Idaho Commons dedication ceremony

Ribbon cutting, shoulder rubbing

By Lindsey Redfield, Argonaut Staff Writer

The University Honors Program gave out 38 different awards to all students who met the different standards of the separate colleges. High grade point averages and achievements of freshmen are two very basic requirements for awards given out to hundreds of students. Students do not have to be members of the University's Honors Society in order to receive awards or attend the convocation.

The convocation was presided over by professors of honors' classes, Honors Society Student Representatives, University President John Hoover and Chair of the Honors Student Advisory Board Glen Nussell. The keynote speaker was Prof. of International Journalism at Columbia University, and author of "The Wisdom of Witches," Steven Weinberg.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the students," said Weinberg. "This is an exciting day for all of us, as we celebrate the achievements of these students who have worked hard to achieve their goals.

By Joanna Woolard, Argonaut Staff Writer

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WSU takes action against alcohol abuse

Washington State University wants to avoid the type of public disturbance that is becoming too familiar at the school. The college has developed a plan that will attempt to cut down on student drinking and engage them in other activities. Improved communication between students, university officials and law enforcement will also be emphasized, and individual sanctions against students and living group will continue to be imposed when rules are broken.

One of the major aspects of the plan is to increase a program already in existence for student alumni faculty walking panel. The walking panel is designed to enhance communication between faculty and students and problem-solving through education and early intervention.

Student leaders are communicating with living groups to reinforce existing policies and procedures and to develop some alternatives to parties. Various student committees are also coordinating late night activities and events.

University Provost Rose Martink said, "WSU is committed to altering the climate to ensure a safe and orderly campus and community atmosphere through this spring semester and beyond."

Pharmacy fraternity in the works

The Kappa Psi professional pharmacy fraternity is working hard to establish itself on the Washington State University campus. A large group of pharmacy students at the school have raised more than $3500 to renovate the former Delta Upsilon fraternity house and make it its own.

"We've still got a long way to go," said Nicholas R. Blanchard, pharmacy faculty member and chairman of the Kappa Psi. The group hopes to raise upwards of $8000 to find things such as show curtains, blinds, couches, tables, chairs and silverware. Students have already put considerable effort into the house, spending evenings and week ends helping to fix it.

Kappa Psi is a co-ed formal living group, the first of its kind at WSU. It is also the first professional fraternity residence that the university has ever supported.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new residence last Saturday at noon; it concluded with WSU's annual Pharmacy Weekend.
UI FACES and PLACES
UI’s resource for the world’s resources

By Jodie Sait
Aggie Bull Waller

Through her only work at the University of Idaho for the last few years, Dr. George Lake has already become a recognized and respected professor in the College of Natural Resources. And through his work, and somewhat surprising life experiences, Dr. Lake has become a great link for students seeking education and career advice.

Educational Background:
Bachelor’s degree in biology at Wisconsin State, Master’s degree in biology at Idaho State. PhD. in ecology at Montana State; his dissertation was on hunting and orientation of cutthroat trout in Yellowstone Lake.

Employment History:
2 years teaching and research at Cal Poly.
2 seasons as a park naturalist in Yellowstone.
2 years in Venetia as the head of ecology at Simon Bolivar University.

2 years teaching and research at University of Maine.
19 years at the University of Vermont as the chair of fish and wildlife.
2 years at the University of Idaho.

Courses taught:
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Introduction to Wildlife Protection Interdisciplinary Natural Resources Planning A graduate course in fish behavior Field Ecology

Most memorable UI moment:
Hiking into Taylor Ranch.

Getting a call after class from students who want to know more about the lecture.

Current research:
Dr. Lake is currently working with three graduate students. One student is studying the Pacific Lamprey problem in the S. Fork of the Clearwater. Another student is examining bull trout in the N. Fork of the Clearwater and the last is studying high mountain lake ecology in the Sawtooth/Bitterroot Mts.

Advice to students:
Go to class and sit in the front.

Where he is from:
He is originally from N. Wisconsin, but now calls Idaho home. The UI provided him with theparagus country and small town living he enjoys.

What he wants to be when he grows up:
As a child he wanted to be a veterinarian, but he now wants to go to college on a music scholarship.

Free time activities:
Skiing, fishing, hiking.

Something surprising about him:
Last year he sang a trouser solo with the Washington Symphony. He is also fluent in Spanish.

Communication scholar speaks

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diverse audience in a lecture entitled “The Ambiguous Fate of Nature in an Age of Communications,” sponsored by the UI Honors Program. This time he talked about how the concept of a nation was a modern one, brought about in the Treaty of Westphalia which signalled the end of the Roman Empire and divided Europe into individual, sovereign states. Carey explained a current trend away from a world divided into nations. He said that modern communication is making it more difficult to distinguish boundaries between separate countries, and cited examples such as satellite TV, the European Union and a new globe-time measurement developed by the Swiss company. Dr. Carey’s ses at the Honors Conference brought together his thematic diversity is fragile; in an age of communication and globalization Americans must work hard, side by side, to ensure the continued existence of the United States. He concluded his keynote address by challenging UI students to take responsibility for their nation and uphold the principles upon which the U.S. was founded.

Campus Calendar
TUESDAY April 11
5:00 p.m. Introduction to Career Services workshop
Bring G-11

WEDNESDAY April 12
6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
St. Augustine’s Church, 603 Dean Street, 890-1957
4:45 p.m. Federal Employment as a Legislator: Earn money for college or have part-time jobs
Thursday Hall, Room 115
7:00 p.m. Nacozari Anonymous Meeting
Church of Our, NE 1125 Badger Way, Pullman
7:30 p.m. "Quaker's Gift" (Grandmother's Gift) by Nola Peterson Stimson
You will not be permitted into Center. Free admission

FRIDAY April 14
4:30 p.m. In My Gown, World Famous M labeled and Author
Speaking at the College of Law Courthouse
(208) 284-6652 for more information

If you would like your event to be placed on the Argonaut Campus Calendar, please e-mail a description, the date and time to: argnews@hotmail.com. The deadline for placement are Sundays and Wednesdays by noon.

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UI Human Resources
Latah Historical Society
Good Samaritan Village
E.B. Publishing
Anthropology Laboratory
University Residences
University Dining Services
Department of Labor
Moscow Recycling
ABSEARCH, Inc.
Opportunities Unlimited
Moscow School District
Latah Health Services
Salmon River Experience

Northwestern Mutual Life
TAAC
People to People
Moscow Care Center
Sears
UI Women’s Center
UI Press
Student Support Services

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Free Palm III with Keynote Speaker

Business of the Future: Learning About... Future of U.S.
Exhibits Open
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Ava Rotn emomin ted a "Rainbow Tree, a little like Eva Penor's 'Tree of Europe.' The tour took the group to Idaho Falls, Pocatello and other homes of head teachers. It lasted one week.

"The trip was a success; we shared our visions effectively and the State Board's feelings of apprehension turned into excitement," said Avery. "I'm beyond happiness to share with you my emotions and pride today that I have for the Commons.

Craig, ASU President Bart Cochran spoke after Avery, describing the hopes he has for the Commons and to use. "You may see the outcome that the building is in the heart of the campus. The students, the lifeblood of this university, are drawn to it if it is a necessary path throughout the body of the campus," said Cochran in his speech. Cochran also described the Commons as a place to promote lifelong learning.

Cochran stressed that the students "own" the building. "How often do you see students involved in a vision as much as they are willing to pick up over 40 percent of the total project costs?" Cochran asked the audience. Cochran also discussed his vision of the Commons becoming the "new for U of I because of all that happens here."

Suzanne Craig, visiting on behalf of her husband Larry Craig, who could not be present at the ceremony, gave a view of the Commons and a little of her husband's view as well.

"The completion of this project is an excellent example of the partnership of Idaho's commitment to students as we begin the new century," said Craig. Craig also referred to the completed project as "the true place where students can feel at home," and "the ideal hub for campus activities."

President of the Idaho State Board of Education Tom Boyd also attended the dedication. Boyd addressed the students present at the ceremony, saying, "The board recognizes the tremendous commitment you (students) have made to the dedication of your time, your support and your money."

Boyd also called the Commons "a remarkable addition to an outstanding university." At the end of his speech, Boyd was thanked by BC Vice Chancellor for "taking time away from the wheat fields to be with us today."

The final speaker was President Hoover. Hoover emphasized the university's plan to "revitalize the campus core" and create "a more effective living and learning environment."

Hoover's speech ended with the obvious question and the audience who had diligently listened to each speaker wandered into the building to see first-hand the new Commons. Many were invited on tours to simply explore throughout the different areas of the Commons.

When asked their opinions on the Commons and its dedication ceremony, Resident Assistant Kate Walsh and Kristen Schneider echoed that the building was a nice one that they appreciated and were very much. "I just wish that they had advertised the ceremony more," said Schneider. Bush Walter and Schneider agreed that the ceremony would have been more prominent had it happened right after the building was completed instead of a few months after being open and in use. "I think it's a great place," said student Amy Ward. "I like that it's close to where classes are."

Chancellor of Commons members, Ed Terrell and Husky, Swanson were in agreement. "It's a very positive, beautiful place," said Terrell. "I think it's wonderful." said Swanson.

Guests, students, their hosts and tour guides all took advantage of everything that the Commons had to offer for a few hours following the ceremony. Those who helped design, fund and build the Commons had a chance to meet with students and leaders, giving all present a chance to enjoy their "firsts," their "beau," or their "lasts" at campus more correctly referred to as the Idaho Commons.

President Hoover introduces the individuals who dedicated time and money to build the Idaho Commons.

Moscow Public Library hosts book sale

Brown house and bags were stuffed with used books at one end of the East Side Market Place for the Moscow Public Library's Annual Book Sale.

Books from both the library and the community's donations were lined up on several different tables and left to the mercy of the shoppers. Prices were $5 cents for paperbacks and $1 for hardbacks, but near the end of the sale books were being sold for the bag for $1 or by the box for $3.

"I couldn't even count how many books are in here," said Bill Strow, President of a club called Friends of the Library. The Friends organization put on a pre-sale, allowing club members to get first choice of the available books while sipping wine and holding on locally-produced artwork in the silent auction.

Anyone can join the club for a fee and the library hopes to encourage more people to become members by offering the advantage of the pre-sale.

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The sale is the only major book sale in the area, said Strow. It is also the major fundraiser for the library and the Moscow Children's Literacy Reading Program. All of the proceeds of the sale go to either the benefit of the program or the addition of new books or technology in the library.

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I heard the GEM of the Mountains is looking for a 2000-2001 Yearbook Editor

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Idaho’s money, where does it all go?

By Casey Hathorn
Argonaut Staff Writer

A growing budget bill is securing marijuana and locally, as prison population spikes off the charts. The budget allocations for the upcoming fiscal year - which is $600 million - is up from $520 million in 1999. The state’s projected expenses are $4.1 billion. The budget is $2.7 billion, or 78 percent, of the state’s $5.6 billion

The Idaho Department of Correctional Services has issued a report that shows the state is facing a $2.7 billion budget shortfall in the next fiscal year. The department is seeking to increase its budget by $600 million to help meet the needs of the growing prison population.

Mc Coy’s Manifesto

By Matthew McCoy
Argonaut Staff Writer

As we move into my opinion writing “paradise,” I am in the middle of my first year of the legislature. I have been a leader in the Idaho House of Representatives for the past two years and am currently a member of the Idaho Democratic Party. I have been working hard to improve our state’s education system and ensure that all students have access to high-quality education. I believe in investing in our students and supporting their dreams of achieving great things. I believe we need to do more than just talk about it - we need to take action.

The value of literature

By Bob Phillips, Jr.
Argonaut Staff Writer

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To Whom It May Concern:  
With this, I wish to respond to the appealing and informative article that appeared in your April 4 edition of the Argonaut.  I feel Mr. McCoy is using the term of "arsenal" that is not understood in the same God or parent of social welfare that we do not hear from the time of God's power to produce a more earnest view 

...Mr. McCoy, this person likely to suffer "demoralization and delinquency." While the Bible states one must stand with the law and no one stands against the law, you would be an orphan. In both the next-to-last paragraph and one in the near future. When you figure your currents are like, it is true. I feel we sometimes use this term in good sense. Because moral values would be allowed to stand in the statement and were otherwise moral. The only reason this would be true is the same reason it is a moral value. I feel the only reason you are not being 

...I feel you think that because people of an orphanage are not going up and out and getting married as a rule of law and love just are not part of same reason. They are not bad 

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...I think you have the right to be influenced by the Bible. That is what the entire argument is about. If you are all going to help to fix up. Why even bring this up? You can't even keep it in your brains before you begin your argument? Which brings me to my next point. Those arguments. I don't know when you stepped up that cap on ignoring the mistake. Ask any more serious person and probably they would tell you it isn't possible to help the community. Why care, care? "The core of humanism is love." What is the core of humanism? Why would we be paying out money to them to help others. I think the person who has conducted this as a profession for years is in agreement with me. Professional? I think the idea of humanism has been very much narrowed in the meaning of Christian. We don't want your 

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Vandal spring football is underway

By Cody M. Caltt
Associated Press Staff Writer

Generally speaking, spring time is reserved for long, grinding or handful, but for Tim Cottle and the University of Idaho football squad, the climate is ripe for a little gigantic.

Spring practice began April 4, when coach Cottle, a former Vandal playerfresh off a successful term as offensive coordinator at University of Colorado, got his first look at the prodigal Vandal team on the field for the 2000 season.

Cottle now faces the difficult task of implementing his various schemes, which may differ from the ones recurring players came to expect from former coach Chuck Tooney.

"The first thing is getting the systems down," Cottle said. "The second thing is personnel, making sure the right guys are in the right place."

Despite over a dozen of the coaching staff, the Vandal program should be poised to make another run at the title and set another record in the Northwest.

UI Thowers dominate at the Hayward Relays

By Jim Bellinghern
 Associated Sports Editor

Idaho downs had exceptional seasons last weekend. The men won the title in the University of Oregon's Hayward Relays, while the women won for shot put and discus in the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Three-time All-American Jason Worley won the 60-meter hurdles for the third straight year, and the Mountaineers basketball team advanced to the NCAA National Championship game.

"We're very happy with the performance of our athletes," Cottle said. "The men's team is off to a great start, and the women's team is ready to take the next step.

"The women's team was able to break several school records, and the men's team set several personal bests."

UI head coach Wayne Philipp said, "We were very pleased with our athletes' performances, and we're looking forward to the outdoor season.

Olympic champ Bailey stays persistent in comeback attempt

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas—Dwain Lewis is stealing the show, again, in Austin.

Lewis' appearance isn't yet evident for the Olympic 100-meter champion but he's not about to declare himself the favorite. He's still not quite where he was before racing the last 10 meters.

The Austin State All-Star team defeated the University of Texas, 187-123, in an exhibition meet Saturday in Texas.

"He's not yet back to his full potential," Cottle said. "But he's really close, and we're excited to see him compete in the NCAA National Championship game.

Before racing the last 10 meters, Lewis had the opportunity to race in the 100-meter dash.

"He looked good, and he's getting closer to his former self," Cottle said. "But we're still working on his technique and his form.

"His time of 10.20 is a sign of things to come, and I think he's headed in the right direction.

The race was won by Lewis, who finished in 10.05.

"He's still working on his form and his technique, but he's getting closer to where he was before," Cottle said. "He's really excited about the possibility of racing for a spot on the Olympic team.

But he's also realistic about his chances.

"He knows what he needs to do to get back to the level he was at before," Cottle said. "But he's still working on his form and his technique.

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Briefs

Women lose twice on difficult road trip

The Idaho women’s tennis team dropped two matches over the weekend, with one more to play on Sunday. UI lost to UC Santa Barbara 6-3 in a week that saw Big West matches Friday before stepping outside the conference for a 9-0 loss to No. 4 Fresno State on Saturday. The Vandals conclude their four-game road swing with a match against Pacific tomorrow.

Paige Delehaut continued her strong play at No. 3 singles against UCSB, winning in straight sets 6-1, 7-5. The victory ran her record to 7-3 at that position before dropping a match against Fresno State. Delehaut was a double winner on Friday, teaming with Barbara Kallid for an 8-6 win at No. 1 doubles. Vida Sencic and Cameron Erickson accounted for the other point against the Gauchos with an 8-3 win at No. 2 doubles. The match on Saturday was not as close, as the Bulldogs swept each singles match in straight sets and claimed all three doubles contests.

Keller takes medalist honors at Inland Collegiate

University of Idaho freshman Nicole Keller and senior Mychal Gordon earned medalist honors at the Inland College Challenge Friday at Indian Canyon Golf Course. Keller fired a three-over 71 for 27 holes for her victory while Gordon’s five-under 67 led to a play-off with Eastern Washington’s Mark Polzer. Gordon won the title in a three-hole playoff.

Keller’s victory was instrumental in the Vandals’ finishing second to Washington State University, while the Vandals men were third.

The UI women combined for a 490 – 12 strokes off the WSU’s title-claiming 438. Gonzaga was third at 491 and Eastern Washington fourth at 495.

The Vandals men combined for a 438. Washington State won the title with a 424, while EWU was second at 426. Gonzaga finished fourth at 444.

Also placing for the Vandals were Lindaone Ferri (tie 6, 118), Trista Einspahr (16, 120), Noelle Hamilton (11, 121), Julie Wells (12, 122) and Jacqueline Huff (tie 13, 123).

For the men, Ryan Benzil and Josh Nagleman tied for 12th (111). Taylor Cerjan was 18th (114) and Doug McClure tied for 20th (115).

Triathlon club looking for new members

The University of Idaho’s new campus sport club, the Triathlon Club, is seeking members. All ability levels welcome are welcome to attend the first meeting, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in room B-2 in Memorial Gym. The club will encourage members to train and compete together, as well as hosting social events. For information call Ryan Moore at 882-5512 or Gordon Gresh at 885-4447.

Former BSU basketball star collapses while playing pick-up game

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gerry Washington, Boise State University’s all-time leading scorer, collapsed to the ground during a pick-up basketball game at Boise Gym.

He was placed in coronary care and was in critical condition on Sunday.

Washington collapsed around 9:45 p.m. Thursday. Former teammate Justin Lyons helped perform CPR on Washington before he was rushed to the emergency room at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center.

Although the exact cause of his collapse was not released by the hospital, Boise State sports information director Max Corbet said, “Some type of cardiac event happened, which is not known specifically, that caused him to go into the coma and put him in this zone.”

Washington was 23 this birthday. No surgery is planned. Washington was on life support and medication, and his life depends on how his body responds. Washington is homeless primarily on his own, with some help from machines, and his vital signs are stable.

Corbet said Boise State athletic trainer Gary Casey knew of no prior health problems with Washington. The former point guard played for the Broncos from 1993 through 1996. He was playing with some former and current team members Thursday.

Washington is Boise State’s all-time leader in points made with 184 and ranks in the school’s top five list in seven other categories.

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Killer looks...
**Music and Relationships go hand in hand**

By Matt White
Argonne Staff Writer

On their latest album, "High Fidelity," the Pretenders give us a glimpse into their own love life, and the result is a collection of heart-wrenching songs that will tug at your heartstrings. The album is a testament to the power of music to express emotions and tell stories.

The album opens with "Love is a Battlefield," a track that is both raw and vulnerable, capturing the pain and confusion of love. The song is a powerful statement about the ups and downs of relationships, and it sets the tone for the rest of the album.

"High Fidelity" is a concept album that explores the complexities of love, heartbreak, and healing. The Pretenders take us on a journey through their own experiences, and it's a journey that we can all relate to. Whether you're in a loving relationship or just starting to fall in love, this album has something for everyone.

One of the standout tracks on the album is "Stand by Me," a soulful ballad that is both悲伤 and uplifting. The song is a tribute to the power of love to bring people together, and it's a reminder that no matter what happens, we'll always have each other.

Overall, "High Fidelity" is a masterpiece that will leave you inspired and moved. It's a true reflection of the Pretenders' love for music and their commitment to putting their hearts and souls into their work.

The album is available now, and we highly recommend giving it a listen. Let the Pretenders take you on a journey that is both heart-wrenching and healing.

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**Indie trio sizes up**

By Lea Cristello
Argonne Staff Writer

House of Large Sizes has been wandering around playing their favorite venues for 13 years now. The Iowa-based band just released their sixth album titled, "Beta Outshining Around." The album is a compilation of five live recordings from their latest tour. The Iowa-born band has been talking about taking their parents to "Mummy's Funny Wipes." They're a band that you can find a lot of inspiration in the story because it exposes the ridiculous male nature and tells the other side of something they've been through. "High Fidelity" and its show think the show is just for guys, DeVentres says: "Women can find a lot of gratification in the story because it exposes the ridiculous male nature and tells the other side of something they've been through." It's a good show and is worth the price of the tickets.
Two men arrested in major Ecstasy bust

By Martin Finucane

Associated Press

BOSTON - About 170,000 pills of "Ecstasy," a street value of $4.5 million were intercepted by Federal agents in what officials called the largest seizure in New England in the designer drug.

Two men are facing charges that they conspired to import the drugs, considered a growing problem in the youth culture.

Kevin Vos and Erica Melochemi, both 23 and Israelis, were arrested Wednesday night in a "raid" operation set up by U.S. Customs agents after they allegedly consented to pick up Federal Express packages delivered to Boston-area homes containing a total of nearly 90 pounds of the drug.

"Desire is a dangerous and growing health hazard," said Kevin Cloherty, chief of the U.S. attorney's drug unit. "Federal law enforcement, along with our state and local partners, will continue to focus on and attack this extremely dangerous drug." At a news conference at the U.S. attorney's office, a table was strewn with concern-box-sized bags of the gray pills.

Vos arrived in the country about a year ago and lived in Los Angeles at his address; Melochemi lived in West Hollywood, Calif., and processor Robert Peabody.

The two men had an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph London Alexander on Thursday. They were ordered held without bail and were scheduled to appear at a detention hearing on Tuesday.

According to a criminal complaint filed by a U.S. Customs Service agent, the case began when a Customs agent at a Federal Express center in Memphis, Tenn., decided to check after seeing from Paris that was listed as "programmed" guiding for contraband, no commercial value.

Customs agents opened the boxes Tuesday and found the drugs. Then they learned of a second seizure, this one that had been sent from Paris using the same Federal Express account number, opened that box and found more drugs.

Customs agents then engineered a sting in which the boxes were delivered to their destinations in Baltimore and Boston. Vos and Erza were arrested Wednesday night when they tried to pick up the boxes, authorities said.

Asked how the first agent became suspicious of the first box, Cloherty said law enforcement officials were "very good at determining those things." Asked what effects were being used to that remain unannounced in Paris, Cloherty said, "The investigation continues."

Officials said the size of the shipment and the method of transportation increased the number.

In up to three years, Vos and Erza each face a maximum of 20 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $1 million.

Ecstasy is a synthetic "psychoactive" also known as MDMA, or simply "E." Federal officials say seizures of the pills are on the up, with 4 million pills seized already this year in the United States, compared with 3.5 million in all of 1992 and 750,000 the year before.

The agents are warning that Ecstasy abuse has become an epidemic. And they say the drug can harm people's health - causing depression, memory loss and even permanent brain damage.

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Chili Peppers and Foo Fighters at Indiana U.

By Edon Kuk-Pukalaski  U-MC

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- The 14,200 audience members at Assembly Hall Saturday were treated to a unique blend of auditory and visual pleasures during the performance of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Foo Fighters concert, the latest of the band's tour.

The Foo Fighters delivered a fun and cohesive performance with music that was distinctly Foo-ified. They played all of the commercial hits, including the popular single "Big Me.
"I felt like I was part of the audience for the first time," said one attendee. "It was incredible."

Meanwhile, British Columbia's Foo Fighters performed in front of 6,000 fans on Sunday, followed by 462 royalties on the last date, according to the provincial Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

Washington moves to increase filmmaking

Associated Press

SEATTLE -- The credits and the starts of Canadian dollar have been drawn up in a commercial production project.

Now the Washington State Film Office is trying to make it happen.

"There's been enough hand-squeezing," says Mary Hett, director of the agency, "we need to take the next step.

With an annual budget of $3 million, the agency has been trying to make the most of its resources, and the latest effort is for a two-day conference to be held in June.

Lately the state has been able to attract film projects, and now the office is taking steps to make it happen.

The conference will be held from June 1-2, and will cover a wide range of topics, including production planning, location scouting, and marketing strategies.

Washington's film industry has been growing rapidly in recent years, and the state is looking to build on that momentum. The office is hoping to attract more major productions to the state, and is working to make the process as smooth as possible.

Washington and Oregon have had a peaceful rivalry in the past, but the state is now focusing on the future.

The conference is being held in Seattle, and will feature a number of speakers from the film industry, as well as representatives from the state's film office.

Washington, Oregon, and Canada's entertainment industry have been making strides in recent years, with the Northwest Film The Wall Street Journal reported.

In an interview, Hett said, "We've worked hard to make this happen."

The conference is expected to attract a large audience, and will be open to the public.

In the coming weeks, Hett said, the agency will be announcing more details about the conference, including the lineup of speakers and the schedule.

The conference is being held in partnership with the Oregon Film Office, and will focus on ways to promote the state's film industry.

It is hoped that the conference will help to attract more productions to the state, and will be a positive step towards building a stronger film industry in Washington.