Tree-free or not tree-free? Senate considers question

Adam E. Wilson

In an end-of-the-year crunch of business, the ASUI Senate is considering a bill that would effectively state the students of the University of Idaho endorse an investigation into using tree-free or 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper.

Originally, the bill endorsed switching to tree-free paper, but was amended to read "aggressively investigating the possibility of using" tree-free or recycled paper.

The bill was written by Senator Ken DeCelle and SEAC member Wade Gruhl and introduced to committee last Wednesday. SEAC, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, hopes the resolution will help their drive to have UI switch to kenaf paper, which is not made out of trees but the starchy plant kenaf.

In addition to sending a letter of proposal to UI President Bob Hoover, the vocal group has started a petition to present to the administration. They said they had collected 1,171 names, of which 969 were students, in a news release Sunday.

The petition is the only way the billsays the petition shows a widespread support among UI students for the move to an environmentally friendly policy.

ASUI Vice President Adam Browning is lending his support to the bill. "If we can purchase a comparable quality paper for roughly the same price, and at the same time be responsible guardians of the environment, I think everybody wins," he said in the release.

Opponents of the switch, however, say the alternative papers are simply too expensive, several times that of the industry paper now used.

"The only thing that switching to kenaf would do is raise fees," said Senator Jason Sorge. "I'd rather raise fees $5 for concerts than switch to tree-free paper." Others see the switch as disloyal.

"I think that for us, as the University of Idaho, it would be a complete slap in the face," Senate Pro Tem Rebecca Coyle said, "since so many people of this state are employed by the timber industry; not to mention the money."

The fate of the bill is uncertain. Now it is in committee, and if is not cleared by the committee by the Senate meeting tomorrow, it is effectively killed. Tomorrow night's meeting is the last of the semester.

The likely outcome appears to be the defeat of the bill. The amendments that suggest an investigation rather than a definite switch, however, might have been over enough senators to pass.

If passed, the bill would have no direct effect. The ASUI is not directly involved in deciding whether or not to use the tree-free paper. It would, however, put the ASUI's collective lobbying weight behind the drive.

Catching air and sunshine

Student Media breaks from ASUI Senate, debates new bylaws

Charlotte West

The ASUI and the Media Board might experience a separation of powers. A bill concerning the Media Board's bylaws will be voted on tomorrow night.

A bill last semester already removed the Senate's control of media, but the bill tomorrow could complicate the separation.

Funds are now appropriated by the Associated Fee Committee which also allocates money to the three student government organizations, the ASUI, the Graduate Student Association and the SBA.

Senator Steve Adams said the Fee Committee was enacted last year to set up SBA and USA as financially correct organizations.

"We used to be allotted money from the ASUI but now we are funded directly from the fee committee," said Jamie Waggoner, GEM of the Mountain yearbook editor and next year's Media Board chair.

"The groundwork was already laid out in a prior bill. This is pretty much taking up the mess left behind," she said. Currently, Student Media consists of ASUI Advertising, Argonaut, GEM yearbook, and KUOI radio station.

In effect, because the ASUI no longer controls the media's pocketbook, it has no control over the media. "The separation has already happened because the only power that ASUI had over them was funding," said ASUI Senator Jason Sorge. He expects the new bylaws to pass.

"If ASUI isn't finding us anymore, they shouldn't be governing us. By the future, the board will be deciding for itself. The ASUI won't be involved at all," said Waggoner.

Once the Media Board completely separates, they will be completely independent. Adams said the student media will be financially responsible for all costs.

"The media has been going into debt consecutively for the last few years. This is a one shot deal. When there is no more money, there is no more money," he said.

If they run out of funds, student media operations would be shut down.

In another bill, the Media Board has asked for a $30,000 transfer of funding from the ASUI General Reserve "to provide the USMB with a reserve as they separate from the ASUI."

Waggoner said the money is the amount of the reserve that the student media would normally receive. "It's a one time thing, something we can add into to make it grow," she said.

Argonaut Editor-in-Chief Michelle Kalkbrenner said the reserve will act as cushioning if revenues generated aren't as high as expected. She said it will be scary if the media can't meet expected budgets.

"If it were to happen, one of the entities of student media might be shut down," she said. On the other hand, she said that the independence from ASUI will give the department heads a chance to act immediately if things start to go downhill. She feels the separation is a win-win situation. "It will give us a chance to expand and have the freedom that the press should have," Kalkbrenner said.

Kalkbrenner said bylaws are guidelines which override and govern procedures of various organizations. In addition, the ASUI has a set of rules and regulations. Within the rules and
Local News

Superintendent to repay cost of endorsement

MOSCOW — When Moscow School District Superintendent Jack Hill sent out letters to the editor supporting Marilyn Howard’s candidacy for Idaho schools chief, he hoped they would be noticed by editors and readers.

They were, but not in the way Hill had hoped.

Hill has apologized to his school board and reimbursed the district for inadvertently using public tax dollars for a political endorsement sent to 13 Idaho newspapers.

In what he called “just a stupid mistake,” the letters endorsing Moscow’s West Park Elementary School principal in the Democratic primary were typed by a district secretary, printed on district stationery, placed in a district envelope and mailed using the district postal meter — all paid for by taxpayers.

The cost was $4.55.

As a private citizen, Hill is free to endorse whatever he likes for elections and can mention he is superintendent. School boards also can pass resolutions supporting or opposing ballot issues or candidates.

But tax dollars cannot be expended.

Hill said the letters were not intended for use, but a mix-up may have been made in with a stack of district correspondence waiting to be typed and put on district stationery by accident.

“I saw it as a stupid mistake,” he said Friday. “Certainly if I had thought about it, I wouldn’t have done it that way, but it was just a stupid mistake.”

Locke, WSU students wrestle with race issues

PULLMAN — Gov. Gary Locke has a piece of advice for communities seeking to heal the wounds of prejudice: Hold a forum.

Locke spoke to a campus forum held Thursday at Washington State University as an example of a bold approach to what Dr. Locke called “the problem of racism.”

“We can begin by simply letting down our defenses and listening to each other with open hearts and open minds,” Locke said in opening a 2 1/2-hour meeting that attracted about 400 people, mostly students. “This might not be comfortable or familiar, but it is absolutely necessary to the future of this country, to the future of this campus.”

The Democrat, who won election in 1996 as the nation’s first Chinese-American governor, saluted President Clinton for helping inspire the forum with his call for town hall-style meetings on race issues.

Locke was one of 12 governors across the country who took part Thursday in activities tied to Clinton’s national dialogue on race.

The events were a follow-up to the U.S. Senate’s declaration of April 30, 1997, as National Emancipation and Elimination Racism Day.

“IT think this is a brilliant strategy,” Locke said.

Discussion among people of different ethnicities is a refreshing shift from the confrontation and litigation that have accompanied much of the nation’s debate over race, he said.

As WSU President Sam Smith introduced Locke, a group of about 10 students sat from their chairs, held up protest signs and briefly chanted, “What do we want? Tenure for Dr. Saine.”

Abdoulaye Saine is a West African assistant professor who was recently denied tenure by a faculty committee.

The decision has served as a rallying point for students who say WSU administrators aren’t going far enough to promote diversity on campus.

A key issue is recruiting and retaining minority faculty who can serve as role models for students on the largely white, rural campus.

Some students regarded the forum — which was organized by the university administration as a feel-good event focusing on overt racism such as hate crimes rather than more subtle forms of bias — with disappointment.

“They just want to make sure they look good,” said Marilyn Bayona, a Hispanic graduate student, who organized the forum. “This is a good start, but there has to be more.”

But Locke was listening but kind words for WSU administrators.

“It would be relatively easy to host a forum everywhere it is fine, where there is no controversy,” he told reporters after his opening speech.

Locke said he was concerned about the same issues as student protesters, including faculty diversity and recent acts of hatred on campus such as the placement of an envelope containing a swastika at the door of a Jewish professor.

He added he had no intention of telling WSU administrators how to address campus race issues. Doing so would “squander academic freedom,” he said.

But he said the Legislature can help the school court diversity goals by bolstering full-time salaries of both minority and white faculty.

“We’re having a brain drain from all our colleges and universities across the state,” the governor said.

State News

Billionaire recovering from spinal column operation

BOISE — Billionaire J.R. Simplot is recovering from surgery to relieve pressure on his sciatic nerve brought on by an arthritic block in his spinal column.

The 90-minute surgery was performed Thursday by Drs. Christian Zimmerman and David Hench at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. They said Simplot, 89, would be discharged Saturday.

“He went extremely well. They had him moving in his room by noon yesterday,” Simplot’s spokesman, Fred Zere, said Friday.

The sciatic nerve extends down the back of each leg to the feet. It controls feeling and movement in the leg and foot.

Zere characterized Simplot’s overall health as good.

“He was anxious to get to and get it done, and get relief from the increasing pain he was experiencing,” Zere said. “He’ll be convalescing for two to three weeks, I presume at home.”

Simplot is the founder and former chairman of the J.R. Simplot Co., a privately held agricultural company based in Boise. He also is a director and the biggest shareholder of Microsoft.

Last September, Forbes magazine reported that Simplot was the 53rd-richest person in the United States.

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WSU weekend riot injures 23 police, 18 students

PULLMAN — A party that got out of hand early Sunday in a residential area next to Washington State University led to a confrontation in which 23 police officers were injured and tear gas was used.

Beer cans and rocks were thrown at the officers when they responded to a car-pedestrian accident in the area at about 12:30 a.m., according to a news release from the city and university. As many as 200 people — many apparently WSU students — were at the party in a rental house at the time.

The confrontation with a law-enforcement team of about 100 officers attracted several hundred onlookers, and couches and mattresses were set on fire in the street, authorities said.

Three people were arrested, police said, adding that they planned to review video footage and still photos and could make more arrests.

Authorities were unsure what prompted the violence.

"It was a spontaneous event at a party house," Pullman Police Chief Ted Weatherly said.

Police used water hoses and small amounts of tear gas and smoke in a failed attempt to disperse the crowd, which approached campus as the confrontation dragged on.

"Any time we started to move, they would surge at us," Whitman County Sheriff Steve Tomson said. "As a graduate of Washington State University, I've never seen so embarrassed in my life. They were running right out of control. We're absolutely lucky that nobody got killed up there."

Four students were injured in minor injuries at the hospital and released, Weatherly said.

"Damage from the disturbance included broken windows in three off-campus businesses and broken car windows, Weatherly said. A Washington State Patrol cruiser and a Pullman police car were among the damaged vehicles."

Some students said the violence was sparked in part by unrest over recent crackdowns on alcohol use at fraternities and other off-campus housing.

"We were fine before they (police) came," student Chad Small said. "We were all just sitting here doing nothing. And they came and people cheered, like they were waiting for them to come."

WSU President Sam Smith said he was upset that "an isolated incident involving students can portray the WSU community in such a negative light."

"WSU-Pullman has 17,000 students; only a small percentage of those students were involved" in the confrontation, he said.

Smith said many students and other citizens cooperated with authorities.

"I also commend the law enforcement personnel who demonstrated great restraint in the face of attack," he said.

Final exams at the school begin next week.

The Pullman City Council last month began considering a proposal to ban public disturbance and expand a ban on loud outdoor noise, in part to curb raucous off-campus parties.

Last summer, WSU banned liquor from fraternity parties. Students of legal age can drink in their rooms, but not during parties.

On Saturday, police in East Lansing, Mich., fired tear gas into a crowd of 3,000 Michigan State University students who lit a bonfire in the city's downtown to protest a ban on drinking at a favorite party spot.

And police in New Hampshire were pelted with bottles, beer cans and rocks when they tried to disperse more than 500 partying Plymouth State College students and visitors early Saturday.

Moscow Police expect quiet UI dead week finals

Candice Long

The Moscow Police are not planning to step up security before the final exams at Washington State University got somewhat out of hand over the weekend.

Although the Pullman riot may fairly close to house, Moscow Chief of Police Dan Weaver insists the Moscow police have a good relationship with students and student groups at the University of Idaho.

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UI team wins money at environmental design contest

Yvonne Wingett

A University of Idaho student environmental team, Waste-management Education and Research Consortium, won $5,750 in the WERC Environmental Design Contest held April 14-17 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM.

For the eighth year, the Waste-management Education and Research Consortium hosted over 70 judges and over 200 university student teams for competition that combined "real-world" waste management and remediation problems and students' inventive solutions.

This year, WERC presented four tasks from private and public sites in New Mexico, Washington, Colorado, and Idaho. The teams were able to choose to solve any of the four environmental challenges: mine tailings recovery, concrete slab treatment, remediation of contaminated ground water, and development of an in-tank real-time sensor.

The UI team tackled task one, three and four, and their concentrated efforts and attempts won them first place in task three, plot oral presentation in task one, and outstanding oral presentation in task four.

The winners were determined by judges' rating based on a written report and oral and poster presentation and a working bench-scale model. Experts tested the resulting samples of the bench-scale design to determine how successful the students were with their cleanup efforts.

Thirty-four teams from 22 universities and colleges around the nation competed in the WERC competition this year.

More than $60,000 in prize money, which was donated by industry sponsors, was presented at an awards banquet on April 17.

Participating schools included Cleveland University, New Mexico State University, Oklahoma State University, United Arab Emirates University, University of Akasai, University of California-Riverside, and University of Washington.

Contest winners and photographs can be viewed at www.werc.net/contest.htm.

Past and present chief justices seek help ensuring access for the poor

Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Chief Justice Linda Copele Trout and former Chief Justice Charles McDevitt said on Friday that more than lawyers will be needed for Idaho to meet the growing demand for legal services for the poor.

"It is clear the legal community has the primary responsibility to narrow the gap between what is needed in terms of legal services and what is available," McDevitt said as part of Law Day observances emphasizing equal access to Idaho courts.

"We are still looking for ways to increase student involvement such as holding open forums. "We hope to get more input that way. We want a broad perspective on our board," said Waggoneer.

The board is self-selecting with two staggered terms. Vacant positions on the board are filled by a majority vote. "We are looking for ways that the law is as open and fair as possible. Obviously we want to be a success and not just put our own friends or "cronies" on the board. We want a wide variety of diverse opinions and "freelance" in the business and we want to run our business right," she said.

"We believe a campaign to enhance legal services for the poor is a major part of the answer that will help stop the abuse that these tenants face," Trout said.

The Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program uses a network of attorneys providing free legal services. It matches lawyer expertise to low-income clients' needs.

The help is available to meet those needs.

Families and children, particularly in domestic violence cases, seem to be among the most vulnerable," Trout said.

"Equal access is a fundamental concept of our justice system, and unless all citizens -- regardless of their economic means -- have access to the system it doesn't work for any of us," she said.

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Kate Lombardi
Staff

Stress can reach unusually high levels during the last weeks of school. But what could be more stress relieving than belting out _Stand By Your Man_ on the front porch of the Student Academic Assistance Center? How about watching an administrator do it?

Not much, according to TAAC administrative secretary Brenda Heldbling. "It will be interesting to see if people will do karaoke in the sunshine when they normally only do it in the comfort of a dark bar."

It didn't take much light to bring the crowd out last year to listen to various courageous souls whipping out a snappy version of It's Not Unusual.

"Last year, we had several hundred people watching — eating lunch, walking by and stopping, or just watching: we also had a lot of participants," Heldbling said.

But it wasn’t just participants that made last year's karaoke feel a success. "We also have had a lot of support from the community," Heldbling said. "In the past, we had to give away prizes between every song."

And those prizes aren’t anything to scoff at. This year, the grand prize, donated by the Bon Marche, is worth about $200 and there are numerous others for most male and female participation, and living group participation.

Yet, the prizes are not given according to ability so even those shower singers can pipe up. "The prizes are random, but you have more of a chance of winning a prize the more times you sing," Heldbling said.

Yet, even if the prizes aren't enough to get flocks of eager, young Rat Packs milling around, waiting for their turn, the TAAC sweetened the deal: if a student brings an administrator and has them sing, then the student’s name will be put in for the drawing twice.

"Usually the student ends up singing with the staff, but if it’s great to see a teacher or administrator singing karaoke," Heldbling said.

The TAAC hopes the karaoke will be a stress reliever and also a thank you to students. "We want the students to know just how much we appreciate them," Heldbling said. "Because we wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for them. We wanted to give them a fun break before finals and before they leave."

So warm up those vocal chords and pick out song requests — karaoke runs from 2-6 p.m. Friday in front of the TAAC.
Letters to the Editor

Real information about dibenzo-p-dioxins and their effects

This letter is in response to the letter by Mr. Raymond Jenests titled "SEAC seeks to show information down students' throats", printed in the April 24 issue. Mr. Jenests, your letter is absolutely correct regarding the "smell of Lewiston" in the odor is not caused by dioxins. However, you are greatly misinformed about the potential carcinogenic effects of dioxins and furans (another product of bleached kraft pulp). The letters, especially 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD), are potentially among the most hazardous xenobiotics known to human beings. Many of us from earlier generations, especially we Vietnam vets, are very familiar with 2,3,7,8-TCDD as the benchmark around the herbicide "Agent Orange." It is also a primary product from the bleaching process using elemental chlorine. Dioxins have been shown in numerous research studies to cause various cancers that include liver, brain and skin cancer and have been implicated in the occurrence of various birth defects. After mysterious studies, the government of Canada outlawed the use of elemental chlorine in its bleached kraft pulp mills. Among other effects of TCDDs reported have been reduced reproductive function and development in fishes. 

Mr. Jenests stated that the cancer rate in Lewiston is not much different than the whole state of Idaho, yet failed to recognize that cancers often take more than 20 years to develop. Therefore, we can already place an upper limit on the number of these cases. On this campus we have a library and within that library are scientific journals. Within those journals are articles written by professors, some of which have performed research involving dioxins. If you are not able to find articles on the subject, I encourage you to contact me as I have numerous articles, and a graduate student in Canada, I conducted research pertaining to TCDDs on fish reproduction.

I am not a member of SEAC, although I support their efforts. While Pocahontas Corporation in Lewiston is not an icon of environmental stewardship, they are voluntarily reducing the amount of elemental chlorine used in their bleaching process. The current process reduces elemental chlorine use to approximately 30 percent with the balance made up with chlorine dioxide. Though studies have yet to fully evaluate chlorine dioxide, it appears to have less environmental effects than elemental chlorine. However, other by-products do need to be researched. Biselastone, a phenoylethene, is a common planar compound found in wood which has been shown to inhibit reproductive development and potential in fish. What effect it has on human health is still unknown, therefore Mr. Jenests I suggest caution when drinking water from the taps in Lewiston.

- Joseph J. Hunt
MS student, Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife Resources

Matt should not oppose the protest of Tibetan genocide

As a student at Eastern Washington University, I rarely get a chance to look through the Argonaut. However, I did get a chance to read a recent copy and was utterly dismayed by an article containing pseudo for Tibet's freedom. Mr. Burgonn states that he has no good reason for releasing Tibet from China's rule and questions why we think we get involved. From all of us at Eastern Washington University, we cannot understand why Tibet would be opposed to it. What Mr. Burgonn does not understand is that the International Court of Justice has recognized Tibet's right to self-determination. This case was heard by the International Court of Justice. The International Court of Justice has recognized Tibet's right to self-determination.

I am a member of the International Student Organization and I support the protest of Tibetan genocide.

-» Aaron Guitierrez
EWU student

Argonaut should give up on morality arguments

For a whole school year I have read Christian and morality arguments in the Argonaut. Am I to say that you are overlooking? It sounds more to me like you're trying to prove something to yourselves. If you have confidence in yourself, than you don't have to prove anything. There is nothing to prove. Don't seek to fulfill your insecurities and convictions by wanting Argonaut space.

Understanding your own views enables you to understand the views of others with respect. It's not going to matter if you retort the whole world. Faith does not come in numbers. It comes from within. The only person you have to convince is yourself.

- Benjamin Gage

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Opinion

Moscow drivers could learn a thing or two

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s classes begin to wrap up and some people around here turn degrees, one thing will be for certain: more and more people will be taking to the highways in their quest to get home, get to their summer internship, or get at their first "real job." With this in mind, it is important to drive safely. Especially when the highways are crowded, it is important to at the very least use your turn signals, and make certain that all your lights and blinkers are working properly. I have no idea how many times I have seen a car that is not using a turn signal. People refuse to use their turn signals. I guess everyone else is supposed to be psychic and know exactly where those drivers that refuse to use their turn signals are headed. The other day a car camemerged into my lane (they had a yield sign) and was going 30 miles per hour in a 35 zone, and proceeded to turn into the last lane next to me. They did all this without using a turn signal. The worst intersection for people not using turn signals that I have noticed in Moscow is on the corner of A Street and Line Street/Circle Drive. People headed up Line Street turning east or onto A Street think they don't have to use their right turn signal, since 90 percent of the cars turn that direction. People continuing to head east on A Street usually don't see their turn signals to turn right either, and of course they don't use them to go straight. Finally cars headed west at this intersection on A Street feel like they can either turn left or go straight, without using a turn signal. I lived near that corner for about six months and heard cars crunching together more than once. All this is caused by bad drivers who don't like to use their turn signals.

College drivers tend to be the worst in the "turn signal" regard. Not only do people over age usually speed, but they tend to turn on their turn signals right as they begin to make a turn. That's not helpful, especially at four way stop signs.

Part of the problem with people not using their turn signals is enforcement. The police can easily catch drivers for speeding, but it's harder to catch people blatantly not using their turn signals, and it's much more of a judgment call by the police whether or not these cars should be pulled over. Even if these bad drivers are pulled over, they are likely to be let off with a warning, than to receive a ticket. Still, officers wanting drivers to use their turn signals could go a long way in curbing this annoying and dangerous habit.

If the quest home will require driving at night please make sure that all the lights on your car are in working order. Just this past weekend when I was driving on Highway 95 north of Moscow at night, I came beyond a mile with that had absolutely no tail lights. Had an animal not across the road and the van slammed on their brakes, there would have likely been a wreck.

As the jubilation of the end of the school year sets in, resist the temptation to drive inches from bicyclists, honk your horn, and scare the hell out of them. This happened to me just a couple of weeks ago — the driver of a four-wheeled vehicle, instead of slowing down as I was riding as far over as possible on a 3 lane street (Jackson), he was not only to was. I was subjected to my being involved in a wreck, including innocent victims. After all, the last place anyone wants to end up after school lets out is dead in a body bag.

-Mrs. Burgess

The "Man's Best Friend"

Not only in the presence of a dog do people tend to do things they are too embarrassed to do alone. It's not uncommon for a driver to use his horn to threaten someone during a dispute, and for the horn to come from a dog being driven. As a woman and a dog owner, I have noticed this phenomenon many times. Dogs are becoming a new trend in driving.

A dog can be seen as a symbol of independence and freedom, which are qualities that many people are looking for in their lives. As a result, many drivers choose to drive with their dogs in tow. The presence of a dog in the car can also help to make the car feel more secure and comfortable.

- Mrs. Smith

Easton's Everything

In today's world, we are constantly bombarded with information that we need to process and understand. This can be overwhelming at times, but it is important to stay informed. I believe that the Argonaut has a responsibility to provide accurate and reliable information to its readers. However, I have noticed a trend of misinformation and false information being published in the paper. This is problematic because it can lead to misunderstandings and even harmful actions.

It is important for the Argonaut to consider the impact of its words and to ensure that the information it publishes is truthful and reliable. This can be achieved by conducting thorough research and fact-checking before publishing an article.

- Easton

Volunteer at Argonaut Office

"Here's to talking about soccer!"

A letter to the editor is a form of public commentary that allows individuals to express their opinions on various topics. These letters can be submitted to newspapers, magazines, or online platforms, and they serve as a platform for diverse voices to share their perspectives. Letters to the editor are typically limited in length, often capped at 250-500 words, and are not intended for detailed argumentation. Instead, they are meant to provide concise, focused, and opinionated commentary on current events, personal experiences, or relevant issues. They can be used by individuals to advocate for causes, share personal stories, or simply to express their thoughts on a particular subject. The inclusion of letters to the editor in a publication can enhance the diversity of opinions and perspectives made available to the public. They are also a mechanism for individual accountability and can contribute to the democratic process by allowing citizens to participate in public discourse.
Letter to the Editor

Gay and lesbian exhibit is completely appropriate

In regard to Chris Jackson’s letter, I believe it’s her bias that is inappropriate and not the “courage” she claims exhibit. You clearly need to recognize that all families follow your biased view of what a family constitutes. I find your comments strongly insulting, hypocritical, and hypocrisy.

Gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered (GLBT) people and families seek to understand and correct misconceptions to a society that still does not completely understand or accept us. We continually have to work toward bringing understanding to people such as yourself because our society continues to discriminate against us and deny the rights that people who do not do so socially are given. Through events such as the “Love Makes a Family” exhibit, we are trying to bring such understanding and what better arena than an institution of higher learning such as Idaho State University?

Did you ever view the exhibit, Ms. Jackson? Did you see more than just the announcement in the Women’s Center newsletter? I would encourage you to view and exhibit first before criticizing it. You’ll find very loving, caring and nurturing families, who like your own family, are capable of stability, love, and yes, morals. We have received no comments from the Mother’s Weekend event in support of the notion of our students. Fortunately, you have in your community the opportunity of the opinions expressed.

I also believe you need to review your comments before you make them public. Calling the Women’s Center a “lesbian stronghold” shows your lack of understanding, but, and reveals a very close-minded. I strongly encourage you to speak with the director of the Women’s Center to air your concerns first before hurling others. She can provide you with helpful information and knowledge from firsthand experience.

Times have changed and we need to broaden our point of view.

On a side note I’d like to applaud opinion editor of the Argonaut, Wes Riedl for his supportive and constructive comments toward the rights of gay couples and Yvonne Wight for her coverage of “Love Makes a Family.” It took courage and understanding, because I’m sure they are already receiving comments to the contrary.

Christopher Pink

Do a good deed: run over a Frisbee today

Frisbees litter both bicyclists and cars, one of these cars being my own precious vehicle.

There is no excuse for this. The lack of respect that certain segments of the student body have for public property is appalling. Perhaps the next time you see fit to use my car for target practice, Mr. Frisbee-thower, you wouldn’t mind if I came up to your room and set fire to your bed? Far better, all, I have begun my own Frisbee elimination program. Any Frisbee that lands on the road while I’m driving gets run over. Crunch. If you can’t keep the damn thing off the road, tonight! I don’t drive my car onto your lawns and cut contours while you’re trying out tanning like a 16-year-old girl, strong as the temptation is, how must you toss your Frisbee onto the street.

The program is going well so far. I have already logged two kills in just the last week, as well as several one-fingered salutes delivered my way when I swerved toward road-bound Frisbees and the owners attempting to retrieve them before my Frisbee-destroying tires bed their fun. But role gestures will not turn you from my quest. If you persist in throwing those stupid plastic discs across the roadway, I will be my best to destroy them at every chance.

I have the feeling that this Frisbee-throwing problem will not end soon, since the local law enforcement appears to be much concerned about littering year as it does at dumpsters. Why students solving any of the real problems in the area. It is up to us, the campus vigilantes, to take control of the situation. If a Frisbee lands on the road, run it over. If no one else is coming, then back up and run it over again. Until these university students can learn the proper use of their toys, the rest of us must all we can to teach them a lesson. Death to Frisbees!

Adam Browning
ASU Vice President

UI needs debate and college bowl teams

As spring melts into summer and the beach and vacation start to call our names we have a tendency to let down our guards just a bit. Some of us may miss the class here and there in favor of a game of volleyball or to toss a little disc. But if you have the time and the interest there is a way to get involved in new student activities.

The ASU is interested in starting both a debate team and a college bowl team to compete for the university. This year our student fees went up $45 to $75 per student, to support Vanish athletics. Yet for a number of years now the university has not funded a competitive debate team or a college bowl team. It would only take $1 in student fees to start up a team that could potentially improve the university and as students in a number of ways.

First, no school should be without a team because of the skills that it offers to students. Analytical thinking, public speaking, research and organizational skills are all developed and utilized.

Secondly, the success of these teams of students brings academic prestige to the university in the same way that a successful athletic team does. A third point to consider is the recruitment and retention aspect. Our university debate team would most likely hold a high school debate tournament which would draw students from the whole Pacific Northwest. It is true that quality minds are attracted to quality programs. It would literally open our campus up to a whole new demographic of students that might not have the opportunity to visit our campus otherwise. And as we all know, a visit and the experience that comes with it can be the best recruiting tool we have. Finally, debate and college bowl can be fun and rewarding a symbol of pride and enjoyment for the competitors.

How can I get involved? Easy. The preliminary meetings are taking place right now and even if you are too busy with finals coming up you can forward your name to us and we can keep you updated over the summer. If you are interested please contact Kris Day at 855-2237 or kday@ui.idaho.edu. Come be part of the excitement and energy and be a founding member of a new Idaho tradition.

Christopher Pink
Guarnieri Underground highlight of Ren Fair

by Heather Frye

This year's Renaissance Fair was doubly blessed. Cool but not cold weather, delicious grease-smeared Fair food and a spectacular lineup of musicians pleased the masses packed on hay bales and stretched out on old blankets on the grass. But there were few flames left in the air when Guarnieri Underground took the stage. This Seattle group was the surprise hit of the day, inspiring a non-stop wave of dancing in their diverse yet feisty brand of world-music. They played a long set at the Fair then turned off to John's Alley to offer Moscow a sacred dose.

The group is an unusual combination of electric fusion violin, African percussion, unusual instruments, and ethereal voice. Their style flits from rock to jive, from funk to Indian to Italian to wild Irish kitsch, then splits off into oriental wash-wash to morose-lunged reminiscent of Pink Floyd but with more urgency. The group takes their name from the famous 18th century family of violin makers, the Guarneri. Each of the two basic members are part of at least one other group in Seattle, however they have been producing their unique sound as Guarneri Underground for over two years.

Ezra Cortez plays the electric violin. Jeffery Sick fronts the group. He is an energetic musician who roams through the crowd as he plays, delivering his musical sounds to the crowd's feet. His own unique musical style is being translated into pure violin yet taking influence from the Beatles, Jim Hendrix, and Buddy Guy -- artists normally associated with guitar music.

"I am not taking a serious approach. I am trying to play violin like they played guitar," said Sick. When not playing with Guarneri Underground, Sick plays in a swing band among others and does musical work for commercials.

Where he is not busy working for Microsoft, multi-talented musician John Schenker is practicing on one of the many unusual instruments he plays. He kept the crowds at the Fair and John's Alley engaged with his own electric violin, his slide trombone, a mandolin-like instrument, and his incredible melodiousness as a musician. His extensive collection of instruments prompted more than one of his band mates to trip and fall across the stage up to buy a new van just to accommodate his gear.

Mohammed Shafiu is a native of Ghana and has been playing African percussion instruments since he was a child. He got up with Sick at an art fair, jammed with him once, and the rest is... well, you know the cliché. Shafiu also boasts an impressive musical resume, he is one of the Nigerian all-stars and a former collection of African drummers. David Hilton rounds out the ensemble with his ethereal bass lines that weave like vines through the musical and are it together.

Guarnieri Underground sounded significantly better during these sets in the park. The Alley's small stage seemed to confine them somewhat. Nonetheless, they did not fail to bring either crowd to its feet, particularly during their version of "Low Rider." All of the band members were very impressive on Moscow and said that they would really like to come back next year if not sooner. If you are interested in buying a Guarnieri Underground CD or just finding out when and where they will play again, check out their web site at <www.lightsout.com>
By Amy Sanderson
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Renaissance in the people of Moscow
By Mike Last

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The two couples listening to music were gone, but other groups of people stood and sat wavying to the notes of the flute. A woman in costume, wearing a long black dress tied in the Renaissance feel, stood talking with the modern man. Holding a plastic cup and wearing a task trip, the man stroked his guinea. It could only be imagined that they were talking about the differences in their respective cultures, and centuries.

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Riggins rodeo rounds up rednecks

A Riggins Review by Mark Deming

I had grand ideas for my final newspaper school year and I ended up searching for a scoop at the 50th Anniversary of the Salmon River Cowboys Riggins Rodeo in Riggins, Idaho. Yes, I was skeptical at first—a little leery even. I tend to be of the mind that one should proceed with caution when venturing into a one home town where thousands of rednecks, many of whom are good with ropes, have gathered to partake of an event that occurs within someone’s throw of a big muddy river. My apprehensions certainly were not eased by a man I met at a gas station on route to Riggins who wanted me of "rowdy" crowds and "backwoods" police officers. In parting, he wished me luck while regarding my person with suspicious eyes that seemed to say "Boy... if you was smart, you'd trade them sandals in for a pair of boots." Consequently, the remainder of my drive was haunted by visions of a group of cowboys using my side mirror to map beer from a horizon while screaming "Are you tole to tell me that Conway Twitty ain't the Mentor?!"

However, I promptly learned upon my arrival that my fears were unwarranted. The first rodeo goers I encountered were four pretty Deadheads in a '76 Ford Maverick who had made a significant detour on their cross-country road trip for the sole purpose of attending the Riggins Rodeo. These hemp clad ladies had nothing but the highest praise for the event.

"It's so pure and primitive. It's like... it's like poetry, man. We saw a guy get his hand bashed in by big brown cows with horns!"

I quickly reflected then, and began to see the scene. I was determined to find out what kind of allure a rodeo had that could entice people of all walks of life and from all parts of the nation to journey to a tiny town who's main street features unusually large signs advertising one of its major attractions with the words "ROADSIDE TABLE." Perhaps it’s not out of love for the spirit of good old fashioned competition, I thought. Or maybe it stems from an American passion for the nostalgic pom and glory of the West. No, I decided while thoroughly enjoying myself later, it’s because we’re human and there’s some perverse brand of satisfaction that comes from drinking cheap beer and watching a masochistic fellow in large hats take turns being launched from the backs of disgruntled quadrupeds.

And there’s even more fun to it than that, I discovered after the sun went down. When the masochists give up their daily travails, they join the throng of fans consisting along Riggins' roped-off streets (okay, the usual form of street might be a bit of a stretch) for an evening gala. Events after dark are similar to those of the daytime fare except that even more emphasis is placed on the drinking of cheap beer. Eventually, it gets to the point where many of the people who have been drinking all day in the stands become dilusional enough to believe that they are masochists themselves and turn their straddling a mass of vinyl covered pneumatics — a virtual reality disgruntled quadruped called the "mechanical bull." I had no desire to ride the mechanical bull, citing the fact that I had forgotten to pack my "riding sandals." In short, drinking cheap beer continually for some fourteen hours was enough to quench my masochistic thirst.

In my quest for a respectable newspaper story, I interviewed Idaho Counties underhanded Jon Smith — one of those "backwoods" cops who, I'll add, did not display any kind of disaffection that may have come from a lack of diversity in his clientele. He turned out to be quite congenial and seemed more concerned with making sure everyone was able to enjoy themselves than with the strict enforcement of civil code.

"That's what this is all about," he commented, "coming down and having a good time, acting stupid in public.

"Acting stupid, huh?", I thought. "What's that automated bovine? Riding sandals or no riding sandals?"
Silver and Gold wraps up spring scrimmages

Idaho football shows off 'bare bones'

John Walsh, another of the three men battling for the starting quarterback position, consistently found Matt McElravy in the first quarter of play. In the final two minutes of play, Walsh found McElravy just outside the end-zone. While no touchdowns resulted, it was the closest either team had come so far to dialing out the macaroni salad so far that evening.

With spring training behind them, Tormey is still unsure about who will fill the shoes left by Brian Brennan next season. Dean, who may Vandals enthusiasm predict to take on the starting role, struggled from the pocket.

"Just watching the game, I thought Ed was a little rusty, but he hasn't played a lot in the past couple of weeks with that arm injury. Really it's the first extensive playing time he's had on a scrimmage this spring."

On the game, Dean completed 11-20 passing and threw one interception for 140 yards.

Dean's competition had some good throw on the game according to Tormey. Both Walsh and Greg Robertson pulled in decent stats. Walsh threw 3-4 for 49 yards while Robertson chimed in for the Silver team or 3-5 with an interception in the second quarter.

"As a sophomore, we'll have to keep evaluating that. We're going to go back and take a look at the tape and see where we are going into fall camp."

At the end of the first quarter, the Silver team was in the red zone and looking for the score and early in the second Willie Alderson picked up the three yards for the touchdown. The Silver team would also get the point after for the 7-0 lead. The gold team was not to be blocked in the first half and responded with a field goal with 1:37 remaining.

Both squads had very solid third and fourth quarters. Thomas would run in another touchdowns in the fourth to seal the win for the Gold team.

"The offense moved the ball pretty well most of the night and controlled the line of scrimmage I thought," said Tormey. "We made some key mistakes down inside the red zone."

Overall, Tormey was impressed with the efforts of the offensive team on both sides, especially with the Silver squad and wide receiver Chris Lacy.

"Chris Lacy really impressed me. He's had a real good spring and he's going to play a lot more for the Vandals in the next four years."

While the running game looked good with forceful performances from Thomas, Lacy, Alderson, Moody and Anthony Travers, Tormey sees a need to pick up the passing game. Indeed, Tormey was pleased with what he saw.

"I think we're a better running football team — that's going to help us down the road. I think we're more physical up front than we were a year ago,'" Tormey said.

Among the fines up front is defensive end Mac Tosi. This Idaho basketball player decided to pick up the pads again this spring and has made his presence known on the line.

"Mac is a force. He was the most improved defensive lineman this spring. He's going to make a lot a plays next year," Tormey said.

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Stadium move is step in right direction

Washington State University, Oregon State and Montana, you are going to draw in bigger crowds than if you would keep UC Davis and Portland State on the schedule. In addition, how many of you out there really want to see the Vandals destroy UC Davis on Homecoming anyway?

Look, if you want to go the distance and say that you are a Division I football program, you have to do a couple of things. The Vandals will already take care of the first issue in 1999 by playing at Martin Stadium. After that, they are going to have to find some quality competition of the likes of the aforementioned teams above.

It appears as though the Vandals will struggle with the changes for a short time. How many teams don't? Making the transition from Division I-AA to I-A is difficult, however Idaho is willing to make that transition. Once the Vandals begin to win consistently and attend a few conference games, the program should receive the national exposure it deserves. At that point, the university will be able to draw in athletes that would otherwise attend the
Humrei es en fuego

Steve Blumer

Humrei Salakuddin-Thompson wanted to be a teacher, but she never even considered pursuing a career in education. Thompson, an aspiring Spanish teacher, has been running the track for the Vandals with her blazing speed.

From a young age Thompson was around the track; it was in her blood. "My whole family did it, my dad was a sprinter and he passed it on to my older brother and older sister, so it was a family thing," Thompson said.

As a child she was always active in sports like tennis and softball. She loved the competition and the social aspect of sports.

She transferred to the University of Idaho from Weber State two years ago with an abundance of experience and success.

While at Weber State, Thompson was a force for the Wildcats. She was Big Sky Conference champion in the 400-meter indoor, had various runner-ups in the 100 and 200, and she was a member of a conference champion relay team.

Thompson transferred to Idaho after three years in Ogden because her husband Dave is a 400-meter hurdler for the Vandals and for the chance to train with head coaches Mike Kuehler and Yong Whicker.

On the track Thompson considers herself a competitive, mentally tough runner.

"I look at the mental aspect of competition as well as the physical," she said. "To me, you have to be good mentally in order to be successful."

She also understands that talent alone isn't enough that she will be first across the wire.

"I have natural speed and natural ability; the hard part now is taking the natural ability and moving to the next level," Thompson said.

One way for Thompson to better her time is by meticulously attending to her technique.

"Before I got here I didn't have a lot of technique and I ran basically off talent," she said. "When I got here I worked on my start, positioning, arm, stuff as simple as that."

Thompson feels like she has learned a great deal in the technique department.

"I learned so much this year with technique, and once it all comes together it is going to be huge," she said. "I feel right now that any day I could blow up with an awesome time."

This past weekend in Seattle at a double dual at the University of Washington, Thompson exploded like a Panter missile.

Thompson set school records in the 100-meters with a time of 11.78, and in the 200-meters with lightning fast time of 24.15.

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Her closest competitor was her training partner Katherine Hoogh, who finished second in both the 100 and 200 events.

Thompson’s performance should be an incredible confidence builder with the Big West Conference championships just around the corner.

Thompson is as a fierce competitor when it comes to her academic success as well as her success on the track.

"I like to do as good in school as I do on track. Performing well in school means a lot to me, so there is more than just running there is academics too," Thompson said.

Thompson is a true asset to the UI and to the track and field program, she has the obvious combination of athletic talent and academic ambition, which can only lead to future success as a teacher or on the track.
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"Big name colleges."

For those who think that Idaho will forever share Martin Stadium with Washington State University, think again. The Vandals have a four-year lease with the venue. Why would the Vandals continue to use the stadium after the lease is up? If we like the fact that Martin Stadium is fall each and every home game and the revenue it brings in, then we could expand the Kibbie Dome or build a stadium located in Moscow.

Yes, I know that the university is hard-pressed to come up with the kind of money needed to build a stadium right now but, in the future, we may have it. Who really wants to go to Washington State anyway to attend a UI home game? I believe that in four years, playing in Pullman will lose its luster with the students of both schools.

The university has stated that the move has been brought about for other reasons in addition to the economic factors. The school says that the move will put Idaho academics on the map. This is a true statement. But has anyone ever questioned Idaho's academic reputation? The university already was in the same league academically with other large land-grant colleges like Kansas State. The difference is that Kansas State consistently attends bowl games and is somewhat of a national football power. Therefore, Kansas State receives more exposure on the football field which later translates into the classroom.

The way in which this school's academic reputation will improve is based almost exclusively on the same idea. Once the university wins consistently at the Division I level, it will receive more exposure in and out of the classroom. Just look at schools like Notre Dame and Michigan.

For this to happen, people will need to attend the home football games. If you are bitter about the move, then realistically take a closer look at it. The Kibbie Dome is a nice place to watch a game. Many fans will likely miss that atmosphere. However, it will not be closed down during these four years. The move to Pullman is a temporary one with benefits for all of us. Fans will be able to watch us play better teams, build a bigger program and attract national exposure.

The university is making the move, predominantly, for economic reasons. It may seem a bit selfish, but the big picture should clear things up.

In business, the big companies compete and win out over the small corporation. Idaho is trying to be that competitive company.

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fans who watch Chicago Cubs games from nearby rooftops could be hit with a new tax under a proposed city ordinance.

A city alderman has introduced the ordinance, with Alderman Mark P. Smith, with a proposed city ordinance. The ordinance would impose an amusement tax on fans and safety regulations on owners who sell rooftop seats on buildings surrounding Wrigley Field.

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