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Duke Hasek listens to his diesel technology instructor, Tony Christensen, during part of his final Thursday at North Idaho College. Hasek, a student at Mountain View Alternative High School, is enrolled in the college's dual-enrollment program.

Senior is first to earn college credit for dual enrollment diesel course

COEUR d'ALENE -- Duke Hasek is blazing a trail at North Idaho College.

The Twin Lakes resident, who attends Mountain View Alternative High School in Rathdrum, is the first high school student to earn college credit while completing a professional-technical course in diesel technology at NIC.

"You get a lot of hands-on experience, a lot of shop time. You get to dig into it, not just learn from a textbook," Hasek said.

The 18-year-old high school senior hails from a family of loggers whose history is peppered with reliance on heavy equipment.

He hopes to follow in their footsteps, but not into the trees.

"I'm going to go up to Alaska and work on heavy equipment," Hasek said.

At NIC, Hasek is learning how to repair and maintain the machines used by loggers and other heavy equipment operators.

He is earning credit toward an associate's degree in diesel technology and is looking forward to a career working on semi trucks, forklifts and backhoes.

Steve Casey, director of WINGS, NIC's dual, or concurrent, credit program, said the college is ready to unveil three new professional-technical dual-credit programs in automotive technology, diesel technology and outdoor power/recreation vehicle technology.

"It's the first time we've been able to do that," Casey said.

The new classes will be held at an existing NIC site in Coeur d'Alene on Ramsey Road already equipped for teaching classes of that type so there is no capital outlay to get the dual credit program started, Casey said.

NIC has been unable, until now, to offer these programs to high school students because space limitations on campus only allowed for limited enrollment.

Casey said it was a fluke that Hasek was able to enroll in the class last year because there is usually no room for high school students after the classes fill with regular college students.

With more space off campus, Casey is pleased to be able to offer the program to about 26 high school students who have already shown interest.

"It's going to cost them \$60 per credit, but when you look at the long-term investment, you've got a year of college under your belt for half the cost," Casey said.

A student who starts the program as a high school junior and completes it as a senior will enter NIC as a college sophomore.

Casey said one of the issues that creates problems for kids headed for college is accessibility to courses that may help them decide whether to pursue a technical or associate's degree.

"Many don't go on to college at all," Casey said.

Casey's vision is to find locations similar to the Ramsey Road site in other school districts, such as Lakeland and Post Falls, so the NIC program can be more accessible to high school students throughout the area.

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FROM THE LEWISTON TRIBUNE (PASSWORD REQUIRED)

Vandal pride a family affair

Melissa Newhouse will graduate Saturday from the University of Idaho as the latest in a long line of UI Vandals in the family.

Contributed photo

Melissa Newhouse visited the University of Idaho in 1990 (at right, on the I bench) at age 3 with her sister Elizabeth, who went to WSU and is now a medical student at Penn State. UI grad will be 48th member of her family with same alma mater

By Joel Mills

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MOSCOW - Melissa Newhouse says she's been more than just a number at the University of Idaho.

"It's not a factory here," says Newhouse, 21, quoting her grandmother and fellow UI alumna Gretchen Newhouse. "They don't just push people through the line."

But in another sense, Newhouse is just a number. On Saturday, she'll become the 48th member of her family to join Vandal Nation. She will graduate with an accounting degree from the university that has launched so many of her kin into careers in law, real estate, business, engineering, finance and more.

Newhouse says she was so steeped in Vandal lore it was a natural choice for her to move to Moscow from her hometown of Pendleton, Ore.

"I heard so many stories growing up, it almost became familiar to me," Newhouse says while basking in the rare spring sun in the UI College of Business and Economics during finals week.

And when she did officially arrive as a student-to-be, another Vandal alumna was eager to take her own nostalgic review. "It's funny - mom and I actually took off from the campus tour early," she says of Roberta, her mother and a fellow accounting grad.

Newhouse's father, Charles, and his brothers Robert, Frank and John are all alumni, as is her grandfather, retired Idaho District Judge Robert Newhouse. There are also scads of aunts, cousins and other relatives.

She believes the earliest Vandal in the family was her great-great grandfather John Rossgood, who came to Moscow in 1908.

But the Newhouse extended family is far from a privileged bunch of elitist academics, she adds.

"A lot of them had to work hard." Her dad and her uncle Frank even took on one of the world's most dangerous jobs, Alaskan crab fishing, to help pay for their educations.

Even though college has become vastly more expensive than when her ancestors were students, Newhouse says there were always high expectations placed on her and her older sister, Elizabeth.

"We were raised with the assumption that college was the next step," she says, adding another quote from her grandmother. "Why be the nurse if you can be the doctor?"

Newhouse represents the fifth generation of her family to attend the UI, and once she starts a family, she says, there will certainly be a sixth.

Newhouse is also part of another small family tradition: finishing school early. "I'll actually graduate in three years," she says, explaining that she earned 30 college credits while still a student at Pendleton High School through dual enrollment at Blue Mountain Community College. "I was able to come into Idaho technically as a transfer student."

Her grandfather and mother also finished quickly, each in three and a half years. "I guess the early graduation runs in the family."

The next order of business for Newhouse is more business. She plans on attending the University of Portland or the University of Nevada Las Vegas to earn her master of business administration degree. Then a career in sales or marketing is a possibility, she says.

Newhouse somewhat reluctantly admits not every member of her clan has trod down UI's famous Hello Walk, or cheered in the Kibbie Dome. Her sister got her undergraduate degree at Washington State University, and is now a medical student at Penn State.

A couple of her cousins are going to the University of Washington. And woe to uncle John, who is now allied with the UI's arch-rival.

"He actually works for Boise State (University) in their accounting department," she says. "So shame on him."

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Nursing student looks forward to providing compassionate care

Stephanie Ogden
Everyone has a story

By David Johnson

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David Johnson People featured in this column have been selected randomly from the telephone book.

The joy of nursing, says Stephanie Ogden of Clarkston, is a product of accepting the nitty-gritty of life and then devoting yourself to the sanctity of life.

In other words, now that the 19-year-old Walla Walla Community College student has conquered bedpans and cadavers, she's ready to exercise some innate compassion.

"I've always wanted to work in the medical profession," says the 2006 Clarkston High School graduate. "I just didn't know if I wanted to be a doctor or a nurse."

She chose the latter after realizing she liked the intimacy of providing patient care.

"I think you have to have compassion and heart. And you have to like what you're doing. You can't go to work being a nurse and say, 'Oh, gosh, another day of taking care of patients.' You can't just throw them their meds. You've got to take the time to listen to them and see what they're going through."

The first time she dealt with death, Stephanie says, she found herself wrestling with the reality of something so final. "I had a patient pass away," she recalls of her work as a nurse's aide at Tri-State Hospital in Clarkston. "She didn't die when I was there, but I had cared for her for a month. That was really hard. That's the downfall of the work, I guess. But you know she's comfortable and in a better place now."

The oldest of Kenneth and Sherie Ogden's two daughters, Stephanie joined the community college's Running Start Program in high school and began taking courses toward a nursing degree. "My first year of school I went to Eastern Washington University." But Stephanie says she found the nursing program at Cheney too big and a bit intimidating.

"I knew Walla Walla had an awesome program down here. Now I'm planning to finish my nursing degree here, and after that I'm going to do my bachelor's" at either Lewis-Clark State College or Washington State University.

On this day, Stephanie is readying herself for a visit to the LCSC cadaver lab. "I'm a little nervous," she says of the field trip in conjunction with an anatomy and physiology class, "but I find it interesting."

Such hands-on and sometimes stark experiences, Stephanie says, are critical to building a foundation for the job of nursing. Likewise, tasks like bedpan duty can't be avoided.

"The first time I encountered that was for a class," Stephanie says, recalling training at a rest home. "You've got to understand you're helping people because they can't help themselves."

Her part-time work at Tri-State Hospital, Stephanie says, has both broadened her experience and reinforced her decision to pursue a nursing career. "I work in the intensive care unit at Tri-State. I just got the job in December and I've learned so much."

She was recently offered an opportunity to observe a surgery and she took it. "I was really nervous because I didn't know what to expect. At first I was like, oh my gosh, I'm going to pass out. But I did handle it. And I called my mom right away."

Her parents, Stephanie says, raised both her and her younger sister, Stacey (a senior at Clarkston High School) to pursue their dreams. A three-sport athlete in high school, Stephanie says she's managed to channel her competitiveness into her quest for a secure future.

"Get yourself done, and then have fun," she says of her mission-oriented lifestyle. "I'm very goal-oriented. That's just how I've been raised, I guess." She's even opted to set romance aside. "Pretty much I've decided I'm just going to focus on me. I'm going to do me."

Instead of maintaining a boyfriend, she bought a puppy. "A cute little chocolate Lab."

The future, Stephanie says, will of course be geared to where nursing takes her, hopefully to Spokane or beyond. "I like the bigger cities, maybe because I lived here all my life." Nursing, Stephanie says, offers a world of opportunity, not only to help people, but also to live in many places and travel.

"I love it all. It's all so interesting, and the cool thing about nursing is that if you get bored with one area, you can go to another area. It's always changing."

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FROM THE IDAHO STATESMAN

BSU grant to help build interest in science

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“You couldn’t have designed an initiative to better reflect the principles that are paramount to our growing research programs all across campus,” said Mark Rudin, Boise State’s vice president for research. “This research is timely and relevant to the community. Its legacy will not only be new and engaging science curriculums for educators, but also a revitalized interest in science among our children.”

Idaho public school students struggle with science, based on statewide achievement test scores. Among the problems are instruction based heavily on students reading textbooks instead of doing hands-on science, and teachers who lack detailed training to be science instructors.

Karen Viskupic, a Boise State geosciences professor, was awarded funding for the initiative by the foundation and will oversee the project along with Jim Belthoff, chairman of Boise State’s biology department, and David Wilkins, a professor of geosciences at Boise State.

The grant is the largest National Science Foundation award BSU has ever received.

FROM THE TWIN FALLS TIMES-NEWS

Squaring off for T.F. school board

Two candidates campaign for one seat

By Andrea Jackson

Staff writer

Two men running for a vacancy on the Twin Falls School Board say they're friends and wish they could both take a seat.

But voters in the southeast part of town will need to choose one May 20.

Local business owner Richard Crowley, and Jeff Fox, a college professor, both have kids in the school district and are running for the Zone 5 seat currently held by Rob Atkins.

Atkins did not file for re-election after serving a single three-year term.

Crowley owns Crowley's Soda Fountain and General Store, a family business, and has also managed other businesses over the years. After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1979, Crowley said he got a bachelor of science degree in business management from Brigham Young University, along with a graduate certificate in gerontology.

Crowley, a father of five, said he's served in LDS church leadership roles, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, Boy Scouts of America, as well as on leadership committees for downtown Twin Falls.

School operations involve financial management, and Crowley said aspects of his background make him a strong candidate.

"The people will need to decide whether to elect a businessman or an educator," said Crowley.

Crowley and Fox both said they've been active parents in the Twin Falls School District, and this week they visited Morningside Elementary School to answer questions from voters.

"People say what's your platform," said Crowley. "It's about being a parent, and being part of a team."

Fox is an English professor and chairs the College of Southern Idaho English, Languages and Philosophy Department. He has master's and bachelor's degrees in English, and tacked on a doctorate in educational leadership in 2008 from the University of Idaho.

He's produced jazz radio shows, plays instruments, and has served on various school committees.

"I hope there will be a big turnout for Zone 5," said Fox. "My interests have always been in schools themselves."

Longstanding, 16-year school board veteran Vera Redman recently announced she's stepping down on June 30 - two years shy of concluding her three-year term. Fox and Crowley said they'd like to apply for her seat, but live in the wrong school zone.

The last contested race in the school district was in 2005 when Atkins was elected.

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