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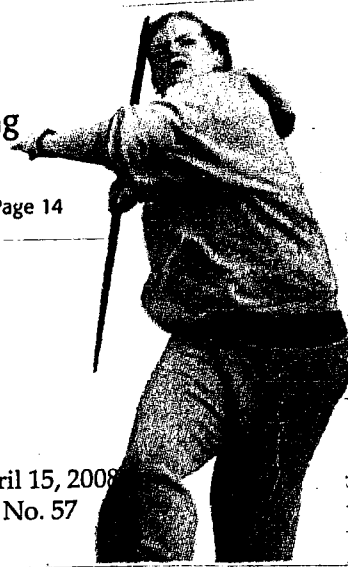
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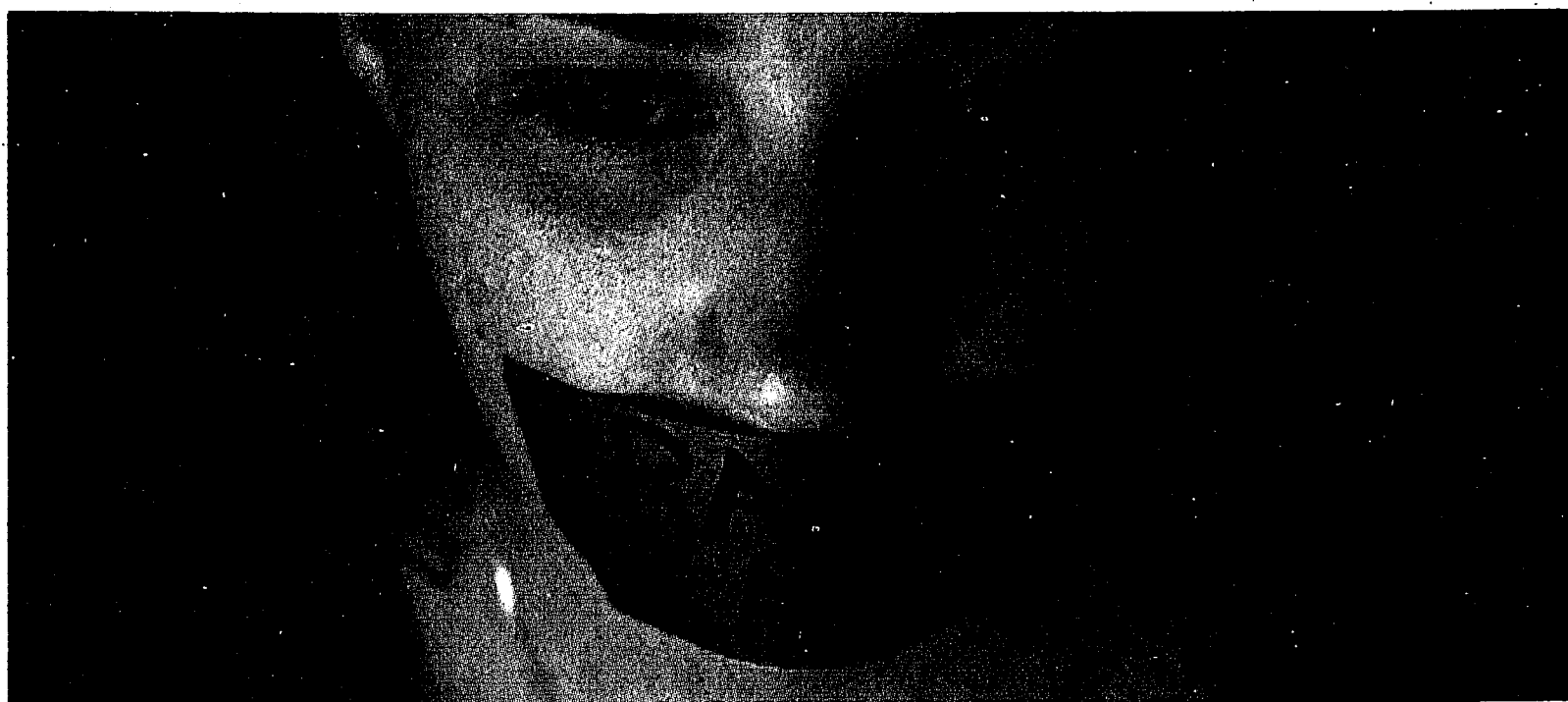


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Silenced by the law

Idaho's laws make prosecuting rape difficult from all perspectives

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

According to Idaho rape laws, "no" does not necessarily mean no.

What has long been the mantra of victim's rights advocates has little meaning in the state of Idaho, according to critics of state laws.

Valerie Russo and Don Lazzarini of the University of Idaho Violence Prevention Program have worked in the past to try to reform the single code in the Idaho State Code that deals with rape.

"Idaho rape laws are resistance based,

and that in and of itself is a problem," Lazzarini said.

A resistance based rape law means that the victim must fight to the point of being overcome by physical force or violence or be prevented from resisting in the first place.

Therefore, if someone says no to sex, but does not physically resist sex, it does not constitute rape in Idaho. Physical resistance must be evident in order for the crime to be called rape as the Idaho Code stands.

Lazzarini said the law leaves how the victim must resist questionable. For example, rape is defined as penetration, so if the victim fights with the assailant and then becomes physically exhausted, they cannot offer resistance during penetration. In the eyes of the law it becomes unclear if the victim consented or not because of the lack of resistance offered during the actual act, when in reality, the victim is clearly not consenting.

"As educators, it's important for us to know, is it the point of penetration or the act of penetration that counts?" Russo said.

The Violence Prevention Program offers resources such as crisis intervention, information and referrals and educational programming.

According to UI's Risk Management Of-

fice there have been three cases of rape in the last four years on campus, two of which were in 2006 and one in 2004.

"There's no question that cases were referred to us that we'd like to prosecute, but the facts of the case did not meet the elements of the statutes that the legislators have given us to work with," said Bill Thompson, prosecuting attorney for Latah County. "The inadequacies in the law have hindered our ability to respond appropriately to inappropriate sexual conduct."

But cases don't slip through the cracks all the time, he said.

"We've had plenty of cases that fit into the law and we've been able to prosecute many cases," he said. "It's hard for me to say whether it's the majority (that slip through) or not. It happens."

For this reason, Thompson thinks that Idaho's laws are antiquated.

"We would be better off having a continuum of sexual offenses that are blind of gender," he said.

Prosecutors and educators aren't the only groups that see need for reform. After spending 17 years as a private criminal defense attorney in Moscow, Tim Gresback has found that even being accused of rape is tantamount to guilt for many people. The accusation can stick around and hurt a person almost as much as an actual conviction would.

"Once a citizen is labeled a sex offender, it's the same as a civil death penalty," he said. "We've made the penalties so severe

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BOISE LAW SCHOOL

Proposal to SBOE Thursday

If approved, branch campus could cost UI an additional \$6 million a year once built

Argonaut staff and wire reports

University leaders will meet with the State Board of Education on Thursday morning to propose opening a Boise branch of the University of Idaho College of Law, which could cost the university an additional \$6 million a year once the school is fully operational.

If the two-location concept is approved, the Boise location would be developed as soon as possible, creating more spots for students interested in studying law in Idaho. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room.

University officials could also need another \$3 million to \$4 million to further modernize the 35-year-old Menard Law Building in Moscow, according to a proposal made public last week. The building has already undergone more than \$1 million in improvements during the past two years.

see the BOARD

UI will propose a Boise branch for the law school at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room. The hearing is open to the public.

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Meningitis patient recovering

Most UI students not at risk for rare infection

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

A University of Idaho student diagnosed with bacterial meningitis was released from the hospital Monday.

Nick Biggs, a freshman studying civil engineering, was taken to Gritman Medical Center Wednesday by members of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. After being suspected of having bacterial meningitis, Biggs was airlifted to Boise. Tests by the North Central District Health Department confirmed the illness Friday. UI has not received any other reports of infections of the illness among its student body, according to Bruce Pitman, vice provost of Student Affairs.

According to Nicky Rader, a registered nurse in the Student Health Center, meningitis is very rare, with only 10-20 cases in Idaho each year. UI was encouraging students who had been in close contact with Biggs to go to Student Health for treatment. Wednesday and Thursday the center saw around 50 students who were concerned about the illness, Rader said, and some students and parents have called this week.

"Parents know how potentially serious this particular infection is and they have read about it in the media and simply want to know what the resources are," Pitman said. Pitman sent out a newsletter to parents Monday updating them on the situation.

Pitman said the Student Affairs office and Dr. Rami Dir of Student Health extend their thanks to the members of Kappa Sigma for their help with the student and notifying students who may have been exposed.

"(Kappa Sigma) recognized the student's dire situation and got medical help immediately," Pitman said. "(They also helped) the medical staff manage who needed to come in

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UI waits to turn page on bookstore

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

Many students, faculty and staff are eager to learn the fate of the University of Idaho Bookstore.

On March 31-April 2, three vendors who submitted proposals to take over bookstore management visited campus. The company representatives held 50-minute open forums in TLC classrooms that were filled with concerned students, staff and faculty.

The three companies who submitted proposals were Barnes & Noble, Follett Higher Education Group and Validis Resources, a division of Nebraska Book Company, who UI already works with. UI's Bookstore is owned and run by the university.

The request-for-proposal committee — composed of two people from auxiliary services, a representative from staff affairs and a student representative — reviewed the

lengthy proposals and met with the responders. The current bookstore director was a non-voting member of the committee.

On Friday, the RFP committee made their recommendation to UI's administration of what vendor is best for the university and students. For legal reasons, the name of the vendor cannot be released until a contract is signed between the university and company.

The final decision will be made by Vice President of Finance and Administration Lloyd Mues, Provost Doug Baker and President Tim White. The administration hopes to have a decision made by May.

"This is where the real discussion is going to begin," said Dan Noble, chair of Staff Affairs and the staff representative in the RFP committee.

Noble said he hopes the administration will meet with the campus community.

"We need to be active and vocal and put our opinion out there," Noble said, to ensure the leadership has all the needed information, perspectives and opinions.

The administration can decide to proceed with the RFP committee recommendation or another plan, such as maintaining current bookstore operations.

"It is a university-wide decision," said Michael Jolly, assistant vice president for auxiliary services. "Anytime that there is significant change like this on the university campus where peoples' lives could be changed there is angst brought into the process."

Whether or not UI decides to sublet the bookstore, change will happen, Jolly said.

"Certainly it is in the university's best interest not to have it

change for the worst," he said.

Efforts will be made to enhance the bookstore to make it of better use for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

The RFP committee provided a good recommendation, Jolly said.

"The committee discussed it thoroughly," he said. "Everybody left the room knowing it's a good decision."

The committee members read and re-read the proposals and were engaged with the presenters, Jolly said.

"The committee was highly engaged in the process and took it very seriously," Jolly said.

Senior Justin Doble, ASUI presidential policy adviser, was the student representative on the search

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Dean Throop

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ON THE WEB

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

The Queen has left the building. Now that all the hoopla over WSU's Elton John concert is over — and all indications are that it was amazing — we can get back to our daily lives.

Guy in a Monkey Suit hopes you will vote in this week's ASUI elections. The Guy voted and if his candidates win,

everything should be fine. If they don't, well, that doesn't mean things will be bad.

We'll have those results for you at www.uiargonaut.com just as soon as we get them and coverage of the newly elected presidency and Senate on Friday. You could think of voting for ASUI

positions as practice for the November presidential election.

If only the candidates could get some practice being president. Not that Guy in a Monkey Suit had much experience being in a suit.

He did have plenty of experience being a monkey.

PeopleWeKnow

by KRJ/Argonaut



I hope that gas goes up to \$15 per gallon!



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Correction:

In the Friday edition of The Argonaut, we incorrectly identified Liz Brandt as the dean of the College of Law. Brandt is the associate dean. Don Burnett is the dean of the law school. We apologize for any confusion this caused.

SudokuPUZZLE

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Solution

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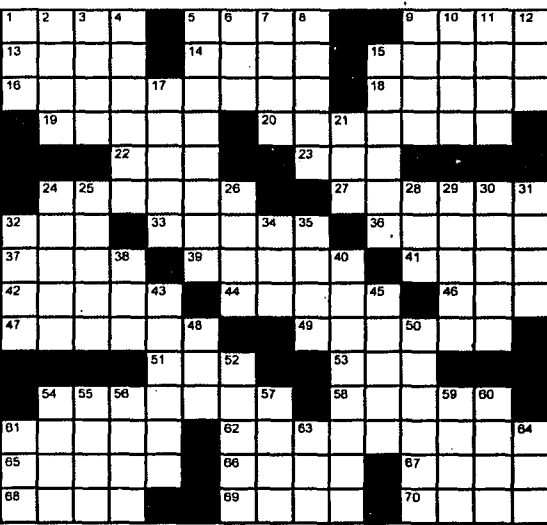
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



CrosswordPUZZLE

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- Cheese
- Failure
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- Inert gas
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- Football play
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- Allows



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

NewsBRIEFS

Family housing carnival Saturday

UI is sponsoring a Family Housing Carnival Saturday, which will include a petting zoo, 30-foot inflatable slide, games, prizes and snow cones. The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music parking lot.

Families living in the University Residences apartments will receive tickets for the games and booths, but anyone is welcome to attend the event and purchase tickets for 25 cents.

PCEI hosts Family Day

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute is holding a family day that is open members of the community.

From 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, PCEI will have a variety of activities for children at the Rodeo Drive Nature Center. From a macro-invertebrate study to making bird feeders, the event is designed for all ages and is free to the public.

The PCEI Rodeo Drive Nature Center is located at 1040 Rodeo Drive. For further information, contact Courtney Rush at (208) 882-1444.

Group holds Haitian evening

The Latah County Human Rights Task Force is sponsoring "Aswea - A Haitian Evening," which hopes to provide people with the opportunity to learn about life in Haiti.

Food, music, a slide show, skits and a silent auction will be part of the evening, which is being planned by Afelene Rosemond, teacher and human rights activist who is visiting Moscow from Haiti.

Admission is \$5 and

tickets are available at BookPeople or at the door. The funds raised will go to travel expenses and human rights activities in Haiti.

The event is being sponsored by the Unitarian Social Action Committee, Latah County Human Rights Task Force, Moscow High School Human Rights Club and Environmental Club.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and will be held at the Unitarian Church of the Palouse. For more information contact Joann Muneta, the chair of the Human Rights Task Force, at 882-3648.

CommUNITY walk event

The Second Annual Moscow CommUNITY Walk will take place on April 26 at noon, to begin the walk from Friendship Square located in downtown Moscow to East City Park. There will be music, speakers, games, activities and the student essay awards. Everyone is invited to join in a community meal at 1:30 p.m. Main dishes will be supplied but those who wish to contribute can bring a side dish or dessert to the park by noon. A shuttle will be available to transport people between East City Park and Friendship Square.

Panting Seed event for moms

Working moms of all ages and stages are invited to the "Plant a Seed" event at the upcoming Working Moms brown-bag lunch meeting scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. on April 23, in the Idaho Commons Panorama Room.

Participants are asked to bring a packet of seeds, which will be shared with other moms, and planted as starter plants for a summer garden. As the plants grow, they will serve as a reminder of the seeds planted in children, and the calling of parents to nurture those seeds. Starter pots will be provided. Contact worklife@uidaho.edu for more information.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

"Being Heard: A Prelude to Action"
10:30 a.m.
Ag Science 106

National library week with Rick Spence and Priscilla Wegars
Noon
University Library

Renfrew Distinguished Lecture Series
12:30 p.m.
Renfrew Hall 116

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

"Metronatural Dreams, Metrotoxic Nightmares: History and Geographies of Inequality in Seattle,"
7 p.m.
Whitewater Room

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

Wednesday

National Library Week with Katherine Aiken and Rodney Frey
Noon
University Library

Brown Bag Series to feature Afelene

Rosemond of Fanm Kouraj
12:30 p.m.
Women's Center

Film: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Borah Theater

Award-winning author Brandon Schrand
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

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

Thursday

Business plan competition
8:30 a.m.
University Inn

Naval ROTC awards ceremony
5 p.m.
Janssen 104

"Urinetown: The Musical"
7:30 p.m.
Hartung Theater

Honors convocation public lecture
7:30 p.m.
University Auditorium

Congressional candidates open forum
7:30 p.m.
Ag Science Auditorium

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Students first line of fire defense

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

Senior Travis Potter earns his rent by working for the Moscow Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Department. He is one of 21 students working in the MVFAD Residential Scholarship Program, which is only offered to college students and typically is the first response when an emergency occurs in the city.

Potter will work as a paramedic for the MVFAD until he graduates and said he plans to take a full-time position with another fire department.

"Some of the kids do it while they're going to school and that's the end of them," said Dave Reynolds, EMS division chief. "Some of them use it as a career-building tool."

Sophomore Brian Veseth is in his second year at Station 1 on Main Street and is studying fire ecology and management at the University of Idaho. He found out about the residential program from his sister who is also in the program.

"She started doing it and I thought it sounded fun," Veseth said.

Residential volunteers work one shift for every five days. The weekly shift is from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. The weekend shift works a 24-hour day starting at 7:30 a.m. Daytime calls are assigned to those who are present in the station at the time.

"It's a fair amount of time commitment, so if you don't like it you won't make it," Veseth said. "You're living and working 24/7."

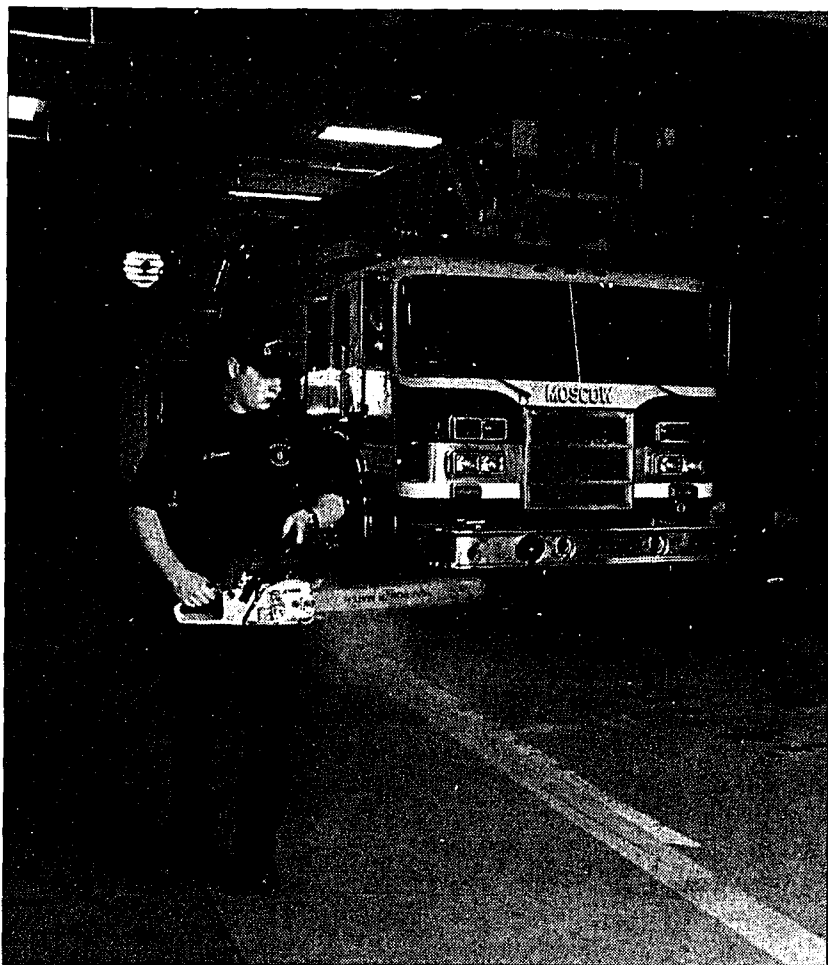
The three stations operating in Moscow provide a laundry facility, double-occupancy dorm rooms, a kitchen and an entertainment room. The Main Street station uses a portion of its second floor for social functions. A traditional brass pole by the far wall leads to the Engine Bay.

The department covers up to 1,500 EMS and 700 fire calls every year Reynolds said, and covers a "pretty broad spectrum" of calls.

"About two-thirds of our calls are medical and the other third are fire," Veseth said. "Everyone in the resident program has several hundred hours of training. We take pride in our work."

Students are not given a stipend in the residential program, so they work part-time jobs or try to make enough money to cover other expenses, Veseth said.

Reynolds said MVFAD gets a lot of



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Jeff Skopow, a volunteer firefighter, stands in front of Ladder 28 ensuring that the equipment from Engine 26 works properly during a truck check Monday afternoon in the garage of the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department.

applications through word-of-mouth and high schools in the state. Students can find out about the residential program through the college recruitment office and every year at Vandal Friday.

"There are a lot of kids who look for fire department programs like this," he said.

Students must pass a firefighter fitness test to qualify for the program. Fitness standards relate to many aspects of being a firefighter such as being able to carry a fire hose up a ladder. Accepted residents will be given training at the station by a training officer in a week-long orientation the last week before the fall semester. Testing will begin at the end of the month.

"We realize we are a trimming department," Reynolds said. "You can

pretty much come in without experience."

Just like the residence halls and Greek system, there is no alcohol allowed in the stations and Veseth said responding to fires can get in the way of school at times. He also said it can be a good experience when going to college.

"We're pretty strict with the kids but they really live up to it," Reynolds said.

Veseth said the residential program is similar to an internship where experience is gathered by jumping into the actions of fire fighting and responding to emergency calls.

"Other jobs, interns are not supposed to do anything," he said. "Here, we're in charge of safety"

SPEAKER FROM SPACE

NSBE brings astronaut to UI

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Graduate student Richard Hill, the president of the National Society of Black Engineers, is thrilled at the prospects of meeting his organizations next guest lecturer, Mae Jemison.

"A lot of younger people, even people from your generation, don't remember who she is...but she's an icon," he said.

In 1992, Jemison became the world's first black woman to go into space and the city of Chicago's first astronaut in U.S. history. Since her flight, she has formed The Jemison Group, Inc., a technology design and consulting company.

In 2000, Washington created a list of the most likely people that could serve as the first female president, she was near the top of that list," Hill said.

Jemison was elected into the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in 2001. She serves on the board of directors for Scholastic, Inc. and Valspar Corporation and the Texas Governor's State Council for Science and BioTechnology Development. She has received numerous awards and honors including induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame and selection as one of the "People" magazines' 1993 "World's 50 Most Beautiful People."

"Usually in our meetings we dedicate each one to a scientist or engineer who made strides in the community and society," Hill said. "We chose her because she encapsulates so many points of a leader."

It was not easy to locate and schedule Jemison for an appearance, planning began last October and has only recently been finalized.

"We're just trying to tell as many people as possible, just spreading the word and hoping for a great turnout," he said. "I think the great thing about her is anyone can come and get something out of this, not just scientist. She's not going to get on a chalk board and start throwing

see an ASTRONAUT

Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel in space, will speak at 7 p.m. April 24 in the Kibbie Dome. There will be an opening reception for Jemison at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$3 in advance and can be purchased at the UI Ticket Office, 885-7212. Tickets are \$4 at the door.

equations at us, she's talking about people."

Hill said that the most important part of the NSBE is outreach and he sees this event as a continuation of that mission. Besides the guest speakers brought to the campus, the NSBE visits schools around the Palouse.

"The two major components are outreach and exposure," Hill said. "What we'll bring to these schools, most kids have never seen it before, and they are so afraid to touch anything because they don't want to break it. But the more they see it, the more able they are to believe 'hey I could do that one day too.'"

This year the group has travel to schools in Spokane and Clarkston. Hill said that their outreach programs contributed to them winning the NSBE small regional chapter of the year award.

Schools have already reserved seats for the Jemison event, but Hill also wants to attract as many student, faculty and community members as possible.

"If someone comes to this and leaves touched, or even just leaves really thinking, we'll have done our job," Hill said.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. on April 24 in the Kibbie Dome. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 dollars at the door. For further information you can contact the UI ticket office or the SUB information desk.



Mae Jemison

Latah County foundation looking for grant projects

Lisa Montierth
Argonaut

The Latah County Community Foundation is accepting applications for grants to benefit community programs and projects.

Founded in 2000, the LCCF is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Latah County. It gives about \$60,000 a year to non-profit groups that work with civic improvement, the arts, education, youth, health and the environment. So far, LCCF has awarded more than \$250,000 in grants.

In order to be eligible for funding, a group must be a public charity with tax-exempt status and use the funding for a charitable purpose.

Foundation director Kenton Bird said that LCCF looks favorably on innovative projects that want to deal with old problems in new ways.

"We are always interested

in funding groups that address needs outside of Moscow, in the small towns and rural areas of Latah County," Bird said.

Though the LCCF will consider grants of up to \$3,000, smaller grants have a greater chance of being funded. Jay Pengilly, president of the LCCF, said the foundation is especially interested in receiving applications from groups that have never received a LCCF grant.

Three types of funding are awarded: project or program support for new or existing programs, capacity building support to improve an organization's ability to serve its constituents and start-up support for new organizations or projects.

The last round of grants were awarded in February. The three largest grants, each \$3,000, were given to Regional Public Transportation, the Palouse Audubon Society, and the Moscow Central

Lions Club. The groups plan to use this money for the purchase of two new mini-buses, a community wildlife viewing area at the wetlands along Paradise Creek and additional playground equipment for Lions Park.

Other grants awarded provided for family science outreach programs in Latah County, a pool cover and exercise chairs for the Gritman Wellness Center and round pens and barn panels to accommodate rescued animals.

Bird said the foundation is also interested in projects that reach under-served members of the community, such as people with disabilities or low-income families.

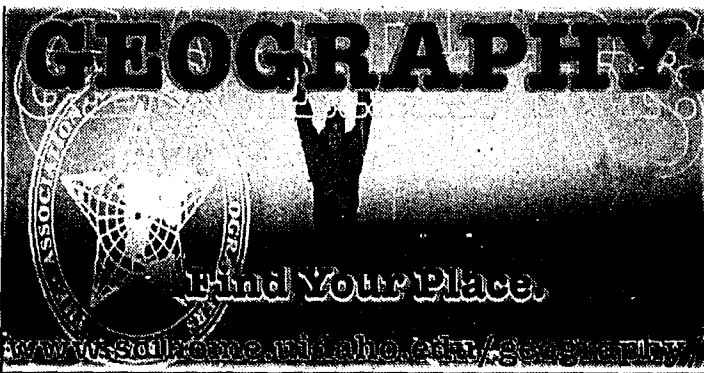
Grant applications will be reviewed by the foundation's board of directors and a 24-member community advisory board.

The LCCF was founded with a large gift from former Moscow resident Janet

Lecompte, which has continued to fund grants with its investment earnings.

Applications should be postmarked no later than Friday and sent to Latah Foundation, P.O. Box 9049, Moscow. They may also be delivered

before 5 p.m. that day to offices of Hayden & Ross, 315 S. Almon in Moscow. Application guidelines are available from the Foundation's Web site, www.latahfoundation.org. Grants will be awarded in May.



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CAMPUS ENERGY

Project examines lab buildings' energy use

Agricultural Biotechnology lab produces as much carbon emissions as 273 vehicles

Editor's note: 'Campus energy' is a series examining the University of Idaho's carbon footprint and how much energy is used by buildings on campus. It will run every Tuesday until the end of the semester.

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

The place is bright. Students pass by in long white lab coats. The smell is distinctive, a mix of cleaning fluids and other chemicals. For Rakesh Kamal and Harshana Thimmanna, walking around the Agricultural Biotechnology building was like walking into a doctor's office, not into the University of Idaho's biggest energy consumer.

The AgBio building, built in 2001, uses at least 15 percent more energy than any other building on campus. Its yearly carbon emissions equal that of 273 typical motor vehicles.

As part of their grant-funded proj-

ect to create a more sustainable campus, the AgBio building is one of 12 buildings UI graduate students Kamal and Thimmanna have researched and compared to other building of similar use. The building most comparable with the AgBio building is the Gauss Johnson Engineering Laboratory, which has an annual carbon emission equaling that of 29 automobiles.

Richard Nagy, UI facility resource conservation manager, said the comparison is as fair as possible although the GJEL is half labs, half not. Since the AgBio building is a relatively new building fully comprised of laboratories, he said its energy use isn't surprising.

"It's not how we built the building," he said. "It's that we put labs in it."

Nagy said safety is the main issue. By law buildings are required to have a certain amount of ventilation for each occupant based on use. He said desire to make laboratories more en-

ergy efficient is a relatively new concept, one that was previously marred by the concern of safety.

"It was, 'energy be damned,'" he said. "It was all about the safety."

Nagy said air in those labs must be in constant circulation to keep harmful fumes from spreading throughout the building. Since air is circulated from outside the building air handlers are also working to raise and lower the temperature of the outside air in order to maintain building comfort.

The GJEL has two air handlers, one for the labs and another for all the classrooms. Nagy said energy use in the Gauss Johnson building is less because there is no need to circulate all air outside in classrooms,

some can be circulated from room to room.

The GJEL reaches a sort of sleep mode during night hours when it is not in use. Air handlers only kick on when air inside the building reaches certain extremes in temperature.

Nagy said since the AgBio building is in constant use even late into the night, a sleep mode would be impossible to use.

"They've got some serious research going on in there," he said. "You can't just mix (air) up and return it to people."

Richard
NAGY

Resource conservation manager

The AgBio building was also the first in the state to have a Bio Safety Lab 3, a high-tech lab used to keep all materials inside from escaping.

Raymond Pankopf, director of UI

architectural and engineering services, said researchers use the BSL3 to determine how different diseases affect crops. He said it is important to conduct these experiments in such a closed environment not because there is a danger to humans, but a danger to crops.

The Gauss Johnson building has been around since the 1930s. Pankopf, said it was renovated with an up-to-date mechanical heating ventilation and air conditioning system in 1999. The HVAC system has full digital control, thus allowing a more energy efficient mode when not in use.

Pankopf said both of the buildings were constructed to comply with energy concerns of their time but may not meet the expectations of today's sustainability concerns.

Kamal and Thimmanna have not completely finished their research of the lab buildings, but said they have some ideas as to how their consumption could be reduced. Their suggestions focus mainly on lighting, including adding motion sensors that would regulate lights when rooms weren't in use.

New vice president of research ready to make a change

McIver will begin overseeing university research projects in June

Liz Virtue
Argonaut

Jack McIver has traveled the world to pursue his love of research and laser technology. He has lived in Moscow, Russia; London and Albuquerque, N.M. McIver will make the move to Idaho in June to assume the position of vice president of research at the University of Idaho.

McIver currently serves as the interim vice president of research and economic development at the University of

New Mexico. He has worked in New Mexico for six years and said it was a great experience but he is ready to come to UI.

"The University of Idaho is poised to grow and the leadership there is very good," McIver said. "All of the pieces are there to do some interesting things. Better yet there are people at the university who want to do them."

As the vice president of research, McIver will supervise any policies or procedures that relate to research, tech-

nology transfer, economic development and regulatory

compliance at UI. He will also administer UI's research office and work closely with other research institutes and facilities across the state. McIver said his global experience makes him a suitable candidate for the job.

"I am bringing a lot of communications and relationships with me," McIver said.

One of McIver's biggest goals is to work closely with other universities in the state of Idaho and bridge the gap that

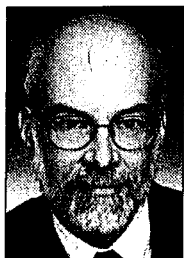
exists between them, he said.

"I want to form partnerships with other universities," McIver said. "I think it's important that we work collaboratively to cut down on the competition between us and make each of us stronger."

Greg Bohach, the associate dean for research in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said McIver was chosen

from a large pool of candidates nationwide. President Tim White created a multidisciplinary selection committee that included students and faculty from different fields to meet with potential contenders. McIver was interviewed for the position and the committee agreed he was the right one for the job.

"Jack has a great personality," Bohach said. "Uniformly, people felt comfortable communicating with him."



Jack
McIver

The research position had been open for more than a year after the former vice president retired. Bohach said the committee looked at numerous candidates but thought McIver would bring something innovative to the university.

"Jack will bring a new perspective and many years of experience," he said. "He has a long history of doing research and is very active in his own field."

McIver will start the job on June 2 but said he hopes to be in Idaho before then to adjust to his new lifestyle. He has never lived in Idaho before but said he is ready for a change of scenery.

"I like the outdoors and I like fishing," McIver said. "I simply like open spaces as opposed to big cities."

However, there is one thing McIver said he will miss most about his home in New Mexico.

"Green chili," he said.

"If you haven't had it, you haven't lived."

Jokes aside, McIver said he is going to miss his friends and colleagues, as well as the culture and diversity that exists in New Mexico.

Diversity is one thing McIver said he feels strongly about and one thing he would like to strengthen at UI.

Bohach said McIver's talk of creating more diversity at UI is one of the things the selection committee enjoyed.

"He has a strong commitment to diversity and a strong commitment to research, not only in the hard sciences but in the humanities as well," he said.

While McIver is excited for new job in administration, he said it wasn't something he thought he would be doing.

"In college I had the typical attitude that only an idiot would be in administration or go to the 'dark side,' as they call it," McIver said. "But at some point you should look at studying policies and giving the younger faculty experience teaching."

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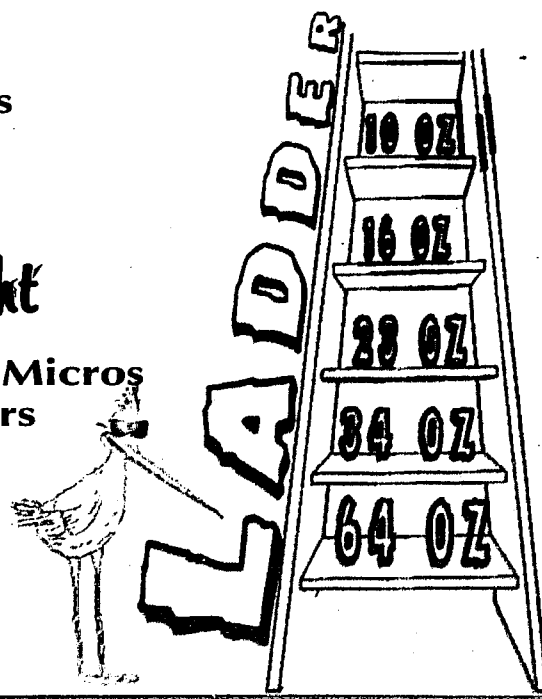
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April 8

6:44 p.m. Perimeter Dr.: Report of a calf walking around, heading towards Perimeter Drive.

April 9

1:12 p.m. LLCs: Report of people smoking marijuana.

April 10

3:37 a.m. Deakin Ave.: Report of people shooting pellet guns out of a house.

5:49 p.m. LLCs: Report of people doing drugs in a room.
5:51 p.m. LLCs: Bike reported stolen.

April 11

11:46 a.m. Beta Theta Pi: Report of loud noise and music.

12:41 p.m. St. Augustine Catholic Center: Caller found a wallet she would like to turn in.

8:07 p.m. Alpha Kappa Lambda: Fire alarm.

April 12

2:02 p.m. Delta Tau Delta: Report of loud music.

3:52 p.m. Wallace: Report of a hit and run on vehicle. Minimal damage.

8:47 p.m. Sigma Nu: Woman reporting underage kids drinking in fraternity.

April 13

7:19 p.m. Taylor Ave: Report of someone riding a dirt bike around in a field.

7:51 p.m. LLC's: Caller reporting her laptop stolen.

Threats close three colleges in Midwest

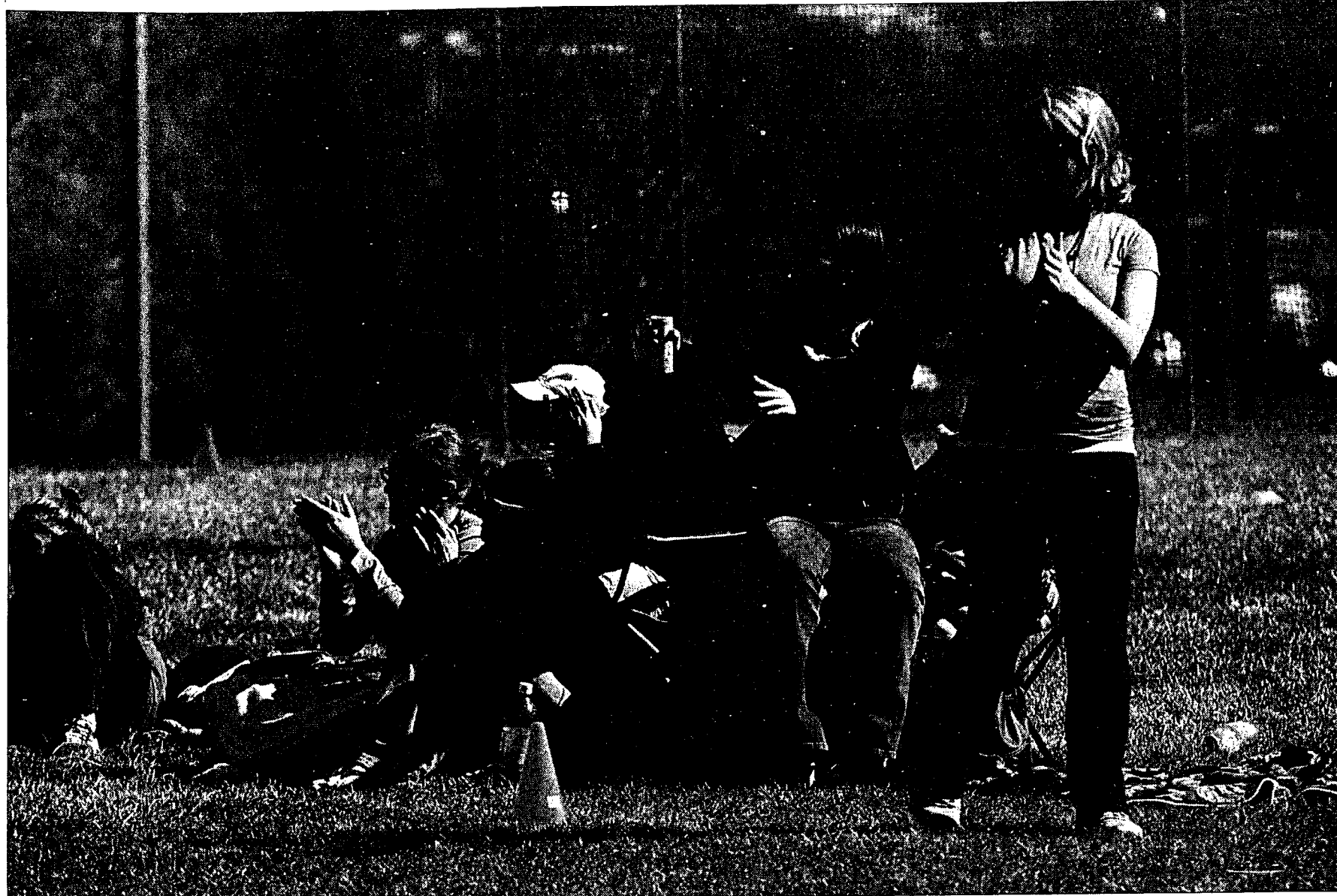
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CHICAGO — A message scrawled in a university bathroom — "Be prepared to die on 4/14" — left not just the college's campus empty Monday, but also those of two adjoining high schools and a pair of nearby elementary schools.

After the precautions were taken at St. Xavier University on the city's southwest side, Malcolm X College evacuated students and canceled daytime classes Monday after a similar threat was found in a bathroom at the campus west of downtown. And Michigan's Oakland University was closed Monday because of threatening graffiti mentioning April 14.

The closures, two days before the anniversary of the Virginia Tech killings and two months after the deadly rampage at Northern Illinois University, illustrate the challenge such threats pose to school administrators, who have to decide just how seriously to take them.

"I can see why they're doing it for the safety of the kids. But I see it as over the top," said Lynn Ruggiero, whose daughter is a freshman at one of the high schools that shares a campus with Xavier and closed Monday.



Clifford Murphy/Argonaut

Shamrock fans from the Kappa Delta sorority cheer as teams compete in the 2008 Shamrock philanthropy Saturday morning on the practice fields outside of the Kibbie Dome. The annual event raises proceeds to be used to prevent child abuse locally and nationwide.

Kickin' it with Kappa Deltas

Cyrella Watson
Argonaut

Having fun in the sun was on the minds of participants at this weekend's Kappa Delta Shamrock soccer tournament.

Proceeds from the annual philanthropy go to Prevent Child Abuse America and to Young Children and Family Programs of the Palouse.

The soccer tournament was Saturday and Sunday at the Kibbie Dome. Seven teams competed against each other Saturday and 10 teams played Sunday for fun.

The winner of the competitive day was a team called BAMF and the winner of the recreational day was the Sigma Chi team. The teams won a dinner at the KD house and T-shirts.

Ryan Cutler said his team decided

to play competitively because "competitive is a lot more fun." But he said he was there to have fun, enjoy the nice day and raise money.

Teams were made up of men from the dorms, off-campus housing and fraternities, said Ashley McDougall, KD philanthropy chair.

Junior William Rannels said it was nice to have people from different areas come together and have fun.

More than 120 men participated in the event with seven to eight players on each team. The tournament was played in double elimination with three games going at once.

It was a well-organized event, Rannels said. The sorority had women at the bottom of a hill to catch soccer balls that went too far. Women from KD were referees and coaches.

"We wanted to make sure each team

had a support system," said Nicole Hochstrasser, KD philanthropy chair.

The sorority has hosted the soccer tournament since the house was founded on the University of Idaho campus in 1972.

McDougall said the event usually doesn't enjoy good weather, so she was excited for the sun this year.

"They (KD) do all the work so we could come out here and have fun," Rannels said.

Rannels said his team has won several intramurals and decided to step up and compete this year because they have a good team.

"It's just another opportunity to come out and play," Rannels said.

The sorority raised money with a registration fee of \$35 for each team or \$60 if a team wanted to play both days.

Sigma Chi played both days and Phi Delta Theta had two teams playing during the two day tournament.

Rannels said a lot of national organizations raise money for child abuse and it was good to see a sorority helping out, too.

McDougall said the sorority raised more than \$5,000 last year, but they are hoping to raise \$6,000 this year.

From the money KD raises, 20 percent goes to Prevent Child Abuse America and 80 percent goes to Young Children and Family Programs of the Palouse.

KD sent out requests for donations to local businesses and placed cans around campus. Also, the house has and will continue to sell prevent child abuse bracelets for \$1 each. Anyone interested can call 885-4686 or stop by the KD house.

Bikes need to stay safe on streets

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

Spring is here, and with the disappearance of frigid temperatures and bitter wind comes a warmer, more bicycle friendly climate.

Moscow Police Officer Joe Knickerbocker has spent five years on the street as a bike officer and weather permitting, hopes to start his sixth this week. One of his primary concerns when dealing with bike riding is safety.

"Everyone needs to be aware of their own safety," he said. "They need to adopt a new attitude that riders and pedestrians need to be more aware so the responsibility doesn't fall on drivers."

Knickerbocker said that bike riders and people behind the wheel of a vehicle both have a responsibility in ensuring one another's safety.

"Just because a car is supposed to stop doesn't mean that it can or will," he said.

In 2007 there were two accidents where riders were hurt badly and several close calls, which came at least once a week.

"The ones who are taking the risks and saying 'I can beat that car,' they're the ones who are going to pay," he said.

The area of greatest risk is the crosswalk across State Highway 8, at the corner of Peterson Drive.

"There's too much clutter around the Tesoro side of the crosswalk," said Dave Lehmitz, the campus liaison officer for the Moscow Police Department.

People who wish to cross can activate a flashing light to try and warn drivers of their intentions.

"The flashing light would

be much more effective if everyone used it," Knickerbocker said. Many people ignore the light and try to cross the road without turning it on.

He also said it's important to try and make eye contact with drivers before attempting to cross the road.

The crosswalks that cross Sixth Street by the LLCs are also high risk areas.

Knickerbocker said that people expect cars to instantly stop for them when they set foot into the crosswalk, and that can't always happen.

"If someone steps off the sidewalk into the street, and doesn't give the vehicle enough time to stop, then they can get cited," he said.

The citation runs around \$50 or \$60, and Knickerbocker said they give some out each year.

"A lot of times, getting hit and bouncing off the concrete

is more than enough," he said.

Knickerbocker went on to say that riding the bike is the same as driving a vehicle.

"If you're on a bike, you're on a vehicle and you have to obey the laws of the road like anyone else," he said.

While it's impossible to get a DUI while riding a bicycle, speeding tickets can be issued. Any ticket earned on a bike will go against the riders' drivers license.

With the influx of bike riders in spring comes a surge in the number of bikes reported stolen. According to Lehmitz, they receive reports of a couple hundred stolen bikes each year.

Moscow city code says that anyone with a bicycle in the city of Moscow must register it with the police department. Bikes are also required to have a headlight for night riding.

"We recover a lot of bikes and they're not licensed. People don't know the bike's serial number, so we auction them off at the city auction," Lehmitz said.

In 2007, the city of Moscow auctioned close to 600 bikes.

"The responsibility really comes down to the owner in this case," Lehmitz said. "Don't allow yourself to become a victim."

By registering a bike with the police department, the chances of getting it back are much higher.

In 2007, a bike registered to the city of Moscow was found in California, and the authorities were able to return it to its owner who had since moved there.

Also, locking a bike drastically cuts down on the chances of it being stolen.

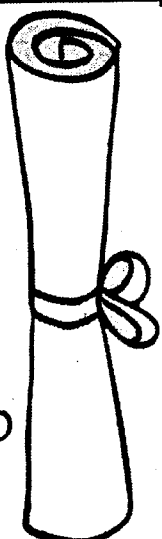
"Very rarely do you get someone breaking the lock," Lehmitz said.

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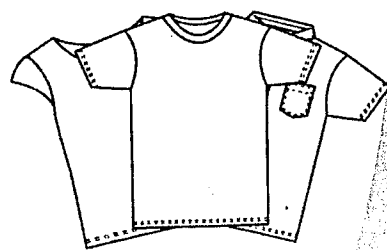


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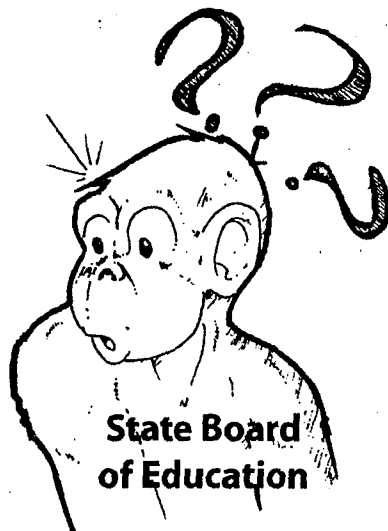
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State Board of Education

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OurVIEW

Asleep at the table

Every year, the Idaho State Board of Education asks for budget proposals from the colleges and universities of this state. Every year, representatives of these schools go through a process to determine what would be best for their institutions. These proposals generally come in the form of tuition and fee increase requests.

The proposals are taken before the board where they then hit deaf ears.

It isn't just UI that can't seem to get anything done when it comes to convincing the board that these increases have been carefully thought out and are not designed simply to put more money into the pockets of university leaders.

UI representatives including ASUI President Jon Gaffney and Vice President of Finance and Administration Lloyd Mues did their best in asking for a 7.94 percent increase in fees and tuition, which would go into the activities and matriculation budget.

And like last year, when a 5.9 percent increase was asked for, a 5 percent increase was granted.

This isn't money that will be taken from another school or from the overall state budget. This is money that current students and administration have determined is a relative cost increase needed

in order to better serve the student body.

The appearance is that the SBOE has arbitrarily chosen a number for every school. Boise State requested a 6.1 percent increase and received a 5 percent increase. Eastern Idaho Technical College asked for 3.1 percent and received 2 percent. Lewis-Clark State College requested 5 percent and that's what it was given.

The lone exception was Idaho State. ISU asked for a 7 percent increase, which was dropped to 6 percent. ISU is now the most expensive school in the state.

Is the SBOE asleep at the wheel? Or at the table, where all their decisions are made?

UI remains a good deal as far as the price of education goes and the proposed fee increases would not have changed that. Paying a little more to get a better education at a reasonable price is something many students and members of the faculty and administration agree on.

While on the surface it seems noble that the SBOE wants to keep Idaho schools inexpensive and affordable, it is instead causing UI to simply become cheap.

If they could stay awake for an entire session, perhaps they would realize it.

—TJT

Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Facebook famous

Former sports editor Robert Taylor started a T.J. Tranchell fan page on Facebook. I won't be hurt if you aren't my fan, but an interesting question was raised: should I put that on my resume? Probably not.

—T.J.

Wheat discovery

I try my hardest to eat healthy. You may not think so because I am frequently munching on cookies and candy when someone walks into the office. But without fail I always eat wheat bread. I don't really like it unless it's honey wheat, which sort of defeats the purpose, but I do eat it nonetheless. So I was so happy when I bought fresh-baked wheat bread from the Co-op. It is by far the best wheat I have ever tasted. I wish they sold it everywhere.

—Alexis

Welcome wringer?

I feel like we are having Monty Python seasons this year. You know, when winter decides to give spring and summer a-miss and go straight on into autumn? We almost have an entirely new season, some sort of winter/spring hybrid. Maybe we can call it wringer? Or springer?

—Savannah

'Deep thoughts'

Walking on even the smallest amount of gravel can be tasking in heels. Thanks to my towering choice of footwear, I almost ate dirt walking onto campus yesterday. Then I thought (among the shower of "deep thoughts" I had yesterday): does my insurance cover injury caused by wearing tall shoes on gravel?

—Christina N.

Short shorts

I was inspired the other day when it was beautiful outside and I bought

a nice pair of shorts. I know it will be a while before I can actually wear them, but it made me feel good to have something summery in my closet. For anyone who is mad at the weather, go buy yourself a summer treat. I promise it will make you feel better.

—Ryli

Air cars

If someone had told me 15 years ago that I would see air cars in my lifetime, I would have thought of the amazing freedom that cruising far above streets would give me. Now it seems that air cars will soon be a widely available reality, albeit much different than what I would have imagined. Instead of offering us the freedom to fly, they will offer us freedom from dirty, depletable energy sources that fuel war and empiricism as much as transportation. Check out the future on YouTube.

—Alec

Ooey-gooley

As if waking up to rain clouds wasn't depressing enough, thousands of worms decided to sacrifice themselves to April showers by crawling onto the wet sidewalks, only to be crushed by passersby. Terrible. My heart bleeds for each of their five hearts. Okay, that's a bit dramatic. But I do wish the robins would at least eat them.

—Roger

Sweet relief? Nope.

The Mormons have found me. Again. They simply will not rest until I'm a baptized Jell-O eater that actively quilts and reproduces, because now I'm on the Relief Society's e-mail list. I've politely declined the peddling of their wares for 21 years now and they just keep comin'. They must work closely with the FBI and/or the Girl Scouts, because I've developed some sweet NASCAR evasive maneuvers to avoid them. I think it must be my grandmother tipping them off. You know, doing the Lord's work. Or would that be Lords' work?

—Christina L.

Rhetoric leaves bitter aftertaste

Hillary Clinton is trying to sabotage the Democrats' chances of winning the presidency in November. Of course, she believes otherwise because she wants to be the nominee, but her campaign's attacks on Barack Obama have become so vitriolic and divisive that it almost feels like the party is being forcefully wedged in half.

This weekend's controversy came after Obama gave a speech in which he said people in small towns who have lost their jobs cling to guns, religion and prejudice against immigrants and other people different from them. He said voters have become "bitter," which has become the anti-Obama buzzword of the week.

Clinton saw an opening and immediately went on the offensive. She called Obama's comments "elitist"

and "out of touch." Future Republican nominee John McCain had similar criticisms, repeating Clinton's

"elitist" comment while throwing in "condescension" for good measure. It's no surprise to hear McCain railing against either Democratic candidate, but Clinton is further alienating herself from mainstream Democrats by going after someone who is on his way to being the party's nominee.

The media has focused mainly on Clinton's criticisms, disregarding what Obama actually meant by his statements. He said unemployed workers in places like Pennsylvania, which has a primary on April 22, were promised a resurgence in industrial and manu-

facturing jobs by both the Clinton and Bush administrations.

"Each successive administration has said that somehow these communities are going to regenerate, and they have not," Obama said.

It's not just about jobs. Many Americans are bitter. We're bitter about the insane amounts of money that have been spent in Iraq, creating a huge deficit and taking money away from social services and infrastructure repair that America badly needs. We're bitter about not having affordable health care. Politicians as of late haven't adequately addressed these issues. Out of desperation, voters begin explosive debates about God, guns and gays, which tend to attract the attention of candidates and the media more than the "real issues."

As for elitism, Clinton and

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MailBOX

Addressing retiree concerns

Thursday, April 17 between 10:00 a.m. and noon, Jeff Harkins and I will convey our concerns about the changes to the University of Idaho's health/life insurance program to the State Board of Education (Regents) in the Clearwater-Whitewater Room in the Commons Building on campus.

The UI policy implemented last year is not the "deal" that retirees expected and deserve. The life insurance plan alone has cost us at least \$10 million in lost benefits as well as untold millions in health insurance. I will focus on UI's two early retirement programs (ERIP and VSROP), but will include all retirees classified as emeritus faculty or honored staff. I believe that UI erred when it dramatically changed the retiree's insurance program without contacting individual ERIP/VSROP participants as stipulated in legal contracts. Jeff and I will also describe the GASB 45 program and why it should not be a consideration for our retiree benefits. Why am I doing this? I was part of the administration during the ERIP/VSROP programs and retired after 33 years at UI. I feel it is important to try and uphold promises made to faculty and staff who trustingly signed contracts or worked faithfully for many years believing that their

compensation included paid life/health insurance after retirement. I know that many retirees are concerned about UI's new insurance policy and Jeff and I urge you to attend this important meeting.

Earl H. Bennett
Professor Emeritus, former dean, College of Mines and Earth Resources and College of Science

Don't brush aside the message

The Argonaut story on faculty moral and the Yardley report misrepresented faculty opinion. The story was apparently derived from only two sources, a representative of the AFT (Dr. Nick Gier) and a representative of Faculty Council (Dr. Paul Oman). Although Dr. Gier and Dr. Oman are well meaning and intelligent people, they are not representative of many key faculty constituencies.

The AFT has a very small membership at UI, largely because they confuse equal pay with salary equity. Very few faculty would agree to leveling all faculty salaries on campus according to years of service. It is a basic fact that some disciplines command higher salaries. Paying faculty exclusively according to how many years they have stayed at Idaho would lead almost every scientist, engineer, business school, or law school professor

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TEEJOCRACY

Author bio: liar, thief, drug dealer

Writers spin fantastic tales meant to engage their chosen audiences. This is true for novelists, memoirists, technical writers, those who write about travel and even award-winning college columnists.

It is the job of anyone who puts pen to paper — or finger to keyboard, these days — to do their best to bring in readers any way they can.

Lying about one's work, however, is the ultimate sin.

Plagiarism claims and admissions have been popping up in the news far too much lately for my taste. I can't stand it. Every time a new case comes to my attention, I throw up in my mouth and a small part of my soul dies.



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And when someone admits that their supposedly true story is full of lies, I get angry and I feel betrayed.

So, James Frey, Mischa Defonseca, Margaret B. Jones, JT LeRoy — whose work I actually liked — and now Thomas Kohnstamm, you can all go to hell.

Kohnstamm is claiming that the travel books he wrote for Lonely Planet Books are false, specifically that he didn't travel to Columbia for a guide he wrote about the South American nation.

Granted, I wouldn't want to go to Columbia, either, but it was his job. He's supposed to be brave and adventurous. Instead, he's about to make a bunch of money for being a

liar.

His book "Do Travel Writers Go to Hell? A Swashbuckling Tale of High Adventures, Questionable Ethics and Professional Hedonism" is set for release next week. In the book, Kohnstamm states that he wrote international travel books from San Francisco and that he sold drugs to supplement his income.

Right now, I'm inclined not to believe him. Why should I? When the "truth" seems produced just to make an extra buck, I refuse to believe it.

True or not, I'm not buying his book. He can starve for all I care. Not every travel writer will go to hell — Bill Bryson probably has a cloud reserved for him — but Kohnstamm definitely should.

Unfortunately, many people will buy his book, getting him time on national talk shows and plenty of

other exposure.

Part of me almost didn't write this just because I knew it would only drive some of you to his work, hence putting more food on his plate.

But that's the great thing. You get to decide for yourself if you buy Kohnstamm's story — literally and figuratively.

Who knows? Maybe the writing is good. Millions of people chose not to seek refunds after buying Frey's "A Million Little Pieces" because the writing was decent. Many of them even bought his next book.

LeRoy was supposed to be a maverick music writer, a young homosexual boy who managed to get backstage for shows I would love to have covered. Turns out LeRoy wasn't a gay version of Cameron Crowe. Instead LeRoy is actually a

woman and a few years older than her LeRoy persona. I'm mad at her for making me believe in someone that didn't exist, but I can't deny that the writing is great.

So maybe we need a new literary category and I know where we can get it.

There is one place where we never expect the entire truth. We go in knowing there will be composite characters and chronology might be altered.

When we see movies and those words "Based on a True Story" precede everything else, we know we will get some — but not all — of the truth.

Look for the new "based on true stories" section coming soon to a bookstore near you. It's either that or everything should be labeled fiction.

LETTERS

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to go elsewhere. Gier surely knew that law professors made higher salaries than philosophy professors when he chose to study philosophy. Rather, UI faculty should be paid equitably with comparable faculty at peer institutions. The objective is to keep the best faculty here, not to drive away the ones most in demand.

As for Yardley, the only input Faculty Council received on the Yardley report was strongly in favor of taking it seriously. But Oman and some others on Faculty Council were predisposed to dismiss the report before taking public comment. The Yardley report was not the first time UI has been told to take its research a graduate missions more seriously. Research brings in more than \$100 million a year to the university. More importantly, creating knowledge is why we exist — it's what distinguishes university from high school. The Yardley report correctly observed, yet again, that many UI administrators and faculty have not adequately supported or appreciated the research and graduate enterprise. That message should not be brushed away because it is "insulting" or "divisive."

James A. Foster
Professor, biological sciences

Please, look it up

Regarding Herbert Hoover's do-nothingness ("Wait-and-see versus unproven potential," Benjamin Ledford, April 8). Look him up in Wiki and find out that he actually did quite a lot to try to deal with the economic downturn. But, some of what he did made things worse. There is one interesting paragraph in Wiki that has echoes in this year's campaign with all the talk of protectionism and higher taxes:

"In 1930 Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which raised tariffs on over 20,000 dutiable items, despite the protests of economists. Major trading partners, like Canada, immediately retaliated. The tariff, combined with the 1932 Revenue Act, which hiked taxes and fees across the board, is often blamed for deepening the depression. It brought on a wave of retaliation and choked world trade."

John Knudsen, Honored emeritus retiree economics, finance and information systems

Olympics are never about politics

Amy Spiro

Washington Square News (NYU)

NEW YORK — Last week, the United States, along with most European sports ministers, ruled out the possibility of boycotting the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China. Protesters against China's poor human rights record, specifically its often-brutal occupation of Tibet, have been calling for a boycott in order to pressure China to amend its cruel policies.

However, it looks like a widespread boycott is out of the question, and I'm not so sure that's a bad thing. First, Olympic boycotts, though newsworthy and public, don't seem to accomplish much. Consider the boycott of the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow by more than 50 countries. The boycott was a reaction to the December 1979 invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union. Jimmy Carter issued an ultimatum to the Soviets to withdraw, which they failed to heed, resulting in the boycott.

It was a victory for the protesters and the passionate rioters, but did it ultimately do any good? After all, the war didn't end until 1989, with a doubtful link to the boycott 10 years ago. We only succeeded in giving the participating countries more medals and depriving athletes of a chance that may never come again in their careers.

Which brings me to my next point. At its core, the Olympics are not about politics, war or economics. It's about bringing together athletes from all countries around the world to compete on equal footing. Making the games about politics and international affairs is unfair to the athletes, coaches and their fans at home.

Chapter one of the Fundamental Principles of the Olympic Charter states that "Olympism

is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles."

Making the games a political tool goes against the universal reason for the existence of the games and perverts them from their original intent.

Of course, this doesn't mean we can ignore the humanitarian crimes that China is perpetrating against its people and the people of Tibet. But the Olympic games can actually provide an outlet for the kind of international reaction necessary to change the status quo. At the start of the games, the international press will descend upon Beijing and it will be much more difficult for China to continue to act the way it does under continuous and extensive scrutiny.

Reporters may be there to cover the games, but something tells me someone might notice if Katie Couric were sent to jail because China employed their common practice of sending political dissidents to prison, claiming they "incited state subversion" (as was the case with the Chinese human rights activist Hu Jia).

Instead, the Olympic coverage that will take place in Beijing will likely expose China to an even greater level of international criticism than before.

In 1936, the Summer Olympics were hosted in Berlin, Germany, at a time when anti-Semitism was growing and Adolf Hitler had already been in power for three years. Much debate over allowing the games to go forward was held, citing the German's inclusion of only "Aryan" athletes representing Germany and

their decision to bar Jews or gypsies from attending events.

After controversy raged a boycott was not held, and Germany superficially cleaned up its streets, removing "Jews not welcome" signs and lessening anti-Jewish rhetoric. Had these Olympics not taken place, I doubt that World War II and the Holocaust would have been prevented, and the world would never have seen Jesse Owens win four gold medals, throwing into doubt the supposedly superior Aryan race. But most importantly, it is no longer 1936. The world, more specifically the media, is incredibly advanced and capable of truly covering the Olympics from every angle.

The 2008 Olympics in China would provide the legitimate outlet needed for reporters to descend on Beijing from every country in the world.

A small but dedicated group of students, the NYU chapter of Students for a Free Tibet, have their own opinions on the matter. Sogvel Lungay, a CAS junior and the president of the organization, argues that a boycott is the only moral choice.

"When [China] received the Olympic bid eight years ago it promised to improve its human rights situation and allow great freedom of press," Lungay said. "However, the human rights situation in Tibet and China is getting steadily worse."

He continues by explaining that the government's attempts to portray the Tibetans as happy and prosperous were thwarted when peaceful protests in Tibet's capital began.

"Also, the Chinese government is clearly using the Olympic torch relay as a political tool when it scheduled a Tibetan leg within the domestic relay," he said.

RHETORIC

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McCain should take a look in the money mirror. CNN's Web site reports that Obama's net worth is currently \$1.3 million. That sounds like a lot, but not compared to

Clinton's net worth of \$34.9 million. She and Bill own \$5.9 million worth of houses. McCain is worth \$40.4 million, and his wife, Cindy, is the heir to the Anheuser-Busch beer distribution business. Mr. Maverick has spent more than 20 years in the Senate, the American mecca of elitism.

Clinton says people don't

"need a president who looks down on them." Obama rebutted by pointing out that she voted for a bankruptcy bill sponsored by credit card companies that made it harder for people to get out of debt. This was after she took financial contributions from the same sponsors. If that isn't looking down on Americans, then she has

a lot of explaining to do.

"She says I'm out of touch?" Obama asked. "No, I'm in touch. I know exactly what's going on. People are fed up. They're angry and they're frustrated and they're bitter."

Indeed. We're frustrated. We're bitter. We're mad as hell, and we aren't going to take it anymore.

Watch for a new BLOT coming soon

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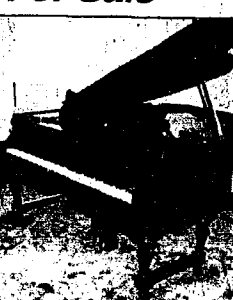
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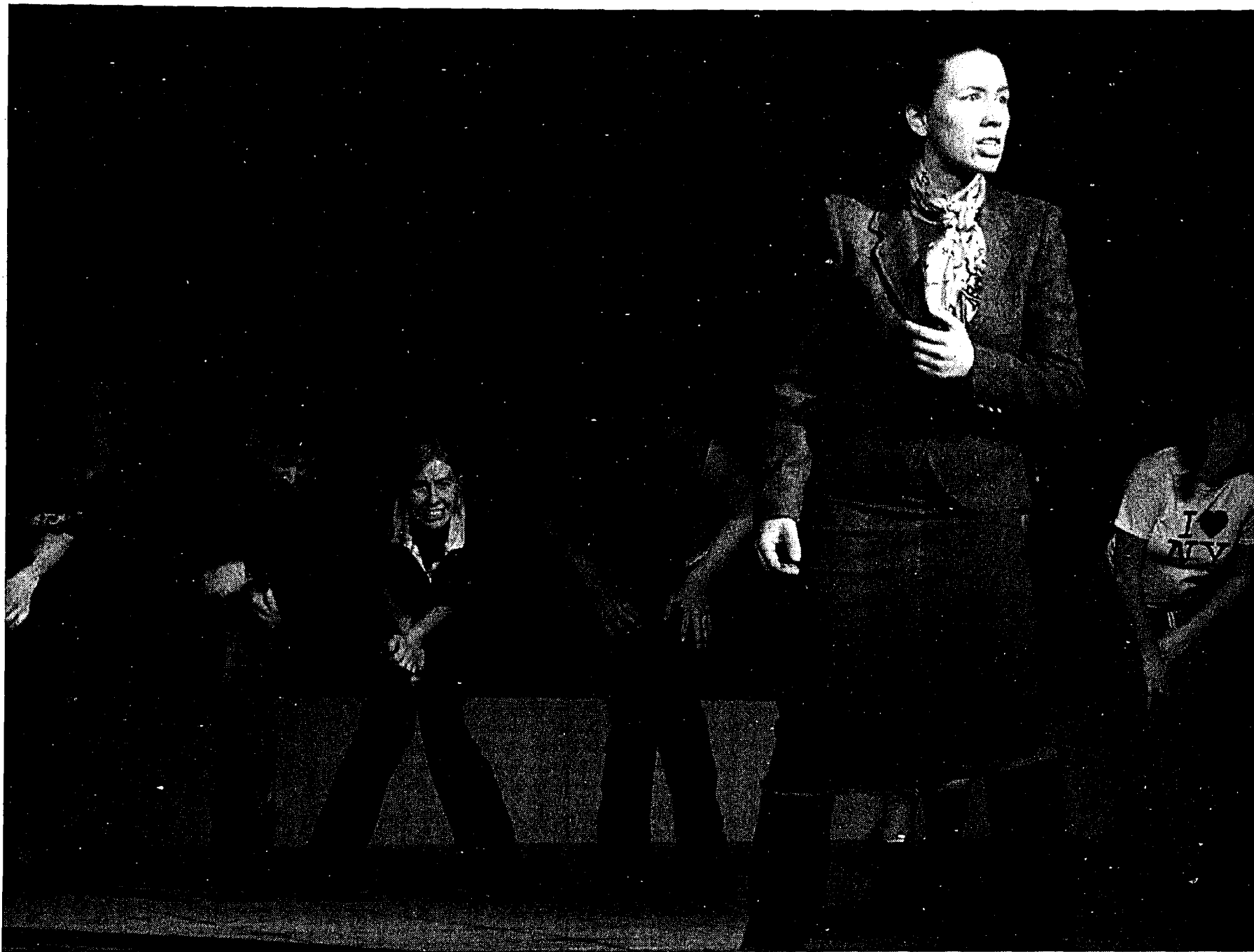
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Urine good company



Jake Barber/Argonaut

The cast of the play "Urinetown" rehearses in the Hartung Theatre Friday evening. "Urinetown" will be running from April 17-20 and April 24-27.

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Director, Diane Johnston warns that if people can get past the title, they will see a great show, and that yes — the show is about pee.

Starting Thursday, April 17, the University of Idaho department of theatre and film will be presenting the award-winning musical comedy, "Urinetown" by Greg Kotis.

The plot of "Urinetown" follows an American society that has just seen a 20-year drought. Water shortages have forced people to surrender control of all water amenities to a corporation called "Urine Good Company," who rations water usage and human waste disposal.

Private restrooms have been made illegal and public restrooms charge admission, causing the poor to relieve themselves in the streets. Thoughts of rebellion against UGC begin to emerge

as the story begins.

Kotis was inspired to write the play after he encountered a pay-per-use toilet during a trip through Europe.

Kotis later collaborated with composer, Mark Hollmann to create the Broadway musical, with the intention of producing a humorous script to poke fun at classic Broadway plays.

"There's a whole slew of musicals that they kind of honor by spoofing them," Johnston said, "but if you're not familiar with those plays, the lyrics are so original it's still completely enjoyable."

The UI Department of Theatre and Film and the Lionel Hampton School of Music have collaborated to produce the show, which has won three Tony Awards, including best director, best original score, and best book of a musical.

"For those who like traditional musicals, it may be fun to see a different approach," Johnston said, "and I see why

sometimes students may not identify with the themes of other musicals, but this one should work for anybody."

"It's absolutely a blast," said actress Bridget Rue Esterhuizen. "It's one of the funniest shows I've ever worked on."

Esterhuizen, who is playing the part of Pennywise (and Josephine, one night) is an MFA candidate for theatre and film and has performed in musicals at the University of Idaho before, including "Oklahoma!"

She said that "Urinetown" has thus far been her favorite musical project.

"This role is especially fun," Esterhuizen said. "As far as developing a character is concerned, the world that Diane is creating is really a no-rules kind of world. Though the content is very real, it sort of defies realism with its style."

Esterhuizen said that Johnston began working on the production with "solid concepts already in place."

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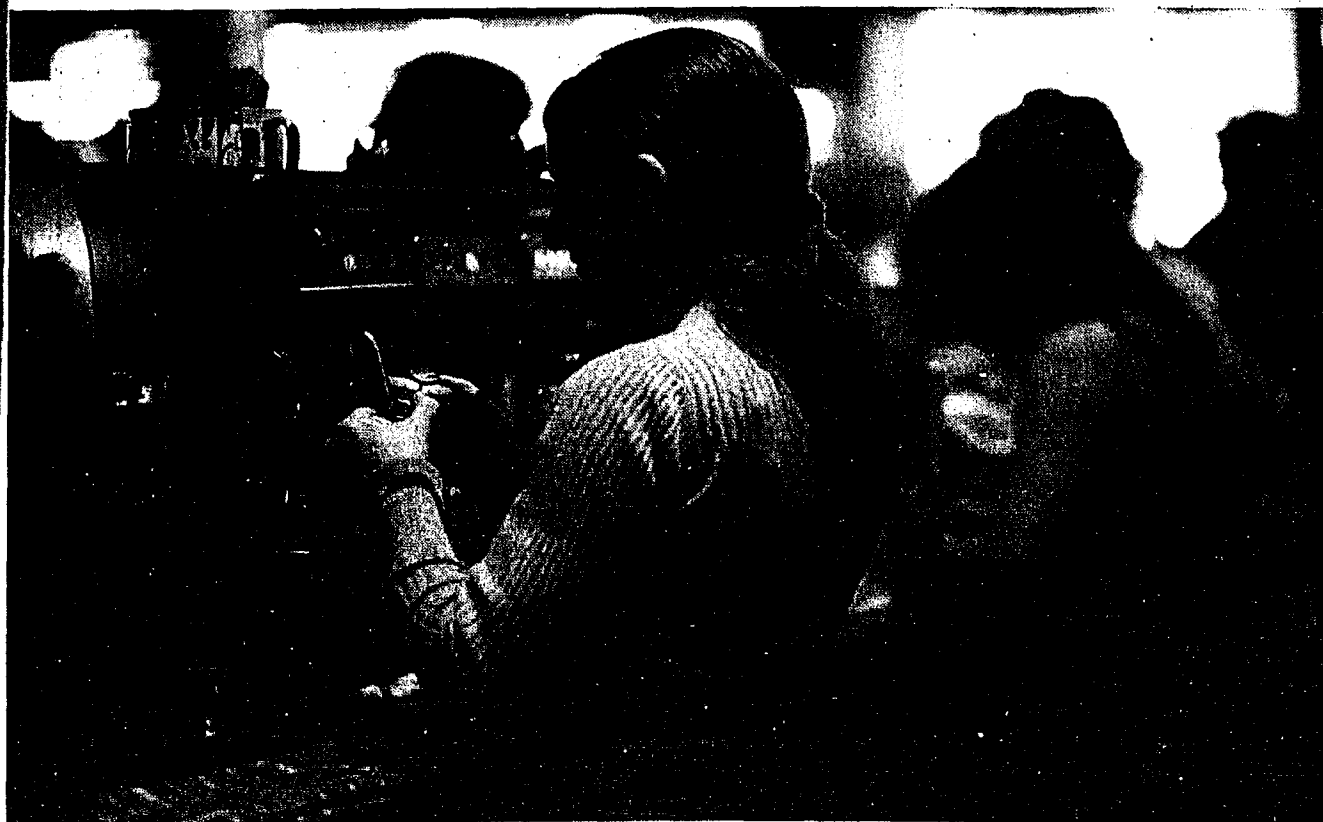
see the SHOW

"Urinetown" will be showing at 7:30 p.m., April 17-19 and 24-26, and at 2 p.m. on April 20 and 27 at the UI Hartung Theatre.

Tickets will cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$7 for youth, UI and WSU students, faculty and staff.

Tickets can be purchased at the UI Kibbie Dome Box Office 885-7212, or www.uitheater.com.

Young businesses still thriving in Moscow



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Ashley Rich adds steamed milk to an espresso drink at Sisters' Brew Coffee House on Sunday. Rich works alongside her sister and mother at this family owned business.

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Two Moscow businesses, West of Paris and Sisters' Brew Coffee House, have both thrived since their opening.

Tucked away on Main Street, Sisters' Brew Coffee House has had more success than its owner anticipated when it first opened in March last year.

Owner Gina Rich said she and her family decided to open Sisters' Brew in Moscow because the town offered them something they were looking for.

Since it was a family decision, they wanted to make sure they moved somewhere appealing to all of them.

Rich, her husband and her two daughters took a test online at www.findyourspot.com, which asked a lot of questions about their ideal place to move.

After comparing their answers and finding out Moscow would be their new home, they drove here from Dallas to be certain.

"Once we decided that Moscow was a town for all of us, we drove here over the weekend and checked it out. We found our store front and just fell in love with the town," she said.

Rich said she likes the area they picked.

"We love having our business here because it's a beautiful area in a small

town that is very viable. It's small enough that you can really get to know people," she said.

Rich said that she's heard people say they like the atmosphere of Sisters' Brew and the consistency of the drink they serve.

She said that they've even had regulars clean up for them or assist some one who was new to the store.

"That would never happen in the big city we came from," Rich said.

Rich said that in the future they will be opening up their Web site to allow access to their meeting room, and even for parents to purchase tabs for students.

While the Rich family intends to stay in Moscow, they've discussed the possibility of expanding to drive-thru and maybe a small store in a nearby town.

"It would just depend on what opportunities we stumbled across," Rich said.

Also located downtown on Main Street is West of Paris, a restaurant dedicated to delivering the French dining experience.

Owned by Chef Francis Foucachon and his wife Donna Foucachon, West of Paris has been offering an intimate and unique dining experience since they first opened in August 2006.

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Authors read for National Library Week

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

For the 50th anniversary of National Library Week, the UI Library is celebrating in a bigger way than just hanging up a banner.

"It was my big idea for the new year," said Gail Eckwright, UI Humanities Librarian.

Eckwright decided that this year the UI library would get people excited about reading, writing and remembering the good that libraries bring.

"Almost everyone can agree that libraries are part of a greater good," she said.

Eckwright started working on the project in January, taking the idea of celebrating National Library Week to a committee and discussing how it might be accomplished.

"What do most people associate with a library? Books," Eckwright said. "And then we

thought: wouldn't it be great to promote the library and at the same time promote faculty and students of UI?"

To promote books and reading, the committee decided to call on UI faculty, staff and students who have published work to read excerpts.

"All they ever get is a blurb," Eckwright said. "This is their chance to promote themselves."

Jodi Haire, UI library's Electronics Resources Supervisor, said these type of celebrations are more common in public libraries versus academic libraries.

"When you embark on this type of thing, you don't realize how time consuming it is," Haire said, which may be why a celebration of National Library Week hasn't happened before at UI.

Haire said it is important for people to be aware that the library is still out there, and despite the

vast internet resources, there are still a lot that librarians and libraries can do for people.

The UI library is beginning to focus more on outreach and engagement.

"We're starting to think differently about how this library works," Haire said.

The week is about raising awareness about libraries and the roles they play in people's lives.

Eckwright said libraries are often subject to budget cuts and this week is a time to remember what libraries do for the public.

"(National Library Week) reminds people we're here for them," she said.

Most readings begin at noon all this week on the first floor of the library.

"We could have hired people to come in, but that wasn't the focus," Haire said. "(The writers) are presenting their own work, it's just part of what people do in

an academic setting. It's a love of writing and getting knowledge out to people."

Excerpts that have not been published will be read, as well as published work that has not been released and already published works.

Today, Rick Spence will read from a work not yet published, "Secret Agent 666."

The book is about a secret agent in Britain.

On Thursday, Kim Barnes will give a sneak peak from her book "A Country Called Home" that is set to be published in September, followed by unpublished new poetry from Bob Wrigley.

Brandon Schrand will wrap up the week reading from his award-winning book "The Enders Hotel: A Memoir" that was recently awarded the Barnes and Noble "Discover Great New Writers" Selection from Summer 2008.

Boy in paradise

Sydney Boyd
Argonaut

Every now and then, a book comes out that is simply exquisitely written.

To try and describe the incandescence of reading UI Coordinator of the Creative Writing Program Brandon Schrand's recently published book, "The Enders Hotel: A Memoir," would be like describing snow to people who have lived in a desert their whole lives.

Even though most will read this book silently, the diction Schrand used still wants to be sounded out and seems to roll around in the reader's mouth and then melt like a good piece of chocolate.

It reads clearly, without frills or gimmicks and tells the unique story of a boy growing up in his version of paradise.

It's straightforward, clean cut and yet still remains rich in description, sending the reader into scenes of the book as though they were standing there next to Schrand.

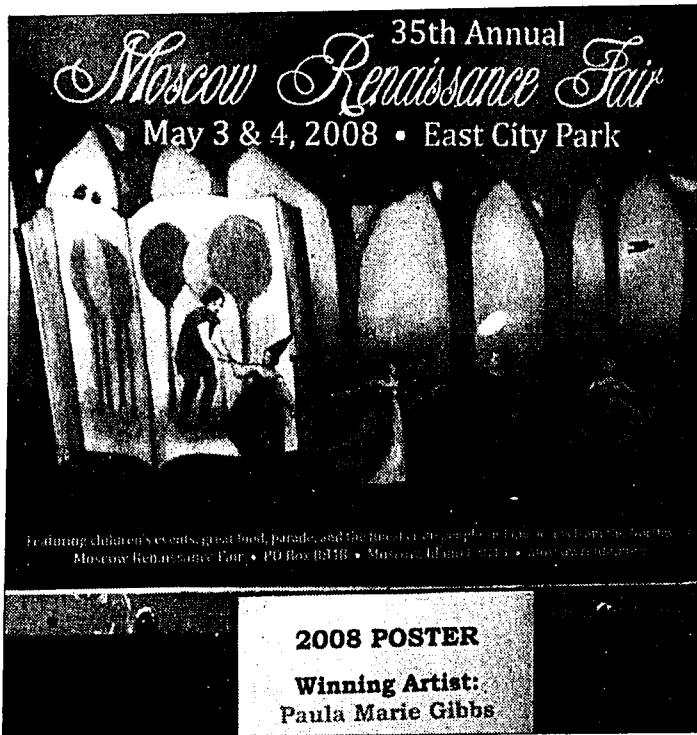
One could either write on for pages or narrow it down to the important thing: this book is simply excellent.

There will always be more to say about this book, but why waste your reading time?

"The Enders Hotel: A Memoir" is worth it to invest one's eyes and time on.

The book is remarkable and readers will walk away a better person.

Ren Fair movie takes sting out of insurance costs



Eric Petersen/Argonaut
As winner of the Ren Fair poster contest, Paula Marie Gibbs' work will be the official poster for the 2008 fair.

Moscow's Renaissance Fair available on DVD

Padraig A. Harney
Argonaut

For the past 35 years, Moscow's East City Park has played host to the Moscow Renaissance Fair. Now audiences can experience the event on the silver screen.

The annual event has provided a showcase for artisans and performers from throughout the Pacific Northwest, and now "Renaissance Fair the Movie" explores the history, mystery and joy of the community's annual celebration of spring.

The film includes footage of fair-goers, food vendors, entertainers, artists and past Renaissance Fair committee members.

"The film is truly about our city's celebration of spring," said Jennifer Whitney, public relations director for the Renaissance Fair. "It's about community, sharing and kicking back and enjoying the good days with the bad, since Ren Fair is historically known to have both rain and shine, and sometimes volcanic ash."

The origin of the first Moscow Renais-

sance Fair was the mellow alternative to Blue Mountain music festival held in the old University of Idaho arboretum.

"Don't trust anyone over thirty" was a rallying cry and survival attitude of many of us who helped to create the Moscow Renaissance Fair back in the early 1970s," said Jim Prall Renaissance Fair organizer.

Filled with chaos, the first Renaissance Fair committee decided on a May date, rain or shine.

And on Sunday, May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helen's volcanic ash fall covered everything.

As the fair grows, the number of people increases and insurance costs are based on the number of people the fair serves.

"Renaissance Fair the Movie" is also a fundraising effort to help offset the rising costs of putting on the fair.

"You'd think 10,000 people at a fair would be awesome," Whitney said. "It attracts more food and artisan vendors, better musicians and Kid Village entertainers, but it also attracts a much higher insurance price. The film will provide the Re-

for more INFO

"Renaissance Fair the Movie" is available on DVD with a suggested donation of \$10.

The 35th annual Renaissance Fair will take place May 3 and 4 in East City Park.

naissance Fair an opportunity to give back to the community by upgrading features in East City Park that our fair uses."

Dave Remington, fair treasurer, said the movie was filmed on the weekends using hand-held technology and microphones. "...along with editing in old clips with narrative by famous personalities such as Bill London and Jim Prall."

The movie also coincides with the fair's 34 year history.

"I really love the Fair and through it have increasingly come to love being in the greater Moscow community," Remington said.

Students plan for Sustainable Environmental Learning Center at McCall Outdoor Science

Group to present master plan at National Sustainable Design Expo

Saida Razaee
Argonaut

Forty University of Idaho students and faculty members will present a plan for a carbon-neutral Idaho Environmental Learning Center at the National Sustainable Design Expo in Washington, D.C.

If they win, the group members will win \$75,000 to help realize their goal.

The University of Idaho received a \$10,000 P3 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Environmental Research last fall.

"The project started with talking about rebuilding MOSS (UI's McCall Outdoor Science School)," said Bruce Hugland, who is involved with MOSS and a professor with the Architecture department.

The goal was to rebuild the school because it is old.

The department incorporated the plan in a class project for 40 students and faculty members from the College of Art and Architecture's Departments of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Archi-

ecture and the College of Natural Resources' Department of Conservation Social Sciences.

Three conservational social sciences students, one bioregional planet student and one architecture student will go present the project.

"This will be a rich experience for the students," Hugland said.

Since fall 2006, the participants worked in teams to come up with several designs and master plans.

"On the more professional side we are the host for wilderness medicine and avalanche courses," said Jacob Dolence, a graduate student of the conservational social sciences who teaches at the MOSS.

The school offers programs for different age groups and seasons.

"The majority of programs in the fall are residential, where 5th and 6th graders from all over Idaho come and stay in our cabins for a week and use the outdoors as an integrating context to learn science," Dolence said.

In the winter, MOSS hosts the students to teach them

about snow science, animal tracking and winter ecology.

"In the spring — sludge season in McCall — we go out on the road and teach all ages, k-7 mostly, about subjects ranging from river physics to GIS," Dolence said.

Assemesters go by "students graduate and new students replace them and some stay on the project as they graduate," Hugland said.

"We got it and one of the requirements is to present in Washington D.C., so that is why we are going to present there," Hugland said.

Since so many students were working on the same project there were a lot of designs to choose from.

"We had to decide what plan to follow, the teacher students in McCall and one of the Architecture students worked on coming up with a masterpiece," Hugland said.

The project plan will be presented in Washington D.C. this month.

The group's goal is to win the \$75,000 award at the expo and rebuild MOSS in the summer.

Girlfriends' getaways a booming trend in travel

Megan K. Scott

NEW YORK (AP) — Girlfriends' getaways — where women travel with other women and leave the menfolk home — are booming. And the phenomenon is not just about bachelorette parties or 20-somethings on spring break.

Women are taking knitting trips, adventure trips and spa trips. The Fine Living Network is launching a series on April 24 called "All-Girl Getaways," hosted by Stephanie Oswald, editor-in-chief of travelgirl magazine. And Marybeth Bond, the author of "50 Best Girlfriends Getaways in North America," has just written a sequel — "50 Best Girlfriends Getaways Worldwide."

Bond, who has been track-

ing data since 1993, said there has been a 230 percent increase in the number of women-only travel companies in the past seven years. And many women who are taking girlfriends' getaways are married — but leaving their husbands at home.

Oswald said some women feel guilty about taking a vacation without their mates. But Bond said men often encourage their significant others to travel with other women to enjoy activities that husbands and boyfriends may not be interested in — whether it's shopping, cooking classes or visiting a botanical garden or museum.

April Merenda, co-founder of Gutsy Women Travel, sees more time-pressed career women in their 30s and 40s taking girlfriends' getaways.

But not everybody goes with friends; about 60 percent of her business is from women booking a solo trip. She said that her business is up 25 percent from last year.

There is also more multi-generational travel — Baby Boomers traveling with their daughters or even their mothers. Marcia Walker, 57, of Taylorsville, S.C., went on a 10-day tour to China earlier this year with her daughter and noticed other groups where women were shopping while their spouses waited outside for them to finish.

"You don't have that burden," she said, adding that her ex-husband never wanted to travel unless he could drive there. "I didn't have anybody breathing down my neck."

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'The Office' is awfully funny

Watching Ricky Gervais as boss-from-hell David Brent is the most painful viewing experience that anyone could ever enjoy.

The hit BBC show "The Office" has inspired many versions all over the world, including the U.S., but there is only one original.

It's one of the best comedies ever on television, but it's also one of the hardest to watch.

While many comedies are based on characters that the audience will like and identify with, "The Office" puts its characters in horrible situations.

Brent is so terribly embarrassing that you almost have to look away at some points in the show because

it's too much to handle.

Some might ask: How can this make anyone laugh?

Well, somehow all of that pain works.

The cast includes the lovable Tim Canterbury and Dawn Tinsley, two office workers who are hopelessly in love, but can't be together.

Gareth Keenan — the horribly annoying suck up who is always the victim of Tim's practical jokes — and a whole office's worth of awkward people.

The romance between Tim and Dawn keeps the show light-hearted and fun, but the bad boss makes the show unique and gives it its edge.

Unlike the U.S. version of the show, which is a very watered down adaptation, there is almost no point during the show that the viewer is not uncomfortable.

Viewers don't grow to love the suck up in the office, or start understanding the boss, you are just horrified by their actions.

In addition to the show's two seasons, there is also a two-part Christmas special which gives the show a nice little ending. In the two-part special, you go from thinking that David Brent might kill himself to thinking he actually might have a chance to become a better person.

It's a painful journey, but making it the end of the two hilarious seasons is a joy.

Creators Stephen Merchant and Ricky Gervais' wicked sense of humor is a refreshing break from the television norm. Their second BBC series "Extras" is also on DVD and equally as funny and excruciating to watch.

Ryli's Netflix Queue



Ryli Hennessey Editor-in-chief

Here's what's next in Ryli's queue:

1. Funny Games
2. Avatar
3. Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!

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"It's a place where people can come and celebrate a special date or get a quick bite to eat. You can do the whole French dining thing, which is a complete meal served in courses, or order something a la carte," Donna Foucachon said.

She said that this is a place where people like to come and eat and talk. "We're about relationships, not just food," she said. "Communication is something that happens over French meals, and we'll find people who have been here for three or four hours just talking and they love it."

The Foucachon's came to Moscow from Lyon, France, where Francis Foucachon trained and worked as a chef in the

capital of French gastronomy world.

After spending several years working as a chef in Lyon, Francis Foucachon decided to become a pastor and founded the American School of Lyon.

"When a family from Moscow moved to Lyon to give their children the French experience, they put their kids through the American School of Lyon and they told us about Moscow," Donna Foucachon said.

She said that they knew they wanted to move back to the United States to put their five children through college, and after hearing about Moscow they decided it was the place to do it.

"We were going to stay for a year, but decided it would be good to give the kids some roots and continuity," she said.

Francis Foucachon said that the area is a nice place for their restaurant because there are two good-sized universities

nearby, and it adds a lot to the culture.

He said that people come to eat at West of Paris from Spokane and Lewiston, and that every night he makes a point to visit the tables while people eat.

"The word that comes almost every night is that the food is incredible and extraordinary, and that this is the best restaurant in a 100 mile range," he said. "I like to visit with the customers and see how they are doing and how they like the food."

Francis Foucachon said that they have no plans to expand West of Paris outside of Moscow because he likes to keep it hands on.

"This is a high-end restaurant and we want to keep our identity. We want to bring quality food to the people the four days a week we are open, and for people to appreciate food as a piece of art," he said.



Jake Barber/Argonaut

The cast of the play "Urinetown" rehearses in the Hartung Theatre Friday evening. "Urinetown" will be running from April 17-24.

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She said that the play is meant to convey a "1950s-Broadway-glorious-time-of-musicals" feel, along with a gangster-world environment and the influence of anti-utopian novels, such as George Orwell's "1984."

She said the performance is characterized by a lot of physical comedy and general "bigness."

"I think what serves the play the best is the storyline," said actor, John Bagaglio, "because it's a parody of musicals like 'West Side Story' and 'Les Miserables.' Certain things that you expect to happen in a musical kind of go the other way in this, and it's very funny and well written."

One aspect of the show that Johnston is particularly excited about is the elaborate dance choreography, directed by Melissa

Woelfel.

"Melissa is really amazing," Johnston said. "She looks at the dance moves as an integral part of the telling the story and I'm blown away at how quickly the cast learned it all."

Another area of the production that Johnston cited as unconventional is its underground marketing campaign.

"I think a lot of the student population here doesn't know about what our shows are like," Johnston said. "When they hear 'musical' they think 'oh, my mom and my grandma like to see shows like that.' But this is one that should especially appeal to college students."

The theatre department has established MySpace and Facebook pages dedicated to the event and cast members have spent the past few weeks wearing t-shirts and handing out stickers bearing the UGC company logo to inspire questions and hopefully interest.

ArtsBRIEFS

Earth Week events begin this week

There will be an opening ceremony parade from the SUB to the Idaho Commons at 9:30 a.m. today.

Sponsored by the UI Environmental Club, the Environmental Film Festival will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in the SUB Borah Theatre. The films include "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil" and "A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil."

Hosted by ASUI, a free concert by Intervention will start at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in the SUB Ballroom.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 23, UI living groups will present their artwork at the second annual Aluminum Art Competition in the Commons plaza.

Co-op offers free wellness classes

The Moscow Food Co-op is sponsoring a series of free monthly wellness classes this spring designed to provide general information to participants about health and wellness.

The first class, "Tonics and Detoxifying," will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 28 and will provide information on traditional uses of tonics and detoxifiers.

For more information, contact Amy Luckner, Moscow Food Co-op Wellness Manager at 882-8537.

Above the Rim opens new exhibit

The Above the Rim Gallery will open a new exhibit today 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 at birdhouse@moscow.com.

IRT schedules summer program

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Forgetting Sarah Marshall' is one to remember

Christy Lemire Associated Press

So perhaps the rumors of Judd Apatow's demise were greatly exaggerated.

Following the disappointing performance of "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" and the flop that was "Drillbit Taylor," Apatow is back in classic form with his latest production.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is yet another crowd-pleasing comedy like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad" that will make you laugh and squirm the whole way through — usually at the same time. It has just the right balance of the salty and the sweet.

It also signals an introduction of sorts to a couple of engaging talents.

Jason Segel, co-star of Apatow's "Knocked Up" and "Freaks and Geeks" and the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," settles comfortably into his first screenplay and first leading role. Drawing on his own experiences, Segel plays a big, lovable puppy dog of a guy who gets dumped when he's most vulnerable by his TV-star girlfriend, Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). His

unabashed full-frontal nudity in this scene has been the stuff of legend for weeks before the film's opening; you do have to give him credit for showing such, um, confidence.

And then there's Russell Brand, a British standup comic who will probably be new to American audiences, but not for long. He runs away with this movie — tough to do, since it's populated with big personalities — as a preening rock star who is less vapid and more verbal than he initially appears. Segel has given Brand most of the movie's wittiest lines and since improvisation rules on an Apatow set, Brand and the rest of the cast were free to bounce off each other with reckless abandon.

Under the direction of first-timer Nicholas Stoller, another collaborator from Apatow's "Undeclared" days, Segel stars as Peter Bretter, a genial but mostly unmotivated musician. He's the composer for the TV series "Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime," a dead-on take off on "CSI" (with a brilliant rip on David Caruso). Sarah, the show's glamorous star, has been Peter's girlfriend for the past six years, which has meant long nights of holding her purse at premieres while

she answers reporters' questions on the red carpet.

Still, he's blinded by her fame and beauty, and remains hopelessly in love with her even after she shows up at his apartment and announces that she's leaving him for another man.

At the urging of his brother Brian (Bill Hader of "Saturday Night Live"), Peter jets off to Hawaii to get over Sarah, but instead ends up at the same resort where she just happens to be vacationing with her new boyfriend, Brand's lanky, leather-clad Lothario, Aldous Snow. Of all the hotels on all the islands in all the world, he walks into hers — a bit of a contrivance, sure, but it sets up some hilariously painful situations.

Peter sucks back fruity drinks to numb the pain but still manages to run into Sarah and Aldous wherever he goes. (Old Apatow friends Paul Rudd and Jonah Hill show up in supporting parts as a spaced-out surfing instructor and an ingratiating restaurant host, respectively.) Thankfully, there's Rachel (Mila Kunis), the resort's friendly front-desk clerk, who helps Peter take his mind off his wrecked love life. She's spontaneous, natural and down-to-earth, with dark, gorgeous looks that are the complete opposite of the perky, blonde Sarah's.

If there is a quibble to be had with Segel's script, it's that Rachel is so obviously right for him and Sarah is so obviously

wrong; there isn't a bit of tension as to whether he should end up back with his ex. The more you get to know Sarah Marshall, the more you want Peter to move on from her, and the more you wonder how they ever ended up together.

Segel's strength as a writer, though, lies in the observational nature of his humor. He's highly attuned to the rhythms of suffering, to the absurdity of love and heartache. But he's also clever enough, and has enough of his own distinct voice, to provide surprising touches to his characters.

Aldous could have been a throwaway pretty boy, for example. Instead, he's the smartest, funniest guy in the room — which means you don't hate him. Rachel isn't a complete dream girl either: She's been a bit of a flake her whole life and has a wicked temper.

And Peter's a crier, yes, but within that sensitivity lies a twisted sense of humor. His Dracula puppet musical, which he's been afraid to finish and share with the world, is inspired by a production Segel actually wrote. It strips him nearly as bare as he was in the film's opening rejection scene.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R for sexual content, language and some graphic nudity. Running time: 111 minutes.



"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" ★★★★★ (of 5) In theaters April 18

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Dr. Winner is engaged in researching cognitive development in relation to the visual and performing arts and is the author of more than 100 articles and four books, including *Gifted Children: Myths and Realities*, *The Point of Words: Children's Understanding of Metaphor and Irony*, *Invented Worlds: The Psychology of the Arts and Studio Thinking*, *The Real Benefits of Visual Arts Education*.

For more information contact the University Honors Program at (208) 885-6147.

QuickHITS

Did you know...

- This weekend the Vandals are hosting the 10-year reunion for the Humanitarian Bowl Championship team in conjunction with the Silver and Gold spring scrimmage.
- K.C. Dahlgren cleared 12 feet, 9.5 inches in the pole vault over the weekend at the Pelluer Invitational, which tied the meet record set by fellow Vandal teammate Melinda Owen. The vault is an NCAA regional qualifying mark.
- Matt Wauters threw the hammer throw for the first time this season last weekend at and hit a NCAA regional qualifying mark with a throw of 193-6.

Vandals by the numbers

- 13** Number of match wins by the men's tennis team. The team started the season with a 9-4 record, but have slipped to a 13-12 record.
- 6** Number of recruits the swim team added to their roster in the spring signing period.

Vandals to watch

Sonja Baumgartner
Soccer



The junior forward from Switzerland scored the first goal of the Vandals' match against the alumni Saturday afternoon and helped the current Vandal team escape with a 2-1 victory.

Stanislav Glukhov
Men's tennis



The freshman from Russia avenged his loss earlier this season to Roman Dojczak of Gonzaga with a 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 2 singles in Spokane. Glukhov and doubles partner Andrey Potapkin also notched a victory over Stefan Feddersen and Zack Radetcky at No. 1 doubles in the Vandals' 6-1 triumph over the Bulldogs.

Natalie Kirch
Women's tennis



Kirch was the only women's player to notch victories in singles and doubles in the Vandal women's tennis team's win over Portland State on Sunday. Kirch, a freshman, from Kenniwick, Wash., rallied to beat Caitlin Stocking 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 at No. 6 singles. She paired with Barbara Maciocha as they defeated Alyssa Ferry and Stocking 8-1.

Vandals in action

Today
Women's tennis plays at Gonzaga at 3 p.m. today. Soccer takes to the field in Spokane to play Gonzaga at 3 p.m.

Wednesday
Women's tennis has a home match against Hawai'i at noon on the tennis courts next to Memorial Gym. The track and field team heads to California to begin the Asuza Pacific Multi-Events.

Briefs
Bicycle ride offers prizes
The Moscow Bicycle Prize Ride will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. April 26 at the 1912 Center. All profits from the event will benefit the Latah Trail Foundation. Participants will ride their bikes to five local stores and draw a card for prizes. The event is open to the public and will have on site registration.

TRACK AND FIELD



Vandal thrower James Rogan practices Thursday in preparation for the weekend's meet. The Vandals traveled to Cheney for the Pelluer Invitational, the second outdoor meet of the season. Several athletes set personal bests during the meet. Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandals pick up four more

Two athletes hit NCAA qualifying marks for second-straight week

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team added four more NCAA qualifying marks to a new, but already successful outdoor season.

The team traveled to Cheney to compete in the 37th annual Pelluer Invitational Thursday and Friday.

The team hit seven regional qualifying marks the previous week at the Stanford Invitational, leaving them just four shy of last year's season total.

Two of the athletes, K.C. Dahlgren and David Holmon, hit the qualifying marks for the second-straight weekend, while Matt Wauters had

a qualifying hammer throw — his first attempt of the season — at 193 feet, 6 inches. Senior Russ Winger also qualified in the hammer throw, the second event he's qualified in this season.

Winger threw the discus at the Stanford Invitational a week ago — shattering the UI record with a throw of 199-6. He will try to accomplish a rare feat in track and field, as he only has to qualify in the shot put to meet the marks for three different throwing events.

In the women's throwing events, true freshman Nikita Amy threw a personal best 141-9 in the hammer throw — an effort that was good enough for sixth place in the event.

Another true freshman, Gabriella Midles placed second in the hammer throw with her 166-9 effort.

The Idaho track team had a slew of athletes set personal bests during the meet as well.

In the men's 3,000-meter steeple-

chase, two Idaho athletes set personal bests. Steve Potratz placed third with his time of 9 minutes, 55.58 seconds and junior Matt Racine placed fourth in 9:57.08.

In the men's triple jump, senior Matt Brady took third with his personal best effort of 47-3.5. Two more athletes, Beau Whitney and Jake Boling, hit personal bests with their efforts in the discus.

Other notable performances included Elvie Williams, who won the men's long jump with a leap of 23-10 and teammate Heath Low took sixth in the event with his 21-05 effort.

Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said the meet is a good chance for the heptathletes to work on their game. While none of the athletes completed the multi-events competition, each fine tuned their events for next week's meet.

"It is very rare to do the heptathlon," Teevens said. "You never want to do two in a row because the ath-

letes get tired and there is a larger chance of injury doing two in a row."

After the first four events in the heptathlon, UI athletes Molly Burt and Darcy Collins held the one and two spots in the standings. Alice Draser was in fourth and sophomore Lindsey Goodman withdrew from the competition after the first three events.

The track and field team will split its forces next week as they will attend two separate meets the Mt. Sac Relays and Asuza Pacific Multi-Events Competition.

"Eastern is a very relaxed meet," Teevens said. "We look to improve at Eastern. The level of competition isn't the same as it is at the Mt. Sac meet or the Asuza so it gives us a chance to improve."

The Idaho track and field team travels to Walnut, Calif. for the Asuza Pacific Multi-events on Wednesday and Thursday and the Mt. Sac relays Friday through Sunday.

Vandals dominate the court

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The men's tennis team played its final match of the regular season Saturday as it beat the Gonzaga Bulldogs 6-1.

The conditions were perfect for the Vandals' only home match of the season as they advanced their record above .500 and defeated a team that beat them earlier in the season.

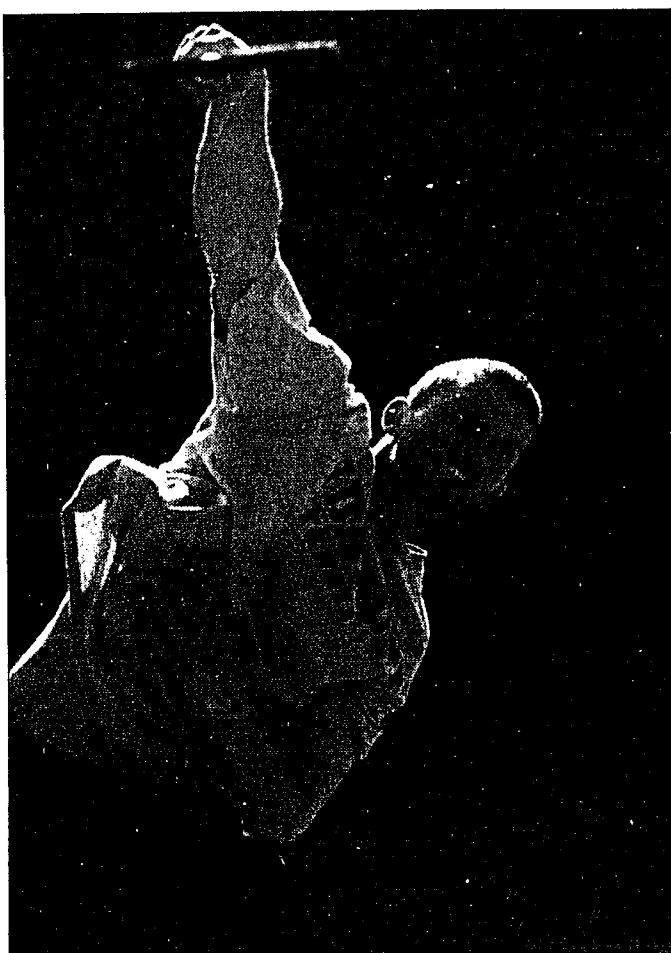
"We lost to them 5-2 last time and just to thump them this time, that's a great feeling," said junior Tim Huynh. "We wanted blood, so we went out there and got it."

The day began with doubles competition, where the Vandals made a statement winning all three matches and taking the doubles point with ease.

The Vandals quickly picked up two more wins, when both Andrey Potapkin's and Rob Chalkley's opponents retired from the matches due to injury. Both Idaho players had the lead when their opponents retired.

Then the Vandals locked in the fourth win at No. 2 when Stanislav Glukhov defeated Gonzaga's Roman Dojczak 6-3, 6-2.

"It was one of the better days the men have had this year," said Idaho coach Jeff Beaman.



Vandal men's tennis player, Brandon Christopher, serves during practice April 3. The men's team beat Gonzaga 6-1. Nick Groff/Argonaut

The two teams finished out the final three matches as the Vandals won at No. 4 and No. 6 with Huynh and Hugh

McDonald, but lost at No. 5 with Andrew Dobbs.

The win got the team to **See TENNIS, page 15**

DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

Pippen: not just a sidekick

As we wrap up the schedule of the best NBA regular season I've seen in 10 years, not many people can predict this year's champion with much certainty.

The Western Conference has fans confused. You could ask five different people who they think will reach the finals and you could easily get five different answers.

San Antonio, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Utah and New Orleans all seem capable contenders. It's going to be exciting just to watch great games every night.

In the Eastern Conference, most fans are telling me it's going to be either Boston or Detroit in the Finals. I agree completely.

LeBron James is amazing. He's a basketball profit, but he's yet to find a wingman which is why his Cleveland Cavaliers probably won't contend with Boston or Detroit.

Everybody needs a wingman. One of my favorite all-time players, a baller that I feel never truly got his due — Scottie Pippen — was one such man.

When people discuss Pippen's career and the legacy he left during his 17 NBA seasons, it's impossible not to men-

tion his running mate Michael Jordan.

"Sure, Pippen played Robin to Jordan's Batman. Who wouldn't?"

My beef is with people that feel Pippen's hall of fame career was only due to the fact that he ran with Jordan. To me, it is ridiculous.

The fact is Pippen would have been a hall of famer for any team, any system, any coach, in any era. He is one of the league's greatest treasures.

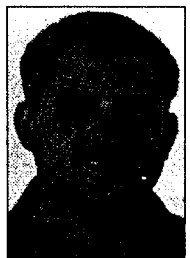
He invented the point-forward position and could defend point guards, shooting guards and small forwards.

He was silky smooth. To me, he's been completely misjudged and totally underrated.

Sure, Jordan would still be the best player possibly of all time with or without Pippen. He'd still have championships. But would he have six? Honestly, I do not think Jordan would be wearing six rings without Scottie. My feeling is that Michael needed Scottie possibly more so than Scottie needed Michael.

When Jordan bolted from the NBA in 1993 to pursue a

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SOCCER

Vandals compete in spring training

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's soccer program split a pair of spring games this weekend. The Vandals dropped a game to Washington State 2-0 on Friday, and picked up a 2-1 win over Idaho soccer alumni to celebrate the program's 10-year anniversary on Saturday.

Earlier this spring, Idaho coach Pete Showler stated that these spring games were more about learning than winning.

Friday's lesson, according to Showler, was a change in the Vandals' offensive system.

"It took a little while to get our feet in the new system," Showler said.

The Cougars, who ranked in the top 30 nationally during the regular season, gave the Vandals a solid opponent to try their new style on.

"We gave up a sloppy goal early on, but we came back and managed to settle down and play very well from there on out," Showler said. "We had two or three really good scoring chances, and if we convert those, it's a different game."

Saturday's game took on a different tone as it was Vandals against Vandals in the Kibbie Dome. The game was arranged to celebrate the 10th year of the Vandal women's soccer program.

Former coach Larry Foster headed the first Vandal team in 1998. In Foster's first season, the team went 4-13-1, or .250, in his next three seasons the Vandals never finished below .500. Since Foster left Idaho in 2001, only two teams have

"We had two or three really good scoring chances, and if we convert those, it's a different game."

Pete
SHOWLER
Idaho coach

topped the initial season's mark. The 2007 team was one of those two.

"(The alumni players) are very smart, very sound players," Showler said. "They played a good game."

The alumni had held the current Vandals score-

less for 30 minutes when Sonja Baumgartner picked up a long pass from Sari Morrison and sent it in past the fingertips of Idaho senior Michelle Jordan, who spent the first half in the alumni goal.

At halftime, the keepers traded sides, and junior Anna Sandman moved into the alumna's goal.



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Goalkeeper Michelle Jordan and defender Kelsey Manning prevent Washington State's Maggie Dougher from scoring at the soccer game in Pullman Friday evening. Idaho was defeated 2-0.

Last fall, Sandman picked up two school records with six shutouts and 92 saves. Jennifer Hull, who led the team in scoring during the regular season, wasted no time in testing her teammate's skills, sending a shot in during the first few minutes of the second half to give the younger Vandals a 2-0 lead.

Dana Windley, a 2007 alumna, scored her first

goal for any Idaho team in the last five minutes to give the alumni their only point.

"I can't thank these alums and these fans enough for taking time out of their busy schedules to come back here and celebrate our 10-year anniversary," Showler said.

"It was a fantastic turnout and a fantastic atmosphere for the game."

The Vandals were sched-

uled to take on Gonzaga Tuesday afternoon, but the Bulldogs suffered some injuries in an exhibition on Friday and will not be able to field a complete team. That game has been cancelled.

The Vandals will complete their spring season with a pair of games against Seattle University at 10 a.m. and Saint Martins at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Seattle.

TENNIS

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13-12, a disappointment after a 9-4 start to the season, but the team is satisfied with the winning record.

"It's been a long time since we had a winning record at Idaho," Huynh said. "To be part of making history, it's always a good feeling."

The men will spend the next two weeks preparing for the Western Athletic Conference Championships held in Las Cruces, N.M.

The women's team extended its winning streak to seven after defeating the Portland State Vikings on Sunday 4-3.

The women swept the Vikings 7-0 earlier this season and knew the team would be looking to get its revenge against the Vandals.

"I was nervous going into it and interested to see what was going to happen," Bea-

man said. "My predictions came true, it came down to about as close as it can be."

The Vandals began the day strong, earning the doubles point after defeating the Vikings at the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles positions.

The singles matches began with two wins for the Vandals at No. 1 Silvia Irimescu and No. 2 Barbara Maciocha, but Portland answered back winning at No. 3, 4 and 5, tying the match at 3-3.

The weight of the match was on the shoulders of Idaho freshman Natalie Kirch at No. 6. She won the first set 7-6, but lost the second set 6-7.

After a back and forth

match, Kirch finally defeated Portland State's Caitlin Stocking in the third set 6-3 to secure the win for the Vandals and increase their record to 14-8.

Before the match began, Beaman reminded the team that its earlier win over the Vikings could have gone either way, after the win he told the team that the match was an example of where they need to be to be a good team.

"We're going into the match telling them Portland State's a tough team. They're hungry. We can't be overconfident," Beaman said. "After the match,

just saying this is what we were talking about. Some people are going to have a good day, some people are going to have a bad day, but across the board you just have to go out and be tough."

The women's team will travel to Spokane today where they'll take

on Gonzaga at the Spokane Racquet Club at 3 p.m. Gonzaga has a current record of 9-12.

The women return on Wednesday to host Hawai'i, which holds an overall 2-16 record. The matches will be played on the Memorial Gym courts and will begin at noon.

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BEAMAN
Idaho coach

PIPPEN

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baseball career, Pippen became the Bulls' unquestioned best player and should have won the league MVP award during that 1993-94 season. Without Jordan, the Pippen-led Bulls won 55 games, took the Knicks to seven games in the Eastern Conference semi-finals and Pippen was either first or second in every major team statistic (points, rebounds, assists, steals, blocks) and also was named MVP of the All-Star Game.

He proved he could lead a team and still be one of the league's best players.

He would have been Batman on just about any other team. Hell, Magic Johnson would have been Robin to Jordan's Batman.

I'm not an expert, but I do watch the game with reckless abandon and read every book on the sport I can get my hands on. From my research, anyone that knows anything about basketball will tell you Pippen's greatest impact on the game was from the defensive end of the floor.

You might not know this, but Pippen was quite possibly the greatest perimeter de-

fender in basketball history. His 10 NBA all-defensive honors and 8 NBA All-Defensive First Team awards are each one shy of the all time record. He holds the NBA record for all-time assists and steals from the forward position.

Basically, when Jordan was dropping 50 points, Scottie was holding the opponents' best player under 20.

Don't think I'm saying that Pippen was better than Jordan. I'm just saying it's closer than you might think. Jordan was the face of sports across the world, but as all the greats know, you can't do it alone.

You can't win six championships by yourself, even if you're Michael Jordan.

Michael and the Bulls never started winning championships until Scottie Pippen figured it out and came into his own as a top 25 player.

I think Pippen's legacy took a turn for the worse after one failed fourth quarter in the 2000 Western Conference Finals. Pippen was the leader of a talented Portland Trailblazers team against the young combination of Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

His Blazers had a 17-point lead during the fourth

quarter of game seven only to completely fall apart and let the Lakers come back and win the series to begin a dynasty of their own.

My feeling is that if Portland never lost that lead and won the series, they would have easily defeated the Indiana Pacers in the finals that season and Pippen would have earned his seventh ring, which would have given him one more than Jordan, as well as proving to basketball fans everywhere that he was an all-time great and could get it done without the icon Jordan was.

Hey, Jordan never won anything before or after Scottie. In fact, Pippen came closer to winning a title without Jordan than Jordan did without Pippen.

I hope Pippen will be remembered for what he was — one of the game's all-time most versatile players, an amazing defender and bonafide star. An all-time great.

I have a feeling people won't look at his career the way I do. Most will remember him as just a side-kick — Michael's buddy.

I truly hope fans won't feel that Jordan could have won six titles with just anybody.

He needed Scottie. I hope he gets his due.

Men's lacrosse team loses home opener

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

The Idaho men's lacrosse team lost two conference games last weekend on the Palouse, but will host Washington State and Boise State, Saturday and Sunday at home.

The team got off to a slow start against Simon Fraser in Pullman Saturday and lost 14-7. Simon Fraser — ranked fifth in the nation — had 36 total shots on goal while Idaho had 22. Despite the loss, the team remains positive.

"We played them well considering how good they are and how good their program is," Ben Lavigne said.

Jacob Ballard and Krieger Shaw led the team with two goals each, but Ben Townner of Simon Fraser couldn't be stopped and scored five goals. Last season, the Vandals lost to Simon Fraser 29-2, one of the largest deficits in college lacrosse history.

With less than a day of rest, Idaho played in its first conference home game of the season against the University of Washington Sunday and lost 17-8.

The first half was dominated by fast breaks by both teams, and at halftime, Idaho trailed 10-7.

In the second half, Idaho tried to slow the pace, but penalties allowed Washington to capitalize.

Idaho coach Ryan Hanavan said it was a domino effect. As the scoring deficit increased, penalties continued to mount and gave more opportunities for Washington. Hanavan said desperation began to show as the score got out of hand.

"Both teams we played were good and our guys got fired up," Hanavan said. "We have a good team that's capable, and we're on the verge of becoming a good program."

With double headers every weekend, each team has to prepare for two opponents and Hanavan said it can be difficult. The Vandals will host the "border war" with Washington State at 1 p.m. Saturday and Boise State at noon Sunday.

"Everyone hates BSU up here and we've never beaten them. With the guys graduating, it would be a great way to send them off," Lavigne said.

Idaho lost to BSU in overtime during a fall 2007 scrimmage and Hanavan said he's excited to get back on the field against them.

With Boise State transfers on the team and the opportunity to get the team's first win against the Broncos, the rivalry has continued to build.

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Swim Team adds six to the roster

MOSCOW - The 2008 University of Idaho Women's Swimming recruiting class is complete, and coach Tom Jager is excited to see the new Vandals in Moscow.

The class of six will look to replace the class of nine Vandals who are graduating in May and hold seven school records. The 2008 recruiting class features the Vandals' first international athlete since the team came back to the university in 2004.

Si Jia Pang competed on the Singapore national team and should bring an attitude of discipline to the team Jager said. He is glad that the first international swimmer on his team is from Singapore because of its disciplined culture.

"I feel very confident having our first international swimmer coming in from a culture like Singapore, because I think it matches our swimming culture," Jager said.

Having an Olympic gold medal winning coach is probably the biggest reason why Si Jia decided on the University of Idaho, Jager said.

"More people probably know of me in Singapore than in Idaho," he said.

The recruit to make the second longest trip to swim for the Vandals is Sammy Hammerly from Denver, Colorado. Jager is excited for the amount of energy that he said Hammerly will bring to the team. Hammerly's energy transfers into her work ethic, Jager said and he hopes she can help to drive some of the other recruits in their first year.

Hammerly enjoyed the cam-



pus when she visit, and she loves the university, which is important for the swimming program, Jager said.

"The biggest thing about the University of Idaho is that I want kids that want to be here," said Jager. "If they want

to be here, then they'll stay four years and they'll graduate."

Callaghan Brown, from Eugene, Ore. is the third new recruit for Jager, who he said is a raw talent who has a good race mentality and is an all-around good athlete.

"I got a chance to see her swim at altitude, and her toughness in the 200 fly made me think right there that, 'I hope I get to see her be a Vandal'."

Chelsey Stanger is another new Vandal who has raw talent, which Jager said he enjoys.

"She's a very inexperienced swimmer, which I tend to do well with, and I like to introduce people to the sport," he said. "Some of these kids who didn't do too much in high school tend to do really well in our program."

Sometimes high school coaches recommend the Vandal swimming program to their athletes because of Jager's style he said.

Katie Hendricks from Puyallup, Wash. is a sprinter, who Jager said should fit right in with the team because her approach to the sport is very similar to his.

"Her coach said, 'yeah, that's a program that will work for you'. Our program has a distinct style," Jager said. "We want tough kids who aren't prim donnas."

The final new recruit for the Vandals will put the team's number of athletes from Idaho at two.

Norra Stroh is a distance swimmer from Boise, Idaho who had some medical problems during her time in high school, Jager said, but he is excited to see her toughness on the team.

"If she gets her confidence back and gets back on track, she's going to be as tough, if not tougher than any of these kids."

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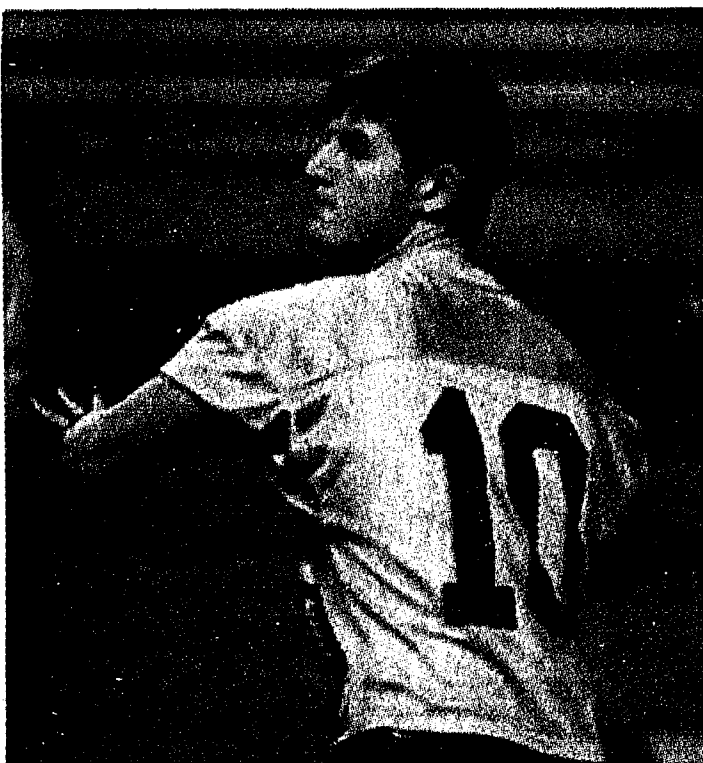
Head Coach, Robb Akey, enters his second year and he needs your help to start the year off right.

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nual Silver and Gold game on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Kibbie Dome.

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Defense steps up in second scrimmage



MOSCOW, Idaho - There was a measure of redemption Saturday for the University of Idaho football team's defense as the Vandals completed their second scrimmage of the spring.

While it didn't stifle the offense completely, there stops, sacks and tackles for losses. "We competed well today," coach Robb Akey said. "Both sides of the ball had more success. It was more balanced than last week."

Most of the offense's scoring this time came in short yardage situations where there were seven touchdowns and two field goals as the battle for the starting quarterback job between Nathan Enderle and Quin Ashley continued. Their numbers were similar - Enderle was eight-of-11 for 107 yards and one touchdown pass, while Ashley was eight-of-nine for 71 yards while rushing for a TD of his own.

"They've both been able to execute the offense while using their strengths to take advantage of it," Akey said. "I'm seeing good things from both of them. We'd be proud to put either of these guys out on the field."

The big difference, though, was with the defense, which was smarting after last week's scrimmage.

"Coming into this week," safety Shiloh Keo said, "we had a big chip on our shoulder. Last week, we had a great week (of practice), but we just didn't perform on Saturday - on game day. This week, we wanted to make sure that didn't happen this time around."

When the offense had the full field in front of it, the defense was successful by limiting the scoring to two field goals and one five-yard run by Deonte Jackson.

Jackson, again, was the leader on the ground with 48 yards on 12 carries. Princeton McCarty tallied 28 yards on 11 carries, while Corey White was out with a foot injury.

Max Komar came up big among the receivers with 50 yards on three catches, which includes the long play of the game - a 40-yard reception from Enderle. Enderle and Ashley found plenty of places to throw with 11 receivers catching at least one ball.

The tackle leader from the day was linebacker Andrew Blevins with five, although Taylor Rust was impressive at defensive end with three tackles-for-loss, which includes two sacks.

The Vandals wrap up spring drills next week with a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday practice, a 3 p.m. Wednesday practice and Friday night's annual Silver and Gold game.

Vandals win seventh straight with 4-3 win over Portland State

MOSCOW, Idaho - It came down to the wire, but the Vandals won their seventh match in a row with a thrilling 4-3 win over Portland State on Sunday. With it's twelfth win in the last 13 matches, the University of Idaho women's tennis team improves to 14-8 on the season.

The Vandals got on the board first after taking the team doubles point from Portland State. At the No. 2 position, the Idaho pair of Yvette Ly and Alexandra Ulesanu took down Stephanie Fuchs and Anya Dalkin, 8-2. The Vandals secured the victory at three doubles when Natalie Kirch and Basia Maciocha dominated Alyssa Ferry and Caitlin Stocking, 8-1.

In singles action, Idaho scored the first win at the No. 1 position as Silvia Irimescu defeated Lacey Pflibsen in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Portland State answered back at three singles where Ly fell to Molly Knox, 6-2, 6-4. Idaho sophomore Maciocha defeated Fuchs at No. 2 doubles in two quick sets, 6-3, 6-3, to put the Vandals up 3-1 in the match.

With three matches still underway, the Vandals needed only one win to take the match. In the fourth position, Ulesanu lost a tough, closely contested match in three sets to Portland State's Dalkin, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. Portland State tied the match at 3-3 at No. 5 singles where Ferry dropped Idaho's Jana Siwa in two sets, 7-6, 7-5.

All knotted up, the match came down to the decision at six singles. Idaho freshman Kirch took the first set from Stocking, 7-6, but fell in the second 6-7. In



the third and decisive set, Kirch rallied back to defeat Stocking, 6-3, to extend the Vandals winning streak to seven.

The Vandals will put their winning streak on the line next week with four match on the schedule. Idaho will face Gonzaga in Spokane on Tuesday and return to Moscow to take on WAC opponents, Hawaii, on Wednesday. Idaho will finish out the regular season on Saturday with two matches at home against Eastern Washington and Lewis-Clark State.

April 13, 2008
Moscow, Idaho
Idaho 4, Portland State 3
Singles

1. Silvia Irimescu, Idaho, def. Lacey Pflibsen, PSU, 6-2, 6-2; 2. Basia Maciocha, Idaho, def. Stephanie Fuchs, PSU, 6-3, 6-3; 3. Molly Knox, PSU, def. Yvette Ly, Idaho, 6-2, 6-4; 4. Anya Dalkin, PSU, def. Alexandra Ulesanu, Idaho, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; 5. Alyssa Ferry, PSU, def. Jana Siwa, Idaho, 7-6, 7-5; 6. Natalie Kirch, Idaho, def. Caitlin Stocking, PSU, 7-6, 6-3

Doubles
1. Knox/Pflibsen, PSU, def. Leoni/Irimescu, Idaho, 8-2; 2. Ly/Ulesanu, Idaho, def. Fuchs/Dalkin, PSU, 8-2; 3. Kirch/Maciocha, Idaho, def. Ferry/Stocking, PSU, 8-1

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BY: Leah Schwisow - ASUI Senator

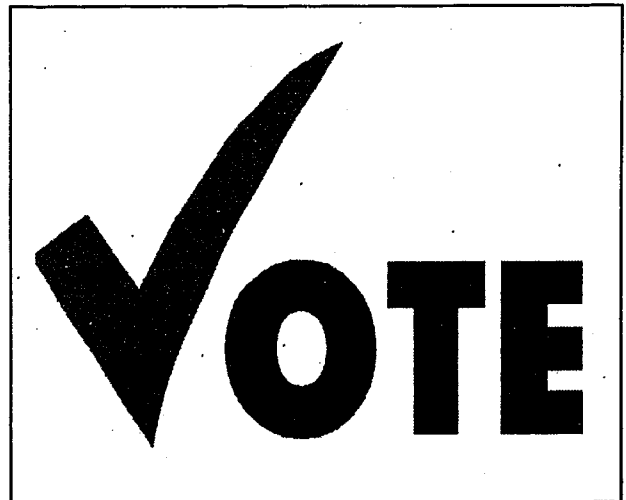
It's that time of year again. Spring is in the air, and elections for your new '08-'09 ASUI Officers are up again. Before we dive into why this should matter, let's hit some specifics.

There are a total of eight open Senate seats up for grabs on the Legislative side of ASUI, and the Vice President and President positions open on the Executive side. Each elected official will serve for a term of one full academic year (Fall '08- Spring '09). Elections, where the student body can voice their preferences, will be held April 14th-16th, and Inauguration of the newly elected officials will be held April 30th.

So you may be wondering why you should care who is or is not on ASUI leadership; to answer, these are the students who are representing you. For those who are financially conscious, part of your student fees also go toward paying these positions. Senators get \$100 per pay period (every 2 weeks) the Vice President of ASUI gets \$165 per pay period, and the President gets tuition waver and \$225 per pay period. This is, of course a small portion of your student fees, but still significant.

ASUI is looking for a better voting turnout this election cycle. The last two years, Presidential elections have brought in 22% and 18% voting percentage; a step up from the around 10% turnout the last Senate only elections mustered.

So, how do you get better acquainted with how to make an informed decision? The best way to educate yourself is to get to know your candidates. Until the petitions are in, this may be hard, but there are a few candidates that are ahead of the game, and already have petitions out. They are Patrick Bradbury, Samantha Cypner, and Courtney Szecmeczk running for Senate seats so far, and only two pairs, Garret Holbrook for President with Tricia Crump for Vice President, and Lauren McConnel for President with Derek Arnold for Vice President, running in the presidential elections. ASUI hopes to see you at the polls April 14th-16th!



Cut of fee request will hurt students

By: Jon Gaffney- ASUI President

On Monday, I had the disheartening experience of watching the Idaho State Board of Education continue a precedent set in the past two years: the Board once again ignored the University's justifications for a fee increase and greatly reduced the University of Idaho's fee request, cutting our requested 7.94 percent increase to five percent. Idaho was not the only school to receive a cut in their request; Boise State was cut from 6.1 percent to five percent; Idaho State University was cut from seven percent to six percent, and the Eastern Idaho Technical College saw their just-over-three percent increase cut to two. Only Lewis-Clark State College, which requested a five percent increase, did not see any cuts.

The ruling by the State Board has several significant consequences. Perhaps most interesting is that Idaho State University (a Division II school) is now more expensive on a yearly basis than either UI or BSU (both Division I schools). More practically, this is approximately a \$1,000,000 reduction from what the University had budgeted based on current enrollment figures, money that will now have to be made up for from other areas.

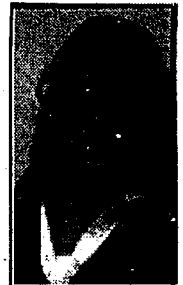
I want to digress for a moment to talk about the original student activity fee request. The student activity fee, set by the Associated Student Fee Committee, is money that is approved by the students for direct use in student-oriented programs. This includes things like the Office of Multicultural Affairs, operations and staff cost at the Student Recreation Center and Idaho Commons buildings, and all of ASUI's programming. This year's original request includes, among other things, money to assist with New Student Orientation, funding to bring the salary of the GLBT Coordinator at the Women's Center up to a campus-wide average, and a small increase to provide for scholarships and travel for the University's Spirit Squad.

It is unclear yet just how the State Board's reduction will affect students. There will be some kind of reduction in the student activity fee request, meaning that some student-oriented programs will not receive the support that they need. There will be cutting and scrimping on the Administration's side, scrounging for money to make sure that the lights stay on and that students still have access to a quality education. The Idaho State Board of Education's decision to ignore the needs presented by the University will hurt students. Just how badly they will hurt is yet to be seen.

A Letter from the Vice President

Dear University of Idaho Students,

Campaign season has started and the candidates set out on the campaign trail as of March 24th. For the past three weeks these students have been talking to people they haven't met before, drinking a lot of coffee to get through long days of campaigning and learning more about themselves and the University of Idaho than they had probably ever planned on when they decided to run for an ASUI position.



Amy Huddleston

Watching a new campaign start is bittersweet for me. It has been a whole year since I started on this journey and I can only say that I have changed a lot and learned a lot because of my year serving you as Vice President. The ASUI has come to mean more to me than just student government or an avenue for entertainment; it has in fact become my lifestyle and my passion.

My first interaction with ASUI was my freshmen year on Make a Difference Day. This positive experience led me to participate in Alternative Spring Break where I traveled to Waveland, Mississippi to help with the Hurricane Katrina cleanup. Service has always been a large part of my life, but I never knew the impact I could have by simply picking up trash or listening to a woman's survival story. This trip was the beginning of my journey with the ASUI and I can only say that it has been one of the most defining things in my life.

Serving as the ASUI Vice President this year has given me a way to serve students in a different capacity and has allowed me to make connections and friendships that will last a lifetime. Working with the senate to make it a more positive and welcoming place has been my goal this year along with creating a vibrant environment for students to learn and grow.

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Arts Festival

Matthew T Weibler-
Commons and Union Board Chair

The Idaho Commons and Student Union Board have just finished putting on their annual Arts Festival. The festival included a juried art show, musical, dance, drama performances, a fashion show, and drawing/painting workshops opened to all participation. The board has also completed the installation of a large clock at the South end of the food court. The board is still pursuing the installation of building maps at the entrances of the Commons and TLC and possibly the addition of furniture to outside areas of the building.

Vandal Entertainment Committee

By: Kelsey LaRoche- VE Promotions

Everyone should consider joining the Vandal Entertainment Committee. It appeals to a wide variety of students and is a great organization to get involved with. We create and manage a 6 times a week film series in the Borah Theater, produce one large concert/semester, produce many small concerts throughout the semester, bring comedy acts, hypnotists, magicians, speakers to campus, and other entertainment. Members of Vandal Entertainment get fun perks such as free movie passes, the ability to influence and help decide who we bring to campus, and the chance to meet the members of acts who perform. More importantly, Vandal Entertainment provides the opportunity to develop important résumé enhancing skills. Members gain skills in budgeting, learn how behind-the-scene operations work, develop marketing skills used during promotion, improve team-work skills, and enhance their leadership abilities.

Meetings are every other Monday at 8:00 pm, on the fourth floor of the Commons in the Horizon or Crest room (they are right next to each other). No need to notify us before you come to a meeting. Just show up!

For more information or questions, email:
klaroche@vandals.uidaho.edu

What's Up with the Bookstore?

By: Lauren McConnel- ASUI Senator

This semester's senate has worked very hard to establish stronger relations with the Administration. It became painfully obvious that the communication between students and the administration was practically non-existent when the Argonaut reported the University was issuing a request for proposals for the management of the Bookstore before ASUI leadership was made aware of the issue.

Since then, the Senate has taken many steps to improve communication. We established the Pro Tempore as the official voice of the Senate so communication would be easier. We requested clear communication and transparency, and the administration claimed to be open to this request and included Policy Advisor Justin Doble on the RFP review committee as the voice of students. However, the Senate has since discovered that—at least for some of the administration—there was never much intention to listen to students on this issue.

We were told the RFPs were a “fishing expedition” so the Administration could see what our Bookstore could do better. We were told it was entirely possible the Bookstore would not change hands at all. Most importantly, we were told students would have an active say on this issue.

Instead, Chris Johnson has since commented to that it's not realistic for RFPs to be “fishing expeditions,” and that while it's possible for the committee to recommend none of the proposals, it's most likely one will be recommended and sent forward to management. We were told students would have a say in keeping the Bookstore or not, we were instead given 1 seat of 5 on a committee that evaluates the proposals. Theoretically, if students approved none of the proposals, we are outnumbered 4 to 1.

This is important because students, not administration, are the primary purchasers of textbooks. Many of us came here for a quality education at a lower price. Many of us came to a smaller school because being closer to our institution and not being just a number is important to us. We came because of the values we believed the University shared with us. We are told the University's Vision, Values and Directions are as follows: “Our teaching and learning activities seek to encourage every student in a transformative journey of discovery and understanding. ... Our work is shaped by ... the rigor of academic and ethical standards, by the attainment of each individual's full human potential, ... and by the dissolution of cultural and organizational barriers.”

It is difficult for students to feel this is sincere when we are kept in the dark and deliberately marginalized. It is hard to believe in the ethical standards of an institution that tells us one thing and then says another. It is impossible to attain our full human potential if we are not given credit for our ideas and say over our dollars. It is discouraging to realize the university with an “open mind” is using organizational barriers against us.

The purpose for the Senate is the representation of the students, and when administration keeps us in the dark it becomes very difficult for us to do our job. Theoretically, the University and students should have mutually beneficial goals: we want to be fully capable adults in the world; they want to transform us into such. When the administration marginalizes our concerns and displays such distrust and hypocrisy, we are all disappointed. Those charged with representing students are especially frustrated with such marginalization because it undermines not only our position, but also makes the work we have done feel fruitless. I assure you, it is not. We have taken a stand on this issue that will lay the groundwork for future, and we have done our part— we will continue to charge the administration to do theirs.

2008 Senator Larry E. Craig Endowment Scholarship Recipient Selected

By: Jo Seely

The Associated Students of the University of Idaho and the UI Student Foundation are pleased to announce the 2008 Senator Larry E. Craig Endowment Scholarship, a student from the College of Natural Sciences, Brooke Anderson.

The 2007-2008 award process was a successful commencement for the Senator Larry Craig Leadership Endowment. With eight impressive recommendations from throughout campus, all students seemed to be excellent candidates for the award. Furthermore, each student had an award in mind, including design expos, research projects and conferences. This year's recipient, Brooke Anderson, will be traveling to New Orleans to attend the American Chemical Society National Meeting. Anderson, a chemistry and math major in her senior year, has taken part in research, led by Patrick Hrdlicka, that will be presented at the conference. Without the assistance from the Senator Craig Scholarship, Anderson would not have been able to attend this event.

A Leadership Luncheon already took place to recognize Anderson's achievements. Anderson was joined by faculty from her department, university officials and students from the UI Student Foundation and ASUI.

We are enthusiastic for this opportunity for Brooke, and for the many other University of Idaho students that will be benefitted by the Senator Larry Craig Leadership Scholarship.

Senate and the City Council

By: Ian Harpole- ASUI Senator

The ASUI Senate is creating a position to address student issues in the Moscow City Council.

The position would act as a liaison between the two bodies in order to address issues in more of a proactive way.

Mayor Nancy Chaney said she is looking forward to having more student input and participation regarding city politics.

"Student issues are taken seriously," said Chaney. "I think we could find ways to help each other."

Issues such as the recent Noise Ordinance, and the building of a pedestrian bridge for off-campus students crossing Third Street could be addressed by the liaison.

By creating this position, the senators involved are pushing for the city of Moscow to see the student body as a part of Moscow rather than just a transient body.

The next step is creating and funding the position, which will be required to pay close attention to issues and bills that pass through the committees and council.

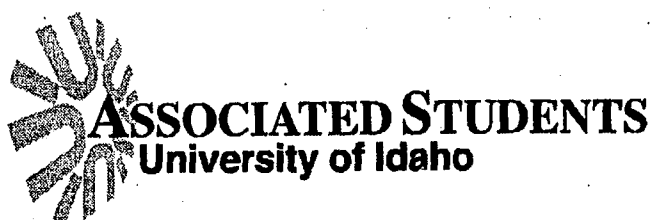
Election Lethargy

By: Zach Arama- ASUI Senator

The ASUI election is possibly the most tedious subject for students to hear about. Twice a year, the campus is bombarded by posters of overdressed candidates, excessively-messaged Facebook groups, and seemingly regurgitated empty promises. This popularity contest is exactly that... a showdown between fellow students to see who can get the most friends to vote for them. Sure, the occasional politically-conscious student will vote for a candidate who perhaps gave a convincing presentation at their house or had an intriguing poster, but in the end, the student body does not typically vote for candidates because they genuinely believe they will have a prodigious impact on increasing the standard of student life.

I understand this frustration. As an ASUI Senate candidate last fall, I had as many seemingly-empty platform issues and belief statements than the current batch of ASUI hopefuls. Not that it is a conscious effort to deceive the larger student body, but at the time, students have (for the most part) had no experience pertaining to these issues. Most of them have never before taken the time to sit in on a Senate meeting, or met with a department head about advising, or discussed security issues with a member of the local law enforcement, even though there has been ample opportunity to do so.

Change the trend. Challenge the candidates to justify their platforms. Demand to know how they plan on fulfilling those broad, generic mission statements; make them uncomfortable. This is the only way to find out who truly has what it takes to put forth the effort to change the conventional rut of mediocrity so often fallen into by our ASUI candidates. Ask them how they plan on increasing campus security, student engagement, and advising. No matter how articulate a candidate voice, it is all for nil if he or she has no structured plan to find a solution to these problems. Students must show them that they will be held accountable to their platforms, promises, and aspirations. Ask these questions not only of the candidates, but also of the current Senators who are supposed to represent your best interests. Ask us what we are doing for you; hold us to a higher standard of accountability. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion, no matter how abrasive. ASUI Senators are paid a salary taken from your student fees- Make sure we are earning it. Let's start making ASUI accountable to the students, not the other way around. Change the trend.



Continued -Vice President

Besides engaging the student body with ASUI, I also am working towards implementing a Non-profit management and leadership degree. Service is the heart of who I am and creating a degree that allows other students to get more involved in non-profits and voluntary service was one of the biggest reasons I ran for student government. This is a long process and I will continue to work on it next year after I am out of office. I hope I will be able to see the results of my work before I graduate, but if it takes longer, I hope the next administration will continue to support this idea.

The ASUI has shaped the person I am today and I am feel blessed that I have one more year at this school to make a difference in students' lives. I personally would like to thank each one of you, as students of this university, for allowing me to serve you in this position and for making this school an amazing place to grow, learn and change.

Please vote in this upcoming election, find out who will be representing you next year and support them. Our university can only change for the better when people take an interest and become active in student life.

In the Spirit of Service,
Amy Huddleston
ASUI Vice President

Vandal Entertainment Presents: A Mom's Weekend Film

Come enjoy a great film with your mom over Mom's Weekend! Showings in the Borah Theater Friday and Saturday April 18-19 at 7:00



Sixteen Candles

Samantha's (Molly Ringwald) sixteenth birthday should be the most wonderful day of her life, but it's all but forgotten because of her spoiled older sister's wedding. To top it off, Samantha has fallen for the hottest guy at school, but, of course, he's dating the most popular girl in this hilarious gen-x romantic comedy.

Also coming soon... Wednesday & Thursday April 23-24 at 7pm & 9:30pm



I'm Fine Without You

In another mind-bending screenplay from Charlie ("ADAPTATION") Kaufman, Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play a couple who have a terrible breakup. Joel (Carrey) can't take the loss and undergoes an experimental treatment which erases harsh memories from the human brain. In doing so he finds that he really does want to remember Clementine (Winslet) no matter how painful it might be.

Working for Academic Advising Reform

By Katie Scott- ASUI Director of Academics

Academic advising has been a hot topic within ASUI for over a decade. Students and advisors have been frustrated for years; and for years the university community has been clamoring for change. It finally appears that change is in sight. Recently, Vice Provost Jeanne Christiansen put together an advising work group to do something to combat poor advising. This group will consider data from past advising reports in addition to student, staff, and faculty suggestions for improving advising at the UI.

Senator Zach Arama and I have been welcomed into the group to speak up for students. We are working diligently with staff, faculty, and administrators in the committee on a variety of tasks, including: 1) Developing a mission statement about good, effective advising. Currently, there is no such statement that defines advising at the university level; 2) Examining different advising structures across campus (professional staff advising, faculty advising, peer advising, etc.) in order to see what's working and what could potentially be improved; and 3) Developing a survey for students to provide feedback to their advisors.

Reform is happening, and I am very interested in what you have to say. If you would like to share your advising experience or offer suggestions, please email me at katiescott@sub.uidaho.edu.

Rewarding Service in Pikeville, KY

Kelby Wilson- ASUI Senator

Over spring break I was one of eleven University of Idaho Students who joined 30 members of the University of Kentucky's Christian Student Fellowship to work on a Sandy Valley Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build in Pikeville, Kentucky. After travelling well over 24 hours fighting snow and canceled flights, we arrived in Pikeville and rested up for our week of building in the Pikeville First Christian Church (our home camp for the week). Monday morning we set out to Robinson Heights, the brain child of current Sandy Valley Habitat for Humanity President Blake Robinson with lots for 29 homes. Where the foundation and floor stood we were met by Casey Horton, Habitat's new director and Mike Froman, the builds construction foremen. Over the next five days we framed, roofed, insulated, sided and sheet rocked the home. By Friday afternoon with doors and windows installed, the impact of our service was visible and emotionally moving.

We had worked all week alongside Pam Newsome, who is the director of the Shelby Valley Senior Citizens Center and her 16-year-old son Garrett who will be living in the house. On the first day, fairly early in the morning, I started chatting with one of the boys I thought was from UK. After some discussion I found out he was instead from Pikeville. A little later I asked "So, you seem to know Pam, pretty well?" He responded, "Yeah, she's my mom." I was talking with her 24-year-old son Isaiah Newsome. He was quoted in the local paper a few days later saying, "I'm terribly excited for my mom. It's unbelievable how the Lord has blessed us," and added that his parents divorced, and his mom has raised him and his brother by herself.



Pikeville Team on Site

He was absolutely an amazing person to work with all week. This is the first service project I have been on where I could truly see the impact of my volunteering. There couldn't be a more deserving family. And, as Habitat stresses, the home is not a hand out, but rather a hand up.

My Thoughts on Service Trips

By: David Church- ASUI Senator

I have been on two Alternative Service Break trips thus far during my college career. The first one was to Waveland, MS and I went to Newport, TN on my second trip. They were also some of the greatest experiences of my life. In fact, I have intentions on going on another trip before I graduate.



David Church

As part of a college education as a whole, I encourage every student to participate in some sort of service trip such as ASB. There are two main reasons why I personally believe that participating in large-scale service programs, such as ASB, is one of the best things someone can do while in college.

The first and most obvious reason is that participants have the opportunity to help others that are in great need. My first trip to Mississippi involved doing hurricane relief after Katrina. I went on this trip in Spring 07, which was a full year and a half after the storm. Most of the people there were still living in FEMA trailers waiting for the money to start rebuilding. The people that actually were in the process of rebuilding needed someone to help to rebuild--which is why we were there. My second trip to Tennessee involved me volunteering in one of the poorest counties in the country. Most importantly, these trips are life-changing experiences. In both trips I went on, there were times that were great and there were times where I just wanted to leave. However, it was during the times that I hated that I gained the most. In the end, I came through the hardships and became a better person because of that. I even learned a few things about myself that I could never have elsewhere.

It is for these reasons, and many more that I believe that all students should go on a service trip of some sort. They teach things about being a person that can never be taught inside the classroom. It is something that must be experienced. For more information about service trips, please contact the ASUI Center of Volunteerism and Social Action.

A big thank you goes out to our team advisor Butch Fealy for his hard work and patience during the week. I would also like to thank Blake, Casey and Mike, and most importantly the Newsome family for taking such good care of us and providing a wonderful service break experience.

If this service opportunity sounds like something you would be interested in, the ASUI Volunteer Center has numerous programs available to you. I encourage you to stop by their office, Idaho Commons Room 301, and become involved. Service on all levels makes society a better place for everyone and provides a personally rewarding experience.

The Life of a Senator

Kristin Caldwell- ASUI Senator

While campaigning for Senate Elections last fall, I came across dozens of students who had never heard of ASUI—who didn't even know our university had student leaders called Senators. How could these 15 people, who work so hard, be unrecognized by such a large percentage of the student population? With elections coming up next week, I felt it necessary to explain exactly what a Senator does.

The Senate is made up of 15 Senators, and the ASUI Vice President presides over each of our weekly meetings held on Wednesday nights. These meetings are conducted under parliamentary procedure, in business attire, and at the beginning of every meeting is an opportunity for student organizations or other persons to come and speak to us regarding issues or events on campus (open forum). Prior to the meetings, a pre-session is usually held. Some pre-sessions we've had this semester were with the Violence Prevention Center, Dean Pitman, Carl Root (Parking), and Peg Godwin (manager of the UI Bookstore). In addition to weekly meetings, Senators have several more responsibilities. First, each Senator is assigned 3 or 4 living groups. It is their duty to visit these living groups on a bi-weekly basis, informing the students of upcoming events. Visiting living groups also gives the students a chance to voice their concerns about the University of Idaho, and any voiced opinions are usually reported back to the entire Senate. Each Senator also serves on an ASUI Executive Board (Commons and Union, Campus Recreation, Vandal Entertainment, Activities) and on a Senate committee (Finance, Rules and Regulations, and Government Operations and Appointments). Many ASUI Senators serve on a taskforce as well. Currently we have 2 taskforces: Student Engagement and Safety. With any additional time, students work on individual projects. A few of these projects include parking, advising, and philanthropies.

As you can see, ASUI Senators dedicate a great deal of time to their positions and UI. If you find your personal leadership skills and work ethic to be high, consider running for a position on the Senate in the next elections. Personally, it has been one of the best learning experiences of my life.

Elections are next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 14-16). Just over 12% of undergraduate students voted in the election last semester. If you want Senators that will continue working hard in ASUI, make it a point to read about the candidates online, and vote for the ones who will make the effort.