

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO THE ARGONAUT

199, No. 57

www.uiargonaut.com

The Vandal Voice for 111 Years

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Number of DUIs down

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Every night is a different story for the Moscow Police Department, but a marked decline in the number of people frequenting downtown bars has recently made the graveyard shift a little less eventful.

Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Friday night, Officer Dustin Blaker received only a handful of calls while he patrolled, ranging from a small brush fire to a noisy party. Blaker, who has been on the force for nine years, described the unpredictability of each night and the variety of circumstances they face.

"Every night's different, every weekend's different," Blaker said, but he added that's part of what he loves about his job.

"You never know what you're going to do one day to the next."

Blaker said the drop-off in cases of drunk driving can be somewhat cyclical, with some years heavier than others depending on the types of students attending the university in any given time span.

He suggested another reason could be the prolonged cold season.

According to police reports, in 2007 there were 148 incidents of drunk driving, and in 2008 there were 138, down from 295 in 2006. Among those in 2008, 80 involved people between the ages of 18 and 25.

"It's slowly been going down for the last three years," Blaker said. "It's been a gradual decline in the number of calls we take."

Sergeant Danny Bruce said 10 officers are on duty on average Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., when most alcohol-related incidents are likely to occur.

"We have our big overlap between those hours because that's when we have problems," Bruce said.

Bruce pointed to more aggressive policies against drinking as a reason for the downturn.

"The university became more aggressive about it, the police became more aggressive about it," Bruce said. "I think the whole community really started trying to address this huge party life that was here." Blaker said while patrols do get a little dull, he's glad students choose to walk, have a designated driver or simply not to drink.

See DUI, page 5

Experiencing a different world



Jake Barber
Argonaut

It is early November 2004, and the country of Ukraine is in political turmoil.

In the frozen streets of Kiev, thousands of protesters old and young from across the country have come to be part of the Orange Revolution, a mostly peaceful conflict between the two Ukrainian presidential candidates. In the churning sea of brightly colored flags and tents, a young man walks dressed in a large winter coat with a hood and scarf. He doesn't speak to anyone, because to do so would reveal he isn't a Ukrainian at all, but an American Peace Corps volunteer.

The Peace Corps instructed volunteers not to get involved with the political event, but Chad Goeden's host mother insisted he witness the historic moment and gave him the Ukrainian winter clothing so he would blend in.

"I wasn't really supposed to be there," Goeden said, now an employee at the International Students and Scholars Office at Washington State University. "But it was an amazing experience. I was able to build a better relationship with my host town.

— I could tell them that I was there during that historic moment for their country."

Goeden applied for the Peace Corps in November 2003 — three years after he graduated with a degree in German education, and was notified of his acceptance in July 2004.

The Peace Corps is an independent federal agency that was started by an executive order from former President John F. Kennedy March 1, 1961. The idea began when he was campaigning for the presidency and challenged a group of University of Michigan students to serve and live in developing countries to promote peace. Since then, 195,000 volunteers have served in 139 countries, working to educate and support economic growth.

The application process is a long and competitive one, according to Goeden. The basic requirements for applying to the Peace Corps are that the applicant be at least 18 years old, in good health and a U.S. citizen. It is preferred that applicants have at least an undergraduate degree and experience in foreign languages and volunteer work. After submitting the application, an accomplishment in itself according to

See WORLD, page 5

Courtesy Photos
Top: Chad Goeden stands next to the road that leads to a plot of land owned by his host family near Brody, Ukraine, Sept. 2, 2006. Goeden served as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching English to high school students from 2004 to 2006.

RACK IT, BUDDY



Jake Barber/Argonaut

"Attention: This is NOT a bike rack," is what these yellow tags attached to the handlebars of several bikes outside the College of Natural Resources Building read. The notices are from University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services as part of its recent crackdown on improper bike parking.

Parking services proposes fee increase to chip away deficit

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

It would be tough for anyone to stay afloat with a \$1.3 million deficit.

"Our costs are rising," said Carl Root, manager of University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services. "If we were to do nothing through 2014, we would be operating at a \$1.3 million loss."

The majority of the money Parking and Transportation Services uses is self-generated, although some money for improvements also comes from the facilities budget, Root said.

It's because of this future loss parking services is proposing a 10-year fee increase for parking permits, with the first price hike to start in the 2010 fiscal year.

"I think the prices now are a little unreasonable," said freshman Amanda Williams, a microbiology major.

She said while the fee hike is disappointing, she won't be angry if it is enacted.

"We realize it's difficult to raise fees in a tough economic time," Root said, "but there's never a good time to raise fees, and we feel this long-range plan is imperative to ensuring we have a safe and effective transportation system."

Aside from helping to deal with increasing expenses, Root said some of the money is going toward necessary safety improvements.

The increase would affect every permit offered except for the disability permit. The largest increase would be with the silver, purple and green permits, which cost \$74 right now and would level off at \$228 by 2019.

The gold permit would rise from \$288 to \$388 by

break it DOWN

Fee increase from 2009 to 2010:

Gold, departmental, vendor: \$288 to \$300
Red: \$144 to \$157
Silver, purple, green: \$74 to \$99
Blue: \$59 to \$61
Disability: No change
Visitor: \$1 to \$2

2019, and the red would go from \$144 to \$228. The smallest increase is with the blue and visitor permits, with blue going from \$59 to \$79 by 2019 and visitor going from \$1 to \$3.

According to a parking services spreadsheet illustrating the proposed fee raise, the projected revenue in 2009 is \$776,522. By 2019, the projected revenue sits at \$1,354,478.

UI has a long-range development plan, which includes plans for Parking and Transportation Services, but the last update was in 2000, so Root is working to release a revised rough draft of the ultimate plan some time this month with a more final draft coming out in the fall.

"I think it's very important to have a transportation plan that guides and provides direction to the transportation system," Root said.

The university plans to update the long-range development plan in the next four years.

See FEE, page 5

LAST DAY TO VOTE!

Voting for The Argonaut's Best of the University of Idaho survey ends midnight Wednesday.

Cast your ballot at tinyurl.com/bestofui09

THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL

When are you planning to register for next semester?

Do you like the changes that they have made to Bob's in the Wallace complex?

To vote, visit www.uiargonaut.com
Results will be published in next Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut.

Discover Life

at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

This week's ASUI Vandal Entertainment Films...

Seven Pounds

April 24 & 25
7 and 9:30pm

All films show at the SUB Borah Theater
\$2 Students/\$3 Public
Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Saturday of Service

is on April 25th this Saturday!



ASUI CENTER FOR VOLUNTEERISM & SOCIAL ACTION

University of Idaho

UI Counseling and Testing Center

Free, confidential counseling for UI students

In the Continuing Education Building, Room 306, 885-6716

www.ctc.uidaho.edu

Counseling for Personal, Academic and Career Concerns



• Student Supported • Student Staffed • Specializing in Technical Support for Student Groups and Events

Located on the third floor of the University of Idaho Student Union Building. Phone: (208) 885-6947

Idaho Commons Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7am-12am
Friday: 7am-8pm
Saturday: 9am-8pm
Sunday: 12pm-12am

Student Union Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7am-12am
Friday: 7am-8pm
Saturday: 9am-8pm (will stay open later for programming)
Sunday: 12pm-12am



ICSUcomments@sub.uidaho.edu

885-1N10 • 885-CMNS

<http://www.sub.uidaho.edu>

Speak out: What do you think of the Somalian pirate situation?

Ed Castetter

senior, conservation biology

"I don't think it's necessarily the place of the U.S. to be dealing with it. If they are going after U.S. citizens then it would be, but the African governments should be taking care of it right now."



Candice Riggers

junior, justice studies and psychology

"I think they did a good job of getting the captain out. I think they are handling the situation pretty well for now."



Casey Escamilla

sophomore, art and communication

"I think it's dumb that they are stealing other people's property. If they are going to steal, they should at least find a better way to do it and go for the big stuff."



Austin Argdale

graduate student, human factors

"Not only does Obama have to deal with the problems of the 21st century, but now he has to deal with the problems of the 16th century too." - Stephen Colbert"



Jake Barber/Argonaut

WEB POLL RESULTS

Warmer weather has come. What will you spend your weekends doing?

31 - I've got too much homework to care.

26 - Camping, fishing, you name it. Finally, a chance to go outside!

11 - After a long winter, I'm too pale to go outside.

Are you planning to vote for the ASUI elections?

Yes - 10

No - 9

Visit our Web site to vote in the next two online polls.

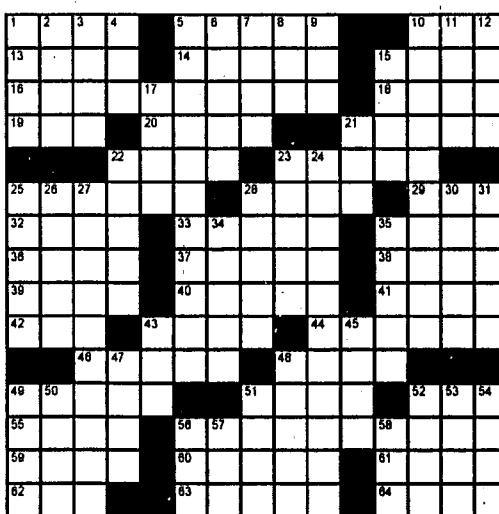
Results will be published every Tuesday.

www.uiargonaut.com

Crossword

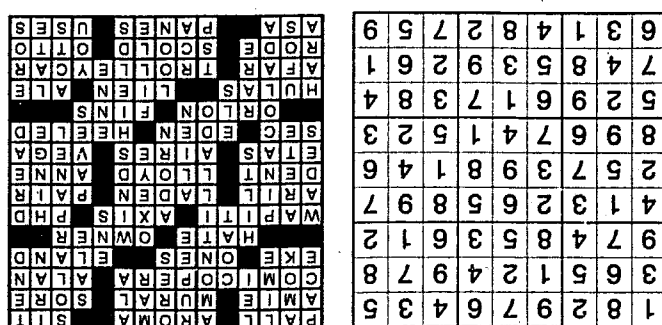
Across

- 1 Gloomy atmosphere
- 5 Bouquet
- 10 Canine command
- 13 French girlfriend
- 14 Wall painting
- 15 Tender
- 16 Musical play, of sorts
- 18 Chester Arthur's middle name
- 19 Supplement, with "out"
- 20 Change for a five
- 21 African antelope
- 22 Abhor
- 23 Title holder
- 25 American elk
- 28 Allies' foe
- 29 High degree
- 32 Seed coat
- 33 Burdened
- 35 Couple
- 36 Fender blemish
- 37 Bridges in movies
- 38 Diarist Frank
- 39 Fraternity letters
- 40 Buenos
- 41 Lyrn's brightest star
- 42 Dry, as wine
- 43 Genesis garden
- 44 Followed, like a dog
- 46 Acrylic fiber
- 48 Scuba gear
- 49 Luau dances
- 51 Bank claim
- 52 Barley brew
- 55 At a distance
- 56 Public transport
- 59 Went by taxi
- 60 Bawl out
- 61 Director Preminger



- 62 Al Jolson's real first name
- 63 Glacier's items
- 64 Applies
- 10 Energy collector
- 11 Persia, now
- 12 Be inclined
- 15 Ad headline
- 17 Jacket
- 21 Naval officer (Abbr.)
- 22 Sword handles
- 23 Daisy variety
- 24 Auto parts
- 25 Walks in water
- 26 Narrow ridge
- 27 Coconut drink
- 28 Deck out
- 30 Flexible joint
- 31 Great fear
- 34 ET, for one
- 35 Covers a road
- 43 1997 U.S. Open champ
- 45 Fem. suffix
- 47 Pink, as a steak
- 48 Young lady, in France
- 49 Japanese statesman
- 50 Flying saucers
- 51 "Crazy" bird
- 52 Plays a part
- 53 Recent
- 54 Love god
- 56 Recipe amount (Abbr.)
- 57 Color TV pioneer
- 58 Not me

Solutions



Sudoku

1	2		7	6		3	5
3							8
			8				2
4	1	3			8		
2							6
							3
		9	6				
		8	5		2		
6	3		4		2	7	5

Corrections

In Friday's edition of The Argonaut, the caption for the "SBOE: we're not talking" photo implied the people in the picture were the state board. They were not.

The photo accompanying the story "Students bring flow to those in need" was taken by Alex Edstrom.

In the "Not your average mom" story, Pam Berdit's marital status was incorrect. She is a widow.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor.

Contact information can be found on page 6.

Campus gets clean

UI Campus Day gets students conscious about cleanliness

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

Three pieces of trash a day — that's the goal of University of Idaho student Lissa Firor.

"I try to pick up at least two or three pieces of trash each day," Firor said, an environmental science major. "I like to keep the campus looking nice, and the environment is a personal interest of mine."

Not only is Firor gathering litter daily, she said she has also attended every Campus Day cleanup for four years.

"The first time I participated, I was in my freshman Core class," Firor said. "The professor required us to take the day and volunteer to help. That's really how I got involved."

Campus Day, an event that's been running at UI since May 23, 1910, will take place today.

"I've been coordinating the event for three years now, and it had just been restarted," said Kevin Ketchie, president's office manager. "It was one of those traditions that went (on the) wayside."

For many, as well as Firor, Campus Day is a way to keep the campus looking nice and connecting students.

"It's a beautification process," Ketchie said. "We are coming out of a long winter, and it's an opportunity for people to pitch in and keep the campus looking good."

Along with Firor's personal goals and her participation, Firor explained the benefits of Campus Day.

"The biggest benefit would be student involvement," Firor said. "Students can feel connected and that they are doing something worthwhile."

Student productivity is one thing, but Firor explained it can improve student turnout for events such as these.

"When everything is done, it can give students a feeling of accomplishment," Firor said. "Like wow, we moved all of this brush in a couple hours, and it looks great, and maybe students will stay involved much more."

Ketchie said it improves the look and feel of the campus.

"We talk about education outside the classroom," she said, "it allows students to get outside and work side by side and connect with community members and faculty and staff."

Students, faculty and staff will be asked to take part in four main projects the golf course, the Chip Storage Facility, the UI interior and



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Plastic bags and cardboard litter the shrubbery outside the Life Sciences Building. Today is Campus Day, an event when students and faculty work to clean up the University of Idaho campus.

campus litter pick-up.

"On the north slope of the golf course, we have been cutting up dead trees," said Charles Zillinger, director of Landscape and Exterior Services. "We need volunteers to carry the pieces down the slope to a wood chipper."

The chip storage facility, weather permitting, will be planted with various shrubs and trees.

"If it's a bad day and rains too much, we can't have students on the slopes, so we will be focusing on interior cleanup and exterior cleanup," Zillinger said.

The check-in point for those wishing to volunteer will be at 8:45 a.m. in the Idaho Commons Plaza, where Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen will speak. Work will begin at 9 a.m.

Firor suggests students who plan to volunteer should be prepared.

"Don't wear flip-flops," Firor said. "Wear clothes you can get dirty, and bring gloves, especially if you're planning to work on the slopes."

Other projects taking place for Campus Day include the Student Organization of People in the Environment, who will prepare planting space for their native vegetation garden from 3 to 6 p.m.

"We talk about education outside the classroom — it allows students to get outside and work side by side and connect with community members and faculty and staff."

Lissa
FIROR
Environmental science major

Future of small programs unsure

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Holly Sullins is one of the many active feminists at the University of Idaho, but next fall she will be a transfer student at Washington State University, and by next May, she will receive a bachelor's degree in women's studies.

Since she started at UI five years ago, Sullins has taken all the required classes toward a women's studies minor but has been undecided because the university doesn't offer a major in the program.

When the programs for the Program Prioritization Process were announced, Sullins checked the list every day for women's studies, but it was never included.

Sullins said she felt the program received a lack of support from the university, and although she didn't want to see it cut, she wouldn't have been surprised.

"I didn't think it was a priority among the administration," Sullins said. "Even though I've decided to transfer, I still wanted to know the high quality classes would still be there."

Sullins said she thinks adding a major to the program would increase its security.

"The fact that there is no major to me shows that it's neglected," Sullins said.

She said there are quality professors and classes that everyone should take, but many students are detracted from the program.

"Women's studies seems to be a narrow focus," Sullins said. "But everyone can take a lot away from the classes. It's enriching, and other people should take that chance to grow."

Sandra Reineke, program coordinator for the women's studies program, said she is more than confident in its security.

"Women's studies is a minor due to the resources available," Reineke said. "But that does not speak to the quality or potential growth of the program."

Involved in the program since 2005, Reineke has been the coordinator for a year.

Last fall, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences Dean Kathy Aiken initiated an overhaul of the program's curriculum to help ensure its quality.

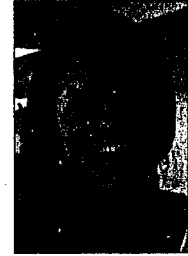
"The administration really knows the value of the program," Reineke said. "It educates students, trains future civic leaders and attracts new students."

While the title of the program

is "women's studies," it is not only for women, she said.

Women's studies include the study of men and women, but also focuses on sexuality.

Reineke is the only professor in the program who is not appointed faculty. The remainder of the staff are appointed faculty.



Colby Vance

"Despite our smallness, in actuality, it is a thriving program," Reineke said.

She said, not only is women's studies thriving at UI, it is a nation movement.

"Throughout the U.S., it is without hesitation the most successful and most thriving of all interdisciplinary programs," Reineke said. "There are currently 458 undergraduate programs."

Reineke said she always encourages students to minor in women's studies, because employers look at different educational approaches after graduation.

Colby Vance, a junior at UI, declared a women's studies minor her sophomore year.

She said after taking Reineke's sex and culture course, she became interested.

"I didn't realize how well the minor related to everyday life," Vance said. "It ties into everything, especially how people are treated."

Vance said she thinks the involvement of the UI Women's Center is a positive influence for the program and is probably one of the reasons it has not been considered to be cut.

Reineke agreed the Women's Center plays an important role in the program.

Without the center, she said it would be hard to exchange lecturers and coordinate activities together for promotion.

"The program is the academic arm, and the center is the resource of gender on campus," Reineke said. "The program feeds into what the center does."

For students in the minor, Reineke offers independent study classes that are set up specifically for students and what they are interested in learning about.

Vance took advantage of this offer last semester when she studied about gender and ethics.

The classes help bring the diversity to the program, she said.


"There's a negative look on women's studies that causes a lot of people to be thrown off," Vance said. "But people just don't understand the program."

www.blot.uidaho.edu

"A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question."

Charles Darwin

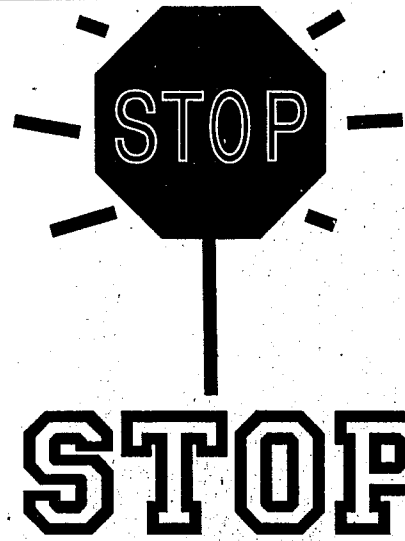
Celebrating
Darwin's Bicentennial:
Intelligent Design and Science
Professor Michael J. Behe
Author of Darwin's Black Box and The Edge of Evolution



In celebrating Darwin's Bicentennial Professor Michael J. Behe, Lehigh University, has been invited to speak on:

Answering Objection to Intelligent Design in Biology
WSU CUB Auditorium, 7pm Thursday, April 23rd
and
The Science of Intelligent Design
U of I SUB Ballroom, 7pm Friday April 24th

Open to the Public Sponsored by Sciphre Institue and CRU



STOP
DUMPSTER DIVING

RECYCLE

YOUR FUNITURE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS,
CLOTHING....

Support Moscow & Pullman by donating to:
THE SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE

315-S. Jackson St. - Moscow, ID
Call (208) 883-4812 for Free PICK-UP

PoliceLOG

Monday

8:48 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said her car is disabled and partially blocking the road.

5:14 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officer responded to a report of harassment.

8:45 p.m. University Avenue: Caller reported a small car accident. Officers determined the damage was non-reportable.

9:40 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a possible burglary.

10:14 p.m. Blake Avenue: Caller said they found a friend passed out, and their heart rate and breathing was fine. The caller said there was a certified EMT on scene, and they were taking the passed out person to Gritman Medical Center.

11:47 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a strong marijuana smell.

Tuesday

10:21 a.m. Elm Street: Caller said fire extinguishers were stolen from Theta Chi House. Officers determined there was an inventory mix-up, and nothing was stolen.

11:22 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said a man drove up to a transformer, set a white bag near it and then drove off.

Wednesday

9:36 a.m. West Third Street: Caller found a stolen permit on a blue Subaru.

9:57 a.m. West Third Street: Officers received another re-

port of a stolen permit.

10:13 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said a bike has been locked in front of the Human Resources Office for a week, and he believes it is abandoned.

10:59 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller said a large dog is walking around in a parking lot.

11:25 a.m. UI campus: Caller found an Arizona driver's license and a credit card.

3:35 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers received a report of males smoking marijuana in a restroom.

4:25 p.m. West Sixth Street: A man was driving without a license or insurance.

Thursday

9:12 a.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller said many members of their sorority reported their underwear missing.

11:55 a.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller reported a hit-and-run accident in the parking lot.

1:09 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller said there's a male causing problems inside St. Augustine's Church.

3:41 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported loud music.

6:33 p.m. Stadium Drive: Caller said his wallet was stolen from outside the racquetball courts.

Friday

9:46 a.m. University Avenue: Caller said a pig was outside of his fraternity.

11:51 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officers received a report of a disabled vehicle.

2:15 p.m. Elm Street: Caller reported

suspicious circumstances.

Saturday

2:11 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers warned a male for noise.

4:28 a.m. Rayburn Street: Custodians said a man refused to leave the library, and they were scared to talk to him. He left the building before officers arrived.

4:36 p.m. West Third Street: Law, fire and EMS responded to a report of a vehicle hitting a bicyclist. The cyclist sustained only minor injuries.

5:08 p.m. Stadium Drive: Officers responded to a report of a woman with a cut on her forehead.

8:34 p.m. Elm Street: Caller reported three male teenagers on bikes outside a building that's being worked on. They were discussing entering the building.

Sunday

1:10 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller said someone hit his car and drove away.

1:15 a.m. Campus Drive: One male arrested for drugs.

2:07 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers issued a citation for an alcohol offense.

2:11 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers issued a citation for public urination.

2:33 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers issued a citation for public urination.

3:56 a.m. Elm Street: Caller heard a loud bang and loud voices. He also saw a glowing light.

12:11 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported a stray dog. Officers found the dog and took it back to its home.

ULTIMATE FUN



Jake Barber/Argonaut

With the music of Rise Against and Nickelback blaring in the background, students gathered on the Theophilus Tower lawn Monday to play a game of ultimate frisbee.

Local/BRIEFS

Amy Grey to speak at series

Amy Grey, director of Backyard Harvest, will speak at noon Wednesday in the Fiske Room of the 1912 Center.

Her speech is part of the Moscow League of Women Voter's noon speaker series. The event is free and open to the public.

UI faculty, staff receive awards

University of Idaho students, faculty and staff were awarded Monday for outstanding achievements in teaching, research, outreach and advising at the University Inn Best Western.

Larry Forney received the Research or Creative Activity Excellence award. Sean Quinlan, Stephen

Devadoss and Patricia Hart were all awarded for excellence in teaching.

Lynaire Banks received the Advising Excellence Staff award. Annette Folwell received the Advising Excellence Undergraduate award. Stephen Devadoss received the Advising Excellence Graduate award.

Paul Joyce received the Donald Crawford Graduate Faculty Mentoring award.

Niko Balkenhol received the Outstanding Graduate Student Research and Creative Activity award.

Dan Cordon received the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching award.

Stephen Drown, Karen Launchbaugh and Gordon Keetch received excellence in outreach and engagement awards.

Free luncheon held at Gritman

A free lunchtime pro-

gram will be put on from noon to 1 p.m. Friday by Gritman Medical Center.

The program will include information about how to tune up and fix bikes, as well as safe biking and walking routes.

The program is free and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Film festival to open Wednesday

The UI Sustainability Center and the American Institute of Architecture Studies are hosting an Earth Week film festival at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Borah Theater in the UI Student Union Building.

"Baraka," a film dealing with technology and its impact on the environment, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Food and discussion will be available between showings.

There will also be films about the Sustainability Center as well as student films.

Still have flex?
Contact Catering & Throw a Party!
Here are Some Suggestions:

Pizza!
 Choose Any Two Pizzas
 12-Pack of Soda
 Choose from Pepperoni, Cheese or Veggie
\$25.00

Cookies!
 A Dozen Cookies
 4 Pints of Milk
 Choose from Peanut Butter, Sugar, White Chocolate
 Macadamia Nut, or Chocolate Chip
 Choose from 2% or Skim Milk
\$15.00

Wings!
 Buffalo Wing Platter with celery sticks, carrots and ranch dressing
 12-Pack of Soda
\$15.00

Order Now!
885-2576 • catering@uidaho.edu
Pick up at Bob's Place only
Orders must be placed 24 hours before your event

Advertise here.
E-mail Daniellat@uidaho.edu.

CALENDAR

Today

Sustainable Neighborhood Presentation
 11:30 a.m.
 Art and Architecture South

Cooking demonstration
 Noon
 Student Recreation Center classroom

Parking fee change presentation
 Noon
 Idaho Commons Horizon Room

Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series
 12:30 p.m.
 Commons Whitewater Room

Sam Foster Seminar
 2:30 p.m.

Commons Whitewater Room

SOPE Native Garden Preparation
 3 p.m.
 LLC Courtyard

University faculty meeting
 3:30 p.m.
 Administration Auditorium

Life After Graduation Series
 5 p.m.
 Commons Whitewater Room

Panel discussion on sustainability
 6 p.m.
 Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Wednesday

Logger Sports Demonstration
 9 a.m.
 Lawn outside Agricultural

Science Building

Lunch and Lead Brown Bag Series
 11:30 a.m.
 Idaho Water Center 162

A Vision for Higher Education
 Noon to 6 p.m.
 Albertson Building forecourt

Earthweek Film Festival
 7 p.m.
 Student Union Building Borah Theater

Thursday

Study Abroad Advising
 11 a.m.
 Commons Horizon Room

Brown Bag Series from Stacey Camp
 12:30 p.m.
 Administration Building 330

Parking fee change presentation
 1 p.m.
 Commons Horizon Room

Miles Benker Seminar
 6 p.m.
 College of Natural Resources 108

Austin Distinguished Lecture in Science
 7 p.m.
 College of Law Courtroom

"Die Fledermaus"
 7:30 p.m.
 Hartung Theatre

Ache Brasil performance
 7:30 p.m.
 Moscow High School

"WADDELL & REED IS THE 5-YEAR LEADER..."

Investing. With a plan.
 205 E. Main • Pullman
 509-332-2543
 MEMBER SIPC

Jeff Feuerstein
 Financial Advisor

Jason Plemons
 Advisor Associate

Laura Preece
 Financial Advisor

WADDELL & REED
 Financial Advisors
 Investing. With a plan.
 205 E. Main • Pullman
 509-332-2543
 MEMBER SIPC

PEACE CORPS

The corner office can wait.
Some corners of the world can't.

Watch for The Argonaut Tuesdays and Fridays

WORLD

from page 1

Goeden, applicants are interviewed, sent through a medical and legal clearance process and, if they are found to be qualified, advanced to the placement process.

Applicants don't get to choose what country they are placed in, but they can state a preference. According to Matthew Hogue, regional recruiter for the Peace Corps in Seattle, new applicants often ask him if they can choose where they get to go. He said they try to place volunteers in their country of preference, but they also look at where they are needed most. He said flexibility is something they look for in new recruits.

However, once applicants are placed, it is not set in stone. Goeden said when he was first contacted, he was told he was going to be teaching an after-school sports program.

"I told them that if they really needed me there, that I could do it," Goeden said, "but also that I thought they should know that I can't catch a ball for the life of me."

Goeden was given a second option of teaching English in Ukraine, and he took the assignment.

Gordon Thomas, the Director of Writing in the University of Idaho English Department, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon from 1974-78. He said he was originally placed in the Central African Republic. He called a Peace Corps representative in Washington, D.C., with some questions about the post, and the representative indicated he didn't think Thomas was ready for the difficulties that the country would offer. Thomas was then given a choice among the C.A.R., Chad and Cameroon — he chose Cameroon.

Training

After a volunteer's location is chosen, he or she goes through a training period. The Peace Corps term of service is 27 months, but the first three are used for training in the host country. Volunteers are trained in the culture of the country as well as an intensive language program. According to Goeden, the language classes are eight hours a

day for four days a week.

"I couldn't speak any Ukrainian when I got there," he said. "The language program is amazing — I picked it up pretty quick."

The three months of in-country training are usually in a larger city. Goeden's destination was a town of about 18,000 people called Brody, but he spent his three months of training with a host family in the capital of Kiev, where he witnessed the Orange Revolution.

Much of the training is determined by what job volunteers will be doing at their destination. According to Hogue, 8 percent of volunteers work in agriculture, 19 percent work in business, information and communication technology, 30 percent work in education, 9 percent work in environmental programs, 17 percent work in health and HIV/AIDS, and 17 percent work in youth and community development.

As educators in the Teaching English as a Foreign Language program, Goeden and Thomas taught classes in local, state-run schools to high school-age students. Thomas said one of his classes had about 60 students, and he had no experience teaching at the time.

Hogue was a volunteer in a pilot business advising program that worked with the Thai government to develop business communications and ideas for small enterprise development.

Currently, the Peace Corps also requests volunteers take on a secondary project in addition to their main job. Goeden assisted Ukraine in writing an HIV/AIDS curriculum. The country has one of the fastest growing HIV/AIDS infection rates, and he said sex education in Ukraine is not a common subject. Hogue worked to set up forest conservation projects in Thailand to combat the loss of forest area to encroaching rice fields and logging. As part of the program, he helped determine time periods for forests to be closed to the public for recovery. Thomas did not have a secondary project because that was not part of the program during the '70s.

As they complete their term of service, volunteers have a three-part mission. The first goal is to help the people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women. The second is to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served, and the last is to

help promote a better understanding of other people on the part of Americans.

"We are kind of like ambassadors there," Thomas said.

To garner a better relationship with the people they are working with, volunteers usually live as the locals do. They are given a living allowance that allows them to live comfortably, but they do not get special living accommodations as Peace Corps volunteers. Goeden lived with a local family of five whose mother spent two years as an undocumented worker in Israel to raise money for her family.

Safety first

Once volunteers begin with their jobs, they must follow the rules and regulations of the organization. According to Goeden, safety is the biggest concern. Peace Corps volunteers are not allowed to drive at all during their term of service, and if they are caught doing, so they are sent home.

Thomas said in his day, things were a little different. Most volunteers weren't allowed to drive, but some did anyway, he said. He saw some volunteers doing biology work while he was in Cameroon that couldn't get to their site easily, so they rode dirt bikes.

When volunteers travel, they must always inform the Peace Corps where they will be. Volunteers get two days of vacation time per month of service, and many like to use those 48 days of vacation to travel around their country or to visit nearby countries. The Peace Corps needs to know the location of all of their volunteers in the case of an emergency evacuation.

"They do come down on you for safety, but it's for a reason," Goeden said. "It's just hard to see with all the other frustrations at the time."

While the Peace Corps can be a life-changing experience for people like Goeden, Thomas, and Hogue, it isn't for everyone. Goeden said he saw many people drop out in the first six months of service because they just couldn't handle it. He said volunteers have to be able to adjust to a completely different world and deal with isolation from other Americans. The closest Peace Corps volunteer to Goeden's host town was two hours away, and he said the only other English speaker he saw regularly was an old, retired Swedish lawyer who occasionally did charity work in the area. Thomas said a woman he arrived with looked out the window of their plane as they began to land in Cameroon and made a remark about how surprised she was a

about the VOLUNTEERS

- There are 474 UI alumni who have been Peace Corps volunteers
- There are currently 19 Peace Corps volunteers from UI working in Guatemala, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Mexico, Philippines, Romania, Tanzania and Zambia.
- They are working in agriculture, environmental development, business development, education and health.
- Twenty percent of Peace Corps applicants are in their 20s.
- There was a 16 percent raise in Peace Corps applications in 2008, with the biggest increase in the 50 and older age group.

world. Goeden said he was painting a fence in his host town one day when a couple drove by in a horse-drawn buggy. The woman was in traditional dress complete with a "babushka" scarf around her head, but the man was talking on a cell phone as he held the reins.

"That describes the country," he said. "It is a transition between old and new."

Coming home

When their term of service is up, Peace Corps volunteers face an entirely new set of challenges and experiences when they come home. Goeden said he suffered from "reverse culture shock" when he walked into a supermarket in England while on the way home. He said he thought, "I can't be here," when he saw entire aisles devoted to cereal, while in Ukraine, most people only have two choices for breakfast. While he was uncomfortable with the inequalities that were obvious to him when he came back, Goeden said he eventually grew to accept them — it was necessary to get on with life.

"You remember yourself here before you went. You are one of your own memories," he said. "You have to find your place in a place you thought you knew."

To help returning volunteers transition into their lives again, the Peace Corps gives them \$6,000 when they have completed 27 months of service. Volunteers are also offered help in obtaining a job, a year of non-competitive eligibility for a federal job, discounted health insurance for 18 months and graduate school opportunities.

Not everyone comes back right away, however. After completing his Peace Corps service in 1978, Thomas took a third of his reimbursement money and traveled Northern Africa for six to eight weeks. He paid a Nigerian driver to take him across the Sahara desert in the back of a truck with a couple of goats that became carsick along the way.

Despite the carsick goats, culture shock and frustrating rules, Thomas, Goeden and Hogue all said the Peace Corps had a life changing effect on them. They said they came back with new skills, confidence and a better understanding of other cultures. Goeden said even if a volunteer doesn't succeed at their job, they still gain something merely from the mission and the experience.

For more information on the Peace Corps, Hogue will be giving a presentation at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Chiefs Room of the Student Union Building.

third-world country was so dirty because she expected it to be pristine and simple. She lasted about two days.

"It is a great experience," said Thomas, "but you have to make sure that you are psychologically prepared. You have to be mature and have a relative idea of your abilities."

Culture shock

Goeden and Thomas both said they didn't have to worry about crime in the local population. It is rare for a Peace Corps volunteer to get into that sort of trouble, though Thomas said he heard a story about a female volunteer who was walking along a river in Zaire when she fell in and was killed by a crocodile. Crocodiles aside, Thomas said the biggest danger to volunteers while he was in Cameroon was vehicle accidents. He said he missed a taxi once by just a few seconds, so he grabbed the next one and found the first had gotten into a head-on collision a few miles down the road.

"My first thought was that someone should call an ambulance," he said, "but there weren't any ambulances in Cameroon."

Cultural differences aren't always as disturbing as a lack of ambulances and can often provide insights into an entirely different

FEE

from page 1

The new Parking and Transportation services plan would include information about points of conflict across campus where safety modifications can be made, such as the crosswalks near the LLCs on Sixth Street.

Some of the money from the increase in parking permit fees would be directed toward safety modifications at the intersection, such as a raised table, which would raise the actual road so it was level with the sidewalk, making pedestrians more

visible to drivers and, in turn, making drivers and pedestrians more aware of each other, Root said.

Root also wants to upgrade Lot 57 so it is fully paved and there is a well-lit, pedestrian-friendly path from the parking lot to the main part of the university.

"We need good, effective, well-lit pedestrian access everywhere on campus," Root said.

He said he thinks it's important to present the Moscow campus and community as pedestrian-friendly, and upgrading the pedestrian routes between Lot 57 and the main part of the university is an excellent way to undergo the process.

"We don't know what vehicle

use will be like in the future, but we'll always need effective pedestrian transportation," Root said.

A full list of expenses facing Parking and Transportation Services as well as other information pertaining to the fee increase, including the aforementioned spreadsheet outlining the cost of each permit, is available at its Web site, www.uidaho.edu/parking.

Parking and Transportation Services is holding meetings on campus to discuss the proposed hike. The first one was last week, but there will be one at noon today in the Idaho Commons Horizon Room and the last at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Commons Horizon Room.

DUI

from page 1

"For the most part, we're just out trying to see if we can find the crime, or just be visible to prevent crime from happening," Blaker said.

More of the action comes from people on the streets than calls on the radio as the hours progress through the evening. Blaker kept his window rolled down through the entire patrol, because he said he likes to be able to hear noises or smell smoke while driving around.

Many people he passes by wave and greet him, while some shoot dirty looks or make strange comments. Blaker said strange encounters with people downtown leaving the bars are routine now and said without all of those people, he wouldn't have a job.

"That's part of what makes this job so fun," Blaker said.

FREE DRINK FOR STUDENTS

Qdoba

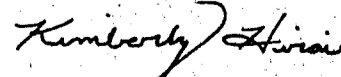
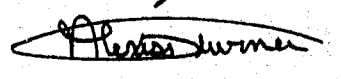
Palouse Mall
Valid Student I.D. required
Purchase of entree required
Not valid with any other offer

Contest ends April 28th.

University of Idaho's Student Magazine

Blot IS MISSING

Find one of 10 remaining Blot magazines around campus and the City of Moscow with **THESE SIGNATURES**

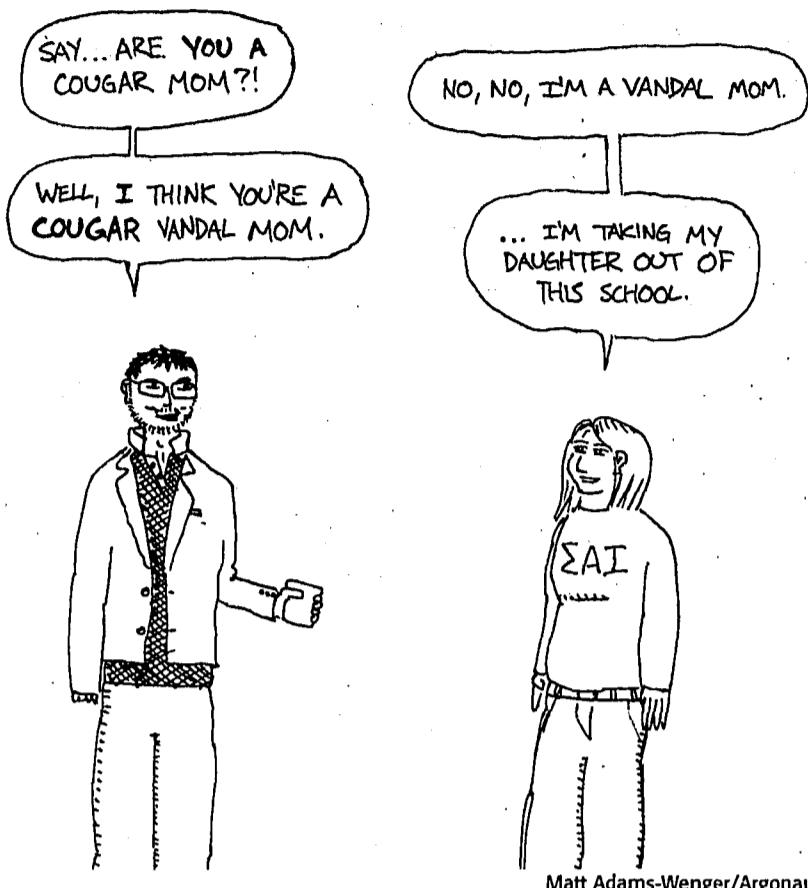



Bring your copy to the Student Media Office on the third floor of the SUB.

Sign the cover with your contact info.

and turn it in for a **\$40** giftcard.

MOST POPULAR PICK-UP LINE DURING MOMS WEEKEND:



Matt Adams-Wenger/Argonaut

OurVIEW

Graduates should consider service

President Barack Obama called upon U.S. citizens and Congress last month to urge the country into a "new era of service." University of Idaho students graduating in May should give serious consideration to heed that call.

As UI students look beyond the semester's end, they should consider any and all options to give back to their community, nation and world via volunteerism. It is imperative, especially in these unstable economic times, students fully understand how much giving back can impact their own lives and the lives of others.

It is still uncertain where the financial road will take this nation. As the downturn continues, it is critical for people who are able to give their service in programs like the Peace Corps, Teach For America, AmeriCorps and other long-term organizations.

"At this time of economic crisis, when so many people are in need of help, this work could not be more urgent," Obama said.

While some of these programs have more application requirements than others — such as the Peace Corps, which prefers all applicants have at least an undergraduate degree and experience with a foreign

language — some are less difficult to get into but offer the same kind of enrichment and rewards.

Joining programs like the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps allows students a moderate stipend to live on, and it allows them to defer student loans until after their service is up. Financial awards are also available to help college students pay off student loans once their program has been completed.

As unemployment rates nationwide continue to increase, Obama is right to urge current and future graduates who qualify to join these volunteer programs, which would help relieve an already-taxed job market.

Young college graduates have fewer deep-rooted obligations to a family or an established career and can utilize this time to get involved with issues larger much than themselves.

There is no generation in a better position than our own to supply much-needed time and educated skill to such a worthy cause. There is no better time than now to put an education to its greatest use — teaching and helping others who have an experience less fortunate than our own.

— CL

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

The perfect storm

I hope I am not the only graduating senior who is getting tired of being asked if I am excited about graduation. Yeah, I'm looking forward to three more weeks of hardcore tests, research papers and general panic about having to successfully accomplish the latter two before graduation can even be a possibility.

— Holly

Pirates

I know the pirate business is bad, but I'm secretly excited pirates still exist. I feel guilty about it — I realize they're doing bad things and are not the friendly pirates from my childhood imagination — but yaaaar, I can't help it.

— Sydney

Party crasher

Monday, Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was doing what he does best — bein' a dick. Western diplomats walked out of a U.N. racism conference when he started accusing Jews of using the Holocaust to justify aggression against the Palestinians and the greater Middle East. Ahmadinejad is that guy who comes to your party and turns off your music so he can plug in his iPod and make everybody listen to Alanis Morissette. He's like that, except with the Holocaust.

— Kevin

May? ... NO!

Monday, I opened my student planner to write something down for next week and saw the word "May" staring back at me. May, the month of final projects. May, the month of my graduation. May, the month when I have to start real life. I could only stare back at May, proceed to hyper-

ventilate and cry. Screw you, May and the next 80 years of my life you rode in on.

— Christina

The best nickname ever

I shall be known henceforth as the "Philosoraptor" — because I'm so philosophical, and raptors are awesome. Duh.

— Levi

Wasting time

Why do professors waste time in class while it is nice outside? Monday, in one of my classes, we had to come up with life experiences that relate to certain topics and viewpoints. Sorry — if I want to listen to bad childhood stories, I will go to a group therapy session.

— Jens

I'll make certificates

To every dude who walked around aimlessly with your shirt off just because you saw the sun out: congratulations ... you're a douchebag.

— Lianna

Wholesome, dude

Monday, I saw a family sitting outside in a circle playing acoustic guitar and singing "Puff the Magic Dragon." Whether it's about the loss of innocence or that other — ahem — thing, that's not necessarily the first song I'd teach my kids. Plus, isn't Hempfest over? Such is Moscow.

— Alexiss

Feel the burn

It's only April, and I've already got myself a pretty good sunburn. I wasn't even outside that long over the weekend, and I've already got to break out the sunburn cream. My geeky, pale skin isn't ready for this kind of weather.

— Jake

BEYOND THE SHEETS

Poppers never a good idea

I often advise to never engage in sexual activities while under the influence of anything, especially drugs or alcohol. However, I have noticed a recent spike in the use of a specific recreational drug, which makes me quite angry. What is causing the popularity of poppers?

For those confused by this drug, let me explain. During the height of their previous popularity, poppers were a chemical called amyl nitrate. Placed inside a plastic bottle, poppers are snorted, creating a high. These were common during sexual activities, because they helped eliminate any pain (used quite often for

anal activities) and made sex feel more exciting and pleasurable. This chemical is not illegal, so many popper users switched to something creating a similar effect, VCR head cleaner. The exact same process is undergone to achieve the high.

So, here are the reasons to avoid poppers.

The biggest reason is while creating the high, the chemicals are actually cutting off oxygen flow to your brain. Your brain needs oxygen.

No matter how great it may make the sex feel, it will always feel better with a fully functioning brain without oxygen deprivation. Also, cutting off oxygen flow and supply can be quite damag-

ing and dangerous for you and your brain. If the oxygen is sparse enough, the brain will do what it needs to survive, which in this instance is making you pass out. Passing out is always the end of the sexual encounter and is not sexy at all. Even more important, while you are experiencing this high, you are likely to make poor decisions and get yourself into a less-than-desirable situation, possibly doing things to which you would not normally agree.

Another reason to avoid poppers is their ability to produce a lack of sensation, particularly pain. Pain is your friend and an incredibly important sensation to feel and experience. Pain is the body's natural indicator something is wrong. When you encounter pain during a

See POPPERS, page 7



Chris Bidiman
Argonaut
arg-opinion
@uidaho.edu



Jeffrey Reznicek
Argonaut
arg-opinion
@uidaho.edu

Taking the fight to the pirates

When America was still a newborn nation, merchant ships were under attack by pirates operating out of strongholds on the African coast. So, what did we do? Congress ordered the creation of the U.S. Navy, and America went to war with the Barbary pirates.

Anyone following the news may see some similarities between America's pirate problem of 200 years ago and the current crisis off the coast of Somalia. In recent months, a group of Somalis has taken to preying on foreign merchant ships that approach their lawless shores. Unfortunately, the shipping lane is one of the busiest in the world.

The U.S. Navy won a small battle in the conflict this month when Navy Seals shot and killed three pirates holding a U.S. ship captain hostage. The captain, Richard Phillips, was taken hostage when the pirates tried to hijack a U.S.-flagged ship carrying humanitarian aid for nearby Kenya.

The pirates claim they are simply protecting Somali territorial waters. The government of Somalia is not exactly a powerful force in the area and controls even less water than land, but instead of running a legitimate coast guard, the pirates have been attacking ships and holding them for ransom like common thugs.

When America went to war with Barbary pirates, the navy was brand new, and it took several wars before the threat was neutralized. Now, we have one of the biggest navies in the world and most of the world on our side. Instead of waiting for a ship to be taken to act, we should be on the offensive.

Obviously, an invasion should be off the table. Former President Bill Clinton tried sending ground troops into Somalia with deadly results, but pursuing these pirates into Somali waters will bring the fight home. We should bomb the pirates' ports and sink every pirate ship we can find. Also, merchant ships should be

See PIRATES, page 7

Editorial Policy

The opinion page is reserved as a forum of open thought, debate and expression of free speech regarding topics relevant to the University of Idaho community. Editorials are signed by the initials of the author. Editorials may not necessarily reflect the views

of the university or its identities. Members of the Argonaut Editorial Board are Christina Lords, editor in chief; Sydney Boyd, managing editor; and Holly Bowen, opinion editor.

Letters Policy

The Argonaut welcomes letters to the editor about current issues. However, The Argonaut

adheres to a strict letter policy:

- Letters should be less than 300 words typed.
- Letters should focus on issues, not on personalities.
- The Argonaut reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, length, libel and clarity.
- Letters must be signed, include major and

provide a current phone number.

• If your letter is in response to a particular article, please list the title and date of the article.

• Send all letters to:

The Argonaut
301 SUB, Moscow, ID, 83844-4271
or arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.

Argonaut © 2009

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in any form, by any electronic or mechanical means (including photocopying, recording, or information storage or retrieval) without permission in writing from the Argonaut. Recipients of today's newspaper are granted the right to make two (2) photocopies of any article originated by the Argonaut for personal, non-commercial use. Copying for other than personal use or internal reference, or of articles or columns not owned by the Argonaut (including comic strips, Associated Press and other wire service reports) without written permission of the Argonaut or the copyright owner is expressly forbidden. Address all inquiries concerning copyright and production to: Rights and Permissions, University of Idaho Argonaut, 301 Student Union, Moscow, ID 83844-4271.

The Argonaut is published by the students of the University of Idaho. The opinions expressed herein are those of the students of the University of Idaho, the faculty, the university or its Board of Regents. All advertising is subject to acceptance by the Argonaut, which reserves the right to reject ad copy. The Argonaut does not assume financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertising unless an error materially affects the ad's meaning as determined by the Student Media Board. The Argonaut's liability shall not exceed the cost of the advertisement in which the error occurred, and a refund or credit will be given for the first incorrect insertion only. Make-goods must be called in to the student Advertising Manager within seven working days. The Argonaut assumes no responsibility for damages caused by responding to fraudulent advertisements.

Argonaut staff

Editor in Chief
Christina Lords
argonaut@uidaho.edu

Managing Editor
Sydney Boyd
arg-managing@uidaho.edu

News Editor
Lianna Shepherd
arg-news@uidaho.edu

Arts Editor
Kevin Otzenberger
arg-arts@uidaho.edu

Copy Editor
Sydney Boyd
arg-copy@uidaho.edu

Opinion Editor
Holly Bowen
arg-opinion@uidaho.edu

Sports Editor
Levi Johnstone
arg-sports@uidaho.edu

Production Editor
Alexiss Turner
arg-production@uidaho.edu

Web Editor
Jens Olson
arg-online@uidaho.edu

Photo Manager
Jake Barber
arg-photo@uidaho.edu

Advertising Manager
Daniella Tober
advertising@uidaho.edu

The Argonaut

Telephone Directory

Advertising (208) 885-5780
Circulation (208) 885-7825
Classified Advertising (208) 885-7825
Fax (208) 885-2222
Newsroom (208) 885-7715
Photo Bureau (208) 885-2219
Production Room (208) 885-7784



ACP Pacemaker finalist, 2003-04
SPJ Mark of Excellence winner, 2005

Non-profit Identification Statement: The Argonaut, ISSN 0896-1409, is published twice weekly during the academic school year and is located at 301 Student Union, Moscow, ID 83844-4271. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the address listed above.



The Argonaut is printed on newsprint containing 24-40 percent post-consumer waste. Please recycle this newspaper after reading. For recycling information, call the Moscow Recycling Hotline at (208) 882-0590.

UI STUDENT MEDIA BOARD

The UI Student Media Board meets at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Time and location will be published in the Argonaut Classified section the Tuesday of the week before the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Questions? Call Student Media at 885-7825 or visit the Student Media office on the SUB third floor.

Glenn Beck exploits proper patriotism

Dave Beitzel

The Pitt News, University of Pittsburgh

Have you forgotten? Everyone remembers 9/11. That day tattooed itself onto our generation like the Kennedy assassination did to our parents'. But maybe you don't remember 9/12 so much. You are not alone. Glenn Beck is here for you.

Recently, he created the 9/12 Project to remind Americans how united they felt the day after 9/11. According to his Web site, theglennbeck912project.com, we were "standing together to protect the values and principles of the greatest nation ever created." Thankfully, Beck provides today's values and principles to join his movement. He discerned them from the Founding Fathers, who "built this country on 28 principles ... culled from all over the world and from centuries of great thinkers." But they weren't as great as the greatest nation ever created.

Beck then "distilled" those 28 down to nine. Principle No. 1: "America is good." Bold. Some people might say it's Jeffersonian — people like Beck.

Principle No. 2: "I believe in God, and He is the center of my life." Religion benefits many people, but it isn't a prerequisite for patriotism. Beck's statement manifests from his insistence that America was founded on Christian values. He must have "distilled" the Treaty of Tripoli, signed and declared to the nation by John Adams, in which Article 11 read, "the Government of the United States is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."

Principle No. 7: "I work hard for what I have and I will share it with whom I want. Government cannot force me to be charitable." There's more, but I can't reveal them all lest the paper in your hands turns into a

burning bush from the revelations.

Beck also posts 12 values — to complete the Project's "9/12" double entendre — such as "Hope," "Charity" and "Personal Responsibility." On its face, Principle No. 7 might not jive with Value No. 6, "Charity," but Beck encourages plenty of giving.

The 9/12 Project currently advocates sending tea pouches to your congressional representatives. This symbolizes the Boston Tea Party, but without the messy rebellion — don't get caught up in the revolution and forget to attach a proper postage stamp to your envelope. Apparently, this is catching on with political challengers, leading a C-SPAN reporter to actually say, "Pat Toomey teabagged Arlen Specter."

Beck is reducing politics to this. He's reducing the news to statements like, "America is good." That's what gets ratings in a post-5/8 world — the date in 2006 that Beck's TV program premiered on CNN, though it inevitably moved to Fox News.

Beck admits he's a recovering alcoholic, but he's found a new addiction: God and Country. Every night, Beck mainlines a spoonful of stars and stripes, huffs some sacrosanctity and starts pontificating. In April 2008, Beck started America on the road to recovery, telling followers that America needed a 12-step program — and he provided a list that he "distilled" down to six steps.

He claims to promote unity, yet Beck once said to Rep. Keith Ellison, the first Muslim congressman, "I feel like saying, 'Sir, prove to me that you are not working with our enemies,' and I know you're not. I'm not accusing you of being an enemy, but that's the way I feel, and I think a lot of Americans will feel that way."

After he introduced the 9/12 Project's tenets, this self-proclaimed

bastion of brotherhood, this Jeremiah of jingoism who warns against a divided America, introduced his next segment by saying, "The climate change people are pulling a page from Nazis' Hitler Youth. What are your kids learning at school?"

He's a raging celebration of mediocrity, a demagogue and a charlatan masquerading as a prophet. He's Howard Beale from "Network" — a mad-as-hell paranoid schizophrenic breaking down live on-air. He's a stricken animal, spiraling into the madness of rabies and unable to make sense of the bright lights and chaos that surround him. He whips the rubes into frenzy. Frothing at the mouth and feeling helpless, they follow their master's commands.

Maybe Beck was right about some things, because I would like to forget that unquestioning herd mentality so prevalent on Sept. 12, 2001. There are a lot of other things I'd like to forget about that day, too.

Beyond the horrific images and zeitgeist of demanding war, I'd like to forget the endless lines of alpha-mourners who gauged their grief as more sincere than that of others — like Fox News anchor John Gibson, who ridiculed Jon Stewart's emotional response to the attacks, fiendishly likening Stewart to a sissy and allowing a viewer to call his tears "phony."

I'd like to forget the ambitious political goons who staged photo ops from the moment of the attacks and exploited a tragedy for a few witless votes. I want to forget about the craven entrepreneurs shilling merchandise and songs because patriotism sells, and there's nothing to commemorate the lives lost like a No. 1 Billboard single.

I want to forget, but I can't, or those wretches will do it again, just like Beck is trying to do right now.

Rude campus cops shoot down expectations

Jordan Culver

The Famuan, Florida A&M University

Growing up, I always thought cops were people worthy of respect. They seemed pretty impressive — they were strong men and women with guns, and they always seemed capable of catching the bad guys.

I never wanted to be the robbers when my friends and I played cops and robbers, because being a cop was just too cool of a chance to pass up.

Fast-forward to middle school and my first run-in with the police. Some jerk at school was dealing drugs, and the cops were called to investigate. They came into my classroom and demanded we tell them where the kid was. Unfortunately for the cops, they busted into a small class of around six kids, all of them honors students taking an advanced class.

When one of the cops gave a status report, he said, "(I) just wasted about five minutes with some uncooperative kids."

We were the dorks of the school. We had no clue who was dealing drugs.

Fast-forward to college. I knew what I was getting into when I decided to come to Florida A&M University. As Rattlers, we have plenty of spirit, but we aren't the safest bunch students. Fights break out, rooms get robbed and in some cases, weapons are drawn.

My thoughts of cops as knights in shining armor imploded a long time ago, but I at least thought I could count on my own campus' police force to handle a situation with some level of poise.

One situation in the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication was scary, not because of what may or may not have been going on, but because of how the police investigating handled it.

Guns drawn, they stalked around the building not informing anyone of the danger of an alleged assailant on the loose. Checking room by room, they scanned the building for possible threats, totally ignoring the concerned looks on students' faces.

When the time finally came to scan one office, a cop, a man charged with the safety of the student body, looked us in the eye and said five simple words:

"Sit down, and shut up."

No words of reassurance, no reason for the men with guns searching a school of hard-working students.

I still don't have a clear view of what was going on that night, and I'm probably better off never knowing. One thing is clear to me, though: police need to remember with whom they're dealing. It's one thing to deal with hardened criminals, and another to deal with terrified students.

As cops, it's your job to protect and serve, and no matter how stressful the situation, a certain level of decorum must be maintained, otherwise you're just men with guns scaring others into obeying you. Almost like the people you're hunting down.

MailBOX

Dear students,

After two and a half years of patience and understanding, ASUI is done putting up with the B.S. from Parking and Transportation Services and its manager, Carl Root.

To the average student, it may appear ASUI has been simply ignoring the continually rising costs of student parking permits, but that is not the case. We have, in fact, had regular meetings with parking services for some time now. At these meetings, we freely discuss the future of costs and policy within the parking system. Root has been less than honest, continually telling ASUI rate increases would remain consistent with past increases.

I am writing today to encourage all of you to express your disgust with the proposed 34 percent increase in residential parking rates (purple, silver and green) next school year. For some reason, Root and his supervisors believe students should bear the brunt of the failures of the parking system to address their budgetary deficits over the past decade. In a time of economic hardship, they feel we should see parking rates for on-campus students more than double over the next three years.

This increase comes on top of last year's double-digit increase. Frankly, we've had enough.

This rate increase is targeted at those students that have little other option than to simply not bring a car to college, which isn't realistic for many of our students. This also harms non-traditional students living in university apartments who are already facing stiff rate increases from University Housing, a division of Auxiliary Services, the same group ultimately responsible for the parking fee increase.

If you feel as we do that this increase is unjust and poorly timed, then make your voice heard. Parking and Transportation Services has two policy open forums this week: noon today and 1 p.m. Thursday in the Horizon

Room of the Idaho Commons.

Comments can also be submitted to input-parking@uidaho.edu.

Garrett Holbrook
ASUI president

senior, political science / public relations

CNN reveals bias

Friday's editorial cartoon by Matt Adams-Wenger showed exactly how the media is killing itself.

In an attempt to not be labeled biased, every news outlet is quick to point the fickle finger of bias at anyone else to deflect blame from itself. Liberal media outlets like MSNBC and CNN are so blinded with hatred for Fox News, they can't see their own obvious flaws.

If CNN were to fill out the "Fox application," it would see it answers yes on everything for what it covers, as well. CNN provided wall-to-wall coverage of demonstrations across the country for immigration rights several years ago. Those demonstrations were blatantly partisan, and as much as CNN hates to admit it, they didn't represent the majority view of the country at large. The other 24-hour news stations then looked down their noses and snickered Wednesday at Fox News for covering an event of equal magnitude.

Quietly resenting each other for their biases is fine if the stations keep that resentment off the air, but CNN blatantly attacked Fox at a TEA Party in Chicago. Reporter Susan Roesgen showed a complete lack of professionalism while covering the event by verbally attacking demonstrators and then finished her piece by calling the event "promoted by the right-wing, conservative network, Fox."

The blatant name-calling and attacks on each other by the large media organizations are killing the news business by completely eradicating any trust the public had left in the media.

Mark Morgan
junior, journalism

POPPERS

from page 6

sexual activity, your body is telling you to stop. Allowing your body's sensations to be compromised by a drug means you will not be receiving important messages. Ignoring pain or continuing through it can cause more damage (rips, tears, etc).

So, what have we

learned today? Poppers are not your friend. Pain is your friend and is important. Intoxication and sensation-altering drugs can make you do stupid things and put you in great harm. If you do not want to feel everything during sex, then perhaps you should not be having sex (part of the fun of having sex is feeling all of the sensations). Have fun, be safe and just say "no."

PIRATES

from page 6

encouraged to protect themselves from attack.

However, this problem cannot be fixed without help from our allies. Recently, a Canadian ship, the HMCS Winnipeg, captured several pirates while they were attacking a Norwegian ship. Instead

of prosecuting the pirates, the Canadians let them go. Why? The ship was acting as part of NATO, and the international organization has no protocol to deal with pirates.

These lawless thugs should not be allowed to continue preying on merchant ships. Maybe if we cared half as much about real piracy as digital piracy, we might not have this problem.

The Argonaut Classifieds

POLICIES

Pre-payment is required. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE FIRST INSERTION. Cancellation for a full refund accepted prior to the deadline. An advertising credit will be issued for cancelled ads. All abbreviations, phone numbers, email addresses and dollar amounts count as one word. Notify the Argonaut immediately of any typographical errors. The Argonaut is not responsible for more than the first incorrect insertion. The Argonaut reserves the right to reject ads considered distasteful or libelous. Classified ads of a business nature may not appear in the Personal column. Use of first names and last initials only unless otherwise approved.

For more information on jobs labeled Job # ###, visit www.uidaho.edu/sfas/jld or SUB 137

For jobs labeled Announcement #..., visit the Employment Services website at www.hr.uidaho.edu or 415 W. 6th St.

Employment

Part Time, flexible hours. Kiosk selling, fun events. Generous high commission. Students, everyone may apply. Job good for Marketing and/or Journalism students. Earn approximately \$1050/month, \$17-\$22 per sale. 509-338-2829, ask for Kaye, Lewiston. Morning Tribune, Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Employment

Need A Summer Job? Looking for something fun to do? We now have many employers recruiting for summer positions. Please check out our website at www.uidaho.edu/finaid/jld.
Roofers Needed Job # 1013 Perform any aspect of roofing - applications,

Employment

preparation and cleanup. Must have own tools, clean driving record, clean credit history check and own personal vehicle. Prefer knowledge of roofing procedures but will train if necessary. Must be able to work at heights up to three stories high. Drug free workplace. Rate of pay: \$8-\$12/hr DOE Hours/week: FT and PT positions available Job located in Moscow
Construction Workers Job # 1012 Duties include any aspects of carpentry: rough framing, demolition, installation of products, finish work, trimming &/or cleanup. Will become completely knowledgeable with safety equipment &

Employment

safety operation of all hand & power tools. Perform physical labor; digging, loading & unloading material, working in excavation sites & clean up, painting, insulating, yard work & related duties of general construction work. Must possess own tools, clean driving record, own personal vehicle & credit history checks are mandatory. Preferred: Framing & finishing work experience. General construction knowledge & carpentry experience. Will train if necessary. Drug free workplace. Rate of pay: \$8-\$12 to start DOE Hours/week: FT or PT available Job located in Moscow

Employment

Secretary/Receptionist Job # 1011 This position is responsible for the reception duties, general and clerical support services as directed by the Supervisor. Must be able to give and receive information in a positive manner. Read, write and speak adequate English to complete necessary plans and records, as well as be able to communicate effectively. Prefer one year of office experience. Knowledge of computers and computer software. Rate of pay: DOE Hours/week: 40 Job located in Lewiston
Pharmacy Technician - 2009.00047 Job # 1008 Tracks, stocks, monitors, prepares and delivers

Employment

pharmaceutical products as directed by a Licensed Pharmacist. Provides clerical support and performs pharmacy inventory duties. High School Diploma or equivalent required. Computer skills and adequate typing speed preferred. Previous experience as a Pharmacy Technician preferred. Rate of pay: Highly competitive Hours/week: PT about 6 hrs/wk Job located in Moscow
For Sale
Two teacup Yorkie babies for adoption. They are both AKC registered. If you are interested kindly email me at mrmiller555@yahoo.com

NEED A JOB, HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL, OR NEED A PLACE TO LIVE?

ADVERTISE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

CONTACT: Martha Hass (208) 885.7825

CLASSIFIEDS. FIND.SELL. SAVE.

Shhh, it's a secret

PostSecret project creator visits campus

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Some secrets are meant to be shared. That's the standpoint that's left more than 1,000 decorated postcards containing secrets in Frank Warren's mailbox each week.

The Argonaut got the chance to speak with Frank Warren, the creator of the PostSecret project, in a phone interview from his home Thursday afternoon. Warren will be giving a presentation on the project, censored postcards and student confessions at 8 p.m. tonight in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for the public and can be purchased at the SUB Information Desk.

Argonaut: What is PostSecret and how did it start?

Warren: PostSecret is a collection of secrets that people from around the world have mailed to me anonymously on postcards. In four years, I've received over 300,000. It started as an art project, but it's grown into something much larger and much more meaningful for me.

Argonaut: How long do you think you'll continue to do this?

Warren: I don't know. I think secrets might be coming my way for a long time. But that's OK.

Argonaut: What's been your favorite secret?

Warren: I think my favorite secrets now are really the spiritual secrets, the secrets that have to do with our private faiths and personal religious feelings. And I've been putting all those together into a book that's coming out within the year called "PostSecret: Confessions on Life, Death and God."

Argonaut: How many postcards do you get in a day?

Warren: About 200.

Argonaut: When did you decide to start collecting them in books?

Warren: I thought putting the PostSecret cards in books could create the opportunity to tell a longer narrative, kind of an autobiography about all of us as told through our deepest secrets. There's always a kind of guiding structure, but I wouldn't call the books themed. I think one of the beauties of the project is how some of the cards can create these happy coincidences and almost at times sound like the secrets are having a conversation with each other.

Argonaut: How many book collections do you have out now?

Warren: This will be the fifth PostSecret book.

Argonaut: What do you do with all of them?

Warren: They come to my home and I read them all and keep them all. I think each one is very valuable and very precious.

Argonaut: How do you decide which ones go on (postsecret.blogspot.com)?

Warren: I look for secrets that surprise me. I like secrets that have that ring of authenticity to them. And I'm always looking for the hopeful and the sexual and the funny secrets to post.

Argonaut: Do you see a lot of similar secrets?

Warren: Sometimes. I mean, the details of the secrets are usually pretty different. But sometimes they go to the deeper emotions that connect. If I had to put my finger on the most common type of secret I get, I would guess it's a secret that conveys that struggle that we all have in life, trying to find that one person who we can confide all of our secrets to.



Argonaut: Any personal secrets that you share?

Warren: I will talk about a secret I kept from myself for most of my life at the PostSecret event. It's actually in the first book.

Argonaut: What's your favorite part of PostSecret?

Warren: I would just say that my favorite part of PostSecret now is traveling to schools and sharing the stories behind the secrets. And displaying the postcards that were censored by the publisher — (the ones) that had to be kept out of the books — that's always fun to do at PostSecret events. And then at the end of my talk, I invite students to come up to the microphone and share their own secrets, and that can be really emotional and extraordinary to hear what young people are brave enough to say in front of their classmates.

Argonaut: Where did the idea come from?

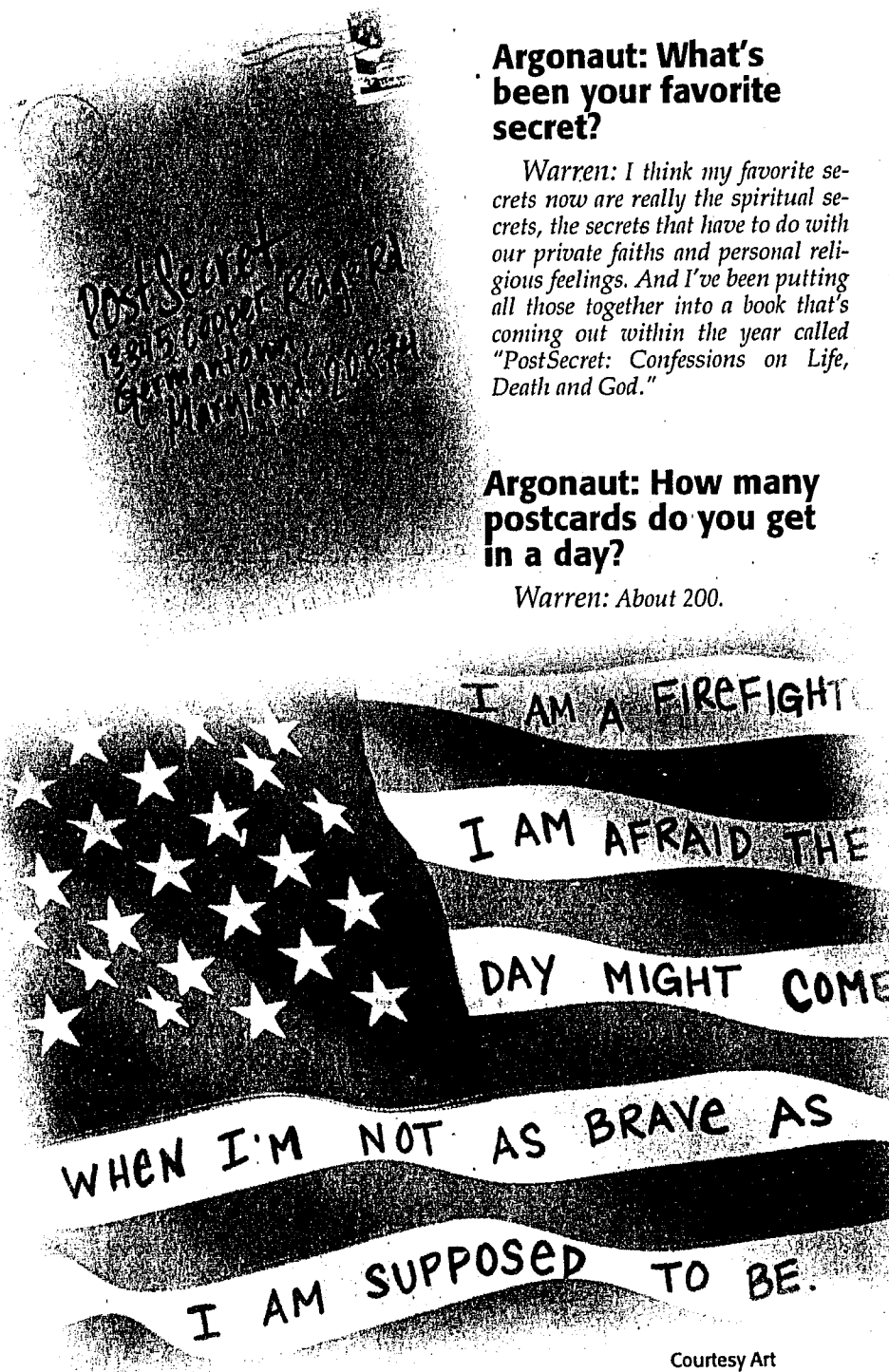
Warren: I think I've always kind of believed that there's an artist inside all of us. And so in some ways I think PostSecret presents the idea that sometimes courage can be just as important as artistic training or talent in creating art that can really move people. With every postcard, I think we're challenged to see art differently and understand who can be an artist.

Have you ever spoken with post office workers who read through the secrets or gather them up?

Warren: Yeah. I've got a great mail carrier, her name's Kathy. She just treats the postcards with such care and kindness. But I think some of the people at the post office probably hate me.

Argonaut: What's it like being the holder of all these secrets?

Warren: It's a great privilege. Every day I go to my mailbox, I feel like a kid again waking up Christmas morning.



Courtesy Art

Turtle Derby contender slowly waddles toward destiny

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Day One

The women of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house lounged about the great room impatiently. Some sat with their visiting mothers, discussing family and school. Others were lazily sprawled across their house sisters' laps, their legs swinging idly over the arms of sofas. The women chattered loudly.

"How about Ferdinand?" one voice said. "I like Gambit," replied another.

"Barnaby," "Squirtle" and "Shelly" were among a half-dozen suggestions flying around the room.

Suddenly, the discussion was drowned out by a resounding "yay," as one dozen of the house gave sight to a dozen young men in ties and slacks, chanting as they marched to the front door.

The men of Phi Delta Theta paraded into the great room and announced through chorus: "It's that time of year again / Turtle Derby's here again!"

This was the first appearance of Theotis, a young man dressed in green spandex with a checkerboard scarf, white shades, a turtle mask resting on top of his head and a refurbished green pet bed strapped to his back like a turtle shell. Theotis struggled to maintain his balance as a fraternity brother fed lines into his ear.

"You must select a turtle to race," Theotis clumsily reiterated to the girls.

Two men stepped forward, carrying a kiddie-pool filled with several live young turtles. A couple of the sisters studied the pool for a moment before carefully picking up one of the animals and handing it off to the group.

The turtle helplessly swam in the air. "What shall you name him?"

Theotis asked.

Without hesitation, several girls triumphantly shouted out, "El Fuego!"

"El Fuego," Theotis repeated. "That is an exceptional name for a turtle."

With his brothers huddled around him, Theotis left the AGD house and stumbled down the street to the next sorority. The group marched, all the while shouting, "Phi Delt serenading, Phi Delt serenading / let us in, let us in."

Day Two

Ashley Yearsley, an AGD freshman, stood beside her mother Lisa Yearsley and her grandmother Mary Sue Weber. The three women peered down into the bathtub in the basement of the AGD house.

"Oh, how cute," Weber said. "And he looks fast, too." El Fuego feverishly scratched

at the side of the tub, his clawed flippers failing to afford him any traction.

"He really doesn't like the bathtub," said AGD sophomore Ashley Becktle. "He wants out."

Becktle noted El Fuego seemed to be much larger and more physically active than last year's AGD turtle, which she said she remembered receiving second place at the derby, overall.

"We'll be taking the title of first place this year," she said. "He's trying to escape, and I think he's really going to be ready to go when he gets let out of that box."

As with past contenders, most of El Fuego's time outside of the tub was dedicated to his training regimen.

"I've taken him out and walked him a few times today," said AGD freshman, Kristen McIntosh.

About a week earlier, El Fuego's journey began at the home of McIntosh's parents between Lewiston and Nez Perce. El Fuego was one

of nearly 40 turtles in a single day to be lured into a trap full of bacon in the family's front yard. The pond in front of the home has always attracted scads of wild turtles.

"We started catching them for the Turtle Derby because my uncle was a Phi Delt," McIntosh said. "He was a hardcore Phi Delt, you know, those were the best years of his life."

Though the McIntosh family has only supplied turtles for the race for a few years, the derby itself has been a popular Phi Delt philanthropy for more than half a century.

Phi Delt senior Loren Doman said the Turtle Derby is a weeklong event, centered around Mom's Weekend, to benefit a local charity called Operation Education. He also said the event is a treasured house tradition.

The character of Theotis is selected from the Phi Delt freshman

See TURTLE, page 9



Vinyl: the new, old black

Saturday was Moscow's Hempfest, day two of the University of Idaho's Mom's Weekend and Iran's Army Day, but it was also Record Store Day — an international celebration of independent record stores.

It will shock no one to declare in this column record sales are down, or bands that were once niche now reach Billboard's Top 15 (as The Decemberists did earlier this month with their new album, "The Hazards of Love," on Capitol Records).

But these trends do not take place in a vacuum. Exactly counter to the decline in CD sales and music sales overall is an increase in sales of gramophone records,

or vinyl, or wax or whatever you want to call those impractical 12" discs.

KUOI has literally thousands of these in its collection, dating back to the '60s and earlier, and if you haven't seen it before, it's worth seeing. In talking with alumni of college radio nationally (many of whom stay in college radio for a while after graduation working with labels or promoters), collecting vinyl is a hobby plenty of twenty-somethings adopt.

I am among them. The lowest row of my bookshelf contains many \$1 treasures, from "National Anthems of the World" performed by The Vienna State Opera Orchestra to "Music for a German Dinner at Home" by Franz Hertzman and his Orchestra to "Romantic Zither" by Ruth Welcome, apparently a noted zitherist.

But I have more than novel-

ties and oddities — I also have the latest albums from Architecture in Helsinki, Built to Spill and Destroyer.

Years ago, a band giving away CDs would find takers. Now we suffer from an overabundance of music and a shortage of time. When I do buy a CD, I put it on my computer and put the CD wherever it happens to lie. Some find their way to storage, others float around my apartment for months.

LPs are not wonderful. They're heavy, they degrade and they're inconvenient to store and to play — but with an LP I feel like I own my music in a way that escapes me with digital media, whether physical (with CDs) or not (with MP3s, et al.).

Record Store Day was founded a few years ago to promote independent record stores, which have been something of an endangered species since record label consolidation and record store consolidation hit

full throttle in the '90s.

My favorite haunts are Boise's Record Exchange, that has a killer gift shop and café besides a good amount of used and new LPs and CDs; Amoeba Records in Berkeley, San Francisco and Hollywood — each the size of a floor or two of UI's library; and Bop Street Records in Seattle, that devotes its ample space almost exclusively to vinyl and is a favorite haunt of both DJ Shadow and Radiohead's Thom Yorke, two of my favorite musicians.

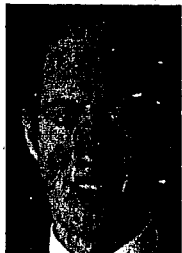
More locally, Pullman's Atom Heart Music stocks new and old music and has a Spokane distributor that accommodates requests (scoring me three Tom Waits LPs a year ago). Goodwill and the Salvation Army tend to be heavy on Lawrence Welk and Christmas music, but will occasionally have, you know, Captain and Tennille or something else marginally worthwhile.

Most independent labels have begun, continued or restarted

vinyl production — you can get Bright Eyes and M. Ward on wax, naturally. But even majors are getting into the game: Radiohead's albums with Capitol have been reissued on vinyl, and most of Neil Young's latest albums on Reprise are making their way to the format too.

I don't anticipate reel-to-reel, 8-tracks or cassettes coming back, but for however long it lasts, vinyl is a fact of the music industry at present. It's also a fact of the past — being the predominant format for 50 years, there's vinyl that will never officially make it to CD or MP3.

I'm a little bummed I missed the days of the CD revolution, when people threw out their LP collections for no good reason. If I had a dollar for every time I've seen Herb Alpert in a thrift-store bin, I'd be a rich man. But the Beatles, who were somewhat more popular and sold many albums, can hardly be found for a dollar. Sometimes, you get what you pay for.



Marcus Kellis
Argonaut
arg-arts@uidaho.edu



Steven Devine/Argonaut

El Fuego the turtle received some encouragement during the Turtle Derby Saturday morning.

TURTLE from page 8

pledge class each year to be the event's emcee. Doman was Theotis his freshman year.

"This year's Theotis is Scott Peacock," Doman said. "And actually, his dad was Theotis when he was a Phi Delt."

Day Three

El Fuego spent most of his morning in a blue tote box, listening to the backup music of a series of introductory dance skits. On his back, he wore a gold cape emblazoned with his name over orange flames and bedazzled with plastic jewels.

Suddenly, he could hear the voices of the AGD sorority sisters over the sound system, performing a skit full of flattering remarks and mean jokes about the Phi Delt.

El Fuego was lifted from the tote and passed through several hands until his flippers touched bare pavement. He sat under an overturned milk crate, piled awkwardly along with the Kappa Kappa Gamma turtle "Minime" and the Kappa Delta turtle "Cornelius." In moments, the race would begin.

From outside, the emcee counted down. And then the crate was lifted away. A shot from a cap gun cut through the air and echoed off the houses on Old Greek Row.

The turtles did nothing. For several seconds, the frenzied crowd yelled and cheered as the three turtles sat motionless. The emcee invited a few of the girls to help their turtles along with a light nudge. One girl from AGD house took the opportunity to shove El Fuego about six inches toward the outside of the circle.

"I said nudge, not push," the emcee scolded. Each turtle scampered

slowly toward the outer line, but it was clear that Cornelius was moving fastest. Then, just before reaching the line, Cornelius inexplicably stopped.

It was enough time for El Fuego to close the gap. A sister from the AGD house clapped and cheered from the outside of the circle, hoping to encourage the turtle to run faster.

"She was clapping and it brought the turtle closer," Weber said, "and then when it got really close, she started clapping really hard and I think it scared him and he went the other way. So she helped and then she hindered him, I think."

El Fuego turned course at the last moment, and walked along the rim of the circle without touching the line. Meanwhile, Minime casually strutted over the boundary to clench the victory for the KKG house.

"I think our turtle should have won — he was winning," Weber said, disappointed with the race's conclusion. "And he looked so cute in his cape."

The victor of the first heat, Minime, would go on to win first place in the final round, making KKG the overall derby champions. Weber said regardless of the results, the derby was "a hoot."

"There's so many people here," McIntosh said, as she gingerly placed El Fuego back into his tote box. "That's what scared the little guy."

With the derby over as quickly as it started, El Fuego was on his way back to his pond in Lewiston. The dejected amphibian no longer wore his cape. Another racer was placed next to El Fuego in the same box, as McIntosh was momentarily distracted.

"He's going back to the pond, right where he came from," she said, suddenly unsure which turtle she was talking about.

"Hmm, I don't know," she said. "They pretty much all look the same."

Expanding on experience

Bat for Lashes' "Two Suns" receives high praise

Gus Simpson
Argonaut

Haunting vocals, drenched in reverb, rise up amid tribal drumming. The sounds of crashing waves provide a soothing ambience in the background. Synthesizers create multiple layers of orchestral sound. The bass guitar rumbles as exotic-sounding stringed instruments play softly.

In "Glass," the first track from "Two Suns," Bat For Lashes displays a broader range of musical influences than many artists do in an entire album.

Bat For Lashes is the pseudonym of Natasha

Khan, an English singer and songwriter. "Two Suns" is her second release as Bat For Lashes.

The album displays a level of musical maturity and progression all sophomore albums aspire to, but of which many fall short.

In "Two Suns," Bat For Lashes compiles a diverse array of musical styles, including folk, electronic, rock, dance, pop, spoken word and Eastern music, creating a deliciously varied and complex potpourri of indie goodness.

Although this combination may seem like the random creations of a child with musical A.D.D.,

Bat For Lashes somehow pulls all of these influences together into an eclectic, soothing blend reaching from sad and emotive to upbeat and dance-able.

Khan's vocals are reminiscent of Björk. She creates powerful, exotic melodies that serve as a fitting courier for her ambiguous lyrics of longing, duality and frustration.

"Lonely, lonely, lonely, his mother told me/the dream of love is a two-hearted dream," Khan emotes on "Sleep Alone," accompanied by softly-plucked guitar, '80s-style keyboards and programmed percussion.

Khan chose to include some collaborations on "Two Suns," that feature guest appearances by Yeasayer on several tracks. The experimental

Brooklyn band provided bass and beat programming for the album, contributing to the pervading electronic/dance feel on some of the songs.

"The Big Sleep," a duet between Khan and musical legend Scott Walker, is the record's closer, and perhaps its most haunting tune. Walker's soothing tenor provides a striking contrast to Khan's high-pitched, ethereal vocals. Sung over the backdrop of a lonely, out-of-tune keyboard, it brings the listening experience to a melancholy but satisfying end.

Overall, "Two Suns" will quite possibly be counted as one of the top indie music releases of 2009. The talent, diversity, emotion and creativity displayed in this work make it a definite must-listen.



Bat For Lashes

"Two Suns" Astralwerks Now available

A-

Health Directory

The Argonaut's Official Medical guide of the Palouse!

University of Idaho

A LEGACY OF LEADING

Student Health Clinic

Services provided by
Moscow Family Medicine

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 208.885.6693
Location: 831 Ash St. UI Campus

www.health.uidaho.edu

Clinic services available to all students regardless of insurance provider.

University of Idaho

A LEGACY OF LEADING

Student Health Pharmacy

Hours: Mon - Fri 9a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 12:30 - 3p.m.

Phone: 208.885.6535
Location: 831 Ash St. UI Campus

www.health.uidaho.edu

Refills must be called in 24 hours in advance at 885.0852 and will be ready for pick-up by 10 a.m. the following day.

University of Idaho

A LEGACY OF LEADING

UI Counseling & Testing Center

Free, confidential counseling for UI students

In the Continuing Education Building,
Room 306, 885-6716

www.ctc.uidaho.edu

Counseling for Personal,
Academic and Career Concerns

To advertise in the
Health Directory
contact:

Hannah Liter
208-885-6371
hannahl@uidaho.edu

QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Today
Women's golf — The Vandals will be on the road for the Western Athletic Conference Championships. Starting time is to be announced and the matches began Monday and will continue through Wednesday at the Wolf Creek Golf Club in Nevada.

Football — Spring practice continues with the Vandals hitting the field at 3:30 p.m. on the SprinTurf.

Wednesday
Women's Tennis — The Vandals will compete in the WAC Championships with starting time to be announced Wednesday in Honolulu.

Thursday
Men's tennis — The team will compete in the WAC Championships with starting time to be announced Thursday in Honolulu.

Vandals to watch

James Rogan
 Track and field



Rogan has been honored as the Western Athletic Conference's Field Athlete of the Week after his standout performances in the hammer throw. Rogan moved into the top 15 in the NCAA and second all-time at Idaho in the hammer throw on Saturday with a lifetime-best effort of 211 feet, 8 inches in the Olympic Development section of event at the Mt. SAC Relays. He was the top overall collegiate competitor.

Darcy Collins
 Track and field



Collins scored 4,790 points in the heptathlon at the Azusa Pacific Multi-events competition. The effort was nearly 200 points higher than her opening meet score last year and featured a life-time best in the high jump. She cleared 5 feet, 7.75 inches in the event.

Did you know ...

Track and field athlete Elvie Williams punched his second consecutive ticket to the NCAA Regional Championship meet in the long jump with a leap of 24-6.5.

Vandals by the numbers

20 The women's tennis team finished its regular season with 20 victories.

16 The Vandals men's tennis team has won 16 matches thus far this season.

3 Vandal track and field added three more regional qualifying marks after competing in four meets between Thursday and Saturday.

6,313 Track and field athlete Ryan Bowen posted 6,313 points in his first ever decathlon as a UI athlete. Bown's effort was good enough for eighth place.

TRACK AND FIELD

Vandals excel against tough competition

Kayla Desjarlais
 Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team capped off its busy weekend at four southern California competitions with three more NCAA Regional qualifiers, several personal-bests and Western Athletic Conference-leading performances.

Faced with some of the best athletes in the sport, the Vandals raised its regional qualifier total to eight.

Events started Thursday at one of the largest heptathlon and decathlon competitions in the nation, the Azusa Pacific Multi-Events hosted by Azusa Pacific University. Junior Darcy Collins hit 4,790 points in the heptathlon, a mark nearly 200 points better than her last year's season-opening total and includes a life-time best high jump of 5 feet, 7.75 inches.

"With Darcy, the goal is to go over 5,000 points and hopefully qualify for nationals this year," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said. "The way she opened up shows how improved she is, and I'm sure she's going to go well over 5,000 this year."

Representing the men, freshman Ryan Bowen showed promise as he posted 6,313 points in the decathlon to place 8th in his first career competition as a Vandal.

"For his first decathlon with collegiate implements, he competed really well," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "Not every event was perfect, but after an event didn't go well, he'd rebound and perform in the next one."

Meanwhile, the rest of the team faced a stacked field in Walnut, Calif. at the Mt. SAC Relays, which boast, "Where the world's best athletes compete," hosted by Mt. San Antonio College Thursday through Saturday.

Freshman Julia Veseth knocked a minute off her time to finish the women's 10,000-meter in 37 minutes, 43.66 seconds to place 23rd Thursday evening.

The Vandals continued success

Friday with sophomore Paul Dittmer leading the team with a season-opening 14.30 effort in the men's 110-meter hurdles to become Idaho's first track athlete to punch a ticket to Eugene, Ore. for the NCAA West Regional.

"We were practicing for our relay when they made first call for the open hurdles and Paul came over and said, 'Hey, do you think I can get into that?' even though he was already entered into Saturday's Olympic development section," Phipps said. "They let him in, he warmed up for about 10 minutes and then ran a regional qualifying mark."

Not to be outdone by the sprinters, the young distance crew stepped up in the 1,500-meter event. Hitting career-best times, freshman James Clark ran a 3:51.31 in the men's race to place 21st and freshman Teegan Schoch hit 4:34.42 to place 25th in the women's race.

A handful of athletes remained in Azusa to compete in the Bryan Clay Invitational at Azusa Pacific University. It was the first time the UI track and field team has attended the event, and once again the throwers were the standout performers. Two athletes hit Regional marks for their third consecutive weekend.

Senior Evan Ruud launched the hammer 193 feet, and sophomore Eugenio Mannucci hefted the shot put 56-10. Both take third in their events.

Throwers continued to dominate through Saturday with junior James Rogan firing off a considerable personal-best 211-8 in the men's hammer (previously 203-2) to finish third overall and tops among collegiate throwers in the Olympic development section. The throw moves him to second all-time in the Idaho record book for the event.

"I felt good," Rogan said. "I really felt like I was going to (get a personal record), but I didn't think I was going to throw that well. It was kind of a surprise."

See VANDALS, page 12



Nick Groff/Argonaut
 Vandal freshman Ryan Bowen from Lewiston jumps into the long jump pit Monday afternoon at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The Vandals returned from southern California Sunday evening and will head to Eugene, Ore. Friday for the Oregon Relays.

FOOTBALL

Vandals compete in Silver and Gold game

Scott Stone
 Argonaut

Idaho coach Robb Akey and the Vandal football squad continue to seek improvement.

That's what spring training is all about. The Vandals have nearly four months before they square off against New Mexico State in their first game of the season, so now more than ever Akey is focusing on individual performance.

"I'm pushing individuals to show up and say, 'Count on me,'" Akey said. "I want to see guys show up and not make the mistakes they were making earlier. I know my two coordinators want to see things executed within their packages a little better."

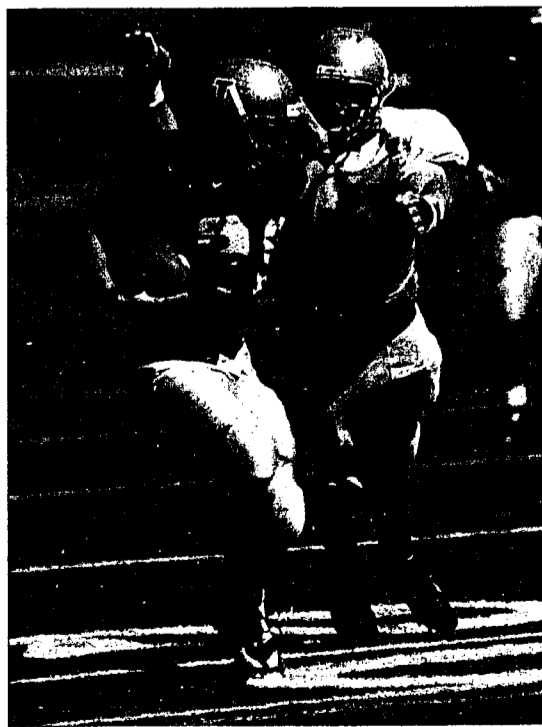
Over the weekend, sons, daughters and mothers alike crowded the SprinTurf to watch the Vandals face the Vandals in their third scrimmage of spring training — Akey continues to think positively about his team's performance.

"There were some good plays made out there today, and that made me happy," Akey said. "Dewey Hale made some great third-down conversions, both quarterbacks made some nice throws, the running game did some good things running the ball, and defensively we made some good drive stops. The first touchdown scored against them came when I backed them up instead of the red zone. They played with great energy. The offensive line responded to the challenge to get the quarterback protected better so that was a very good thing."

Two positions which need filling this season will be the punting and kicking positions, left vacant by the departure of T.J. Conley and Tino Amancio. Both players will look to continue their football careers at the professional level next season.

Newcomers Bobby Cowan and Trey Farquhar are being asked to fill those shoes. Cowan proved himself worthy of Conley's position by averaging 46.9 yards per kick, while Farquhar hit five PATs and three field goals from 37, 35 and 32 yards.

"Bobby Cowan looked great punting the ball to-



Nick Groff/Argonaut
 Vandal running back Princeton McCarty lands a stiff arm on the face mask of Vandal linebacker Paul Senescall Saturday morning on the SprinTurf during the Vandals' third spring scrimmage.

day. He stepped up and that was an area I needed to see better consistency," Akey said. "Our young place kicker also is doing a darn good job. There were a lot of positives."

The Vandals will hit the SprinTurf once more at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the annual Silver and Gold game. Fans are encouraged to come out and cheer on their Vandals.

Apple Cup runneth over

The Apple Cup could be moving to Qwest Field for the next five seasons, and residents of Washington are mad about it. Being hundreds, if not thousands of yards, away from Washington, I feel that I have the distance and clarity to find a reasonable solution to the problem.

Tradition and fairness are the two tiresome excuses thrown out by supporters as to why the game should not be played in Seattle every season. For new traditions to be built, old traditions have to be done away with.

There are already major rivalry games in college football played at neutral site venues where one school has a distinct geographical advantage. Nobody from Georgia complains about how unfair it is to play the Florida Gators in Jacksonville every year. If anything, it gives Washington State an advantage because it will offer more exposure to recruits in the Seattle area.

However, I get the feeling no amount of logical thinking will appease Apple Cup fans. Instead of simply adding on to a list of reasons why the game should or should not take place at Qwest, I have come up with several alternative locations sure to pacify all Cougar and Husky fans.

I-90/Highway 26 Interchange — The only fair location would be in the middle of the two schools, and this is close enough to the middle for me. It is not the sexiest location for the Apple

See APPLE, page 12

Cheyenne Hollis
 Argonaut
 arg-sports
 @uidaho.edu

PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal midfielder Melissa Canite attempts to break up North Idaho College defender Lauren Linford and move the ball downfield. The handball Linford committed went uncalled, resulting in NIC controlling the play. Idaho ended the match in a 0-0 draw.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

More wins for Black Widows

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

The members of the Idaho Black Widows women's rugby team put in a performance their mothers would have been proud of.

The Black Widows shut out Better- side, of Mis- soula, 39-0, Saturday to remain undefeated on the year. Irene Shaver led the charge for Idaho, scoring three tries as the Black Widows posted their second consecutive home shut-out.

"We tried out some new things with the backline, and we had a lot of scoring opportunities today," Shaver said. "It was great to be able to play well

today, because a lot of us have family and friends out here."

Once the referee blew the whistle for halftime, the Black Widows held a commanding 22-0 lead over Beterside. Idaho dominated for long spells as the Beterside team was unable to mount a serious attacking threat.

"We played a really hard game, and we are doing well with our fitness and some other factors," Idaho coach Susan Childers said. "We played a really good team, and I am proud of how we played."

It was much of the same in the second half as the Black Widows closed out the match strong, adding three more tries to cap off the 39-point outburst. Emily Heward and Erin Breen scored two tries each for Idaho. Breen re-

quired seven stitches after a collision with a teammate during the second half. She did not return to the pitch after the injury.

"We still have to maintain our focus and not get lazy when we do have a large lead like we did,"

Childers said. "We do not tolerate mental mistakes, so, everyone has to have their head in the game at all times."

Shaver said the team members are still learning how to work together and eliminating some of the errors they committed.

"I think we were stronger than (Beterside), and that really helped in the scrums and the rucks," Shaver said. "We still

need to play better if we are going to

compete with some of the stronger national teams we will play at Maggot Fest."

Once the referee blew the whistle for halftime, the Black Widows held a commanding 22-0 lead over Beterside. Idaho dominated for long spells as the Beterside team was unable to mount a serious attacking threat.

"We played a really hard game, and we are doing well with our fitness and some other factors," Idaho coach Susan Childers said. "We played a really good team, and I am proud of how we played."

It was much of the same in the second half as the Black Widows closed out the match strong, adding three more tries to cap off the 39-point outburst. Emily Heward and Erin Breen scored two tries each for Idaho. Breen re-

quired seven stitches after a collision with a teammate during the second half. She did not return to the pitch after the injury.

Boston Marathon: Americans push, fall short

Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — American Kara Goucher ripped off the gloves she wore for the first 25 miles and threw them to the pavement.

The sprint was on. Kenya's Salina Kosgei outkicked Goucher and defending champion Dire Tune in the last mile of the Boston Marathon on Monday, going back and forth with Tune in the final blocks of Boylston Street to win the closest women's finish in event history.

Ethiopia's Deriba Merga won the men's race, with Ryan Hall picking up another third place for the Americans — their best showing in more than 20 years.

"I've never experienced anything like this, and I've been in the Rose Parade. So, that's a pretty big deal," said Hall, who finished 10th in the Olympics and threw out the first pitch at a Red Sox game over the weekend.

"The bar's continuing to get raised, and I think it's

time for Americans to step up and meet the challenge. It's just going to keep getting better and better and faster and faster. ... I know I have a lot to learn. But it's exciting."

Hall took the early lead with a blistering pace and was shoulder-to-shoulder with the leaders until they passed from Wellesley into Newton, with about 10 miles to go. Merga had pulled away by the bottom of Heartbreak Hill, winning in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 42 seconds — 50 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Daniel Rono of Kenya, with Hall another 8 seconds back.

Merga led much of the Olympic marathon last summer before he wilted in the Beijing heat and was passed in the last quarter-mile, finishing fourth.

His victory Monday gave Ethiopia its second in five years. Kenya had won in 16 of the past 18 years and will have to be satisfied with a women's title — its seventh since the turn of the century. "Boston is one of the

biggest marathons in the world," Merga said. "Because of that, our people are very happy."

The men seemed undaunted by a stiff headwind that helped slowed the women to a methodical pace — 6:28 for the first mile. Though the elite women were given a half-hour head start, Merga began passing the stragglers as he left Wellesley and threatened to catch the leaders. After finishing, he had to wait for his laurel wreath because Kosgei had not had a chance to climb the podium.

"I was a little bit embarrassed," said eighth-place finisher Colleen De Reuck, a 45-year-old four-time Olympian and naturalized U.S. citizen who grabbed the lead at several points out of frustration. "You come to a marathon — and

a big marathon like this — you get paid a lot of money to come and run and I think you should race."

Goucher led the three women as they crossed above the Mass Pike into Kenmore Square with one mile to go, but the two Africans began to pull away from her as they dueled. One year after Tune outkicked Alevtina Biktimirova to win by 2 seconds in what was then the closest women's finish ever, the Ethiopian traded places with Kosgei several times on the last long stretch to the tape.

"I was a sprinter before," Kosgei said. "So, I know about the sprinting."

The only closer finish in the 113-year history of the event was the men's race in 2000, when Elijah Lagat beat Gezahegne Abera with an identical time of 2:09:47.

ClubSportsRESULTS

Men's Lacrosse — Idaho split handled the College of Idaho 22-9 on Saturday but fell to Boise State 12-9 on Sunday. The Vandals have two matches remaining this season and are eighth place in the PNCLL standings.

Women's Soccer — Idaho and Gonzaga tied 1-1 in the women's soccer club's first match. Brittany Shepherd scored the lone goal for the Vandals, with Heather Boswell grabbing the assist.

4 EASY STEPS FOR CUSTOM SHIRTS!

STOP IN AND CHOOSE SHIRT STYLES & SIZES.

HAVE A DESIGN CREATED BY US OR BRING YOUR OWN.

APPROVE FINAL ART.

PICK UP YOUR NEW CUSTOM SHIRTS

208.882.2203

GREEKS CLUBS
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS
BUSINESSES
ORGANIZATIONS
SCHOOLS
RETAIL
SPORTS TEAMS
VANDAL WEAR

JUST PRINT IT

YOUR SOURCE FOR CONFIDENTIAL, LOW COST

PERSONAL CARE

- ✓ birth control
- ✓ pregnancy testing
- ✓ emergency contraception (EC-Plan B)
- ✓ annual exams (pap smears)
- ✓ sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing & treatment

CALL 800.788.9128
TO LEARN MORE OR FOR AN APPOINTMENT

www.ppinw.org **Planned Parenthood**

Campus Dining

Catering Special

Spend \$150 or more on a catered lunch event
or
Spend \$250 or more on a catered dinner event
and
Take home all the beautiful fresh flowers displayed at that event!

885-2576
catering@uidaho.edu

Padres start hot

The San Diego Padres are off to a 9-4 start due to both excellent pitching and solid offensive production.

It didn't skip a beat after losing the face of its franchise, the all-time save leader Trevor Hoffman. Heath Bell has stepped into the role and currently leads Major League Baseball with seven saves — three more than anyone else. He's managed to shut down the opposing offenses, yielding only two hits and two walks in 6.2 innings pitched on the new season.

David Eckstein and Adrian Gonzalez have led the offense, Eckstein with 14 hits in 45 at-bats and Gonzalez with five home runs, placing him in a four-way tie for the National League lead in long balls.

Still, aside from veterans Cla Meredith, Duaner Sanchez and Heath Bell, the bullpen is a question mark for this team as pitchers like Luke Gregerson and Edwin Moreno are pitching in the bigs for the very first time, and it's no safe bet they'll be able to find a way to continue to mystify the batters they face.

The Kansas City Royals are also off to a hot 7-4

start, with staff ace Zach Greinke going 3-0 in three starts without surrendering a single run. He's struck out 26 batters in the 20 innings he's pitched this year, and combined with only five walks, that has given him a 20 inning scoreless streak with to start the season.

While sending Sydney Ponson to the mound every five days is enough to bum anyone out, superb pitching from Greinke, Gil Meche and Kyle Davies has left the Royals in an excellent position to make noise in the AL Central.

Despite three good starters and a dominant closer, Joakim Soria is still not enough to contend. The weight rests on their offense that was improved by trading for Mike Jacobs and Coco Crisp in the off season. If they can score runs, chances are their pitching will be able to keep them in games.

2008 Cy Young Winner Tim Lincecum came back strong after two lackluster starts, going eight innings, striking out 13 while only allowing five hits. He didn't walk a single batter in the eight innings either. Yet, he was given the loss because San Francisco's offense

couldn't manage to give him a single run to work with.

Lincecum's excellent start is good news for the Giants as losing him would leave their rotation a mess, especially with Randy Johnson looking a little shaky in his first few starts.

Between Lincecum, Matt Cain and Jonathan Sanchez, the Giants have a good 1-2-3 punch in their rotation.

The Yankees suffered a 22-4 loss to the Cleveland Indians Saturday after giving up 14 runs in the second inning.

The defeat is one of several recent breakdowns in the teams pitching, such as when the bullpen gave up nine runs to Cleveland on Thursday and the 15-5 meltdown at Tampa Bay.

The meltdowns are in large part due to Chien-Ming Wang. His sinker hasn't sunk, and he keeps hanging sliders in the strike zone, that leaves him prone to the "big inning." He's surrendered 23 runs in just six innings of work, leaving him with a 34.50 ERA.

Since Wang is on the 40-man roster, he cannot be demoted to AAA to work out his troubles, as another team would surely claim him when he went on waivers. Wang's start in Boston is going to be skipped this week, with Andy Pettitte getting the ball instead.



Greg Connolly
Argonaut
arg-sports
@uidaho.edu

VANDALS

from page 10

The unexpected performance is second in the WAC this year and ranks 14th in the NCAA.

"James was really the highlight (of the throws)," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "He really competed well and was the top collegiate finisher in a field that had some really good NCAA throwers, so that was really exciting."

Continuing the field athletes' Regional qualifying streak, senior Elvie Williams leaped 24-6.5 in the long jump to punch his second consecutive regional ticket. Williams, an all All-American in the event last season, moved to tie for 24th in the NCAA and in the WAC.

Junior Mike Carpenter also secured his second straight regional trip with a 16-6.75

effort in the men's pole vault. His height is best in the WAC this year and tied for 34th in the NCAA.

Paul Dittmer shaved down Friday's 110-meter hurdles time to 14.13 to place sixth in the Olympic development section. His season-opening weekend in the event resulted in WAC-best effort and moves him to 31st in the NCAA.

Teammates also filled the field at the Beach Invitational at Cerritos College in Nowalk, Calif. Saturday.

Senior Heather Bergland ran a season-best 14.19 in the women's 100-meter hurdles and finished eighth.

The 800 meter showcased the personal-bests of James Clark, 1:52.10 and Josh Dalton, 1:53.05. Their times rank as the fastest and second-fastest in the WAC.

With this weekend's action over, the Vandals will split their time between the Oregon Relays and the Duane Hartman Invitational during the upcoming weekend.

APPLE

from page 10

Cup, but the vast open space permeates neutrality.

Vancouver, Wash. / Vancouver B.C. — The game will rotate between American Vancouver and Canadian Vancouver, but there is a catch. Fans will not be told which Vancouver will be hosting the game, so they will have to travel to a Vancouver and hope they selected the right city. There will be an extra sense of drama in the stands unmatched in any other college football game as people wait to find out if they are in the right location. Also, nothing says football rivalry like two towns named after the same British sea captain.

Kibbie Dome — This is a long shot, but why not play the Apple Cup at the Kibbie Dome as part of a one-day, three-team round robin tournament? My proposed Vanple Cup could revolutionize football and football rivalries. You never know if an idea is good or not unless you try it, but the Vanple Cup seems near flawless.

Peak of Mt. Rainer — I do not believe this is a feasible idea, but then again, neither was the Panama Canal at one point in history. The field would be a little uneven, and the altitude seems like it would be brutal on the players, but if it is what the fans want, they should get it.

Connell, Wash. — In reality, three or four members of the Cougar squad will end up at the prison facility outside of Connell, so if anything, the school will be saving the state of Washington the cost of a bus trip from Pullman.

Canadian Border — This has to be the best idea out of a pantheon of magnificent ideas. The field could be placed hamburger-style with each team defending a country. The field could also be placed hot dog-style, and a quarterback could field the snap in Canada, scramble into America and complete a pass to a receiver back in Canada. There may be some issues with Border Patrol, but nothing that could not be overcome with a little determination.

At the end of the day, it does not matter why the Apple Cup is played. There is no inherent value in the location of the game. What makes the game so special

are the teams playing, not the location.

If the game moves to Seattle full-time or stays in the current format there will be people, programs and businesses affected. People should wait to hear the pros and cons of the move before rushing to judgment.

Given the fact Washington State is on the verge of a financial meltdown, any injection of cash should be seen as a welcome addition.

The Apple Cup will still be the Apple Cup, no matter what city the game takes place in. There are millions of people who get to participate in existing sporting traditions in their lifetime, but few get the chance to start a new sporting tradition.

Drawing to an online straight

Gambling ban created to maintain game's integrity

Frederic Frommer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Poker Players Alliance is betting \$3 million that it can overturn an Internet gambling ban, or at least carve out an exemption that would legalize and regulate online poker.

The alliance, chaired by former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., says it plans to spend that much on lobbying in this session of Congress. The group gets its money from the Interactive Gaming Council, a Vancouver, British Columbia-based trade association for online casinos, as well as from its poker player members.

The alliance is up against some tough competition. The National Football League says gambling threatens the integrity of its games and has made preserving the Internet ban a priority in Washington. Last year, the league hired a full-time lobbyist and started a political action committee to make campaign donations.

At issue is the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which Congress passed at the end of 2006. The law aimed to curb online gambling by prohibiting financial institutions from accepting payments from credit cards, checks or electronic fund transfers to settle online wagers.

At least half the \$16 billion Internet gambling industry, which is largely hosted on overseas sites, is estimated to be fueled by bettors in the United States.

In the last congressional session, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee pushed unsuccessfully to repeal the ban. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., plans to try again soon, a committee spokeswoman said.

The colorful and outspoken D'Amato was a natural choice to lead the Poker Players Alliance, even though it was his former GOP colleagues who had pushed the 2006 gambling ban. As a senator, D'Amato organized poker games with staffers and lobbyists in his office.

"We'd order pizza or Chinese, and we would play until the session was over. Sometimes it would end at 10:30, 11," he recalled in an interview with The Associated Press. "And maybe we'd play an hour or two later. It was a lot of fun. And in those days, we were even allowed to smoke cigars in federal buildings."

D'Amato lost his re-election race to Democrat Chuck Schumer in 1998. Since then a lot of poker playing has moved to the Internet.

"How dare you come into my house and tell me what I can and can't do on the Internet!" D'Amato said, citing online activities from business transactions to Facebook, even bragging about the number of friends he has on the social network site — more than 700.

"The Republican conservatives, who basically say" — and at this point, he shifts his tone to a mock, nagging voice, "We want less government," come in and intrude, and they say, 'No, you can't do this.'"

"It's a cause for personal choice and freedom that I've always thought epitomizes what this country's about," added D'Amato, who plays poker Monday nights at Oheka Castle, a hotel and estate on Long Island.

The NFL sees things differently. "We are opposed to more gambling on our games which is what would occur if the 2006 law was overturned," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an e-mail.

"We understand that illegal gambling currently occurs but there is little we can do about that," he said. "However, we can exercise our right to oppose Internet betting on our games. ... Gambling on our games — online or off-line — threatens the integrity of our games and all the values they represent."

Other sports backed the 2006 ban as well, including the NCAA and professional baseball, basketball and hockey, but the NFL led the effort. The Christian Coalition also reported lobbying to preserve the ban.

The NFL has opposed gambling on professional football for many years. Pete Rozelle, commissioner from 1960 to 1989, feared tampering by organized crime.

D'Amato said he had no problem with letting leagues ban betting on their games, but argued that online poker should be legal.

"What about the elderly, who have no ability to travel?" he asked. "You're going to say to them that a form of entertainment that they have — they should be precluded from because Big Brother says no?"

The 2006 law didn't provide a clear definition of unlawful Internet gambling, instead referring to existing federal and state laws, which themselves provoke differing interpretations. The Justice Department maintained that Internet gambling is illegal even before the 2006 law.

Former Rep. Jim Leach, an Iowa Republican who helped write the law, told the AP he recognizes the libertarian argument for allowing gambling. "The question is, is it compelling?" he asked. "It's not a close call."

KUOI BELIEVES IN UNICORNS.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN KUOI?

UI COLLEGE RADIO.

KUOI.ORG.

89.3 FM.



kuoi is owned and operated by students, since 1945. student union building third floor. RADIO ON.

Graduating this Summer or Fall?

Apply by May 15th to avoid the \$35 late charge!

It's easy...

Logon to VandalWeb Today!

For details, visit www.registrar.uidaho.edu Select "Graduation" along top menu

