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Taking the bite

**College of Education continues** making cuts

> **Christina Lords** Argonaut

Editor's note: There are 41 programs that could possibly be cut from the University of Idaho come April. This story is the third in a series on how those proposed cuts, determined by the Program Prioritization Process, would affect the UI campus on a college-by-college level. Look for next week's installment on how he PPP is affecting the College of Craduate Studies Graduate Studies.

Paul Rowland, dean of the College of Education, has been looking to the future for months — he never anticipated it would look like this.

In spring Rowland and other administrators in the were already looking to make changes to programs and departments within its structure — months before the separate action was implemented in the University of Idaho's Program Prioritization



"We had to find out where we wanted to get to," he said. "We are really trying to figure out the programs in this college and where we want to head in the future.

The university-wide prioritization process, which is a part of the university's Strategic Action Plan begun in 2005, is an effort to "re-engineer" and "streamline" the university's degree programs financially and effectively, said Provost Doug Baker at a recent student luncheon about the PRP. luncheon about the PPP.

"What we want to focus on is our strengths," Baker said, "so we can refocus our efforts."

Rowland said his college had voluntarily started

its own prioritization process to make the College of Education more sustainable over time — something he said fit into the PPP as it was developed.

The college's administrators, faculty and staff have held several weekend retreats, weekly meetings and revamped the college's vision statement as a result of their own prioritization process. The College of Education also implemented a hiring freeze before the unifreeze began in

"This is hard stuff," Rowland said. "I think we want to do this in a way that we don't make mistakes and that doesn't harm the institution or the state of Idaho.

That's a lot of stuff to keep track of."

The college has five Master of Science degrees up for consideration in the PPP: curriculum and instruc-



tion, educational leadership, special education, professional technical and technology education and physical education. Educational Specialist degrees are also up for closure or reconsolidation in counseling and human services, education and special education.

Many of the masters degrees have been underutilized in the last few years, Rowland said. Only two people graduated with the Master's of Science degree in special education in the last 11 years, he said.

"This will not have a huge impact on the students," he d. "Most students would have switched from the degree anyway ... We just don't attract students here on M.S. degrees.

Rowland said many education students that do sign up for an M.S. degree often don't realize the difference between that and a Master of Education degree. Students participating in an M.S. degree must do a thesis, while the M. Ed.

degree requires a non-thesis research project.
It can be confusing for students to have to switch as they get into the program, Rowland said.

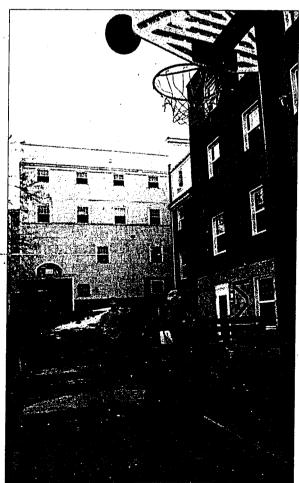
"A lot of our graduate students apply online," he said. "Very little time is spent in the actual M.S. degree. They frequently check the (M.S.) box when they really want an M. Ed. degree ... This will reduce confusion for our students as well."

There are 32 degree programs in the College of Education overall, with a total of nine programs possibly being affected by the PPP.

Rowland said every student in each of the possibly cut programs was notified by e-mail and was encouraged to seek help from their advisers. He said he also met with a group of approximately 20 concerned students about

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#### GOING



Jake Barber/Argonaut Al Castro, right, and Tony Sulick of the Sigma Nu fraternity shoot some hoops Thursday outside of their house. Temperatures this week have gone higher than 50 degrees, prompting people to spend more time outdoors.

## Amendment could erase UI tuition ban

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STEGNER

**Alexiss Turner** Argonaut

Under the Idaho Constitution, the University of Idaho cannot charge tuition, although it can charge student fees that may not be the case

for long.
UI was established before the creation of Idaho as a state. It follows territorial laws that were added to the constitution after the state's creation - including the tuition ban that has been in place for 120 years.

Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, has drafted a constitutional amendment that would overturn the law.

This has been an issue for the state of Idaho for some time," Stegner said.

The law spans from Ul's status as a land grant university, meaning land was designated for the university by the federal government.

UI is the only university in Idaho that is unable to charge tuition. Instead, it charges student fees comparable to the cost of tuition. A bill was passed in 2005 that allowed Boise State University and Idaho State University to charge tuition.

The task isn't as simple for UI. 'The fundamental question is how to validate a territorial law since there is no territory," he said. "And how do we change it since there is no territory?"

The bill would need to pass with a two-thirds majority vote from both the Idaho House of Representatives and the Senate. Since UI's land-grant status is contingent upon the tu-

ition ban, passing a bill revoking the law would require a state vote.

Stegner said there is some confusion surrounding the topic. He said some think the ban could be overruled with a court decision. The Supreme Court has agreed a constitutional amendment would be more successful.

Stegner said allowing UI to charge tuition would "bring the university up to the same standard as the other institutions" and offer the university increased 'financial flexibility.'

With the ability to charge tuition, Stegner said UI would be able to move its funding around the university more freely than it can currently. Stegner said student fees cannot be used for "instruc-tional purposes," including salaries. With UI able to charge tuition, money

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### Student faces rape charges

Lianna Shepherd Argonaut

University of Idaho freshman Brandon Feder is facing a rape charge after allegedly having sex with a woman who had passed out at a party held in a Taylor Avenue apartment.

The victim woke up the morning of Feb. 12 at the home of a friend who had hosted a party the night before.

This friend asked her if she remembered what happened last night. She said she didn't," said David Duke, the assistant police chief for the Moscow Police Department. "The friend told the victim she had been

raped the night before."

The pair went to Gritman Medical Center and asked for a rape kit, and in accordance with Gritman's policy, the police were contacted. Duke said the officer who approached the victim had initial difficulty convincing her to tell him what had happened.

"She said she thought a friend of hers had done it, and she didn't want him to get in trouble," Duke said.

Eventually, she told the officer she had been at a party of a friend, become intoxicated and passed out.

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K. Ray Johnson/Argonaut

Percy the Barbarian

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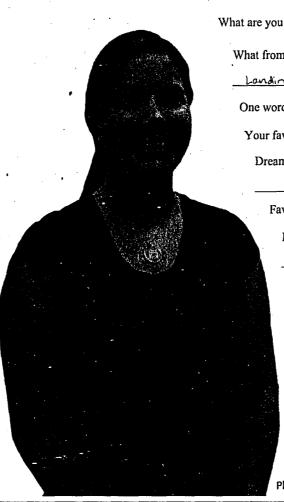


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#### Campus PROFILE

## Dena Van Hofwegen

ASUI Secretary & Office Manager



What are you looking forward to this semester: Spring What from last semester are you most proud of:\_ Landing a job in ASUI One word to describe your self: Sincere Your favorite class: spining class at the Rec Dream Vacation: Heli bring with my huttand Hica Creek or anywhere with a beach. Favorite band: Division Street Fondest Memory: The day I worried What would you do with a million dollars: مراجع ما ما المعالم donate a bunch, buy a house, travel Best advice you have ever received: To give anything 1055 than your best is to sacrifice the gift. Steve Actorbaine

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## UI student to appear on 'Wheel of Fortune'

**Kelcie Moseley Argonaut** 

When Scott Stephens stood for hours at the Boise Outlet Mall in 105 degree weather last summer playing mini-games of "Wheel of Fortune," he never expected to actually end up on the show.

Stephens, a junior biology and physical therapy major at the University of Idaho, has watched the show since he was young. He said he saw the com-mercials for the "Wheel Mobile" coming into Boise last summer and went down to participate. His mother watches the show daily, and Stephens said she wanted him to come with her.

"It was just a long shot from the get go," Ste-phens said.

He said everyone who gathered at the mall put their names and e-mails in a bucket, then took the stage and solved puzzles.

Stephens said he made sure they saw him in the crowd by jumping up and down and yelling.
I wouldn't say

I'm overly outgo-ing, but I knew I had to be obnoxious." Stephens said.

Stephens was among the 70 to 80 people who were asked to return for the next round at Hotel 43 in downtown Boise. After that round of tests, participants were told they would

be notified by mail if they were chosen to be on the show. Stephens said three weeks later he got the letter.

"I was really excited," Stephens said, "but my mom was probably more excited than I was.

The letter said he could be on the show within the next 18 months. In the meantime, they told him to play their online games and practice with crosswords to prepare for the show. Stephens said he didn't expect it to happen so soon, but ended California over up in

Winter Break. He flew down to Los Angeles with friends and family and they toured Uni-Studios versal before the taping at Sony Studios. So many people among

Stephens' family wanted to Scott Stephens come, he said he had to ask the show if he could bring

more guests. When he arrived at the studio at 8 a.m. for taping, Stephens said they held a drawing to select which contestants would be on stage together at various times. Stephens said Vana White came out to say hello, and he noted that the stage was

looks on television. He said they tape six shows a day, and his was

much smaller than it

the last one at 6 p.m., so Stephens was part of the audience until his turn on stage.

waited all day clap-Stephens said. around ping," When he told people around him that he was from Idaho, Stephens said he didn't get much of a reaction, but he did discuss sports with one person from California.

"Thankfully, BSU was never brought up," Stephens said.

After waiting all day, Stephens said he wasn't as nervous to get up there as he had been in the morning.

"When you talk to everybody and watch all day you get more excited just to do it," Stephens said.

Stephens said he can't reveal what happened on the show before it airs, but he hopes students will tune in to find out.

The show he is featured in will air at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

## GPSA holds early election

**Sydney Boyd** Argonaut

It's been an interesting week to be a graduate student, one that included socials and an election for a new president.

Wednesday Graduate and Professional Student As-

socation took "(GPSA) over Mikey's Gyros for its is a good spring social and to encourplatform age students to vote, offerto meet ing free food each and good company. other. It's

Sayantani Dasgupta, GPSA communications director, said election was just as important as socializing. "The idea

is to get the vibes from graduate students," she said.

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perspective."

Multiple backgrounds are represented among the graduate students, and Dasgupta said so-cializing helps people come together and realize theirs is not the only program.

"It opens the windows of your own mind," she said. "(Within your program) it is the same discussion, same minds, but (together) it is different people from different backgrounds — you learn

something."
Scott Onak, a graduate student in the Master of Fine Arts program, said the social at Mikey's was a welcome break in a busy week.

The event gave us a way to break out of our normal grad groups and meet students in different programs," Onak said.

She said GPSA also hosts coffee hours so "students can take a break from studies" and come together.

'(GPŠA) is a good platform to meet each other,' Dasgupta said. "It's seeing the world from a different perspective."

Current GPSA President Parul said GPSA was a senate-driven organization, much like ASUI, but there are some differences.

'(GPSA) is like ASUI, but much smaller," she

Any of the 1,500 University of Idaho graduate students can vote or run for any position, but unlike ASUI, candidates can run without a running mate.

One person, Heidi Anderson, ran for president with two contenders for vice president, Anirban Das and Chau Tran.

Thereisalso the possibil-ity of a writein candidate winning.
Jim Erwin,

GPSA vice president, said write-in candidates have a good chance in the

election. "Five votes can possibly get them into a position," Erwin said.

Perul said being involved in GPSA allows insight into student life. You get a glimpse of

what is going on around campus," she said. Erwin said GPSA elections are an opportunity

for graduate students.
"It's a great chance for any grad student to jump into GPSA and get a voice at the university," he said.

As vice president, Erwin supports the president and runs meetings.

"It's kind of like a second face between GPSA and the rest of the university," he said.

GPSA is becoming a better venue for more graduate students, Erwin said. To achieve this, it is trying to collaborate with ASUI more often, and for the first time, they are participating in Relay for

Usually, elections are held in March, but this year it was moved to February to give the elected more time to transition, Perul said.

The GPSA election ran . Tuesday through Thursday, and the successful candidate will be announced in it meeting and will take office March 24.

## Society hosts space researcher

**Greg Connolly** Argonaut

The Idaho chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers Annual Dynamic Lecture Series will feature Wayne Scales, the director of Virginia Tech's Center for Space Science and Engineering Research, on March 6 at the Best Western University Inn.

'Scales is very anxious to come to the University of Idaho," said Rachel Bonas, a graduate student in computer science and is the president of the UI Chapter of the National Society of Black Engi-

According to a press release from Virginia Tech, Scales' specialty is space plasma phsyics, and there are not very many universities in the country that deal with space research the way he does.

'We think it will bé very educational and advantageous for those who attend," Bonas said.

Scales turned down an invita-

tion to join the faculty at Cornell, where he got his Ph.D, to go to Virginia Tech since his mother lived there, and he wanted to be close to

Scales teamed up with another Virginia professor, Joseph Wang, to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation for funding to start a new space research center in

Virginia.

The proposal was accepted in 2005, and Scales became the director of the new Center for Space Science and Engineering Research, which now has annual research revenues of close to \$2.5 million, according to the press release.

Scales is currently involved in several projects, including the creation of artificial dust clouds in the space environment and the artificial perturbation of natural dust

clouds in the space environment. There will be a social hour at the University Inn from 5 to 5:50 p.m. where guests will have the chance to speak to Scales. Afterward, Scales will speak and then there will be a chance for additional questions, Bo-

Scales also plans to tour the labs in the electrical engineering department Tickets will cost \$8 for students and

\$10 for the general public. "We're selling tickets which will-help our members to go to the National Society of Black Engineers national convention," Bonas said.

Last year, the Idaho chapter won the small chapter of the year award at the national convention in Las Vegas.

This is the second year the Idaho chapter of the National Society of Black Engineer's dynamic lecture series. Last year featured Philip Emagwali, a Nigerian computer scientist, and Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to go into space.

There are currently no other speakers planned due to the economic downturn," Bonas said.

The Idaho Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers was founded in fall 2006.

## Jazz still a hot ticket in Moscow

**Associated Press** 

MOSCOW The lousy economy isn't hurting the jazz scene in Moscow, man. Advance sales for the annual Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival are

up more than 12 percent

from year: Festival organizers report they have sold 7,803 tickets so far this year, compared to 6,873

The festival runs Feb. 25-28 on the University

of Idaho campus.

The festival has been held at the university for more than 40 years, and features top jazz musicians holding clinics for hundreds of students and then performing in the evenings.

Check out The Argonaut every Tuesday and Friday!



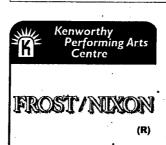
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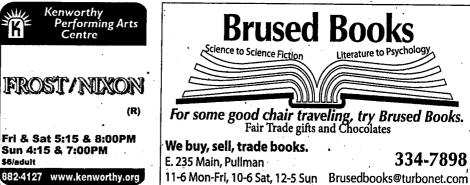
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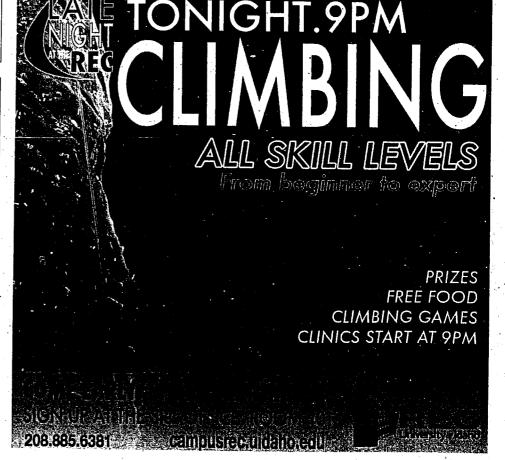




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## Making good on New Year's resolutions

Nate Moore Argonaut

Lack of motivation is the reason most people don't meet their New Year's goals, but the Vandal Fitness Challenge is here to help both athletes and couch potatoes alike hit the gym with renewed vigor.

"The Vandal Fitness Challenge is a program where we help pushstart students to follow through with their New Year's resolutions," said Peg Hamlett, the fitness director at the Student Recreation Center.

The VFC is a 10-week competition to help people meet their athletic goals. The challenge is open to anyone willing to participate and costs \$10 to enter, which goes toward the prizes offered to the winner of each category.

According to Hamlett, the categories are average Joe and athletic Joe, with separate competitions for men and women. For the average Joe, the goal is dedication and overall improvement. For the athletic Joe, the goal is to expand training for overall fitness and performance.

The prizes are a \$500 gift card to REI for first place, a \$250 gift card to Tri-State for second and a 8GB iPod nano for third.

Weekly logs that record activi-

ties and food consumption must be turned in to be eligible for the prizes. Out of the 10 weeks, six logs must be turned in.

According to Hamlett, the VFC was started four years ago to encourage students who don't normally exercise to go to the gym and improve their overall health.

"The main reason people don't exercise is because they've only tried one or two things with a friend and didn't like it," Hamlett said.

According to Hamlett, the goal of VFC is to work with students and help them find ways to enjoy exercise, while teaching them proper nutrition and safe training

Hamlett said they are hoping for a better turn out this year than any in the past. The first year of the challenge there were about 500 participants. Last year, because of some structural problems, the challenge only had about 300 participants, Hamlett said.

The competition is based on a pre-test, the weekly logs and a post-test to judge improvement and overall dedication. According to ASUI, the tests will include 'a body-fat percentage test, pushups, sit-ups, box-jumps and the plank position. The push-ups, sit-ups and box-jumps will be based on how many a person can do in

Jake Barber/Argonaut

Students run on the treadmills in the Student Recreation Center Thursday. The Vandal Fitness Challenge is a 10-week competition to help people meet athletic goals.

a minute. The plank position will measure how long a person can hold a prone position with their elbows on the ground and their feet

bows on the ground and their feet on a physio ball. Registration will be done on a walk-in basis, with the \$10 fee being deducted from student accounts. Upon completion of the pre-test, all participants will receive a VFC water bottle. After the challenge is over all participants will be given .

a VFC T-shirt as well.

For more information regarding the VFC and registration times, visit the Web site at http://www.asui.uidaho.edu/vandalfitnesschallenge.

#### **Campus CALENDAR**

#### Today

Jazz Bands and Choirs 7:30 p.m. Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall

#### Friday '

Alpha Gamma Delta Mr. Idaho Pageant 7 p.m. Administration Building Auditorium

#### Saturday

Student recital 1 p.m. Recital hall

#### Sunday

Guest artist recital 4 p.m. Recital hall

#### Monday

Study Abroad advising 1:30 p.m. Idaho Commons

#### **LocalBRIEFS**

## Church hosts pancake feast

University of Idaho students are invited to attend a pancake feast hosted by St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The feast will take place at St. Mark's Parish Hall, located at 111 S. Jefferson.

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The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, juice and coffee.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 10 years

and younger.
Students can purchase tickets at the Campus Christian Center's front desk.

For information, 882-2022.

## Recycling study results released

A University of Idaho Sustainability Center graduate research assistant, Tom Nagawiecki, led a waste characterization study.

Studying the waste in 10 different solid waste dumpsters throughout campus, he found 68 percent of the waste people are throwing away can be recycled or composted.

More than 200 students are enrolled in a field activity for an environmental science course and helped sort through the materials thrown away.

The study was taken over a three-day period.

## Hunger report released

A County Level Profile of Hunger in Idaho has been released and is now available through the Idaho Hunger Task Force.

The Idaho Hunger Atlas is the first publication of its kind for Idaho — only a handful of states have compiled this type of document. The Atlas can help anyone see how regions compare in hunger and food security indicators. Information for Idaho's 44 counties includes information on food stamp participation, nutrition education, county poverty rates, childhood poverty rates and senior nutrition participation.

Full access to the report can be found at www.idahohunger.org.

#### City seeks artwork

The city of Moscow in conjunction with Reinterpreting Reality is putting on an art show for the Moscow Master's.

The city is currently in search of artwork from the following artists Audrey Barr, Shirley Caldwell and Marry Banks. Anyone with artwork from these women can contact Keely Garrity at kgarrity@ci.moscow.id.us or Kathleen Burns kburns@ci.moscow.id.us.

The art can be dropped off the artwork at the Arts Office in City Hall or they could arrange to have it picked up by the city. The artwork is needed by

# University of Idaho

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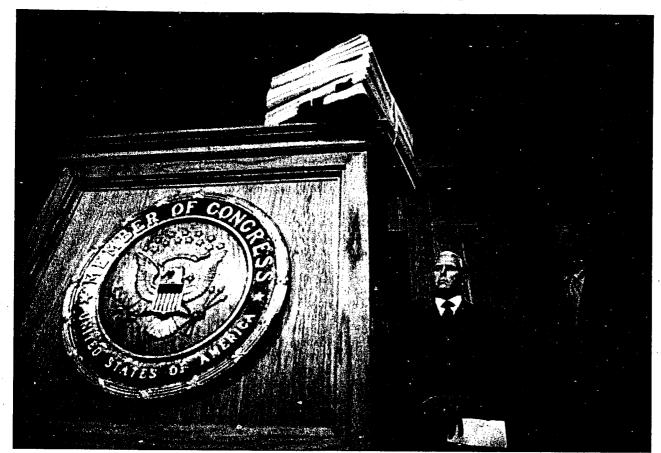
For more information contact: Tori Cook, Relay For Life Event Chair, Latach County. Victoria.cook@vandals.uidaho.edu (208) 699-4140



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#### HEAVY READING



Lauren Victoria/Associated Press With a copy of the stimulus legislation on the podium, House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, right, and Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., prepare to meet with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., Friday, Feb. 13, after the House passed the stimulus legislation.

## Idaho universities look to get stimulus dollars

**Associated Press** 

BOISE - Idaho colleges that want a piece of the \$1 billion economic stimulus money headed Idaho's way will

have to submit proposals to the state's Division of Financial Management by noon on March 4.

The agency will review those proposals and, by March 19, make recommendations to an Executive Stimulus Committee appointed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Potential campus projects will be identified by a 15-member task force created by Idaho State University. Task force mem-

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could be moved to cover

ries through state funding. In 2008, projected

numbers estimated a little

less than half of the year's

state funding was spent on

employee salaries. If the

tuition ban were revoked,

UI currently pays sala-

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these expenses.

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to review a certain portion of the stimu-

"A lot of people have some stiff homework assignments," said James Fletcher, ISU's vice president of finance and administration.

Fletcher noted stimulus projects must spur job creation, and that Otter has requested that the proposals not result in a future financial burden to the state.

"ISU will spare no ef-fort, and we'll turn over every rock to make sure we maximize all of the benefits of this bill, both for the university and for the state of Idaho," Fletcher said.

bers, who were recently
notified of their selection, include university vice presidents, students, faculty
northern and steff with each assigned

money from the stimulus package that he voted against.

"I told them I will do anything I can to facilitate that, and when they get their list together make sure they re-ceive fair consideration by the granting agencies," he said.

Minnick said the state should rely on existing agencies, such as the State Board of Education, to distribute the money.

'We don't want to spend six months developing procedures and another six months appointing commissions," he

said. "It's to be spent, not studied."

Boise State University spokesman Frank Zang said the school has an administrative council that regularly discusses the economic situation and how the school can deal with budget challenges.

We will work with state officials to determine where we have viable projects that meet the qualifications of the stimulus package," he said.

## Bill could require midwife license

Sarah D. Wire **Associated Press** 

BOISE — Midwives say they've addressed doctors' and hospitals' concerns over a plan to license midwives, after opposition helped kill a similar proposal last year.

The bill that died in the legislature last year would have made licensing voluntary and drew the ire of groups such as the Idaho Medical Association. Currently Idaho requires no license or certification to be a midwife, but midwives are recognized by state law.

The House State Affairs Committee has agreed to debate the measure put forth by the Idaho Midwifery Council more fully. Last year's hearing on the bill lasted two days and occasionally became heated.

Idaho Medical Asso-ciation CEO Susie Pouliot told the Associated Press that the group has not taken an official stance on this year's bill and hopes to make a decision during its daylong board meeting Friday.
The Medical Associa-

tion board had a problem with draft legislation provided in December but

by working together, the Midwifery Council and the Medical Association have come a long way toward addressing the association's concerns, Pouliot said.

She said requiring licenses instead of making them voluntary has made her more comfortable with the bill.

"That's huge, the vol-untary possibility last year was a complete nonstarter," Pouliot said.

A similar bill is currently moving through the Wyoming Legislature. Montana, Utah, Oregon and Washington all require a license.

In 2005, legislators passed a voluntary naturopath licensing law that has since prompted years of disagreements between rival groups of naturopaths. Some lawmakers are currently trying to repeal that law, saying it is so flawed that it needs to be dumped completely.

cautioned Pouliot that the groups may still have philosophi-cal differences about the midwife legislation.

The bill would require midwives to be licensed by the North American Registry of Midwives, a national organization that governs the profession.

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"So many of our programs are woven to-gether," Rowland said. "They were concerned if some of these programs go away, maybe their programs would be affected as well."

Rowland said he met with each of the college's departments to discuss the needs of faculty and

Baker and Rowland stressed the PPP was put into motion before the economic crisis and budget cuts as a part of the SAP, but the crisis could

compound the problem.
"I think we're ahead
of the game here," Baker
said. "We've been working on this for three years."

Rowland said that while the PPP is a separate process from the budget cuts, knowing of the financial instability is still something to keep in mind.

"Before we didn't really know how bad the holdback really was," he said. "Back then we weren't pressured as hard as we are today."

The faculty members are disappointed with the possible loss of the programs, Rowland said. "The best characteriza-

tion of it is that in some cases, it's regrettable, but it's also understandable," he said. "The regret comes in as the College of Education, and probably the University of Idaho as a whole, is not funded well enough to support the number of programs that we have. We've just gotten to the point where we have too many programs and not enough resources. We should probably reduce that."

It is important to put more resources where there is more student demand, he said. "Every decision we second, third, fourth and fifth guess,' he said. "With the knowledge I have today, this is the best decision ... You look around with the people I work with, with the deans, and you see some people very stressed. I know we are trying to do the right thing, trying to ensure students of the University of Idaho get a good education."

#### "A lot of people have some stiff homework assignments."

**James** 

**FLETCHER** 

ISU vice president of

finance and administration

was UI would be support-

charging tuition wouldn't

mirable objective," he said.

"But difficult in this day

Stegner said overrid-ing the law does not mean

a significant rise in cost

"It's simply of mat-

and age to implement."

"That's certainly an ad-

be needed.

for students.

was passed years ago, Stegner said the thought ter of classifying what is charged as tuition and fees rather than straight fees," ed enough by the state so

he said. Stegner sibility of tuition and fees rising the next academic year is strong, but not because of the amendment, if passed.

"The State Board has got to find the balance between helping UI with its financial shortfalls and the financial pressure put on students to

be able to afford school in these tough times," he said. In an e-mail, univer-

sity spokesperson Tania stated appreciative of Stegner's work to give the university the same privileges as others in the state.

"It is a proposal that, if approved by both the Legislature and the voters, could provide a significant benefit to both the university and its students," she said.

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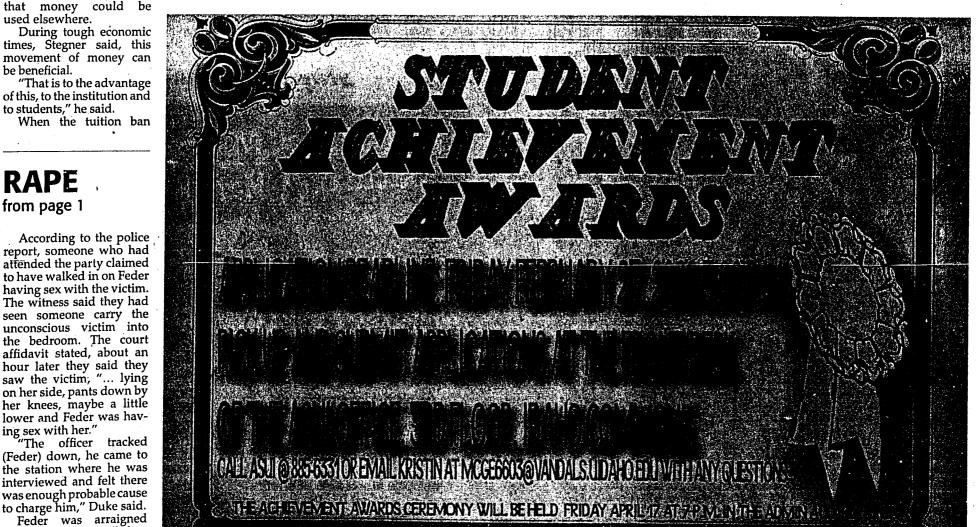
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be beneficial.

According to the police report, someone who had attended the party claimed to have walked in on Feder having sex with the victim. The witness said they had seen someone carry the unconscious victim into the bedroom. The court affidavit stated, about an hour later they said they saw the victim, "... lying on her side, pants down by her knees, maybe a little lower and Feder was having sex with her."

"The officer tracked (Feder) down, he came to the station where he was interviewed and felt there was enough probable cause to charge him," Duke said.

Feder was arraigned on Feb. 14 and will face a preliminary hearing on Feb. 26.



## NW Jesuit schools in debate

**Associated Press** 

SEATTLE — The Northwest Jesuits' decision to file bankruptcy proceedings this week has set up a legal fight over the assets of the schools affiliated with the Roman Catholic order, including Seattle and Gonzaga universities.

The Jesuits in question mally known as the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province—insist that while the institutions are sponsored by the order and follow its educational philosophy, they're separately incorporated and have independent governing boards that include laypeople. According to their argument, the assets of Jesuit schools are off-limits when it comes to paying legal obligations to sex-abuse victims.

Lawyers for those victims

disagree, suggesting the Jesuits might be understating their as-sets to protect them from credi-tors. The Oregon Province cov-ers Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

"Could Seattle U. and all its real estate be in jeopardy? The answer is definitely yes," said Tim Kosnoff, a lawyer who has represented sex-abuse victims,

The order may have taken steps to organize the schools separately and insulate them, Kosnoff said, but if the lines are blurred and the separation of properties is "really just illusory, the court can treat them as assets of the debtor."

Fred Naffziger, an expert on Catholic Church bankruptcy issues who teaches business law at Indiana University South Bend, agreed that even if a school is a

separate legal entity, it can be considered to be an asset of the Jesuits — for example, if the province has the power to elect a majority on the board, or if the head of the province signs on in a real estate deal involving the school.

Ken Roosa, an Anchorage, Alaska, attorney who represents many of the plaintiffs, said he has seen minutes from meetings of a group of senior Northwest Jesuits from the 1960s to the 1980s indicating "numerous occasions where they simply transferred money back and forth from the universities to the Jesuits."

But the schools themselves are emphasizing their independence. Seattle University and Gonzaga have issued statements noting that they were incorporated in Washington state more than 100 years ago, and are legally and financially separate

from the province. "I want to assure you that Seattle University is not a part of this bankruptcy proceeding," said the Rev. Stephen Sundborg, president of Seattle University. The school is "not owned, operated or controlled by the Oregon Province," he added.

At Bellarmine Preparatory, a Ta-coma high school, president Jack Peterson wrote on the school's Web site that it is "working with our attorneys to be prepared to demonstrate clearly that Bellarmine is an autonomous corporation and that the law cannot be stretched to construe otherwise.'

In the Oregon province's fil-ing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, it listed liabilities

of \$61.8 million and assets of \$4.8 million. The Jesuits have already settled 200 sex abuse claims -110 of them brought by Alaska Natives who settled for \$50 million last year, all but \$5 million of which was paid by insurers.

Sixty-three more Alaska Natives have filed suit since then, claiming the order used their villages as a dumping ground for pedophile priests, and additional claims are on the horizon.

"Our decision to file Chapter 11 was not an easy one, but with approximately 200 additional claims pending or threatened, it is the only way we believe that all claimants can be offered a fair financial settlement within the limited resources of the Province," said the Very Rev. Patrick Lee, head of the province.

## Clinton names special North Korea envoy

**Matthew Lee Associated Press** 

SEOUL, South Korea - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton named a special envoy for North Korea on Friday but warned the communist nation that ties with the United States will not improve unless it stops threatening South Korea.

A day after acknowledging fears that a possible succession crisis to replace the North's ailing leader, Kim Jong Il, might complicate efforts to revive stalled talks on getting Pyongyang to abandon nuclear weapons, Clinton said it was also critical for the current leadership to engage in negotiations.

"We are calling on the government of North Korea to refrain from being provocative and unhelpful in a war of words they are engaged in because it is not fruitful," she told reporters at a news conference with South Korean Foreign Minister Yu

Myung-hwan. The North has been steadily ramping up belligerent rhetoric, rejecting dialogue with the South, paring to test-fire what to involve them.

intelligence analysts believe is a long-range missile, which would significantly raise tensions with

South Korea and Japan.
Clinton said the new
U.S. special representative for North Korea, Stephen Bosworth, former U.S. ambassador to South Korea, would work with both the South Koreans and Japanese as well as the Chinese to look at ways to get Pyongyang back to the negotiating table.

She dismissed con-cerns that her candid comments to reporters en route to Seoul about a possible leadership vacuum in North Korea might prompt a severe response from Pyongyang and said the current rulers should return to six-nation disarmament talks.

"When you are thinking about future dealings with a government that doesn't have any clear succession - they don't have a vice president, they don't have a prime minister — that is something to think about," Clinton said.

But for the purposes of what we are planning today, it is to deal with the government that exists, the leadership that and is thought to be pre- exists and look for ways

## Teen arrested for nine arsons

Maryclaire Dale **Associated Press** 

COATESVILLE, Pa. — A 19-year-old described as a pyromaniac who liked to watch things burn was charged Thursday with setting nine fires in an arson-plagued steel town, including a block-long blaze that displaced dozens of people last month.

Roger Leon Barlow Jr., an automotive technical student from nearby Downingtown, was charged with arson, aggravated assault and related counts. He was arraigned Thursday afternoon and bail was set at \$9 million.

Chester County District Attorney Joseph Carroll, who lives in Coatesville, said he does not believe the fires were gang-related, hate crimes or targeted at specific individuals. Carroll called Barlow a pyromaniac, but declined to disclose evidence to support it, other than to say that Barlow

enjoyed watching fires. Coatesville, about 35 miles west of Philadelphia, has tallied 18 arsons this year and 26 last year, one of them fatal. In December, authorities arrested three people believed to have been responsible for some of the arsons, including the early December blaze that killed an 83-year-old woman.

fires, however, The continued and many of the city's approximately 11,000 residents said they were afraid to go to bed at night for fear another blaze would be set.

On Thursday, several residents interrupted a city hall news conference about the arrest with applause. City councilman Kurt Schenk said he was elated.

"It's just evil — pure evil as far as I can see, anybody who would want to hurt somebody like that,' Schenk said.

Staff at the Downingtown district court where Barlow

was arraigned said he did not have an attorney.

Barlow, a high school graduate, lives with his parents. His father, Roger, declined to comment when reached by phone Thursday afternoon. The teen told investiga-

tors Wednesday that he set nine fires since Jan. 2, according to a police affidavit. One of them tore through 15 row homes on a single block, displacing about 50 residents and causing an estimated \$1.2 million in damage.

With a suspect under arrest, Carroll said residents should be able to sleep easier, "although I'm not convinced this is the only person involved."

Barlow set his last fire on Feb. 3, but the last identified arson in the area was Feb. 6 at a trailer home in nearby East Fallowfield Township, Carroll said. Besides the 18 fires in Coatesville this year, there have been at least five outside

An arson task force fo-cused on Barlow after police stopped his vehicle during elevated patrols, said Mark Potter, special agent in charge of the Bu-reau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Investigators asked Barlow what he was doing in town. Based on his reaction — and a later glance at his MySpace page, which includes a box showing animated flames — officers knew they wanted to talk to him further, Potter said.

Arsonists are typically motivated by thrill-seeking, revenge or hate, Pot-

"Roger Barlow's dan-gerous and risky behavior for the past 48 days, and maybe longer, has now been stopped," he said.

With Barlow in custody, investigators said they will take a new look at the other unsolved arsons and determine if he had a role

## Octuplets' mother criticized by family

**Associated Press** 

CHICAGO—The father of the California woman who recently gave birth to octuplets told Oprah Winfrey that he hopes people don't punish his grandchildren for his daughter's irresponsible behavior.

Ed Doud said in an interview taped Thursday for "The Oprah Winfrey

Show" that the actions of his daughter, Nadya Suleman, and her doctor were "absolutely irresponsible." But he also issued a plea for the public's help, according to excerpts of the interview released by Harpo Productions Inc.

wnat: 5ne needs help. I say to everybody now — people — we do need help," Doud said. "Do not punish my daughter for what she had done and do not punish the babies, because they were given by God."

California-based nonprofit called Angels in Waiting has offered Suleman round-the-clock care and a place to stay with her 14 children. It would

cost about \$135,000 a month to provide the 12 caretakers necessary for the children, money that would have to come from public donations, founder Linda West Conforti said in Los Angeles.

The organization has the trained nursing personnel and experience in caring for very sick children, she said. The group, however, could only provide care for a limited time without the donations, she said.

Suleman, a 33-year-old single mother from Whittier, Calif., already had six children when she gave birth to octuplets in late January after undergoing in vitro fertilization. She

is unemployed and lives with her mother in a threebedroom home.

Property records show Suleman's mother, Angela, owns the home and is \$23,225 behind in her mortgage payments. The house could be sold at auction beginning May 5.

In response to a question about whether he thinks his daughter is mentally stable, Doud said, "Now I'm no psychiatrist, but I question her mental situation."

Doud said he hopes Suleman will finish her education and start working so she can help support the family.

The show is scheduled to air Tuesday.

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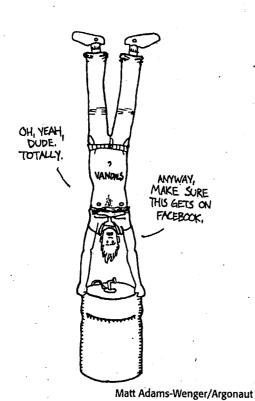
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**OurVIEW** 

# Communication breakdown

Police charged a University of Idaho student with rape last week after he allegedly had sex with a female student who was passed out at a Feb. 11 party at an apartment on Taylor Avenue.

The alleged incident was not reported until the morning after the party. The justice system will determine the fate of the accused, but in the meantime, potentially hundreds of cases of sexual assault on campus go completely unreported and unresolved each year.

UI's Clery report for 2007, released Jan. 20 of this year, indicated low levels of violence on campus. However, violence prevention officials estimate the rate of assault is actually. much higher. The problem is, many victims do not report their alleged attackers for a myriad of reasons. Often the accused are friends or acquaintances of the accuser.

Those who are suspected of assaulting their friends are probably not friends at all and should not be sheltered from law enforcement. If a suspect is innocent, then he or she should have nothing to fear.

A witness at the party told police there

were suspicions an assault was happening, but the party-goers took inadequate action to prevent, stop or report what they suspected was going on. Whether or not an assault really occurred that night, even an inkling of a suspicion held by others should be enough to provoke immediate action.

The police report stated the victim woke up not remembering what had happened the night before, and it stated a friend told her she was raped. What was going on in the meantime? Should anyone who wakes up with a fuzzy memory after a night of partying have to suspect that he or she was assaulted and hope someone comes forward?

It's obvious staying in well-lit areas where friends or family are present can prevent assaults. However, when an assault is suspected to have happened at a party where friends should have been able to keep track of each other, there is a breakdown in communication that all students should take care not to let happen again.

--- НВ

#### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Take away

I see next week's Jazz Festival will further restrict parking on campus. Woe to my brothers and sisters with blue permits. I shall see you in the Battle of Sweet Avenue on Wednesday morning. — Holly

#### Good book

After a struggle, the Kenyan novel "Petals of Blood" by Ngugi wa Thiong'o has grown on me. Africa as a continent will always be beautiful to me, and on about page 250, the book started unfolding that scene to me, winning me over suffi-ciently. I would recommend it to anyone. It will open your mind. – Sydney

#### **Amnesia much?**

I'd just like to say thank you to the woman who helped me in ITS Thursday morning. Thank you for not furning me away when I couldn't offer up any form of photo ID. I cannot understand why I, as a senior, would forget my username login. WebMD tells me it's because of the alcohol. Alexiss

#### **Training the sole**

Muntadhar al-Zeidi, the Iraqi journalist who hurled his loafers at Bush's face at a press conference, said this week he had planned the gesture for years. He even videotaped himself practicing it. I want that videotape. I can already picture this guy in a headband and sweatpants tossing shoes at a punching bag with "Eye of the Tiger" playing in the background. - Kevin

#### Proud, happy Vandal

I took the bus provided by ASUI to Boise for the men's basketball game Wednesday. We racked up a \$160 bar tab among myself and two friends in an hour and a half, ran high-fiving the Boise State Junior College faithful to the stadium

and watched one of the best games of my life. The Vandal energy in the Taco Bell Arena (which, to my drunken dismay, doesn't even sell tacos) was amazing. Congrats to our team, and thanks for showing your fans such a great time. - Christina

#### Look what I can do

Being a photographer, I'm pretty savvy when it comes to cameras, photo editing and most of the relevant technology. However, I've never been all that knowledgeable about vehicles, so when it came time to change the tail light in my girlfriend's car, I was lost. I fiddled with it for a while and got it changed without looking at any instruction manuals.

#### - Jake Oh, come on ...

A recent New York Post cartoon is being interpreted as comparing President Barack Obama to a chimpanzee gunned down by police. It's times like this I get so sick of people and their backward ideas. I'm not referring to the cartoonist - I'm talking about those who see a shot monkey and say, "This means war." Yes, it's a stupid and insensitive approach to criticizing the stimulus package. But let stupid dogs lie. Not every brainless comment needs to become a racial battle.

#### Time has come

This week, the biggest BitTorrent Web site, The Pirate Bay, went to trial. So far, I would say it has been an epic fail on the prosecution's part. Three days in, the prosecution dropped 50 percent of the charges. So far, it is a win for college students and torrentters around the world. - Jens

#### I like races

I had a dream the other night I was in a race like much like the show "The Amazing Race." I eventually won the race when I crossed the Norwegian border into Finland. I guess you could say I crossed the Finnish line.

— Levi

— Lianna

#### **FEMINIST FRIDAY**

## Commercials: 30-second shots of everyday sexism

Sex sells. We know this, and especially advertisers know this. We see it every day.

Misogyny in commercials is abundant. If the commercials are not telling us how to look, what to wear and how to act, then they're enforcing stereotypes of various men's per-spectives of the "ideal" woman — the femme fatale, the heroine, the perfect housewife, the sex kitten and the corporate climber all are typically young, white and unnaturally thin, not to mention the beat-intothe-ground stereotypes of the too chatty, too bossy or weak and helpless woman.



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The popular Super Bowl commercials earlier this month were no exception.

There was the maleonly category, in which no women appeared at all, such as some Bud Light, Nextel, Hyundai Genesis and Cars.com commercials. Even the talking E\*Trade babies

were boys.

And then there
were the limited-female-appearance-commercials such as the Priceline, Hulu and the Bud Light meeting commercials.

And finally, there was the sexist and enforcing stereotypes category. Bridgestone enforced the "women nag and talk too much" stereotype,

embodied by Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head. As the Potato Head couple is sailing down a winding road in a speedy yellow convertible, Mrs. Potato Head is telling her husband to slow down, and as a flock of sheep prompts them to make a sudden stop, Mrs. Potato Head loses her mouth. Mr. Potato Head smiles deviously and takes off driving. Ah, wouldn't it be great if women couldn't talk anymore?

In the Doritos "Power of the Crunch" commercial, a man gets what he wants at every crunchy bite, including publicly ripping a woman's clothes off without her consent. In his defense, it wasn't intentional but still "awesome."

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## Women not so persecuted after all

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I often hear claims made — even statistical claims - which I find hard to believe. One example is pay discrimination. Many times I have heard women earn less than men,

and not only this, but they are paid less money for the same amount and type of work. Of course, this is not acceptable and should be corrected anywhere it is found to be the case.

But is it the case? I find the claim of pay discrimination hard to swallow because I could not imagine any of the employers I have had acting in such a way at all, let alone doing it consistently or to a significant degree.

Thankfully, I do not have to wonder about these claims anymore, because it turns out pay discrimination between the sexes is not the problem some would make it out to be. The Institute of Economic Affairs, a British think-tank, recently published

a report that found British women between the ages of 22 and 29 who were employed full-time earned only 1 percent less than their male coworkers. Writers for the news magazine The Economist (not a right-wing publication) pointed out that for many women, this is the age when they are single, and, after marrying, they no longer need to impress anyone, whereas men are more likely to continue to connect their success to their paycheck.

Additionally, the IEA report found women were more likely than men to choose a career in public or voluntary

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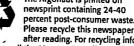




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#### **SEXISM** from page 7

Then there was the "insulting flowers" commercial by Teleflora. Oh so funny, because all women judge their worth based on their relationships and physical attractiveness. The relationship in turn is judged on the basis of beautiful flowers.

"Nobody wants to see you naked," the ad said. Nice — flowers and a complex.

The two Go Daddy commercials were perhaps the most sexist of the 2009 Super Bowl bunch. Unintelligent women; big, "enhanced" boobs; and a shower scene — blatant objectification in its most popular form. It was mixed with the element of male domination, as a group of young men made women do what they want at the click of a mouse for their pleasure. This was Go Daddy's idea of humor and recipe for a successful business.

Danica Patrick, I'm so disappointed in you. Why can't we as a society take a successful female athlete for what she is, instead of morphing her into a sex object as well?

However, the worst commercials were the ones not shown. Take the banned People for the **Ethical Treatment of Animals** commercials, for example. The activist group came out with a satirical version of "Girls Gone

Titled "Milk Gone Wild," the commercial showed the hottest, sluttist and intoxicated girls baring not their breasts, but their udders, spraying milk everywhere. At first, I was plain grossed out, followed by feeling disturbed.

A: what's with the milk and cow references? We call overweight people "big fat cows," Kelis likes to "bring all the boys to yard" with her "milkshake" and now this. I don't get it. And B: I hate that PETA is appealing for the rights of animals while simultaneously degrading and objectifying women. As if the "I'd rather go naked" campaigns weren't bad enough.

Another PETA commercial intended for the Super Bowl featured women with perfectly toned bodies practically making love to the vegetables they were

eating because "vegetarians make better lovers." And for Valentine's Day,

PETA sent out their message by bringing out blow-up mattresses and sexy, lingerie-wearing women to French kiss in public. I have nothing against vegetarians, but PETA is perpetuating their cause while bringing down another — selling the concept of not eating meat by objectifying women as pieces of meat that's just not right.

It's sad to see how we perpetuate stereotypes in an effort to sell products, and what's worse. we don't necessarily notice it until it's pointed out to us. I am not going to lie. At a few of these commercials, I laughed as hard as the next person. However, it's important to go back and ask ourselves, "Wait a minute, what is being portrayed here? It's just a commercial, but what messages are we sending out?" (This goes for gender as well as racism and heterocentrism.) When dollar signs are involved, the social context and consequences are often overlooked, and what do we get? Your every day sexism -- 30 seconds at a time.

#### *Mail***BOX**

#### Physics is necessary

I was dismayed to hear of the proposal to end the undergraduate physics program. Its closure will impact many more people than just potential physics majors.

I graduated from the University of Idaho with an engineering degree in 2002. Along that route, I took a handful of senior-level physics courses, culminating in a minor. I then went on to a top-10 graduate program in electrical engineering to study semiconductor device physics - which was not well represented in the engineering departments at Idaho in those days.

The only way I could achieve all of this was by taking standard, senior-level physics courses at Idaho. It provided much of the background needed to undergo graduate study in my discipline that I would not have obtained otherwise.

I was not alone in this experience. It was common in those physics classes to have a number of students from other departments. If the undergraduate program is removed, the enrollment for such classes will necessarily drop, and it is unlikely they'll be offered on a regular basis.

I have to wonder: how will current and future students attain the education that previous students like myself received?

Mueen Nawaz Class of 2002 electrical engineering/ math/physics

#### **Peace Corps** celebrates anniversary

All across America, Sunday through March 2, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will be celebrating Peace Corps Week. Peace Corps was officially established on March 1, 1961, with three goals in mind — to help people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women, to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the people served and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Since its creation in 1961, more than 195,000 Americans, including myself, have served as Peace Corps volunteers helping farmers grow their crops, showing mothers how to care for their babies, helping schools develop computer skills, teaching children the importance of a healthy ecosystem and educating communities about the threat of

HIV/AIDS. Upon returning to the United States, we bring with us experiences that can be shared with those who are willing to listen. These stories help other Americans understand the countries we have served in, understand who they are and what their life is like, helping Peace Corps fulfill the third goal. It's because of this ongoing effort we refer to ourselves as Returned Peace Corps Volunteers — every story we tell, every article we write is helping others understand, removing the ignorance that promotes hatred and teaching Americans, as well as others, how and why to value and respect other cultures.

Next week, RPCVs will be out in force, fulfilling John F. Kennedy's vision of the Peace Corps' third goal. Find out where by visiting www. peacecorps.gov.

"The logic of the Peace Corps is that someday we are going to bring it home to America." – President John F. Kennedy

Charlie Ihrke Class of 2004 Tuscon, Ariz.

#### Make engineering interesting

As a young woman in the process of receiving a college education, I was offended by the editorial "Missing perspec-tive" in Wednesday's edition of The Argonaut that insinuated women do not study engineering because we fear math and science.

I consider myself to be an intelligent, independent woman. I do not believe there is a superior sex, I am not "afraid of math and science" and I am not going to major in

engineering.
While the engineering department may have a higher ratio of males to females with a decreasing number of female students, this is not an issue that has to do with our sex feeling too inadequate for the field. This is simply a question of what women want, because women choose not to study engineering.

When looking at a major, we don't sit around thinking, "Oh, this major will not be right for me because I am a woman.'

We look for a major that will set us up for a future we will enjoy, and as it seems for most women, engineering is an optiion they are not interested in. It has nothing to do with our sex feeling inferior to men.

What these statistics are saying is more women dislike math and science, which is different then fear. Instead of pulling the gender inequality card, those who are interested in seeing more women

in the engineering department should try and get girls interested in these subjects at an

- Amanda Hotinger sophomore, general studies

#### Dear Vandal fans,

Thank you. Your support this season has been tremendous. You might not realize this, but our staff and our teams your teams — recognize you as a true "sixth man." You've added an excitement back into the Cowan Spectrum that energizes us. There is no way we can tell you how much the "sixth man" can impact a game, but, know this, we notice you and so do our opponents.

You are a key component as we work toward "restoring the glory." It wasn't that long ago our home court was listed by Sports Illustrated as one of the top 20 most difficult places for an opposing team to play. Let's do it again.

We invite you to continue to be a part of the action with four more home games – this Saturday's men's Bracket Buster game against Cal State Northridge, the women's March 4 game against Nevada, the men's March 5 game against Louisiana Tech and the regular-season finale March 7 against Fresno State.

Thanks again, and go Van-

Don Verlin, coach, men's basketball Jon Newlee, coach, women's basketball

#### Lambda Chi is nothing new

Recruiters from the Lambda Chi Alpha national fraternity looking to re-start the Idaho chapter are telling students it is a different kind of fraternity.

Lambda Chi is "centered on values," said one of its recruiters in Wednesday's Argonaut article, and "Lambda Chi Alpha is back." That vague statement shows it is exactly like every other fraternity, because whether they are followed or not, every organization is centered on values.

(Pikes) will set the standard of integrity, intellect and achievement," states the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity national Web site. The alumni of the Idaho Pike chapter closed the house in 2007 specifically because the active members weren't following the fraternity's values.

Once the recruiters from the national fraternity are gone, it becomes easy for the active members to lose sight of their values. I've been to several national fraternity events as president of my chapter and experienced this first-hand.

My fraternity's chapter at San Jose State had existed on that campus for only eight years before I met its president. After speaking with him, I wholeheartedly agreed with the decision to pull its charter.

A year later, I met the president of our University of Southern California chapter, which I thought was a success story. They had recruited 90 members in their first two years on campus and were developing into a strong chapter. Heading into their third year, many of the members had lost their ambition, and the president's chapter was eroding fast, he said.

While Lambda Chi Alpha has high aims for its Idaho chapter, I worry after a couple of years, it will do like many other fraternity expansions and leave the Idaho Greek system with a struggling chapter that pulls the rest down also.

Mark Morgan junior, journalism

#### The real 'dirty Sanchez'

In Joann Muneta's letter on Wednesday, she said when students chanted the phrase "dirty Sanchez" at the basketball game, they were using the phrase as a racially derogatory term, and this chant did horrible damage to the Latino community.

The phrase "dirty Sanchez" has nothing to do with racism at all in today's pop culture. According to urbandictionary. com, a dirty Sanchez is when, after engaging in anal sex, a man inserts his finger into the anus of his partner and proceeds to wipe it across the upper lip of his partner, leaving a "mustache."

This sexual act, as disgusting as it sounds, clearly has nothing to do with the ethnicity of either partner. With the real definition in mind, we can now travel back to the basketball game where this all started. Some bright student noticed a player's last name was Sanchez.

This genius then remembered hearing about a humorous sexual act involving the player's last name, put two and two together and began the infamous chant that has everyone so offended. I'm not saying this is a good or sportsmanlike thing to do, but I am here to defend the students of my university, because there were no racial intentions behind the chant.

Muneta and others are actively searching for something to offend them instead of seeing the chant as what it was — a bunch of dumb college kids thinking they were funny. I would like to ask this group of people to give the students of the University of Idaho more credit than automatically assuming we are all a bunch of racists.

**Taylor Edginton** sophomore, business

## WOMEN

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service, which typically pays less, and, of course, women were more likely to choose to leave the workforce to raise their families instead.

If we consider these factors all together, what becomes reasonably clear is while women may earn less money than men, it is not because of pay discrimination, and it is due more than anything else to in-

dividual choices, not persecution. As I said, if we do find an instance in which a woman, or anyone, is being paid unfairly in relation her coworkers, it should be corrected. Let's at least be honest enough to set aside causes that turn out to be non-issues built on false pretenses.

The main author of IEA report, Len Shackleton, concludes, "The widespread belief that the gender pay gap is a reflection of deep-rooted discrimination by employers is ill-informed and an unhelpful contribution to the debate. The pay gap is falling but is also a reflection of individuals' lifestyle preferences. Government can't regulate or legislate these away and shouldn't try to."

These findings bring out an important point: equality does not mean equivalency. Just because men and women receive the same treatment, we cannot assume we will see the same outcomes. Why? Because — get ready - men and women are different. The reason men and women achieve different results

when put in the same situations is because we make different choices and have different

strengths. Of course, anyone can question or challenge those choices and claim they are the wrong choices, but saying you think someone made a bad decision is very different from saying she is a victim of persecution. However, despite whatever other differences we may have, perhaps we can agree one good choice would be to set aside non-issues and focus our efforts on real problems.

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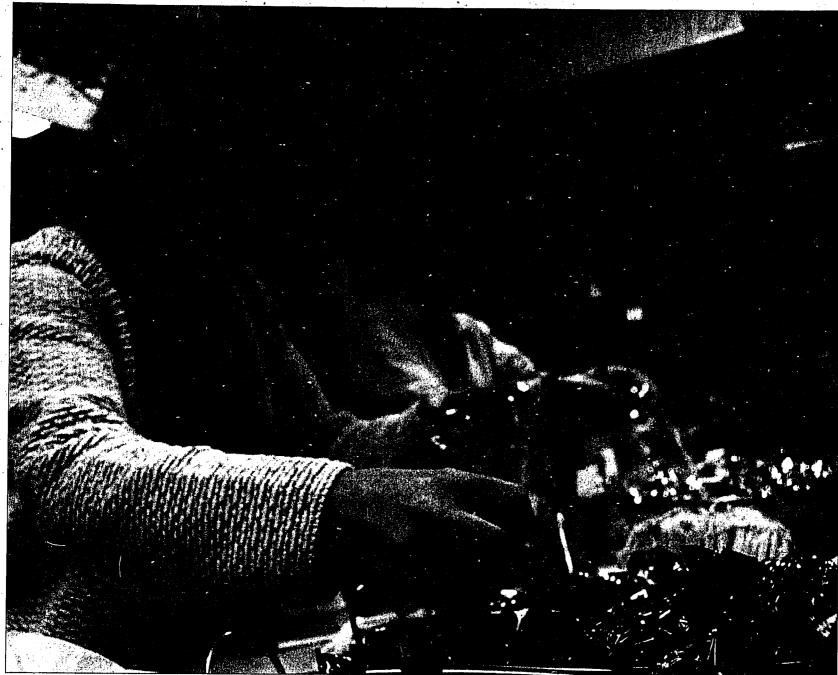
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# FRONTROW



Office Manager Carise Skinner, left, and employee Bonnie Quick pack bags of spiced chocolates in Cowgirl Chocolates Thursday.

Jake Barber/Argonaut

# Candies with a kick

**Jordan Gray Argonaut** 

People from Norway, England, Âustralia, Macau, Taiwan, New Zealand and even Antarctica are putting in their orders for chocolates from Moscow - and these aren't any ordinary chocolates, not when they're packing a cayenne pepper kick.

Cowgirl Chocolates is the brainchild of Marilyn Lysohir-Coates. She started the business in 1997 after her brother came up with the idea of putting peppers into a chocolate recipe to win a contest. He didn't win, increased to 1,000 pounds of the I thought, not 'cowboy,' I'll call

but Lysohir-Coates thought her sibling was onto something.

"I thought it was a great idea," Lysohir-Coates said. "I started experimenting with it, and we had friends and family try it, and people really liked it. So in 1997, I had my first 40 pounds of chocolate made ... and my first dollar was Swilly's in Pullman. (They) bought a couple pounds for the restaurant, and I was off and running

That first year, Lysohir-Coates said the business made \$4,000 in sales. Those numbers have now

spicy chocolates and nearly a quarter million in sales.

The name, Cowgirl Chocolates, has its own story, as does the woman featured on both sets of labels.

"One of our friends who was a writer, we let her try a bunch," Lysohir-Coates said. "And she just said 'wow, these are cowboy chocolates.' And what she meant is that, you know how cowboy coffee is real thick and strong? he heat, that punch, that kick ... that was happening with pepper. She was just going 'whoa, these are really tough and rugged.' So

them 'cowgirl' chocolates."

And the sharpshooter in silhouette on her horse aiming her gun from an old publicity photo is a real cowgirl by the name of May Lillie. The silhouette label went on the chocolates last year, while the publicity shot has been gracing the label since the beginning.

"We just thought that that was the perfect image for Cowgirl Chocolates, which weren't our normal truffles," Lysohir-Coates said.

Lysohir-Coates' candy-making career spans back to when she started working in a Penn-

sylvania candy factory as an after-school job. She said one of the fringe benefits was the chocolate fragrance that stayed with her after a day of work. She ended up in the Palouse after attending graduate school at Washington State University, where she studied art. When going home for school breaks, she continued to work in the candy factory.

One year, the owner asked if she could make 4-foot chocolate bunnies. She agreed. The bunnies "got away" from Lysohir-Coates

See COWGIRL, page 11

## Cash-friendly cuisine

#### Finding Moscow's best recession meal specials

Brass tacks, right now you're poor, I'm poor, every-one's poor. Luckily, there are plenty of restaurants in Moscow that haven't yet gone under, and every day one

can find a bargain in town.

At VJ's BBQ, the menu Thursday through Saturday - all day - features the Recession Special consisting of a sausage link, chips and soda

for \$4.99. Tuesday and Wednesday rotating, specials unique between \$4.99 and \$6.50. (V)'s is closed Sunday and Monday.)

Lunch cials are still available across from the Eastside Marketplace to Main (Unless Street. otherwise noted, mentioned

restaurants' lunch period is between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.). At Tucci's Cucina Italiana, all-you-can-eat soup, salad and bread is available Monday through Friday for \$7.99.

Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company Alehaving experihouse,

mented in the past with frequent-customer cards and other incentives, recently settled on a \$5.95 lunch menu, composed mostly of sandwiches but also tacos, a hamburger and a wrap. All items except the tacos come with soup or chips.

(The economy) is the reason I did it," said Wendy Smiley-Johnson, the Alehouse's general

> Friday adds a seafood platter to the lunch menu, and the daily beer specials are still in effect ---Tap-a-Keg Tuesdays, with \$1.50 pints and \$5 pitchers, Student Saturday and Faculty

**Marcus Kellis** Argonaut La Casa Lopez, arg-arts@uidaho. winner of multiple Argonaut Best

of Moscow awards for Mexican food, has daily lunch specials at \$6.95, and a lunch menu with all items under \$10.

Next door, the Breakfast Club nearly earns the same distinction for its breakfast and lunch items (the sole holdout being a steak entrée). It has two specials daily, one

breakfast and one lunch, which almost always ring in under \$8. Both lunch and breakfast specials are available from open to close.

Main Street has different approaches, too.

"Every day is a special day at Mikey's Gyros," said Louise Todd, the establish-

ment's manager.

Besides the retro price of \$1 pints of Pabst Blue Ribbon on Fridays — a year or two ago, they were pushed up to \$1.50 — Mikey's is a bargain

for pitas.
"We still don't have a sandwich over \$5," Todd

Even at Nectar, the deluxe wine bar across from Moscow Florists and Gifts on Sixth Street, there are accommodations for the budget-conscious.

From the start, even before any economic crises, our menu was designed so it would be accessible to a wide range of diners on any given night," said Nick Pitsilionis, Nectar's chef de cuisine. (Nectar serves only dinner.)

As examples, Pitsilionis suggested the hand ground filet burger (\$11) or See CUISINE, page 11

## UI professor reaches book deal with Knopf

**Greg** Connolly Argonaut

University of Idaho professor Kim Barnes recently agreed to a deal with New York publishing house Alfred A. Knopf for a novel, which

is set for release in the second half of 2010. "It's

great thing important to to start the me is that I year with,' Barnes said. Last

year, she released a novel called Coun-Called Home through

**BARNES** Knopf.

**UI** professor Barnes discussed the idea for her new novel, currently titled "American Mecca," with an associate of the publishing house who really

stay focused

on the story ..."

liked the idea and wanted to read what Barnes had already written. She sent the first 50

pages and a plot synop-

sis through her agent to Knopf, and an agreement was reached shortly afterward.

"Now I have a year to write the book," Barnes She plans to Start next

week and plans to work through the summer, which something she doesn't What's most

normally do. The novel is the story of a young couple who leave their life of povand

isolation in Oklahoma and follow 1960s oil boom to Saudi Arabia," Barnes

said. The idea for the novel came while thinking about her own family's history. Like the characters in the book, her aunt and uncle left Oklahoma for Saudi Arabia in the

Christmas, my

aunt and uncle would come home with gifts from Arabia," Barnes said. "It wasn't until re-Barnes cently that I began to ask them about their lives there. They went from being poor 'Okies' to living in the Arabian-American Oil Company compound where they had more money than they knew what to do with.

Barnes plans to focus on the tension and intrigue that comes with two radically different cultures meshing with each other in the deserts of Saudi Arabia, which she said is similar to the dustbowl states these workers were leaving be-

"There's no doubt that this book could have a large readership," Barnes said. "I understand it has the potential to be my breakthrough book, but what's most important to me is that I stay focused on the story and serve my characters well. That's my primary goal and con-cern, and if I can do that, I'll be happy."

See KNOPF, page 11-

#### NOTHING TO DO IN MOSCOW

# Travel guide: get away to the Great White North

For those who refuse to believe there is anything to do in Moscow, it's impor-

tant to remember how many cool places there are in the Pacific Northwest. Over President's Day: weekend, I traveled with a few friends to Nelson, British Columbia, Canada rather blindly and it ruled.

Nelson has only Otzenberger about 9,000 yearround residents arg-arts@uidaho. and is spread across the steep hills surrounding Kootenay Lake in the Selkirk Moun-

tains. The town is characterized by a bright orange truss bridge that brings cars over the lake and onto streets lined with Victorian-style

The drive from Moscow can be as short as five hours (through Washington), but those willing to make a seven-hour trip (through Idaho) can take a free half-hour ferry ride across the breathtaking Kootenay Lake.

For those who don't know, it will not be necessary to have a passport to cross the Canadian border until June 1. Travelers need only a photo I.D. and an original birth certificate. Also, the Canadian dollar is currently worth 79 U.S. cents. It's like the entire nation is having a 21 percent off sale. That's 21 percent off on all the flannel shirts and maple syrup an Idahoan can handle.

Nancy Diamond, owner of the Main Street Diner in Nelson, said American tourism makes a huge difference to the town's economy.

"We get a lot of Americans in here," she said. "We love visitors, and they're a nice group of people. We get a lot of repeat clientele, especially from Spokane and Coeur d'Alene.

Diamond said the town sees twice as many American tourists in the warm months, and every summer the diner has to attach a special deck to the front of the building to double its

seating capacity.

"It's changed a lot over the years," she said. "Every year is noticeably busier than the last."

Nelson's Selkirk College provides the town with the Kootenay School of the Arts. As a result, the town sports a vibrant art scene where art walks, theater festivals and jazz festivals are a major draw each summer. Nelson is also home to what Diamond regarded as "British Columbia's biggest Chinese medicine school.

The town is also popular for biking, boating, rafting and skiing. Diamond said about 30 years ago, Nelson was the site of some of the world's first Snowcat skiing (where suicidal skiers are pulled up slopes in the untamed wilderness by snowmobiles). Skiers also have the option of being ·dropped onto the towering peaks around Nelson by helicopter.

#### Food

The Royal Pub and Grill — think Jóhn's Alley Tavern, minus the cigarette haze, plus giant burgers. This bar serves gluttonous American-sized portions of red meat at an across-the-table price and all of the beer on tap is produced from a microbrewery in Nelson.

I tried the organic "Old Brew" pale ale that was strong but satisfying. It's a beer that made my facial hair grow faster, and it perfectly complemented the grungy rockabilly and blues bands on stage.

Red Fish Grill - a big plate of sausage, eggs, toast and hashbrowns tastes even better when it only costs \$4.35 U.S. This restaurant features a dining room full of modern

art and replaces traditional seating booths with couches around knee-high coffee tables. These are some sophisticated pancakes.

Main Street · Diner — this was my favorite restaurant of the entire trip. The diner sports a full liquor bar and an exotic menu span-

ning the globe in search of interesting ethnic food choices. It's a bit pricier than most Moscow dining, but the pita wraps and pecan pie can make a person look at their food in a nearly sexual way.

#### Drinks.

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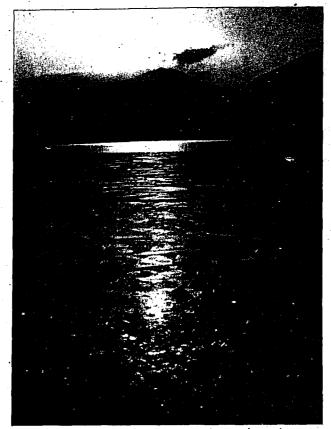
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Spirit Bar — Moscuvites may have to step out of their comfort zone. The bar is clean, fancy, trendy, sexy and spacious, but it's not a good place to get hammered. In fact, weak, expensive drinks seemed to be a. common trend in Canada. "What's a paralyzer?" asked one bartender. Some drinks have one shot. Some have two. Regardless, they all cost \$5.75 Canadian in nearly every bar. We didn't see a lot of drunks, but I suppose that wasn't the point of Spirit Bar.

The people there were cool. The crowd was lively and ready to dance. Nobody complained about it being the only dance club in Nelson. It is a slice of big city style in a beardy mountain town.

The best part of Spirit Bar was the Valentine's Day burlesque show, "Snow Bunnies." I've never been to a burlesque show before, so it's safe to say male strippers and a little person dancing in fishnets and a corset was out of my element, but it was actually a blast. At one point, one of my travelmates was pushed on stage to



Kevin Otzenberger/Argonaut For those willing to travel the long route through northern Idaho, Kuskanook Harbour (on Kootenay Lake) is one of many beautiful natural landscapes on the way to Nelson, British Columbia, Canada.

uncomfortably participate in a game called "cop a feel." The sight of his UI Vandals T-shirt prompted the obnoxious shouting of "Idaho, Idaho, Go! Go! Go!" by of a group of UI sorority girls who were also in town.

Finley's Irish Pub — this bar indicated two things: Canadians love karaoke and Canadians love butt rock. The crowd danced away to the drunken butchering of Bon Jovi and Metallica, but cleared out just in time for our embarrassingly sober rendition of Lil' Jon's "Get Low." This bar had some Canadian beers on tap I'd never tried before. I recommend a pint of Rickard's Red ale - mind-blowing.

#### Kicks

Ainsworth Hot Springs — I've been to hot spring resorts before, but Ainsworth was something very new. Located about 30 minutes from Nelson, the 94- and 106-degree pools sit on the side of steep hill overlooking an icy lake surrounded by cloudy, snow-capped mountains. In the 106-degree pool, waders can walk directly into the side of the mountain through the mouth of a winding cavern. Inside, hot waterfalls pour down the sides of the dimly-lit cave, filling the tunnels with steam. We broiled ourselves in the springs for more than five hours without a break. It cost us each \$8 Canadian — only \$6.32 U.S.

For those hoping to escape the Palouse for a weekend, Nelson, B.C. offers an exciting change of landscape and culture. Why not take a trip, eh?

## Women's Center offers national short film festival

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**MALMQUIST** 

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UI alumnus

Anne-Marije Rook Argonaut

Every woman has a story, and LUNA ensures these stories are seen at the hand of an annual women's film festival. With the film festival, LUNA, the makers of the whole nutrition bar for women take

women's health to an all-encompassing level by including mind and creativity. Founded

in 2000, LU-NAFEST is a national traveling festival of short films by, for and about women dedicated to promote women filmmakers, raise

awareness for women's issues and support women's non-profit organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Tuesday, the University of Idaho Women's Center will host the LU-NAFEST film festival for the fourth time. All of the proceeds are donated to charity -15

percent to the Breast Cancer

Fund and the remaining 85 percent to community nonprofits hosting the event. "There's no cost to host it," said Lysa Salsbury, program coordinator of the Women's Center. "So why

not do it? The film festival shows nine award-winning short films, three to 15 minutes in length, which have gone through the international festival circuit and cover topics such as women's health, body image, sexu-

ality, spirituality, sports, relationships, cultural diversity, breaking barriers and the environment. "They're really high quality films," Salsbury said. "And what is amazing is that these movies are not available for

commercial distributing,

so this is your one chance

to see them."

Each year, the Women's Center has seen an outcome of 100 to 200 people, and Salsbury said she wishes more people would attend.

"I really enjoyed the festivals," said UI alum-nus Tara Malmquist, who attended the previous two

festivals. enjoy seeing short films and we don't get many opportunities in this area."

She said she is driven to see the festival by both content the and the opportunity to see up-and-coming filmmakers.

Salsbury said the films

will run just less than two hours with an intermission. Heather Shea Gasser and Salsbury have previewed the films and prepared discussion questions for the discussion session to follow each showing.

"The films are generally really thought provoking, and I like to stay and talk about them," Salsbury said.

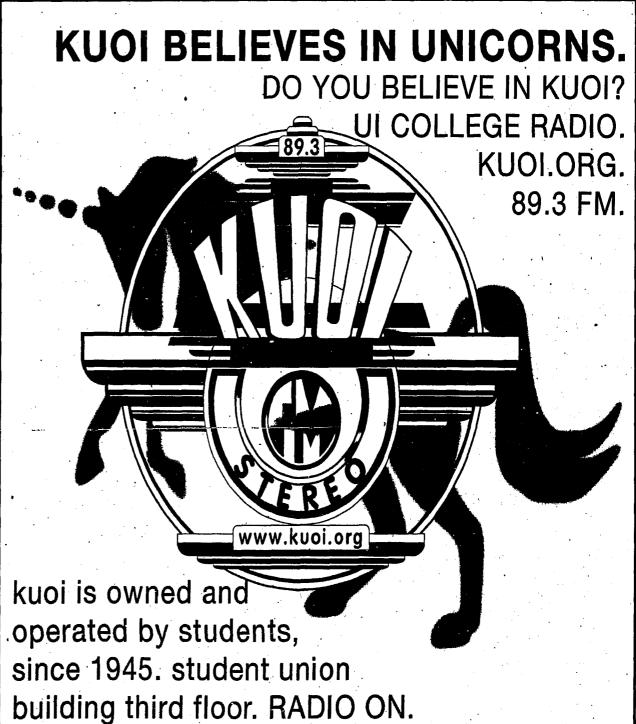
This year's films deal with an array of topics from a Filipino woman celebrating her 100th birthday to female wrestlers competing in a male-dominated sport, to the story of Iranian immigrants coming to the U.S. A preview of the films featured is available at the LUNAFEST Web site, lunafest.org. "(LUNAFEST) is a great

way to see the different side of the art and experience grassroots filmmaking," Malmquist said.

Festival goers will receive a free goody bag filled with LUNA bars, organic shower products and other goodies donated by local stores.

Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$9 for general audiences.







Jake Barber/Argonaut Cowgirl Chocolates offers different kinds of spiced chocolates and has gotten the attention of magazines, CNBC and the Food Network.

#### COWGIRL from page 9

and ended up being 8-feet instead, but she continued to use her figure - sculpting skills in both her art and her chocolate, making edible turtles, rabbits and elephants. With Cowgirl Chocolates and her shop, Lysohir-Coates has the chance to display both her artistic and her chocolate masterpieces.

"I've always thought of the chocolates as an art performance piece," Lysohir-Coates said. "There's been a connection."

Cowgirl Chocolates has been in Moscow since its beginning. It ran out of Lyso-hir-Coates and husband Ross Coates' home until 2005, when they opened the physical store.

"We had stuff piled up everywhere," Coates said of their home before the move. "We also wanted to expand a bit and get a bit more visible nationally. We were getting some television interest ... and

we decided we'd best move out of the house and not work in our jammies anymore.'

Cowgirl Chocolates' products were featured on the Food Network programs "Unwrapped" and Extreme Cuisine." They've also made appearances on CNBC and in numerous magazine articles.

But eve'n with all the attention and acclaim according to Lysohir-Coates, the chocolates have received 16 awards in Chile Pepper Magazine's Fiery Food Challenge — the business is still focused on making each customer's order to a high standard.

'It's just cool to make it really special for somebody," said Allie Law, who has worked at Cowgirl Chocolates since 2003. "I really enjoy that. They come to us because we're different and we can make it more unique.'

For those still leery of trying a chocolate with pepper in it, there are mild varieties, along with a host the milk chocolate."

#### for some **SWEETS**

**Cowgirl Chocolates** is located at 428 W. 3rd St. in Moscow and www. cowgirlchocolates.com

of other chocolate confections such as cocoa and syrup. But for those willing to take the bite, the experience is much the same with each variety.

"We have a nice blend where the spice doesn't overtake the chocolate, Lysohir-Coates said. "And it's also a delayed reaction. So when you bite into a Cowgirl Chocolate, you enjoy the chocolate. And then three seconds after you swallow, you'll feel this wonderful warmth ... in your throat and chest. That's what ... we're famous for.'

As for Lysohir-Coates' favorite, she has a few.

"It varies day to day," she said. "But I really like the spicy double dark and

#### **KNOPF** from page 9.

"I think this deal will do a lot to speak to the strengths of the UI Creative Writing program," said said Kurt Olsson, chair of the UI English department. "She's published with them once, and to do it again is a big accomplishment."

Barnes began thinking about the idea behind the novel two years ago and began to write the first pages of it while in Italy with her husband during the fall of

So far, Barnes has only completed the first 50 pages that were submitted to

"The plot could change as I get to know my characters and the story better," she said.

Barnes described herself as a very methodical writer who, when working on a longer project like

this, sits down on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at her computer and writes from the early morning until dinner time.

"I love to be "The plot deeply involved in a book," she could said. "It turns into the lens that change I see the world through. Right as I get to now my life is know my absorbed with student work characters and new, applications to the and the  $MFA \, program \, in \,$ creative writing, story but next week I better." hope to get back to my Mon-day – Wednes-day – Friday Kim **BARNES** 

schedule.' **UI** professor She aņticistaying pates with the schedule until the novel is completed barring some unforeseen

interruption. Barnes, a creative writing professor at UI, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography/autobiography for her 1997 memoir, "In the Wilderness: Coming

of Age in Unknown Country." The book also won the PEN/Jerard Award and the Pacific Northwest bookseller's award. Her essay "The Ashes of August" received a 2001 Pushcart Prize.

According to a recent UI press release, the sale of Barnes' novel will be listed in the "hot deals" section of Publisher's

Weekly.

"We applaud and congratulate her," Olsson said. "She's done something that is very good for our program."

### **CUISINE**

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the mac and cheese (\$9), but the restaurant has created some new entrées for

the economic environment.
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To really save money, it's wise to put the brakes on eating out but we all have our indulgences, and mercifully, most of us can still afford \$7 now and then.

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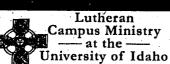
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#### **Vandals in action**

Today'

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

Saturday

Men's tennis — The team will play Montana State at 9 a.m. in Las Cruces.

Men's basketball -The team will remain in the Cowan Spectrum for an ESPNU Bracket Buster game against Cal State Northridge. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

Track and field — The

Vandals will have their final home meet of the season before the Western Athletic Conference Championships. Starting time is to be announced.

Sunday Women's tennis — The team will travel for matches against Portland State

at 3 p.m. in Cheney.
Women's basketball— The team will travel to Logan for a game against the Utah State Aggies. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m.

#### Vandals to watch

Marvin Jefferson Men's basketball



Jefferson played one of his best games of the season against Boise State Wednesday. He tallied 15 points, 6 rebounds and 3 blocks. Four of those points came in the final minute and were crucial in the victory. Jefferson is a 52 percent free-throw shooter on the year, but knocked down two clutch free throws with less than a minute to go and scored a put-back with 4.6 seconds to go to seal the win for the Vandals.

> Mac Hopson Men's basketball



Hopson scored 18 points in the Vandals' victory against in-state rival Boise State Wednesday. Hopson gave the Vandals the lead for the first time in the game with 47 seconds remaining. The team will look to Hopson to continue his high level of play as it plays Cal State Northridge Saturday.

#### Did you know ...

It was the first time in a decade that the Vandals have beaten Boise State in multiple games during a

#### Vandals by the numbers -

Vandals fought back from a 13-point deficit to win the rivalry game Wednesday.

Allix Lee-Painter ran 3,000 meters in just more than nine minutes. It was her personal best in the event.

The women's basketball team is just • Whalf a game out of first place in the WAC.

The men's basketball team has six Conference wins on the season.

## **QuickHITS**

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# Vandals upset rivals

Levi Johstone Argonaut

The Vandals led for less than one minute in the upset of rival Boise State. It was the most important minute of the game, and the Vandals were able to hold off the Broncos for the 56-54 victory.

Marvin Jefferson played one of the best games of his young career as a Vandal, scoring 15 points, and with 4.3 seconds remaining he scored a put back that was enough to seal the deal for the Vandals.

"My man went over and I was like, 'If he misses this there ain't no way I'm not getting this rebound.' have to give the credit to the playSo I just grabbed it and threw it up," Jefferson said. The Vandals were severally out

While the Vandals did come out victorious, it was an up and down game. The Vandals scratched and clawed their way back from a 13-point first half deficit to secure

the win.
"That was a wild game," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I thought for a minute there we were going to get beat by 30. We have a lot of character on this team and it showed tonight. They never got rattled and they did a great job with the halftime adjustments. You

matched in the first half as the Broncos came out of the gates fast,

jumping to an early 15-2 lead.
While the Vandals may have looked intimidated by the large Boise State crowd, Idaho point guard Mac Hopson, who scored a team-high 18 points and gave the Vandals their first lead with 47 seconds remaining, put all doubts to rest.

"Never," Hopson said, "We're never intimidated. We can't be intimidated. They lace up their shoes just like us. They put on their jerseys just like us."

The Broncos took an eight-point advantage into halftime.

The game marks the first time since the 1998-99 season that the Vandals have beaten the Broncos multiple times in a season.

"I can't tell you how fired up I am for our guys and our pro-gram," Verlin said. "To come down here and win after they just beat No. 17 Utah State and with the way they played in the first half — unbelievable."

The Vandals also shot free

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## Putbacks doom Vandals

Travis Mason-Bushman Argonaut

A catastrophic second half doomed the University of Idaho Vandals Thursday in Reno, as the Nevada Wolf Pack burst out to a 69-53 victory.

With a win, the Vandal women (11-12, 8-4 Western Athletic Conference) would have moved into the outright lead in the WAC. Instead, the Wolf Pack (14-11, 8-4 WAC) handed Idaho its biggest WAC loss of the season and moved into a tie for second with the Vandals.

A dominant performance on the offensive glass gave Nevada its margin of victory. A seemingly endless string of second-chance points resulted from 19 Pack offensive boards, part of an overall 43-23 Nevada rebounding advantage. Nevada point guard Dellena Criner poured it on late, finishing with 19 points, 4 rebounds, 8 assists and 4 steals.

As the Pack burst out on an offensive streak, the Vandals fell apart, either turning over the ball one of 22 times or missing from the field when they did manage to get a shot off. "We just didn't play well in the second half, and their pressure really

got to us," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We panicked. It was a good learning experience for us, to know how it's going to be when we come back for the WAC Tournament." Coming out of halftime, the Van-

dals held a 31-27 lead, and sophomore guard Alana Curtis drained a pair of quick 3-pointers to open a 10-point margin with 19 minutes to play. The Vandals looked as if they had the game under control.

But the Pack turned up the heat with a halfcourt trap defensive scheme, and Idaho's players couldn't handle it. Shot clocks ticked away without shots, and quick-handed Nevada defenders grabbed big steals



Kate Kucharzyk/ Argonaut

Vandal point guard Charlotte Otero takes a jump shot over the Fresno State defense during the game Feb. 13. The University of Idaho women's basketball team met Nevada on Thursday and will play Utah State in Reno Sunday

that became big buckets.
"Our transition defense was hor-

rible," Newlee said.

Overall, Idaho shot 45 percent from the floor while holding the Wolf Pack to just 40 percent, but Nevada cleaned up the glass and took 20 more shots as a result.

"They got a lot of shots," Newlee said. "When you get that many more opportunities, you're probably go-

ing to come out with a win." Junior guard Derisa Taleni led the Vandals with 23 points, 5 rebounds,

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## UI track and field back at the Dome

Kayla DesJarlais Argonaut

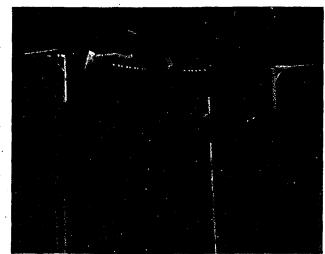
The University of Idaho track and field team will compete in its final meet before the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships at the Kibbie Dome Vandal Collegiate Friday and Saturday.

Approximately 500 competitors from several local schools including Washington State, Eastern Washington University and Williamette Valley College will participate.

Perfecting technique is key as the Vandals will compete in the WAC Indoor Championships Feb. 26-27. "This weekend is very important for us because it's

kind of the final preparation for the conference championships," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. James Rogan, the WAC Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week, will also be competing this weekend. Rogan is one of UI's throwers who has the daunting task of replacing the points earned last year by All-American Russ Winger.

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Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut University of Idaho sophomore Dustin Kreger, vaults during the Wednesday practice in the Kibbie Dome.

## Vandal tennis takes to the road

**Scott Stone** Argonaut

Both men's and women's tennis teams will be on the road to face competition which could make or break the confidence they gained from solid wins over the weekend.

The men's tennis team is coming off a win against Gonzaga which was a match it lost last year. Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said that loss really hurt.

This year the Vandals had little trouble bringing home the win and Beaman said that's what they expect.

"It was a match that at this time last year we lost to Gonzaga and it really caused a bump in our season," he said. "I think it's a good thing they aren't too pumped up over the Gonzaga win because they feel like they're a better team."

Beaman said the win definitely helps as they set their sights on the week-end's four matches in three days.

The team will face the tough climate of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The men's team left

Wednesday headed for the warm weather and high elevation of New Mexico, conditions which Beaman said will be sure to challenge the team's 5-1 start.

The elevation is going to be a huge thing. The ball travels a lot faster, and comes off the court a lot higher," he said. "Even the breathing up there, you get winded quicker, but hopefully you're tough and in shape and you find a way to win."

Their first match of the three-day tour will be against a tough New Mexico State — a team Beaman said was knocked out of national rankings last week, but has beat nationally ranked teams this season.

"It's going to be tough conditions. I really wish we weren't playing New Mexico State on their home court for the first match of the trip, but you got to go

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## Army officer eyes return to pitching

**Gregg Bell Associated Press** 

1st. Lt. Nick Hill puts together recruiting packets in the athletic department.

His West Point classmates are searching for roadside bombs and watching for mortar attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The 24-year-old engineer officer is one of the few troops with the skills of a profes-

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First lieutenant

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sional athlete. An Army policy aimed at balancing the needs of the individual soldier with the military's overall goals is allowing him to pursue a baseball career — despite the ongoing conflicts.

For the left-hander with a decent fastball and Double-A experience, it's both a blessing and a burden.

"To be honest, it's something I think about every day," Hill said by telephone after another afternoon workout at West Point in preparation for the 2009 baseball season.

In the mornings, Hill assembles recruiting material for prospective cadet-athletes in his administrative job at the

U.S. Military Academy, biding time until he can be a minor league pitcher again for the Seattle Mariners.

He doesn't need to be reminded that last August, while he was on special leave finishing his second season of professional baseball, his West Point class of 2007 had its first combat casualty. 2nd Lt. Michael Girdano died in Afghanistan one month into his first deployment. He was the 66th and most recent West Point graduate to die in combat since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "It weighs on me every day," Hill said.

Hill and a handful of graduates, including Detroit Lions draft choice Caleb Campbell, took advantage of a 2005 Army policy called an alternative service option. It allowed those West Point and ROTC graduates with professional sports contracts to play immediately after graduation instead of after traditional active-duty service, the idea being to score public relations points for the military.

The policy stated that selected officerathletes were to be assigned to recruiting units in locations near where they played for a shortened commitment of two years — with "a strong expectation they will provide the Army with significant favorable media exposure likely to enhance national recruiting or public affairs efforts." Essentially, the officers' military jobs were to be worked around their athletic schedules.

The concept isn't new. Basketball star David Robinson graduated from the Naval Academy in 1987 and served two years on active duty. Then the Navy set him free three years early to join the NBA on a height-restriction technicality. Robinson being called the "Admiral" throughout his basketball career was a far bigger coup for the Navy than having a 7-foot lieutenant The Navy also let running back Napoleon McCallum play on weekends for the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders in 1986 during his five-year active-duty commitment.

Of course, the United States wasn't in two wars then.

Last June, one week after baseball's St. Louis Cardinals drafted 2008 Naval Academy graduate Mitch Harris in the 13th round, Secretary of the Navy Donald

Winter ruled Harris must first fulfill his five-year active duty requirement.

Harris, whose fastball reaches 95 miles per hour, was assigned to a ship based in Virginia. He is now preparing for a long deployment beginning in May, according to his agent,

The Cardinals are willing to wait, assistant general manag-er John Abbamondi said. A former Navy officer, Abbamondi likens the process to holding a ticket to a future lottery draw-

With the Air Force handling service commitments just as the Navy does, those two branches claimed West Point had an unfair advantage over the other academies in

recruiting top high school athletes. Last July 11, amid those arguments and the concern that officers should be serving the military in war time, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren tightened the pro sports policy. He rescinded the option of Army officers getting on the field immediately after graduation, yet left the door open for them o play professional sports following an abbreviated service of two years.

The change had no grandfather clause, so Hill, Campbell and others had to go back onto active duty.

Lt. Col. George Wright, an Army public affairs officer in the Pentagon, emphasized the policy change complies with a Department of Defense directive from last April 30 that "constructs for 'active duty' service should not include arrangements typically unavailable to others in uniform.

Hill got credit for active-duty time served during his first two seasons in the minor leagues, so his two years of active duty end in May. He has applied for release back to the Mariners' farm system. The request is expected to be approved in a few

He knows West Point was founded in 1802 with an official mission to produce "a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."

'I went to West Point for a reason," Hill said. "It's just, I've been blessed with to have this opportunity to play baseball."
In 2007, Hill became West Point's high-

est-drafted baseball player. The Mariners chose him in the seventh round and then gave him a signing bonus reportedly worth

\$70,000. The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder with a fastball in the low-90 mph range had a 0.51 ERA with 45 strikeouts and just nine walks in 18 games that year for the Mariners' Class-A team in Everett, Wash. Then he went to basic officer training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Hill, from Bluff City, Tenn., then rejoined the Mariners' system for his second season. He was 2-7 with a 4.48 ERA in 35 games for Class-A High Desert and 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA in nine games for Double-A West Tennessee last season.

'In the long run, that will be good for me, to experience adversity," he said. "The minor leagues is a grind. I found out what grind is when I was going through West

"I feel my potential is unlimited. There's no reason I can't pitch at the highest lev-

After the Army called Hill back to duty, he finished the season by taking excess leave into September.

The Army has assigned Hill next to the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., about 45 minutes south of Seattle, beginning next month. Though Fort Lewis is a major deployment post, Hill's new unit returned just last summer

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from a 15-month deployment to Iraq. Hill has no idea what job he'll get, because he has already submitted his request to be released two months later through his

chain of command. The new policy states approval is based partly on "the likelihood the individual's accomplishments will be sufficiently noteworthy to generate interest in serving in the Army." If Hill is no longer under a professional baseball contract or binding agreement during his new reserve time, he could be subject to another recall to ser-

"I'm just waiting," he said. That's fine with the Mari-

ners. They are holding a place for him at their extended spring training in

"Obviously, Nick has great makeup. You go to West Point, you don't have bad makeup," Seattle's director of minor league operations Pedro Grifol said. "And he's left-handed. We don't have many of those in our organization.

The new policy stipulates Hill must pay back a prorated cost of his West Point education to convert his remaining three years of active service into six years of reserve status. Hill said that is about \$100,000 per year. Mariners spokesman Tim Hevly said the team is exploring whether to pay that

During World War II, Hall of Famers Bob Feller and Hank Greenberg — among other athletes — served their active duty overseas. Today, Hill is one of several offier-athletes assigned domestically.

Milan Dinga, a 10th-round draft choice of the Los Angeles Angels in 2007 who pitched briefly at Triple A last season, came back to work at West Point's Center for Enhanced Performance, a psychology skills program for cadets. He is rehabilitating from surgery.

Hill's roommate is Cole White, a 42ndround pick by Pittsburgh last June. He is doing clerical work in the baseball office and expects to go to basic officer training and a unit before applying for early release in May 2010.

"It's tough when you see friends of yours going overseas, and fighting and helping out, and you're trying to pursue a career in baseball," White said. "At the same time every one of them has been supportive.

Campbell can apply for a return to football in 2010. The defensive back agreed to a contract with the Lions but hadn't signed it

when the Army called him back to duty. He left Detroit's training camp last July and came back to West Point as an athletic intern, then went to basic officer training in December.

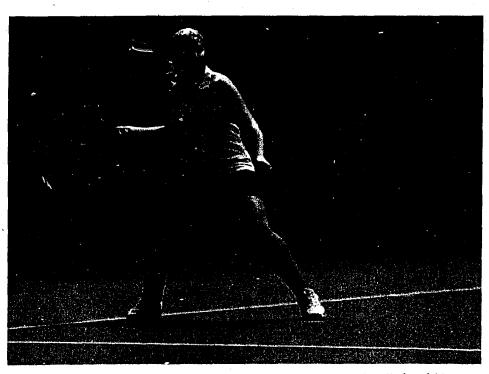
As for the officer-athletes being clerks, the Army says war's front lines are now anywhere and cites Sept. 11 as proof.

"Service to our nation is in so many areas, not just on the battlefield," said Paul Boyce, a civilian official in the Army's public affairs department. His Pentagon office is 40 feet from where a terrorist-controlled jetliner slammed to earth on Sept. 11, 2001, killing 184 Pentagon personnel.

"Certainly when an administrative process is pending, we try to balance the needs of the Army with the needs of the individual."

Boyce said the Army is still assessing whether this policy is giving it the publicrelations boost it was seeking.

"It takes time to see what should be changed, what should be continued," Boyce said. "At the moment, we are fully on board with the policy we have, and our desire is to continue it.



Sofva Korotaeva reaches for the ball during the Wednesday afternoon practice in the Kib-

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there and win," Beaman said. "They've had some big wins over nationally ranked programs. They're off to a great start. They have the talent to compete with anyone in the country this year."

After facing New Mexico State today, the Vandals will take on Montana State Saturday, then the University of Texas Pan-America and Western New Mexico on Sunday.

"We've got to go out and beat a nationally ranked team to really feel like we're at the level that we should be," Beaman said.

The women's team won't travel far this weekend as

they take on Eastern Washington and Portland State in Cheney Sunday.

The women are coming off back-to-back wins last weekend and sophomore Yvette Ly said it will help at Eastern Washington this weekend.

"It'll boost our confidence a lot," she said. "Especially having them know we beat both of those teams. It'll make them worry about us."
The team will face Port-

land State in the morning, a, team which will be hungry to get back at the Vandals for beating them earlier in the season.

The Vandals defeated Portland State 6-1 early in the season, and Idaho coach Tyler Neill said it's important they treat it like any other team.

"Winning once is nice and kind of gets confi-dence," Neill said. "We know they can come back and compete tough. We had some tight matches last time that we squeaked out, so we know they can compete hard."

The women will hit the court again in the afternoon to face Eastern Washington, a team which has proven to be tough, but may be competing with a thin roster.

"They're usually a tough team," Neill said. "I think they've had some problems with injuries but you can't expect that, you should always expect they'll have

their top lineup out there."
Eastern is currently 2-3 overall, Portland State sits at 2-7 and the Vandals



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5 assists, 2 steals and a block. She and sophomore post Yinka Olorunnife were

forthright about the Vandal collapse, pinning the blame squarely on themselves and their teammates.

"We just panicked," Olo-runnife said. "Everybody panicked when (Nevada) put the pressure on us, and we'd either barely get the shot off or give up the turnover, and either way they'd get the ball back and keep the run going.'

Taleni agreed, and she credited the Nevada defense

out of their comfort zone. 'We know we have the technique to how to play, we'll win."

push back and get the boards, but we didn't do that," Taleni said. "(Nevada) dictated what we had to do underneath, and we struggled. They came out confident with the home-court advantage, and we didn't execute what the coaches wanted

The Vandals continue their road trip at 2 p.m. Sunday as they take on the Utah State Aggies in Logan. In both teams' WAC opener on Jan. 5, Idaho defeated Utah State 71-63 in the Cowan Spectrum. Olorunnife said her team is fully capable of bouncing back and sweeping the Aggies (11-12, 5-5 WAC) if they exploit their potential

and execute their plays.
"If we play (Utah State) the way we played today,

with strong play that broke you'll get the same result,"
Idaho's game plan and forced the Vandals Olorunnife said. "If we play the way we've been playing and the way we know

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Rogan earned the title after throwing a season-best 51 feet, 2 inches in the shot put at the Husky Invitational last weekend. The award was the first of

his career.
"It's pretty cool, I never thought I'd do well enough to get one," Rogan said. "There's a lot of other really good guys on the team. It's nice to have success and have people say something.

After a season of strong performances, Mykael Bothum will look to keep improving this weekend as she placed first in women's shot put with a throw of 51 feet, 5.5 inches in the Husky Invitational.

Bothum is one of the top throwers in the nation right now," Phipps said.

Heather Bergland, two-time reigning WAC champion in the 60-me-

ter hurdles, will run in the Kibbie Dome this weekend as she won the event at the Husky Invitational with a time

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of 8.54 seconds. KC Dahlgren placed second in the women's pole vault, clearing a career-best 13-7.75 at the Husky Invitational. The performance ranks second all-time at Idaho.

Dahlgren will be back for more this weekend at the Vandal Collegiate in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals also had a slew of WAC-leading performances that in-cluded James Clark, who ran a personal-best in the mile run with a time of 4:12.45, Cesar Barquero who ran an indoor personal-best in the 800 meters at 1:53.53 and Allix Lee-Painter who improved on her own WAC-best time in the 3,000 meters. with a personal best of 9:42.59.

Friday's meet starts with the discus throw at 1 p.m., while Saturday's will begin at 9:30

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throws differently in the game. A fact that can't be overlooked as it inevitably won the game for the Van-

dals. The team shot 76 percent in the second half and 70 percent on the game to give it the lift it needed to

get the win. While 10,000 people showed up to the game, and Taco Bell Arena was primarily a sea of blue, there were Vandal supporters present.

After two clutch-free throws gave the Vandals their first lead, Hopson ac-knowledged the Vandal faithful.

"To be honest, all I heard was 'Vandals," Hopson said. "I heard it all when they said, 'Go, go go.' I heard, 'Idaho-go-go-go'. It was a really good en'" ment at the end there."

The Vandals will remain home Saturday for a game against Cal State Northridge. It is an ESPNU Bracket Buster game and is slated to start at 7 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

## **Griffey returns to Mariners**

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**Gregg Bell Associated Press** 

PEORIA, Ariz. — Ken Griffey Jr. chose to honor the city that gave him his start rather than play for a team closer to his family.

Griffey selected the Seattle Mariners over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, agreeing to a one-year contract with the team that made him a star.

"He's coming home. ... I can't begin to tell you how ecstatic we are. He is, too,"

Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said in confirming the deal.

Zduriencik called Griffey "arguably one of the greatest athletes to ever play in the Seattle area.

The deal is for at least \$2 million, plus incentives, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations who requested anonymity because the Mariners would not discuss contract details. The incentives could earn Griffey an additional million or more.

Griffey, who is expected to arrive in camp Friday or Saturday, is fifth on baseball's career home run list with 611.

He was No. 1 on the list of stars Seattle fans wanted most to reclaim.

Now that the Mariners have determined Griffey is healthy following knee surgery last fall — he passed an extensive physical on Sunday — Seattle is hoping he brings at least a semblance of the skills he provided as the dynamic leader who ushered in the franchise's heyday in the mid-1990s.

"We are revitalizing this franchise. He brings something to the table there," Zduriencik deadpanned after he made his biggest splash yet while trying to resurrect the Mariners.

Seattle lost 101 games last season and

hasn't been to the playoffs since 2001. "Ken wanted to come back to this city that he loves, to this fan base that he loves,"

Zduriencik said.

Atlanta appeared to be Griffey's choice on Tuesday for the same reason the former Mariners star left Seattle in 2000: geography. The Braves' spring training camp is about a 20-minute drive from the Griffey family home in Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta is about an hour away by plane.

But after conflicting reports about where the aging star would settle, Griffey ultimately chose to follow through on his proclamation two years ago when he came to Seattle while playing with the Reds — that he wanted to finish his career as a Mariner.

"We were informed tonight that Ken Griffey Jr. has decided to return to Seattle," said Braves general manager Frank Wren, who absorbed another in a series of disap-pointments. "We will continue to be open to other possibilities to improve our outfield offense and, at the same time, give our young players an opportunity to show us they can win that job."

said the Źduriencik Mariners the beneficiaries of were cement his legacy wanting

in Seattle. 'Oh, I don't think there's

any doubt about that," he said. "Everyone knows Ken Griffey is a first-ballot Hall of Famer, and he's returning to his roots. That doesn't happen too often."

The Mariners have a job as designated hitter and perhaps in left field waiting for him. The Braves were offering a spot in the outfield plus that cherished proximity to home. •

He made his first open-ing day start with the Mariners as a 19-year-old in 1989.

He stayed for 11 seasons and through 10 All-Star games before he asked for a trade closer to his home. The Mariners obliged by sending him to Cincinnati just before the 2000 season.

Griffey's return is a jolt for the Mariners, the first team with a \$100 million payroll to lose 100 games — last season.
"A rejuvenated Ken Griffey coming back

to where he started has to be a fabulous motivator for him," Zduriencik said.
The GM had been trying to add a power

hitter, and specifically a designated hitter, for months and was also talking to the agent for free agent Garret Anderson. The Mariners prefer a left-handed bat because the dimensions of pitcher-friendly Safeco Field are shortest in right field.

The configuration fits the left-handed Griffey so well, the Mariners presented him with a framed photo of their stadium before a Reds-Mariners game in 2007, with the words "The House that Griffey Built" across the top. Griffey played just half a season in it before getting the trade he demanded.

Yet the fans in Seattle still love "Junior." Griffey has been hampered by injuries since he left and had arthroscopic knee surgery following the 2008 season, the last half of which he spent with the White Sox. Zduriencik said the Mariners' extensive research convinced the team he is as healthy as he's been in years.

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