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Your cheatin' heart

Savannah Cummings
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Evidence is key for faculty when confronting students accused of plagiarism, but most would rather prevent it

University of Idaho psychology instructor Steve Meier knows how to spot a cheater, but the seasoned faculty member and former chair of the University Judicial Council would rather spend his days preventing academic dishonesty than policing it, he said.

"The first strategy is prevention," Meier said. "You need to be vigilant."

To reduce the odds of students cheating on tests, Meier has many strategies, including randomly switching seating on test days, requiring all hats to be turned around or taken off, examining casts and even checking identification when students turn in an exam, to ensure that someone else hasn't shown up to take a test.

"There's a lot of tricks," Meier said, everything from writing answers on note cards, body parts and Kleenex to working out foot-tapping codes with friends and other high-tech tricks. "Today you have text messages, watches, cell phones and iPods. Some people get real sophisticated."

The other key to prevention, Meier said, is making sure every student knows the consequences of dishonest behavior.

"If I catch you cheating, I do everything I can to get you expelled from the University of Idaho," Meier said.

As the syllabus for his Introduction to Chemical Addictions class warns, in all-capital letters: "DON'T EVEN THINK OF CHEATING IN THIS COURSE."

But Meier and the psychology department isn't the only area on campus affected by dishonest behavior.

Accounting department head Marla Kraut said the accounting program has been hurt by cheating in the past years and is taking a firm stand on prevention.

Because of cheating in one class's group project, the accounting department had to put a stop to its audit simulation program, a semester long project that had been in place for at least 17 years and was a favorite of employers, Kraut said.

"There's nothing like it out there," Kraut said. "We can't replace it with another project."

Kraut has also had to stop giving take

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Dean of Students saw six cases of cheating by end of September

When Elizabeth Higgins came to the University of Idaho in 2003, there were only 18 documented cases of cheating. Higgins — who left her position as coordinator of orientation and judicial affairs on Oct. 11 to take a position at the University of Washington — thought there had to be more going on than that.

According to the Center for Academic Integrity, between 40 and 70 percent of students report cheating during their academic career. UI's code of conduct is specific about the actions that need to be taken against students participating in what it calls "academic dishonesty."

The code states in Article II: Academic Honesty that "because academic honesty and integrity are core values at a university, the faculty finds that even one incident of academic dishonesty seriously and critically endangers the essential operation of the university and may merit expulsion."

This is the only place in the code of conduct where expulsion is specified as an appropriate sanction, Higgins said.

"That's pretty strong language," she said. After her arrival at UI, Higgins began working with the faculty and then-ASUI President Isaac Myhrum to

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Seven Senate positions available

Elections to be held this Wednesday-Friday

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Today is the last chance candidates vying for positions in the ASUI Senate will have to sway student voters in the last candidate open forum before this week's election.

The forum will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Idaho Commons food court.

Twelve candidates are competing for seven available positions in the Senate. Elections will be held from 8 a.m. Wednesday to 5 p.m. Friday.

ASUI Vice President Amy Huddleston said she is looking forward to working with the new senators. Most candidates are already discussing key issues that the Senate is working on, she said.

"I know that a lot of (candidates) are addressing parking issues and they've also been talking about advising and communication between senators and the students of UI," Huddleston said. "I feel like these are all topics we have been already working on this year. It will be great to get these new senators right on board with the old senators."

ASUI President Jon Gaffney agreed that communication and student involvement issues are always aspects ASUI can work on, but he said he hopes the new Senate will take on other issues such as campus safety and civic engagement. He would like to see the Senate utilize the money set aside in the ASUI budget for lighting and campus safety put to better use, he said.

"One thing we could stand to see more of is development with campus safety," he said, "and ... next fall I'd like to see the Senate taking the lead on voting registration for students for the election year."

Gaffney and Huddleston agreed they were energized by the way current senators have been getting involved with student needs outside of the university setting. They said senators have been active with sitting in on the Moscow noise ordinance amendment meetings and increasing communication involvement with off-campus students.

Huddleston said she hopes the new Senate will continue on the same path and is looking forward to an influx of fresh ideas from new people.

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Benefits package may affect retention

Faculty have until Friday to decide on a plan

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

Scott Sulzer has been a team cleaning specialist/custodian for the University of Idaho for more than four years. When he first received the new CustomChoices health benefits packet, he said there was not a lot of explanation as to what was needed by an employee acting as the soul breadwinner for a household.

Sulzer is married with one child at home and another on the way. To stay with his old plan, plan B, Sulzer said he would only have about \$360 per paycheck to live on. He had already factored in options like Medicaid and food stamps.

After coming to this conclusion, he took his case to Paul Michaud, assistant vice president of human resources. After comparing and contrasting all of the plans available with Michaud, Sulzer said talk drifted to thoughts of welfare and then to looking into finding another job.

Today Sulzer is still employed by UI, however he is no longer a Moscow resident. He now lives in Pullman, he said, to take advantage of the state sponsored health

benefits Washington offers.

Sulzer said the changes to the health benefits plan were overwhelming, but the problem was never crunching the numbers, it was coming up with the money.

"When you live paycheck to paycheck you don't have that kind of money to throw around," Sulzer said.

As of Monday, only 51 percent of the 2,430 benefit-eligible employees have made a choice of either plans A, B or H. If a choice is not made by the remaining faculty and staff by Friday, the default plan will be plan A.

As for the effects changes will have on employee retention and recruitment, the future is difficult to determine.

Rhonda Zenner, an administrative assistant in the computer science department, said a good benefits package can be a recruiting factor, especially when it comes to positions on the lower-end of the pay scale. She said she fears a poor health plan will affect employee retention and recruitment.

Zenner said she switched plans after her old plan, plan B, more than tripled in cost. She said it's easy to see how the changes have affected the UI atmosphere.

"UI used to be a family, now it's just a business," she said. "It used to be a caring place to work, now (this is) just another job."

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said he fears changes in faculty will have an impact on

student recruitment as well.

"It could be serious if we lose our strong (faculty)," he said.

Michaud said employees leave for many reasons, but if it becomes apparent to human resources that people are leaving specifically because of the benefits changes, human resources will attempt to fix the problem.

Michaud said the first step would be to notify the Idaho State Board of Education of the problem. The Board would then make arrangements with the governor and the Idaho Legislature to allocate more money toward health care costs in order to remedy the problem.

Michaud said during the one-on-one meetings he has been a part of, he has never told an employee that they may need to find another job.

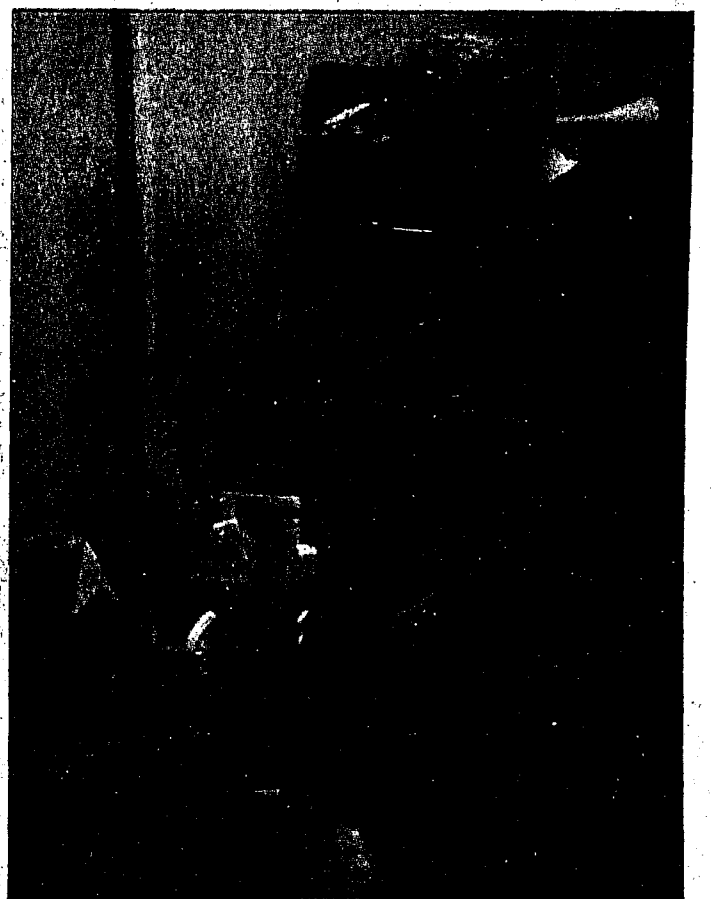
"We are always optimistic," he said.

Of the 30-40 people he has spoken with about their health care needs, Michaud said he has seen an increasing understanding and acceptance of the changes.

"Time and time again people say 'Oh this isn't as bad as I thought,'" he said.

Of the people he has counseled, many held lower-paying jobs. He said after talking with them, they eventually learn to accept the choices they made.

"They start to say 'I understand I have made some choices that may cost me more, but I made those choices,'" he said. "At least



Scott Sulzer is one of many University of Idaho employees affected by the health benefit changes. Jake Barber/Argonaut

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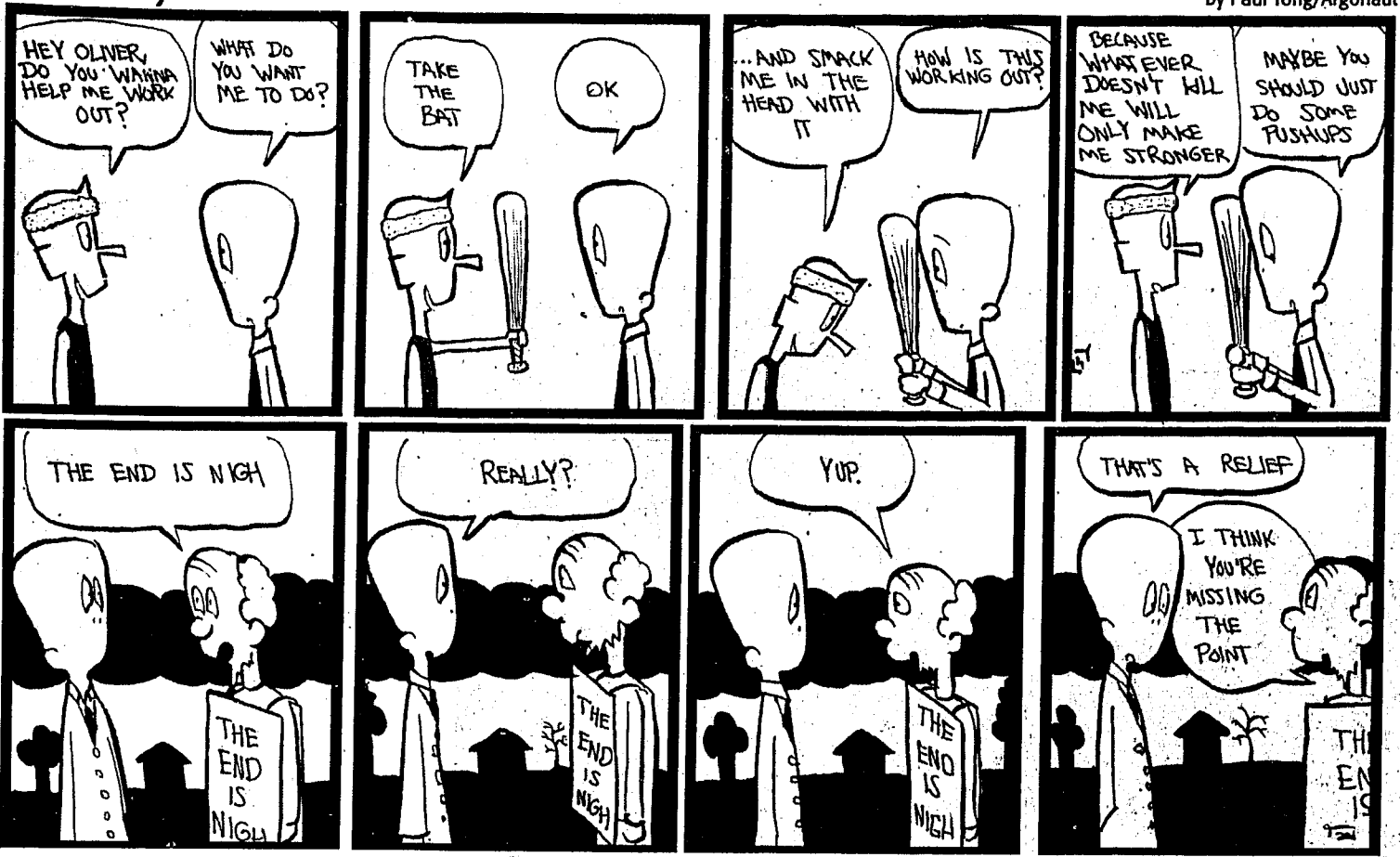
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ON THE WEB

65 percent of voters said that a family member other than themselves cooked their Thanksgiving turkey. Guy in a Monkey Suit cooked his own. As long as you count popping a frozen tray into the microwave as cooking. His dinner took only a few minutes to cook. Then again, he didn't have any leftovers.

UniversityAVE.



WTF?NEWS

Meet Zhen Zhen the panda

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Zoo's panda cub finally has a name: Zhen Zhen, or Precious.

Following Chinese tradition, the zoo waited until the cub, which was born Aug. 3, was 100 days old before giving her a name Monday.

According to zoo officials, Zhen Zhen (pronounced shen shen) won out over 2,400 names submitted by zoo visitors.

The other choices were Li Hua, or Beautiful China; Ming Zhu, or Bright Treasure; and Xiao Li, or Little Beauty.

The cub is still living out of public view in a private den with her mother, the panda Bai Yun, but can be seen via the zoo's Web cam.

Voice of London's subways fired

LONDON — The woman behind the gentle, even voice which warns London's subway commuters to "Mind the gap" was fired after telling a newspaper she thought the transit network was dreadful.

Emma Clarke has been recording messages for London's sprawling subway network, popularly known as the Tube, since 1999. In addition to warning passengers to watch their step in walking between subway cars and the platform, she also reads the trains' stops, tells Londoners how long they have to wait until their next ride, and delivers service updates.

Transport for London, the body responsible for running the subway, said Monday that Clarke, 36, was fired for telling The Mail on Sunday she avoided using the subway whenever possible.

"The thought of being stuck in the Tube with strangers for minutes on end and having to listen to endless repeated messages of my own voice fills me with horror," she told the paper.

She said using the service every day had been "dreadful."

The paper also featured Clarke's Web site, which hosts a series of spoof Tube announcements, including one warning a passenger not to stare at a woman's chest and another telling American tourists, "You are almost certainly talking too loud."

Transport for London noted that some of the spoof announcements were quite funny, but spokesman Dan Hodges said Clarke's attack on the subway itself had crossed the line.

"We wouldn't employ somebody to promote our services who simultaneously criticizes those services," Hodges said.

Clarke's voice will continue to fill London's subway cars until a replacement is needed, he said.

Pigeon racers petition queen

LONDON — Pigeon racers are petitioning

Queen Elizabeth II to have their activity officially classified as a sport.

The Belford Racing Pigeon Club hopes the British monarch, the patron of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, will intervene in a dispute that could see them pay millions of dollars in taxes, chairman Eric Sim said.

Racers, known as "pigeon fanciers," house their birds in sheds, buildings the British government now wants to tax, beginning in April. Sports clubs can get tax relief, but pigeon racing is not classified as a sport, which would leave racers footing a hefty tax bill.

Even if it's not officially classified a sport, "pigeon racing has been recognized as a sport for well over 100 years and this latest turn of events will cause many clubs to struggle to make ends meet," Sim said.

Local representative Geoff O'Connell said he wanted to raise the matter with British tax authorities.

"During World War II, owners gave more than a quarter of a million pigeons to our defense forces and they were used most effectively to carry messages from battlefronts and to save lives from sinking ships and downed aircraft," O'Connell said.

"It is little to ask the government to show some sympathy towards this group of people by reversing this latest decision and recognizing this activity is a sport."

Israeli flag breaks record

MASADA, Israel — The record for the world's largest flag now belongs to an Israeli banner produced by a Filipino evangelical Christian.

The huge blue and white flag, measuring 2,165 feet long and 330 feet wide and weighing 5.7 tons, breaks the record for the world's largest, according to the Israeli Ministry of Tourism.

The flag was unfurled Sunday beneath the ancient Jewish desert fortress of Masada. Representatives of the Guinness Book of Records measured the flag and later confirmed the record.

Filipino entrepreneur Grace Galindez-Gupana said she decided two years ago to produce a giant Israeli flag as a testament to her love for Israel and the Jewish people and as a celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Israel.

"God spoke to me in thunder and lightning," Galindez-Gupana said. "The Lord said, 'Make the flag of Israel, the standard of my people.'"

"This is a tall order," she said, breaking down in tears.

The Israeli flag was accompanied by a giant Philippines flag — huge, but not quite as big. It weighed about 4.2 tons.

Large stones anchored both flags as they billowed in the desert winds.

There are about 31,000 Filipinos in Israel, most of whom are foreign workers, said Gilberto Asuque, consul general of the Philippine Embassy in Israel.

"This flag expresses the friendship between the Philippines and the state of Israel, and also the friendship between Jewish and Christian communities," said Shaul Zemach, director of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism.

— Associated Press

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January 12, noon to 2 pm
February 3rd, noon to 2 pm
February 16th noon to 2 pm

ASUI Center For Volunteerism & Social Action
The Center will be tabling and spreading awareness this Friday Nov. 30th for World Aids Day Dec. 1st.
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Come by the table in the commons to get a red ribbon
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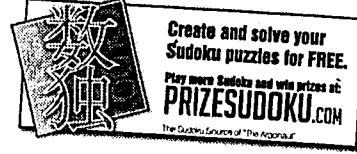
SudokuPUZZLE

9x9 grid for a Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

Solution

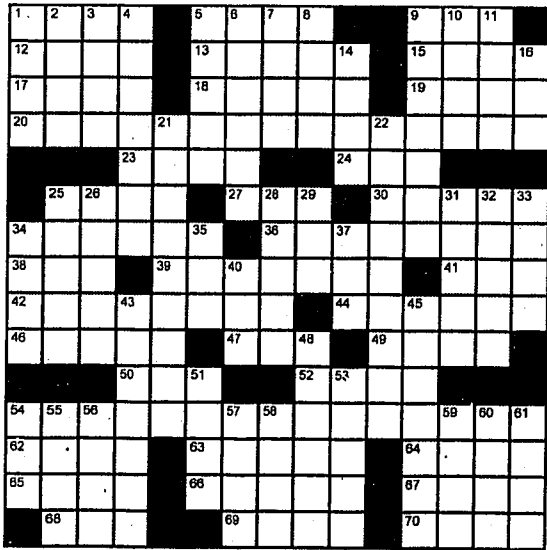
9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

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



CrosswordPUZZLE

- Across: 1 Bridge, 5 Singer McEntire, 9 Chapeau, 12 Jacob's son, 13 Finals, 15 Islands (Fr.), 17 Master copy (Abbr.), 18 Weight unit, 19 mial, 20 Fantasy, 23 Civil wrong, 24 Car of yore, 25 Body covering, 27 Watering hole, 30 de menthe, 34 Stroke, 36 Hamlin cartoon character, 38 Playwright Burrows, 39 Cries of excitement, 41 Before Paulo or Tome, 42 Forest inhabitant, 44 Father & son actors John & Sean, 46 Squirrel away, 47 Before (Prefix), 49 Charged particles, 50 Intelligence group inits, 52 Information, 54 Windows, for one, 62 Old casino game, 63 Attempts, 64 Hack, 65 Move, as a stream, 66 Mother-of-pearl, 67 Ireland, 68 Sharp curve, 69 Aerie, 70 Value, 22 Requisite, 25 Ritual, 26 Amphitheater, 28 Essay, 29 Actress MacGraw, 31 Fluorescent dye, 32 Expressions of discomfort, 33 Verse form, 34 Dental appliances, 37 Pastureland, 40 Liveliness, 43 Real estate agreements, 45 Kitchen appliance, 48 Lawn tools, 51 Memo abbr., 53 Resource, 54 Disconnected, 55 Wan, 56 God of love, 57 Persia, 58 Gracious, 59 E. Ireland village, 60 Egress, 61 Explosive device



Solution

Grid showing the solution to the crossword puzzle.

For hints on solving The Argonaut crosswords, see the Crossword Dictionary at www.crossword-dictionary.com or One Across at www.oneacross.com.

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Vandals set for graduation

More than 800 students will graduate Dec. 8

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

Hundreds of UI students are preparing to take that big step across the Kibbie Dome stage.

Friends and family come to campus at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 8 to honor their loved one's accomplishment. The winter commencement will celebrate the hard work and achievement of more than 800 students.

University of Idaho Registrar Nancy Krogh is excited for the ceremony and proud of the soon-to-be-alums.

"People are so excited about graduating," she said "It's such a fun time of year."

College of Natural Resources and forest resources professor Steven Daley-Laursen will deliver the commencement address. Krogh said Daley-Laursen is an excellent selection for the honor and looks forward to hearing the message he has for students.

"He has had a very interesting career and is a very dynamic leader here on campus," she said. "He's just a witty and very intelligent man. I'm eager to hear what he has to say to graduates."

Although the mid-year honors present less numbers compared to the ceremony in May, it is still an important day for students. Krogh said although it can be sad to bid farewell to former students, the event ultimately serves as a rewarding day for the university no matter what time of year it is.

"This is the way the university works," she said. "We celebrate this because it's what we're all working towards."

Krogh said December's itinerary is similar to that of May's despite the fact that it's at a slightly crazier time of year.

"December is a little different than May because it is a little small ceremony," she said. "Families are planning for the graduation ceremony and the holidays as well."

Soon-to-be-graduate Will Mueller doesn't care what time of year it is, he's just ready to get his diploma. He said although he is anxious for the new chapter in

his life, the change is bittersweet.

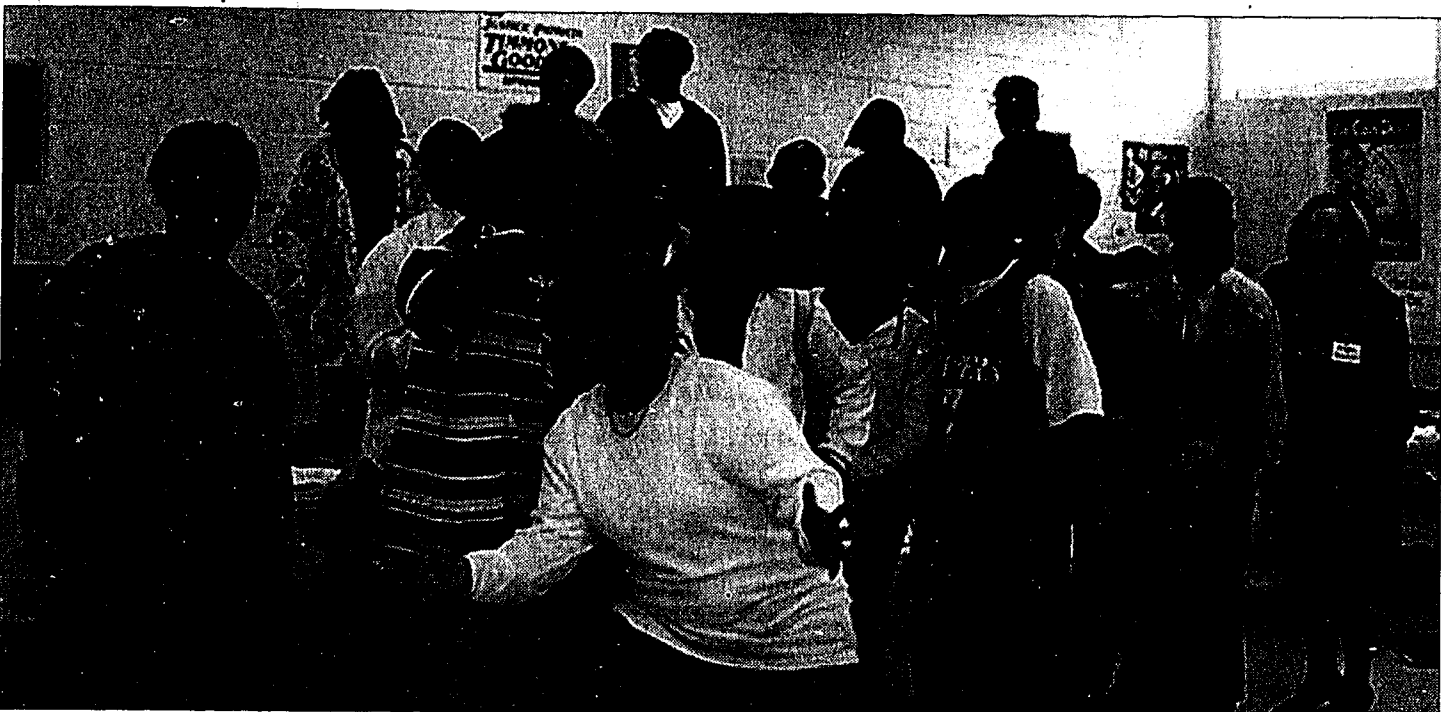
"It feels great to finally be done," he said. "For a lot of graduating seniors, this is quite possibly the last time we will be in school of any kind. It is the end of an old era of life and the beginning of a new one."

Mueller is a history and radio/TV/digital media production double major who said his plans for the future are currently a little hazy.

"I am looking for a job while contemplating graduate school in either film or law school," he said.

The winter commencement is something Mueller has been looking forward to his entire life, but he admits to that he will miss the university that has given and taught him so much.

"I will miss the people I have come to know and love here," he said. "I have made some of the best friends of my life here, as well as made great connections for the future. I will also miss the campus itself and the familiarity of it. It has been my home for the last four and a half years, so it will be hard to say good-bye."



UI alumna and Teach for America instructor Kerri Keeney, far right, stands with her class at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina. Courtesy photo

Closing the gaps in education

Teach for America program recruits all majors to impact schools

Savannah Cummings
Argonaut

When University of Idaho alumna Kerri Keeney met Ida Williams in 2005, the West Charlotte High School student was looking to drop out. A first year teacher with the Teach for America program, Keeney said her response to Williams was essentially, "No you're not."

Keeney remembered the day she showed Williams her report card and the very first "B" she'd ever earned.

"She said, 'This is you, Miss Keeney,' and I said, 'No, this is you,'" Keeney said.

Now a senior, Williams has gone on to become student body president and one of Keeney's favorite success stories.

Teach for America is a national program that selects students from all majors who have demonstrated leadership ability during college and are willing to commit two years to teaching in poor areas of the country.

There are 13 million children living in poverty in the United States, Keeney said, and only 50 percent graduate high school.

"I got really fired up about the mission," Keeney said of her choice to join Teach for America.

A leader herself during her time at UI, Keeney was a leadership intern in ASUI and applied for the program her senior year. She is now in her third year with the program; she signed up for an additional stay after completing her initial two-year commitment.

"There was still so much I wanted to do," Keeney said.

teach for AMERICA.

Want to learn more about opportunities with Teach for America? Visit the Web site at www.teachforamerica.com.

At UI, Keeney studied communications and political science. She applied for Teach for America, she said, because she was really interested in service opportunities, although she had thought about going to law school.

All TFA teachers receive a full salary and the skills involved apply to other possible careers, something that appealed to Keeney. It also offers a competitive benefits package, including health and dental insurance, a retirement plan and vacation time.

"My calling is really with students," Keeney said. "There is a lot of value in teaching."

TFA has 5,000 active teachers and 12,000 alumni. It has also partnerships with a number of graduate programs and companies that show preference to TFA teachers, she said.

TFA does not require members to have any teaching experience, Keeney said.

"It's very common to see people without experience," she said. "A lot (of members) are not formally teacher trained."

The first part of the Teach for America program is the summer institute, where new members are trained and fully equipped to go into the classroom, Keeney said. TFA has 26 regions it works in, ranging from Los Angeles and the Bay area in California, the Las Vegas valley, Houston, New Orleans, Jacksonville, FL, and along the east coast. They try to place new members in areas with a

strong support system, Keeney said.

The experience has been very rewarding, Keeney said.

"I've learned so much about my students," she said. "A lot of it is about the culture of poverty. Seeing the realities they face still speaks to me."

She encourages any students with leadership experience to apply for the program. TFA requires applicants to have completed their bachelor's degree, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.

"I do understand coming from Idaho there's a different perspective," Keeney said.

The biggest challenge she has faced as a teacher is bridging the cultural divide between herself and her students. West Charlotte is a primarily black region and she was intimidated going there and being from Idaho, she said.

"My first year, I tried to avoid that I was from Idaho," she said. "Now I've really embraced it and I've got so much better feedback."

Keeney hopes to continue working in education after completing her time with Teach for America, she said. She is teaching civics and economics to 10th grade students and also teaches law related curriculum. She hopes to work in administration in the future.

"I deal with bureaucracy," she said. "I deal with the divide between the haves and the have nots — it's huge."

"Within the four walls of your classroom, that's where you're going to make your change," she said. "(I love) being able to show students the opportunities they have."

The next application deadline is Jan. 4. Anyone interested in the program can get more information or an application at www.teachforamerica.com or contact Keeney at kerri.keeney@cms.k12.nc.us.

PoliceLOG

Nov. 9

12:57 p.m. Administration Building: Caller says that his car was the victim of a hit and run. Report taken.

2:33 p.m. Alpha Gamma Rho: Caller says that a man has been living in a blue, Chevy van in front of the house. Authorities asked man to move, man complied.

3:35 p.m. Wallace: Caller said his laundry was stolen.

10:27 p.m. Wallace: Caller reported vehicle driving erratically on Sixth Street.

Nov. 10

12:01 a.m. Old Greek Row: Caller reported newer car being driven by two females who were yelling obscenities at everyone who passed.

2:52 a.m. Sigma Chi: Law and EMS responded to call of breathing problems.

1:22 p.m. Delta Tau Delta: Fire and police responded to fire alarm, determined to be accidental.

8:53 p.m. Kappa Alpha Theta: Fire responded to reported fire alarm. All clear.

Nov. 11

12:18 a.m. Wallace: Law, fire and EMS responded to alcohol overdose.

2:05 a.m. Kappa Kappa Gamma: Fire responded to fire alarm. All clear.

12:29 p.m. Kappa Kappa Gamma: Caller said someone threw rock through the window. Suspects contacted, citation issued.

7:24 p.m. Wallace: Report of someone struck in elevator. UI Facilities was able to remove the person.

Nov. 12

2:37 p.m. Delta Sigma Phi: Puppy found, returned to owner.

Nov. 13

9:07 a.m. Delta Tau Delta: Report of a pick-up truck parked on lawn.

Nov. 14

4:29 p.m. Art and Architecture Building: Caller wanting to report her cell phone stolen.

9:18 p.m. Buchanan Engineering Building: Law, fire and EMS responded to report of someone being hit by a car. The victim refused transport to the hospital.

10:17 p.m. Wallace: Caller reported strong smell of marijuana on his floor.

Nov. 15

5:58 p.m. Buchanan Engineering Building: Caller said she passed two males skateboarding on the loading ramp of the building.

10:53 p.m. Alpha Phi: Caller said her vehicle was involved in a hit and run.

Nov. 16

10:37 a.m. Alpha Kappa Lambda: Caller reported vehicle partially parked on sidewalk. Vehicle moved.

10:47 a.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Fire and EMS responded to report of illegal burning.

5:58 p.m. LLC's: Ambulance responded to report of injured person and transported them to hospital.

11:52 p.m. Wallace: Officers responded to report of an attempted suicide. Suspect reported to be very depressed and with friend in dorm room.

Nov. 17

12:49 a.m. Former Steel House: One male arrested for DUI.

Nov. 18

1:25 p.m. Administration Building: Caller said that he parked his car here last Wednesday and fears it may have been towed. Officers contacted UI Parking, determining it had been.

Nov. 20

8:28 a.m. Kappa Delta: Caller reporting several broken lights and the possible egging of the house.

5:30 p.m. Albertson Building: Caller reported that they are stuck on the second floor in the elevator.

Nov. 21

11:50 a.m. College of Natural Resources: Caller reported homeless person in reading room.

12:27 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Last week, caller was in town for football game and was attacked from behind. Had to go to hospital and miss work because of this, so they wanted to file a police report.

2:57 p.m. McClure Hall: Skateboarders behind the building; officers advised them to move, which they did.

3:16 p.m. Steam Plant: Report of a bike that has been in the same place for a week.

No campus reports Nov. 22-Nov. 25.

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Thomas was a big part of center

Former Women's Center director died in November

Jessica Mullins
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Betsy Thomas, past director of the University of Idaho Women's Center, died Nov. 1 due to level four breast cancer. Thomas was known at UI and Moscow for her long-time social and political activism.

"She left a big legacy in terms of the various impacts she had," said UI retiree Kay Keskinen, a close friend of Thomas.

Thomas was the Women's Center director from 1985 to 1997.

"I see Betsy as the person who made the Women's Center strong," said Jeanne Harvey, Women's Center director.

Thomas came to the center at a time when centers around the country were closing, Harvey said.

"She worked hard for staff support and to make it a strong place," Harvey said. "In a way, I say it is here because of her."

Thomas initiated Women's Center traditions including brown bag lunches, speaker series and violence prevention programming.

Rebecca Rod, Women's Center LGBT program adviser, met Thomas when she started working on campus and visited the Women's Center. Rod spent much of her free time in the center where she found support, she said.

Thomas had a big smile and a big belly laugh, Rod said.

"She was relaxed and comfortable with who she was, in her self and in her position," Rod said.

Thomas was involved with women's issues inside and outside the Women's Center, Harvey said.

Thomas has a long history of activity in issues for women and minorities, Keskinen said.

"She was a strong voice for people who needed to have an advocate," she said. "She is someone who is willing to take action to make change."

Thomas moved to Moscow in 1973 and soon became involved in various political and social groups.

"She was a passionate feminist," said Jama Sebald, student financial aid adviser. "She very much cared about fairness and equality for women and all sexes."

Thomas was gracious and welcoming, Sebald said.

"I don't think I've met a person that has more integrity than Betsy," Sebald said. "Betsy always lived her beliefs

and values and you always knew what they were."

Thomas joined the Latah County Youth services as a child protection case worker in 1973. In 1975 she became a juvenile probation officer. She joined the Moscow League of Women Voters in 1975 and was the first woman to serve on the Region I Law Enforcement Planning Commission in 1976. She served in other Moscow groups including the Board of Volunteers and the Home Improvement Alliance.

In 1980, Thomas was the national administrative coordinator for the National Mother's Day March in Chicago.

She ran for Idaho State Legislature in 1980 and 1982.

"Not a lot of women were running for office in those days," Keskinen said.

Thomas was continuously active in the Moscow chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Thomas was instrumental in starting rape crisis resources, Harvey said.

Thomas helped start Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and developed safe houses for domestic violence in the community.

For the Women's Center, she helped organize ski trips in the late '80s and early '90s.

She also annually organized a Thanksgiving dinner and cooked a turkey and potatoes for participants, Rod said.

In 1997, Thomas became the job locator development counselor in student financial aid services. She held that position until her retirement in 2006.

"She remained completely passionate about the Women's Center and the reach it could have," Harvey said. "She was always passionate about the ability it has to be a strong and important place."

Thomas was the Women's Center Athena 2003 Woman of the Year and received the 2005 Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service award for her activism to promote gender equity. The Women's Center will rename the gender equity scholarship in Thomas's name. The scholarship is funded from the WomensWorks art fair Thomas helped create. Thomas was known for her craft work, making scarves and ponchos and other kinds of needlework and beadwork.

"She had a thousand watts smile and a really intense gaze," she said. "So you really got the feeling you were the center of Betsy's rapt attention."

Thomas was born in Ohio in 1944. She is survived by sister Carolyn Thomas, brother John Thomas, a niece, two nephews and several grandnephews and grandnieces.



BETSY THOMAS

B.E.A.R. empowers men to stand up against rape

Scott MacDonald
Argonaut

According to the campus crime statistics Web page on the University of Idaho Web site, there were only three sexual assault cases in 2006. This includes campus and the city of Moscow.

The numbers may be misleading. "What numbers do you want? Do you want the reported numbers or the numbers that actually occur?" said Don Lazzarini, program coordinator for the Violence Prevention Programs of the Dean of Students Office. "You can imagine how difficult it would be for a woman to come forward and report that she has been sexually assaulted by someone she knows."

Data obtained from self-reported incidents of sexual assault in 1997 show 25 percent of women ages 18-24 will be sexually assaulted while in college. That's one in every four women. Only 5 percent of these women will report the incident to police, Lazzarini said.

"If we want to stop rape, we don't tell women to go hide in their rooms, don't walk across campus alone or always have an escort," Lazzarini said. "We go talk to the people that are raping, and every statistic in the world is going to jump out and say it's a male that's doing it."

Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape is a student group within the Dean of Students Office that focuses on sexual assault on campus and within the community.

"The purpose of B.E.A.R. is for the personal development of the men in the group," said senior Travis Zmak, B.E.A.R. coordinator. "It's based on rape and sexual assault prevention and the idea that we are trying to develop men into better men, and in doing so we will help put an end to violence against women and rape on this campus."

B.E.A.R. was founded in 2000 as a result of Lazzarini's attempts to inform students in fraternities, sororities and residential groups about sexual assault. Men from different groups approached him after his programs and asked him what they could do to help. B.E.A.R. was formed to give men the opportunity to learn about sexual assault and to have a voice to be able to stop it, Lazzarini said.

"The discussion is the most important part of the group, just being able to ask questions," Zmak said.

He said the group is a safe environment for men to ask questions that might be difficult to ask in other environments.

"A lot of the growth comes from just looking at yourself and your daily actions, what you are doing and how that's either adding to or taking away from the problem on our campus," Zmak said.

It only takes one person to change a group of people, he said.

"You'll find that once you confront the people around you, they are thinking the same thing," Zmak said. "That same thought process is going on, it's just who has the courage to stand up and once someone does, what you thought was the majority becomes the minority of those who feel that way about the objectification of women."

Lazzarini said the group encourages men to step up and speak out in these moments.

"If they hear somebody talking about a woman and objectifying her, a B.E.A.R. member would be expected to say something like, 'These women are my friends. I don't think that's the way we should speak



Courtesy photo
Violence Prevention Program Director Valerie Russo stands with the B.E.A.R. bear (program specialist Sean Chavez) at Homecoming in October.

about them, they aren't objects, they are human beings," Lazzarini said.

Another focus of the group is teaching men to be accountable for their actions.

"Learning male privilege, learning

where we stand in the world, just being born as males, we have an unspoken privilege a lot of men don't know about," said junior Andrew Hembree, B.E.A.R. student coordinator. "We work on that in meetings and just bouncing off each other problems and ideas that happen in day-to-day life."

Lazzarini said that males have the privilege of being able to move through the world and make decisions without having them be clouded by fears, concerns and threats.

"If you start looking at the world through women's eyes, you'll find out that they are using a percentage of their brains just to keep themselves safe on a daily basis in their environment," Lazzarini said. "We as males, whatever we are doing with our brains, it certainly isn't working on keeping ourselves safe from other males."

Aside from group meetings, B.E.A.R. also has many programs across campus.

"We have informational and educational programs for live-in-groups, sororities, fraternities and residence halls that focus on different issues," Hembree said. Programs cover topics such as dating violence, domestic violence, risk management and sexual assault awareness.

B.E.A.R. is also endorsing the White Ribbon Campaign on Nov. 29. The cam-

paign is a symbol of men against violence. B.E.A.R. does not support violence in any form, Zmak said.

He said he became a member of the group because he wanted to help people.

"I just saw this as too big of a problem not to get involved. I've always had that desire to help people and this has been that avenue," he said. "To help the women I know and the women I don't know. I just felt like I needed to do my part, to do what I can to impact this campus before I'm gone."

Hembree said he became a member because of how he was raised.

"I was just raised in a way that you put women first and you take care of the women in your life and around you," he said. "I've had a lot of young women come to me and tell me we are doing good work. We are making a difference and they appreciate what we do. That makes every hour we put into this worthwhile."

The vast majority of adult males within society don't have the knowledge that B.E.A.R. members have, Lazzarini said.

"They are on the cutting edge on the forefront of getting that information in a way that can influence the quality of their relationships, not only with women but with other men," Lazzarini said. "I think it has very positive applications across the board for making some very positive social changes."

"Whatever we are doing with our brains, it certainly isn't working on keeping ourselves safe from other males."

Don LAZZARINI
Violence Prevention Programs

UNITY expanding mission

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

The student group UNITY is changing its mission statement to become more inclusive of the University of Idaho community. The group is made of representatives from organizations under the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"One thing I liked about UNITY when I joined is it was a place for groups to communicate and collaborate," said Victor Mazo, UNITY co-chair.

Mazo has been involved with OMA programs since his spring semester of his freshman year.

The new mission statement allows more organizations to join, creating broader criteria from the original "multicultural" qualification.

Often people see "multicultural" in the UNITY mission and think their group can't join, Mazo said.

The group mission statement now states it is for "diverse clubs and underrepresented populations" at UI.

P.J. Berger, who transferred to UI this year, first saw the organization as Latino dominated. Berger is the new ASUI director of diversity affairs, a liaison between ASUI, the OMA and UNITY.

Groups in UNITY must have a mission statement that coincides with

the Office of Multicultural Affairs and many of the groups involved are Latino based.

But at some point during the semester, UNITY changed, Berger said. "It is trying to change its perception and becoming more effective," Berger said. "It started to show a more diverse grouping of clubs."

Representatives from groups such as the Gay-Straight Alliance and Christian organizations started attending the meetings.

Berger said UNITY gave him a better appreciation for the campus.

"Going around campus, you don't see diverse aspects," Berger said. "You come (to UNITY) and see there is more to the campus than what you graze your eyes over."

UNITY keeps students in contact with OMA, said Christina Veloz, OMA interim director. She said the groups can share resources and ideas in

UNITY. UNITY helps a group have a stronger voice, said Leathia Botello, OMA coordinator.

From 1994-98 there were five to six student organizations in OMA, Botello said. Since then there has been a significant increase, she said.

Through UNITY, groups can find more support for events or speakers, Botello said.

Hispanic group OELA uses the

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UNITY meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday in TLC 229.

For more information contact co-chairs Victor Mazo at victormazo@vandals.uidaho.edu, Jessica Barrera at jbarrrera@vandals.uidaho.edu or visit myspace.com/ui_unity

funding to help with Vandals Challenge, their program where they bring 80 Hispanic high school students to campus.

In the past, UNITY did more with international groups and organizers hope those groups return to UNITY.

Every group represented in UNITY is allowed one vote. Most have one representative, but more than one member may come to the meetings. Each group can ask for up to \$200 a semester, which has to be approved by the Dean of Students office and ASUI.

Since UNITY is expanding, organizers are searching for ways to accommodate additional members with the budget, Veloz said.

The meetings in the Multicultural Student Center fill the room, as students sit around the edges of the room against the wall.

Meetings provide students with personal enrichment times, through guest speakers or "circle time," a time originally used by the gay-straight alliance where each member expresses how they feel or shares a story.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Event supports families in need at Christmas

Tickets available for Saturday's event for \$30 at the door

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Celebrating its 10th annual event on campus, the President's Office and Moscow Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to the President's Holiday Celebration and Tree Auction Saturday in the Student Union Building International Ballroom.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, then dinner at 7 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. a silent auction and dancing will begin.

Tickets will be sold for \$30 at the door, which includes dinner and dancing. Tickets are available for dancing only; they will be sold for \$15 at the door.

Presidential events manager Kevin Ketchie said this is the first year for the tree auction.

The President's Office, the University Bookstore, Alumni Office, Campus Dining, Chamber of Commerce and the University Best Western are donating trees to local businesses to decorate and the trees will be used for the silent auction.

Proceeds go to local families through the Community Action Partnership.

Ticket prices pay for music and food, so the President's Office is hoping the tree auction will raise money for local families, Ketchie said.

"The Moscow community supports the President's Office and we want to give back to them," Ketchie said.

The University Bookstore plans to decorate its tree with Vandal paraphernalia, while the Chamber of Commerce is providing businesses throughout the community with a single ornament to decorate for a community tree.

"This event is a great way to bring the university and the community together in a festive atmosphere," said Crystal White, marketing and events director for the Moscow Chamber of Commerce.

The President's Office is expecting more than 350 people to attend the event, Ketchie said.

Dinner will be provided by Sodexo with entertainment by the University of Idaho Vandaleers. Music will be also provided by Kingpins and the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton Inland Northwest Big Band featuring the Hamptones.

Another event the President's Office sponsors is the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner. It is an event where faculty and staff can come at no cost to relax and enjoy themselves, Ketchie said.

The Chamber of Commerce and the President's Office work together throughout the year, but this is an important time to be involved, Ketchie said.

Everyone enjoys coming together and having a good time, Ketchie said.

"(There are some) die hard folks who enjoy the celebration," Ketchie said.

Tickets are available at the University of Idaho Ticket Office or at 885-6466.

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"I've seen a lot more engagement this semester than the last couple of years," Gaffney said. "We need to maintain or increase that level of

engagement."

Huddleston said she is looking forward to begin work on new projects, especially academic advising, with the new senators next semester.

"I am excited for the new senators to get in and show they are ready to go," she said. "We are looking to keep up all

of our energy from the old senators and pass it to the brand new senators."

Students can view the 12 candidate profiles at www.asui.uidaho.edu/CandidateBios.

The candidates are Zach Arama, Kayla Dahmen, Duncan Rickford, Kristin Caldwell, Loren Doman, Sam Morin, Ol-

ivia Chinchinian, Ian Harpole, Kenneth Peters and Kat Swick. Garrett Holbrook and Leah Schwisow are running for re-election.

To vote, students can go to the ASUI Web site or visit polling stations located in the Idaho Commons and the Student Recreation Center.

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home exams, something she enjoyed because she said it can test more knowledge than an in-class test. Despite warnings to students that the exams needed to be completed alone, Kraut said problems with work-sharing forced her to stop giving them.

Because of the problems, the department and the College of Business and Economics is working to create a code of ethics that addresses academic integrity.

"It only needs to be one or two groups that can ruin it for everyone," Kraut said.

The program is seeing an increasing in dishonest behavior, especially in group work and projects that have been around a while, due to file sharing.

To catch cheaters, Kraut said instructors have things they can look at in Excell spreadsheets that can tell them when a file was originated. If they see two files that have identical coding, it can be a sign that someone cheated, she said. With exams that seem too similar, Kraut said instructors look at which exam changed answers, especially if they were changed to the wrong answers.

Similar tests turned in by

people who are known to be friends or to sit together also raises eyebrows.

Confronting a student accused of academic dishonesty is a sensitive topic and requires a lot of evidence, Kraut said. With group projects, it is hard to tell if the problem is with just one member or if the entire group was a part of the dishonesty. Her strategy is bringing in each member individually and find out what really happened.

"We're seeing (cheating) a lot more in group projects, especially if some group members don't know," Kraut said. "You have to try to get members to agree that certain members (are the problem). You try to catch them off guard if you know it's just one group."

When confronted with solid evidence, most students will admit to being dishonest, she said. In her experience, no student has ever denied it, although she said other faculty members have had problems.

Preventing academic dishonesty means faculty members are putting in more time away from the office, Kraut said.

"It just means we're working more hours at home," she said. "You have to make more original exams. That definitely takes more time."

Many instructors are beginning to refuse to hand back

cheating prevention TIPS

The Argonaut offers these tips to students to avoid cheating problems:

Practice good time management: Don't wait until the last minute to begin an assignment. Cheating will look too tempting.

Talk to the instructor: If you are going through a personal crisis or are overwhelmed by life, talk to your instructor. Most instructors are willing to work with students on deadlines. But don't wait until the last minute.

Cite everything: Issues of improper citations can lead to questions of plagiarism. If you're not sure how to properly cite your work, talk to your instructor, visit www.citationmachine.com or go to the Writing Center in the Idaho Commons Room 323. Call 885-6644 for more information.

Study: Not studying is no excuse for cheating on an exam. Make sure you leave yourself plenty of time to prepare.

exams in order to prevent the creation of test files for future students to use, she said.

Aside from testing problems, Meier has seen issues with plagiarism on papers.

"I consider it to be stealing," Meier said. "I don't tolerate that. If I catch you — you get an F."

While the Internet may have made it easier for students to plagiarize, it also makes it easier for teachers to catch them. Internet services such as www.turnitin.com allows instructors to upload documents which are scanned and run through search engines, looking for common phrases. Many instructors are turning to that sort of service, Meier said, and he plans on using it for all his classes next semester.

Instructors can also paste suspicious phrases into a Google search and see what

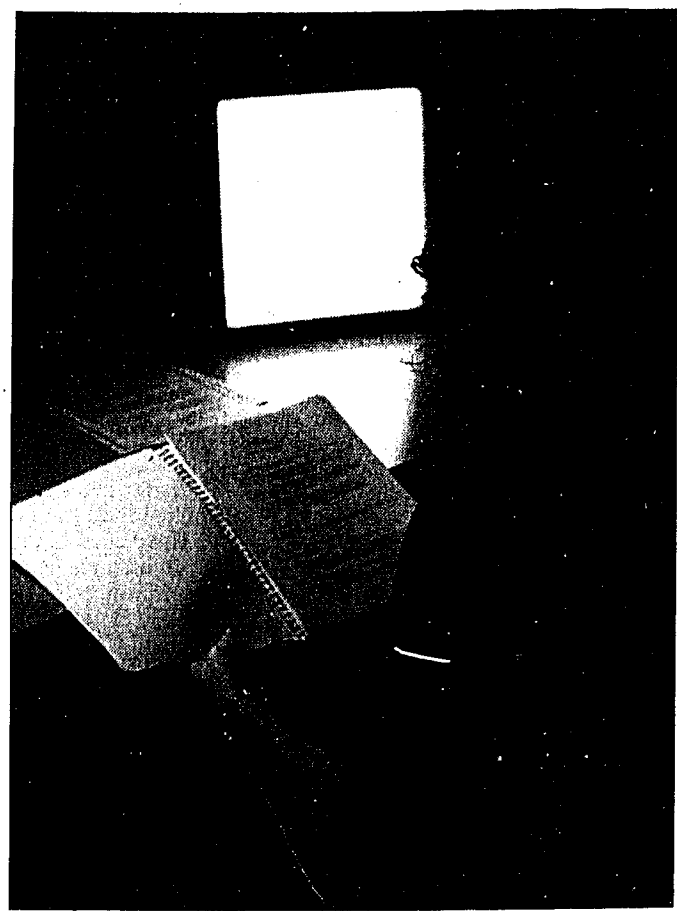
turns up, Meier said, which is an easy way to catch plagiarists.

"(Plagiarism) is deliberate," he said. "I'd say 80 percent is cut and paste right out of a Web site."

His tactics for approaching students suspected of cheating vary depending on the situation. If two students turn in an identical paper, Meier said he will call them in, confront them and leave them to figure out what to do. Someone usually confesses, he said.

Whenever confronting a student, Meier said, he makes sure to use "The Gold Standard" — meaning the evidence he has is good enough to stand up in court.

"I'd rather prevent it than have to deal with the consequences," Meier said. "I think the student would, too."



Tyler Macy/Argonaut
Students can sit in front of specially designed therapy lights at the Counseling and Testing Center while they read or do homework.

CTC offers help with seasonal depression

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

know the SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder include irritability, sadness, anxiety, increased appetite and cravings for carbohydrates, weight gain, decreased activity, drowsiness, increased sleep and problems with work and relationships. Symptoms usually begin around the same time of the year for the patient, sometimes beginning as early as September or October and ending in April or May.

— Information from WebMD.com

Winter officially arrived in Moscow over Thanksgiving break with the first snowfall off the season. While some students may welcome the cold, short days and the start of ski season, others know that as the sun sinks earlier every day, their mood sinks as well.

But students suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder can find relief at the University of Idaho's Counseling and Testing Center.

According to Dr. Charles Morrison of the CTC, SAD affects 4 to 10 percent of the population nationwide, approximately 470 to 1,100 UI students.

The amount of people who suffer from this disorder increases further north and more females fall victim to it than males, around 60 to 90 percent of patients are female according to WebMD.com.

To help alleviate the disorder, several years ago the CTC purchased two phototherapy lights that students can sit under for 20-40 minutes a day. The full-spectrum, high intensity lights are designed to simulate sunlight.

Students can request to use the lights at the CTC, which has two of them, but if the demand increases, they would consider buying more, Morrison said.

Each light therapy session takes 20-40 minutes. The lights sit on a table like a desk lamp so patients can adjust them to within 14-16 inches of their face. Patients can do homework or whatever else they please during the session.

According to Morrison, the sessions are more effective if they take place in the morning. Patients who experience side effects including headaches, eye pain or skin sensitivity should not use the treatment, he said.

Like any other treatment, light therapy can have side effects. While rare, Morrison said, some more serious side effects include insomnia, prolonged irritability and agitation, disrupted sleep and nausea. Patients with skin that is sensitive to light, or take medications that react with sunlight or have an eye condition that makes them prone to becoming damaged in the light should not use the treatment, Morrison said.

Light therapy is helpful for people affected by SAD and is cheaper than some treatments. The average light costs \$100 to \$300, which is far cheaper than a range of other treatments for depression, such as anti-depressant

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educate the university about academic integrity.

"It seemed like people didn't know," Higgins said. "I really wanted to educate the faculty to take action under the code."

Higgins and the Dean of Students Office, which is in charge of academic honesty, encouraged faculty to put UI's policy about cheating into class syllabi and make sure students understood they will be held accountable for dishonest behavior.

Since the effort began, known instances of academic dishonesty increased to 48 in 2003-04, 60 in 2004-05, 58 in 2005-06 and 31 in 2006-07. The number is still probably low, she said, but UI is improving.

"We've made great improvements with working with faculty," Higgins said. "They feel personally affronted (by dishonesty). Faculty are people too and it's personally hurtful."

Consequences for first-time offenders caught cheating or plagiarizing vary, Higgins said.

Faculty members are encouraged to report all instances of academic dishonesty to the Dean of Students Office, even if they want to deal with the issue inside the department, Higgins said. It is hard for a faculty member to know if the cheating is an isolated incident or if the student is a multiple offender. The Dean of Students Office can keep track of student activities and make sure students aren't trying to work the system.

"We're the central depository for that stuff," Higgins said.

Faculty members do have the option of dealing with the student themselves and can fail the student for either the assignment or the course, according to the student code. If the incident is reported to the Dean of Students Office, the student will be asked to come in and discuss the incident. The office may then decide whether to take further action.

If a student receives a citation for academic dishonesty, they have a couple options, Higgins said. First-time offenders can enter into an agreed settlement with the

Dean of Students Office or appear before the University Judicial Council to plead their case. Most students chose to go for the agreed settlement, Higgins said. Depending on the severity of the issue, most first-time offenders will receive community service, have to write a paper and are put on academic probation for one year. All second offenses are taken before the UJC, Higgins said, where the office will seek a minimum of one semester suspension.

Judicial proceedings can be found in Article X in the student code of conduct. Students appearing before the UJC are allowed to have legal representation, — available through ASUI — call witnesses and present testimony.

The UJC is made up of faculty and students appointed by ASUI and Graduate and Professional Student Association.

"It's a student's opportunity to tell their side of the story," Higgins said. "The Dean of Students Office supports students going to the UJC."

The majority of the cases brought before the council are academic dishonesty issues, she said. While the numbers were slightly down last year, it is hard to say whether that trend will continue. By the end of September, the Dean of Students Office had already seen six cases, a significant amount, Higgins said.

"It feels high," she said. "The places where (cases) come from are faculty members who really know (the system) and had no problems referring students."

The prevalence of cheating changes throughout the semester, Higgins said.

"You see this kind of stuff at midterms and finals," she said. "Times when students feel stressed and look for the easy way out."

The English department is one that handles academic integrity issues very well, Higgins said.

"They've worked really hard to let students know what the consequences are going to be," she said.

Students in English 101 and 102 classes are learning how not to plagiarize, said Gordon Thomas, director of writing for the department.

"If someone has trouble handling quotations, they're technically plagiarizing," he

said, but because the purpose of the course is to teach students how to properly cite sources, the instructor will more likely go over the work with them rather than punish them for cheating.

"We're trying to teach students not to do this again."

The problem, Thomas said, arises when students think they can deceive their instructors.

"If they're handing in someone else's paper, that's the kind of thing that we don't think they really think is OK to do," he said. "It's impossible to imagine that they didn't know this (wasn't OK)."

The College of Business and Economics and the accounting department also take cheating very seriously, Higgins said, in part because of the high sense of ethics required for students wanting to work with money.

The accounting department has referred several cases to the Dean of Students Office, said department head Marla Kraut.

"In the past few years we have had a handful of incidents," she said. "Non-accounting and even non-business majors take several of our accounting courses, so the individuals cheating are often not accounting majors."

When students are caught cheating, it is usually dealt with by the professor and department head, she said. The department is working on developing a code of conduct for the Master of Accountancy program, she said. There have been a couple of master's students involved in dishonest activity, Kraut said. The behavior appears to be increasing slightly.

"I have seen a small increase in academic dishonesty, mostly due to increase group projects," Kraut said. "We are trying to teach students that working in teams is valuable, but on individual assignments they need to work alone."

Discussing ethical behavior is a portion of the curriculum in the accounting department.

"Given the unethical issues regarding financial reporting by managers and accountants, unethical behavior is very crucial," Kraut said. "We have woven discussions of ethical behavior throughout our accounting and business curriculum. We try to teach students how to deal with unethical behavior in the workplace and life."

With Web sites such as www.echeat.com, which offers free essays and papers for download, students may think it is easier than ever to get away with plagiarism, but

Look for the new issue of Blot this week!

This issue features home brewing, a vagrant Vandal and the new Best of UI, Moscow and the Web.

Local/BRIEFS

COGS hosts multicultural recruitment day Friday

Multicultural students interested in attending graduate school at the University of Idaho will be able to network with graduate students and professors, tour facilities and learn about the admission process during the College of Graduate Studies "Multicultural Graduate Student Recruitment Day" Friday.

The free event begins at 9 a.m. in the Idaho Commons Aurora Room with a continental breakfast, followed by comments from Provost Doug Baker and Director of Diversity and Community Mark Edwards.

Information about graduate school applications, admissions, funding and attendance will be discussed followed by a meet-and-greet with faculty of graduate school programs. The Native American Center, the Career and Professional Planning program and the Office of Multicultural Affairs will host open houses from 1-3 p.m. Participants can e-mail multicogs@uidaho.edu for a registration form.

Professor wins national award

University of Idaho animal physiologist and dairy management professor Amin Ahmadzadeh won one of six regional teaching awards given by the

U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He is among eight professors, including two from the West, who were honored Nov. 12 in New York City by the nation's oldest higher education association, which represents 216 colleges and universities. Ahmadzadeh joined the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences faculty in 2000. He teaches courses on dairy management and animal science.

Panel discusses affordable housing

A community discussion on affordable housing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hecht room of the Neill Public Library in Pullman.

The discussion is headed by a panel of professional leaders in the field from the Community Action Center, the Palouse Habitat for Humanity and the Portland Community Land Trust.

It will feature a city council member and a local realtor, and emphasize the difficulties facing working families and individuals who contribute to the community but can't find affordable housing. "Affordable Housing: Creating Solutions" is organized by the Pullman Alliance for Responsible Development.

The panel will focus on strategies that particular groups are using to make affordable housing available and invite community discussion about how to support and enhance solutions. The panel, moderated by Greg Hooks

of the WSU Sociology department, will begin with Benjamin and Joanne Sellen of Associated Brokers, followed by presentations by Dr. Leonard R. Johnson of Palouse Habitat for Humanity and Karl Cozad of the Pullman Community Action Center.

Discussion will begin after a final presentation by Susie Law-God at of the Portland Community Land Trust, who will describe how such trusts have helped maintain affordable housing in the turbulent pricing environments of cities such as Portland. The event is free and open to the public.

Tips to be offered for energy efficient home

The University of Idaho is offering tips to save money, reduce carbon-dioxide emissions and create a more energy-efficient home.

Students can make sure their refrigerator door closes tightly and forms a tight seal. Warm air will get in and the unit will have to use more energy to keep things cool.

Cleaning the dryer's lint filter after each use will allow the air to circulate efficiently. The harder it is for air to circulate past clothes, the longer the dryer must run.

Wash clothes in cold water. For most clothes, cold water is just as effective as hot water, and it will cut energy use by half.

Seal any cracks or gaps in your home. About 15 percent of the energy used for

heating homes warms air that leaks out through the cracks. Caulking and weather stripping are simple solutions.

Insulate windows with clear plastic film to keep the warm air in and cold air out. During the winter months, lowering the thermostat one degree may reduce an energy bill by as much as 10 percent.

Poinsettias on sale Dec. 5-7 at UI greenhouse

The Plant and Soil Science Club will sell poinsettias for \$8 Dec. 5-7 at UI. Poinsettias will be available for purchase Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the University greenhouse on Sixth Street. The sale will continue Dec. 6-7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Idaho Commons. Red, pink, white and variegated plants will be available. For information contact Paul Collins at coll5318@vandals.uidaho.edu.

Garden Lecture Series continues Monday

A garden lecture series will continue on Monday at the University greenhouse on Sixth Street. "Interior Plants II" is the title of the session to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will learn about growing and propagating plants inside the home. Attendees will receive a free plant. The campus community is invited to attend, however space is limited. To reserve a space e-mail gmeyer@uidaho.edu.

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Idaho firefighters pose for calendars

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — These Idaho firefighters dressed for the job — that is, they undressed.

The Professional Firefighters of Idaho 2008 Beefcake Calendar contains 14 black-and-white photos of shirtless firefighters from around the state wearing their firefighting pants and suspenders.

Money from calendar sales will pay for firefighter training and education.

The calendar, in its first year, replaces a concert in Boise that failed to meet the firefighter group's \$80,000 goal.

Organizers hope for better results with the smoldering \$15 calendars.

Firefighters volunteered

to be photographed, though many had to get their wife's permission first.

"She was all for it," said Mr. January, Eric Sorenson of the Northern Lakes Fire Department, who is pictured bare chested and glistening while spraying water from a fire boat.

He said the calendar is "tactfully done. It didn't feel like we were doing anything that was dirty."

Coeur d'Alene firefighter Dylan Clark, Mt. April, said his wife bought four of the calendars to give to family members.

"It's funny — not really something I figured I'd be doing," he told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "It's for a good cause. It helps us."

Coeur d'Alene firefighter Matt Tosi, Mr. February 2009,

said he was one of the few firefighters who didn't shave his chest for the photo shoot. He expects some good-natured raking over the coals by fellow firefighters.

"You want to participate, you want to be involved, but you know you're going to take shots from guys at work."

It's already started for Sorenson.

"They're letting us have it pretty good," he said. "That's part of being around the station."

Jim Walker, a senior fire-

fighter with the Boise Fire Department and the calendar chairman, said volunteers to pose for the photos were scarce at first.

"Once a few guys volunteered then they started coming out of the woodwork," he told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Some guys who weren't in it this year want to be in it next year, so it's kind of become a fitness motivator."

He said 3,000 calendars will be produced.

It's not the only Idaho firefighter calendar planned for 2008.

The Boise Fire Department is putting one out to benefit its Burnout Fund, which helps families who have lost homes in fires.

Charlie Ruffing, chairman of the Burnout Fund and a firefighter with the Boise Fire Department, said the 2007 calendar disappointed some buyers because there weren't enough shirtless firefighters, an error he said has been corrected for 2008.

"What we found out was our target audience was the ladies," he said. "And the ladies made it very clear they wanted a beefcake calendar, and that's the direction we went this year."

"You want to participate, you want to be involved, but you know you're going to take shots from guys at work."

Matt TOSI
Calendar model

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OurVIEW

Put the 'you' back in ASUI

With ASUI Senate elections approaching Wednesday through Friday, the question we must ask is: Who cares?

Not why should we care, or what are the issues, but who cares?

With a student body so apathetic that they don't care to vote or get involved with student issues, ASUI can not be effective in truly representing the student body.

For many students, this is the first they have heard of the election. This may be ASUI's fault for not getting the word out about the election, but blame also lies on the shoulders of UI students.

Students are content to complain about everything that goes on at UI, including criticizing the work of student leaders who are involved, but few of them actually do anything themselves.

The ASUI Senate may not be doing much, but at least they are doing something. The majority of this campus can't even say that.

"Legacy of Leading" is the new UI tagline, but in reality, students aren't living up to the hype.

No amount of fliers, posters, candidate forums or even words on this page will change the fact that UI students just don't care.

If you aren't involved you have no room to complain. Hold the candidates up to high standards, ask tough questions or run yourself, but if you are not involved, shut up.

If the ASUI Senate is to do its job and fairly represent the whole student body, it can't do it alone. Right now it is the voice of a student body that could not care less about student government or anything else about the university.

The legacy being left is one of apathy. One of students who can complain, but do nothing. Leadership may be in the slogan, but is absent in most students.

Get out and vote this week and let your voice be heard. Students can vote from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday in the Idaho Commons or online at www.asui.uidaho.edu/vote.

For information about the 12 candidates running for the seven open Senate positions, go to the ASUI Web site, www.asui.uidaho.edu/CandidateBios.

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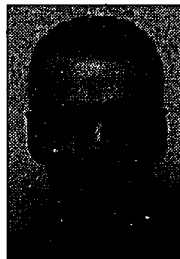
Don't waste your freedom

Thanksgiving is just barely behind us and no doubt still fresh in our minds. Among the many things we list at Thanksgiving that we are thankful for, freedom usually appears near the top, especially since Thanksgiving is an American holiday (it's Canadian too, but that was last month).

As college students, we place especially high value on freedom. Most of us would agree that one of the greatest things about being in college — if not the greatest — is that we are finally free and independent. No one can tell us what to do. Thanksgiving break might serve to remind us of this if we visit home. Of course we enjoy seeing our parents, but now that we know what it is like to be our own masters, living by someone else's rules can get tiresome, even if it's just for a week.

But what is our freedom for? Is it for apathy or is it for excellence? Does

being independent mean that now we can do whatever we want and not care about anything? Is that the meaning of freedom? Or does freedom mean that we finally have the ability to be our very best?



Benjamin Ledford
Columnist
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As an example, imagine someone sat you down at a piano and told you that you were free to play whatever you wanted. Do you pound on it randomly, or do you play beautiful music? Which is the better — and the proper — use of your freedom? Of course, you may not know how to play the piano. In that case, your freedom to use it should inspire you to learn how to play it, so that you may learn to use your freedom to do something excellent.

It is the same with a college student. Here we are given our first chance to do whatever we want. Are we just going to make noise or are we going to produce something beautiful?

Many of us do not know how to use our freedom to be our very best, but of course one of the purposes of college is to teach us how to use our freedom for excellence. Now is when we learn so that we can use our freedom to its fullest throughout the rest of our lives.

At college, nobody can tell you what to do with your spare time, so how do you use it? What did you do over the weekend? Are you proud of it or can you even remember the weekend? If our freedom is about apathy — doing whatever we feel like because no one cares — then it is useless and we are wasting it. On the other hand, if our freedom is about excellence — doing our best because there is nothing stopping us — then our time at college could be preparation for a wonderful life (notice the segue into the Christmas season).

Sadly, it seems that many college students would rather pound on random keys and some are even proud of it. Is that the best we can do with our freedom? I, for one, would rather learn to play.

MailBOX

HR could use some help with benefits 'density'

In the Nov. 16 Argonaut article on the confusion created by the new benefits program, Dan Noble stated that the enrollment period may be extended due to the "density of the information." Density is defined as the amount of matter in a certain volume. In this case, it would be the information content, say, per page of material. The amazing volume of plan information provided to employees is full of marketing jargon, confusing "insurance terms" (such as "maximum out of pocket" that does not include deductibles, as if it comes from somewhere else) and other useless information or non-benefits (e.g., SRC memberships at full price).

Clearly, the actual, relevant benefit information density is very low, which greatly contributes to the confusion. While rising health care costs are largely out of the control of UI, how the information is presented to us is not. The information provided to employees looks more like a late-night infomercial than a benefits package. While our fine engineering students are not typically known for their writing skills, they are taught

to present complex topics clearly and concisely, and certainly know the meaning of the word "density." Maybe HR can enlist a few to help with the next benefits plan change, in six months or so.

Fritz Fiedler
faculty, civil engineering

Open green lot permits to off-campus students

Green permits should be available to students who live off campus as another source to park close to campus.

I understand that the green lots are first for students who live in the apartments owned by the University. However, the green lots on Elm Street, Blake Street and Taylor Street are usually empty. These parking facilities are only one-fourth full, while blue, purple and magenta lots are consistently full on campus.

The University of Idaho parking services are taking a step in the right direction in opening up gold permits to others. I recently received an e-mail from UI Parking explaining that they were opening gold permits to students, irregular help and temporary employees — for \$216.

I know very few college students or adults that would be willing to pay \$216 for a good parking spot — especially when they have already paid

anywhere between \$59-\$131 for a parking permit up to this point in the year. However, even with the opening of the extra gold permits, those permits are only allowed in specific gold lots that parking deems appropriate. The lots the special permit will be allowed in are by the power plant and North of the Law Building, only.

I propose that parking services open up the green permit for students who live off campus and commute daily — at an affordable price. Parking should offer only as many permits as there are spots to guarantee students a spot. They could charge \$100 for the permits.

Off-campus students have the option to buy a red or blue parking permit. Both of these lots are also open to Greek and residence hall students as well as faculty and staff, so those lots are crowded. Even Greek members that purchase a magenta or purple can park in the blue lots. There are lots reserved for residence hall students only, faculty only and Greek members only — there should be more options available to off-campus students as well.

This would be a great opportunity for parking services to actually show they care about the students' opinions and a start at shaking the nickname, "Parking Nazis."

Marie Fabricius
junior, public relations

Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

I hate 'Beowulf'

I love listening to people complain about how the new "Beowulf" movie changed the story so much. For the record people, "Beowulf" is the worst piece of literature ever forced upon English students. We only celebrate it for its age, and I urge all the purists out there to dip into the recesses of their minds and remember how much they hated reading that story in high school. Any changes made to it would be an improvement. They could have made Beowulf a chick and Grendel his girlfriend and it would still be a better movie.

— Savannah

I love 'Beowulf'

I feel a little guilty for liking a movie better than literature, but "Beowulf" the movie is 3D insanity. I thought the guy sitting in front of me got stabbed in the face with a 90-foot spear. If you see this movie, enjoy it while it lasts, because you will wake up the next day and realize the 3D in your life is a cheap knockoff. That said, I don't recall the storyline.

— Alec

'Beowulf' is hot

Some people like it, others hate it, but I think "Beowulf" is hot. It's such a manly story. Stories about men doing manly stuff like killing monsters and ripping their arms off is way exciting. Maybe I'm just a boy-crazy girl, but I love "Beowulf."

— Ryli

Almost done

Thanksgiving break could not possibly have come any later, I'm pretty sure. It's been a hell of a semester and the break was sorely needed. And now with two real weeks of class left, another is on its way.

Somehow, I must have done something right.

— Carissa

Christmas music?

Post-Thanksgiving is the right time to start playing Christmas music. Even I have begun playing holiday tunes. If you feel the need to hear "Mr. Hanky's Christmas Classics," come see me.

Swiss Colony Beef Log, baby.

— T.J.

Let it snow

It's supposed to snow 4-6 inches overnight. I love snow. Hey, do we get snow days in college?

— Robert

They grow on you

So I have been considering expanding my goatee into a full beard. I mean, beards can be pretty classy. Not to mention that it would keep my face warmer in the upcoming winter months.

— Jake

Teary sniffles

Why is it that whenever I have to sneeze, my eyes completely well up in tears and nothing comes out?

It's sniff, sniff, tear — and nothing. With my nose tingling, I look at the fluorescent lights but nothing happens. Looking like a five-year-old girl who just found a lump of coal under the tree, all I want to do is let out a big sneeze.

Any type of sneeze would be fabulous at this point — a tiny one accompanied by a sudden jolt and a squeak, or a big, sloppy, 100 percent goo-worthy mess with a spray meter that can reach about three meters.

— Christina

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Love and laughter to fill the Hartung

Alfredo Barnaby
Argonaut

As winter begins to settle, the University of Idaho Hartung Theatre will open its doors to romance, laughter and lessons on love at the hands of 34 cast members, director David Lee-Painter and William Shakespeare.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will open Thursday and will run until Dec. 9.

Lee-Painter has performed in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" multiple times but has never had the opportunity to direct it — until now.

"This is one of my favorite Shakespeare plays," he said. "It's funny and fun, and it has great characters in it."

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a romantic comedy about the adventures of four Athenian lovers and their interactions with the Duke and Duchess, along with fairies inhabiting the forest.

While love is the main theme, motifs such as male dominance and the loss of individual identity in romantic relationships also resonate throughout the play.

Lee-Painter said the rehearsals have been more than enjoyable and, despite the immense cast, all members have been cooperative and optimistic.

"I don't recall ever having a cast this big," he said. "They have been so kind and generous to one another. I asked them all to come in to the first rehearsal having memorized all the lines. That's a pretty big job, especially for a Shakespeare text."

While the public may not be as receptive to Shakespeare as to plays performed in modern speech, Lee-Painter warns against any pessimism.

"You will understand every word of this," he said. "Most of the public will recognize lines that are still alive in our vernacular. More than anything else it's just a really funny play. It has got funny roles, sex roles, relationships, idiots and fairies."

Peter Beard plays Lysander, one of the two Athenian males competing for the love of Hermia.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is Beard's first Shakespeare play.

"It's been amazing," he said. "It's definitely been the best rehearsal process I've ever gone through."

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Read Read Read for speed

Padhrig A. Harney
Argonaut

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The Speed Read Smackdown will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Mikey's Gyros.

More information on child literacy and reading can be found on the Web at www.read2kids.org, or at www.pbs.org.

Contestants will compete in a Speed Read Smackdown to bring literacy to children in need.

At 6 p.m. Thursday at Mikey's Gyros, readers will be given 30 seconds to read a piece of their own choice. In the past, contestants have read from "Hamlet," "Ulysses," "Green Eggs and Ham," "Where the Sidewalk Ends," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Beowulf" (in the original Anglo-Saxon), "Civil Disobedience," poetry, computer manuals and even phonebooks.

The Speed Read Smackdown first began in the fall of 2005 as a fundraiser for local First Book recipient groups, and was a collaborative project between the University of Idaho First Book Campus Advisory Board and Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society).

The Speed Read Smackdown is a nationwide philanthropic effort to get books in the hands of children most in need of reading material.

"There are competitions similar to ours that take place across the nation, but you won't find another competition like this in our area or with the flair and support that have become an annual part of our competition," said Tamara Toomey, co-chair on the UI First Book Campus Advisory Board.

Readers will receive pledges for each word they read within the 30 seconds.

Pledges usually range from five cents to \$1.

The proceeds from the event will benefit schools in the Plummer, Worley and Moscow Areas serving over 300 limited income children.

"Our purpose is to provide the children in those groups with free, new books so they can start their own personal libraries," said graduate student Dona Black.

"The event brings to light the importance of books in the lives of children — especially those in poverty with few, if

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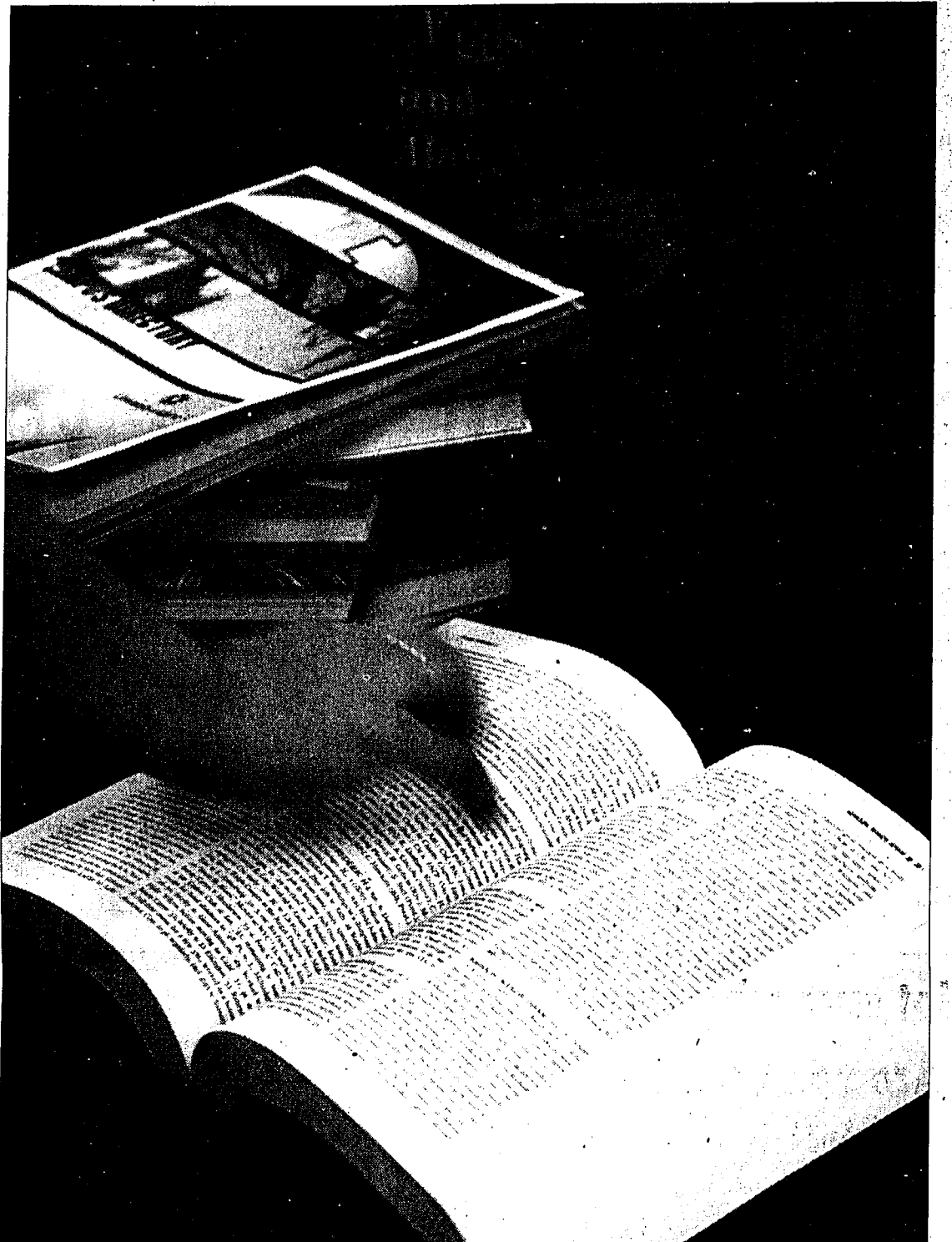


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The annual Speed Read Smackdown will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Mikey's Gyros. The event is a collaborative project between UI First Book Campus Advisory Board and Sigma Tau Delta.

MFA: 'The thing and the other thing'

Graduates of program listed in 'Best American Essays'

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

University of Idaho master of fine arts creative writing students have received national recognition in several publications — a trend that the MFA program regards as "significant but not unusual."

Creative writing program coordinator, Brandon Schrand, said the wide range of personal success by UI MFA students is significant when compared to other institutions, but it is not an unusually fruitful year for the program.

"Moreover, our students have won honors such as the AWP Intro Award, the esteemed Pushcart Prize, Pushcart Prize special mentions and have been runners up in the national 'Atlantic Monthly' creative writing contest," Schrand said. "Graduates of our program have been listed in the 'Best American Essays' anthology, and have gone on to publish volumes of poetry, memoirs, and collections of short stories with today's leading publishers."

Among the most notable publishing feats by students this year was the MFA program's involvement with the 2007 edition of the nationally popularized "Best American Essays." The printed volume includes an essay by MFA graduate Daniel Orozco, and another by last year's distinguished visiting writer, Jo Ann Beard.

Beard's printed essay was the same piece of writing that she read to MFA students in Moscow, last year. Former visiting writer, Marilynne Robinson, published an essay in the edition as well.

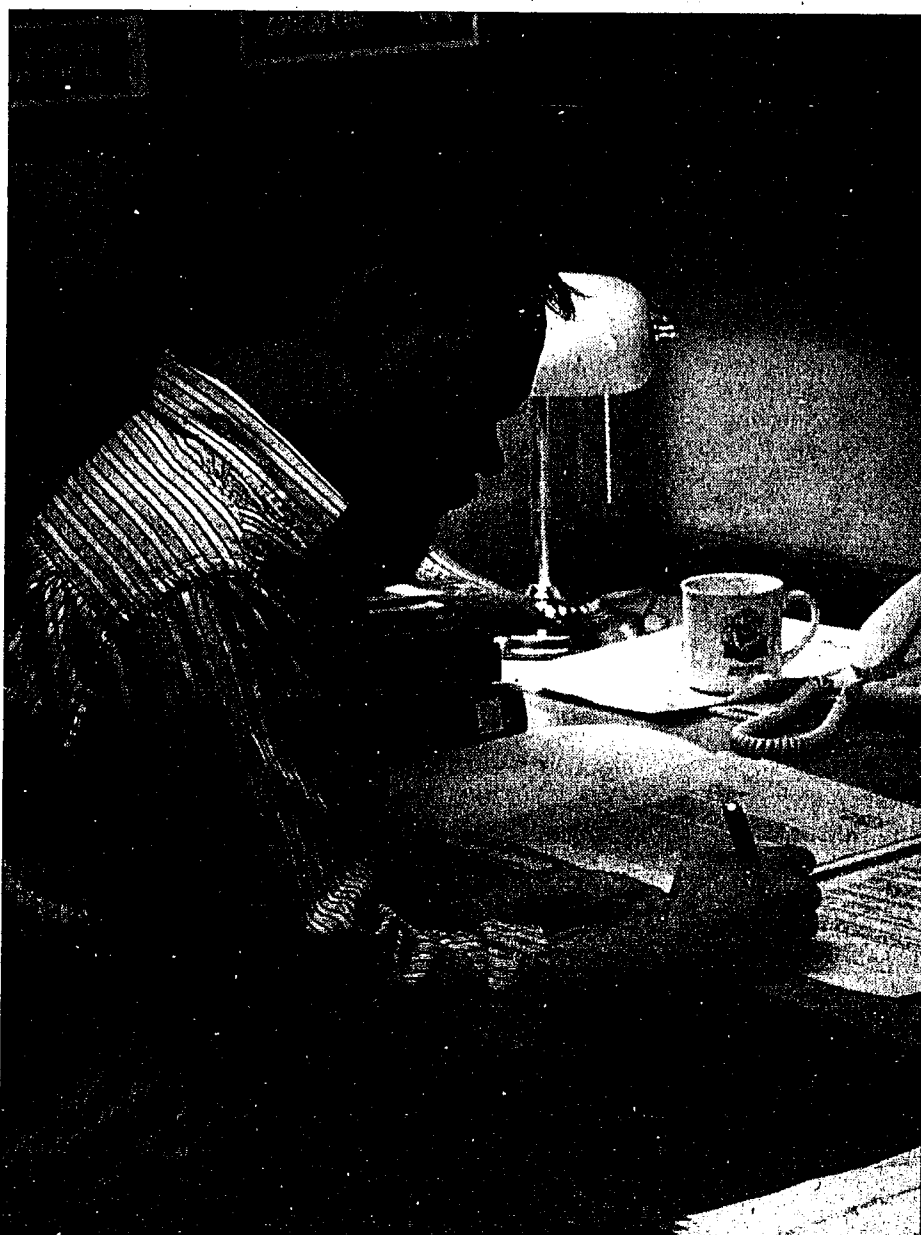
Two "notable essays" (runners-up) by Schrand and MFA alum Nate Lowe were also mentioned.

This year's "Best American Essays" series was co-edited by David Foster Wallace, another former visiting writer for the program at UI.

The MFA program's distinguished visiting writers are professional authors who visit campus for several days each year to teach special classes to graduate students and hold public readings of their work.

Three MFA students also placed in a 2007

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Jake Barber / Argonaut
Brandon Schrand, coordinator of the MFA creative writing program at the University of Idaho, works in his office in Brink Hall Monday afternoon.

Program plans workshop and creative writing conference

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Ben Fountain, 2007 Hemingway Foundation/PEN award recipient and distinguished visiting writer, finds Moscow to be a unique place for writers.

"When you look at external markers, it confirms that writing is going on in Moscow at a very high level," Fountain said.

Fountain was this year's Hemingway Foundation/PEN award winner, an honor given to the best first book of fiction in any given year by the PEN foundation in New England.

The winner of the competition attends an award ceremony in Boston, teaches a short workshop, and holds a public reading of their work at the University of Idaho before attending the Hemingway Festival in Sun Valley.

After visiting UI this year, Fountain donated \$1,000 to the creative writing program. Fountain said that he was impressed with the quality of the work that students are doing and the genuine commitment that faculty has toward students and teaching.

"It was really gratifying to see the morale, the generous spirit going on, and a lot of careerism," he said.

The donation has been allocated into a scholarship fund for MFA writing students.

"It went into the Hemingway fellowship, an endowment we're starting this year that will eventually go to help offset graduate fees for leading fiction students in the program," said program coordinator Brandon Schrand.

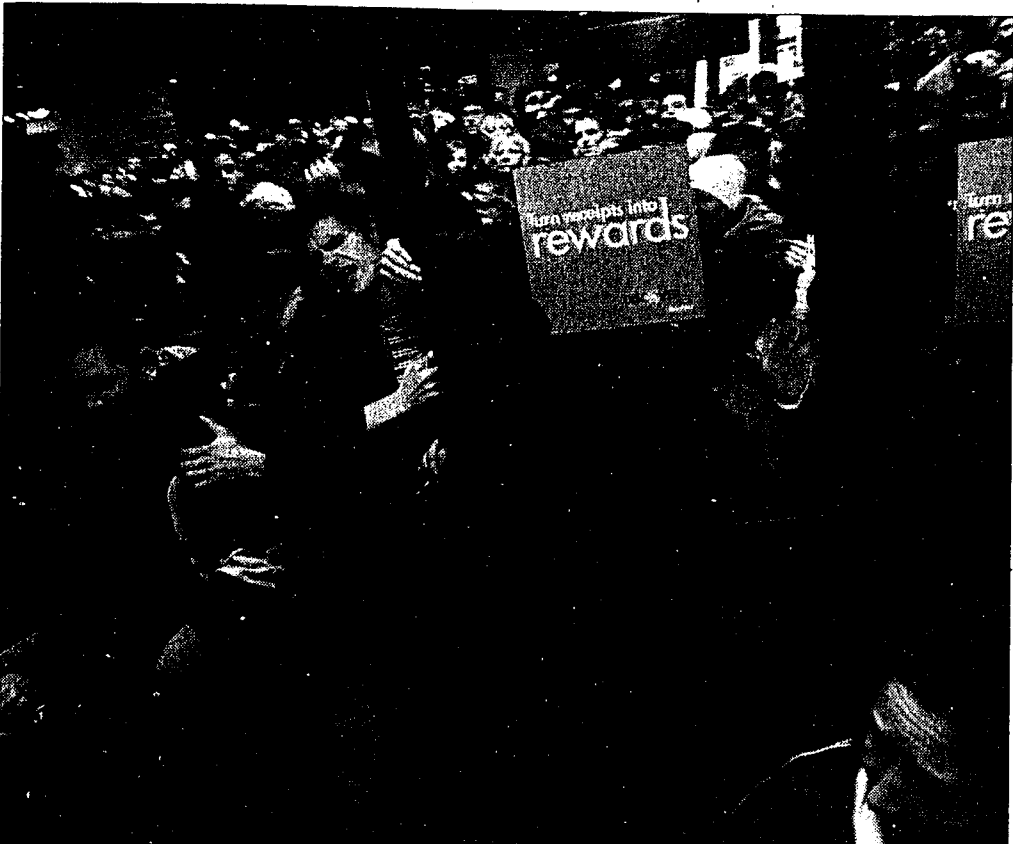
Another development this fall was the beginning of a student-run, accredited club for master of fine arts creative writing students.

They call themselves the O.N.E.S., which stands for Optimistic Nihilists Enological Society. The group runs a student blog at www.idahomfa.blogspot.com and organizes professional conferences with working authors.

"Graduate students have organized a club, the O.N.E.S., that brings in authors for roundtable

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Nocturnal shoppers go ape



Darin Oswal/Idaho Statesman
Eager shoppers push through the front doors of the Boise Town Square mall as it opened for business at 1 a.m. Friday in Boise. Shoppers hoped to win door prizes and extra savings.

Christina Navarro
Argonaut

While many spent Thanksgiving evening at home by a fire or with their families, thousands of eager shoppers were ready for some nocturnal shopping in Boise.

I always thought anyone that hyped about shopping that early was crazy, but after hearing about Black Friday sales for years, I finally decided to venture out to the mall for my first experience.

With shoppers fervently pushing, shoving and throwing elbows toward the entrance of the Boise Towne Square Mall, the launch of the official holiday shopping season was anything but jolly.

Lines formed outside the mall as early as 7 a.m. Thursday and continued to grow until the mall opened its doors at 1 a.m.

Shoppers created so much friction that the Boise Police Department (aka the "BoPo") had to control the crowd.

The cold, greed and patience worn thin all contributed to an unnerving experience.

Shoppers complained of others cutting in line, offensive behavior

and violent tempers, all to be one of the first to receive a bag filled with free gifts like a Nintendo Wii or a gift card for \$200-\$500.

However, only those with a VIP pass could score a gift bag.

Images of the scene plays back like a nightmare, like watching a herd of Veruca Salts trample each other for a freaking golden ticket.

In the end, the police couldn't control the mass of people spilling through the doors, leaving shoppers with more bruises than if they had gotten crushed in a heavy-metal mosh pit.

Watching thousands of people revert to primitive behavior was frightening and sad.

In the hall toward the restrooms were a few napkins laying soaked in a tiny puddle of bright yellow liquid — were the lines so long that someone couldn't make it to the bathroom?

Aside from the limited "doorbusters," the sales at the mall were barely worth the adrenaline-powered mission.

The only thing that made the first-time experience worth it

was the energy buzzing around the place.

Shoppers were just as pushy, defensive and obnoxious as they can be around the holidays — with a limited number of hot items at each store, it was a race to the shelves.

Floating around the mall, half-asleep and in awe of the people sweeping gifts out of stores was just more amusing at 3 a.m.

It was like that movie, "North," where Elijah Wood spends the night at the mall, sleeping in model beds and doing whatever he wanted.

Many stores were closed, so having the other stores open just for us felt kinda good.

One handbag later, I was ready to go home at 4:30 a.m. Driving by a Best Buy with a crowd of people waiting outside for the store to open, I considered jumping on the bandwagon.

Feeling pretty good about having escaped without a bruise and with my dignity intact, I decided to catch up on rest and sanity.



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Sorry Mario, the Princess is in another galaxy

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Nintendo released one of the most anticipated games of the year for the Wii, "Super Mario Galaxy."

The first major Mario title since the Gamecube's "Super Mario Sunshine," this is our hero's first game on the Wii, and it doesn't disappoint.

King Bowser has done it again, and this time he's taken Princess Peach and her castle into the galaxy and left nothing but trouble behind for our favorite plumber.

When Mario finally comes to after being tossed through

space, he finds himself on an unknown planet with some new 'mysterious' creatures known as Lumas.

Lumas are little star creatures that float through the air and help Mario on his quest to find his beloved Princess.

They love to eat star-bits, which are scattered throughout the universe on the different planets and some even transform into helpful items and slingshot stars that fling Mario to new galaxies when fed the requested amount of bits.

This game is quite possibly the breakout title for the Wii, and is one of the first games

for the console that seems more than an elaborate Gamecube game.

The graphics are near mind-blowing, and the different worlds Mario travels to are visually stunning — full of beautiful characters and environments unlike any other game from the series and even in the history of Nintendo titles.

Mario can travel to the different levels or galaxies, which consist of a series of planets containing the power stars he seeks.

From oceanic levels with scary killer eels and friendly

penguins to inter-galactic space dumps, "Super Mario Galaxy" is definitely the most entertaining game released in a long time.

This game also makes excellent use of the Wii's controllers, using both the Wiimote and Nunchuck to help guide Mario through space.

While the controls may seem sketchy and confusing, they prove to be easier than most other Wii games after playing for a little while.

Running around the different planets does take some getting used to, but after a while the player can adjust to the new controls.

Beware though, falling off of a planet can lead Mario into one of numerous black holes, sucking him up and ending the game instantly.

Another feature that makes this game unique is that it is multi-player, the first one in

the Mario series.

The second player can help grab star bits from the different levels and even use a force-field of sorts to hold back enemies, preventing them from attacking Mario and providing the main player with more time to attack.

While the second player's help is greatly appreciated, it can also be frustrating because for some odd reason they are given the ability to make Mario jump.

While they cannot control the character, they essentially hold the power to make him randomly jump, which can be not only annoying, but also at times lethal for our red-capped hero.

This game is a must-have, not just for die-hard Mario fans or Wii owners, but also for anyone who respects a good game.

It is amazingly fun and just

traveling to the new locales and meeting one of the many new characters makes it a worthwhile play.

Plus Mario gets to turn into a bee, a new "costume" that allows him to fly for a short amount of time and climb on walls made of honey, something that makes travel through some of the planets much easier.

To rate this game on a scale of 1-10, it's an 11.

No other games released this year even compare with the graphics and the storyline.

The 3D platform is the best release since the Wii debuted last fall, and is an instant classic.

Now get out there and check the game out, the beloved Princess needs to be saved.

"Super Mario Galaxy" is available now for the Nintendo Wii and well worth the \$50 bucks.

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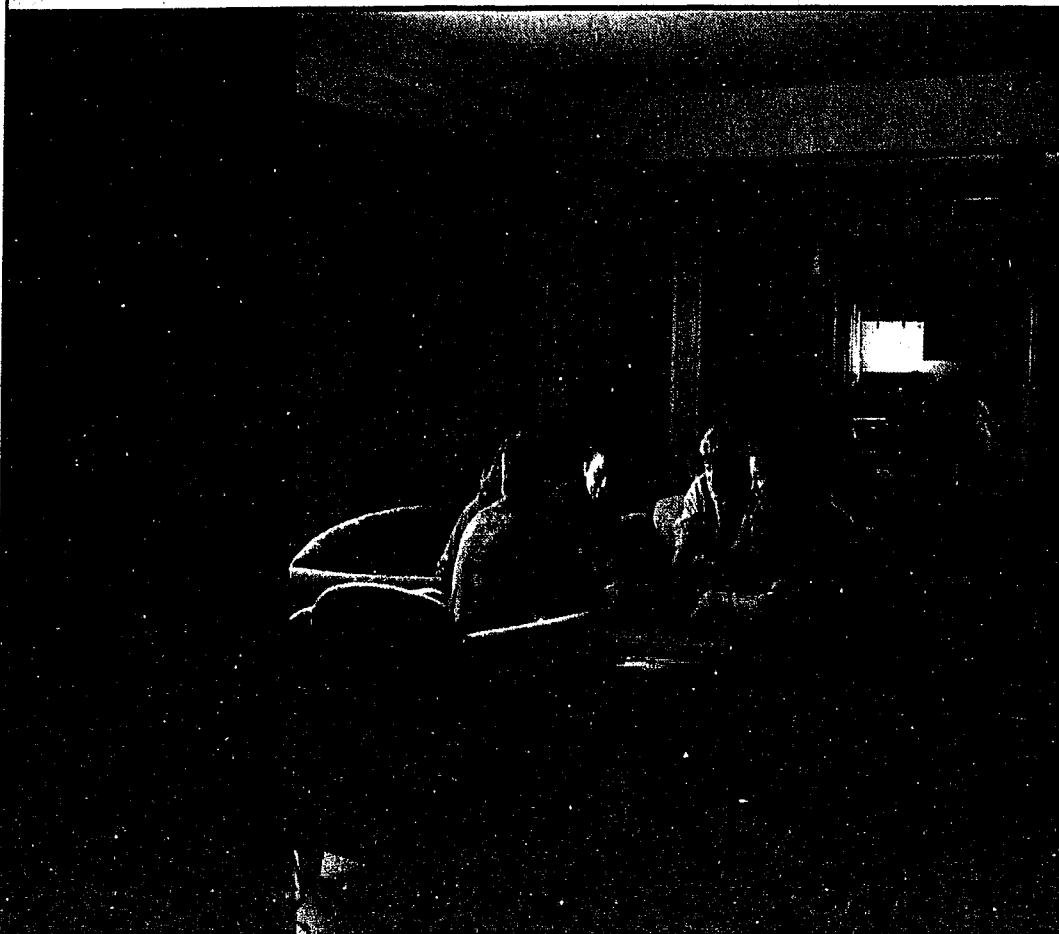
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Faculty and staff (and a guest) are invited to spend a few hours with friends and co-workers to celebrate the University of Idaho during the holiday season.

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Guests who RSVP will be entered into a drawing for Vandal Gear and other prizes. Holiday appetizers and beverages will be provided.
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Cooking on deadline

Bread, wine and cheese are key to easy entertaining

J.M. Hirsch
Associated Press

Never sure how to entertain all those drop-in guests during the holidays? Just three ingredients will have you covered.

It sounds obvious, but if you stock up on bread, wine and cheese, you'll never again be at a loss.

It's an easy and affordable way to entertain that leaves plenty of room for last-minute whatever-is-on-hand inspiration.

Start with the wine. Serving food with so few ingredients means each one has to stand up and be noticed. So go with a face slappingly bold red wine. This will work well with aggressive cheeses, such as Parmesan, or herbed goat cheese.

There are plenty of good, affordable (about \$10 a bottle) wines that fit this category. Find one you like and buy half a case. Some grocers even give discounts when you buy multiple bottles.

For the bread, opt for seeded or whole-grain loaves, perhaps a baguette or a peasant loaf.

Many grocers will sell these partially baked from their in-store bakery. Keep these in the freezer for near-instant freshly baked bread.

Alternatively, pick up a couple loaves of cocktail bread (those mini sliced loaves used for canapes).

Rye and pumpernickel are common varieties. These breads also freeze well and thaw quickly, so they are easy to

keep on hand.

Use these breads to make tiny grilled cheese sandwiches filled with Gruyere cheese.

For added oomph, top the cheese with thin slices of hot pepper or salami, fresh basil leaves, or a dollop of fig jam.

If you want to set out a block of cheese, it's hard to go wrong with blues and feta. And they are easy to dress up.

Drizzle either with a bit of honey, some chopped fresh herbs (mint, oregano or basil are nice) and chopped toasted nuts.

If you're willing to put in slightly more effort, it's simple to turn logs of soft goat cheese into amazing spreads. Simply mash a variety of seasonings or ingredients into the cheese. If you have time, refrigerate them for an hour to let the flavors blend.

Here are three almost effortless goat cheese spreads that love crusty bread and bold wines.

Prosciutto goat cheese spread

Start to finish: 10 minutes

Makes 1 cup

4 slices prosciutto

4-ounce log goat cheese

2 large fresh basil leaves

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Heat a large skillet over medium-high. Place the prosciutto in the skillet and cook until just lightly browned and crisp on both sides, about 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer the prosciutto to a cutting board and cut into small pieces.

In a medium bowl, use a fork to mash the goat cheese. Add remaining ingredients, including the prosciutto,

and mix well. Transfer to a serving bowl or ramekin. If desired, chill for 1 hour. Let sit at room temperature for 20 minutes before serving.

Sun-dried tomato and goat cheese spread

Start to finish: 10 minutes

Makes 1 cup

4-ounce log goat cheese

6 sun-dried tomato halves (dry-packed, not oil-packed)

1/4 cup green olives (any variety, such as jalapeno-stuffed)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

In a food processor, combine all ingredients and process until chunky smooth. You will need to stop and scrape down the bowl several times during processing.

Transfer to a serving bowl or ramekin. If desired, chill for 1 hour. Let sit at room temperature for 20 minutes before serving.

Peppered Salami Goat Cheese Spread

Start to finish: 10 minutes

Makes 2 cups

4-ounce log goat cheese

4 ounces peppered salami, cut into small chunks (about 1/2 to 2/3 cup)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

In a food processor, combine all ingredients and process until chunky smooth. You will need to stop and scrape down the bowl several times during processing.

Transfer to a serving bowl or ramekin.

If desired, chill for 1 hour.

Let sit at room temperature for 20 minutes before serving.



Writer Ben Fountain speaks with Bob Greene from Book People before Fountain performs a reading from his book with Che Guevara.

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discussions, receptions, Q and A, and craft seminars for the professional side of how and where to publish," Schrand said. "They treat it as a business and they've been doing some amazing work."

The pilot course for a novel-writing workshop also took flight this year, taught by English professor Kim Barnes. The course requires students to produce a 300-page manuscript over the course of the year.

"Our program, small by design, limits enrollment in graduate workshops to 10 to 15 students, which allows for an intimate and dynamic work environment and full access to our award-winning

faculty," Schrand said.

Some program members have begun looking at what new creative writing opportunities should be available in the future.

One idea still in the planning process is to host a grad student creative writing conference. The conference will be chaired by Slate.com published poet and composition instructor, Steven Coughlin.

Coughlin said the MFA program's goal is to host the first northwestern creative writing contest next year.

Coughlin hopes the event will be one more step for each grad student towards building a professional repertoire.

"Publishing opens up a lot of doors. One of those is working toward a book," Coughlin said. "You accumulate what you publish in journals to put into a book. It raises your profile and adds weight to your work."

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literary contest by "High Desert Journal."

UI writers included Kelly Blikre, Jerry Mathes and the official contest winner, Joe Wilkins.

Mathes is also having a poetry book published by Lewis and Clark Press in Lewiston and was recently contacted by an interested New York based literary agency.

Mathes, who teaches composition courses at UI, has been compiling his poetry book from his work dating from 2002 until recently.

"It's hugely important that you publish to get your work out in front of people," Mathes said. "It's what being an artist is all about."

Mathes plans to continue teaching and has applied for such positions throughout the country, using his new publishing experience to his advantage.

"When you start looking for a job, they want to see what you've been doing," Mathes said. "I've

been on a hiring committee before, and they always look at how often and where you publish and what you have in the works. They want a track record."

Another UI lecturer and MFA graduate, Jeff Jones, won this year's Pushcart Prize.

The Pushcart Prize is a national anthology, published annually by W.W. Norton in New York. The collection is designed to recognize the year's best essays from thousands of manuscripts from the country's "small presses."

Jones attributes his personal success to his variety of stylistic exposure through the MFA program at UI.

"They encourage cross-pollination (multiple genres) and the three-year-program is better than other two year programs," Jones said. "It gives you time to focus on your thesis. The smallness really makes

it feel like a close, personal experience, which makes it worth while. You're not lost in the crowd."

"When you start looking for a job, they want to see what you've been doing."

Jerry
MATHES
Writer

Jones, who has been teaching creative writing and composition since his graduation in 2005, has published two essays, four poems and one short story this year.

He also used his UI thesis project to produce a book that won the River Tease Prize in Ohio for literary nonfiction. That piece is now up for the Barnes and Noble Discovery Prize.

"The M.F.A. is the terminal degree for those who plan to teach creative writing at the college or university level," Schrand said. "It is also among the credentials expected of those who will go on to work in arts administration, editing, publishing, advertising and public relations."

ArtsBRIEFS

Benefit concert held for KRFP

Brooklyn digital artist Joseph Von Stengel will create a multimedia show in collaboration with Idaho indie-band Finn Riggins for a benefit concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Prichard Art Gallery.

The concert will benefit KRFP Radio Free Moscow, an independent and non-profit radio station.

Roger Rowley, Prichard Art Gallery director, said the proceeds from the concert will help fund radio equipment that will increase KRFP's signal strength.

Band member Eric Gilbert said his trio of University of Idaho music graduates, which includes Cameron Bouiss, drums and vocal performer, and Lisa Simpson, electric guitar and vocal performer, is excited to come back home to Moscow, and share the music of their new album, "A Soldier, A Saint, An Ocean Explorer," which was released nationally Nov. 13.

Von Stengel said he will work with an array of equipment and media including a DVD player, a Nintendo Game Cube with Game Boy attachment, a live-feed video camera and a Mac Book computer to create his visual mix of retro images of popular culture.

The KRFP benefit concert will be the third Finn Riggins-Von Stengel collaboration since their first meeting at the Moscow Food Co-op in 2006. Two other bands will perform at the concert.

Tickets will be sold at the door and cost \$10 for general admission or \$6 with student identification. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rowley at 885-3586 or by e-mail at rrowley@uidaho.edu.

Holiday show and sale to take place

The Palouse Watercolor Socius and Inland Northwest Wood Turners Association will host a holiday show and sale Saturday through Nov. 25 at the Eastside Marketplace in Moscow. An open reception is scheduled

from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, except from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information contact Anne Pekié at 882-3292 or apekie@gmail.com.

Third Street Gallery accepts submissions

The Moscow Arts Commission is currently accepting submissions from local and regional artists for the seventh annual Winter Solstice Festival.

The show will open Dec. 14 and run through Feb. 1 at the Third Street Gallery in Moscow City Hall.

Original works in all mediums interpreting the winter season will be considered for entry.

Submit up to three photographs or slides of each entry by Nov. 26th to the arts office at City Hall.

Include an artist statement and small biography for display along with the submission in a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Sale of work is encouraged and a 20 percent commission will be taken.

Pick-up applications at the Arts office in Moscow City Hall located at 206 East Third Street, room 106 or call 882-7036.

For more information contact galdwin@ci.moscow.id.us.

Co-op to host 'Tasteful Thursdays'

The Moscow Food Co-op will host "Tasteful Thursdays," from 5-7 p.m. every Thursday.

There will be live cello music and sample wine and cheeses in the wine department, fruits and veggies in the produce department, and entrees created by the grocery department. The kitchen will offer baked goods, salads, treats, and specials at the coffee bar.

There will also be opportunities to learn about different wines and to find wines that suit every shopper's taste and budget.

For more information contact Kenna Eaton, Moscow Food Co-op general manager, at 882-8537.

SPEED

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any, books of their own," Black said.

The national First Book organization has provided over 50 million new books to children. This year, Sigma Tau Delta has become involved in getting student living groups and organizations involved.

Groups will be responsible for circulating pledge sheets (similar to the way one might collect

for a walk-a-thon). In the past, participating groups were from Moscow's downtown businesses, such as Mikey's, Good Will, Tie Dye Everything, Moscow Co-Op, John's Alley and Book-People.

Several UI faculty members have also been involved as participants and sponsors, including Jan Johnson, Candy Gillis, Shelia O'Brien, Mary Ann Judge, Walter Hesford and Elinor Michel.

Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi sororities also participated. Over the last two years The Speed Read Smackdown has raised

over \$2000.

With cooperation from corporate publishers and First Book's book banks, UI's First Book Campus Advisory Board could buy around 400 new books for \$100.

"The value of our community donations expand in size because they were matched by the national group and corporate sponsors in varying degrees," Black said.

Toomey said guests and participants will enjoy the event.

"You have a chance to impact the lives of local children through promoting literacy while also having a great time," she said.

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PLAY

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While Beard found it challenging to enunciate an old text, he is optimistic about the outcome.

"I've seen this play done other times and it hasn't had the kind of life we've breathed in to it."

Jessica Rice, chosen for the role of Helena, plays another protagonist whose former love Demetrius has abandoned her for Hermia.

"She's just so full of love, although it's a crazy kind of love," Rice said.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is also Rice's first Shakespeare play.

While expressing Shakespeare's language has also been challenging, Rice applied experience from a class where Shakespeare texts were analyzed and paraphrased.

Therefore, Rice said, attendants can expect a much more credible performance.

"A lot of people don't actually break down the text and know what it is in today's terms," Rice said. "We know exactly what we're saying."

Rice also appreciates the emphasis placed by Lee-Painter on the physical aspects of performance.

Rice said that the non-verbal

element will allow the audience to infer meaning even if the language is obstructive.

"Even if they don't know what the words mean, they at least know what we're gesturing at and what we're doing with our bodies as well," she said.

"We're very physical on-stage, the lovers especially," she said.

Rice said she is quite content with the harmony between her and fellow actors.

Like Lee-Painter, Rice said that the comedy will be the most enjoyable aspect of the play.

"The audience can expect to have a pretty good laugh," she said. "It's not the kind of Shakespeare show that people will be bored to tears by."

Rice said that "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be a fast-paced performance which, coupled with the actors' effective story-telling, will leave no room for dullness.

"They are going to look at their watches and go 'whoa it's over,'" she said.

Lee-Painter said that "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will last approximately two hours including an intermission.

"You will not have to worry about whether you will understand it," Lee-Painter said. "It's really a lot of laughter as well as beautiful language. (One) couldn't have a better time in a theater."

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Keeping faith in Akey

Last year Robb Akey was hired to bring stability to the University of Idaho football program after Dennis Erickson's one-season stay at Idaho.

Akey led the team to a 1-11 record and its first season without a conference win since 1981.

Interesting, Erickson was hired after that season when then coach Jerry Davitch was fired.

There's a good chance next year's team won't be much better with the losses of seniors David Vobora, Stanley Franks, Brandon Ogletree and a dozen others.



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While watching the losses pile up is frustrating and it may seem easy to call for Akey's job and question athletic director Rob Spear's decision to hire him, the best thing Vandal fans can do is sit back,

cringe and suffer through year two of Akey's five-year contract.

Akey was hired as the fourth coach in five years for the program.



Robb Akey

His hiring brings stability to the program, which is something that's been lacking for the last five years.

During that time, the team has failed to finish a season above .500 and last season's four wins were the most in a season since 2000.

Things could get worse before they get better. Akey wasn't hired to produce wins right away. He was brought in to rebuild a program and undo the years of damage the Vandals have gone through since winning the Humanitarian Bowl in 1998.

Not only does he have to do all the normal things head coaches do at the NCAA FBS level, he also has to fix other people's mistakes. The current state of the Vandal program isn't the result of any one bad decision, but a collection of them. Undoing them all won't take place over night.

Since moving from Washington State to Moscow Vandals, Akey has made changes that didn't show on the scoreboard this season.

While it's easy to look at the scoreboard and see 11 losses, it's hard to look and see the results of cutting 17 players from the team for conduct reasons.

In doing so, Akey made a decision to have a locker room full of good people and players over one filled with good players and bad people. He made it clear that there would be standards at Idaho and those who fail to meet them would fail to wear Vandal gold and black on game days. He made discipline the cornerstone of his program.

The players he had that were already good people came together, now call each other brothers and walked onto Boise State's blue turf holding hands.

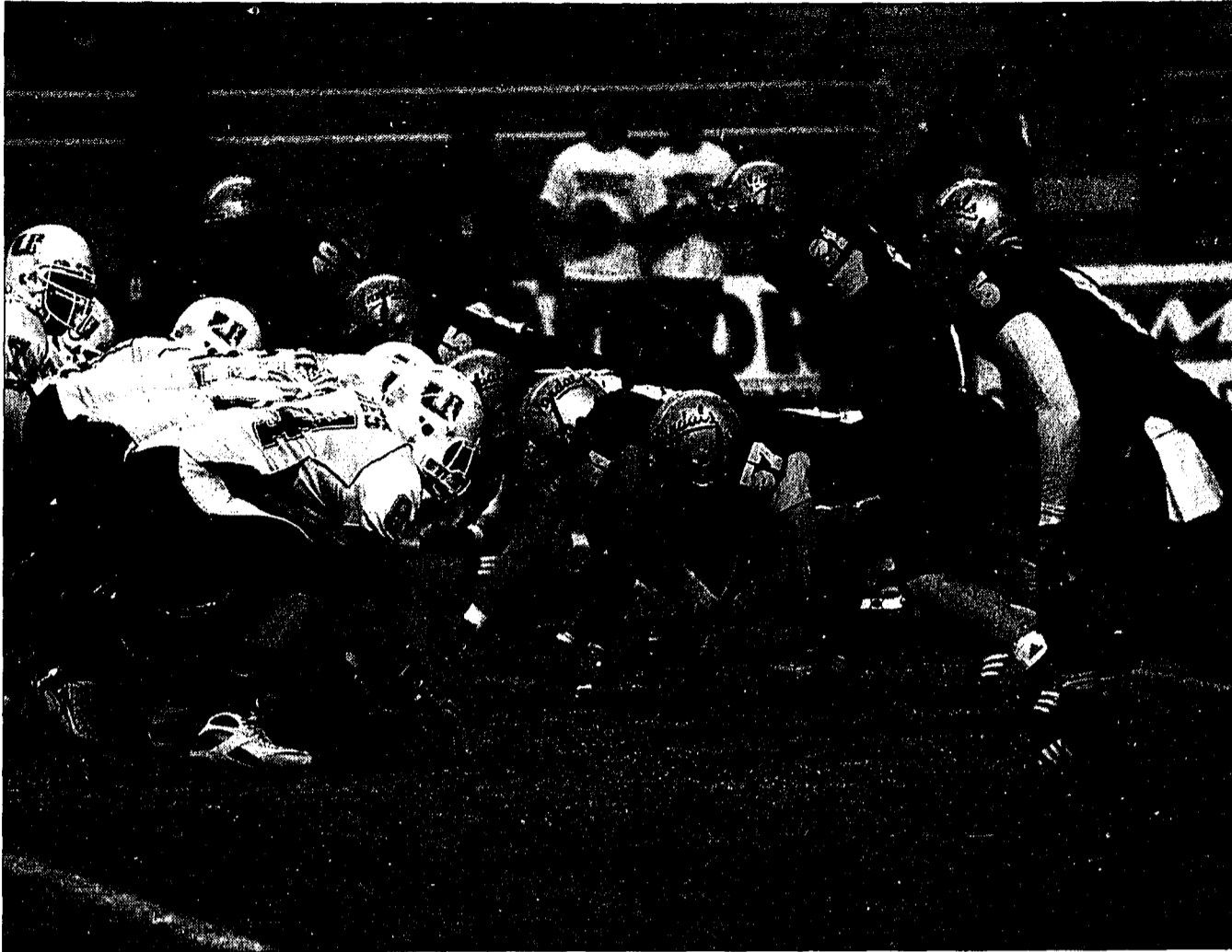
His players played hard every down and never gave up, no matter what the score.

When he recruits freshmen to play for the Vandals, their lockers will be next to players who have made the cut, who understand what it means to be part of a team and are people Akey can trust on Friday night as well as third-down on Saturday afternoon — not some thug who sells cocaine in the off-season.

Akey's win-loss record this season is less important than the fact he'll still be the coach when the Vandals take the field next season.

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END OF THE LINE



The Vandals and Utah State faced off last Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals lost 24-19.

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Getting personal

UI swimmer remains positive

Joe Lawrence
Argonaut

University of Idaho swimmer Sara Peterson said she looks forward to becoming the first family member to graduate from college in May with a degree in psychology. Her positive outlook is an overriding part of who she is.

"I love how it swimming teaches you life lessons. You learn from failure and you learn from success," Peterson said.

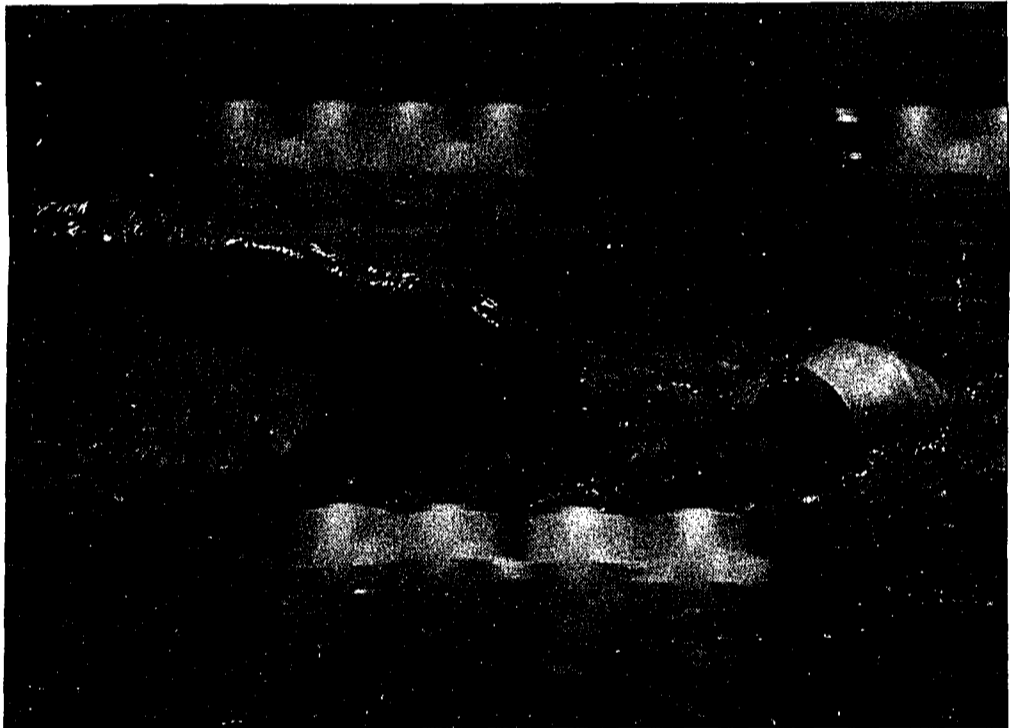
As a freshman and sophomore, however, Peterson's life wasn't so positive. Peterson went through a time she can only refer to as "family struggles,"—a time she won't even talk about. During this time, her grades became a struggle.

At the end of her sophomore year, after two years of struggling through her marketing major, Peterson changed her major to psychology. A year and a half later, she is able to push past her problems and put on a new face—a happy one.

"People think I'm always happy," Peterson said.

Switching her major helped her raise her grades. Now in her fourth year at UI, she is aiming for a 4.0 GPA this year to "dig herself out of a hole". Still, her smile remains a constant. With these hardships, one might wonder how she remains so cheerful.

"As a characteristically



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Senior Sara Peterson swims warm-up laps during practice on Monday in the Swim Center.

strong person, she was able to focus on what she needed to do, and didn't let those issues effect what she wanted to do at school," teammate and friend Paige Lee said.

Peterson says her determination as an individual helped her through the family struggles. Her goal now is to graduate with a 3.7 GPA, completing her college education and becoming a school counselor.

"She's just very — this sounds cliché — but she is friendly and seems to be able to look beyond what a person looks like on the outside. She

treats everyone as individuals," Lee said.

Self-described as the "team counselor" Peterson says she enjoys working with people and helping them. If someone is having a bad day, she says they come talk to her. She plans to keep doing so in the professional world as a counselor.

"When she told me that, I asked her 'why?'" Peterson's boyfriend, Heath Cameron, said. "Her response was that a lot of kids have trouble at that time in their lives."

Along with her goal of be-

ing a school counselor, Peterson also set more short-term goals. In fact, she has a list of goals written down in her room.

"She's just so goal driven — that doesn't just center around swimming — but it has to do with school and about friends and family. Goals are a big thing to her," Cameron said.

Happy and hopeful, Peterson's outlook remains positive, "I am always happy but I go through struggles... I always try to put a smile on my face," Peterson said.

Decision time as deer season winds down

Thanksgiving has come and gone and it is decision time for North Idaho deer hunters.

It's always a good idea to use the week off during fall break to step into the woods and do some hunting. Late November has always been a prime time thanks to the rut and fresh blankets of snow. With the snow making the deer easier to see and track, and the rut making them curious and active, I've relied on the Thanksgiving holiday to harvest a deer for many seasons.

But this year a family trip to Oregon cut out a few of the days I might have spent hunting and I suddenly find myself in a predicament that many hunters face — a tag to fill and less than a week to do it.

I've never really considered myself a "horn-hunter" — someone who waits for a record-setting buck — and instead only care about meat for the freezer.

I will pass up on does throughout the season, however, just in case big bucks are close at hand and I've held

back from taking a few deer already this year. But now, with less than one week until the season is over, it's time to make the tough decision — to shoot, or not to shoot?

I like to decide ahead of time what I'm willing to shoot on each day's hunt. Early in the season I'll typically leave anything without a nice rack of antlers. I'll usually pass on a spike or a yearling buck because the young buck could grow to be a monster. Also, the bodies of mature bucks tend to be larger and therefore yield more meat.

During fall break I will typically stick to this criterion because the rut usually brings out the curiosity in even the smartest bucks. I've heard older hunters tell stories of shooting does late in the season, only to realize there was a nice buck only a few yards away.

Other factors play into the decisions I make in the field regarding when to shoot. If I am close and can minimize the amount of meat I ruin by making a clean shot, I'm more likely to shoot. Or if the animal is on a nice flat plain or an uphill slope it might make the field-dressing and transporting quick and easy — as opposed to sitting in the

bottom of a deep canyon.

When it comes down to it, a hunter should think about what is most important to him or her. For some, a nice large pair of antlers to hang on the wall takes priority over anything else. For many of us, a hefty amount of quality meat is what's vital. Personally, I care more about what the animal looks like wrapped in freezer paper than it does on the wall.

But no matter if I harvest a deer this season or not, I've already made the decisions that matter by deciding to spend time in the outdoors.

Many hunters will agree that often just taking a walk through the forest at first light, or sitting perfectly still until dark, can be just as satisfying as taking home an animal. I've made decisions already this season to let some deer pass on by, and sometimes just allowing myself to sit, watch and attempt to understand the animal can leave me with the same fulfillment as harvesting a mature buck.

A hunter's reward goes beyond a mount on the wall or meat in the locker. Between witnessing the vivacity of a rutting buck, to gazing out over the snow-covered Palouse, our reward rests in the decision we've made to step out into the woods and hunt.

QuickHITS

Vandal Impact players

Brian Flowers, Jr.

The senior rushed for 127 yards in his final game as a Vandal. Flowers carried the ball 25 times and scored a touchdown as Idaho fell to Utah State 24-19 for Senior Day on Saturday. The Vandals finished the season 1-11 and 0-8 in the WAC.

Darin Nagle

Nagle scored 10 points in the Vandals' close loss at UC Riverside on Saturday. The Highlanders edged the Vandals 56-55 in the non-conference game. Nagle, a senior, shot 4-7 from the field and had four rebounds.

Rachele Kloke

Kloke started both games of the Husky Classic in Seattle over the weekend and had a breakout game against Weber State on Sunday. Kloke, a freshman, scored 14 points against the Wildcats and added two rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot. The Vandals dropped both games at the tournament, 73-57 to Washington and 56-48 against Weber State.

Vandals in Action

The men's basketball team takes on South Dakota State at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday in Memorial Gym.

The women's basketball team travels to Pullman to play Washington State at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Pullman.

SportsBRIEFS

20 Vandals say good-bye

The Vandals had 20 seniors who finished their career for the University of Idaho this fall.

Football players Ben, Alexander, Josh Bousman, Marcis Pennell, Brian Flowers Jr., Stanley Franks, Ryan Heacock, Lee Jones, Rolly Lumbala, Suia Musika, Brian Nooy, Brandon Ogletree, Jo Artis Ratti, Chris Smith and David Vobora suited up for the last time as Vandals. Bastien Tardy, Breanna Chipney, Dee Olson and Mandy Macalister all exhausted their eligibility for the Vandal cross-country team. And soccer said goodbye to Mandy McAlexander and Dana Windley.

Rustad named to ESPN team

Junior soccer player Britta Rustad was named by ESPN The Magazine to the Academic All-District first team.

This is the second time in her career Rustad earned this honor and she is the only athlete from the WAC honored. Rustad maintains a 4.0 GPA in international studies.

Two volleyball players named to all-WAC team

Junior outside hitter Haley Larsen was named to the all-WAC first-team. Junior Sarah Loney, middle blocker was named to the all-WAC second-team.

At the SRC

Today: Intramural wrestling entries due.
Wednesday: Intramural wrestling begins.

Get caught up with the Vandals

Andrea Miller
Argonaut

Fall break might have meant turkey and sleeping in for you, but for the Idaho Vandals, it meant a week of competition. In case you missed any of the action, we'll get you caught up.

Women's Basketball

UI vs. Weber State, Nov. 24

In the consolation game of the Husky Classic, Idaho lost to Weber State 56-48 on Sunday, but freshmen were a bright spot for the young Vandals. Rachele Kloke had a career- and team-high 14 points.

She also had three steals, two rebounds and a block. Alana Curtis added 11 points and three assists.

The teams were tied going into halftime but Weber State outscored the Vandals in the second half. Yinka Olorunnife scored eight points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Wildcats held Katie Madison to a career-low three points. Sara Tuomi paced Weber State with 24 points.

UI vs. Washington, Nov. 23

Olorunnife led the way again for the Vandals in the opening game of the Husky Classic last weekend. Olorunnife had 12 points in a 73-57 loss to Washington.

Katie Schlotthauer also had 12 points off the bench, a career-high for the senior. The Vandals trailed 42-23 at halftime and started slow in the second half.

Fouls were detrimental to Idaho. They committed 14 fouls in the first half and were outscored by the Husky's 20-5 from the free throw line.

Senior Hannah Wells had a season high 10 points in the contest while Madison was held to just six points. Idaho shot just 23-of-62 (.353) in the game.

UI vs. North Dakota State, Nov. 15

At Fargo, N.D., Idaho dropped its first road game of the season against North Dakota State.

Freshman Olorunnife scored a career-high 25 points as the Bison defeated the Vandals, 85-64. Olorunnife shot 9-of-12 from the floor and had five rebounds.

The Bison pulled ahead 47-29 at halftime. The Vandal defense stepped up in the second half to hold NDSU to 6-of-31 from the floor but committed 30 fouls in the game.

Sophomore Madison added a season-high 18 points and pulled down a team-high nine rebounds. Idaho shot 26-of-58 (.448) as they dropped to 0-3.



Engulfed in blue and orange, Shiloh Keo kneels on field before the game against BSU on Nov. 17.

Football

UI vs. USU, Nov. 24

Utah State spoiled Senior Day at the Kibbie Dome Saturday with a 24-19 win over the Vandals.

Senior Brian Flowers led the way for Idaho, rushing for 127 yards in his final game as a Vandal.

The Aggies led 17-10 at halftime and Idaho wasn't able to catch up.

Flowers rushed for a touchdown in the first quarter and the Vandals weren't able to convert for another touchdown until Lee Smith found the end zone with 5:52 left in the fourth quarter.

Tino Amancio made field goals from 21 and 36 yards. Quarterback Nathan Enderle went 14 of 27 and had three interceptions.

Senior captain David Vobora had 12 tackles in his final game in a Vandal uniform.

He finished with 148 tackles this season, tied for second for the all-time single season list.

UI vs. BSU, Nov. 17

In Boise, the No. 19 Broncos pulled away from the Vandals in the second half for a 58-14 victory.

The first half lived up to rivalry weekend, the Broncos led 24-14 going into the locker room.

The Broncos ran over the Vandals in the second half with a 21-point third quarter.

Both of Idaho's touchdowns came in the second quarter. The first was an eight-yard run by Deonte Jackson.

Eddie Jackson got into the end zone to make it 14-17 with 3:15 left

in the second quarter. Tino Amancio made both PATs.

Jackson carried the ball 24 times for 91 yards.

Nathan Enderle went 8 of 23 with no interceptions. He was sacked twice.

For the BSU, Ian Johnson ran for two touchdowns and Austin Pettis caught eight passes, including three for a touchdown.

Volleyball

CSUN Fremont I & L Tournament UI vs. Cal State Fullerton, Nov. 23

Idaho dropped their first game in the CSUN Fremont I & L Tournament against Cal State Fullerton, 3-0. Idaho committed 45 errors in the match and fell 26-30, 27-30 and 22-30.

Larsen led the way with 16 kills and Loney added 11 in the match.

Jamie Richards played the libero position and had 18 digs. Idaho hit .185 as a team compared to Fullerton's .231.

UI vs. CSUN, Nov. 24

The Vandals ended the 2007 season with a 3-0 loss to Cal State Northridge.

Larsen had one of her best games of the season, hitting .327. She had 18 kills and only two errors as Idaho fell 25-30, 26-30 and 19-30.

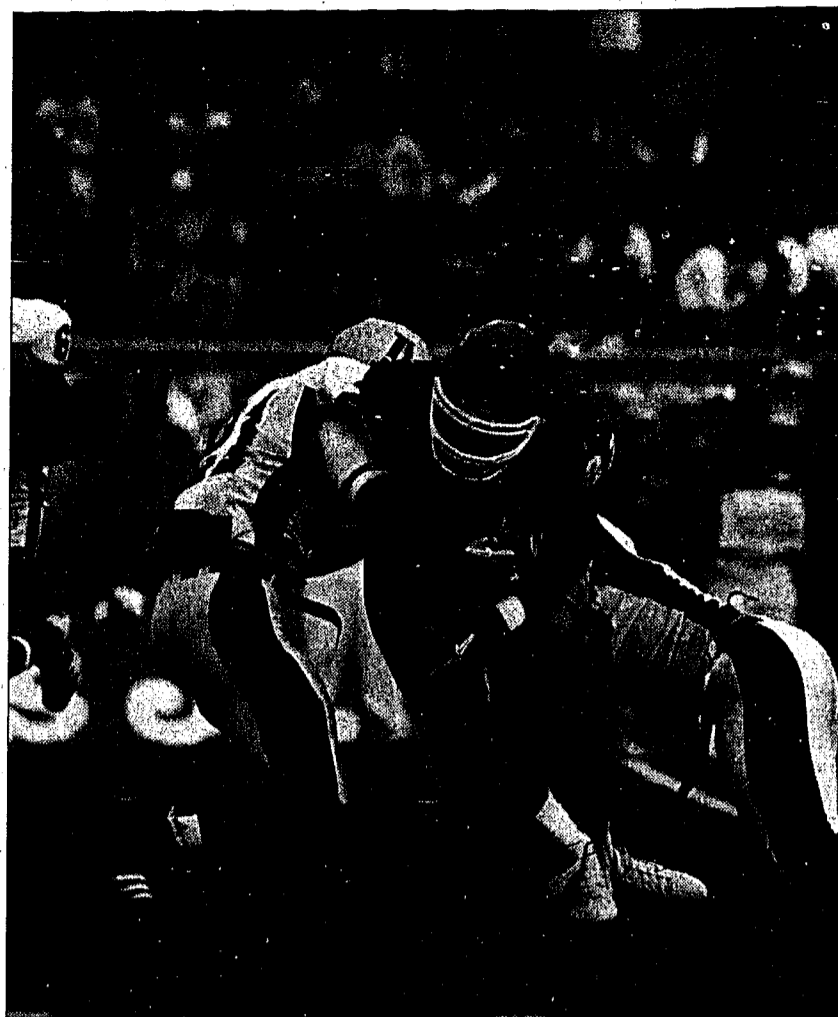
Idaho hit .175 compared to the Matadors' .281.

James had 32 assists and 10 digs for the Vandals and Richards recorded 12 digs.

Idaho finished the season with a 13-17 overall record.

WAC Tournament, Nov. 15

Idaho fell to Nevada 3-1 in their



Chris Smith and David Vobora stop the Bronco offense at Bronco Stadium during the game on Nov. 17.

opening game of the WAC tournament.

First-team All WAC selection Haley Larsen led the way for the Vandals with 23 kills and 11 digs.

Sarah Loney added 10 kills and 15 digs. Idaho only hit .140 in the match compared to Nevada's .242.

Kelsey Yonker had a team high 20 digs while Kelsey James and Jamie Richards shared the setting duties, James had 21 assists and Richards had 28.

Men's Basketball

UI vs. UC Riverside, Nov. 24

The Vandals let a 35-27 halftime lead slip away and fell to UC Riverside 56-55 in Riverside.

Darin Nagle scored 10 points and had four rebounds as Idaho led by as much as 10 points in the second half but wasn't able to come away with the win.

"Nothing is going to come easy for us," coach George Pfeifer said. "We had a great opportunity to win here tonight and we let this one slip through our fingers." The Vandals shot better from the field than in pre-

vious games, going 21-of-43 (.488).

Idaho led by eight going into halftime but only scored 20 points in the second half.

Jordan Brooks chipped in 10 points and Michael Crowell had nine points and eight rebounds.

UI vs. WSU, Nov. 16

No. 9 Washington State topped the Vandals 74-43 on Nov. 16.

Idaho hung with WSU in the first half, heading into halftime trailing 36-24. But a slow starting second half, with a 16-2 run by the Cougars ruined the chance of a comeback by the Vandals.

Brooks led the Vandals with 14 points, five rebounds and five assists. Nagle put in nine points and grabbed five rebounds and Mike Kale came off the bench to add eight points.

The Vandals shot 19 of 54 (.352) from the floor and 4-of-16 from behind the three point line.

WSU out rebounded Idaho 38-26 and held the Vandals to 19 points in the second half.

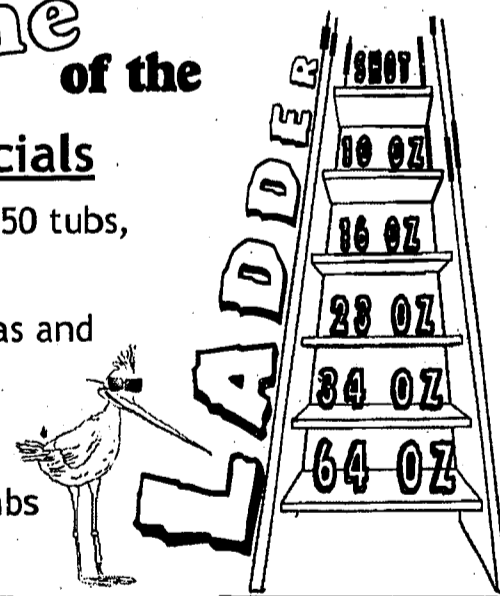
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Deadly stadium collapse in Brazil — the 2014 World Cup host

Michael Astor
Associated Press

A stadium collapse that killed seven people highlighted the crumbling state of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.

The victims fell 49 feet through a 10-foot wide hole that opened in the concrete floor of the stands and the victims fell several stories to the pavement.

About 60,000 people were at the stadium, and many didn't realize the section of bleachers had given way as they invaded the field in celebration.

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"Fonte Nova was a symbol of Brazilian soccer, Silva de Jesus said, adding that he feared Sunday's game would be its last.

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NBA round up: defensive spurt lead Spurs past Sonics 116-101

Gregg Bell
Associated Press

Tim Duncan and the defending champion Spurs broke out of an early game funk with playoff-like precision.

After allowing 64 points and settling for a halftime tie with a young Seattle team nowhere near its elite class, San Antonio scored the first 12 points of the third quarter and went on to a 116-101 win over the SuperSonics on Sunday night.

Duncan had 26 points for San Antonio, which is off to its best start in team history.

"Well, we had to work hard for that one," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "When they scored 64 points in that first half, we weren't used to that. I think the guys wanted to come out and play a little better defense."

The Spurs are too accomplished, too proven to go into halftime tirades over that embarrassing first half, in which Sonics reserve Wally Szczerbiak scored 22 of his 27 points — with a Seattle season-high 20 in the second period.

"We didn't say anything," Duncan said. "We understand what it takes to win a game."

In other NBA games, it was: Toronto 93, Chicago 78; Utah 103, Detroit 93; Cleveland 111, Indiana 106 and New Jersey 102, L.A. Lakers 100.

That championship experience is part of why the Spurs

(12-2) are one game better than last season, when they finished with their fourth NBA title in nine seasons.

"It's about taking steps to improve, because everybody knows we are going to the playoffs," said Manu Ginobili, who joined Tony Parker with 22 points. "So it's about in April being in as good a shape as possible."

Kevin Durant ended a shooting slump with 25 points on 11-for-15 shooting for the Sonics, who matched their worst start since their inaugural season of 1967-68. They are 0-6 at KeyArena, their worst home start ever.

"I'm learning every game," Durant said.

What's left of their fan base isn't seeing much more than Durant maturing and the Sonics folding late in games before an intended move to Oklahoma City for next season.

Seattle's one surge came when Delonte West made a 3-pointer and Nick Collison drove under Duncan for a reverse layup to cut San Antonio's lead to 101-97 with 5:11 left.

But then West turned the ball over and missed a 3 and

Chris Wilcox missed a dunk. Parker, meanwhile, made consecutive baskets — the second a fadeaway pushing off one leg — and two free throws to put the Spurs up 107-99.

"We've got to stick with guys and let them play through their mistakes and get better at it, because a lot of guys aren't used to having the ball in the fourth quarter," Szczerbiak said.

Seattle coach P.J. Carlesimo had a mostly warm reunion with the team he was an assistant for the previous five seasons, including dinner with Popovich on Saturday night and a pregame hug Sunday.

Cavaliers 111, Pacers 106

At Indianapolis, LeBron James had his fourth triple-double of the season.

The league's leading scorer finished with 30 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. It was the 14th triple-double of his career.

Drew Gooden had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and Sasha Pavlovic added 22 points and five assists for the Cavaliers.

Marquis Daniels scored 19 of his season-high 25 points in the second half for the Pacers. Jazz 103, Pistons 93

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Carlos Boozer had 36 points and 11 rebounds, and Deron Williams added 21 points and 14 assists in Utah's fifth straight win over Detroit.

Detroit played without Rasheed Wallace (knee) for the second game in a row, then had coach Flip Saunders ejected after picking up a pair of technicals for arguing with official Marc Davis in the third quarter.

Antonio McDyess led the Pistons with 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Richard Hamilton added 17 despite fighting flu-like symptoms.

Raptors 93, Bulls 78

At Toronto, Chris Bosh had 16 points and 13 rebounds, rookie Jamario Moon matched his career high with 15 points and Toronto handed Chicago its fourth straight loss.

The energetic Moon added nine rebounds, six blocks and three steals in Sam Mitchell's 114th victory as Raptors coach, moving him past Lenny Wilkens for the most in team history.

Luol Deng scored 21 points in his return to Chicago's starting lineup after missing three games with a sore lower back.

Nets 102, Lakers 100

At Los Angeles, Jason Kidd had 15 points and 14 assists to help New Jersey overcome Kobe Bryant's 31 points.

Bryant, Kidd's teammate on the U.S. national team, made 15 straight free throws before missing a clutch foul shot with 6.1 seconds to go.

Missouri moves to top spot in AP Top 25 for first time in 47 years, West Virginia No. 2

Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Missouri is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 for the second time in school history. The Tigers have to be hoping this stay is longer than the first.

Missouri became the fourth team this season — joining Southern California, LSU and Ohio State — to hold the top ranking, a day after beating Kansas 36-28 to earn a spot in the Big 12 championship game. Not since 1997 have so many teams been No. 1 in a season.

The Tigers' only other time at No. 1 lasted a week in 1960.

West Virginia moved up to No. 2 on Sunday, its highest ranking ever, and became the eighth team this season to be ranked second. The Mountaineers' 66-21 victory over Connecticut earned them the Big East title and knocked the Huskies out of the rankings.

No. 3 Ohio State, Georgia and LSU complete the top five.

Missouri, West Virginia, Ohio State, Georgia and Kan-

sas were the top five teams in the Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday. The Tigers were No. 1 in the Harris poll and West Virginia was No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

This most unpredictable season took another tumultuous turn when Nos. 1 and 2 lost in the same weekend for the second time in two months. Top-ranked LSU lost its second triple overtime game of the season to Arkansas on Friday and second-ranked Kansas had its unbeaten season spoiled by Missouri.

On Oct. 6, then-No. 1 LSU lost in three OTs to Kentucky and later that day No. 2 California fell to Oregon State. Before that, Nos. 1 and 2 hadn't lost in the same regular season weekend in 10 years.

Three times this season No. 1 has been beaten. That hasn't happened since 1990, when No. 1 went down five times.

LSU became the 12th top-five team to lose to an unranked team when it fell 52-50 to Arkansas and Kansas was the sixth team ranked No. 2 to lose this season. LSU became the first team since Notre Dame in 1990 to lose as No. 1 twice in the regular season.

The new top-ranked Tigers from Missouri face Oklahoma in San Antonio on Saturday, a victory away from playing in the BCS championship game on Jan. 7.

"Obviously, it's a nice honor for our program," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "But we've got so much to play for and so much preparation to put in for a great Oklahoma team that we really can't spend much time thinking about that."

Missouri last rose to the top of the media poll on Nov. 14, 1960. The next week coach Dan Devine's Tigers lost to Kansas

23-7 in the regular-season finale, though the Jayhawks later had to forfeit that game because they used an ineligible player.

Missouri finished that season No. 5.

The rest of the new top 10 was Virginia Tech at No. 6, followed by Kansas, Southern California, Oklahoma and Florida.

Hawaii, the only unbeaten team left in major college football, moved up three spots to No. 11 after beating Boise State 39-27 on Friday night to win the Western Athletic Conference title.

No. 12 Boston College plays Virginia Tech for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship on Saturday.

Arizona State was No. 13 and No. 14 Tennessee plays LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

No. 15 Illinois was followed by Clemson, Texas, Oregon, Wisconsin and Cincinnati.

The final five were BYU at No. 21, Virginia, Auburn, Boise State and South Florida.

USE, which was No. 2 for a week in October then fell out of the rankings after a three-game losing streak, moved back into the Top 25 for the first time in a month.

"Obviously, it's a nice honor for our program."

Gary Pinkel
Missouri coach

AKEY from page 11

Players won't have to learn a new offense and defense all over again. They can rely on their experience in their coach's system, having run it this year.

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Feb. 7	New Mexico State	Cowan Spectrum	7:00 pm
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Feb. 26	University of Hawaii	Cowan Spectrum	7:00 pm
Mar. 1	San Jose State	Cowan Spectrum	7:00 pm

Vandals let one slip away in 56-55 loss at UC Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif. - The University of Idaho men's basketball team lost a late lead and let an opportunity slip away in a 56-55 loss at UC Riverside Saturday.

The Vandals (1-3) led by as many as 10 points in the second half but a 15-6 Highlander run brought the score to 53-52 with 2:46 remaining. Idaho moved ahead 54-52 on a free throw from Darin Nagle, but UC Riverside tied the score with a basket at the 2:04 mark. After three-point misses from both teams, Trevor Morris converted one of two free throws with 32 seconds left. UC Riverside held out for the last shot and Severin Gates, who led all scorers with 18 points, converted a three-footer with 4.4 seconds remaining. Jordan Brooks had a look as time expired, but his three-point attempt was off the mark.

"I feel bad for the boys in the locker room," Idaho coach George Pfeifer said. "We told our players the aggressor was going to win and in the last four or five minutes of the game they became the aggressor."

"I told our players after the game this is a character deal. Nothing is going to come easy for us. We had a great opportunity to win here tonight and we let this one slip through our

fingers," Pfeifer said.

UC Riverside was the aggressor to begin the game, as well, as it moved ahead 13-3 in the first seven minutes. Idaho slowly chipped away at the lead and finally tied the score at 20-20 with 5:50 remaining in the half. The Vandals earned their first lead on a Nagle lay in at the 5:13 mark and continued on a 15-5 run to move ahead 35-25 with under two minutes in the half. UC Riverside scored the final basket of the half and Idaho took a 35-27 advantage into the locker room.

"We had good success with our flex offense in the first half and in the second half we couldn't execute and threw our passes away numerous times. We also had easy shots next to the rim (in the second half) that we couldn't convert," Pfeifer said.

Nagle and Brooks led the Vandals with 10 points each, although the duo scored just seven points in the second half. Michael Crowell finished with nine points and Mike Kale added eight points off the bench. Crowell led the Vandals with eight rebounds.

As a team, the Vandals shot 21-of-43 (.488) from the floor in the game. They hit 6-of-13 3-point attempts but were 0-of-4 in the second half. Idaho



also committed 16 turnovers in the second half and finished the game with 22 total turnovers.

"I wish I could say we did something magical (in the first half) but we were just knock-

ing down the shots that were open," Pfeifer said.

Idaho returns home to face South Dakota State Wednesday (Nov. 28) at 7 p.m. at Memorial Gym.

University of Idaho football team lowers rushes for 127 yards in season finale

FMOSCOW, Idaho - There was only one way to explain feelings after the University of Idaho's season-ending loss to Utah State.

"Very, very, very disappointing," said coach Robb Akey after the 24-19 defeat that left the Vandals with a 1-11 overall mark; 0-8 in the Western Athletic Conference. "A disappointing end to a disappointing season."

"I'm disappointed this is the way the seniors had to go out. I'm disappointed we didn't get this ballgame taken care of for this football team."

Said sophomore safety Shiloh Keo: "Disappointment. We practiced real hard. We were hoping to pull out the victory. It's hard. Especially to send our senior class out the way we did. To lose the game is disappointing. I, myself, felt like I let them down."

David Vobora was one of 15 seniors to play his final game in a Vandal uniform. The bulk of that group played as true freshmen - and played for three head coaches in four years.

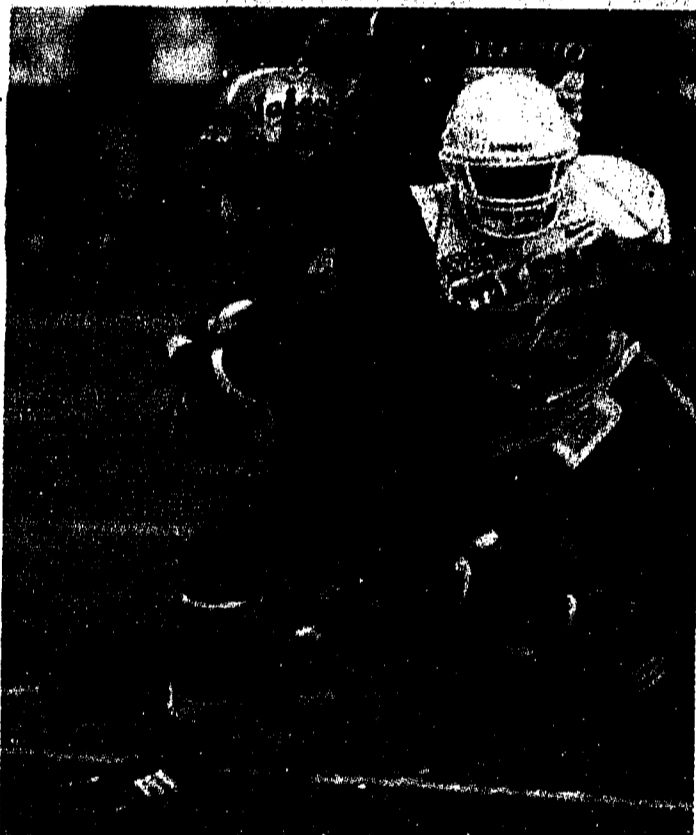
"It was emotional," he said. "Like so many games this year, it was right there. Watching it slip away ... I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed - at least a little bit. But this team battled and it will continue to battle."

The same blunders that have haunted the Vandals throughout the season, haunted them again Saturday - turnovers and untimely penalties.

"Turnovers killed us today," Akey said. "At halftime, it was three turnovers to zero. That's why the scoreboard read the way it did."

The halftime score was 17-10. One USU touchdown followed a fumble by Deonte Jackson. An interception (one of three) of Nathan Enderle pass led to an Aggie field goal. In the second half, a touchdown was nullified by a hold and a pass interception went back to the Aggies after an interference call. It was that kind of an afternoon.

"We have to take better care of the football and we have to take the football away," Akey said. "Those turnovers lead to the points that cost you the ballgame."



The positives, they concurred, were a sense of camaraderie that never left the team and a promise of good things to come.

"This team battled," Vobora said, "and it will continue to battle."

Added fellow senior Brian Flowers, who churned for 127 yards, "Everybody played with passion. As far as next season, the guys have their minds right and ready to go."

The season wasn't without highlights:

- Nathan Enderle's 423 yards passing against Northern Illinois tied for ninth all-time for a single game

-Tino Amancio's 51-yard field goal against Cal Poly tied for 14th longest in school history

- Shiloh Keo's 100-yard punt return against Northern Illinois is a school record

-Deonte Jackson's freshman campaign ranks fourth all-time for carries (240), seventh all-time for yards (1,175) and sixth all-time for all-purpose rushing plays

-David Vobora's 148 total tackles ties for second all-time for a single season

-Amancio's 14 field goals tie for fifth all-time for a single season, his field goal percentage (.778) is third all-time for a single season and his perfect (30 for 30) on PAT kicks ties the single-season accuracy mark

-Dewey Hale earned the single-season marks for kickoff returns (42) and kickoff return yardage (902)

- Keo became the all-time single-season leader in punt return yardage (319) and punt return average (16.8)

-T.J. Conley tied himself for fifth in punts in a season (67) and had the fifth-best single-season punting yardage mark (2,730)

-Amancio is the career leader in conversion percentage (1,000) after hitting all 53 attempts and has the career lead in field goal percentage (.727) after making 24 of 33 attempts

-Conley is fourth on the career punts list (162) and fourth on the career punts yardage (6,491) yardage list

-Vobora moved into sixth on the all-time tackles list with 342

-Stanley Franks wound up tied for eighth on the career interceptions list (10); third on the career interception return yardage (225) list, and second on the average per return (22.5) list.

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