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Putting down tracks

International students make plans for Fall Break

Rubell Dingman
Argonaut

Fall and Winter Break is traditionally when students flock home to see family and eat home-cooked food, but that isn't always an option for international students.

There are about 650 international students on campus. Of those, 30 percent travel outside the United States and 45 percent travel within the country but outside of Moscow.

There are a number of programs available for international students who request it. Denise "Glen" Kauffman, coordinator of the International Friendship Association, helps students up with a families who live in the Moscow area. There are about 30 families currently participating in the program.

The way the families work is that they get together about four or five times throughout the semester and invite the students along on activities," Kauffman said. "It gives students a look into American culture."

Students who don't make a request to be matched up with a family often match themselves up with a friend or roommate, Kauffman said.

The majority of international students plan some form of travel, and quite a few have extended family or are invited to join a friend in their country.

For the most part, international students make plans to travel within the United States or stay in town for Fall Break and travel back to their home country for the Winter Break.

Kirsty Pendlebury, an inter-

national student from the Isle of Man, which is located in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland, has made plans to travel to Sandpoint with her suitemate for Fall Break and will be flying home for Winter Break.

Pendlebury is attending the University of Idaho on a one-year scholarship for a female student from the Isle of Man. The scholarship covers the cost of travel to and from the Isle of Man at the beginning and end of the year. Her parents are covering the cost of the trip home for the break.

Like Pendlebury, Ewelina Betleja will be traveling home to Poland for Winter Break and spending Fall Break with friends in Moscow. Betleja is a graduate student in Biochemistry.

"I'm a grad student, and if I take time off now to go home, it's considered vacation and I'd rather take that time for Christmas," Betleja said.

In her second year at UI, Betleja spent Thanksgiving with a host family, but plans to meet friends for Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Unlike Pendlebury and Betleja, Ravi Das isn't able to go home once a year, so he, like many of the Nepali community in Moscow, will spend Fall and Winter Break in Moscow. Das is an undergraduate studying biological systems engineering.

"Usually I'd hang around town when I don't spend the break with my girlfriend's family in Lewiston," Das said.

Many of the international students also get calls and invites from friends or relatives who live in the U.S. to spend the break with them.

"Generally, we like to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas because it reminds us of the festivals that we have back home and the turkey is my favorite American food," Das said.

For those international students who are not planning on traveling for the Winter Break, University Housing has opened up the LLC's for non-residents over the break.

"The only problem with opening up the LLC's to non-residents over the break is that it's very expensive for the students, about \$400 for 21 days," Kauffman said.



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New Senate established

Cyrilla Watson
Argonaut

Seven students wiped the sweat from their brows Wednesday evening when it was announced they were elected senators.

Four of the seven senators are new to ASUI. Sophomore Joseph Black was elected with 592 votes; freshman Samantha Storms with 572 votes; freshman Koji Moy with 416 votes and freshman Zachary Goytowski with 395 votes.

The remaining three have previously worked as senators for ASUI. Junior Olivia Chinchinian had 680 votes; junior Zachary Arama with 641 votes and senior Loren Doman with 449 votes will all serve another term.

Garrett Holbrook, ASUI president, said there was a substantive increase in the number of voters.

The number of voters for this election was 1,555, which greatly surpasses the 500 who voted when Holbrook was running for a position in the Senate.

Hilary Freund, ASUI election coordinator, said 18

percent of students eligible to vote did.

Newly elected Sen. Black said one of his main goals is to increase the communication between Greek students and residence hall students.

"We are not just Greeks and we are not just residence halls people, we are all students," Black said.

He said he dislikes the distance between living groups and wants to change that.

Another of his goals as a senator is to increase security on campus. He said he gets scared walking across campus at night and so do others.

Storms said she also wants to work on communication between residence halls and the Greek community.

"I want to bridge the gap between living groups," she said.

She said she is looking forward to work with the other senators to accomplish these goals and represent her constituency.

All seven senators elected are members of the Greek system.



Olivia Chinchinian

Tailgating crosses the line

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

Raucous. That's one way to describe last weekend's football game between Boise State University and the University of Idaho.

"We had many more incidents than usual during that game," said Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department, the campus liaison officer who oversaw police operations during the tailgating on Saturday.

"We want to have more of a presence in the future," Lehmitz said. "We had five fights reported to us throughout the afternoon. With that many people, it was hard to break up a fight and take enforcement action from an officer safety standpoint. We're not going to send an officer into the crowd to arrest someone."

Lehmitz said he broke up three fights himself.

He also brought up the daylight savings adjustment, which caused it to be dark outside by 5 p.m. It is harder to work at night, he said.

There were also several cases of public urination throughout the tailgate, as well as what Lehmitz called "an increased consumption of alcohol."

"We handed out quite a few tickets and made several arrests for trespassing, disturbing the peace and minor in possession and consumption," Lehmitz said.

He said the arrests made were toward people who were non-compliant with police. Those who cooperated were issued citations and then released.

In addition to the fights, citations and arrests, a car was damaged in



Brent Huckabee letting everyone know he's a Vandal at the tailgate before the Idaho vs. BSU game Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

excess of \$1,000. Police don't know who damaged it since it wasn't reported until the owner of the vehicle discovered the damage. The car had been parked in lot 57.

Moscow police didn't encounter anyone who had been driving under the influence of alcohol.

"The police were a good addition to the tailgate," said ASUI Director of Activities Marie Fabricius.

Moscow police increased their presence at the tailgates starting at the beginning of the season.

"Last year I saw a lot of drunk drivers," she said. "This year with the police, I didn't see anyone drunk getting behind the wheel."

Fabricius split up two different fights in the Kibbie Dome during the game. Both of the fights were be-

tween UI students. She said the fights in the parking lot seemed to involve both UI and BSU students.

"I wish we could focus more on Vandal pride than on attacking another university," Fabricius said.

Lehmitz said in 2006, the last time the two teams met in Moscow, there was just as much activity as this year. In addition to the fights in the Kibbie Dome and the tailgates, Moscow police broke up several fights in local bars.

"Things went well in all of the games except for the BSU game," Lehmitz said. "The large amount of alcohol consumption is a concern."

In the future, Lehmitz plans on working with the university to better

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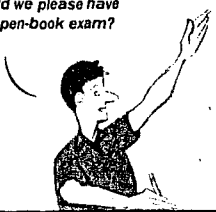
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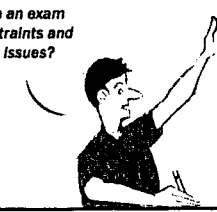


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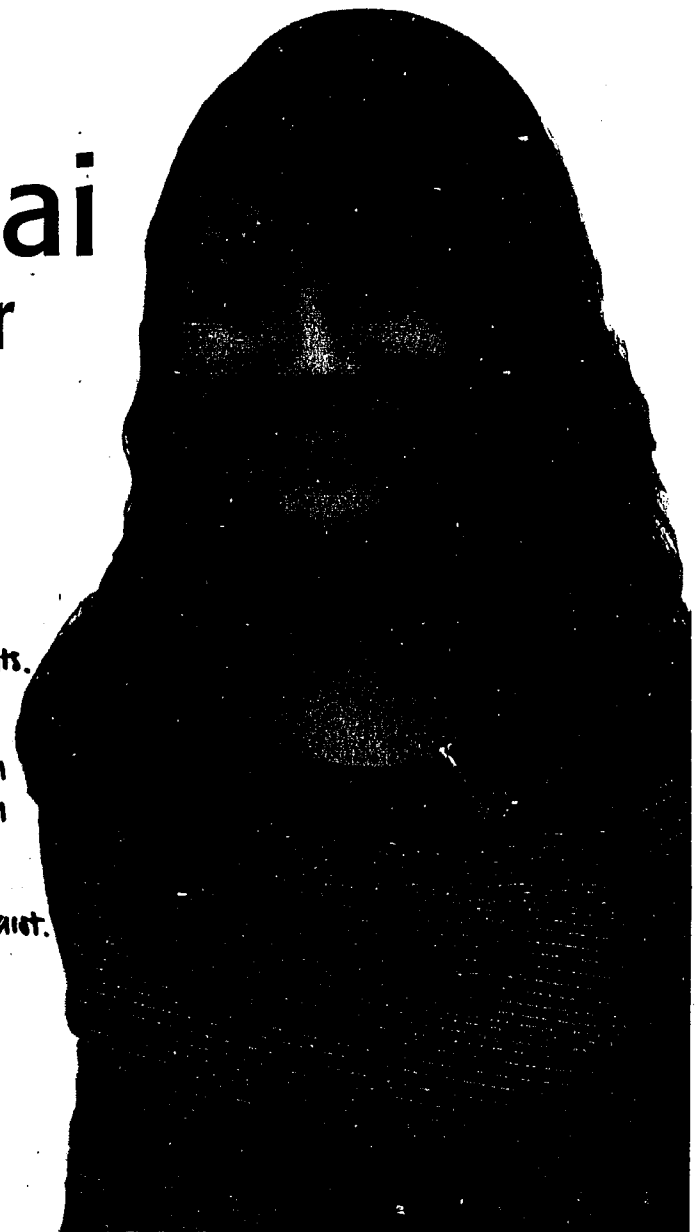
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Sophia Tsai
ASUI senator



Hometown: Tainan, Taiwan

Position at ASUI: Senator

Goals for UI student government: Keep improving on publicity & communication w/ students.

Hours per week spent in ASUI office: 10 hours

Favorite living group visited and why: Melan Hall, because it brings back great memories of when I lived there.

Homework you wish you didn't have: The 12 page research paper I have to write over Thanksgiving.

Favorite environmentally friendly practice: Walking to class.

Worst fashion mistake: When I used to bring a thin jacket just so I can tie it around my waist.

Book you're currently reading: The Giver by Nicholas Sparks

Favorite Brad Pitt movie: Mr. & Mrs. Smith

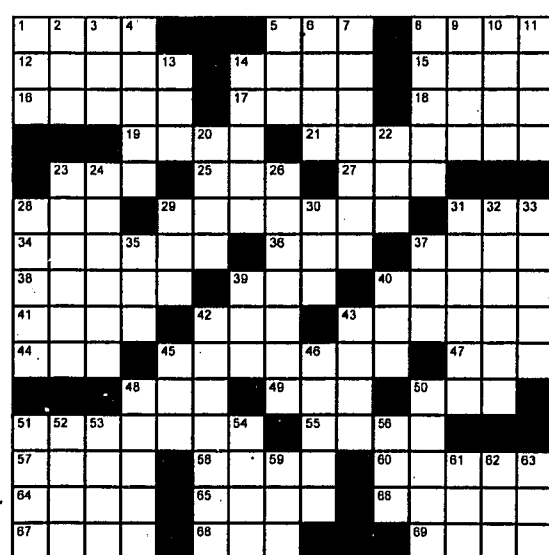
Best place to eat in Moscow: The Bagel Shop

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Best reason to be a Vandal: Because no one else can rock black & gold like the students at the best university in the state.

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 - Persia, now
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 - Eating place
 - Monocle part
 - Genetic stuff
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 - Highly skilled
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 - Corker
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 - Shade tree
 - Put to the test
 - Domestic
 - Eccentric
 - Pared
 - Recommend
 - Permitted
 - Grease one's palm
 - Tie the knot
 - Behaved
 - Deserved
 - Orthodontic tools
 - Swiss city
 - Tank
 - Schuss, e.g.
 - Henpeck
 - Eggs
 - Slowpoke
 - Sicilian volcano
 - French sea
 - Belly button
 - Mountain lakes
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 - Unit of energy



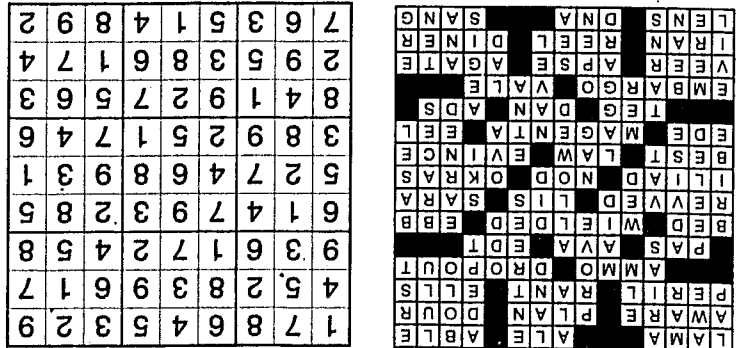
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Corrections

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Solutions



Lobbyist resigns

Cyrella Watson
Argonaut

Due to class conflict, ASUI lobbyist Al Baker resigned from his position early last week.

A mechanical engineering major, Baker said he was scheduled to graduate in December 2009, but had the chance to consolidate his classes and graduate this spring.

"It's something he had to do," said Garrett Holbrook, ASUI president.

Holbrook said he has been interviewing other applicants for the position and is looking to fill it before the end of the semester.

"It's kind of a loss for the student body," Holbrook said.

He said Baker knows a lot about the legislation in Boise and feels confident when in a room filled with politicians. Most people don't feel comfortable sitting in a room with the Boise legislation, Holbrook said.

ASUI lobbyist isn't an entry-level position,

Holbrook said. Whoever is put into the position has to have the right set of communication skills.

"Just being able to do it is tough," Holbrook said.

The ASUI lobbyist spends three to four months in Boise during the spring semester. The lobbyist discusses issues with the legislature and gives feedback to ASUI.

Whoever is put in the position may get training from Baker.

"I'm willing to serve as an adviser," Baker said. "My personal experience with the legislature can be a resource."

There was concern by the Senate when deciding if Baker was right for the position earlier this semester.

Baker is a member of an organization that supports guns on university campuses called Vandals for Firearm Education and Training.

ASUI is against allowing concealed weapons on campus. The main concern was Baker wouldn't accurately

support their decision and speak for all students when talking with the legislation in Boise.

Baker said he agreed not to let his personal opinion affect his representation for ASUI and the University of Idaho.

"I did honor it," he said.

Baker said the controversy was blown out of proportion.

He said he hopes in the future when there is an issue regarding a person's qualifications for a position, ASUI doesn't let it cloud their decision. Baker said he hopes they can use this as a learning opportunity.

"I don't like having my hands tied," Baker said.

ASUI can and will find somebody else to fill the position, Holbrook said.

"It's really about developing the student we send down there," he said.

Baker said he plans to attend law school next year.

"It's unfortunate the scheduling didn't work out," he said.

Bridging gaps: raising HIV awareness through screening

Dara Barney
Argonaut

Kathy Hogue, a volunteer through Inland Oasis, lost her friend to AIDS 15 years ago. Watching her friend waste away in her arms stirred a passionate need to fight against the debilitating disease.

She has been volunteering since that experience.

There are misconceptions between people and their idea of AIDS, Hogue said.

"Gay men, and people in Africa," Hogue said. "That is the stigma AIDS is attached to. It is a disconnect. There are so many other things AIDS can be contracted from."

She has lost more than 20 people in her life due to AIDS.

"HIV is there, whether we want it to be or not," Hogue said. "This is a great opportunity to educate, as well as find out your status. Once people are more aware of the risks, the safer they can be."

AIDS continues to act as a global threat, but the University of Idaho plans to use World AIDS Day as a way to fight back.

"I was surfing the Internet the other day, and was reading on how many people live with AIDS today. The number was something like 42 million," said Amber Denman, ASUI social action intern.

In order to help inform, World AIDS Day will be held Dec. 1, Denman said. Many activities are planned to help teach students about the disease, and also test for it.

There will be tabling and testing from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Idaho Commons.

"We are also going to try to have an expert there to help," Denman said.

The testing will be free and will feature the antibody reactive version of the test, Denman said. The test takes a sample of saliva, and the antibodies levels are measured. Depending on the level of antibodies, the likelihood of having AIDS can be determined.

"The health center knows this testing is going on, and patients can then go in for further testing if needed," Denman said.

There will be an all-day blood drive Dec. 2. Dec. 4, guest speaker Jim Reedlove with his lecture on "Living with HIV/AIDS" during the Women's Center Lavender Lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Denman said.

"A major goal of the blood drive day is to reinforce the fact that homosexual men can't donate blood, because of their high risk of AIDS," Denman said.

Denman said it is important to raise awareness about the disease to all types of people who are having sexual relations or have gotten a tattoo.

"My job was finding a more private area for the testing in order for privacy confidence," Denman said. "Students need to realize it can happen to them, and get tested."

Campus and community events have been taking place relating to the issue on and off for about a decade, but this is the first time AIDS testing is available, Hogue said.

"HIV is there, whether we want it to be or not."

Kathy HOGUE
Inland Oasis Volunteer

Office of Multicultural Affairs director search may last until spring

Rubell Dingman
Argonaut

The search is on for a new director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, but the selection may not come to fruition until the spring of 2009.

While the search may be in progress for the new director, Christina Veloz, the current interim director, will not have her contract extended until someone is hired for the permanent position.

"I had asked for my contract to be extended, but it was denied," Veloz said.

Mark Edwards, director of diversity and community, said because Veloz's contract had already been extended into the fall 2008 semester they couldn't extend it any further.

Veloz originally had a year-long contract set to end in June 2008, but because the search for the new director was put on hold, the contract was extended with the assumption a selection would be made in the fall.

Veloz said she hoped her contract would be extended to the end of the academic

year so that she could help ease the transition of the new director.

"It takes at least a year to become familiar with procedure and what the position of director of OMA entails," Veloz said.

While she may not be able to stay and help with the transition, she is leaving proposed budgets and blueprints for the programs she has implemented or was in the process of planning. Veloz said she hopes these programs will be continued with the next director.

Veloz was told she could apply for the position, but has decided not to.

"There are many reasons why I won't be applying for the position, but right now I'd like to go elsewhere and eventually return to get a doctorate in educational leadership," Veloz said.

According to Edwards, they had decided to hold off searching for a new director

because the office of Diversity and Community was going through restructuring.

"It's not fair to bring someone in when they won't know who their boss will be," Edwards said.

As a result of this restructuring, the College Assistance Migratory Program, the Native American Student Center, the Women's Center and the OMA fall under the supervision of Edwards in the Office of Diversity and Community.

Edwards received approval to hire the new director in September before the hiring pause was enacted. Due to some confusion over whether they would actually be able to hire the director, the national search did not start until Oct.

29 and will close Nov. 30.

For the hiring committee, Edwards chose a diverse group ranging from the athletics department to a professor of Landscape Architecture, with Arthur Taylor, Native American Tribal Liaison, as the search committee chair. The committee also includes four students representing graduate and undergraduate multicultural students.

Each of the committee members have specific qualities they'd like to see in an OMA director, in addition to the qualifications mentioned on the job description, he said.

Taylor said the director needed to be outgoing and be visible on campus.

"I'd like to see someone who has the experience and is going to create, develop and revamp programs that are reflective of the minor-

ity student population," Taylor said.

Matthew Leituala, Athletic Academic Services coordinator said the director needs to have more of a connection with the multicultural athletes.

"The OMA programs will help the athletes to settle by developing good relationships across campus," Leituala said. "It's important for them to find leadership roles outside of their teams."

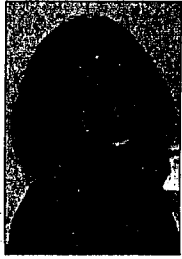
Victor Mazo, one of the students on the search committee, wants to see someone in the position who is personable and can provide direction for the multicul-

tural students.

"Online the university decided the qualifications, but it's important for the students that the director who push the students to be leaders," Mazo said.

Mazo describes multicultural students as deer in headlights because they have to live in two worlds, and the director needs to be able to help students integrate.

"It's important for students to be involved with the hiring process because the university makes decisions based on what it thinks is best for students, but they don't always ask students," Mazo said. "So a lot of the time we suffer because of policy."



Christina Veloz

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Engineering dean candidate suggestions reach the provost

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

Comments and suggestions have been submitted to the provost as the University of Idaho College of Engineering gets one step closer to finding a new dean.

The search committee has been working for two weeks screening candidates. Three have been selected for the final leg of the race.

The final candidates hail from departments across the college, Donald Blackketter, mechanical engineering department chair; Mark Manwaring, computer science department chair and Jeffrey Young, electrical and computer engineering professor.

Over the years, the college has gone through several changes in leadership. A search process was forced to begin after Aicha Elshabini resigned for personal reasons. The new dean will replace Interim Dean Howard Peavey, who is acting as a stand-in, postponing his plans to retire.

During a speaking series last week, candidates were given an opportunity to present themselves to interested individuals.

Candidates were asked to assess the present condition of the college and outline their first month of progress if selected.

Jack McIver, UI vice president of research and head of the search committee, said with the economy making budget cuts a reality, the new dean will be expected to deal with those changes.

"Somebody is going to have to step in the middle," he said, "... and pick up speed very fast."

In trying times, it is easy to focus on things that cast the college in a negative light, Blackketter said, but it has made progress by producing quality students with the help

of experienced faculty.

"It hasn't been all doom and gloom for the past 20 years," he said.

Blackketter did acknowledge that program cuts are a part of the future.

"The money is on the table, and its all money," he said. "Everybody's money in all accounts ... if someone tells you differently, I think you should put your hand on your wallet."

If selected, Blackketter said his priorities will be to connect the college with its advisory board, strengthen engagement in UI's strategic plan and work toward expanding student programs. One of Blackketter's biggest concerns is recruitment.

"I think we have been slack on our recruitment," he said.

He said students seeking mechanical engineering degrees make up the highest percentage of students during Vandal Friday, a viable avenue for recruitment.

The college is currently seeing an upward turn in the popularity of engineering degrees, Manwaring said.

If selected, Manwaring said he would like to "hit the ground running" and gain a better understanding of the budget, faculty and staff.

Manwaring said his focus lies in the increased use of technology including podcasting and assuring Web-based services are available across

the college.

"The world has evolved," he said. "We are well past the world of PowerPoint lectures. It's a time to ask, how do we best convey our teaching?"

In some ways, the university looks more like a private institution in terms of budget, Manwaring said. He said looking at fund reallocation requires a "practical truth"

"When I stare at the College of Engineering, I have a hard time believing we don't need all that we have," he said. "... Whatever happens, we need to make sure it fits within the growth and the needs of the college. We've had some very successful operations in the past, and we

certainly don't want to step on the golden goose here."

To describe the current state of the college, Young has two approaches, one positive and one negative. On one hand, the college is nationally recognized and has an exceptional faculty, he said. On the other, he said the college faces an economic impact and is not competitive in terms of salary with Washington State University.

Through it all, Young said his major focus, if elected, will be students.

"If we stay focused on the students, we will find ourselves able to enjoy our work

regardless of the environment we find ourselves in," he said. "Let's always stay focused on the important things; let's not get down or discouraged by some of the more urgent things that pop up."

Young said each year the college must work harder and be more efficient. He said he would like to simplify the college's strategic plan and take out any aspect with effects or benefits that can't be quantified.

"We don't want to become an algorithm and make decisions based exclusively off numbers, but we also don't want to become loosey-goosey and simply have lofty plans that can't be measured," he said.

Young said each aspect of the plan should have a target goal and all faculty should have an understanding of each.

Like Manwaring, Young's first priority during his first month, if selected, would be to learn as much as possible about the college.

"No one person has the monopoly on intelligence," he said. "And certainly the dean is not one of those people. We need to have a learning environment."

Young said other priorities include keeping vacancies and retirements well-funded, a group he thinks may be affected by budget reallocation. Young said he also would work on salary "renormalization."

"From my point of view, the salary model is out of whack," he said. "When we have senior faculty making less than junior faculty, there is something wrong."

Young said holding funds to keep current positions alive would be a "huge hurdle."

"I don't think we're going to have enough cash to do everything that we want to do," he said. "And that's just a reality."

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Jeffrey
YOUNG
Engineering dean
candidate

SenateREPORT

Open forum

Kelsey LaRoche, ASUI Vandal Entertainment chair, told members of the Senate Vandal Entertainment will show "Man on Wire" Dec. 3 and 4 and "The Dark Knight" Dec. 5 and 6. She said Pi Beta Phi has started selling concessions during the movie showings. LaRoche asked members of the Senate to consider bill F08-49 to increase the Vandal Entertainment chair position salary.

Steven Parrot, ASUI director of community relations, told members of the Senate he has been attending city council meetings. At Monday's meeting, it was decided to place rumble strips and flashing lights before a crosswalk on the Moscow-Pullman Highway in both directions to help decrease the amount of pedestrians getting hit by vehicles. Parrot told members of the Senate he applied to be on the transportation committee, and he believes he will have a vote if he gets the position.

David Church, president of the Interfraternity Council, told members of the Senate there hasn't been a lot of communication between IFC and ASUI, and he would like to change that.

Presidential communications

Garrett Holbrook, ASUI president, told members of the Senate it was a big night for ASUI because the results of the election were going to be announced. He said voter turnout increased and congratulated members of the Senate for getting students to vote.

Holbrook said he wanted to thank Provost Doug Baker for speaking with ASUI before the Senate meeting. He told members of the Senate to have a great break and be safe.

He asked the Senate to support bill F08-49, because LaRoche is productive in the position.

Unfinished business

Bills

F08-49, an act increasing The Vandal Entertainment chair position salary, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

F08-50, an act appointing Rachel Stohner as ASUI faculty council representative, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

F08-51, an act appointing Juan Carona as ASUI director of diversity affairs, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

New business

Bills

F08-52, an act allocating \$360 to fundraising efforts for the Lee Newbill Safety Fair and Palouse Ice Rink, was immediately considered and unanimously passed.

Vetoed bills
None

-Cyrilla Watson

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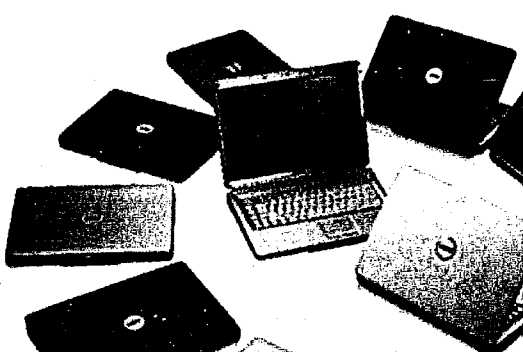
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ASUI pushes for U.S. Public Service Academy

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

ASUI has passed a resolution endorsing a U.S. Public Service Academy, which if established, would be the first national civilian college.

The Public Service Academy is a national effort to build a civilian college dedicated to public service and funded by the federal government.

"The school would be a community service-based school," said Olivia Chinchinian, ASUI Senator and Youth Advising Council member. "It will give students an opportunity to prepare for community service based projects."

A team of ASUI members, including Garrett Holbrook, ASUI

president; Jordon Greene, ASUI senator; and Chinchinian, are lobbying for the college endorsement.

"I just kind of stumbled upon this," said Chinchinian. "It seems like a really good idea if we could get our president and college to endorse this and other colleges, this could happen."

The Academy would enroll 51,000 students who would attend the school for four years. After completing school, graduates would be required to serve an additional five years of civilian service. Students will be learning about international education, such as foreign languages, and enrolling in mandatory study abroad programs.

"That would be like serving as a firefighter, teacher or park ranger, for example," said Chinchinian. "It would be a competitive school to get into, but once you were in, it would be an amazing opportunity."

The main goal is to inform students of the project and get people to sign an online petition in order to persuade the legislature, she said.

"As of right now, Boise legislation does not currently encourage this on a national level," said Chinchinian. "We are trying to work around Boise and show them that all of these people want this."

Greene said ASUI are trying to encourage political action by getting state senators to support the endorsement bill.

"If the college did come about (YAC) would be able to give feedback on the blueprints,"

Greene said.

Where the college will be located is still in question, as well as how it would start and how long until the school is established.

"The school would be in a place like Seattle or Washington, D.C.," Chinchinian said. "Getting as many schools and people as we can to sign the petition will make this successful."

The college is already endorsed by numerous college presidents, organizations, state and local politicians, military leaders, college presidents and publications such as Idaho Secretary of State Ben Yursa, Time, the I Have a Dream Foundation, National Peace Corps Association and Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

The more endorsements, the closer the nation is to a Public

Service Academy free of tuition, meaning Americans will be paying out of their own pocket.

"If the college is successful, only around 70 cents will be collected from each American," said Chinchinian. "It's subsidized, and if you think about it, it's not much, but it's a lot of money when you consider it's per American."

The university would have no direct impact if it were to sign the petition, but it would get the university involved at a national level.

"It is a good way to get the university involved in national events and apply itself in real world applications," said Chinchinian.

Anyone is able to sign the online petition. For information, visit the Web site at uspublicserviceacademy.org.

Local/BRIEFS

Protection offered for campus trees

The University of Idaho Christmas tree protection program is in full swing again this year.

To ensure trees on campus are not stolen during the Thanksgiving Break, they will be sprayed with an odor that can be noticed when the tree is taken into a warm environment. When the tree is in a cold environment, no smell is noticed.

About 210 trees are sprayed with an odor derived from skunk scent and fox and coyote urine. The odor will stay on the tree for about four weeks.

Any questions contact Charles Zillinger or David Rauk at 885-6246.

Task force looking for nominations

The Latah County Human Rights Task Force is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Rosa Parks Human Rights Achievement awards.

Two people are selected for the award each year and are presented at the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Community breakfast.

One of the awards is given to a person who has a history of commitment and achievement in the field of human rights for the Latah County. The second award, a junior award, is given to a high school or university student who shows potential in the

field of human rights.

The breakfast will be Jan. 17 at Moscow Junior High School.

Those selected in the past have been active in human rights causes, have had a record of leadership and accomplishment and celebrated diversity.

To nominate an individual, please send a one-page letter describing accomplishments and background of the selected individual, and give reasons to support him or her. Send the information to Lath County Human Rights Tasks Force, Box 8613, Moscow, ID 83843 or e-mail the nomination to Joann Muneta at jmuneta@uidaho.edu. The deadline is Dec. 1.

Gritman gets crafty with fair

Gritman Medical Center will host its annual craft fair today.

Local artists will sell products at the fair. Objects include lotions, soaps, candles, jewelry, garden art and more.

All of the items will be made by Gritman employees and their family members.

The craft fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Gritman Conference Center, 700 S. Main St. in Moscow.

The event is free and open to the public.

Center to reduce consumption

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center will host its first Sustainable Holiday Fair Dec. 10 and 11.

The event is to encourage

students, faculty and staff to reduce their environmental impact during the holiday season.

The Sustainable Holiday Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Idaho Commons Whitewater room.

UI's Sustainability Center, in part with student organizations, local businesses, fair trade vendors and more will work to give alternatives to an over consumptive holiday.

Gifts, workshops on how to wrap gifts in a sustainable manner and do-it-yourself crafts will be featured at the event.

Orchid sale sold by plant club

Dozens of orchids were sent as a gift on behalf of Taiwan's National Chiayi University — they will be sold at the University of Idaho.

Chiayi University provides an exclamation point of color in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences teaching bay in UI greenhouses at Moscow.

The college's Plant Science Club will sell orchids in full bloom today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Agricultural Science Auditorium foyer for \$20 apiece or \$30 for two. The proceeds will benefit scholarship funds.

The Phalaenopsis, or moth orchids, will help Idaho students explore tissue culture techniques, said horticulture Prof. Bob Tripepi in the college's Plant, Soil and Entomological Science Department.

3, 2, 1... launch



Jake Barber/Argonaut
From left to right, Greg Reince, Tom Norris and Joe Natter fire their trebuchet on the baseball field Wednesday. It was built for a Civil Engineering 115 class project, and the members of the class competed for distance and accuracy. The trebuchets had to be built on a budget of \$20 or less.

Calender

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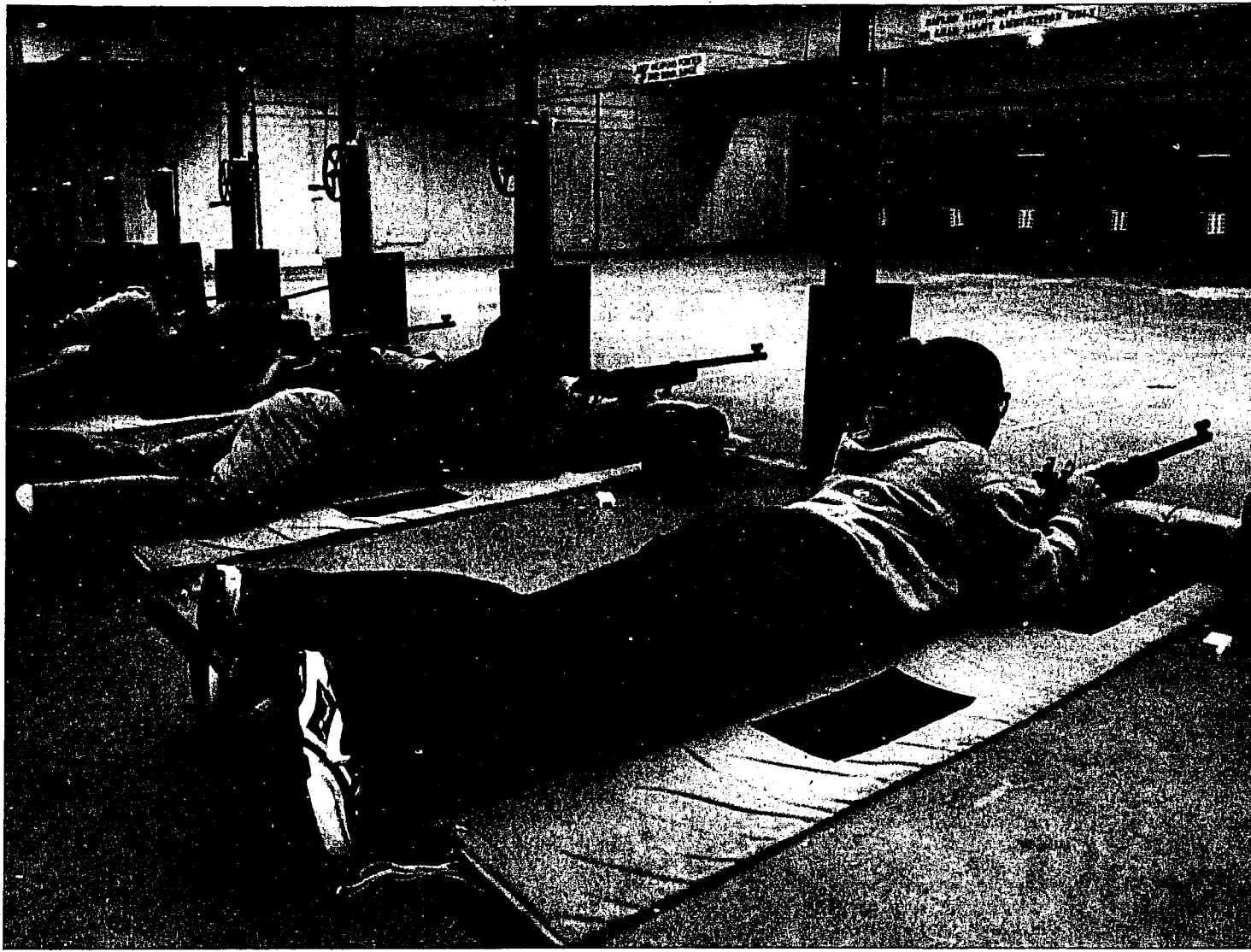
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HEAD HUNTING



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Participants in the annual ROTC Turkey Shoot fire .22 caliber rifles at paper targets in an effort to win a frozen turkey. The competition took place Thursday in the ROTC rifle range in the basement of Memorial Gym.

World struggles to take on problem of Somali piracy

Tom Maliti
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya—The U.N., African Union and Arab nations struggled to respond Thursday to a surge of pirate attacks, authorizing sanctions and calling for international peacekeepers to address the chaos in Somalia that has spawned an upsurge in sea banditry.

The economic reverberations of the attacks widened as the world's largest container-shiping company said it would begin sending some slower vessels thousands of miles around southern Africa to avoid the perilous waters on the shorter Suez Canal route. Insurance underwriters and brokers said the increased danger off the east coast of Africa was driving up premiums for shipping operators.

The African Union urged the United Nations to quickly send peacekeepers to Somalia but that appeared unlikely anytime soon. A U.N. peacekeeping operation in the early 1990s saw the downing of two U.S. Army helicopters and killing of 18 American soldiers. The U.S. withdrew and U.N. peacekeepers were gone by 1995.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to authorize its sanctions committee to recommend people and entities that would be subject to an asset freeze and travel

ban for engaging in or supporting acts that threaten peace in Somalia, for violating a U.N. arms embargo, and for obstructing delivery of humanitarian aid.

Pirates have attacked a number of cargo ships with food and other items for some 3.2 million needy Somalis. But it was unclear how that could affect the pirates, who live off cash ransoms dropped in burlap sacks from helicopters or in waterproof suitcases loaded onto skiffs.

Frightened about a drop in revenue from ship traffic through the Suez Canal, Egypt hosted a meeting of seven Arab nations including Saudi Arabia, which saw pirates seize a supertanker loaded with \$100 million worth of crude in the Indian Ocean on Saturday.

The meeting ended with the group recommending the establishment of committees that would meet in Yemen early next year to develop concrete steps to combat piracy, participants said.

One of the few victories against the pirates was chalked up by the Indian navy on Tuesday when the warship INS Tabar sank a suspected pirate "mother

ship" in the Gulf of Aden and chased two attack boats.

"It's about time that such a forceful action is taken. It's an action that everybody is waiting for," said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "If all warships do this, it will be a strong deterrent. But if it's just a rare case, then it won't work."

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Noel
CHOONG
Head of piracy reporting center

Efthimios Mitropoulos, secretary general of the International Maritime Organization, said 120 attacks have been reported off the coast of Somalia, resulting in the seizure of more than 35 ships and the kidnapping of more than 600 crew members who were held for ransom. Two seafarers have died and 14 ships and some 280 seafarers are being held, including a Ukrainian ship loaded with weapons and the Saudi Arabian supertanker.

The Copenhagen-based A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S said it was telling ships "without adequate speed," mainly tankers, to sail the long route around Africa unless they can join convoys with naval escorts in the gulf, group executive Soeren Skou said.

The company didn't say how

many ships would be affected by the decision, but said it usually has eight tanker transits in the area per month. The company says it handles 16 percent of the world's container-shiping traffic.

On Wednesday, Norwegian shipping group Odfjell SE ordered its more than 90 tankers to avoid the Gulf of Aden because of the risk of attack by pirates.

The Gulf of Aden, off Somalia, connects to the Red Sea, which in turn is linked to the Mediterranean by the Suez Canal. The route is thousands of miles and many days shorter than going around Africa's Cape of Good Hope.

Experts say the much longer journey adds 12 to 15 days to a tanker's trip, at a cost of between \$20,000-\$30,000 a day.

The Somali pirates have the support of their communities and rogue members of the government. Often dressed in military fatigues, pirates travel in open skiffs with outboard engines, working with larger ships that tow them far out to sea. They use satellite navigational and communications equipment and an intimate knowledge of local waters, clambering aboard commercial vessels with ladders and grappling hooks.

They are typically armed with automatic weapons, anti-tank rocket launchers and grenades — weaponry that is readily available throughout Somalia.

Probes find no motive for Ark. Democrat's slaying

Andrew DeMillo
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — City and state police have closed their investigations into last summer's shooting of Arkansas' Democratic Party chairman without offering an explanation of why the attack occurred.

Bill Gwatney died Aug. 13 after being shot three times by a man who lost his job at a Target store that morning. The shooter, Timothy Dale Johnson, was chased into Grant County, where he was shot and killed after threatening officers.

A police report said an autopsy found Effexor, an antidepressant, in Johnson's blood. Investigators said the

drug may have played a part in his "irrational and violent behavior."

Autopsy results said Gwatney died from a shot to the head. Johnson was shot six times.

"I wish there was a conclusion, but there wasn't," said Lt. Terry Hastings, a police spokesman.

Authorities discovered a note with a telephone number and the word "Gwatney" on it in Johnson's home, but the report found that it was a telephone number for Gwatney Towing Company in Jacksonville, which is no longer in business.

The FBI also reviewed the history on Johnson's computer, and found that he visited Wikipedia, Yahoo and news

sites the day before the shooting. Johnson also visited the Web site of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that day, the report said.

The 986-page report says police searched through electronic and paper files at Gwatney's businesses for Johnson's name but that it never turned up. Gwatney owned three General Motors car dealerships and was a state senator for 10 years before becoming the state's Democratic chairman last year.

A separate report released Thursday by Arkansas State Police found that the officers who fatally shot Johnson acted properly. Prosecutor Eddy Easley said no criminal charges would be filed in connection with Johnson's death.

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control the amount of alcohol present at tailgate functions.

"We need a new plan, as the current one is only to have a presence in the lot," Lehmitz said.

He said the other tailgates this year had been a win-win situation, and the tailgating process needs some tweaking and refining for next year. One issue he brought up was the amount of garbage that is left behind. While it has been cut down from last year, there were still bottles left on the ground, which could potentially damage car tires.

After Winter Break, ASUI plans to discuss tailgating and think about possible changes that might need to be made, Fabricius said.

"Tailgating is an important part of Vandal and football tradition," she said.

Fabricius mentioned she went to a football game at Illinois State University, and the tailgating there was "a lot worse" in terms of keeping order.

Auto aid effort fails

Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The \$25 billion rescue plan for the auto industry, desperately sought by Detroit's beleaguered Big Three, collapsed Thursday as Congress drew the line at one more bailout. Democrats said they wouldn't even consider it until the companies produced a convincing plan for rebuilding their once-mighty industry.

The demise of the rescue — at least for now — left uncertain the fate of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC, and sent Wall Street spiraling to its lowest level in years. The Dow Jones industrials dropped 445 points, the second straight plunge of more than 400, and hit the lowest point in nearly six years.

The carmakers have been clobbered by lackluster sales and choked credit, and are battling to stay afloat through year's end. Failure of one or more of the Big Three would be a severe further blow to the floundering economy — and to many Americans' view of the nation's industrial strength — and throw a million or more additional workers off the job.

Just Thursday, the government reported that laid-off workers' new claims for jobless aid had reached a 16-year high and the number of Americans searching for work had soared past 10 million. Congress approved a measure to extend jobless benefits through the holidays, and the White House said President George W. Bush would quickly sign it.

But Democratic leaders scrapped votes on the auto rescue, postponing until next month a politically tricky decision on whether to approve yet another unpopular bailout at a time of economic peril, or risk being blamed for the implosion of an industry that employs millions and has broad reach into all aspects of the U.S. economy.

"Until they show us the plan, we cannot show them the money," Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said at a hastily called news conference in the Capitol.

GM, Ford and Chrysler quickly issued statements promising to submit the blueprint the Democrats demanded.

Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Congress might return to work in early December for a vote on aid to the carmakers — but only if they show Congress they could use the funds to transform their struggling industry into a viable one.

For now, however, the Democrats said the aid plan lacked the support to pass Congress and be signed by Bush.

Bush and congressional Republicans had balked at Democrats' suggestion to draw emergency auto industry loans from the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund. And most Democrats were unwilling to go along with a separate, bipartisan effort backed by the White House to temporarily divert an existing program to help carmakers produce vehicles that burn less gasoline to cover the companies' immediate financial needs.

But with GM warning it could go under before year's end, Democratic leaders were unwilling to close up shop for the year and appear to turn a deaf ear to the industry. They called for a Big Three viability plan by Dec. 2, scheduled hearings that week on the report, and said a vote on a bailout could come the week of Dec. 8.

"Yes, we're kicking the can down the road, because that will give us the opportunity to do something positive," Reid said. "But that will only happen if they get their act together."

The White House criticized the delay, saying the plan to let the automakers tap the fuel-efficiency loans for their short-term cash needs should be considered.

"If there are lawmakers who want to help the automakers, and they have a path to do so, why are they going to kick the can down the road?" said Dana Perino, the White House press secretary.

The chief executives of the Big Three automakers appealed personally to lawmakers for the loans this week, saying their problem was the economic meltdown that has walloped their industry — not that they were manufacturing unappealing cars.



Scott Aguilar/Argonaut

OurVIEW

Don't risk it

Even deciding to take the test takes guts. The magnitude of the results could mean a life changed forever. After the test, you literally wait for a two- or three-word answer — yes or no. For some students, making the decision to get an HIV/AIDS test can be one of the most difficult of their lives. But on Dec. 1, that decision might be a little easier with the help of a student project at the University of Idaho in honor of World AIDS Day. Free testing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Idaho Commons. People often associate the threat of HIV/AIDS as far removed from them, choosing only to learn about certain aspects of the virus and how it affects people, such as the epidemic in Africa. Many people wrongly stigmatize homosexual men as the main contractors of the disease. But the virus is everywhere, even in Moscow. Two years ago, a man living on the Palouse was convicted of 11 felony counts of knowing he was HIV-positive and transferring or attempting to

transfer body fluid to women without informing them he was infected. Because people like this live in every community, it is important to be aware of the risks associated by contracting the virus. HIV/AIDS isn't detached from Moscow or even the University of Idaho. It could be affecting someone you know right now. It could be affecting you and you don't even know it. Without the stress of school looming over students, Fall Break is the perfect time to talk to a partner, friend or loved one about the decision to get tested. Fear of the unknown should not prevail over the power of information and leading a responsible life. Being sexually active is a decision many college students make, but conscious decisions shouldn't stop there. Knowing how to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted infections is a responsibility of those who are sexually active. Knowing your HIV/AIDS status is something you owe to yourself, your partner and those who care about you. —CL

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Summary

Tired. Can't form complete sentences. Sick. Got the sniffles. Brain-dead. Blaaa. Thankful for Thanksgiving.

— Sydney

Let's kick it

Thanksgiving is oozing with great traditions like rolls, family in-fighting, gaining five pounds and driving hour after hour to get home. But none of them beat my personal favorite — and when I say favorite, I mean queue the upchuck reflex — the Rockettes. Kick lines are NOT that hard. They look cool, but are probably the easiest formation for a dance team that has any talent at all. Maybe I'm just jealous and want sparkly tights, too.

— Christina

Recipe for perfection

The best part of Thanksgiving isn't the roast turkey, Grandma's homemade stuffing or the pumpkin pie. It is most definitely the leftovers. Heaven on Earth is defined as a large slab of turkey on white bread with a healthy dose of Miracle Whip.

— Jake

Go junior colleges

With the economy in the toilet, junior college enrollment is up 8 percent, while most universities are seeing losses. Their graduation rates are close. As a College of Southern Idaho graduate, it's a proud day for me. It's the JCs' time to shine after decades of feeling like the university system's "special" little brother. You big schools with your \$3,000 tuitions and your meaningful degrees aren't so tough without your students, are you?

— Kevin

Disbelief

I can't describe how wonderful it was to drive by the gas station by my house and see that gas had fallen below \$2. I had to fight the urge to go buy every gas can in Moscow and buy all the gas I could get my hands on.

— Alexis

Good weather

All I'm going to say is that the weather is unusually good for this time of year. I am not even going to say the s-word, because then I'll jinx the good weather. But since last winter was so harsh, I think we deserve a mild one.

— Lulu

Righteous judgment

An Ontario man in jail for burglary but who had also cut off the ears of a dog got his comeuppance last week. Another inmate bit off part of his ear. Nice.

— Holly

Thinking of you

A friend of mine is having surgery today. I just want to take the time to wish him good luck, best wishes and happy Thanksgiving.

— Lianna

Should have listened

I saw a strange sight that may have been the direct result of a previous Off the Cuff. Traveling down the road was a pickup full of about 30 bicycles taken from University racks. I would say sorry if you were one of the people who lost their bike to the police, but it would be a blatant lie. I tried to warn you about improper bicycle parking. Who is laughing now? This guy.

— Levi

FEMINIST FRIDAY

Rock out to feminist tunes

From riot grrrls to female rappers to "R.E.S.P.E.C.T." — feminism has been blasting through speakers for decades. Female empowerment through music has got to be one of my favorite things in my day-to-day life. For me, "feminist music" is music with lyrics written from a woman's perspective and which addresses women's issues. In any feminist or women's movement, music was always there to give voice to the issues.

A few days ago, I was flipping through the channels at the gym, and I saw the Hewlett-Packard commercial featuring the song "Do You Wanna Touch Me" by Joan Jett and the Blackhearts. It's a good song — it is

super-catchy, raw, sexualized and empowering. Yes, empowering — Jett is completely taking control of her sexuality.

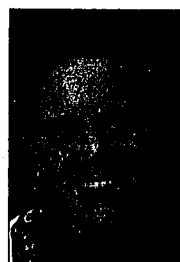
Janis Joplin was the pioneer of women in the male-dominated rock world, but the late '70s and early '80s rockers like Jett and Pat Benatar kept the women's rock movement going. With intimidating attitudes, talent and loud voices, these women wrote hard-edge songs that hit home for women everywhere. Their songs revolved around the idea women are "not taking it anymore." The "it" is oppression in the forms of norms, standards and rules. Singles such as Benatar's "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" and "Love is a Battlefield" and Jett's "Bad

Reputation" and "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" still inspire girls today to pick up a rock guitar. While these women were highly sexualized, they were also strong, independent and politically and socially active.

In the '90s, Jett produced and collaborated with Bikini Kill, a representative band of the riot grrrl movement associated with third-wave feminism. It was an underground punk movement that took an anti-corporate stance of self-sufficiency and self-reliance. It was also known for its activism and embracing of female expression. Riot grrrl bands address social issues such as rape, domestic abuse, sexuality and female empowerment.

The early 1990s also saw the debut of one of the biggest

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MailBOX

Watch for bike news

We would like to thank The Argonaut for publicizing the Bicycle Advisory Committee and helping to make the campus community aware of bicycle planning and upcoming changes.

The Bicycle Advisory Committee was formed to provide ongoing advice to Parking and Transportation Services about bicycle-related issues. More specifically, the committee was formed to raise awareness and provide education, advocate for bicycle use on campus, ad-

dress bicycle safety issues, advise on bicycle parking, identify funding sources for bike projects and review circulation and other transportation elements related to bicycles. The committee will serve as a vehicle for sharing information and will assist with the ongoing program to educate bicycle riders.

The committee has reviewed and provided feedback on the revised bicycle parking rules and regulations. The regulations address bicycle parking/storage issues by guiding the enforcement of bicycles on campus.

The enforcement of bicycles is necessary in order to ensure

pathways are safe, clear and accessible for persons with disabilities and all pedestrians. Enforcement of bicycles will also maintain order on campus and maintain landscape elements such as light posts, signage, trees/shrubs, benches and railings.

Data is being collected by Parking and Transportation Services in order to understand the supply and demand of bike racks on campus. The committee will review bike rack inventory and will advise on options for relocating underutilized bike racks or installing additional bike racks where needed. Please look for bicycle information in

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Thanks, but no thanks

Thanksgiving is an intuitive holiday. By that I mean the action of being thankful is something that comes naturally to us — it makes sense, and no one has to explain it to us. Even if we are not completely contented with our circumstances, it is easy to think of things for which we can or should be thankful. It is something we all do, so no one will give you a quizzical look if you tell him or her you are thankful for something. However, maybe they should.

If you stop to think about it for even a moment, it becomes pretty clear general, undirected thankfulness does not make any sense. Think about it for yourself. It is nonsense to say you are thankful, but you are not thanking anyone. Who are you thanking? You can only thank a person. If there is no one to thank for your health, family, prosperity or what have you, then you shouldn't be thankful — you should just be happy. However, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, not Happiness Day or Content-

edness Day, and there is an obvious difference between those things.

Some people may say they do direct their thanks to specific people. For example, when they say they are thankful for their family, they are directing the thanks to their family members. However, this doesn't go very far. You can thank your family for what they do, but you can't really thank them for the fact you have a family you love. And besides, if that is the case — that we are thanking each other — then whom do you thank for your health, your home or the food you are eating? Do you thank the bank and your real estate agent because you have a warm house? Is that really what we mean when we say we are thankful?

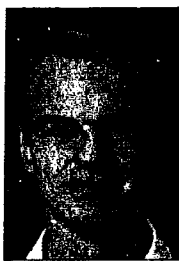
Or maybe we thank the person who bought the house. But what if we bought it ourselves? Do we thank ourselves for buying our own house, making our own meals, taking steps to stay healthy and doing well in our jobs? If that is the case, then we should call it Pleased-with-Ourselves Day, but I don't think that's what we

mean, either.

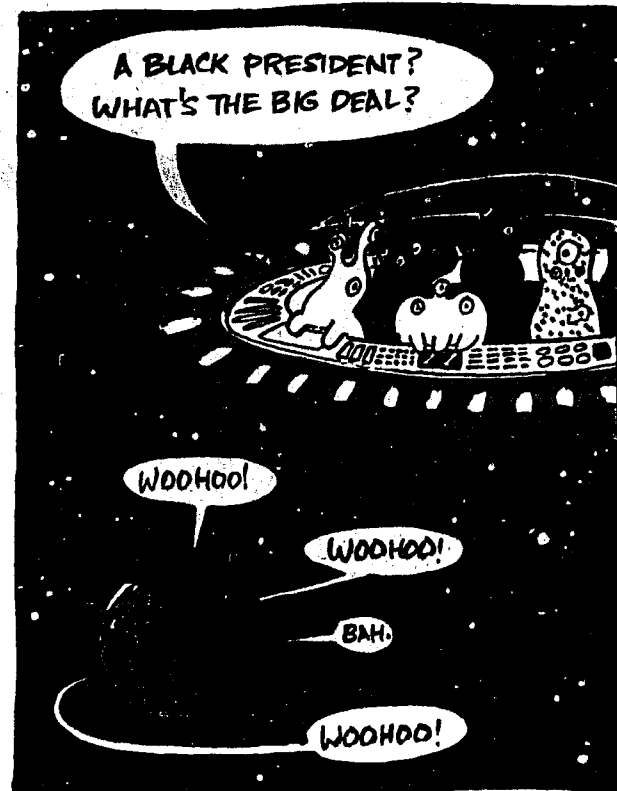
It may look like I'm attacking thankfulness, but I'm not. I think it is important to give thanks, but if we don't thank somebody, then our thankfulness is just nonsense. The only way Thanksgiving makes sense is if there is a God we can thank. If there is no God, then it is silly to talk about being thankful. We can be happy, we can be proud of ourselves, but there's no reason to be thankful.

This isn't just a sentimental plea by someone wishing for the good old days — it is a serious question for those who claim not to believe in God. Who do you think you are thanking, and why? What's more, how did we get this desire to give thanks if there is no one to thank? If there is no God and there never has been one, where did we get the idea of thankfulness, let alone the desire to be thankful? Why is it Thanksgiving seems so intuitive?

If we have a desire in us, then there must be something to fulfill that desire. We seem made to be thankful by nature, so there must be a person who deserves our thanks. If you take God out of Thanksgiving, it's not just different, it's nonsense.



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TUNES

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feminist icons in the music world, Ani DiFranco is the quintessential outspoken feminist musician who has stepped on more than just a few toes with her music and lyrics. Since the early '90s, DiFranco has been pumping out folk records filled with lyrical punches and political thought. Sharp-tongued, feisty and talented, DiFranco has addressed every women's issue thinkable in her 18 studio albums — from body image to politics, social criticism to having a child. Awarded for her music and activism, DiFranco has been an icon in fighting against gender stereotypes and inequality. She ditched her record label and created her own early on in her career and never did fit in one single mold.

"I am not a pretty girl/that is not what I do/I ain't no damsel in distress/and I don't need to be rescued/so put me down, punk/maybe you'd

prefer a maiden fair," she sings in "Not a Pretty Girl."

Feminist music, however, isn't limited to rock, punk and folk music. Women started popping up in the hip-hop scene during the '80s with acts such as Salt 'n' Pepa and Queen Latifah.

Latifah's "Ladies First" of 1987 or the Grammy-winning "U.N.I.T.Y." of 1994 carry great, strong feminist messages.

"We are the ones that give birth to the new generation of prophets, because it's ladies first," she raps in "Ladies First." "Who said the ladies couldn't make it/you must be blind ... The next man or the next woman/It doesn't make a difference." "U.N.I.T.Y." spoke out against the disrespect of women in society, both from without and within.

This was perhaps the forerunner of Christina Aguilera and Lil' Kim's "Can't Hold Us Down." Although one might not necessarily consider either artist a feminist role model, that song had a definite feminist theme.

"So, what, am I not supposed to

have an opinion?/should I be quiet just because I'm a woman?" are the first lines in the song. The song addresses promiscuity, stereotypes and gender inequality — it's a total feminist song.

If there's one artist who has seen the rise of many of the aforementioned musicians, it's Madonna. Always avant-garde and always controversial, she is someone who many feminists argue about. Videos such as "Justify My Love" and "What It Feels Like for a Girl" were banned, and her acts were often dismissed as outrageous and pornographic. However, Madonna has opened the door for countless opportunities and pushed the bar — good or bad — for women in music entertainment.

While I shake my head at many of today's popular music acts — in which the girls are getting younger, scantier dressed and less socially active — there are still good songs and musicians out there revolving around feminist themes. You just might have to venture away from the mainstream.

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Becky Couch
Information specialist
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Behave, UI fans

I am neither a Boise State University nor a University of Idaho fan, but after traveling to Moscow this weekend to watch the BSU/UI game, I came away appalled at the behavior of UI student fans. Prior to the game, I saw repeated instances of UI students verbally harassing BSU fans with profanity-laced tirades heedless of the presence of women and children. During the

game the collective chants of a certain four-letter expletive followed by "you BSU" was completely inappropriate and disgusting. After the game, you could walk to your car while crossing a veritable recycler's dream: a parking lot strewn with so many beer bottles and cans, you couldn't help but to step on them. The students parading around rubbish fires were an equally appalling sight.

Granted, college is supposed to be a time to cut free from the bonds of your parents, but it is also a time to grow up. Act like an adult. I was ashamed to have my mother and sister exposed to such atrocious behavior. Being at a sporting event is no excuse to abandon everything you were ever taught about common decency and parade about like so many pigs in slop.

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Boise

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Campus gamers unite

Kevin Otzenberger
Argonaut

Election Day was a day of big decisions. While the nation flocked to the polls to pick its next leader, a small collection of young men braved the harsh weather to meet and make their new club's first decisions.

Nov. 4 marked the first meeting of the University of Idaho's newest campus Video Game Club. The group, led by co-presidents Michael Taylor and Kris Kinzler and secretary Bill McGovern, made its first plans to promote itself and organize new members to address a list of campus possibilities of great concern to student gamers.

"I'd say women, beer, video games and movies are pretty much what it's all about," said club member and journalism freshman Louis Cossey.

Taylor said inspiration for the club came from a visit to Washington State University's Compton Union Building, which sports a recreation area with several TV sets where students can rent controllers and games at the information desk for hourly recreational gaming.

"I think it would be very interesting if we could get something like that at our (Student Union Building)," Taylor said.

Prior to the first meeting, members of the VGC spoke with the owners of Video Game Headquarters in the Palouse Mall about a possible partnership, where the store would supply the club with free product rentals in exchange for advertising.

"We'll get members and they'll get business," Taylor said. "That's how we can help the community. All organizations at the university try to impact the community in one way or another."

Another option the club discussed was organizing teams around campus from each living group to compete against one another. They may also form a university team to compete against other schools.

Taylor said the club's long-term goal is to connect gamers on campus. He said having a list of local users makes it easier for

game club INFO

Interested in the UI Video Game Club? Find out more at these Web sites:

- www.myspace.com/thevideogameclub
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Or send an e-mail to videogameclub@live.com

gamers to start up online sessions with people they know on their own time from their own homes.

"It's great for social networking," said club member and social anthropology junior Steven Scharnhorst. "It's getting people together to play 16-player Halo tournaments and to exchange and sell games to one another."

Taylor said the club hopes to host recreational game sessions as often as people remain interested and is working on a deal with Computer Crazy in the Eastside Marketplace to borrow the business's projector and space for weekend tournaments.

Other small video game clubs exist on campus, Scharnhorst said, including one dedicated to rhythm-based games like "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Guitar Hero," but this is the first time in five years there has been an official campus club.

"When I first got to campus, I looked up 'video game club,'" Scharnhorst said, "and it had already been cancelled for like two years."

Taylor and Kinzler started



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Mike Taylor, left, and Bill McGovern pose while playing the video game Rock Band during a gathering of the University of Idaho Video Game Club on Tuesday.

their first video game club while attending Sandpoint High School with 15 original members. Taylor said two years after he graduated, the club was the largest student organization at the school.

"It's cool to know that we had an impact on my high school," Taylor said. "And we're pretty sure we can do that again here once people are aware we're actually around."

During the Get Involved Fair in August, the VGC hosted a sign-up booth, featuring free rounds of "Rock Band II." Taylor said once the club asked a female friend to take signatures, the booth's popularity began to rapidly increase.

"There are so many people on campus who would want to do it," Taylor said. "Probably a lot more people than I can imagine, especially since there are starting

to be more games that girls would be interested in like 'Wii music' and 'Rock Band.'"

He said several women who stopped by became enthralled with the game, but were still reluctant to sign up.

"There must be some kind of relationship between video games and nerds or something," Taylor said.

Hunting down the protected truth

Speaker discusses a lifetime of UFO research with UI students

Andrew Priest
Argonaut

UFO researcher Robert Hastings' first experience with UFOs occurred in 1967. At the time, he was just 16 years old and working as a custodian at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana where his father was stationed.

"One night ... when I was in there pushing a broom, emptying trashcans, (an air traffic controller) ... motioned me over to his scope and said, 'We're tracking UFOs,'" Hastings said. "And I stood there for two minutes and all I saw were five blips that were ... clustered together."

After the incident, the traffic controller became tight-lipped and refused to talk about the objects.

Since then, Hastings has been interested in UFOs and began to devote much of his time to researching them several years later.

Hastings spoke to a crowd of around 150 people in the Administration Building Auditorium Monday.

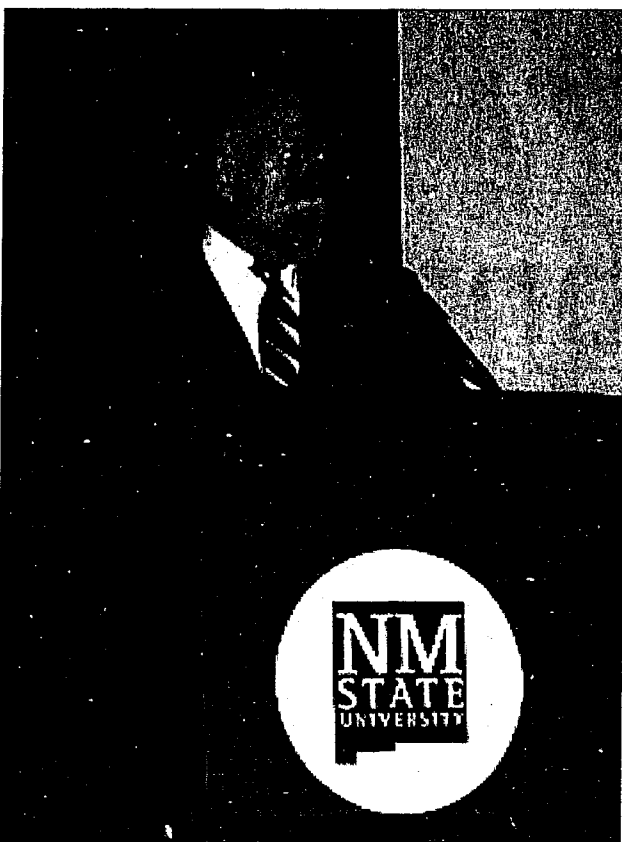
Hastings has been to UI to give lectures twice

before, once in 1987 and once 10 years later to a turnout of around 300 people during the height of the X-Files mania. Since 1981, Hastings has been giving presentations on UFOs and says he has spoken at several hundred colleges and universities.

This time, Hastings began by urging the importance of his topic and giving a 30 minute visual presentation going through more publically known examples of UFO sightings. After the slideshow, Hastings presented the audience with text from formerly classified documents released using the Freedom of Information Act. The crowd's reception was mixed given the controversial nature of the topic.

After his lecture, Hastings accepted questions from the audience.

Kyle Howardson, senior, asked a question about the presentation. Afterward, Howardson said, "It was interesting. There were parts you definitely laugh at, but overall, I think (Hastings) has got his stuff down."



Courtesy Photo

UFO expert Robert Hastings speaks at New Mexico State University. Hastings gave a presentation Monday in the Administration Building.

Howardson's opinion was shared by much of the audience, including Marina Rankow, the lectures and performing arts chair

of the Vandal Entertainment Board and who was in charge of booking Hastings.

"It was scientific, and

you could really learn a lot," said Rankow. "I guess you would call me a skeptic ... it's hard to actually convince me that it's true."

Hastings is driven by a feeling of personal obligation to inform the public. During his lecture, he said it was intended as a public service.

"I feel strongly that because this is real, it needs to be made public," Hastings said. "I don't think that the Pentagon and the CIA deserve to have a blank check indefinitely to keep the public in the dark about this for another 50 years." Hastings wanted to stress that he didn't have any sort of ulterior motive. He said he's not on a mission to make converts.

"I'm saying here's the data, here's what I interpret-

ed it to be," he said. "You can access it if you wish. Draw your own conclusions, but if you choose not to, don't

pretend or delude yourself that you have an informed opinion on the subject."

In July, Hastings published a book of what he called the result of a lifetime of research, titled "UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites."

The book includes a collection of interviews that Hastings personally conducted with former air force personnel.

Hastings has been doing his research mostly for personal reasons. He was working as an electron microscope technician while doing much of the research for his book.

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Robert HASTINGS
UFO researcher

Beef at its best

Amberly Beckman and Megan Broyles
Argonaut

Verna Bergmann, University of Idaho campus dietician, hosted a food workshop in the Student Recreation Center classroom Tuesday. The workshop focused on how to properly cook beef products and incorporate them into a healthy diet.

"There's a lot of things you can do with cooked beef besides barbeque," said sous chef, Barb Hipple.

The small group of participants learned a variety of ways to cook beef through literature from the beef council and through hands-on kitchen experience. Hipple assisted Bergmann throughout the workshop, showing how to cook roast beef, pull beef and thinly slice stir-fry beef.

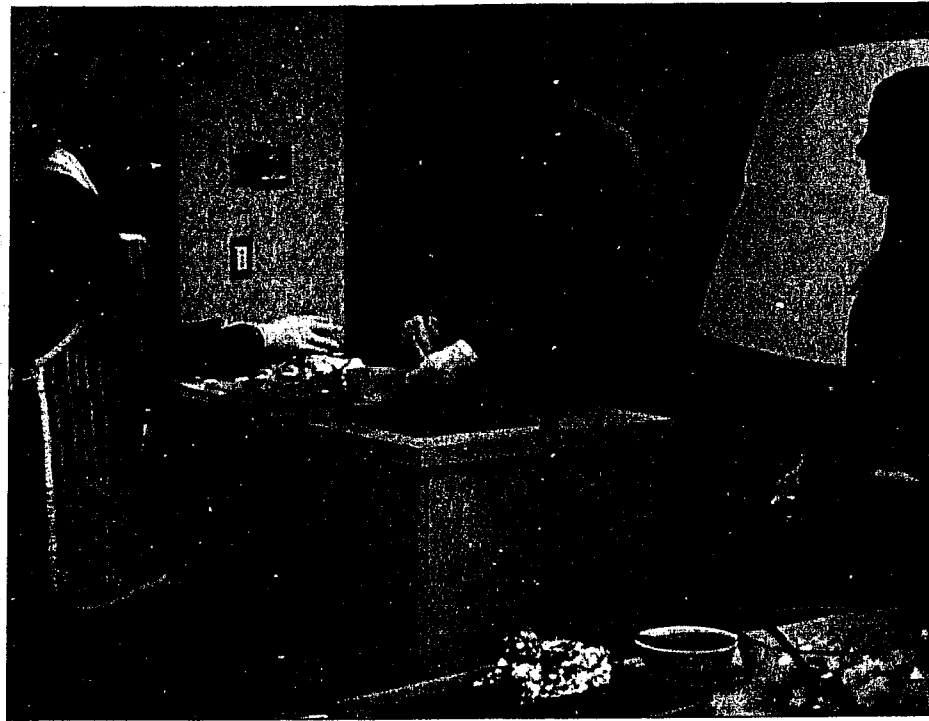
Bergmann said the reoccurring classes are free to students and feature seasonal foods from the area. She acquired the meat from Vandal Meats, which is based on the University of Idaho campus.

The Soil Stewards of the university have provided her vegetables and other goods in the past, she said. The seasonal vegetables for November, Bergmann said, include apples, pears, Italian prunes, parsnips, rutabaga, turnips, beets and potatoes. She stressed the importance of combining vegetables and proteins in creating meals.

Since the classes are designed for UI students, Hipple said she designed recipes that could be made in the oven. She prefers crock-pots, but said most college students don't own one.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to pull their own beef. Hipple instructed them to pull against the grain, to create the desired texture of pulled beef.

Hipple continued to explain the differ-



Verna Bergmann (left), Campus Dietician for UI, describes how to properly pull beef off of a roast during "Cooking 101 - Cook with Beef and Make it Stretch", in the SRC classroom during lunch on Tuesday.

ent cuts of beef by demonstrating on a participant.

"The legs and shoulders are worked more," Hipple said, "so they are more tough. The cuts of meat on the back are more tender."

She reminded everyone they shouldn't necessarily choose only tender pieces of beef, especially when cooking with a budget.

"Flavor and tenderness are not always the same," Hipple said.

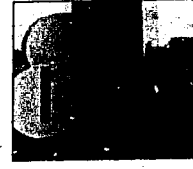
She also encouraged the participants to try different cooking methods.

Bergmann leads the interactive sustainable cooking demonstrations October through April each year. The feature free samples and recipes. No registration is required. All demonstrations are at noon the third Tuesday of each month in the SRC.

The next class is "Back to Roots: Cooking with Local Root Vegetables" on Jan. 20.

Mix up the martini routine

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut



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Moscow wel- comes a new form of art: martinis.

Craig Swinney, University of Idaho alumnus and manager of the new martini bar, "Mix," in the East-side Marketplace said he considers martinis an art form. Owners Vicky Jahns and Shelly Bennett sent Swinney to bartending school in Seattle prior to the

bar's opening on Oct. 10.

"Martinis are a lot more than just gin and an olive," he said.

Hiding away from the downtown bar scene, this trendy and non-smoking hangout is perhaps the classiest bar in town. It has a modern, colorful and sophisticated look and offers a setting unlike most Moscow Bars.

"Mix is a great place for a date night and to have conversations," bartender JoJo Miller said. "It is a fun atmosphere, and we don't have to deal with the crazy drunkenness of downtown."

Although small, the martini bar features a sitting area with couches and lounge chairs as well as a sit-at bar and high tables where one can watch the bartenders perform their art or follow the game on their two flat screen TVs. The décor is rich in warm colors, and Bennett's daughter is to praise for the paintings displayed on the walls. The glass-art light boxes are from a woman in St. Maries.

Swinney said their most popular drink is a Martini called "Seduction," which was created by their own bartender and is a mix of Absolut peach vodka, pomegranate vodka, hypnotic and cranberry juice with a cherry garnish.

For those unfamiliar with martinis, Mix offers a three mini-martini sampler, which is an assortment of three two-ounce martinis.

Swinney's personal favorite is the Hennessy Alexander and Miller prefers the key-lime martini.

"It tastes like a key-lime pie and has a graham cracker rim," she said.

Always experimenting and improving, Miller said they welcome customer input.

"One local guy comes in, brings in a different recipe and we make it for him," she said.

The menu changes monthly and presently features a seasonal twist with three eggnog-based drinks.

Appetizers are brought in from Tucci's across the parking lot. Swinney said they like to keep everything as local and eco-friendly as possible, offering northwest microbrews and wines and Dry Fly vodka from Spokane. The napkins and toilet paper are 100 percent recycled, and even their dishwashers are environmental-friendly.

They also offer beers and wines one might not find anywhere else in Moscow, such as the wheat-and-gluten-free beer, Red Bridge.

Mix offers specials such as \$5 wine night on "Wine Wednesday," and \$10 martini flights on "Thirsty Thursday."

Swinney said on Sundays students come in with their laptops and do their homework while enjoying a drink and the free wireless.

"On Sunday we become like a coffee shop with a liquor license," he said.

Home-Style Beef: Slow Oven Roasted

1. preheat oven to 325 degrees F
2. blend soup mix with the water, ketchup and garlic powder in bowl
3. add meat; turn to coat
4. place in oven-ready dish or pan
5. cover lightly with (thin) aluminum foil
6. roast/bake 2-3 hours until meat is tender (and loose)

Yield: 2-3 servings

- 1 lb Beef roast (top round or brisket)
- 1 envelope dried onion-mushroom soup mix (less 1 teaspoon of the powder (bouillon) in soup mix)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder or soy sauce or Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

Note: The water and ketchup may be replaced with 1/2 can of cream of mushroom soup. It may help to stab the meat with a knife when it's almost ready to tenderize it and let the juices soak in.

'Twilight' is taking over again

Move over Harry Potter. You're about to be de-throned as the hit book-to-movie champion.

If you haven't heard of the growing phenomenon that is "Twilight," chances are high you live under a rock. The human-vampire love story is like Romeo and Juliet for this generation. After four highly successful books, it's time for the first book to make its silver-screen debut.

While I'm typically in support of book-to-movie adaptations, I always have my fair share of concerns. Will it be done correctly? What will be left out? What stupid kinds of things are they going to add? Since I'm so in

love with just about everything that is the "Twilight Saga," I feel particularly protective and a tad worried the story will be ruined. But every time I match the face of Robert Pattinson to the name Edward Cullen (Pattinson is playing the fictional Cullen), I get a feeling that everything is going to be OK.

So what if the story isn't spot on? So what if Cullen makes weird faces throughout the movie? Now I get to see Edward rather than just read him.

While "Twilight" is a fantastic series of books that hopefully the movie(s) will represent well, just be warned this weekend girls and

women will be out in masses to see this film, complete with their "Team Edward" T-shirts and high pitched screeches and shrieks. Try not to get mad. They're just females with one thing in common — they're all in love with Edward Cullen. He's like a drug and you just need one more hit.

"Twilight" opens in theaters today, but good luck getting a ticket if you haven't gotten one already. This thing has been selling out in record numbers across the country, even for weeks prior to today's actual release date. Even Pullman is sold out, which shows vampires can take over our sparsely populated area too.



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University of Idaho

Outdoors experience

Outdoor leadership school sends envoy to promote program

Rob Todeschi
Argonaut

An International Wilderness Leadership School instructor stopped at the University of Idaho Tuesday to encourage students interested in outdoor leadership to pursue the courses and potential class credit.

IWLS sent five instructors across the nation to promote the school. Instructor Sandra Ewert took a loop through Colorado and Utah and made her last stop at UI.

"I like to be outside and play outside while I work," Ewert said.

Between her college tour stops, Ewert has been climbing all over the United States, something the German native said she's been enjoying.

Ewert fits the description of IWLS instructors — a young, avid outdoor adventurer.

IWLS is a branch of the Alaska Mountain Guides and Climbing School, Inc. In the last two years, there's been a push in promotion, and IWLS began offering school credit for their courses.

The program gives students real-world experience, ranging from one-day courses to 90-day full semester programs. IWLS teaches special forces, women's specific groups and regular groups.

Ewert presented a slideshow in the Student Recreation Center classroom and walked through an IWLS Alaskan semester. With amazing slides of mountain ranges, glaciers and wildlife, she showed the setup of the semester.

Classes are limited to 10 students accompanied by instructors. The course begins in Haines, Alaska, where students pack and prepare for two days. Depending on weather, they either travel by boat, plane, helicopter or four-wheel drive to the glacial destination where they will live in tents for 24 days.

"We try to go far out there and get detached," Ewert said.

Students learn technical skills while also adopting the soft skills of leadership and group dynamic. Each student is responsible at least once to be "leader of the day" where they decide everything from when the group will wake up to where they will go.

When the 24 days come to an end, the students go back to Haines for two days before they depart either backpacking or sea kayaking where they live in the wilderness for another 24 days.

IWLS uses an 18 point curriculum and assess students' technical and soft skills before awarding them with various certificates on first aid and rescue, education and environmental protection.

Ewert said her students' ages range from 19 to 45 years old with some students having a lifetime of outdoor experience and one woman having gone car-camping only twice.

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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Today
Volleyball — The team is participating in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend. The tournament started Thursday and will run through Sunday in Honolulu.

Swimming and diving — Will remain in Moscow for a meet against Seattle University. The meet is at 5 p.m. today.

Saturday
Men's basketball — The team is playing in Memorial Gym against North Dakota State University at 7 p.m. Saturday

Women's Basketball — The team heads to Colorado Springs, Colo. for a game against the Colorado State Rams. The women's team is looking for its first win since defeating an Australian club team.

Football — The Vandals wrap up their season in Honolulu at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Vandals to watch

Mac Hopson
Men's basketball



Hopson led the team in scoring the past two games, each against ranked opponents. The team will look to him to continue the trend if it is to improve on last year's paltry win loss record.

Issac Butts
Football



The team will need Butts and the secondary to perform well if they have a chance to defeat a Hawai'i team that doesn't have a problem throwing the ball all over the field. Hawai'i averages 23 yards per game through the air.

Did you know ...

The University of Idaho football team will be missing key members of the team for the final game. Sitting out will be starting safety Shiloh Keo, and tight end Eddie Williams. Both players are captains and will leave senior center Adam Korby as the only captain to play in the game.

Vandals by the numbers

20 Turnovers the men's basketball team had against Gonzaga University

46 Points scored in the men's basketball game against Gonzaga

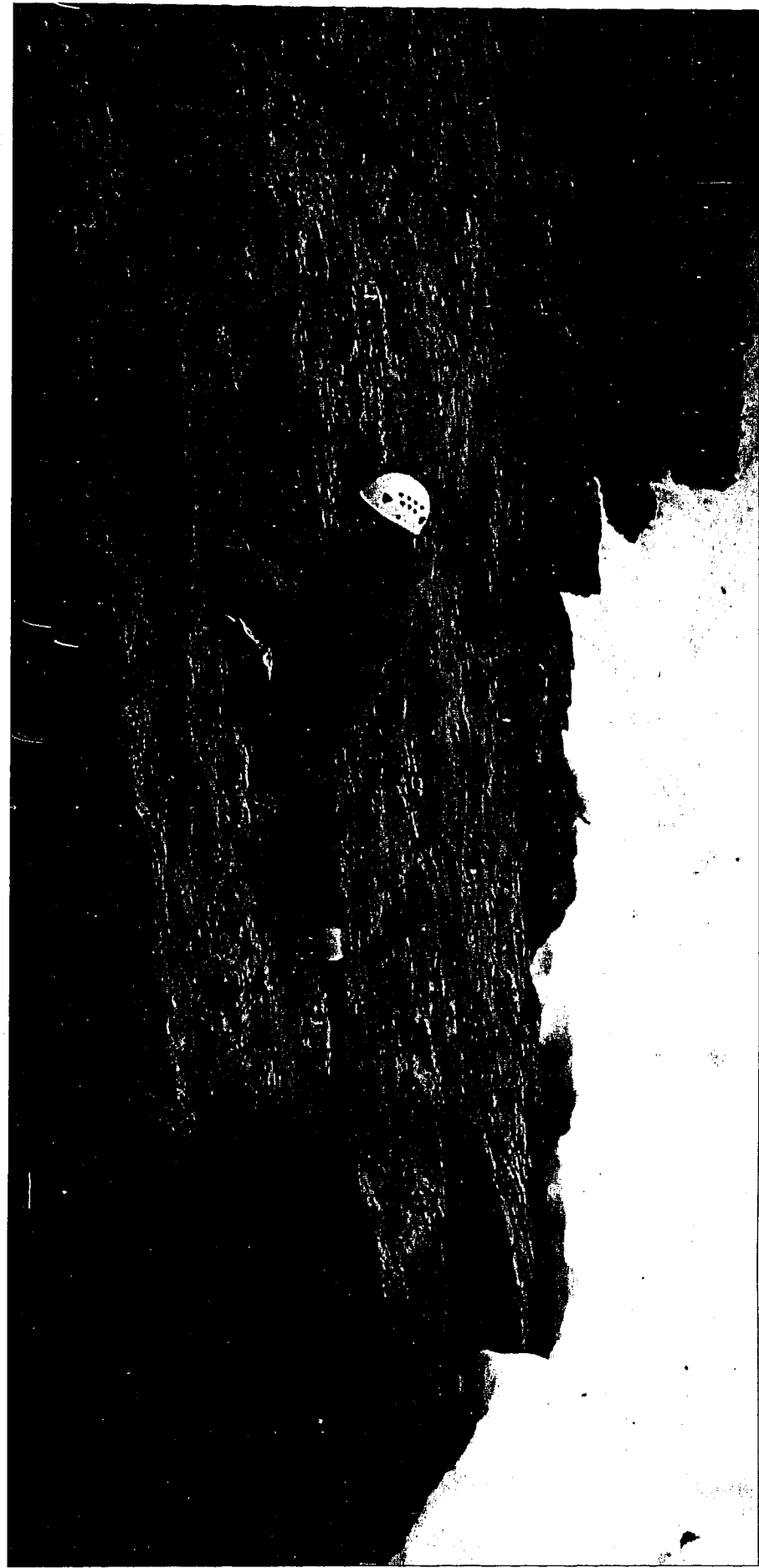
41 Shots taken in the women's basketball game against the University of Montana

17 Points scored by the Montana Lady Griz as a result of Vandal turnovers

2 Blocks by Vandal Luciano de Souza in the game against Gonzaga. De Souza also scored nine points for the Vandals.

Obscure stat of the day

The longest field goal in a football game in University of Idaho history was kicked by Mike Hollis in 1993 against Northern Arizona. The kick was good from 56 yards. Hollis also has the second longest kick at 55 yards against Southwest Texas.



Sandra Ewert/Courtesy Photo

Students get real outdoor experience in the International Wilderness Leadership School.

DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

Football rants

From the BCS to the Mountain West Conference—nothing is safe

What I have in mind for this week is a rant about college football.

First Topic — No you didn't, ESPN

Although I credit the network and its icons such as Chris Berman for sports becoming my life's passion at a young age, I must say the Total Sports Network irritates me sometimes.

I have said on many occasions the current contract of the BCS system ends following the 2010 season.

Like every other college football fan, I was hoping the possibility of college football adapting a playoff system could happen as early as 2011.

I was wrong, and my disappointment will last another six years — at least.

ESPN recently out-bid Fox for the rights to extend the BCS from 2011-14 without the possibility to create the playoff system everyone wants.

What bothers me is ESPN gripes about not having a playoff system more than anyone, and here they go buying the

rights to renew the BCS until 2014.

As Idaho coach Robb Akey would say, "daggummit."

But at the same time, it sure says something as to how great college football is.

We all complain about the current BCS system and the need for a playoff, yet we continue to watch every week and absolutely love it.

Do I want a playoff?

Of course.

Will I still love every second of college football if a playoff system never happens?

Of course.

Second topic — Finding a worthy title game.

I hope you all want to see a BCS title game this season between the winners of the Big 12 and SEC conferences. Clearly, those are the two top leagues this season and will give fans the best chance to finally watch the top two teams in the country battle it out for the trophy.

The last two national title games have been anti climatic and honestly weren't worth watching

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Vandal seniors say aloha to final game

Scott Stone
Argonaut

The Vandal football team is closing out another disappointing season with just two wins and another tough rivalry loss to Boise State last week.

But with just one game left on the schedule, the Vandals couldn't pick a better place to cap off the season and start their Fall break than in Honolulu.

The Vandals (2-9, 1-6 Western Athletic conference) will fly to Honolulu Friday morning to face off against the Hawai'i Warriors (5-5, 4-3 WAC).

The two-day trip to the islands will be no vacation for the Vandals who are there strictly for business.

"I'm focusing on this football game, and it just so happens that this 100-yard field we're playing on is located on the island of Hawai'i," said Idaho coach Robb Akey. "We need to be paying attention to the game. We're going to treat this like a regular business trip."

He said it's fun to get to play in Hawai'i but he'd much rather be playing at home.

However, the players are excited to play in Hawai'i. They under-



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Quarterback coach Jonathan Smith watches quarterbacks Nathan Enderle, left, and Chris Joseph during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome.

stand they're going there to win, but as soon as the game's over, it's Fall Break for the Vandals.

Team captain and senior Adam Korby said he's excited to finish his college football career in Hawai'i. He said it's not hard for him to focus on the game, and as captain it's his job to make sure the young guys continue to focus on the task at hand.

"I would say for the team, if they're a little

young, if they're inexperienced, it's hard to focus because there's so much going on around you," Korby said, "it's a lot of telling them what to do, but they've got to follow through and do it also. We've just got to get our worker's hats on and go to work."

For Korby and the rest of the seniors, Hawaii will be their final college football destination.

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Best in the west

College basketball season has officially started and while everyone who follows the sport is probably tired of hearing the rants and raves of analysts telling them who the teams to watch will be this season, I figure every media outlet needs someone to play expert, in this case personified by me. So here are the teams I have given the prestigious honor of:

The top five teams of the West.

UCLA — While I hate to admit it, this team is good and I give credit to anyone who has them picked to return to the Final Four. It is a solid, safe choice. This team has returning seniors Darren Collison and Josh Shipp. They are good guards who will dominate the Pacific-10 conference through deadly outside shooting and stifling defense. Collison is already a professional caliber point guard who is lightning fast and has the ability to take over games by himself.

Ben Howland is a defensive minded coach who knows how to get the most out of his kids.

The team has great athletes and will continue to dominate with defense. It's hard to find a fault in this team as they are pretty well balanced across the board. Giving up offensive rebounds could be a concern.

Washington State — I've attended two WSU games already and while experts will tell you the team lacks senior leadership and a scoring threat, I will settle the problem for you right now with one name: Klay Thompson.

This kid is going to be a premier PAC-10 player by the end of the season. He has the sweetest shot I've seen in a long time. He's smooth with the ball and (for his age) makes tremendous decisions with the ball.



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The other reason is defense. Tony Bennett has coached this team to lock down opponents and they play arguably the stiffest man-to-man defense in the nation. The weak spot for this squad is going to be rebounding and any team with an athletic big man. With a trim Aron Baynes, a bulked up Daven Harmeling, and a quicker-than-he-looks-on-TV Taylor Rochestie leading the team as seniors, I wouldn't sleep on these guys.

Gonzaga — Before everyone starts shaking the angry fist for putting them below the Cougs, hear me out. Mark Few has had innumerable chances to impress in the past and hasn't. Recent teams have been talented and have failed to do anything with it.

There is so much hype around these guys I have no faith in them producing anything but another two-and-out performance in March. This is by far their most talented squad to date. They can put up points. They cannot defend worth beans, and if they think that trashy 2-3 zone they claim is the end all of defense is going to save them, wait until they play a team with good guards. If you don't believe me, wait for the WSU/Gonzaga matchup to come. It's going to be ugly for the Bulldogs.

All Gonzaga bashing aside, the mere level of talent will carry this team to the tournament.

Arizona State — This is an interesting team. I don't think they'll make a deep run in the tourney, but I do expect them to get there. Herb Sendek has a squad that won't start a freshman for the first time in years, and with Jeff Pendergraph (that athletic big man I referenced earlier) underneath putting up double-doubles like they are going out of style, this team will be a tough matchup for anyone.

ASU is defensive-minded as well, and they have improved dramatically over the past few years. If they can hold teams to under 70 points per game I think they have a good chance of doing some really good things during the season. Don't forget about James Harden. This guy could go off for 40 points at any time. He's not only good, he's excellent.

Saint Mary's College — This team is going to be good and challenge Gonzaga for the West Coast Conference title. They return their top two scorers in Patrick Mills and Diamon Simpson and with an extra year of experience they will dominate. Simpson is a good rebounder and Mills, for a point guard can really score. This team, like Gonzaga, has trouble defending.

Also like Gonzaga, this team can put up points like a whirlwind destroying a trailer park. In that league it will come down to who has the hotter hand when they play each other.

As for the big dance in march, anything can happen and if they get hot they can go deep. Until next time, turn and fire.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut
University of Idaho point guard Mac Hopson takes it to the rack against the Evergreen State Geoducks.

UI loses twice

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho basketball schedule hasn't been friendly over the past week putting the Vandals against two top ten teams, the score of the games reflected the difference in programs.

Tuesday the Vandals traveled to Spokane for a game against Gonzaga University at McCarthy Athletic Center where the Vandals have never won and Gonzaga has lost only twice in the building's existence.

After starting the game on a 17-0 run, Gonzaga remained in firm control throughout.

While the Vandals did outscore the Bulldogs in the second half 35 to 33, the first half deficit was too much to overcome.

The team lost the game 80-46 dropping their record to (1-2) on the season.

"Anytime you come in here you have to be on your game," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We missed way too many shots and did a horrible job blocking out. When you give Gonzaga those looks they are going to bury them and that is exactly what they did in the first half."

The Vandals gave up big runs to Gonzaga in the first half after pulling within 10 points. Gonzaga ended the first half on a 28-2 run.

The Vandals were led in scoring by Washington State University transfer Mac Hopson who dumped in 19 points. He scored 17 of those in the second half.

"We came out in the sec-

ond half and competed," Verlin said. "We talked about winning the second half and we did that. (Mac) Hopson played better in the second half and that helped us."

Other notable performances for the Vandals included Kashif Watson who finished with 12 points and Luciano de Souza who finished with nine.

The Vandals did not get much production from their pair of centers, Luis Augusto and Marvin Jefferson, as they totaled only one point and one rebound.

As a team the Vandals shot 19 percent in the first half and were only able to raise their field goal percentage to 29 percent by the end of the game.

Verlin coached teams are known for their offensive prowess and high field goal percentage.

The team will remain home this weekend for a game against North Dakota State University. The Vandals are looking to rebound after two blowout losses.

Watson said the team doesn't expect to go anywhere and win by 20 points but remains confident in the game plan.

"We're going to go and play our Vandal defense," Watson said. "We're going to play hard and grind it out until the end of the game."

Verlin said the Vandals need to stay positive as they head into upcoming games.

"One thing we can't do is get down on ourselves," Verlin said. "We need to take what we can from this game and build on it."

Vandals struggle in home opener

Scott Stone
Argonaut

Idaho women's basketball picked up another loss Tuesday when they hosted the Montana Lady Griz in the Memorial Gym.

With the 55-36 loss, the Vandals moved to 0-2 early in the season.

The Lady Griz earned the second win of their season to give them a 2-0 record.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said his team's performance was terrible, and the issue they'll be focusing on after the loss is communication.

"I didn't like anything about tonight," Newlee said. "I thought our execution was poor. On offense and defense they weren't communicating. They know what they

should be doing and if they're not going to talk to each other, that's what's going to happen."

The Vandals managed to stay within eight points of Montana at the end of the first half, but turnovers and poor shot selection led to the 19-point deficit at the final buzzer.

"It's pathetic," Newlee said. "That's pathetic tonight."

Idaho finished the game with only six assists and were 1-13 from three point land.

The Vandals ended the night with a field goal percentage of 27 percent and turned the ball over 22 times. Leading to 17 Lady Griz points.

"That's passing and

catching," Newlee said. "If you can't catch the ball we're not going to get much done. They looked like a seventh grade basketball team on offense tonight. It's embarrassing to me."

He attributed the six assists to lack of communication, selfishness and panic on the players' faces.

Newlee said if his team doesn't start playing tougher he'll find players who will.

"They're going to have to get tougher. We got pushed around at Texas Tech, we got pushed around here," he said. "It's an aggressive mentality, and some of these people, they don't have an aggressive bone in their body. We've got to fix that up. If they (will not), I'll find someone who is aggressive at least."

Point-guard Charlotte Otero scored just two points all night, both coming from the free-throw line. She had just one assist and turned the ball over four times.

Newlee said she needs to be more aggressive in

taking the ball to the hoop. She wasn't looking to score, she was looking to run plays and set up her teammates to make baskets.

But her teammates weren't getting open and Newlee said some of the players looked like they were giving up.

"We're trying to change this losing culture," Newlee said. "They get behind and it's like 'oh it's over.'"

Junior guard Derisa Taleni managed to grab seven rebounds and put up 17 points but couldn't get her team going. Rachele Hloke scored the second highest points with just five.

The Vandals' next game will be on the road in Fort Collins, Colo. Saturday, where they'll face Colorado State (2-1).

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Kate Kucharzyk

Amanda Watson swimming the backstroke during the 200 meter against Northern Arizona at the UI Swim Center on Friday. Watson was second in the 200 medly relay and 200 backstroke.

WILDERNESS

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Ewert said her favorite part of the program is watching people grow past their expectations.

"With different abilities, everyone grows at a different level," Ewert said. "It's like a one room school where everyone teaches each other."

IWLS teaches courses on mountaineering, rock and ice climbing, backcountry skiing and snowboarding, sea kayaking, backpacking and river rafting. Because IWLS offers the courses year round, the locations must change in response to weather. Course locations also give students a cultural experience while they're in the wilderness of eastern Africa in Tanzania, Ecuador, Nepal, Baja in Mexico and the American Northwest — all similar to the setup of the Alaskan semester.

"Nothing takes the place of real world experience," Director of IWLS Sean Gaffney said. "This philosophy is one of the primary underpinnings of all IWLS courses."

Depending upon the university, credit options vary. Some universities contract out to IWLS, whereas universities like UI have the option of receiving transfer credit from an affiliated university.

Outdoor Program Coordinator Mike Beiser said what makes IWLS different is they have a curriculum with the Wilderness Education Association.

"They do assessment so it's like taking a class in the field," Beiser said.

IWLS's 18-point curriculum gives students a different outcome than if they were to go with other wilderness courses. Beiser said the certificates also help "grease the skids" for future employment.

"My goal is to be able to contract to an organization like this, if not this one," Beiser said. "What we're missing is a solidified senior thesis project capstone."

Outdoor Recreation Leadership minors aren't required to do an extended trip or expedition, and Beiser said that's a big hole in the program.

The UI Outdoor Program has a similar curriculum, but extends it over a semester because it's impossible for students to be removed from their other courses for months at a time to gain credit in real outdoor experience.

"There's something different about being out there for 24 days working with people," he said. "You live it. You can't duplicate that unless you're out there."



Sandra Ewert/Courtesy Photo

International Wilderness Leadership school allows students to climb their way to the top.

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He said there are some emotions involved, but he's got to do his job, and he hopes everyone brings something more to the field for their last game.

"It's in the back of my head, it's my last game but you can't think of it like that," Korby said. "Definitely all the seniors and everyone want a win to go out. That'd be a nice thing to jump start the guys for next season — I hope the team brings a little more effort."

He's looking forward to spending his break in Hawaii with his family following the game. He has started 46 consecutive games and said he's looking forward to soaking up some sun and letting his body heal.

Korby will be the last captain remaining on the field Saturday. Safety Shiloh Keo suffered a shoulder injury early in the season taking him from the field for the rest of the season, and star tight-end Eddie Williams tore his ACL midway through the Boise State game last week.

Williams was Idaho's leading receiver averaging 62 yards a game.

The Vandal offense will be hurting without Williams in the line-up, but Saturday's game will be one for the defense who will be looking to the air against Hawai'i's pass-happy playbook.

Hawai'i averages 231 yards through the air compared to just 111 yards rushing.

"They're a good outfit," Akey said. "They like to throw the football."

It will be a big game for Idaho's defense which, on average gives up 260 yards passing.

Both teams will be hungry for a win going into their final WAC game of the season.

"That's an important game for us to win," Akey said. "I want to see us win this game. Give our seniors a going away gift and give those of us coming back a launching pad into the offseason."

RANTS

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during the second half unless you were a die-hard Florida or LSU fan.

This season the Big 12's top teams certainly look to match up better against the SEC than the Big 10 has recently.

Third Topic- A crappy Rose Bowl could benefit another BCS game.

Do you want to watch USC murder-face another Big 10 team in the Rose Bowl this year?

Me either. Look, the Rose Bowl simply won't be significant this season unless you have a USC/Ohio State rematch, and that's unlikely.

I'd like to see the Buckeyes with a healthy Beanie Wells and more mature Terrelle Pryor get another shot at Troy. Again, that's unlikely.

What you should do is hope Oregon State wins out and reaches the Rose Bowl and plays either Penn State, Ohio State or Michigan State.

That would mean the Sugar, Fiesta or Orange Bowl would have the chance to pick up USC

and match them against a Texas Tech, Florida, Alabama or maybe even Oklahoma or Texas.

I think USC could beat any team in the country on a neutral site. Matching them against the second place finisher of the Big 12 or SEC would give the fans one hell-of-a BCS game.

However, I'm not hating on the Big 10. I just think USC versus a Penn State or Michigan State in the Rose Bowl would be terrible.

I want to see what they could do against a top 5 team.

Last Topic- Is it the Mountain West Conference or Moron West Conference?

BYU at Utah this Saturday has as much on the line as any game this season.

Too bad you won't get to see it.

The game they call "the Holy War" will only be televised on the Mountain West Sports Network (The Mtn.), which practically nobody subscribes to.

Great. Finally I care about the MWC, and I won't even get the game on TV — and I subscribe to Dish Network and even pay extra for the added sports-geek package.

Instead I'll be forced to watch the rotten Apple Cup or Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

I bet the MWC is killing itself right now for creating its own TV network nobody cares about.

Good move there, MWC.

At least the Western Athletic Conference has the brains to sign a contract with ESPN a network people have heard of.

It's going to be an amazing seven weeks or so as the college football season wraps up.

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