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WASHINGTON — The Red Hot Mamas from Couer d'Alene, participate in the inaugural parade Saturday.

Hot Mamas light GW's fire

BY LEAH ANDREWS
OPINION EDITOR

With the motto "dedicated to the exploitation of merriment and the enhancement of the ridiculous," the Red Hot Mamas gave the Inaugural Parade a unique flare Saturday and showed the nation a side of Idaho few rarely see in Washington D.C.

The Mamas, who lead relatively normal lives as waitresses, business owners, teachers and homemakers between parades and public engagements, captured the media's attention as well as the president's, as they brought their zany costumes, sporty shopping carts and synchronized moves to Pennsylvania Ave.

Mikki Stevens, founder of the Red Hot Mamas, believes the Mamas' success in Washington can be attributed to the fact that they were not your usual parade marching band.

The Mamas wear colorful aprons, Carmen Miranda style hats, gaudy make-up, and dance while pushing shopping carts down parade routes.

"We were unique enough that it peaked everyone's interest," Stevens said.

Actually, media swarmed the Mamas. Time Magazine interviewed the Mamas and had them do a photo shoot. The Mamas were also courted by The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and USA Today. They were featured on Good Morning America, as well as CNN, NBC, and other local television stations.

According to Stevens, the high point of the trip was receiving kisses that President Bush blew them as they passed.

"The big thrill of the day was going by President Bush. He called Gov.

Kemphorne over to him, and he threw us kisses, said Go Mamas, and waved both hands. It was a really great moment," Stevens said.

Stevens is an instructor at North Idaho College in the Culinary Arts Department when she is not wearing a hat covered with cereal boxes, milk cartons and potato chips.

It was such a great moment that the Mamas came back the next day to re-live their glory in front of the empty presidential box.

"When you are doing it in the moment you almost miss it because you are so excited. It was a really special moment for us and we wanted to re-live it," Stevens said.

Kemphorne, who watched the parade from the presidential box, was proud of the Mamas as he watched them and talked with the president.

"Obviously the governor is proud of a group of Idahoans who came and put on a good show, and also proud of the community that helped send them. It certainly speaks highly of Idaho," Mark Snider, Kemphorne's press secretary said.

The governor was not the only one to take notice of the Mamas. Idaho Sen. Larry Craig hosted a party and invited the Mamas.

"At the party we showed these Red Hot Mamas off and they made Idaho proud. We showed them off to Idahoans, to D.C. and to the nation," Sarah Berk, Craig's press secretary, said.

Berk said the Mamas were a lot of fun and that they injected their own personality at the event.

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New proposed residence hall to mix community with academics

BY LAURA GENTRY
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

University of Idaho officials have begun a search for an architect to design a proposed residence complex on the north side of campus. The complex will cost an estimated \$30 million and will focus on mixing a community setting with academic resources.

There are three prospective sites for the roughly 600-bed facility according to Michael Griffel, director of UI Residences. The three areas being considered are the Wallace Complex lawn area, the Theophilus Tower parking lot, a silver lot, and the lot between the Gault/Upham complex and the power plant, a gold lot.

Dan Schoenberg, director of UI Auxiliary Services, sees the latter as the most promising spot to build the new residence facility and believes it would be in the university's best interest to tear down Gault/Upham and replace it with the proposed complex.

"Gault/Upham would take more dollars to renovate than building a totally new residence hall," Schoenberg said.

He also noted that parking is a major issue within the university community and does not want to see the new facility take away even more lots.

"One solution we have come up with is to build what we call podium-based housing. What that means is the residence would be built on a platform and there would be parking underneath," Schoenberg said.

The facility planners, Brailsford & Dunlavey, were contracted to write the proposal for the new residence facility. The basic plan would include implementing academic resources such as classrooms and faculty offices within the complex. Each college can choose to participate.

"It's certainly not required of the colleges to participate. It's going to be a cooperative arrangement where we all work together," Schoenberg said.

The proposed setup of the facility is one in which multiple buildings, similar to Greek houses and the Scholars Residence,

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IN COMMEMORATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WSU AND UI HAVE JOINED EFFORTS TO BRING ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ACCLAIMED PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS TO BEASLEY COLISEUM FEB. 4.

Spike Lee

BY WINDY HOVEY
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

The name Spike Lee was mentioned at an ASWSU Lecture and Performance Arts Committee meeting late in the Fall 2000

Semester. Students then brainstormed for ideas of famous African Americans who could lecture in Beasley Coliseum at WSU for February's Black History Month.

Now, thanks to the support and planning from organizations at Washington State University and University of Idaho, almost 3,000 students, faculty and community members are expected to attend a lecture by the producer and director Feb. 4.

Realizing that the Lecture and Performance Arts committee could not afford the \$30,000 for Lee's visit alone, the students turned to Damon Arnold, adviser for the WSU Black History Month Task Force.

A deal was struck. A financial contribution from the committee was set and reinforcement from the Black History Month Task Force soon followed.

The Lecture and Performance Arts committee contributed some money, but not enough to bring in the big-time producer/director, Arnold said.

Arnold then approached Raul M. Sanchez, special assistant to the president for diversity and human rights, and collaboration began.

Arnold hopes to continue to deliver successful speakers to the Palouse African Americans for Black History Month.

"We both (the universities) believe in diversity," Arnold said. "This lecture gives students and the community the chance to see an African American male who is successful and who beats the stereotypes."

Carolyn Ashby, adviser for the Lecture and Performing Arts committee, said Lee will attract students to Beasley because they like his films.

"We don't get many high-profile people," Ashby said. "We want it to become a trend."

Sánchez said he hoped to see the two universities merge for more events. This collaboration could lure more celebrities to the Palouse.

"This lecture is a good example," Sánchez said. "It brings diverse voices to the universities."

Sánchez listed commitment from both UI and WSU and combined financial resources as the main ingredients in future integrated events.

Lee's lecture is one of many scheduled events celebrating Black History Month. Others include an appearance by comedian Sinbad Feb. 2 and a play, "Color Museum," that will run Feb. 8-10.

In addition to the Lecture and Performing Arts committee, the UI Offices of Diversity and Human Rights and the Black History Month Task Force, other co-sponsors include the Provost, ASUI Productions and the UI School of Communication.

Lee's films bring the reality of African American life to the screen. His films include "Malcolm X," "Do the Right Thing," "Crooklyn," and "Tales from the Hood." Lee is a teacher of film at Harvard University and the Tisch School of the Arts.

"An Evening with Spike Lee" will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 4. Lee will discuss his thoughts on Black History Month and his career for 45 minutes and answer audience questions until 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through G&B Select-A-Seat outlets. Cost is \$7 for the general public, \$5 for students and \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at the ticket desk in the North Campus Center, online at www.ticketswest.com or by calling 1-800-325-SEAT. Tickets purchased at the North Campus Center cost \$1 more and students must have their student ID on hand. Tickets will also be sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Wednesday in the south end of the food court in the Idaho Commons, or at the ASUI office on the third floor of the Commons through Friday.



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OUTLOOK

Snow showers are expected starting Wednesday and will continue until the weekend. Highs are expected to be in the mid-30s and lows in the mid-20s.

Students map out new campus transit system

BY LAURA GENTRY
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

A team of six University of Idaho students and a class of engineering students have worked out a way to make getting around campus easier.

As part of an internship under the Department of Finance and Administration, the students worked to tackle the parking issue on campus. Their solution was to implement a transit system that could transport students, staff and faculty from one parking lot to another.

Dan Schoenberg, director of UI Auxiliary Services, sees this transit option as a useful one after looking at the research the students presented.

"The problem tends to relate to the location of the parking lots. There are more people who wish to park at the front door of their building than there are spaces at the front door. Some people on campus feel the time it takes to walk from parking lots to their building takes too long. This system will try to shorten the time it takes to get around cam-

pus," Schoenberg said.

The team consists of Binu Abraham, Beth Armstrong, Amy Hultman, Trina Matejovsky, Korry Sheffler and Tony Slama. All but Abraham are in the College of Business. Abraham, a civil engineering major, acted as the liaison between the team and the engineering class.

Hultman admits being skeptical about the idea of a transit system on campus when she started the project.

"The research we did really opened my eyes to some of the transportation issues we have on campus. For instance, I didn't realize how many students who break a leg have to drop out of school because they can't get around campus," Hultman said.

Carrying around bulky class projects and battling hills around the Palouse were other reasons Hultman now believes a transit system could be useful for the university.

The team has already managed to acquire a bus modeled after a San Francisco trolley. The city of Kellogg bought the trolley with a grant received from the state of Idaho.

After deciding they did not need it, the city

of Kellogg signed the grant over to UI.

However, there are two requirements the university must follow in order to keep the bus. It can only be used for transportation during special events such as graduation and Vandal Friday and it can only be used for testing and demonstration.

Schoenberg believes the preliminary testing phase of the transit system will be running some time this semester. These test runs, along with student input about the system, will help to write grants for more vehicles.

According to Jerry Wallace, vice president for Finance and Administration, this is the third year the office has offered the internship opportunity.

The first year, the interns worked on a project to improve the environment in the residence halls for freshmen. The second year, the interns developed the plan for Vandal Services to move into the Idaho Commons.

Both years, the projects were successful. Wallace and Schoenberg both anticipate this year's project to also be a success.

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Wanna bet?

UI professor bets \$500 million on a 150-year-old person

BY JENNIFER WARNICK
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Steven Austad thinks he's going to win a bet.

And, he thinks that if everything goes well, his daughters will receive the \$500 million proceeds of that bet — when they are 160 years old.

He thinks his daughters, 9 and 11 years old now, and other people, will begin to live longer and much healthier lives.

"Preserving human health is a good thing. Not so much keeping people alive longer, but healthy longer," said Austad, a University of Idaho zoology professor. "If you do that, they are

going to live longer."

Austad authored a book in 1997 entitled, "Why We Age: What Science Is Discovering About the Body's Journey Through Life." His interest in age research began years ago when he was working with opossums and he found they age incredibly fast.

Austad, an expert in the field of age research, has been interviewed by national and international media, including NPR, PBS, and the New York Times. He was also interviewed by Katie Couric when he appeared on the Today Show after his book was released.

"She's a much more serious

journalist than I expected. I was very impressed with her," he said.

In fact, it was his coverage in the national media that led a colleague in the field of age research to pose the half billion-dollar wager. S. Jay Olshansky, a researcher from Chicago, was that colleague.

Olshansky, whom Austad has known casually for quite a while, read an interview in which Austad made the claim that the first 150-year-old human is alive right now. Olshansky disagreed.

"He phoned me and said, 'I just read it again, you said it again!'" Olshansky then told Austad that he was wrong, and said, "Wanna bet?"

"I said 'sure.' Who am I to turn down \$500,000,000?" Austad said. "I'm that confident."

So, both men will deposit \$150 each in a trust fund, and by the year 2150, their money will be a \$500 million money tree.

"It's the miracle of compound interest," Austad said.

"We both had to calculate it a number of times before we really believed it."

The money will go to the nearest living relative of the winner, and if there is no heir, the money will go to their colleges of choice to be used for scholarships.

For Austad, the money would

be split between UI and UCLA, where he received his undergraduate degree.

Austad came to UI from Harvard in 1993, because he loves the area.

"I came out here for an interview and fell in love with it," Austad said. "I love that there are no roads through the middle of it."

His fellow professors at UI have teased him about the bet, the money from which could benefit the department — in 150 years.

"I've had all kinds of smart remarks, but it's all good-natured joshing," he said.

Joking aside, Austad is still very active in aging research and is writing another book. In fact, he believes that research is how the first person will live to be 150 years old.

"It's not just better medical care, it's advances (in research) that will allow us to really slow down aging," he said.

Aging research shows that the fountain of youth, of sorts — or at least living longer — will emerge in the not too distant future. And, if Austad is right, it'll be by 2150.

"People have wanted it forever, and now here it is," Austad said. "Now that we have all these research tools, we can work on it seriously."

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Omowale Akintunde speaks at his workshop on Monday in the Administration Auditorium.

Akintunde speaks of racial inequality

BY WYATT BUCHANAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Most white people think of racism like it's murder — something one has to commit for it to happen, said Omowale Akintunde, a human rights lecturer who visited the University of Idaho Friday.

Instead, he said, racism is omnipresent because it is not in conscious thinking or acts but is in the mental paradigm that white equals normality or neutrality.

"For white people, 'white' and 'human' mean the same thing," he said.

Akintunde spoke to an audience of nearly 200 in the Administration Auditorium for about an hour, then gave a 2 1/2 hour workshop to a group of 60 in the Idaho Commons.

Although he used humor, delivering his message in almost stand-up comedy fashion, Akintunde changed to a serious tone when he wanted to emphasize his point.

He said the key to overcoming racism is for whites to recognize they have societal privilege because of their skin color.

"We are not equal racially. Being white is advantageous, whether or not you believe it," Akintunde said.

He asked the workshop audience to point out some of these advantages, which included not being concerned about skin color in every new environment, being able to walk through stores without being watched or followed by employees and being able to sit in a Ph.D. class without other people thinking a person got there because of her skin color.

White people who deny race has meaning include President Bush, Akintunde said.

He made several references to the election and the new president, saying Bush "has to be naked to count to 21."

Akintunde emphasized his points by relating some of his experiences, including police harassment and conflicts in his doctoral dissertation, which studied rap music as a teaching tool.

Akintunde is an assistant professor at the University of Wyoming's Outreach School in Mobile, Ala., teaching in the elementary and childhood education department. He received his doctorate from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

He researched St. Louis middle school students' ability to understand musical form by using classical music vs. rap music as the teaching model.

The dissertation committee had difficulty viewing rap as legitimate, he said, even though his study showed students learned better with the rap model.

Akintunde's lecture was part of a diversity and human rights lecture series presented by UI.

Raul Sanchez, special assistant to President Hoover for diversity and human rights, said the talk helps provide a foundation for the kind of thinking that goes into diversity work, something the administration wants to develop.

"[Akintunde] would not be here and I would not be here if there weren't a serious commitment on the part of the university administration," Sanchez said.

The talk was part of UI's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Sanchez said it is the university's intention to hold similar events beyond the context of human rights week.

Monday night's celebration in the SUB concluded the week's events for this year.

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will house a maximum of 60 people each. Altogether, the housing would serve approximately 600 students. According to Schoenberg, if Gault/Upham is removed and the new residence facility is implemented, the university will be offering 100 more beds than it is currently.

"As you come to the university, you're going to have more choices. As you go through college, you're going to desire increasing amounts of independence," Schoenberg said. "That is what this facility will hopefully do. It will make the transition throughout college easier for students who choose to stay with us on campus. We hope to be able to provide students who stay with us a better educational experience."

According to Schoenberg, the current residence halls are approximately 85-90 percent full. He expects to hire an architect for the new project by late February and have the project at least halfway done within the next two years.

"Ideally, the plan is to have at least half of the operable for the fall of 2003," Schoenberg said.

MAMAS

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"They really have to be just half nuts. Most of the ladies that that come through the door have the same spirit, but in most other aspects they are usually very different individuals," Stevens said.

The Mamas stood in the 30-degree drizzle waiting for three hours for the parade to start, but it was all worth it as far as Stevens is concerned.

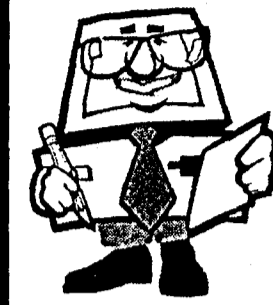
"It was a long time to stand in the cold, but as soon as you get ready to turn on to Pennsylvania Ave. all of the pain and agony goes away. We'll carry this experience with us forever, and we'll pass it down to our grandkids," Stevens said.

As for the future plans, Stevens hopes to try to get into the Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving in New York. Stevens joked that if invited to the next Inaugural parade in four years, some of the Mamas might be using walkers. But she said they would do the parade again, with walkers, if given the chance.

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ASUI names pro tempore, chief of staff

BY ANNETTE HENKE
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

ASUI started the new school year with some new people in positions of leadership. Some of the new leaders are familiar faces within ASUI while others are new faces altogether.

Leela Assefi has been named senator pro tempore of the ASUI senate. Assefi is a sophomore majoring in computer science. The duties of the senator pro tempore include fulfilling the duties of ASUI Vice President Jeanine LaMay in the event of her absence, putting together the

large senate binders used by each senator, preparing the Senate reports that are given to each living group when senators visit weekly and other administrative duties.

This is Assefi's second semester in the senate. Last semester she was most visible working on the Vandal Taxi designated driver program, which Assefi hopes will be off the ground this semester.

Ryan White has been named ASUI Chief of Staff for President Leah Clark-Thomas. Clark-Thomas held the position last under former ASUI president

Bart Cochran. The Chief of Staff serves as an aide to the president. White is hard-working, very organized and the only person she would have for the position, Clark-Thomas told members of the Senate at their weekly meeting Wednesday night. White has served as president of the College Republicans at UI.

During the same meeting, members of the Senate also approved several board chair appointments, most notably, former ASUI senator Solmaz Rafiee-Tari as Community Relations Board chair.

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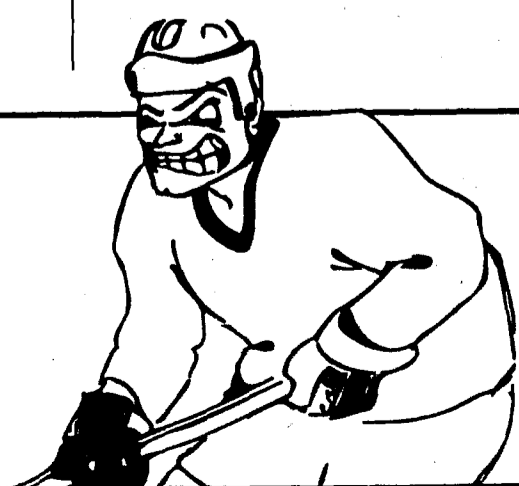
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Argonaut Writers Need a Geography Lesson

Dear Editor:

In reference to your editorial on Idaho racism on Jan. 17 your raise many valid points. However, you are continuing a long Argonaut tradition of not checking your facts before publishing your opinions. In the piece you make the statement "Idaho has fewer residents than its neighbors to any side."

While this is not a major part of your argument, the fact that it is flat out wrong tends to undermine your overall credibility. A quick geography lesson will show that Idaho is bordered by Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and British Columbia. While Wash., Ore., Utah and B.C. do in fact have larger populations, Nevada and Montana have smaller populations and Wyoming has a much smaller population. Minor facts-but if you get the minor things right, more might believe your major conclusions.

Hugh Hawthorne, MS
Geology

Thoughts on the transfer of power

I'm scared, frightened out of my mind. I am worried that over the course of the next four years I will watch our



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nation disintegrate, or there will be no jobs when I enter the "real world" in a few years. I'm worried that our environment, economy, education system, and gun laws will all suffer.

Why the bleak outlook? Am I paranoid? Maybe it is because I'm a liberal Democrat and I'm scared because my virtual opposite just became president.

Even more disturbing is John Ashcroft. Every time I read something about him I become more apprehensive. I'm afraid that laws concerning abortion and gun control will be ignored. Moreover, I'm scared that Ashcroft is too biased to act fairly if confirmed.

True, as Attorney General, Ashcroft wouldn't have the power to make or revoke laws. While this is true, he would still have the power to enforce laws. I am afraid that he would fail to enforce laws, or only partially enforce laws. It is true that Ashcroft won't have the power to change laws on paper, but he will have the power to change laws in practice.

In an attempt to find a bright side, I must be forced to agree with one of my friends. John Ashcroft, George W. Bush, and everyone else involved with this new presidency will all be under intense media scrutiny. This column is by no means the first or the last to voice concerns about government; concerns will continue to be voiced in the future. Similar voices will also speak out against such ultra-right-wing policies in Congress.

That is the beauty of our government: it's designed to check itself. Under G.W. things will happen that I and others will hate. Things may also happen that I agree with. I'll still be careful, I'll save more money than before, I'll try to broaden my employability, etc. I encourage everyone to feel free to voice his or her concerns, but I also encourage everyone to give George W. Bush his fair chance. I am skeptical, but I hope for the best. I have less hope for Ashcroft, but I am willing to give him a chance. Remember that our government works with conflict and it works even better with compromise.

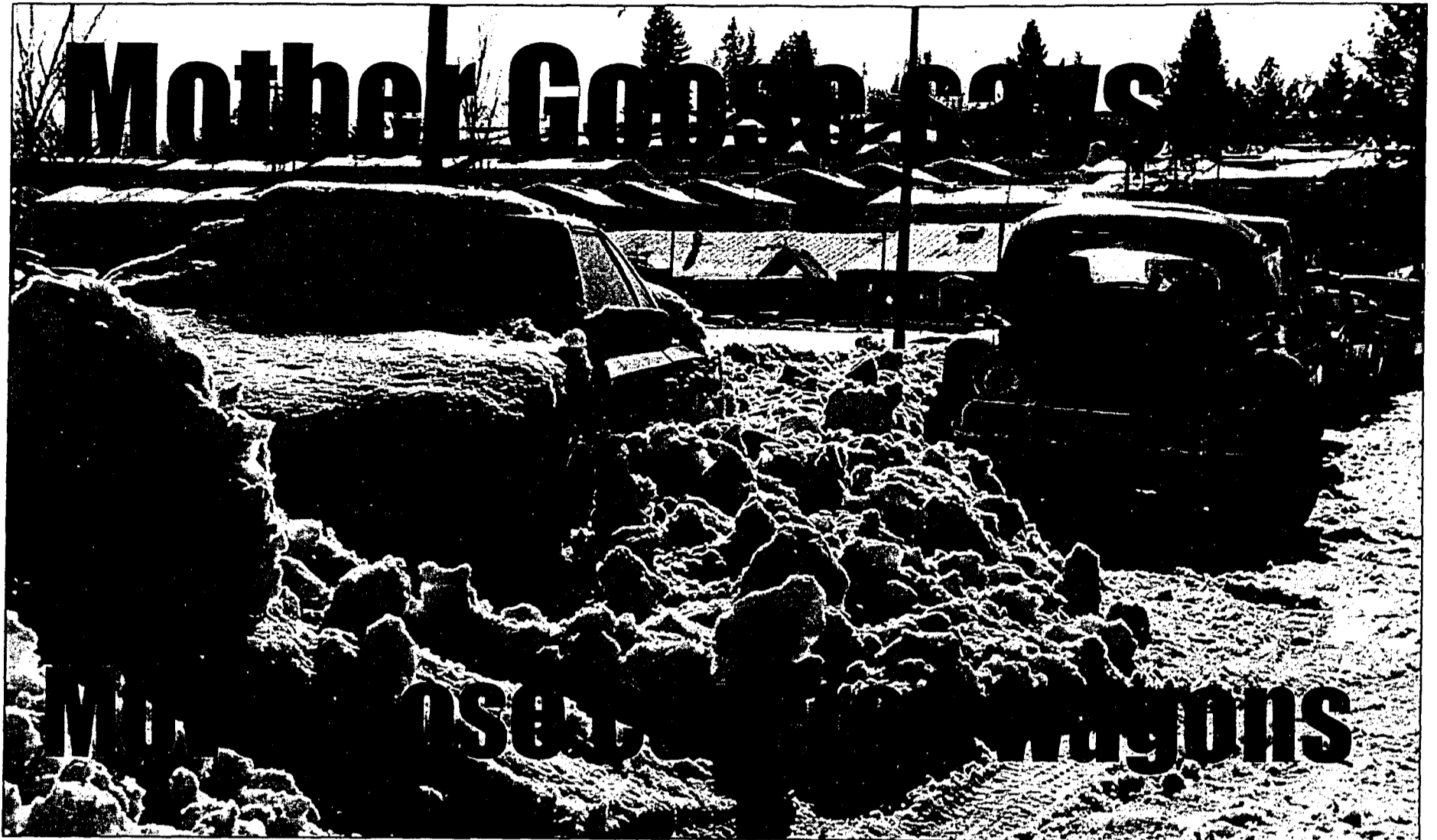
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SHAUNA GREENFIELD / ARGONAUT

OURVIEW

Chad drove to UI from Florida
In search of bonsai and Pat Morita
His plans were cut short
When built was a fort
Of snow around his little Cordoba

Chad didn't know how to punch ballots
And couldn't tell snow from a salad
Along came a plow
Driven by a frau
And that's why we're writing this ballad

The car's now a snow covered wagon
And while he's at Rosauer's baggin'
A blight on the street

And for cops on the beat
In need of a good tow-truck draggin'

So instead of moving the dumb car
Chad spends most his time in the bar
Drinking Peppermint Schnaups
And watching Battlebots
While his tires freeze fast to the tar

The moral of this story of stuck
Is to please move your car or your truck
The street's not a lot
That could be my spot
Dig you're rig out you crazy ... person

The Argonaut-Editorial Board

So who is responsible for Society anyway?



ANDREASCHIERS
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I've had a revelation. I know it's surprising; you come to these institutions of learning and enlightenment and actually get enlightened ... it's incredible. But wait, there's more. This revelation actually came to me in class, a sociology class, no less.

We were examining the many perspectives of the problem of poverty in our country and around the world. Most specifically, we focused our attention on two contradicting viewpoints: is it the individual's laziness and poor life choices that lead to a life of poverty, or is it society's discriminatory institutions that oppress the impoverished, keeping them at the bottom of the pile? This question plagued me for an entire two, possibly three, minutes when it hit me. Where is this guy Society? He should be here for this interrogation, if only to defend himself. He's only been blamed for every negative aspect of our existence.

Think about it, what isn't Society's fault? Homelessness, poverty, corporate takeovers, discrimination, domestic violence, misogyny, deviance, and countless others are all Society's

doing. Why does he choose to remain anonymous? Does he not have the right to defend himself against these charges?

Then I thought to myself, maybe Society is too afraid to face the music. Perhaps our disapproving glares are too harsh for poor Society to bear. But where would he hide? If I were a wanted, hunted, hated individual, where would I be? Where would I find a safe haven? Surely not among the poor, the fallen, or the scorned; I'm being blamed for their predicament. There would be no safe place for Society. Everywhere you go, Society's problems are the same. People feel the wrath of an uncaring, unsympathetic, self-hating, change-fearing Society all over the globe. There is nowhere to run, nowhere to escape.

That's when the revelation washed over me like ... well, like any other revelation I've had. At first it felt like I'd found The Answer, but then I realized it only presented another, harder problem to solve. I realized there is no one, singular entity named Society. We are Society. Each of us, individually and collectively. We make up

Society. We are the ones being put on trial; we are being blamed for everything going wrong in our land; we are the ones not doing anything about it but blaming the elusive Society. We use Society as a scapegoat, forgetting that we ARE the scapegoat. We are both the accuser and the accused.

Until the rest of the world has this revelation, the cycle of oppression, discrimination, and the afore mentioned problems will continue. Until we realize the afflictions of the poor, the abused, the hated, the feared are everyone's afflictions, the cries for help will go unanswered.

Only when we face ourselves and see there is no one to blame for society's problems but ourselves will we start to solve them. No one is going to do it for us. Our fugitive is not going to come down from his mountain shack with his hands above his head, admitting defeat. No one is going to step forward and confess misdeeds and wrongdoings. We're going to have it. We must either live with the consequences of our actions or look our creation in the eye and defeat it.

Contrary to popular belief I'm not an insensitive chauvinist



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Recently, I have been accused of being chauvinistic in my columns. I honestly don't know where this suggestion stems from. Sure, every now and then I humorously point out slight differences between the sexes. For example, how a woman can remember everything her boyfriend has ever said since the day they met, while on the other hand, a man commonly has trouble remembering his girlfriend's full name.

But I never meant to hurt anybody's feelings. So, in order to clear the air, I'd like to present, in a dignified and professional manner, my understanding of the social differences between males and females. Hopefully, by the end, we'll all have a better idea of what each of us is looking for in our own relationships. We'll see with a clearer view the other person's perspective. The most appropriate format I've found for such an endeavor is the taping of a live talk show. Let's listen in:

Judy (Hostess): "We're here today with Doug and Marie Rolison, who are having problems in their marriage. Marie, let's start with you. What seems to be the trouble?"

Marie: "Judy (Marie bursts into tears for dramatic effect), Doug and I have been married for 14 years, seven months, and nine days, and I don't feel like he loves me anymore. I feel like I haven't seen him in months, he doesn't help with the kids, and no matter what I do to get his attention, it's like I don't exist."

Judy: "What sorts of things have you tried?"
Marie: "Last year for Doug's birthday, I wanted to do something really special for him. So I sent the kids over to my sister's trailer, put some romantic music in the 8-track, I doused my neck with a little bacon grease, and wrapped myself up in cellophane. For two and a half hours I waited for him!"

Judy: "And what was his response when he finally came home?"

Marie: "He laughed at me! (More crying.) He said I looked like a bag of waste from the sausage processing plant."

Judy (quietly): "Is that true, Doug?"

Doug: "What?"

Judy: "Your wife has just been telling us about how she feels when you don't pay attention to her. She feels like she's raising three children all by herself."

Doug: "We have three kids?"

Judy: "She told us about your birthday surprise. Let's hear your take on it."

Doug (chuckling): "Judy, I had to work late. I was gonna call, but there's no phone down at the milking barn. It's early August, 97 degrees outside. I come home, and she's in some crazy plastic dress, sweating like an ice cube."

Marie (screaming): "It was Saran Wrap! It's supposed to be sexy! See what I mean? He doesn't even notice me!"

Doug (angrily): "Notice you? What about that

time you were choking on that chicken wing and I pushed you off the couch and punched you in the back? Who noticed you that day, Marie? I saved your life, and what thanks do I get? I missed the first half of the hockey game because your stomach hurt!"

Marie (hysterically): "I was in labor! I was giving birth to your son!"

Judy: "All right, everybody, calm down. Now Doug, Marie also says you spend too much time at work, she feels like she hasn't seen you in months."

There, did you catch it? Did you see the fundamental difference between males and females? The women read this whole article. The guys moved on to the sports section after reading the first few paragraphs. This is what causes all the problems. Women are always looking for ways to improve their relationships and grow closer to that special man in their lives. Men just want something to keep their attention while they're getting their hair cut.

I'd love to hear your opinion on this subject; as always, you can e-mail me at argonautfunny@hotmail.com.

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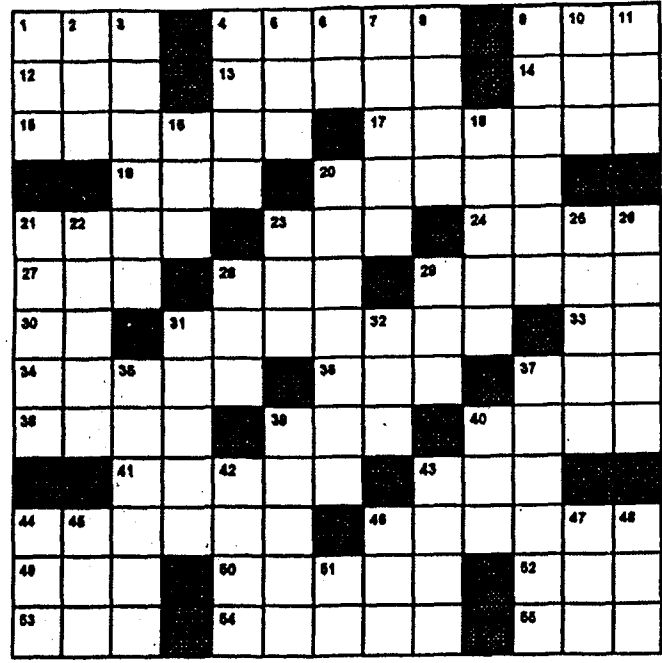
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19 Father of detective story
20 Drive away
21 Hurt; loss
23 Meridian (abbr.)
24 Remove from set type
27 Mineral
28 Devotee
29 Wand
30 3rd note in musical scale
31 Awful
33 Books of Bible (abbr.)
34 Vinegar ether
36 Pale
37 Enzyme (chem. suf.)
38 Unit
39 Will
40 Young and gang suffix

41 Character judgment
43 Scrap of food
44 Mars
46 Not on shore
49 Lubricant
50 Ethnic division
52 Dove sound
53 Small
54 Copy
55 That girl



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1 Army Post Office (abbr.)
2 Equal
3 Gone by
4 Wrap hay
5 Lyric poem
6 13th Greek letter
7 Stomach lesion
8 Halt
9 Charm against injury
10 Bad, wrong (pref.)
11 Brewed drink
16 Bed
18 Treadle
20 Restore service

21 Haley's ___
22 Get up
23 Damage
25 Not tight
26 Come in
28 Evergreen
29 Bread roll
31 Devil
32 Ardent follower
35 Mexican food
37 Add to
39 Provide food
40 Standing room only (abbr.)
42 Payment for occupancy
43 Reed instrument
44 War prisoner (abbr.)
45 Untruth
46 Bowed; curved
47 Fish eggs
48 Beetle
51 Southern state (abbr.)

From the park to the alley

BY CHRISTY VIETMEIER
ARGONAUT STAFF

Ask for the night off from work, do homework early and mark your calendars for the rock band Ashbury Park, known as "Portland's Best Jam Band" by music critics and fans alike.

Ashbury Park will be performing their energetic and rhythmic music at John's Alley Jan. 30.

The Portland group, named after a trailer park in Indiana, consists of four talented musicians known for their excellent songwriting, original music composition and rich harmonies.

Ashbury Park includes John Becher on drums and vocals, Billy Burdett on bass and vocals, Eric "Big E" Schwieterman on guitar and vocals and JAR Smith on guitar and vocals.

Ashbury Park performances are praised for their "of the moment" song creations.

They play without a setlist, so often the audience experiences a unique and creative show made up of original and spur-of-the-moment songs.

If Ashbury Park's "Live" CD is any indication of the type of performance they give, their show could definitely be considered a jam session worth seeing.

The jams are long and soulful, mixing traditional sounds with their own musical expressions.

The result is an acoustic or electric rock sound that has fans appreciating real music with "a down home feel."

ASHBURY PARK

John's Alley
Jan. 30
For information,
www.ashburypark.net

Their first CD, Down By The River, received great reviews and the band is currently working

in-studio on another CD. The talents of Ashbury Park have allowed them to play with other bands such as String Cheese Incident, The Big Wu, The Zen Tricksters and many more accomplished musicians. Ashbury Park has performed at such events as the 2000 Oregon County Fair and the Millennium Celebration at the Portland Convention Center, as well as many other clubs and hotspots in the Pacific Northwest.

The show begins at 10 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge at the door. For more information, log onto www.ashburypark.net.

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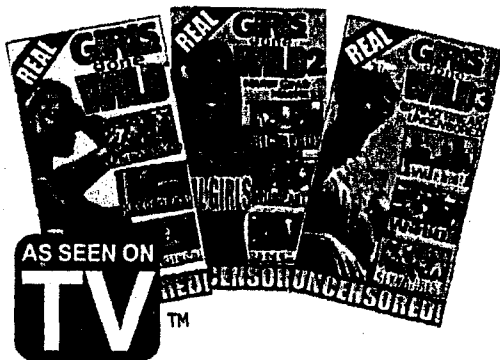
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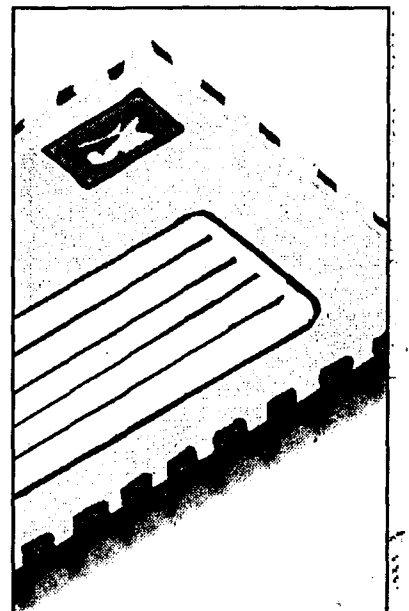
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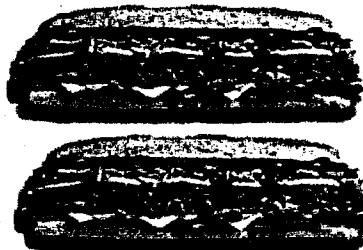
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Conditioning practice begins Jan. 29 and will run about two weeks. Actual team practice will start Feb. 12. The team will hold practice Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Shelley at 892-8017 or AJ at 892-1956 for more information.

Men's rugby starts practice

Although practice for men's rugby has already started, the team is still looking for fresh recruits. Meet the team Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in the west end of the Kibbie Dome.

The team is currently scheduled for three tournaments this semester and five to six other games.

Contact Brian Fretwell at 882-2025 or by e-mail at fret1671@uidaho.edu.

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Men's College Basketball

1. Stanford 15-0
2. Duke 15-1
3. Michigan St 14-1
4. Tennessee 16-1
5. Kansas 13-1
6. North Carolina 13-2
7. Florida 11-2
8. Wake Forest 13-2
9. Syracuse 15-1
10. Illinois 13-4
11. Georgetown 15-0
12. Alabama 13-2
13. Virginia 11-3
14. Maryland 12-4
15. Connecticut 13-3
16. Iowa 14-2
17. Arizona 10-5
18. Wisconsin 10-4
19. Seton Hall 11-4
20. USC 12-3
21. Oklahoma 12-3
22. Mississippi 14-2
23. Iowa St 13-3
24. Texas 12-3
25. Boston College 12-1

Women's College Basketball

1. Connecticut 13-0
2. Tennessee 15-1
3. Notre Dame 16-0
4. Georgia 15-2
5. Duke 16-1
6. Purdue 15-3
7. Iowa St 13-1
8. Louisiana Tech 14-4
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11. LSU 11-5
12. Florida 13-2
13. Penn St 12-5
14. SW Missouri St 11-3
15. Oklahoma 11-4
16. Vanderbilt 14-2
17. Texas 14-3
18. Oregon 10-3
19. No Carolina St 11-5
20. Clemson 12-4
21. Mississippi St 10-4
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23. Arizona 14-2
24. Virginia 12-5
25. Utah 14-2

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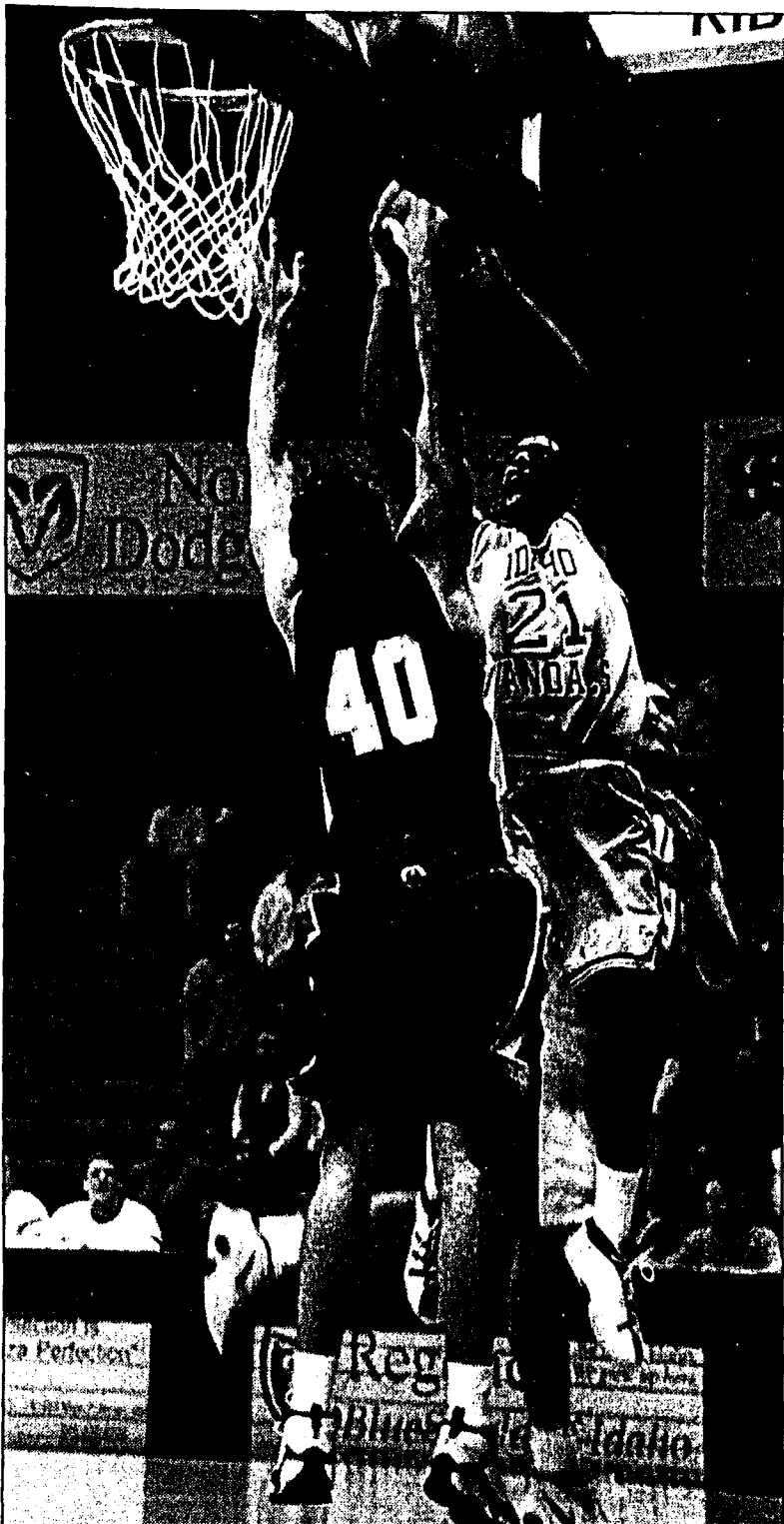
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Jerald Jenkins' (21) new position on the team helped the Vandals to win UC Santa Barbara Saturday night.

Men get first win in Big West action

Vandals squeak by UC Santa Barbara 68-67

BY ROLFE DAUS PETERSON
ARGONAUT SENIOR STAFF

The University of Idaho men's basketball team grabbed their first Big West Conference victory of the season. The squad dropped UC Santa Barbara in dramatic fashion with a game-winning layup by Jerald Jenkins to finish 68-67.

"I was setting up on the block," Jenkins said of the seconds that transpired before the winning shot. "I knew he was going to kick it once he was driving. I know him like a book. I just had to be ready."

Jenkins, a junior college teammate of point guard Bethuel Fletcher, just had to be patient as Fletcher slipped into the lane and dished off to Jenkins with just seconds left in the contest. The Vandal junior point man redeemed himself after missing the front end of his bonus free throws with the Vandals trailing UC Santa Barbara 66-67.

"I knew we had to make a big play," said Fletcher, who was teammates with Jenkins last year at Independence Junior College. "I thought about taking a shot but I saw Moe (Jenkins) down there by himself so I dished it."

The Vandals, now 1-4 in the conference and 4-12 overall, mended persistent problems with the victory. UI shot well from the field at 42 percent, including 47 percent from beyond the three-point arc.

The team managed to consistently score throughout the game.

The squad has been plagued all year by a weak offense.

As the game started, visiting UC Santa Barbara relied on physical inside play and rebounding to chip away at the Vandals. The Gauchos pounded home a 19-7 rebound advantage in the first half. UI combated the inside play with hot outside shooting and opportunistic defense, which scored 15 points off Gauchos turnovers in the first half.

In the second half, the Vandals' clutch shooting and tough defense overcame UC Santa Barbara's size to push the team to the win.

"My number one thought, I guess, is we deserve to have a little success," coach David Farrar said. "We work hard enough to do that."

"I thought about taking a shot but I saw Moe down there by himself so I dished it."

BETHUEL FLETCHER
GUARD

Junior forward Matt Gerschetske scored 11 of his team-high 17 points in the first half and knocked down five three-pointers in the contest. Senior Adam Miller dropped in three deep balls of his own and added 15 points. Sophomore forward Chris Monroe scored 12 points in the contest.

UI returned to Big West Conference action Monday night against Pacific University. The score was unavailable at press time. The Vandals look to build on their first conference win and to prepare for a tough road trip this week against state rival Boise State and conference leader Utah State.

Women's basketball

Vandals drop two more conference losses

Long Beach State outruns Vandals in frenzy 69-75

BY BEN M. BLANCHARD
ARGONAUT STAFF

Friday night marked the Vandals' second conference game and their second loss. The Vandals came out fast and furious but fizzled in the end, committing multiple mistakes and 22 turnovers, losing to Long Beach State 69-75.

A crowd of 402 turned out to see the Vandals jump out to a 9-0 start against Long Beach State.

The Vandals maintained their lead at 21-20 until the 7:45 mark in the first half, but four minutes later the 49ers were up 32-25 and went into the half with a 40-33 lead.

UI shot a meager 36 percent in the first half while the visitors hit half their shots. In the second half, the Vandals cut the lead on multiple occasions but only managed to come within three points. Kelly Benad was fouled on a fast break and converted on the three-point play to pull the Vandals within three at 47-50 at the 14:03 mark.

Directly following, the Vandals pressed and caused a turnover but the far referee overturned the call and LBSU maintained the ball.

Later in the contest, with the shot clock running down, Kelly Benad drove into the lane, fumbled the ball, regained control and was fouled on a shot.

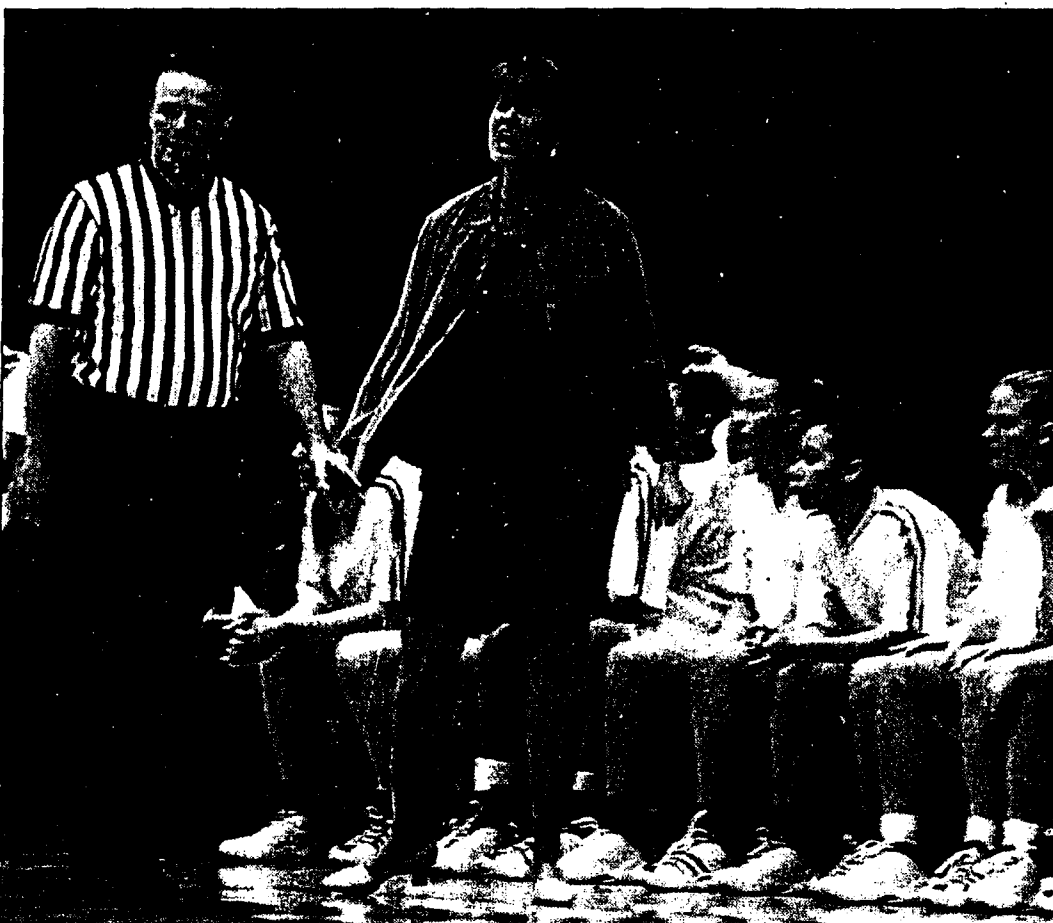
She failed to convert the three-point play and only pulled the Vandals within four. With 1:25 remaining in the game Tasha Rico nailed a three-pointer to give the Vandals some hope at 67-72.

The Vandals held on defense and Laura Bloom fed Chavaughn Brown, who was fouled and converted on both free throws to pull the Vandals within three. The 49ers scored and with 22.8 seconds left, fouled Laura Bloom, who missed both free throws in double bonus situation.

The Vandals fouled LBSU, which made one free throw to end the game. Crystal Givens led LBSU with 17 points. Meg LeBlanc led Idaho with 16 points.

The Vandals also had two players with double-doubles, Laura Bloom with 12 points and 12 boards, and Darci Pemberton with 10 points and 13 boards.

"We played aggressively and played like the game was ours to win, which I liked. We just gave up plays in key moments, whether it was a rebound or a turnover that cost us the game," Idaho head coach Hilary Recknor said after the game.



Women's head coach Hilary Recknor calls out to the struggling Vandals in Friday night's conference game against Long Beach State. The Vandals lost to the 49ers 69-75.

Ho's show extends UI woes

Led by Selena Ho, the University of Pacific pulled off another victory against the Vandals, dropping them to 3-13 and 0-3 on the season with an 82-75 win over the Vandals.

The Tigers lifted themselves to the top of the league at 11-6 and 4-0. UP started the game on a quick pace and looked to make it an even quicker showing against the Vandals, starting off on a 16-6 run six minutes into the game.

The Vandals' early woes were attributed to 15 first half turnovers, though 50 percent shooting from the field kept them in it at the half. By halftime, Pacific's lead dwindled to five at 34-39.

Darci Pemberton led the Vandals in the first half with 10 points. The second half was a hard fought back-and-forth game. Julie Wynstra gave the Vandals their first lead with 10:48 left in the half at 52-50.

The Vandals held the lead until their first half mistakes caught up with them.

Their play was flustered, resulting in turnovers. The Vandal's miscues accompanied by timely Tiger three-pointers and free-throw shooting put the Tigers on top.

"We made some of the same mistakes at the end of the game today as we made against Long Beach Friday night," Idaho head coach Hilary Recknor said. "Julie had a great game, but we didn't execute down the stretch."

Julie Wynstra finished the game with 19 points, followed by Darci Pemberton with 16 points and a team-high 8 rebounds.

The Tigers were led by Selena Ho with 15 points and eight assists. Also chipping in for the Tigers were Nancy Dinges with a team high 19 and Millie Kimpton with 16 points and 10 boards.

The Vandals are back in action Jan. 26 at Cal Poly and Jan. 28 at UC Santa Barbara. Game time in San Luis Obispo Friday is 7 p.m. and Super Bowl Sunday's game will be a special noon tip-off.

Campus provides sledding options

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When it snows, people think of skiing or snowboarding at a resort miles away. Once there, skiers buy lift tickets and enough gas to get home.

Save money and go sledding. Several hills on and around campus are open for sledding.

One of the more popular slopes is the hill behind the Administration Building bordering the Arboretum. "Admin Hill," as it is unofficially referred to by many students, is in the central part of campus.

The snow is generally packed because of frequent usage. A unique characteristic of the hill is the bump about halfway down the run on the western aspect. The bump can cause a sledder to "catch air" if there is enough speed.

Jenny Albrecht, an office assistant at Campus Recreation, likes to use a plastic saucer on Admin Hill. Albrecht's only wreck came when riding a flat plastic sled down the hill.

Members of Delta Tau Delta enjoy sledding down the hill in front of their fraternity house. A jump is located near the end of the hill. Sledders have been estimated to reach 3 to 4 feet after cresting the jump. Landings are not always pretty. One member of the fraternity received injuries to his rear end after a painful landing.

Fraternity members use cookie sheets, garbage cans, plastic sacks and various other objects to sled down the hill.

Fraternity members prefer to keep those who sled on the hill on an invite-only basis. The hill is shaded most of the day so snow does not melt.

Another sledding run is on the edge of campus south of the Tau Kappa Epsilon House. The hill is a short but fast run. Trees and bushes shelter it from the sun.

This hill is available for all. Spring mattresses were found on the hill, suggesting another creative way to travel down the slope. A telephone pole stands at the bottom, offering an obstacle to steer around.

Off-campus sledding opportunities can be found east of Moscow. University of Idaho students Jamie Crockett and Jessica Reuling built their own sled run east of Robinson Park last weekend.

The two found a sizeable hill covered in snow and clear of trees. Each used a Flying Disc Paris, which is a plastic saucer, to pack the snow enough to sled down. After several trips they finished a toboggan-type run. By the end of the day they had a cardiovascular workout, many exciting trips down the hill, and wet clothes from the knee-deep snow.

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