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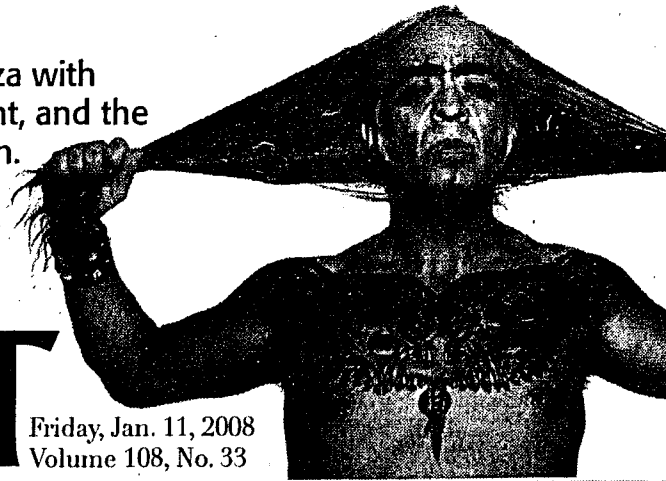
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## BENEFITS

# Retirees file claim against UI

Complaint says changes to benefits plan violate terms of early retirement deal

Alexiss Turner  
Argonaut

Harvey Neese has been a Moscow resident all his life. He graduated from the University of Idaho with two degrees and returned to the university as director of the Postharvest Institute for Perishables at the College of Agriculture, a position he held for 15 years. When offered the option to retire early in 1999 in exchange for a generous health benefits package, he accepted.

Neese said the contract he signed clearly established what he should expect from the university, expectations that he said are no longer being met—a breach of contract that has provoked Neese and three other retirees to issue a claim for damages with the Secretary of State.

"We're not asking for something that we weren't promised," Neese said. "It's simply UI going back on their word."

Neese is one of more than 250 employees who agreed to retire early in 1999 and 2002, the two years the option was given. Two programs were created to encourage early retirement, the Idaho Early Retirement Incentive Program and the Voluntary Separation and Retirement Opportunities Program.

According to the claim, under these programs, the cost of both medical and life insurance equal to a retiree's annual salary would be covered until age 65. Seventy-five percent would be covered until age 70 and 50 percent thereafter.

ERIP encouraged employees in tenured and honored staff positions to retire early so these posi-

tions could be replaced with new faculty starting at a lower wage. Using the money saved, the university could fund new faculty positions.

VSROP was designed to raise \$7 million needed after a state-issued budget reduction. Without the program, need for the money would have caused multiple layoffs.

Early retirees became aware of changes made to the initial agreement in June. The changes forced retirees to choose between two new medical plans. The first required a monthly payment for the same amount of coverage and the second required no monthly fee but reduced coverage.

Changes also reduced the amount of life insurance coverage retirees could receive to no more than \$10,000.

The report filed with the Idaho Secretary of State claims UI is asking individuals to pay \$240 a year for medical coverage, which totals more than \$64,320 for the group. The report also claims damages due to the reduced life insurance coverage retirees now receive.

Earl Bennett, a former dean of the College of Mines who did not retire early, said he was a promoter of the new programs when they were first introduced.

"(UI) paid for your health benefits," he said. "It was a tremendous perk."

Bennett said the retirees brought their complaints to the Idaho attorney general, State Board of Education and UI President Tim White before filing a damage report in an attempt to keep the complaints from going public.

**"We're not asking for something that we weren't promised. It's simply UI going back on their word."**

Harvey  
**NEESE**  
UI retiree

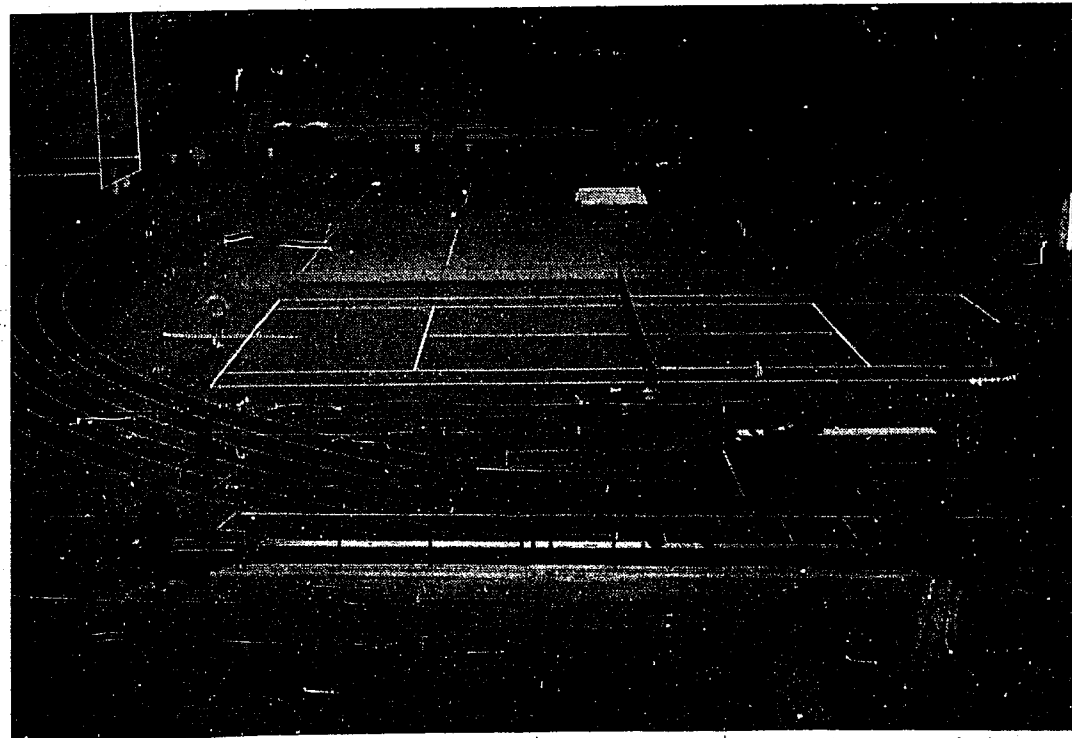
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## STEPPING OUT



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

David Roon, well equipped for Wednesday's heavy snowfall, makes his way across campus to meet with a student. "How many spectacular mornings with deep, powdery snow do you get in Moscow?" said Roon, the director of the Ecology and Conservation Biology program. "Why would you not ski into a meeting on such a morning?"



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Several students make use of the Kibbie Dome on Wednesday afternoon. The State Board of Education approved the plan to fund Kibbie Dome renovations Dec. 7.

# Renovations, safety upgrades planned for Kibbie Dome

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

Board is approached for authorization to begin construction.

For several years, administrators at the University of Idaho have hoped to make improvements to the Kibbie Dome. Through the combined efforts of UI's new bonding project and a private fundraising drive, those plans are moving into a new phase.

On Dec. 7, the Idaho State Board of Education approved the next phase of fixing safety and code compliance issues in the Kibbie Dome as well as a plan to seek private funds to renovate and expand the structure.

Fixing safety issues in the Dome is part of UI's bonding initiative that addresses the university's multi-million dollar deferred maintenance problem. The Board approved spending up to \$2 million on the design phase of the project, which will happen during 2008. The university will also work toward finding an architecture firm and taking bids for construction. Chris Murray, vice president for university advancement, said it will be at least another eight months before the

project has been going on for some time and is addressing an immediate need of the school.

"We have to get the building up to code. It's been a problem for some time now," Spear said.

Safety improvements for the Dome include replacing two wood-frame end walls, installing a smoke-exhaust system and expanding the sprinkler and fire alarm systems.

Bringing the building up to code and addressing safety issues is estimated to cost around \$17 million and is funded through university-issued bonds.

The university also sought the Board's approval to begin a private fundraising campaign to pay for the desired Kibbie Dome renovation and expansion project.

The renovation and expansion project is completely separate from bringing the structure up to code; it is a want versus a need, Murray said.

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[www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com)

## Top ten of 2007? Most anticipated of 2008?

Check out Guy in a Monkey Suit's random bests and blunders of the past year and what he thinks will be the big stories of 2008. What, you need a sample?

## Number 6:

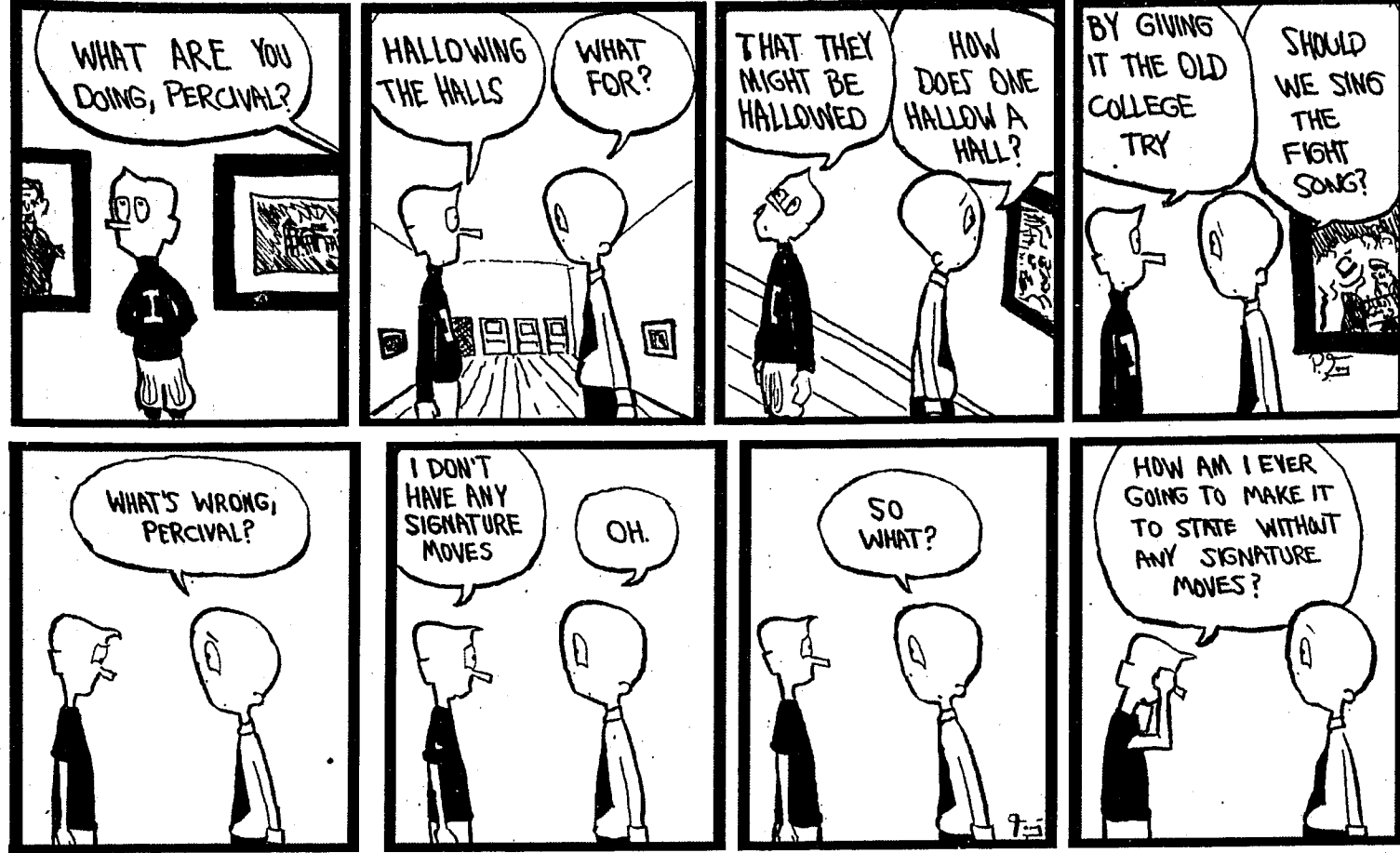
"Brutal" will be the buzz word of 2008. Much better than 2007's buzz word, which won't be repeated here, or hopefully anywhere else in 2008. "Hot" is also out.

## Number 9:

Heath Ledger's performance as The Joker will set a new standard for movie villains. The old standard, Jack Nicholson's 1989 portrayal, will remain more iconic. Check out the entire list Saturday on [www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com)

University AVE.

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



University Ave. will be running its "Best of Tong" for the first few issues of the semester, as The Argonaut is still searching for a new strip cartoonist. Interested? E-mail arg\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu. Enjoy!

- CMW

SudokuPUZZLE

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

Solution

9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

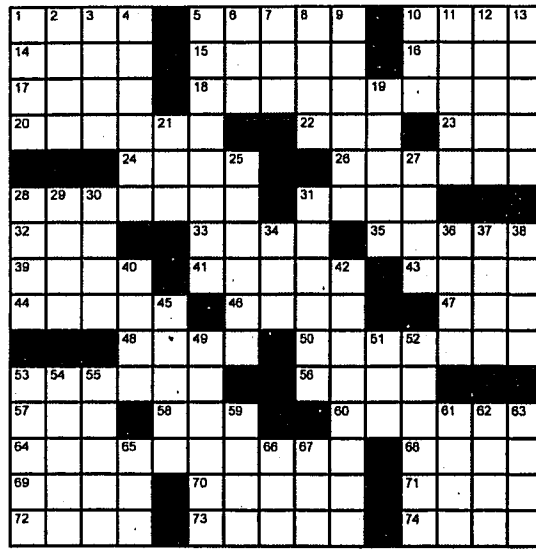
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



CrosswordPUZZLE

Across

- 1 Horsecart
5 Feline cries
10 Docile
14 Bit part
15 Move forward
16 Andy's sidekick
17 Grains
18 Fishy
20 On time
22 Beverage
23 Apply
24 Ventilates
26 Bowling scores
28 Fivesome
31 Molecule
32 Vase
33 Relative
35 Wanderer
39 Wife of Osiris
41 Willows
43 Cabbage
44 Crowns
46 College leader
47 Shelter
48 Orderly
50 Irony
53 Hydrocarbon
56 Resound
57 Exclaim
58 mode
60 Eucalyptus eaters
64 Homeless crustacean?
68 It. city, in It.
69 Verse form
70 Fragrance
71 Thin
72 Repose
73 Sp. title



Down

- 1 Descend
2 Outery
3 Countertenor
4 Obedient person
5 Abuse
6 Ratlike bird
7 Saturn's wife
8 Blubbered
9 Most cunning
10 Siamese
11 Love (Fr.)
12 Hawk's target
13 Sharp curves
19 Chicken
21 Colliery
25 Stalwart
27 Berserk
28 Wisecrack
29 Bear dipper
30 Monogram (Abbr.)
31 Sergeant's words
34 Maiden name
36 Checkbone
37 Porters
38 View as
40 Moss capsule
42 Commissary
45 Egypt. desert
49 River dividers
51 Gr. letter
52 Sandy
53 Yellow-orange
54 French pancake
55 Novices
59 Area unit
61 Bum around
62 Fr. friends
63 Equal
65 Time zone
66 Director
67 Howard
67 I love (Lat.)

Solution



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

BEYOND THE SHEETS

Sexual resolutions

It is during this time that many people make resolutions for the coming year. Some of these resolutions are fulfilled while many others are not. I suggest thinking outside of "the box" of resolutions this year. Instead of only setting goals such as, "I will go to the gym..." or "I will run 3 miles every day..." try to set goals to promote a healthy sex life to go along with a healthy physical body. This year I propose a set of goals to all. Let everyone try to accomplish the new sex resolutions.



Chris Bidiman Sex columnist arg\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

One: Give your sex intimacy. While carnal lust can be exciting and some people really enjoy anonymous sex, remember that two people are coming together in a very intimate situation. Take the time to allow that intimacy to happen and allow further activities to come as they will. Just because you do not want to kiss, does not mean your partner feels the same way. By understanding that and taking the time to do something your partner wants to do (in this example, kissing), you are creating the intimacy and allowing further activities to be more fun.

Two: Be a better lover. Now I am not talking about technique or activities you like to do. Being a better lover is about how you interact with your partner. The best lovers are sensitive to their partner's needs and wants. Sex is not all about you and your pleasure. The pleasure and enjoyment of the other person is just as important. If you do not already know what your partner enjoys, take the time to find out so you can both have a fun and pleasurable experience.

Three: Explore your fantasies. Almost everyone has some sort of sexual fantasy. That is not only normal but also quite healthy. Granted, experiencing sex outside is not advisable right now (certain areas should never experience frost bite), but many other fantasies should be explored. The best way to start this exploration is to talk to your partner

about what your fantasies are. You may be surprised to learn you both share the same fantasy.

Four: Keep your sex life fresh. This resolution is not suggesting a new sexual partner every weekend. Rather, it proposes keeping the sex with your current partner fresh by doing new things. It can be something as simple as lingerie or perhaps exploring a newly discovered mutual fantasy. It can

even be something such as trying a new position (there are hundreds out there). You do not need to try something elaborate in order to keep your sex life fresh, just something different that you both might enjoy.

Five: Allow yourself to be hurt. I am not referring to allowing someone to hit you. The hurt in this resolution is emotional. If you were the "single friend" for 2007 and hated it, put yourself out there and let yourself be vulnerable. Relationships require a certain risk of emotional pain, but sometimes the end result of being happy is worth the pain. You may go on some bad dates, but you will never meet your "other half" unless you put yourself out there, go on dates, and allow yourself to be vulnerable to the trials of love.

These are all just ideas for sexual resolutions for the coming year. If you have others, by all means implement them. Just remember that your overall health and wellness includes sexual health. The better you feel about your sex life, the better you will feel about other things.

Have fun, be safe, and good luck.

Please note that safer sex practices, STD testing, and the option to say "No" were not listed as resolutions because they should already be practiced by all sexually active individuals.

Send your sex questions to Chris at arg\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu.

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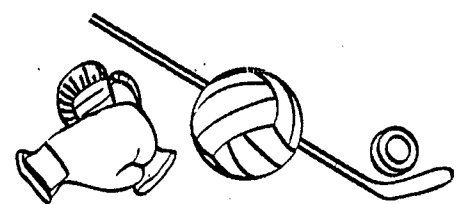
Campus Recreation

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# City council passes domestic partnership resolution

**Will McWilliams**  
Argonaut

The Moscow City Council passed a resolution on Dec. 17 allowing the city to financially contribute toward health insurance for employees that are in domestic partnerships.

An employee's eligibility is determined by filling out an affidavit, which is reviewed, by Regence Blue Shield, the insurance company that offers the benefits. The city will then contribute a financial portion toward eligible employees' health insurance coverage.

Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said she had been looking for a program that offered benefits for domestic partnerships for some time. "In November, Blue Shield

made available these benefits for their clients," Chaney said.

Chaney said that as a responsible employer one must take care of their employees as best as possible.

"In this competitive market it just makes sense to provide competitive benefits," Chaney said.

Chaney said that the new coverage will not affect current employee coverage.

"When I heard this new program was available, I confirmed with Leslie Moss, the human resource director, that offering the coverage would not affect existing employees' coverage," Chaney said. "The new clients will not be seen as a perceived risk to the insurance company."

Some organizations dis-

agree with the resolution. Bryan Fischer, executive director of the Idaho Values Alliance, said the resolution is a violation of the Idaho Constitution.

"The fundamental problem with what the council did is that the marriage amendment of 2006 prohibits any subdivision of the state granting spousal benefits to domestic partners," Fischer said.

Fischer said this is the debate that was settled in 2006 at the ballot box.

"The issue is whether the Moscow City Council will be able to flagrantly disregard the Constitution," Fischer said.

Moscow City Attorney Randy Fife said the city was not recognizing domestic partnerships.

"The affidavit does not bind the city to recognize a domestic partnership," Fife said. "Even the affidavit does not recognize domestic partnership."

Fife said the only thing the city does is contribute to insur-

ance benefits that are run by a third party.

"The city is not managing, defining or offering the program," Fife said.

Fife said the resolution has been sent to the Idaho attorney general for research and that the attorney general is supposed to reply within two to three weeks.

"I will give the council whatever the attorney general suggests," Fife said.

Fife said the question is

how broadly the Constitution defines marriage.

Along with the passing of the domestic partnership resolution, the City Council voted to table the current noise ordinance issue. Fife said that the issue will be addressed on Monday with the new city council.

"The new council can do whatever it wants with the ordinance," Fife said. "They can bring it from the table and discuss it."

## Pi Beta Phi moves into Phi Tau house

**Cyrella Watson**  
Argonaut

After a fire forced them to leave their house and take up residence in the Wallace Residence Center, the women of the Pi Beta Phi sorority are returning to Greek row, but not yet back in their own house.

The sorority will be renting the vacant Phi Tau fraternity house for spring semester until construction is completed on its own house.

After their house caught fire in August, members of Pi Phi moved into the fifth and sixth floors in the Gooding wing of Wallace.

The sorority had a semester contract with Wallace and started talking about moving into the Phi Tau house after its own house caught fire. More than 62 members of Pi Phi lived in Wallace during the fall semester. Sorority members are expecting to move into their house in time for fall semester next year.

"We are excited to be back on Greek Row," said Pi Phi President Heather Crane.

The Phi Tau fraternity closed last May due to a decrease in members, Officer Housing Corporation member Keven Prather said.

The Phi Tau house and the land is owned by the national fraternity, one of the only Greek houses on campus to own both land and house, Prather said.

"We see this as a win-win situation for both houses and the Greek system as a whole," said Lisa French, Pi Phi House Corporation president.

Prather said the Phi Tau house has stood on Greek row for almost 100 years.

"Phi Tau was looking for a

tenant and it was a good fit," French said. "The process has enabled the two Greek houses to come together."

A few adjustments have been made to the house to accommodate the sorority, Prather said. Vanity tables have been installed along with a new fire alarm.

Over the last several months, 35-40 Phi Tau alumni have helped in the renovations and they have had tremendous support, Prather said.

"Pi Phi has endured a lot in the past few months and continues to understand that the people, not the building, is what our organization is all about," French said.

Construction is still in progress for the Pi Phi house. Renovations are being done by Steve Carlton Construction, French said.

Construction is on schedule and the sorority is hoping the house will be completed structurally in the spring, French said.

A final damage estimate has not yet been released, French said. The sorority may not know the extent of the damage dollar wise until the project is near completion.

"The light at the end of the tunnel isn't too far away," Crane said.

Phi Tau is looking to colonize again and come back strong, Prather said. The Housing Corporation is looking to make a comeback during the fall 2011 semester.

The house will be available for rent after the Pi Phi house is complete. Any fraternities or sororities that need to do renovations have the opportunity to live in the Phi Tau house, Prather said.

**"We are excited to be back on Greek Row."**

**Heather Crane**  
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# ASUI embarks on '08 with enthusiasm

**Hayley Guenther**  
Argonaut

The start of a semester brings new classes, opportunities to meet new people and new goals for the University of Idaho's student government.

UI Vice President Amy Huddleston is excited to take on the spring semester and said President Jon Gaffney and the ASUI Senate share her enthusiasm.

"We'll have a lot going on," she said. "We've got a lot of great new senators and everyone seems to have a lot of good goals."

Huddleston said the main issues ASUI aims to tackle are more and improved parking, efficient public relations (through newsletters to students) and better communication between elected leaders and students.

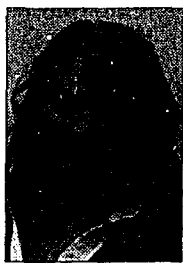
She said she and Gaffney, along with the Senate, are making it a priority to show the students ASUI is there to help them.

"We really do work hard up there to get things done and we want (students) to feel comfortable coming to us," she said. "We're working for the students; we really want people to be involved."

Huddleston said the student leaders will be looking especially closely at advising. She said they strive to make every student feel important and get the most out of every advising session, whether it is with a peer or a professor.

"We want every student to feel valued and taken care of," she said. "We're working on a possible evaluation process for advisers and (improving) peer-on-peer advising."

Personally, Huddleston said she is



**Huddleston**

## first senate MEETING

The first Senate meeting of spring semester will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Commons Whitewater Room.

working toward adding a new degree to UI's curriculum. She is working hard to ensure students will be able to major in nonprofit management by next year.

"It takes a lot of work (to get a new degree) set up," she said. "New classes are being developed and teachers need to get on board."

Huddleston said she and Gaffney had a wonderful transition semester in the fall and spent it working hard getting everything in place. She said they

hosted many successful events, such as the student open house, which allowed casual and convenient interaction between senators and students that they plan to continue this spring. She said last semester wrapped up smoothly and the senators put in great effort.

"We have very motivated senators," she said. "The new ones have already gotten stuff done, and the old ones finished very strong."

Pro Tempore Senate Dean Throop is also anxious for the new semester and eager to tackle new challenges. He said his primary focus will be to assist his fellow senators in achieving their goals as well as improving their overall image.

"We want to take on the issues that impact students, things they are interested in and being their voice wherever we can," she said. "(It's our goal) to help students and improve the university and community to make their lives better."

Throop is also interested in making the noise ordinance less of a target on students as well as improving campus safety. He said both issues are highly related to students and he, along with his fellow senators, are working hard towards representing them to the fullest.

"The people I work with are phenomenal," he said.

Huddleston couldn't agree more with Throop regarding the caliber of people she works with, and said various improvements have been made within ASUI.

"There has been a change of attitude in ASUI," she said. "People enjoy working together and have positive attitudes."

For information about ASUI, visit its Web site, [www.asui.uidaho.edu](http://www.asui.uidaho.edu), stop by the office on the third floor of the Idaho Commons or attend a Senate meeting. Senate meetings are at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Commons Whitewater Room beginning next week.

# Business program looking for world travelers

## College taking group of students to China, Italy after graduation

**Savannah Cummings**  
Argonaut

The College of Business and Economics is helping University of Idaho students expand their global perspectives this spring with trips to Italy and China.

The Italy trip is full, but the department is still looking for students from all majors and colleges interested in visiting Shanghai and Chengdu, China for two weeks in May.

This is the second year the college has taken students on an international trip. Last year, 11 members of the Graue Scholar program spent Spring Break in Shanghai learning about the country's history, culture and industry. The college also took a group of 21 business students

to Japan in May.

Because of the growing need and reliance on international business, trips like this are important for business students, said John Lawrence, who is in charge of organizing the trips.

"The world of business is becoming increasingly global," Lawrence said. "Students need to gain some experience to be able to be more successful in that new global environment. This experience will help them internalize what they need to do to be successful working across these different cultures."

Students will receive two credits for the trip, which runs from May 12-28. Business students were given priority for signing up until Dec. 12, but

## trip to CHINA

Applications for the College of Business and Economics international experience trip to China can be picked up at the International Programs Office in the Living Learning Center. Applications are due by Jan. 18. A non-refundable \$500 deposit is due at the time of application. For information about the trip, contact the College of Business and Economics at 885-6478

now the China trip is open to all students. There is still lots of room on the trip, which will take a maximum of 22 students, said Doug Haines, head of the business department and faculty adviser for the trip. Assistant professor

in operations management Shenghan Xu, who is from Shanghai, will also be going on the trip.

While in China, students will visit the financial district of Shanghai and Chengdu, as well as visit the Chengdu Panda center, tour Chinese-owned businesses and experience cultural events, including taking a cooking class.

"For some of our students, this may be their first experience outside the northwest, or certainly their first international experience," Haines said. "Students will come back with a much wider perspective after an experience like this."

In Italy, 16 students will spend 10 days in Cremona at Casa Wallace, a bed and breakfast owned by a UI alumnus, where they will receive language, culture and cuisine instruction, Lawrence said.

Students will also visit Genoa for a tour of distribution and shipping facilities, visit the FIAT factory in Torino as well as visit local wineries, businesses and possibly chocolate or coffee producing facilities, he said. The students will end the trip in Milan where they will be visiting the financial and fashion districts and visiting museums, including viewing Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper.

Junior accounting major Heather Shown is excited to go to Italy, she said. The trip will be her first experience overseas and she said it will be an important one in her career.

"They are pushing more and more for the accounting standards in the U.S. to go interna-



Courtesy photo College of Business and Economics Graue Scholars Janet Kleffner and Whitney Lucas stand in a market in Shanghai, China during the CBE's international trip last spring.

tional," Shown said. "It's very important for me to understand how foreign companies work and do business."

Lawrence said the trip to China will be relevant to students from all departments.

"China is probably the biggest influence on the world stage right now," Lawrence said. "In the next 10 years, everything says the growth of China is going to have a huge impact and certainly will rival the U.S. as a world power."

The country's growth also presents some huge environmental challenges, he said. Any student interested in sustainability, the environment or international relations would benefit from the trip.

Because of the Olympic

Games being held in Beijing in the summer, China has grown in popularity, Lawrence said, which drove up the price of the trip. The college estimates it will cost around \$3,600. Business students will receive a \$300 international study scholarship. Some scholarships are also available through the International Programs Office, but due to travel commitments, students will have to commit to the trip before they will find out what funds are available. Anyone with questions about scholarships should call the International Programs Office at 885-8984.

For information about the China trip, contact the College of Business and Economics at 885-6478.

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Hartung Theatre, UI Campus. Presentation of the 2008 MLK Distinguished Service Award winners follow. Admission is free.



**Local/BRIEFS**

**Argonaut in search of new sources**

The Argonaut is looking for students interested in being a part of a new series of articles. "Voices of Faith" will examine how religious beliefs impact students' day-to-day lives. The series will run every other Tuesday during spring semester in the news section of the paper. Topics will include atheism, agnostics, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Judaism, Islam and the pagan and Wiccan communities, as well as others. Any students interested in being part of the series and sharing how faith impacts their life can contact news editor Savannah Cummings at [arg\\_news@sub.uidaho.edu](mailto:arg_news@sub.uidaho.edu).

**UI honors Martin Luther King, Jr.**

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., UI will hold two events next week.

The first is from Living Voices entitled, "The Right to Dream: Share the Struggle!" Living Voices combines theater, video and live action to show aspects of civil rights era America. The performance tells the story of a young black man growing up in the 1950s and '60s in Mississippi.

The show will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Hartung Theater.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Campus Distinguished Service Awards will follow the presentation from Living Voices.

These awards are meant to pay tribute to those who contribute to the community through their leadership, service and education.

Both events are free and open to the public.

**Funeral for Norm Yandt today**

On Jan. 7 Norm Yandt passed away after an automobile accident, he was 55 years old.

Yandt was a project architect and architectural project manager for UI from 1990 to 2006. His projects included the Idaho Commons, the Teaching and Learning Center, Living and Learning Community and the Ag Biotechnology building.

After finishing his last UI building, Yandt accepted a position as project architect at WSU.

A funeral for Norm Yandt is scheduled for 1 p.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene in Moscow.

**Newspapers fund journalism school**

A \$9,000 grant was given to the UI School of Journalism and Mass Media from the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Association.

The goal of the funding is to help bring in more guest speakers from regional newspapers. The association's education committee recommended the grant after a favorable report from a team of editors that visited the school in April.

According to JAMM Director Kenton Bird, reporters and editors from regional newspapers, including the Moscow-Pullman Daily News and the Spokesman-Review, are regular guest speakers in journalism classes. The grant will bring in visitors from papers in Boise, Portland, Seattle and elsewhere to the classroom.

**MARCHING ON**



Roger Rowles/Argonaut

Graduates march past faculty during commencement ceremonies in the Kibbie Dome on Dec. 9.

**Campus CALENDAR**

**Friday**

New Student Orientation SUB 109

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Monday**

Body Image Task Force's weekly meeting Memorial Gym Room 109 5 p.m.

Resumes & Cover Letters for Freshmen & Sophomores TLC Room 247 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Receptions for candidates for interim director of the Women's Center Women's Center lounge 4:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday**

The Right to Dream Hartung Theatre 7 p.m.

**PoliceLOG**

**Dec. 4**

10:33 a.m. Delta Tau Delta: Theft.

5:21 p.m. Wallace Parking: Caller reported that a white Ford Explorer hit their car and that the Explorer drove off without providing information.

**Dec. 5**

9:58 a.m. Wallace: Caller says that somebody who has a car with handicap tags doesn't appear to be handicapped.

They claim to have seen the person enter and exit the vehicle many times.

10:30 a.m. Wallace: Male stuck in elevator.

8:05 p.m. LLC's: Caller worried his roommate is suicidal.

**Dec. 6**

12:07 p.m. Life Sciences Building: UI Parking Services official got out of vehicle to write parking ticket, when they got back they found their tire slashed.

3:53 p.m. Sigma Nu: Caller says that books are being taken from the lobby of the building, and that he has found some of them in a bookstore.

6:45 p.m. PEB Gym: Caller received physical threats from

another student that morning.

**Dec. 7**

11:36 a.m. Delta Sigma Phi: Caller reported a parking problem and would like to speak with officers.

10:27 p.m. Delta Sigma Phi: Alcohol offense.

10:40 p.m. Sigma Nu: Male transported to Gritman, result of alcohol overdose.

**Dec. 8**

2:04 a.m. Lionel Hampton School of Music: Citation issued for alcohol offense.

2:21 a.m. Delta Chi: Caller reported that her boyfriend hit her, and she wanted to press charges.

2:42 a.m. 810 Deakin Ave.: Two males cited for public urination.

4:47 p.m. The Perch: Vehicles were blocking the middle of the alley.

5:39 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Caller reported pool ball being thrown through the large window in the house.

6:56 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega: Arrested male for battery.

**Dec. 9**

12:16 a.m. Gamma Phi Beta: Law, fire and EMS responded to a seizing patient; patient transported to Gritman.

12:15 p.m. LLC's: Male called the on-call doctor and said he wanted to kill himself. Refused to give his name or go to a hospital.

7:59 p.m. Alpha Kappa Lambda: Caller reported stolen laptop.

**Dec. 10**

11:29 a.m. Student Union Building: Officer assisted in a non-injury, non-blocking car accident.

11:12 p.m. Wallace: Report of marijuana smell on south side of Ballard.

**Dec. 11**

9:01 a.m. 1022 West Sixth St.: Officers responded to a non-injury, pedestrian vs. vehicle accident.

2:01 p.m. Wallace: Officers responded to a report of a Dodge Durango driving laps through the parking lot, nearly hitting other vehicles.

5:38 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Honda rolled back into an illegally parked car.

**Dec. 12**

12:30 a.m. Wallace: Report of elevator behaving erratically in Gooding Wing.

4 p.m. Hartung Theatre: Report of children sledding down hill into street.

**Dec. 13**

10:22 a.m. Rec Center: Vehicle hit and run.

11:08 p.m. Theophilus Tower: Caller reports smell of marijuana on seventh floor.

**Dec. 14**

6:10 a.m. Alpha Tau Omega: Received an abandoned 911 call.

9:00 a.m. Wallace: Caller says that his roommate and friends sprayed soda all over his computer.

Officers responded, determined to be unfounded.

9:42 a.m. Administration Building: Two vehicle accident, no injuries.

11:39 a.m. Perimeter Dr.: Two vehicle accident, non-injury. Officers responded, no report.

2:06 p.m. Delta Sigma Phi: Caller said that someone stole his laptop on Nov. 11. He believed it to be somebody in his house.

2:25 p.m. Student Union Building: Two vehicle accident, no injuries.

6:52 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau: Lights on in the second floor of the house when there shouldn't be. Determined to be maintenance crew.

11:49 p.m. Pi Kappa Alpha: Caller said that he was assaulted by other members of the house. Officers responded, found that the subject wasn't making sense. House brothers took care of him.

**Dec. 15**

5:35 a.m. 525 Idaho Ave.: Caller reported man trying to lift manhole cover. When officers arrived, vehicle on street was found with broken window.

1 p.m. Beta Theta Pi: Caller reported a US Postal Truck just hit a parked car.

**Dec. 21**

1:42 p.m. Student Union Building: Caller reported a suspicious male spending time around the Student Union Building.

He has been making sexual advances toward employees. Officers determined that no

crime had been committed.

**Dec. 31**

9:55 p.m. 602 Deakin Ave.: Taxi driver requested police check on a female he dropped off at this location. Officers checked the area.

**Jan. 2**

8:16 a.m. Alpha Tau Omega: Caller reported a '91 Subaru Royal stolen sometime on Dec. 20 or 21.

**Jan. 3**

2:12 p.m. St. Augustine's Catholic Church: Report of three dogs running free around church. Two picked up by owner and one impounded.

**Jan. 4**

12:32 p.m. Student Union Building: Report of man in the building who has been making inappropriate sexual remarks.

**Jan. 5**

11:13 a.m. UI Dairy Farm: Report of possible animal abuse.

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# Mother found with bodies of girls charged with murder

## Mom claims children were possessed by demons, died in sleep

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A mother found in her home with the decomposing bodies of four girls was charged Thursday with murder after reportedly telling investigators that the children were possessed by demons and died in their sleep.

Banita Jacks, 33, was charged with felony murder and appeared in District of Columbia Superior Court. She told police that the deaths occurred before a utility turned off her electricity, which prosecutors said was in September, according to charging documents.

The bodies of the girls — ages 5 to 17 and believed to all be Jacks' daughters — were found Wednesday when deputy U.S. marshals served an eviction notice at the apartment in southeast Washington.

"I don't think anyone in the city can remember a case involving this many young people who have died in such a tragic way," Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said.

Jacks told investigators that the children were possessed by demons and began dying in their sleep, one by one, within a seven-day period, documents say. She could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted.

Jacks appeared in court in a white jump suit, and court was recessed briefly before a judge could rule on her detention. Her attorney argued that she should be released to the custody of an adult relative pending trial. Prosecutors argued that she should be held without bond. The charging documents identify the children as Brittany Jacks, 17; Tatiana Jacks, 11; N'kia Fogle, 6; and Aja Fogle, 5.

Although autopsies are incomplete, the medical examiner's office reported that there was evidence that Brittany had been stabbed, the charging documents state. There was evidence of binding on the necks of the Tatiana and N'kia, and evidence of blunt force injury to the head of Aja and binding on her neck, according to the documents.

Court records in Charles County, Md., show that Jacks filed paternity suits against three men, two of which were successful. In one case, Norman C. Penn Jr., whose most recent address is in Glen Burnie, is named the father of Brittany. In another case, Kevin J. Stoddard, whose most recent address is listed in Prince George's County, acknowledged he is the father of Tatiana.

The county court records indicated that both men failed to pay required

child support. Penn was convicted of criminal contempt and received a suspended jail sentence. Records also show that in 2004, lenders foreclosed on a Waldorf townhome that Jacks had purchased three years earlier.

The home where the bodies were found is in one of the city's poorest, most violent neighborhoods. The block is lined by virtually identical apartment houses near Bolling Air Force Base. About one-third of the city's homicides last year occurred in the area, according to preliminary police statistics.

City officials were scrambling to understand how four children could have been dead for at least two weeks without anyone knowing. The mayor said Thursday that officials were working to determine what other contacts city agencies had with the family.

"We are going to investigate every single contact that this family has had with the government, with people who are paid to look out for the welfare of children, and we will come back with a full report," Fenty said.

Nona Richardson, a spokeswoman for the D.C. Public Charter School Board, said Jacks' three younger daughters attended the Meridian Public Charter School in Washington consistently until March.

When they stopped showing up, Richardson said the school immediately tried to contact the mother by mail and telephone. Officials finally went to the woman's home and the woman told a school official that she wanted to withdraw the children and home-school them. They were officially withdrawn in mid-March.

A child at Jacks' Washington address also had attended Stuart-Hobson Elementary School but withdrew in 2006 as a fifth-grader, public school officials said.

The D.C. Child and Family Services agency tried last year to investigate a complaint about the family. But investigators could not make face-to-face contact with family members and believed they had moved to Maryland, agency spokeswoman Mindy Good said.

Norris West, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, said D.C. officials in June asked social services officials in Charles County, Md., to open a case for the family. However, county officials were not able to locate the family, and it is unclear whether they had actually moved to Charles County, West said.

Fenty said Thursday that besides at least one contact with child welfare officials, the family had at least one brush with D.C. police. According to court records, Jacks was charged in January 2007 with driving an unregistered vehicle. In February, she paid a \$175 fine and the case was dismissed.

# New rules for driver's licenses meant to deter terrorists, illegal immigrants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans born after Dec. 1, 1964, will have to get more secure driver's licenses in the next six years under ambitious post-9/11 security rules to be unveiled today by federal officials.

The Homeland Security Department has spent years crafting the final regulations for the REAL ID Act, a law designed to make it harder for terrorists, illegal immigrants and con artists to get government-issued identification. The effort once envisioned to take effect in 2008 has been pushed back in the hopes of winning over skeptical state officials. Even with more time, more federal help and technical advances, REAL ID still faces stiff opposition from civil liberties groups.

To address some of those concerns, the government now plans to phase in a secure ID initiative that Congress passed into law in 2005. Now, DHS plans a key deadline in 2011, and then further measures to be enacted three years later, according to congressional staffers who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not yet been made. DHS officials briefed legislative aides on the details late Thursday. Without discussing details, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff promoted the final rules for REAL ID during a meeting Thursday with an advisory council.

"We worked very closely with the states in terms of developing a plan that I think will be inexpensive, reasonable to implement and produce the results," he said. "This is a win-

win. As long as people use driver's licenses to identify themselves for whatever reason there's no reason for those licenses to be easily counterfeited or tampered with."

In order to make the plan more appealing to cost-conscious states, federal authorities drastically reduced the expected cost from \$14.6 billion to \$3.9 billion, a 73 percent decline, according to Homeland Security officials familiar with the plan.

The American Civil Liberties Union has fiercely objected to the effort, particularly the sharing of personal data among government agencies. The DHS and other officials say the only way to make sure an ID is safe is to check it against secure government data; critics like the ACLU say that creates a system that is more likely to be infiltrated and have its personal data pilfered. The Sept. 11 attacks were the main motivation for the changes.

The hijacker-pilot who flew into the Pentagon, Hani Hanjour, had a total of four driver's licenses and ID cards from three states. The DHS, which was created in response to the attacks, has created a slogan for REAL ID: "One driver, one license."

By 2014, anyone seeking to board an airplane or enter a federal building would have to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, with the notable exception of those more than 50 years old, Homeland Security officials said. The over-50 exemption was created to give states more time to get everyone new licenses, and officials say the risk of someone in that age group being a terrorist, illegal immigrant or con artist is much less. By 2017, even those over

50 must have a REAL ID-compliant card to board a plane.

A handful of states have already signed written agreements indicating plans to comply with REAL ID. Seventeen others, though, have passed legislation or resolutions objecting to it, often based on concerns about the billions of dollars such extra security is expected to cost.

Among other details of the REAL ID plan:

- The traditional driver's license photograph would be taken at the beginning of the application instead of the end so that should someone be rejected for failure to prove identity and citizenship, the applicant's photo would be kept on file and checked in the future if that person attempted to con the system again.

- The cards will have three layers of security measures but will not contain microchips as some had expected. States will be able to choose from a menu which security measures they will put in their cards.

- Over the next year, the government expects all states to begin checking both the Social Security numbers and immigration status of license applicants. Most states currently check Social Security numbers and about half check immigration status. Some, like New York, Virginia, North Carolina and California, already have implemented many of the security measures envisioned in REAL ID. In California, for example, officials expect the only major change to adopt the first phase would be to take the photograph at the beginning of the application process instead of the end.

## COMPLAINT

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"The UI just doesn't need anymore bad publicity," Bennett said.

"We waited until the last possible moment (before filing the damage report)," said Wileen Anderson, an early retiree and claimant. "We didn't want to do this."

Anderson said the extra money was never the issue, it was the way in which the university went about the process.

"We appreciate the fact that retirement benefits are expensive," she said. "If they had come to us first, we would have supported them."

UI received the report Dec. 12 and has issued a statement that the claim is currently "being analyzed by university counsel and by the state's Office of Risk Management." The university has 90 days upon receiving notice to issue a response to the claimants, otherwise a lawsuit could be filed.

## KIBBIE

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"(Bringing the building to code) absolutely has to happen because over time the building will become unsafe," Murray said. "The upgrade is a desire of ours, an extra if you will."

The planned upgrades will include hall of fame space, adding 3,600 seats, improved restrooms and better concession stands.

Spears said that the upgrades are designed to better accommodate the sports teams as well as the other events held at the Dome.

"It's the multi-use nature of the facility," Spears said. "Twenty-two percent of activities are from sports, the other 78 per-

cent are other entities, like the jazz festival and commencement. We want the building to work well for everyone."

The design upgrades are expected to cost \$4.5 million and the university hopes to have the funds by August. The funds must be raised before UI can hire an architectural firm. According to a UI news release, the complete renovations will cost around \$35 million.

Although both projects involve intricate phases and constant Board approval, Murray said he finds the process encouraging. He said that he agrees with ensuring proper planning before the first hole is dug.

"They (the Board) are being responsible overseers to make sure we've leapt over the financial hurdles," Murray said. "It's just good stewardship."

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**OurVIEW**

## Honorary word

In the midst of the changes and challenges of restructuring the benefits packages of current employees comes word of a potential lawsuit between UI and a group of retired faculty and staff.

The claim filed with the Secretary of State indicates that the university is in breach of contract concerning promised medical and life insurance benefits to employees who accepted early retirement in 1999 and 2002.

The first wave of early retirees did so in order to make room for new faculty to be brought in. The second wave, however, did so in order to avoid potential layoffs.

The retirees not only signed contracts for benefits if they retired during a "limited window of opportunity" but had the solemn promise of the university and the State Board of Education that these benefits would not change.

The language of the claim says that voluntary retirement was "encouraged and induced" by the university and the Board, but retirees agreed to the contract because it seemed like a good deal and, in the case of the 2002 retirees, would assist the university in raising \$7 million needed to repay the state for an emergency budget reduction ordered by former governor Dirk Kempthorne.

So much for a promise.

The disputed changes required retirees to choose between two medical benefits plans in June, one requiring a monthly payment for the same benefits and a second that required no additional payments but reduced the benefits.

The benefits being paid to these retirees, many who were tenured faculty and honored staff, were not more than what they would have received if they had remained with the university.

They were not receiving special treatment different from other retired university employees, they were simply afforded the opportunity to retire early and offered a deal to make the decision easier, all for the benefit of UI.

The university has 90 days to make this right. It is a simple solution that seems to have gone over the head of the leaders we are supposed to be looking up to.

As former dean of the College of Mines Earl Bennett said, "The UI just doesn't need any more bad publicity."

Fulfilling promises and keeping to contracts are attributes inherent in an honorable institution. That it can boost the image of the university should be a secondary concern to doing what is right.

—TJT

## BAD IDEAS THAT ALMOST WERE #8,946



Holly Bowen/Argonaut

## Don't legislate my faith

Election years are uncomfortable times for me as a Christian. While I tend to tow the Biblical party line on most things, I can't seem to get out of a political discussion without proving to the rest of my faith that I am, at heart, a political liberal.

It's not that I'm a limp believer in the standards of my faith — it's just that I don't believe that any religious doctrine should be legislated from the Oval Office.

So when an outspoken evangelical Christian steps up to the political podium, I brace myself for the worst.

Enter Mike Huckabee.

When I heard that a former Baptist pastor was running for president on the Republican ticket, I shrugged it off.

The extreme religious don't have a shot at these sorts of things, I reasoned.

He'd just be another anti-abortion, pro-marriage amendment middle class white guy, no different from any other super religious candidate. Then he went and won Iowa.

Reading over Huckabee's Web site ([www.mikehuckabee.com](http://www.mikehuckabee.com)) almost had me sold on the guy.

As a former governor of Arkansas, he does seem to have good

experience — and we know that Arkansas governors make good presidents — and he has proved himself a serious candidate.

But politics aside, I can't, as a Christian, bring myself to vote for another Christian for president of the United States.

It's not a statement that bodes well for my faith.

Two presidential elections ago, I sat in a pew and listened to a pastor announce that the church would be supporting George W. Bush for the presidency and that we needed to pray as a congregation for this solid Christian man to win the election. Why? Because he'd keep the gays from marrying and save our unborn babies,

of course.

I don't mean to sound snide. It is an important part of the faith for Christians to live their beliefs.

If you don't believe in abortion, don't have one.

If you think homosexuality is a sin, don't be gay.

If you believe in the sanctity of marriage, don't get divorced. But realize that we need more in our country's leader than a baby-saving homophobe, even if he is as genuine and open as Huckabee appears to

be.

Laws that promote diversity, the right of choice and extending marriage rights to homosexuals are not deteriorating America's morality.

It's time Christians in this country realized that America is pretty much on the bottom of the morality scale.

It is our responsibility and "great commission" as Christians to spread our faith and tell people about the salvation we've found in Jesus, not write laws that restrict nonbelievers from doing things that offend our moral sensibilities.

Laws allowing gays to get married don't force heterosexual couples to get divorced.

Pro-choice laws don't force you to get an abortion. But anti-gay marriage laws do force a Christian belief system on a non-Christian public.

I love my faith. I wouldn't want to live any other way.

I feel I have found truth and freedom in Jesus Christ that I wouldn't trade for anything.

I will do everything I can to live a moral life founded in Biblical truths and I will encourage others that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

I won't, however, force anyone else in this country to live a life they don't believe in. And I won't vote for a presidential candidate who does.

Even if Chuck Norris does support him.



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### MailBOX

#### Patience appreciated, feedback welcome

I want to personally thank those across campus who so generously give your time to our journalism and PR students.

I teach reporting classes for the School of Journalism and Mass Media. I often feel I am sending a plague of eager young students, notebook in

hand, out to torment the unsuspecting masses. Many of you graciously agree to these interviews every semester, and patiently answer the same questions. For many of those students, it is the first time they have done an interview, and they are new to the process. Sometimes there are problems, sometimes the questions they ask and the writing they do is not the best work they will do as they gain confidence and experience.

But the experience they gain with

you is invaluable. The time you spend with them is every bit as important as the time they spend in the classroom learning the basics.

Again, thank you. If you have feedback or comments on particular students, please don't hesitate to contact me personally. Those comments — negative and positive — can become part of the learning process, too. I can be reached at [rishling@uidaho.edu](mailto:rishling@uidaho.edu).

Vicki Rishling  
JAMM

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Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Sickness and health

True to tradition, I went home for Christmas break and immediately got sick. I spent three days on my mom's couch watching "CSI," knitting and sleeping. Then, to add weirdness to the situation, my cold moved from my head to my shoulder. That's right. Apparently you can get an illness in your shoulder. I guess some sort of sinus thing drains there. And let me tell you, it does not feel good and no amount of muscle relaxers and decongestants can make it go away.

—Savannah

#### A fine cup of coffee

My fiancé just bought a really cool coffee making thing. It's some sort of strange metal contraption that makes a damn fine cup of coffee. I am now converted to being a serious morning coffee drinker. And the days the caffeine doesn't give me an anxiety attack it makes me feel pretty good.

—Ryli

#### Mystery Wikisolved

I was watching "Flight of the Conchords" the other day, which reminded me once again of how much I love Kiwis (people from New Zealand).

I then proceeded to ponder why such fun loving, musical people might be named after a furry and delicious fruit. But then I had a revelation — it's not the fruit at all, but rather the bird.

Oh, you egg-sized, tart derivative of Actinidia Deliciosa, you almost fooled me, but you couldn't fool Wikipedia.

—Alec

#### A giving student

What does a poor college student buy his/her parents for Christmas? I bought mine a subscription to The Argonaut. Hi parents! Hope you enjoy your gift. If you don't you can always use it to light a fire.

—Roger

#### Now I want candy

Over the break, I felt like a kid all over again.

After sleepily removing my retainer from my mouth, getting ready to rinse, gurgle and spit some Scope, the little wire snapped.

It had happened. After almost 10 years since I got my braces off, my retainer died.

My feelings went from "cool I got a new retainer," to "that's going to cost me \$200."

Reality struck once I realized how much it would cost, but there was a fleeting, geeky moment when I was excited about what colors or designs to pick out for my retainer.

In contrast to my laundry list of decisions to make this year, getting to pick out a new retainer makes my nerdy side very happy.

—Christina N.

#### C to the third power

I've officially taken over the sports desk. The only problem is I'm directly behind the arts desk and directly in front of the production desk. Which means the other editors Christina and Carissa and I are all swimming in a row of sheer "C" confusion. But alliteration aside, I think I'll take my chances. So I've decided to just ignore any time my, or I guess our, names are ever mentioned in The Argonaut office. Ever.

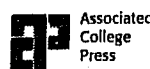
This way they'll have to answer any question that relates to a "C" name and not me. I see this plan working for about one issue before I'm found out.

—Christina L.

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# 2008: So what?

## Nothing new if you try every year

Every new year a plethora of women commit to the ever popular resolution entitled "weight loss."

But the way women view weight loss has transformed in 2008. It's no longer as clear cut as Slim Fast and a gym membership. The issue of weight is a battle between the quick fix and blind acceptance.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle's Mireya Navarro, plastic surgery has become mainstream

— almost 11 million procedures were performed in the United States in 2006, up 7 percent from the previous year.

Although the most popular procedures have been breast augmentation and nose jobs, some doctors speculate that America will see an increase in gastric bypass.

The surgery has become popularized, the techniques have improved and the costs are expected to drop.

Then there is the other side in the struggle for self-appreciation: The accepters, people who are committed to the idea that you are fine as you are, and everyone is sexy in their own way.

Programs like "How to Look Good Naked" and "Fat Chance," show that no matter your body type, a hair cut, makeup and expensive lingerie can make any woman a Siren.

The producers say these programs introduce much-needed role models in a media riddled with size zero females. But since when does a willingness to prance around in underwear equate to high self-esteem?

If a size two walked through a store wearing only her underwear she'd be called a whore, if a size 20 does it, then she's a role model.

But here's what I think: The problem isn't the women, it's the resolutions. For some reason people still punish themselves with promises they don't even have the tools to keep.

Guilt is inexplicably attached with a failure to lose a set amount of weight, and theoretically it's a fear of guilt that's supposed to motivate. If this ever worked, no one would ever lie to their parents.

Instead, why not change the concept of New Year's resolutions.

People don't feel bad because they didn't lose 20 pounds like they said they would in January, they feel bad because what they really wanted was a lifestyle change that never happened.

So here's the resolution, "I resolve to work toward changing my lifestyle in 2008." It sounds fancy, but if you stop eating late at night, you've nailed it.

Also if you want to lose an obscene amount of weight, ask yourself why. Is it to be

healthy or to be hot? Either answer is fine, but it could be the difference between working out, popping pills or just buying a full-length mirror.

After that, learn the steps needed in achieving the goal. Try adding fruit to your diet before cutting out carbs or walking to the store before hitting the gym 10 times a week.

It's important to crawl before you can walk, and even more important to get on your belly before you can crawl.

With all the war, famine, murder and Britney Spears stories in the world I'm not going to add to my problems by committing to something I know will make me miserable.

So here's my New Year's resolution, "I resolve to make an effort to hit the gym in the morning and reduce my chocolate intake."

## Daily resolutions

As many of our alert readers have no doubt already noticed, it is now a new year: 2008.

If you did not notice, don't be too embarrassed; admittedly, it does bear a strong resemblance to 2007. No doubt some of you have rung in the new year in fine fashion by making New Year's resolutions.

Making New Year's resolutions is a popular tradition. Keeping the resolutions is less popular.

In fact, New Year's resolutions are notorious for being broken.

So why are our resolutions always broken so universally?

I think the answer is quite simple: there is nothing special about a new year. It is an arbitrary date and there is no change that occurs Jan. 1.

Magazines and news organizations make quite a show of drawing distinctions between one year and the next, naming them, comparing them and contrasting them. But despite their efforts, things move on with little regard for when we change our calendars.

For example, TIME Magazine said there was a big difference between the last two years because 2006 was the year of "You" while 2007

was the year of "Them." You may claim that such a contrast does not exist, but then, maybe you are not as observant as the editors of TIME.

So what does this have to do with New Year's resolutions? My point is that there is nothing about a new year which would cause you to be any more disciplined than you have been, and yet people seem to expect more of themselves at this time of year than they usually deliver the rest of the years.

New Year's, however, does not make much difference. If I am determined to do something or to make some change, then I am probably already doing it.

If I am not determined to do it then changing my calendar is not going to help.

Another problem is that we do not live a year all at once. Rather, we live day by day. I cannot decide today how I will act for the entire year.

All I can do is to do the right thing now. Tomorrow, I will have to decide to do it again.

Good habits (and good character) are made by deciding over and over, each day, that you are going to do what you know you should do.

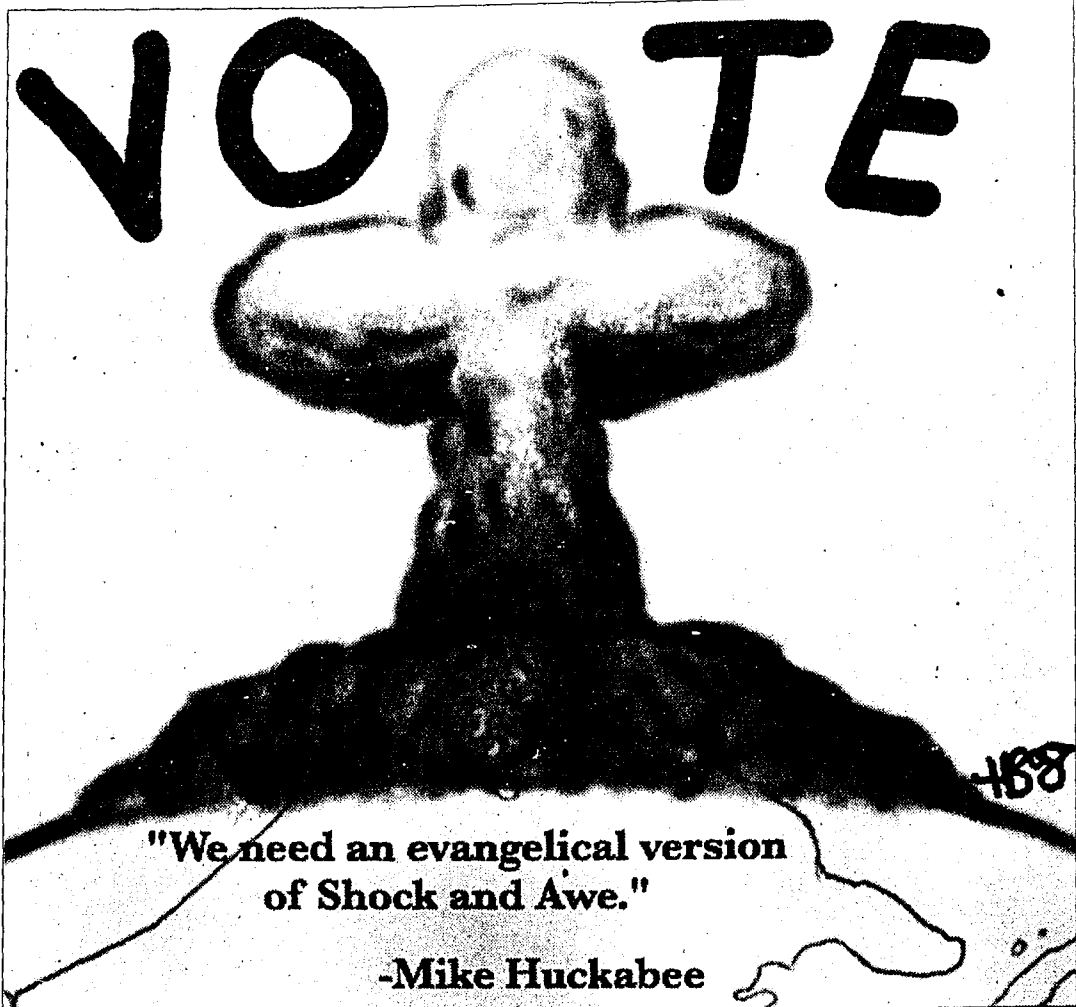
You cannot form the habit all at once in one grand, optimistic decision, and the changing of the year will not change you.

Despite any plans you make, you will be the same person after New Year's day as you were before (barring inhibition by spirits, a la Ebenezer Scrooge).

The same is true about graduation or marriage. Don't expect to change suddenly. As they say, "wherever you go, there you are." The habits you have been forming over the past year will have more impact on your actions than the new goals you set.

So don't expect any miraculous changes this month, but if you fail, don't wait until 2009 to try again.

Improving your character is something that happens gradually, and it takes persistence, but it is not impossible, and it is well worth the effort. Just take it one day at a time.



Holly Bowen/Argonaut

# Jesus, be my sugar daddy

St. Matthew's Church of Tulsa, Okla., promises God will reward recipients of its Church Prayer Rug with gifts of "a home to call my own," "a new car," a "money blessing" and even a specific amount of money.

All one has to do is use the prayer rug and then mail it back to the church so someone else can use it.

Imagine my delight when I found a letter from St. Matt's in my mail.

It claims people have received large sums of money after using the rug. One woman, it said, "was blessed with \$46,000." Another woman received \$10,700 and said "(God) went out and bought us a car." Someone in New York suffering from leg pain miraculously was healed after using the rug.

Unfortunately, I let the prayer rug sit unused for too long, so I don't think it will work anymore.

The letter says to use it

and send it back to the church within 24 hours, and it's been a couple of weeks.

If I had used it according to the letter's specific instructions, I would have kneeled on the prayer rug or placed it over my knees and then asked God for my "needs," such as money and cars.

The letter instructs users to place the used rug in a Bible on Philippians 4:19, which is about God providing needs for people. The next morning the rug owners are to mail it back to the church so it can "rush it onto another family that's in need of a blessing."

Because I never used the rug, I feel a bit uneasy about opening the paper folded inside the envelope that instructs me not to open it until returning the rug.

It says the sheet is filled with prophecies. I'll open it anyway.

Caps lock assault — the entire page is screaming at me. Oh, another Bible passage, and this time it's a really long one.

It promises that I "may feel inner power growing." Satan, lend me a dollar.

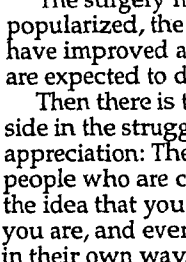
The rug features a portrait of Jesus, eyes closed, crown of thorns on his head and a tear running down his face. I should clarify that this "rug" is actually oversized paper folded like a map. The instructions on the bottom say,

"Look into Jesus' eyes. You will see they are closed. But as you continue to look you will see His eyes opening and looking back into your eyes."

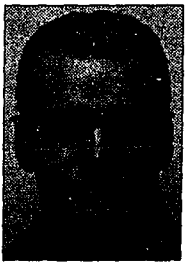
What kind of acid trip is that? I stared at the picture, a collection of tiny ink pixels produced on a printer, and didn't see Jesus' eyes open. Maybe my rug is broken.

I am half tempted to put the rug with my laundry and mail it back to the "57-year-old church" (which is actually an office suite) with the excuse that I wanted to leave it in better condition than I received it.

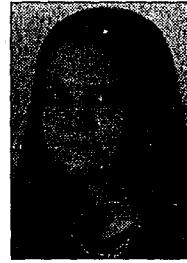
I will probably keep the rug, but I won't be using it. People don't get things by asking and expecting them to appear out of thin air. Besides, I don't think God would fancy living in Tulsa.



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## An artistic state of being

During WSU's Semana de la Raza, 'El Mexorcist' joins forces with a Mexican painter to break down the border between cultures

Jason Hess  
Argonaut

Life is like an open canvas, waiting to be painted with experience. For many, life is an artistic masterpiece full of rich color and intricate design.

Alfredo Arreguin is one artist who creates his work through intricate and rich oil on canvas paintings.

A number of Arreguin's pieces are currently on display in the Washington State Museum of Art until Feb. 16.

The exhibit, titled "Artists Without Borders," is free to the public.

Arreguin's artistic style finds inspiration from a number of places.

He cites childhood visits with his mother to markets in Mexico as a strong source of early inspiration.

"I would see small details in pottery, textiles and jewelry," Arreguin said. "My work is very intricate."

At the age of 23, Arreguin moved to the U.S. from Mexico and has lived in the Seattle area since 1959.

Arreguin received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington in 1967 and his MFA in

1969.

"When I was at the University of Washington abstraction was very popular but I was entrenched in figure ..." Arreguin said.

He said he attempted to work in abstraction for a while as an undergraduate, but it never was right for him as an artist.

Berkely Professor Elmer Bishop said to him during a visiting term in Seattle, "go back to what you were doing, it shows your talent."

In doing just that, Arreguin has become a well-known painter in the Northwest.

"I went back to my roots and it worked out real well."

Arreguin said success does not come overnight, or without work.

"I became a waiter (after college) and I could dedicate the rest of my time to work ... (it was) pretty difficult at first," he said. "Thinking in terms of making money makes things difficult ... if (your art) satis-

fies your soul, eventually it will sell. Being an artist is not a profession, it's a state of being."

While Arreguin said he also finds ceramics to be a therapeutic and interesting medium, most of his time is spent on the intricate painting he is known for.

He said he is most comfortable with scenes from nature, and his vivid pieces like "Tiger's Garden" are also intended to help create ecologic awareness.

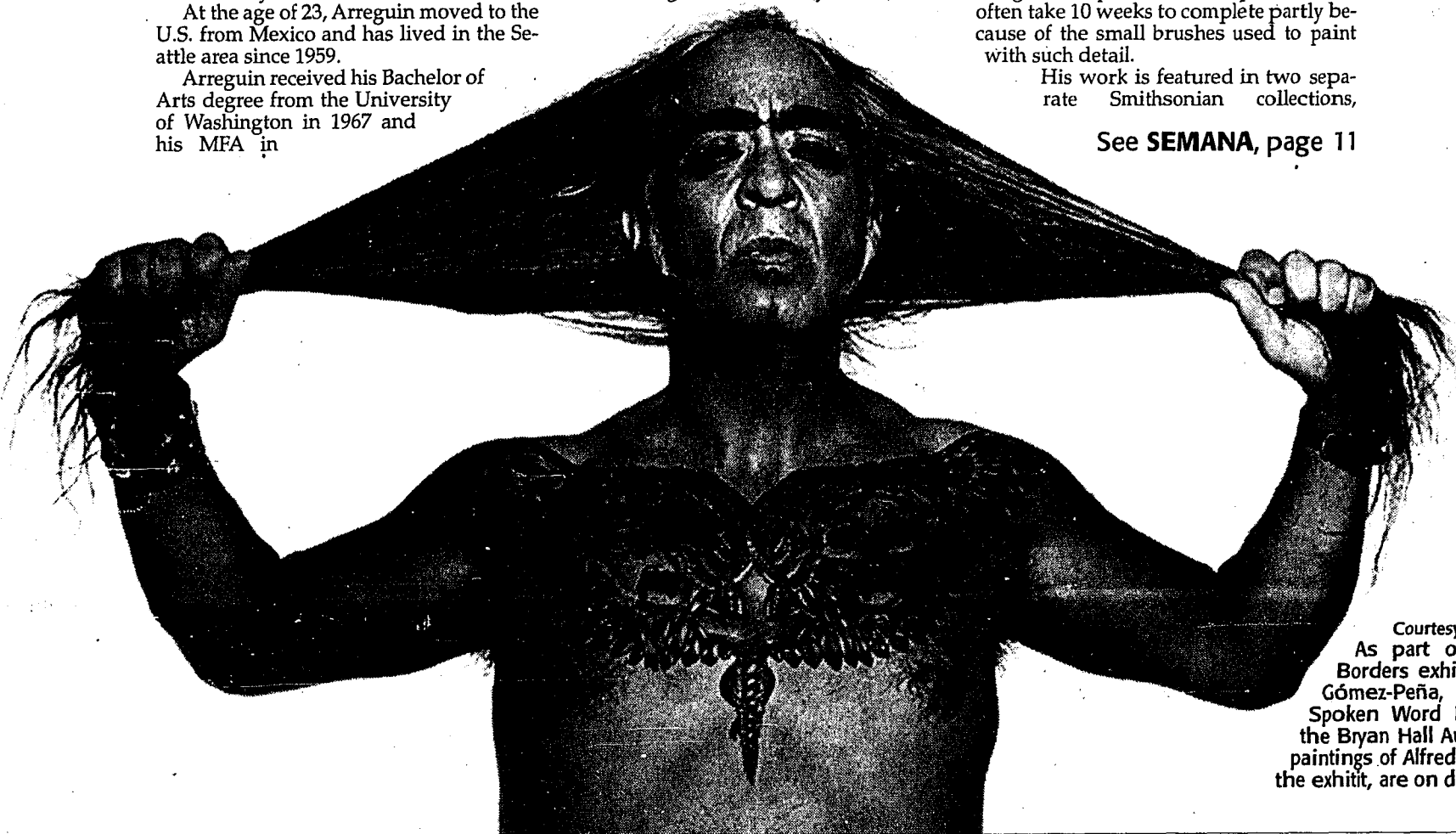
After seeing the deforestation of rainforests first hand during a trip to Mexico, Arreguin said he came to believe even more strongly that promoting a healthy environment was important on a global scale.

WSU Museum of Art facilitator Camille Rigby said when viewing Arreguin's work, "different faces just pop out at you."

She said gallery visitors have to really study a piece in the exhibit to fully appreciate it. Arreguin said to create this effect, he "ghosts in patterns" to his pieces which often take 10 weeks to complete partly because of the small brushes used to paint with such detail.

His work is featured in two separate Smithsonian collections,

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Courtesy photo by Zach Gross 2007. As part of the Artists Without Borders exhibit at WSU, Guillermo Gómez-Peña, left, performed "A Spoken Word Roulette" Thursday in the Bryan Hall Auditorium. The colorful paintings of Alfredo Arreguin, also part of the exhibit, are on display until Feb. 16.

## TV and award predictions revealed

Staff members gaze into their crystal ball and share their predictions for TV and the Golden Globes.

"Lost" will return, anybody care?

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

For some, Thursday, Jan. 31 will be a big night. This is because ABC's "Lost" is making its triumphant return to television sets everywhere.

While exciting, does anyone still care about this show?

For those who still do, does anyone even remember where the story left off?

The newest episode of the show aired last May and it's been one long wait for the anticipated fourth season.

"Lost" is notorious for being unique, but this show is one of the most confusing television shows ever.

The numerous storylines that make up the show's plot are inconsistent; with each episode featuring a back story about one particular character while also telling the story of what's happening on the island.

By the time audiences get to learn something new about a particular character, they've already forgotten everything else after having to learn a whole bunch of new things about other characters.

Viewers learn that almost

Movies duke it out at Golden Globes

Padrhig A. Harney  
Argonaut

This year's Golden Globes will be a press conference, which is a welcome change from drawn out speeches and unnecessary celebrations.

The following nominees include films, actors and directors up for the top prize.

**Best motion picture drama**

- \* "American Gangster"
- \* "Atonement"
- \* "Eastern Promises"
- \* "The Great Debaters"
- \* "Michael Clayton"
- \* Projected winner: "No Country for Old Men"
- \* Should win: "There Will Be Blood"

**Best motion picture musical or comedy**

- \* "Across the Universe"
- \* "Charlie Wilson's War"
- \* "Hairspray"
- \* "Sweeney Todd"
- \* Projected winner: "Juno"

**Best director**

- \* Tim Burton, "Sweeney Todd."
- \* Julian Schnabel, "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly."
- \* Ridley Scott, "American Gangster"
- \* Joe Wright, "Atonement"
- \* Projected winner: Joel and Ethan Coen, "No Country for Old Men."

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## Questioning truth through art

Sydney Boyd  
Argonaut

Growing up, Bill Bowler was always good at art, but was in an environment that didn't encourage it.

Since then, Bowler has built up his artistic insight and has shared it as a professor at the University of Idaho for 30 years.

Bowler has two pieces of art on display at the Prichard Art Gallery as part of the "Art, Design and Architecture Faculty Exhibition."

The exhibit will run until Jan. 20 and is free and open to the public.

The pieces are tiled larger images on canvas — which are photographs done in a style called "Earth Art."

Both are part of a series Bowler has titled, "Space and Time."

"The coordinates of the photograph's location and the time it was taken are written at the bottom, so anyone could look it up on Google Earth," said Bowler.

His first piece is titled "Single Negative," which is a jab at the famous piece by Michael Heizer from the 1970s titled "Double Negative."

"Single Negative" is an image of a dirt road between Pullman and Moscow during the construction of the highway.

Roger Rowley, director of the Prichard Art Gallery, said Bowler's reference to "Double Negative" is an interesting piece to refer to because it's rather funny.

Heizer's piece was constructed in a desolate part of Nevada and was intended to dissolve into nothing over time, a very opposite approach from the frantic obsession with preservation of traditional art pieces.

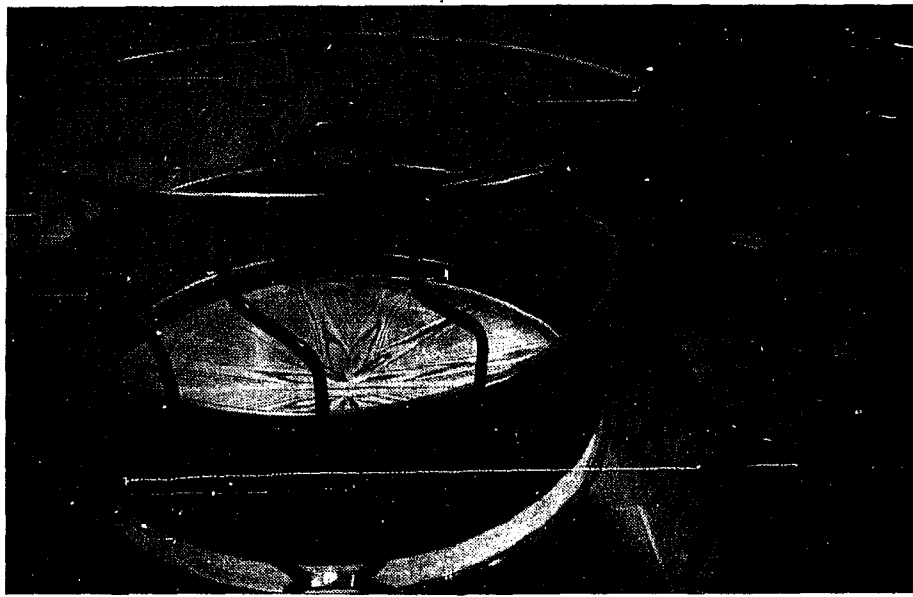
"A few years after Heizer finished, he decided that the piece should be preserved, an absurd proposition, and (Bowler's) image connects on that," Rowley said.

Rowley said that Bowler uses various forms of photography to show light and illusion.

"Light and illusion give a sense of art perceptions in space, and (Bowler's) objects and photographs have a relationship to that," Rowley said.

Bowler's second piece is titled "Palomar de la Brena" and at first glance appears to be some sort of crematorium, but is a Pigeonae Bowler visited in Spain.

The largest of its kind in Europe, at



Jason Ferguson's "Dinner Party," along with other faculty members' art will be on display in the Prichard Art Gallery until Jan. 20.

one point it held 20,000 pigeons. "It's dark and not very precise," Bowler said, but it is part of the point he tries to make with his art.

He said his art focuses on the state of reality.

The camera he uses, a small 16 by 9 foot Polaroid camera, is a step forward from the 35mm film cameras used in the past.

"The 35mm has been the beginning of what we see, but we don't see in that format, we see in a wider format," Bowler said.

Bowler said the smaller camera is a different way of seeing the world, similar to high definition TV.

"The power of how the camera sees is how we learn to see," Bowler said.

Bowler said changes in the world and how people perceive them occur without people knowing it, training them how to see.

"We take it as reality, but it's not necessarily reality," Bowler said.

In addition to Bowler's art, UI faculty members express reality through their art. Jason Ferguson, an Art and Design faculty member, showcases work with a red cattle feed trough accompanied by a

"Art is illustration, it's not truth."

Bill  
BOWLER  
Artist

looped video of a Berka sofa being dissected.

Several sketches from a trip to Italy artist Matthew Brehm created hang close to Ferguson's work with the time it took to create each written on the bottom.

An exploration series of cross-breeding dogs is done by Val Carter, his piece "Doberman" is a mix between a poodle and a Doberman, and "Hairless Fish Retriever," is a sculpture that sits across from the pieces on the wall.

The faculty exhibit, a yearly event, highlights colors, forms, and visual effects, including special touches of artistic flair, like a single red bicycle helmet that rests on a partition.

"Art is illusion, it's not truth," said Bowler.

# Steptoe bids folksy farewell

Kevin Otzenberger  
Argonaut

Moscow's bluegrass/folk project, Steptoe will play its last show until fall of 2008 at 7 p.m. tonight at One World Café.

The band will be on hiatus while Von Walden (guitar/banjo) and his wife Tina Hilding (bass) spend the next six months in Switzerland for Walden's sabbatical leave.

Walden is a professor of geography at the University of Idaho.

"This is not only for the band but also for our family and community friends," Walden said.

Steptoe has performed at One World Café several times and has been reportedly well received each time.

"They get a pretty good turnout," said café manager, Daniel Jimenez, "and the people that are here when they play really seem to enjoy them."

The group has also played local events such as Rendezvous in the Park, the Renaissance Fair, and other sporadic shows at the 1912 Center, Phillips Farm, The Kenworthy Theatre and UI.

"It's acoustic but it's also very high energy," Walden said. "There's a good audience appeal. It's fun to listen to."

Steptoe formed over six years ago, when Walden and Hilding joined up with fiddle and mandolin player Paul Hill.

Hill had previously lived in Nashville and had been involved with touring bluegrass projects, including the Colorado Midland Band.

Nearly three years later, long time instrumentalist Paul Anders joined the group to play mandolin and various other instruments.

The band released their first CD, "Doggone Sophisticated," during the summer of 2007. The independent record took nearly two years to produce.

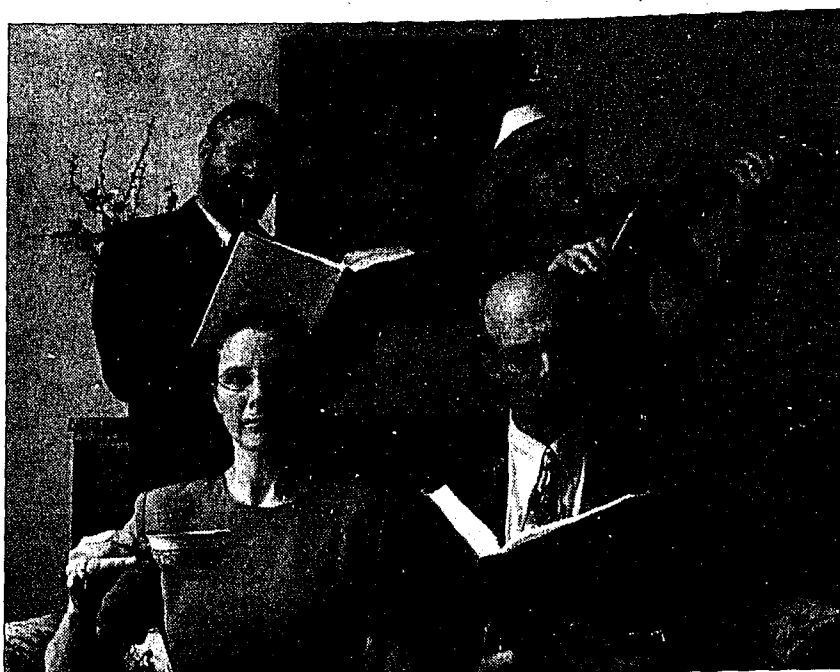
"We play a little bit of swing, but mainly bluegrass," Walden said. "We're also kind of an acoustic band. We're not straight up Stanley Brothers or anything. We have a modern twist on it, I think."

Hill said that the bluegrass community in the Moscow area has always been a positive environment for their music.

"There are a number of other bands locally and Pacific Northwest has a vibrant bluegrass community," Hill said.

Since their formation, the band has amassed between 60 and 70 songs.

Although they mostly play covers, they have produced some origi-



Courtesy Art

Moscow's bluegrass/folk band, Steptoe will perform their last show until fall of 2008 at 7 p.m. today at One World Café.

nal material as well. Steptoe hopes to write more of their own music when they regroup.

"We're looking for the next step," Walden said. "When we get back we'll be looking at where we're headed."

Walden grew up playing folk music with his family, and began experimenting with bluegrass soon after moving to Moscow in 1999.

Since then, he has frequently played in the area and has even had the op-

"We'd like to go out and show the Swiss a thing or two. That'd really be fun."

Paul  
HILL  
Steptoe member

portunity to perform at an American research base on the South Pole.

Walden said that Steptoe has been joking about possibly reuniting for a few café shows in Switzerland during his sabbatical.

"He might be joking, but I'm actually planning on doing that," Hill said. "My old band went out there before and the Europeans just loved it. We'd like to go out and show the Swiss a thing or two. That'd really be fun."

The event is free and CDs will be available for purchase.

"This show is to say 'thanks, and see you in six months, or possibly see you after our European tour,'" Hill said.

## GLOBES

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### Best animated feature

- \* "Bee Movie"
- \* "The Simpsons Movie"
- \* Projected winner: "Ratatouille"

### Best actress in a motion picture drama

- \* Cate Blanchett, "Elizabeth: The Golden Age."
- \* Jodie Foster, "The Brave One."
- \* Angelina Jolie, "A Mighty Heart."
- \* Keira Knightley, "Atonement."
- \* Projected winner: Julie Christie, "Away From Her."

### Best actor in a motion picture drama

- \* George Clooney, "Michael Clayton."
- \* Daniel Day-Lewis, "There Will Be Blood" (should win).
- \* Viggo Mortensen, "Eastern Promises."
- \* Denzel Washington, "American Gangster."
- \* Projected winner: James McEvoy, "Atonement."

### Best supporting actor in a motion picture

- \* Casey Affleck, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford."
- \* Javier Bardem, "No Country for Old Men."
- \* John Travolta, "Hairspray"
- \* Tom Wilkinson, "Michael Clayton"
- \* Projected winner: Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Charlie Wilson's War."

### Best screenplay

- \* Diablo Cody, "Juno"
- \* Christopher Hampton, "Atonement."
- \* Ronald Harwood, "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly."
- \* Aaron Sorkin, "Charlie Wilson's War."
- \* "Once" should win, although it is not nominated for best screenplay.
- \* Projected winner: Ethan and Joel Coen, "No Country for Old Men."

### Best foreign language film

- \* "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" (France/U.S.).
- \* "The Kite Runner" (U.S.).
- \* "Lust, Caution" (Taiwan).
- \* "Persepolis" (France).
- \* Projected winner: "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days" (Romania).

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# Hoffman brings out best in Hanks

**Padhrig A. Harney**  
Argonaut

Veteran director Mike Nichols ("The Graduate," "Catch-22") presents an interesting point of history.

"Charlie Wilson's War" is based on George Crile's book about the cowboy senator Charlie Wilson from Texas and his involvement in the covert CIA war in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The film opens with Sen. Charlie Wilson (Tom Hanks) in a Las Vegas hotel room surrounded by every manner of vice.

Wilson is confronted with a strange opportunity to invest in an up and coming TV show (a Dallas-like plot set in Washington), which he declines.

Surrounded by women and other distractions, Wilson catches Tom Brokaw on one of the hotel televisions.

At this point, Wilson is drawn into the war that would become his greatest and only achievement, "apart from being re-elected three times."

Helmed by three great actors — Philip Seymour Hoffman, Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts — the film makes for

a fun viewing.

Hoffman plays an offbeat CIA agent, Gust Avrakotos, and Roberts plays a powerful and wealthy Texas lobbyist.

Both of them are a joy to see interact with Hanks, but, the film is not without its problems.

With a slim Hollywood budget of \$75 million, the film's action sequences fall terribly short and become tiresome.

The film might have benefited from more interaction between Hoffman and Hanks, yet every scene with the two of them filled the theater with laughs.

Hoffman is another good reason to see this film.

From all his deadpan responses to the ridiculous mustache, Hoffman shines while bringing out the best of Hanks in the process.

The 97-minute running time felt a little short and the content and dialogue could have lasted well into two hours without missing a step.

The fast pace of the film just left viewers wanting more.

This film's theater run is close to finishing, so keep an eye out for its release on DVD.



**"Charlie Wilson's War"**  
★★★★ (of 5)  
Tom Hanks  
Now Playing

# Will Smith not legendary

**Meagan Robertson**  
Argonaut

Upon first seeing the trailer for Will Smith's newest film "I Am Legend" I found myself excited about a zombie movie for the first time in my life.

The movie takes place in the future, and Smith's only companion in a world filled with the walking dead is his German shepherd, Sam.

The film has its high and low points.

From the start, the viewer is sucked right into Smith's horrific world, watching as he fights to survive in a world where he is alone and desperately trying to find a cure.

The premise of the story is interesting to say the least.

Someone finds a cure for cancer, which ends up turning all people and some animals into lifeless killing machines.

Smith, who for some reason is immune to the disease, ends up losing everything he knows

and loves, with the exception of Sam, and lives in a wild and destroyed New York City.

He hunts and searches for food and other supplies during the day and at night locks himself in his house and listens as the world falls apart outside, when the undead come out to play.

The zombies in this movie aren't very scary and the graphics aren't great at all, which makes Smith's enemies in the movie seem almost cartoonish.

There are better graphics in video games from five years ago.

The most intriguing theme throughout this movie wasn't Smith's search for the cure, his quest to stay alive or even how he set up mannequins in a video store to keep himself company, but his dog.

Anytime that dog of his

would run off after food, the audience was made to worry that it wouldn't come back, and just ached for Smith at the thought that he'd have to live in the world without his only friend.

It didn't matter if there were other normal humans out there in the world, just as long as his dog didn't die.

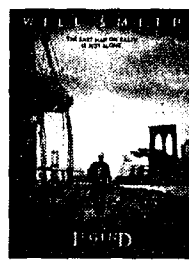
The movie was great until the end.

As the film comes to a close, viewers may grow disappointed.

The movie didn't have enough bang for the buck, and the movie's ending just didn't do it.

Not even close. "I Am Legend" is a great film to see, and it is most definitely unique.

Smith and his dog do a great job of creating this fiction world, and the story still is at least interesting.



**"I Am Legend"**  
★★ (of 5)  
Will Smith  
Now Playing

# SEMANA

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something that Arreguin said is very important to him.

In response to his themes of ecology and today's heightened environmental awareness, the National Geographic Department of Education and other organizations have found renewed interest in his work.

Commissions keep Arreguin busy with his work.

"I'm really very in demand," he said. He said he believes his art is socially important on a broad, lasting scale.

"(My art is) political in a sense of the world situation," Arreguin said.

Arreguin will be in Pullman at noon on Jan. 24 for a walk-through discussion of the exhibited works at the WSU Museum of Art.

# LOST

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everyone is connected in one way or another, both on and off the island, and because of this the confusion continues.

When "Lost" returns the castaways may be rescued, but from the previews it's looking like they may be killed off.

Someone is coming to the island, and whoever they contacted on the radio during last season's finale, it's not looking like they're the good guys.

Who will die and who's already dead?

Who will live? Who's next to hook up? Most importantly, is Kate going to end up with Jack or kiss and make up with Sawyer?

Are we even going to get to see a full season, or just a handful of episodes as a result of the ongoing writers strike?

As confusing as it may be, "Lost" will continue to bring in new viewers and keep its old ones, because this hit TV show just keeps fans wanting more.

The non-stop season starts Jan. 31, in its new timeslot, Thursday nights, and it's guaranteed to keep the confusion going throughout the rest of the television season.

# ArtsBRIEFS

## Kiva to host 'No Fish in the House'

The Idaho Repertory Theatre For Young Audiences and the University of Idaho Department of Theatre and Film will present "No Fish in the House" by Tom Willmorth.

"No Fish in the House" will run at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at University of Idaho Kiva Theatre. Admission is \$4.

Tickets can be purchased at (208) 885-6465 or at the door.

## Winter Market to host Family Day

Heart of the Arts, Inc. will present Family Day at the Winter Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the 1912 Center.

The 1912 Center is located

at 412 E. Third Street, between Adams and Van Buren in Moscow.

Lizette Fife, Jeanne Korus and Jayme Jacobson will help children create arts projects and there will be homemade baked goods for sale.

Baked potatoes and Genesee sausages will be served for lunch and The Old Time Fiddlers will provide live musical entertainment.

The last Winter Market of the season will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 9.

For more information about the Winter Market please visit [www.1912Center.org](http://www.1912Center.org) or contact Mary Jo Hamilton, Winter Market coordinator, at (208) 882-0443.

## Winter Solstice exhibit continues

Moscow Arts Commission's seventh annual Winter Solstice exhibit is currently on display until Feb. 1 at the Third Street Gallery.

The exhibit features work

by local and regional artists ranging from mixed media, sculpture, fiber art, photography, oils, watercolors and acrylics, interpreting the winter season.

The Third Street Gallery is located on the second and third floors of Moscow City Hall, at 206 East Third Street.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For information call (208) 883-7036 or email [gbaldwin@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:gbaldwin@ci.moscow.id.us).

## Free Festival Dance in new location

Festival Dance is now offering classes in Kinderdance, beginning ballet, jazz, and hip hop at Troy Elementary School.

A grant from the Latah County Arts and Culture Committee will provide free classes for the first month with payment of a \$15 registration fee.

After the first month, cost will be \$32/month for Kin-

derdance and Ballet and \$36/month for Jazz and hip hop.

Classes begin this week and will run through May, with a recital in May.

Classes will be taught by Crystal Bain, a UI dance major, who will receive her degree this May.

Bain has danced and choreographed in several UI Dance Theatre productions and received the UI Alumni Association Excellence Award.

Bain also teaches dance for Festival Dance's Moscow and Genesee Academies.

For more information, contact Cindy Barnhart at (208) 883-3267 or [cindy@festivaldance.org](mailto:cindy@festivaldance.org).

## 'Romance and Cigarettes' showing

The movie "Romance and Cigarettes" (rated R) is showing at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

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## QuickHITS

### Did you know...

● Women's basketball coach Mike Divilbiss is 11 wins away from 400 on his career.

● The men's and women's basketball teams have not won a game against Louisiana Tech since Idaho joined the WAC.

● Katie Schlotthauer is a second-generation Vandal basketball player. Her father, Dave, played on the men's team from 1963-67. He is still among the top rebounders in school history.

### Vandals by the Numbers

**17** Number of three-pointers by Mike Hall in the last four games. The most by any WAC player in that time span.

**62** Number of blocks by men's basketball forward Darin Nagle, eighth all-time at Idaho.

**2.08** Average number of steals per game for Jordan Brooks, ranks second in the WAC.

**1-4** The women's basketball team's all-time record against Saturday night opponent Fresno State.

**12** Number of double-doubles sophomore Katie Madison has had in her career at Idaho.

### Vandals to Watch

Mike Hall



The junior college transfer scored a career-high 20 points in the Vandals' game against Boise State on Jan. 5. He shot 5-of-6 from

behind the three point arc. Hall led the Vandals in scoring in games against Arizona State (18 points) and New Mexico State (15 points), Idaho's opening WAC opponent. The men's basketball team plays at Fresno State on Saturday.

Katie Madison

The sophomore had a double-double against New Mexico State on Jan. 3. It was Madison's 12th double-double in her career and 16th 20-point game since she has been at Idaho. She was the team's leading scorer last season. Madison and the Vandals play at home against Fresno State on Saturday.



Adriana Quirke



The senior placed second in the 100 backstroke against Minnesota in Kona, Hawaii. Quirke, who has rebounded

this year after redshirting last season with a shoulder injury, also swam on the 200 freestyle relay which also placed second. The Vandal swim team travels to Seattle to take on the UW Huskies Saturday night.

### Vandals in Action

Saturday

Women's basketball is in action against Fresno State in Cowan Spectrum at 7 p.m.

Swimming travels to take on the University of Washington in Federal Way, Wash. at 6 p.m.

Men's basketball travels to take on the Bulldogs in Fresno, Calif. at 7 p.m.

### Vandal excels at Pole Vault Summit

Vandal junior pole vaulter K.C. Dahlgren took second in the collegiate vaulters division at the Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev. Jan. 4-5, hitting an NCAA provisional qualifying mark in her first meet of the season with a height of 13-1 1/2.

The mark is an indoor personal best for Dahlgren, which makes her the second pole vaulter to clear 13 feet indoors in the history of women's track and field at Idaho.

# Making \$en\$e of the WAC

Robert Todeschi

Argonaut

Déjà vu overtook the Western Athletic Conference when the Bowl Championship Series announced its five bowl bids Dec. 2. Among the 10 teams was another undefeated WAC champion, which correlates to another year of increased funding for the conference.

Amid skepticism and powerhouse opponents, the conference was put to the test - again.

Hawai'i coach June Jones and his Warriors traveled to New Orleans to play in the Allstate Sugar Bowl against the Georgia Bulldogs on New Year's Day.

Hawai'i lost to the Bulldogs 41-10 and missed the opportunity to silence the skeptics.

For the WAC, the game wasn't just another chance to upset a high ranked opponent. It was payday again.

Regardless of Hawai'i's performance, the WAC and the other four non-BCS conferences (Mid-American Conference, Sun Belt, Mountain West and Conference USA) receive a guaranteed percentage of the BCS revenue every year.

When a team from one of the non-BCS conferences qualifies for a BCS bowl, they receive another percentage of the revenue.

According to Dave Chaffin, the WAC assistant commissioner, Boise State's qualifying payout last year from the Fiesta Bowl will be approximately the same as this year for Hawai'i in the Sugar Bowl.

The WAC receives \$6 million for qualifying and approximately \$3.2 million goes to the other conferences, Chaffin said.

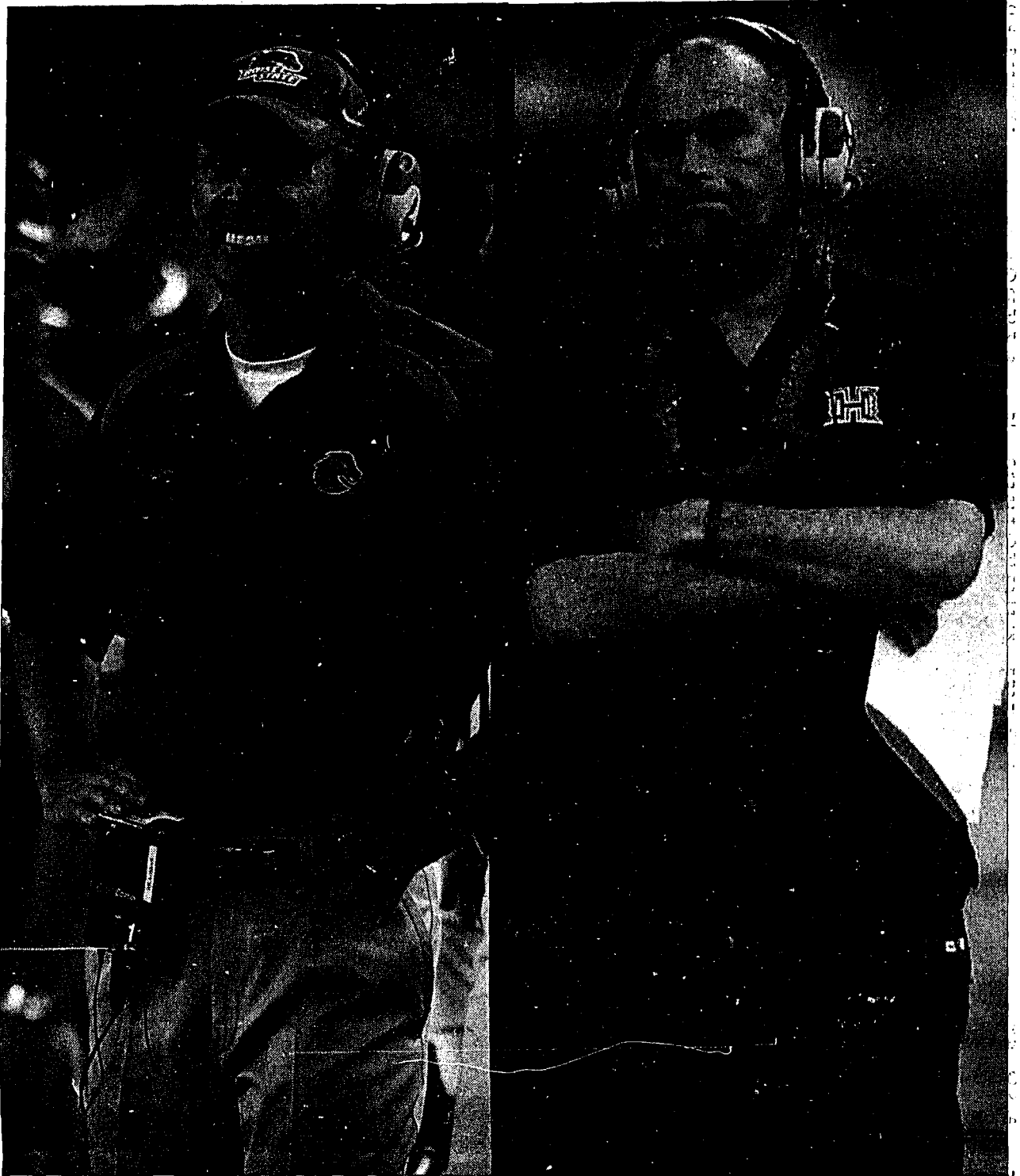
Of the \$6 million the WAC receives, Hawai'i will receive 70 percent - \$4.2 million. The other eight schools in the WAC divide the remaining \$1.8 million evenly, giving \$225,000 to each school's budget.

Last season, Idaho, New Mexico State and Utah State had to pay \$200,000 of their share as part of their expansion fee for joining the WAC in the 2005-2006 season.

After expansion payments, Idaho had \$390,000 in their budget. Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear said they used last year's payout to refurbish the coaches' offices.

"We needed to look better," Spear said.

Things are different this year for the Vandals. The athletic department's budget relies on student fees for the majority of its money. Because there was a shortfall in enrollment and one more payment on their



Boise State coach Chris Petersen watches from the sideline during the fourth quarter of the Hawaii Bowl football game at Aloha Stadium Dec. 23 in Honolulu.

Hawai'i coach June Jones walks the sideline during the first half of the Sugar Bowl football game against Georgia at the Superdome in New Orleans Jan. 1.

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# Vandals struggle over Winter Break

## Team wins over Central Arkansas

Robert Todeschi

Argonaut

While the University of Idaho closed its doors for winter break, the Vandal men suited up for five regular season basketball games and came away with just one win.

## UI vs. South Dakota State, Dec. 15

The men traveled to South Dakota State and fell to the Jackrabbits 59-70 due in large part to foul trouble.

"The free throw line is killing us," Idaho coach George Pfeifer said.

Idaho committed 28 fouls, which the Jackrabbits converted into 22 points from the free throw line.

"When it comes down to it, their guys made plays and we did not," Pfeifer said.

Darin Nagle led the Vandals in scoring with 14 points.

## UI vs. Central Arkansas, Dec. 18

Idaho hosted Central Arkansas in the Cowan Spectrum Dec. 18 and came away with a decisive 80-58 victory. Earlier that month, the Vandals lost on the road to the Bears by 16 points.

Brandon Brown shot 80 percent for the Vandals and led the team with 18 points. Defensively, Idaho restricted the Bears to their third-lowest output for this season and just 24 percent shooting from the floor.

The Vandal team made 11 three-pointers and hit 45 percent from the floor.

Half of Central Arkansas' total points came from the free throw line.

## UI vs. Arizona State, Dec. 22

The Vandals traveled to Tempe, Ariz. to take on Arizona State. Idaho hit 13 three-point shots but lost to the Pac-10 Sun Devils 76-65. Despite the loss, Pfeifer is positive about the team's improvement.

"We are not happy with our record, but our team is really starting to fight and compete," Pfeifer said.

The Vandals nearly pulled off an upset against the 9-2 Sun Devils, but Jeff Pendergraph's career high 27 points hoisted Arizona State to victory.

## UI vs. New Mexico State, Jan. 2

Idaho played New Mexico State on Jan. 2 - their first Western Athletic Conference opponent of the season. In the preseason, the Aggies were predicted to be the WAC favorite and were nearly upset by Idaho.

The Vandals missed a game-tying three pointer with under a minute left and the Aggies hit 7-of-8 from the free throw line to win 78-68.

"Our guts hurt," Pfeifer said. "They were picked to finish No. 1 in the preseason and we were picked last and we felt we had every opportunity to win this game tonight."

The game had 10 lead changes and eight ties.

## UI vs. Boise State, Jan. 5

Rival Boise State came into the Cowan Spectrum for the last game of the Winter Break. Despite four starters scoring double-digits, the Vandals lost to the Broncos 95-84. The loss was Idaho's 11th straight

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## Women get first win of season

Cari Dighton

Argonaut

## UI vs. Portland State, Dec. 8

Despite the efforts of four women scoring in the double-digits, the University of Idaho women's basketball team suffered an 81-54 loss to the Portland State Vikings at home in Memorial Gym.

Lindsey Koppen scored a season-high 14 points for the Vandals, Katie Madison and Yinka Olorunnife both added 12 points and Sara Dennehy put in a season-high 11 points.

Despite this game being its ninth straight loss in a row, coach Mike Divilbiss was not disappointed in the team's performance.

"I thought we played much better basketball tonight," Divilbiss said. "We executed really well, we stuck to the game plan really well. We had the same number of turnovers that they did and I think we got as good of looks as they did, maybe even better, and they just didn't go into the basket."

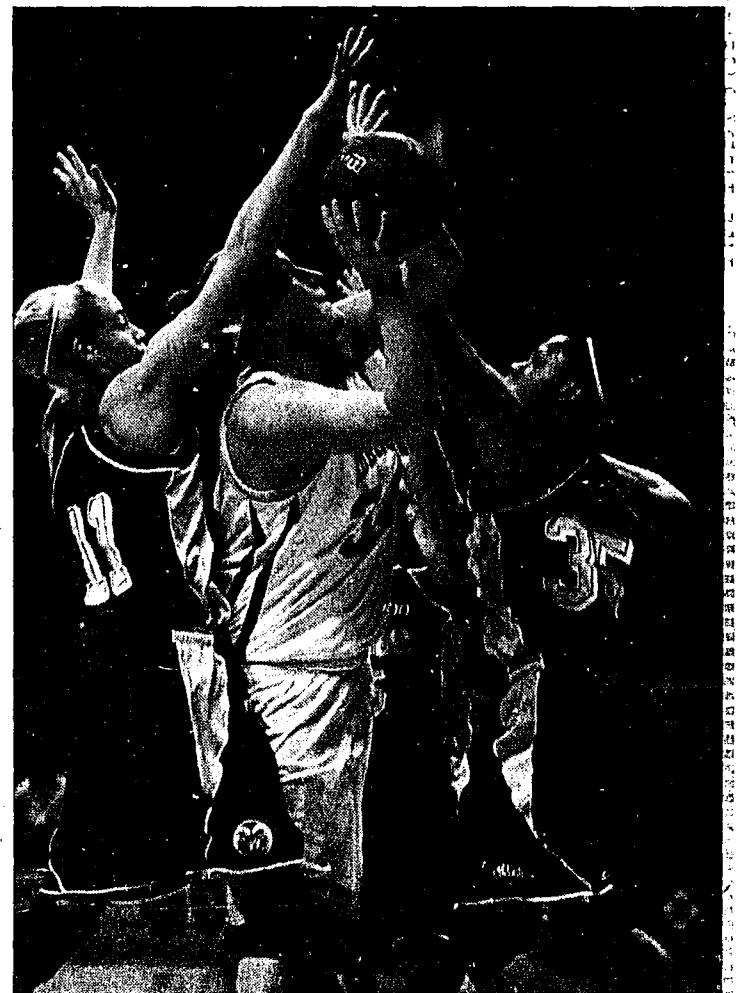
## UI vs. Montana, Dec. 15

Although a strong defensive first half looked promising, the Vandal women could not pull out a win against the Montana Lady Griz on in Missoula, Mont.

The game concluded with the Vandals losing by 77-52. The team had a strong performance in the first 27 minutes of the game. On the offensive side, the Vandal women were able to force the Lady Griz out of their notorious zone defense.

Yinka Olorunnife led the Vandals with a game-high 11 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Montana had four players finish in the double-digits, with



Katie Madison powers through several Colorado State opponents during a game on Dec 18. The Vandals won 42-31.

Sonya Rogers leading with 16 points.

## UI vs. Colorado State, Dec. 18

The UI women's basketball team pulled out their first win of the season with a 42-31 victory at home. The Idaho women held the Colorado State Rams to just eight field goals, setting a Western Athletic Conference record.

The Vandal women managed to force 24 turnovers out of their opponents and hold themselves to only 10. The team shot a season-low scoring average with 13 of 59 shots taken in the field.

Sara Dennehy led the Vandals with nine points, 10 rebounds, four assists and two steals.

CSU's leading scorer, Sara Hunter, was held to just six points in the game.

## UI vs. Pacific, Dec. 30

A score of 63-52 left the Vandal women with another loss against the Pacific Tigers in Stockton, Calif. The Vandals started off hitting eight of their first 14 three-pointers, but couldn't keep a strong

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# Fresno State sole winner in WAC

## WAC Bowl Games

Andrea Miller  
Argonaut

### New Mexico Bowl — New Mexico 23, Nevada 0

It was all New Mexico in the New Mexico Bowl in Albuquerque, N.M. Lobos quarterback Donovan Porterie completed 20-of-36 passes for 345 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Travis Brown caught a 39-yard pass near the end of the third quarter to put the Lobos up 14-0. New Mexico's John Sullivan added two field goals in the second quarter to make a 20-0 lead into halftime.

The Lobos scored in the fourth quarter on a third field goal and held the Wolfpack scoreless. It was the first time Nevada has been scoreless since 1980. Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick was 13-of-31 for 137 yards. The Wolfpack blocked two field goal attempts by Sullivan, but couldn't find a way to score.

### Hawaii Bowl — East Carolina 41, Boise State 38

The Boise State Broncos couldn't pull off a miracle in this bowl game as they fell to the Panthers by a field goal as time expired in Honolulu. East Carolina's Chris Johnson set a bowl game record with 408-all purpose yards. Johnson had 223 rushing yards, 32 yards in three passes and 153 yards on kick returns.

Austin Smith had an 89-yard punt return for the Broncos for their first score of the game. East Carolina's Dominique Lindsay also scored on two three-yard runs in the second quarter to make it 31-14 at the half.

Boise State scored on four consecutive drives in the second half, for three touchdowns and a field goal. The Broncos' tying touchdown came with 1:25 left in the game. East Carolina's Johnson fumbled the ball and Marty Tadman returned it 47-yards for a touchdown to make it 38-38. The Panthers took possession with 1:16 left in the game and drove to their own 17 to set up a 34-yard field goal by Ben Hartman as time expired.

Taylor Tharp finished 30-of-44 for the Broncos with 270 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

### Humanitarian Bowl — Fresno State 40, Georgia Tech 28

Fresno State scored on six straight drives which led to a 40-28 win over Georgia Tech in Boise. Clint Stitzer had two field goals in the first-half to give the Bulldogs as 20-7 lead at halftime.

Georgia Tech made a comeback in the third quarter with two touchdown runs by Jonathan Dwyer. Clifton Smith had a 43-yard touchdown run and Tom Brandstater ran 24-yards for a touchdown to put Fresno State up 34-21 to start the fourth quarter. The Yellow Jackets scored again on a 20-yard pass from Calvin Booker to D.J. Lonely but Smith scored again in the fourth to seal the win for the Bulldogs. Fresno State was the only WAC team to win in this year's bowl season.

## Rose Bowl



### Rose Bowl — USC 49, Illinois 17

USC showed their strength in the 48-28 win over Illinois in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. The Trojans set a record for 633 total yards and tied the record for most points scored in the Rose Bowl. Trojan quarterback John David Booty finished the game 25-of-37 for 255 yards including three touchdown passes. USC's Chauncey Washington scored first on an eight-yard pass from Booty with 10:57 left in the first quarter. Desmond Reed scored next for USC on a 34-yard pass from Garrett Green. Washington scored again as USC lead 21-3 at the half.

Illinois' Rashard Mendenhall broke out in the third quarter with a 79-yard run to make it 24-10. The Trojans responded with four more touchdowns from four different players to put the game away. Illinois' Arrelious Benn scored with 4:28 left in the game on a 56-yard pass from Eddie McGee.

## Orange Bowl



### Orange Bowl — Kansas 24, Virginia Tech 21

Kansas finished the season at 12-1 after their win 24-21 over Virginia Tech in Miami. The Jayhawks scored first with Aqib Talib's 60-yard interception return. Kansas, the nation's highest scoring offense, showed strength on defense with three interceptions. VT's Branden Ore scored on a one-yard run with 1:24 left in the second quarter but Kansas lead 17-10 going into halftime.

The Hokies scored in the third quarter on a 84-yard punt return by Justin Harper. The Jayhawks sealed the win with a two-yard run by quarterback Todd Reesing with 10:57 left in the fourth quarter. Reesing finished 20-for-37 and 227 yards with one touchdown and one interception. VT tried to make a comeback with a 20-yard touchdown reception by Harper with 3:00 left in the game. Virginia Tech quarterback Sean Glennon was 13-of-28 and 160 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

## BCS



### BCS National Championship — LSU 38, Ohio State 24

LSU quarterback Matt Flynn threw four touchdown passes as the Tigers became the first two-loss team to win the national championship game. Richard Dixon caught two of those touchdown passes to lead the Tigers in New Orleans.

Ohio State jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter after a 65-yard touchdown run by Chris Wells. LSU got on the board with a field goal with 2:21 left in the first quarter. The Tigers dominated the second and third quarters with four touchdowns, three on passes from Flynn and one on a one-yard run by Jacob Hester.

The Buckeyes didn't score again until 1:38 left in the third quarter when Brian Robiskie caught a five-yard pass from Ohio State quarterback Todd Boeckman to make it 31-17.

Both teams scored in the final minutes of the game, but the Tigers' lead was too much for the Buckeyes, who lost in the championship game for the second year in a row.

## Sugar Bowl



### Sugar Bowl — Georgia 41, Hawai'i 10

Georgia overpowered Colt Brennan and the undefeated Warriors in the Allstate Sugar Bowl 41-10 in New Orleans. Knowshon Moreno had two rushing touchdowns in the first quarter to put the Bulldogs ahead 24-3 at halftime.

Georgia continued to dominate in the second half. Brennan was sacked in Hawai'i's first possession after the half, and was picked off by Georgia's Asher Allen. The Bulldogs scored twice in the third quarter. Marcus Howard tackled Brennan with 8:57 left in the third quarter and recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Brandon Coutu kicked a field goal in the fourth to run the score up to 41-3.

Hawai'i's only touchdown came with 10:32 left in the fourth quarter to make it 41-10. Ryan Grice-Mullen caught a 16-yard pass from Warriors quarterback Tyler Graunke. The Bulldogs quick defense held Brennan and the Warrior offense to a single touchdown. Hawai'i averaged 46.2 points per game in the regular season. Brennan left the game with a shoulder injury after being sacked eight times and throwing three interceptions. He had the worst showing of his career, throwing only 22-of-38 for 169 yards.

## Fiesta Bowl



### Fiesta Bowl — West Virginia 48, Oklahoma 28

Quarterback Pat White led the Mountaineers with 150 yards rushing and 176 passing yards, including two touchdown passes as West Virginia beat Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Calif. WVU had two field goals in the first quarter and touchdowns by Owen Schmitt and Darius Reynaud in the second quarter to take a 20-6 lead into halftime. Garrett Hartley kicked two field goals for Oklahoma in the first half and added another in the third quarter. Noel Devine and Reynaud scored for the Mountaineers in the third quarter to make it 34-15.

Quentin Chaney caught a 19-yard pass from OU quarterback Sam Bradford to start the fourth quarter but the Sooners failed to complete a two-point conversion. Tito Gonzales caught a 79-yard pass from White for a touchdown with 13:02 left in the fourth quarter. The pass was the longest in Mountaineer bowl game history. OU's Juquin Iglesias caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Bradford with 10:20 left in the game to make it 41-28. WVU's Noel Devine responded with his own 65-yard run with 9:21 left to seal the win for the Mountaineers.

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expansion fee, this season's payout will go to balance the athletic budget deficit, Spear said.

The BCS bids in the last two years publicize the WAC's achievements and may help recruiting, WAC commissioner Karl Benson said.

"(A bowl bid) enhances the credibility and validates what Boise State did last year," Benson said.

For the fourth time in five years, four teams including Hawai'i, Boise State, Fresno State and Nevada received bowl bids.

Despite Fresno State's win over Georgia Tech and the only win for the WAC this postseason, the payouts will be unaffected.

Benson said the keys to a successful program in the WAC are facilities, coaches and talented student athletes.

Continued success will bring in payouts to enhance the facilities and attract the coaches and players, Benson said.

"We are getting in more talent and the BCS success certainly helps with that," Spear said.

However, Spear said he knows the discrepancy between the top of the conference and the bottom.

"The WAC is a viable and reputable conference," Spear said. "It's Idaho's goal to get to the top of the conference."

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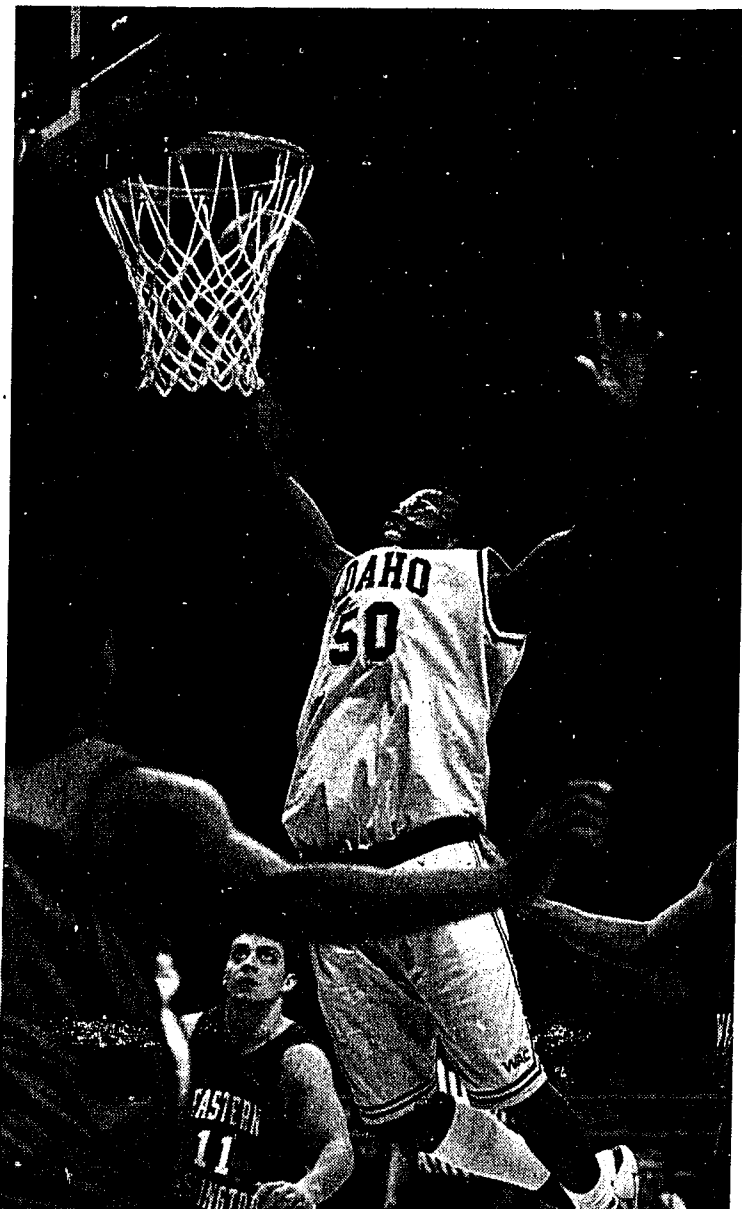
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against the Broncos. Boise State's 95 points were the most allowed by the Vandals since 2000.

"Early in the season we had

trouble scoring. Now we seem to be making baskets, it's just putting it all together."

Idaho bounced back to 91-81 with two minutes left on the clock, but missed three shots and three free throws in the final minutes, leaving Boise with the win.



Luis Augusto towers over the Eastern Washington Eagles during a game Dec. 9. The Vandals won 58-49. Courtesy Photo

## DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

# NFL weekend offers fans what they want

I'll throw this out there.

The NFL divisional playoff round is the best weekend of the year for football fans. You have the top eight teams competing for the right to play in a conference championship game. Each of the four games this week have serious potential to become classics. With the fantasy season behind us, it's time to be a fan.

Here's a look at the four contests this weekend:

Seahawks at Packers, Saturday 1:30 p.m. I can't wait for this one. The Seahawks have been my favorite team since birth and the fact that they will take on Green Bay at the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field makes it even better.

My roommate is a die-hard Packers fan, so I haven't been talking with him much this week. As far as the game goes, the Packers are a big favorite because they are playing at home and have the ol' gunslinger Brett Favre at quarterback.

The Packers offense has relied on the deep-ball this season, but the cold weather and poor field conditions could help Seattle, due to the fact that Green Bay may not be able to complete the big passing plays.

Neither team can run the ball effectively, but Green Bay definitely has the advantage there due to the disappearing act of former league MVP Shaun Alexander. Seahawk fans must hope Matt Hassel-



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beck has the best game of his career and gets help from his defense, the best in the NFC. Although I love my Hawks, you have to think the Packers will win this one.

Jaguars at Patriots, Saturday 5 p.m. Tom Brady in prime time — you know the ladies will be watching this one. If the Jaguars win it, will be the biggest upset in

NFL playoff history due to the fact that New England takes the first ever 16-0 record into the contest. I think it's possible that Jacksonville can pull it off, but I honestly can't see that happening. New England is too strong on both sides of the ball, and has the ability to play any game the opponent line up.

The Jaguars will try to slow this one down because nobody wants to get in a shoot-out with Brady and Randy Moss. I like New England by two touchdowns. Patriots coach Bill Belichick is too smart to lose in the divisional round with this team.

If the Patriots lose a game this season, it will be against the Indianapolis Colts and not the Jaguars. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is the only person that can legitimately beat the greatest twosome in NFL history — Brady and Belichick.

Chargers at Colts, Sunday 10 a.m.

Try not to be too hung over, this is an interesting game here. The only times Indy looks vulnerable in the playoffs is against an

aggressive 3-4 defense, which is what San Diego has. If the Chargers can win this tough road battle they must pressure Peyton Manning and shut down the running game of Joseph Addai.

"Do I think that will happen? No.

In the AFC, I like the big dogs, the Colts and Patriots. Consider the AFC Championship game this season between the Colts and Patriots to be this season's Super Bowl, and possibly one of the greatest games in NFL history. I hope we get to see that one because I think the only team with a chance to end New England's perfect season is Indianapolis.

Giants at Cowboys, Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Will Jessica Simpson be watching her boyfriend, Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, in this game? I hope so, it's nice getting football and pretty ladies in one telecast. If Simpson is in attendance, you know there will be a camera man filming her every move. What a great gig for that guy.

As far as the game goes, I think the Giants are prime for an upset — only if Terrell Owens doesn't play. Honestly, T.O. is the best player the Cowboys have and they need him for their offense to be at full strength. Surprisingly, this is the first time these two teams have met in a playoff game and it should end the weekend with an exciting battle.

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two-point effort going and left the game with just nine for 38 shots scored inside the paint.

Katie Madison fouled out for the second game in a row and the Vandals were out-rebounded

45-29. Pacific's Karen Dawkins led the game with 25 points and six rebounds.

### UI vs. New Mexico State, Jan. 3

In their first WAC conference game this season, the Idaho women could not overcome their mistakes and lost 73-61 against the

New Mexico State Aggies in Las Cruces, N.M.

The Vandals let their turnovers get the best of them, and NMSU scored 25 points off of the Vandal women's 22 turnovers.

Despite the loss, Katie Madison scored a season-high 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Vandals. Senior Sara Dennehy also added a season-high 15 points in the effort.

## UI's McCall Campus offers outdoor activities

Mark Morgan  
Argonaut

The McCall Outdoor Science School will give wilderness minded University of Idaho students and staff the opportunity to learn about everything from tracking animals through the snow to the science of birding by GPS this spring.

The first field seminar offered by MOSS in 2008 will be Animal Tracking on Snowshoes with Janet Rachlow on Feb. 9.

The seminar will begin with a classroom section at the UI McCall field campus at 4 p.m. MST. The participants will strap on snowshoes that are provided by MOSS and tour through Ponderosa State Park to identify different tracks in the area.

The seminar features animal tracking with a UI wildlife biologist and other animal tracking specialists. Participants can return from the trip for a fire-side dinner.

"Field seminars are usually a 1/2 day and combine a classroom section with several hours of field time, followed by a dinner at the campus dining lodge," said Lynne Westerfield, the Community Development Coordinator for MOSS.

Other field seminars at the UI McCall campus include a Skate Ski Brush-up class for beginner to intermediate skate skiers who are looking to improve their technique.

Participants can also look into two levels of avalanche classes provided by MOSS. The first level class offers basic information about backcountry safety and decision making in avalanche territory, including field and classroom time.

### for more INFO

Spring 2008 field seminars Animal Tracking on Snowshoes - Feb. 9  
Exploring the American Dipper - May 3  
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Hunting for Morel Mushrooms - TBA

The second level avalanche class will go into more depth about snow science and backcountry decision-making.

The Skate Ski Brush-up and the two avalanche classes will be available in February.

Field seminars at the MOSS are \$25 for UI students and staff, and \$20 for MOSS members.

MOSS also offers a 20 percent discount for MOSS members and UI students and staff on the cabins and yurts located on the UI McCall Field Campus.

Cabins and bunkhouse units can be rented from MOSS for \$80 and yurts can be rented for \$45.

"The goal for the field seminars is to increase the understanding and awareness of the natural environment for community members," said Steve Hollenhorst, the head of the UI Department of Conservation Social Sciences.

MOSS members are also interested in active, healthy living and the field seminars are designed to promote both, Hollenhorst said.

More information about field seminars by MOSS can be found on the UI Conservation Social Science Web site at [www.pcei.org/moss](http://www.pcei.org/moss).

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