UI waits to turn page on bookstore

Evan Bartlett  Story Editor

It's the sort of story that might make you reach for the telephone to place an order. With just a few days before classes begin, hundreds of students are scrambling to get copies of the textbooks they need.

But for Don Russo, the director of WSU's University Bookstore, there is no time to stop and take breath. He and his staff are working around the clock to make sure that the books are on the shelves when the students return to campus.

"We're working hard to make sure that the books are available when the students need them," Russo said. "We want to do everything we can to make sure that the students have the books they need to be successful in their courses."
People would boycott, find alternatives to burning fossil fuels, and global warming would be lessened. The environment would begin to recover. In the end, an even greater modern-day miracle would occur:

The price of gas would go down.

Correction:
In the Friday edition of The Argonaut, we incorrectly identified Liz Brandt as the dean of the College of Law, Brandt is the associate dean. Don Burnett is the dean of the law school. We apologize for any confusion this caused.

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Solution

Complete the grid so each row, column, and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

CrosswordPUZZLE

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McIver will begin overseeing university research projects in June

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McIver has traveled the globe in pursuit of research and latest technology. From Idaho to Italy, London and Albania, McIver will make the move to Idaho in going to assume the position of vice president of research at the University of Idaho.

McIver currently serves as the senior vice president of research and economic development at the University of New Mexico. He has worked in New Mexico for six years and said it was a great experience for him to gain insight into how research and technology can benefit a region.

"The University of Idaho is unique in the West, and the leadership there is very good," McIver said. "It has a great environment, and the people are very welcoming." He noted that McIver spent time at the University of New Mexico, saying that it was a great place to work. He said that the University of Idaho is a great place to work, and that he is looking forward to working with the administration and the faculty.

As the vice president of research, McIver will oversee all the university's research efforts. McIver said that the University of Idaho is a great place to work and that he is excited to be part of the community.

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**New vice president of research ready to make change**

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**Look for ASU election results online Wednesday**

Katherine Albrecht

The 2001 ASU presidential candidates announced today that they will release their research results online Wednesday due to the interest in the candidates and the election.

"If you're interested in the candidates and the election, you'll be able to access the results online," said candidate Mike DeWine. "We're excited to be able to release the results online and to provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision."
THE ARMY ADVANTAGE FUND.
BECAUSE SOLDIERS DESERVE MORE.

Now the Army gives you more choices for your future. Earn up to $40,000 to start the business of your dreams or buy the home you always wanted. Log onto goarmy.com/aaf to learn more about the Army Advantage Fund.
Threats close three colleges in Midwest

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A message answered in a university dormitory room by a 14-year-old was not just the coldest reply to an April Fool's Day prank. It was one of three threats reported yesterday in the state of Illinois.

The threats, two days before the anniversary of the Virginia Tech killings and two months after the deadly mass shooting in Columbia, Md., illustrate the challenge that universities face in responding to threats, particularly those that come from troubled students or administrators, who have to decide just how seriously to take them.

"There is a fear that they're doing it for the sake of the liability. But the threat you're not taking seriously is the real one," said Lynne Ruggieri, who directs a hotline at one of the affected universities in the Midwest.

Meanwhile, administrators who said they fear that bike riders and people behind the wheel of a vehicle both have a responsibility in ensuring one another's safety.

Just because a car is supposed to stop, it doesn't mean that it will or can, he said. In 2007 there were two accidents where riders and pedestrians were hit and killed because the car did not stop.

"Everyone needs to be aware of their own safety," he said. "They need to adapt to a new attitude that riders and pedestrians need to be more aware because the responsibility doesn't fall on drivers alone.

Kirkendall, who said that the city has a responsibility to ensure that bike riders and people behind the wheel of a vehicle both have a responsibility in ensuring one another's safety.

Bikes need to stay safe on streets

"There's too much clutter around the area of the side of the crosswalk," said Dave Lathem, the campus police officer at Michigan State University.

"The area of greatest risk is in the 100 block of East Michigan Avenue where student drivers have to back up," he said.

"Some people step off the sidewalk to get into the street. And students don't get the vehicle all the way to the curb, so they can go through the crosswalk without us knowing," he said.

"They've got to understand that riding the bike is the same as driving a vehicle. It's not just a bike," he said.

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Blockbuster offers more than $1 billion for Circuit City

Associated Press

DALLAS—Blockbuster Inc., which has been trying for two years to buy Circuit City, is making a hostile takeover bid of $1 billion for Circuit City Stores Inc. with dreams of creating a large chain that would sell cell telephone electronics and movies.

The offer is higher than Blockbuster's bid of $900 million in November 1999 for the former James Kay's and was considered friendly by Circuit City shareholders. With Circuit City's strong movie sales, the $1 billion price is the largest that a major retailer has ever offered a competitor.

"Blockbuster is not thinking through how difficult the big-ticket consumer electronics business is," said Truett Smothers, an analyst with FBR Capital Markets, which once owned Blockbuster. "They have a lot of people who are under the impression that because Circuit City is making money, it will be easy to do.

Blockbuster's offer for Circuit City was valued at $9.8 billion, with the struggling retailer's share up 27 percent on Monday, Blockbuster shares were down 5 percent.

Circuit City, the nation's second-biggest consumer electronics retailer, said it will consider the deal and has reached operating agreement with Swatch Group SA of Switzerland, which owns the largest Circuit City stores.

Smothers said Blockbuster's offer, which is under its own umbrella company, could force Circuit City to support Blockbuster's effort to buy Circuit City.

The chain has been fighting a losing battle against Blockbuster, said Smothers, who said Circuit City's "cost cutting has been nothing compared to the $1 billion Blockbuster will spend on purchases of Circuit City stock."}

The board of directors for Circuit City shareholders will be required to support the Blockbuster offer, as the major stockholder in Circuit City.

"We have never believed that the turnaround at Circuit City was going to be as difficult as it is," said he in an interview with the New York Times in 1999.

This week, Circuit City offered to sell a majority interest in Circuit City to Blockbuster for $2.25 billion. Blockbuster said it had offered Circuit City a majority interest in Circuit City to Blockbuster for $8 billion. Blockbuster said it will be required to support Blockbuster's offer, as the major stockholder in Circuit City.

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that offenders now are discharged to admit wrong doing. Oregon law allows for having many more trials and many more acquittals.

He believes that the laws have consistently grown in favor of the accused for the past 25 years.

One thing that makes rape a tough case to prove is the resistance to the rape law. Under law, the sexual act cannot be admitted as evidence allowed to be used in the de
defense.

So if the ac
cessor has made false allegations of sex crimes in the past, the accused believes that someone was the source of the errors, the accused has a history of sexual behavior with the accuser or if the accuser was engaging in sexual behavior with other people at the time of the rape.

The judge should have no more than two or three prior conduct in it. "Green-Sea is a big factor in many cases." He thinks that a continuum of sexual activity will be a step in the right direction.

"If the woman says yes, then the man has sex with her, it's anyway, it's serious." Bill Thompson

**GREEK EXCELLENCE**

Representations from each house attended the 34th Annual Greek Awards Gala at the Boise Marriott on Monday evening. Awards are given to chapters for excellence in several different categories such as community involvement, Greek spirit, academic performance and marketing.

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"We wanted to show that embarking on the initiative was not going to take away from the university," Bennett said. "It was going to go completely, 100 percent, to the Boise State University." Bennett, who was appointed last summer, said the proposal had been in the works for months, but the university had been waiting for the right time to announce it.

Bennett explained that the initiative was not just a "one-time" event, but would be a "ongoing" effort to improve the university's reputation.

Bennett said the initiative was part of the university's overall strategy to attract more students and improve its standing in the community.

"We're excited to be a part of this process, and we're looking forward to working with our stakeholders to make sure that this initiative is successful," Bennett said.

Bennett said the office of the Boise State University will be working closely with the Boise City Council and other community partners to ensure the initiative's success.

"We're committed to working with our partners and stakeholders to ensure that this initiative is successful," Bennett said. "We're excited to be a part of this process, and we're looking forward to working with our stakeholders to make sure that this initiative is successful."
Off theCUFF
Quick take on this week's editorials

Facebook famous
Former sports editor Robert Taylor started a T.J. Snatched fan page on Facebook. I won't read it if you aren't my fan, but an interesting opinion was posted that I thought was interesting material:
Probably not. — T.J.

Wheat discovery
I try my hardest to be healthy. You may not think so because I am frequently sampling on cookies and ice cream, but I do try to eat healthy. I try not to eat dessert when I have a big lunch. I try not to eat ice cream, but I do eat cookies.
— Alex P.

Welcome wrigglers?
I feel like we are having Monty Python season this year. You know, where everyone acts like an idiot and everyone says and does and everything:
We are in an entirely new season, some sort of weird spring/summer hybrid. Maybe we can call it wriggle-spring? Or something.
— Savannah

Deep thoughts
Walking on the smallest amount of grain can be tiring in boots. Thanks to my township shoes of hardtack, I almost die walk- ing on campus. Yesterday, I thought (shirking the声ロ声的) "deep thoughts" I had yesterday. My mind was full of my future. I heard a noise while walking all over campus.
— Christina N.

Short shorts
I was inspired the other day when it was beautiful outside and I thought
I would actually walk.

Rhetoric leaves bitter aftertaste

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Editor Opinion Editor  

Watch for a new BLOT coming soon!
Urine good company

The cast of the play "Urinetown" rehearses in the Hartung Theatre Friday evening. "Urinetown" will be running from April 17-20 and April 24-27.

John Herterl/Argus

Young businesses still thriving in Moscow

Ashley Rich adds strawberries milk to an espresso drink at Sitters' Brew Coffee House on Sunday. Rich works alongside her sister and mother at this family owned business.

Amy Houseman/Argus

Megan Robertson

Two Moscow businesses, What a Paris and Sitters' Brew Coffee House have both thrived since their opening. Tucked away on Main Street, Sitters' Brew Coffee House has had more success than its owner anticipated when it first opened in March last year.

Owner Greg Rich said she and her family decided to open Sitters' Brew based on the success of another small restaurant the family owned in Idaho Falls.

"For the town, it's always nice when something they were looking for," Rich said.

Since it was a family decision, they wanted to make sure they moved somewhere appealing to all of them.

Rich's baristas and her two daughters took at not unlike at www社会化apprenticeship.com, which asked a lot of questions about the type of restaurant they would like to see open up their Main site to serve a variety of tasks.

After comparing their answers and finding out Moscow would have their own site, they drove here from Idaho to see the city.

"Then we decided that Moscow was the right place," Rich said. "We decided to lease the space and cleared it out. We have hired two staff and we'll be open by the end of this year, and we're hoping to open the Encore site to serve artists in the area and the community." Rich said.

While the Rich family intends to stay in Moscow, they've discussed the possibility of expanding to other towns and maybe a small store in a nearby town.

"It would just depend on what opportunities our staff can handle," Rich said.

Located downtown on Main Street is What a Paris, a restaurant dedicated to delivering the French experience.

Owned by Chef Francis Potard and his wife Donna Foucault, What a Paris has been offering an intimate and unique dining experience since they first opened in August 2006.

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Authors read for National Library Week

Sydney Boyd

For the 50th anniversary of National Library Week, Sydney Boyd is reading in a bigger way than most people.

"It was my idea for the new program," said Boyd, a University of Idaho Humanities Librarian.

Eckwright started working on the project in January, with the ideal purpose of celebrating National Library Week and discovering how it might be achieved.

"What do people most associate the library with?" said Eckwright.
"And then we thought wouldn't it be great to promote the library and at the same time promote faculty and the different departments?"

The plan is to gather faculty and provide work that has been written by people at Boise State.

"All they ever get is a libcal," Eckwright said. "Let's give them the chance to promote themselves."

On Friday, March 6, the University Libraries and the College of Social Sciences will present "Fieldwork Versus Academic Libraries."

The book will have excerpts of this kind of thing, you don't really have someone who says why this is relevant for the students.

There will be a book signing beginning at noon on the first floor of the Corry Building, and the event will continue in the basement, where there will be other books and a display of the books by the Boise cartoonist.

Students plan for Sustainable Environmental Learning Center at McCall Outdoor Science Education Center

Steve Bowers

Fayetteville University of Idaho students and faculty members will present a plan for a sustainable outdoor Environmental Learning Center at the University of Idaho. A group of four students and faculty members will be working to achieve this goal.

"The university provided us with $25,000 grant to develop the Agro-Natural resource concept," said Brian Bowers, who will present the plan.

The group has been working with the School of Environmental Studies and the School of Forestry. They have been working with the same faculty members to develop the concept.

The group plans to present the plan later this month.

Moscow's Renaissance Fair available on DVD

Pamela Moore

For the past 3 years, Moscow's First Friday Market has hosted the Moscow Renaissance Fair. Now audiences can watch the event on the same screen.

The annual fair has provided a showcase for artisans and performers from the Renaissance Festival from the past 3 years.

The fair has expanded the history, mystery and joy of the historical Renaissance era, with a focus on the cultural enrichment.

"It features the original fairgoers, as well as reconstructed Renaissance-era performers and vendors," said Mark Moore, who will present the plan.

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**'The Office' is awfully funny**

Watching Ricky Gervais as born-again-Dead Bob is the most painful viewing experience anyone could ever enjoy. The "Office" has its moments, but for the most part it's a pale imitator of the U.S. show, and it's painful to watch.

It's one of the best comedies ever produced in Britain, but it's also one of the hardest to watch. While many remakes of British shows have failed, "The Office" will likely and identify with the characters in its hilarious absurdity.

There is so worth remembering that no one will look away at some points in the show because

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"It's a place where people come and celebrate a special day or get a quick bite to eat. I love the whole French dining thing, which is a complete meal present their artwork or admire anything, so to speak," Dama Foucachon said. She said that this is a place where people like to come and see and talk.

"It's about storytelling, not just how it looks," she added, as something that happens over French meals, and we'd find people who have been here for three or four hours just talking."

The "IRT Bistro" came to Moscow from France Foucault trained and worked as a chef in the capital of French gastronomy. After spending several years working in Paris, Foucault moved to Moscow, the American experience of Louvre and they told us about Moscow," Dama Foucault said.

And the she knew they wanted to open in the United States to put their five children through college, and after hearing about Moscow they decided it was the place to do it.

"We were going into a new year, but decided it would be good to give the idea to Moscow."

Françoise Foucault said that the idea is to open in Moscow just as a few weeks. They hope Foucault will open

**ArtBRIEFS**

Earth Week events begin this week

Events this week will be an opening ceremony parade from the State Historical Museum to the International Film Festival at the "IRT Bistro Theatre." The films include "The Perfect Community: How Cate and Work," which will be included in the Earth Week Celebration in the Competition in the Community.

Co-op offers free wellness classes

The Moscow Food Co-op is offering several monthly wellness classes and workshops focused on health and wellness.

The first class, "Fitness and Detoxifying," will be held on July 30, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Co-op's parking lot. The instructor is a certified dietitian and health educator, Anne Lynch, Moscow Co-op Grocery, Wellness Manager.

**Above the Rim opens new exhibit**

The Above the Rim Gallery will open a new exhibit today, "The Game," a collection of photographs by Charles of the Champions of the Cause," Dama Foucault said.

The show will run through June.

For more information, contact Dama Foucault at 208-901-3333.

**RIK ANNOUNCES SUMMER PROGRAM**

Subscriber tickets for the main event, "2008-09 Program," are now on sale at the Moscow Public Library and the Box Office.

The series begins with "Don Quixote," directed by RIK Artistic Director Bill Johnston, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2008, in the IRT Performing Arts Center.

"It will feature two tenor saxophonists, Mark "Fresh and Center" and Tom "Mighty Mite," plus pianist on the IRT main stage at 8 p.m. on June 8, 2008, in the IRT Performing Arts Center.

Television star Bill Fagerbakke and Caldecott Medalist Chris Van Allsburg will team up for a special reading of "The Giving Tree" and will be offered to new subscribers for only $40.

In celebration of "National Reading Month," the library will offer reading-related activities throughout the month of March, including "Reading Is Fun," "Reading for Fun," "Reading for Success," "Reading for Career," and "Reading for Life." The library will also host a "Reading is Fun" party with music and games on March 28.

The library will be open on weekends, March 29-30, for "Reading is Fun," and will be closed on March 31.

**Brent's the man**

Brent is a man. He is a man in the most literal sense of the word. Brent is a man who has been through many trials and tribulations, but has come out the other side stronger than ever. Brent is a man who has been through many heartbreaks, but has come out the other side with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. Brent is a man who has been through many ups and downs, but has come out the other side a better person.

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**QuickHITS**

Did you know...

- This weekend the Vandals are hosting the 10-year reunion for the Humanitaires Bowl Championship team in conjunction with the Silver and Gold spring orangeade.
- C.C. DiGuglielmo cleared 12 feet, 9 5/8 inches in the pole vault over the weekend at the Florida Invitational, which set the meet record in the event and bested his previously held record. The result is on NCAA qualifying marks.
- Nikita Winger has the hammer throw for the first time this season. He set the bar at a NCAA regional qualifying mark April 11 in Portland.

**Vandals by the numbers**

13 wins of match won by the men's tennis team.
2.50 meet record in the spring during the second, outdoor meet set personal bests during the meet.

**Vandals pick up four more**

Two athletes hit NCAA qualifying marks for second-straight week

Lost Invitational meet.

The freshman from Russia returned for less than his earlier season to Russian Dagan of Georgia and was at No. 2 singles in Spokane. Glukhov's team is playing against Kentucky Petrsky also reached a career-high No. 1 in singles. The team featured in the NCAA regional qualification marks the one team and Wales, who eliminated K.C. DiGuglielmo and David Hattamby, the finishing marks for the season's remaining competition. Hattamby placed second in the hammer throw with his top-600-9 effort.

Middle Tennessee's women's tennis

Kitch was the only women's player to match victory in singles and doubles in the same season to women's tennis team. In Parsfield Portland State in the Kitch, a freshman, line-up Kent, Washington, only to playoff No. 6 singles. She paired with Barbara Maresca as they defeated Alyxia Frier and blocking 9-1.

Vandals in action

Today

Women's tennis plays at Gonzaga at 3 p.m. today. Strong takes to the field in Spokane to play Gonzaga at 3 p.m. today.

Wednesday

Women's tennis has a home match against Hawaii at noon Wednesday at the Vandal. The team plays next against Montana.

Briefs

Bicycle ride offers prizes

The Mids crispy kids from the Idaho State Police will hold to save local teens and cut down on the event. The prize is open to the public and will have an age registration.

**DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK**

**Pippen: not just a sidekick**

As we wrap up the sched- ule of the last NFL regular season games, we look back at what this year's champion with much more than a sidekick to win the title.

The Western Con- ference has four foot- ball teams. You could ask five different people who they think will win the title and they can offer five different answers. See Carolina, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Utah and New Or- eans all seem quite capable contenders. It's quite exciting to keep good names every game.

The Eastern Con- ference has four teams and in- telling me it's going to be either Boston or Denver in the focus finale. Leftover Lions is the main ball of fame for any team, any city, any coach. In one of the looper's major stories.

The lead is Pippen's career and the legacy he leaves with the Lakers, the right to return.

Johnny Ballgame

McDonald's and the legacy he leaves with the Lakers, the right to return.
Vandals compete in spring training

MEN’S LACROSSE TEAM LOSSES HOME OPENER

Bob Tusha

The Idaho State lacrosse team lost two conference games last weekend on the Palouse, but will host Washington State and Boise State Saturday, Sunday and

The game started on a defensive note as it was Vandals against Van-

tioned in the Idaho women’s soccer program. Former Idaho soccer player

Match will be Saturday against Idaho. Last year, the Vandals won 9-6. This year

The Vandals will continue to be the focus of the lacrosse team. They will

The Idaho State men’s tennis team got a win against Idaho State in the first round, but lost

The Idaho State women’s tennis team was swept by Gonzaga in the first round, but

The Idaho State women’s soccer team lost to Gonzaga, 2-0, in the first round.

The Idaho State women’s tennis team will face Gonzaga on Tuesday, but will

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Swim Team adds six to the roster

MOSCOW - The 2004 University of Idaho Women’s swimming recruiting class is complete and coach Tom Jager is excited to see the new Vandals in action.

The class of six will look to replace the stars of past Vandals who are graduating in May and solid season records.

The 2004 recruiting class features the Vandals’ first international athlete since the team came back to the university in 2000.

Bi She Ping competed for the Singapore national team and should bring an attitude of discipline to the team, Jager said.

He is glad that the first international recruit is on the way from Singapore because of the disciplined culture.

"She’s the type of student we really do have our first international student coming in, and like Singapore, because I think it matches our swimming cult," Jager said.

Having an Olympic gold medal winning coach is probably the biggest reason why Van- dals fans are excited about the University of Idaho, Jager said.

"She’s probably known of me in Singapore than I Am," Jager said.

The recruit to make the se- cond biggest bang in the past few years in Vandals’ Sunny Haverow from Ontario, Canada. Haverow is a strong swimmer that Jager said Haverow will bring to the team.

But there is no question that energy transfers into her work- ethic as well, because she can help to drive some of the seniors to results in the future.

Haverow ended the career when she visited, and she loves the university, which is important for the swimming programs, Jager said.

She also told Jager she was excited about the University of Idaho is that I want kids that want to be here," Jager said.

"If they want to be here, then they’ll stay four years and they’ll graduate," Jager said.

"She’s been excited about this swimming program, which is important for the swimming programs, Jager said.

"I’ve got a chance to hear her opinion about Idaho, and her thoughts about the future pool and the financial support for this school," Jager said.

She’s very important support, which I look forward to well, and I like to intro- duce people to the sport," he said.

They’re good for a lot of Boise kids who didn’t start swimming at their schools, but they’re going to want to be a part of our program," Jager said.

The first few months for the Vandals will be filled with a host of international athletes because of Jager’s style he has at the school.

"We work in a great way, we work together with the team because our ap- proach for the team is to always intro- duce the team," Jager said.

"So that’s a program that will work for you. Our program is a dynamic style," Jager said.

"The kids are excited, which is an all-around good athlete."

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It's that time of year again. Spring is in the air, and elections for your new '08-'09 ASUI Officers are up again. Before we dive into why this should matter, let's hit some specifics.

There are a total of eight open Senate seats up for grabs on the Legislative side of ASUI, and the Vice President and President positions open on the Executive side. Each elected official will serve for a term of one full academic year (Fall '08-Spring '09). Elections, where the student body can voice their preferences, will be held April 14th-16th, and Inauguration of the newly elected officials will be held April 30th.

So you may be wondering why you should care who is or is not on ASUI leadership; to answer, these are the students who are representing you. For those who are financially conscious, part of your student fees also go toward paying these positions. Senators get $100 per pay period (every two weeks) the Vice President of ASUI gets $145 per pay period, and the President gets tuition waiver and $225 per pay period. This is, of course a small portion of your student fees, but still significant.

ASUI is looking for a better voting turnout this election cycle. The last two years, Presidential elections have brought in 22% and 18% voting percentage; a step up from the around 10% turnout the last Senate only elections mustered.

So, how do you get better acquainted with how to make an informed decision? The best way to educate yourself is to get to know your candidates. Until the petitions are in, this may be hard, but there are a few candidates that are ahead of the game, and already have petitions out. They are Patrick Bradbury, Samantha Cypner, and Courtney Szecmeck running for Senate seats so far, and only two pairs, Garret Holbrook for President with Tricia Crump for Vice President, and Lauren McConnel for President, running for the Presidential elections. ASUI hopes to see you at the polls April 14th-16th!

Cut of fee request will hurt students

By: Jon Gaffney - ASUI President

On Monday, I had the disheartening experience of watching the Idaho State Board of Education continue a precedent set in the past two years: the Board once again ignored the University's justifications for a fee increase and greatly reduced the University of Idaho's fee request, cutting our requested 7.94 percent increase to five percent. Idaho was not the only school to receive a cut in their request; Boise State was cut from 6.1 percent to five percent; Idaho State University was cut from seven percent to six percent, and the Eastern Idaho Technical College saw their just-over-three percent increase cut to two. Only Lewis-Clark State College, which requested a five percent increase, did not see any cuts.

The ruling by the State Board has several significant consequences. Perhaps most interesting is that Idaho State University (a Division II school) is now more expensive on a yearly basis than either UI or BSU (both Division I schools). More practically, this is approximately a $1,000,000 reduction from what the University had budgeted based on current enrollment figures, money that will now have to be made up for from other areas.

I want to digress for a moment to talk about the original student activity fee request. The student activity fee, set by the Associated Student Fee Committee, is money that is approved by the students for direct use in student-oriented programs. This includes things like the Office of Multicultural Affairs, operations and staff cost at the Student Recreation Center and Idaho Commons buildings, and all of ASUI's programming. This year's original request includes, among other things, money to assist with New Student Orientation, funding to bring the salary of the GLBT Coordinator at the Women's Center up to a campus-wide average, and a small increase to provide for scholarships and travel for the University's Spirit Squad.

It is unclear yet just how the State Board's reduction will affect students. There will be some kind of reduction in the student activity fee request, meaning that some student-oriented programs will not receive the support that they need. There will be cutting and scrapping on the Administration's side, scrounging for money to make sure that the lights stay on and that students still have access to a quality education. The Idaho State Board of Education's decision to ignore the needs presented by the University will hurt students. Just how badly they will hurt is yet to be seen.

A Letter from the Vice President

Dear University of Idaho Students,

Campaign season has started and the candidates set out on the campaign trail as of March 24th. For the past three weeks these students have been talking to people they haven't met before, drinking a lot of coffee to get through long days of campaigning and learning more about themselves and the University of Idaho than they had probably ever planned on when they decided to run for an ASUI position.

Watching a new campaign start is bittersweet for me. It has been a whole year since I started on this journey and I can only say that I have changed a lot and learned a lot because of my year serving you as Vice President. The ASUI has come to mean more to me than just student government or an avenue for entertainment; it has in fact become my lifestyle and my passion.

My first interaction with ASUI was my freshmen year on Make a Difference Day. This positive experience led me to participate in Alternative Spring Break where I traveled to Waveland, Mississippi to help with the Hurricane Katrina cleanup. Service has always been a large part of my life, but I never knew the impact I could have by simply picking up trash or listening to a woman's survival story. This trip was the beginning of my journey with the ASUI and I can only say that it has been one of the most defining things in my life.

Serving as the ASUI Vice President this year has given me a way to serve students in a different capacity and has allowed me to make connections and friendships that will last a lifetime. Working with the senate to make it a more positive and welcoming place has been my goal this year along with creating a vibrant environment for students to learn and grow.

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What’s Up with the Bookstore?  

By: Lauren McConnel- ASUI Senator

This semester’s senate has worked very hard to establish stronger relations with the Administration. It became painfully obvious that the communication between students and the administration was practically non-existent when the Argonaut reported the University was issuing a request for proposals for the management of the Bookstore before ASUI leadership was made aware of the issue.

Since then, the Senate has taken many steps to improve communication. We established the Pro Tempore as the official voice of the Senate so communication would be easier. We requested clear communication and transparency, and the administration claimed to be open to this request and included Policy Advisor Justin Doble on the RFP review committee as the voice of students. However, the Senate has since discovered that—at least for some of the administration—there was never much intention to listen to students on this issue.

We were told the RFPs were a “fishing expedition” so the Administration could see what our Bookstore could do better. We were told it was entirely possible the Bookstore would not change hands at all. Most importantly, we were told students would have an active say on this issue.

Instead, Chris Johnson has since commented that it’s not realistic for RFPs to be “fishing expeditions,” and that while it’s possible for the committee to recommend none of the proposals, it’s most likely one will be recommended and sent forward to management. We were told students would have a say in keeping the Bookstore or not, we were instead given just one seat of 5 on a committee that evaluates the proposals. Theoretically, if students approved none of the proposals, we are outnumbered 4 to 1.

This is important because students, not administration, are the primary purchasers of textbooks. Many of came here for a quality education at a lower price. Many of us came to a smaller school because being closer to our institution and not being just a number is important to us. We came because of the values we believed the University shared with us. We are told the University’s Vision, Values and Directions are as follows: “Our teaching and learning activities seek to encourage every student in a transformative journey of discovery and understanding. …Our work is shaped by …the rigor of academic and ethical standards, by the attainment of each individual’s full human potential, …and by the dissolution of cultural and organizational barriers.”

It is difficult for students to feel this is sincere when we are kept in the dark and deliberately marginalized. It is hard to believe in the ethical standards of an institution that tells us one thing and then says another. It is impossible to attain our full human potential if we are not given credit for our ideas and say over our dollars. It is discouraging to realize the university with an “open mind” is using organizational barriers against us.

The purpose for the Senate is the representation of the students, and when administration keeps us in the dark it becomes very difficult for us to do our job. Theoretically, the University and students should have mutually beneficial goals: we want to be fully capable adults in the world; they want to transform us into such. When the administration marginalizes our concerns and displays such distrust and hypocrisy, we are all disappointed. Those charged with representing students are especially frustrated with such marginalization because it undermines not just our position, but also makes the work we have done feel fruitless. I assure you, it is not. We have taken a stand on this issue that will lay the groundwork for future, and we have done our part- we will continue to charge the administration to do theirs.

2008 Senator Larry E. Craig Endowment Scholarship Recipient Selected  

By: Jo Seely

The Associated Students of the University of Idaho and the UI Student Foundation are pleased to announce the 2008 Senator Larry E. Craig Endowment Scholarship, a student from the College of Natural Sciences, Brooke Anderson.

The 2007-2008 award process was a successful commencement for the Senator Larry Craig Leadership Endowment. With eight impressive recommendations from throughout campus, all students seemed to be excellent candidates for the award. Furthermore, each student had an award in mind, including design expos, research projects and conferences. This year’s recipient, Brooke Anderson, will be traveling to New Orleans to attend the American Chemical Society National Meeting. Anderson, a chemistry and math major in her senior year, has taken part in research, led by Patrick Hrdlicka, that will be presented at the conference. Without the assistance from the Senator Craig Scholarship, Anderson would not have been able to attend this event.

A Leadership Luncheon already took place to recognize Anderson’s achievements. Anderson was joined by faculty from her department, university officials and students from the UI Student Foundation and ASUI.

We are enthusiastic for this opportunity for Brooke, and for the many other University of Idaho students that will be benefitted by the Senator Larry Craig Leadership Scholarship.
Senate and the City Council
By: Jan Harpole - ASU Senator
The ASUI Senate is creating a position to address student issues in the Moscow City Council. The position would act as a liaison between the two bodies in order to address issues in more of a proactive way. Mayor Nancy Chaney said she is looking forward to having more student input and participation regarding city politics. "Student issues are taken seriously," said Chaney. "I think we could find ways to help each other." Issues such as the recent Noise Ordinance, and the building of a pedestrian bridge for off-campus students crossing Third Street could be addressed by the liaison. By creating this position, the senators involved are pushing for the city of Moscow to see the student body as a part of Moscow rather than just a transient body. The next step is creating and funding the position, which will be required to pay close attention to issues and bills that pass through the committees and council.

Election Lethargy
By: Zach Arama - ASU Senator
The ASUI election is possibly the most tedious subject for students to hear about. Twice a year, the campus is bombardcd by posters of overdressed candidates, excessively-messaged Facebook groups, and seemingly regurgitated empty promises. This popularity contest is exactly that... a showdown between fellow students to see who can get the most friends to vote for them. Sure, the occasional politically-conscious student will vote for a candidate who perhaps gave a convincing presentation at their house or had an intriguing poster, but in the end, the student body does not typically vote for candidates because they genuinely believe they will have a prodigious impact on increasing the standard of student life.

I understand this frustration. As an ASUI Senate candidate last fall, I had as many seemingly-empty platform issues and belief statements than the current batch of ASUI hopefuls. Not that it is a conscious effort to deceive the larger student body, but at the time, students have (for the most part) had no experience pertaining to these issues. Most of them have never before taken the time to sit in on a Senate meeting, or met with a department head about advising, or discussed security issues with a member of the local law enforcement, even though there has been ample opportunity to do so.

Change the trend. Challenge the candidates to justify their platforms. Demand to know how they plan on fulfilling those broad, generic mission statements; make them uncomfortable. This is the only way to find out who truly has what it takes to put forth the effort to change the conventional rut of mediocrity so often fallen into by our ASUI candidates. Ask them how they plan on increasing campus security, student engagement, and advising. No matter how articulate a candidate voice, it is all for nothing if he or she has no structured plan to find a solution to these problems. Students must show them that they will be held accountable to their platforms, promises, and aspirations. Ask these questions not only of the candidates, but also of the current Senators who are supposed to represent your best interests. Ask us what we are doing for you; hold us to a higher standard of accountability. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion, no matter how abrasive. ASUI Senators are paid a salary taken from your student fees. Make sure we are earning it. Let's start making ASUI accountable to the students, not the other way around.

Change the trend.

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Besides engaging the student body with ASUI, I also am working towards implementing a Non-profit management and leadership degree. Service is the heart of who I am and creating a degree that allows other students to get more involved in non-profits and voluntary service was one of the biggest reasons I ran for student government. This is a long process and I will continue to work on it next year after I am out of office. I hope I will be able to see the results of my work before I graduate, but if it takes longer, I hope the next administration will continue to support this idea.

The ASUI has shaped the person I am today and I am feel blessed that I have one more year at this school to make a difference in students’ lives. I personally would like to thank each one of you, as students of this university, for allowing me to serve you in this position and for making this school an amazing place to grow, learn and change.

Please vote in this upcoming election, find out who will be representing you next year and support them. Our university can only change for the better when people take an interest and become active in student life.

In the Spirit of Service,
Amy Huddleston
ASUI Vice President

Vandal Entertainment Presents:
A Mom’s Weekend Film
Come enjoy a great film with your mom over Mom’s Weekend! Showings in the Borah Theater Friday and Saturday April 16-19 at 7:00

Sixteen Candles

Samantha’s (Molly Ringwald) sixteenth birthday should be the most wonderful day of her life, but it’s all but forgotten because of her spoiled older sister’s wedding. To top it off, Samantha has fallen for the hottest guy at school, but, of course, he’s dating the most popular girl in this hilarious gen-x romantic comedy.

Also coming soon... Wednesday & Thursdays April 23-24 at 7pm & 9:30pm

I’m Fine Without You

In another mind-bending screenplay from Charlie (“ADAPTATION”) Kaufman, Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play a couple who have a terrible breakup. Joel (Carrey) can’t take the loss and undergoes an experimental treatment which erases harsh memories from the human brain. In doing so he finds that he really does want to remember Clementine (Winslet) no matter how painful it might be.

Working for Academic Advising Reform
By Katie Scott - ASUI Director of Academics

Academic advising has been a hot topic within ASUI for over a decade. Students and advisors have been frustrated for years; and for years the university community has been clamoring for change. It finally appears that change is in sight. Recently, Vice Provost Jeanne Christiansen put together an advising work group to do something to combat poor advising. This group will consider data from past advising reports in addition to student, staff, and faculty suggestions for improving advising at the UI.

Senator Zach Arama and I have been welcomed into the group to speak up for students. We are working diligently with staff, faculty, and administrators in the committee on a variety of tasks, including: 1) Developing a mission statement about good, effective advising. Currently, there is no such statement that defines advising at the university level; 2) Examining different advising structures across campus (professional staff advising, faculty advising, peer advising, etc.) in order to see what’s working and what could potentially be improved; and 3) Developing a survey for students to provide feedback to their advisors.

Reform is happening, and I am very interested in what you have to say. If you would like to share your advising experience or offer suggestions, please email me at katie@scott.asui.uidaho.edu.
Rewarding Service in Pikeville, KY

Kelby Wilson-ASUI Senator

Over spring break I was one of eleven University of Idaho Students who joined 30 members of the University of Kentucky’s Christian Student Fellowship to work on a Sandy Valley Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build in Pikeville, Kentucky. After travelling well over 24 hours fighting snow and canceled flights, we arrived in Pikeville and restocked for our week of building in the Pikeville First Christian Church (our home camp for the week). Monday morning we set out to Robinson Heights, the brain child of current Sandy Valley Habitat for Humanity President Blake Robinson with lots of 29 homes. Where he foundation and floor stood we were met by Casey Horton, Habitat’s new director and Mike Froman, the builds construction foremen. Over the next five days we framed, roofed, insulated, sided and sheet rocked the home. By Friday afternoon with doors and windows installed, the impact of our service was visible and emotionally moving.

We had worked all week alongside Pam Newsome, who is the director of the Shelby Valley Senior Citizens Center and her 16-year-old son Garrett who will be living in the house. On the first day, fairly early in the morning, I started chatting with one of the boys I thought was from UK. After some discussion I found out he was instead from Pikeville. A little later I asked “So, you seem to know Pam, pretty well?” He responded, “Yeah, she’s my mom.” I was talking her 24-year-old son Isaiah Newsome. He was quoted in the local paper a few days later saying, “I’m terribly excited for my mom. It’s unbelievable how the Lord has blessed us,” and added that his parents divorced, and his mom has raised him and his brother by herself.

He was absolutely an amazing person to work with all week. This is the first service project I have been on where I could truly see the impact of my volunteering. There couldn’t be a more deserving family. And, as Habitat stresses, the home is not a hand out, but rather a hand up.

A big thank you goes out to our team advisor Butch Fealy for his hard work and patience during the week. I would also like to thank Blake, Casey and Mike, and most importantly the Newsome family for taking such good care of us and providing a wonderful service break experience.

If this service opportunity sounds like something you would be interested in, the ASUI Volunteer Center has numerous programs available to you. I encourage you to stop by their office, Idaho Commons Room 301, and become involved. Service on all levels makes society a better place for everyone and provides a personally rewarding experience.

My Thoughts on Service Trips

By: David Church-ASUI Senator

I have been on two Alternative Service Break trips thus far during my college career. The first one was to Waveland, MS and I went to Newport, TN on my second trip. They were also some of the greatest experiences of my life. In fact, I have intentions on going on another trip before I graduate.

As part of a college education as a whole, I encourage every student to participate in some sort of service trip such as ASB. There are two main reasons why I personally believe that participating in large-scale service programs, such as ASB, is one of the best things someone can do while in college.

The first and most obvious reason is that participants have the opportunity to help others that are in great need. My first trip to Mississippi involved doing hurricane relief after Katrina. I went on this trip in Spring 07, which was a full year and a half after the storm. Most of the people there were still living in FEMA trailers waiting for the money to start rebuilding. The people that actually were in the process of rebuilding needed someone to help to rebuild—which is why we were there. My second trip to Tennessee involved me volunteering in one of the poorest counties in the country.

Most importantly, these trips are life-changing experiences. In both trips I went on, there were times that were great and there were times where I just wanted to leave. However, it was during the times that I hated that I gained the most. In the end, I came through the hardships and became a better person because of that. I even learned a few things about myself that I could never have elsewhere.

It is for these reasons, and many more that I believe all students should go on a service trip of some sort. They teach things about being a person that can never be taught inside the classroom. It is something that must be experienced.

For more information about service trips, please contact the ASUI Center of Volunteerism and Social Action.

The Life of a Senator

Kristin Caldwell-ASUI Senator

While campaigning for Senate Elections last fall, I came across dozens of students who had never heard of ASUI—who didn’t even know our university had student leaders called Senators. How could these 15 people, who work so hard, be unrecognized by such a large percentage of the student population? With elections coming up next week, I felt it necessary to explain exactly what a Senator does.

The Senate is made up of 15 Senators, and the ASUI Vice President presides over each of our weekly meetings held on Wednesday nights. These meetings are conducted under parliamentary procedure, in business attire, and at the beginning of every meeting is an opportunity for student organizations or other persons to come and speak to us regarding issues or events on campus (open forum). Prior to the meetings, a pre-session is usually held. Some pre-sessions we’ve had this semester were with the Violence Prevention Center, Dean Pitman, Carl Root (Parking), and Peg Godwin (manager of the UI Bookstore).

In addition to weekly meetings, Senators have several more responsibilities. First, each Senator is assigned 3 or 4 living groups. It is their duty to visit these living groups on a bi-weekly basis, informing the students of upcoming events. Visiting living groups also gives the students a chance to voice their concerns about the University of Idaho, and any voiced opinions are usually reported back to the entire Senate. Each Senator also serves on an ASUI Executive Board (Commons and Union, Campus Recreation, Vandal Entertainment, Activities) and on a Senate committee (Finance, Rules and Regulations, and Government Operations and Appointments). Many ASUI Senators serve on a taskforce as well. Currently we have 2 taskforces: Student Engagement and Safety. With any additional time, students work on individual projects. A few of these projects include parking, advising, and philanthropies.

As you can see, ASUI Senators dedicate a great deal of time to their positions and UI. If you find your personal leadership skills and work ethic to be high, consider running for a position on the Senate in the next elections. Personally, it has been one of the best learning experiences of my life.

Elections are next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 14-16). Just over 12% of undergraduate students voted in the election last semester. If you want Senators that will continue working hard in ASUI, make it a point to read about the candidates online, and vote for the ones who will make the effort.