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MOVEMENT FROM THE HEART



Deonté Jackson performs spirit dancing in the Student Union Building Ballroom Saturday night during the Shades of Black event.

Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Program ✂️ Prioritization Process

Not going without a fight

Physics dept. members vocalize concerns about cuts

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Students, faculty and staff members of the University of Idaho physics department have made one thing clear — they're not going quietly.

UI administrators have responded by giving consideration to the at-risk program more time.

The group gathered late Friday at an open forum to ask to keep the Bachelor of Science physics major in tact at UI. More than 50 people filled a McClure Building lecture room to provide input to the College of Science's Curricu-

lum Committee that may or may not decide to support a Notice of Intent to close the program.

Scott Wood, COS dean, said more time is being allotted than was originally planned to consider the NOI regarding the fate of the program.

The B.S. in physics is one of 41 programs that may be closed or consolidated because of UI's Program Prioritization Process. The process, which is a part of the university's Strategic Action Plan, is an effort by administrators to make UI more academically and financially efficient.

The open forum was an

avenue for the committee to hear public input, said Mark Nielsen, COS associate dean.

"The physics department has voted to support the closure of the (Bachelor of Arts)," Nielsen said. "It is opposed to a NOI form for closure of the B.S. degree."

The committee will take the input from the open forum into consideration for its own discussion on both the B.A. and B.S. as they make a decision, Nielsen said.

Wood said because of the response to the changes, Provost Doug Baker, the

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Professor of Physics Ruprecht Machleidt gives a presentation on the consequences of cutting the University of Idaho undergraduate physics program during the Physics Open Forum Friday in the McClure Building.

The financial scars of cancer

Benefit helps UI graduate

Nate Moore
Argonaut

Peter Steinhoff thought he had a bad case of the flu when he started feeling tired all the time and was constantly sick — but after collapsing in the shower, he went to the doctor and discovered he had colon cancer.

A 1997 graduate from the University of Idaho, Steinhoff was uninsured and unemployed when he was diagnosed with colon cancer in June 2007.

Steinhoff said when he walked into the doctor's office, the nurse took one look at him and immediately

knew he was anemic.

His lips were pale, and his skin was tinged blue as a result of the internal bleeding, which had been going on for a long time. Later that day, he was on the operating table for the first of three surgeries he would undergo.

"The change was so gradual, I never saw it coming," Steinhoff said.

Since his diagnosis, Steinhoff has had two chemotherapy treatments in addition to his surgical procedures, all without insurance to cover his expenses.

According to Steinhoff, a person without insurance can apply for a loan through the county that pays the bills at Medicaid rates and can be paid back interest free. But

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

University of Idaho graduate Peter Steinhoff was diagnosed with colon cancer in June 2007. A fundraiser will be held at the Latah County fairgrounds on March 1 to assist Steinhoff with his medical expenses.

PARKING

Limited red pass to appease waitlisted

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

To cope with a significant waitlist, University of Idaho Parking and Transportation services will be offering Specific Lot Red Permits to those in need.

About 50 individuals are on the waitlist for one of the near 1,700 red parking passes sold each year.

The decision to offer limited red passes was made after surveying holders of red lot passes in January for possible underuse. Four lots were decided upon as the least used lots on campus.

They include 34, situ-

ated on Stadium Drive; 50, behind the UI Human Resources Building; 54B, located next to the parking office and 84 with parking along Nez Perce Avenue.

Those who buy a limited pass will also have access to all blue lots.

The limited passes cost \$64, as much as a pro-rated regular red pass. Permits were made available to only those waitlisted for red passes on Feb. 2. Starting Feb. 17, the limited passes will be available to anyone while supplies last. There are about 50 limited passes available for purchase.

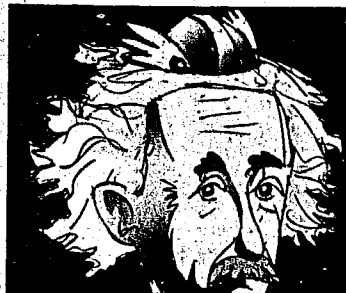
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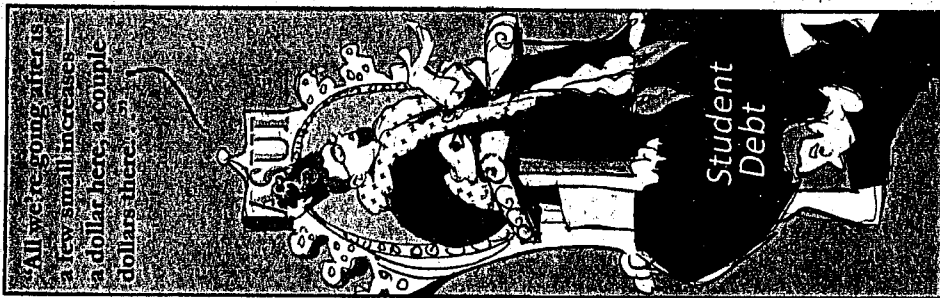
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Speak out: Do you think Michael Phelps' suspension for marijuana was justified?

Nicole Cowin
freshman biology
No, I don't think so. He's just trying to live his life. He's a normal person.

Bailey Merwin
freshman biology
I think he should have been reprimanded but a suspension wasn't necessary. It was something that should have been dealt with in the legal system.

Nick Langedyke
freshman criminal justice
I think it was justified. It's all right to punish and it should have been used against him since it is illegal though.

Mikki Lyle
freshman art history
I think it's justified, but a really pathetic example is being made.

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WEB POLL RESULTS

Do you think Vandal fans were out of line during the UI vs. BSU game?
Yes - 27
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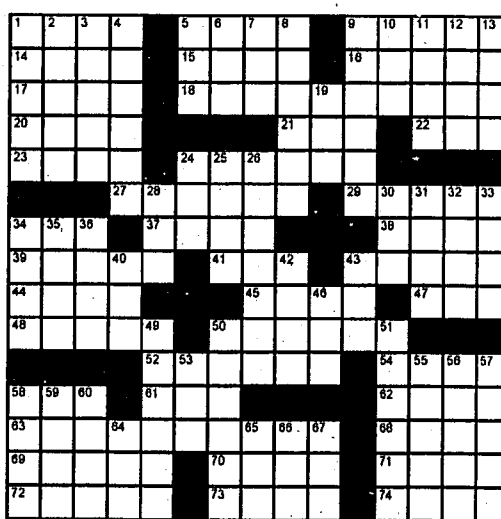
Do you care about Groundhog Day?
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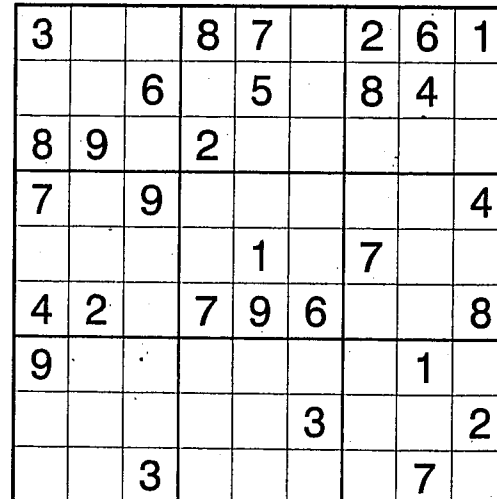
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- 21 Adage
- 22 Resort
- 23 Besides
- 24 *Sinfeld* gal
- 27 Exit a computer
- 29 Change, as a clock
- 34 Japanese coin
- 37 Outcry
- 38 Hot rock
- 39 High point
- 41 Hale
- 43 Tweak
- 44 Lab gel
- 45 Price
- 47 Sea eagle
- 48 Memos
- 50 Went to sea
- 52 Equally
- 54 Lip
- 58 Sign before Virgo
- 61 Bolivian export
- 62 Cal's meat
- 63 Distributions
- 68 Earthen pot
- 69 Kind of wave
- 70 Jacket
- 71 Knight fight
- 72 Undue speed
- 73 Weaponry
- 74 To be (Lat.)



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- 1 Dramatist Oscar
- 2 Perfect
- 3 Talons
- 4 Dog house
- 5 Triumphant cry
- 6 Heston role, *Ben*
- 7 Actor Wallach
- 8 Mountain group
- 9 Bloom
- 10 Mythical bird
- 11 Broadcasts
- 12 Golf hazard
- 13 Still hair
- 19 Sunburn
- 24 Conceit
- 25 Baker's unit
- 26 Somali, for one
- 28 Crumb
- 30 Addition
- 31 Fill
- 32 Eternally
- 33 Mountain pool
- 34 Glance over
- 35 Hence
- 36 Orderly
- 40 Sp. girl (Abbr.)
- 42 Drudgery
- 43 Dined
- 46 Cunning
- 49 Agree out of court
- 50 Nero's tutor
- 51 Dedicate
- 53 Energy
- 55 Food shops
- 56 Angers
- 57 Cheer up
- 58 Strip of wood
- 59 Charles Lamb's pen name
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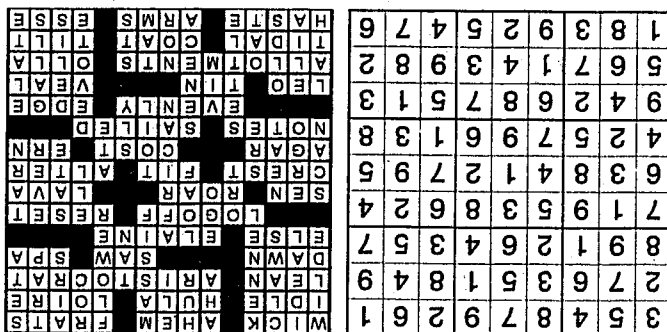
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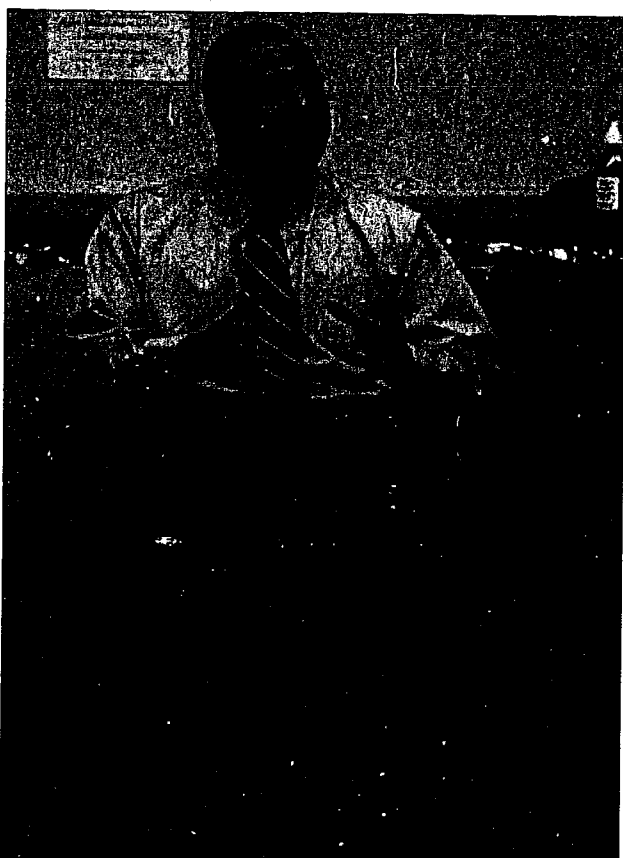
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Solutions



OMA's search for director continues



Stephanie Hale
Argonaut

Three forums opened to faculty, students and local community members were held last week in search of a new director for the University of Idaho's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Attendees were encouraged to submit comments to the search committee to help narrow down the applicants. The final candidates for the position include: Augustine Amenyah, Silvia Asante and Troy Franklin.

"I think they are for the most part all good candidates, they are all excellent people and they each have their own strengths," said Victor Mazo, architecture major and member of Latin Fraternity Lambda Theta Pi. "The hard part now is carefully examining which one (students, faculty, and administrators) is needed in this office."

Amenyah is currently an assistant professor at Northwestern State University in Louisiana. He received his masters of science in

educational psychology from Georgia State University and doctorate of education in adult and continuing education from the University of Georgia.

Asante is currently an associate dean of intercultural advancement at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. She received her master's degree in counseling from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

Asante said her main bullet points include working with women's groups; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups, collaborating college students with community groups and bringing students together.

"(U) cannot afford to not have someone in this position," Asante said. "Even in these hard economic times, student welfare cannot be put in jeopardy. There are positions which one of them."

Perhaps the most recent achievement of Asante's is receiving the Martin Luther King "Living the Dream" award on Jan. 17.

"It epitomized who I am and what I could bring here," Asante said.

Candidate Franklin is currently the area associate dean of students at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Neb. He received his M.A. from the University of Akron in educational administration, and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in higher education administration.

"Education and athletic administration are two of my passions," said Franklin. "However, my true passion is helping students ... you have to find a balance, as a career for me, this position makes sense."

If chosen as the new director, Franklin's agenda would include networking, building relationships and coalitions, promoting co-curricular involvement and bridging the gap between different programs.

"I'll be able to be a pioneer and bring experience to the table," Franklin said. "I love being a part of that synergy, networking with students, voicing student opinions. You have to have a genuine purpose of loving people, and I enjoy student affairs."

Franklin said his standout traits include his passion and experience for this line of work.

"It's not easy work," Franklin said. "But the formula for success is easy: work your butt off, and at the end of the day, it'll prepare you for the real world."

"I'll be able to be a pioneer and bring experience to the table."

Troy
FRANKLIN
OMA director candidate

Steven Devine/ Argonaut
Troy Franklin gives a presentation about OMA director position in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Hampton Jazz Festival needs 500 volun-

Erin Harty
Argonaut

The office in a back corner of the Student Union Building has framed posters on every wall and boxes stacked waist high filled with fliers.

Although there are only eight desks, more than 500 volunteers are required to make the office successful.

University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival begins Feb. 25, and Molly McCormick, volunteer programs coordinator, is searching for volunteers.

Each year, volunteers are recruited from the community and on campus to help put on the largest educational jazz festival in the world.

"Every year we get more and more (volunteers), not just the community, but staff from the university and professors," McCormick said. "It is fun for students to be volunteering with their professors."

The jazz festival features 110 workshops and clinics as well as four days of professional and student concerts.

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the festival. Rick Rackauskas, a UI forest resources graduate, is in his fifth year of volunteering. This year, his first since graduating in May, he has designed some of the fliers and put in time at the volunteer table in the Idaho Commons.

"I came across this table my sophomore year," Rackauskas said. "I had nothing to do with jazz fest and (Molly) got me to sign up to volunteer as I walked by. And after that it really blossomed into something so big."

Volunteers are essential to the smooth running of the festival. They drive artists to and from the airport and hotels, manage sites where concerts and clinics happen and even announce the groups on stage.

Morgan Wilson, the festival's assistant director of marketing and corporate relations, said they want the volunteers to enjoy themselves and have a great experience.

"If you just really want to announce the groups, you know that's what you want to do," she said. "We want you to tell your site manager because that manager is going to make sure that you have the experience that you're looking for."

Volunteers work in four-hour blocks, so students who have a break from classes during the day are encouraged to help out. Volunteers who can only participate in the evenings or on weekends have the chance to help at Saturday's activities, when site teams and drivers offer shifts around the clock.

"There is no way we could pay for the work the volunteers do," Wilson said.

"The cost would be completely out of range of what

the festival could afford," Wilson said. "Luckily, we have outstanding volunteers that come back over the years, and we have professional volunteers that give their time, and then of course the students really step it up and participate."

She said without the volunteers, there would be more work than staff. To show appreciation to the volunteers working behind the scenes of the festival, Wilson said her staff hands out concert tickets to volunteers based on how much they have participated.

All volunteers are given a ticket to the opening Wednesday night performance, and for every additional four hours they work, can choose a ticket to the performance of their choice.

Students don't need to be intimidated by volunteering alone. They can also participate in a program called Adopt-A-Site, which allows organizations such as living groups, extracurricular club and sport teams to come together and be responsible for one site.

"The biggest responsibility for volunteers is to be accountable," Rackauskas said. "If they sign up to help at an event, they need to

be there."

Volunteering is an opportunity for students to meet new people and get involved at the university.

"A lot of students up here, especially freshmen, are feeling like they aren't fitting in very well," McCormick said. "They are still kind of struggling to fit in and feel comfortable here and this just really helps people be part of something big and claim that as their own."

Ryan Zimmer, freshman fine arts major, is volunteering for the first time, but said

he is not a stranger to the jazz festival. He grew up in Moscow and has attended the festival every year with his parents.

"I used to fall asleep there when I was little," Zimmer said.

He said he is enjoying helping out at the recruiting table, but is excited to begin volunteering at the festival events.

"Volunteering is hands down the best way to experience your first jazz festival," he said. "It brings you close to the music, close to the students and it allows you to

hear outstanding artists in the evening free of charge."

Anyone interested in volunteering can pick up paperwork at the jazz festival office in the SUB or at the information table in the commons. They can also sign up online at www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/jazzfest/volunteer.html. Students interested in earning college credit can ask about jazz festival internships for next year.

McCormick said volunteers are encouraged to sign up before Friday so they can attend all of the orientation meetings.

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Professor receives \$400,000 grant

Stephanie Hale
Argonaut

University of Idaho associate professor of chemical engineering Aaron Thomas was awarded both a National Science Foundation Career Award and the Presidential Award for his contributing work in the engineering field.

With only a handful of applicants selected out of 600, the National Science Foundation Career Award is a way of helping young untenured faculty get their research and outreach programs started, which Thomas said is what he will be using the \$400,000 grant.

"You basically have three tries to receive the award," Thomas said. "I finally got it right on the third try. Between my second and third attempt, I waited one year to complete more research and work on my proposal."

Thomas said he collaborated with Sara Koerber, a UI grant writer, to finalize his research and put the finishing touches on his proposal.

Thomas' research in chemical engineering involves separating biological species on the micro-scale and separating contaminant gases on a larger scale, which is something that could potentially be used in future NASA space missions.

Along with the Career Award, Thomas was given the Presidential Award from President Barack Obama, which is solely honorary and was received by 20 candidates nation-wide.

"I'm working on trying to help Native American students and Alaska Native students come to



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Associate professor of chemical engineering Aaron Thomas, center, talks with graduate students Parameswara Subramanian, right, and Nick Jordan about the mechanical apparatus they are constructing in the Buchanan Engineering Laboratory Monday.

college and get a degree," said Thomas.

One of the programs in which Thomas reaches out to local youth is through the Idaho Native Science and Engineering Program. Through INSEP, students are given computer parts and are taught how to assemble a desktop. If successful, the student is able to keep the computer for personal use, with one requirement, he or she must take one chemistry, physics and trigonometry class and pass with a C or better.

"We did this INSEP workshop on Jan. 16 at Lapwai High School," Thomas said. "We ended up having about 10 students participate and we're working on setting up another workshop sometime this semester, but we haven't scheduled a date yet."

UI students are able to help spread the excitement of science to young students as well, by participating in the All Nations Minority Program directed by Steve Martin,

Thomas said.

Through AMP, UI students can help with computer building and provide tutoring for young students.

In his free time, Thomas also presents science expos at various high schools throughout the area to engage them and spark interest in the field of science.

"A popular experiment with the students is creating liquid nitrogen ice cream," Thomas said. "Students really get interested, and it's fun to see them enjoying science."

So far, Thomas has visited Moscow Junior High School, Moscow High School, Lewiston High School and Lapwai High School. He said he plans to make several more trips on behalf of science expos.

"There are a lot of UI faculty and staff working with Native American students," Thomas said. "We've made good progress. I'm just trying to do my part."

Recyclemania in full swing

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

Recyclemania, a nationwide program to reduce waste and promote recycling, is up and running at the University of Idaho after two trial weeks.

Tara George, the assistant director of the Resident Services Team, is overseeing the implementation of the program and said Recyclemania is on track.

"The biggest issue we've had is the lack of volunteers," George said. "The initial e-mails to the residents didn't go out on time, and that has put a few road bumps in there."

George said she isn't too worried because there are enough volunteers to keep the program running.

"The composting has been going really well," she said.

Bob's Place in the Wallace Residence Center is taking part in the program by composting food waste. The first week of February was the first official week of the program and 1,180 pounds of food waste were composted.

"We expected a little more than 1,180 pounds," George said. "But I expect an increase in the composting. It's a learning experience for the entire staff, and it's the same thing with the recycling."

For the first week of the program, 740 pounds of recyclables were collected, with the majority of them coming from residence

halls with older students.

"The buildings with more upperclassmen such as the LLCs collected 30 to 55 pounds of recyclables per house, whereas there were 6 to 15 pounds collected per hall in the Tower and Wallace," George said.

In the same period of time, the residence halls and Bob's Place generated 4.5 tons of garbage.

"We're working on educating the students as to what's recyclable and what isn't," George said. "Once that's done, I think we'll see much higher numbers."

George plans on being a part of the event again next year.

"We need to be more timely, and we also need to find more volunteers for next year," she said.

The planning for the program was done by the UI Sustainability Center the past couple months, working with University Housing, Moscow Recycling and Campus Dining.

Three different groups spearhead the program — each residence hall has a sustainability ambassador who helps with the program and "wants to imple-

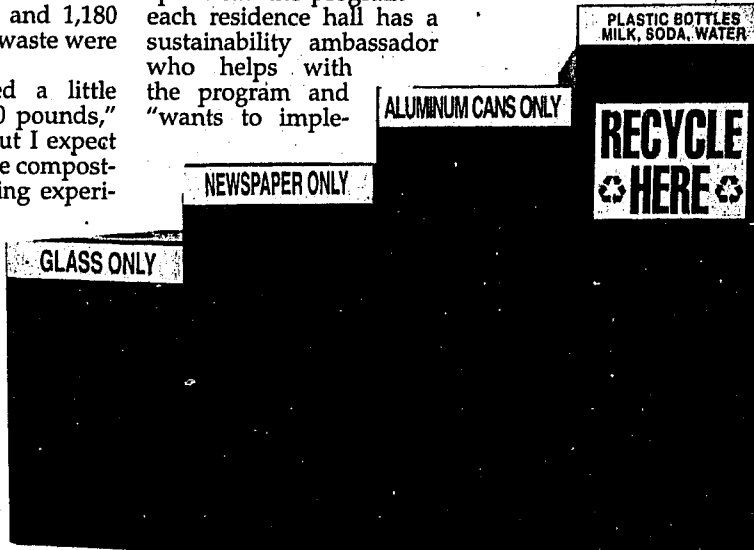
ment other sustainable ideas," George said.

One group consists of more than 80 students from globalization classes who are working on the program, each under the supervision of a volunteer from the UI Sustainability Center.

The class is working on projects such as a campaign to stop junk mail and a program that will help encourage double-sided printing across UI, said Jeannie Mathieson, a sustainability assistant at the UI Sustainability Center.

"The groups that are working with junk mail are gathering the names of students who don't want it," Mathieson said. "We're going to mail the list of names to the Direct Marketing Association."

Other volunteers such as members of the UI Sustainability Center and students from the residence halls that want to help out with the program, are working together as a group.



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Toilet floods; resident not at fault

Dara Barney
Argonaut

It wasn't even dawn when sophomore Eric Carmichael woke to a knock on his door by a maintenance person who wanted to check out his toilet.

Water had leaked from the third floor of the Upham Living and Learning Community down to the first floor.

"On (Jan. 31), around 3 a.m., I was cleaning up a mess with toilet paper, and clogged the toilet in my bathroom," Carmichael said.

His friends helped him clean up the mess and they went to bed around 6 a.m.

"We woke up around 11 a.m. to a maintenance man knocking on doors," Carmichael said.

The employee said there was a leak running from the third floor down

to the first floor, Carmichael said.

"At that time, I realized my bathroom was flooded," he said. "I thought it was completely my fault," he said.

Later in the day, when maintenance went in to fix the toilet, Carmichael said, they realized there was a problem with the toilet itself.

"I was so worried I was going to have to pay thousands of dollars for damage," Carmichael said. "I felt like I didn't breathe the whole time up until then."

According to Tina Deines, the marketing and recruitment coordinator for University Housing, the water leak did reach first floor suites.

"There was water damage on the walls and floors," she said.

She said there was no seeping water.

"The maintenance staff got right on it," she said.

"They worked on patching, replacing and drying."

There was no probable cause, or sign it had been anyone's fault, she said.

"The students in the room with the flooding toilet were very prompt in notifying us," she said.

Tara George, assistant director of the Resident Services team, said to prevent problems like this in the future, educating residents on the importance of prompt notification is necessary.

"Overall, the walls and ceilings dried out pretty well, and I think the response to this issue was promptly addressed and taken care of," Deines said.

George said over the summer, the toilets will be checked up on and assessed.

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Poor sportsmanship found offensive

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

After recent incidents, the interim president, the Vice Provost of Student Affairs and peers are challenging the Vandal community to display a more positive form of sportsmanship at athletic events.

After the Jan. 29 basketball game against BSU, Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen sent out an e-mail to all students to "reaffirm the University of Idaho community's commitment to positive, supportive, respectful and sportsmanlike behavior at Vandal events."

"A large and vocal crowd, in addition to further instances of inappropriate behavior, tarnished aspects of a great win," said Bruce Pitman, vice provost of student affairs, referring to the behavior at the UI-Boise State game.

According to Daley-Laursen, the responsibility does not rest solely with the students, but also with the surrounding community.

"I remind all of us that we have an obligation, as individuals and as a com-

munity, to uphold the moral, ethical, human imperative that we treat one another with dignity and respect at all times," he said.

Issues at the game prompted Daley-Laursen to act accordingly — sending all of the students e-mails on proper conduct at Vandal events and informing Vandal fans he felt he needed to personally apologize to BSU President Bob Kustra.

"There were remarks like 'dirty Sanchez' made toward a BSU player," said Nick Eimers, a freshman in chemical engineering. "There were many other profanities used, and my parents who were there weren't very enthusiastic."

Not only are parents constantly present at the events, many young members of the community come to witness Vandal activities, Pitman said.

"The behavior was offensive to a number of people," he said. "There were kids and families who were deeply offended; there was no way to shield their kids."

Pitman said he would like to challenge fans to be more respectful of one another and opponents.

"We are working on pre-game messages with good, robust activities and messages for fans," Pitman said. "Generally fan behavior is pretty good — we just lost our sense of proportion against BSU."

Katie Holman, freshman in engineering, was present at the Nevada game.

"The cheerleaders had positive cheers and there was, as always, a lot of support for our team," she said. "We just need to work on language."

Pitman described sporting events as a way to encourage community connection and hopes all future spectators will respect this principal.

"Sports and athletic events are an expression of who we are, a community with many faces," he said. "Events should be available to all fans and it is reasonable to expect civility anywhere."

Pitman said athletics build school spirit and bring together the entire community, not just the student portion.

"We play well, play hard and respect opponents," he said. "Win or lose, we do a great job and fans are an important part of that experience."

CANCER from page 1

Steinhoff is now sitting on about \$100,000 in debt with monthly payments of about \$450, and the bills are still coming in.

All of Steinhoff's future expenses will be covered by employee insurance he receives from Latah County as a systems administrator, but he is still stuck with the bills from his previous treatments and surgeries. Even after insurance, he still has to pay more than \$500 on most of his bills.

A fundraiser is being held for Steinhoff's benefit from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. March 1 at the Latah County Fairgrounds. The fundraiser will have a spaghetti dinner, a silent auction and a cakewalk. An account has been established in Steinhoff's name at the American West Bank for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

Susan Ripley, a coordinator for the fundraiser said she wants people to know no contribution or donation is too small.

Donations for the silent auction or the cakewalk are also welcome. The fundraiser will be held in the 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

Steinhoff wants people to be aware cancer can strike anyone. He said that if you look around, almost all of us know someone who has had cancer.

"Four out of the nine people who live on my block have had cancer, but I'm probably the youngest," Steinhoff said.

Steinhoff's mother was also diagnosed with the same type of cancer around the same age. He said his doctor told him that people with a family history of cancer should start screening for it 10 - 15 years before the age their family member was diagnosed. Steinhoff said if he had known this he would have never been without insurance.

"When you're faced with something like this you ask yourself, 'Are you where you want to be?'" Steinhoff said. "Even the good things that are in your life you wonder if they could be better."

Steinhoff graduated from UI with degrees in chemical engineering and general chemistry, but he worked for Video Game Headquarters for five years after graduating and was between jobs when he was diagnosed with cancer.

After his near-death experience, Steinhoff said he is thinking about returning to school and either getting his master's degree or getting a teaching certificate and teaching mathematics. Steinhoff said he feels math is an integral part of everyday life, and it upsets him that so many people in high school hate math. He said he would like to be a teacher so those students can learn from someone who really loves what they are teaching.

RED from page 1

Parking and Transportation Services Manager Carl Root did not return phone calls from The Argonaut. In an e-mailed conversation, he said "accurate and productive" communication is important.

In the same e-mail, Root said the addition of limited red permits will not harm those already holding a regular permit.

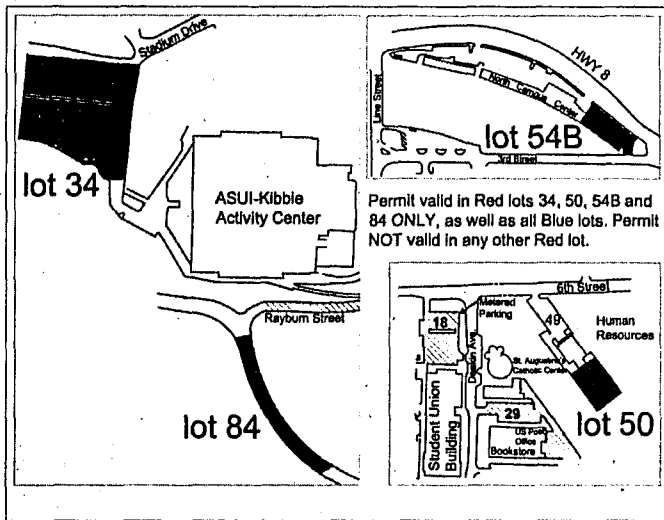
He acknowledged the "journalistic component" of contacting individuals who may be affected by the addition of these new permits, but would not release any information.

"I just have no assurance that it would be in the best interest of effective communication regarding this topic," he said in the e-mail. "Other topics may be different."

Ten-day and one-day red permit passes are still available, but will be limited to the same four lots as the specific red lot permits.

Blue parking permits are also available through the parking office at pro-rated rates starting at \$29 for February.

Any other questions can be directed to Parking and Transportation services at 885-6424 or e-mail parking@uidaho.edu.



This map, released by Parking and Transportation Services, shows where each of the four red lots that can be used with a specific red lot permit are located.

FIGHT from page 1

Provost Council and administrators of COS said more consideration was needed before they sent out a final NOI.

"There may be viable alternatives to the closure of the B.S. in physics that would accomplish the desired goals (of the PPP)," Wood said. "The physics department, in response to the NOI, has provided a plan that begins to address these concerns. That plan is a good start, but it needs further development."

Instead of immediately signing the NOI and passing it on to the provost, Wood said he'd keep the document on his desk unsigned for a period of at least two weeks.

A workshop will be arranged with a professional mediator, Wood, the entire physics faculty and other members of the university to "hash out the details of the plan that could preserve the B.S. while strengthening the university and the graduate program," Wood said.

If the groups can come together and form a compromise in a timely manner, the current NOI may be withdrawn by the

provost, he said.

During the open forum, Ruprecht Machleidt, a physics professor, offered an overall rebuttal from the physics department as to why the B.S. degree should remain as an option for UI students.

The physics department has created a detailed plan to increase enrollment in the program, he said. He questions the ability to provide a successful graduate program without a viable undergraduate program, Machleidt said.

More than a dozen students and faculty members made their plea to keep the physics program to the committee members. Members outside of the physics department, including faculty from the College of Education and the College of Engineering, also offered their requests to "save" the program. A high school student who is interested in studying physics also asked the committee to reconsider the current proposal.

No one spoke in favor of cutting the program.

"There is a growing effort both nationally and state wide to grow a generation of scientifically literate people, scientifically literate citizens," said physics professor Francesca Sammarruca. "If you do cut the physics un-

dergraduate B.S. program, it means we are not fulfilling our responsibilities to the average tax payer of the state of Idaho, whom we are here to serve."

Wood said he was "charged" with the task of giving the main reasons for the possible closings at the open forum. He said reasons included a low number of degrees generated, at an average of nine per year between 2003-08, and relatively low numbers of currently enrolled students. The B.S. physics program currently has 55 students enrolled.

Wood also cited low numbers of students enrolled in 300- and 400-level courses and a low total of student credit hours as reasons for the cuts.

"The only other thing I want to say about this is that there is no intention to reduce faculty numbers," Wood said.

He said if the current proposal to cut the physics program goes through, the faculty would be redirected to focus on graduate study work.

"Of course that does not mean that there may not be something further along the line, a budget holdback that would require faculty reduction," Wood said. "As a result of this particular pro-

cess, there would be no faculty reduction."

Machleidt said the small amount of undergraduates should not be overstated because the quality of the

education a student gets should be taken into account, regardless of how many students there are.

"We have an obligation to education," Machleidt

said. "The purpose of a university is not only to produce graduates in big numbers ... we should produce students so they go out to life and get a job."

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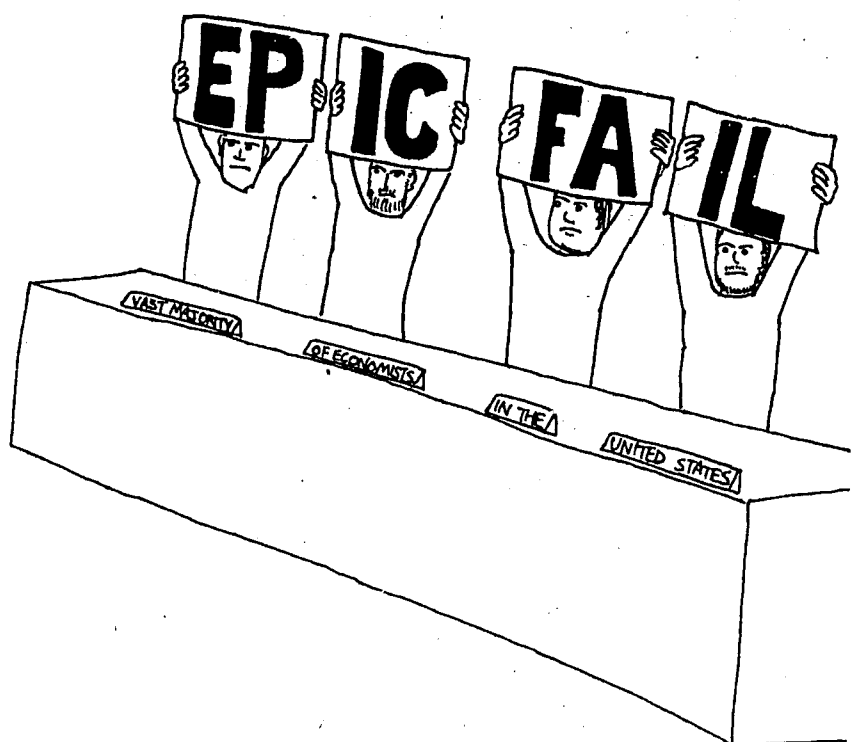
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OurVIEW

Fixing physics

The College of Science Curriculum Committee is charged with the task of deciding to offer support or opposition to a Notice of Intent form to discontinue the Bachelor of Science degree in physics.

But more important is where the foundation supporting the decision comes from.

More than 50 people — students, faculty and staff — packed a lecture room Friday at an open forum to vocalize their disappointment, confusion and outrage at the possible loss of the physics undergraduate degree. The program is one of 41 programs at the University of Idaho under consideration because of the university's Program Prioritization Process.

Important events like the open forum are not just held as a requirement of procedure or an adherence to protocol — the right to respond, and more importantly, to be heard is a critical part of this difficult and vital prioritization process.

The sentiments expressed should be an integral element to the committee's decision.

These reactions and rebuttals are

the physics department's backbone. The explanations correctly reflect why the loss of the degree program would truly undermine the authenticity of the College of Science and the university as a whole.

It is not just members of the UI physics department who believe the program is indeed a priority. People from across the campus community — including students and faculty of the College of Engineering and College of Education — and members of the science community across the state have spoken out against the degree cuts.

It would be wrong for the curriculum committee, the administration and the Idaho State Board of Education, which ultimately gets the final say on the fate of the program, to disregard these people's thoughts and feelings, which overwhelmingly support maintaining the program.

If they did, the legitimacy of the process would be broken — a loss much more damaging and insulting than just the closure of a degree program.

— CL

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Disappointing politics

Porn star Stormy Daniels is running for a U.S. Senate seat in Louisiana. I'm just wondering, now that we have a legitimate president, is our country missing George W. Bush so much we want to encourage any ill-qualified person to step in and run our country? Porn stars even? Really?

— Sydney

Education

I watched a speech Bill Gates gave during this year's TED conference. He talked about how good teachers are the biggest factors in a good education. So, next time I get a poor grade, I am going to send my teacher to ted.com and tell him or her to watch that video, because it is not all my fault.

— Jens

Breakfast of champions

Doctors have reportedly found a strong link between marijuana and testicular cancer. It's so clear. It's the pot that propelled Lance Armstrong through the Tour de France and Michael Phelps to 14 Olympic gold medals. And to think, all it would have taken to beat these guys is to distract them with a bag of Funyuns and an "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" marathon.

— Kevin

Sweet, sweet justice

Chief Justice John Roberts is scheduled to visit the University of Idaho for the Bellwood Lecture Series in March. I rarely agree with the man's decisions, but how cool would it be to listen to a speech given by the only Supreme Court justice who has sworn in a president who voted against that justice's nomination? Watching his fake hair never move in person is just a sweet bonus prize.

— Christina

Not-so-cheap thrills

An Italian tourist with an apparent wad of cash to waste made headlines Friday after trying to tour the still-violent city of Fallujah in Iraq. He is believed to be one of the first visitors there strictly for leisure purposes since the beginning of the Iraq War — and he spent 200 miles in a taxi to reach it. That's some determination.

— Alessis

Oldies but goodies

I was watching a cheesy movie, and I started to think about the tapes of old radio shows I used to listen to. They may not have any visuals, but shows from 1930s like "The Shadow" still outclass a significant portion of what comes out of Hollywood anymore. They just don't make entertainment like they used to.

— Jake

Prevent this

Every time I am driving through a forest and see the fire hazard sign, I think Smokey Bear drastically overestimates my fire-fighting abilities.

— Levi

Who saw that coming?

It turns out Chris Brown may be facing charges for a domestic dispute involving his girlfriend, Rihanna. It's strange. Now, when I see him in Doublemint commercials, I keep thinking how he got the practice to kick that pack of gum around.

— Lianna

Confused priorities

It's pretty ironic how Kellogg's dropped Michael Phelps as a sponsor when pot smokers probably make up a huge portion of the company's income. Cereal, crackers, cookies — they're all headed for a recession. Just don't ask for a bailout.

— Holly

Tourists ignore violence

I recently overheard a group talk about how "when walking in the streets of any European city, I feel so much safer than in the United States."

While they may have reason to feel that way in the ritzy neighborhood of certain larger areas (I happen to know they were referring to Paris), overall my experience growing up in France was not by any means a safe one.

I was harassed and beaten constantly when leaving school. I got money, CDs, CD players, shoes, jackets, etc. stolen from me. In our rather quiet neighborhood, we were the only people on our street to not get their house broken into (many were robbed like this at gunpoint). My mom was mugged approximately five

times, and my grandmother has been mugged so many times she doesn't really bother to mention it anymore.

In fact, among my family in France, most have actually fallen victim to this crime. I have come to discover almost all of them, young and old living in different parts of the country, have had pretty unpleasant experiences with people robbing or assaulting them. They apparently no longer feel like it's any use complaining about it. This alarming trend could indicate insecurity of this type is so common in France people do not perceive it as a big deal anymore unless they get injured. My grandma's fractured wrist, as a result from falling when a man drove by

and snatched her purse, was worthy of a mention.

Also, what I have described here goes for most French people. The 2002 and 2007 elections were decided largely on issues of "insecurity" and who was more qualified to clean up the streets. Nicolas Sarkozy actually came in on a Rudy Giuliani-like platform, vowing to "white-wash the streets" of its petty criminals. He also promised to whip lazy cops into shape.

Many tourists, however, do not recognize this nefarious development, partly because popular sites are a little more immune to crime (except if you're my sister, who almost got her throat slit at Mt. Saint Michel). If these tourists read the local paper, they would discover the ugly truth.

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Something has to go

BEYOND THE SHEETS Some vaginas not so lucky

There has been a lot of recent outrage on campus over the Program Prioritization Process. The University of Idaho is contemplating cutting up to 41 different degree programs, including the physics bachelor's degree.

Anyone who has been on campus in the past several weeks knows this hasn't gone over well with students and faculty.

While supporters of physics write letters to the paper, circulate petitions and hold up signs at games, no one has asked an important question. If not physics, what program should get the axe?

In an ideal world, the university would have all the money it needed for education and research, but this isn't an ideal world. State and local governments across the country are cutting back spending to survive the recession. This, sadly, includes UI.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has mandated cuts across the budget in anticipation of lower tax revenues. These cuts aren't limited to

education. Agencies across the spectrum are facing tough cuts. So, what are the university's options?

The first option is obvious: cut programs. It sucks physics and the various grad programs have to get the axe. However, who is going to stand up and call for his or her own program to be cut? As a student on the science side of the university, I believe there are some less important programs that should go first. If you don't want these programs to go, volunteer your own department.

At the risk of alienating half the school, I think a fundamental science like physics is more important than some of the various artistic programs. Not that art isn't important, but physics is extremely important.

A second option for the university is to trim spending without cutting academic programs. There is a lot of spending around campus that could be cut without a significant academic impact. Most science and engineering labs meet on Tuesday and Thursday,

leaving those laboratories empty three days a week. If the schedules were simply reorganized, these courses could consolidate into fewer rooms, using fewer supplies and computers.

Other examples of inefficient spending on campus are more obvious. A perfect example of this is the large flat panel televisions mounted to the walls in the basement of the College of Natural Resources.

A third, and most likely, least popular option, is to simply raise tuition. This may not be the best decision during a recession, but it should be pointed out that Idaho students pay below the national average in tuition. Between the top four public institutions in Idaho, tuition and student fees only account for 19 percent of the operating budgets. The heavy amount of state and federal grants this school receives leaves it vulnerable to budget cuts.

The people who make the decisions have weighed these options and more, and the numbers point to physics and the various grad programs. Of course, it would be better if the school had an unlimited amount of money, but you can do your part — just offer to pay more taxes.

I do not know everything. In fact, I have to conduct research to be able to provide you with the most accurate information possible. I have been motivated to do such today. While I have heard of this particular practice, I have not been the most informed about it in the past. Furthermore, today it is about information, not to suggest you act out this practice.

The vagina is quite a marvelous thing. There are many components to the vagina — each can be more exciting than the last. From a purely external view, you will find both the labia majora and minora, also referred to as the "lips." Labia majora are the outermost lips, while labia minora are the innermost. At the upper part of the vagina you will find the clitoris and the clitoral hood.

Yielding large amounts of sexual pleasure and excitement, the clitoris is not to be ignored or discredited in any way. It certainly should not be removed.

Sadly, this is not always the case. Female circumcision (or mutilation) happens in various parts of the world. I have learned there are different types or procedures of this practice. The clitoris itself can be removed, either in part or in whole. Sometimes the clitoral hood is also removed. Either of the labia can also be removed in this process. An even more disturbing version involves the labia being cut and repositioned to produce a sort of

vaginal cover, narrowing the vaginal opening.

You may ask why these procedures are such a big deal or why they upset me. These procedures have no medical benefits but rather a list of detriments to the individual. Such body alterations can lead to cysts, bladder and urinary tract infections and severe complications

with childbirth. The last detriment is especially true when a vaginal giving has been created, making giving birth nearly impossible (in fact, the cover has to be cut open for sufficient room and then is often stitched back together after the birthing process is over).

This practice tends to be more commonplace in Africa. However, it does exist in our country as well, so it is not an isolated incident. It is often fueled by religious beliefs and a desire to prevent "illicit" sexual acts.

The moral of the story is to enjoy your good fortune. Many of you are lucky enough to have an unaltered vagina. You should experience enjoyment and satisfaction knowing you are able to participate in clitoral pleasure. Furthermore, you should be empowered to explore the stimulations it can yield. You have been blessed with intact anatomy — have fun with it.

Have fun, be safe and happy vagina time.

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



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MAIL

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from the Seahawks? Shouldn't the Kibbie Dome have some type of home-field advantage?

Did you know the University of Iowa paints the visiting locker room pink? That is quite "childish, boorish and immature." These are not just some students that conveniently break in every game day to do it — it's the athletic department. That is what they call a "home-field advantage."

As students, we have the right to be "childish, boorish and immature" at athletic events. You are a professor. I don't expect you to do it, but that doesn't mean we can't. Like I said in my first letter, I understand some people take it too far. I understand what you're saying, but we are not all law professors chasing the dollar. Sports in general are "childish, boorish and immature," because they are games. Sports give us a chance to get away from all the homework you professors like to dish out. Either be a fan, or stay at home.

Andrew Drouet
senior, business

Dear Sen. Jim Risch:

I am disappointed by Congress' inability to reach an agreement regarding the pending stimulus bill. Though I appreciate your concern to protect the taxpayer from the much politicized "earmarks," spending that does not immediately aid economic growth through job creation or increased liquidity in the credit market, I implore you act with your colleagues and pass the stimulus bill. I understand the White House will unveil a new and "improved" bailout plan, and I hope that its revisions will be less partisan and more favorable to Congressional Republicans. In his address to his fellow Democrats last Thursday in Virginia, President Barack Obama promised to remain open to fresh ideas from colleagues

on both sides of the aisle, emphasis here on fresh. Obviously, we must proceed as a country using new fiscal policies, policies that differ from those that, collectively, led to the current economic crisis. Not only do I hope Obama remains true to his pledge to entertain innovative ideas, but I hope these proposals come from both Democrats and Republicans. I have found the continued partisan bickering disheartening and hope you lead your colleagues — as a fellow Idahoan and as an American — to pass a stimulus package and move this great country forward.

Thank you for all the work you do.
Knut Hoversten
senior, biological sciences

Shame on you

I am appalled by the actions of University of Idaho Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen and The Argonaut for their reaction to the Vandal crowd that greeted the Boise State University basketball team. Instead of enjoying a long-overdue win over our in-state rivals, both The Argonaut and Daley-Laursen chose to reprimand the crowd. The hostile crowd is one of the big reasons the Vandals defeated our neighbors to the south.

I live in Boise, and this win has made living here more tolerable. The people of Boise are 1,000 times worse than anything that was displayed at the BSU-UI basketball game.

I was equally offended to see The Argonaut editorial printed on the front page of the Idaho Statesman's sports section and the letter Daley-Laursen sent to BSU President Bob Kustra printed in the Statesman.

I receive verbal abuse everywhere I go in Ada County because I have Vandal license plates on my car. The abuse Vandal fans receive while attending BSU-UI games in Boise is much worse than what the poor, abused BSU basketball team had to endure during this game.

The Argonaut and Daley-Laursen are way out of line by using these type of public reprimands. The use of

Gestapo tactics and threats by Daley-Laursen should never be tolerated at UI.

The actions by Daley-Laursen and The Argonaut are detrimental to UI, alumni, Vandal Boosters and all Vandal fans. UI supporters have been putting up with nonstop UI- and Vandal-bashing by the Boise media, BSU, Kustra and the people of Ada County for more than 10 years.

All Vandal fans, including Daley-Laursen and The Argonaut, should have been excited to see coach Verlin's team defeat our rivals, but instead you choose to chastise UI students for helping our team defeat BSU.

Shame on Daley-Laursen and The Argonaut.

Rick Spaeth
Boise

Over-analysis?

I know there have been a lot of issues with the fans at the basketball games lately. There have also been multiple letters in support of the fans (which I appreciate), so I won't go far into this subject. One issue I feel that needed to be cleared up is that of the Mark Sanchez heckling. Whenever a team goes on the road to face its rival, the best player is always singled out and heckled. Always. It has nothing to do with race or his name — he leads the team in scoring and rebounding, so he needs to be distracted. That is why it is called "home-court advantage." And to add to that, the phrase being chanted had nothing to do with race (it is dirty but has nothing to do with race), so please do not be confused. I think it is best to try to not over-analyze the behavior of college sports fans during their biggest rivalry. Either way, this is my senior year, and that was the first time I have witnessed the Vandals beat Boise State University, so I will not forget the game. Also, we have No. 21-ranked Utah State at home this Thursday, so do not let all this hoopla deter you from going and supporting our team for the upset. Go Vandals!

Jon-Paul Cardin
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SAFETY

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The fact is, everywhere I went in France, and also when I'm there now, I have to be constantly on guard.

I have been few places in the U.S. where that protection reflex kicked in. Especially in the Northwest, it's not such a wild exaggeration to say you're more likely to get hit by lightning than get mugged or assaulted. Granted, this is mostly a personal feeling of mine and not backed by empirical evidence. Someone in the inner cit-

ies or a woman walking alone at night may beg to differ, but I think that by and large our region is very safe.

This brings me to our Francophile community here in Moscow, which mostly connects insecurity with gun violence: this indeed is pretty nonexistent in France, as no one really has guns. But that doesn't change the fact on a per capita basis, more French citizens are victims of crime by strangers than Americans are.

France has enough great things about it that make delusions about how it's a safe place unnecessary as well as untrue.

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The BUZZ on Western

winter beer

Kevin Otzenberger, Christina Lords, Marcus Kellis, Jake Barber Argonaut

On a wintry January weeknight, three Argonaut editors and a smartass music columnist stepped inside and kicked the snow from their shoes. Polish sausages in hand, the group bravely converged upon an intimidating spread of winter beers. Judgments were made. Onion dip was spilled. Jokes were taken too far. In the end, 12 brews from the western United States had been put to The Argonaut's test. Nine of them fit on this page. Find more beer buzz online at www.wargonaut.com

Winter Hook Winter Ale
Redhook Ale Brewery, Motodriville, Wash. redhook.com 5.9% ABV



Christina Lords

A-
If you like Drop Top Amber Ale, you'll like this beer. It's flavorful, but it isn't too much to make someone with tender taste buds like me run away kicking and screaming.

Powder Hound Winter Ale
Big Sky Brewing Co., Missoula, Mont. bigskybrew.com 6.2% ABV



Kevin Otzenberger

B+
This one's woody and smooth. I feel genuinely good inside because of this beer.

A
My favorite of the testing. It has a true beer aftertaste that's good — almost too good. I could see getting confident and not remember how I got home or why I woke up without pants.

Snow Cap Seasonal Ale
Pyramid Breweries Inc., Portland, Ore.; Berkeley, Calif. pyramidbrew.com 7.0% ABV



C
This had the most disturbing aftertaste of all I'm a baby when it comes to dark beers or bitter aftertastes, so this doesn't do it for me. Some described a sense of spice to this beer but all I got was a glass of gross.

B+
Powder Hound smells like walking past a frat house on a Sunday morning. After the first drink, though, beer lovers will find bark and no bite. This is good, solid and easy-to-drink.

Full Moon Winter Ale
Blue Moon Brewing Co., Golden, Colo. bluemoonbrewing.com 5.6% ABV



C+
After one sip and careful consideration, I decided it didn't suck. But it doesn't please as much as a real Blue Moon or even Blue Moon's summer ale Honey Moon.

D+
This beer has a malty redness that makes me think of Wassail. And like Wassail, it sucks. I dumped the remainder of this acidic elixir into the sink.

Dick's Double Diamond Winter Ale
Dick's Brewing Company, Centralia, Wash. dicks-beer.com 7.5% ABV



D
I'm sure Dick is a swell guy, but his beer falls flat. It had too many flavors all at once, and I just really didn't want to finish it. Never again, Dick. Never again.

A-
The stink is deceptive. This beer is sweet and light and does not bite back. It's organic and rich but not too strong or overwhelming.

Old Jubilation Ale
Avery Brewing Co., Boulder, Colo. averybrewing.com 8.0% ABV



C-
This ale tastes like fingernail polish remover smells — aka big red eww flags facing you in the face. Even more alarming, the burps burned — a deep, deep burn.

B
Dick looks like an ammonite. I don't know what that means, but I like it. This beer is like a more aggressive Blue Moon. It's not too hot dog or burger, it can get old before the end of the first bottle.

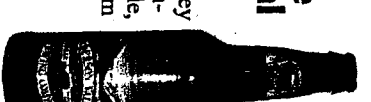
Brrr Seasonal Ale
Widmer Brothers Brewing Company, Portland, Ore. widmer.com 7.2% ABV



A-
Smells GOOD. It has a citrus-y kick, and I liked it well enough to buy one (or five) the next time I was at the bar. Note: it doesn't taste as strong as it kicks. Let that be a lesson to us all.

C-
While this one isn't as sweet as I'd like, it's a good beer. It's not too hot dog or burger, it can get old before the end of the first bottle.

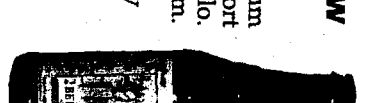
Winter Solstice Seasonal Ale
Anderson Valley Brewing Company, Boonville, Calif. avbc.com 6.9% ABV



B+
This beer smelled like a Fruit Roll-up but disappointed with the taste of a fruit leather instead. It reminded me of the cheap strawberry Andri champagne. In no way is that a bad thing.

A
It's almost funny and I thought I'd deleted it to be clear. The beer was actually delicious. It does not need to be supplemented by food. It's a good beer. It's a good beer. It's a good beer.

2 Below Ale
New Belgium Brewing, Fort Collins, Colo. newbelgium.com 6.6% ABV



B-
The color was more golden than the rest, and everything about it was mild, but not bland. I'd drink it if it was given to me, but it didn't convince me enough to buy it on my own.

A
This one is very light, sweet and fruity. Well, it's not a thing. I'd like it. I'd like it. I'd like it.



Jake Barber

A-
This is an easy beer to drink and something that would be great to crack open after a day on the slopes. It is sweet, woody and a little hoppy.



Marcus Kellis

B+
This one has nice color — mahogany. It's a touch hoppy but not unpleasant. It's very drinkable. There's good synergy with the Polish dog.

B+
Don't let the musty smell deceive you, this beer proved to have a unique and superior taste. It is a little smoky with hints of citrus.

B
It's very drinkable.

B
This beer is full bodied and rich. It is bitter at first but just before it gets to be too much, the spread of sweet aftertaste covers it up.

D
Gross. I've had six bottles of this in my kitchen since my birthday, when a friend brought over a six-pack. And of those, three are still hanging out.

B+
Don't let the smell of wet dog deter you from this one. It's not too bitter, not too sweet, and exactly what you think of when you think winter ale.

B-
It smells like a dog sprayed in Blue Moon. Or maybe Blue Moon plus honey. What is this, Mike's Hard Honey-ade? It's very sweet, like Blue Moon, but fortified with sugar.

A
Where Britt fails, this beer excels. They have a similar taste to complement it without the sour aftertaste. I could go for a few pints with this one.

A-
This requires me of wheat beer. You can tell there's some more ABV.

B
This one is sweet and bitter at the same time, with an increase that can only be described as stagnant.

C-
It's a punchy musky on smell. This is what I imagine real beer drinks like.

D
This one is not a good beer. It's not a good beer. It's not a good beer.

Brrr
This one is not a good beer. It's not a good beer. It's not a good beer.

A
This one is very light, sweet and fruity. Well, it's not a thing. I'd like it. I'd like it. I'd like it.

A
Very sweet, the opposite of bitter. The champagne beers. Holy shit, KO. It's weird, but I like it. I'd like it. I'd like it.

A
Reminds me of some guy you think of and his impromptu beer. I'm what he was drinking.

B-
This one is a pilsner and some other stuff in the name. It's not a good beer.

'Tartuffe' in spotlight again

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

More than 600 theater students and faculty from all over the Northwest will be on campus next week for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region VII Conference.

Besides hosting the conference, the University of Idaho is also competing in the festival with the award-winning play "Tartuffe," directed by Robert Caisley.

Originally produced last fall, "Tartuffe" is one of only four productions from the nine-state region invited to the annual conference. The winner will be invited to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to participate in the national competition.

The UI Department of Theatre Arts has won the national honor twice, most recently with the 2005 production of "Boy Gets Girl," which was also directed by Caisley. Brian Gibbons hopes to do that again this year.

"'Tartuffe' was just a very successful production," said Gibbons, who plays Tartuffe. "The judges liked the set and costumes and acting choices. It's really a palate to get nominated and to perform in

the regional festival."

Following a middle-class family in 17th century France, "Tartuffe," written by Moliere, is a classic comedy about a charismatic fraud who wins the trust of a wealthy merchant and then sets out to separate the merchant from his family and fortune.

"I play a despicable character, which is fun sometimes," Gibbons said. "I'm looking forward to having an audience again."

Gibbons has been a festival competitor before in the actors' competition. For Amanda Jenson, who plays Mariane, it's her first time as a competitor.

"Remounting the rehearsals has been fun," she said. "It's been interesting to let a play sit for a while and go back to it."

Performing a production a second time allows for some changes and improvements.

"It's really amazing how readily it all comes back," Gibbons said. "My lines were hard, and I

was nervous, but the lines came back a lot easier than I would have thought. There's always room for improvements, but the director is going forward with his vision."

The part of Valere, previously played by Ian McNeely, had to be refilled upon McNeely's graduation and is now played by Peter Beard, who was recently seen as Harvey in "Lincoln's Shins."

In addition to "Tartuffe," students have a number of other competitions and workshops to look forward to.

"I just love (the festival)," Jenson said. "It's a great way to experience theater from other schools and meet other theater students. There are lots of workshops and lots of shows to see."

"It's been interesting to let a play sit for a while and go back to it."

Amanda
JENSON
Tartuffe actor

The UI Department of Theatre Arts will present a benefit performance of "Tartuffe" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hartung Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or through the UI Theatre Department.



File Photo

University of Idaho theater students run through a dress rehearsal of the play "Tartuffe" by Jean Baptiste Moliere and directed by Robert Caisley at the Hartung Theater Oct. 27. UI's "Tartuffe" will be one of four plays presented in the John F. Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Lily Allen avoids sophomore slump

Almost every group with a love song has its tonal opposite — Ben Folds had "Song for the Dumped" and Poison had



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"Every Rose Has Its Thorn." With the British singer Lily Allen, listeners witness an inversion of the usual order — the

majority of her catalog is so spiteful, one wonders if she's had any positive experiences with love.

"Smile," the lead single from her 2006 debut, expressed a happy sense of schadenfreude following the collapse of a relationship — Allen's second effort, "It's Not Me, It's You," is no less callous. The album's name might suggest as much.

The most immediately striking song has a title unprintable in a family newspaper.

It's called "F--- You," and like "Smile," it's both upbeat and mean-spirited. The piano part is half a lawsuit shy of the Carpenters' "Close to You," but lyrically the two share little. When the track first popped up on Allen's MySpace profile, it was titled "GWB" in an apparent reference to a recently deposed ruler.

Some credit is due to Allen, though — it's at least a repudiation of ignorance, not of love. What great progress as an artist.

Greg Kurstin, one-half of the Bird and the Bee, produced the album with Allen, but he has the wisdom to really let Allen's

voice lead the proceedings in each song.

Allen's accent is prominent in a way that's seen little success this decade in America and to this reviewer is still firmly on this side of charming.

Several of the tracks go outside the pop music comfort zone for an English artist. "Not Fair" cribs from — well, it sounds like they sampled something from "Bonanza."

"22" features a stride / ragtime piano bridge, and the last song, "He Wasn't There," goes back to the same 78 rpm-era of recorded music that Paul McCartney reached for "Honey Pie."

"He Wasn't There" drops in an anachronistic hip-hop drum beat, though, just as every other track has. Kurstin and Allen are a little guilty of this problem, but as it's endemic to most of the top-40, it's excusable.

The penultimate track, "Chinese," is a little shocking. It's wholly nice, a little story about getting Chinese food and watching TV. The chorus starts in fact with the rhymed couplet, "I don't want anything more than to see your face when you open the door."

And if there's hope for Allen, there's hope for all of us.



Lily Allen
"It's Not Me, It's You"
Capitol Records
Releases today

A-

CONCERT REVIEW

Meiko: a bit nervous but loveable

There is a thing or two to be said about seeing an up-and-coming artist perform before she is famous. She's genuine and talented but still too humble to let it get to her head.

The 26-year-old singer / songwriter Meiko is one of those artists standing on the brink of stardom. She performed Jan. 31 at the Knitting Factory in Spokane and was a bit overwhelmed by the large crowd.

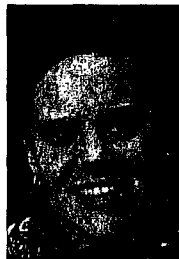
"There's so many people here right now," she said. "I'm kind of freaked out."

There was nothing to be nervous about, however, as the crowd welcomed her warmly and shouted out the occasional "We love you, Meiko."

Filling the spotlight alone with her guitar, Meiko played a short set and afterward admitted she intended to play a few more songs, but the nerves made her forget.

Famous for her songs featured on shows such as "Grey's Anatomy," "One Tree Hill," "90210" and "The Hills," her most popular song is "Boys with Girlfriends," which she

performed after taking requests from the audience.



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Her performance was all about boys with girlfriends, ex-boyfriends with new girlfriends, heartbreak and all the bittersweet emotions that come with relationships. Cooing in "Reasons to Love You," she revealed some heartbreak with the words, "Here I am with my heart on the floor/ and my love out the door." Eyes closed, she sang "Under My Bed" and then warned against messing with a jealous girlfriend in "Real Real Sweet."

Drinking a Red Bull, Meiko said she may have been playing with a hangover and revealed her recent ex-boyfriend had cheated on her with a Hooters girl.

"It's cool. I understand. They have good boobs," she said before breaking into a new song titled "Good Looking Loser."

"He hates that song," she said. "I don't know why ..."

Besides a small mishap, her performance was flawless. Her voice was pure and beautiful, just like on her CD. In this era of technologically

enhanced and altered music, Meiko is pure and genuine — just with her acoustic guitar, stomping her boots along with the music on stage.

If it wasn't her catchy songs and impressive voice that made the crowd love her, then it was her endearing personality and the intimacy which made the audience feel like her best friend by the end of the night.

She'd better get used to large audiences though, because she'll be seeing plenty of them in her promising future.



Meiko
Live in concert
The Knitting
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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Thursday
Men's basketball — The team will play Utah State after a devastating loss to Hawai'i. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Friday
Men's tennis — The Vandals have away matches against Gonzaga at 6 p.m. in Spokane.

Women's basketball — After splitting the most brutal road trip of the season with Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State, the Vandals return for a contest in 7 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Vandals to watch

Teegan Schoch
 Track and field



University of Idaho track and field runner Teegan Schoch won the 800 meter race in Friday's Vandal Indoor meet. The true freshman won with a time of 2 minutes, 17 seconds. The Vandals are looking to improve after losing key members of last year's team, and Schoch is an athlete who will give the Vandals strength to compete at the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.

Derisa Taleni
 Women's basketball



Taleni was cold as ice in the Vandals' victory against New Mexico State Sunday. She spent much of the game on the bench in foul trouble, but came back and put it away for the Vandals by nailing two free-throws to give the Vandals the lead. She then stole the ensuing inbound pass from the Aggies. She was fouled and drained two more free throws to give the Vandals the lead for good.

Did you know ...

A competitor in Friday's Vandal Indoor track meet from Hayden broke a world record. George Mathews, competing in the Masters division for competitors more than 65 years old, broke the world weight throw record.

Vandals by the numbers

49 The Vandals ran into a bit of a buzz-saw Saturday scoring just 49 points in the men's basketball contest against the Rainbow Wahine of Hawai'i.

12 The UI women's basketball team came back from a 12-point deficit to beat New Mexico State in the final seconds of the game.

61 The University of Idaho women's basketball team led for precisely 61 seconds in the game against the Aggies.

1 The Vandal men's basketball team hit a season-low one three pointer against Hawai'i.

TRACK AND FIELD

Idaho dominates indoors

Levi Johnstone
 Argonaut

For the second time this season, Mykael Bothum broke her own personal best and UI record in the shot put, and fans who attended got to see a world record broken as well when the Vandal track and field team competed at the Vandal Indoor Friday.

Bothum's throw of 53 feet, 6.5 inches broke her previous record of 51-7.25, which she set during the first meet of the year in Pullman.

"(Getting to 53 feet is) what we've been talking about — what she would have to talk about to get to the NCAA meet," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "Mykael is really coming into her own in the event, and she's really consistently competing at a high level."

Bothum's record-shattering throw wasn't her only good throw of the day, as her previous five throws all eclipsed the 50-foot barrier. Her throw earned another provisional qualifying mark for the Vandals and was also good enough for the fifth best throw in the nation so far this season.

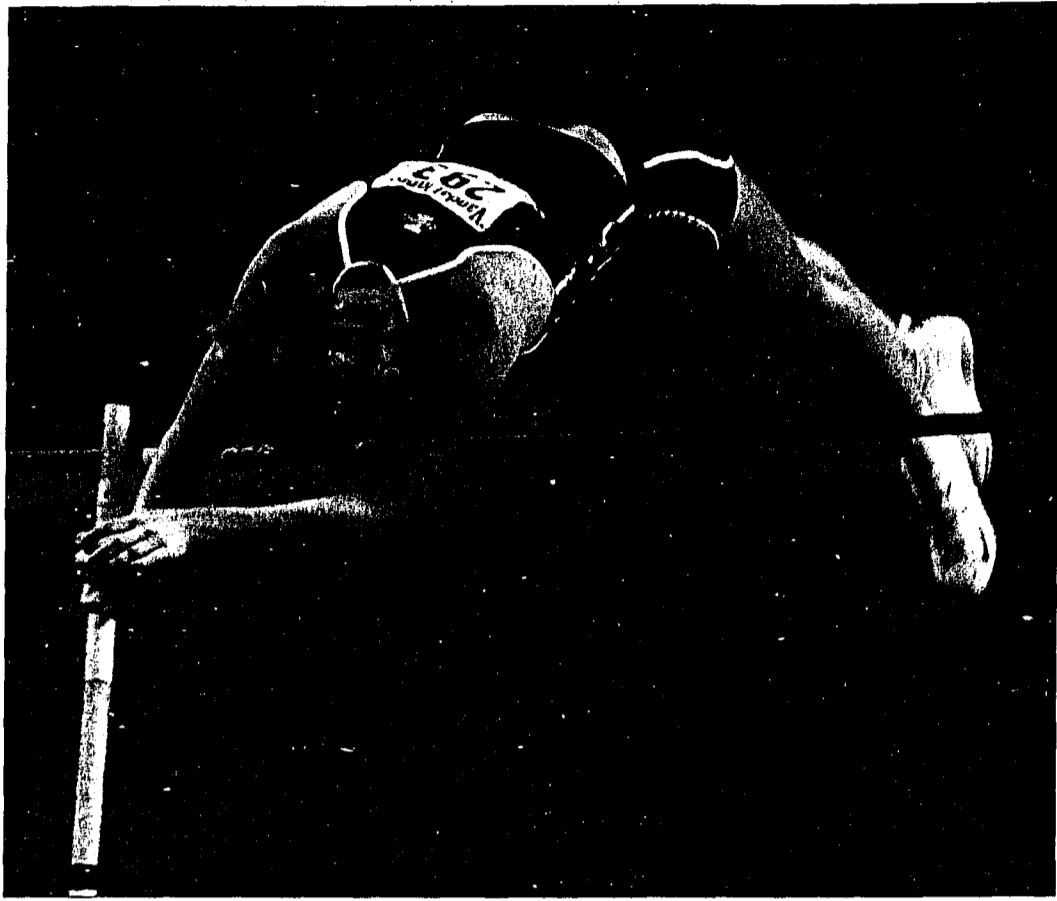
Others who succeeded in hitting a provisional qualifying mark for the Vandals were junior pole vaulter KC Dahlgren and thrower Matt Wauters.

Dahlgren vaulted a season best 13-3.5 — a jump that ties her for 14th best in the nation. She was the winner of the event at the meet.

Wauters also had a good day as he threw for a provisional qualifying mark in the weight throw.

Former Vandal Russ Winger continues his track and field dominance in the throwing competitions. Winger swept the shot put with

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Nick Groff/Argonaut
 Vandal vaulter KC Dahlgren dominates her second height during the Vandal Indoor Friday in the Kibbie Dome. Dahlgren won the meet with a final height of 13 feet, 3.5 inches and was the only woman vaulter to break the 13-foot barrier.

BASKETBALL

Free throws secure Vandal win

Travis Mason-Bushman
 Argonaut

In a down-to-the-wire desert duel, Derisa Taleni came through big at the free-throw line to secure a 57-54 victory for the Vandals over the New Mexico State Aggies Sunday in Las Cruces.

Taleni knocked down a pair of free throws to put the Idaho women up 55-54 with 3.3 seconds left in the game. She sealed the win with another set seconds later after Aggie guard Tysheae Walton was forced to foul when she turned the ball over on an inbounds pass.

In recording their sixth Western Athletic Conference victory of the season, the Vandals (9-11, 6-3 WAC) set a new team record for WAC wins in a year and have seven games remaining to extend it. The team sits in a tie for third in WAC standings with Boise State.

The Vandals were only in position to go for the win after closing an 11-point first-half deficit the Aggies (6-17, 2-7 WAC) had built with precision shooting in the opening period — they were 17-for-28 in the first half.

"I thought we showed a lot of heart in coming back from down 12. (They) battled all the way back and won," Idaho coach Jon Newlee



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut
 Guard Derisa Taleni passes the ball during the game on Jan. 23 against Louisiana Tech in the Cowan Spectrum. Taleni added 11 points and 10 boards for her second career double-double.

said. "This team does have a big heart, and they really compete, and that's something we've been preaching since day one."

Rising to the challenge in the second half, Idaho put on a stifling defensive display, holding the Aggies to just 6-of-24 from the field.

Madison Spence, the WAC's third-leading scorer, was only able to add seven points for the Aggies, just half of her 14-point average.

"(We) came out and played great defensively and got some stops,"

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Vandal men falter against Hawai'i

Levi Johnstone
 Argonaut

The Vandals went to Hawai'i looking to build momentum heading into an important conference matchup against Utah State but slipped, giving one of the worst performances on the season.

The Rainbow Wahine (12-11, 4-7 Western Athletic Conference) led for most of the game and the Vandals (10-12, 4-5 WAC) couldn't put together consistent offense in the 71-49 loss.

Hawai'i took revenge against the Vandals for the 20-point drubbing they gave the Rainbow Wahine in the Cowan Spectrum earlier this season.

The Vandals free throw struggles continued as the team shot just 64 percent on the game, missing nine while going 16-25.

More concerning than the cold streak from the free throw stripe was the apparent spread of inaccurate shooting to the three-point line.

The Vandals shot an abysmal 7 percent on 1-13 shooting from behind the arc and connected on just 38 percent of their field goals

on the game. Heading into the game, the Vandals were concerned about rebounding, an area the team has struggled with due to size this season.

The concern turned into a nightmare for the Vandals as they were out rebounded by a large sum for the second game in a row. The final rebound tally was 33-18, with the Wahine nabbing 12 offensive rebounds that resulted in 13 UH points.

"You have to give Hawai'i credit," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "There are good coaches in this league and good players in this league, and when we go on the road, we have to be on our game."

Turnover woes also plagued the Vandals during the game, as the team gave the ball up 17 times throughout the contest.

"We made way too many errors and weren't tough enough around the basket," Verlin said. "Once they got their rhythm going they (beat us) in every phase of the game."

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Phelps: no hero

I have never been impressed with Michael Phelps, his eight gold medals from Beijing, his D.U.I., his numerous world records or his now infamous exploits with a bong.

It seems the reason Phelps spends so much of his time inside of a pool is because once he leaves the pool, he morphs into an awkward, uncharismatic kid prone to lapses in judgment.



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Despite my disdain for the 14-time Olympic gold medalist, I must give Phelps credit for outsmarting the news media and public. The 23-year-old had become an afterthought in the conscious of mainstream American prior to last week.

As soon as photos of Phelps using a bong during a party held at the University of South Carolina were published, he was propelled back into the national spotlight. A news week bookended by the Super Bowl and Alex Rodriguez's positive steroid test was dominated by an Olympic swimmer three and a half years away from London 2012.

Admittedly, it seems highly unlikely Phelps intentionally had someone take and publish the photos, but his reaction to the scandal has been calculated. There was no gratuitous apology or over-the-top public appearances begging for forgiveness. Instead, a humbled Phelps has been low-key in his reaction to the situation.

The suspension from USA swimming, the loss of his Kellogg's endorsement and the public dressing down from pundits across the country has been taken in stride by Phelps. Then again, Phelps' camp does have experience dealing with this sort of thing.

In the November after his eight-medal haul in Athens, Phelps was arrested for drunk driving and

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AL Central up in the air

Heading into 2009, the American League Central has no favored team as it did when the 2008 season began.

The only major move the Detroit Tigers made this offseason is signing relief pitcher Brandon Lyon. He's been with Arizona since 2005, where he put up decent numbers in 2006 and 2007 but faltered badly in 2008 after a strong April and May.

Lyon does have a decent arm that should help their tattered bullpen, but Detroit is going to need much more than that if they plan on contending, especially after losing Kenny Rogers to free agency. Their starting rotation is beginning to look like any GM's worst nightmare — Right now, they're counting on Justin Verlander, who won 17 games in 2006 and 18 games in 2007, to come back and start acting like a staff ace again after a mediocre 2008. They're also hoping Armando Galarraga can repeat the success of his 2008 rookie campaign. Beyond those two are an injured Jeremy Bonderman, Nate Robertson and his career 4.90 ERA and Dontrelle "4.45 ERA in high A Ball" Willis. Ouch.

Still, Detroit's offense is the same as it was in 2008, and no significant injuries have occurred, so it should continue to produce as it did last season which should at least keep things interesting.

Like the Tigers, the Minnesota Twins have made no major moves this offseason. They've been connected to Joe Crede, but understandably seem hesitant to sign him since he's played in all of 144 games since the start of the 2007 season. Their biggest move this offseason has been to agree to a contract with

relief pitcher Luis Ayala and his 5.71 ERA in 2008, who is expected to compete for the role of setup-man due to Pat Neshek's injury.

Other than those, the Twins have made no major changes from 2008. They should look for Francisco Liriano to emerge as the staff ace during the 2009 season to bolster their already talented, young rotation.



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The Kansas City Royals managed to lock one of their best young players, Zach Greinke, into a four-year contract, which means they'll never have to go to arbitration with him. They got Coco Crisp in a trade with the Boston Red Sox and Mike Jacobs from the Florida Marlins, which should help their offense—a slight improvement from where it was in 2008.

If they want to finish at .500 or above, it's imperative their young players like Billy Butler, Mike Aviles, Alex Gordon, Brian Bannister and Luke Hochevar continue to develop and improve. Without a core cluster of players to rely on, the Royals will continue to be bottom feeders.

The Chicago White Sox walked away from the 2008 season having lost Ken Griffey Jr., Orlando Cabrera, Nick Swisher and Javier Vazquez to free agency and trades. The loss of Vazquez leaves a gaping hole in their rotation that will not be easy to fill. He's a reliable innings eater who should greatly compliment Atlanta's tattered starting rotation.

Heading into the 2009 season, the club has avoided major free agents and is counting on their younger players to have an impact. They expect big things out of Alexei Ramirez who is moving to shortstop, as well as several unproven

players who are competing for the second base job.

The Cleveland Indians have made the most changes during the offseason. They've signed free agent Kerry Wood to be their closer, picked up Mark DeRosa in a trade from the Chicago Cubs, gotten left handed reliever Joe Smith in a trade to bolster the bullpen and they've even signed Carl Pavano to a low risk deal.

Cleveland has a wealth of young pitching talent that's competing for the three slots in the rotation behind 2008 Cy Young Winner Cliff Lee and Fausto Carmona, who they are counting on to return to his 2007 form. Scott Lewis, Aaron Laffey, Jeremy Sowers and Pavano are all candidates to drop into the back three slots, and there are more arms on the way from AAA.

Their offense should benefit from the return of Travis Hafner and Victor Martinez, both of whom were injured during 2008.

The offseason is winding down, but there still doesn't seem to be a team that will substantially outperform the others in the American League Central.

The Tigers and Royals should continue to dwell on the bottom of the standings, which is no surprise to anyone considering the holes in both of those teams. It seems the White Sox have regressed and should finish in the middle of the standings. They've lost several talented players and are counting on unproven rookies to step in and pick up the slack, which may work, but could very well explode in their face.

At this point, it seems safe to say the Twins and Indians should battle it out for the AL Central crown, but when it comes down to it, they're not much better than the White Sox or even the Royals. The 2009 AL Central isn't going to be producing a 100-game winner anytime soon.

A-Rod admits using 'juice'

Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez admitted Monday that he used performance-enhancing drugs from 2001-03, saying he did so because of the pressures of being baseball's highest-paid player.

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," the New York Yankees star said in an interview with ESPN that was broadcast Monday shortly after it was recorded.

His admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported he tested positive for steroids in 2003, one of 104 players who tested positive during baseball's survey testing, which wasn't subject to discipline and was supposed to remain anonymous.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind, and since then I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that."

The 33-year-old All-Star third baseman was regarded by many in baseball as the most likely to break Bonds' record of 762. He's already 12th on the career list with 553 homers, 209 behind Bonds.

Rodriguez hit 52, 57 and 47 homers in his three seasons with the Rangers, winning the first of three AL MVP awards during his final season with Texas, where he received a \$252 million, 10-year contract in December 2000.

"Back then it was a different culture. It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid," Rodriguez said. "I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He joined Jason Giambi and Andy Pettitte among All-Star players who have confessed to using performance-enhancing drugs. Many other players have denied any use.

Barry Bonds, a seven-time MVP, is to go on trial next month on charges he lied when he told a grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs.

Roger Clemens, a seven-time AL Cy Young Award winner, is under investigation by a federal grand jury which is trying to determine whether he lied when he told a congressional committee last year that he never used steroids and human growth hormone.

In his 2008 book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Jose Canseco claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer. Canseco, who has admitted using steroids, subsequently said he had no knowledge of any drug use by Rodriguez.

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Lacrosse splits season opener

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's lacrosse team opened its season against Portland State and Montana with an expected victory and a frustrating loss.

Idaho topped the Vikings 18-5 on Saturday, but fell to Montana, led by former Idaho coach Ryan Hanavan, 14-10 on Sunday.

"The weekend went about as to be expected, and I am happy with both performances," Idaho coach Mike Band said. "It would have been nice to win both games, but we can still make a run toward the playoffs."

The Vandals kept up with Montana for a majority of the game, and trailed by one early in the fourth quarter after Jacob Ballard scored two goals in quick succession for the Vandals to open the period.

The Grizzlies rattled off the next five goals to put the game out of reach and condemn the Vandals to their first loss of the season.

Junior Eric Fletcher scored a hat trick against Montana and was Idaho's leading scorer during the weekend.

"Everyone needs to step up and stop doing stupid stuff like committing unnecessary penalties," Fletcher said. "Montana is a good team, but we made it easy for them."

Goalie Gary Jurado had 15 saves against Montana after rarely being tested, against Portland State on Saturday.

"I just got into a groove out there," Jurado said. "It is all about being ready to react quickly, and I was able to get into the right position to make the saves today."

Idaho allowed Montana to score five power play goals and one shorthanded goal.

"We just made some dumb mistakes against Montana, and we need to start thinking a little more," Band said. "All the mistakes are correctable, and we will be able to build off this loss."

The Vandals did not have any trouble dispatching Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League newcomers Portland State a day earlier. It was the Vikings' first league match.

"We showed up against Portland State and were able to do what we wanted," Fletcher said. "It was nice to open the season with a win."

Idaho travels to Burnaby, B.C. to take on PNCLL pre-season No. 1 Simon Fraser this weekend. Simon Fraser finished last season nationally ranked.

"Simon Fraser is a great team," Band said. "It will be a tough game to go up to Canada and take them on."



Nick Groff/Argonaut

A member of the Idaho men's lacrosse team throws the ball to a teammate through rainy conditions during practice Thursday afternoon on the SprinTurf. The team has had success in previous seasons and will look to improve again this spring.

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a throw of 64-11.25 and won the indoor discus — a rare event in indoor competitions — with a heave of 158-6.

While the Vandals competed well throughout the meet, the biggest story of the day came from a competitor in the U.S. Masters division. The Masters division is for competitors between the ages of 65-69, and George Mathews of Hayden Lake did something incredible.

His toss in the weight throw of 65-4.75 was good enough for a world record.

"George is an amazing athlete," Taylor said. "It's so impressive that he's out here at every meet. It's fun, because it shows that you can still be continuing to do this sport for a long time. I think he enjoys throwing with these younger guys because I think it gives him energy."

Saturday, the Vandals remained in the Kibbie Dome to compete in the Runner's Soul Open. The meet featured more than 1,000 competitors from 11 colleges across the country and accounted for the biggest UI home track meet in recent years.

"It's definitely getting bigger and bigger," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "A few years ago, we had a lot of people like today, but then it went down for a little bit, and the last couple years it's gone back up. I think it's great, and we want this meet to keep getting bigger and bigger."

The Vandals were led in the meet by freshman Teegan Schoch and junior Breana Chadez.

Schoch ran a blistering 2 minutes, 17 seconds in the 800 meters to give her a victory, and Chadez won the women's high jump with a height of 5 feet, 5 inches.

"Teegan really stepped up and ran a great 800 today," Phipps said. "She's having a great season, and I'm looking for great things to continue from her this season."

The Vandals will travel to Seattle Friday and Saturday to compete in the Husky Indoor Classic and will return home for the Vandal Collegiate before competing in the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.

PHELPS

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ultimately found guilty. An apologetic Phelps has cited the incident as a life-changing event and one he would learn from.

Four years and eight Olympic medals later, America's darling has once again been tarnished for youthful indiscretion. As much criticism as Phelps will receive over the next week or two, the end result may be positive just yet.

The controversy will soon die and Phelps can continue his training. Once his suspension is lifted, Phelps' first swim meet back will receive massive media coverage. His folly will guarantee he is in the public eye during 2009, something that looked unlikely near the end of 2008.

It would also not be surprising to hear that NBC is already working on video packages for the 2012 games detailing how Phelps used this scandal to become a better person.

It is hard for Olympic athletes to maintain any level of stardom in non-Olympic years. Kerri Strug is a distant memory, Justin Gatlin is not allowed to compete in any track and field event for the next four years and the only people who remember Apolo Anton Ohno happen to be the

2002 South Korean World Cup team.

Phelps may lose some endorsements in the short term, but the exposure he will receive in the long term will more than make up for it. It is hard to grab headlines spending 10 hours each day in a pool, but Phelps has managed to do just that.

America wants its icons to be upstanding citizens, but it only wants to talk about those celebrities who make mistakes. This double-edged sword is one Phelps is familiar with.

It is absurd for people who have never met Phelps to claim they are disappointed in his actions, and he has somehow let the country down. He is a swimmer, and those people who are now scornful of him probably held Phelps in a higher regard than he deserved.

The public built Phelps up to be the new American hero, but it was a position he is neither worthy nor comfortable with. The Baltimore Bullet may be superhuman in the water but outside of the pool he is still treading water.

It is doubtful Phelps will ever go down the path of infamy Tonya Harding has traveled, yet his latest mishap will ensure a legacy that includes more than being the guy who swam really well.

Monster truck official didn't see debris

Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash.— After debris flew off a monster truck and hit two spectators, killing a 6-year-old boy, neither the driver nor competition officials knew the debris had landed in the stands and didn't realize anyone was hurt, police reports show.

The driver, 21-year-old Gary Schott Jr., told investigators he felt a vibration as the modified Chevrolet SSR truck came off a jump, then

saw event official Robert Quint waving at him and felt the truck lose power.

Quint had seen the truck vibrating and noticed something amiss in the rear driveshaft. The truck rolled about 15 feet as the driveshaft came loose, and then the huge vehicle stopped, Quint told police in reports obtained by The News Tribune.

Quint said he saw some parts fall to the ground but didn't see anything fly into the stands. He said he was on the floor of the stadium

when someone threw down a piece of metal, which he picked up and kept with other parts that had fallen off the truck, Natural High.

The reports do not reach any conclusions about what caused the accident that killed Sebastian Hizey, of Puyallup, and badly injured Eric W. Smith, 40, of Edgewood, during the Monster Jam show Jan. 16 at the Tacoma Dome.

City officials told the newspaper they would not comment because the Hizey

family has hired a lawyer. The city owns the Tacoma Dome.

The reports also show the truck had an earlier problem with the remote ignition interrupter, a radio-activated device used by event officials to kill the engine.

The problem developed during a test run of Natural High, and truck owner Kelvin Raymer, of Watsonville, Calif., replaced the radio before the "freestyle" run later in the evening.

VANDAL

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While the Vandals struggled to find their rhythm during the game the Warriors did seemingly little wrong.

The Rainbow Warriors hit a scorching 56 percent from the floor, 44 percent from beyond the three-point line, and 77 percent from the free throw line. UH trund the ball over 21 times during the contest, but the 21 turnovers resulted in just 17 points for the Vandals.

Hawai'i scored the first eight points of the contest, and Idaho went into the first media timeout without a score. The Vandals briefly made things interesting by pulling within 10-8 and 12-10, but Hawai'i continued to hold the margin.

UI fell apart before the half, allowing an 11-2 Hawai'i run to extend the lead to 28-17 at the half.

The Vandals were led in scoring by Marvin Jefferson, who finished the game with 11 points. He was followed by Kashif Watson, who finished with 10.

"It was frustrating," Watson said. "We came out with the mindset that we were going to win."

The Rainbow Warriors used long runs in the second half to extend the lead to more than 20 and effectively sealed the game.

"Some nights that is what happens," Verlin said. "They came out tonight and dominated this basketball game."

The Vandals will play their next two games at home against nationally ranked Utah State Thursday, and San Jose State Saturday.

THROWS

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Newlee said.

Meanwhile, Taleni, a junior, was raining down the buckets, shooting 7-of-12 from the field and a perfect 6-for-6 from the charity stripe, leading all scorers with 21.

Freshman Shaena Kuehu pushed her double-digit scoring streak to 10 games, contributing 11 points, 4

boards and 3 steals. Playing just 18 minutes, sophomore Rachele Kloke went 6-for-10 from the field for 13 points.

"Kloke really played her best half of the year in the second half of this game," Newlee said.

Vandal sophomore Yin-ka Olorunnife was held below double-digit scoring for just the fourth time all season, but contributed 10 of the team's 32 rebounds for the game, along with 2 blocks and 3 steals.

It was the second game in

a row that the Aggies threw away a double-digit halftime lead. On Feb. 6, they held a 10-point advantage over Boise State at the break before going on to lose in overtime, 79-77. The Aggies have now lost five straight and 13 of their last 15. Aggies coach Darin Spence was again frustrated by his team's second-period slump.

"We did a lot of good things today, we just didn't finish," Spence said. "I know we played hard, we just make the wrong mis-

takes at the wrong time."

Even so, the Aggies led by three with a minute to go and had a potentially game-winning three-point try from sophomore guard Danisha Corbett bang in-and-out with just 14 seconds left.

The Vandal women play a two-game homestand next in the Cowan Spectrum, matching up with Fresno State's Bulldogs 7 p.m. on Friday, then face off with the San Jose State Spartans 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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