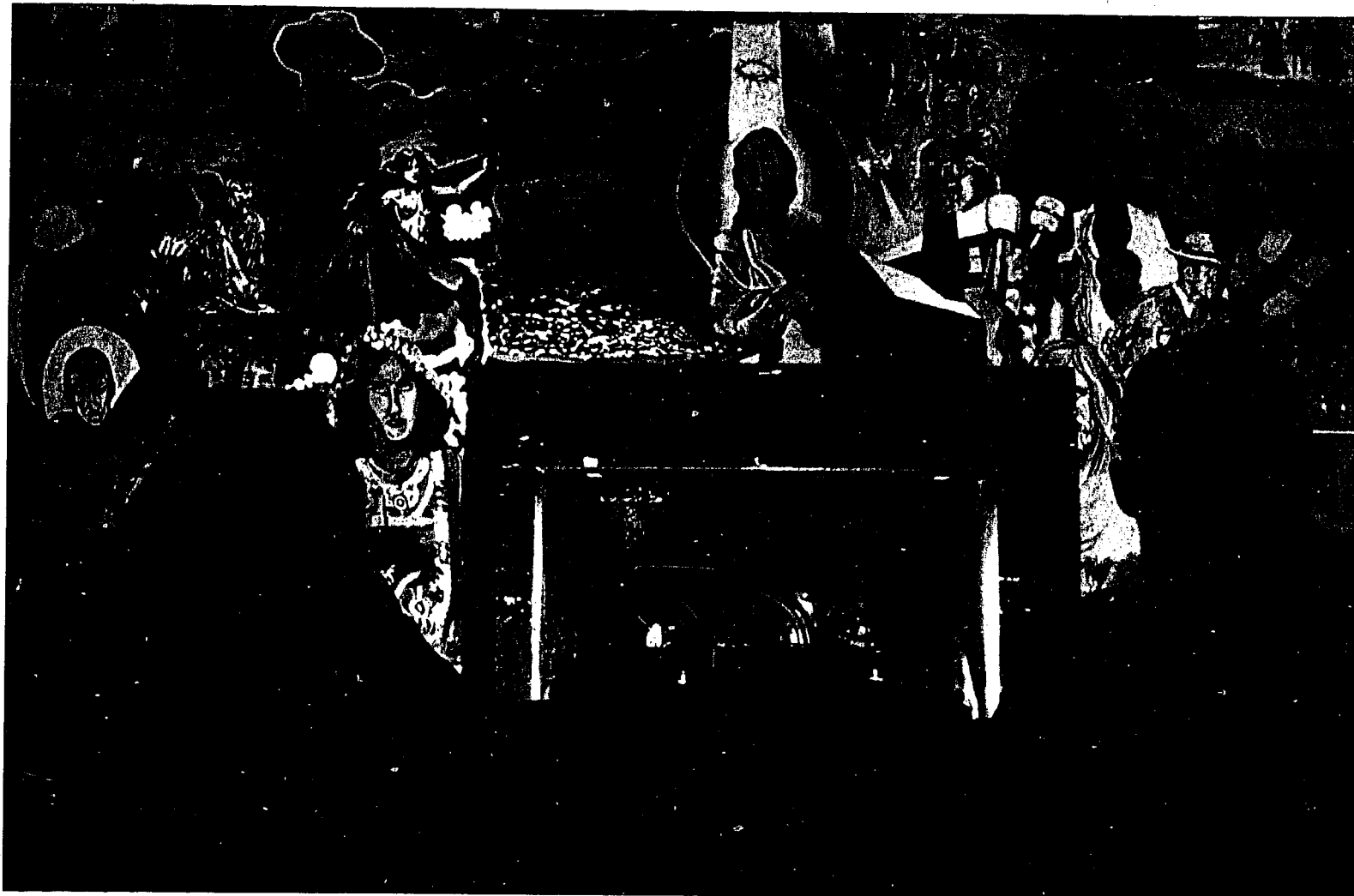




# UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO THE ARGONAUT



This mural painted by Reilly Clark in the '60s is a centerpiece of the Café de Vida coffeehouse in the Campus Christian Center. The coffeehouse was reopened last semester. Photo Illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut

## NARROWING THE FIELD At-risk programs released

Reid Wright  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho announced Tuesday it has identified 41 degree programs which could be cut or merged as part of the university's Program Prioritization Process.

The process — part of UI's Strategic Action Plan — was initiated to increase the overall academic and financial efficiency of the university, said UI Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen.

"Our commitment is to focus, reduce, consolidate and reposition the university's scope, so that we may concentrate our time, space and fiscal resources toward our true strengths and competitive advantages," he said in a university letter.

Daley-Laursen said the cuts were necessary financially in light of rising operating costs and declining financial support from the state.

The Provost's Council returned from a retreat where it reviewed data and came to a consensus on the programs to be examined for elimination, said Doug Baker, provost of academic affairs.

Baker emphasized that possible cuts were to individual degree programs and not entire departments. He also added, at this time, it appears no faculty or staff will be laid off.

Of the 41 programs announced, nine are recommended for consolidation and 32 are up for elimination.

The State Board of Education will determine the final eliminations in April.

Afterward, students who are within two years of graduating from one of the eliminated programs will be allowed to finish, Baker said, the rest will not.

The programs up for elimination include the M.S. of Curriculum and

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## A taste for everyone

Cari Dighton  
Argonaut

As times have changed, so has the Campus Christian Center. Wars have been won, lost and remain to be resolved while the center has resided at the University of Idaho. Yet, it is an immeasurably different place than it

was in the 1960s.

The center has always served as a place of refuge for students. However, in 2008, ideas bouncing around to make it a type of sanctuary that greatly differs from the safe harbor it offered in the '60s.

The Burning Stake Coffeehouse was opened in 1963 downstairs in the newly renovated CCC as a place students could go to drink coffee and express the way they felt in an atmosphere found nowhere else on campus, said Moscow resident John Pool.

Pool, a student at UI from 1967-68, said he now views the center as a place that seeks out people who might need a quiet place to relax and not necessarily as a safe haven.

Last semester, the CCC opened

its coffeehouse once again and renamed it the Café de Vida.

### The Burning Stake

As he sat next to the vibrant mural in the basement of Campus Christian Center, Pool wasn't only staring at the vivid images on the wall. He was staring into his past.

While his hot water boiled on the stove, Pool reminisced about the way things were in the times of the Burning Stake Coffeehouse. He looked into the faces of Janis Joplin, Joan Baez, Donovan, Jerry Gar-

cia and Bob Dylan, who all stared back at him from a mural painted in the center by Reilly Clark in the early 1960s.

"There was a significant social divide between the people who came to the coffeehouse and everybody else," Pool said. "The people who came to the coffeehouse tended to be social liberals who were anti-war, and they tended to wear their hair a bit longer than was fashionable, things like that. There was a noticeable, visual difference between the coffeehouse crowd

and everybody else."

Pool identified himself as belonging to the "coffeehouse crowd."

"We were a pretty feisty, anti-establishment group," Pool said. "We were pretty disenchanted with the world — we were kindred spirits, so we all kind of congregated together."

Pool said when he attended UI in 1967, the school demonstrated very conservative ideas and acted in a parental role over the students.

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## Fall freshmen class fails academically

Travis Mason-Bushman  
Argonaut

Twenty percent of the University of Idaho's 2008 freshman class is on academic probation this spring, and that stark figure, released by the Office of the Dean of Students last week, put UI officials on a mission to help these students boost their academic performance and get back on track for graduation.

A total of 405 UI freshmen were placed on academic probation as a result of their fall semester or cumulative grade point averages falling below 2.0, Laura Hutchinson, director of campus life and student conduct, said. Students on probation are required to file improvement plans, and those who fail to boost their grades could be suspended or disqualified from the university.

The study marks the first time the university has systematically tracked the achievement of its freshman class, and Hutchinson

admitted the high percentage of underperforming freshmen raised difficult questions.

"We asked ourselves, 'Are we doing all that we can to ensure new students are ready for college?'" Hutchinson said.

Freshman Alex Perez, an advertising major, isn't on academic probation but admitted he's hoping to improve a 2.4 GPA from the fall. He was surprised to hear so many of his classmates were on probation and empathized with their plight.

"It's really a struggle coming into a new environment — no matter how good you were in high school, you can never be fully prepared," Perez said. "The culture shock, being apart from your family, all that means being in college is really a whole new world."

In an effort to help students come to grips with that new world, Hutchinson's

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## INAUGURATION 2009

# Residents embrace change

Cyrella Watson  
Argonaut

Heads were held high and crowds applauded as Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States.

Many gathered at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre in downtown Moscow to witness history being made.

"This is the best time to be American," said Carla Kapplir, a Moscow resident. "I know I trust this man."

Janet Campbell said she thought the inauguration was stupendous.

More than 340 people crowded into the Kenworthy to watch the inauguration.

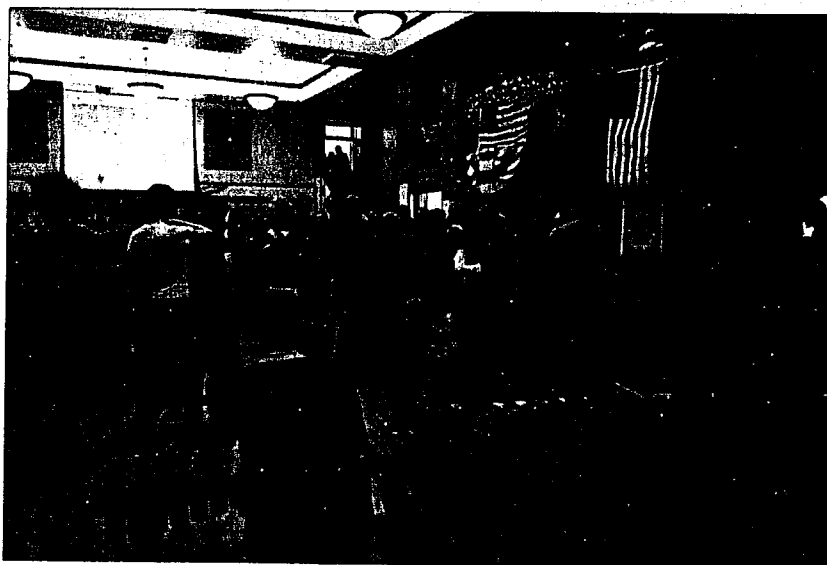
"I wanted to be here with other people and with all of the emotion," Campbell said.

She said she could have watched from home but wanted to experience the historical moment with other people.

Tears were shed by many as they watched the historical moments.

"I feel like he is talking to me because of the emotions I am feeling," Kapplir said.

The streets in Washington, D.C., were filled with people during the inauguration.



The Sesitshaya Marimba Band performs at the 1912 Center during the Obama Inaugural Ball. The celebration featured music, dancing a showing of the inauguration ceremony.

The crowd watched and listened intently while Obama raised his right hand and repeated the presidential oath of office administered by John G. Roberts Jr., chief justice of the United States.

"I could really feel the passing of

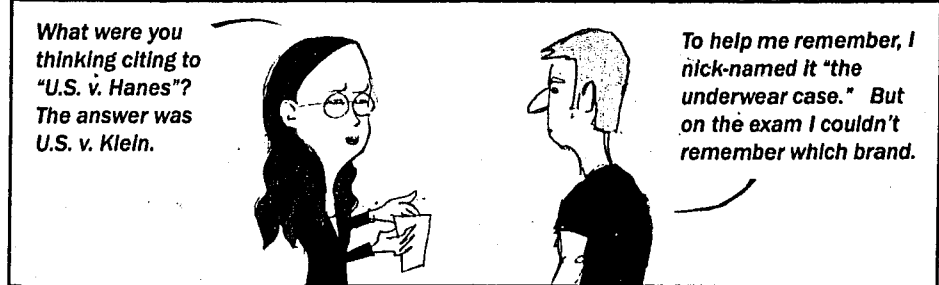
the presidency," Campbell said.

There is a lot of hope for the future, she said. For the first time in her adult life, Campbell said she felt invigorated and hopeful.

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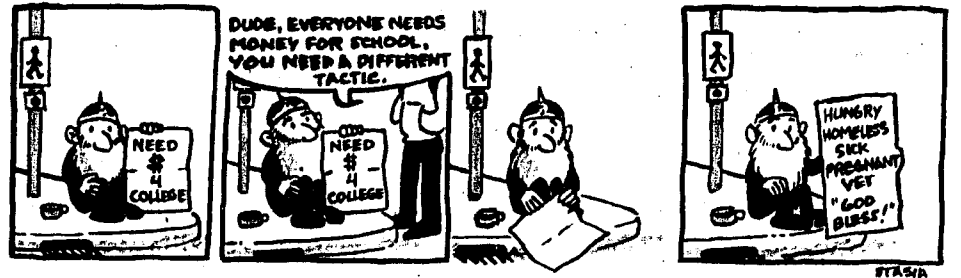
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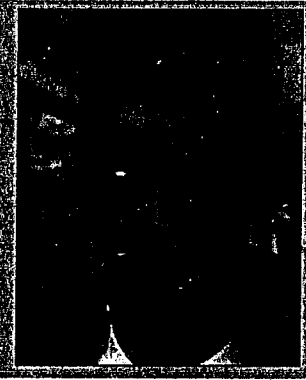
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**Annie Hafer**  
freshman, athletic training  
"I don't see the problem with it. We do it in the dorms anyways. We're all adults. We're in college."



**John Karpe**  
Junior, English  
"I completely support it."

**Ed Castetter**  
senior, conservation biology  
"I'm all for it."



**Ashley Tyner**  
Junior, exercise science  
"Why not. I don't have any problem with it."

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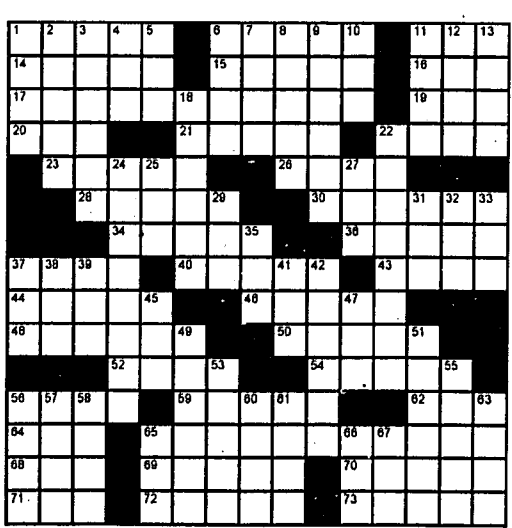
**How did you watch the inauguration?**

**What are your feelings regarding the 41 proposed program cuts?**

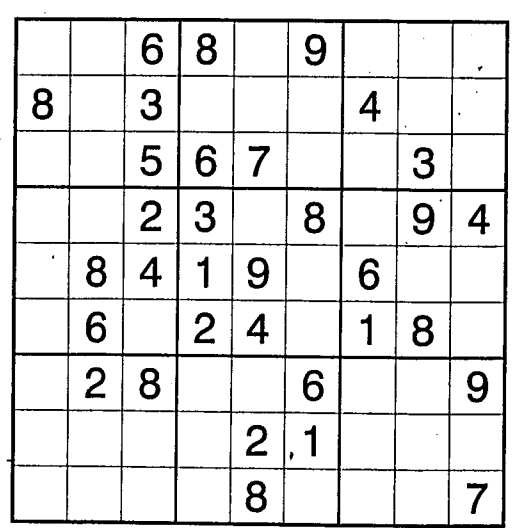
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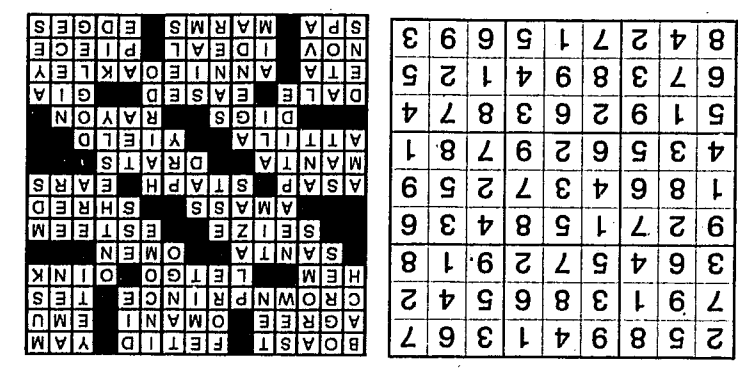
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  - Release me words
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  - Seasonal visitor
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  - Sharpshooter name
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  - Chessman
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  - Bouquets
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  - Gymnast's goal
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  - Himalayan legend
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  - Baba
  - Caffeine source
  - Docket
  - Golf course feature
  - More rational
  - Fem. relative
  - Animal shelters
  - Above
  - Etna output
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  - Some votes
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  - King Kong, e.g.
  - Young goat



**Sudoku**



**Solutions**



**Corrections**

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# ASUI seeks personnel

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

For students interested in pursuing leadership opportunities with ASUI, several board chair positions are open in the areas of diversity and health and wellness.

The director of diversity works with student diversity organizations to make sure each group is represented within student government. The director of health and wellness handles insurance disputes and communicates with the Student Health Center to ensure student health is kept in the forefront.

These positions are paid and include training for student development, which helps sculpt leadership skills.

"One reward to being involved in these positions is getting more involved and knowing what's going on on campus if you're involved in student government," said Tricia Crump, ASUI vice president.

There are also positions on the various boards open to students that allow them to vote on various issues. Some of these boards include Vandal Entertainment, which puts on small

and large concerts as well as other events; Student Recreation, in charge of events at the Student Recreation Center, and Commons and Union, which focuses on the Idaho Commons and its further development.

**"It's hard to draw a line between who stays and who goes because people are going to have to be fired."**

Joe  
**BLACK**  
ASUI senator

Any student can come to a committee meeting to make their voice heard, but they cannot vote unless he or she is a member of the board, Crump said.

"If you want to be involved, come up to the ASUI office on the third floor of the Commons," she said.

The president and vice president of ASUI choose board members. ASUI senators also sit on the boards. The senate meeting at 7 p.m. today will determine assignments of the senators to the various boards, new Sen. Joe Black said.

Black, a sophomore, said his agenda for the new semester includes matters related to parking, such as the lack of meter parking for residents of the Elmwood Apartments on Greek Row. Currently, there is nowhere for guests of the apartments to park, as it is surrounded by purple zones reserved for fraternity and so-

rority parking.

Black said another item concerning him was the level of safety on UI's campus.

"I don't want anyone to be afraid to walk around on this campus," he said.

Black said he was enthusiastic for the potential of the new semester and was glad to be a part of student government. He also said he wanted to increase communication between the university administration and the students by acting as a bridge between the two.

"ASUI is a collection of some of the best leaders on campus, and I want to make it more accessible to the students," he said.

Black said a major issue facing all the boards and the Senate is the \$13.6 million budget cut to UI funding.

"It was inevitable with the economy," Black said. "It's hard to draw a line between who stays and who goes because people are going to have to be fired."

Black said one way ASUI is saving money is decreasing the amount of people that go to Boise for a meeting with the state legislature. Originally, the university was going to pay for 10 senators and 10 members of the executive branch of ASUI to go, but now only three from each branch will be attending.

"We're pinching our pennies," Black said.

## PLAY TIME



Eric Petersen/Argonaut

The Lego League team "Fish Eating Berry Blasters" watches as the Lego robot of their design goes about completing the tasks of the competition. For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Lego League was put on Saturday at the Kibbie Dome by the College of Engineering and the College of Agricultural and Social Sciences.

# UI caterer retires after 30 years

Dara Barney  
Argonaut

Binders were stacked on catering director Delia Advincula's desk, each one with special messages inside. After 30 years of working for the University of Idaho, she has many thank-you letters from many clients, along with memories she will carry into retirement.

"I have so many letters from people that we have worked for, over the years," Advincula said.

She stayed busy, working with a variety of people, doing many different jobs.

"As catering director, Delia did everything and everything. She worked with the chefs, the clients and made sure everything was presentable and fantastic," Lisa Irwin, UI catering coordinator said. "If something went wrong, she was always there to help."

Irwin also said Advincula was known to pay attention to detail.

"She took apart a whole table set-up and put it back together because the linens were upside down," Irwin said.

In her years at UI, things never stayed the same.

"So many things have changed," Advincula said. "Catering ways

have changed, and so has volume. We serve so many people now, way more than we used to."

Two things have remained constant in her catering director career.

"The way I take care of my clients has never changed," she said. "That is something I have always done the same way."

**"She took so many people under her wing, and they have come out hard workers with her help."**

Jeannie  
**ADVINCULA**  
Daughter of Delia

Another thing that has never changed is she loves to dance and to get her employees to do the same.

"At the Dinner Dance with the UI president, she always makes all the staff dance 30 minutes before clean-up," Jeannie Advincula, her daughter said.

It is something she looks forward to, Advincula said.

Advincula and her husband Benny Advincula, who works with her, were known to be the oldest couple dancing at the "Chasers" bar, Jeannie Advincula said.

"I loved our yearly events, like the Jazz Festival, Sorority Rush, President's Barbeque and the Utility Executive Course," she said. "We made sure our guests were satisfied. Guests from the UEC told me they didn't care if they had hard beds, because the food was good."

Not only was Advincula a catering director, but a mother as well,

both in her own home and at work, Jeannie Advincula said.

"She took in so many people under her wing, and they have come out hard workers with her help," she said. "She could have between 15 to 17 events in a day, go to every one of those, then help out my dad at the restaurant when we had one, take care of us, go to bed around 11:30 p.m. then start her day over again at 6:30 a.m."

Delia Advincula had many employees, from all over the world, Benny Advincula said.

"We had people from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Middle East, Hong Kong, China, Iran and the Philippines," Benny Advincula said. "Our house became a hotel at times. We would take in students who needed a place to stay."

With this busy lifestyle, Delia Advincula is going to miss having a routine every day that changes constantly, she said.

"I never felt bored here," she said. "I was always busy. I enjoyed taking care of people."

After all of her years at UI, one thing is for sure.

Irwin said there will be nothing but crying on Feb. 4 at Advincula's commemoration.

"I will be sad and crying," Advincula said. "I have trained so many people."

Through helping so many people, a loyalty has developed between Delia Advincula and her employees, Jeannie Advincula said.

## PoliceLOG

### Monday

2:51 a.m. Deakin Ave: Arrested one male for unlawful entry.

12:25 p.m. Deakin Ave: Caller turned in a lost wallet. Officer called owner of wallet who said he would come pick it up.

2:04 p.m. Elm Street: Caller said a silver pickup truck is parked in her assigned parking spot. The truck was gone when officers arrived.

5:24 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller reported a vehicle that was driving aggressively. The driver cut her off, and when she honked, the vehicle stopped and began backing toward her car. The driver also screamed at the caller.

11:32 p.m. Stadium Drive: One male arrested for DUI.

### Tuesday

1:05 a.m. West Third Street: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

1:48 p.m. Blake Avenue: One male arrested on a misdemeanor warrant.

### Wednesday

10:29 a.m. Nez Perce Drive: Officers responded to a burglary alarm.

12:03 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller works in a store and has a credit card a student left behind. Officer came and picked it up.

1:51 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said a television was stolen from the fraternity, and he has information on possible suspects.

5:19 p.m. North Line

Street: Caller reported a two car accident at an intersection.

### Thursday

12:42 a.m. South Line Street: Officers cited a male for an alcohol offense.

2:26 a.m. Sweet Avenue: One female arrested for DUI.

### Friday

10:30 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person. No report was filed.

6:29 p.m. West Sixth Street: Police and fire responded to a vehicle fire.

10:34 p.m. Elm Street: One male arrested for an alcohol offense.

11:59 p.m. Elm Street: One male arrested for an alcohol offense.

### Saturday

1:03 a.m. Idaho Ave: One female arrested for an alcohol offense.

12:39 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said that somebody broke into her boyfriend's car.

### Sunday

2:11 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a reported marijuana smell.

1:40 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller reported a two vehicle accident with no injuries.

1:46 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a hit and run accident involving her vehicle sometime last night.

10:39 p.m. Elm Street: Officers responded to a traffic offense. One patient was transported to Gritman hospital.

## Campus CALENDAR

### Today

Women's Center brown bag series

12:30 p.m. Memorial Gym

Biosafety in the laboratory seminar 1 p.m. TLC 22

New Grad Student Orientation

5 p.m. Idaho Commons

### Thursday

Lavender Lunch 12:30 p.m. Student Diversity Center

Women's Mentoring

Program "Back-to-School" event 5 to 6:30 p.m. Idaho Commons

Faculty recital: James Reid 7:30 p.m. Recital hall

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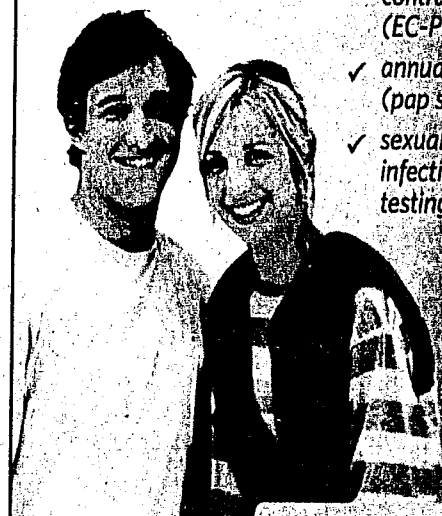
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# Memorial placed in UI's TLC

Sarah Yama  
Argonaut

The U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and took the lives of 140,000 people and left many with radiation sickness.

The University of Idaho is now a partner for the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Memorial that is taking place this month.

Along with the informational posters located in the Teaching and Learning Center's Corridor Gallery, the UI's Martin Institute will be sponsoring a lecture on Japan's effort for world peace and a museum display in the Clearwater Room.

The idea for the event came from Neil Shibe, a senior in international studies.

"Neil interned in Japan and had the idea for the exhibit," said Bill Smith director of the Martin Institute.

"I studied abroad for a year in Nagasaki," Shibe said. "I volunteered at the museum while I was there."

While in Nagasaki, Shibe guided tours and did museum walk-throughs.

"I jumped at the opportunity, I like volunteering and discussing peace related issues," he said. "The exhibit here will be similar to the museum."

The peace memorial will include taped interviews with survivors and displays of up to 30 pictures of before and after the bombings. Students attending will walk through the displays and be met with the chance to make origami cranes, a symbol of peace, to send to the Hiroshima and/or the Nagasaki Memorial Peace Museum.

"We want to let the students know about Japan in different ways," said Ikuya Suzuki, a foreign language professor. "Education will lead to better solutions other than war. We should never forget that war doesn't solve a problem."

Consul General Mitsunori Namba will be speaking at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room.

"Consul-General Namba will be discussing how Japan interacts abroad," Smith said.

After obtaining his degree from Keio University in Tokyo, Namba entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan serving as the senior coordinator of the Developing Economies Division and director of Overseas Disaster Assistance Division.

He worked in posts such as Washington, D.C., Chicago, India, Geneva and Zimbabwe. He also held the position of Chargé d' Affaires ad interim, Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Namba now serves as the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle.

"Suzuki and I hosted Namba's predecessor two years ago," Smith said. "We have developed a relationship with the Consulate and we were expecting a visit. We decided to tie both events together."

The second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later and killed about 70,000 people and left many with radiation sickness.

The main point of the exhibit is to bring awareness to the issue of nuclear weapons and encourage means of peace.

"It's a big deal," said Shibe. "It's important for people that may not have the background. It's a big deal when a country becomes nuclear."

"People will remember what will happen with nuclear weapons, the issue is still significant," Smith said.

"We shouldn't have to resort to those means ever again," Shibe said. "Other options are there."

The Nagasaki and Hiroshima Peace Memorial plans to move through all fifty states creating awareness.

# HANG IN THERE



Jake Barber/Argonaut

A mushroom hangs on for the winter in the forest outside of Harvard, Idaho. The area is full of hiking trails.

## Grand jury: man intentionally crashed plane

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A federal grand jury indicted an Indiana investment adviser Tuesday on charges of deliberately crashing his small airplane in the Florida Panhandle to try to fake his own death as part of a plan to escape financial ruin.

Authorities say Marcus Schrenker, 38, an amateur daredevil pilot and businessman, secretly parachuted to the ground before the crash and sped away on a motorcycle he had stashed away in central Alabama.

A three-day search came to an end on Jan. 13, when authorities finally caught

up to Schrenker at a campground near Tallahassee, where they say he tried to take his own life by slashing one of his wrists.

The grand jury also charged him Tuesday with making a fake distress call and he remained jailed after spending a few days in the hospital being treated for his injuries.

But the federal charges, which were expected, are just part of the trouble he faces.

In Indiana, he faces two felony counts alleging that he worked as an investment adviser without being registered, and he is the subject of more than a half-dozen lawsuits seeking millions of dollars

over disputes of his financial dealings.

His personal life was also in disarray, with his wife filing for divorce Dec. 30, a day before Indiana police served a search warrant on his home and office, seizing computers, tubs full of financial documents and evidence of recent document shredding.

## Eight-year-old boy spends 10 days with dead mother

David N. Goodman  
Associated Press

ROMULUS, Mich. — An 8-year-old boy lived for more than a week with the body of his dead mother before telling a concerned shopkeeper his mom was "in a better place," police said.

Gaynell Tipado, 41, apparently died Jan. 9 in their apartment in the Detroit suburb of Romulus, and the boy survived in part by eating dried rice, butter and flour, authorities said.

The family moved to Michigan from Louisiana after surviving Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Foul play was not suspected in Tipado's death, and

an autopsy is pending.

Lee Saco told The Associated Press that the boy and his mother came into Romulus Liquor regularly for about a year and a half. But four times during the past week the boy uncharacteristically walked about a block to the store by himself — sometimes wearing pajama bottoms.

"I questioned him, 'Where is your mom?'" Saco said when the boy first came into the store by himself to buy milk, chips, candy and bread with cash. During the next two visits, he said the boy bought a number of items, including bread.

Saco, who co-owns the store

with his brother Sam, said he was curious from the beginning, but his concern heightened on Monday when the boy tried to buy \$34.80 worth of grocery items — including nacho cheese dip, a package each of processed ham and turkey, hamburger buns, milk, doughnuts and candy — with his mother's credit card.

Saco then asked the boy if he could speak to his mother. "Is she alive?" Saco asked the boy.

"She's in a better place," the boy replied, who later told Saco he'd tried to revive his mother by pushing on her chest in an apparent attempt at CPR.

"I sat him down, gave him choc-

olate milk. Then I called Romulus PD," Saco said.

Police arrived and took the boy home. They called Saco about 10 minutes later to tell him the boy's mother was dead.

The boy was home-schooled, has no siblings and his father died several years ago, authorities said. The child is in foster care while police try to locate his other relatives, Romulus police Lt. John Leacher said.

"It's sad. It's very hard. It's very unfortunate for him," said Lee Saco, 36, a father of three young children. "I just feel bad. What he had to see for 11 days.

"He came from a good home," Saco said.

## PPP

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Instruction from the College of Education; the B.A. and B.S. in communication studies; the B.A. and B.S. in justice studies; and several foreign language programs, such as M.A.T. in French, Spanish and German, as well as the B.A. in German in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

More controversial is the cutting of the B.A. and B.S. in physics from the College of Science, which has more students currently enrolled than most of the other programs on the list, said faculty council member Paul Oman. "It's going to be a point of contention," he said.

Programs to be eliminated from other colleges include the M.S. in architecture, landscape architecture and veterinary sciences.

The B.S. program in agricultural science, technology and agriculture systems management as well as agro-ecology, horticulture and environmental quality have been recommended for consolidation.

The criteria examined by the Provost's Council for the program elimination process included the number of faculty a department has; the student credit hours it offered; the number of graduates for each program had; the number of publications produced; the amount of external funding produced and the overall demand for programs.

Oman said he considers the process as a positive undertaking, which will eliminate programs with little or no students enrolled in them.

"I think about 80 percent of students are not going to be affected," he said. "The list of (identified) programs overall is far less than the rumors that were flying around ... there were rumors of whole departments being cut."

Oman said he thinks students of cut programs should be absorbed into curriculums of similar nature.

"Overall, the Faculty Council is worried about two things, is this going to inconvenience students," he said, adding that he was indicating a substantial inconvenience, "and who's going to lose jobs. For the most part, there's a different avenue for students ... they should not be inconvenienced."

## programs for CONSIDERATION

**College of Education**  
Counseling and Human Services (Ed.S.)  
Curriculum and Instruction (M.S.)  
Education (Ed.S.Ed.)  
Educational Leadership (M.S.)  
Physical Education (M.S.)  
Professional Technical and Technology Education (M.S.)  
Technology and Training Development (B.S.)  
Special Education (Ed.S.Sp.Ed.)  
Special Education (M.S.)

**College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences**  
Communication Studies (B.A.)  
Communication Studies (B.S.)  
German (B.A.)  
German (M.A.T.)  
Justice Studies (B.A.)  
Justice Studies (B.S.)  
French (M.A.T.)  
Spanish (M.A.T.)  
History (M.A.T.)

**College of Art & Architecture**  
Landscape Architecture (M.S.)  
Architecture (M.S.)

Baker said any eliminated faculty positions would be vacant ones, such as those created by UI's hiring freeze. He said the freeze was not sustainable in the long run, and the PPP was needed as a way for future prosperity.

The university doesn't yet know how the cuts would impact student enrollment, but various scenarios are in the process of being calculated, Baker said.

"Every day that we waste," he said, "we're delaying becoming strategically successful."

Daley-Laursen said this series of eliminations were just the first step in a larger plan.

"The Program Prioritization Process is the first step in a long process," he said. "It will be the first to demonstrate the depth and magni-

Teaching (M.A.T.)

**College of Science**  
Physics (B.A.)  
Physics (B.S.)  
Chemistry (M.A.T.)  
Earth Science (M.A.T.)  
Geography (M.A.T.)  
Physics (M.A.T.)  
Biology — (M.N.S.)

**College of Agricultural and Life Sciences**  
Agricultural Science and Technology (B.S.)  
Agricultural Systems Management (B.S.)  
Culture and Environmental Quality (B.S.)  
Family and Consumer Sciences Education Option (B.S.)  
Range and Livestock Management (B.S.)  
Veterinary Sciences (M.S.)

**College of Natural Resources**  
Forest Products (M.S.)  
Range Resources (M.S.)  
Forest Resources (M.S.)  
Fisheries Resources (M.S.)  
Wildlife Resources (M.S.)  
Conservation Social Science (M.S.)

**College of Engineering**  
Geological Engineering (M.S.)

tude of what we have to do."

Before being finalized, the program eliminations will be further revised by college deans, individual departments, the College Curriculum Committee, and the Graduate and Outreach councils where applicable. The process will be reviewed by the Faculty Council as it progresses. Finally, it will be signed by the executive administration and passed on to the State Board of Education for possible approval in the middle of April.

The Program Prioritization Process is operating in parallel with the Request for Innovation initiative — which seeks ideas from members of the UI community — to progress the larger Strategic Action Plan, Baker said.

**TASTE**  
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"The students were very polite to the faculty," Pool said. "Theoretically, the students did not have radical ideas and while there was a fair amount of partying that went on during the weekends, it wasn't the animal house party experiences that there are now. There was stricter control over students and drinking."

Women wore dresses or skirts to class and men wore suits, Pool said. The strict establishment nature of the university created rules such as forcing all students under 21 who lived away from home or were not returning veterans to live on campus.

"Women were restricted in the hours that they could be away from their living group," Pool said. "Freshmen and sophomores had to be back in their rooms by 11 p.m., and if you were a senior you had to be back by 1 a.m."

As a result of the "coffeehouse crowd's" more radical counter-culture beliefs, Pool said there were few instances of the rest of the university populace doing anything alongside them - except when it came to music.

"The coffeehouse crowd tended to be kind of the Joan Baez crowd, and the rest of the world kind of tended to be the Kingston Trio crowd," Pool said.

Even so, when the Burning Stake - which got its name to recognize heretics who burned at the stake because of their beliefs - featured bluegrass or jazz artists on the weekends, the two social groups would mix despite their musical and political differences, Pool said.

"Friday and Saturday were the only times there was a suspension of the social rule," Pool said. "That was because we would have musical groups in to perform at the coffeehouse and the collegiate types would come to listen and bring their dates."

Pool said on those nights, the air would be filled with cigarette smoke, there would be five or six pots of drip coffee sitting on the burners and the basement would be packed with people of both social parties.

"I would be making coffee like crazy and we would have a little stage with a pianist or flute or fiddle," Pool said. "They would just

play from 8 until 11 p.m. or so, then everybody would clear out and the card game would start up. Sometimes the card games would start on Fridays and go until Mondays."

Otherwise, Pool said the collegiate types rarely came downstairs to the coffeehouse and his crowd almost never went upstairs in the center, where most religious studies were held. He said the coffeehouse crowd did not participate in the ministries that went on at the center.

The coffeehouse also served as a safe place for anti-war liberals outside of Moscow, Pool said.

"I think that the CCC was probably kind of an un-official stop on the Underground Railroad from California to Canada," Pool said. "There were a lot of people who went to Canada to avoid the draft, and some of them found refuge here on their way north."

Pool said even though the stop was never officially condoned, he knew of a few people who stopped to rest on their journey.

The draft, Pool said, is what served as the driving force behind the public's outcry in the late 1960s.

"You don't see people rioting in the streets because of the war in Iraq," Pool said. "There is less social unrest because there is no draft. In the '60s, that was the injustice - the fact that the government could send you to war. If you got draft-

ed, you almost certainly went to Vietnam. Now you make a choice - it has a lot to do with a person's right to choose."

Pool said in today's world, the war is hardly ever mentioned because of choice. He said without vast unrest due to the draft, people are not as looked down upon when their opinions differ from the mainstream, and if someone chooses not to be in the military, they are respected for the choice.

"I think today as opposed to then, society is much more liberal and much more accepting of differences," Pool said.

He said while the war may play a large role in an individual's

life, it is not an extremely pressing issue in today's society.

"Today, while the war is very expensive in monetary terms, while there are lives being lost and while there are a lot of people being maimed, it is not a central issue to society," Pool said. "Back then, the war was the central issue."

Pool said because war is not the central issue anymore and because there is a certain stigma that is now carried with the term "Christian," the coffeehouse has changed immensely over the years.

"Thirty years ago, when the sign over the door said Campus Christian Center, people didn't think of Christians the same way," Pool said. "It was not a term that conjured up a particular social and political conscience. Today people see that name Christian and they shy away from this place because they equate Christians with a certain type of people that they don't want to associate with."

Back in the '60s, Pool said the term Christian was not immediately associated with the conservative and radical belief system people think of today. He said he has always viewed the CCC as pretty far removed from those right-wing ideals.

"I think in part the (Café de Vida) is a move to get people to discover the positive energy of this place without having to come through the front door," Pool said. "If you are not afraid to come in the door, you find that the building is probably not at all what you think it is, given the name."

Pool said after he left the university in 1968 and returned in 1973, the Burning Stake just sort of faded away in the years to follow. He said what was viewed in the late '60s as out of the mainstream in terms of one's dress or ideas about society sort of became the typical ideals in the '70s.

"It was a place for its time, and the time came and the time went," Pool said.

**Café de Vida**

Karla Neumann Smiley, Lutheran campus minister at the

CCC, said she views the center and the coffeehouse a little differently now than she would have in the '60s, but she can still see the similarities between the two eras.

"One thing that was clear in the mission of resurrecting the coffeehouse and about this whole center is that all perspectives are respected," Smiley said. "Disagreement can happen in a safe, respectful way."

Smiley said even though the grant to revive the coffeehouse was written shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks, the coffeehouse these days is not as politically charged a place as it was during the Vietnam War.

"We wrote the grant just after Sept. 11 so that if the coffeehouse, as well as other programs, really did respond in a similar way to the Burning Stake, people could find that the Campus Christian Center was a place where if they were opposed to the war," Smiley said. "If they were questioning the government's choices - they weren't labeled as unpatriotic, there is still that similarity of the safety."

Even though the Café de Vida is available to people of all views, Smiley said the center doesn't quite hold the same atmosphere it used to.

"I think the war or anti-war ideas don't clearly relate from then to now because the culture is definitely different," Smiley said. "The Vietnam (war) was a draft and there was such a distinct opposition and the current culture has been opposed to Afghanistan but not as opposed to Iraq. Because there is no draft, it is a different dynamic."

Smiley said another different dynamic that comes when comparing the two eras is the range of military involvement, or lack thereof, displayed by members of the CCC.

"I have heard stories about people who were either in the military or who didn't want to be identified as anti-war that would cross the street just so they did not walk past the building," Smiley said. "Now, there are people who are in the military who take part in programs and help out with the coffeehouse. It's a different dynamic now."

Sharon Kehoe, director of the CCC, said she is shocked people are not more concerned with the war in Iraq in today's world.

She said she doesn't necessarily think the CCC should be the main place for people to express their opinions, but in general, she is surprised people rarely express their opinions about the war at all.

"I am quite disappointed that I see nothing going on today, not about this war, and not about the looming possibility of war with Iran," Kehoe said.

Kehoe said she thinks this lack of interest both in and outside of the CCC may have to do with the way government goes about doing things now in comparison to the Vietnam War.

"Students used to watch more TV in the absence of the Internet and cell phones," Kehoe said. It was the first time viewers had been exposed to people seeing killed on television.

"I was horrified and shocked," she said. But now, in this war, this government has made it so that you don't see any people getting killed, she said. "You don't see any American soldiers getting killed, you don't see any real battles - unless they are just lights - and you don't see any body bags coming home. Then, every time you turned on the TV you would see all of these coffins coming back ... people just sort of imagine it's not happening, because they don't see it."

Smiley said she knows the war in Iraq is not completely meaningless to students today, but it is just one of many issues people are aware of. She said from a social-issue standpoint, the coffeehouse and the center look at many different issues and how people respond to them, not just at one main issue like the students of the 1960s did.

"We are in a decade of multi-tasking, whether that's good or bad," Smiley said. "I think that applies to how we view the world. Rather than the war being a central issue, there are all of these other things going on. People respond strongly to the ones they are affected by."

Even so, Smiley said she is content to have the small group of regulars who do make use of the center, for whatever reason they see fit.

"We are content to stay small because we are not (in a) competition," Smiley said. "We look at what we have to offer that is unique. It's not coffee and it's not music - it's that safe quiet space."

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office organized the Student Options Advising Retreat on Jan. 13. The daylong conference was designed to bring first-year students on probation together with volunteer advisers, deans and faculty from across the college, with the aim of helping them make better choices in the spring.

Thirty-five freshmen attended the event, which featured one-on-one advising meetings, testing, seminars on time management and connections with academic support services.

"The goal was to help these students figure out what went wrong in the fall, and how to remedy those issues this semester," Hutchinson said.

Karen Gillespie, an advising specialist in the College of Business and Economics,

served on the committee that developed SOAR, and worked with several freshmen, both business and non-business majors, at the event. She said the kinds of issues facing freshmen were not new, but UI needed a new approach to help address them.

"A lot of what I heard (from freshmen on probation) were the typical challenges of new college students: balancing study habits and social lives and just getting to class regularly," Gillespie said. "It's extremely important for us to reach out to these students and help them understand what they need to do to succeed academically. Some of us (advisers) had done that before, more or less, but to do it in a systematic, university-wide manner is a new thing for us."

School of Journalism and Mass Media adviser Sara Stout also participated in the planning and execution of SOAR. She said she enjoys

helping struggling students find ways to change bad habits and succeed, particularly when they find themselves at a tipping point in their academic careers.

"In my work with freshmen and sophomores, that seems to be the age where student standing is most at risk," Stout said. "If they perform poorly (after a year), they tend not to return to college. It's an important time, where intervention can really make a difference."

Stout said many new students dramatically underestimate the amount of studying required to succeed at the college level, and end up overloading themselves with academic, social and work commitments.

"One of the lessons I learned from talking to students at the retreat, is that it's common to think you can get away with studying just six to 10 hours a week, when they really need 30 hours," she said.

Mary Stuart Hunter, executive director of the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and an assistant vice provost at the University of South Carolina, said little national data exists to measure freshman achievement, but agreed that a student's first year is a critical time.

"It's generally recognized

as a national issue now, that most new students need extra support in making the transition to a collegiate environment," Hunter said. "Different campuses are approaching it in different ways, but there's a shared goal of engaging freshmen and giving them the tools

and strategies to academically succeed."

Hutchinson said her office plans to follow up with the students who attended SOAR, tracking their progress and providing additional resources, if necessary. She's already laying the groundwork to repeat

and expand the program next year.

"As Idaho's land-grant school, our mission is to educate as many Idahoans as we can," Hutchinson said. "Helping students who have the potential, but not the tools, to succeed, is part of fulfilling that mission."

**OBAMA**  
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"There is hope and a lot of involvement," Kapplir said. "I feel fantastic."

In his inauguration address, Obama reassured the American people the challenges the nation faces are real and will not be met easily or in a short period of time, but they will be met.

He said the U.S. knows it is a nation of patchwork

heritage, which is a strength not a weakness.

Kapplir said a change she is hoping most to see is the war in Iraq come to an end and to see U.S. soldiers come home.

Many are looking forward to seeing changes in the next four years.

Campbell said she is looking forward to restoring the American image around the world.

Changes that Obama is planning to make, Campbell said, need to be made

slow to make sure it is done properly.

Campbell said it is an honor to witness an African American become president of the United States. The next generation may not understand what a turning point this is, she said. She said her own children may not fully understand how important the inauguration is.

The inauguration was also shown in other Moscow locations such as the 1912 Center and the University of Idaho's Idaho Commons.

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## OurVIEW

# Putting Obama's hope into motion

The transition of presidential power has come and gone, but the call for action infused in President Barack Obama's words should not be felt only on Inauguration Day.

People from every walk of life gathered not just in Washington, D.C., but across the world to tune in to Obama's inauguration speech Tuesday.

Our own community gathered together to hear his message in places such as the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre, the 1912 Center and the Idaho Commons to share the energy of such a historic transition.

The energy felt in those places and across the nation is real. It is essential this force be maintained in these upcoming unpredictable months not just in national political affairs but in our everyday lives.

Decisions made by common people in their everyday lives will make or break this nation's future. It cannot overcome the challenges we as a people face — including our worsening economic situation — without the practice of hard work, patience, open-mindedness and togetherness.

In his speech, Obama gave examples of ways average people can make a difference

by helping out our neighbors when they're experiencing strife, taking on lost hours in the workplace to let others keep their jobs and volunteering in a plethora of ways when we can, where we can.

We can vow to overcome the hatred and misunderstanding associated with racism, sexism, homophobia and religious differences by trying to understand where friends, neighbors and strangers come from. At the very least, we must practice tolerance toward those who may differ from us.

We can make the conscious decision to eliminate these social weaknesses by respecting people for who they are, not devaluing people by the diversities we find in one another.

These are doable options for every American regardless of political leanings or deep-rooted personal beliefs.

Now is not the time to place political blame or point fingers at others. Now more than ever we need to come together, take a hard look at ourselves as individuals and ask what we can do in our daily lives to better the situations of others.

—CL

## Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Feeling kinda stupid

I ordered one of my textbooks from Amazon Marketplace because it was cheaper than the University Bookstore. The invoice I received revealed the book — coincidentally — was coming from Moscow's Beat the Bookstore outlet.

The store ignored my e-mail request to just pick up the book, and when it did ship, it came from Federal Way, Wash. Huh?

— Holly

### Audacity of hope

While watching the inauguration Tuesday I felt an immense wave of emotion swell in my meager chest. I have hope again in the country because of President Barack Obama, and I realize things won't come ariht immediately, but I look forward to the future under Obama's leadership.

— Sydney

### Let them be

I'm so tired of newscasters feeling obligated to say something that is somehow newsworthy about Sasha and Malia Obama whenever they enter the camera lens.

Last year we got to hear all about their first day of school, and, during the inauguration, we got to hear about what the two would be doing to entertain themselves while their dad became president. I don't care if they're into texting or listening to Miley Cyrus on their iPods. They're kids — leave them alone.

— Alexiss

### Are you ready, boots?

Was it just me, or were Second Lady of the United States Jill Biden's boots on Inauguration Day fantastic? Upon further research (a.k.a. Wikipedia), I found out she was a fashion merchandising major before switching to English in college and took a year off to model. Is Michelle Obama the new Jackie O. of Washington? Not with Hot Mama "Hooker Boots" Biden in the mix.

— Christina

### Send-off present

At the inauguration broadcast at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre Tuesday, somebody in the audience threw a shoe at the screen as George Bush's

helicopter hummed off into the sky. I love it when disdain has a sense of humor.

— Kevin

### Farewell interviews

Why does George W. Bush keep insisting history will be the judge of his presidency? History has already spoken. Your presidency has already been judged, and it wasn't good.

— Jens

### Inauguration 2009

Surprisingly, this is the first inauguration where I have watched the entire event. I've always watched the presidential oath of office, and then I was out. With many other Americans I'm happy to say I was glad to be part of this historical moment.

— Cyrilla

### Vandal Card, schmandlecard

I had to go get a new Vandal Card the other day. When did they become embossed in gold? Twenty bucks? Are you kidding? That wasn't the half of the whole experience, though. As I waited in line (two people back), I noticed the cashiers' window (at least 1 million people ... OK, more like 35).

Much to my disdain, all of those people were done with their business before I even reached the Vandal Card office. Tomfoolery, I tell you.

— Levi

### Rediscovering nature

Over Winter Break I did a lot of nothing. I had plans to go snowboarding, but after that fell through, I just spent my time off being lazy. Over the three-day weekend, it was time to actually get out and do something, so I went hiking with some friends out near Harvard. It was refreshing to breathe some cold air again and see some wildlife.

If you haven't been out in a while, give it a try. You might be pleasantly surprised.

— Jake

### Was there no other news?

I found it interesting that every news outlet in the country didn't find it necessary to cover news outside of the inauguration today. I understand that we're all watching history unfold, and it's exciting, but it seems excessive when one half-hour news show has four stories on how crowded it is in D.C.

— Lianna

# Mixed-gender, mixed messages

University Housing recently announced the availability of mixed-gender housing in one of the Living Learning Community buildings next fall. The reason for this "cutting-edge concept," at least that was quoted in a recent Argonaut article, is the large number of students who move off campus to live with members of the opposite sex.

The housing office hopes to lure these individuals back into the partially vacated dorms.

While it may sound like a progressive, forward-thinking idea, the prospect of co-eds bunking together in state-owned housing raises some alarm. Of course, a good part of those who would take advantage of this new program would truly just be friends.

It is painfully obvious some would chose to room with a significant other. This is America, and two consenting adults are free to do whatever they can possibly imagine. However, this is with the state's assistance.

While I am sure our student body is doing everything possible to be "safe," accidents do happen, and the state is currently working to prevent unwanted pregnancies and financially supporting single mothers. It is counterproductive for the state to simultaneously support mixed-gender co-

habitation while at the same time pleading for people to abstain until they are financially solvent.

Obviously, those who choose to have sex will, and whether the partners live together or not will not have too much of an effect. However, this contradiction of policy sounds more like the state running an anti-meth advertising campaign while hosting a convention for dealers and users to meet. If the housing office truly wants to fill the dorm rooms, it should look at

what it is charging. Moscow's apartment surplus provides students with the opportunity to live on their own in large, private apartments for a fraction of the price of sharing a room in the Theophilus Tower.

Something is wrong when housing costs more than tuition. That doesn't include the meal plan, which for some reason is required for dorm residents.

I am not bashing dorm life. I am sure it can be a positive and fun experience for those who enjoy a social atmosphere, but the housing office needs to realize unless the dorms become more affordable, more students will leave campus. Seeing as how the university is making huge cuts in its budget, it seems the exodus from campus will continue.



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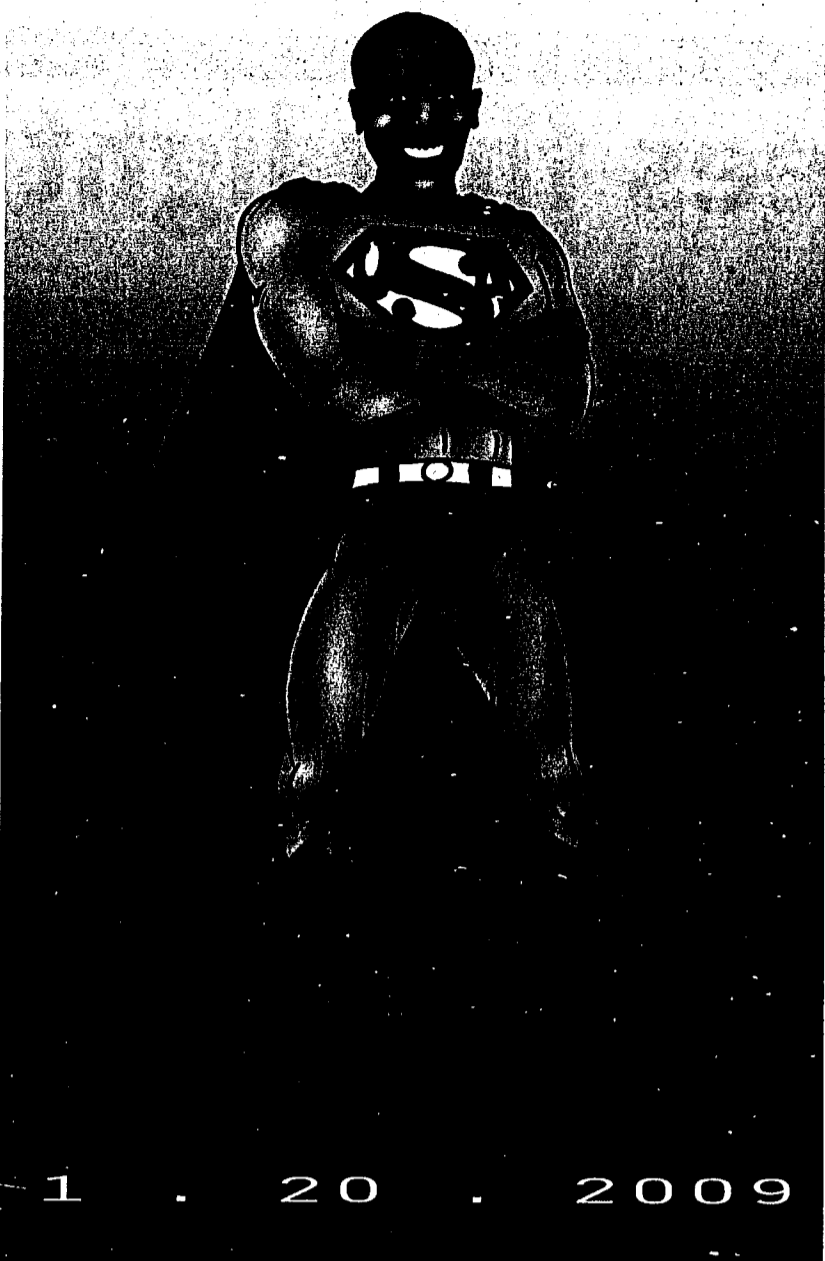
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# Sex bites – at least crabs do



Stasia Kato/Argonaut

While sex is fun and enjoyable, sometimes the repercussions are less than pleasant.

There are, of course, diseases that infect a person through blood or other body fluids. Then, of course, there are other curable consequences needing no fluid exchange, but rather bodily contact.

Pubic lice, also known as "crabs," are a real possibility and occur quite often. Pubic lice are an interesting parasite. While they are small, they are still visible with the naked eye. Physically, they have a dark body/core and then a nearly translucent perimeter around the center.

The underside of lice is where the legs are found which are small on either side of the body (it is somewhat triangular in shape), allowing the lice to curve and maneuver.

One benefit of the small legs is they make it difficult for the lice to attach to anything except hair. This makes it not only unlikely but also nearly impossible to be infected from a toilet seat.

However, pubic lice may be spread through bedding or shared clothing. They are spread primarily through

sexual contact, especially with someone who has a pre-existing infection.

Unfortunately, barriers (condoms or dental dams) are not sufficient in protecting against lice, but barriers will help.

It should be quite easy to determine if you have a pubic lice infestation. One of the biggest signifiers will be incessant itching in the genital area.

Also, a red area will be present on the skin. Scratching the area repeatedly causes this.

The lice can be seen with the naked eye. They will appear as dark spots on the skin. Movement of the spots will not be perceived. If a daily account is taken, the quantity of spots should increase. At this point there may also be dark spots on the underwear of an infected person.

Treatment is simple and effective. There are both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Shampoos designed to kill lice can be found at most pharmacies.

This will contain 1 percent permethrin or pyrethrin, chemicals found to be quite effective in killing lice. These shampoos are available over-

the-counter. For other medications, a prescription from a physician is required. There is another treatment which may not be as effective. An infected person may shave off all of his or her pubic hair.

This will remove the lice already attached to the hair. However, there will be some lice still attached to the skin. These will need to be removed. A pair of tweezers will probably be needed here, and it may be quite painful to remove all of the lice.

Whatever treatment is chosen, all clothing and bedding that have been in contact with an infected person must be laundered. I recommend hot water for this to be as effective as possible.

The comfort in all of this is knowing there are some sexually transmitted infections easily treated and cured.

Even so, pubic lice must be taken seriously. They can be easily spread and be quite a nuisance. Good hygiene and visually inspecting possible infection sites are good ways to prevent an infestation. Limiting sexual partners has been found to be effective.

Have fun, be safe and be aware of parasites.

Have a question for Chris? Send it to arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.



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## Athletics get breaks during crisis

Bob Dickow and Nick Gier  
Special to The Argonaut

During the last nine seasons, the University of Idaho football team has lost 82 of 105 games. Even with its winning seasons as members of the Big Sky conference, its "all-time ranking" is 118 out of 125 schools.

For the past three seasons, the UI men's basketball team has lost 73 of 89 games. Its current NCAA standing is 316th out of 341 colleges and universities.

If any UI academic program had such a poor performance record, it would certainly be eliminated or reduced in its mission.

But since 1999, state funding for UI athletics went from \$1.78 million to \$3.04 million, a 71 percent increase. By comparison, general education budgets for Idaho higher education have increased 46 percent during the same period.

In 2003, athletics was given a \$500,000 "gift" from the president's office, presumably to cover the costs of joining the Western Athletics Conference.

Also in 2003, the basketball coach received a \$15,000 pay raise, the second highest in the university. UI athletic director Robert Spear tried to fudge the raise as one based on future performance, but the increment was added to his base salary before the season began.

During the financial crisis of 2004-05, the UI liberal arts college was forced to cut \$326,000, but \$322,600 was added to the athletics department budget. A faculty committee recommended that then-President Tim White reduce the athletic budget by \$300,000, but he decided to fire 27 staff employees instead.

In 1987, the state Board of Education reinstated the policy of using general education monies for athletics. Since then the annual subsidy has grown from \$665,500 to \$3,041,679, a 357 percent increase. Athletics on all Idaho campuses experienced a similar increase. Without that subsidy, the Idaho Vandals won five Big Sky championships

from 1983-87.

While all other UI faculty and staff received little or no raises this year, the athletic director enjoyed an 8 percent raise, and the salary line for football coaches with record losses has also increased 8 percent.

Since 1997, all UI departments have paid an administrative fee on all external funds to the central administration. The fee has now risen to 8 percent, but athletics only pays 3 percent.

From 2001-2004, athletics paid no administrative fee at all, claiming it had to reach gender equity goals. What is odd about this excuse is this department has received gender equity money from the Legislature, starting with \$115,000 in 1997 and growing to \$621,560 this year.

Many other departments could have presented equally persuasive reasons why they too should be exempt. For example, auxiliary services and facilities management generate lots of external funds,

and they could very well argue that their salaries, 19 percent of which are below the poverty level, should rise before they are required to pay the administrative fee.

The athletic department has defended its low fee by boasting it returns \$2.5 million back to the university in tuition, fees, room and board for scholarship students. About half that amount comes from state funds.

Private scholarship funds for all UI colleges total \$4.1-million, so they have a much better reason to ask for a lower administrative fee.

If the implication of this claim is that athletics makes money for UI, then this is clearly false. This year, the athletics department estimated that it would take in \$2.1 million dollars in student fees and \$726,500 in "institutional support," plus the \$3 million direct subsidy from the Legislature. Simple arithmetic shows at least a \$3.3 million deficit not "profit."

A national study concluded only nine

athletic programs are able to actually return money to their respective academic programs. Contrary to conventional wisdom, winning athletic programs do not increase alumni funding.

As a vice president at the University of Notre Dame said: "There is no empirical evidence demonstrating a correlation between athletic department achievement and alumni fundraising success."

At a Dec. 16 Faculty Council meeting, the chair said it was not fair to pick on any one specific unit of the university during bad times. But when one program has been favored over others for years, then an appeal to equitable treatment is the only principled position.

Bob Dickow is an associate professor of music and is president of the UI Federation of Teachers, AFT/AFL-CIO. Nick Gier is a professor emeritus of philosophy and president of the Higher Education Council of the Idaho Federation of Teachers.

### MailBOX

#### Facebook wrong to censor

Anne-Marije Rook's column on Facebook negativity toward breastfeeding photos is welcome ("Breastfeeding not obscene," Friday). It has a few inaccuracies, no doubt taken from other reports. Facebook has probably been removing photos of breastfeeding since it began. The first worldwide reports of it began in fall 2007.

Facebook's "explanations" of its practice are contradictory and dishonest. Its claims show it will misuse anything, including children, to justify its ignorance and arrogance.

Photos of breastfeeding that Facebook have banned are collected on another site at [www.teraca/photos6.html](http://www.teraca/photos6.html). It's important people see what Facebook deems obscene and pornographic, thus the enormous scope of its folly in its stigmatization of breastfeeding and deprecation of women.

Dr. Paul Rapoport  
Professor emeritus,  
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## 'Lincoln's Shins' sees first light

**Andrew Priest**  
The Argonaut

The curtains are pulled on a stage hidden in total blackout for several moments. When the stage is finally lit, a woman is desperately pleading to the base of the enormous Lincoln Memorial. Her first words reveal the thoughtful nature of the show ahead.

"I know you have the answer ... you helped me three years ago."

Thursday will be opening night for the world's first production of "Lincoln's Shins," an earnest, but light-hearted play written by University of Idaho graduate student David Eames-Harlan.

The play, which Eames-Harlan started writing more than two years ago while he was in Washington, D.C., and received a playwriting award, is about two strangers, Harvey and Mary, who meet in the springtime at the feet of the Lincoln Memorial statue.

**"It's the most important thing in the world: human connection."**

**David EAMES-HARLAN**  
MFA theater student

"I went to the memorial very early in the morning, and I was the only one there, and it was striking, the vastness and the emptiness," Eames-Harlan said. "It was just an amazing feeling to be in this space ... and that led me to (ask) what might happen in a situation where one or ... two people were the only people at the memorial."

Eames-Harlan, who played in last semester's production of "One Flea Spare," is also directing the play. He says he's looking forward to opening night.

"Lincoln's Shins" has been in production since November, and everyone involved has been passionately working on it through Winter Break.

Megan Tyrrell is a transfer student, and this is her first major role at UI. She will play Mary, a fraught widow looking for release in assassinating the president.

"We're really there to save each other," Tyrrell said about the two

characters. "It only takes one person, one moment, a look, a touch, something. I think we run into it daily — someone running into someone can change the way you feel or just an experience that you have."

Peter Beard will play Harvey, a desperate man who also wants to kill the president. Beard is a senior and was also in "One Flea Spare" last semester along with numerous other UI productions.

"You read the script and you could take it a thousand different ways," Beard said. "It's almost comical, some of the parts that happen."

Eames-Harlan said the point of the play is to explore one of what he views as the most important parts of life.

"It's all tactics in trying to figure out the situation and trying, ultimately for Mary, to help (Harvey) realize he has something to live for, and then for the two of them, to realize that there's something there," Eames-Harlan said. "It's ridiculous and yet it's the most important thing in the world: human connection."

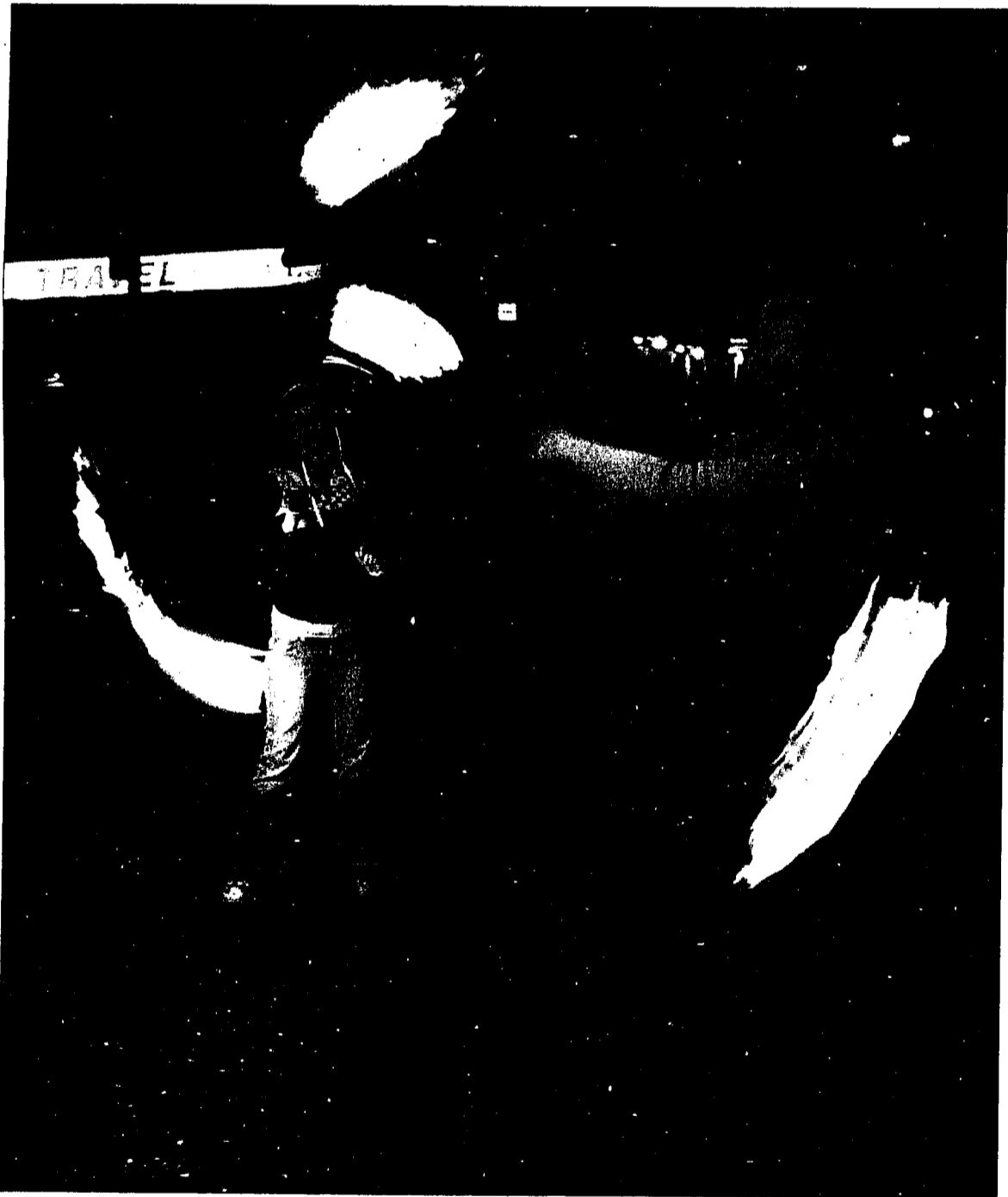
The play is also being produced at UI because it will be entered into competition. Two other northwest



Eric Petersen/Argonaut  
Megan Tyrrell and Peter Beard rehearse for "Lincoln's Shins," a play written and directed by David Eames-Harlan which will premier January 22, 7:30 at the Borah Theatre.

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### PLAYING WITH FIRE



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
Robin Tucker, left, and Melissa Obenchain put on a fire dancing performance to the beat of a drum circle on the corner of Sixth Street and Main Street in front of One World Cafe Friday evening. The drum circle started in the cafe and moved outside for the fire dancing.

## Undergrad poet publishes book

**Anne-Marije Rook**  
Argonaut

With nothing but a backpack on his back, Matthew Vollendorf left Wisconsin headed out for Idaho. He worked in Boise for two years before he decided he didn't want to do manual labor for the rest of his life. Now, the 21-year-old is a sophomore in creative writing, and his first book was released last week.

"When We Make Rain: Poetry by M.B.V." published through Publish America is a collection of 65 poems he appreciates.

"The poems mean something to me," he said. "They are a reflection of my life, the high and the low, beautiful and ugly."

These are just a small selection of the poems he wrote between ages 17 and 20. He said by now he probably has 1,000 unpublished poems stored away in journals.

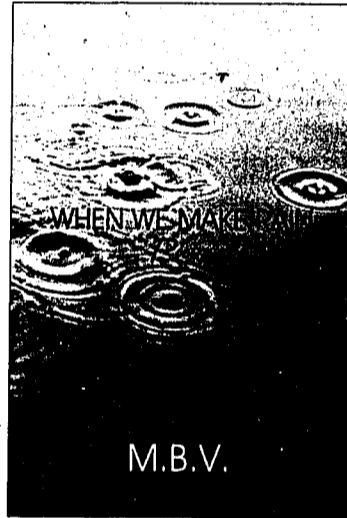
"I write about whatever inspires me," Vollendorf said. "A lot of times I'll be walking down the street and I'll think of something — a little line — and then I have to stop and write it down."

He said he likes to work in the park or on campus.

"Just seeing and interacting with people is always helpful," he said.

The poems in his book, usually a page in length, reflect teen angst, he said. They reflect the time "where you're just kind of lost in the world and don't know what to do."

David Sigler, faculty in the English department said, "the genius of his stuff is the hum-



Courtesy Photo  
Creative writing sophomore Matthew Vollendorf released his first book last week.

drum, the anxieties of everyone's experience. He writes free of cliché and is extraordinarily honest. I almost have never seen an undergraduate write with such honesty and unpretentiousness."

Vollendorf was introduced to literature and poetry from an early age as his father gave him e.e. cummings books and encouraged him to write.

"My dad has always been really big into literature," Vollendorf said.

His father was three years into earning an English degree when Vollendorf's older brother was born. Now Vollendorf is following in his father's footsteps.

"The biggest compliment I

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## Spring 2009's highest indie rock hopes

Since Animal Collective's 2003 effort "Here Comes the Indian," certain circles believe that, if a new Animal Collective album is out, it's probably one of the best albums of the year.

2008 saw only a four-song EP (the pretty good "Water Curses") but already in 2009 we have a new album from the band named "Merriweather Post Pavilion." It's been very well-reviewed so far, getting highest or very high honors from just about every Web

site or magazine that's heard it, and though it's early, it may be an early contender for album of the year. "Pavilion" was released on vinyl and digitally on Jan. 6 and came out Tuesday on CD.

Also out in January is the new A.C. Newman, "Get Guilty," the former vocalist and guitarist of Zumpano and current frontman of the New Pornographers (since Neko Case and Dan Bejar have hit 'big'). Neko Case, too, has a new album out in March on ANTI-, titled "Middle Cyclone."

Whistler and multi-instrumental

Andrew Bird has a new one out, too, and Franz Ferdinand's new album — after three years and three months — is finally being released on Jan. 27 in the US. The Boy Least Likely To likewise is finally ready with a second album following the band's 2005 debut. "Law of the Playground" will arrive in March.



**Marcus Kellis**  
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Of Montreal's got a remix EP, featuring tracks messed up by Jon Brion (composer of the score to "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless

Mind," and producer to Fiona Apple and Kanye West), also on Jan. 27, on Polyvinyl, and Sub Pop will release a quick follow-up to the Handsome Furs' first album on Feb. 3.

Pop fans should not feel left out: the duo the Bird and the Bee will release their second album this month, and Lily Allen's follow-up to her 2006 album is coming out in February.

The Lonely Island, a comedy group now featured as writers and actors on Saturday Night Live, (and the chief creative influence behind that show's Digital Shorts, including "Lazy



Courtesy Photo  
Andrew Bird, a Chicago-based singer and songwriter, has a new album, "Noble Beast," out on Fat Possum Records this month.

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# Classic cars and curmudgeons

**Jordan Gray**  
Argonaut

He's old. He's mean. He's racist. And he defends his lawn — and its gnomes — with a rifle. He is Walt Kowalski, played by Clint Eastwood, who also produced and directed the film. From first glance he's just a crotchety old man whose Detroit neighbors are dying off and being replaced by minorities. He's just lost his wife. And his family — who show up to her funeral complete with one grandchild wearing a Lions jersey and the other wearing

a midriff-bearing shirt and texting on her phone during the service — is trying to shove him into an assisted living community. The former Korean War veteran and auto worker becomes a hero in his neighborhood after driving off the local Hmong gang temporarily. Sue (Ahney Her), his precocious and feisty teenager neighbor, takes it upon herself to draw Kowalski into the proper way of accepting the neighborhood's thanks, whether he wants to or not. Of course, when her brother Thao (Bee Vang)

tries to steal Kowalski's unapologetic racism actually provides a fair amount of the film's humor. He alternately calls Thao "Zipperhead," "Eggroll" and his favorite, "Toad." And he doesn't stop there. If there's a racial epithet for anyone, Kowalski knows it and uses it, friend or foe. He even takes Thao to his barber to teach him how "real men" speak. And not even the bounds of religion keep Kowalski in check.



"Gran Torino"  
Clint Eastwood  
Now Playing

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Kowalski's blatant and keep Kowalski in check.

His verbal sparring with the church pastor provides another humorous facet to the film as the pastor tries to convince him to go to confession, his wife's last request. It's hard to quantify this film as a certain genre. There are elements of humor, angst, warmth, action and violence. The last part of the film really focuses in on the effects the gang violence is having on the neighborhood, but it doesn't completely abandon the humor that carried the first half. But despite the odd mish-mash of themes, the film manages

to wrap them together into a cohesive and entertaining package. Those looking for the classic Eastwood, ala Dirty Harry and Unforgiven, will find traces of that persona in Kowalski, but this is a softer version whose harsh words don't always mimic his actions. Eastwood even sings in the ending credits, an effort with mixed results as the famous gravelly voice croons a ballad about the title car. A worthwhile film for Eastwood fans and for those who enjoy off-key humor mixed with their violent action films.

## BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



Jake Barber/Argonaut

The trees on the University of Idaho campus were glazed with a white frost Tuesday morning while the temperature hung around 23 degrees.

## Hathaway, Hudson can't sell 'Bride Wars'

**Meagan Robertson**  
Argonaut

Two best friends plus getting married on the same day equals disaster. Well, at least that's the case in the horrible movie "Bride Wars." The flick, which stars Anne Hathaway as Emma and Kate Hudson as Liv, is nothing short of ridiculous. The movie opens with the two as children, dreaming hopelessly about their perfect weddings at The Plaza, then transitions to them trying to destroy each other and ends with them as best friends again. This all happens with a whole lot of over-the-top drama between. They hate each other, but secretly inside they're miserable because they're not BFF's anymore. Meanwhile, their poor fiancés, friends and family have to deal with their monstrous behavior and selfish antics.

While the movie has its fair share of hilarity, it's overshadowed by the fact that it's pathetic and depressing. The idea that

two life-long friends can so suddenly want to kill each other is absurd. From DJ-stealing to spray tan and hair dye-ruining, who would really put up with that much revenge? Isn't it just easier to pick another day than losing the most important person in your life? Also, as grown women, why wouldn't they just talk it out and solve the problem like adults? It was just one thing after another, all because their weddings were accidentally scheduled for the same day and neither bride would settle to pick another date.

Nothing in the film was even remotely believable, and while the actresses played their roles well, the movie did nothing to further them in their careers. Maybe this is Hudson's kind of comedy movie, but Hathaway could do so much better.

The entire movie gives weddings (and brides) a

bad name. It's just someone's bad idea of capitalizing on the success of "bridezilla" reality TV shows and turning it into a movie. It's sad enough real women actually act like this. If you want to see real bride wars, then turn on WE or Oxygen.



"Bride Wars"  
Anne Hathaway,  
Kate Hudson  
Now Playing

The poor thing about this movie is the idea that helpless boyfriends, fiancés and husbands across the country were dragged to theaters to see this movie with their ladies. The poor men suffered a fate worse than "Twilight." A note for any girls considering seeing this movie: wait for it to come out on DVD, rent it and have a girl's night while your guy is away. He'll love you more for it.

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schools are performing this play. The play comes in prepa-

ration for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in February, where participating schools will be doing "splash" performances. This type of performance involves mixing up a play's cast between ac-

tors from different schools who have never previously met. "Lincoln's Shins" opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building and runs through Saturday.

## Student raps to see Obama

**Megan Doheny**  
The Stanford Daily, Stanford

For most, getting tickets to the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama can depend on a first-come-first-served basis, but Amani Green, Stanford University '12, is going based on a creative rap video she made in her dorm room.

Inspired by the way in which Obama engaged the public over the Internet, Congressman Mike Honda of California's 15th District (which encompasses Silicon Valley) decided to allocate tickets to constituents through two online programs. One program focused on educational initiatives and another on Facebook, which Green won by submitting her video.

"Originally, I had planned on granting a pair of tickets to the most deserving entry from each of the two programs," Honda said in a letter to constituents published on his Web site. "As the creativity and thoughtfulness of these submissions from my Sili-

con Valley constituents became evident, I realized it would be impossible to choose just one entry from each program. In the end, I provided tickets to 10 constituents who submitted entries."

Green was one of the competitors who stood out in the competition for a rap song she wrote in 10 minutes.

"My name is Amani. It means aspirations. I'll tell you why I want to go to the inauguration," Green sang in her rap.

Green's inspiration came from an unconventional source: her screen idol, Rupert Grint of "Harry Potter" fame, who won his role with a rap song.

"I wanted to do something creative, so I was thinking about what could make me stand out from the other entries," Green said. "I am in love with Rupert Grint, who plays Ron Weasley in 'Harry Potter.' He actually wrote a rap for his audition, and he got the part, so I thought, 'It worked for him. I should try it.'"

Though Green made it

clear that the rap video was "a one-time thing," she could not be more thrilled to attend today's historic event.

"I can be proud of America and its renewed faith in its people," Green said, referencing the sentiment that was reflected in several lines of her contest entry.

"I saw him on TV, I saw him on the debates, and whenever I saw Barack Obama, I couldn't wait to get back to the U.S., and yell and scream and shout, Barack Hussein Obama is what this country is all about," Green sang.

Three of the other ticket winners submitted entries on how to improve the woes of the education system in the U.S. Honda says he will consider incorporating those ideas into legislation.

"The legislation would create an 'Educational Innovation Board' as part of the economic stimulus package," Honda said on his site. "The board would award \$10 million in grants for innovative designs or ideas to help improve the nation's schools across five categories

Decemberists have a concept album, "The Hazards of Love," out in March and one can only hope it's less funny than the Lonely Island's album.

Finally, the team behind "Rock Band 2," Harmonix

and MTV Games, is developing a new version of the game to be titled "The Beatles," tentatively reaching stores sometime before Christmas. I'll be doing lead vocals for "Hey Jude." Who wants drums?

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"Sunday" and "Iran So Far") have a debut LP scheduled for Feb. 10. The

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have ever received as a writer was when I was 17," Vollendorf said. "My dad saw a poem of mine on the wall and asked, 'did you really write that?' I replied, 'Yes,' and then he said, 'you should really look into getting that published.'"

It comes as no surprise that his book is dedicated to his father.

"With that one sentence, he inspired me," Vollendorf said. "I haven't stopped writing yet."

His inspiration also comes from well-known

authors such as Vollendorf's favorite, Dave Eggers.

"Do you ever just read a book and know that the author is trying to get the reader to take something away from it and there's no doubt that you have taken something away from it?" Vollendorf said. "It changes your life in some miniscule way and when I read a book and get that feeling I know that this guy is brilliant."

Vollendorf sees poetry as his hobby and is earning his degree in fiction.

"It's fun and it's what I want to do with my life—poetry, fiction, whatever else I can get my hands on."

"He's really good," Sigler said. "Even his

flashfiction is quick lyric writing, poetic and sophisticated."

Vollendorf speaks highly of the English department and the inspiring authors among the faculty.

"Working under Brandon Schrand, Kim Barnes, I am kind of honored because I have read all their stuff," he said. "I think our English department is really strong."

In addition to getting his degree, Vollendorf hopes to publish again, specifically in literary magazines.

"When We Make Rain: Poetry by M.B.V." can be found online at [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com).

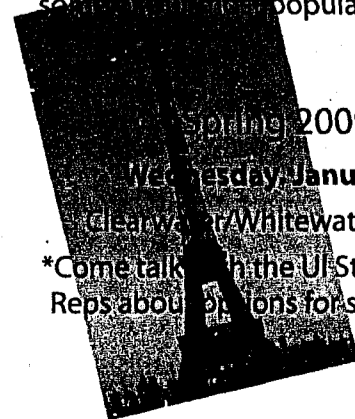
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## QuickHITS

### Vandals in action

**Friday**  
**Women's basketball** — The team will take on conference foe Louisiana Tech University at 7 p.m. Friday, in the Cowan Spectrum

**Women's tennis** — The Vandals will make a trip westward to compete against the University of Oregon at 9 a.m. Friday in Eugene.

**Men's and women's track and field** — Both men's and women's teams open indoor competition this week beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Pullman.

**Swimming and Diving** — The swimming and diving team will remain home for a meet at 5 p.m. against Washington State University.

### Vandals to watch

**Alexsandra Ulesanu**  
 Women's Tennis



Ulesanu had the only victory in a three-set win against WSU in the No. 5 slot. As a team, the Vandals were defeated by the nationally ranked Cougars 6-1.

**Marvin Jefferson**  
 Men's basketball



The Vandals have won eight games on the season but have dropped their last two. Jefferson has shot better than 60 percent from the floor on the season and the team will look for his performance to continue as players and coaches eye the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

**K.C. Dahlgren**  
 Track and field



Heading into their first meet, the University of Idaho track and field team fans will be keeping an eye on Dahlgren. The senior pole vaulter is a four-time all-WAC performer and the team expects a record breaking year following her performances last year.

### Did you know ...

University of Washington coach Steve Sarkisian has hired five coaches with ties to the University of Idaho. Sarkisian announced former UI coach Nick Holt as defensive coordinator, former UI quarterback Doug Nussmeier as quarterbacks coach, former UI running back Joel Thomas as running backs coach, former defensive line coach Johnny Nansen as special teams and defensive line coach and former UI linebacker Mike Cox as linebackers coach.



David Holmon pounds the sand following an impressive triple jump attempt during the McDonald's Collegiate Meet in the Kibbie Dome Feb. 2. File Photo

## Indoor track gets under way

**Marco Frassine**  
 Argonaut

The first University of Idaho men's and women's track and field meet of the year is quickly approaching, and the coaches' and athletes will approach the season with a fresh strategy.

This year the Vandals are taking a more methodic approach to their opening meet Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at Washington State University.

"For the first meet, it's just all about getting your feet wet and getting use to competing again," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "The first meet is always kind of a bench mark to see where we need to improve."

With the break between seasons spanning nearly six months the athletes and coaches are excited for this season to begin.

"It's a long off season, and we're just coming off a break, so we're not expecting too much from this first meet," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said. "We're just looking to see how good we are and if we are as good as we think we are."

Teevens and Phipps have been coaching side-by-side for 13 years. Teevens was coach for four years before she began sharing her coaching duties with Phipps in 2000. The two have seen a lot of athletes come and go through the years, although the loss of former Western Athletic Conference champion thrower Russ Winger may be their biggest loss so far.

"(Winger is) obviously impossible to replace, but we've added some key athletes and this looks to be one of the more well-balanced teams that I've seen in awhile," Phipps said.

Vandal fans, however, may be stunned to find out where part of the team's "balance" will be coming from this season.

"We have an outstanding freshman class this year," Teevens said. "This is going to be a big year for new comers."

Teevens was referring to high school standouts such as multi-event athlete Ellen Rouse, sprinter Keli Hall and pole vault specialist Lindsay Beard. Along with bringing balance to the team these three women bring multiple state titles and a top 10 national high school pole vaulter in Beard.

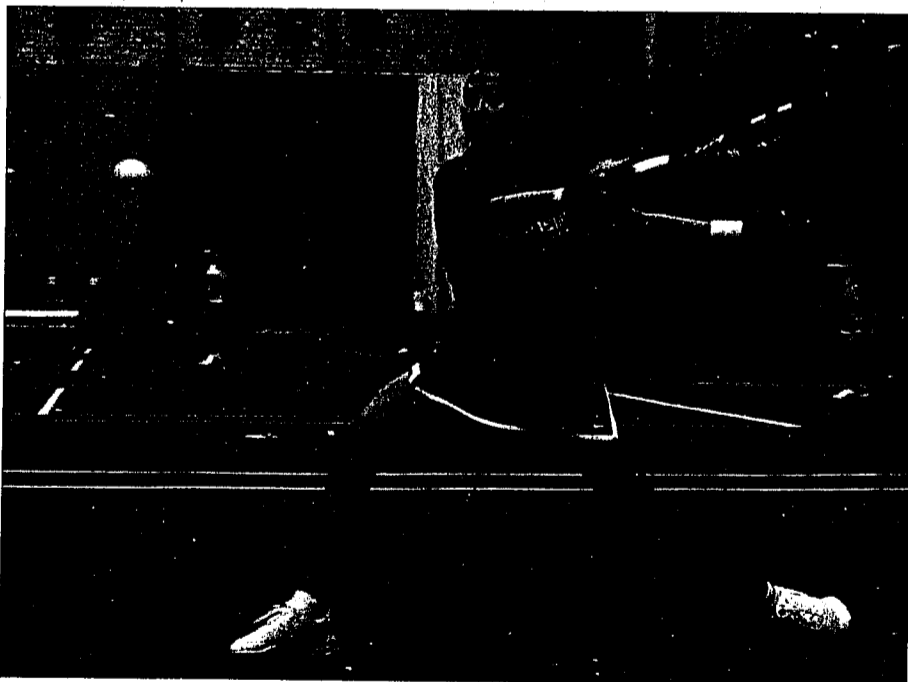
The Vandals' exceptional freshman class will have plenty of help keeping the balance this year by veterans as well. Two-time NCAA All-American and school record holder, Matt Wauters, is looking forward to his senior season.

"There is a lot of conditioning and weight training in the off season and that can have an effect on some of the athletes coming into the first meet," Wauters said. "Some (athletes) may not perform as well because their bodies are tired. I'm just looking to go out there and get a good mark. It's all about getting a good mark and getting to nationals."

Phipps echoes Wauters desire for success on the national level.

"Our goal every year is to finish top 20 in the nation and it's definitely going to be more difficult this year with the loss of Winger," Phipps said. "Wauters is a guy that we'll look-to for some key points this year, but we should see more success on the conference level due to our improved balance."

Events for the Washington State University Open begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in Pullman.



University of Idaho tennis player Silvia Irimescu, from Bucharest, Romania sends the ball back to Washington State University's Ekaterina Kamendova during a singles match Saturday in Pullman. The Vandals lost 6-1. Jake Barber/Argonaut

## Back in the swing of things

**Scott Stone**  
 Argonaut

The women's tennis team stepped back on the court this weekend to start the spring season and prove they aren't the inexperienced team they were a year ago.

The Vandals started the season Saturday with a tough loss to Washington State 6-1.

Starting the season against a nationally ranked team with only two days of practice — the coaching staff was happy with what they saw.

"Although I was disappointed with the overall result I thought we competed pretty well," said Idaho coach Tyler Neill. "Washington State is a nationally ranked team that is consistently tough."

The Vandals hit the court again Sunday determined to bring home a win and did just that against U.S. Air Force Academy (4-3) and Lewis-Clark State College (6-1).

Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said the team was banged up after the loss to WSU and to get a win the next morning shows what the team is capable of.

"Air Force is a strong Division I program," Beaman said. "They're in a great tennis conference, and they're tough. They're smart, they're in shape and for us to pull that win out when we were banged up this early in the year, it was a good sign that we do have some people that can step up and play when they aren't playing their best."

The Vandals didn't stop with the Air Force, the same afternoon they set their sights on LCSC.

Heading into the match, the Vandals got an opportunity to rest the team giving players who are lower in the lineup an opportunity to compete.

"I was happy with our match against LCSC," Neill said. "We had many players step up and play well against an LCSC

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## UI track houses hidden instinct

**Megan Broyles**  
 Argonaut

Early in Vandal athletic history, a standard of excellence was set by the runners, throwers and jumpers of Idaho. Years and countless competitions later, Idaho Track & Field hasn't wavered from that standard.

Idaho has harbored 12 national record holders, 20 Olympians, 6 world championship finalists and 4 NCAA champions. From these athletes come 81 All-America honors, 25 national records and 31 conference records.

A Vandal sprinter from Jamaica gained international acclaim as a member of the infamous 1988 Olympic Jamaican bobsled team that inspired the Disney flick "Cool Runnings." The "world's greatest athlete" Dan O'Brien once shared the Kibbie Dome track before earning a gold medal in the decathlon in the 1996 Olympics.

Senior pole vaulter K.C. Dahlgren, a four-time all-Western Athletic Conference performer, said most Idaho students and Vandal fans forget or never hear about the accomplishments of the team.

"Football has always been in society," Dahlgren said. "People flock to it naturally. It's the same with basketball. But people don't realize how hard we work — we've had at least one NCAA qualifier for the past 14 years and our guys are nationally ranked decathletes."

Teammate and fellow senior Heather Bergland echoed Dahlgren's disdain toward being unrecognized for producing results on the track and in the field. She said one of the biggest problems is that track meets are hard for non-track savvy Vandals to attend and understand.

"It's a hard sport to come and watch," Bergland said. "There is so much going on at once with breaks everywhere."

Regardless of fan turnout, Dahlgren and Bergland both attribute the team's many successes to a dynamic coaching staff and motivated athletes.

"We are hard workers," Dahlgren said. "We have a good team dynamic and good communication. We have fun, but get our stuff done first."

To have an accomplished team, the hard workers must be led by an influential leader who can relate to athletes and keep them motivated. Bergland said Idaho coach Wayne Phipps is this person, and he goes above and beyond in the coaching realm.

"We have the best coaches in the world," she said. "Wayne Phipps so knowledgeable. I've never met someone who knows everything about everything. He looks at the little things that matter the most. Ask him anything, he has the answer."

Phipps is accompanied by four-time All-American See TRACK, page 12



# Vandals lose tough game to LA Tech

Levi Johnstone  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Vandals came off a tough loss to New Mexico State University and ran directly into a buzz saw. That buzz saw was the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

The Vandals lost the game 74-63 just 40 hours after the team's previous game.

Idaho point guard Mac Hopson said the lack of recovery time was something he and the team aren't used to.

"I think it took a toll on us," Hopson said. "It (was) wearing us down a little bit. I felt it a little, to be honest. I haven't played two games in a row in a while, so I think it was hard on our legs, but that's no excuse. We've got to buckle down and do our jobs."

The Vandals shot just 40 percent from the field and after a cold streak from the free throw line proved costly in the loss to New Mexico State, the Vandals connected on just 15 of 21 attempts against the Bulldogs.

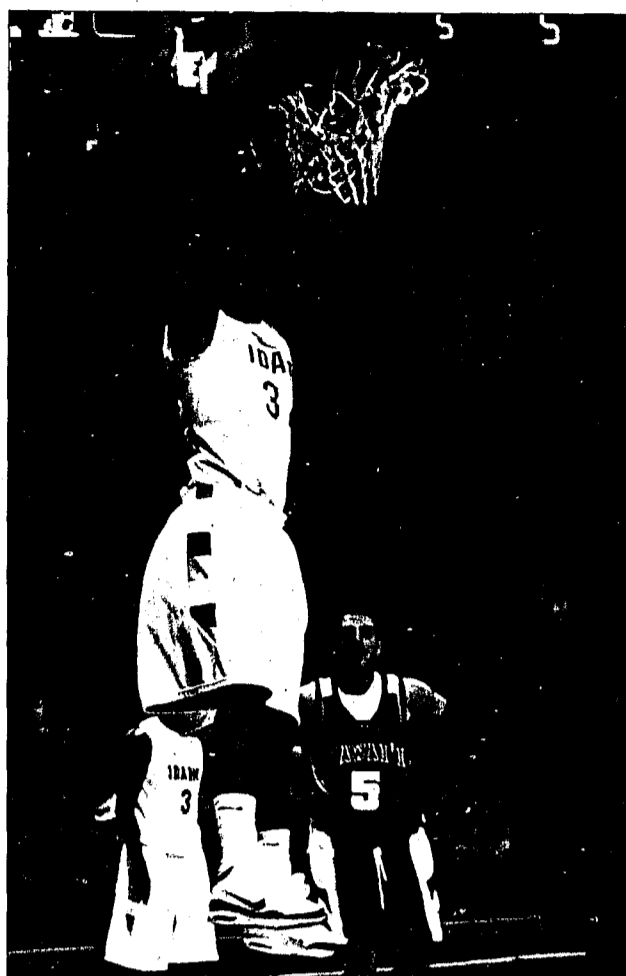
The Vandals did drop in eight shots from beyond the three point line, but the effort was thwarted by the strong inside game put forth by the Bulldogs.

Louisiana Tech scored 38 points in the paint en route to a 55 percent field goal percentage performance.

"They did a great job preparing for us and taking us out of what we wanted to do," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We didn't have a lot of time to prepare, but they dominated us in every phase of the game."

Hopson led all scorers with 25 and center Marvin Jefferson scored 10 points but was only 3 for 10 from the field.

Jefferson is a 62 percent field goal shooter on the season.



File Photo

University of Idaho guard Kashif Watson dunks the ball during the Jan. 8 basketball game against Hawai'i in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 74-63 against Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

The Vandals are off to the hottest start in more than 10 years and currently sit at 8-10 (2-4) on the season.

The team will play at the Cowan Spectrum against New Mexico State Saturday and are looking to rebound and get back in contention in the Western Athletic Conference.

"We talk in our program about 'no excuses' and there is no excuse for the way we played tonight," Verlin said. "We didn't play hard enough or

with enough passion and we have to give a lot of credit to Louisiana Tech."

With the loss to the Bulldogs the Vandals end their longest road trip of the season. After playing five of their last six games on the road, the team will play eight of the remaining 12 WAC contests at home.

Tip off for Saturday's contest against New Mexico State is slated for 7:05 p.m.

# Brewers, Padres in ruins

I'm having a hard time deciding if the Milwaukee Brewers or San Diego Padres have had the worst offseason thus far. I certainly wouldn't want to be a fan of either club at this point, although both teams have an excellent case to argue in terms of what's transpired since the season ended.

Don't get me wrong, the Seattle Mariners and a few other teams deserve mention as well, but come opening day, I'd rather be rooting for anyone besides Milwaukee and San Diego.

I'll make a case for the Brewers having the worst offseason first. It seems like a case of anything that can go wrong, will go wrong mixed with front office incompetence.

The offseason woes began when CC Sabathia left via free agency to pitch for the New York Yankees. They traded an excellent prospect in Matt Laporta to essentially rent Sabathia for half of the season.

While he got them to the playoffs, they ended up losing the first round draft pick that Sabathia would have netted them if he had signed with any other club but the Yankees. Since the Bronx Bombers signed Mark Teixeira, the highest rated free agent on the market, the Los Angeles Angels will get the Yankees first round pick. The Brewers will get a second-round pick, which comes after the sandwich round, so they can forget about signing any of the elite players in the draft.

Aside from gutting their farm system for almost no return, they went out and signed Trevor Hoffman to a multi-million dollar deal. I'm still scratching my head on this one. There are younger alternatives on the market, such as Brandon Lyon and Juan Cruz, both of whom aren't coming off of mediocre years.

They also lost Guillermo Mota's arm from their bullpen, as well as starter Ben Sheets.

As it stands now, the Brewers will field a patchwork rotation of pitchers who belong at best as back of the rotation starters. That is on top of a bullpen that is even more depleted than it was in 2008, spearheaded by a 41-year-old closer, who in 2008, put up his worst ERA since 1995.

The Brewers are also being forced to deal with slugger Prince Fielder who is in line for a hefty raise via league arbitration. They lose control of him after the 2011 season, and I'd be surprised to

see Fielder take the field for Milwaukee at the start of 2012.

While the Brewers made the playoffs last year, the Padres finished with a deplorable record of 63-99—21 games behind the first place Los Angeles Dodgers.

They entered the offseason while the owner was in the midst of a nasty divorce, which seemed to be taking the team with it. They dealt shortstop Khalil Greene to the St. Louis Cardinals for a relief pitcher who put up decent numbers in AAA ball, but got lit up in four appearances for St. Louis in 2008.

Their offense does still have Brian Giles and Adrian Gonzalez, but aside from those two players, who else is there? In 2008, the Padres were last in runs scored, and without Greene, things aren't looking any better.

Staff ace Jake Peavy has been on the trade block since the close of the season, but talks with the Braves and Cubs have fallen apart. Ken Rosenthal and numerous people on ESPN say that the Padres front office has told them that Peavy will be with the club at the start of the 2009 season, but they're still willing to trade him. I wouldn't be surprised to see him dealt to a contending team around the trade deadline to help rebuild their farm system.

Additionally, the Padres didn't have a single starting pitcher in 2008 with at least 10 starts who had a winning record.

Either way, both teams are looking at ugly seasons in 2009. The Brewers are in shambles after trading for the necessary components for a playoff run, and now they don't even have the draft picks to help restock the farm system.

The Padres hit rock bottom in 2008, and things only look like they can get worse from here. They recently signed Chris Burke and his anemic bat to a deal, and it looks like he'll be a starting infielder for the friars. You know you're in trouble when a guy like Burke is starting for you.

Both sides have valid cases, but in the end, I'm going to have to pick Milwaukee. The team is in ruins, and they're in a unique position to lose out on yet another draft pick depending on where Ben Sheets signs. He's been connected to the New York Mets, according to the good people over at MLBtraderumors.com, and if they were to sign him, the Angels would have succeeded in taking another draft pick away from the Brew Crew, as closer Francisco Rodriguez is rated higher as a free agent than Sheets is.



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# Fitzgerald's skills no mystery to Steelers

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Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Larry Fitzgerald might be the most scouted player in Pittsburgh Steelers history. For two years, they needed only to look out their office windows to watch him.

Fitzgerald's exceptional hands, his knack for making difficult catches while heavily covered and his high jumper-like leaping ability might pose the biggest obstacle to the Steelers beating the Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

As Steelers coach Mike Tomlin suggested Tuesday, scouting and a good game plan alone aren't enough to slow Fitzgerald, whose 419 yards receiving are the most in a single NFL postseason, with one game remaining.

"If you get down the field one-on-one with him, he's going to come back with the football," Tomlin said. "He is the best in the world at that, bar none."

Not that any one needs to remind the Steelers.

Displayed in their Heinz Field press box, alongside pictures of former and current Steelers players, is a large photo of Fitzgerald leaping above three Texas A&M defenders to make a touchdown catch while at Pitt in 2003. He couldn't have been more covered, yet it made no difference. The football was there, and, in Fitzgerald's mind, nobody else was going to get it.

Ask the Philadelphia Eagles about plays like that.

Fitzgerald's series of three, can-you-top-this touchdown catches in the NFC championship game Sunday prevented an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl. It also set up an improbable matchup between the Cardinals, an old franchise that could hardly be less successful, and the Steelers, an old franchise that

could hardly be more successful.

"Larry Fitzgerald, is quite simply, the best receiver in the world down the field in one-on-one situations," Tomlin said. "If we're to be successful in Tampa, we need to limit the number of times we're downfield with him one-on-one. Invariably, he's going to come up with the football. The (video) tape tells us that."

So did their own eyes.

Although the Steelers and University of Pittsburgh never practice together on the four-field complex they share on the city's South Side, more than few Steelers employees were tempted to sneak a few peeks at Fitzgerald when he played for Pitt in 2003 and 2004.

Why wouldn't they? In his two college seasons about being recruited by former Pitt coach Walt Harris, a passing game whiz, Fitzgerald caught 161 passes for 2,677 yards and 34 touchdowns, with at least one TD catch in a record 18 consecutive games.

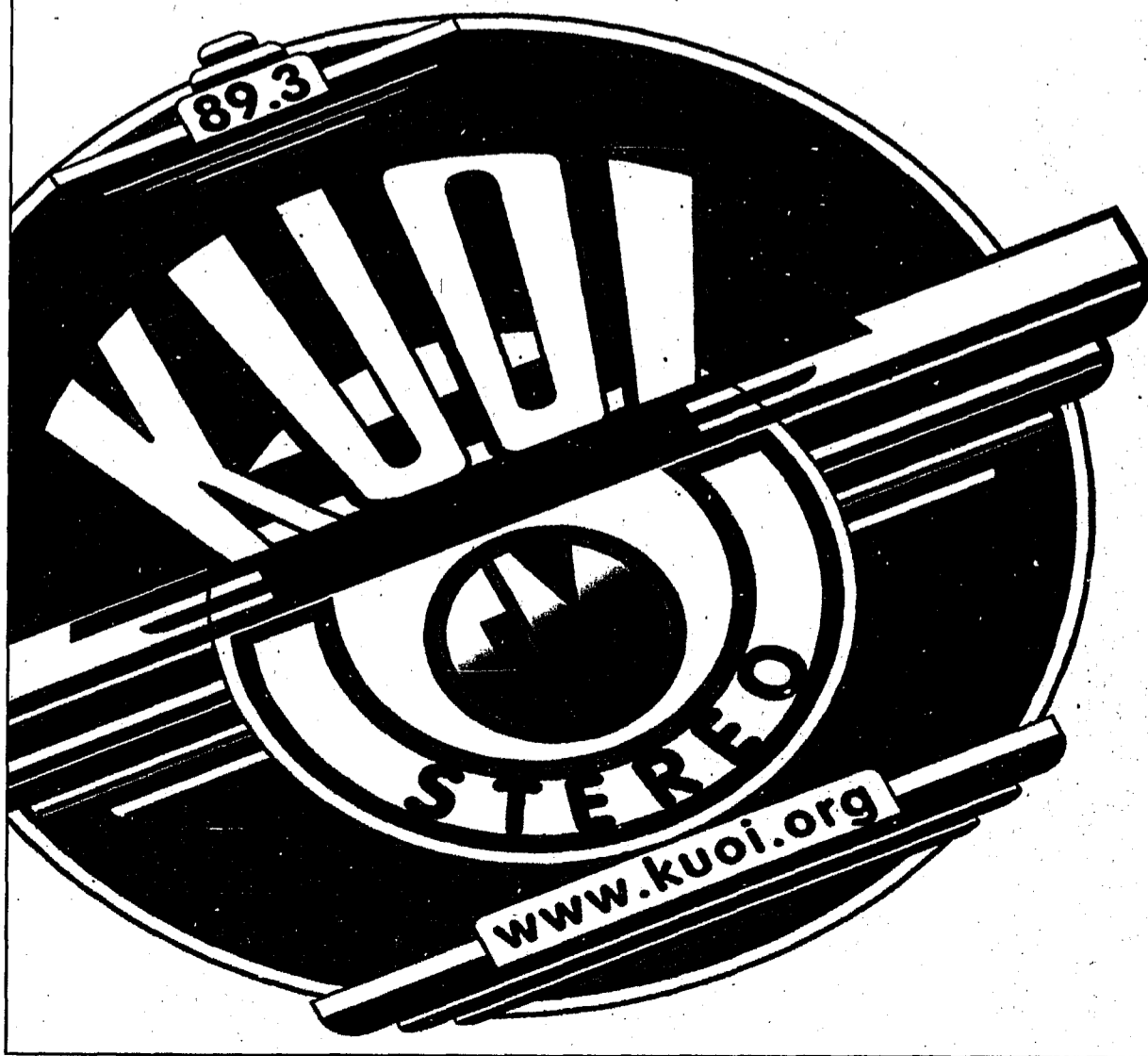
The Steelers also influenced Fitzgerald, too.

Not long after the Cardinals drafted Fitzgerald No. 3 overall in 2004, when the Steelers drafted Ben Roethlisberger eight spots later, Fitzgerald said his goal wasn't just to be the receiver who made the occasional highlight-film catch. Instead, he wanted to be as steady and reliable as the Steelers' Hines Ward.

Now, Fitzgerald probably needs to be better than Ward if the Cardinals are to win their first NFL championship since 1947 — three cities and 61-plus years ago. Curiously, the then-Chicago Cardinals beat the Eagles to win that '47 title, a week after Philadelphia beat the Steelers in a rare playoff game for the Eastern Conference playoff.

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# Kokanee get shot at comeback

Becky Kramer  
The Spokesman-Review

SANDPOINT — At the Bonner County Food Bank, director Alice Wallace sets no limits on mackinaw.

During spring and late summer, needy families help themselves to packages of fish from a freezer in the food bank's lobby. Last year, Wallace and her staff gave away 4,700 pounds of the orange-fleshed, mild-tasting fish also known as lake trout.

"It's got a great flavor," said Wallace, who uses the trout to add variety to the food bank's typical meat offerings of hamburger and ground turkey. "We even have one client who smokes it."

The free trout comes courtesy of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which is using mackinaw harvests to restore balance to the waters of Lake Pend Oreille.

Introduced to Idaho's largest lake in 1925, mackinaw have exhausted their welcome.

They gobble up endangered bull trout and kokanee, a landlocked sockeye salmon that once formed the basis of a multimillion-dollar fishery in Lake Pend Oreille. In 2000, the lake closed to kokanee fishing amid steep population declines.

Mackinaw are prodigious feeders, swallowing eight to 10 pounds of smaller fish to put on a single pound of flesh. In other words, "20 pounds of mackinaw may have eaten 200 pounds of kokanee," said Jim Fredericks, Fish and Game's regional fisheries manager.

After decades of efforts to curb mackinaw populations and boost kokanee survival, Fish and Game officials finally have some encouraging news.

Last year, the department paid commercial fishermen to pull 20,000 pounds of mackinaw from the lake.

Local food banks were "up to their gills" in

donated fish, said Chip Corsi, the department's regional director. And with so many of their predators converted to frozen fillets, kokanee survival rates took a turn for the better.

Last year, survival rates hit 30 percent for 1- to 2-year-old kokanee, the age the fish are typically eaten by mackinaw. Kokanee reach maturity and spawn at 3 to 4 years of age.

Andy Dux, a fish research biologist, cautioned that a single year's worth of data doesn't create a trend. But after years of survival rates in the single digits, the results are encouraging, he said. To ensure kokanee's viability in the lake, survival rates of 60 percent to 70 percent would be better, he said.

Dux's research led to last year's bountiful mackinaw harvest.

By tagging the trout, he tracked their movements in the lake and found the mackinaw's two primary spawning grounds. That allowed Harbor Fisheries, a Wisconsin firm that specializes in commercial mackinaw harvest, to catch about 65 percent of Lake Pend Oreille's reproducing mackinaw.

Fish and Game has worked with Harbor Fisheries for three years. The Bonneville Power Administration and Avista Corp. pay the company's \$434,000 contract as compensation for the destruction of fish habitat from hydropower operations. Avista also pays a \$15 per fish bounty to anglers who catch mackinaw.

By repeatedly targeting mackinaw, Fish and Game hopes to quell their populations. That would give kokanee a chance to rebound. Last year, Lake Pend Oreille's population of spawning-age kokanee was estimated at 60,000. Once, the runs were so abundant that the lake's annual kokanee harvest topped 1 million fish.

Mackinaw aren't the only culprits, noted Corsi. Fluctuating lake levels caused by dam operations also played a role in the kokanee's decline, though agreements with dam operators

have helped modify those detrimental effects.

Kokanee aren't native to Lake Pend Oreille. They arrived in 1934, when massive flooding washed fish out of Montana's Flathead Lake, sending them down the Clark Fork River and into Lake Pend Oreille.

But unlike mackinaw, kokanee are a beneficial presence in the lake, Corsi said. As native cutthroat trout numbers dwindled, kokanee become a critical part of the food chain, feeding animals from eagles and grizzly bears to otter and bull trout. The fish spawn in tributary streams and shallow areas along the lakeshore, allowing scavengers to pick over their carcasses. Mackinaw spawn and die in deeper waters, so less of their flesh gets recycled, Corsi said.

High in healthy fats, kokanee taste similar to oangoing sockeye, which also make them a favorite of fishermen. They're easy to catch, too.

"Any mom and pop can go out on a dinghy and catch kokanee," Corsi said. "It's pretty hard to find anyone who doesn't like kokanee and who doesn't want them in the lake."

When Jim Carothers, of Sagle, Idaho, was a kid, he helped his grandparents and aunt and uncle run a commercial kokanee operation on Lake Pend Oreille. His relatives sold their catch to a local smokehouse. Fishing helped augment income from the family's farm into the 1970s.

Those days are long past, Carothers noted. But restored kokanee runs could still help the local economy, he said.

Fish and Game wants to recover kokanee to reopen a sport fishery. Carothers would like to see the kokanee restored to feed the populations of other game fish, such as the record-size Kamloops rainbow trout Lake Pend Oreille is known for. The Kamloops bring big money into the local economy through the presence of charter boats and out-of-town anglers willing to spend hundreds of dollars to catch a trophy fish, Carothers said.

To further that goal, "I'm of the belief that we shouldn't have a kokanee fishery and you can walk from shore to shore on them," he said.

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team that fought as hard as any team could."

It was just a glimpse of what the season would offer the team, and Beaman said he believes the team has the ability to do some great things as long as they stay healthy.

"I feel they could have a really strong season," Beaman said. "The big thing is going to be how healthy can we stay. After this first weekend we were really banged up. But if we get healthy we're getting close to where we can compete with really strong nationally ranked teams."

He said there's plenty of talent on the team, but they just need to be able to put it out there.

The team added five new players this year — two of those players transferred from strong tennis programs and will play a big role in adding experience to the team. "That really helps where we had freshman last year and it was their first college experience," Beaman said. "They've had a year to get used to it and then to throw in two people who have played in big time programs and have been in college, that really helps the level of maturity and experience."

Experience may be the deciding factor this weekend when the women travel to Oregon to play four matches in three days against some tough opponents including the nationally ranked University of Oregon.

"To kick off our weekend with four matches in three days with a program at that level, it's a tough start," Beaman said. "If we go 3-1, I think that's a good weekend, and that's also a good start to the year."

He said with a week to prepare, the team will be using this time to get healthy and should be more prepared for the next four matches.

### "Any mom and pop can go out on a dinghy and catch Kokanee."

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# The Super Bowl will be so big, bet on it

Tim Dahlberg  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The guys in the back rooms who make the numbers seem a bit confused by this one, though they're hardly alone. The Arizona Cardinals haven't made it easy for anyone in their improbable run to the Super Bowl.

The Cardinals will be underdogs against the Pittsburgh Steelers, that much is certain in the sports books that line the Las Vegas Strip. No surprise there, because Arizona has been the dog in all three of its playoff games after sputtering badly late in the regular season.

The NFL will have you believe it doesn't matter because there is no such thing as a connection between the league's popularity and the ease with which you can bet on a game. The league and the television talking heads who understand what side their bread is buttered on will pretend that there is no such thing as a point spread on the biggest game of the year.

That's nonsense, of course, because hundreds of millions of dollars will change hands on everything from the opening coin flip to the eventual final score. Millions of Americans will have a financial stake in the game, whether they wager online, in a Vegas sports book or simply buy a square or two in the pool at their local bar.

I don't bet on sports, mostly because I'm lousy at picking winners, but a friend of mine risked five bucks in August on a 50-1 shot that the Cardinals will win the Super Bowl. Those odds weren't bad, but bookies thought so little of Arizona that even when the Cardinals made the playoffs you could still get 35-1 on them winning it all.

Fortunately for the bookies, my friend's bet

was about the norm. Bettors didn't wager serious money on the Cardinals, even at longshot odds, because they had no idea going into the playoffs that Kurt Warner would play like he did earlier in the season, Edgerrin James would get a chance to run the ball, and Larry Fitzgerald would stake his claim as the best wide receiver in the league.

That combination, along with an underrated defense, was good enough to win three playoff games and get the Cardinals in the Super Bowl for the first time in their history. And what a miserable history it has been, stretching from the team's formation in 1898 in Chicago to its current location in Phoenix, where before this year the Cardinals had one winning season in 21 years.

There was never any reason to believe Arizona could actually make it to the Super Bowl. History shows that perennially bad teams tend to revert to doing bad things (see Chicago Cubs) when the pressure is on because they don't know how to do anything different.

But now the Cardinals are in, and with two weeks to kill before the game we turn to the bookies to figure out just how bad they will get beaten by the powerful Steelers. That's a task the oddsmakers undertake with varying degrees of success for every NFL game, but it becomes more important in the big game when almost everyone but Roger Goodell has a bet down.

Last year the bookies didn't do too well, losing money in Las Vegas after making the New England Patriots prohibitive 13.5 point favorites over the New York Giants. That didn't mean they thought the Patriots were two

touchdowns better than the Giants, only that they figured bettors would overwhelm them with money on the Patriots unless they put up a big enough spread to get money back on the underdog.

"The Super Bowl is a different animal," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton. "The so-called public money overruns the professional plays because so many people are betting. So we have to make a line that reflects public opinion, not necessarily the strength of the two teams."

The problem is, even the bookies can't figure out the Cardinals. Are they really a solid playoff team, or are they closer to the team that got blown out in three of their last five regular season games?

The consensus in this gambling town is that Arizona is somewhere in between, with the Steelers settling in as a 7-point favorite in most sports books. It's a safe number, designed to attract both those jumping on the Cardinals bandwagon and those who figure the Steelers will have no trouble winning by more than a touchdown.

Figure in the over-under of 47 total points and you

can even come up with a final score — Steelers 27, Cardinals 20.

That would cost my friend the \$250 he would make if the Cardinals won the Super Bowl, but that's the life of a big gambler.

I'm recommending he protect himself by betting it all on the Cardinals to win the opening coin toss. As lucky as they've been so far in these playoffs, that may be as close as you can get to a sure thing.

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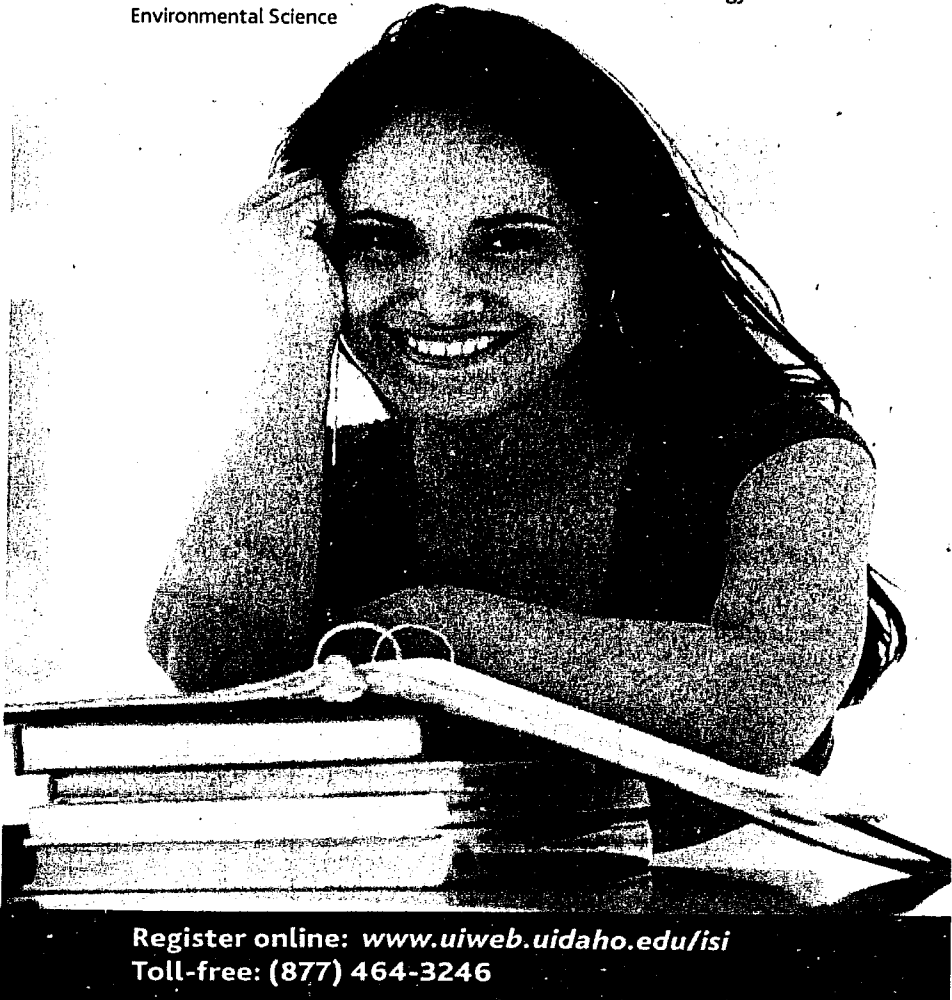
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and world championship finalist Angela Whyte on the coaching staff.

Whyte ended her collegiate career in 2003 with numerous honors includ-

ing five Big West individual championships and 13 school records. At the 2004 Olympics, Whyte represented her home country of Canada and finished sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

With inspirational and motivating people like Whyte on the coaching staff, Bergland said it's a difficult deci-

sion whether to keep running after college or to settle into a career track.

"I think about it all the time," she said. "Getting sponsored like Angela Whyte would be amazing ... winning meets and making money. You have to be really good to be able to do it."