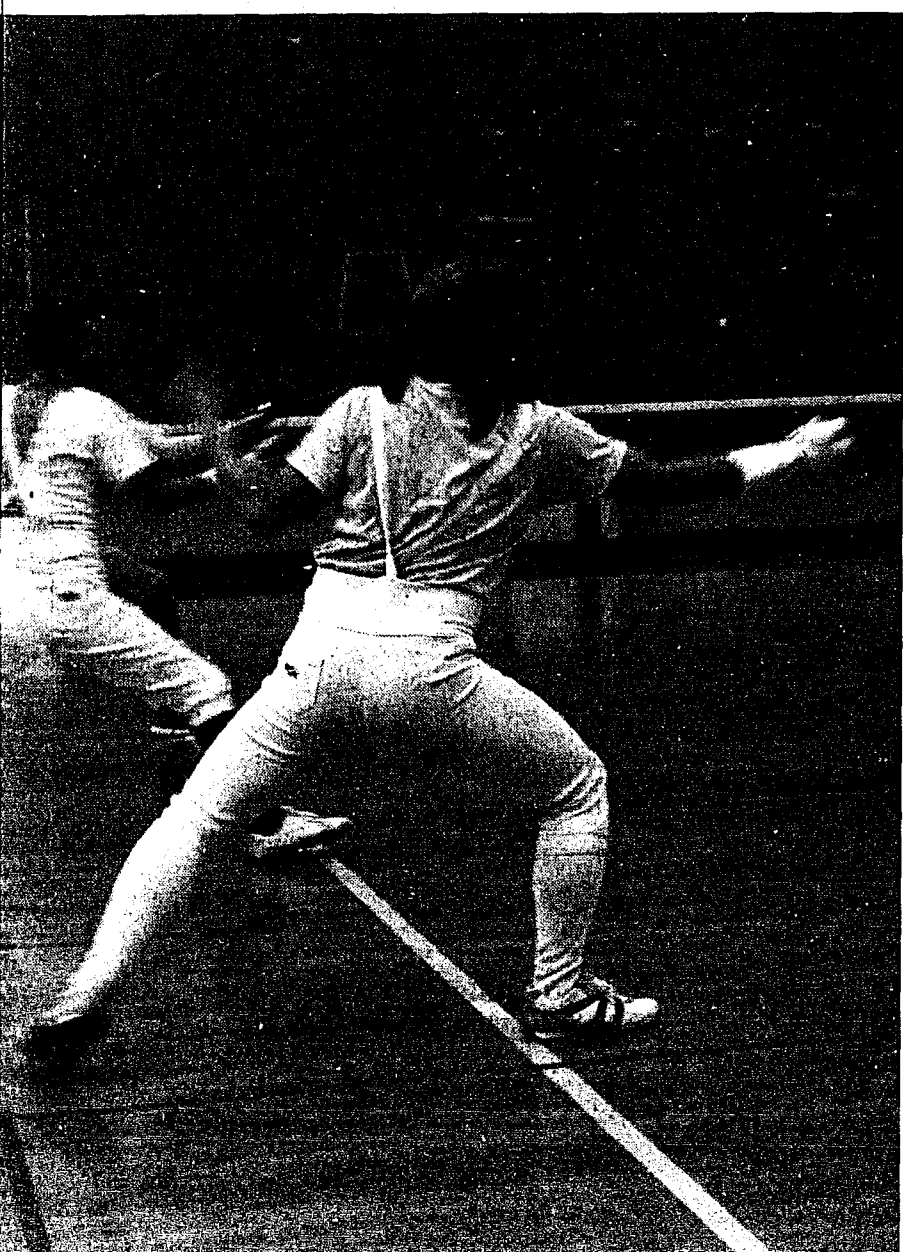
Students learn art of fencing in the University of Idaho's fencing program and student club

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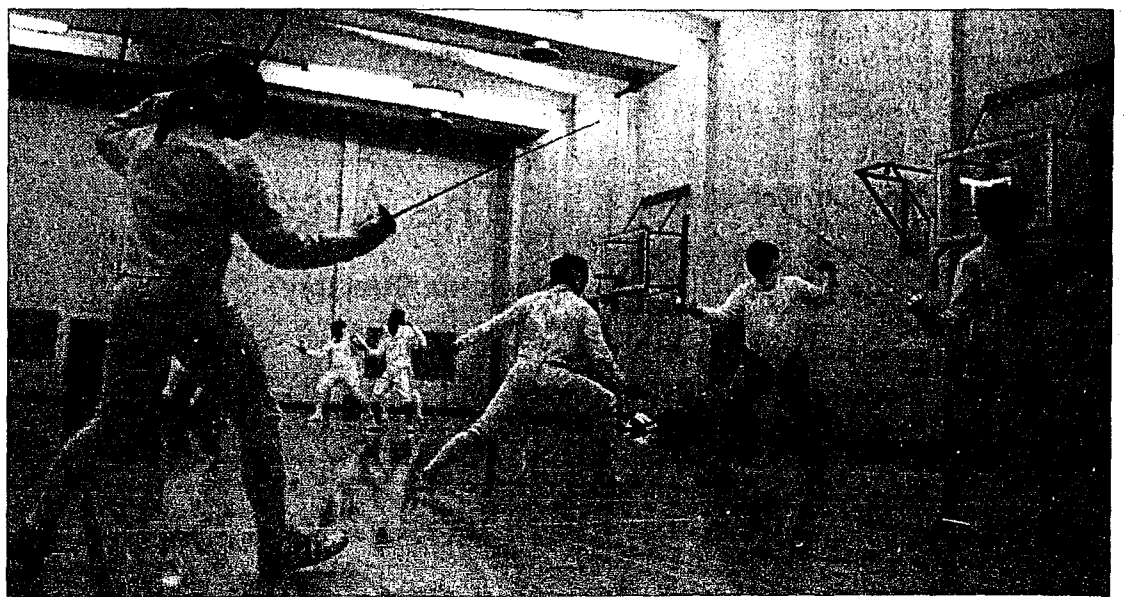
There is only one place on campus where two people can duel each other with three feet of steel, and not only will professors allow it, they encourage it. Welcome to the University of Idaho fencing program. Students of any skill level can join one of the fencing classes offered for credit, and for those more serious about it there is the Fencing Club.

The exact age of the fencing program at the University of Idaho is unknown, but Norm Pendgraft, one of the fencing coaches and a professor of information systems, said that the program has been around since he came here 25 years ago. Video reels and receipts for equipment can be found in the equipment closet that date back more than 40 years.

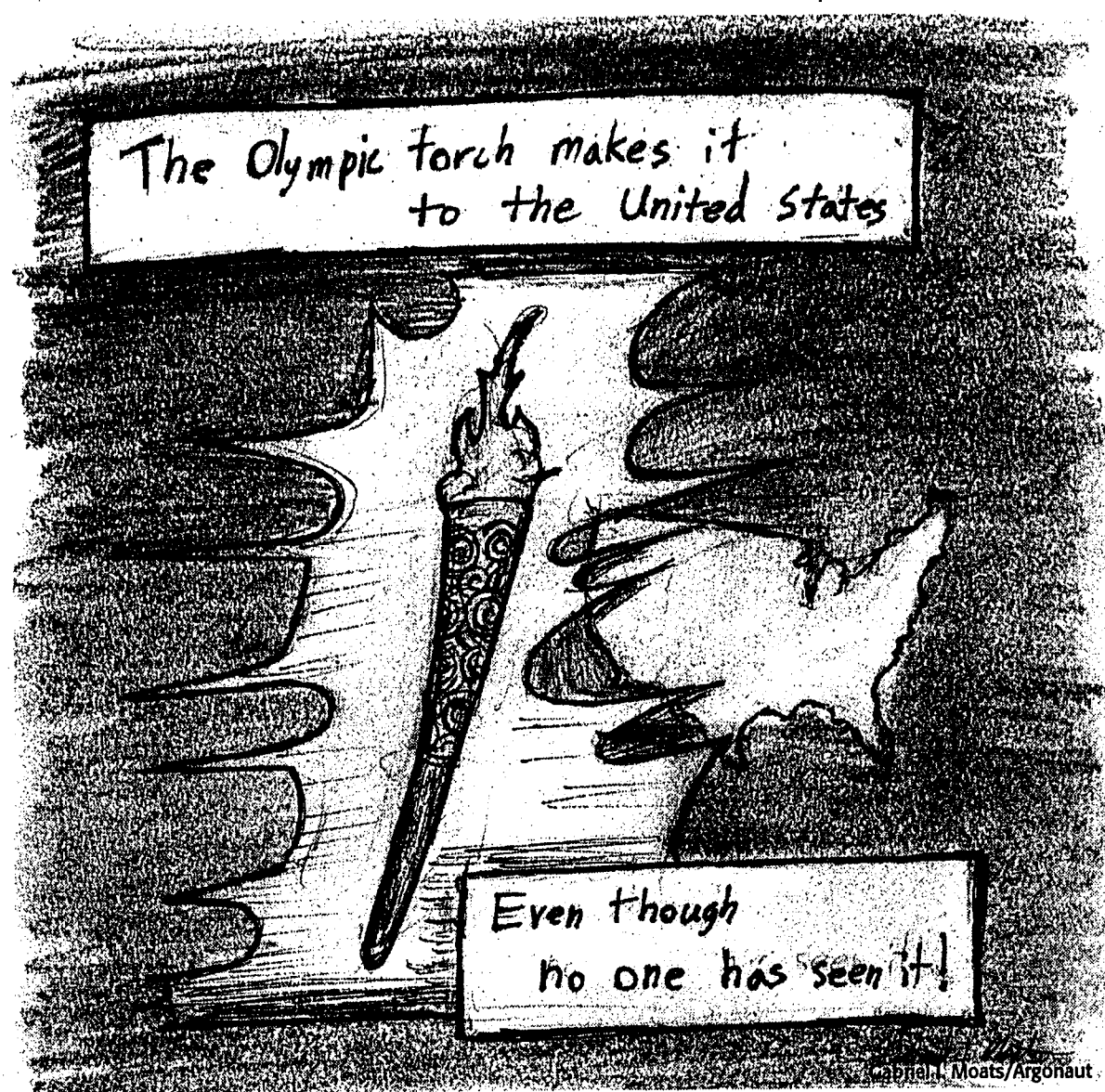
Pendgraft, along with post doctorate of MMBB Bob Behal and instructor of economics Steven Peterson, teach the beginning and advanced fencing classes and Pendgraft and Behal coach the club, which has about 12 members and is growing according to Behal.



A fencer practices its advances, retreats and lunges.



The advanced fencing class faces off and practices drills in the Physical Education Building.



OurVIEW

Communication is key to success

An Argonaut survey found that faculty morale at the University of Idaho is a 5.16 out of 10. When you think about it, that's not a number students should want to see.

Faculty morale is important to students because their performance directly affects what they get out of the college experience. It is beneficial to have faculty that is happy, well paid, and maybe more importantly, well respected by the UI administration.

If faculty morale is this low, administrators need to listen up and take faculty concerns seriously.

There are people working toward fixing "climate issues" at the university. On Monday and Tuesday there will be a university-wide seminar called "Being Heard: A Prelude to Action." This certainly is the first step. Actually listening to faculty issues and concerns could be the start to some very productive work, but really listening then acting will be key.

The UI administration does have a responsibility to listen to the faculty, but this whole communication thing

is a two-way street. Faculty members have to voice their opinions while still being willing to work together to fix things.

To many faculty members the Yardley report, which said among other things that faculty has a mistaken sense of national prominence, was hurtful.

This is true. Some of the information in the report was very critical and could be harmful to faculty morale. But sometimes it takes a harsh wake-up call to make people think. The report may have been overly critical which hurt some feelings and damaged some egos, but it may end up as a vehicle for change.

Faculty expressed concerns after reading the report and hopefully the UI administration listened.

It may be that things have to get bad before things change, but things must change. Morale among faculty should not be this low and if something is not done, it will affect everyone at UI.

—RH

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Don't vote for me

Ever see "Brewster's Millions" with Richard Pryor and John Candy? Go rent it now. I'd feel better about our political system if someone decided to imitate Pryor's mayoral campaign in this film.

—T.J.

A limerick for Idaho

There once was an Idaho Board who fancied itself quite the lord.

It did as it pleased as it cut student fees till no programming we could afford.

—Savannah

Better or worse?

I caught the flu, I think. My joints feel like they have sand in them, I have the chills and the sweats, stiffness in my back, and a grocery list of other symptoms. I thought I was getting better until Savannah told me that the symptom of meningitis are joint pain, stiffness and fever. I suddenly feel I am running a temperature. If we don't put out a paper on Monday we all might have caught my meningitis.

—Alexis

Saturday night's alright

I am so going to see Sir Elton John on Saturday, and I only have to drive to Pullman to do it. Is there some form of higher being or energy regulating this lost little world?

For perhaps the first time in my life, methinks yes, and it can hold this tiny dancer closer whenever it likes.

—Christina L.

Get to it

I've received a lot of great instruction in UI classrooms over the last four years, but the single most important element of my education has been internships. I've been lucky enough to work at The Argonaut and the Writing Center during school, and summer internships have been a great way to travel and build relationships with real-world employers. It's never too early or too late in your college career to look into acquiring work experience. Some great resources to look into are Monster.com, the Career and Professional Planning Office, and faculty and administrators within your area of study.

—Alec

Pssst, it's a secret

I heard somewhere that Starbucks will be giving out free coffee from 9-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. If this is true, I'm so there.

—Christina N.

Please rent to me

Apparently I am an undesirable candidate for an apartment because I don't have a job. The thing is though, that I am going to live with a person with a job that will pay the rent. All I have to say is that someone should hire me quickly.

—Ryli

Black socks

It's funny that something as menial as socks can affect your day so much. If I know I am going to have a great day, I put on a good pair of socks. If I feel less than enthusiastic about my life, I put on socks with holes. But above all, black socks are the best; they never get dirty. In fact, the longer you wear them the tougher they get.

—Roger

Tell it to me, Barack Obama

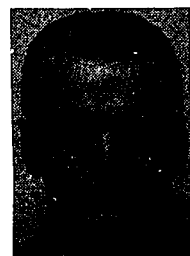
I like Barack Obama. He's young, friendly, eloquent, intelligent, dignified, good-looking, tall, and just so ... likable. The problem is that none

of those traits alone, or even all of them combined, are enough reason to make somebody president. A president should also be capable, straightforward, wise, and have well-reasoned policies. Now, I am not saying that Sen. Obama does not have these traits as well, but if he does, he has yet to demonstrate them to me.

Obama is an excellent orator, but what does he say that is so brilliant? His speeches are fun to watch, but what do we take away from them? His campaign team has worked tirelessly — and successfully — to cast him as a bringer of change and one who can unite the country, but why would he be any better at uniting the country than anybody else, and what is the change that he would bring? The idea in many people's heads seems to be that Obama has wonderful and new ideas, that he has policies which everybody wants and needs, that he has the ability to make the changes

that we all agree need to be made, and that he will set us on a new course. However, if Obama really does have any new, original or unifying ideas or policies, he has done an excellent job of hiding them. So much so, in fact, that I can't think of a single one that is either original or unifying. Just what exactly is he planning to do that is so wonderful?

Let us take, for example, his recent "historic" speech on race. I watched the entire 40 minutes of it, and I have yet to understand just what was supposed to be historic about it in any way, though his team did do an excellent job of contriving a very presidential setting. The speech was very nice, of course, but what did he say that was new? What did he say that was unifying? What did he say that implies a change of policy? What did he even say that George W. Bush would not have agreed with? From what I could tell, the speech amounted to a very elegant and impressive act of political damage control. I don't begrudge Sen. Obama such a speech, but what makes it historic and unifying?



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I have to ask so many questions because I have not heard any answers. I am still waiting for Obama to start talking to me and tell me just what it is that he would do so differently from anybody else.

I can understand his hesitation. Saying something concrete gives your opponents something concrete to attack. In the New Hampshire debates, all the candidates heavily criticized Mitt Romney's healthcare plan, because he was the only one who had a healthcare plan. In the same way, if Obama were to start speaking in specifics, some people might start realizing that they don't agree with him. He is right to be concerned about this, because despite his appeal to moderates and independents, his policies are not moderate at all, and, as far as I can tell, they are no different than Hillary Clinton's, who is part of the "old guard."

I'm sure that another of his hesitations is that the American people tire very quickly of a candidate who can and does explain issues and policies in detail, such as Ron Paul or Dennis Kucinich, and they much prefer Obama's classy and easy to digest style. That style may be enough to win him the White House, but it's not enough to get my vote.

MailBOX

Corporate responds

I find it interesting that the column "Keep dangerous recruiters away," in Tuesday's Argonaut was not the result of a complaint, but rather the writer's experience (or lack of), perhaps in a class where a questionnaire was taking place. Clearly, the Southwestern representatives have the university's permission and are following the very guidelines put in place for recruiters on campus. As a side note, the company name was identified in the classroom and on the questionnaire. If interested, the student can come to an information session and learn about the company and the summer selling program.

The writer asks more questions than she is able to provide answers for. Insinuating the school receives money to allow Southwestern to recruit is crossing the line — even guised as opinion. I venture to say the many successful people of Idaho who participated in the program and all other program alumni including the governors, lawyers, doctors, educators, congressmen and women and entre-

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Holistic Leadership

We have a critical decision to make come Monday

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Attention motivated students

I am somewhat disappointed in the tone of the article entitled "Keep dangerous recruiters away," which ran in Tuesday's issue of The Argonaut.

A 154-year-old company's reputation has been called into question — unfairly. As far as I can surmise, the only danger the reporter has drawn from is found on a gripe site with gross misrepresentations and inaccuracies from a questionnaire in a classroom. The writer asks more questions than she is able to provide answers for. Insinuating the school receives money to allow Southwestern to recruit is crossing the line — even guised as opinion.

Since when has being honest in recruiting been a negative? Southwestern Company is very straight-forward about our recruiting practices, which include information sessions, follow-up meetings, parent calls, parent visits and continued training throughout the school year. In fact, a parent coffee meeting is set up in the month of April for parents to meet our Sales Managers, other students and other parents to ask questions and have any concerns addressed.



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We are also adamant about following campus guidelines related to recruiting and building relationships with the career services departments on campus. In fact, our Southwestern Director of Campus Relations, Ralph Brigham, is a veteran Career Services Director and the current President of the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Southwestern has over 120,000 living alumni across the country. I venture to say that many successful people of Idaho who participate in the program and all other program alumni including governors, lawyers, doctors, educators, congressmen and women and entrepreneurs nationwide know exactly why Southwestern is allowed on the UI campus. A program rich with history that builds character in young people and helps them achieve their goals in life is a good thing.

While established as a publisher in 1855, Southwestern has offered opportunities to college students on a continuous basis since 1868. Simply put: students have the opportunity to run a business and offset their educational expenses. It is a challenging program and we do

not promote it otherwise. The statement, "This program is not for everyone" originated with Southwestern and we stand by it. But for those students who want the experience of running their own business, gaining resume experience, life skills and personal growth with a time-tested program — this may be exactly what they are looking for. We inform those students looking for a guaranteed income that this may not be the right fit for them. Running a business is a risk - there is no income ceiling, but there is also no floor. Each student who participates knows exactly what to expect and have their own motivations for participation.

Southwestern recruits on more than 350 colleges and universities worldwide. Approximately 3,000 students participate in the program each summer. Many campuses, including University of Idaho, even offer college credit hours for the program. Currently, there are 15 other businesses in the Southwestern corporate family which were started by former student dealers. We start these businesses to offer students career options upon graduation. They also have the opportunity to stay with Southwestern and join our management team. In addition to our companies, which range from

financial services and insurance to fundraising, publishing, consulting and more, we have two career counselors that assist placing students in positions in these companies and with outside companies who contract with us. Graduates interested in starting their own businesses also have that opportunity using Southwestern's financial backing and more than 150 years of business experience. Students with Southwestern experience are desirable commodities in the work force because they are proven, have exceptional work habits and real-life experiences.

In 2007, the average first year student earned over \$8,700 in 12 weeks. This is in addition to college credit which University of Idaho students are eligible to receive. This is possible due to the extensive and professional training students receive which Sales and Marketing magazine has dubbed, "simply the best!"

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Phillip Matos is a corporate recruiter for The Southwestern Company and a UI alum.

TEEJOCRACY

A distinct lack of health care crisis

I haven't been to a dentist or doctor in years and I don't plan to anytime soon. My visits to Student Health are when I accompany someone as a support system. When I'm sick, I stay home until I get better. If I have a toothache, I bear down — figuratively as bearing down for real would only make it hurt worse — and pop a couple Tylenol until the pain subsides.

It isn't that I have anything personal against doctors and dentists. The last family doctor I had even once told me I was abnormally normal.

If I do go to a doctor, I want them to see that. "Oh, he's abnormally normal. Well then, we'll just give him a bunch of ice and he won't be sick any more."

Just as long as I don't get a doctor who thinks it's funny to check my prostate by saying, "Open up and say, 'Aaaah.'"

And dentists, well, dentists are creepy. Did you ever see "Little Shop of Horrors"? Either version, the old Roger Corman one or the musical from the 1980s? Steve Martin is the singing dentist for the 80s piece and Jack Nicholson is the over excited patient in the original.

Both are totally out of their gourds. The dentist is a sadist, glorifying in the pain he causes. The patient takes the masochist role, ecstatic that the dentist tools aren't quite state of the art.

On screen, it's hilarious. In real life ... not so much.

Sorry, doc, I'm OK living with some pain. I don't go out looking for it.

There are great dentists out there who go out of their way to make patients comfortable. Maybe I'll find one who will just gas me out and I won't know what happened.

Then there are dentists like Luis Sanchez of Florida. He says he used to be a dentist in Cuba and a dental assistant in Florida before losing his job. Until he was pulled over for running a red light in West Palm Beach, he was still a dentist, providing care to his friends that

couldn't afford a licensed practitioner and to supplement his income until getting a new job.

What a nice guy, helping his friends like that. Except that the dental tools found in his car were rusty and spotted with blood.

Can I just say, holy jumping crap.

Granted, this isn't anything like the urban legend of waking up in a bathtub full of ice and short a kidney, but this worries me.

I don't avoid the dentist simply because I can't afford it. I don't avoid the dentist because it will hurt. I avoid the dentist because of guys like this.

I avoid doctors because I already know that the news will be bad.

Ready for the understatement of the year? I am not a health nut. I don't exercise. I don't count calories. If I have left over pizza, I'm not opposed to rolling over at midnight and having a bite. I eat pie with a fork right out of the pie tin.

Ice cream is a good breakfast, especially with Ovaltine.

My next trip to the dentist will be to get my dentures fitted.

When I'm 40.

I know other people need doctors and dentists and I'm glad they are there. Back when I was a little kid, there was a particular emergency room that never had to worry about business as long as I was around.

And not everyone who needs a doctor can go. Some people go too much.

That's it. Show me a universal health care plan where certain people get cut off from plastic surgery and the money saved automatically goes into funding insurance coverage for those who can't afford it.

That will never happen. It can't. Too socialist.

Besides, requiring people to spend money on something that used to be elective just isn't going to happen.

Just like insurance.



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regarding the ASUI Senate and Presidential election, and I believe a critical distinction needs to be made regarding the essence of leadership and service. In Tuesday's paper, the Gaffney/Huddleston presidential endorsement made the assumption that leadership was about coordination and committee work and that a candidate's viability and experience rested on these matters. They are right that leadership must be active, but I think they went too far in their endorsement by implying that spearheading committees or projects is the means of assessing and demonstrating leadership.

This is but one facet of true leadership, and while it is by far the most visible, it is not the most important. What's critically important is the means of leadership and how our leaders achieve these goals

by utilizing compromise, student input and minority perspectives. It's about how our leaders will treat us and the people they work with. It's about closing down the distance in communication and making people feel necessary in order to achieve the goals proposed, as opposed to focusing only on select groups. Leadership elevates the group rather than the leader, and derives its power not from the leader's ability to pursue change, but from their ability to humble themselves and empower the others rather than themselves. The students are the change, and they will be the ones to begin the change if given the vision, empowerment, and opportunity. The essence is to serve, not entertain, to work and not expect recognition, and to lead by uniting both the Greek, res hall and off-campus students into one vision.

I'm in favor of holistic leadership, and I look forward to seeing you at the polls in voting for Lauren McConnell and Derek Arnold for ASUI President and Vice President.

Steve Hanna, RHA Events Coordinator
Sophomore, English

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A scene from the 3-D world, "Egalitaria," which will be presented May 2nd. Six UI students created the animation for their Senior Capstone.

'Naughty Marietta' for all

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Washington State University's Opera Workshop will perform "Naughty Marietta" and introduce the American public to accessible opera.

"In other countries, every town has an opera house and all the common people go to the opera," said Julie Wieck, director of WSU's Opera Workshop and associate professor in the School of Music.

Wieck said she wants to demystify opera, breaking away from the perception that opera is an exclusive art form only for the elite.

"It was time to do an American opera, a style we'd never done before," Wieck said.

The Opera Workshop will present Victor Herbert's operetta "Naughty Marietta" on Friday and Saturday in Bryan Hall Theatre.

"Naughty Marietta" is a sentimentally romantic comedy, Wieck said.

A story about pirates, captains, quadroon mistresses and a runaway contessa named Marietta, the operetta is uniquely its own.

It is set in New Orleans at the time of the Louisiana Purchase.

Part of the beauty of this operetta is the music.

"It has a lush orchestration that shows off our orchestra," Wieck said. "(The music) is beautifully lush, romantic music... schmaltzy even."

Karina Brazas, WSU vocal performance junior, plays the role of Contessa Marietta d'Altena, a spunky young woman who has run away from her noble European family by disguising herself as a "casquette girl" sent by the King of France to the French settlement of New Orleans.

"The operetta is really over the top in its plot, but at the

for more INFO

"Naughty Marietta" will be performed at 8 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Bryan Hall Theatre.

Tickets can be bought in the lobby of the Kimbrough Music building April 9-11 and at the door 90 minutes prior to the beginning of each performance.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

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Year-long project 'Egalitaria' to be unveiled

Virtual Technology and Design seniors will share their 3-D animation project during finals week

Padrigh A. Harney
Argonaut

The A-Team responsible for "Egalitaria" may be a far cry from the iconic images of Mr. T and the A-Team of ex-United States Army Special Forces, but they're bringing their best work in 3-D animation to audiences.

A group of six University of Idaho Virtual Technology and Design students have been working on 3-D animation to mix their academic exercises with a story about the world today.

Made up of Clayton Tye, Andy Lewis, Kevin Allen, Matt Lefferts, Nathan Rusch and Matt Holman, the group's project will be presented as a part of their Senior Capstone on May 2.

Allen, Hooper, Lefferts, Lewis, Rusch, Tye and Jason Helt were semifinalists and honored in 2007's International Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge for their VTD356 project, "Inner-Visions."

The group has created parts of a 3-D world called "Egalitaria," which according to the group, takes on physical characteristics of Earth.

These works have been put together with music in trailers that will be presented on May 2.

"These trailers really are the 'cap-

stone' of our work, but the real richness of this project goes beyond that," said Lewis, primary environment artist and Virtual Technology and Design senior.

The project centers on 3-D characters, their culture and the role the viewer would have in experiencing the information presented to them within the short.

"It is a story that takes place after a significant sequence of eras and movements spanning over the time of a thousand years from the current day," Lewis said. "Concerning themes, it's a story about control and the need to control to survive."

Lewis said the story takes place at the end of a massive timeline that has been created, which spans several thousand years into the future.

"Our story is one that questions the most important philosophical foundations of our current society, whether it be about organized religion, scientific morality, or political power structures," Lewis said. "It's a story that celebrates the capabilities of a healthy mind, the dangers of delusion, and the struggle humankind could face when forced to deal with something greater than themselves."

With the several brainstorming sessions that occurred in the spring of

2007, the conflict and setting of Egalitaria was set.

"We began with a simple tossing around of ideas and possibilities for various productions until we developed a good foundation for a story that could be built upon and magnified," Lewis said.

The team gave themselves six months for conceptualizing and pre-production for the story.

"My favorite part of the project was the concept phase," Lewis said. "The possibilities for where we could take this story were essentially endless, and it was exciting to develop an original story we could call our own."

Production manager and artistic director, Tye is responsible for keeping the team on schedule and helps to visualize the artistic styles primarily through the use of traditional 2-D design techniques.

"We are presenting 'Egalitaria' (during) finals week, and have an option of doing a public viewing and forum if there is enough interest on campus," Tye said.

Responsible for the project's environmental art, character and matte art, Lewis generated the original character-driven storyline during the

concept development phase.

Allen, the team's character artist and character artist, is primarily involved in the character pipeline, as well as being one of the primary animators.

Responsible for overseeing the 3-D creation and evolution of characters, Lefferts brings character development and animation to the table.

The group's technical director, effects artist, shader artist, and compositor Rusch keeps the workflow running smoothly by implementing techniques to facilitate the smooth production of content.

Rusch handles the creation of simulations and special effects, as well as the rendering, grading, and compositing of the final output.

Creating the theme and instrumentation pieces for the project, Holman provided help with sound design and musical score.

As for what the group has in store for the future, Tye looks to a career in the entertainment industry.

"After the university most of us will be looking either to further our educations, or obtain jobs in the entertainment/arts industry as artists working for film television or games," Tye said.

UI student brings lights, camera, social action

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Students and community members stood and applauded Tuesday night at the end of the official premiere of "Baptism in Damascus."

The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre hosted the showing of the non-profit documentary, which was filmed, directed and edited by UI student, Nate Dail.

Dail traveled to the streets of Washington D.C. and New York looking for homeless Americans to speak out about their often overlooked predicament.

The documentary focuses on the issue of domestic violence against the homeless for the sake of amusement.

According to the documentary, each year, the combined number of violent acts defined as "hate crimes" is less than half the number perpetrated against the homeless.

Since the 2002 release of the reality video series "Bum-fights," incidents of violence against the homeless have significantly risen around

the country.

The film points out that the true victims are the perpetrators, who have sacrificed their own "humanity" for the sake of personal entertainment.

"We can end so much of the hatred in this world if we learn to look at each other the same way that we do our brothers and sisters," Dail said.

The non-profit independent production came from what Dail described as a "spiritual push."

"I set out to make a documentary and I did that. I don't need money for it," Dail said. "We're in such a good age right now where if people have the drive and the intuition to do it, they can go out there and make a film and get their voice heard."

Dail began working on the film roughly a year and a half ago, after struggling with another movie project.

"He lived in a basement, sitting at a computer for a while," Dail's brother Galen, said.

Once Dail began working with the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washing-

ton, D.C., finding the footage and sources he needed was not difficult.

"I mostly found them on the streets, and I had to break through my own mental stereotypes," Dail said. "We're conditioned to think that they're bad people, and I had that in the back of my mind whenever I went up. I found the complete opposite when I left, every single time."

Dail started filming "Baptism in Damascus" almost immediately after the Kenworthy premiere of his first film, "Something Serious," a dramatic fictional screenplay about a romantic relationship set in Moscow.

Dail was able to travel and shoot the entire documentary alone with a \$50 budget and no technical assistance. Toward the end of the project, Galen Dail helped with the final stages of editing.

"Our whole life is a project, whether it's a film or not," Galen Dail said. "This is just a small part of it that you get to see and it's nice that he can use his talent to put it out there like this."

Get the FILM

For a free copy of the film, contact Nate Dail at 301-1714 or dail3660@vandals.uidaho.edu

Dail is currently a junior at UI, studying English, which he someday hopes to teach at the high school level.

He said that he still dreams of continuously writing screenplays and documentaries on his own time.

"I speak from the heart, and from the heart we're all the same," Dail said. "We all want to love one another — we just don't all take the time to do it. There's no naturally bad person."

For a future film opportunity, Dail said that he has become increasingly interested in the role of national governments in the systematic relocation and extermination of minority groups. He has not yet officially decided on this



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Nate Dail sits in front of his computer with his independent film "Baptism in Damascus" showing. The film addresses the inhumane treatment of homeless people across the country. Regarding the film Dail said, "The biggest thing we need to do is break the stereotype."

for his next topic.

"I'm just going to be patient and see what comes," Dail said.

The video should be available to view on YouTube.com in the next few weeks, and

Dail will be personally giving out free copies of the DVD to anyone who inquires.

"I'm making as many copies as I can," Dail said. "When you delete money as a factor, you open so many doors."

Students perform chamber music concert

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's Student Chamber Music Concert was first created last fall and will be held once each semester.

Yet for UI student musicians, the concert is an example of a great opportunity to perform and showcase their talents for the community.

This semester's concert, which took place Thursday night, is made up of several small groups of students playing instruments from the trombone to the flute.

Phil Morin, an instrumental performance major, said the show is an opportunity for student ensembles to show what they have accomplished and what they are doing for the rest of the music students.

"It's also a way for the rest of the music students to support their fellow students who happen to be performing," Morin said. "Since you have to audition to be a part of this concert, it's also a healthy competition."

Lee Hollingsworth, a senior studying music composition, said that there are many different kinds of recitals held every semester at the school of music, but for this genre there are sometimes recitals featuring only one chamber group that will play for the duration of the concert, and sometimes one split between two groups.

"As far as this kind of program where there are many different ensembles featured playing only one piece, there is this as well as the faculty chamber music series where the faculty put together a program," he said.

Hollingsworth said groups that make up these concerts can be student run or part of a class.

"Some groups are completely student run during their free time," he said. "Some are for credit, in which case they probably have a faculty coach."

Hollingsworth said another reason concerts like this are held is because the School of Music and its students like to put together as many programs as possible throughout the semester as to perform as much great music as they can.

Hollingsworth also said that the Student Chamber Music Concert was held to give some of the chamber groups a venue to play.

"Some of these groups do not get too many performing opportunities to look forward to and prepare for," Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth, who plays the saxophone and is part of the Silver Saxophone Quartet, said he started playing the saxophone in sixth grade, and for the past 11 years he's kept up with it.

"It sounded like something fun to do at the time, but when it came time to do something with it, it was really one of the only things I was half decent at," he said.

While Hollingsworth will graduate in May, he said that one of the things he's liked about his music experience at UI is having the time and resources to practice something he enjoys doing.

"Mainly just having the time and resources to get better at something I love to do, as well as getting the chance to meet and learn from other great musicians, student, faculty and visiting alike," he said.

Hollingsworth said that it's better to catch a live music performance because they're always different.

"Every performance is different and unique in and of itself, that's why it's always better to catch a live performance than to sit at home listening to your

iPod," Hollingsworth said.

Another student who was involved with the concert was Ben Wilson, a freshman mechanical engineering major who happens to play the bassoon.

Wilson said he hopes there will be more Student Chamber Music Concerts in the future because it's a great thing to see student chamber groups perform.

"I think it's kind of to show off their students and show how good the school is and how talented the students are," he said.

Wilson said he got into music in the sixth grade "because music is cool, and cool is where it's at."

He said the best part about the School of Music is the openness between students and teachers.

"You can walk up to any professor without fear and ask a question," Wilson said.

Wilson said that a Student Chamber Music Concert is unique because it's composed of all student chamber groups, and because of this it is much more difficult to perform and sound good.

"This is due to the fact that everyone most likely has a different part. When everyone has a different part the harmony and melody, relation becomes very important because everyone will have one note of the chord and if someone misses the note or is out of tune then the whole chord is compromised," he said.

Wilson said that the concert was a chance to see what the students in the School of Music are capable of, not only in regards to the difficulty of pieces, but also in regards to the difficulty of playing in such a small group.

Check out other opportunities to support UI music students coming up before the end of the semester.

For more information about any upcoming events, contact the Lionel Hampton School of Music at 885-6231.

ArtsBRIEFS

Art displayed at Third Street Gallery

The Third Street Gallery features a new exhibit with work by Moscow residents Charles and Joanne Sutton.

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

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

Above the Rim opens new exhibit

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

The show will run through May 31.

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

IRT schedules summer program

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

The season runs from June 26 to August 2 at the Hartung Theatre and features three mainstage productions: Forever Plaid by Stuart Ross; The Nerd by Larry Shue; and Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare.

Television stars Bill Fagerbakke and Catherine McClennahan will be performing Love Letters by A.R. Gurney, and Hate Mail by Bill Corbett and Ira Obolensky.

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

MARIETTA

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same time it takes itself seriously," Brazas said.

Brazas said that American opera is not as well recognized of a genre, in part because America does not have the deep musical history that places like Europe do.

"Americans view opera as inaccessible," Brazas said. "The average American audience is not exposed to opera."

Brazas spent a semester abroad and was surprised to find opera so available, common and inexpensive.

However, America is building up a musical history with newer operas taking on more serious plots.

"New operas are about actual issues like corporal punishment," Brazas said.

Wieck said that often in Europe operas are performed in vernacular, meaning the language native to the region.

WSU's Opera Workshop has performed several operatic works in English when they were originally written in Italian or other languages.

"Singing in the vernacular makes it more accessible to the audience," Wieck said.

Wieck said some people have the perception that opera is boring.

"Instead, it's wonderful, exciting stories set to music," Wieck said.



Captain Dick and Marietta will be played by Chris Akers and Karina Brazas in WSU's Opera Workshop "Naughty Marietta."

"They're from different departments — maybe they're coming to rehearsals after a long afternoon spent in a lab," Wieck said. "Non-music majors bring in an excitement."

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Did you know...

•Thrower Russ Winger earned his fourth athlete of the week honor this week for the fourth time this season Winger earned the recognition for his performance during the week of March 31-April 6 at the Stanford Invitational. Winger broke Idaho's record in the discus with a throw of 199 feet, 6 inches.

•Lucas Pope, a sophomore transfer from Idaho State, cleared a season best, 16-.075 last weekend in the pole vault at the Stanford Invitational. Pope looks to break the 28 year-old school record of 16-1 this weekend at the Pelluer Invitational.

Vandals by the numbers

14 Number of student-athletes to make the Winter Academic All-WAC team. Ten members of the swim team and four female basketball players received the honor.

1 The ranking of freshman thrower Gabriella Midles in the hammer throw among all freshmen in the NCAA with her throw of 179-5 last weekend.

Vandals to watch

Melinda Owen
Track and field



The senior, from Polson, Mont., cleared her NCAA Regional qualifying standard in the pole vault last year at the Pelluer Invitational. Owen was a 2007 Indoor All-American in the pole vault and qualified for NCAA Outdoor Championships last season.

Jennifer Hull
Soccer



The 2007 leading scorer returns to a Vandal squad, which lost only one starter from last season. Hull scored six goals as a freshman and had one assist. Idaho went 5-14-1 last season and the team returns every player who scored a goal are returning.

Vandals in Action

Today
Soccer takes on Washington State at 4 p.m. in Pullman.
Track and field travels to Cheney for the Pelluer Invitational and Eastern Washington multi-event competitions.

Saturday
The Alumni Ten-Year Anniversary game will be held at the Kibbie Dome at 3 p.m.
Men's tennis will take on Gonzaga at 3 p.m. on the tennis courts next to Memorial Gym.
The Idaho volleyball team is hosting their spring tournament all day. The Vandals will play four games, starting at 9 a.m. The last game starts at 2 p.m. at Memorial Gym.

SportsBRIEFS

Cycling club seeks volunteers

UI's cycling club is looking for volunteers to help host the Northwest Cycling Conference Championships to be held on April 25-26. UI and WSU are co-hosting the event for the second year in a row. Volunteers will be trained and need no previous experience.

Run/walk benefits humane society

A 5k run/walk will be held Saturday at Old Tidyman's parking lot at 1638 S. Blaine St. to benefit the Humane Society of the Palouse. Entry fees are \$15 prior to Saturday or \$20 on the day of the race, which includes a T-shirt for the runners. Check in for the race is at 8 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m.



The MASHscow race taking place this weekend will involve several different challenges for participants and will require them to bike all over town. Photo Courtesy Raymond Gadd

Takin' it to the streets

Alley cat race offers 'mashing' in Moscow

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

The streets of Moscow will be swarming with pedal pumping scavengers racing to win a wad of cash Saturday.

Combining Moscow and "mashing," a term used to describe riding fixed speed bikes, Graham Sours and his friends have put together MASHscow, the second alley cat race in two years for Moscow. Michael "Buggy" Lamoreaux hosted a 13 cyclist race in April 2007.

According to the Web site, www.mashscow.blogspot.com, an alley cat race "mimics the rapid, multi-stop, cross-town daily treks of messengers."

Just before the race, riders receive an envelope with stops including different tasks that must be completed. Sours said the stops could include bars, restaurants, stores, houses or parks. Riders choose the best route and the first to complete the tasks win.

"Cuts, scrapes and near-misses only add to the sense of adventure and make for good storytelling from year to year," the Web site said. Alley cat stops commonly include bars but Sours emphasized drinking wasn't the focus of MASHscow and underage riders can still participate.

Because the checkpoints remain classified until the race, Sours was unable to comment on where the

stops would be, but said one of the tasks would give back to the community in some way.

Registration is \$10 and begins at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the East City Park.

"It's a great way to bring together the cycling community," Sours said. "It's not extremely serious, but it's fun and competitive."

Sours and his friends have been rounding up prizes and donations from

businesses for the top three male and female riders. MASHscow is a non-profit competition and all of the registration money will be awarded to the top three riders. The cash prize amount depends on how many sign up.

Saturday will be Andrew Wilkin's first alley cat mashing experience.

"The guys are talking it up, talking about mashing and I just want to experi-

ence what they've been talking about," Wilkin said.

The cash prizes and time with friends is what attracted Wilkin to the event.

"A lot of people are really going to get into it," he said. "The bike is ready. I'm just going to bike around and be with friends."

Sours has mashed in alley cat races in Boise and Bozeman, but he's never hit the streets of Moscow.

He said the MASHSF 2007 trailer at www.mashsf.com gives a taste of what many alley cat races across the nation are like.

The trailer shows hundreds of people participating, collisions, crashes and downtown urban cycling.

"In the end, all riders gather to single out the champions and celebrate in one big group of cycle-loving comrades," Sours' Web site said.

Heptathletes gear up for first outdoor meet

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team heptathletes will get an opportunity to showcase their talents for the first time during the outdoor season.

The team will travel to Eastern Washington this week where they will compete in the Peuller Invitational in Cheney.

The team is coming off performances at the Stanford Invitational that produced seven regional qualifying marks, five of which came in throwing events.

"Our throwers did a phenomenal job last week," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said. "David Holmon also did a good job too. Last year he was trying to hit that regional qualifying mark all year and he got it on the first week this year."

UI will be taking nearly its entire team to the meet with the exception of a couple of distance runners who will be held out.

Among the athletes who will get a chance to showcase their talents are those who compete in the heptathlon.

The heptathlon consists of seven events: the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin and 800 meters.

Four of the events are done on the first day of the meet, consecutively, within a half hour of each other and the final three events are done in the same fashion on the second day of the meet. Each of the events is scored on a point-based system.

The Vandals return four women athletes who placed third, fourth, sixth and seventh at last year's conference championships. At the indoor championships this year, the athletes placed third through sixth with Darcy Collins placing a mere three points out of first place in the event.

"The heptathlon is an event where you have to be good in one or two events," Teevens said. "But not only that, in the other events you have to be better than average."

While the heptathletes will compete in nearly all the events Teevens said that it is very rare to do a full heptathlon during the season.

"The heptathlon consists of a lot of events and the athletes can tire really easily," Teevens said. "They don't have a regional qualifying mark because it is tough. You either make it to nationals or you don't."

The heptathlon is also unique because it is rarely

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Vandal hurdler Christie Gordon runs through a hurdle during practice Thursday afternoon in preparation for the weekend's meet. Nick Groff/Argonaut

Idaho athletics honor women student-athletes

Andrea Miller
Argonaut

It was standing room only at the Women's Center Tuesday afternoon as the University of Idaho Athletic Department and the Women's Center celebrated National Student-Athlete Day.

National Student-Athlete Day was utilized to help recognize female athletes and their accomplishments on campus. There were five female student-athletes on hand to discuss their careers at Idaho, share stories about competing and their education and answer any questions from the crowd.

Britta Rustad from the soccer team, Kate Tribble, from the volleyball team, Allix Lee-Painter, from the cross country team, Jojo Miller from the swimming team and Katie Schlotthauer from the basketball team shared their experiences with the crowd in the Women's Center lounge. They talked about experiences competing at a Division I level, challenges they have faced with teammates, balancing school and athletics and their motivation to continue to compete.

Miller and Schlotthauer See HONOR, page 16

Vandals host Gonzaga and Portland State

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The tennis team of Idaho men's University will take to the home courts tomorrow in its final match of the regular season.

The men's only home match of the season will be against Gonzaga University who defeated the Vandals earlier this season 5-2.

With a current 12-12 record, the men are anxious to get the win and get back above the .500 mark.

"I think to go above .500 on the regular season is something very important," said Idaho coach Jeff Beaman. "I think they realize it, hopefully they can do it."

Since the match won't affect the team's seeding in the Western Athletic Conference Championships, Beaman said this match will be all about pride and getting back at a team they lost to earlier.

"It's a pride issue, if they have pride and if they really are good then they're going to do it, and it sort of comes down to that," he said.

Gonzaga has a current overall record of 6-9 and is a team that the Vandals should have little trouble defeating.

"The Idaho men's team has to go out and prove something," Beaman said. "That's a match that I feel they should have won earlier in the year and this is their chance to show how they rebound and if they really are a good team or

if they're still hovering around the level they were last year."

"It's going to be a competitive match," Beaman said. "It's a match these guys need to win, they want to win."

The matches will be played on the outside courts by Memorial Gym and will begin at 3 p.m.

The women's team will play at home on Sunday when it hosts Portland State, a team they swept earlier this season 7-0.

Portland State holds a current overall record of 5-14, but Beaman said is reminding the team that the win isn't guaranteed.

"Portland State's a team we beat," Beaman said. "But it was a lot of close matches."

With a prior 7-0 loss, Portland will be prepared for the Vandals and will be looking to redeem themselves with a win.

"They're going to be hungry to get back at us," Beaman said. "In college tennis anything can happen. We just need to keep doing what we're doing well."

The unpredictable weather makes it hard to maintain a regular practice schedule, but the team continues to work hard to maintain the level of play needed to perform in the post season.

"It's been a little rough this week because of the weather," said associate coach Tyler Neill. "It's important to keep them focused on the bigger picture, this is an important home match, especially going



A tennis ball compresses on Vandal men's tennis player's racket, Brandon Christopher, during Thursday afternoon's practice.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

in to the conference championships, we want to be playing our best."

The women's matches begin at 9 a.m. Sunday and the coaches encourage fans to come out and cheer for their team.

"It should be a good match, Portland State's a solid Div. I team," Neill said. "Come out and enjoy the weather, it's supposed to be 70 degrees on Sunday, come watch some good tennis."

DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

Heartbreak in the Emerald City

As all sports geeks know, hearts are easily broken when it comes to rooting for your favorite teams.

Imagine all those poor Boston Red Sox fans that lived between 1919 and 2003. The Red Sox went without a championship during that time period and left their die-hard fan base feeling as if they were cursed.

I've had my heart broken over sporting events many times. A tragic event that comes to mind is Dikembe Mutombo embracing the ball while lying on the floor of the Seattle Center Coliseum after the Denver Nuggets defeated my Sonics during the biggest upset in NBA playoff history.

That was during the 1993-94 season when Michael Jordan was in his first retirement and pursuing a baseball career. It was basically the only time in which other NBA stars had a decent chance to get a ring during the Jordan era.

Hakeem Olajuwon and the Rockets took both titles during that time while leaving legends such as Patrick Ewing, Charles Barkley, Reggie Miller and Gary Payton (when he was Gary Payton) ringless.

Losing to the Nuggets that season will always linger in my sports-infested mind. What hurts most was that it was probably the best chance the team has ever had to win a championship during my lifetime.

They did reach the NBA finals in 1996 but faced the Chicago Bulls with their all time best 72-10 record. Everyone knew they had no chance to defeat a hungry duo of Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

The Sonics were the team of my youth. Led by Payton and Shawn Kemp, they won four straight division titles and were a fixture in the playoffs. They won a championship in 1979, but unfortunately I wasn't around to celebrate.

Keeping faith alive for your teams is what makes us all sports nuts. When faith is gone, hell, I don't even know what to do.

The Seattle Sonics will be leaving the city and moving to Oklahoma City. I know. Freakin' Oklahoma City.

I'm envious of those poor Red Sox fans that suffered through heartache and never saw a championship. At least they had a team. My team is all but leaving after 2009 — if not sooner.

I will never root for them once they leave town, too. That would mean I'm supporting the evil Clayton Bennett — the man responsible for moving the team to his home town in Oklahoma.

I realize sports is a business and I actually respect that. What I just can't allow myself to accept, though, is my team leaving town.

It's unacceptable. I don't want to see Gary Payton's retired jersey hanging in some arena located in Oklahoma. I don't want Bennett to take my team's records, stats, colors or cheerleaders from the Emerald City.

It's tough for me to root for the Sonics right now because I know they're leaving and I don't want to get too attached.

I want to buy a Kevin Durant jersey and watch my team rebuild itself into the tradition-rich Sonics I grew up watching.

I still won't do it, though. Being love sick is the worst thing I know — whether it's over a girl or a team leaving town. I hope it doesn't happen, but anyone who knows anything about the business of the NBA realizes Bennett has his mind set on bringing a pro team to a non-pro city.

I'm sure it will hit me when I'm watching SportsCenter and seeing highlights of the new Oklahoma City team.

That will be a tough day.



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Consistency earns Vandals third place finish

Jaimee Myers
Argonaut

Ending the regular golf season with its best result yet, the men's golf team is focused and ready to compete at the upcoming WAC Championship.

The Vandal men traveled to Scottsdale, Ariz. on Monday and Tuesday to play their final three rounds of regular season golf.

"We played in 85 degree weather in Arizona," assistant coach Jon Reehorn said. "The Moscow weather has been difficult to practice in."

The Idaho golf course opened last week, and the golf teams were able to have their first practice on the home course Friday.

"I told the men that bad weather is not an excuse for bad play," Reehorn said. "We have been headed to Lewiston and Clarkston every day, where the weather has been nice."

The local weather must have toughened the team up because they pulled off a tie with Oregon State for third place at the University of Wyoming Cowboy Classic at the Talking Stick Golf Course.

"The tournament went really well, our best by far," Reehorn said.

Oregon State's men's golf team is ranked 35th in the nation.

"We were pleased because all season we have continued to play two good rounds of golf," Reehorn said. "We were yet to have three great rounds before this tournament, but we played really well. The guys played hard."

Junior Russell Grove had a strong performance at the tournament. He finished at six under par, just two strokes from

the winning performance.

"Grove played great. He had a rough start because he was four over on the first nine holes," Reehorn said, "but then he went 10 under for the last 45 holes."

He said Grove's consistent ball striking has been one of his best attributes to the team all season. With this boost in his confidence, the coaching staff said it was fun to watch him be rewarded for his improvements this season.

Grove said it was nice to have a solid finish.

"It was a boost in my confidence, and definitely a step in the right direction for the team as well as myself," he said.

UC Davis won the 54-hole competition with a 833 with Grand Canyon second at 836.

Colter Kautzmann tied for 19th with a shot of 210, and Ben Weyland tied for 25th with his shot of 211. David Nuhn tied for 56th at 217 and Brad Tensen, with a closing-round 71, tied for 89th at 222.

Grove is confident with his team for the upcoming WAC Championship.

"As a team we have the abil-

ity to win (the WAC)," he said. "All the guys need to have three solid rounds."

"As an individual player, I need to work on my short game," he said. "I can't miss any short puts, so that's what I am going to be working on the next few weeks."

Reehorn plans to meet with his players individually each week to go over technical things.

"We are going to work on eliminating the small mistakes to win the WAC," he said. "We need clean rounds, can't give away any shots."

REDNECK SUMMER

Don't flip out yet

Not many people had heard of Michael McDowell before last Friday. The Sprint Cup rookie took a header into the outside wall at Texas Motor Speedway during his qualifying lap. His No. 00 Toyota Camry flipped and spun upside down for several hundred yards before taking eight barrel rolls and landing right-side up.

Eight years ago — before the new foam impact absorbing SAFER barriers, before the HANS device and before Dale Earnhardt, Sr., died during the 2001 Daytona 500.

As my dad said on Sunday, McDowell has Earnhardt to thank for still being alive.

He walked away and finished 33rd in the Samsung 500.

Speaking of flips, Carl Edwards and his No. 99 Ford Fusion won again. Edwards has now won three of the seven races so far this season. He jumped five spots to ninth after his green-white-checker finish, beating out Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman and Denny Hamlin. Newman's No. 12 Dodge failed post-race inspection and he was docked 25 points.

My wonderful predictions were just a little wrong. Jeff Burton finished sixth, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., wound up 12th after starting on the pole and predicted race winner Kevin Harvick finished 11th.

As you can see Jeff Gordon did not end his losing streak at Texas. Instead, he posted only his second ever dead last 43rd-place finish, dropping him from the top 12 to 14th.

He'll get another shot at Texas on Nov. 2.

So for you Jeffy fans out there, don't worry just yet.

Just like the Edwards fans shouldn't start claiming the cup yet, either. Sure, he'd be sitting fourth — three points ahead of Earnhardt — if not for the 100 points he was docked after Las Vegas, but just as there is time for Gordon to get hot, there is plenty of time for Edwards to cool off.

There will be some cooling off this week since we have one of the best spectacles in NASCAR on tap. Some of you know what

I'm talking about.

This week's race is on Saturday night at Phoenix International Raceway.

No, it isn't a short track Saturday, like Richmond or Bristol, and it doesn't have the fanfare of the Pepsi 400 at Daytona or the All-Star Challenge at Lowe's, but it's still a night race and a hell of a lot of fun.

The cars look great under the lights and you get to see the brake rotors turn red and excess fuel burn-off from the exhaust pipes.

If this is your first night race, don't worry. The cars are not on fire.

And for you drinkers out there, you won't have to worry about getting up for work the next morning. No, this isn't a sleep-where-you-fall race like May's All-Star Challenge, but that doesn't mean you can't have any fun. Speaking of sleeping where you fall ... Aunt Pam and Uncle Mark, count me in for this year's race party.

Ah, NASCAR. It really is all about family. The Earnhardts, the Pettys, the Labontes, the Buschs, Jarretts and Wallaces.

For this week, here is a sample of whom my family will be cheering for. This is much easier than predicting the race winner. My dad's new philosophy is that if I say a car will win, he doesn't pick them for his NASCAR fantasy team.

Yes, Ballgame, NASCAR has fantasy leagues, too. Anyway.

My dad Tom will be cheering for Kurt Busch and his No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge, currently 15th in points. Roze, my stepmom goes for Jamie McMurray and the No. 26 Crown Royal Ford (25th). Aunt Pam is the happiest right now, as she keeps winning with Edwards (ninth) while Uncle Mark continues to feel the pressure as he roots for the No. 43 Dodge and Bobby Labonte (21st).

I'm still happy with Earnhardt and his fourth place standing.

For more on family and NASCAR, come back to Redneck Summer as we vicariously travel to Mexico City with my cousin Aaron, a member of the Mike Wallace No. 7 Geico Toyota pit crew, as the Nationwide series goes international.

TRACK

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done in high school.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said that some athletes could be ready to break out at the Peuller Invitational. Paul Dittmer, the true freshman hurdler from Germany who ran a blazing 7.97 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season, put up a WAC best 14.36 in the 110-meter hurdles at the Stanford Invitational.

"Paul could have a good race this week," Phipps said. "It depends on some things that we can't really control. The event is run on Friday and they don't have the capability there to turn a race around, so if you're going into a head wind, you're going into a head wind."

Dittmer's personal best in the 110-meter hurdles is

13.78.

Russ Winger, who threw the discus a school record 199 feet, 6 inches at the Stanford Invitational last week, was awarded the WAC Track and Field Athlete of the Week award for the seventh time in his career. The throw moved Winger into ninth place nationally in the event.

The Vandals will try to keep a winning tradition intact at the Peuller Invitational, as the team has 10 current or past athletes who hold meet records.

"It's a great meet because of its very relaxed atmosphere," Teevens said. "At Eastern they let the coaches go on the field so you can actually coach the kids, unlike Stanford where we were in the stands. It's great to have a laid back meet where you can work through events."

The Peuller Invitational will start Thursday and end on Friday.

HONOR

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are graduating in May, so their reflection focused on their career at Idaho as a whole. Schlotthauer said her team traveled a lot so keeping up with her studies as a math and education major was challenging.

"We missed so much class," Schlotthauer said. "But the opportunities for athletes and the programs (offered by the athletic department) really helped."

The discussion started by asking the women if they thought female student-athletes faced any disadvantages in the collegiate setting. Title IX was passed in 1972 and attempted to make participation numbers equal for each sport. Miller came on campus in 2004 after swimming was reinstated to help equal out opportunities.

All teams participate in off-season workouts and Miller said there is no "off-season" for swimming. Tribley was proud to see many female teams in early morning weight room sessions this spring.

"Soccer, volleyball and swimming all open the weight room," Tribley said.

She said those teams are the first there some mornings and it is cool to see each team doing their workouts at such an early hour.

Lee-Painter said her sport, which is sometimes viewed as an individual sport, doesn't make her feel like an individual athlete when she is participating. The cross country team won the Western Athletic Conference Championship last fall and Lee-Painter said the runners worked together throughout the race, vying for positions.

"I never really see it that way," Lee-Painter said of the classification of cross country as an individual sport.

The student-athletes answered a question about their experience having a male coach as a female athlete. Basketball, soccer, swimming and track and field all have male coaches who oversee the sport. Maureen Taylor-Regan, the senior women's administrator in the athletic department said Idaho is very unique in that there are several female coaches who coach male athletes.

Julie Taylor coaches nationally renowned male throwers on Idaho's track and field team. Lisa Johnson-Wasinger coaches both the men's and women's golf teams.

Tribley, who had male volleyball coaches growing up until she came to Idaho, said she relates better to Debbie Buchanan, her current coach, than she did to male coaches in the past. She said she has noticed she performs more consistently under her setting coach, who is a male. Rustad echoed similar thoughts about male soccer coaches.

"It's easier to accept," Rustad said about instruction from a male coach. "It shouldn't be, but I make direction more."

The women also discussed body image issues which are sometimes prevalent in female athletics.

Many of the women said body image issues are discussed in their locker rooms or among teammates.

Rustad said the focus on body image is just maintained by activity which is drawing attention to their bodies. They are athletes so they are in situations where people come to watch them, how their bodies move and the image of them playing.

"Everything revolves around body and image," Rustad said.

The discussion at the Women's Center was the only activity at UI to celebrate National Student-Athlete Day, which the NCAA designated as April 6.

Committee strips medals from Marion Jones' relay teammates

Stephen Wade
Associated Press

BEIJING — Marion Jones gave up her Olympic medals. Her relay teammates aren't quite as willing.

Jones' former relay teammates paid for her doping offenses Thursday, losing their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics as the International Olympic Committee stripped them from athletes who won gold with Jones in the 1,600-meter relay and bronze in the 400 relay.

"The decision was based on the fact that they were part of a team, that Marion Jones was disqualified from the Sydney Games due to her own admission that she was doping during those games," said IOC spokeswoman Gisselle Davies, who announced the decision. "She was part of a team and she competed with them in the finals."

Jones' teammates on the 1,600 squad were Jearl Miles Clark, Monique Hennagan, LaTasha Colander-Richardson and Andrea Anderson. The 400-relay squad also had Chryste Gaines, Torri Ed-

wards, Nanceen Perry and Passion Richardson.

The runners have previously refused to give up their medals, saying it would be wrong to punish them for Jones' violations. They have hired a U.S. lawyer to defend their case, which could wind up in the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The IOC ruling follows the admission by Jones last year that she was doping at the time of the Sydney Games.

She returned her five medals last year and the IOC formally stripped her of the results in December. Jones won gold in the 100 meters, 200 and 1,600 relay, and bronze in the long jump and 400 relay.

"The (IOC) decision ... illustrates just how far-reaching the consequences of doping can be," USOC chief executive officer Jim Scherr said in a statement. "When an athlete makes the choice to cheat, others end up paying the price, including teammates, competitors and fans."

"We respect the decision of the IOC executive board, as well as the right for the

athletes who are impacted by this decision to file an appeal with the Court of Arbitration of Sport, should they so choose."

The IOC put off any decision Thursday on reallocating the medals, pending more information from the ongoing BALCO steroid investigation in the United States.

A reshuffling of the medals could affect more than three dozen other athletes. The IOC wants to know whether any other Sydney athletes are implicated in the BALCO files.

Davies said the Jones' relay case differed from that of U.S. 400-meter runner Jerome Young, who was stripped of his gold medal in the 1,600-meter relay from Sydney because of a doping violation dating to 1999. He ran only in the preliminary of the relay.

The IOC had sought to strip the entire American men's team but the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled in 2005 that there were no rules in place at the time of the Sydney Games for a whole relay team to be disqualified for an offense by one member.

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