

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO THE ARGONAUT

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Turning the gears

Female student enrollment remains low in engineering department

Stephanie Hale
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Engineering Department is working to attract students in the hopes of increasing its female enrollment percentage.

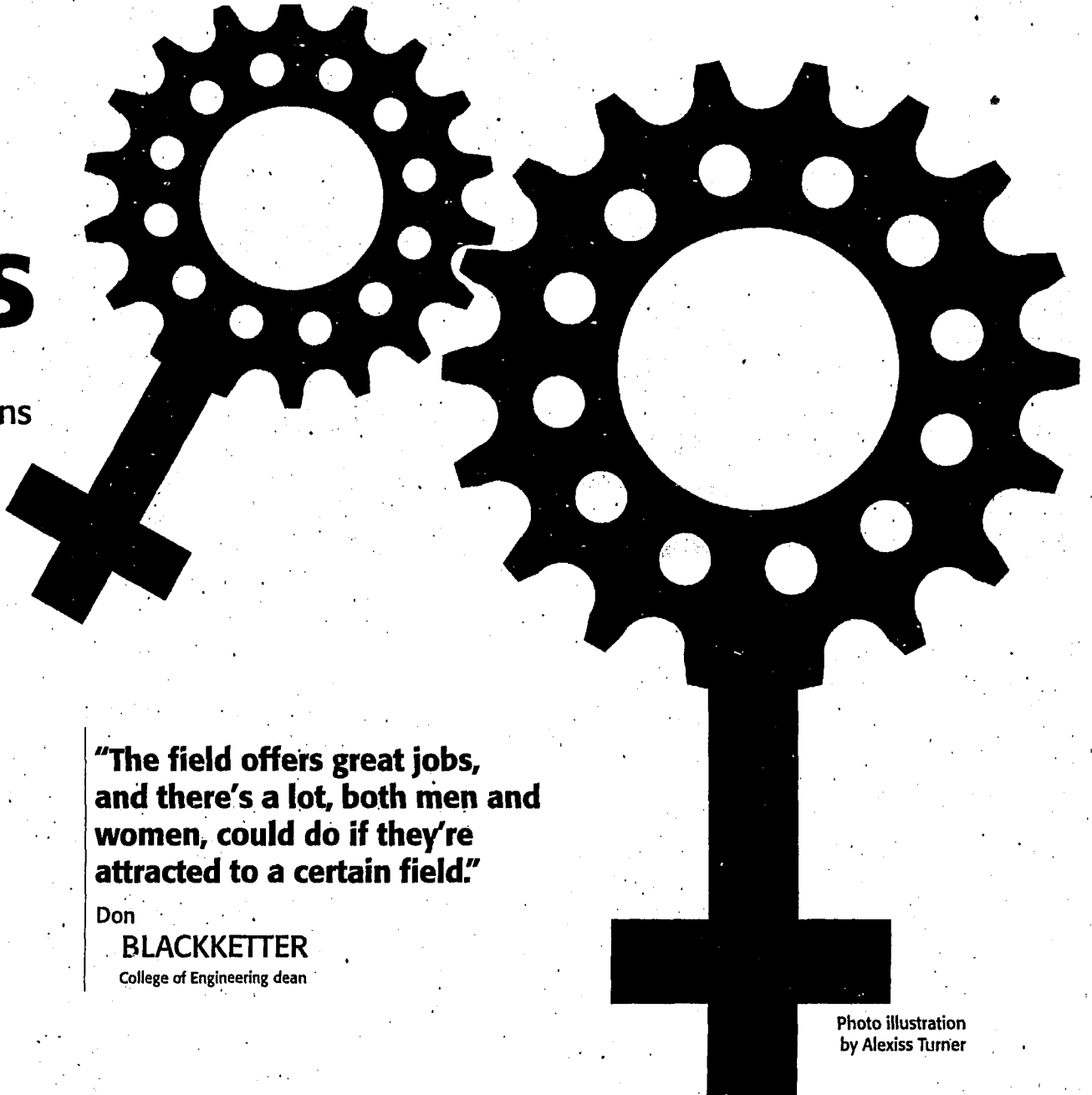
"The number of women in the field has increased from the 1960s to some level in the 1990s, but has basically been flat," said Don Blackketter, dean of the College of Engineering. "There is no significant change in female enrollment (at UI)."

According to institutional research from UI, the department managed to pull in 1,547 students last semester — only 214 were female.

"We're like the rest of the nation in terms of having a low number of female students in the department, but I think that having female professors in the department does make a difference," Blackketter said.

In 1998, the percentage of women in the engineering department was at 7.4 percent, and in the fall of 2008, the number dwindled to 7.2 percent.

"Some fields are better at attracting women than others," Blackketter said. "The percentage of women hasn't increased in the last 15



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Don
BLACKKETTER
College of Engineering dean

Photo illustration by Alexiss Turner



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Mechanical engineering graduate student Jennifer Hasenoehrl poses in the Center for Applied Thermodynamic Studies lab. Hasenoehrl is studying the measurement and correlation of vapor pressure data for normal perfluorohexane.

years, and there's no clear answer as to why."

In the hopes of increasing both female enrollment and female student retention rates, the engineering department has done everything from offering extra scholarships and a mentor program in conjunction with the Women's Center, to creating programs, outreach events and clubs like "Women in Engineering Day" and the Society of Women Engineers.

"We give extra scholarships to entice women, and frankly it's not that successful," Blackketter said. "They've attracted a few women, but it's hard to point out whether or not they were successful in the department."

The Women in Engineering Day program encourages female students from different schools around Idaho to visit UI and learn more about the different fields of engineering.

"SWE works (to recruit) students from around the state," said Jennifer Hasenoehrl, an engineering graduate student. "It's

more personal than just a flier in the mail."

Vishu Gupta, another graduate student in the department, said a priority is to make sure women feel comfortable.

"The most popular forms of engineering are chemical and civil," Gupta said. "We really want to make sure that girls aren't scared of math and science."

"We also do a lot of hands-on activities to tame down the long mathematical equations," said Jamie Jabal, another engineering graduate student.

On average, approximately 25 to 40 high school juniors and seniors have participated in the program over the past 12 years.

"I'd love to see the number of women in the department increase," Blackketter said. "The field offers great jobs, and there's a lot, both men and women, could do if they're attracted to a certain field. My hope is to attract more women to the department because it'll make the college more diverse, and it'll also be helpful to the field."

Leading through participation

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

When news of the 41 possible program cuts hit the ASUI office, Sen. Joe Black said a sort of "hell storm" ensued.

Black received multiple calls regarding the possible closure of the communication major, he said, and with the help of a fellow senator, co-wrote a resolution asking for a three-week delay on any decision that could affect the major. Even though he had never written a resolution before, it was passed.

"The best training you can get is on the fly," he said.

Black said he wanted a leadership position in the ASUI Senate to address a wider audience than those in his living group.

Black describes his previous leadership experience as "unconventional." He was presi-

dent of the drama club in high school and worked as a lobbyist for the Idaho Drug Free Youth Organization.

Black ran for the Senate the same week he was being initiated into his fraternity. He said the week was stressful but worth the work.

"You really kind of earn (the position)," he said.

Running for Senate taught Black the values of getting out there and being heard, he said.

"You can't afford to be shy," he said.

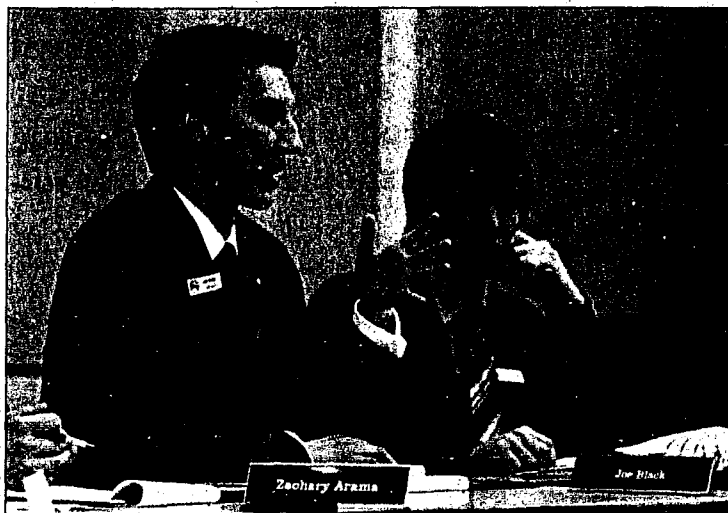
Black said attending the open forum strengthened his connections between fellow senators.

"Take a deep breath and take the plunge," he said. "That's what's going to get you elected."

By creating these relationships Black said he was able to "hit the ground running" after being elected. With big issues like the

meet your SENATOR

This week: Joe Black



Eric Petersen/Argonaut

Sen. Zach Goytowski listens as Sen. Joe Black makes a point in the ASUI Senate meeting Feb 11.

Program Prioritization Process and the university's presidential search looming, Black said days in the ASUI office are busy, but he enjoys the sometimes-hectic atmosphere.

"It's a different experience," he said. "I love it."

Programs like communication and physics are important, he said, because they are critical

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Lambda Chi Alpha is back

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Lambda Chi Alpha, a national fraternity founded in 1909, is on the University of Idaho campus for the first time since 2005.

The fraternity recruiters will be on campus for the next three weeks and are trying to build a membership of about 30 men. At the end of their tenure on campus, they will appoint 12 chapter officers to lead the fraternity.

"They have the opportunity to get hands-on experience building a chapter from the ground up," said Aiden Mette, recruiter for Lambda Chi Alpha.

Lambda Chi Alpha's recruiting process is based on students approaching the organization with interest in being part of the fraternity, rather than having "big pompous events," Mette said.

ASUI President Garrett Holbrook has shown interest in being part of the fraternity, Mette said,

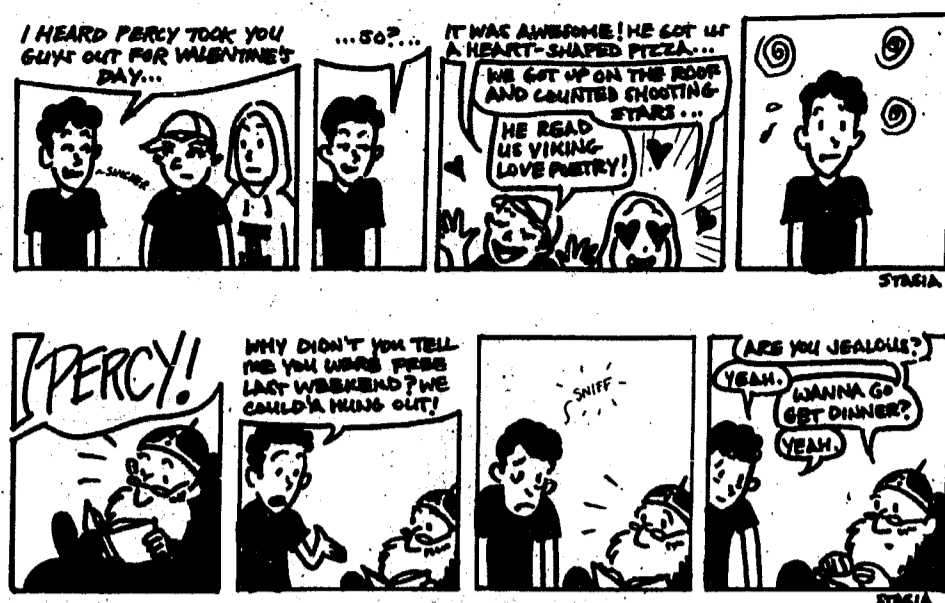
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PeopleWeKnow

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Percy the Barbarian

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Discover Life
at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

This week's ASUI Vandal Entertainment Films...

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Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist
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7 and 9:30pm

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Speak out: What did you do with your three-day weekend?

Matthew Thompson
Senior, biology
I studied for a test (in developmental biology).

Christi Almeida
Sophomore, International studies and Spanish
I went home to Pampa. I visited my family and boyfriend.

Jessica Barrera
Senior, business management and human resources
I did nothing but stay here and do homework. I had a special day with my boyfriend on Valentine's Day.

Carolina Zamora
Junior, pre-veterinary
I drove home eight hours there and back. On Sunday I went to the prison to visit a friend and went to church.

Photos by Jake Barber

WEB POLL RESULTS

What should happen to the physics department?

Keep it - 32
Cut it - 12
Scale it down - 11

Is the economy affecting your spending habits?

Yes I am watching spending - 20
No I am buying everything I want - 5
I am spending a little less - 4

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Crossword

Across

- Average
- Craving
- Boxer's punch
- Shade tree
- de France
- Tokyo, formerly
- ET carrier
- Caribbean, e.g.
- Cushion
- Assist
- Clean-up guy
- Bakery buy
- Employs
- Certain exams
- Dracula, at times
- It doesn't hold water
- Absorbed
- Rodeo rope
- Remain
- Swiftest mammal
- "That's disgusting!"
- Did lunch
- Chafe
- Authorize
- Newt
- Jack-tar
- Fine
- Film
- Direct elsewhere
- Feel concern
- Coffee order
- Small number
- Small change
- November birthstone
- Locale
- Dolomite, e.g.
- Ariz. neighbor
- ...easter
- Action word
- Linear unit
- Lubricate
- Low card
- Bit of butter
- 12th graders (Abbr.)
- Canny
- Dry, as wine
- DiCaprio, to fans
- Deface
- Horned goddess
- Modify
- Owens
- Tolkien beast
- Stadium cheer
- "...humbag!"
- Greek letter
- Tank
- Needle part
- Toil
- On-looker
- Harbor craft
- Biddy
- Implied
- Conclude
- Adversary
- Twitch
- Happens
- Church bench
- Cries of sorrow
- Three (IL)
- Thumbs-up
- Miles per hour, e.g.
- Casbah headgear
- Applications, e.g.
- Beaut
- Poker holding
- Go yachting
- Blueprint
- Author Levin
- After expenses
- Romaine lettuce
- Be in arrears
- Bird of myth

Down

- Lulu
- Mode starter
- Bureaucratic stuff
- Time period
- Blue-pencil
- Affirmative action
- Marital art
- Way, way off
- Dog treats
- "C" _ la vie!"

Solutions

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Sudoku

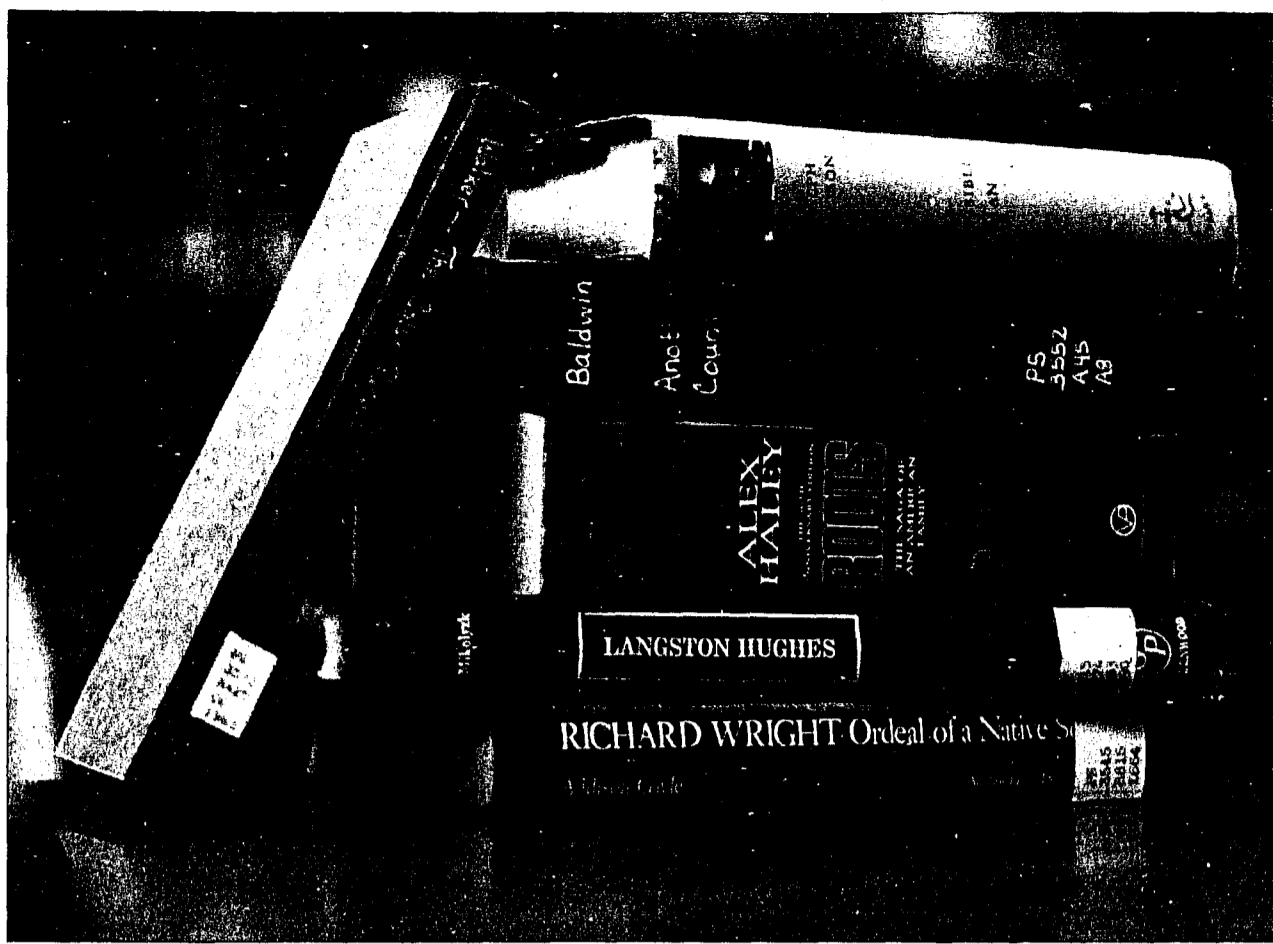
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Corrections

In the last issue of The Argonaut, the article "Local produce gives life to Moscow community," it was implied graywater was permitted under organic certification. This is incorrect.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor.

Contact information can be found on page 6.



Eric Petersen/Argonaut

In honor of Black History Month there will be a day-long read-in of famous African American authors at the University of Idaho Library Tuesday.

Read-In celebrates Black History Month

Dara Barney
Argonaut

University of Idaho students and faculty will have the opportunity to come together to celebrate Black literature in a new way next week.

In honor of Black History Month, the Library will hold a Read-In introducing new works and old classics to the campus community.

The Read-In will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday on the first floor of the UI Library.

Faculty and others are invited to do a short reading of African American literature," said Janis Johnson, assistant professor of English and American Indian studies.

Students and staff are invited as well, said Leathia Botello, interim director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"In the past, we have done book circles for different heritage months," Botello said, "but it was a big time commitment, with the circles, and participants had to read whole books."

This way, participants can come in and preview authors who they don't

know about, she said.

"Anthologies are reserved, but participants can read anything they want," Botello said.

Participants will read three-to-five minute selections out loud in which the voices of African American authors will be celebrated through public sharing, Johnson said.

"We have also got a list of prominent African American authors online," Johnson said. "Most of the people who have signed up are reading contemporary pieces of African American literature. I might read something from the 18th or 19th century to counterbalance."

Participants can get more information on how to sign up on the UI Library Web site.

If interested, participants can e-mail oma@uidaho.edu with their name, the name of the author, selection name and what 20-minute section of time is ideal.

"This is a national event, and other countries will be celebrating the tradition of Black History Month through literacy as well," Johnson said.

Johnson said she asked around and no one remembered the UI ever participating in the National African American Read-In, which is now in its 20th year.

"The Read-In is sponsored by the National Council (Teachers of English) which tallies all readers who participate," Johnson said. "The UI will send its list of readers."

Botello invited the English, theater, communication and core departments to participate, she said.

"It is university-wide," Botello said. "Anyone can participate: faculty and students. We are looking at more people to sign up this week and the next."

There is still space to sign up, and there will be raffles for book prizes, Johnson said.

"I want to stress to those who like slam poetry, that this is a chance to share African American writing," Johnson said. "This is going to be a fun, celebratory event. Participants can read, and are also welcome to sit and listen even if they don't want to read."

Center looks to reduce junk mail

Greg Connolly
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center will spearhead an effort to reduce junk mail sent to residents and staff on campus this spring.

"There's approximately 30 tons of junk mail coming into (UI) each year," said Darin Saul, director of the Sustainability Center.

The center recently removed all junk mail coming to UI over a 10-day period and made the estimation based on what they found.

"The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education is promoting the stop junk mail campaign at all

resentations and to provide posters on which interested students can sign their name and address.

Once the on-campus students have had a chance to sign up, the posters will be brought to the Sustainability Center where the names will be put in a letter to the Direct Marketing Association.

"There are about 1,500 undergraduate students in residence halls and close to that in the Greek system," Matheison said. "I think we'll have a tremendous success rate. This is a way individuals can choose to reduce their impact on the environment."

The Sustainability Center is also working with faculty and staff in re-

"Half the stuff they send us goes to people who don't work here anymore."

Darin SAUL

Sustainability Center director

ducing the amount of junk mail they receive.

"Because of how (UI purchases) and the types of contracts they use, it's a complete waste of time for companies to send solicitations to individuals," Saul said.

He said credit card companies frequently try to offer cards to faculty members, but they can't use them because UI already has deals in place when faculty members need a card, and that's when the offer is going to someone who is actually on campus.

"Half the stuff they send us goes to people who don't work here anymore," Saul said.

Saul said this is the first time the Sustainability Center has been involved in a program like this, but it will become an annual effort.

"This is stuff that isn't read and has no value," Saul said. "We spend our time and money getting rid of it when it never has to be sent in the first place."

PoliceLOG

Monday

12:04 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officer requested a case number for a suspicious circumstance.

1:04 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers found some property and requested a case number.

2:33 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Members of the Latah County Sheriff's Department requested help from the Moscow Police Department for a warrant arrest, but they found out the subject no longer lives in Moscow.

Tuesday

2:15 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officers arrested one

male for DUI.

9:46 a.m. Campus Drive: Officers responded to a report of a 21-year-old female fainting.

Wednesday

12:07 p.m. West Third Street: Officers responded to a report of a dog running down the road without its owner.

5:27 p.m. West Third Street: Officers pulled over a vehicle a few callers said had been driving erratically. They warned the driver.

7:21 p.m. University Avenue: Caller works for University of Idaho Parking Services and recovered a parking permit that was reported lost/stolen.

11:38 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Officers re-

sponded to a controlled substance issue.

Thursday

8:41 a.m. UI Campus: Someone was driving with a revoked license.

Friday

8:25 a.m. Campus Drive: Caller saw a dog locked in a van and was worried it would get too hot. Officers responded and determined the dog was safe.

11:19 p.m. Campus Drive: Officers requested a case number for someone

urinating in public.

Saturday

12:32 a.m. West Sixth Street: One male was arrested for DUI.

1:28 a.m. South Line Street: One female was arrested for DUI.

10:42 a.m. UI Campus: Caller said someone had stolen his toolbox from the back of his pickup truck sometime Saturday morning.

Sunday

No reports on campus.

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Pulitzer Prize winning author Edward Humes will discuss why many Americans reject the theory of evolution, as revealed through courtroom battles that have surrounded teaching it in public schools.

This lecture is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a reception. Doors open at 6:00.

The free public lecture by Mr. Humes will be part of "Darwin Week": a series of events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin. For information on other Darwin Week events, visit pem.anth.wsu.edu/darwinweek

TOUGH CROWD



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

Viewers are few at the Student Union Building Borah Theater on movie nights. ASUI plans to encourage community attendance as a way countering low numbers.

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to the student body. "We're not going to let (the university) cut (programs) without a fight," he said.

Black said it is important to understand the stance of the university.

"... They're not going through with a hack saw," he said. "(The PPP) is something that is absolutely necessary. Some programs are not as cost effective as others."

The PPP is something that needs to be discussed and thought out in a thorough manner, Black said.

"This is a tough thing, and it's going to cause a lot of controversy," he said.

Black said he couldn't have completed the resolution regarding the communication major without the help of the students who took the time to vocalize their concerns. Black said he hopes to strengthen this kind of communication between the student body and ASUI Senate.

"ASUI's job is to represent the students," he

said. "We know as much as the students know."

During his time, in office, Black said he will work to strengthen communication from ASUI around campus. He said it is important students know what ASUI is doing for them as well as where their limitations lie.

"We have input," he said, "but we don't have absolute power."

He said he encourages students to contact ASUI with any questions they might have regarding university issues. An ideal situation, Black said, would be to have students in the ASUI office talking directly to senators and learning together.

"If I'm not late to a class," he said. "I'm more than happy to sit down and make sure students understand what I know."

ASUI Director of Diversity Affairs Juan Corona first met Black during Rush. Corona said they are currently working together to collect money for the Gay Straight Alliance to send 20 students to a conference.

Corona said Black excels as a senator because of his willingness to help.

Local/BRIEFS

Voting for GPSA elections begins

This week, Graduate and Professional Student Association elections are underway.

Currently there is only one nominee for president, Heidi Anderson. Running for vice president are Anirban Das and Chau Tran. The senatorial nominees are Hani Bani-Salameh and Andrea Lyons.

Graduate students can vote online at www.uidaho.edu/gpsa until Thursday. Results from the election will be announced at the GPSA meeting on March 3.

Swan Lake tickets available

Tickets are now on sale

for The Eugene Ballet's production of Swan Lake.

The performance is scheduled for 3 p.m. on March 8 at the Washington State University Beasley Coliseum.

Tickets are \$14 to \$25 and can be purchased at the Beasley Coliseum box office.

The Eugene Ballet Company visits five western states and has built its reputation on performing quality shows.

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AARP helps elderly drivers

The AARP Driver Safety Program plans to help community members older than 50 to refresh their driving skills and knowledge.

The eight-hour course is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Gritman Medical Center Conference Center located at 700 South Main.

To take the course, participants must pay a \$12 registration fee.

Different topics covered during the course include following distances, safe lane changes and minimizing blind spots.

To register, visit www.gritman.org or call 883-2232.

Artists feature light pieces

At the Prichard Art Gallery award-winning artists Surel Mitchell and Lanny Bergner will present light-emitting pieces at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 25.

The exhibit will open

with the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival community reception.

Mitchell is Boise-based, although she exhibits her work across the nation, including Washington, D.C. She has received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and in 2002 was awarded commission in the Boise City Visual Chronicle Permanent Collection.

The Prichard Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hunger profile to be released

The Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force will host an Idaho Hunger Atlas — a county-level profile of hunger in Idaho at noon Thursday at the Bishop Tuttle House in St. Michael's Cathedral.

The purpose is to increase Idaho residents' knowledge of food insecurity and hunger needs in the different locations.

Lunch will be provided by Bittercreek and will focus on different local community food.

CampusCALENDAR

Today

Women's Center Brown Bag Series: "Body Image Issues on a College Campus" 12:30 p.m. Women's Center

Study Abroad advising 2:30 p.m. Idaho Commons

Bike Repair Workshop 2:30 p.m. Sustainability Center

Thursday

Disney College program internship presentation 3 p.m. TLC 051

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and is actively recruiting students on campus.

"They're looking to put a group of guys together based on strong leadership, and I'm willing to be a part of anything based on leadership and civic duty," Holbrook said.

Lambda Chi Alpha's philosophy is based on seven core values — loyalty, duty, respect, service and stewardship, honor, integrity and personal courage. The fraternity doesn't use the pledge system, which Mette said implied new members were "subservient," and instead considers new recruits associate members who have the same privileges as initiated members.

Initiation for associate members consists of a seven-week "experiential learning process" based on the core values. This is known as the True Brother Initiative.

"The big thing we're excited about is how we have this new programming," Mette said.

Participants in the True Brother Initiative participate in service learning and community service as well as group discussions.

"We want two guys on the other side of the circle interacting," Mette said.

Mette said Lambda Chi Alpha uses the word "true" before its programs in the same way that Apple uses "i" before the names of its products. Some programs include the leadership program called True Leader and the True Intrapersonal Development

program used to educate members.

"We're centered on values," Mette said.

Lambda Chi Alpha first appeared on the UI campus in 1927. In 1998, the chapter disbanded due to risk management issues and leased their house to Alpha Gamma Rho, another fraternity on campus. Mette said Alpha Gamma Rho and Lambda Chi Alpha had a "fantastic relationship."

Mette said Alpha Gamma Rho is looking into buying the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

Mette said Lambda Chi Alpha's connections with its West Coast chapters had always been loose, but that was not the case with UI.

"We always had a strong connection with Idaho," Mette said.

20th Annual National African American Read-In



"You are invited to read a 3-5 minute selection of an African American-authored Literature."

Tuesday February 24, 2009

11:00-1:00 pm

UI Library, first floor

Quiz

Q: During what time period was Zora Hurston best known for?

Q: Alice Walker was best known for writing what kind of women issues?

For more information WWW.UIDAHO.EDU/OMA

Name: _____

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Answer Q1: _____

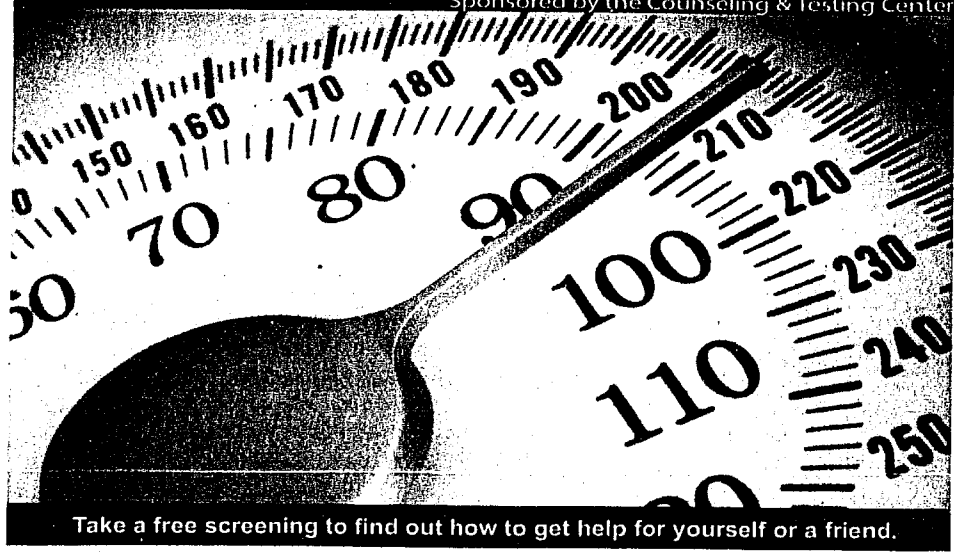
Answer Q2: _____

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Otter wants time to study spending stimulus money

John Miller
Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said Tuesday he'll take until at least late March to study how Idaho should use its share of the \$787 billion federal stimulus plan, delaying state lawmakers as they try to write the 2010 budget.

Budget setting, originally scheduled to start Monday, will be pushed back, perhaps prolonging the 2009 legislative session.

Otter is giving state agencies until March 4 to tell him how they'd use Idaho's estimated \$600 million to \$1 billion share. Once those plans are in, Otter says a "stimulus executive committee" he will name will evaluate the submissions until March 19 and make recommendations for using money to help balance Idaho's budget for fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1.

The federal stimulus bill, signed by President Barack Obama on Tuesday, gives governors 45 days to request money for state projects.

"There remain a lot of unknowns here," Otter said in a statement. "It will take a lot of work to get our arms around all the implications of this law."

In his executive order, Otter said that priority would be given to federal money allocated for one-time projects or reducing the need for state spending in the next few years.

Wayne Hammon, Otter's budget chief, and David Hensley, his legal counsel, will be on the committee. Others weren't named.

After meeting with the Republican governor Tuesday, legislative leaders said that regardless of how the

state uses its share, they tentatively plan to stick with the 6 percent spending cut already ordered by Otter for the current fiscal year.

"There is a perception that this is going to balance our budget," Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and co-chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee, said of the stimulus package's effect. "It's not."

What's more, proposed cuts to state- and federal-funded Medicaid health insurance programs for Idaho's poor will likely not be restored to previous levels, even with the new federal money, said Cameron and Rep. Maxine Bell, the committee's co-chair.

"We're not planning on revisiting those budgets," said Bell, R-Jerome. "The trimming that was made still left a very viable program."

Instead, she and Cameron said Idaho would likely use the stimulus package's higher federal match to state Medicaid spending to shift money to state agencies that don't stand to directly benefit from the federal aid.

Cameron also said public education's share of the money may be short of the \$346 million estimated by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. That means that while Idaho likely won't have to use about \$80 million of its public education reserve account for the current fiscal year, money for education will still be tight in fiscal year 2010.

"I can't stand here and honestly say public education will be held harmless," Cameron said.

Melissa McGrath, a spokeswoman for Luna, said her office is sticking by its estimate, but conceded numbers may change as more details emerge.

"There remain a lot of unknowns here. It will take a lot of work to get our arms around all the implications of this law."

C.L. "Butch" OTTER
Idaho governor

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Bill dead for 2009

Sarah D. Wire
Associated Press

BOISE — An animal cruelty bill that teamed the agricultural community and a local animal welfare group has died due to opposition from a national animal welfare group.

The bill would have toughened Idaho's animal cruelty law to punish a third conviction as a felony. It also would have created a definition of torture, which refers to severe and traumatic acts that cause pain or death. Torture would have also been a felony.

Lisa Kauffman, presi-

dent of the Idaho chapter of the Humane Society of the United States, said language that could be a loophole to possibly allow puppy mills was added at the last moment by the Idaho group, Stop Torturing Our Pets. Kauffman said the Humane Society couldn't support a bill with that kind of legal gap.

"That was a good bill until they put that in," Kauffman said Tuesday.

After the bill was killed late last week in the House Agriculture Committee, sponsor Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, said he would like to see the Legislature create

a task force that would discuss updating Idaho's animal cruelty laws. He said the ideal task force would include the Department of Agriculture, the agricultural community, the Idaho Humane Society and other interested groups.

Virginia Hemingway, president of Stop Torturing Our Pets, the group that wrote this session's bill, said her group will consider working with a task force if one is created.

She said her group repeatedly consulted with all the interested parties, including the HSUS.

Over the years, animal

welfare activists have tried unsuccessfully to pass similar legislation. Hemingway had hoped this year would have a different outcome because Stop Torturing Our Pets worked with the agricultural community to write the legislation in a way that addressed farmer and rancher fears about provisions that might restrict legitimate activities with livestock. Abusing livestock would still have been a crime.

Legislative leaders agree that without the agricultural community's support, animal cruelty legislation cannot pass.

GM, Chrysler to cut more jobs

Tom Krisher and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors and Chrysler asked the government for an additional \$14 billion in aid, a dramatic acknowledgment that conditions in the U.S. auto industry have grown significantly worse in just two months.

GM presented a survival plan that also calls for cutting a total of 47,000 jobs globally and closing five more U.S. factories. That represents the largest work force reduction announced by a U.S. company in the economic downturn. Chrysler said it will cut 3,000 more jobs and stop producing three vehicle models.

Meanwhile, the United Auto Workers union said it has reached a tentative agreement with Chrysler, GM and Ford Motor Co. on modifications to labor contracts. Such concessions were also a condition of the government bailout.

GM said it could need up to \$30 billion from the Treasury Department, up from a previous estimate of \$18 billion. That includes \$13.4 billion

previously allocated and \$9.1 billion in new loans. The world's largest automaker said it could run out of money by March without new funds.

GM's request includes a credit line of \$7.5 billion to be used if the downturn in the auto industry is more pronounced than expected. But the automaker claimed it could be profitable in two years and fully repay its loans by 2017.

Chrysler LLC requested \$5 billion in new loans on top of the \$4 billion it received in December. The company had said it might need an extra \$3 billion.

Both requests were part of restructuring plans the two automakers owed the government in exchange for earlier loans.

Ford, which borrowed billions from private sources before credit markets tight-

ened, has said it can make it through 2009 without government help.

GM and Chrysler plan to reduce the number of models they offer to car buyers. GM on Tuesday raised the possibility its Saturn brand could be phased out.

The restructuring plans must be vetted by the Obama administration's new autos task force. In a sign the administration views the U.S. steel industry as a case study for revamping the auto industry, one of the task force's appointees played a key role in the reshaping of that industry earlier this decade.

President Barack Obama's top spokesman told reporters aboard Air Force One on Tuesday that he wouldn't rule out bankruptcy for the Detroit automakers.

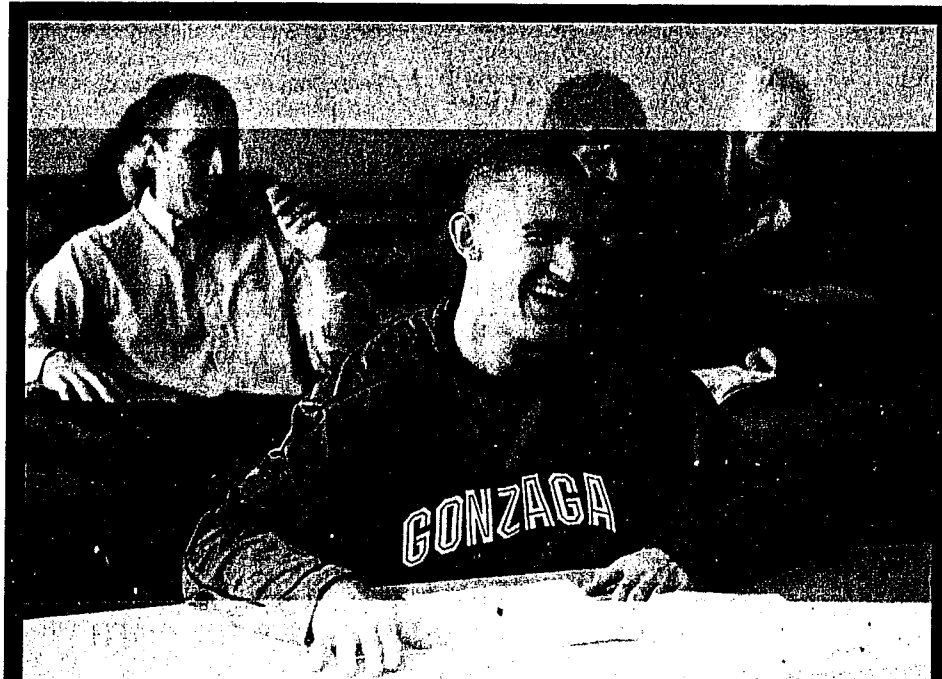
The GM job cuts include 10,000 salaried and

37,000 blue-collar positions, amounting to 19 percent of its current global work force of 244,500. A total 26,000 of the cuts will come from outside the U.S. The cuts would take place by the end of this year.

The new plan has the U.S. work force declining from about 92,000 hourly and salaried employees at year-end 2008 to 72,000 by 2012.

GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said the plan submitted Tuesday is more aggressive than the one presented to the government on Dec. 2 because the global economy and auto sales have deteriorated in the time that has passed since then.

"Today's plan is significantly more aggressive because it has to be," Wagoner told reporters. "We have taken stronger actions, we needed to."



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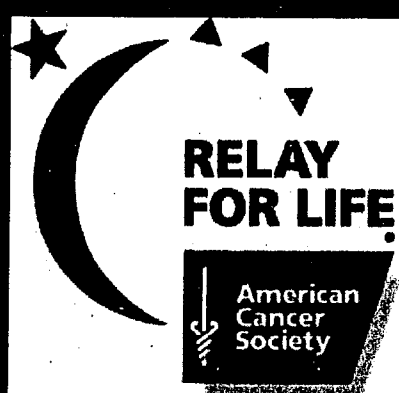
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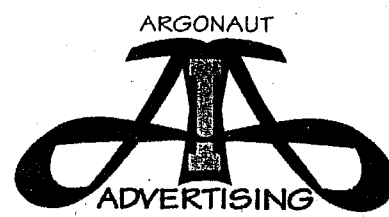
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OurVIEW

Missing perspective

It is 2009, and by this time, women should feel comfortable doing what they want. Many women grow up hearing men are better at math and science — they should instead look to more right-brained activities.

The University of Idaho College of Engineering works to eliminate gender misconceptions by working hard to increase the female enrollment percentage in its program.

In the last 10 years, the percentage of women enrolled in the engineering department actually dropped from 7.4 to 7.2 percent, and last semester, out of 1,547 students, only 214 were female.

Though men and women's brains work differently, neither is superior, nor can one do something the other can't just as well. The presence of both sexes in a classroom brings valuable insight and skills that will be required in the professional world.

Stereotypes might always haunt our society, but it is ridiculous women still feel uncomfortable entering a field like engineering. It is not women at fault, but society's expectations of them. Certainly, the idea women should not have careers in any fashion has been pushed aside, and women can choose whether to stay at home or be career-oriented. It is the choice that is key, and if society is burdening women with the idea women aren't supposed to excel naturally in those areas and to enjoy them is abnormal, then something needs to change.

Women should not grow up feeling afraid of math and science — they are just as capable as their male colleagues.

The Engineering College is clearly making an effort to change the statistics, and it should be commended for the effort to assuage male and female inequality.

— SB

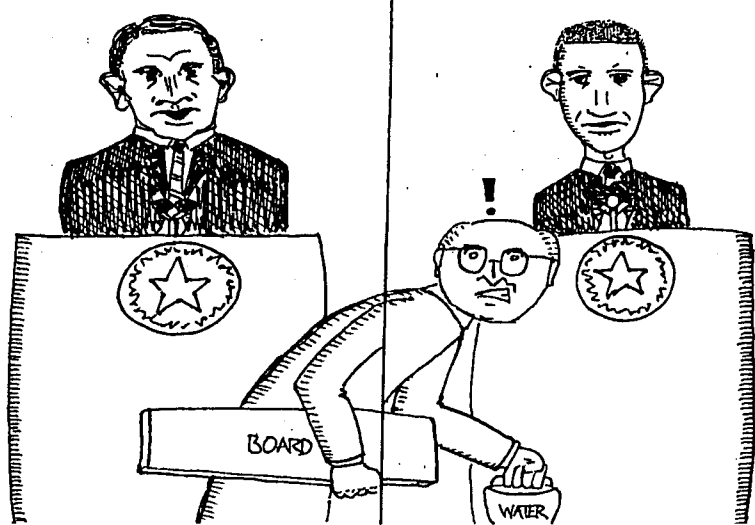
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Matt Adams-Wenger/Argonaut

Special place in hell for bipartisans

President Barack Obama's campaign was characterized largely by his message of "change." When it comes to congressional partisanship, I would welcome change indeed, but not the change you're thinking of. I actually think we should quit this illusion of constantly trying to work with people with whom we vehemently disagree.

Why can't we just admit we have strong differences of opinion and leave it at that? Let's not pretend to want to reach across the aisle if we really think the other side's policies are going to lead us off a cliff.

One good thing about this stimulus fiasco is the gloves came off. The Republicans made it plain they were against it, and they pushed the normally cool president to get a little flustered and curt with them in response.

Instead of decrying excessive partisanship by highlighting its more insidious aspects, let us use this opportunity to come to grips with the fact the parties are not going to always agree. In fact, they'll usually disagree, which is why we have more than one party in the first place. You can be melancholy at the acrimony spewed by politicians, but think of the trouble we'd be in if they all thought there was one right way to run the country.

Now, I don't want to minimize the dangers inherent in bad blood forming between groups. What I'm actually getting at here is by being able to expose our differences in a legitimate forum, we might actually end up respecting each other more.

You know that feeling you get when you're

arguing with somebody about a subject you have strong convictions about, and, instead of holding back for fear of offending the person, you don't mince words and state your whole position clearly and convincingly? Often in these situations, we end up learning quite a bit about what drives the other person to think the way he or she does and how certain events came to shape beliefs. Knowing this can subsequently help find ways to reach a compromise later, and you better understand your opponent's concerns.

Often what's worse than someone who has an opposing viewpoint is someone who refuses to engage in an argument with you about that point. When talking with someone and seeing a hot political argument ahead, only to have my buzz killed because he or she won't step up to the plate, I think, "Dante has a special place in hell for these people..."

Moreover, as today's political discourse increasingly indicts excessive partisanship, I notice many political opponents, who want nothing more than to make an impassioned but reasonable defense of their positions, are discouraged from it for fear of seeming too vitriolic. This leads to them to keep their feelings inside. But, as we all know, letting feelings like these fester for too long only leads to frustration down the road, which isn't helpful to anyone.

So, let us rejoice that this rocky beginning to the 110th Congress will lead our congressmen to be a little more honest with each other and quit the cheap but also spurious claims to want to foster a vague sense of "bipartisanship."



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MailBOX

No more excuses

The members of the Latah County Human Rights Task Force, like many in our community and university, were shocked and saddened by reports of racial epithets and chants uttered by some Vandal fans during the University of Idaho-Boise State University basketball game on Jan. 29. Not only is this conduct hurtful and damaging to our Latino residents and visitors, it provides a terrible example for youngsters attending or watching the game. We were gratified to learn Interim

President Steven Daley-Laursen had issued a condemnation of this behavior. We also applaud the letters and editorials denouncing these actions. Unfortunately, there were also at least two letters that tried to justify the name-calling by saying it was appropriate for a sporting event. This is the old "boys will be boys" excuse that was once used to justify bullying, racism and violence against women. If students learn nothing else at UI, they should learn this excuse for bad behavior no longer works — not in schools, not in the workplace, not in courts of law and not at sporting events. It will probably

take the efforts of community members, students, faculty, administration, referees, coaches and athletes to get this message across. Let's all work together to ensure Moscow lives up to its reputation as a fair and friendly place to live and visit.

Joann Muneta
chair, Latah County Human Rights Task Force

Rights denied

"A right delayed is a right denied." Those words by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. ring true today as they

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Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Not realistic

Bristol Palin announced in a TV interview abstinence for all teens is "not realistic at all." This was after she said the best option for teens was abstinence and before she said she wanted to be encourage teens not to have sex because pregnancy is not "like, a situation ... to strive for." She expressed having a baby was not glamorous at all, that she's "like, (living) for another person." What a lovely, smart, coherent girl. I'm sure she'll make a great mom.

— Sydney

Neko ni koban

A man in Canada went to see doctors after his cat kept dragging its paw down his left side. He had no other symptoms, but the doctors did an X-ray and found a tumor in his left lung where the cat had been pawing. Maybe health insurance companies should give pet owners a discount for early detection.

— Holly

Issues with baseball

Elaborating on his performance-enhancing drug use, Alex Rodriguez said his cousin injected him with an over-the-counter substance to gain an energy boost. This is particularly interesting, since he first said he didn't know what he was using. Why do baseball players pretend to be honest? We all know you're a bunch of cheats — own up to it, already.

— Lianna

Bunch of whiners

So, conducting surgery through natural orifices seems to be the new hip thing to do in medicine these days. Seems logical to avoid infection and speed healing. I do call bullshit on the idea that the urethra can't be used because of its size. The cervix is used for childbirth. The same rules should apply, I say.

— Alexis

Slice o' life

I was in Canada over the weekend and thought I'd share a tiny bit of life I experienced in a blues bar in Nelson, British Columbia. While the band was playing on stage, a heavily tattooed man, probably in his 40s, sat alone at the bar. He stared at his glass, almost sullenly. And then, just as the band started an instrumental buildup, the man busted out a harmonica and broke into a soulful backup jam, all by his lonesome. Nobody but me seemed to notice. It was special.

— Kevin

Kicking donkey butt

I'm taking the bus down to the Boise State University-University of Idaho game today in B-town. I intend to see for myself if BSU fans treat us any worse at home than we supposedly did when they visited Vandaltopia. If they do, I've decided to take the high road and not argue with the idiots — they'll just bring me down to their level and bludgeon me with inferior experience.

— Christina

Room reservations

The housing office hates me, because unlike others, I don't get to reserve a room on the day reservations open — I get to reserve my room the next day. Why can't they make it so registration days are based on class standing instead of making some people wait and get a bad room?

— Jens

Neon ink sucks

I was trying to use a highlighter I got from a local business, and it didn't work. I found myself angrily repeating the phrase, "You mark my words, highlighter — you just mark my words" over and over.

— Levi

Holiday? Yeah, right

Three-day weekends are supposed to be relaxing and fun. An extra day to savor the weekend should be something I look forward to. Instead, I have to crunch five days of work into four, and it leaves me more exhausted than any normal week would.

— Jake

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Black history is American history

In America's earlier days, the people divided themselves based on denomination. Anglicans, Catholics, Quakers, Unitarians and more lived in this country while considering other groups to be different. Over time, however, people stopped identifying each other by religion and became Americans, although they did not abandon their religion.

As immigrants poured across the ocean from Europe, they were socially segregated by ethnicity, but eventually America became a melting pot. People didn't care whether a friend was German or Irish, but the people did not abandon their ancestry.

In the past, Americans have stopped grouping people together based on religion or ethnicity and become that melting pot. It is important to note they did not abandon their heritage or religious practices. The people remained the same but consid-

ered themselves in the same group as others. They were Americans.

Now, we are at another turning point. Spend an hour watching the news, and you will hear phrases like African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native-Americans and white Americans. Why are we continuing to divide ourselves into these groups based solely on which continent our ancestors came from?



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A month ago, the U.S. inaugurated its first president of African descent. Of the three federal holidays honoring individuals, one honors a man of African descent. For the better part of the last decade, an African man served as secretary general of the United Nations. However, February is still set aside to remember black history.

The remembrance was originally set aside in the 1920s as "Negro History Week." It was chosen as the

second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. In those days, the history of prominent African-Americans was silenced, and the plight of those oppressed by segregation was suppressed. It served a purpose then. Now, history classes in American schools cover all aspects of American history. People of African descent have risen to positions of prominence, including leaders of the United Nations and the free world. Black history is American history.

When Black History Month is celebrated every February, it conveys Martin Luther King Jr. and Douglass as somehow separate from American history. It further divides the people into two distinctly separate cultures. It is wrong to divide people by the color of their skin, whether by seating on a bus or celebrating history.

People in history, just as today, should "not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." At least that is what King wanted.

BEYOND THE SHEETS

Ick factor

I am a bit of a nerd. I get really excited about sex, sex-related research, adult toys and even information and research about sexually transmitted infections (syphilis is my favorite). Even so, there are some things in each of these categories I am not terribly fond of. Out of all the STIs, gonorrhea is not my least favorite, although it is a real and important disease.

Here is the one good thing about gonorrhea: it is bacterial. This is a good thing, because bacterial diseases can be treated and cured (unlike viral diseases, which can only be treated but remain in the body system forever). The downside to this is the increasing number of cases involving drug-resistant gonorrhea. Like any disease, gonorrhea mutates to thrive — thus the increase of infections and greater difficulty to cure.

Having said this, let us look at the various signs and symptoms of gonorrhea for possible self-diagnosis.

Often in men, there are no symptoms, making it difficult to identify. If symptoms do occur, they are likely to happen within the first 30 days of sexual contact with an infected partner and include a burning sensation during urination (like so many other diseases and ailments). Other symptoms may include a penile discharge ranging in colors from white to yellow to green, as well as painful testicles.

Women will have an even more difficult time identifying an infection of gonorrhea, as the symptoms (if there are any) can often be confused with other ailments such as bladder or vaginal infections. There is vaginal discharge and painful urination (similar to symptoms in men) as well as vaginal bleeding between periods.

Do not be tricked or fooled into thinking anal sex is a safe alternative to avoiding gonorrhea discharge from an infected partner. Infection can occur just as easily in the anal cavity as anywhere else and has symptoms such as itching, soreness, anal bleeding or painful bowel movements. It is also possible to spread or be infected with gonorrhea in the throat.

As with any disease or infection, it is important to get it diagnosed and treated as soon as possible. I say this not to cause panic but rather to bring light to the potential repercussions of untreated gonorrhea. The biggest potential risk for untreated gonorrhea in

women is pelvic inflammatory disease.

PID has various repercussions, the most serious of which is an increased risk of ectopic pregnancy (a fertilized egg develops not in the uterus, but quite often in the fallopian tubes). In men, epididymitis is a concern, causing pain in the testicles and infertility. In both men and women, gonorrhea can spread to different joints or get into blood.



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It is important to protect yourself against gonorrhea infection. Utilize condoms for any penetrative activity (make sure there is appropriate lube to prevent condom failure, and always pinch the tip). Use condoms for oral activity. It sounds a bit gross if you consider the lube already put on condoms, so try non-lubed condoms and some flavored lube of your choice (there are quite a few flavors). Use dental dams for cunnilingus or anilingus. Not only does this create a barrier between the mouth and the orifice, but it is also a wonderful idea for general hygiene (again, apply flavored lube for taste). Being with a monogamous partner is always a valid option, as is abstaining from sexual contact. Get tested at the first sign of possible infection. My rule of thumb is, if it burns when you pee, you need to see your M.D.

If you do become infected with gonorrhea, be thankful for how lucky you are. You have been given a chance to learn from a mistake that can be treated and cured. Take the information you gather, and make yourself a better person for it (or at least a more sexually responsible person). The biggest component of this responsibility is to inform all partners who have had sexual contact with you and may have been infected (not just your current partner). They need to be tested and treated as well to prevent further infection. Also, keep in mind it is possible to be re-infected. If you have already been treated but have not informed your partner, there is a good chance your partner has been infected and will spread it back to you (it is a nasty "gonorrhea merry-go-round"). Abstain from sexual contact during this period until you both have been tested, treated and re-tested to verify the disease has been completely dealt with.

Have fun, be safe and take care of yourself.
Have a question for Chris? Send it to arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.

I am a gay Republican — whats it to you?

Alex Knepper
The Eagle, American University

I am a gay Republican. I am not "self-hating." I am not confused.

I am comfortable enough with my sexuality to think of myself in terms of traits other than simply my sexual orientation. I believe my attraction to the same sex should have no bearing to my thoughts on tax policy, trade, foreign affairs or abortion. I believe my sexuality is merely an incidental part of my life and should not be a major factor in my decision-making.

I am aware there is a rich tradition of intellectualism, secularism and equality within the Republican Party outside of the Religious Right. I am aware Hillary Clinton and Dick Cheney hold the same positions on gay rights. I am aware Bill Clinton signed into law the last major anti-gay piece of legislation passed by

Congress — the so-called Defense of Marriage Act. I am self-respecting enough to know the words of the Democrats on gay rights are no substitute for their lack of action.

I believe the virtues of classical liberalism — individualism, self-reliance and a rejection of cultural relativism — help gay men, just as they do all of mankind and are better exemplified by the Republican Party than by the Democratic Party. I am furthermore woefully confused by gay men's ambivalence toward radical Islam, which holds them in a particularly low esteem.

I believe the gay subculture is destructive. I am not completely sure why a person should be "proud" of his sexuality, which is not an accomplishment. I am confused by the discord between a group of people who insist they're just like everyone else on

one hand and then on the other refuse to assimilate into mainstream society.

I am unable to relate to the faction of gay men who revolve their lives around their sexuality — their neighborhood is gay, their friends are gay, their music and movies are gay, their academic interests are gay, the stores that they frequent are gay — their lives are gay. I am not interested, though, in living my life as a gay man, but simply as a man. I envision a future in which a person's sexual orientation will be an afterthought. I do not in any way whatsoever see the Democratic Party furthering that.

I have been discriminated against more by Democrats than by Republicans. I have been shunned and mocked by Democrats, many of whom will not accept me as a gay man unless I fit into their neatly packaged view of what a gay man is "supposed" to

be. I have yet to encounter, on the other hand, a Republican who has rejected my presence in the party, shunned me on a personal level or refused to engage me on the issues.

I have come to understand on a personal basis the stereotypes and caricatures of the parties are no substitute for experiencing their members up close. I see the "tolerance" and "compassion" of the left only extends as far as a person is willing to further his or her ideological worldview.

I am not Alex Knepper, the gay man. I am Alex Knepper, a man who just so happens to be gay. I believe my chosen virtues and the actions I take, not my unchosen sexual orientation, define me as a person. I am a man who chooses to think for himself and shape his life on his own terms.

I don't think that makes me so radical.

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did when spoken more than 40 years ago. On a 5-4 vote, the Idaho Human Rights Commission has denied equal rights to Idaho's gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community by failing to deliver non-discrimination protections in employment, housing, education and public accommodation based upon a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. Their action has toppled the foundational pillars of fairness and equality that line the moral high ground. The commission's failure to endorse supportive policies sends the overall message GLBT people are somehow expendable. Their "no" vote supports blatant discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and gender-variant people in the state and suggests they are fair game for bigotry and hatred. The commission has failed miserably to make a strong statement that discrimination of any kind in Idaho is unacceptable. This commission just had several new appointees from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter

added to it, and clearly, some of the commissioners do not understand the role and work of the commission. It is fortunate the Legislature frequently passes legislation without the support of state agencies or commissions.
Emilie Jackson-Edney
co-convenor, Idaho Equality

Women still lead

This letter is in response to Anne Marije-Rook's opinion column from Friday.

I read the article concerning the lack of candidate diversity. While I do agree the final candidates selected composed the accurately described homogenous profile of white, middle-aged males, I have to disagree with the bandied-about phrase, "few women in key leadership positions." If you are referring to key leadership positions as either the president or provost, then your statement is 100 percent accurate, as neither the president nor the provost are female. If you define "key leadership positions" as the director level or higher, I would like to share a few of the names of women in positions of authority with

whom I interact as a financial technician within the 4-H program. I feel the leadership structure within 4-H, the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the upper administration contains a strong gender mix, with people appointed to their positions based on merit rather than gender.

While a female candidate did not make the final list, I believe the committee selected the best candidates for the position based on qualifications and merits other than race, creed or gender. Perhaps a follow-up article could be on the race/ethnicity distribution and how the University of Idaho compares to the state in terms of its faculty and staff makeup. Idaho as a rule is fairly homogenous, with 97 percent of its population identifying itself as white, .65 percent as black and 1.36 percent as Asian in 2000. I wanted to share my two cents on this story. Also, when you expand the phrase from "key position" to "mid-level position," the list grows even larger.

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That 1 Guy will perform with his "Magic Pipe" at John's Alley Tavern tonight.

Playing with plumbing

That 1 Guy to perform at John's Alley tonight

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

In Idaho, PVC pipe is usually associated with irrigation, but to Mike Silverman, the material known in its longer form as polyvinyl chloride has unexpected tonal qualities.

Silverman, of Berkeley, Calif., performs under an unassuming alias, but in its own way it's apt. As That 1 Guy, Silverman is appearing at 9:30 tonight at John's Alley.

Silverman began his career on the upright bass, performing jazz in competition and clubs — now, he performs on an instrument of his own design, which he calls the "Magic Pipe."

The current tour started at the end of January and will run through the summer. His tour last fall was in support of Buckethead, the guitarist best known for his membership in Guns 'N' Roses between 2000 and 2004. He recorded the album "Bolt on Neck" with Buckethead, as the Frankenstein Brothers last year.

Tyler Bohachek, a bar-

tender at John's Alley, has seen That 1 Guy perform at the bar once before.

"The music style is different from anything else I've ever heard," he said. "It's like a psychedelic bass, almost. It's hard to describe."

Bohachek said the crowd responded favorably the last time That 1 Guy came around.

"We had a lot of people down here," Bohachek said. "Everybody loved it."

The influences Silverman cites on his music include the expected — like Frank Zappa and Captain Beefheart — and the unexpected, like Dr. Seuss and Rube Goldberg.

"So much of my music has an indigenous, tribal feel to it, based on rhythms from around the world," Silverman said.

The Washington Post

described him as taking the one-man band into the 21st century. He plays his "Magic Pipe" both melodically and rhythmically, specially constructed to do so.

His instrument was "machined by the same machinist responsible for the Phoenix Mars Lander," Silverman said.

His first album as That 1 Guy, "Songs in the Key of Beotch," was released on Righteous Babe Records, a record label cofounded by Ani DiFranco.

His second album, "The Moon Is Disgusting," released in 2007, was rated three stars out of five on the All Music Guide.

Following tonight's concert, Silverman will be opening for the Pittsburgh-based DJ Girl Talk at dates in Missoula and Bozeman, Mont.

"The music style is different from anything else I've ever heard."

Tyler
BOHACHEK
Bar tender

INDIE ROCK 101:



Electronica's road to conventionality

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

We've come a long way from Keith Emerson's Moog solo on "Lucky Man" back in 1970.

Innovation trickles down in all things, and there's a point at which something that was once cool is no longer. There's a critical mass — to me, you can tell something's fallen off the wagon when the lamest members of society have it.

John McCain, for instance, has an iPod, and we all knew the Macarena was dead when Al Gore was filmed performing it (for context, this was before he was cool and while the Macarena was).

Synthesizers have gone from cool to lame to perfect normalcy.

The influence of electronics in music, to the point of sound generation and complex amplification, is not confined to one genre. In most music heard on popular radio (not KUOI) Antares Auto-Tune corrects pitch, and a Roland or Korg synthesizer appears on plenty of rock.

Kanye West's latest album, "808s & Heartbreak," wasn't shocking for featuring synthesizer, but for the absence of sampling, which has been hip-hop's trademark since "Rapper's Delight" arrived in 1979.

Since 2000, the best-selling albums in the United States have been largely hip-hop. In fact, since Dr. Dre brought G-funk to prominence in the early '90s, synthesizers have been around in the genre.

As with all genres, however, some of the best music is that which has escaped popular success.

Though Kraftwerk is still banging around, one heir to its mantle is Stereolab, an English group with an extensive discography.

The album people say is the best is "Error Tomato Ketchup," but all of them are more or less the same in content and caliber. Over 19 years, the group has released nine albums and seven compilations of non-album material. You know



Courtesy Photo

Electronica group Stereolab has released nine albums and seven compilations in 19 years.

what to expect coming in, and if you like the sound of an organ, you can do no better.

One recent release notable for its use of synthesizers is "Supreme Balloon" by the San Francisco duo Matmos (whose name is a reference to a living lake from the film "Barbarella"). In the past, Matmos has been known for sampling unusual sounds — like the sounds of surgery for "A Chance to Cut Is a Chance to Cure" — but on "Balloon" they use only synthesizers for 49 minutes. The album's eponymous centerpiece accounts for nearly half of that, and it's a sprawling, wonderful thing.

Electronic music nevertheless still lives in its own domain, too, like we hear with Justice and Digitalism, Calvin Harris and MSTRKRFT and so on. Primarily, electronic music now is music for dancing, and that's fine. But its influence is far beyond that.

The inspiring thing about great design is that no matter what happens with fads, what is good and well-made remains so. It is this quality that is responsible for the longevity of great art, and why the classic synthesizers of the '70s remain sought-after and why they're still used to such great effect.

COMMENTARY

Nuart show rocks Valentine's Day

Gus Simpson
Argonaut

Saturday night brought a diverse array of indie rock to Moscow's Nuart Theater, where Stereopathic Music presented Sundance Kids in concert with Yarn Owl and Jubilee.

To begin the evening, the members of Seattle-based Jubilee danced their way onstage while singing a capella fanfare. Curtis Romjue, the bearded frontman, strapped on his guitar, leaned into his microphone and said, "Y'all here for a rock show?"

After asking the lighting tech for some "sexy lighting," Romjue led into the first song, "Time At Sea Or In The Mountains."

As Jubilee progressed through its set, more people began to trickle into the theater, and the show gradually picked up energy. Some members of the audience were moved to tears by Romjue's soulful melodies.

The band supplemented traditional guitars, drums and bass with varied instrumentation including cello, synthesizer and a lap steel guitar. This produced a complex, layered and diverse brand of indie folk, complete with three-part vocal harmonies. Romjue's wife, although not at Saturday's show, usually contributes vocals and plays keyboard.

Romjue took a break halfway through the set to

explain the band's mission. Jubilee, which bills itself as a "non-profit band," is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The band donates 50 percent of its T-shirt and CD sales and 10 percent of its booking fees to the International Justice Mission, a human rights group that fights international slavery and child prostitution.

After much applause for Jubilee, Pullman's Yarn Owl took the stage. All four members of the band are current students at Washington State University who met through WSU's student radio station KZUU.

Javier Suarez, vocalist and guitarist, greeted the crowd with a smile. "Thanks for spending Valentine's Day with us," Suarez said. "You'll find love here."

The crowd, already warmed up by Jubilee, really engaged in Yarn Owl's set. An enthusiastic group of about 15 people gathered at the front of the theater to watch the performance, which blended sparkling, jangly guitars with Suarez's delicate, high vocals.

Sundance Kids, from Olympia, rounded out the evening. The trio's minimalist instrumentation featured only an electric guitar, bass, sparse drum kit and a xylophone. Singer/guitarist Shelby Turner provided lighting, yet aggressive vocals.

The crowd, although it had dwindled after Yarn

Owl's set, responded well to the band's dynamic performance, cheering after every song and laughing at Turner's self-deprecating dry humor between songs.

Sundance Kids has played in Moscow twice before at Mikey's Gyros, although with different members. Turner said the band has been through a rotating lineup, himself being the only constant member.

The show sponsor, Stereopathic Music, is a local music promotion agency run by Larson Hicks. He described Saturday's concert as "happy folk, maybe even folk-country ... nice and sweet."

Hicks said Stereopathic exists to "put Moscow on the map for bands, agents and fans."

He says he wants to create enough demand for a viable music-only venue in Moscow and is working hard to achieve his goal.

Stereopathic has already booked several artists to play in Moscow this spring, including Broken Spindles, Helio Sequence and Laura Gibson.

Hicks is particularly excited about the Helio Sequence show slated for Feb. 28 at the Nuart. Helio Sequence is signed to Seattle's Sub Pop Records, home of bands like Fleet Foxes, The Shins and Iron and Wine. Hicks hopes if the Helio Sequence show goes well, it will open the doors for even bigger names to come to Moscow.

All information about Stereopathic's upcoming shows can be found at its Web site, www.stereopathicmusic.com.

"Thanks for spending Valentine's Day with us. You'll find love here."

Javier
SUAREZ
Yarn Owl

From SNL to iTunes

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Everyone has seen one of the notoriously hilarious SNL Digital Shorts from NBC's "Saturday Night Live." From the infamous "Dick in a Box" to "Lazy Sunday," Andy Samberg and his cronies sure know how to bring in the funny. Need a refresher? Look it up on hulu.com.

The Lonely Island, made up of Samberg, Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone, are responsible for SNL's most recent comedic treasures, and now they've made their move from television to music. Their first album, "Incredibad," is just that — incredible, bad and all wrapped up conveniently onto one disk for your listening pleasure. Complete with audio versions of all the best music video digital shorts from SNL and more, the album isn't terrible and is actually quite enjoyable. Granted, none of these songs are near Grammy-worthy, and most of the lyrics are downright awful. The album is quite the comedic mish-mash of ridiculous lyrics and snazzy beats.

Unfortunately, the best tracks aren't new, as most of them have been featured on "Saturday Night Live." "Ras Trent," "Natalie's Rap," and "I'm on a Boat," are by far the best tracks on "Incredibad," so if you're wanting a good idea of what this album is like, then watch the video versions

first — they're guaranteed to be entertaining, regardless of whether you think the song's a hit.

This album does feature a lot of guest vocals, too. From T-Pain and Norah Jones to Jack Black, each guest vocalist brings a little something different to the album. Natalie Portman rapping about her crazy hard-core lifestyle is vulgar and hysterical, especially since everyone knows it couldn't be farther from the truth. Black is, well Black. T-Pain's track, "I'm on a Boat," has some of the funniest lyrics ever, which is strange considering the entire song consists of them just singing about being on a boat.

Regardless of how idiotic a lot of the songs and interludes are on "Incredibad," it's still a decent listen.

If you take the time to actually listen to each song, you'll either walk away with a belly ache from laughing so hard or be horribly offended. It's an album of nonsense and white guys pretending to be rappers, and sometimes they aren't even that bad. Most of the songs are better in video form, but luckily eight of the songs' visual counterparts are readily available online.

"Incredibad" is out now, ready to rot your brain and make you look like a goon when the album's blasted in your car.



The Lonely Island
"Incredibad"
Saturday Night Live

WHATCHA GOT COOKIN' ?



Campus Dietitian Verna Bergmann, center, and her sous-chef Barb Hipple, right, assist Audrey Norman during the Cooking 101 class "Chicken Dinner with Leftovers Plus". The Cooking 101 classes take place once a month in the Student Recreation Center.

Leave 'Shopaholic' alone

Tom VanBuren
The Pitt News

USA Today's Claudia Puig pegged a recent movie as "the most ill-timed and appallingly insulting movie in recent memory." Could it be the torture and vigilantism-advocating "Taken?" Or perhaps "Pink Panther 2," for ... existing?

The offender is actually "Confessions of a Shopaholic," a bubbly cocktail that is, in reality, about as offensive as a marshmallow. Yet, USA Today's movie critic isn't the only one who has a bone to pick with this harmlessly by-the-numbers romantic comedy — The San Francisco Chronicle calls the timing of the movie "downright perverse." The New Republic says it "teeters between escapism and insult."

This seems unfair. Like many other un-single men, I spent Valentine's night in a showing of "Confessions," but I didn't leave the theater more offended than after any number of equally forgettable slices of tripe. If you haven't seen the movie and worry that you're in the tiny percentile that could actually be surprised by its ending, beware — the defense is presenting evidence that contains spoilers.

The charge by the prosecution is that "Confessions" glorifies consumerist addictions, endorsing the acquisition of couture by any means necessary, recession be damned. I disagree. For all its pop, sparkle and glam, the movie is a step in the right direction for

aspiring fashionistas. Unlike its predecessors, such as "Sex and the City," it has some semblance of a conscience.

"Sex and the City" is a world of couture without consequence, where women like Carrie Bradshaw can afford to live in fabulous rent-controlled Upper East Side brownstones, snatching up Manolos as if they don't cost \$700 a pair.

Like Bradshaw, the heroine of "Confessions," Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher), is a working journalist with an insatiable, near-erotic passion for fashion — the only difference is that if Bradshaw existed in the real world, she too would be long buried under a mountain of consumer debt for her indulgences.

Why, then, does "Sex" get a free pass? According to RottenTomatoes.com, it received almost exactly as many positive reviews as negative, easily trumping the widely skewered "Confessions." It seems that Bloomwood really can't catch a break, whether receiving damning reviews, evading debt collectors or trying to impress her mega-hottie new boss. Precedent suggests that critics should spare "Confessions" the death sentence on the grounds of being simple-minded chick lit turned chick flick.

The verdict? "Confessions" is too realistic. True, the movie's plot is actually about as realistic as an episode of "The Flintstones," but the devil is in the details — and probably in Prada.

Bloomwood is heavy in debt. She's afraid to answer the phone because

she's out of excuses for the bill collectors. Critics purport that they are offended at her dire circumstances being played for laughs, but the true reason critics have made this movie a scapegoat is the seriousness of Bloomwood's dilemma — a seriousness from which the movie surprisingly doesn't shy away.

Were the movie truly offensive, it would suggest that Bloomwood could wipe away her debt using the same fairy-tale magic that wins her way into the dreamy boss's heart: It would make the solution to that conflict as painless as every other problem she so effortlessly licks with nothing but spunk and charm.

At the end of the movie, the only recourse she has to settle her debts is to sell all her belongings.

She loses all her worldly possessions to dig herself out of the mess she created with consumer greed. Not nearly as cute as romancing her boss with a tango or other shenanigans — it's tragically true to life, a shocking reminder in Bloomwood's land of make-believe that some problems have only painful solutions.

Thus, I rest my case. Familiar rom-com tropes and silly plot notwithstanding, "Confessions" isn't the worst-reviewed movie of the weekend because it makes light of a national financial crisis — it's because its ending is eerily prescient of the difficult decisions ahead for all of us.

It might not be offensive, but it sure isn't much fun, either.

Watch, comedy lover, watch

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Dennis Doyle is a fantastic runner. He runs after lingerie thieves in his job as a security guard. He runs away from his landlord when they ask him where the rent is. He even manages to outrun his pregnant wife on their wedding day.

"Run, Fatboy, Run," was released in 2008. It is directed by "Friends" alumnus David Schwimmer. The film is currently available on DVD and Blu-ray.

Dennis Doyle (played by "Hot Fuzz" star Simon Pegg) leapt out a window on his wedding day and ran away without looking back. Five years later, he's finally realizing the mistake he's made.

Libby Odell (Thandie Newton of "Mission: Impossible II") has let Doyle back into her and their son's life, and he's determined to win her back.

That is, until he meets her new boyfriend, the smarmy Whit (Hank Azaria).

Whit is everything that Doyle is not. He's charming, rich and in shape. He runs marathons for charity, which is where Doyle sees his perfect opportunity. If he can complete a marathon, it will prove to Odell he is capable of finishing something. He might even lose a bit of the pudgy he's packed on since that fateful day.

With the help of his best friend, Odell's cousin Gordon, (Dylan Moran) and his landlord, Mr. Goshdashtidar (Harish Patel), Doyle starts training for the marathon.

With their regimen of chasing him down on scooters and bikes and whacking him with a spatula when he falls behind the pace, Doyle is just starting to gain confidence. Then Whit proposes to Odell. From there, it's a race to the finish, both literal and figurative.

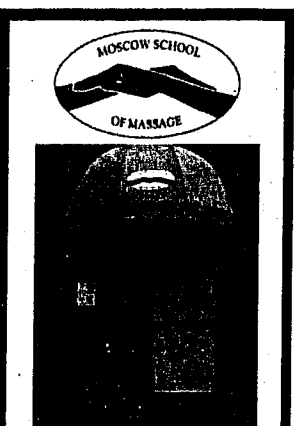
Overall, the movie is a romance-comedy, although there is one particularly memorable bit of gross-out humor that deals with the treatment of a common runners' ailment.

This movie stands out from others of the same genre because it doesn't buy completely into the happy ending while still managing to satisfy viewers.



"Run Fatboy Run"
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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

Today
Men's basketball — The Vandals travel south to Boise to take on in-state rival Boise State at 6:05 p.m. in the Taco Bell Arena.

Thursday
Women's basketball — The team secured itself a spot at second place in the Western Athletic Conference with its victory over San Jose State. Now the team will look to improve its record when they play Nevada at Reno. Tip-off is to be announced.

Friday
Men's tennis — The Vandals will travel for matches against New Mexico State at 1 p.m. in Las Cruces.

Vandals to watch

Mac Hopson
Men's basketball



After scoring just two points in the first half of the team's game against San Jose State, Hopson exploded in the second half scoring 18 points for a game-high 20. The Vandals will look to Hopson, who is ranked in the top 100 for assists and assist to turnover ratio, when the team tries to complete the sweep against Boise State.

James Rogan
Track and field



Rogan was awarded WAC men's track and field athlete of the week after his performance at the Husky Invitational over the weekend. Rogan threw a personal-best 51 feet, 2 inches in the shot put. His efforts were good enough for third place in the event.

Did you know ...

•Several Boise State University basketball players were quoted as saying they would never lose another game to Idaho as long as they played. Those players will get their mettle tested when the Vandals arrive in Boise today.

Vandals by the numbers

86 The Vandals have played Boise State 86 times in basketball thus far.

21 Boise State once totaled just 21 points in an entire game against Idaho.

107 The Vandals once put up a gaudy 107 points against the Broncos.

20 Yinka Olorunnife grabbed a Cowan-Spectrum record 20 rebounds against conference leading Fresno State in the team's victory over the Bulldogs.

Obscure stat of the day

In 1981, Patsy Sharples was taking no prisoners in the women's 10,000-meter race. She holds the Idaho outdoor track and field school record with a time of 33 minutes, 34.85 seconds.

UI sends Spartans home with loss



Vandal guard Kashif Watson scores two points during the game against San Jose State on Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals won 74-66 and Watson added 16 points to the total score.

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

A three-day-weekend crowd of just 1,697 turned out to watch a dogfight between the Vandals and the San Jose State Spartans.

The Vandals won the game 74-66 to end a two-game slide.

"The story of the game from our view is Idaho just played a little better than we did," San Jose State coach George Nessman said.

After a loss to conference leading and Western Athletic Conference champion Utah State, the Vandals found themselves fighting through inconsistent stretches of both offense and defense.

UI quickly found itself down by as many as seven with Spartan guard Tim Pierce, who found his stroke from downtown, stroking three from beyond the arc on his way to an 11-point first half.

The Vandals were sparked by their bench, which put up 18 of the Vandals' 33 first-half points.

Contributing heavily was Luciano de Souza, who came off the bench and ignited the Vandals, starting a 12-2 run to close the half.

"I thought he was huge in the first half," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We need him to score the ball, and those 15 points were obviously huge for us tonight."

Turnovers were key in the UI run, which produced a lead for the Vandals going into halftime.

"They took advantage of some of our turnovers going into the half and they made some good shots," Nessman said.

De Souza led all first half scorers in the back-and-forth contest with 13 points.

UI did play well defensively during parts of the first half producing

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Sonics leaving was best option

Some Sonics fans may consider this next statement blasphemy, but I am happy the team left for Oklahoma City.

At this time last year, I was just about fed up with the NBA. Then again, most people who sat through Earl Watson running the point and Robert Swift, dressed in street clothes and taking up space on the bench would be looking for any positives to accentuate.

This season, however, has been refreshing to watch with the burden of the SuperSonics no longer holding me down.

Even if the team I adopted, the Toronto Raptors, have underachieved this season but it has done little to dampen my newfound basketball enthusiasm.

The Cleveland Cavaliers' amazing home record, the Los Angeles Lakers' and Boston Celtics' hot starts, the Magic quietly becoming a force in the league, Shaquille O'Neal's return to dominance, and Don Nelson's increasing bizarre rotation policies with Golden State are just a few of the great stories this season.

Following these developments are much better than pondering the uselessness of Gerald Wilkins or Chris Wilcox's inability to contribute in a close game.

I will always love the Sonics, and I hope one day the franchise returns to the Emerald City. However, I would be fine if that return comes later rather than sooner.

When the Sonics left Seattle for Oklahoma City I was upset beyond consolation. The only thing to cheer me up was a Jack in the Box taco eating contest. I wasn't just eating those tacos for me; I was eating them for Detlef Schrempf, Jelani McCoy, Ruben Patterson and all the other Sonic greats of my generation.

During my difficult taco detox, I had a friend compare the Sonics move to breaking up with a girlfriend. I had the choice of staying bitter about the move trying to cajole myself into believing the Sonics would return, or I could move on without the team I had once loved in my life.

I chose the latter, and while I will not be sharing a laugh with Clay Bennett anytime soon, I also no longer wish horrible things to happen to him or his family.

Instead of dwelling on the negatives, I have chosen to look at some of the positives of the Sonics no longer plying their trade in Key Arena.

Sonics mascot Squatch will have plenty of time to learn new tricks that do not involve kids or trampolines, Seattle SeaDogs fans will no longer be alone in the pain of having their team disappear and Kevin Calabro will stay in town to handle play-by-play duties for the Seattle Sounders FC.

Some fans may not view these as an acceptable trade-off, but sometimes it is better to get something rather than nothing.

Originally, the Lakers resided in Minnesota, and the Atlanta Hawks called Buffalo, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Moline, Ill.

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Home sweep lifts Vandals

Travis Mason-Bushman
Argonaut

Two big home wins have put the Idaho Vandals in control of their own championship destiny.

The Idaho women's basketball team defeated the Fresno State Bulldogs on Friday night, 59-47, and the San Jose State Spartans on Sunday afternoon, 64-41, putting the Vandals just a half-game out of the lead in the Western Athletic Conference chase.

Idaho (11-11, 8-3 WAC) can clinch the conference regular-season title by winning all five of its remaining games — no easy task. But after beating the WAC-leading Bulldogs (18-7, 9-3 WAC) to complete a season sweep, the Vandals own the tiebreaker. Idaho was the coaches'

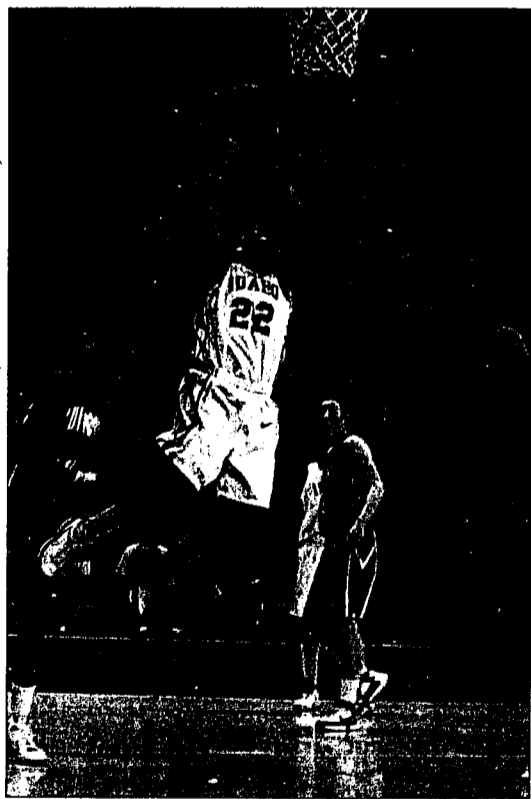
preseason consensus pick to finish last, but first-year coach Jon Newlee and his young squad are intent on proving them wrong.

"I told my players, we have to go one at a time and continue to win," Newlee said. "If we can do that, it's in our hands. As soon as we lose, it's in someone else's, and you don't want that."

Sophomore post Yinka Olorunnife had a career night on Friday in the Vandals' victory over the Bulldogs, pulling down a career-high and Cowan Spectrum-record 20 rebounds. She also racked up 10 points, three assists, three steals and two blocks.

"The ball came to me," Olorunnife said. "I don't know why. I think I'm a ball magnet."

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University of Idaho guard Alana Curtis jumps to the basket during the game against Fresno State Bulldogs. The Vandals won 59-47, leading from start to finish, to complete a season sweep.

UI tennis rolls past opponents

Scott Stone
Argonaut

Vandal tennis owned the road this weekend. The men defeated Gonzaga in Spokane, and the women defeated Wyoming and Montana State in Montana.

Bozeman was a match the men's team lost last year, and those players who returned were determined not to let it happen again.

The Vandals wasted no time getting on the board, winning all three doubles matches and earning the first point of the day.

"Our doubles play started the match off right," said Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman. "It is important to

start the match off strong, survived to the third set, but Gonzaga's Jake Davis pulled out the win (6-7, 6-3, 1-0) to earn the Zag's last point of the evening.

Alex Joitou, Rob Chalkley and Alan Shin all defeated their opponents in the second set, but for Idaho's No. 2 player, Stanislav Glukhov, he needed

Hugh McDonald also struggled against the Bulldogs. He just one more round to put away the win.

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Jeff BEAMAN
Director of tennis

Gonzaga's Roman Djacak couldn't keep it together in the third round and Glukhov swept in with a demanding 6-0 win to give the Vandals their fifth point of the night.

"Stas won a really difficult match in which he showed some good composure," Beaman said. "The match could have gone either way, and he did well to win it."

Beaman's happy with the current 5-1 record and said the 5-2 victory of Gonzaga was a good win for the team.

"We played well today and this is a good win for

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Fastpitch softball practice begins

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

Pitchers and catchers reported to spring training for several Major League Baseball teams in the past week. The University of Idaho fastpitch team may not have spring conditions but it has started training ahead of the new season.

Idaho fastpitch started holding team practices for the first time since November last week. The team will hold three practices each week throughout the rest of the semester.

"A lot of the girls have been practicing individually during

the break, but now it is time for us to practice as a team," Idaho fastpitch president Mandy Dulin said. "Most of us have been playing since we were young, so it does not take long to get back into the swing of things."

In addition to practices, the Idaho fastpitch players go to the Student Recreation Center to work on strength training and endurance at least three times a week, Dulin said.

"It is important to make sure we are in top shape to get a competitive edge," Dulin said. "We do exercises to help with our batting, fielding, hitting and base running to make sure we

are ready to play when the season is here."

Idaho fastpitch finished the fall season with a 7-3 record.

"If we continue to work hard there is no reason why we can't pull in more wins than we had in the fall," centerfielder Brianna Robson said. "We are all very committed to the team, and that means getting out here and working hard in practice."

Junior Robson said the team is more organized than when she first started playing as a freshman.

"The team has really progressed in the past three years," Robson said. "Our skill level has improved a lot and practices are

a lot more intense now than a few seasons ago."

Freshman first baseman Shelby Chandler said the preseason preparations are tough but important to the team.

"I went to a small high school in Idaho, and while we had a strong team, there has been a jump in the level of play," Chandler said. "Just being able to practice with the talented girls on the team helps me improve my game."

Despite being in her first semester at college, Chandler saw significant playing time during the fall season.

"Softball is really important to me and to be able to contribute to

the team is great," Chandler said. "The older girls have been really helpful and are the main reason the team did so well in the fall."

The Vandals will receive a personal boost in the spring with five Idaho soccer players joining the fastpitch squad in time for the start of the season.

"We can take some positives from our success in the fall, but there are some things we need to work on," Dulin said. "Hopefully the time we put in now will lead to even more success in the future."

Idaho fastpitch opens the season Feb. 28 with a doubleheader against Eastern Washington at Chormley Field.

Tampa Bay's starting rotation a real winner

The American League East was really something special to watch last year. Good pitching and marquee offensive players were the norm, and that's still the case heading into the new season. The Tampa Bay Rays emerged as a homegrown answer to New York and Boston's copious spending and should continue to put up lots of wins in 2009 thanks to their excellent pitching rotation.

The Rays have one of the best pitching rotations in the game today, led by a triumvirate of young pitchers who will be under team control for the next few seasons — Scott Kazmir, James Shields and Matt Garza. If David Price can handle himself consistently as a starter, make that four.

Kazmir has ace quality with his excellent fastball — a slider and a changeup that he worked on improving while suffering from an injury last year. Since 2006, he's struck out more than one batter per inning pitched while walking only 211 batters in 503.2 innings. Kazmir did put up ugly numbers in a few playoff games, but he

appeared excellent in game five of the World Series where it really mattered. His start was marred by a poor strike zone from the

home plate umpire and the horrible weather that made the game one of the most miserable-looking in recent memory.

While Kazmir is probably the most impressive pitcher in the Tampa Bay rotation, he's not as consistently reliable as the No. 2 guy, James Shields. Shields pitched exactly 215 innings in

both 2007 and 2008 while only walking 76 batters. He also struck out 344 batters in that time frame, and his ERA has declined each year since reaching the big leagues in 2006. Shields was also Tampa Bay's only winning pitcher in the World Series.

The No. 3 pitcher is Matt Garza. He's very emotional and sometimes it gets the best of him, but he's a very solid pitcher nonetheless. He came to the Rays during the previous offseason in the trade that sent Delmon Young to the Minnesota Twins, and he put up respectable numbers.

For all the positives,

Garza does seem very hot and cold. He gave up five runs to the Chicago White Sox in six innings of work in the Division Series and then turned around to hold Boston to two runs over 13 innings in the Championship Series, earning him the ALCS MVP. During the regular season, he pitched an excellent, two-hit, complete game shutout against the Texas Rangers right after giving up five runs to the Mariners in under six innings.

The back of the rotation in 2008 consisted of Andy Sonnanstine and Edwin Jackson, both of whom put up decent numbers. Jackson was shipped to the Tigers for outfielder Matt Joyce, leaving Price to fill in the fifth spot in the rotation.

In 2009, Andy Sonnanstine should again pitch at least 180 innings, but don't look for him to constantly strike out batters or post an ERA under four. Price is a gamble at this point and could come out of spring training ready to blow away batters as he did in the last weeks of September and during October, but he could also tank like Clay Buchholz.

Buchholz pitched around the same number of innings in his debut season as Price and got beaten up badly in 2008.



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Man who skied every day for 24 seasons dies at 85

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PORTLAND, Maine — Paul Schipper, an avid skier who obsessively hit the slopes every day of the season for more than 24 years, has died. He was 85.

Schipper died Monday of complications from pneumonia at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor, according to his wife, Christine Schipper. He had been hospitalized since breaking his hip in December.

Schipper was a familiar figure at Sugarloaf ski resort in Carrabassett Valley, where he and his wife owned a ski lodge. Between 1980 and January 2005, he skied the 3,903 consecutive days that the mountain was open.

Schipper skied in blizzards and through illness and once put off having a cancerous kidney removed so he could keep the streak going. Another time he arranged to ski down the mountain just after midnight in front of the lights of a ski groomer so he could drive to his son's graduation in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and keep the streak alive.

"He had a lot of spirit," his wife said. "Physically, it was astounding. I don't see how anyone could keep up with the things he did."

Schipper was born in Detroit and grew up in Westchester County, N.Y. He at-

tended Syracuse University but left after three years to join the military and serve in World War II, his wife said. He later served in the Korean War.

Schipper became a pilot for Eastern Airlines, but then retired from flying and moved to western Maine in the 1960s. He and his wife owned the Lumberjack Lodge near Sugarloaf and Kibby Kamp fishing and hunting camp in nearby Kibby Township.

After Schipper started the streak, it was considered a feat after only three or four years, said Nancy Marshall of Carrabassett Valley, a friend who first met Schipper in the 1980s. Over time, he felt compelled to ski every day simply to keep the streak going.

The streak ended without fanfare on Jan. 4, 2005. That day, he stayed home with a serious bout of the flu, circling the date on his calendar to mark the end of an era.

Schipper wasn't an expert skier, Marshall said, but he was certainly inspirational.

"He wasn't a god of the slopes by any means. He was a regular guy who did something incredible with this streak," she said.

A ski trail — Schipper's Streak — is named in his honor at Sugarloaf mountain. Plans are in the works for a ski parade at Sugarloaf in his honor.

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or something. I see the open ball and think, yeah, that's my ball. That's just the mentality I have when I'm rebounding."

Idaho came out strong, shooting 15-of-30 from the field in the first half and holding Fresno State to just 5-of-32. The Vandals never trailed in the game and led by as much as 17.

At the half, they led 36-19. Olorunnife grabbed 15 boards in the first period, while junior guard Derisa Taleni came off the bench to score 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

"Coach (Newlee) and the staff told us that we needed to take better shots," Taleni said. "We've been taking really poor shots for the past few games. I think today we took our time, we found our open shots and we knocked them down."

As the second half began, the Bulldogs went to a 2-3 zone that befuddled Idaho's shooters. Fresno State went on a 10-0 run to

open the period, and cut the Vandals' lead to 5 with 10 minutes remaining.

But Olorunnife came through in a clutch three-minute sequence, grabbing three rebounds, two steals and sinking a jumper to help shut down the Bulldogs and bring the lead back to 10.

Critically, a tough Vandal defensive effort froze out Fresno State's white-hot outside game. The Bulldogs had been leading the nation in 3-point shooting, averaging 9.6 per game — but Idaho held them to just 4-of-12 from beyond the arc, a season low.

"Stopping their three-point shooting was definitely a focus for us and I thought we executed that well," Newlee said.

Against San Jose State (2-23, 1-11 WAC) on Sunday afternoon, both teams opened the game ugly, with a series of turnovers and missed shots. The Vandals scored just four points in the game's first seven minutes, while the Spartans managed two points in the game's first 10 minutes.

"It was painful to watch,"

Newlee said. "I thought we were getting good looks, though. They just weren't going down."

While the team's offense struggled to get it together, a strong defensive stand kept the Spartans from capitalizing. By the time San Jose began to find its mark, the Vandals were hitting their buckets. At the half, Idaho had built a seven-point halftime lead, anchored by big threes from junior point guard Charlotte Otero and sophomore guard Rachele Kloke.

"When you can't make shots like that, when the offense is off, then the defense has to be on," Olorunnife said. "As the game went on, our defense started opening things up for the offense."

Coming out of the locker room, the Vandals broke the game wide-open, shooting a lights-out 57.1 percent from the field and 50 percent from 3-point range while holding the Spartans to just 31 percent and 18.2 percent, respectively. Shaena Kuehu led all scorers with 14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals, while Olorun-

nife pulled down 11 boards and made four huge blocks while scoring 9. As a team, the Vandals collected a season-high 15 assists and set new team records for points allowed and victory margin in WAC play.

"It's really big to get the momentum going at home," Newlee said. "We've got a huge road trip to Nevada and Utah State coming up, both tough places to play, and now we need to carry that home success over."

Perhaps the biggest ovation of the weekend came for Anna Sandman, a junior post who joined the basketball squad as a walk-on. She was fouled in the waning seconds of the San Jose State game and sank the second of two free throws to score her first career point. Her teammates on the bench, along with the Cowan Spectrum crowd, erupted in cheers and applause.

"Just being able to play was great," Sandman said. "I didn't think I'd ever get the chance to score. It was awesome. I was so nervous, I'm just glad I didn't airball (the first shot)."



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal basketball player, Derisa Taleni from Santa Clara, Calif., drives to the hoop through two San Jose players Sunday afternoon in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals beat the Spartans by 23 points and recorded a win that put Idaho in sole possession of second place in the Western Athletic Conference.

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nine San Jose State turnovers which led to 10 points. UI scored 19 points off 17 Spartan turnovers on the game.

"That's probably what I was most happy with," Verlin said. "Getting them to turn the ball over as much was huge."

The Spartans couldn't match UI, scoring just nine points off of turnovers.

Just as the Vandals were sparked by de Souza on offense in the first half, the second half was Marvin Jefferson's time to shine on defense, amassing three blocks early in the half.

The Spartan turnovers kept coming, turning the ball over 17 times in the game compared to Idaho's nine.

MacHopson also caught fire from downtown in the second half, drilling three three-pointers and scoring 18 of his 20 points.

"I was just more aggressive in the second half," Hopson said. "Coach told us to play to our strengths today and to play defense."

It wasn't just the threes that were falling for Hopson though, he scored eight straight points for the Vandals on a 10 point run that pushed UI's lead to a game high 13 points.

UI remained in firm control throughout the second half and never let the Spartans back into the game. Idaho kept the Spartans at a comfortable distance throughout the second half, at one point leading by 16.

San Jose State was able to close in late in the second, but couldn't make a

serious run as they never got within 10 points.

"After a slow first half in which Hopson scored only two points, he finished with a game high 20 points while also contributing five rebounds, four assists and two steals and turning the ball over just two times.

"Unbelievable," Verlin said. "That shows you what your best player is supposed to do. I didn't say a word to him at half-time, I wish I could tell you I did."

The Vandals also got offensive production out of guard Kashif Watson, whose 16 points helped seal the Idaho victory.

The Vandals travel to Boise Wednesday to take on in-state rival Boise State at 6:05. The team is looking to sweep the Broncos for the first time since the 1998-99 season.

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the team," Beaman said. "Gonzaga is a good team and one that has given us problems in the past."

The men's team will travel to New Mexico Friday where they'll play four matches in four days.

The women's tennis team also had a successful weekend in Bozeman where it picked up two more wins to reach a record of 5-4.

Possibly the most impressive win of the season came Friday against Montana State, where the Vandals came back from 3-0, winning all four remaining points to win the match 4-3.

"It's rare for a team to come back after being down 3-0,

but our team never stopped fighting," Idaho coach Tyler Neill said. "Montana State is a very tough team and I am happy we were able to go on the road and pick up a hard fought win."

The Vandals lost all three doubles matches, giving Montana State the first point of the day. Singles matches started the same way for the Vandals, losing at both the No. 2 and No. 3 positions.

That was the end of the losing streak for the Vandals. Maria Perevoshchikova, Basia Maciocha, Alexandra Ulesanu and Yvette Ly all won their matches in two sets to earn the first win of their two-day tenure.

"We came out pretty flat in doubles and didn't compete with much energy," Neill said. "It looked like the lack of energy carried

into the singles where we lost two quick matches, but then our team really dug in and won the next four."

The women battled again Saturday against Wyoming in a match that started much different than Friday's.

The Vandals determined not to put themselves in another comeback situation, swept the doubles matches, followed by four more wins in the singles matches to lock down the 5-2 victory.

"Overall, this was a good win," Neill said. "We have gone back and forth with Wyoming over the last few years, so it is always nice to come out on top."

The women hit the court again Sunday in Cheney where they'll face Eastern Washington and Portland State.

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home before settling down in Georgia. The Sonics were not the first NBA team to skip town and it is hard to envision them being the last.

My Sonic-centric view of the NBA is gone, and while I miss the team, there is no reason to disregard basketball because of one bad experience.

Let Oklahoma City enjoy professional basketball for the time being. The Midwest has a solid basketball tradition and something all Sonics fans can relate to. The Kansas City, and at one time Kansas City/Omaha, Kings left for Sacramento after an inept ownership group ran the team into the ground.

The NBA still has a quality product worth watching even without the Sonics in the league. This is something wise people, no matter how much they dislike each other, can agree on.

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