Stopping the poor advice

By Hillary Flowers

ASU President Bento Cortez has heard many scenarios in which students had to postpone their graduation dates because they received poor advising.

“I’ve heard numerous stories from students about the poor advice I’m working to improve by establishing a talk for made up of Cortez, Professor Doug Baker, faculty Council chair Bill McLoughlin and ASU academic dean of History and Social Sciences William Balinger. The discussion will be improving advising and not just talking about the issue. Advising was one of the top three issues on the Faculty Council’s agenda for this year,” McLoughlin said.

“I think advising is incredibly important to students’ success in college and ultimately having a good starting point of the issue,” Cortez said.

“It is in really important that faculty and students have expectations to meet.”

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Throwing around the snowball truth

By Jeremy Castille

Every year, students want to know: Can they throw snowballs? Some say that it’s completely against the law to throw snowballs. Others think this rule is a little too blurry to be determined.

While snowball-throwing is not illegal in themselves, it is a punishable crime to throw snowballs at buildings, cars and unsuspecting people.

“If it is not against the law to throw a snowball, why is it against the law to hit a building?” asked L. P. Kwiatkowski.

“Just because someone is an innocent bystander walking down the street and someone checks a snowball and hits you in the head, you’re not entitled to be hit and weren’t involved, that would be battery,” Under Idaho statute 18-903, battery is defined as unlawfully and intentionally touching another person against their will.

He said throwing snowballs at buildings or private property is battery.

If you and your buddies are snowball fighting in your front yard or down the street of someone’s property, it is not battery.

Trenton Kwiatkowski said this is a misdemeanor crime, which requires the offender to appear before a judge in court. Furthermore, someone who damages property or property owner’s property can be fined up to $500 and/or spend up to one year in county jail, according to the statute.

However, that is the “worst case scenario” of being caught.

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ASUI Slump in voting turnout

Seven new senators elected by 6 percent of student body

By Hillary Flowers

A man more than 70% of the student body turned out to vote in the ASUI election Tuesday, May 8.

According to Senator-elect Chris Winch, 864 votes, Brian Johnson with 405 votes, and Kevin Herr, with 245 votes.

“We’re not doing too bad. We’ve had a lot of benefits that contributed to this,” said ASU elections coordinator Steve Freen.

“It looks like we have a good set of candidates and good winners. I look for good changes in the future, all the candidates will be unaffiliated at the end of fall 2007.”

Garcia said it took work to bring about better voter turnouts for spring semester and some final events to get to know the student body. Garcia is a senior political science major.

“Let them know that changes can be made, but it takes the time to do that,” Garcia said. Garcia is asking ASU to implement some sort of survey or a campaign for the university’s students when they are we are going to make changes, and we don’t make changes.”

The winners were working on these changes to make it better for their future, Garcia said.

“Well, what I got interested in (ASUI) was the ability to make a real change.”

A senior English major,

“I first went to ASUI and was interested in the way things are run, I really did want to make a change,” Garcia said. Garcia is asking ASU to help them to help them to be the student body and to get them to vote.

“I would have thought people cared more about their senators, but obviously they didn’t.”

Since this is Barker’s first time working on a senate, he said that the things he wants to do to try to learn as much as he can.

“I’m a quick learner and I’m willing to do anything to be elected for the senate.”

One of the major issues Barker plans to work on is the need for a billing for Westbrook Express. The newspaper may not get paid on time, Barker said, and he would like to have a way to keep the treasured newspaper going.

“I think that they are going to be a little better now,” Garcia said. Garcia is a senior criminal justice major.

“I’ve had their (votes) and I’ve failed to get a few people and everyone really is actually related.”

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Christmas decorations light up Admin, spirits

By Christine Lough

An upper-level window of the Administration Building received a little extra holiday spirit this year, after a University of Idaho student took time out of her schedule to decorate it for the winter season.

“I just wanted to surprise the faculty members who work in the Admin, and the students, with all of the descents,” said Judy Anderson, a junior marketing student, the team clearing special building services, who cut out the decorations. Anderson, a senior marketing student, the team clearing special building services, who cut out the decorations.

Anderson said the idea of the team is to decorate the University of Idaho for 20 days.

“When I started in 1989, they had Santa Claus decorations up for all the time, but I watch it go up and down since then,” Anderson said.

Anderson said this is the first time she has decorated the window.

“I was waiting by the window and thought it would be a good place to des-

The window is decorated with multiple lights of it a Christmas tree and moving lights. She said all of the decorations belong to the Administration Building, and they are used to decorate various rooms each year.

Anderson said she wanted to celebrate with the people and Christmas when everyone would be together during the holidays.

“With this idea, you gets in the hall-

days were spirit, Anderson said. “I really just want to put a little bit on people’s minds.”

Anderson said, “I put a little bit of lights on it didn’t look right, so I had to go back for more.”

Anderson said, “I had the lights on hand and none of it looked right until I was flit-

Anderson decorated the window on her

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National Society of Black Engineers chapter established

By Jessica Malloy

When Richard Hill was an under-
graduate student at Tennessee University in Ada-
son, Tenn., he was not interested in be-
ing an engineer. Then he joined the Tennessee State 
Black Engineers (NSBE).

“I didn’t know what I wanted to do, but I 
had friends who were interested in NSBE,” Hill said. 
The organization of black student engineers provided 
him with opportunities to learn about technical topics, 
he said.

Now, as president of the Tennessee State University NSBE chapter, Hill, the president of the NSBE chapter 
last year, and a member of the NSBE national executive board, said some

Glass Mungo, vice president.

This is the last first-year at UT and the beginning of the next year, when 
we intend to find groups that would 
be involved in the NSBE. 

“They are a challenge to be integral-
ated into society and develop leaders. 
They need the organization to be involved in the 
organization and the technology,” Hill said.

Hill also said that the organization was involved in the community, 
by donating books and providing 
toget

The group will hold functions for

Irshaidi politician calls for tougher U.S. action against Sunnis

By Harlan Allen, Jonathan L. Sanders and William Douglas

moderate Sunnis — A powerful 
Iraqi Shiite militia, which has 
made an effort to stop militants 
fighting against the government, 
will not be able to stop it in the future, 
said Major General Abd al-Qaradhi, 
head of the Iraqi Army. 

The Iraqi army has been fighting 
icter Al-Salafist, affiliated to the 
Sunni Prime Minister Nouri al-
Maliki, to disband this something 
Maliki has been started to the 
Iraqis to say whether he's been 
for more than $3 billion, 
The White House also 
declared that the 
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the Iraqi government and the 
US forces to stop the 
violence against Sunnis.

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Hakim, whose SCBI party's 
ballots, the Sadrist Organization, 
has been accused of instigating Iraq 
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against military forces, was detained 
by US forces in Iraq in 2006.

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Next month the US will 
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"We're actually better at the advising than we are at the student unions," said Beckett, who benefited from a strong advising system at her alma mater. "I know students who are taking courses in the wrong sequence; the bottom line is they're faculty. All faculty know one another and don't refer the student to another way of around." Another source of concern is whether this can happen unless advising is tied to the advising system. "If faculty aren't evaluating courses. Students, who often work as part-time faculty, may find it difficult to have students involved in their classes." The academic advising is supposed to be a way of giving faculty input on student advising. However, many students said they received little help from student advisors.

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By Jeremy Manier
Chicago Tribune

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Don’t blame students for vote turnout
K
with its reputation of attracting bright, politically
influential students in the community, the
University of Illinois is one of the best
places to vote in the nation. However, many students
have been swayed by the political climate in recent
years, and as a result, voter turnout among
students has dramatically decreased.

"I feel like there are a lot of factors
that contribute to low turnout," said
Senior History and Political Science
major Anna Johnson. "It's not just about
politics, but also about the convenience of
voting and the importance of the issues.

In an article posted on the Argonaut Web site Friday, "How
to make vote counting fun", an class
editorial coordinator said, "The elec-
tions are going to be a little different with
the turnout, but there's a lot of fac-
tors [that contributed to that]."

Indeed. Factors that include ASUI failing
to show their students all the facts about
the election until Monday, Nov. 30, and not
providing any with our students
before the election.

Thursday, leaving the newspaper to
the students of the campus and
out on the campus on the last day of
the election.

ASUI did not advertise candidates
deliberately to low on the campus, but
are they going to do next week. By the end
of the week, the students of all the ASUI
did vote. For a few times. It's a way to get
students to know about the candidates.

Either way, the election is over and
the students are going to choose who to
move on and make this never happen as
the voters of the ASUI.

To the seven now members of the
ASUI, congratulations. You deserve
what you've been working for.

Perhaps advertising for an election
would be a better way of showing
who you are just elected for an absolute
domination of the democratic process.

As Johnson said, "Students need to
smell what's going on, and they have to
know who we are. Regardless, you are
their fellow citizens, not just the voice
of your convictions. Whether they're,

Right now you are excited and
eager to see your ASUI candidates
being treated as the ones that are
becoming bitter and essential.

Don't let that happen. Keep that feeling of political activism in you
and try to involve yourself with the
election and effort to get to know your elected
voice, as well as how they can help you.

And don't let the election become
like this again.

Last week:
What do you like most about snow?

Computers:
I, UI faculty: 0

Faculty and staff, this one's for you.

I have many of you that use those
fancy computer sets in UI class-
rooms.

OK, OK. Some have,
more than one. I have been
proportionately in those
rooms that are
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When I am
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Radio gets a feminine side

By Rebecca Rujko

Sandy Billings, producer and DJ of Vin Radio, was a child during the ‘60s at the height of women’s liberation. “I was taught that you can do anything you want to,” she said. “It was a very influential time with a lot of women, young and old, and the women to show what she had learned.”

Vin Radio is a part of KYRT. Radio Free Moscow is a nonprofit organization supported by the community. The station has been running for two years.

“The media is a powerful thing. I think it is really a great issue that women don’t get a fair for discussion,” said Lynn Saboury, a staff member. “The program lets women know they are not alone in this world.”

She said it is common for women to reevaluate their roles when they get older after they have been working hard and raise a family. She said some programs point a light at this.

“We don’t talk about us who are old, just when we are young,” she said. “If you talk to old women, they talk to you, you can’t go through it. Although the radio show is for women in particular, the motto says anyone are welcome. “Vin Radio, for women and men who love women.”

“I love to have (two) listeners and I have bad men’s voices on the show.” Billings said. She recently captured the mood of a woman’s show called Around Town, in which she captured Moscow’s unique community for its openness on a certain topic. On the Nov. 1 show, the show嘉宾 was a woman whose daughter died of brain cancer.

“I then will know and understand women better if they listen to the show… but not just sexual beings. That’s just a part of it,” said Billings.

Billings said her favorite show so far was “The Nose Bus” that aired on Oct. 4. The Around Town program was “The biggest thing you see in this world.”

“It was a rare opportunity for everyone to play in front of the world.”

“Then I could build a shotgun,” was the response of one woman. And the show did have a more serious side to it. Sandy Billings, making “Women: The Cancer Survivor or Fighter,” she said. Billings also interviewed a man who studied breast and brain size.

“Women have much breast with respect,” said Billings.

“The Big Show” was a lot of fun for everyone.

Listen to THE SHOW

Vin Radio airs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This month’s show is called “The Nose Bus.”

It’s a serious but artful town

The City of Moscow’s search for a new arts director

By Gallis Risco

It’s art by opposition. It’s fine thinking but that’s all. We’re done. It’s disabled.

Moscow is one of only three cities in Idaho that receive state funding for its arts programs, a point of pride for many in the community. Moscow was also named one of the best 100 small cities in America for the arts.

And no person is in charge of running the show yet for the next year. “It’s been a lot of fun,” said artist Rob Glibin-Dram, former assistant at the Moscow Arts Commission and current program coordinator of the University of Idaho Auditorium Music Series.

Moscow continues its search for a new arts director after the position was vacated in September. Heath Setz, Moscow’s current arts director, will continue in the position until a new director is appointed.

The position is not as glamorous as people may think, said Setz. He explained that the position is made up of a lot of time spent on paperwork.

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Twelve joys of a UI Christmas

A dozen UI students and faculty share some holiday memories through the sounds of the season.

By Jed Scguna

If there is one thing that helps people remember about Christmas, it’s the sound of Christmas. A dozen UI students and faculty reflect on how they find their own holiday memories.

Mike Whitman

"Card of the Day"

I believe Christmas songs should be played right after Thanksgiving. They are anticipatory and build up to the big event. That means they also stop when the day of Christmas is over. Of the songs I like, I really like “Card of the Day.” When we decorate the tree, we play the song often and it’s just cheery.

Jane Ballargaron

"I’ll Be Home for Christmas"

Every year, my daughter Madi calls me up and sings Christmas carols just to annoy me. She does it right after Thanksgiving. I don’t much care for Christmas songs before Christmas, but on that day they are appreciated. We often have them playing in the background. This year, my favorite song would have to be “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” by the Nativity Singers. It reminds me of how my family gets together every year. I mean the whole family with lots of food and lots of cheer.

Matt Schog

"Christmas carols"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" would have to be my favorite Christmas carol. It’s a favorite of many people. I enjoy hearing it in the church and everywhere else. It’s a beautiful service song and you can play it on the piano and perform it a few times to the music. It wasn’t particularly moving. It’s more about the meaning of the song than the context which makes it special.

Trent Becker

"music, science & technology"

"What Child Is This?" is a Christmas carol because it is associated with a memory I had as a child. My parents used to have a music box and I would play with it when I was young. It was just the melody at the time, I appreciated it. Later, I was able to appreciate it for what it’s been about all these years. The song was some sort of warm place in my heart. I can identify with why Jesus was and why he sang about.

Chun Tsu

"jazz, pop music"

"Jingle Bells" is the first Christmas song I heard in Beijing. Kong Lung, was "Jingle Bells." Once I heard it, it just stuck in my head for a long time. Do Hong Kong, we treat Christmas differently because Christianity is not as strong in Hong Kong. We treat Christmas as a break rather than an opportunity to get together with family and exchange presents. The kids can play games and the adults can do what they want. It especially isn’t about the adults. It is about to let the children be children. We do Christmas in the states, because it is about family time. We get together and build up stories, which is how I believe most important. The bonds we form between families and what makes Christmas so special.

Jennifer Hanoshenoeu

"science, mechanical engineering"

"O Holy Night!" is Midnight mass in a Catholic tradition here at Christmas Eve. When midnight comes, we don’t rush to the ringing of bells. They can be heard from blocks away and help to sing in the day to the birth of Jesus Christ. When Martin McBride sings “O Holy Night” it makes the whole thing coming out of church from midnight mass. The bells are always ringing so loudly and I always sing the ring.

Sarah Perez

"American educational system"

"Sam and Dave in Santa's Cave" I grew up in Minnesota and my parents bought our first Santa Claus dolls. It was on a trip to a family Christmas in Santa Claus. There was an important lesson that my parents taught me. My parents are really close and they always stay close. "I’s So Big" is the song they play.

Jackson Ford

"folkloric, music"

"Jingle Bells" is a classic. It’s only one I can remember all the words to. Whatever I hear, I think about. It’s a favorite. I remember the song. I’ve always been a real big fan of Christmas music, and in particular, Christmas without snow.

Valsa Metz

"sophomore, history"

"Good King Wenceslas" Every time I hear the song I think of second grade music class where we detailed down to the music room to sing our Christmas songs which were directed by an old country music music. But that is not why it’s my favorite. The Bell’s love the song. It’s their favorite. I don’t really like Christmas music because it is placed all the time in a row. “Good King Wenceslas” is never placed. Therefore, I can handle the song at least once a year.

Rada Hristova

"french education"

"The Christmas song" I grew up in Paris and my parents are really close and they always stay close. I have to make sure to get a hand full of flowers so that they won’t explode.

Ranja Shrestha

"english education"

"Soprano’s Christmas Eve" I know people aren’t very fond of it in my favorite, but I love “Soprano’s Christmas Eve” when you just can’t wait until you start decorating your house and you just have to watch it. It’s the only time you can watch it. We always watch it and then we can’t wait until Christmas comes.

Alex Joslin

"Behavior management"

"Winter Wonderland" I like all these classic Christmas songs like the one by Bing Crosby but I guess “Winter Wonderland” would have to be my favorite. That all-american song puts you in a good mood and makes you feel good. It pretty much reminds me to make the snow without snow. After Christmas, we go home and spend time with each other. We try to make it a thing over the season while we’re both together.

Pantloads of fun

It is always good to see a list of Christmas songs that the holiday season. Unlike the variety of a cellphone or a computer, these songs are just about making the world a bet-
ter place.

By their singing the songs "Ba-bil-bah" to enjoy the Christmas season, the students, they have emerged from their shame of people. Thankfully, the students.

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‘Shepherd’ a holiday treat in pieces

By Brandon Mace

Students will have a chance to perform in their “dead week” a musical composition students present their final projects, original version of music in the Lionel Hampton School of Music’s final flash. Every senior, student from Idaho, New York, and even the UK will get a theme for a final concert with their own pieces. This year the class is chosen music or music that is traditional to tell a story, according to instructor Robert Dickson.

One benefit of holding a concert at the end of the semester, Dickson said, is that students are required to attend 20 shows per semester for their concerts as proof for their instructors. Lee Hollingsworth, 22, will tell a story through his own movement and composition. Hollingsworth, who is a student in the music composition minor, said he has been working on the project for the past six months.

“The project is based on the concept of a series of statements, each one of which is a different piece,” Hollingsworth said.

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Two new additions to the UI academic athletic support staff look to turn it around

Editor’s Note: This feature is Part 1 of a two-part series. The second part will feature information on the new basketball staff.

By Joel Stampley

There were two key college football players who joined the UI athletic support staff last season.

Matthew Leituala and Chris Dyko are two people who live and breathe the game in their work and a bond that bonds him to former UI teammate and current football coach, and who has been instrumental in turning things around.

"Leituala says he’s been the fifth assistant coach, and that’s one area Utah was missing in its roster this year. It’s going to be exciting to see how the season progresses as he’s been around for a long time, and he knows how to turn things around for a new team.

When this team comes up, he has a lot of experience and he knows his way around the field.

"I am sure," Leituala says, "but I am not sure if that’s going to happen.

A major part of Leituala’s job is to create a smooth transition for incoming student athletes, including freshmen and transfers.

"We help them understand the NCAA rules and eligibility requirements for academic, department and UI regulations and to better prepare themselves for the real world.

"If they get the opportunity to play a pro ball, it is a bonus," Leituala says. "We just want to prepare them for a smooth transition to the real world.

UI marks 2nd loss to SUU

By Nick Neidheiser

The Thunderbirds lost their second road game in the past five outings and it is a big loss for the Thunderbirds as they have now lost their last two games to the Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbirds (1-6) went down to Dino I. Heldelberger Saturday, Nov. 30, in the Kibbie Dome, 70-44.

Qualifying on a different playing field

In his fifth year of higher education, Leituala knows that this will need some preparation.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Players stranded in snow after UW loss

By Nick Neidheiser

The temperature was in the low 20's as the University of Idaho men’s basketball team packed its bags and left for the Washington Huskies - on Saturday.

But they didn’t get there.

"Shuttled" is the word they used in their charter bus as they were stranded among TreasureQuake Pass when the snow started coming from the Hardy Shooting. The team had to wait for another bus to pick them up. Now, things couldn’t get any worse. But they did.

The team never showed up, and after waiting for around 6 hours, the bus driver called the Washington State Patrol, who dispatched three state troopers to assist the team.

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UI men’s basketball assistant coach Scott Banks said that this was the most challenging part of the season.

"We have a couple of tall guys, but we’re just not as strong," Banks said.

"Unless we can get the guys who are playing with us to help us out, we’re going to be in trouble," Banks said.

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The Vandals lost to the University of Washington in overtime, 68-64.

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Sara Murai posted a 1:26.36, the fastest 50 back of the weekend and the best 50 back in the WAC this season. "It’s really exciting to get a good time," she said. "I was really excited to get that time because it’s such a long break." Midterm examination week has passed, and Murai’s performance against the Mustangs suggests that she is in the peak of her season. She is now 2nd in the WAC in the 50 back. "I’m really happy with the outcome," she said. "I have been working hard in the pool, and I’m glad I was able to produce the results."

This weekend’s meet will be part of the Argonaut Invitational that will take place through Sunday. "We have several more meets this weekend, and we will be working hard to improve our results," she said. "It’s an exciting time in the pool, and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead."
Magic endured: so does HIV

By Percy Allen

Magic Johnson was going to die. And he said it was true. That's what he felt. That's what he thought, that's what he decided. But he told no one.

In my generation, Nov. 7, 1991, was the day. H.I.V. on TV, just as I remember when I was young, when President Ronald Reagan was shot, and when the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

But this time it was Magic. Magic, as in Magic Johnson, the basketball player. Magic, as in Magic Johnson, the HIV activist. Magic, as in Magic Johnson, the D.C. activist.

He was a dark suit and stood behind a podium when he should have been on the basketball court drawing sold-out crowds. But this was no public relations event. This was the new Magic Johnson.

But all of that changed after his announcement.

"Because of the HIV virus that I have, I cannot live,"Magic Johnson said, "and I do not have the AIDS virus."

That's why I'm going to live for a long time, trying to give you guys a little more. Magic, 47, is not only healthy, he's... dying.

The frontline NBA champions, featuring three children, exploded on the baseline for the final time. The team's stock will go from a half million dollars to a net worth of 100 million — that's dead during his NCAA Hall of Fame speech.

"I guess I now get to enjoy some of the other sides of living that I've missed," Johnson said. "I will now become a player in the HIV fight."

It's a 12-year fight. Magic joined President George H.W. Bush's National Commission on AIDS after days of creature. Giving a speech of opinion, however, he resigned 12 months later.

Because of the terror he's been in, AIDS activist, the Magic Johnson Foundation, have been in a position to help in AIDS-related community... that's right, our community.

Johnson was 38, 47 and he was... in the news.

Secondly, Larry Brown, the first black coach in the NBA, was... in the news.

"I didn't know him, I don't really," Nebraska coach Bob Devaney said. The association was a bit of a... under a bit of criticism as well. It was going to be there under a lot of criticism.

Iowa State coach Mike Gundy called it a "horrible error in judgment." He directed that the Iowa State coach, not the Iowa State coach, to the group. The... coach? The... group? The... 12 coaches? The 12 coaches? The 12 coaches?

The health issue is now under a bit of criticism.

Johnson was 38 and he was... in the news.

Forty years later, Magic is still with us. And if the story ended there, it would have been a happy ending.

But that's not only the beginning of LeBron James, who emerged as a star in 2003 and a selling success in 2007. And more than a decade later, James would... in the... success.

There was a huge story. It was a huge story, the most memorable story of the year. It was a huge story, the most memorable story of the year. It was a huge story, the most memorable story of the year.

The basketball player is a huge story. His team is going to live through the... 12 games.

And that's what we'll have to do. And that's what we'll have to do. And that's what we'll have to do.

"But let's stop and think of your... kind of thing." Brown said. "His touch has... our lives."

But that's not only the beginning of LeBron James, who emerged as a star in 2003 and a selling success in 2007. And more than a decade later, James would... in the... success.

You can't help but... in the... story. And that's what we'll have to do.

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My father’s dream, my mission

ASUI Vandal Entertainment’s lecture series books MLK III for spring 2007 lecture

By Katie Noble
ASUI Lectures Coordinator

As a member of the Associated Students of the University of Idaho, and on behalf of ASUI Vandal Entertainment, it is my pleasure to invite you all to join us on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2007, in the Kibbie Dome as we present guest speaker Martin Luther King III.

In his speech, “My Father’s Dream, My Mission”, King III will speak about the importance of civil rights and the long journey in finding them.

He also will speak about the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was co-founded by his father in 1957.

Tickets for this event will be $2 for general admission with all proceeds donated to the “I Have a Dream Foundation” and to funding a new diversity scholarship within the ASUI.

MLK III
Jan. 23, 2007
Tickets available at the
University of Idaho Kibbie Dome Ticket office in
January.
$2 General Admission

This event is open to the public and tickets will go on sale on Monday, January 2nd, 2007 at the UI Kibbie Dome Ticket Office, or by calling 208-885-6466.
For more information about

MLK III stands next to a photo of his father.  Photo by University of Texas

Hey Joe Vandal, lose the love handle

Registration for the Second Annual Vandal Fitness Challenge will begin Dec. 11

By Adam Thuen
ASUI Recreation Board

Attention students, the Vandal Fitness Challenge is back! This year the challenge is new and improved with even more great prizes.

There is a $10 entry fee. Students will receive a body fat check, a water bottle and a T-shirt upon completion. This year’s contest is 10 weeks long and students will compete for overall improvement of their fitness levels.

The Vandal Fitness Challenge will consist of two separate divisions: the “Average Joe” and “All Around Athletic” categories for men and women with the top three in each division awarded major prizes.

Other prizes will be given for honorable mentions and drawings for those that COMPLETE the fitness challenge.

The judging will be a composition of a body fat assessment and a standard fitness test which will be given upon or shortly after registration. It will also be scored on a student’s proof of progress of positive lifestyle changes in his or her overall wellness. These details will be explained further upon registration.

Early registration begins Dec. 11 and runs through the break until the start of the spring semester. Final registration is from Jan. 8-19. The body fat testing and fitness assessment will be the week following final registration.

The 10 weeks period begins upon completion of the Body fat test and fitness assessment. Check the ASUI website for future updates and information or email athuen@sub.uidaho.edu for any questions.

ASUI encourage EVERY student to participate. Every one has a chance to win.
Register early and be prepared to change your life!

My perspective on the marketing campaign

By Jenny Mosseau
ASUI Senator

With recent introduction of “Open Space, Open Minds” as the new University of Idaho trademark, various opinions have been described.

Some students are disgruntled because this slogan is so similar to that of Oregon State University (“Open Minds Open Doors”), and others fret over the removal of the U of I Starburst.

Despite the comments I have heard around campus, very few students have responded to the openness of Wendy Shattuck and other marketing personnel.

Feeling that this has been a pertinent issue on campus, particularly with the recruitment and attraction of new students in coming years, I have been looking... See Marketing, page 8

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Maybe its time students are held accountable

By Justin Kempf
ASUI Senator

With the recent push for better representation from the ASUI Senate, let alone ASUI as a whole, it is disappointing to see that when all is said and done, only nine people were in the running for last week’s senate race. Everyone is very eager to share their opinions on how horrible a job they feel ASUI is doing concerning representation, however no one steps up to change that.

A lot of issues were brought up concerning the constitutional amendment and its possibilities for better representation. While it was a fairly close vote, only about 11% of the students voted. As Americans we are some of the luckiest people considering the fact that we can vote on our future. People need to exercise that right. People often say that they are not represented and are uninformed. Believe it or not, Senators do visit their living groups regularly. The one thing the Senate cannot control however is the fact that not all living groups require their residences to go to their meetings.

Over and over I hear Senators saying that they went to their living group and only nine or maybe even five people were there. This is mostly true for the residence halls, where, unlike the Greek system, attendance at meetings is not required.

The Senate and ASUI as a whole can only do so much without student participation. Maybe it is time that the students be held more accountable.
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**Amendment IV: good idea, bad plan**

By Sara Kido
ASUI Senator

As I stated earlier I was never in full support of the proposed amendment but I can assure everyone it was not due to fear of change but simply because I felt there were far too many questions left unanswered.

However after the very persuasive “description” of the amendment was placed online I thought for sure the amendment would pass. I was extremely surprised when in fact it failed.

To be honest I think that at this time this is for the best. Although the idea proposed had great potential and would most likely have positive impact on senates to come it had no real plan. In a committee discussion, before the bill hit the floor, many senators asked the authors, President Cerillo and Vice President Shofter, several questions concerning specifics of the amendment and the most common responses we received explained that they didn’t really know but would figure it out next semester or somewhere along the way.

That kind of response to several of the questions made me very uneasy and is the sole reason I voted against the proposed amendment during the meeting.

As I leave the senate at the end of the semester, my suggestion to the senate continuing and those that are new is to work on the amendment and find an answer to many of the questions that were asked and possibly propose the amendment again.

**Equal representation is not a miracle cure**

Senator has no problem with change, but students should know what is happening

By Justin Kempf
ASUI Senator

Recently, with all of the talk about Amendment IV, there has been a lot of finger pointing between living groups, especially on-campus residence halls and Greek houses.

Right now, with the senate dominated by members of Greek houses (12 of the 15 senators are currently Greek) there is a false impression that the decisions that are made and the bills that are passed will be tailored so that they are beneficial to the Greeks. This is not the case.

When it comes to passing bills, one living group is not going to have an advantage over another just because they occupy more seats on the senate.

The senate does not deal with issues that strictly affect one living group over another. The fact is, almost all of the decisions that are made by the senate have an equal affect on all students, regardless of their living arrangements.

Of the over 40 bills that have gone through the senate this fall, only one may have an impact on individual living groups, bill F06-32, which is now out of the senate’s hands anyways.

Among the other bills, twenty have dealt with appointing students to different positions within ASUI (positions that are available to all students, no matter what their residence is); ten have suspended rules or amended bylaws; five have transferred money or adjusted salaries; three assigned senators to their living groups, boards and committees; one changed the date of ASUI elections; and one authorized the senate philanthropy project.

The ASUI Senate is a legislative body which makes decisions that affect the students as a whole, not certain living groups. Thus, changing the number of senators that represent each living group, whether it is by districting or some other form of equal representation, it is not necessarily going to fix anything.

Change can be a very good thing and in no way am I against it; however I feel that it is important that students understand exactly what the senate does before deciding what changes need to be made.

The senate goes in phases, some years there are more Greeks, other years there are more senators that reside in the residence halls; it just depends on who wants to be a senator at the time.

**A semester in review: great shows, reform and more to come**

By Travis Shofter
ASUI Vice-President

It has been another roller-coaster ride through the University of Idaho for the Associated Students of the University of Idaho.

What started off as a relatively quiet and calm semester erupted into an exciting debate about the Senate and reform, as well as a special election and a performance from a world-class comedian.

For almost a month the Senate debated the merits of districting with each other and the executive branch.

A variety of options were proposed but in the end the Senate approved F06-32, which would divide the campus into ten different districts, five of which would be residence halls and five would be Greek. Five “at-large” seats were designated as well, with the only condition being that they be voted on by off-campus students.

Even with the Senate’s support, the student body voted for the amendment with 61% approval, falling short of the 66.7% requirement.

Senators approved this amendment for a variety of reasons, some thinking that the amendment would be a positive step for the ASUI.

Others disagreed with the amendment, but felt the students should get the final say on their representation. It was a gracious act of the Senate and important for all students to have a chance to decide.

ASUI’s Vandal Entertainment Board brought comedian Josh Blue in August, which sold out to an excited and energized crowd. Josh Blue’s comedic act continued a string of successful productions put on by the board, which had to turn people away at the door of the Rob Corddry show last spring.

October transitioned to a month of small concerts from the board, bringing acts from all over the region.

Now the board has started actively promoting the biggest lecture ever on the University of Idaho campus: Martin Luther King, III, son to civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. will give a speech at the Kibbie Dome January 23. The event will be $2 for the general public. Everyone is encouraged to buy tickets when they go on sale January 2.

Berto and I will be here for most of the holiday break, working on a variety of programs and studying up for the student fee discussions that will be beginning very soon.

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*Round the Clock*
Who’s Doing What for the Holidays?

The Winter Carnival
This year the Winter Carnival will replace the Student Alumni Relations Board’s usual Santa Celebration. The Winter Carnival will take place on December 9 from 10:00-11:30 in the SUB Silver and Gold Room. Activities will include arts and crafts, building gingerbread houses, coloring, and more.

Palouse Cares
A food drive will take place from 9-12 on Saturday, December 9th. If you are interested meet at Moscow Building Supply at 8:45 a.m. Afterwards, there will be a celebratory BBQ for all participants.

Giving Trees
Giving trees are located on campus at the SUB Bookstore, the Commons Bookstore, and the Student Recreation Center.

Christmas for Kids
As a part of its personal holiday giving program, Christmas for Kids, Wal-Mart also has a giving tree. Visit local grocery stores and other community businesses to contribute to holiday-oriented charity opportunities. For more information about any of these events, please contact the Volunteer Center in Commons 301 or at 885-9442 or contact the event’s sponsor.

The Importance of Social Action

It was supposedly Socrates who stated that “The unexamined life is not worth living.” Implicit within this is the necessity of finding the meaning of one’s life. Upon introspection, a person can determine what his/her dreams, goals, and primary purposes for his life entail. For some, this process will merely unveil his/her personal attachment to material objects or career success, to name a few, and while these aspirations are not inherently bad things by themselves, they typically do not provide complete satiation.

It has become clear to me, personally, that what provides my life with the most meaning is helping others. While I have enjoyed some of the most physically and mentally pleasing experiences that are possible, I believe that every event in life is transitory; the experiences with the most meaningful and lasting effects involve helping others.

While I would not attempt to define the meaning of every person’s life, I can personally assert that there exists true happiness through the accomplishment of good deeds. Many of the most admirable characters in history have lived according to this same principle, and currently, the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action exists in order to provide the means necessary for this generation’s students to pursue the same goals.

While volunteer opportunities exist far and wide, few young adults today have engaged in social activism of any type. But NOW is the time! As John Mayer sings, “We keep on waiting…waiting on the world to change.” But guess what world-watchers…the world does not change by itself.

Alternative Spring Break

There will be an informational meeting for this school year’s Alternative Spring Break on Thursday, Dec. 7. For those curious about ASB, or interested in applying please contact Colin Seeley at colin@sub.uidaho.edu. Also, for students interested in traveling to Waveland, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana; or possibly Erwin, Tennessee to spend Spring Break 2007 serving people in need, applications are currently available in the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action.

The National NonProfit Congress: What Idaho’s Doing

On October 16th and 17th, three employees of the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action attended the first National NonProfit Congress. At this history-making event, multi-state representative of the nonprofit sector gathered to establish the sector’s most important goals and unifying principles. As a result of the congress, each of the 47 states’ representatives determined three specific action-based goals for the state to accomplish in order to carry out the goals established by the congress.

Idaho’s first subsequent event will take place on January 18th. Mark your calendar for the first Nonprofit Day at the Legislature.

On January 17, the Idaho Nonprofit Development Center, INDC, will provide training on how to build relationships with state-elected officials. In addition, a panel of legislators will give an overview of the upcoming event.

In order to demonstrate the power and diversity of Idaho’s nonprofit sector, nonprofits are invited to set up displays in the Statehouse Rotunda on January 18th in order to educate others about their organizations’ missions and services. At that time, INDC will also release the latest Report on the Nonprofit Sector in Idaho at a news conference at the Statehouse.

It is important to be involved because nonprofit organizations play an often-overlooked but central role in the democratic process. Nonprofits witness and respond to the affects of public policies on Idaho’s constituents. Regardless of the cause they promote, the people who compose nonprofit organizations care about their communities and principles and work hard for those beliefs. Nonprofits affect everything from the arts, to the homeless, to politics, and beyond. Nonprofit policies and the effective implementation of them.

The INDC has limited funds available for, transportation and housing for January 18th’s event. If you are interested in participating, please contact Debbie Bloom at dbloom@idahononprofits.org or call 208-424-2229.
Volunteerism

Volunteer Opportunities

The ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action provides many opportunities of which every student should take advantage. In addition to one-time and continuous volunteer opportunities, students can apply for service-related scholarships through the office. A few current opportunities available to interested students include:

**One-time Opportunities**
The Center for Disabilities and Human Development is looking for a Spelling Tutor. If you are interested contact Matthew Wappett at 885-3038.

MLK III will be speaking at our campus on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. This is by far ASUI Vandals Entertainment’s and the University of Idaho’s biggest event for quite a long time. Many volunteers are needed at 5pm to help tear down the Kibbie Dome from basketball practice and help set up the stage. Before, during, and after the actual event, there will be a need for many volunteers for various responsibilities. Volunteers will receive a free ticket to the event. If you are interested please contact Mandolyn Duclus at 885-6485 or via email at mandolyn@sub.uidaho.edu

**Continuous Opportunities**
Meals on Wheels Drivers needed to help deliver meals once a month. Interested students contact Stephanie Emerson at 882-0907.

Volunteers needed to help prepare food from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Stephanie Emerson at 882-0907.

For additional volunteer opportunities, visit the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action in Commons 301.

Social Action

In terms of social action, the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is a vast frontier waiting for pioneers to explore the world of activism in Moscow (and beyond). If you’ve got the idea, we’ve got the resources to help you pursue an action plan. Social action is incredibly important for the welfare of society and will enable students to engage in activism that creates positive change. Why is social action important?

“In a healthy community, social action promotes the values of social justice and human rights. Individual and systemic advocacy are the tools and the means for social action – that is activism. Activists, as individuals and as part of organized movements, have always led social change. The idea that it is wrong to discriminate against someone based on the colour of their skin is now common sense, but it was a fight that took well over 300 years and that fight continues. The idea that it is wrong to discriminate against women is also common sense, but that fight took well over 100 years and that fight continues. The idea that it is wrong to discriminate against someone based on their poverty or their circumstance is no less an equally common sense idea, but recent history would suggest that we could be losing that fight.” —Cathy Crowe: housing, public health, and social justice activist.

If you see a problem in the world around you and feel motivated to take a stand, please visit the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action (Commons 301, 885-9442), Women’s Center (Memorial Gym, 885-6616), Office of Multicultural Affairs (TLC 230, 885-7716), or find social action oriented student clubs and organizations at http://stuorgs.uidaho.edu

Report on Service Learning

On November 2, Dr. Suzanne Martin—researcher, manager for Youth and Education Research—completed a “National Survey on Service-Learning and Transitioning to Adulthood.” The survey showed that, when compared with their peers, people who participated in service learning and/or community service projects, were much more likely to do “well” in life. This judgment was based on several criteria including:

• Satisfaction with current status in life.
• Likelihood of discussing politics or community issues and voting in an election year.
• Likelihood of being politically and socially connected to their communities, both as leaders and as role models.
• Understanding of the importance of lifelong learning.
• High Aspirations.
• Active members of society.

Many people find that volunteering is one of the most rewarding activities in which one can engage. Although this is a subjective viewpoint, the empirical data provided by The National Youth Leadership Council in its “National Survey on Service-Learning and Transitioning to Adulthood” supports this notion. For more information on the above article, please visit http://www.nylc.org.
Social Action

Club of the Month:
The Environmental Club

In order to advocate social action the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action has decided to highlight a University of Idaho club that demonstrates its devotion to social activism or volunteerism each month. December’s Club of the Month is the Environmental Club: Its consistent activism is indicative of its members’ dedication to protecting the environment.

By: Lissa Firor

The goal of the University of Idaho Environmental Club is to raise environmental awareness and promote sustainability through action-oriented services, educational programs, and goal-oriented campaigns throughout campus and the local Moscow community.

This is a very exciting time for the club because UI’s campus is beginning to gain interest in sustainability. A few years ago, its seems as though few UI students even knew what the word “sustainability” meant, and now it has almost become a buzzword. As students’ attitudes continue to shift, the Environmental Club plans to be an integral part of the change in educational avenues as well as service opportunities.

The Environmental Club’s most recent events have included volunteering at a local permaculture site for Make a Difference Day on October the 28th. It also hosted educational activities for National Recycling Day on November 15th. However, the biggest Environmental Club event of the year was the presentation of Earth Week. Plans for Earth Week 2007 are already underway, and include an Art in Aluminum Can creation contest. The band Whitewater Ramble, from Fort Collins, Colorado, will also perform a concert.

Another spring semester event includes the end of the year “Household Goods Exchange.” The goods exchange is aimed at keeping reusable items out of the dumpsters when students clean out their rooms for the summer. In past years the Environmental Club has set up a successful “junk exchange” near Wallace dumpsters during finals week. During these exchanges students have collected many things including area rugs, kitchen supplies, telephones, shoes, and many bags of clothing.

Visitors to the exchange are free to drop off junk or collect treasures; the remaining items are donated to the International Friendship Association and Sojourner’s Alliance. If you are interested in helping with a similar exchange in spring 2007, please contact us!

The Environmental Club is constantly growing in size, in enthusiasm, and in diversity. It has members majoring in everything from biology and environmental science to business or journalism. We are a group that believes that the best way to change the world is to get out there and start changing it.

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On National Recycling Day, the UI Environmental Club organized in front of the Commons. Behind some newspapers was a sign stating “Recycling a stack of newspapers just 3 feet high can save 1 tree!”

Group members Amanda Gray and Christina Lords, left, model the can tower that was also displayed.

2006 Election:
Changes and Controversies

Jones vs. Luna

With the turbulence of the political season behind us, it is time to reflect on the outcomes and impacts of the November 2006 elections. With the overthrow of the Republican majorities in the House and Senate, we can expect to see some changes. The immediate impacts of these changes on the University of Idaho’s community might not occur for a long time, if at all, but there is potentially good news on the horizon.

For example, it is rumored that the Democratic leadership is currently considering an education reform involving tax cuts for college students or dependents’ parents. It is difficult to imagine that too many college students will have a problem with this.

On a state and local level, the 2006 elections are unlikely to produce a great amount of change that will influence the University of Idaho. According to long-time Moscow resident Jon Gaffney, “We’re probably not going to see much of a change with how the university interacts with the representatives because we have the same state legislators that we’ve had for the last four years.” This year’s elections determined new county officials, but because the county does not interact with the University community very much, there will probably be few changes.

The county interacts with the city of Moscow, and the city of Moscow interacts with the University, but as Gaffney said, “We didn’t elect any new city officials this year.” Of course, as with every election there certainly exist controversies surrounding this one. Probably the most contentious election results on the state level revolve around the election of Tom Luna over Jana Jones for the position of Idaho State Superintendent.

The Democratic candidate, Jones, who currently serves as chief deputy of schools, holds a Masters degree in child development, a Ph.D in education, and years of experience. In addition, she is responsible for having passed legislation requiring the licensure of daycares in Idaho ensuring safe standards for children.

Republican candidate, Luna, does not have a college degree, but served on the school board in Nampa, ID, for one year. He also served as education advisor to George W. Bush despite having no professional training in education.

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ASUI Civic Engagement and Social Action Board

Blood Drive!!!
The Civic Engagement Board is holding a Blood Drive on December 5th. For more information contact Shannon Hohl at hohl@sub.uidaho.edu.

Books for Africa Drive!!!

From the end of dead week to the end of finals week, there will be boxes and posters around campus to collect books. If you have any school, reading, or general interest books you no longer need, please consider donating them for children in Africa.

During the month of November, the CEB provided rides to the polls for students. It was very successful. Thank you to all students who took advantage of your right to vote!
Make a Difference Day 2006: Great Success!

With more than 200 volunteers, this year’s Make a Difference Day was the most successful in UI’s history. Thank you to everyone’s hard work who helped make it happen.

Jones and Luna disagreed on two major points: the future of Idaho’s educational system and Proposition 1.

Luna’s campaign focused on promoting the development of charter schools throughout Idaho and rejecting Proposition 1. His primary reason for supporting charter schools was so that children who speak a first language other than English could attend a school specifically designed to develop their English-speaking abilities. Jones rejects this describing it as “segregation.”

Luna rejected Proposition 1 (which would increase state sales tax by 1% providing the Idaho education system with more than 200 million dollars) based on the philosophy that citizens should pay as few taxes as possible. Jones took the opposite stance citing Idaho’s schools’ needs for increased financial assistance.

Useful Links

Politics:
- politics.gather.com
- cns.com
- nytimes.com

Activism:
- idealism.com
- activism.net
- campusactivism.org
One semester down, one more to go

By Crystal Hernandez
ASUI Senator

As I ran last spring for my ASUI senate position I told students I wanted to raise awareness about safety on campus and also improve communication with students.

Throughout the semester I have reported to my living groups as possible and felt I actually made a connection with one of my residence halls. This would be Campbell hall, during the special election they defiantly spoke up.

They always give me there input in one way or another. Recently I have been talking with the Violence Prevention center to get a start on my next project. I have run few ideas past them and I am ready to get a move on things right after break.

Another thing I have done over the semester is attend the North West Student Leadership conference with other fellow ASUI officers.

The experience was pretty unique I got to know other officers and get some ideas of ways to better our campus.

Overall my experience hasn't really been anything out of the ordinary, but I am ready for next semester.

I have some ideas for next semester's term and I am ready to get started on them as soon as finals are over.

Recycling in the Residence Halls: It can be done

By Chase Carter
ASUI Senator

My first semester at the University of Idaho I had the privilege to live in the Wallace Complex and I have to say my least favorite part of the Wallace experience was taking out the trash.

I usually waited until my trash can was overflowing. I know what you thinking, gross. It's the procrastinator's way.

When I was attending a hall meeting once, a pair of entrepreneurial students from a neighboring hall came and talked about recycling in the Residence Halls. I'll be honest I didn't really listen.

However, when I walked through their hall one day I noticed a plethora of recycling bins. Full recycling bins, it was a shock to me because I was unaware of any recycling in the Residence Halls.

I went and jumped right on board and started to work to increase recycling in Wallace. I was bewildered why the Residence Life didn't have any recycling bins around the Res Halls.

Turns out, they do. There are five very large bins in and around the Residence Halls. Two just north of Wallace, one north of the Tower, and two in the middle of the LLCs. All of them just waiting to be filled with your crap.

I know it's lame to walk down the stairs and to brave the cold to take out the trash, and to bring down the recycling too is just that much more lame.

I've done it. But remember, your mother is not here, so clean up after yourself.

A Senator's look at the past semester

By Michelle Kido
ASUI Senator

As my first semester as an ASUI Senator is coming to a close, I feel that I learned a lot of useful information to carry on with me through the rest of my college career and life.

It has been hard at times, but that is to be expected with a very diverse group of people. I have met many great and interesting people through ASUI and my living groups, and have learned from them too.

Even through there have not been many major changes by the Senate this semester, there have been steps in the right direction towards positive change.

Even though the Amendment to the district the Senate failed, I feel that some good ideas came from that Amendment that the new Senate can work with next semester.

It was disheartening to see the lack of participation with this semester's election. Last semester 23 people ran for only 8 spots to make the largest election in the history of the ASUI Senate.

This semester there were only 9 people running for 7 spots, but they are really qualified candidates and I'm anxious to see how it turns out.

I wish good luck to all of the new Senators that will be elected this week and I hope we can make some great changes this semester.

Ideas for fixing broken lines of communication

By Karla Hatfield
ASUI Vice-President

One of my ideas when I started out on ASUI Senate was to improve communication and understanding among students.

I have noticed that some students are only familiar with certain groups on campus like their living groups or individual colleges. I thought that this could be because students do not hear what is going on elsewhere on campus.

So to start off I wanted to highlight different student organizations or clubs on campus. This could spark student's interests in organizations they may not have known about.

The original idea was to have a kiosk in or outside the Commons that would highlight a different organization or sports clubs each week.

This would require someone collecting the information and then changing out the posting each week.

I thought instead, to make it easier and more feasible, we could have an organization or club profile in the Round the Clock section of the Argonaut.

I would be willing to write the bios once the information was sent to me from the organizations. This would reach just as many students as the kiosk would and could be great advertising for the organizations.

Election Results

Special Election: Amendment IV

932 votes cast (11% turnout)
570 Yes (61%), 362 (39%) No

Required 66.7% to pass

ASUI fall 2006 Senate election recap

By Eric Everett
ASUI Elections Coordinator

Another ASUI Election has gone by and there are 6 new senators and 1 retiring.

With a 6% voter turnout, 526 undergraduate students voted in this fall election.

Leading the pack is Chris Shirts, with 40% of the vote.

He is followed by Pedro Garcia (35%), John Adkins (33%), Michael Barker (32%), Garrett Holbrook (30%), Ashley Cochran (28%), and Tricia Crump (27%).

The senator-elect will be sworn in on Wednesday December 6 at their first senate meeting at 7:45pm in the Commons Whitemaker room.

They will join senators Jimmy Fox, Jennifer Mousseau, Crystal Hernandez, Michelle Kido, Chuck Chambers, Jeffrey Kempf, Justin Kempf, and Jared Zook.

As the new senate, their first order of business will be to elect a new Senate President Pro-Tempore, who will be the administrative head of the ASUI.

Despite a low voter turnout, we are excited about the upcoming year for the senate, who will be lobbying the state legislature, approving a new ASUI budget; and working on projects that serve the student body.

Questions about the election can be directed to eric@sub.uidaho.edu and questions to the senate can be sent to senate@sub.uidaho.edu.
A rough semester makes Senator Zook Smile

By Jared Zook
ASUI Senator

It might be an understatement to say that being an ASUI Senator has thus far been an interesting experience.

This semester has been bogged down by our gaping inefficiencies. We have been made aware of this again and again by The Argonaut, our constituents, and worst of all, our fellow senators.

From the yelling in pre-session to the very public vote of no confidence from the Senate President, the circumstances look grim. A colleague of mine even brought to light the supposed fact that no self-respecting senator hasn’t considered resigning.

The ASUI Senate has had the burden and the blessing of not having an identity. Each semester it is born anew and senators are thrown into the mix expecting to change the world.

Not even a month into the semester, the current senate, a body of strict individuals, discovered that it could not get along.

Without teamwork, major scale improvement and change become nearly impossible. So it is with this mindset that we went into the semester, expecting failure and being dealt it swiftly.

At this point, a few senators are scrambling to go on tirades furthering themselves of all responsibility, and I can only sit back and smile. I’m going to have to say that I have not considered resigning and that, even in the face of adversity I am happy to have had this experience in my life.

Despite pride not being a virtue, I can’t help but have the guilty pleasure of Senate Pride. It is short-sightedness that dictates that things couldn’t be worse, that the senate has not had similar problems in the past. We are at the University of Idaho to learn and to grow, and I have done nothing but that in the ASUI.

Engaging in debate and experiencing firsthand the triumph and tragedy of student government is like nothing else.

Districting is not the answer and neither is widespread office gossip, what we need in the next senate is a group of leaders willing to sacrifice obligation and prejudice in order to work together, compromise, and to create something worthwhile.

Vandal Ice Bowl!

By Adam Thuen
ASUI Recreation Board

Hello, fellow football fanatics. Are you excited about the big game at trend of the football season? Everyone loves to go to or throw a big Super Bowl party. ASUI brings you a chance to earn a prize package to throw the ultimate Super Bowl party. How do you win?

FOOTBALL.

The Student Recreation Board and Intramural Sports are sponsoring a 24 team outdoor flag football tournament. The time and place will be Jan. 20 and 21 at the SprintTurf Field on the east side of the Kibble Dome.

The tournament will be a co-ed recreational tournament consisting of an equal amount of guys and girls. Due to extreme temperatures, the games will be strictly scheduled to prevent over exposure to cold weather.

Dress warm, come out, and have fun. The top four teams will receive party packages to host a team Super bowl party. Are you ready for some football?

Check the ASUI website in the future for more information about registration or email athuen@sub.uidaho.edu

Where is the intensity?

By Chuck Chambers
ASUI Senator

I probably wouldn’t know senate elections were happening if it weren’t for the fact that I am a senator. I haven’t seen many senators stop by my house and i’m wondering why? Where is the intense campaigning?

Lack of interest by the student body reflects the efforts of the candidates. The candidates need to get the students interested. Honestly, Chris Shirts Is the only one I have seen campaign. So, unless I’ve been missing something...

For next semester I plan on introducing a bill that will require senators to submit a plan they will be working on for the semester.

The ASUI Communications Department will be hiring for several positions next semester.

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