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Jason Homey of bluegrass band Clumsy Lovers shows the crowd how to rock out on the mandolin at John's Alley Tavern on Friday.

TAX TIME

Credits can help with tax refund

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Although it is a symbol of growing up, the stress of tax season can feel like a tidal wave, especially for a first-time filer.

Private services, software and Web sites are all sources of relief commonly used in the world of the mathematically troubled and overwhelmingly busy student. However, there are a few things to know which could ease the strain on a student's wallet and time.

Many people believe there is an exemption for students that excludes them from filing taxes.

"No, I've heard that tax myth before and it is wrong. It's really an over-simplification," said Moscow Certified Public Accountant Irene Davis.

According to Davis, before filing taxes students should first see if their parents are claiming them as a dependent.

As long as a student's parents provide more than half of his or her financial support, the student qualifies as a dependent and the parents can receive a tax deduction — for example, all the medical costs you paid for that child, Davis said.

If the parents claim the student as a dependent, then the student's taxes have to reflect that.

"So any deductions you're

eligible for are turned over to your parent," Davis said. "That can work fine in some cases, especially if you aren't filling on your own or your parents supply the majority of your support. But it could be a problem in some cases."

Whether students are being claimed by parents or themselves, there are education credits that can help increase the tax refund.

These days college students and tuition-paying parents are getting help from the government in the form of credits and deductions. There are three major education credits, but the tax filer can only select one. The person who claims the student as a dependent is the one who is eligible for the credit. Each family should select the credit that best fits its situation.

The Hope Scholarship Credit gives a tax credit for up to 100 percent of your first \$1,000 in tuition and fees and up to 50 percent for the second \$1,000. The maximum credit is \$1,500 and it applies to the first two years of college only.

The Lifetime Learning Credit provides a tax credit equal to 20 percent of tuition and certain related expenses up to \$10,000. The credit maximum is \$2,000.

The higher education expenses deduction could be as

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Group hopes to 'Focus' university

Brandon Macz
Argonaut

In light of the changing global climate, departments across the University of Idaho are joining efforts with Focus the Nation, a national teach-in for education and discussions about reducing greenhouse gases and creating a more sustainable world.

Evan Goldstein, founder of Focus the Nation, was invited to visit campus by UI Sustainability Center director Alecia Hoenne. This was when the university decided to join the initiative for global discussion at colleges around the nation Wednesday and Thursday, said Rosemary Streatfeild, research proposal writer for the College of Environmental Science.

"Focus the Nation should, I hope, really get people to start thinking about global climate change," Streatfeild said. "It's culminating in these two days."

There will be a Web cast screening of "The 2% Solution," a previously recorded, live discussion about global warming solutions noon Friday in the Commons Whitewater Room, hosted by UI's Sustainable Idaho Initiative and the Environmental Club.

Stanford University climate scientist Stephen Schneider developed "The 2% Solution" and will speak with green jobs

pioneer Van Jones and multiple youth climate leaders, Streatfeild said.

"We're hoping that there will be a discussion," she said. "See what stimulating conversation we have afterward."

The "2% Solution" comes from the prediction that developed countries will

"If (global warming) is true and we don't do anything, we're screwed."

Nick
HUBOF
Senior, AIAS president

have to reduce global warming pollution 2 percent each year for the next 40 years to avoid irreparable climate damage. This is a hot topic because of many opponents who say global warming does not exist. "If it's true and we don't do anything, we're screwed," said Nick Hubof, senior and president of the American Institute of Architecture Students' UI chapter.

The architecture department will focus its students on global warming from a disciplinary point of view by taking the

Architecture 2030 challenge, an initiative to reduce emissions in the building sector from 50 percent in 2010 to complete carbon neutrality in 2030.

"It's a huge task but it's attainable," Hubof said. "2010 is probably not attainable."

Architecture 2030 creator Edward Mazria will stream a Web cast, "Face It," about his two-step plan that will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Life Sciences Building Room 277. One aspect of the plan is to stop America's dependency on coal.

"There's tons of money in the coal industry and you can't just tell them to stop," Hubof said.

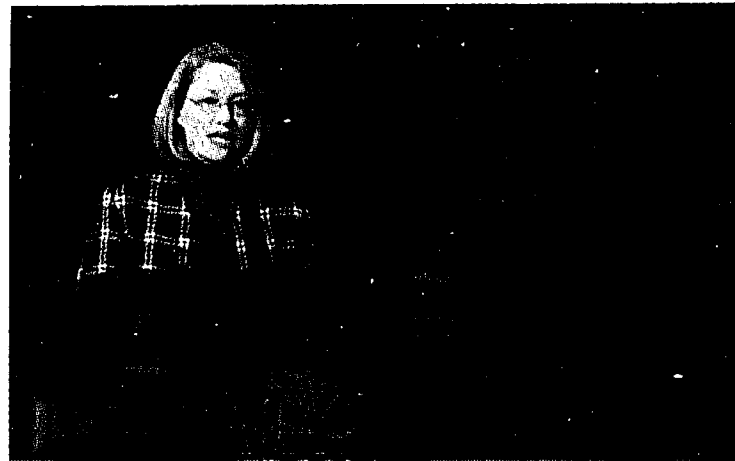
Hubof attended an AIAS conference in Milwaukee earlier this month where Mazria spoke about his challenge for architect students to learn and apply sustainable practices, said architecture instructor Bruce Haglund.

"Our faculty has accepted that challenge unanimously," he said. "I like to think of it as low-energy, high-performance building."

"You can't design one sustainable building and use it across the nation," Hubof said. "Each one has to be cleverly designed."

Architecture students are learning

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Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Linda Beail, professor of political science at California's Point Loma Nazarene University, addresses the religious backgrounds of the 2008 presidential candidates during a lecture in the Administration Building Auditorium Friday.

Politics and religion: Where's the line?

Experts look at religion's effect on politics at lecture

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

Before being elected president in 1960, John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, made a speech addressing his faith and how it would affect his presidency.

"I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute — where no Catholic prelate would tell the president how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote," he said.

Despite drawing the line between his faith and his campaign, Kennedy won almost 80 percent of the Catholic vote.

Speakers discussed the effect religion plays in politics Friday evening during a lecture series put on by the Sciphr Institute, a group of university faculty and entrepreneurs working together to promote education in science, philosophy and religious fields.

Linda Beail, a professor of political science at Point Loma Nazarene University, has studied campaigns as far back as 1960. She said the voting populous used to be lumped into three religious groups: Jews, Catholics and Protestants.

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ON THE WEB

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Bet you didn't know that guys in monkey suits can walk through two feet of snow just to bring you another funny Web box, did you? There is so much snow that when Guy in a Monkey Suit came into the office today, his assistant thought he was an abominable snowman. Silly assistant, Yeti don't wear suits. Yeti wear . . . um, I don't know. What do

Yeti wear? Look out for next year's new fashion line: YetiWear.
Good thing Guy in a Monkey Suit came in so he could put more photos of Taste of Nepal and The Clumsy Lovers online. Watch also for T.J. Tranchell's official announcement of his 2016 presidential campaign. And if that isn't enough, Wednesday we'll have Jeremy

Castillo's second Odd Jobs profile. Feel free to leave a comment on your favorite stories. Commenting on articles you don't like is welcome, as well.
All this and more is available at www.uiargonaut.com. In color, too. Hooray for color.

GPSA wants students to get involved

Liz Virtue
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Graduate and Professional Student Association is switching gears with a new president and ideas for spring semester.

Graduate student Craig Watt is the newly appointed president of GPSA. Watt, who served as vice president last semester, took over the position two weeks ago when former President Nick Benardini was offered at job at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena.

"Nick's a microbiologist and he's going to be working on material brought back from Mars," Watt said. "There are very few people who get to work on NASA related topics. I guess that makes him an academic celebrity from the UI."

Benardini is wrapping up his PhD in microbiology, molecular biology and biochemistry. He dedicated a lot of time to GPSA during his presidency and made a lot of changes while in office, Watt said.

"Nick is one of the few people who's seemingly able to burn the candle at both ends and suffer no consequences," Watt said. "He brought GPSA into a positive light as far as the

university is concerned and I hope to continue that."

GPSA represents graduate and professional students at UI and closely resembles ASUI, which is geared toward undergraduate students, Watt said. GPSA is comprised of an executive, judicial and legislative branch, run by senators from the academic departments on campus with graduate programs.

GPSA was created to provide graduate students with a collective voice on campus, as well as leadership and award opportunities.

Although GPSA is similar to ASUI, it is not as widely known and this is something that needs to change, Watt said.

"We are totally separate from ASUI at this time and it sets up a wall between undergraduates and graduate students," Watt said. "Eventually we would like to participate with ASUI so that GPSA could play into certain programs that ASUI has to offer."

Alton Campbell, GPSA faculty adviser and associate dean in the college of graduate studies, said GPSA can benefit all graduate students but many don't even know that GPSA exists.

"Graduate students are extremely busy but it is a good way

to develop leadership skills and skills for life," Campbell said. "It's a great way to enhance the grad student experience."

GPSA Senate Speaker Karen Neorr got involved with GPSA this fall when a friend encouraged her to join. Although she is busy with school, Neorr said GPSA is important to all graduate students at UI, even those who are busy.

"Graduate students are not really that involved with the university and there are a lot of things that grad students take for granted, like student fees," Neorr said. "If GPSA was more involved, they could use some of that money to tailor to grad students."

There are currently 35 members of GPSA and approximately 80 departments on campus with graduate programs. There are many departments without representation. Watt said he would like this number to increase and encourages graduate students to join GPSA if their department isn't currently represented.

"We're looking to improve awareness of GPSA on campus," Watt said. "And only those who know about it can apply for travel awards and the Graduate Expo."

Travel awards provide grad-

uate students with the funding needed for academically related travel, such as conferences, meetings or workshops. However, these awards are not available to a student unless his or her department is represented in GPSA, another incentive for graduate students to join the association, Watt said.

GPSA also has its own research expo that takes place every year to highlight successful graduate students and allow members to put their hard work on display and receive awards. This year the Graduate Expo will be held on the same day as the Engineering Expo. The two will be publicized together, Campbell said.

Watt said he looks forward to his presidency this semester and is ready to do whatever it takes to get GPSA in the spotlight. Because graduate students have so much on their plate, there is a high turnover rate so GPSA is always looking for new members, Watt said.

The position of vice president is currently open and Watt said he encourages any interested graduate students to attend meetings held every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Silver and Gold Room in the Student Union Building.



Tyler Macy/Argonaut prepares a snowball on a sunny afternoon outside the CNR building.

Students join fight to protect roadless forests

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Junior James Holt was outraged when it came to his attention that a new national policy, which involves adding roads to roadless areas, was on the Bush administration's agenda and finding support in Idaho.

His indignation resulted in a trip to Washington, D.C., where he gave a speech attended by Idaho Lt. Gov Jim Risch, a staunch supporter of the legislation. A member of the Board of Directors for the environmental group Friends of the Clearwater, Holt is also the former Fish and Wildlife Commissioner for the Nez Perce Tribe.

"On the committee level I think (the speech) created a lot of dialogue about the language of the plan," Holt said. "It interests me that not a single individual from the logging or min-

ing industry was present. Their interests were already represented in the plan."

In 2001, as one of the last acts of the Clinton administration, the Roadless Area Conservation Rule was instated. The legislation prohibits new road construction and reconstruction in roadless areas on national forest lands. It also bars the cutting, sale and removal of timber in these areas.

In 2005, the Bush administration attempted to have the rule revoked, but in September 2006, the federal District Court of Northern California ordered the administration to re-instate the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule to protect almost 50 million acres of national forests and grasslands.

But a new management plan will allow states to petition and come to their own decisions regarding roadless lands.

Gary Macfarlane is the ecosystem defense director for Friends of the Clearwater. He said opening up roadless areas will be catastrophic to the ecosystem and is tired of the justifications offered by the Idaho government referring to them as "liars."

"Idaho wants to open up most of them (roadless lands) to logging and development," Macfarlane said. "This country already has 400,000 miles of road we can't afford to maintain. That's part of the reason the 2001 rule was put in place."

When roads aren't maintained, increased sediment can run from the roads into streams and river beds, leading to contamination. Holt is an environmental science student, he said that besides affects on clean water, the affect of clearing more land will be reflected through the ecosystem and ozone.

"It's like the nation turned away

from seeing global climate change as a national issue, now it's treated exclusively as a world issue. It's both, it's local," Holt said. "You can't ignore the science, which says deforested lands don't cool the environment as well forested lands. For every mile of new road, 18,000 acres are influenced."

Outside of his environmental viewpoint, Holt sees this issue from the perspective of a member of the Nez Perce. Seventy-five percent of the roadless lands in Idaho belong to his tribe. To Holt the dialogue on this issue is "contrary to the constitution," and should only be discussed on the federal level.

"States have no authority to discuss these issues with tribes, that's purely the federal government," Holt said. "The state is minimizing the Nez Perce tribal view of our land. My message to them is that my homeland is sacred to me, not just the mountain-

tops, but every inch of it."

Under the law, the state is obligated to hold hearings to gather public opinion before a final decision can be reached. On Monday a meeting was held in Orofino, which was attended by a bus of Moscow residents hoping to voice their own opinions. The other meetings will be held in Lewiston on Tuesday and Grangeville on Wednesday.

"I think they're intentionally trying to stay out of Moscow, they'd reach to much resistance here," Macfarlane said. "But it's our duty to let them know we aren't going to step aside for any administration willing to take away American's rights over their own land. It doesn't belong to Idaho, it belongs to all Americans."

Contact Friends of the Clearwater at www.friendsoftheclearwater.org for further information about the issue or the meetings.

Benefit dinner supports alumna with breast cancer

Jessica Mullins
Argonaut

It was Kim Campbell's last semester of graduate school and nothing, not even cancer, was going to stop her.

She was teaching classes, keeping her GPA up in the accounting program and was highly involved in campus organizations. On top of her busy schedule, Campbell was diagnosed with breast cancer during the 2007 fall semester.

Campbell said she was shocked when she received her diagnosis.

"It was more the disbelief of 'no, that's not really true, it's not happening,'" she said.

Marla Kraut, head of the accounting department, said Campbell expertly handled the high-stress program before and after her diagnosis.

"She had to go through that emotional uproar while finishing her last semester and taking comprehensive exams," Kraut said. "She did it very well."

While more than 211,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, the disease is rarely found in women younger than 30.

"When someone you know (is diagnosed), you feel help-

less," said graduate student Cornelia Sawatzky, who knows Campbell through the graduate accounting program. "You can't fix things or make it better."

Campbell rarely missed classes as she carried out her medical treatments, Kraut said.

Campbell found much support from the UI community.

"The outpour of help and support that was there really made the semester smoother and easier than anything I could have expected," Campbell said. "The support from the teachers was incredible."

Campbell dropped classes she didn't need and was able to balance her time.

"The biggest challenge was going to different doctors appointments in Spokane," she said. "It was just a really big time commitment."

She received a Masters of Accounting in December.

Sawatzky and Campbell knew each other through Beta Alpha Psi, the University of Idaho accounting honors society that is hosting a benefit to support Campbell on Feb. 9.

Because of the expensive cancer treatments, Campbell has many medical bills, Sawatzky said, and they continue pil-

to make DONATIONS

Donations to support the graduate Kim Campbell can be mailed to Breast Cancer benefit for Kim Campbell P.O. Box 443161 Moscow, ID 83844 To RSVP to the benefit contact Amber Gray at 885-6453.

ing up.

"We found out she was diagnosed and at the time she had student health insurance," Sawatzky said. "It is not really good if you get really sick. I know there were caps on certain procedures."

And the medical bills are not coming to an end. Since graduating, Campbell moved to Spokane with her husband, Bill Campbell, where she works for Moss Adams LLP. She must balance her new demanding job with cancer treatments, including chemotherapy.

Campbell will receive three kinds of treatment. Each treatment dose costs more than \$50,000, Sawatzky said.

"Why do bad things happen to good people?" Kraut said.

"We are hoping they are still going to be able to have children."

Campbell said that despite the cancer, her life hasn't changed much.

"This is something I have been diagnosed with and something I have to deal with," Campbell said. "It is part of who I am but not a part of my life. It is not going to stop me from doing anything I want to do."

Campbell was an active member in Beta Alpha Psi for her three semesters in the graduate program. There are more than 50 members in the society.

Campbell said she feels the utmost thanks toward Beta Alpha Psi.

"You realize people truly do care and there are great people out there," Campbell said. "I'm just really grateful."

The benefit will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1036 E. A Street. It will include a spaghetti and meatball dinner and silent auction and feature local youth playing background music. The suggested donation for the benefit is \$20 per plate.

Sawatzky is the vice president of programming for the society and helping organize the benefit, a duty that feels good, she said.

"She is such a great friend and person," Sawatzky said. "It is nice to do something to

help."

Campbell devoted a lot of time to the society, Sawatzky said.

"If I had an adversary in life I know she would reach out in the same way," Sawatzky said. "She wouldn't hesitate."

Campbell was a kindergarten teacher before she enrolled in the accounting program at UI.

"She is really of energy and

life," Campbell said. "She is a really personable person. You can't not like her."

Kraut said Campbell was great in the classroom. "She always came prepared with interested questions," Kraut said. "She was an active participant in the class."

Campbell was also the co-president of the UI Triathlon Club.



Campbell

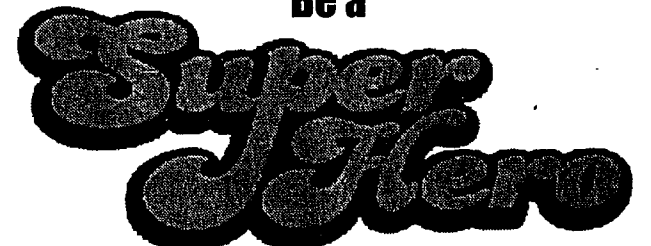
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Veteran program honored by Legion

Cyrella Watson
Argonaut

On Jan. 14 the Operation Education Scholarship Program was awarded a national citation by the American Legion.

The American Legion award was given to the education program because it is a "unique program," said Rick Helsley, department adjutant for the American Legion Department of Idaho.

"The award is not given out very often," Helsley said. "It honors different programs that boost veterans' economy."

The award was presented by Joe Foruria, the Legion's Idaho department commander, to President Tim White.

"I think it's great for the university to get recognized by a national organization," said John Sawyer, the veteran's adviser in the Dean of Students Office.

The scholarship program is the only program of its kind to provide financial, academic and social support to veterans.

UI's Operation Education program was nominated in early December by veteran Sean Burlile.

Helsley said each state is able to select a program to nominate for the award and then the Economic Committee selects the program to receive the award.

Operation Education was created by the University of Idaho in 2006. It provides veterans and their spouses, who were seriously injured while on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, with financial and social support while they pursue a college education at UI.

The program shows appreciation to the veterans who put their lives on the line, Helsley said.

UI has sent letters to other universities throughout the U.S. to hopefully see expansion of the program in each state. Many schools have asked for more information about the program, Sawyer said.

At UI, one student who received the scholarship has graduated and there are three students who have the scholarship now; two freshmen and one sophomore.

Sawyer said he is "stunned at how highly motivated they are to get an education."

Some of these students planned to have a military career, but have had to create a new path, Sawyer said.

"They are all doing well in school," Sawyer said.

Two other universities in the U.S. have similar scholarships. Texas A&M University has a scholarship known as the Honored Service Scholarship that supplements the living expenses of veterans who qualify for the stipends.

University of Wyoming has an endowed scholarship fund for veterans with disabilities who wish to pursue undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Magic, faith intersect in Paganism

Scott MacDonald
Argonaut

A Pagan is defined as a person who is not of the Christian, Jewish or Muslim faith and believes in a multiple-god belief system. There are many different types of Paganism, including Celtic, Norse, Greek, Voodoo, Wiccan and Druidic.

Wolf Stier, a senior at UI in virtual technology and design and a Celtic practitioner, said there are three general rules for most Pagan cultures.

"First, do as you will, but harm not. It's the golden rule," Stier said. "What you want should not harm others."

Another consideration Stier said is remembering that a person can only ask for the help of the spirits, they can't be forced.

"The second rule is the threefold rule. Whatever action you take will come back threefold," Stier said.

Stier said the rule applies to everyday actions as well as religious practices. It's the idea of karma and applies to both good and bad actions.

"The third rule is to respect your god, goddess or deity," Stier said.

Sometimes things happen in this world that we can't understand. It's the will of the divine, Stier said.

"You do your best to be an honorable person," said Clinton Johnson, a junior

voices of FAITH

This week: Paganism

studying studio art and a practitioner of Norse shamanism. "The more good I do, the better life I'll have. My ancestors will accept me."

Another aspect of Paganism is witchcraft.

"This is a faith-based system. Witchcraft is one form of prayer," Stier said. "You ask for the help of the gods after normal and mystical means have failed."

Stier said that when asking for the help of the gods, a person still has to continually try other means for getting what he or she is asking for.

"You try in this world first and if it doesn't work, you keep trying," Stier said. "Magic requires us to put effort into it. It's part of the spell."

Stier said magic is rarely used because of the results of the spell and the threefold rule.

"Say you are praying for snow for your farm. The prayer might not be answered because snow could flood the farm below you and kill everyone," Stier said. "The threefold rule applies to accidents, too. It's not just intent; it's results, too."



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Wolf Stier, president of the Moscow Pagan Society, organizes the members once a week, "It's nice that we can meet every week and just talk about our beliefs, or even hang out, without people thinking we're crazy."

Stier said it's a misconception that there are only a few Pagans.

"In reality, there are large numbers of us, we just keep to ourselves," Stier said.

Both Stier and Johnson said religious persecution is one reason for this misconception.

"If I had said I was Pagan in high school, I would have been beaten up," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, a year ago students on cam-

pus rallied against religious persecution in one specific instance.

"There was this religious guy on campus with a sign," Johnson said. "He pretty much told everyone that they were going to hell."

Johnson said people from various backgrounds, both religious and not, gathered against the hateful message.

"It didn't matter who we were or what we worshiped, we were all joined together to stop this person from coming

to campus to persecute us," Johnson said. "It was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I feel privileged to have been a part of it."

Both Stier and Johnson are members of the Moscow Pagan Society, which has about nine active members. The group meets at 6 p.m. every Monday in the Well-spring Room at the Idaho Commons. For more information, attend a meeting or e-mail Johnson at john0713@vandals.uidaho.edu.

UI students rally in support of Darfur refugees

Student group will travel to visit refugee camps in Chad this spring

Hayley Guenther
Argonaut

Since being struck with the harsh reality of the genocide occurring in Darfur, two UI students have been unable to take a day off from doing any and everything they can to help.

In September, senior graphic design major Cory Preston and senior sports science major Tiffany Wheeler attended the ASUI organized Darfur recognition week and have been raising state, nation and campus-wide awareness of the tragedies since. Wheeler said since learning about the horrible truth about the genocide, she has been determined to do her part to make a change.

"After hearing all the stories, (getting involved) felt like the right thing to do," she said. "I was trying to be focused on my major and career and then I realized that hundreds and hundreds of people don't even get that opportunity. I felt like I want-

ed to be a person who could make a difference and help."

Preston and Wheeler have traveled all over the Northwest trailing a torch with the intent of alerting the country to the crisis. Their efforts kicked off in Denver and led them to Seattle, Portland, and finally Washington, D.C., with ASUI adviser Christina Kerns in tow. Wheeler said the journey was incredible and allowed her to make connections with people nationwide who were working toward the same cause.

"I met a lot of refugees and heard their personal stories," she said. "It gave me endurance to keep doing everything and a spectrum of how real these people are."

Wheeler said the two created a film of their journey entitled "Dream for Darfur," which premiered in front of an audience of 75 at the NUART Theatre in December. The show debuted right before finals and earned more than \$500 for the cause.

"We had spent four weeks working on (the film), and didn't anticipate showing it at all," she said. "We didn't expect such a big turn out. It was inspiring to see people come out before finals and break away from that to learn about Darfur."

Wheeler and Preston's cross-nation adventure not only sparked wakefulness with the American people,



Courtesy photo

Aziza and her two children are refugees from Darfur.

it also earned Preston and Wheeler an invitation to join "Stop Genocide Now," an international grassroots organization working to protect communities from genocide.

Since joining the team, the two have traveled to Portland and are scheduled to go to California in February to reunite with their fellow advocates.

"We both feel lucky to be able to be a part of this," Wheeler said. "They do such great things around the nation. It's been an honor."

Preston and Wheeler's efforts are also local. With assistance from the STAND organization, a "Stop Genocide Now" booth was present in the Idaho Commons last week.

The stand provided students with real footage of the

calamity and horrific scenes occurring daily in Darfur. A petition urging involvement from President George W. Bush was available for students to sign at the booth with dozens of students lined up behind it.

"I think the best thing was seeing new faces," she said. "There were a lot of people engaged in general. I think just seeing how they were interested in what's going on was powerful. Students really wanted to learn about and see what we don't get to hear about on a daily basis."

Sophomore interior design major Kayla Roach visited the booth and said she was touched and inspired by what she saw.

"Most of us have no idea how bad it is over there," she said. "Seeing everything at

their booth and reading the information was like a harsh reality check."

Wheeler is set to cross the line and make the genocide her face to face reality. She said she is preparing to travel to the refugee camps with her organization anywhere between March and May. She will be right on the border of Chad and Darfur and will travel to around 12 camps.

Although nervous about experiencing the catastrophe first hand, Wheeler said she is excited about doing whatever she can to make a difference.

"It's definitely scary, but it's something I'm willing to risk my life to do."

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Preston at corypreston@vandals.uidaho.edu or visit www.stopgenocidenow.org.

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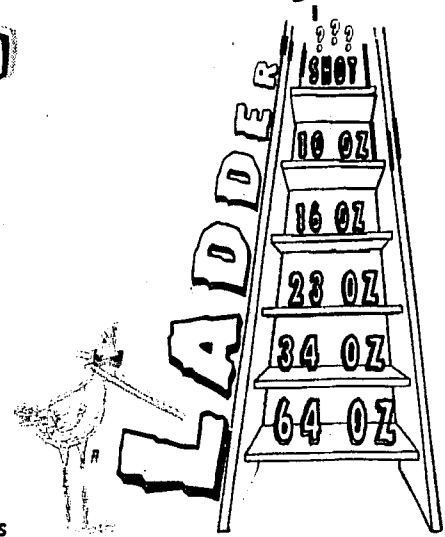
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The filer gets to subtract a credit amount from the actual taxes owed, whereas a deduction reduces the amount of taxable income.

So in this case, even if the filer has \$4,000 in expenses he or she can claim on the tax return (at the bottom of page 1 of Form 1040), in reality this deduction would at most produce a \$1,000 reduction in the tax bill if the student is in the 25 percent tax bracket.

Keeping organized is another crucial aspect of achieving an optimum tax refund.

Students should keep all receipts for tuition and books, complete information on

scholarships and other financial aid received, as well as transcripts for proof of enrollment.

"Having organized financial records can help cut the time needed for tax preparation," said a representative of the accounting firm Presnell Gage.

A representative with H&R Block stressed the importance of holding onto book receipts as well.

"It may be too late for this semester, but as the years progress, just make a habit of it. And if you go to a service, take them with you," she said.

If the process of filing seems like the expensive part, remember that millions of eligible taxpayers can use the IRS Free File for no-charge online tax preparation and electronic filing.

If a student plans on completing and filing his or her own return, visit the IRS Web site for free preparation and electronic filing options. For information visit www.irs.gov.

LECTURE

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"We weren't looking at religion in terms of how they applied their spiritual ideals to different issues," she said. "Religion was very much a proxy for different social and ethnic groups."

Beail said over time these groups have become more specific.

"Religion is much less of a proxy of class and really salient in its own right," she said.

Beail said an interesting turn in voting habit was the "realignment of the South." Southerners had voted Democrat until the 1960s and the start of the civil rights movement. When blacks began voting they tended to vote more Democratic, Beail said, which discouraged white southerners. Republican candidates saw this confusion as a chance to sway white southerners and change the overall voting habits of the South.

Another reason for the switch, Beail said, were white evangelicals, the most prominent religious group in the south, who were now figuring out it was possible to voice their opinions on topics

involving cultural and social values.

"There was this huge sea change in American politics," she said. "There was mobilization on the part of this group that was not very well tapped before."

During the 2004 election, Beail said white southern Evangelicals were the largest party to vote for Republican George W. Bush.

As for other social groups, Beail said Hispanic Catholics tend to vote mostly Democratic but are often overlooked because they are one of the weakest voting groups.

"If (Hispanic Catholics) get mobilized and vote, they could make a huge difference," she said.

In contrast, black Protestants are the strongest Democratic voters despite their conservative mindset. In the 2004 election John Kerry gained 86 percent of the black Protestant vote, she said.

Beail said a good factor for deciding how people will vote can be based on how often they go to church. She said studies show the more a voter attends church, the more likely he or she is to vote Republican.

When discussing voter turnout for this year, Beail said Republican Mitt Romney, who may appeal to socially conser-

native Evangelicals, may at the same time discourage this group because of his Mormon faith.

Beail said voters shy away most from candidates who are atheist, Muslim or Mormon. She said studies show that 25 percent of the American population would be less inclined to vote for a Mormon candidate and only half of the country considers Mormonism to be a Christian-based faith.

"There are some real issues of education and information to address here for (Romney)," she said. "The very people who might be a national constituency for him may also be the people who also have some doubts."

Beail's projected winner for the republican vote is unsure. She said she thinks a Republican winning the kind of vote that Bush did from Evangelical voters is unlikely.

"I don't know if anyone out there looks like the guy for the Republican party," she said. "I think religion has been much more salient in recent years and it will be interesting to see how it plays out."

Beail said all voters have a different opinion, but one thing stays the same, Americans want a candidate that has some religious background.

"Most Americans love

that," she said.

Joe Campbell, professor of philosophy at WSU, presented a critical look at religion at the lecture by comparing two popular speeches: one from Kennedy in 1960 and a recent speech from Romney this year. Both speeches discussed the candidate's personal faith and the effect it would or should have on their presidency.

Campbell pointed out several differences between each candidate's overall look of the religious role. Where Kennedy stated a distinct separation between his faith and his presidency, Romney seemed to believe certain aspects of his presidency, if elected, would require his faith to come into play and others would not.

Campbell acknowledged that a candidate has little chance of being elected without claiming a denomination, however, he said voters rely too heavily on religion as a signifier for what values that candidate holds.

Campbell said candidates need to be held more accountable for their stances on important issues and the values influencing those beliefs.

"We should work to ask the harder questions and stay away from the easier ones," he said.

PoliceLOG

Jan. 22

8 a.m. Rec Center parking area: Caller said someone backed into her silver Honda Accord.

3:36 p.m. Delta Tau Delta: Report of someone riding a snowmobile around fraternity. Officers responded, and the snowmobile was contained on private property. They warned the rider of the noise ordinance.

5:35 p.m. Steel House: Caller said someone struck her car in the parking lot and left a note.

6:06 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Caller said they saw three men run across the practice field and it looked like they were carrying rifles.

Jan. 23

1:46 a.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller saw a man dressed in black near the maintenance garage. When the caller approached the man, he took off running.

11:04 a.m. Blake Avenue, blue parking lot: Caller said someone hit his car in the parking lot on Jan. 22.

1:37 p.m. Idaho Commons: Medical and law responded after someone slipped on the ice. Patient transported to Gritman.

Thursday

1:19 a.m. Agricultural Science Building: Caller requested an escort to her car parked at the Kibbie Dome.

3:12 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller reported a theft.

Friday

8:01 a.m. Blake Avenue: Report of two vehicles without permits, parked in front of the permit-only parking area.

8:13 a.m. Menard Law Building: Caller stuck in the first floor elevator.

5:57 p.m. Kappa Kappa Gamma: Law and EMS responded to a fire alarm. All clear.

Saturday

12:26 a.m. Theophilus Tower: Law, fire and EMS responded for overdose.

1:25 a.m. Farm Road: One male arrested for DUI.

Sunday

1:47 a.m. 415 College Ave.: Loud music reported. Officers responded, and warned responsible party.

2:19 a.m. Perimeter Drive: One male arrested for DUI.

3:01 a.m. Perimeter Drive: Officer requested case number for possession of drugs.

10:23 p.m. Delta Delta Delta: Caller confiscated drugs from their roommate and requested officer assistance.

'FOCUS'

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about shading devices, heating and cooling designs and passive design. Haglund has been teaching the Environmental Controls Systems since 1982, a two-semester class he shares with instructor Phillip Mead.

"It's your typical green architecture class," Haglund said. "We're among the greenest architecture schools in the world."

Mazria will also announce the details for his reverberate competition to design a poster or video that will earn the winner \$20,000 during his Web cast. Nothing will be revealed until 9 a.m. Wednesday. All that is known is that the focus of the competition is for the entries to "reverberate" across campuses and the nation.

"A student told me they're going to win," Haglund said. "We don't even know what it involves."

A later event in conjunction with the Focus the Nation effort will be a forum, "Obstacles to Combating Climate Change and How to Overcome Them" at 6 p.m. Thursday at Mikey's, 527 S Main St.

Kenton Bird, director of the school of journalism, will dis-

cuss media impact at the event. Professor of civil engineering Fritz Fiedler will discuss technology and Washington State University graduate student Heather Truelove will cover denial. Following the panel discussion will be a raffle and presentation of the documentary "Revolution Green: A True Story of Biodiesel in America."

UI's Environmental Club will unite with UISC in the Idaho Commons Thursday to encourage students to sign a petition asking President Tim White to improve the campus' recycling program, said James Blakely, UISC event planner and environmental science major.

"The residences are working on establishing recycling," Streatfield said. "I think we have to start doing things at home before we can make a difference around the world."

After the Web cast of "The 2% Solution," the UIEC and UISC will start a planning committee for Earth Week in April. Blakely said he is happy the university has a grasp of the importance of global climate change and looking for solutions.

"I think UI is a really good place to start," he said. "We're small enough that we can really see change happening."

CampusCALENDAR

Today

Internship search for sophomores
TLC Room 222
5 p.m.

Discussion with Provost Baker: restructuring the diversity offices
TLC 230
5:30 p.m.

UNITY meeting
TLC 229
5:30 p.m.

Compassion Speaks
Women's Center lounge
6:30 p.m.

Faculty recital
Music recital hall
7:30 p.m.

Women's climbing night
Student Recreational center climbing wall
9 p.m.

Wednesday

Agriculture, Family, Consumer Science & Natural Resources Career Fair
SUB Ballroom
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Film: "Thin"
Women's Center lounge
12:30 p.m.

UI Black Student Union meeting
TLC 229
6 p.m.

GSA meeting
Crest Room
8:15 p.m.

Thursday

MMBB Seminar Series
TLC 122
12:30 p.m.

Lavender Lunch
Women's Center lounge
12:30 p.m.

MEChA meeting
TLC 229
5 p.m.

Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino Americanos
TLC 229
6:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital
Music Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

NewsBRIEFS

Notorious journalist comes to speak at UI

Controversial writer Mike Finkel will come to UI, sharing his story in his own words.

Finkel will present, "Mike Finkel's True Story," at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Administration Building Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

In 2001, Finkel was writing for the New York Times Magazine. In 2002,

he was fired over a story he submitted on child laborers in West Africa. In it, Finkel combined several voices into one voice, remaining true to his notes, but creating a tale that was in his own words: "almost entirely untrue."

Finkel now works successfully as a freelance journalist. His work has appeared in Atlantic Monthly, the New York Times, Sports Illustrated and many other national and international publications. Finkel will address how he has maintained a successful career in face of enormous setbacks, and will shed light on the value and pro-

cess of translating complex scientific information for general audiences. Finkel's visit is funded by the Distinguished Humanities Professorship Endowment and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

UI offers advice for sustainable parties

In a continuing effort to reduce waste and increase environmental understanding, UI released tips for an ecologically sound super Sunday.

This includes offering homemade snacks instead of pre-packaged store-

bought goods to keep party waste low. Also, instead of buying paper decorations, use already owned items, such as team apparel, banners or a string of LED lights in team colors.

Furthermore, recycle the tops of pizza boxes. Sections of the box that are not contaminated by grease or food are recyclable.

Jazz festival alters roads, parking

Students should be aware of changes to traffic routes and parking restrictions during the Lionel Hamp-

ton International Jazz Festival Feb. 20-23.

Some of the changes include limiting the number of vehicles on Deakin Avenue and converting it to a one-way southbound street from Sixth to College Avenue between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.; relocating the Wheeland Express bus stop from Deakin to Sixth Street across from human resources and closing parts of the SUB parking lot each day.

For more information about the changes during the festival, visit uidaho.edu or call the Parking and Transportation Services at 885-6424.

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Not for sale

When all over the country newsrooms are making do with slashed staffs and salaries, the Gannett Co. is looking into a "strategic partnership" between its Fort Collins Coloradoan and The Rocky Mountain Collegian — the student newspaper at Colorado State University which shot to national attention with the publication of a four-word editorial in September: "Taser this. F--- BUSH."

Why would a media giant like Gannett — which in addition to its professional holdings, including USA Today, already owns two student newspapers in Florida — be looking to purchase a third?

In an e-mail detailing his communications with Bob Moore, the executive editor of The Coloradoan, journalism department chair Greg Luft wrote that they had discussed "taking over management of the Collegian and taking it private, as a for-profit entity, while allowing students to direct the publication."

Why else? To make money.

College students are notoriously the most sought-after demographic for advertisers. As a whole we are educated, we are young, we have a relatively large disposable income and we have yet to form the brand loyalties many older demographics have. For Gannett, another direct line between advertisers and this plum demographic could mean big bucks.

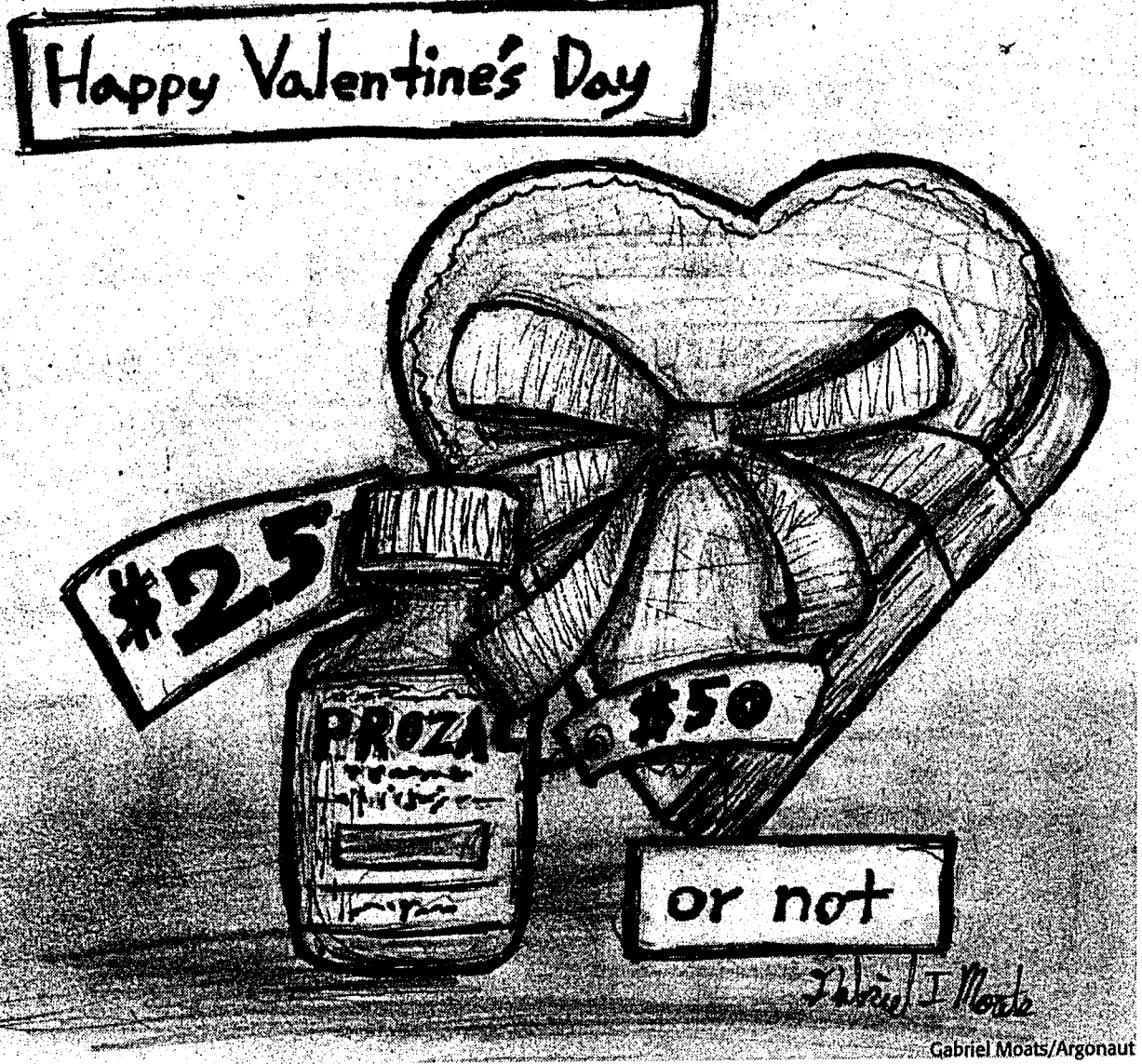
College students also, on the whole, work for cheap. The editor in chief of The Argonaut makes less than ASUI President Jon Gaffney. High-level editors at Gannett papers probably make a bit more. With Gannett management, would the rate of pay for student employees rise? Probably not — so Gannett would get equivalent work for much less.

What does Gannett bring to the table that is so much better than an independent student media? Students might have access to more scholarships. Students might have access to a professional work environment or professional feedback. Maybe.

An independent student media, however, allows student journalists a place to make mistakes. We can find our own scholarships and a functioning journalism department can make contacts with professionals in the field. But having the opportunity to try things that might not work perfectly well on the first try is something a corporate work environment can't offer.

We're students. We try to perform our jobs with as much professionalism as we can, but we're still learning. We need a space to be able to do so. The sale of The Collegian would set a precedent that as students, our work and our learning process is for sale to the highest bidder.

— CW



Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Three's a crowd

CNN's numbers state that 61 percent of voters in the South Carolina Democratic primary were women. 55 percent of all voters cast their ballot for Barack Obama. Hillary Clinton received only 27 percent of the vote. And where did Southern man John Edwards finish? 18 percent. Not a good sign for a continued push for the presidency. Maybe he can be the vice-presidential candidate. Again.

— T.J.

Lost, now found

By the amazing grace of ABC, I will be found this Thursday night when "Lost" airs again. Finally! I usually don't watch much T.V., in fact I don't even own one, but I love this show. It's very well written with so many different themes and story lines, you never really get bored. The only problem is, like I said, I don't have a T.V. Anybody want to invite me over Thursday?

— Roger

It's better homemade

I decided on the spur of the moment last week that I wanted to make granola — from scratch. Four cups of oats, some brown sugar, cinnamon and honey spent 45 minutes in the oven and became one of the more delicious snacks I've ever put in my mouth. The addition of dried blueberries only improved matters. The best part? Eating it warm from the oven.

— Carissa

Yellow snow

The most interesting thing about winter, to me, is the amount of yellow snow that can be seen along sidewalks, especially on Greek Row. I just keep hoping that it is the result of local dogs and not the residents of the fraternities. We're too old for that kind of thing now, right?

— Savannah

McDiplomas

The British government recently gave companies the right to award credit toward a high school diploma to employees who complete on-the-job training. And it's not just British companies: U.S. owned McDonald's is one of the first in line. Myriad jokes aside, it seems like a pretty good idea, especially considering the lack of practical skills presented to non-college-bound students in the U.S.

— Alec

I've been misery'n

The only good thing about being sick, and I do mean the ONLY thing, is being able to sing Janis Joplin songs with freakish accuracy. It makes me feel closer to the woman I owe my musical life to, even if I do sound like I've been chain smoking for 12 years.

— Christina L.

Staring into space

I was trying to figure out what was wrong with my eye the other day by looking up my symptoms on WebMD. When I clicked on the eye I was surprised at the amount of symptoms there were. The most intriguing is blank stare. I clicked on it and apparently one of the causes of this is Botox. So if you are wondering why you have a horrible looking blank stare, it might be that Botox injection.

— Ryli

Ice, ice, baby

Aside from the snow and the layers of ice lurking beneath the freshly laid blanket of snow, there's one thing that has been bugging me: the walls of snow accumulating in the middle of Moscow's roads. I don't see how, but the snowplows seem to miss it every time. In order to cross an intersection, cars have to plow through the one to two foot tall wall of snow left behind. So I ask the magic snowplow elves: when you venture out to clear the road, could you clear the whole thing? Thank you.

— Christina N.

Scientology closed due to thetans

Formerly shrouded in secrecy, the confidential documents of Scientology were leaked to the Internet last week. They surfaced alongside hundreds of



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denial of service attacks that temporarily shut down several Scientology-related Web sites. No one was to blame because each attacker masqueraded as "Anonymous."

The raids have subsided, but more plans exist. Part of the Anonymous assault includes visiting Scientology centers and videotaping/photographing, vandalizing or sabotaging the target operations. An image being circulated online is calling for Anonymous to raid the London Church of Scientology Feb. 10, adding, "Wear a mask of your choosing."

Jenna Miscavige Hill, niece of Scientology leader David Miscavige, wrote a scathing, subsequently leaked e-mail to a Scientology spokesperson after reading the Church's rebuttal to an unofficial Tom Cruise biography that portrays

Scientology negatively. Miscavige Hill's parents left Scientology when she was 16, but she decided to stay. In the e-mail, she writes that she was

permitted to visit her parents only three or four days per year until she was 22. Another former Scientologist, posting on an online forum for those who have left the Church, said when she turned 14, she signed a billion-year contract and worked 10-hour days for \$50 a week. Most disturbing is her description of a ritual wherein staff members would stand up, clap and say "hip, hip, hooray" three times in front of founder L. Ron Hubbard's picture. Scientology sounds like North Korea for the wealthy.

The most devastating result of Anonymous' attack was the leak of thousands of pages of confidential documents, including the OT courses rumored to contain information on space aliens and mind control. While I can't reprint anything

from the documents because they're copyrighted, a search on any major torrent tracker should bring up the relevant files.

The rumors about these courses are true. OT III contains, in Hubbard's own handwriting, the original Xenu story. Tom Cruise has reached OT VII in his study (and payment plan), but I'm currently looking at OT VIII, something his "religion" does not allow him to see.

Tell me, what kind of "religion" is open only to those who can pay? What kind of "religion" restricts its followers both intellectually and in their movements and relationships? Scientology is not a religion, but it is tax exempt because it has sued the government into classifying it as one. The thousands of dollars spent on each course, book and lecture that aims to alienate individuals from society go toward giving buyers a feeling that they have magically improved their lives thanks to the self-absorbed space adventure club down the street.

To read more of Holly's examination of Scientology, visit www.uiargonaut.com

MailBOX

Get your caucus on

On Feb. 5, Idaho will host a caucus to select our preferences from among presidential candidates for the Democratic Party. Anyone who wants to participate as a Democrat and who will be a registered voter of the county on Nov. 4 may vote in the caucus.

The caucus location is the Latah County Fairgrounds (the big room), 1021 Harold Street in Moscow. Events begin at 6 p.m. and the caucus begins promptly at 7 p.m. Participants must be present at 7 p.m. to be allowed to participate in the presidential preference caucus. The Peace Band will provide entertainment before the caucus starts and refreshments will be served.

To learn more about the Latah County Caucus, contact Chair David Nelson at 301-2266 or by e-mail at

dnelson@moscow.com. To learn more about the caucus process, contact the Idaho Democratic Party at 336-1815, or by e-mail at info@idaho-democrats.org or www.idaho-democrats.org.

David Nelson

Keep bridging divide

We must all appreciate the efforts of Professor Gary Williams, UI distinguished humanities professor, in initiating the semester-long series, "The Humanities/Science Colloquia: Conversations Across the Divide" (Argonaut, Jan. 25). Conversations such as these are long overdue in the academia, and similar to the UI Interdisciplinary Colloquium, established in 2001, they remind us that knowledge is indeed holistic and that perhaps we have overspecialized.

In a sense, I am glad that the message of my 2001 interdisciplinary seminar ("The Future of Social Sciences: Some

Emerging Issues" 3/12/01), is finding practical shape via Professor Williams' efforts. At the time, I had argued, among other things, that it was as though we have autonomous mini-campuses at our universities where hardly anyone knows what others are doing, in part because, like barriers to trade, we often engage, by training or otherwise, in "territorial" protection and purity. This is true not just between social sciences and hard sciences, but also within each group. Often self-preservation instincts become obstacles.

There is much more, however. Can we further break through our rigid paradigms and also cross other "divides" — across cultures, civilizations, and geography, so that we, faculty and students alike — can benefit from exposures to "non-Eurocentric" perspectives and sources of knowledge? There is such a wealth of new literature on such "divides."

S.M. Ghazanfar, Professor-Emeritus

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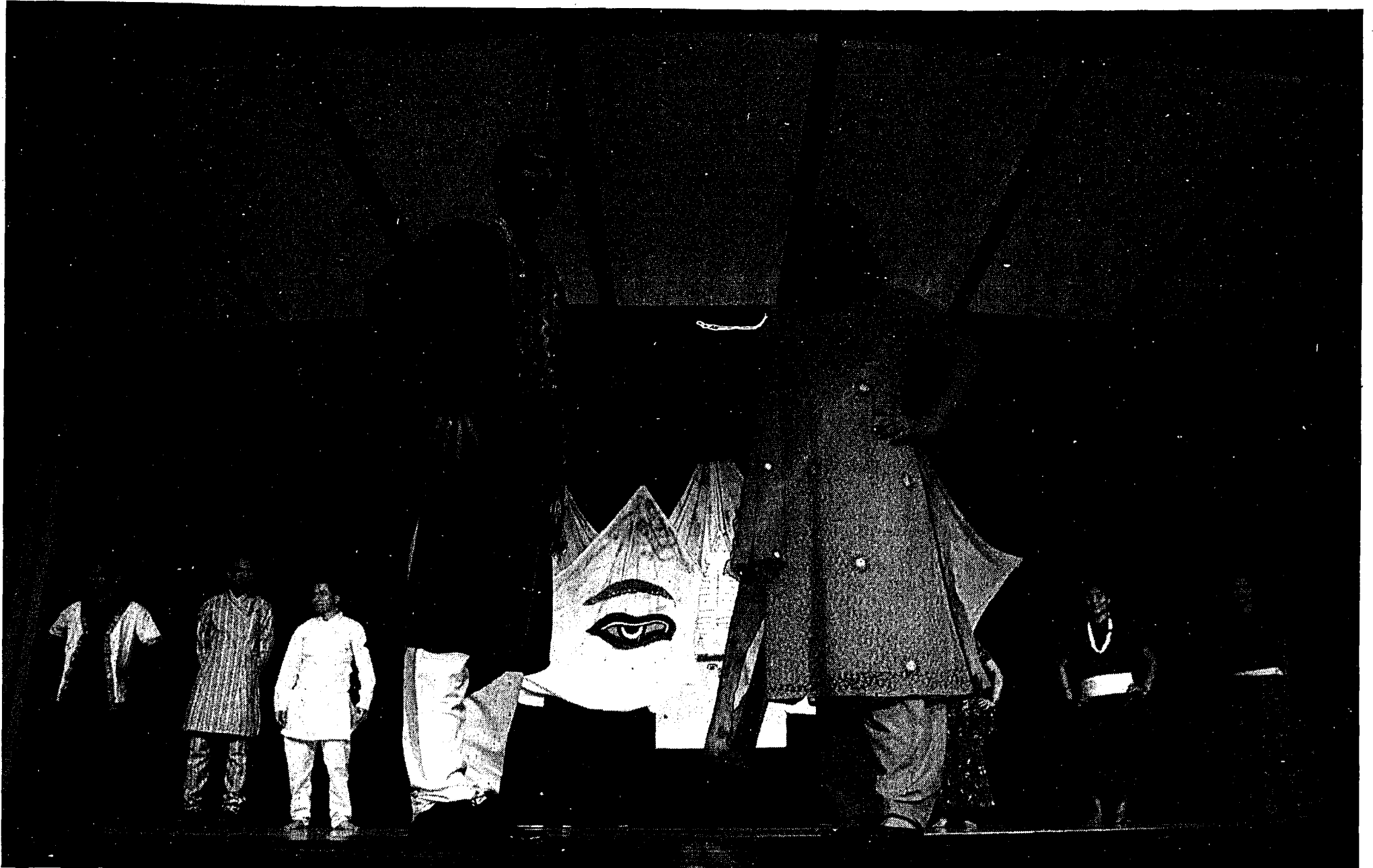
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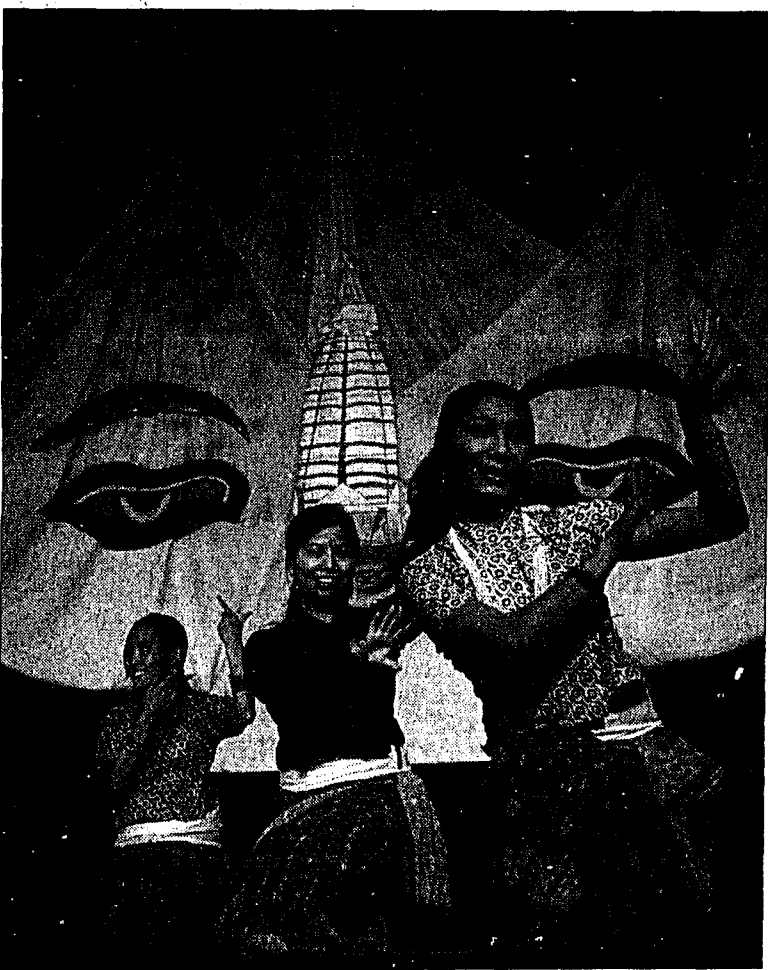
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Members of the Nepali Student Association display traditional Nepali clothes during a fashion show at the annual Taste of Nepal in the SUB Ballroom on Saturday night. Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut



Nepali students perform a traditional dance for the annual Taste of Nepal in the SUB Ballroom on Saturday night. Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Filled to capacity

Taste of Nepal draws hundreds to SUB Ballroom

Padrhig A. Harney
Argonaut

More than 350 people attended Taste of Nepal on Sunday to support The United Nations Children's Fund and enjoy dance, song and skits while dining on Nepalese dishes.

The annual event, hosted by the university and organized by the Nepali Student Association, has been the Nepali Student Association's signature event for the past six years.

However, this year's event could not include as many people as group members had hoped.

"We had to turn people away at the door," said former Nepali Student Association President Bharat Baral. "University fire, code kept many people from taking part in this year's event."

Baral helped organize the event when it first began in 2002.

"Our first event was small," Baral said. "We held it in the Silver and Gold rooms and with the success of that first event we moved into the (SUB) Ballroom."

Six dances, two drama scenes, a cultural costume show and two songs highlighted the event.

UI sophomore Navin Chettri, played with his band Navin Cadenza Collective, which is made up of uni-

versity music school students.

Together, they performed a mix of jazz and traditional Nepalese rhythms.

Chettri said he wrote the song, "BOOT Buddha is out of town" while in Nepal.

"This song means a lot to me, helping me cope with struggle in my home country," Chettri said.

He also performed an improvisational adaptation of a classical Bach tune on the drums, with flute accompaniment.

In 2002 the Nepalese Student Association was made up of more than 50 members, however this year there are around 25 members.

"We had a hard time getting students to help out," Baral said. "We needed to ask WSU students to help with set-up, food, etc."

All the proceeds this year will be donated to UNICEF.

"We have rotated the donations over the years," Baral said. "UNICEF is doing great things for children in Nepal and we are happy to provide whatever we can."

A land of rich culture and tradition, Nepal is a small landlocked country in central Asia with a population

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Slamming it

UI student will travel to Seattle for the ACUI Regional Slam Poetry Competition

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

The quiet, simple style of Carla Alo-Cabalquinto's poetry was a wild contrast to the unruly screams of her sorority sisters when she was announced the winner of the Fourth Annual University of Idaho Poetry Slam Contest on Sunday night.

As a result of her victory, Alo-Cabalquinto will be traveling to the Association of College Unions International Regional Slam Poetry Competition in Seattle on Feb. 22.

If Alo-Cabalquinto wins in Seattle, she will have the opportunity to compete internationally.

"I am really happy, overwhelmed and excited," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "I just wanted my poems to be heard because they're from the heart. I just don't want poetry to die, so I did it."

Alo-Cabalquinto, a communications student with a minor in religion studies, has set long term goals to continue writing English poetry.

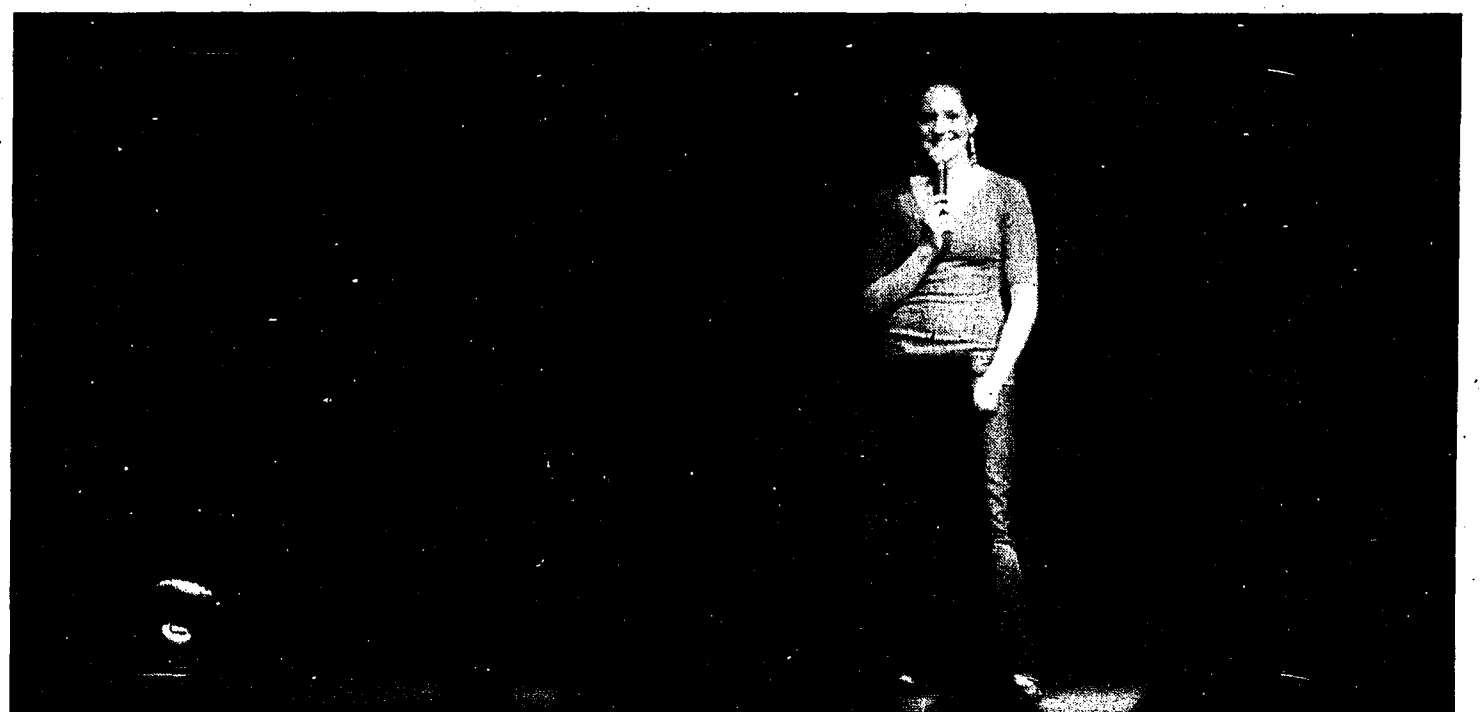
"I just wanted my poems to be heard because they're from the heart."

Carla
ALO-CABALQUINTO
Slam Poetry winner

She grew up speaking the native Filipino language, Visayan.

"I've been writing poetry since second grade because English is my second language and I wanted to play with words," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "It ended up being poetry that came out."

Contestants at the event on Sunday evening were each required to bring two completely original, one to three minute



UI theater student Kimbre Lancaster takes a look at the judges' scores at the Slam Poetry Contest Sunday night. Eric Petersen/Argonaut

poems.

They were not allowed to use any costumes, props or musical accompaniment.

The event was judged by Josh Dean, Mandolyn Duclos, Jonathan Gaffney, Steve Janowiak and one randomly selected audience member.

The first performer, referred to simply as "Plaedo," presented "A Moment of Silence," an abstract commentary about the

need to meditate on the contradictions of society.

Alo-Cabalquinto followed Plaedo with her piece "Nobody."

Her ironic poem tells the story of her date with the perfect, respectful gentleman, who goes by the name of "Nobody."

"She had her own unique idea of how to perform hers that really showed through. She had the kind of material

that we were looking for," Gaffney said.

Alo-Cabalquinto was followed by English student Conor Keating, with his piece "Hope After College."

Next was Tiffany "Toast" Bidlake with a somewhat gritty look at romanticized college life called "Ce n'est pas une histoire d'amour."

The round was finished out by the light humor of Sean

R. Williams with "This is a poem."

"I'm really excited my (Kappa Alpha Theta) sorority sisters came and saw me perform," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "I like this because instead of people getting drunk, they can be here doing something productive and educating their minds."

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HE SAID, SHE SAID

A duel for blood

A&C staff duke it out over 'There Will Be Blood'

★★★★★

Padrhig A. Hamey
Argonaut

★★★★1/2

Sarah Quallen
Argonaut

"There Will Be Blood" is an epic film that brings together larger than life characters.

Daniel Day-Lewis brings to the screen a persona that cannot be matched.

Director Paul Thomas Anderson shifts gears for this new film that is much different from his previous works.

This film has been six years in the making.

Anderson is a meticulous auteur who makes the most of the talent that he surrounds himself with.

Loosely based on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, the film follows the story of a self-proclaimed "oil man" and his interactions with a "Religious prophet" while both look to gain profit from the oil under their feet.

Accompanied by an excellent haunting musical score from Jonny Greenwood of Radiohead, this film works on all levels and would be a shame to miss.

This film has just been nominated for eight Academy Awards and this is the first time that Anderson has a shot to earn the recognition that he deserves in America.

Film lovers have known about Anderson for years.

With international acclaim, Anderson has been a name to watch for years.

Film fans will love the latest work from Anderson.

Fans of formulaic simple Hollywood garbage will best look to YouTube and lesser quality downloads to be entertained.

Film, much more than entertainment, is a collaboration artform that combines visual, emotional and musical elements that accomplish much more than a good time.

Viewing 35mm film in a theater is the only way to fully experience the artform.

"There Will Be Blood" will be in theaters for the next month or so.

See this in the theater and enjoy.

For anyone who enjoyed this film, be sure to check out "Sydney," "Boogie Nights," "Magnolia" and "Punch Drunk Love," also by Anderson, "Days Of Heaven" and "Badlands."

The opening scenes of "There Will Be Blood" starring Daniel Day-Lewis, visually and audibly capture the image of life in the southwest during the early 1900s.

The film is based on Upton Sinclair's 1927 novel "Oil!" Sinclair's novels encouraged early 20th century readers to explore new ideas and consider the implications of working conditions in the U.S.

"There Will Be Blood" fails to do the same.

Rather, it begs the question: why is it an Oscar nominee for Best Picture?

Best Picture in the Oscars means that it is the best overall — extraordinary cast, direction, costumes, production, soundtrack and screenplay.

While "There Will Be Blood" is superior in many ways, the screenplay is not impressive. If the story cannot keep interest, the movie fails.

The main characters are passionate and vibrant, but they lack substance and background leading one to wonder, who are they really?

Since the action moves so slowly, it is easy to formulate deep, dark and (possibly) wrong impressions of the characters.

Imagining intrigue where there is none dominates the viewing experience.

Day-Lewis' performance is spectacular. His character, Daniel Plainview, is controlled by vicious demons whenever he is emotionally threatened.

Day-Lewis' expressions and movements makes visible the constant struggle between Plainview's emotions and actions.

Plainview and many of his crew consider themselves living in a godless land making the film's most provoking struggle. The dichotomy between zealous evangelicals and Plainview, the money hungry oil tycoon.

It is difficult to discern whether one should think less kindly of Plainview or Eli Sunday, the local minister.

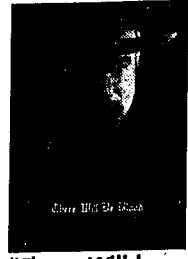
Quality direction evokes a dark, emotional and foreboding feeling.

Powerful images such as Plainview laughing at a burning oil tower and of Sunday exorcising the demon arthritis from an old woman are examples of the artistic possibilities of film.

Classical music juxtaposed with dirty, violent, western scenery reinforces the brutality of the land, the loneliness of the oil camps and the characters' harsh emotions.

It is the music, and occasionally the lack thereof, which most impacts the intensity of important events.

After all, "There Will Be Blood" seems to exemplify the attitudes of Oscar judges by offering an impressive piece of art while lacking an interesting story.



"There Will Be Blood"
Daniel Day-Lewis
Now playing

Vengeance for characters and audiences alike

Chan-wook Park's beautifully made 2003 South Korean film "Oldboy" is an experience that is difficult to forget — difficult enough to make some want to scrub out their brains and pour bleach in their eyes just to forget the shocking ending.

This film is just that good.

The audience manipulation is so strong and so calculated that it is impossible not to feel the same horror and longing to forget as the film's protagonist Oh Dae-su.

Yet "Oldboy" is a revenge film at its core.

Oh Dae-su is kidnapped and imprisoned for 15 years by an unknown enemy.

He is locked up, completely alone while he fills page after page of prison dairies trying to determine who may have done this to him.

When he is returned to the world, he finds that he must find his captor within five days.

The story that follows is entertaining and fun as well as being dark and fantastic.

Many Americans have the impression that foreign films are boring and not accessible to the American audience.

"Oldboy" is proof that foreign filmmaking is not only entertaining, but far more fresh and interesting than most any American film today — especially anything from Hollywood.

Sometimes going to the theater to see a Hollywood film can actually be a challenge to be entertained or surprised.

You have to purposely keep your brain from functioning in order to not see what's coming, but "Oldboy" will challenge your imagination and literally live up to the cliché of keeping you guessing until the end. This film pretty much blows Quentin Tarantino's revenge film "Kill Bill" out of the water. The revenge does not end there.

"Oldboy" is only the second film in Chan-wook Park's "vengeance trilogy," the first being "Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance" and the last in the trilogy is "Sympathy for Lady Vengeance."

The other films are great, but "Oldboy" is by far the best in the bunch.

Though it will disturb even the most hardened viewer, there is something about "Oldboy" that will keep people coming back to revisit the film as well as cruelly recommending it to friends.

Ryli's Netflix Queue



Ryli Hennessey
Editor in chief

Here's what's next in Ryli's queue:

1. Paradise Lost
2. Xanadu
3. Alice

'Sydney White' is delightfully bad

Sarah Quallen
Argonaut

struction sites.

The result: a tom-boy who lacks all knowledge about proper girl behavior.

Of course, what Dad has actually done is teach a young girl how to embrace differences and enjoy people for their depth of character, rather than their depth of pocket.

Enter the seven dorks.

For some reason, these college students live on campus in a building so run-down it should be condemned.

Wonder what college they attend?

Each dork has his quirk and one or two of the quirks are so extreme it is a wonder they are not medicated.

Unlike "Snow White," the dwarves are not there to save Sydney.

She is there to save them.

Since this is one of the few moments in the film not obviously demeaning to girls, one

can sigh relief.

Until one considers how demeaning the same situation is to dorks.

At least in "Revenge of the Nerds," the nerds take control and win their own battles.

"Sydney White" is yet another teen chick flick teaching girls there is value in individualism.

It is also one more movie that stereotypes members of fraternities and sororities as lacking strength of character and as encouraging conformity.

As a bonus, the movie continues to educate young girls in the value of being objectified.

"Mirror, mirror on the wall" is now a Web site where students can vote for the prettiest girl on campus.

Since Sydney eventually ranks number one, it is obviously just as important for a girl to be pretty as it is to be a decent person.



"Sydney White"
★1/2 (of 5)
Amanda Bynes
Jan. 22

Local/BRIEFS

Kiva Theatre 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 matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at the University of Idaho Kiva Theatre. Admission is \$4.

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

Art Gallery hosts exhibition and auction

UI's Prichard Art Gallery will feature an invitational exhibition Jan. 25 through Feb. 9. The gallery will conclude the showing with an auction of the pieces on Feb. 9.

According to Roger Rowley, Prichard Art Gallery director, this year's show will feature 70 pieces, "including a number of really good pieces that will require higher bids than we've traditionally seen," he said.

A social will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Prichard Gallery. Hors d'oeuvres and des-

serts will be provided by Nectar and entertainment by Parallax. The live auction will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the live auction are \$10 per person and include a free glass of champagne or sparkling water. Tickets can be purchased at the Prichard Art Gallery and BookPeople located at 512 S. Main St.

Barnes & Noble discovers writer at UI

The memoir of UI lecturer Brandon R. Schrand has been recently chosen as a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers selection.

Entitled "The Enders Hotel," Schrand's memoir began as his master's of fine arts thesis at the University of Idaho. He now serves as coordinator of the MFA Creative Writing program at the university.

The book will be published by University of Nebraska Press this spring.

Set in rural boomtown Soda Springs, Idaho, where he and his family owned, operated and lived in the town's historic hotel. He recounts how his life intersected with the homeless and defeated souls who inhabited and defined the hotel.

The memoir is one of 18 works from 150 nominated, chosen to be a featured selection in Barnes and Noble bookstores nationwide throughout the summer.

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With the conclusion of the first round, the scores were totaled and the top three contenders performed a second piece to clench their scores.

The round pitted Alo-Cabalquinto and Williams against Plaedo, who's fast, high-energy poem won him the round.

Once the scores for entire competition were calculated, Alo-Cabalquinto's confident lead in the first round carried her to an overall victory.

"In my book the two big things are originality and style," Duclos said. "She had both of those going for her."

Alo-Cabalquinto hopes to someday publish a book of her best poetry, and has already produced over 100 pages.

"It's a struggle to get the book out because I'm always adding more," said Alo-Cabalquinto. "I'm waiting until it feels complete."

Alo-Cabalquinto also attributes her poetic abilities to her devout Christian faith.

"Whatever God makes around me, I get inspired by," Alo-Cabalquinto said. "I wouldn't be creative if it wasn't for him."

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hovering just below 29 million.

North of India, Nepal is home to the tallest mountain range in the world and Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.

The country has battled for their sovereignty for the last 60 years and most recently with a civil war with the Maoist Nepalese communist party.

"We are looking forward

to a peaceful Nepal," said Avishesh Dhakal, Nepal student Association President. "I would like to thank everyone involved, from our club adviser to the WSU Nepalese students."

For those who missed this year's "Taste of Nepal," there will be another next year, but make sure to buy a ticket in advance.

Anyone interested in checking out tunes from the event, Navin Cadenza Collective will perform at OneWorld Café in Moscow on Feb. 2 and is also on MySpace.

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QuickHITS

Vandal Impact Players



Mike Hall
Men's basketball
Hall broke the school record for three-pointers made in a single game in the Vandals' win over

San Jose State and was named WAC Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 21-27. He had a career-high 29 points in the contest, shooting 10-of-11. He also had 12 points in the Vandals' loss to Hawai'i Saturday. He's the first Vandal to earn the player of the week honor since joining the WAC.



Adriana Quirke
Swimming
The senior broke two team best in-season times for the Vandals as Idaho dominated in-

trastate rival Boise State. Quirke won the 100 and 200 backstroke with times of 58.3 and 2:07.6 respectively. Quirke also swam backstroke on the Vandals' win in the 200-medley relay and a leg on the winning 200 freestyle relay.



Carli Bakondy
Women's basketball
The freshman had the best game of her Vandal career as the team lost to Hawai'i,

68-53. Bakondy had a career high 11 points, two rebounds and two assists to lead the Vandals.



Hugh McDonald
Men's tennis
McDonald, a junior, went a perfect 4-0 for the men's tennis team against Whitman and LCSC over

the weekend. Playing No. 6 singles, McDonald took down Justin Hayashi of Whitman, 6-3, 6-4 and Arsian Mermut of LCSC, 6-3, 6-4. At No. 3 doubles with Timothy Huynh, they defeated Etienne Moshevich and Christop Fuchs of Whitman, 8-4. At against LCSC with freshman Andrew Dobbs, the duo defeated Oliver Stone and Mermut, 8-4.



Alice Draser
Track and Field
The freshman led the Vandals in a sweep of the heptathlon at the Cougar Indoor on Friday.

Draser scored 3,388 points to win the event. Draser won the long jump in the five-event competition.

SportsBRIEFS

Ski team

The men's and women's ski teams both finished third in their second conference race of the season at the Mt. Hood Ski Bowl Saturday. Both teams also finished third at their previous race.

Jessica Stewart came out on top for the Idaho team, placing fifth with a total time of 1:27.04. Bret Bullard placed sixth — the highest from the men's team — with a total time of 1:42.62.

Ski to Sea

Members of the Women's Outdoor Program are looking to create a team for this year's "Ski to Sea" event. The 84 mile, seven leg outdoor race starts on Mt. Baker and ends in Bellingham Bay.

The legs of the race include cross country skiing, downhill skiing, biking, running, canoeing, mountain biking and kayaking. The group's first meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Outdoor Program's office at the Student Recreation Center. For more information, contact the group at womenoutdoors@uidaho.edu.

Vandals slip in final minutes

Idaho loses to Hawai'i in front of largest home crowd of the season

Hugh Jones
Argonaut

The Cowan Spectrum was as full as it has been all season on Saturday night as the University of Idaho's men's basketball team (5-14, 2-6) fell 58-53 to Hawai'i (8-11, 4-3).

The official total attendance was 1,518 people.

Overall, the game was close. There were six lead changes, six ties and there was never a point difference greater than eight. At halftime the score was 24-24, but Idaho coach George Pfeifer was not happy with his team's performance.

"I told our team at halftime, 'this is not our best basketball. We have not performed at a level that we're capable of performing at,'" Pfeifer said. "When you're in (the locker room) talking about energy, that is a bad thing."

Idaho guard Mike Hall, who racked up 29 points and set a school record for three-point shots in the team's previous game against San Jose State, was limited to just 12 points by a tight Hawai'i defense. Hall scored 10 of those 12 points in the first half.

"We knew that (Hall) had a great night against San Jose, so we had to pay a little more attention to him," Hawai'i coach Bob Nash said. "Our defense did a great job of getting out and forcing him a little bit deeper than he would normally like to shoot it."

Idaho's 39.1 percent on field goals and 18.8 percent on three's were a far cry from Thursday night's 53.3 percent and 52.4 percent, a fact that Pfeifer blamed on lethargy.

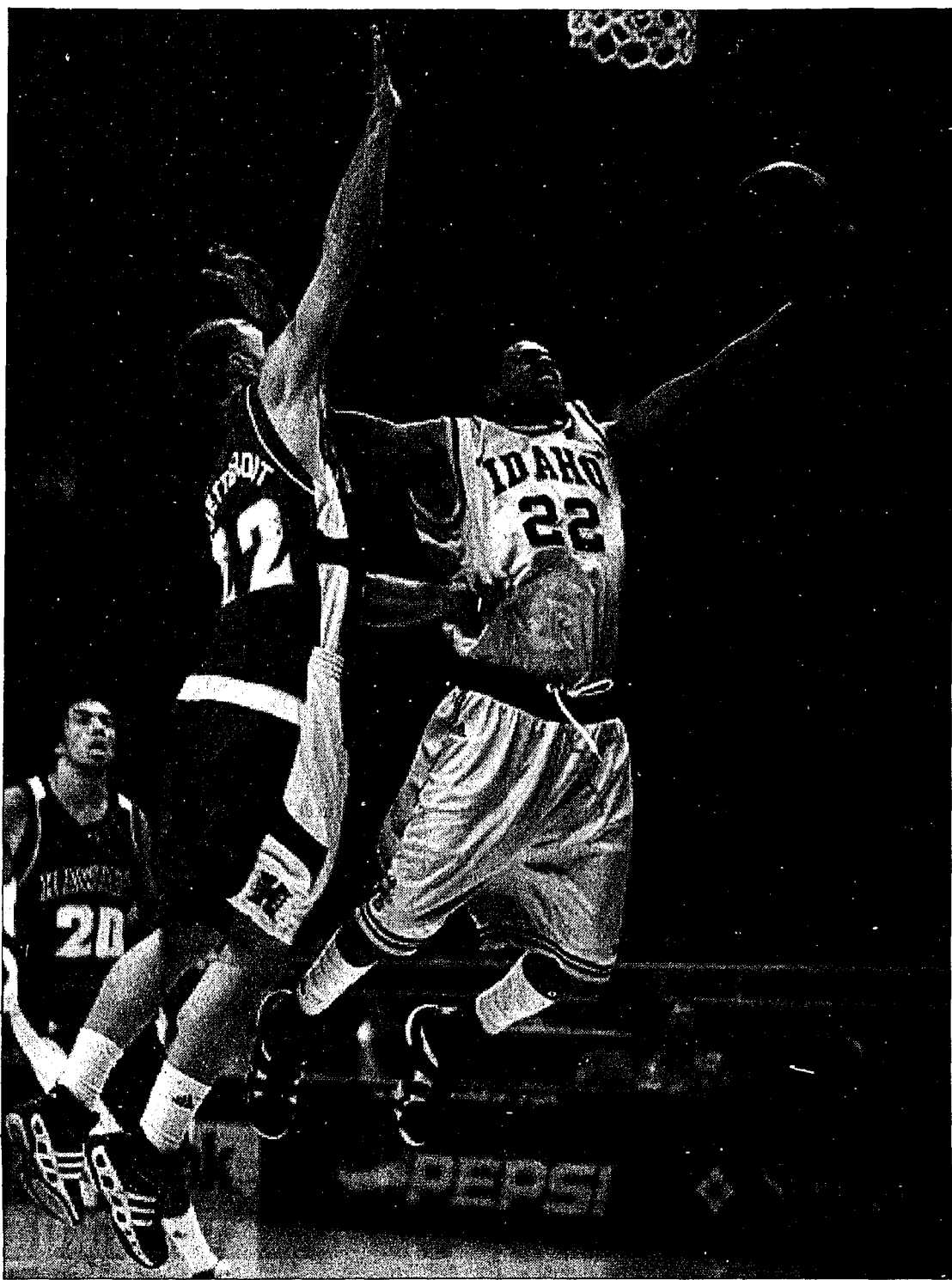
"We were very lethargic tonight and when you're not moving and you're not playing with crispness, you don't shoot the ball well," Pfeifer said.

With three minutes left to play in the second half, the score was tied at 48-48, but the Vandals couldn't manage any more points from the floor. From the three minute mark, Idaho missed all of their attempted field goals, scoring their last five points solely on free throws.

"They just weren't dropping for us," Idaho forward Clyde Johnson said.

Jordan Brooks lead all scorers with 17

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Perry Hanson/Argonaut
Mike Hall strains to reach the basket in a close Vandal loss to the Rainbow Warriors 58-53 in the Cowan Spectrum Saturday night.

TRACK AND FIELD

Vandals finish strong in second WSU meet

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team competed in Pullman for the second straight week and had another strong showing in the second meet of the year.

Vandal long jumper Kevin Pabst won the event with a mark of 23-4 1/2. Pabst, who scratched his first two attempts, took a shortened, safer approach to ensure his entry into the finals where he defeated the closest competitor, Utah State's Blake Hadfield, by 14 inches.

Distance runners Steve Potratz and Melissa McFadden debuted by both setting personal bests. Potratz finished 10th in the mile with a time of 4:29.5 and McFadden placed fourth in the women's 3,000 meters with a time of 10:29.03.

Freshman Alice Draser led the pack in the pentathlon where Vandal athletes took the first four places. Draser scored 3,388 points in her winning effort, while sophomores Darcy Collins and Lindsey Goodman placed second and fourth respectively and senior Molly Burt came in third with 3,247 points.

Sophomore Mike Carpenter won the pole vault competition with a mark of 15-11 to win the event by six inches over Washington State's DJ Brown. The jump was the best in the Western Athletic Conference so far this season. Carpenter also clocked a 7.10 in the 60 meters, an effort which earned him fourth place in the event.

Mykael Bothum won the women's shot put for the second weekend in a row throwing 48-2 1/2, which beat the



Perry Hanson/Argonaut
Matt Racine rounds the corner ahead of the pack in the men's 3,000 meter run at the Cougar Indoor Meet Saturday.

nearest competitor by a comfortable 18-inch margin. Bothum, who won the WAC Field Athlete of the Week honors last week, narrowly missed the NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Bothum's third throw went well over 50 feet, but she couldn't maintain her balance and scratched.

Freshman Paul Dittmer gave another strong effort in the men's 60-meter hurdles. A week after running a conference best 8.15 in the event, he ran the second best conference time with a 8.19 confer-

ence mark.

"Paul Dittmer is new to us and we've only had a couple practices with him so far, but he's definitely the real deal," said Idaho coach Wayne Phipps.

Junior Heather Bergland ran a WAC best 8.68 in the 60 hurdles. Bergland's effort was good enough to take fourth in the event overall, and second among collegiate runners. Junior Christie Gordon also recorded a personal best in

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Outdoor program teaches avalanche awareness

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

With the recent snowfall this winter, outdoor enthusiasts flock to the backcountry on skis, snowshoes or snowmobiles and many of them don't have knowledge of their surroundings or of avalanche threats.

Members of the University of Idaho Outdoor Program offered an avalanche awareness clinic Friday to educate students on the science and dangers of the winter threat to backcountry recreationists.

Trevor Fulton, a senior at Idaho and an assistant to the Outdoor Program taught the class.

"With classes like this, I just want to peak interest," he said.

Fulton has a Level 2 certification in avalanche knowledge and is a backcountry telemark skier and alpine climber.

According to the American Avalanche Association, North America has seen 38 fatalities already — just two months into the avalanche season. Last season, there were 26 fatalities from December to March.

"Most people think of avalanches happening in big alpine slopes but that's not always the case," Fulton said. "Even simple terrain can cause deaths."

He compared snowpack on a slope to the layers of a cake. The bonding of these snow layers is what determines if an avalanche has the potential of happening.

"Size doesn't matter," Fulton said.

He showed pictures of what looked to be simple snow slides, but they resulted in fatalities.

Avalanches are rated on a scale of one to six. From knocking you off your feet to destroying entire villages, avalanches vary in magnitude.

Fulton said even the most experienced people have a difficult time predicting what will trigger an avalanche or how threatening it could be. Being aware of situations and possible threats is the most important.

When it comes to avalanche threat, there is no smoking gun.

"If there's one thing you need to be aware of, it's change," he said.

A change in weather, snowpack, terrain, and human triggers should always be on a person's mind when travelling in avalanche country, Fulton said.

A change in wind or temperature is a key factor in determining avalanche danger. Sustained winds shift snow and make it hard for snow layers to bond while a constant cold temperature or a drastic rise or fall in temperature can increase the threat.

Backcountry enthusiasts should pay attention to the degree of a slope. Between 30 and 60 degree slopes have potential to slide. Major slides fracture between 30 and 45 degrees.

Fulton said a rapid rate in snowfall increases danger, but also attracts more people to the backcountry.

"I've said this earlier and I'm going to beat it to death — changes," Fulton said. "Pay attention to your surroundings and any change that happens."

Idaho has three avalanche forecast stations. There is one for the panhandle, the McCall region and for southern Idaho.

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"It's not like you have a flat tire on the side of the road. There isn't anyone around you in the backcountry."

Ben BIRCH
UI Clean Snowmobile Team

BREAK ON THROUGH



Jake Barber/Argonaut

A contestant at the Spring Valley Reservoir Ice Fishing Derby drills a hole in the ice as his dog looks on Saturday morning.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Idaho unable to capture conference wins on the road

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

Idaho 46, San Jose State 53

The Vandal women couldn't hit the basket while on the road in San Jose, Calif. on Thursday, where they fell 53-46 to the Spartans in Western Athletic Conference play.

While the Vandals shot a poor record of just 18-for-55 throughout the game, San Jose couldn't break the lid off of the basket either as they finished up the night with 19-for-50 from the field.

Turnovers were another key factor in the loss for the Vandals, although they improved to just 20 turnovers over their season-high 29 turnovers against Nevada on Jan. 17.

"We're all really disappointed. We have higher expectations for ourselves," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "You have to give San Jose State credit. They made the plays they had to make, but I think we had a big hand in us losing, too."

The Vandal women were also missing their largest defensive threat on Thursday night. Sophomore Katie Madison sat out with an injury for the first missed game of her career. In the last five WAC games, Madison has averaged

17.8 points per game.

With Madison out of the picture, Therese Riedel stepped up for the Vandals and ended up putting in eight points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Yinka Olorunnife put in another strong performance on Thursday and stepped up to the role of leading scorer with 10 points and six rebounds. Alana Curtis was not far behind Olorunnife with nine points for the Vandals.

Spartan's leading scorer Natalie White put in 20 points and brought down three rebounds. Guard Sayja Sumler was the second-leading scorer for San Jose with 15 points and eight rebounds.

Idaho 53, Hawai'i 68

Even at full strength, the Vandal women were unable to come away with a win in Honolulu Saturday night. The Vandals, whose record is 2-17, 1-6 in the WAC, lost 68-53 to the Rainbow Wahine.

"I have really mixed emotions about this game," Divilbiss said. "On one hand, I was very frustrated in the first half, because we didn't do anything we needed to do to win this game and didn't do anything we were capable of as players. On the other hand, in the second half we did exactly what we were supposed to do, exactly according to our ability and got back into the game."

The Vandals were trailing by 13 at halftime, but caught up to Hawai'i on a 16-3 shooting run with six minutes left in the game. Despite their comeback, the Vandal women fell behind and never caught back up when Hawai'i hit 12 points in a row with three minutes left in the game.

Although the Vandals showed some resiliency in the second half, they were unable to rise above a 35 percent shooting average.

Freshman Carli Bakondy came out of the game as the leading scorer with a career-high 11 points and two assists.

"Carli stepped up and played really well," Divilbiss said. "That's what we thought she'd do when we recruited her."

Curtis was second-leading scorer for the Vandals with 10 points in 33 minutes of play.

Madison was back in action on Saturday, finishing the game with nine points and five rebounds.

Tanya Smith was the leading scorer for Hawai'i with 14 points and 25 rebounds—more than half of the team's total rebounds, and equal to Idaho's total rebounds. Iwona Zagrobelna was next on the list for Hawai'i with 15 points.

The Vandal women are back in action against Boise State at 7 p.m. on Feb. 2 in the Cowan Spectrum.

SWIMMING

Vandals sink Broncos

Team overcomes diving deficit

Joe Lawrence
Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team routed rival BSU Saturday 162.5-131.5.

"They should have beat us, their team is good enough," UI coach Tom Jager said. "Our team is just a little tougher."

BSU started off the meet with an expected 32-point lead from their diving team. Because UI has no diving team, those points went uncontested. From that moment on, the struggle for points was back-and-forth.

Adriana Quirke led the team for the second meet in a row, adding four first places to the team's overall effort. She recorded two season bests in the meet. Freshman Alyson O'Brien also added four first place medals.

"One thing Tom keeps telling us is we have more depth than other teams," O'Brien said.

Jager put the swimmers in events in such a way that even if BSU swam faster than expected, the depth of the team would cover for it.

"Had Boise State swam any better, we needed those points,"

Jager said.

The team expected BSU to have an early start from their diving team. Another big obstacle for UI was swimming in Boise.

"We knew that was going to happen," O'Brien said. "We knew it would come down to us out-swimming them, and thankfully we did."

Freshmen Anna Humphrey and senior JoJo Miller both placed first in their events of the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard breaststroke.

"They just had some freshmen in some key spots," Jager said. "You've gotta have a bit of a mental edge. We work on that on a daily basis."

With nine seniors on the team and no juniors, one would think Jager to be looking for swimmers to fill the gap. Jager, however, thinks differently.

"Our sophomore class goes unnoticed, but inside that class are humble leaders. They're just biding their time, but they'll have two years of leading the team, since we have no juniors."

O'Brien agreed.

"We're really close as a team," O'Brien said. "Part of our closeness is that even the freshmen are the beginning of the team."

SportsBRIEFS

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Students can register for the poker run on Feb. 2 upstairs in the Lakeview Lodge from 8 to 11 a.m.

Cards can be collected at the five chairlifts from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The winning hand will be selected at 4 p.m. in front of the Lakeview Lodge.

Discounted tickets for the College Daze weekend are available for \$35 with a valid college ID. College lodg-

ing packages, including lift tickets, start at \$69 per night based on availability and quad occupancy for a two-night stay.

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Classes will be held at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the spring, beginning Feb. 13.

People over the age of 14 are invited to volunteer to help assist in the lessons. Experience in horseback riding isn't necessary. An orientation meeting for new volunteers was held Monday. A training session for new volunteers will be held Thursday at 5:30 at the Animal Disease Biotechnology Facility.

More information on PATH can be found at www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts/PATH.asp. Or contact Sue Jacobson at sjacobson@vetmed.wsu.edu.

PATH is supported by the United Way of Pullman and United Way of Moscow/Latah County.

NHL gears up for playoffs

Ira Podell
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Unless you are the Detroit Red Wings, there is plenty of work to be done just to get into the NHL playoffs before thoughts drift to making a run for the Stanley Cup.

As hockey returns Tuesday from its four-day All-Star break, teams will be gearing up for the stretch drive that has a little more than 30 games left per club. Parity is prevailing, and virtually no one is out of the running.

The only team that is truly safe is Detroit, which has a 22-point lead in the Central Division, a 17-point edge in the Western Conference, and a 12-point cushion in the chase for the Presidents' Trophy and home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

Finishing on top doesn't ensure postseason success, however. Just ask the Buffalo Sabres, who stormed through the Eastern Conference a year ago but were knocked out in the semifinals by the Ottawa Senators.

"Being first in your conference and playing the eighth seed, you have nothing to win really," Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson said. "If you lose in the first round, you're a dog. That's probably the toughest round."

Detroit is running away with their conference, for sure, and probably the Presidents' Trophy. Do they have much to play for down the stretch? You can find pros and cons with pretty much everything."

The Red Wings were eliminated a step away from the finals last year by eventual champion Anaheim after finishing tied with Buffalo for first in the NHL's overall standings.

The Presidents' Trophy winner hasn't captured the Cup since 2002 when Detroit did it. The Red Wings flamed out twice in the previous three seasons after finishing with the best record in the NHL.

"Yeah, there's no guarantees — having a good regular season to then play well in the playoffs," Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said. "We as a team try to do whatever we can to prepare ourselves for the playoffs to have a good playoff run again."

"It starts in the regular season. You can't just turn a switch on once the playoffs start and expect to play well. You have to play well going into the playoffs."

The next biggest division lead is in the Northeast, where Ottawa is six points ahead of surprising Montreal.

There are two tied divisional races, and another where first and second place are separated by one skinny point. New York's Islanders and Rangers are tied for eighth — the postseason cutoff — in the Eastern Conference, 12 points below

Ottawa but only nine in front of last-place Tampa Bay.

"It is hectic," Philadelphia forward Mike Richards said. "Every game counts. I looked at our schedule and we play our last five or six games against our division opponents. Coming down the stretch here, every game is going to be so important."

Tell that to Pittsburgh, which is a point out of first in the Atlantic, but facing the prospect of being without defending scoring champion Sidney Crosby for several weeks due to his high ankle sprain.

Behind Detroit in the West the race is tight throughout. The Dallas Stars and San Jose Sharks are tied in points atop the Pacific Division but only five ahead of the eighth-place deadlock between Colorado and Columbus.

"Everyone is so close to each other, you fight so hard to get into the postseason and if you have a tough first-round opponent you might get knocked out right away," Sharks forward Joe Thornton said. "Last place today could be first place in a week, and vice versa."

"Anybody can beat anybody," said Carolina Hurricanes forward Eric Staal, the MVP of the Eastern Conference's 8-7 victory over the West in Sunday's All-Star game. "Right now for our team it's about stringing together a bunch of wins."

The Hurricanes, two years removed from their only Stanley Cup championship, come out of the break in first place. The Southeast is one of the NHL's most balanced — some say weak — divisions where seven points separate first place and fifth.

Carolina is one point ahead of Washington, with MVP contender Alex Ovechkin, two in front of the Atlanta Thrashers, three above Florida, and seven ahead of Tampa Bay, which at 20 wins is tied for the fewest in the NHL.

With the trade deadline only a few weeks away, tough decisions whether to be buyers or sellers will have to be made. The Thrashers need to figure out if they can sign Marian Hossa or deal the prospective free agent away.

What makes it more difficult to catch teams are games that go into overtime which award two points to the winner and one to the loser. If a matchup of two teams ahead in the standings is tied after regulation, then a trailing club will lose ground to both.

"There is a lot of points that are going to be up for grabs, especially teams in front of you against your own division," Staal said. "If you're sitting and watching and they're all getting points, it's no good for you."

"For us, it's a matter of beating the teams in our division and then getting the teams outside, as well."

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SUPER BOWL

Brady back in practice

Barry Wilner
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Tom Brady was back where he belongs Monday, behind center for the New England Patriots' first practice session of Super Bowl week.

The NFL's Most Valuable Player missed three practices last week with a tender right ankle, which was taped for Monday's training at Arizona State in nearby Tempe.

According to the Chicago Tribune's Dan Pompei, the designated pool reporter, the star quarterback appeared to have a slight limp but participated in all phases of practice, including jogging the length of the field twice at the end of drills.

Coach Bill Belichick, as usual, declined to comment on injuries or elaborate on Brady's presence.

"Everybody practiced," Belichick said. "The injury report will be out Wednesday."

Brady's return from an injury sustained in the AFC championship game against San Diego was a welcome sight to

receiver Wes Welker.

"Anytime the MVP of the league is back, it has to be a positive," Welker said. "He looks good — the same dimples and all."

Brady talked about the ankle for the first time Sunday, shortly after arriving, and said it wouldn't be a problem for the game.

"I'm not concerned about how it's going to affect my play," he said. "This won't keep me out."

Nor do his teammates seem concerned.

"I don't worry about Tom," tackle Matt Light said. "He can take care of himself. I have a bunch of guys in front of me from the Giants to worry about."

Brady's health became an issue a week ago when he was spotted wearing a protective boot on his right foot while visiting supermodel girlfriend

Gisele Bundchen in New York. He sat out all three practices in Foxborough, Mass., when much of the game plan was being installed.

Fans have to wonder whether the ankle will slow down the record-setting passer against the New York Giants in Sunday's NFL title game, when New England tries to become the first league team to go 19-0.

"This won't keep me out of this game," he said Sunday, comparing the injury to a similar problem before the 2002 Super Bowl, in which he was the MVP. "That ankle didn't keep me out of the last game. It would have to take a hell of a lot more than an ankle."

Before the Patriots headed to Arizona, Brady appeared at a departure rally at Gillette Stadium and walked without slipping on a light dusting of snow

on the field.

He also didn't limp when he arrived at Sky Harbor Airport and, later, at the news conference.

Monday's 1 hour, 40-minute workout was conducted in shorts and shells rather than full pads. The footing was good despite the recent rain.

"We just wanted to get a good, crisp practice and work on our timing," Belichick said. "We had a lot of contact last week."

Indeed, it was a week during which Brady's health overshadowed the Patriots moving in on the first perfect NFL season since the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Yes, the three-time champion quarterback's persona has transcended even the Super Bowl.

"I feel energized down here to come into the hotel and to kind of start the process," Brady said Sunday night. "It is going to be a very fast week. I am not concerned about how it is going to affect my playing, and I can't run anyway, so it is not going to have much of an impact."

"We just wanted to get a good, crisp practice and work on our timing."

Bill BELICHICK
Patriots coach

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the event, finishing in 8.85 and placing sixth.

"I feel really good," Phipps said. "We're in a position where we have people who can score in every event, from the 60 through the 5k and in the relays. I don't think there will be any surprises. The guys who we have coming back are all going to do well."

The entire team has not yet competed this season. Most of the team is expected to be in uniform next week for the McDonald's Collegiate Feb. 1-2. The event will be held at the Kibbie Dome.

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points. Brooks also added to Idaho's offense with six assists and three steals. Idaho's home record is now 5-5.

This week Idaho is gearing up for a rivalry game in Boise against the Boise State Broncos. The Broncos are 8-2 in their last ten games and 14-5, 7-3 on the season. The last time the teams met was Jan. 5 in Moscow, which resulted in a 84-95 loss for Idaho. The game will be at 6 p.m. PST on Saturday, in the Taco Bell Arena.

Tiger eager for a return this summer for Torrey

Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods began his 2008 season with a 67 on the South Course at Torrey Pines that featured only one bogey, one birdie on the par 5s and seemingly very little effort.

Standing behind the 18th green, one caddie made a quiet observation that surely was shared by others.

"He just won two tournaments with one round," the caddie said.

Woods left the Buick In-

vitational with only one trophy, but his eight-shot victory left some wondering if the U.S. Open would be the same kind of contest in June — which would be no contest at all.

He most likely will not compete again in California until June, when Woods will try for the second time this decade to win a U.S. Open on the same course where he earlier won a PGA Tour event.

But this is different from Pebble Beach.

Eight years ago, Woods

won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am with his most exciting comeback, rallying from seven shots behind with seven holes to play to overcome a faltering Matt Gogel. He won the U.S. Open four months later with a performance that might never be repeated, winning by 15 shots, playing the final 26 holes without a bogey.

Those are his only two victories at Pebble as a pro.

Torrey Pines is a public golf course that appears to have private ownership. Woods has won six times on

the cliffside course, which includes four straight titles at the Buick Invitational. The only other PGA Tour course where he has won that often is Firestone.

"I feel very comfortable here," Woods said. "I can read the greens. Even though they're a little bouncy, I can still read them, and I read them well. It's just one of those things where some people just have an affinity for certain golf courses. And somehow, this golf course seems to have been pretty good for me."

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Similar to a fire threat, these forecasts project the dangers of avalanches based on changes in weather, terrain and snowpack.

Fulton brought a backpacking shovel, a probe and a beacon to the clinic. He demonstrated how to use all three in the event of a rescue.

"If you're serious about the backcountry, you bring these items with you every time," he said.

The Outdoor Program at Idaho rents the necessary equipment for backcountry safety.

Fulton took the class through an avalanche situation as both the victim and the rescuer.

If a person is unable to get out of the avalanche path, the most important thing to do, as the victim, is form an air pocket and stay calm. As the rescuer, a person should spot the victim, take charge and make sure it's safe to search. When an avalanche happens Fulton said the first priority is yourself.

"You don't want to make anymore victims," he said.

If the situation is safe, the rescuer needs to act quickly and use the probe and beacon

to find the victim and shovel them out.

Most rescues need to happen within 15 minutes.

Ben Birch, the public relations chair of the UI Clean Snowmobile Team, said when he goes sledding in the backcountry, he always carries the equipment. A person needs to be conscious of the dangers and needs to always think about them, he said.

"It's not like you have a flat tire on the side of the road," Birch said. "There isn't anyone around you in the backcountry to help or see you if something were to go wrong."

Fulton said the best thing a person can do is be prepared for every situation. Backcountry enthusiasts should practice rescues and beacon work before going out.

The university offers field sessions in beacon work and snow tests.

Fulton said the classroom information helps, but being in the field and putting the knowledge to use is the best way of educating someone in avalanche safety.

Fulton said it doesn't matter if a person is familiar with the area or if they're an expert skier or snowmobiler, people have to be aware of every-

thing. "Even experienced people can make mistakes," Fulton said.

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Vandal Women Take Down Aggies in OT 70-64

MOSCOW - Freshman Yin-ka Olorunnife picked up her first career double-double and senior Sara Dennehy hit six clutch free throws in overtime as the Idaho women's basketball team took down Utah State 70-64 on Saturday to get the team's first Western Athletic Conference win of the season.

"We've been working hard so much over these past weeks and we finally got paid," Dennehy, who scored eight of her 13 points during the overtime period, said. "That's what we're telling ourselves, so now we're going to work hard into next week."

The Vandals (2-15, 1-4 WAC) used strong defense and smart play to hold the Aggie offense to 64 points and 32 percent shooting. The Vandals also did a much better job of limiting fouls and free throws. At the half, the Vandals had committed just five fouls and didn't send Utah State to the line once. Idaho finished the game with 13-point advantage from

the charity stripe. "One of our goals was to keep them out of the bonus in the first half," Idaho coach Mike Divilbiss said. "We're getting more disciplined. You could tell that we were really committed to playing smart tonight."

Another key aspect in the win was defensive rebounding. Idaho out-rebounded Utah State 52-39 and had 37 defensive rebounds. The Aggies had just seven second-chance points in the game.

Utah State's two biggest offensive threats, Danyelle Snelgro and Taylor Richards, finished the game shooting just eight-of-32 (.250) combined, while Idaho's top scorers, Olorunnife and Katie Madison, were a combined 17-of-29 (.586) from the field and 10-of-14 from the free-throw line.

"We played very well defensively, and against a very good team," Divilbiss said. "I told them in the locker room afterward that they earned that

through what they've been doing in practice. We've been getting better and better and better."

"It's a process and I think it came into fruition tonight."

Olorunnife dropped 23 points with 10 boards, two blocks and two steals for her the best game of her young career. Madison fouled out after just 29 minutes of play, but still managed to net 18 points and dish out three assists.

With the team's top offensive threat stuck on the bench, true freshman Therese Riedel came up with a great effort in relief. She added six points for the Vandals and grabbed 12 boards and, maybe just as importantly, blocked a career-high three shots on layups late in the second half in a tie game.

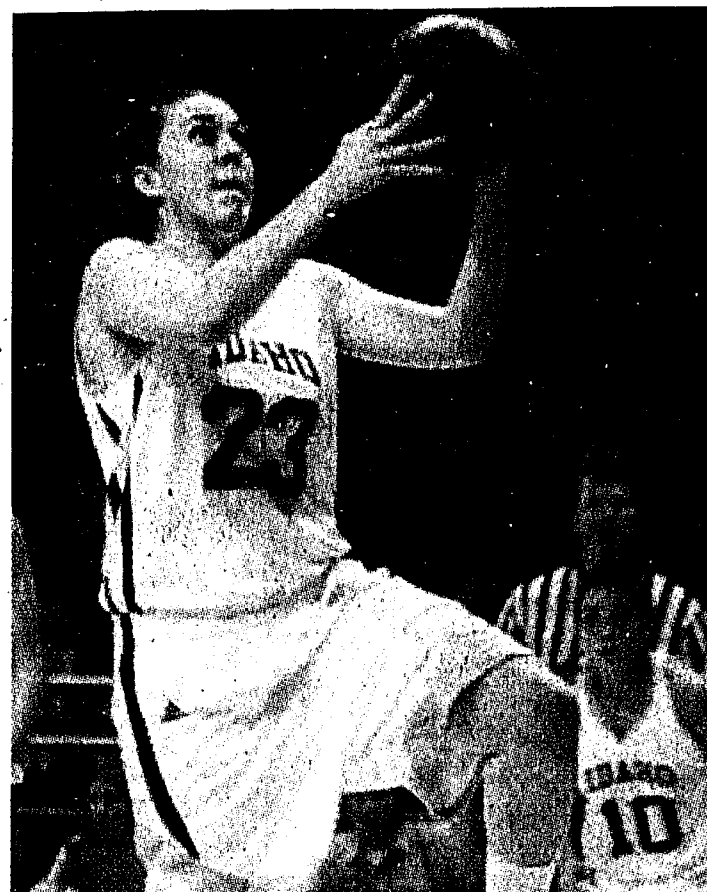
Another bench player who stepped up big was Carli Bakondy, another freshman who helped maintain the pace of the offense and added two assists, two points and a steal in five minutes.

"I'm really proud of Therese. She's been patient all year—she just keeps developing and improving," Divilbiss said. "Carli did a good job of taking care of the ball for us. She's going to do nothing but keep improving."

The Vandals controlled the pace of the game early on and led by as many as seven points in the first half. Idaho took a 24-21 lead into the break and, unlike Thursday against Nevada, came out firing in the second. The Vandals took the lead back up to nine points with 13:24 to go on a big-time Alana Curtis three-pointer, but then the Aggies went on a 12-4 run to come within a point at 43-42 with 8:16 to go.

The Vandals answered Utah State's run with an 8-2 run of their own to extend the lead back out to six points at 50-44 with 6:28 remaining. Things got scary over the final 4:41, as Idaho turned the ball over five times and allowed the Aggies to hang around until Snelgro drove in and drew a foul with five seconds to go. Snelgro sank both of her free throws and sent the game into overtime.

After Utah State took all the momentum into the extra period, Idaho snatched it right back on one key play. The Aggies scored first to take a two-point



lead, but Idaho came right back down and tied it up on two Dennehy free throws. The Vandals got a big defensive rebound on a missed layup, then Dennehy hit a big-time basket on an inbound play under the hoop, plus a foul. She gave the Vandals a three-point lead that they would not relinquish.

The Vandals took a season-high 36 free throws in the game and tied a season-high with 22 made free throws. The team's 52 rebounds are also a season

high. The goal for the Vandals now is to take the momentum from the win and keep it going into next week's road trips to San Jose State on Thursday and Hawai'i on Saturday.

"We know that if we work hard, we're going to be successful and we're just going to keep growing," Divilbiss said. "Life in the WAC is really tough on the road, but we don't care. We're just having fun and playing hard."

Mike Hall breaks school record...nine 3-pointers in 74-63 win over San Jose St

MOSCOW, Idaho - In a game where so much took place, it is almost hard to know where to begin.

Most fitting would be Idaho's convincing 74-63 victory over visiting San Jose State to give the Vandals their most success in the Western Athletic Conference victory since joining the WAC in 2005. Idaho improved to 5-13 overall and 2-5 in WAC play while San Jose State fell to 9-9 overall and 2-4 in the WAC.

"This is a big win for our program," Pfeifer said. "It puts us in a situation where, if we can find a few more successes, we will start moving into that middle area of the WAC. (San Jose State) is a good basketball team with some positive wins. We haven't been holding people down in their field-goal percentage and tonight we did, both from behind the arc and from the floor. The only issue we had all night was our rebounding. We made a real positive response when the score was 53-50 for a team that is in our situation and we figured out a way to finish the thing off."

The win is easily piggy-backed by one of the most prolific shooting displays in Idaho history by Mike Hall. Hall's 29 points and school-record nine 3-pointers added to an extraordinary Cowan Spectrum experience that also featured a thunderous Darin Nagle dunk, two technical fouls, players being ejected, lane violations negating points, 16 minutes without an Idaho foul, and suit jackets flying every which way.

But amid the other excitement, Hall's shots kept falling.

"San Jose State runs a defense which is similar to ours and it was really beneficial for Mike because he would get lost. We had some good offensive possessions where he got open and he made them. The ball went in the hole. He was obviously important," Idaho head coach George Pfeifer said.

The junior finished 10-of-11 from the floor and 9-of-10 from beyond the arc. Aside from besting the school record of eight 3-pointers in a game—set by Orlando Lightfoot in 1996—Hall's 3-point percentage ranks second all-time and his field goal shooting ties for third all-time at Idaho. And although the crowd chanted to see him hit one more 3-pointer to tie the WAC record, he was content to watch from the bench while his teammates put away an important victory in the final minutes.



"It feels good, especially coming off of a few bad games," Hall said. "I had no idea I was even close (to the record) until (the PA announcer) announced it. I wasn't shooting for the

record, but the crowd got me juiced a little bit and my teammates and coaches told said why not try to get it."

Jordan Brooks also put together a solid performance that

was only overshadowed by Hall's magical night. Brooks scored 17 second-half points to finish with 19 points, six assists, and five rebounds while hitting 9-of-10 free throws. Mike Kale also added 10 points and five rebounds and Michael Crowell finished with six assists and five rebounds.

Hall was 7-of-8 from beyond the arc in the first half and at halftime the score was San Jose State 22, Mike Hall 21. Hall's teammates chipped in 12 other points and, as a team, the Vandals led 33-22 at the break.

The Vandals kept the Spartans at bay for much of the second half until an 11-3 San Jose State run brought the visitors within 53-50 with 6:05 remaining. That's when Clyde Johnson stepped up huge for Idaho with a 3-point answer before Hall nailed back-to-back three's to tie and then gamered the school record and put the Vandals back ahead by 10. The tying shot came at the 5:17 mark and the new record was hit with 4:34 remaining in the game. Idaho then regained its biggest lead of the game at 12 points on two occasions before the 74-63 final score.

Idaho will next pit its 5-4 home record against Hawai'i Saturday (Jan. 26) at 7:05 p.m. at the Cowan Spectrum.

Think Pink Game: Men's Basketball Feb. 16th vs. Nevada...wear pink get into the game for \$1

During February 8-17th the Vandal Athletics Department is joining the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and more than 250 universities and colleges around the country to raise breast cancer awareness.

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