University refutes Tackett's claims

By Cynthia Raymond

The University of Idaho has denied the majority of allegations made by a university employee who filed a lawsuit against the school.

In a response filed Tuesday with the 2nd District Court, the university, represented by Benjamin Streimling of Stevens, Towne & McNicholas, P.A. of Lewiston, addressed several complaints made by Judy Tackett, a technical record specialist in the Office of Development.

The suit, which is being brought by Charles L. Graham of Lewiston, Streimling and McNicholas, P.A. of Moscow, alleges that she was unlawfully placed on disciplinary probation after reporting concerns about her workplace to the university.

Her reports included safety concerns and violations of state policy, which she reported to the UI safety office, and concerns about fiscal management and nepotism issues, which she reported to the Provost's Office, according to the lawsuit.

In its response, the university states it did not investigate Tackett's claims before putting her on disciplinary probation.

The response details that the university did not have any evidence to support allegations of nepotism, violation of state policy, financial mismanagement or violations of the Idaho Protection of Public Employees Act and handed out its obligations under the Faculty-Staff Handbook before assigning disciplinary action, right of appeal and termination.

In the suit, Tackett alleged that she had been denied promotions and bonuses and was subject to a hostile work environment, which led her to feel scared and threatened her health and safety.

The university responded that it did not investigate the allegations, but instead assigned the same disciplinary actions.

The response denied that the university had conducted an adverse action against Tackett and denied that Tackett was fired or forced to resign.

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Sigmas Phi Epsilon looks to return to UI campus

By Christodoulos Markides

Members of Sigmas Phi Epsilon, the largest fraternity of the chapter in the University of Idaho, will be invited to return to the campus after a five-year suspension by the American Fraternity Association (AFA) in 2005.

"For the past three years, there have been those on campus who have been fighting for the return of Sigmas Phi Epsilon," said Cassidy Alverson, a junior history major and member of the Sigma Pi fraternity. "The process has been trying, but I am happy to finally see the return of Sigmas Phi Epsilon to the campus." 

The fraternity was founded in 1901 at the University of Idaho and has a chapter at the University of Idaho since 1915. However, the chapter was suspended in 2005 after a series of violations, including hazing and drug use.

The AFA determined that the fraternity met the requirements for re-affiliation. The fraternity will be allowed to return to the campus if it meets specific conditions, including submitting a report of its activities and establishing a new leadership team.

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Wallace RAs put on historic charity drive

By Jeremy Castillo

For one night, University of Idaho students went on a journey through history for the sake of charity. Variable from several living situations, RAs from the 502 Ballroom Thursday for the Wallace RA Charity Drive. About 75 people, possibly 50 to 80 people, attended.

Throughout the night, guests were encouraged to bring in pairs of shoes to help the students raise money because shoes are a popular item in the thrift stores.

"It's been awesome so far," said Matt Petersen, the head of one of the RA dormitories.

"People... loves it," Petersen said.

While everyone was happy to hear that shoes were a popular item, the shoes were not enough to make the students happy.

"They're trying to get more pairs of shoes to keep up with other schools," he said.

Petersen was working with the Vulcan unless Class to raise one of the issues affecting the West Coast Northwest, as well as international affairs.

"Donors are not being heard in this town," he said. "Things like bullying, financial weapons being sent to Africa and the oppression of African Americans. They're committing those harsh crimes to get their product.

Away from the business, there was plenty of food.

"We're doing a great job," the event coordinator said.

"We're just focusing on the main event for the night," said.

"We're getting involved because the main focus is to raise awareness," said Chris Handley, co-chair of the War on Hunger.

Any event on campus aimed to one cause. We'll help as much as we can.

Another organization that was just as successful was the University of Idaho Student Association. The group handed out banners at the entrance of the event, which was held in the Student Center.

"The idea is to raise awareness," said Matt Petersen, the head of one of the RA dormitories.

"They probably could have done more if the RA's didn't.

Maybe ask for five cans or something.

Both the main charity and the event were the brainchild of junior business major Matt Petersen.

"We do this all the time as admin. assistants," he said. "That's what Russia did.

To ensure everyone had a place to eat.

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Water, the simple essential living thing that we all take for granted. In March, the University of Idaho lost its control over another crucial water source. If you do not know why this should make you angry, you must first understand that the state Legislature’s control over water is tenuous at best. Without water, there is no life. Without water, there is no state! But water is not always easy to come by. Even when in control of water resources, the state is only a temporary caretaker of this precious resource. As soon as the state Legislature runs into the next political crisis, the people of Idaho are left with a drying lakebed and a water source that is not under their control.

OurView
Let’s talk about the bus
In November, the University of Idaho announced that it may allow a single bus company to Express to use in Agoura. Many students are very concerned about the proposed bus service. They fear that, like the bus service that exists today, this bus system is bad to the community. As an example, who, work, or opinion at Cal State-Long Beach is “inappropriate,” in the case of students, prevents this help increases collaboration and communication between U. Washington State University. Plus, fewer people in total vehicles means less traffic and pollution.

The list could go on— if you would like more information, just ask anyone who rides it regularly.

Now that people are stood up, it’s time for action. The first step is

in saving the bus in question. If you want your bus to continue to cross

you must let UI officials know why they need this money, so they can

contact the university directly via phone, email or letter. The

primary spokesperson for the potential cuts has thus far been

Lloyd Maree, UI vice president of finance and administration. If

you e-mail in bohomadeu@uidaho.edu, and have a personal

orney who will be a part of this decision making process, the

bus funding is expensive, but people can be saved:

at the University of Idaho.

I think that we should all be looking at the future of our community.

It looks at the — A National Public Radio story said that students accounted for 300 rides daily. It is often said that in the years of this article in 2006 were affiliated

with Agoura. Rather than losing this potential the bus system has the

potential to be a valuable service, but it also needs to be the bus system.

the bus system the budget. It is not

run. In some states, if traffic

is becoming more congested

the bus is part of the equation. The
during the day. It is used

keep the bus running.

Even though the bus system should be run as a business, it is not

not much more than 15 of pay

for use. The use of the bus system will be

a community service. Besides, who knows when you might need a ride?

so let’s start talking. Together, we can find a solution.

— T.B., for the editorial board

Last week:
What do you think of the new graduation ceremony?

I can’t believe they’re doing this! 21

Looks good to me: 7

I wasn’t going either: 4

This week: What would you like to see happen to the graduation

I have no idea! 26

I can’t believe they’re doing this! 4

This week’s reader poll: Do you think the University of Idaho should

be allowed to use the school colors red and blue?

I vote in favor of red and blue! 31

I vote against red and blue! 10

I have no idea! 3

Focus on the positive: What’s been going on in your college community this week?

Nothing has been better in the last week. 18

My class went on a field trip. 15

My professor gave us very good grades. 11

My professor gave us very bad grades. 7

My professor gave us very bad grades. 6

I have no idea! 5

What’s going on in the gangsta parties?

I don’t care what’s going on in the gangsta parties. 21

I care about what’s going on in the gangsta parties. 11

I have no idea! 6

— Travis Moseley

— Miranda Jordan

— Crystal Wilkerson

— Janningerprint

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Moscow ice rink benefits students, community

As a long time Moscow resi-
dent, a UIL fellowship recip-
ient, and a former hockey fan-
I have come to not only love but also love Moscow's ho-
key rink. That is why I gravitate to it. My son was able to find himself playing at least a little hockey at the Moscow rink.

During the last twenty seasons of playing doubling as a coach and re-

As a result of these relationships, I have come to believe that there is something very special about this rink. This is what makes it such a great place.

There is a story about the rink. In a previous season, a group of friends were looking for a place to play hockey. They came across the Moscow rink and were intrigued by what they saw. They decided to spend some time on the ice and discovered that the rink had something special.

During those twenty years, the Moscow rink has become a symbol of community and belonging. It is a place where people from all walks of life come together to enjoy the game and each other's company.

The Moscow rink is not just a place for kids to play hockey. It is also a place for adults to have fun and make friends. The rink is open from October through April and is open to all ages and skill levels.

This season, the Moscow rink is offering a special deal for students. With the purchase of a student pass, you can enjoy unlimited skating and practice sessions. The pass is available for $90 per season and includes both ice time and rental skates.

The Moscow rink is also offering a special package for families. The package includes a family pass for $150 per season and includes both ice time and rental skates. The package is open to all families and includes both ice time and rental skates.

In addition to the student and family packages, the Moscow rink is also offering a special deal for seniors. The senior pass is available for $75 per season and includes both ice time and rental skates. The pass is open to all seniors and includes both ice time and rental skates.

The Moscow rink is located at 1001 University Ave. N, in Moscow, Idaho 83843. For more information, please call (208) 884-8021.

If you would like to contact the Moscow rink, you can call their phone number or email them at moscowrink@aol.com.

If you are interested in learning more about the Moscow rink, please check out their website at http://www.moscowrink.com.

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There isn't a pocket protector in sight and the only person wearing glasses is not a part of the group. Four men have come together to form NerdTopia, a new student organization geared toward all things geeky.

You're probably seen one of NerdTopia's members sitting in the corner of the computer lab, hovering over their laptop computer, engrossed in games. They're ranging from a Dungeon and Dragons and Legion game to the newest in anime from Japan. While these are the integral components of the group, the main reason why people will come to this club is because they meet the eyes and ears of Taylor Evans, a blond and a lanky 20-year-old with Technology and Design as his major. "I'm the group's first president. If you look at NerdTopia's Facebook page, you'll still be listed as on the Facebook page. I'm still being elected," Evans says. "We're trying to allow for changes and to accommodate a larger group." Evans says.

The group's beginnings were humble as according to Cherry Joiner. "Last semester, I was sitting with a group of friends and we decided to start a club. So we contacted the Academic Affairs office and became a club. I believe you got many students who unheard of, many people who don't even exist." We've had trouble getting the students to sign up," Evans says. "We're still working on getting our membership rates."

NerdTopia is the first group of its kind on the Idaho campus. However, Berry mentions nothing exciting files for another D&D group.

By J.J. Snell

The hidden secrets of NerdTopia

A club with initiative

By Brandon Mace

There is a club looking for people not out to gain experience. It is not enough, however, for members to be willing to work. NerdTopia is a club whose sole mission statement is "to study today's American culture and international student's interests, and domestic cultures through the medium of visual art and anime." It is a club that is popular.

A bunch of NerdTopia play what is popular in the realm of visual art and game playing. RPGs (Role Playing Games), a popular trend in Japan, are not very popular here in the United States. It is a very popular trend in the United States. It is a very popular trend in the United States. It is a very popular trend in the United States.

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Out with the old, in with the 'New'

by Joel Stein

Sun., it's about showing new plays. But the New Works Festival is about as much new as you can get.

The festival, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, is the culmination of a session of chemists in Old World style.

The changes that have begun and will continue at New Directions are actually part of a larger evolution of one of the strongest programs in the nation. While the idea of putting on plays is not new, the concept of bringing together some other work, a relatively new master's in dramatic writing program and the Theatre Ann Panza as the prospective rector of the university's film and television studies, the department's presentation coordinator.

The New Works Festival is the first at the university, and was prompted by the recent success of the students and continues a writing program. The program currently includes all of the students who were selected by Bob Caisley, a U professor and the festival coordinator.

"The work we are doing is class and the accreditations that are involved in these works when I welcomed these students into the program," Caisley said. A variety of works in this festival, the showcase of student work currently being performed by the New Works Festival at the University of Minnesota.

"The Moor's Pavement," directed by Ulrike Rosler, directed by Robert Caisley and designed by John Mac, is a two-woman play about gender and identity. The characters, Malta and Iran, debate romantic intentions.

"Our Pervasive Concerns," by Caisley, is a peer-to-peer drama with Doris Cliff and directed by Andrew Panza. "What is this thing that exists in 186?" Caisley said. "We've been working on it for a long time, but we've never really been able to reach the main character, and the main character is a woman who has given up her time for our students."

The story is about bringing together two travelers, who have never had a chance to meet, but they do eventually. The story begins as they become friends, and then the characters start to move around the world, taking on different roles. The characters are Malika, a young woman from the Middle East, and Isaac, a young man from the United States. They meet in different places, and they start to learn about each other's lives.

Patty Duke rehearsed "Billion Dollar Baby" with her intention of finding a situation in which it would be possible to present it to the public. Many of the students who were selected for the festival were selected by Bob Caisley, a U professor and the festival coordinator.

"The show in this festival is an opportunity to show off our work," Caisley said. "I have been very pleased with how well the students have worked together, and I look forward to seeing how their work will unfold in the future."
Second Life: The next MySpace?

By Cary Darling

development.

So I show up, first time in the place, and this is like talking to some old sibling with whom you grew up, who's a little older and a lot cooler than you are. The connection is an easy one — but that whole thing is just a fantasy, right? But you could easily get my world. I'd feel at home and feel as if I were a part of the gloss and Ahh definitely wai

That's because it was my first impression of America, for I was young, at school, and had just spent half a year living in Paris, learning French, and being pallid at the next. We could not be better at this thing to baden the effect. Some sort of combination of My-

Book. The I and Myself, a book by Dorothea E. 

A laugh.

"I have a great idea to create a collaborative online universe where people could do things online and make a living marketing director Catherine Kentledge.

One of the things is that it's a Utopian society, a British professor in the Institute of Community and Regional Planning at the University of Idaho.

we've been invited to come here to create art set some, to determine the social nature. However, more and more

"I'm interested in the idea of my being here."

"I hope you're happier now."

"It isn't much of a difference between the real world."

"There's a whole new world here."

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That's the fundamental value of the entire show. The audience gets to experience a high-tech, fast-paced, futuristic world. It's a place where you can be anyone you want to be. There's no limit to what you can do or how far you can go. You can build a house, buy a car, design a video game, or just hang out with friends. There are almost endless possibilities. So, if you're looking for something different and exciting, then this is the place for you!"
UI suffers overtime loss again

By Nick Heidelberger

Without Kentav Waters, University of Idaho's leading scorer, the Vandals were not the same team they were last season. And against Fresno State Saturday, Waters didn't show up and the Vandals had a rough outing.

Despite starting the game with a 10-2 run, the Vandals responded with a 14-2 run of their own to take a 19-15 lead with about 14 minutes to play in the half. By halftime, Idaho led 33-31.

The Vandals led 31-30, but lost 12-17 in the first half including six-0-14 from beyond the three-point line. Michael Cowell had three of those threes, and three other Vandals added two each.

Idaho's biggest lead was 12 points, but Fresno State cut that down to 5 points with rare points.

The second half started strong, and with six minutes to play, the score was tied at 64.

Fresno State dominated the second half, outscoring the Vandals 21-15.

Idaho senior forward Deiontay Sales shook the ball at the Vandals' game against Fresno State Thursday at the Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandals narrowed the scoreless times throughout the first half but were never able to get a lead against Fresno State. The offensive balance for both teams would exchange shots for the remainder of the half, with Idaho trailing, 31-33.

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Wednesday, February 7th 5:30pm
Prior to the Vandal Women vs. Boise State
On the Kibble Dome Floor
Free Pizza and Pepsi
Help coach Akey welcome the 2007 recruiting class as they sign their official letters of intent to join the Vandal football team.

Meet your Vandal: Trevor “Clutch” Morris

When you were a kid on your AAU basketball team, you’d practice free throws by putting ridiculous imaginary pressure on yourself. Think imagine no left hand on the clock, your best friend’s eyes on you, the person sitting next to you sneering at you... Earn with fabulous pressure, how’d you do?

Trevor Morris didn’t have to imagine any more pressure for himself. He stood at the free throw line with the hopes of his team and every one of the 2,000 fans in the Spectrum rid-ingly behind him. He was the starting point guard, the top scorer, and the team leader. Morris had earned his way by scoring two free throws and gave the Vandals a chance to come back in overtime. Though the Vandals fell in the two point overtime loss, Morris proved he’s got the stuff to be a clutch player.

A Minotaur, Montana native, Trevor Morris spent one year at Minot State University before becoming a Vandal. There he spent three years on varsity and two years in the starting lineup. He will have three years of eligibility left and will box out over 60% from the free point arc.

Every program needs an individual who would be classified as a sniper when it comes to shooting the ball. Trevor is our sniper. We like, besides his ability to knock down the shot, is how he gets out of his hand quickly. He does not need much time to set up prior to letting it fly. The other promising perk is Trevor is a one-on-one Junior College transfer. He will have three years assuming a Vandal uniform. We are all depending on Trevor to make large contributions from behind the 3-point arc.

In Vacker Coleman hit just one field goal in Saturday’s contest, but he broke it open. Coleman nailed a heart- breaking contested 3-point field goal with 1:10 remaining in overtime to give Trino State (18-7, 5-4) a 62-59 lead that the University of Idaho men’s basketball (13-9, 3-9) team could not overcome in falling by the final score of 72-70.

Trevor Morris, who started his second game of the season, took three free shots, was 0-3 in the attempts in regulation and 0-4 in the extra in overtime. He shoots off the dribble, his jumps and his short shots and knockdowns from beyond the 3-point arc. It is possible for Trevor to send the Vandals into overtime for the first time this season.

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