Learning in a virtual world

By Ian Roberts

For some online students, learning can be a lonely experience. Instead of professors, classmates and friends, students often interact only through email, chat messages and online forums.

But new technology is changing the way online students interact, allowing students to feel like they are part of a community. Online students are finding ways to connect with each other and with their professors.

"The interface of the Web is a friendly interface," said University of Idaho Robert Miller. "It's a friendly environment, and that's what online educators need." Miller added that online students often feel isolated and that the use of technology can help them feel less lonely.

The use of technology in online education is on the rise. And as technology advances, online students are finding new ways to interact with each other and with their professors.

"The use of technology such as iPods and websites is increasing in the classroom," said Miller. "Students can now interact with each other online and with their professors. The use of technology has changed the way we teach and learn." Miller added that the use of technology has changed the way students learn and has made it easier for students to learn at their own pace.

As technology continues to advance, online students are finding new ways to connect with each other and with their professors. And as technology continues to advance, online education will continue to grow.

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Program to keep scholars in Idaho

By Shanna Stuckich

University of Idaho President Tim White announced Monday that the university will start a new "Go Idaho" scholarship program aimed at encouraging young scholars to pursue higher education. The program will be available to all Idaho high school and home-schooled students.

"I am excited to see the response to our Go Idaho campaign," White said. "This program will give young scholars the opportunity to pursue their dreams and to become leaders in our community." The scholarship program will be available to all Idaho high school and home-schooled students.

"The Go Idaho scholarship program will turn the tide on the current trend of students leaving Idaho," said White. "These students have the potential to contribute to our state's economy and to our community's success." The scholarship program will be available to all Idaho high school and home-schooled students.

"We're dedicated to giving our students the opportunity to succeed," said White. "We're committed to helping our students achieve their dreams." The scholarship program will be available to all Idaho high school and home-schooled students.

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A visit to the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival in pictures and music around the Palouse.

Thursday, February 22, 2007

UI plans drive north

UI continues work on concept proposal for Sandpoint extension

By Sean Cammuso

A University of Idaho extension building planned for construction in Sandpoint will meet with favorable reaction from the Idaho Board of Regents.

The concept proposal, a memorandum related to the Idaho Legislature's request for a detailed preliminary plan of the extension, will be forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval.

Although we have much work yet to do, the initial concept proposal puts us on an exciting and ground-breaking path, UI President Bob Nelsen said. "We will provide new educational offerings that will positively benefit students and communities alike." According to Larry Brown, associate vice president for UI Northern Idaho, classes and programs at the extension will be offered for both high school and college credit.

The memorandum describes a proposed $10 million Idaho State University Foundation, UI and North Idaho College working together in order to create a "unique model for education and research in the local state and nationallevel."

According to Brown, the next step is to establish a board to the board a development agreement next summer. A similar agreement will involve selling the 77-1 acres of land, owned by UI since 1964, to the Idaho State University Foundation for its appraised value of $22 million, which would then be placed into an endowment to be used to support a new center at the high school's former campus.

Under those terms, the land would be sold for $22 million. A $10 million endowment from the Idaho State University Foundation would spend an agreed $22 million for the site.

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Wallace concept room tours begin next month

By Jeremy Castillo

University Residence is ready to give the public a peak at two of the completed concept rooms at the University Residence Center's interior future.

"Students will be able to tour the concept rooms in the Guadalupe and Buland wings from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 7 in the Wallace Concept Room," said Michael Griffel, director of University Residence.

New furniture was purchased to accompany the residence suites. Some was custom designed and engineered by Brian London, the same company whose products used in the Wallace Concept Room.

"University Residence has a project design consultant, and our consultant is the other consultant. In addition, storage such as shelving and closets - a feature some Wallace resident think is hallmark to the building - were removed.

"I'm sure the creative process is going to come soon yet," Griffel said. "It's very possible it could come from someone outside, which is how the LLC construction was funded. It could come from private donors and we could fundraise for the process at a time we're not too busy instead of more at a time we're too busy.

"It's possible for room rates to go up," Griffel said. "But that's going to depend on how room rates are paid for. When it's decided how the money will be put together to pay for doing the concept suite, that's the point decision will be made on how much that'll cost to live in."
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technology class and said it was the best online course he had ever taken.
"The presence online as though you were..." said the student.

Other classes were just sloughishing with a computer system, Avery said. Both for video time and an emphasis on discussion time.
ASUI Announces Leadership and Social Action Summit:
Renowned Activist and Author Paul Loeb to Lecture

The University of Idaho will "is a stirring collection of essays have the honor of hosting Paul Rogat aimed at people who still want to Loeb on Thursday, March 1. Loeb is a believe that ordinary people can usually do good author and lecturer, and has changed the world." The Leadership and Social universities around the country, including Harvard and Yale. He has published porty for University of Idaho five books with topics ranging from students to access information re- atomic weapons, to the lives and goals relating to the importance and ben- eficial of social action, to the subject of one ethos of leading, both personally and in terms of social of his most popular books, Soul of a activist. Loeb's speech, which will take place at 7 p.m., Citizen, which explains "what it takes to p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium, is ex- pected to lead a large enough audience to fill the audi- torium early. Those attending the lecture can look for- ward to hearing him speak about how to overcome the conference. Paul Loeb's most recent book difficulties of becoming involved, how to help students understand themselves and their place in a constantly changing world, how civic involvement can provide a sense of con- nection and purpose, and how citizens in general can gain the moral, political, and intellectual tools to take responsibility for the future. For more information, see the schedule below, or contact the ASU Center for Volunteerism and Social action in Commons 381, or at 885-9442.

New Program: Kids on Campus

The ASU Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is always looking to minimize the barriers that stand between students and volun- teering. Many students' volunteer efforts are hindered as a result of trans- portation limitations; the center's newest program, Kids on Campus, pro- vides an easy way to overcome this barrier by bringing kids to campus!

Kids on Campus is designed to bring elementary-aged children to campus to complete activities and interact with college kids. The pro- gram's first activity consisted of a Valentine's Day project during which the kids made valentines for their parents as well as for members of the Aspen Park Retirement Home. On Valentine's Day, volunteers delivered the valentines to the retirement home, and according to freshman participant Katie Kinsey, who was one such person, the elderly who received the valentines were overjoyed.

The second Kids on Campus activity took place on February 22 at the Education Build- ing. Graduate student Kyle Dunn performed exciting and entertaining science demonstrations for the children and volunteers. Everyone learned how to crush a can with fire and water, and also how to make a teabag fly!

When asked why she would recommend the program to other students, Kinsey replied, "It's such a great opportunity. Kids are so rewarding and honest." She related a story about two, great big, athletic guys who received huge hugs from the little children with whom they worked. Kinsey explained, "The elementary kids really look up to the older students. Education majors are usually the only ones who get to work with little children, but Kids on Campus gives people from other departments a chance to get involved. Most people don't expect it to be as much fun as it is."

If you are interested in participating in the Kids on Campus program, please contact the ASU Center for Volunteer- ism and Social Action in Commons 301 or online at www.asu- idaho.edu/volunteer.

ASUI and the Palouse Heritage Festival announce the 2007 "Civic Engagement Day." The festival is a peaceful celebration of diversity and the importance of volunteerism.

New Volunteer Needs!


Workshop Club: Help students in grades 4, 5, or 6 with homework, from 3:30 to 4:30 on a day or two a week. Available until 9/11/2007.

Mentoring At-Risk Youth/Young Adult: One-on-one mentor- ing; includes vocational and educational goals, encourage- ment, and discussion. 1 year commitment preferred at one hour per week. Available until 5/2/2007.

For more information on available volunteer opportunities please contact the ASU Center for Volunteerism and Social Action in Commons 301 or online at www.asu-idaho.edu/volunteer.
Punchcan vows won't cure what ails ASU

Don't get me wrong, ASU. I love it. I have two degrees there and I think you've done a lot of good. But I think you've also done a lot of things that are important, but that you've done a lot... that aren't important.

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Textspack won’t take over English

Chicago Tribune
McClatchy News Service

Textspack is creeping onto the printed page. OMG! Teachers, college admissions officers and employers report that young people are using too many abbreviations in term papers, college board exams and job applications. This is alarming for many reasons, not the least of which is that the grownups often don’t know what the kids are talking about.

Some abbreviations are—b/c, w/t, a.? —are familiar to journalists, college writers, businesspeople, politicians and other grownups who take a lot of notes. Others range from easily decipherable to borderline incompressible. "OMG" means oh my God. "lol" means laughing out loud. The number "1" is used in any word ending in "ain," as in 6, 13, or 33. A few new ones or "insiders"—such as —everybody will be acronyming.

Spelling and grammar aren’t the only casualties in this latest assault on the language. Educators say texting is changing the way young people write. Because the messages are limited to about 40 words —and typed with the thumbs—usually on a cell phone—they're cryptic impressions. Fast, short, without reflection. They don’t afford much precision in learning or expressing complex thoughts.

You’d think teachers would run up with red pens and drive this nonsense from exams, essays and other assignments. But students use the same formal English. And if there are people older than 17 who believe textspack is their birthright, Language is a living thing, they argue, and young people deserve credit for inventing a new vehicle for communicating that works in the high-tech world they were born to inhabit.

In New Zealand, high school students are even allowed to use textspack on national exams. The argument there is that kids shouldn’t be penalized for speaking their own dialect.

This means some people will now be using the same language to communicate. What is to keep them from getting into big trouble?

Five kids were suspended from a New Jersey school for a joke about a monkey. Another student was suspended for saying "God is a rock.""I don’t think that’s appropriate," the principal said.

What is the point? How do we deal with someone who is using abbreviations in the most casual of contexts?

And what's the harm? Why is this a bad thing? What are the dangers?

But if it's in the thinking world, it's also in the legal world. Textspack could turn us to the language of the new millennium or a fail that turns itself out to be guide.

Meanwhile, the rags are on. The rags are on, the kids are running. Young people who want to succeed should be protected in the English spoken by those who decide what files they or their colleges admit them to. When the kids take over the world, they can speak whatever language they want. Until then, we must fight the good fight for a good 20 future.

Celebrities like you, like what, yo or whatever

The main story on CNN’s Web site this morning is for the last time in years to a blase-by-the-name of the centricing and the young, young, you...like clothes, you...and others. Her body is decaying more—more!—than expected, adding urgency to the story over where she should be. Of an odd bit of news. In terms of what that, alien, ecstatic, mysterious things to the police as preparations:

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She was worried about the baby’s health. What if it is killed? Thid? Her than Vangee Upone, Ann's mom. And what killed Anna Nicole found anyway? Why aren’t they tell-us? Are the community thinking to kill something? They must have gotten a report back from the lab by now. I think it was done, promptly, I heard this morning of her head, she was in the army. I was in the navy. But if it is in the thinking world, it's also in the legal world. Textspack could turn us to the language of the new millennium or a fail that turns itself out to be guide.

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last week: What can UI do to attract high sports program? soontime winning The journal and talent will follow: 11 (42.3%) start from the top: Lead with newer decisions: 11 (42.3%) attract better staff and athletes with higher pay and scholarships: 2 (7.7%) be patient. It’s just a low ebb in the cycle: 2 (7.7%)
Get down with your jazzy self

From Byron Stripling’s soulful voice to Monty Alexander’s flashy fingers, the 2007 Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival was defined by tributes — whether they were dedicated to bassist Ray Brown, the festival’s 40th year or the retirement of longtime director Lynn “Doc” Skinner. Here are some highlights from the four-day festival.
By Michael Howell

Fifty years ago, popular music was much different than it is today. Elvis Presley was the equivalent of baseball's Jackie Robinson of the genre. After his first hit, "Heartbreak Hotel," radio play was being announced, "Don't be fooled by the reports; it's the real Elvis Presley." And in 2007, the influence of one man continues.

"It's a variation for us," she said. "To me, the style and the setting are the same."

As well as trying to expand the audience, Kitty said she knew that she wanted to celebrate.

"I want to recognize the music that is the Twin Cities' own," she said. "I want to show the world that the Twin Cities' own folk tradition continues.

Another decision factor in including four popular songs came from their availability. Weiss said that the songs had already been arranged before to be used by choirs as part of their festivals.

The words, however, are still beautiful. Weiss, a soloist for nearly 30 years at the Twin Cities' own folk tradition will continue to entertain.

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Money may be power, but power isn't everything. There are many people who believe that money is a means to an end, and that the end is more important than the means. However, many others believe that power is a means to an end, and that the end is more important than the means. This is a discussion on the subject of money and power, and how they are related.

The Argonaut is now hiring!

The News section is looking for a Cops & Courts reporter. If you're interested, pick up an application at the third floor of the SUB or online at www.uaionarg.com.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Vandals lose in senior night before Hawaii game

By J.B. Conner
Associated Press

Three University of Idaho men's basketball seniors will never play at home for the Vandals again.

Furano Diamond Neiko and Thomas Colville were granted a wish by fellow senior Karliss Bergland.

"We went to Idaho about 10 years ago and we wanted to make sure they knew they were loved," Bergland said, "and that's what we did for them."
Cyclists take on Devi's Slide race in Lewiston

By Andrew Miller

Amma mountain will yield their skills at the Devi's Slide Mountain Bike Race at 11 a.m. on March 4 at Mile City. Bike Park outside Lewiston.

The Devi's Slide Cyclists is organizing the annual event, which is open to riders of all age and experience levels, as well as non-cyclists.

"The beginner race," Lauren Syes, a new member, said, "and the mountain bike pro race..." will also come to the park. "The Devi's Slide course is a 10-mile loop and the Devi's Slide mountain bike pro race is 10 miles long. The mountain bike pro race will have a shorter course."

Whoever wins the race will receive a trophy engraved with their name.

"We are looking forward to seeing all the riders," Syes said.

For information, call 207-675-2024 or visit www.devissliderace.com.

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Sevilla Poslar and Taeli Goretzki will compete in the 14.2-mile Sophomore Dellas Divas race. In WAC play, Madison will move to the 14.2-mile Sophomore Dellas Divas race. In WAC play, Madison will move to the Sophomore Dellas Divas race.

Juniors Sonni Davis and Loryn Hall will run the 14.2-mile Sophomore Dellas Divas race.

NATIONAL/BRIEFS

Wisconsin tops Ohio State for No. 1

ESPN (USA Today) No. 1, ProSportsDaily.com No. 1

With its win over Ohio State, Wisconsin has taken over the top spot in the nation. Ohio State was ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Mike Conley Jr. drove the ball to the hole, but the Buckeyes are a 64-48 victory.

With the Ohio State loss, the Cardinals dropped to the 20th spot in both ESPN and ProSportsDaily.com.

In the team's previous victory, the team was ranked No. 1 in ESPN and No. 24 in ProSportsDaily.com.

Federer takes new record at No. 1

Roger Federer reached a new milestone last night, taking the No. 1 spot in tennis for the first time.

"It's a dream come true," Federer said.

"We're just going to take it easy and enjoy the moment."

Most of the respondents in the survey said that they enjoyed the experience, but one person said that they felt like they were being paid to participate.

The survey was conducted online and included 1,000 randomly selected respondents.

Bodilybuilder has built career on discipline, sacrifice

By Mike Random

The day before his bodybuilding event, Dan Knecht was preparing to compete in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) State men's track meet. Knecht, a sophomore, was scheduled to take part in the 800-meter run.

During the meet, Knecht finished third in the event, saving his best performance for the final day of the competition.

"I was happy with my performance," Knecht said.

Knecht, who has been competing in the sport since he was 16 years old, said he has learned to balance his training and schoolwork.

"It's a lot of work," Knecht said.

"I try to make sure that I have enough time to study, but I also need to prepare for the next competition."
Wallace booned at the Palace

By Mitch Albom

The News

Detroit — Just another day in the life of a Hall of Famer. No day is complete without a trip to the golf course. It was a beautiful day in Michigan and the golf course was in fine shape. The greens were fast and the fairways were well-maintained. The players were enjoying themselves as they teed off for the first of nine holes. It was a perfect day for golf, and the players were happy to be out on the links. The course was crowded, and the players were having a good time. As they made their way through the nine holes, they were enjoying the beautiful scenery and the challenge of the course. It was a great day for golf, and the players were leaving the course feeling satisfied and content. As they walked back to their cars, they were already planning their next round. It was a perfect day. The players were happy, and the course was in great shape. It was a perfect day for golf.
Idaho hangs around, but falls 84-68 to #11/10 Nevada

MOSCOW, Idaho — The momentum was on Idaho's side. The Vandals had 13 steals and 27 boards, had made a run at Nevada, and were poised for a comeback after losing the first half of the home game Wednesday night.

Keni Watawai scored 27 points, had 22 rebounds and 10 assists.

The Vandals led 21-10 after the first quarter, but it was the Wolf Pack who were able to take control with a 16-2 run over the last four minutes of the period. Nevada led 44-35 at halftime.

The Vandals were trailing 67-57 with 9:54 left in the game when they scored 15 of the next 21 points to tie the game at 72-72 with 6:22 remaining.

The Vandals were able to cut the lead to one with 1:30 left, but the Wolf Pack scored the next five points to take the lead back 84-77 and put the game out of reach.

The Vandals shot 44 percent from the field and made 10 of 22 three-pointers. Nevada had 12 offensive rebounds, compared to the Vandals' eight.

Nevada's Matt Willard led all scorers with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Idaho, which had been 2-8 in the WAC, finished the season with a 7-12 overall record and 1-9 in the conference.

The Vandals, who had been seeded third in the WAC tournament, will now play in the NIT.

After the game, Idaho head coach Keni Watawai said:

"We played well tonight. We made some adjustments and didn't expect to shoot well from the field. We played defense well and controlled the game.

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