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Tying the knot early

Meagan Robertson
Argonaut

Four years after getting married her sophomore year, University of Idaho graduate Johanna Blickenstaff said planning a wedding and becoming a wife while still in school was hard, but definitely

worth it.

At the age of 20, Blickenstaff planned her event and was wed in seven months. She said that time could only be described as a "balancing act."

"With all the planning, you actually have to think about someone other than yourself," Blickenstaff said. "It's hard going to school and having to do multiple things and balance everything. When you're single, you only have to balance it out for yourself, but when you're with someone, you have to do it for them too."

During the semester leading up to Blickenstaff's wedding, she was working full-time at Tri-State Outfitters and writing for the student newspaper on top of attending school. In an effort to ease her schedule, Blickenstaff had to quit the student newspaper. Her fiancé was taking a break from school and planning to go back once she had earned her journalism degree.

"Marriage is hard, and being a student is hard," she said. "Combining two hard things can be difficult, but it's definitely worth it."

Blickenstaff said that the toughest part about being a student and getting married is the financial aspect. She said the months leading up to the wedding were hardest, but after her summer wedding, things settled down. Blickenstaff went on to graduate from UI in December, while her husband now attends Lewis-Clark State College.

"Remember that family comes first," she said. "And you're now building a new family. It's OK to take a little bit longer with school if it means not sacrificing your family."

Lindsey Castle, 21, is a junior double majoring in nutrition and music theory and in the midst of planning for her July wedding. Castle, who doesn't graduate until next December, said she's been with her fiancé for seven years, so taking this last step in their relationship came as no surprise.

"We got together in middle school, so taking this last step never phased me," Castle said. "My parents always knew it would happen, so there was never a question."

She said planning a wedding is really like a big homework assignment, except all of your closest family and friends will be there to see your hard

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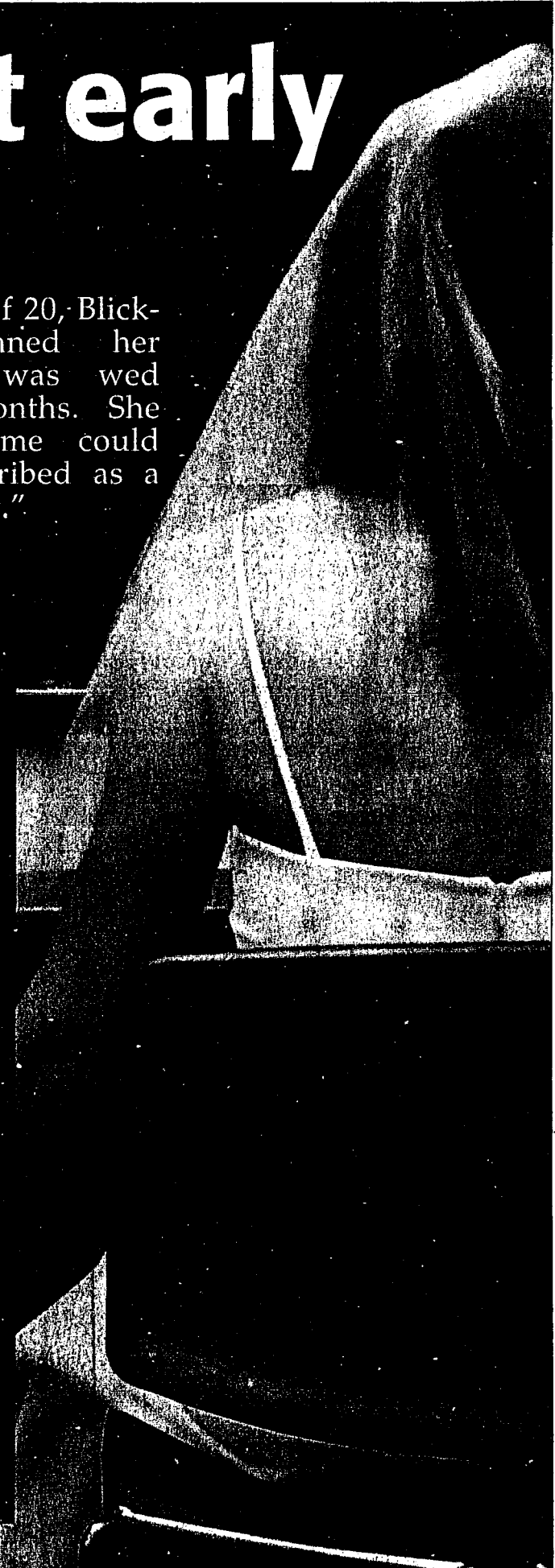


Photo illustration by Jake Barber

UI faculty face 3 percent pay cut

Lianne Shepherd
Argonaut

Although there is no direct correlation between the proposed 5.8 percent funding cut expected for Idaho's public universities and the 3 percent cut in staff and faculty salaries, they are in essence part of the intricate budget network.

State funding for Idaho's four-year public universities will be reduced by 5.8 percent for the next fiscal year, which starts in July.

On Thursday, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee introduced a higher education budget that spends a total of \$398.2 million for the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, Boise State University and Lewis-Clark State College. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$447.7 million to the schools for the current fiscal year.

"Multiple factors played into this budget, and yes, student fees were

one of them," said Matt Feeman, higher education budget analyst for the legislative services office.

UI's current proposal would increase student fees by more than 8 percent for the next school year. BSU officials have said they are scaling back on a proposal to increase student fees by nearly 8 percent next year because construction costs have gone down. The school now plans to seek a 5 percent increase. North Idaho College administrators are recommending a 10 percent tuition hike.

Under the proposed budget, the state would split \$35.5 million in federal stimulus money for Idaho public universities and colleges over the next two fiscal years. However, the bulk of the funding — \$30.6 million — would go to the four-year public universities, with the rest allocated to community and technical colleges.

In a statement released

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Cyclists: rack it or lose it

Parking regulation to encompass bicycle storing

Alexiss Turner
Argonaut

Campus cyclists may find themselves walking a bit farther to their destinations. Taking effect April 13, it's rack it or else.

Starting immediately, University of Idaho Parking and Transportation Services will be decorating all illegally-stowed two wheelers with informational flyers noting their blunder. Whether it's locked to a sign post, a tree stump or a handrail, riders will be greeted with a sign bearing a bold heading, "This is not a bike rack."

The signals are part of Bicycle Advisory Group Chair Rebecca Couch's initiative to take control of mismanaged bikes and clean up campus for pedestrians.

Bikes locked to handrails or fallen into entryways are risks, Couch said, and harm a pedestrian's safe navigation, especially for those who are disabled. In addition, Couch said the underuse of bike racks

around campus has increased, taking away from the campus aesthetic.

"They're everywhere, and it doesn't look good," she said.

The two weeks leading up to April 13 will be used to educate offenders. After that, bikes can be tagged for possible impound. Couch said all tagging will be done by parking employees on their regular routes. If a bike is found outside a rack, it will be marked with a notice of possible impound and documented in case of future offenses. If the same bike is found twice within 24 hours, no matter where it is on campus, it will be impounded.

Bikes can remain impounded at the parking office for up to 14 days. Riders can pick up their bikes from the office anytime during that period after paying a holding fee of \$20. Should the bike be left for more than 14 days, it will be relinquished to the Moscow Police Department.

Couch said the push to get all bikes racked will allow parking services to assess rack use on campus and discover which areas of campus need more amenities. She said she hopes to identify racks in need.

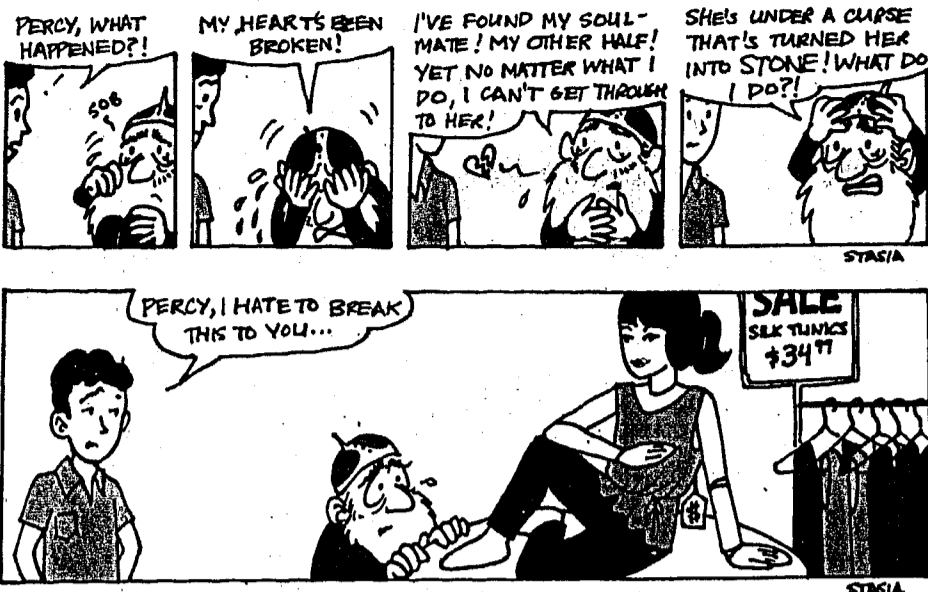
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Jake Barber/Argonaut
Environmental science graduate student, Giancarlo Sadoti, locks his bicycle to a rack outside the University of Idaho Bookstore. UI Parking and Transportation Services is beginning a campaign to crack down on bicycles being locked to things such as handrails, trees and signs.

Percy the Barbarian

Stasia Burrington/Argonaut



THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL

What are your plans for housing next year?

Have you attended the University of Idaho basketball games?

To vote, visit www.uiargonaut.com
Results will be published in next Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut.



Late Night at The Rec

LATE NIGHT AT THE REC TONIGHT, 9PM
Open to all Vandal Friday participants and UI students.
Come out and experience a night of fun at the Student Rec Center.

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CampusPROFILE

Mari Hubbe

President of Sigma Alpha Iota, international women's music fraternity



Favorite part of music: The excitement on peoples' faces when they discover something new and exciting.

The teacher who impacted me most was: My private cello teacher growing up: a wonderful woman named Mrs. Martford.

My favorite class is: Elementary Music Methods

If I could live in any other time I would live in: The 1920's (before 1929)

My Favorite ~~Artist~~ Composer: Tchaikovsky

My fondest memory: Finding my niche in college.

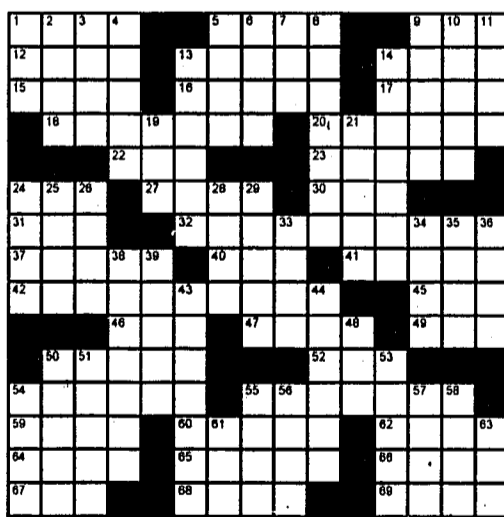
One item I never go without is: Chapsick. Sometimes I am left without it and it ruins my whole day.

Best advice I have ever received is: Do what you can with what you have.

Mari will perform her senior cello recital at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall.

Crossword

- Across
- Male sheep
 - Cat command
 - Milk supplier
 - Connive
 - Cranium
 - Legal prefix
 - Diner's card
 - Like notebook paper
 - Jewish month
 - Ravines
 - Lucidity
 - Children's game
 - Astound
 - Celestial altar
 - Curly cabbage
 - Fond du __, Wis.
 - Str
 - Bull nettle, e.g.
 - Biting
 - Back then
 - Waste conduit
 - Bloodstone
 - Actor Wallach
 - Blade
 - Bottle part
 - Clamor
 - Subway
 - Chair part
 - Meal
 - Cereal type
 - Auditory
 - Diviner's deck
 - Halo, e.g.
 - Faction
 - Blue-pencils
 - Excursion
 - Hesitant sounds
 - Went by car
 - Plane reservation
- Down
- Engine speed, for short
 - Fish sauce
 - __ Lisa
 - Exploit
 - Hide
 - 4th century nomads
 - Bullfight cheer
 - Sea dog
 - Spain's Gulf of __
 - Speechify
 - Cautious
 - Motto
 - Flair
 - Wild ox
 - Accumulate
 - Asian nurse
 - Houston university
 - Figure skater's jump
 - Fibber
 - Encourage
 - Expectation
 - Blown away
 - Sandwich shop
 - Hibernia
 - Harsh reprimand
 - Swine
 - Race horse
 - Plaudits
 - Barbie's beau
 - Taxi feature.
 - Long stories
 - Bearded animals
 - Showy flower
 - Power system
 - Learning style
 - Artificial bait
 - Solo
 - Big fuss
 - Liabile



Sudoku

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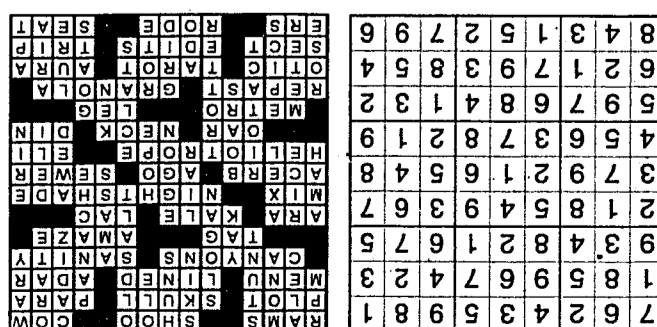
Corrections

In Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut in the "Room for Foodies in Moscow" story Sterling Valentine is not the Sous chef at Nectar and has never worked at the Red Door.

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

Contact information can be found on page A8.

Solutions



UI flag makes its way to space

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

The Discovery's STS-119 launched March 15 carrying not only astronauts, but a purple duck, chocolate bar and various flags, including the University of Idaho's.

While the chocolate bars and purple duck were other astronaut's mementos, astronaut Steve Swanson carried the UI flag in honor of his nephew, Greg Swanson, a student who is currently getting his master's degree in electrical engineering in Moscow.

The main mission of the STS-119 crew members was to install solar arrays to the International Space Station, which powers the station. Swanson's uncle is the lead extra-vehicular activities crew member, meaning he handles any activity that involves leaving the crew's orbital cabin. Swanson conducted three EVA's this mission.

"The mission was completed with the first space-walk," Greg Swanson said. "Now the space station can support six people, the number that will be going next."

While the mission itself was complicated, getting UI's flag into space seemed fairly easy.

"My uncle approached me and asked me if I thought it was a good idea," Swanson said. "I

said, 'do it.'"

Swanson said his uncle had taken different mementos into space previously such as his grandmother's ring. This time Swanson took something meaningful for not only him and his family, but an entire community.

"I think the university's flag going up in space will be fun for the community as a whole," said Angela Farnham-Banks, with the Idaho Space Grant Consortium program at UI.

The ISGC is NASA's Idaho program that funnels research and funds into science, technology, engineering and math. Swanson is also associated with this program and feels space exploration is losing popularity.

"It feels like space exploration has become a routine thing for people," Swanson said. "It really is a miracle every time we go into space. This is a good way for the community to remember that even though we are small, we can still get involved."

The flag will be returning to Earth with the astronauts Saturday at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The flag will then be presented to the dean of the College of Engineering and the director of NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium at the Engineering EXPO Dean's Reception on April 30 at the Best



NASA/Courtesy Photo

Astronaut Steve Swanson, STS-119 mission specialist, attired in his Extravehicular Mobility Unit spacesuit, exits the Quest Airlock of the International Space Station to begin the mission's second session of extravehicular activity. Swanson took the University of Idaho flag with him into space.

Western University Inn in Moscow.

"The flag will come with a certificate telling how long the flag was in space, how far it traveled and the crew members aboard the shuttle," Swanson said.

Swanson is also NASA's International Year of As-

tronomy Ambassador and has done internships with NASA.

"I travel to different schools and present how space travel and certain crafts are doing," Swanson said.

An even bigger project would include Swanson's

work on a censor program for the new Orion Craft, the predecessor of the space shuttle. Plans for being an astronaut like his uncle are also in his future.

"I'm keeping the astronaut position open," Swanson said. "I'll probably pursue my doctorate any-

one that goes on mission probably has a doctorate."

When asked what memento Swanson would take into space he laughed and said, "Taking the flag may be kind of redundant, but I'll probably take something from the University of Idaho."

ASUI presidential candidates want fair race

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Campaigning for ASUI positions started Monday, and candidates for president and vice president have agreed to run a clean campaign, said ASUI Senator Zach Arama, who is running for vice president with his running mate Sen. Loren Doman.

"We're going to keep it civil," Arama said.

During last year's election, current ASUI president Garrett Holbrook and his running mate Tricia Crump went around to different living groups with a laptop and asked students to vote for Holbrook and Crump while

they were present. All three presidential candidates said they would not use this approach.

"In a presidential campaign, tactics like that can be a little unprofessional," said Sen. Casey Lurid, who is running for president with Sen. Olivia Chinchinian as his vice presidential candidate.

Lund said he used this technique during his run for Senate. Chinchinian said she would not want to intimidate anyone into voting for her.

Kelby Wilson, ASUI Activities Board director, is also running for president. He said he would go door to door with his running mate, ASUI Promotions

Coordinator Ashley Cochran, but would focus on his ideas.

"Our focus is our message," he said. "That's the cleanest way to run a campaign."

Both Cochran and Wilson are former Senators.

Arama and Doman said they are running on a three-pronged platform of fiscal responsibility, communication and sustainability. Doman said he was encouraged by

the Request for Innovation pertaining to making the University of Idaho more sustainable.

"With the current RFI process, that's something we really want to push," Doman said. "We want to be players in that game."

Wilson said he wanted to introduce service-learning classes to UI — both he and Cochran have each participated in three Alter-

native Service Break trips.

"I want to make activities like that available for credit," he said. "Credit makes it more attractive."

Wilson said he wanted to increase communication between ASUI and the student population. Lund and Chinchinian also said they would be open to communication and would visit each living group at least once a year if elected.

"We're not going to be behind office doors," Chinchinian said.

Arama said he was interested in creating an ASUI message board for students that would allow them to directly communicate with senators and the executive branch.

Wilson and Lund are the only two students running for executive positions who are not in a Greek organization. Chinchinian said because Lund used to live in the dorms and now lives off-campus, he could represent those sections of campus, and Chinchinian could represent the Greek community.

"We mean that by where we live," Chinchinian said. A 16-foot banner of Doman and Arama was stolen from a fraternity house. They said they will accept its return from whomever stole it, no questions asked.

"It's kind of discouraging when people aren't supporting their student leaders," Doman said.

SenateREPORT

Open Forum

Emmalee Kearney, Commons and Student Union Board chair, said there was a Retail Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the ASUI office. She said the board was working on the Commons directory and creating or updating the mission statement for the board.

Kearney said the rules for the Commons and Student Union Board needed to be updated because they hadn't been changed since

2002. She said the retail and lounge divisions of the board have been merged since then. Kearney said Art Week would be the week before Mom's Weekend.

Presidential Communications

ASUI president Garrett Holbrook said resolution S09-05, which outlines attendance challenges facing nontraditional students with children, was similar to one passed by GPSA the week before Spring Break. He said bill S09-24 would allow the ASUI lobbyist to be paid

if the legislative session in Boise ran long, which it is expected to do.

New Business

S09-24, a bill authorizing section 3040.021 of the ASUI rules and regulations, dealing with pay for overtime work by the ASUI lobbyist, was sent to rules and regulations.

S09-25, a bill allocating

\$1,000 from the ASUI general reserve to Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape for new and updated resources, was sent to finance.

S09-05, a resolution outlining attendance challenges facing nontraditional students with children and requesting changes to the university attendance policy, was immediately considered and passed.

-Chava Thomas

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Planned Parenthood

Parent-students get endorsement from ASUI

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate passed a resolution Wednesday endorsing a plan to allow non-traditional students an excused absence from class when they stay home with their sick children.

"You have to take care of your family, and the university needs to recognize that," said ASUI President Garrett Holbrook, who authored the bill.

Jennifer Whitney, a senior sociology major, said she met with Holbrook to encourage him to write the bill, but she had help from others who gave petitions to ASUI.

"A lot of people have taken on the cause," she said. "It had grown beyond the network I had created."

Sen. Casey Lund sponsored the bill.

"All undergrad students should feel like there is someone looking out for their interests," Lund said.

Lund said he didn't think parent-students would abuse the policy.

"These students are at a level of maturity that traditional students haven't reached yet," he said.

Whitney said there is some potential for students to abuse the policy.

"In effect, I could call the school and send the kids somewhere else and play hooky," she said. "It's a four step process that involves a lot of lying. If a student is willing to do that much, she deserves a

day off anyway."

Holbrook said he didn't want to take credit for the resolution because the Graduate and Professional Student Association passed a similar resolution, and he said he only changed the wording.

Currently, there are about 850 signatures on the petition to allow students to stay home with sick children. Whitney hopes for 1,000 by mid-April.

The measure has support from 25+ Vandals, a group of non-traditional students, and GPSA. Whitney will bring the issue to the Affirmative Action and Disability Affairs committee in April to persuade them to endorse it. If they agree to do so, it will go to Faculty Council.

Whitney said if Faculty Council passes the measure more steps would need to be taken, such as the creation of a verification form and calls to schools and day-cares in the area.

Whitney said many students are signing the petition because their parents have been through the same situation.

"They've lived it," she said. "What we're looking at is a different generation of students," she said.

Whitney said she was nervous about taking the measure to Faculty Council.

"I feel so strongly about the issue that it's worth it to me to do something I'm terrified of," she said.

CLEANIN' IN THE RAIN



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Members of Farmhouse fraternity pick up trash in the rain, sleet and snow on campus as part of the campus cleanup event Wednesday. Various Greek houses participated in the event, splitting up into teams to cover different parts of campus.

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Turning the state from red to blue

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

Last year, Austin Folsom, a 20-year-old junior majoring in political science, ran as a write in candidate for Idaho's 5th District—three votes kept his name off the ballot.

"What I learned from that experience was that every single vote counts, and when you have a few people helping you run a campaign, it can build into something pretty amazing."

District 5, which includes Chubbuck, Malad and Pocatello, is one of Idaho's most conservative and Republican districts. Folsom said he was inspired to run for office both because of the youthful tone of the 2008 election and his own belief that the representation in Boise doesn't reflect the feelings of all the people, especially young people.

"Democrats in Idaho are an endangered species," he said. "But on a national scale, things are changing, and we as young voters will have a particular role to play."

Last year's election saw record numbers of new, youthful voters, and Folsom said he wants maintain the energy that made it possible, and ensure that the voters of 2010 vote

Democrat.

"That's why I was really excited to be involved with the Idaho Young Democrats of America," he said.

IYDA was formed last year in Boise shortly after the Idaho Democratic Convention. Since its creation Folsom, IYDA's chair of the college caucus, has been organizing a meeting between all the states college Democrat groups.

"We want to make sure that all the Democrat clubs are well established with a good, consistent membership and show them how they could get involved with the community," Folsom said.

Christopher Cooke, the IYDA's president, said people who were at the Democratic Convention were shocked by the large amount of young people who descended upon Boise for the event. He said the group wants to provide a way for the younger constituents to ensure their voices were heard.

"Young people are often neglected," Cooke said. "Boise should start to reflect the wants of the next generation instead of repeating the same, old politics."

Cooke said IYDA has plans to begin a tour around the state to help recruit and inform people about the Democratic Party. He also said they will be utilizing

Facebook and Twitter as a means of reaching people under the age of 32.

"Ultimately we want to see young people voting responsibly and voting Democrat," Cooke said.

Folsom said he believes Idaho could one day be a blue state. The representatives in office represent the "AARP section of the state," not modern ideology, he said.

"When you look at the level of poverty, the people without jobs, the war in Iraq ... you can't tell me that these people have my best interests at heart, they are representing the corporations," Folsom said. "I don't want to portray them as some evil band of people, but some of the ones I've met, it's staggering that they are suppose to represent me and my district."

Currently the University of Idaho Campus Democrats are unaffiliated with IYDA. Kenton Bird, the club's adviser and director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media, said after a major election, it's normal for the group to "go into hibernation." However, on April 4, Folsom said the group plans to have a meeting in Moscow.

Anyone interested in learning more about can visit the group's Facebook page.

A STUDENT STAPLE



An array of beer can be found for sale at the Moscow Co-Op. The Co-Op offers local and imported wine and beer. Jake Barber/Argonaut

Campus CALENDAR

Today

Screening of film "Water" Noon Women's Center

Gundars' Riudzitis book signing 2 p.m. UI Bookstore

Screening of film "Frozen river" 7 p.m. Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers

7:30 p.m. Hartung Theatre

Saturday

Student Vocal Recital 4 p.m. School of Music Recital Hall

Sapatq'ayn Cinema Festival screening 7 p.m. Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Hartung Theatre

Sunday

Student Vocal Recital 4 p.m. School of Music Recital

Hall

Borah Symposium 7 p.m. Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre

Student Cello Recital 7:30 p.m. School of Music Recital Hall

Borah Symposium 11:30 a.m. Student Union Building, Silver and Gold Rooms

Borah Symposium Opening Lecture. 7 p.m. SUB Ballroom

Talk by George Parker 7 p.m. TLC 031

Local/BRIEFS

VanPool looking for riders

The Lewiston-Moscow VanPool has open seats for commuters.

A spot in the VanPool costs \$120 per month, but a reduced rate is available for riders who are willing to drive on Mondays and/or Fridays beginning April 1.

The VanPool is run by the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute in a partnership with the City of Moscow, the City of Lewiston, the University of Idaho and the Idaho Transportation Department.

For more information, go to www.pcei.org/trans/vanpool.htm or call Jon Hiebert at 882-1444.

NASA to host pow wow in

The UI Native American Student Association is hosting the 10th annual Tutxinmepu Pow Wow on April 4-5 at Memorial Gym.

The gathering features several Northwest Native

American tribes and will feature several traditional dances as well as vendors selling crafts and fry bread.

The event will also feature a celebration for December UI graduates as well as May graduates.

The gathering is free and open to the public. For more information, call Steve Martin at 885-4237.

CALS Olympics held Saturday

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be hosting the Ag Olympics for the second year in a row, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Livestock Pavilion.

The games will feature popular events from last year, including sunflower seed spitting, pie baking, milk chug and hay bale bucking. There will also be a contest to move irrigation pipe.

In addition, a beef barbecue will take place at noon.

For more information, e-mail Ryan Rademacher, the Agricultural Student Affairs Council vice president at ryanrademacher@vandals.uidaho.edu.

Actress to speak on diversity

Geri Jewell, known for playing Jewel on the HBO series "Deadwood," will speak on diversity and disability at 7 p.m. April 2 in the Idaho Commons Clearwater Room.

Jewell began her career as a stand-up comedian in 1978 and has since built a reputation as a motivational speaker and trainer.

The event is sponsored by the UI Center on Disabilities and Human Development and numerous other organizations on campus.


For more information on Jewell, visit www.gerijewell.com.

Laura Gibson to play at Mikey's

Doors open at 9 p.m. tonight at Mikey's for a concert featuring Jenna Conrad, rock band Pablo Trucker and Laura Gibson who recently released a new album, "Beasts of Seasons."

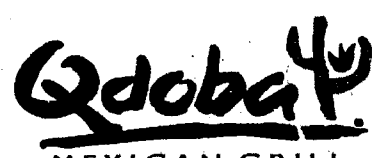
Gibson's performance will also feature Micah Rabwin and Sean Ogilvie, who contributed to the record.

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work be completed. Castle, who comes from Coeur d'Alene, said they decided to hold their summer wedding in Moscow because it made planning around their schedules easier. She said they had a hard time finding a place to hold their ceremony because her fiancé wanted to bring in a family friend to perform the ceremony. After a little searching, they learned they would be able to hold their wedding at the United Unitarian Universalist Church. They intend to have their reception at the 1912 Center.

Castle said Coeur d'Alene has many options and outlets, but running back and forth between Moscow and her hometown wasn't convenient. Castle said the hardest thing about planning a wedding while being a student is that all of the businesses she needs to contact are open while she's in class.

"They're always open when I'm in class, so I just keep putting it off," she said. "There has been a lot of procrastination."

While she has the "bare bone structure" of the wedding planned out — such as her wedding dress and the bridesmaids' dresses, the save-the-dates were sent out, and her invitations bought — Castle said she still has a lot of details left to plan.

"I am more excited for the next step, like picking out cake, flowers, rings and decorations," Castle said. "As the wedding gets closer, I can literally feel the pressure. First thing anyone asks in my family when I talk with them is if there are any new developments in wedding plans. Usually there isn't."

Castle said saving for the wedding has also been stressful. She said they didn't want to rely on their parents for everything, and as students money is tight by default.

"But it is do-able, and so far, we have stayed in our budget," Castle said.

Castle said she doesn't really have any fears about married life because her and her fiancé have been together for such a long time. She also said school life after marriage won't change because they're already living together and are used to

being around each other 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"For us, we have been together for so long that nothing is going to suddenly change after the wedding," Castle said.

Liz Ribot, 20, is also planning a local summer wedding. Ribot, a junior majoring in environmental science, is planning for her summer wedding in nearby Kendrick, ID, since her fiancé is originally from Lewiston. Ribot's graduation date isn't until December 2010, but after she gets married, she plans to move to San Diego, CA, or Virginia and participate in distance learning through the university.

Ribot and her fiancé were engaged last month and decided on a July wedding so she could be close to him. Her fiancé has been away at boot camp since last August.

"He's in the Marines and is currently in San Diego," she said. "We could get married in July and instead of staying here for an extra year and a half, I could go be with him."

Ribot said while she wants a smaller wedding, since her family resides in Puerto Rico, planning a wedding has been hard on her school life because it's so distracting.

"I'm a little bit more concentrated on the wedding than I should be," Ribot said.

Aside from wedding planning being a distraction from homework and classes, Ribot's biggest problem has been finding the things she needs for a wedding. Finding a dress in Moscow has proved to be problematic since there are so few shopping options.

"I've been trying to go to stores, but the only thing here is maybe Macy's," she said.

Ribot said she and a friend went to Seattle over Spring Break to shop.

"I hope to have most of my planning done by the beginning of summer," she said.

She said because she is planning a small wedding, it shouldn't be as hard to find the things they'll need, but it's still stressful to think about. She said some good advice is to not go overboard with planning if you don't have the money.

"Sometimes looking at magazines I tend to want everything I see, but a low budget wedding can be just as much fun as a big one," Ribot said.

Ribot said she is worried about sustaining a home financially after she gets married because the economy is getting

worse, but she is looking forward to spending every day with her future husband.

Jeremy Weber, 21, a junior mechanical engineering major, has experienced a different kind of hardship in regard to his wedding planning. Weber had been with his fiancée four and a half years prior to their engagement last November, and now they're planning their wedding while living in different locations. While Weber is here in Moscow, his fiancée is back in their hometown of Palmer, AK. The two plan to have their wedding this August in Alaska.

Weber said it definitely helps to be in the area you plan to be married in when planning a wedding.

"She wishes I was there to help more," he said. "She wishes I was there to go see places where we'd like to get married with her. I've tried looking online, but looking at pictures is different than actually seeing a place."

Weber said getting married before he graduates next spring never mattered, because he knew they'd be together anyway.

"We know we were going to be together and plan on being together for the rest of our lives anyway, so why wait?" Weber said.

After their wedding, Weber's fiancée will move to Moscow and live with him while they finish school. He said she came down during Spring Break to spend time with him and help look for a place for them and their dog to live.

"She understands what kind of workloads I have (with school), and I'm excited that we don't have to be apart so long," he said. "We mostly have seen each other over breaks. I'm excited to be with her and live with her and spend a lot of time with her. I really enjoy her company... she's been my best friend for almost five years."

Senior public relations and psychology double major Megan Flores, 22, has been planning for her July wedding since last August and arranging most of her preparations during breaks in her fiancée's hometown of Newberg, Ore., where they'll be holding their ceremony.

"We're doing it at his parent's house, and it's just beautiful there," she said. "We've spent the last two summers there, and the weather is pretty nice."

Flores and her fiancé had originally planned to get married after graduation, but instead ended up planning for a summer wedding before their graduation date this December. Aside from classes and other school commitments, Flores has a job, and the planning has proved

to be a stressful conflict with her commitments.

"I have a job, and I'm a full-time student, and with an already busy schedule adding the planning in there has been so stressful," she said. "I'm doing a bunch of wedding stuff over Spring Break so I can get it done. You need a lot of time to plan, especially for a bigger wedding. I'm trying to get it done earlier so I don't have to worry. I still think about it, but it's really exciting."

She said students planning a wedding while still going to school should have a longer engagement so they have more time to plan. Being engaged for a year has worked out great for her because the less amount of time you have to plan then the more stressed you are going to feel, she said.

"A year long engagement has been perfect because I can get many things done during breaks and not have to worry much when I'm busy with school and work," Flores said.

Flores said she isn't too concerned about how her academic life will change after marriage because her and her fiancé have been together all of their college careers, and they've kept the same friends.

"It will really change when we graduate," she said. "I will be very excited to graduate but sad to leave so many good friends."

Flores has also been working with her fiancé to figure out the financial details that will change after they get married. Things like her name and elements of the FAFSA will be different because of her marital status, as well as officially becoming independent from their parents.

"We've been meeting with financial advisers, and one person says this and another says that," she said. "We just want to make sure there aren't any surprises."

After marriage, Flores said she does have some financial concerns because she and her fiancé will both be newly graduated and trying to find careers at the same time, as well as paying back student loans.

Despite all the hardships and concerns, Flores is excited to get married and said that she would much rather do it now than wait. She said she and her fiancé are eager to start their lives together.

"I am looking forward to knowing that I get to spend the rest of my life with Brian," she said. "I get to experience everything with him, from ups and downs to birthdays, children, careers, houses and families. I am looking forward to buying a house, having children later on and sharing all of my life with him."

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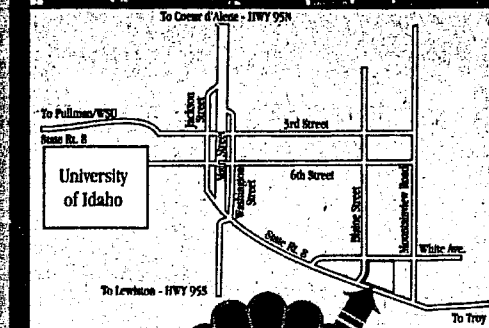
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Alaska volcano erupts, sends ash 12 miles up

Mary Pemberton
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Alaska's Mount Redoubt erupted several times Thursday, spewing a more than 12-mile-high cloud that could drop ash on Anchorage for the first time since the volcano began erupting Sunday night.

The Alaska Volcano Observatory said the first eruption about 8:30 a.m. shot an ash cloud around 30,000 feet in the air, and a second eruption about an hour later sent ash 65,000 feet high — the highest cloud since the eruptions began. Five to 10 smaller eruptions followed, with none of their plumes surpassing 20,000 feet.

The largest eruption caused a mudflow into the Drift River near the base of the volcano.

Before Thursday's eruptions the volcano had been relatively quiet for more than a day.

"We can have these large explosions pretty much any time," said Stephanie Prejean, an observatory seismologist. "We don't know how long this will continue."

When Redoubt last erupted 20 years ago, it went on for four months.

The National Weather Service said prevailing winds were expected to carry ash from the larger eruption east across Cook Inlet toward some of Alaska's larger communities. An ash fall advisory for the western Kenai Peninsula covers the towns of Kenai, Soldotna and Cooper Landing.

Ash dropped Thursday afternoon on Homer, a tourist and fishing town at the southern tip of the Kenai Peninsula.

Juxia Scarpitta, owner of Halcyon Heights Bed and Breakfast in Homer, said the ash had obliterated her view of the bay and turned the snow into what looked like a carpet covered with gray dots.

"It is falling pretty fast," she said.

Anchorage spokeswoman Jenny Evans said the state's largest city, roughly 100 miles northeast of the volcano, could see trace amounts of ash.

Alaska Airlines canceled all flights to and from Anchorage until sunrise Friday, and all planes at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage were either placed in shelters or moved to

other bases. Ash poses a significant threat to aircraft engines.

The National Weather Service also issued a flash flood warning for the Drift River, near the volcano. Eruptions can cause snow and ice to melt on the mountain, resulting in flooding along the river that drains from the mountain.

Research geologists with the U.S. Geological Survey have said a lot of snow and ice remains on the mountain, increasing the danger from mud flows that already have downed hundreds of trees and carved a huge gouge out of a glacier.

The mud flows also have littered the airport at the Drift River Terminal, a Chevron-operated facility that has been shut down but still has 6.2 million gallons of crude stored in two tanks. Until the airport runway is cleared, it is unusable.

Eleven employees were evacuated from the terminal Monday. An attempt to reach the terminal by helicopter on Wednesday was unsuccessful, but previous flights indicated that the oil storage tanks were not damaged and surrounding berms and dikes to contain any spilled oil were also OK.

Prejean said there is no monitoring equipment at the terminal and it was not known if the mud flow produced Thursday reached the oil storage facility.

Senate passes new liquor license plan

Associated Press

BOISE — The Senate has approved a plan to dump the state's 62-year-old system of handing out liquor licenses based on population.

Senators passed the bill 23-12. It now goes to the House.

The measure does away with the existing quota system, designed to promote temperance and morality, which allowed just a single, state-issued liquor license for every 1,500 people. For years, businesses such as golf courses and ski areas outside city limits had to come to the Legislature to ask for exemptions before serving booze.

Current license holders can keep their license as long as they renew it an-

nually. The licenses can be transferred, which have spawned bidding wars.

The bill, which is supported by the Idaho Licensed Beverage Association and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, would give cities and counties authority to issue new licenses, but only to restaurant and lodging establishment.

Existing state license holders would get certain privileges, including the ability to transfer the license almost anywhere in Idaho, cheaper annual fees and 10 percent discounts on liquor from state stores. The privileges are so license owners, who in some cases paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy licenses on the open market, won't see the value of their investment undermined.

"We can have these large explosions pretty much any time."

Stephanie PREJEAN
Observatory seismologist

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of replacement as well. At the moment, she said the underuse is affecting that assessment.

"It's hard to do improvements if you don't have all the bikes on racks," she said.

If every bike rack were used to capacity — that's two bikes per rack — UI's campus could hold about 2,300 of them. Couch said she believes there is adequate space for everyone.

"They may not be right at the door all the time," she said.

Parking services conducted surveys of rack use in the fall of last year. Areas of habitual, illegal bike parking were noted and

stayed stagnant throughout the semester. Many problem areas are located in front of popular buildings including the Idaho Commons, Teaching and Learning Center, Natural Resources Building, Buchanan Engineering Building and the Engineering / Physics Building.

Parking and Transportation Services Manager Carl Root said he expects bike use to grow and the need for regulation is apparent.

"A reasonable level of management is necessary," he said.

Root said the new regulation does not mean the parking office is anti-bikes.

"We're pro-bicycle," he said. "We want to see bicycles used as an effective means on campus."

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by UI, the university emphasized that allocations are not finalized, and "decisions regarding personnel costs, including state employee salary reductions, are still unresolved." "We continue to advocate for an outcome that

will maximize our flexibility as an institution so we can minimize the negative impact on our employees and their families during these difficult economic times," the statement said.

The reduced budget was announced in the wake of a proposed 3 percent reduction in state employee salaries earlier this month.

"We are allowing individual administrations the

room to make decisions regarding the other two percent including layoffs," Freeman said.

Lloyd Mues, the vice president for finance and administration, has opted to defer comment.

Rod Hill, the secretary for the faculty council, expressed frustration over the proposal but said the organization would refrain from comment until

a final decision had been made.

The pay cuts were discussed Thursday, but according to the Associated Press, the conversation was disrupted when lawmakers realized it may be illegal to reduce salaries for tenured university professors. The budget panel is seeking advice from Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office.

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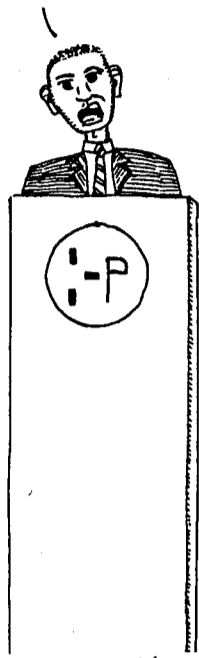
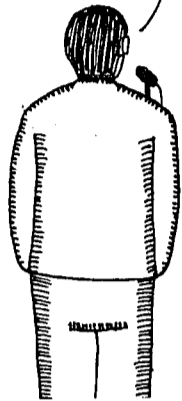
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OurVIEW

Rethink salary slash

On the surface, the 3 percent salary cut across the board for all Idaho state employees may seem fair, but in actuality, it's lazy.

Compare what the University of Idaho's president got paid in 2008 — \$286,187 — with what is classified by UI's pay scale as Pay Grade A, at which the maximum amount is \$23,130. A 3 percent cut for someone making a six-figure salary compared to someone with a low, five-figure salary has a profoundly different effect on each individual.

The cut can be compared to missing one regular paycheck. When people are relying heavily on salaries each pay period just to feed their family, pay the mortgage or make rent, missing that chunk of money will hurt.

UI is not the only university tightening its belt, but others are approaching the issue differently.

At Stanford University, the top executives are taking a 10 percent pay cut. While it is a private institution, its example should still be taken note of.

Also, this cut not only affects university employees, but all state employees, and with that breadth, the sweeping slash in salaries doesn't seem fair, either.

This across-the-board approach should be altered on a scale of proportion with caps set in place to protect those in the lower-salary bracket.

Those in the upper-salary bracket should not be forgotten — times are hard for everyone, and a pay cut will mean harder times ahead for all, regardless of income — but let's be fair in the process Idaho is using to cut back.

In an article in the Spokesman-Review, it was stated that supporters of the cut said they want fairness and uniformity, but this approach is neither.

To tackle the problems the economic downturn has caused, our legislature should carefully construct a plan that cuts proportionally with careful purpose, reasonable thought and consideration of feedback from state employees affected.

— SB

Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Carophobia

I loathe taking my car in to be fixed. It's nothing against anyone in the business — I just feel unbelievably uncomfortable about it. On Wednesday, I took my sick car in to Bruneel Tires. With their excellent and friendly service, I had nothing to be afraid of, and my carophobia was cured. Thank you, Bruneel.

— Sydney

Graduation blues

So, it looks like I will indeed have to pay money for a cap and gown. My sewing capabilities are simply subpar, and I've decided I can't risk buying one online for fear it may be made of cardboard. I know I'm only wearing the thing once. If a cap and gown is around \$30, that's about \$15 per hour of use. I don't even get paid that much. Hell, I may never get paid that much in my profession.

— Alexiss

Press B7 for Chicago-style

In Italy, consumers will soon be able to buy hot, freshly baked pizza from a vending machine. It costs about \$7 and takes about seven minutes to cook. Can you imagine how angry people are going to be when their \$7 pizza gets stuck in the machine? It'll be even worse when they bang on it, and three Mountain Dew's fall out.

— Kevin

An early morning conversation

Garbage truck: (beep, beep, beep) I'm warning absolutely nothing at all that I'm backing up. Can't talk (beep, beep, beep), too busy warning the masses that I'm dangerous when backing up (beep, beep, beep).

Me: Come on, it's 6:30 a.m., and you are on a college campus — there are no children or people alive at this time of morning.

Garbage truck: Don't care (beep, beep, beep), I must warn the townspeople that I am the bringer of pain, the destroyer of worlds. Lament townspeople, the end is near.

— Levi

Welcome, future Vandals

You have approximately five months before you lose the following things from your happy, young lives: sleep, healthy liver tissue, toilet paper that doesn't crumble and stick to your butt, monetary stability, sustenance that even comes close to resembling food products and pictures you don't regret surfacing on the Internet. Good luck, wee ones.

— Christina

A.D.D.

I am beginning to think Mother Nature has A.D.D. On Wednesday, we had freezing temperatures, hail, snow, rain, blue sky and in the late afternoon, it warmed up to 50 degrees. Mother Nature needs to make up her mind and just let it be sunny.

— Jens

A first for everything

I think I have made a couple big steps in my progress to becoming a successful photojournalist. I have been published by a nationally distributed magazine and ripped off by the same. One photo was published, and no byline was seen or paycheck received, despite previous agreements. I wonder if Leibovitz ever had this problem.

— Jake

Food for thought

I hate food that comes in boxes. I know that as poor college students, we're supposed to survive on boxed macaroni and cheese and Top Ramen, but people should try to stretch their culinary muscles. So what if you fail miserably or start a small fire? There is a feeling of gratification that comes from making something from scratch. Try it, and you might surprise yourself.

— Lianna

Missed opportunities

I hate when schools hold symposiums or lectures during the day when students are in class. Case in point: the Virtual Journalism Summit to be held at Washington State University on April 6. Students should be learning about how the Internet will affect the profession, but they can't — they're too busy zoning out in the old media classes they're required to attend.

— Holly

Tweeting, twatting, twhatting?

Think you're hip with technology because you finally have a Facebook? Think again. Get ready for the next big thing — Twitter.

Unless you've been under a rock lately, you've no doubt heard about Twitter — such as in today's FrontRow section — an online microblogging service that lets users post updates in 140-word increments.

People unfamiliar with Twitter may be led to believe it is a substitute or watered-down version of Facebook and that site's status updates. However, the 140-word character limit is a reflection of the text messaging word limits of cell phones. We're used to sending concise, often abbreviated messages — Twitter is a new, cheaper and more customizable medium to do so.

The format has become so popular, Nielsen Online found that Twitter grew 1,382 percent from February 2007 to February 2008, adding more than 7 million users in the latter month alone.

Twitter is so much more than a social networking tool. It is a delivery tool. The news media would be wise to jump on the bandwagon now. Twitter allows newsgatherers to deliver links to breaking news and updated articles posted online; ask questions of their readers or viewers, obtaining responses in return; and disseminate information quickly, no matter how niche. One media outlet could have multiple Twitter feeds for different beats or topics. Updates

instantly appear in the followers' feeds and on many of their cell phones.



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For example, in addition to following several friends, acquaintances and celebrities, I also follow: the Idaho North Central District Health Department (@ncdhd), which tweets whenever it posts a new restaurant health inspection rating for local establish-

ments; Woot.com (@woot) and Woot Off (@wootoff), updating whenever the discount gadget site posts a new product for sale; IDAHO.gov (@idahogov), the official Twitter account of the state of Idaho;

CNN Breaking News (@cnnbrk) and CNN Political Ticker (@politicalticker), the former having an obvious purpose and the latter delivering more in-depth political news and current events trivia.

Don't discount the Twitter accounts of celebrities, either. While many imposter celebrity accounts exist (even fooling thousands of people), an increasing number of famous people are connecting to everyday people with the service.

Shaquille O'Neal frequently uses his Twitter account (@THE_REAL_SHAQ) to interact with his fans in real life. Several times a week, he'll send a vague tweet saying he's at such-and-such location, and the first Twitter user to find him gets tickets to a basketball game. For example, on Wednesday, he told followers he left a ticket at the will call booth

of the arena where he was playing. The first person to simply go to the booth and ask for the Twitter ticket got it for free.

Besides, how could you not love getting updates from a guy whose site bio is "Very quotatious, I perform random acts of Shaqness"?

Twitter is versatile and can be paired with a variety of applications and extensions that let users customize how they get tweets and update their own feeds.

For example, I use a Firefox extension called TwitterFox — it sits unobtrusively in the browser's bottom status bar. Every few minutes, TwitterFox scans my Twitter account and delivers any new tweets made by the accounts I'm following. New messages will appear as small pop-ups that disappear on their own after a few seconds, meaning I don't have to leave the Web site I'm on to check my Twitter feed.

When I want to read older messages, update my feed or send a message to someone, I just click the TwitterFox icon, and I'm given the choice to do all three — again, without changing Web pages or opening a new tab (unless I click on a link in a tweet).

I also paired my cell phone to my Twitter account, enabling me to send messages to my feed when I'm away from a computer. Twitterers use their phones to send messages when they're at live events, allowing them to informally network and connect with others in the area.

News reporters could take advantage of this technology by tweeting

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Almighty stupid

I'd love to debate the virtues of stem-cell research, but the issue is so black and white, it just doesn't hold my attention anymore. When Nancy Reagan agrees with me, the case is closed.

I agree that "war on science" is irksome and misleading hyperbole. But certain political and social movements in this country are consistently anti-science. From global warming to evolution, stem-cell research to cosmology, priests and politicians consistently whine and moan and muck up concepts they don't understand.

This distrust of science is part of a greater culture of anti-intellectualism. Look at how people criticize President Obama: he is elitist, they say — arrogant, professorial. What they mean to say is, he is smart, knowledgeable and well-spoken. Thank goodness.

I want the president to be smarter than I am. I want the people designing energy policy to be engineers and scientists, not businessmen and lawyers. I want the questions of environmental conservation to be settled by experts in these fields, not Bible-thumping crazies who believe zombie Jesus is coming back any day to save us from ourselves. I want research funding to be allocated based on scientific relevance and practical potential, not myth and superstition.

I ought to note that this anti-intellectualism is not isolated to the political right-wing. In my experience, very liberal folks often have a similar distrust of science that stems from a certain paranoia of authority. They tell me, "Science is just another way of knowing, man. It's all just an illusion, bro — the truth is just what you believe." Often they have nappy dreadlocks and smell like the Food Co-op.

Ministers and rabbis can keep studying the same silly stories, generation after generation. Hippies can keep toking up and waxing post-modern. Good for them — I love a good laugh. But comedians and fools should not make public policy.

P.S. Comedians and fools should not write columns for The Argonaut, either.

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Just a number?

Thirty thousand. That number could be considered huge ... or quite small, depending on your perspective. If you are talking about population, that is the size of a small town.

Thirty thousand grains of sand wouldn't get you very far in building a sand castle. However, if you received a \$30,000 raise,

you might go out and celebrate.

But here's another perspective: 30,000 is the number of children younger than 5 who die every day from a preventable cause. That's right ... every day. That's like 30 large elementary schools disappearing from the face of the Earth every day.

What's stealing the future from so many children?

It's not some mysterious plague or natural disaster. We're talking about things like malaria, diarrhea, measles and unclean water.

What's crazy is that nearly every one of those deaths could be prevented for as little as \$1 per child per day. Many people are reluctant to get involved because of the rising financial pressures of the economic crisis. As a result, global issues are overlooked. We rarely hear about something as devastating as tens of thousands of children dying and suffering every day as we go about our daily routines.

It's time we started demanding more of ourselves. I would like to urge readers of The Argonaut to educate themselves beyond the issues within our borders. Find out what's going on in the rest of the world, and then take a step to do something about it. A good place to start is www.compassion.com/youcan. There are practical ways we can all get involved in the fight against poverty. Thirty thousand. What does that number mean to you now?

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Thank you, fans

On behalf of the University of Idaho Athletic Department, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support that has been shown to our men's and women's basketball teams this past season. You hear a lot about "home-court advantage." Believe me, it's true. When our fans are cheering our players, they notice and are energized by the support.

In particular, we would like to thank those who packed Memorial Gym for our first-round Collegians tournament game against Drake. What an environment.

The basketball slogan this year was "Restoring the Glory." Both teams made huge strides in that direction. Your support — and continued involvement — will keep them moving forward as forces in the Western Athletic Conference.

Again, thank you.
Rob Spear
director of athletics

Human rights for sale

Last year, while campaigning for the presidency, Sen. Hillary Clinton suggested former President George W. Bush boycott the Olympic Games as a protest against China's crackdown in Tibet and numerous other human rights issues.

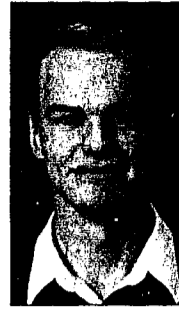
This was not a bad idea. Our own State Department's report on human rights in China is 108 pages long and includes law enforcement abuse, Internet censorship, arbitrary arrest of dissidents, forced abortions and "severe crackdowns against unregistered Protestants and Catholics, Muslims and Tibetan Buddhists." Given this record, Clinton's suggestion seemed entirely appropriate.

Ah, but that was on the campaign trail, and the economic crisis wasn't as bad then. That was when we could afford to stand up for the rights of the oppressed. Everyone knows moral concerns are a luxury on any political agenda, like balanced budgets and long-term thinking.

During a more prosperous time, our former secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, visited a church in China and used it as an opportunity to call for religious freedom in the country. Last month, before her trip to Beijing, Clinton was asked if she would use her Sunday church visit to do something similar. She replied, "Well, I thought I would just go to church. That's kind of what I was planning to do."

It is easy to understand her caution. After all, China is the largest buyer of U.S. Treasury bonds. If

relations became strained because of some minor human rights issues, the Chinese government might decide to stop buying our debt, and we might have to run the federal government on just the money we actually have. If Clinton were to take a strong stand on these ethical issues, we might not be able to saddle our children with as much debt. That is a grim picture, indeed.



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In light of this dire possibility, would Clinton mention human rights at all? When asked about this before the trip, she said, "Our pressing on those issues can't interfere with the global economic crisis, the global climate change crisis and the security crisis."

Readers can sleep well tonight knowing Clinton kept her word. "Those issues" didn't even come close to interfering with cozy U.S.-China relations. Our deficit spending is safe for the moment, and it didn't even cost us anything. Isn't it wonderful how easily moral problems just disappear when you ignore them?

Proverbs 31:8 instructs us to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." It is difficult to imagine the current administration claiming this as its motto. The easy sale of our national integrity speaks for itself and tells a lot about our priorities. Of course, surely, when King Lemuel wrote those words in Proverbs, he didn't intend them to be applied during economic times such as these.

Who would care about silly moral issues when there are huge sums of money at stake?

FEMINIST FRIDAY

Sign away self-ownership at purity balls

Virginity and purity. America is obsessed with it. The porn industry thrives on virgins, women like Natalie Dylan sell their virginity for millions of dollars and abstinence-only programs preach the importance of virginity. Media, schools, churches and the government all seem to think a young woman's worth lies in her sexual purity.



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When I was in high school, my church asked me to sign a celibacy pledge to God — I didn't. I refused to lie in church. But that was about the extent of the pressure I experienced.

Other girls face much weightier pressures. Some fathers will give their daughters a promise ring, others a locket and then there are those lavish ceremonies called purity balls.

Purity balls are fundamental religious ceremonies in which fathers pledge to protect their young daughters' purity of mind, body and

soul. The daughters in turn pledge to remain virgins until marriage.

With men in tuxedos and the women in lavish gowns, it looks much like a wedding. Often the daughter will be given a chastity or purity ring, which symbolizes the religious vow to practice celibacy until marriage, at which point the ring will be replaced by a wedding ring.

The father-daughter purity balls were created in Colorado by Pastor Randy Wilson, the father of five daughters and two sons, and have gained popularity throughout the nation. The Wilsons promote the balls as being a ceremony of memories and a father-daughter bonding experience.

Critics, on the other hand, see it more as a ceremony of ownership.

By signing a pledge to your father to preserve your virginity, your sexuality is basically being taken away from you until you sign yet another contract — the marital one. The whole concept is problem-

atic. For one, it's highly patriarchal, as the father in a way owns the girl's sexuality until he gives it to her husband as he vows to "war for her heart" (Freud would have a thing or two to say about that).

Second, it teaches girls nothing about being in control of their own sexuality and their own bodies. It sends a dangerous message that men are in control of their sexuality.

Third, what about the boys? What about their purity?

While the purity pledges and rings are traditionally done only by women, the teen sensation boy-band The Jonas Brothers have been flaunting purity rings as a symbol of virgin pride. How better to fight off screaming groupies than with purity rings?

While the concept of celibacy is ancient, the purity balls, pledges and rings are fairly recent developments. It wasn't until the 1990s that these started popping up to supplement abstinence-only education in public schools. Abstinence programs are heavily funded by private as well as

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Neo-liberalism lessons from Tamarack Resort

Lee M. Spencer
Special to The Argonaut

Tamarack Resort closed on March 4, the latest in a long line of boom and bust stories in the West. Located 90 miles north of Boise, it was the first major ski, golf and lake resort to open in the U.S. in more than two decades. Hundreds of millions of dollars in debt, Tamarack failed to generate enough revenue from real estate sales to keep operating. As a skier, former Tamarack

employee, cattle rancher and Idahoan, I wish to write a few words in reflection.

I don't have to say this is an economic disaster for the more than 200 employees and the general area. Some of the discussion has been that Tamarack would have made it if the economy just wouldn't have slumped. It would be more accurate to say it never would have got off the ground if (opening in December 2004) it hadn't caught the end of the

largest housing bubble in history.

Tamarack attracted only 27,000 skier visits this season, far fewer than neighboring Brundage Mountain. Locals didn't ski there. To them, it was known as Tam-a-scram, Glamack and finally, when it all went down, Tamtanic. This sentiment was partly due to them lamenting the loss of their valley. And it was partly due to the dislike being mutual. Upper management openly told us

during meetings their goal was to make it a private hill, open only to property owners or people who pay club fees of thousands of dollars. This required a certain degree of hubris, as the ski course falls almost entirely on public land.

This is why you could find powder at Tamarack for a week after a storm, while at Brundage it's gone within the day. This was a remarkable sacrifice, given the devotion to

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LESSONS

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powder skiing in Valley County.

The entire episode hints at the larger question of what type of society we want to live in. Do we want to live in a society like America was (with notable exceptions) toward the middle half of the 20th century? That was a society of one class of people who sent their children to public schools and were protected by public police officers and drank public water. Or do we want to be a society like Mexico, with an ultra-rich class, living in gated communities protected by private security, sending their children to private schools and drinking private water? The general population gets what remains. Tamarack was a gated community whose distance from town negated the need for a gate.

Consider the principles behind which Tamarack was founded: lack of concern about local people or the environment, private incursions on public property, huge class divides, massive amounts of debt, funneling money and power to those who already have them, opulence, corporate welfare and so on. They're strikingly similar to the policies either explicitly endorsed or highly associated with neo-liberal economic policies. This isn't some abstract concept. Neo-liberalism is championed by both political parties and is written into domestic economic policies along with trade agreements such as NAFTA. The negative effect these policies have on every one of our lives can

be neither underestimated nor dismissed.

It is sometimes thought that neo-liberal policies are good for the economy at the expense of the environment (Tamarack was fined \$185,000 by the EPA for violations of the Clean Water Act).

We are now even more certain they are a disaster for the environment and the economy.

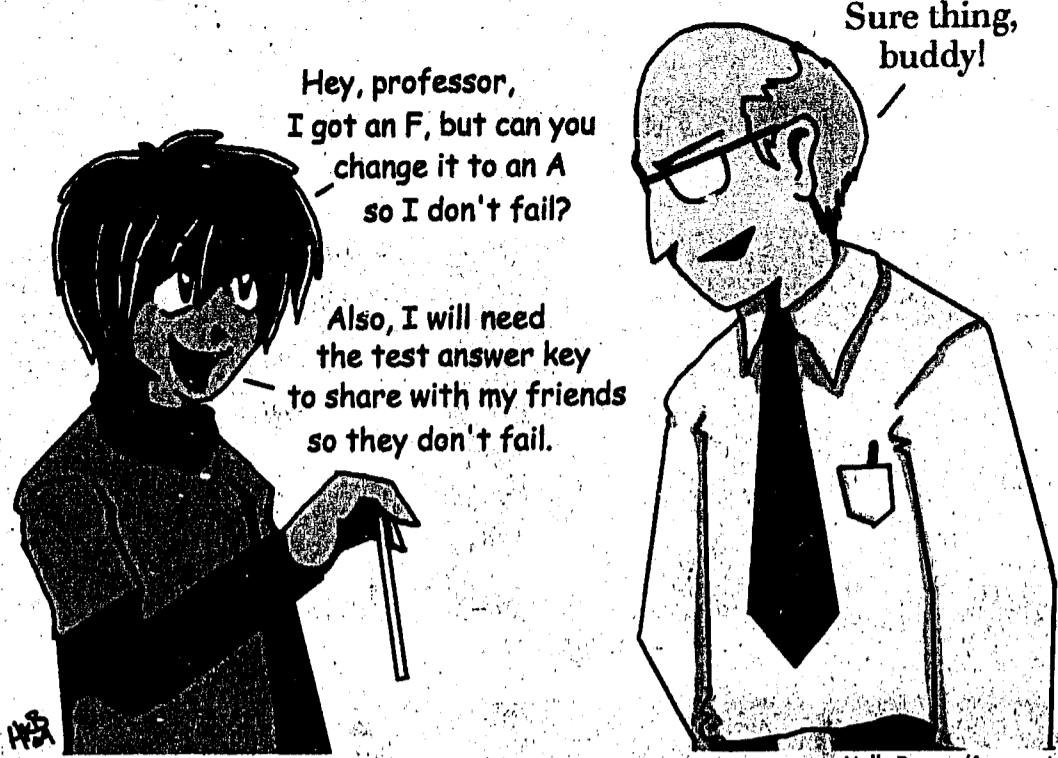
Was West Mountain not creating wealth when it was providing us with clean air and water, wildlife habitat, trees, hunting grounds and native grasses that were utilized by family ranches? Why is it only wealth when we put boundaries around it and exclude people? This isn't wealth creation — it's wealth usurpation.

It is important to provide outdoor recreation opportunities. But it just doesn't make any sense to build new ski resorts. Global warming continues to loom over the head of the entire industry. The percentage of skiers who are beginners is decreasing. We are losing community hills, the lifeblood of the sport. The one segment growing rapidly is backcountry skiing. New and expanding resorts take away prime areas from this sector and are highly resented for doing so.

In 1864, George Perkins Marsh wrote that the Earth was given to us "for usufruct alone, not for consumption, still less for profligate waste." When we give the Earth back to the future after the short time it was in our hands, they will wonder what happened on West Mountain.

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If college worked like the bailout...



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as government programs, as advocates claim abstinence-only programs help prevent teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

The fact is, abstinence-only programs have been proven to be an unrealistic approach to suppressing teenage sexuality and its outcomes, such as teen pregnancies, STIs, etc. Studies done by Peter Bearman at Yale University and Hannah Brückner of Columbia University report young people who sign virginity pledges are as likely to get STIs as those who don't.

Father-daughter bonding is a healthy and important thing, but why not bond by going fishing rather than signing a covenant

that makes him the defender of your hymen?

Celibacy until marriage can be a wonderful decision, but it's not for everyone. Teenagers have sex — it's a fact. Rather than pressuring abstinence on girls and therefore disallowing any communication about sexuality, we ought to teach children to have respect for themselves and their own bodies.

Teach them to own their sexuality and decide for themselves when to explore it — on their terms, timing and with their choice of partners. Teach young women and men to respect themselves enough not to lose their virginity on a drunken night in the backseat of some beat-up car, but instead to explore their sexuality in a safe and comfortable way when they're sober and ready. Pledging your sexuality to your father just seems twisted and wrong. You and only you are in charge of your body.

TWEETING

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real-time updates from press conferences, board and council meetings, court proceedings and other events. Readers no longer have to wait until the story is posted online or printed in the newspaper the next day. The short tweets serve as a teaser to get readers interested in the in-depth report to come.

In the end, Twitter is what you make it out to be. It can be used as a means for instant messaging, news delivery, making reminders or lists or simply for random blathering. Regardless of how it is used, it is obvious Twitter is not going away and will only grow from here.

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FRONT ROW

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PER 'CUP' SION



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Music students perform during the dress rehearsal of Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers Wednesday evening in the Hartung Theatre. Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers will be performed today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a 2 p.m. matinee tomorrow. Tickets can be purchased at the Kibbie Dome ticket office.

A WEEKEND OF INDIE

Mikey's hosts two concerts

Gus Simpson and
Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

Laura Gibson, Pablo Trucker to play tonight

At the close of one tour, and the beginning of another, singer-songwriter Laura Gibson will perform tonight at Mikey's Gyros, joined by fellow indie artists Pablo Trucker and Jenna Conrad (Avians Alight).

The show is one of the final stops on Gibson's latest tour, which included an appearance at Austin's famed South by Southwest Festival. A few days after her Mikey's performance, she will play a CD release show in her hometown of Portland before heading out on a nationwide tour with Damien Jurado.

Her recent Hush Records album release, "Beasts of Seasons," was featured last month on National Public Radio's Web site as an Exclusive First Listen. NPR described Gibson's album as "nothing short of a masterpiece."

Gibson's vocals and acoustic guitar will be accompanied by Micah Rabwin and Sean Ogilvie of Musée Mécanique, a Portland band she often tours with. The two will provide additional instrumentation including percussion, keys and glockenspiel.

Tonight will not be Gibson's first appearance in Moscow. She said she has performed twice before at the University of Idaho, as well as the coffee shop at the Nuart Theatre.

"I really like Moscow," Gibson said. "I know a lot of people there ... and I feel like it's a special place."



Hush Records/Courtesy photo
Laura Gibson will play tonight at Mikey's Gyros on Main Street.



Olan Mills Studio/Courtesy Photo

Le Fleur will play Saturday night at Mikey's Gyros.

To start off the evening, Avians Alight, another singer-songwriter, will be performing. Avians Alight is the Seattle-based solo project of Jenna Conrad. Conrad is also a member of Damien Jurado's band, which Gibson will be touring with next month.

Following Conrad's opening performance, Seattle's Pablo Trucker will take the stage to warm up the crowd for Gibson.

Pablo Trucker began as a two-piece rock band two years ago featuring Brian Wagner on guitar and vocals and Andrew Rudd on drums. Last month, the duo added bassist Kory Kruckenberg. Kruckenberg is also the owner of VU Recording, a Seattle recording studio.

Pablo Trucker released an

independently produced album titled "Heads or Tails (2 EPs)" last month as well.

Although this is Pablo Trucker's first appearance in Idaho, the band has ties to the Palouse. Wagner said he used to live in Moscow during his elementary school years at Logos School. He also went to college at Washington State University.

Wagner described his band's live show as "really dynamic, in terms of both energy and volume." He said the band enjoys playing live, especially in towns where they only know a few people.

The show will cost \$8 at the door and start at 9 p.m.

"When people tell you they like your song," he said, "and you've never seen that person before, it's a little more rewarding."

Le Fleur, Speedwater, Juntura to play Saturday

Mikey's has company for the rest of the weekend, too. Boise-based indie rock bands Le Fleur, Speedwater and Juntura are set to appear at 9 p.m. Saturday at the same venue.

It will be the first time either band has played the venue, though one of Speedwater's members, Luke Hayhurst, had previously played there with Max Von Mandrill. Le Fleur has been together since fall 2005.

"We've always wanted to play Moscow," said Mike Ruusvold, one of Le Fleur's guitarists. "A

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UI Women's Center: feminism (un)defined

Megan Broyles
Argonaut

One mission of the University of Idaho Women's Center is to share the female experience.

Every month, the group invites the community to watch a film made by women, about women. Golden Globe-winning "Iron Jawed Angels" screened this semester, and the winner of the Sundance Film Festival award for Best Documentary was shown in February, just before this year's performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

"Just like all the programs at the Women's Center, we're showing films that affect women and girls globally," Interim Director of the Women's Center, Heather Shea-Gasser said. "We intentionally choose films that expose the university population to different topics."

"Water," an Indian film about widows and their place in a caste society, will show mid-day Wednesday at the Student Diversity Center. Shea-Gasser said the turnouts for the events are OK, but would like to get more student involvement in the Women's Center.

"I really feel that we would like to enlist a new generation of student activism centered around the work we do here," she said.

The biggest event of the year at the center will come over two days, April 6 and 7, when Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner come to Moscow.

Richards and Baumgardner are authors and third-wave feminists coming to speak to Idaho students and the community. One of the topics to be tackled is the task of the general population to find "a feminism that resonates with the individual." In other words, the challenge someone is faced with when looking at feminism is finding the sliver of feminist ideology that agrees the most with them.

The term "feminism" has had bad connotations for years, Communication Studies professor Annette Folwell said. Folwell teaches COMM 432, gender and communication. In her class, she uses a column written by Leonard Pitts called "I am a feminist: many women shun the label but support the values." In the column, Pitts described how his daughter reacted when he asked if she considered herself a feminist.

"This, by the way," Pitts wrote, "is the daughter with the 3.75 GPA who is currently pondering possible college majors including political science, psychology and ... women's studies."

Pitts said the foundations of feminism are the things most people as a whole endorse: integration, child labor laws and product safety, but people treat the label "feminism" like a dirty word.

"Feminism is really individual," Shea-Gasser said. "A lot of people don't think they'll connect because there is a part they don't agree with."

Through events at the Women's Center, Shea-Gasser wants to reverse this trend.

"(Anyone) who is interested in social justice as a whole should look to the Women's Center," she said.

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Espionage: the fun way

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Corporate espionage is much like regular espionage. There are cool gadgets, deception and important documents to steal from another group. The difference is the important documents are more about shampoo formulas and less about world domination.

"Duplicity" is a spy caper that likes to play with the rules of the genre. Currently in theaters, the film stars Julia Roberts as Claire Stenwick and Clive Owen as Ray Koval.

The pair met during their original jobs, CIA and MI6 respectively, where Stenwick slept with Koval and then stole the plans he stole for his agency. When they meet again, it's as corporate spies for two rival beauty product companies.

It may not seem like the most exciting of premises, but the beauty product industry is vicious and the two bosses (Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti) hate each other with a passion that goes beyond their company rivalry — they get into a slap fight at the start

of the film.

Koval and Stenwick immediately spark again, even if the romance occasionally seems a bit stilted. With the announcement of a new "mystery" product by the company Stenwick works for, it's a race for both sides to be the one to bring it to the public first and take the credit. Koval, newly brought onto the spy team for the other side, must come up with a plan to steal the formula for the new product while at the same time deal with the fact Stenwick is really a mole on his side — maybe.

As the film progresses, viewers are given flashback scenes which help flesh out Koval and Stenwick's relationship. The dynamic between them is interesting, because as spies, they have been trained not to trust anything, even people they love.

"Duplicity" treats its viewers as intelligent people with plot twists and curves, which will occasionally cause even savvy viewers to struggle. But by the end,

the film proves if the viewer gave the film its due attention, they will be rewarded.



"Duplicity"
Julia Roberts,
Clive Owen
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Chang Sing or Chang so-so?

Levi Johnstone
Argonaut

Nearly three years ago I had my experience with the Chang Sing restaurant on Washington Street in Moscow. I write "experience" instead of "first experience," or "one of many experiences" because that experience was terrible enough to keep me away for three years.

Recently, while driving by, I noticed a yellow and red emblazoned sign proclaiming "New management: Grand Opening," and being one for second chances, I decided to give this "new management" a shot.

I must say, I was impressed when I walked into the restaurant promptly greeted by a smiling waitress who showed me to my table. Within 30 seconds, I had hot tea, water and a wonton-like fried bread with two different sauces in front of me.

This wonton-like bread was clearly fresh, light and crispy, and the meal was off and running — already better than my previous experience.

Seeing I had scarfed down the bread, the waitress came and took my order. While there was somewhat of a language barrier, I felt it made the ambiance and charm a little more palpable and authentic.

I ordered what I

always order at Chinese restaurants — the almond chicken combination. This meal normally comes with choice of fried rice, chow mein or lo mein along with an accompanying dish, in this case, sweet and sour pork.

To my amazement, the waitress then brought out another snack, pork and seeds, before my meal came. I was somewhat concerned that due to the aforementioned language barrier I meant be paying a little more money, but it was only a small concern, and I would later find out that they too came with the meal.

This is where trouble began. It did take a long time to get my food. However, I do not complain about this as I believe it to be a sign, in most places, that the food is freshly cooked and not scooped from a warmer where it has sat for hours on end.

The portions were large by most Chinese food restaurant standards, and while the price, \$8.95 was slightly more than the average of such dishes, I didn't mind as I figured the raise in price is there to compensate for not only the fried wontons at the beginning of the meal, but also the pork and seeds.

Here is where the meal took somewhat of a downturn. When I order almond chicken, I expect a country-

style, white gravy. I understand there are probably brown gravy enthusiasts everywhere who are crying foul on this clear matter of taste and opinion. I will say as far as brown gravy on almond chicken is concerned, it was good. The second problem was with the amount of gravy accompanying the meal. It was what I would call generously a "drizzle." Again, it could be a matter of preference, but I am more of a slather and smother type of guy.

The sweet and sour pork was also hot and fresh. However, it too came with only a drizzle of the popular red sweet and sour sauce.

The rice and lo mein were delicious, fresh and hot. I had no complaints with this as the first time I visited the Chang Sing, the rice was like some sort of petrified scoop of white rock.

I am not an interior decorator, nor do I pretend to be one, but the spray-painted bright yellow trim and beam in the middle of the restaurant was tacky and not in the "Delightfully Tacky" way Hooters has so cleverly coined its environment. There were clashing colors along with artwork and

other decorations, some of which seemed utterly out of place, for instance, the water feature by the entrance is a series of old-looking oak barrels. For a steak house, this is great atmosphere-setting décor. For a Chinese restaurant, it's just damn confusing.

Finally, the bathroom. Every restaurant has one, and while it may seem a small deal in the scheme of things, I am of the thought that if the bathroom is clean, the kitchen is as well.

In this case after the maze of hallway to get to, the bathroom I was

surprised to find a reasonably clean bathroom. It wasn't "Mr. Clean" clean, but it wasn't in complete feces-covered shambles either, which made me feel at the very least, OK.

So, my second experience at the Chang Sing wasn't terrible. It's still not my first choice for Chinese food in

Moscow, but it is better. I feel as though the new management is doing a good job and the changes they've made have been worthwhile and justified. With a few tweaks here and there, they just may find themselves on the "Best of Moscow" list in the future.

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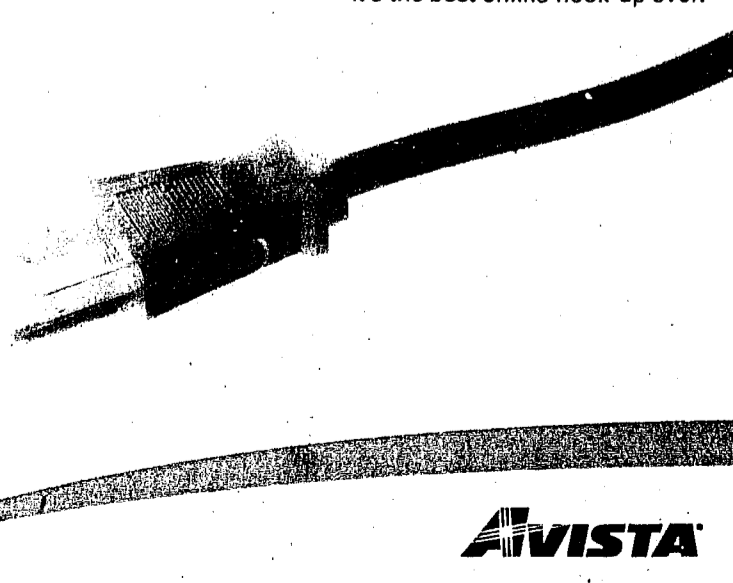
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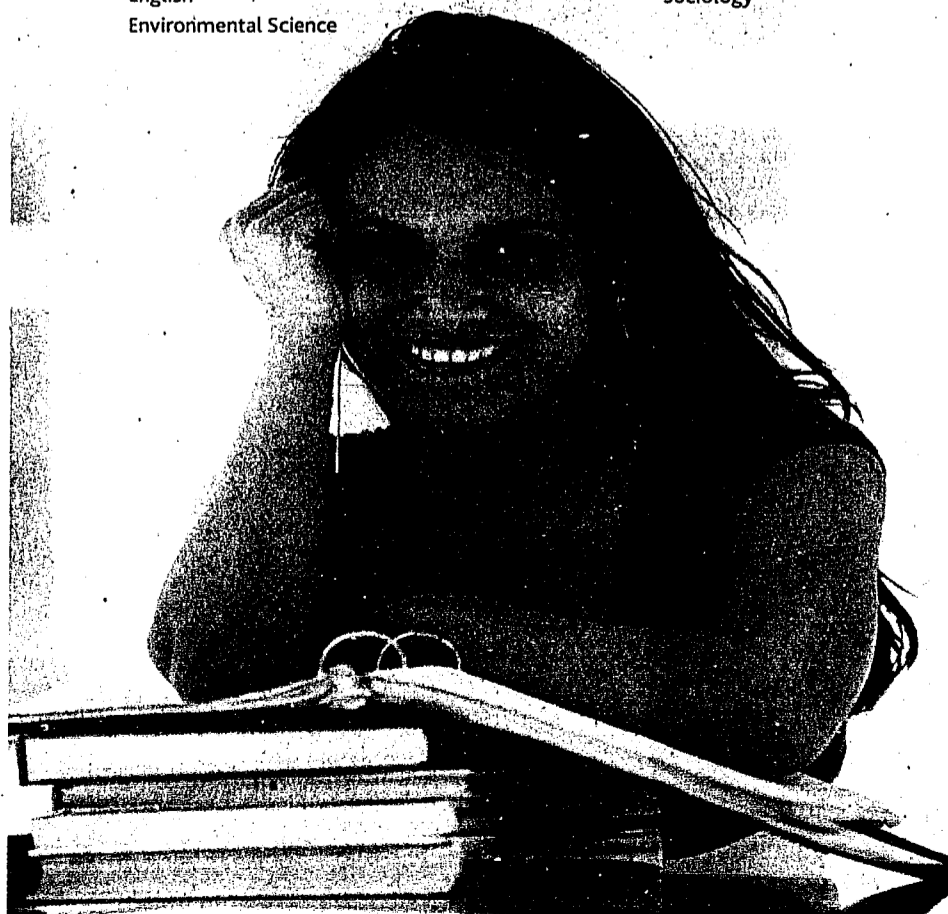
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Wednesday, March 18

Terrorbird party: warm beer, cold women. No, seriously, LAKE was great, but the first Lone Star Beer of the day was a little not-ice-cold. 12:44 p.m.

F--- Wavves, though. They look like mother---ers and even absent the stupid fuzz on the album they're just as boring. 1:01 p.m.

Wavves dude is singing "I'm so bored," and I am too, brother. 1:07 p.m.

Four bass guitars and two drum kits. Greatest band alive? (during Shout Out Out Out Out) 1:33 p.m.

J. Tillman from Fleet Foxes was good, though very Mark Romanesque. Hanging out with Sub Pop's radio posse, we are BFF. 3:23 p.m.

I like how being from Idaho is a total novelty. I am kind of its ambassador. 7:54 p.m.

Now at Central Presbyterian for 4AD (M. Ward, St. Vincent, Department of Eagles, Camera Obscura). I'd like this to be my only Texas church experience. 7:59 p.m.

"The only thing I could find to write my setlist on was this \$270 speeding ticket I just got." — Anni Rossi, who is great. 8:28 p.m.

M. Ward is Iron and Wine except good. 9:40 p.m.

Department of Eagles isn't playing anything from their first album so it's basically like seeing Grizzly Bear. 10:28 p.m.

St. Vincent's got some pretty stunning arrangements... and the music's complex too! Wink! 11:10 p.m.

If ever there has been a righteous babe, the St. Vincent girl, Annie Clark, qualifies. 11:36 p.m.

Just bonded with an lowan couple who needed help with the bus. People get our states mixed up, so we had that in common. 10:20 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Went to take a call and accidentally entered/used the women's restroom. Oooooops. I was wondering about its lack of urinals. 1:38 p.m.

There's still lots of Ron Paul memorabilia around Aus-

tin. Pretty horrible. 2:02 p.m.

Modern Skirts: pretty sweet! I hadn't heard them. Casio-tone for the Painfully Alone and Mirah up next. 2:51 p.m.

Just won a \$100 gift card to the Container Store for dancing to "Get Down On It." Eat it, people who didn't win. 3:24 p.m.

I don't think I've washed my KUOI hat since last SXSW. Or, you know, ever. It's had a road trip to LA since then, too. 3:53 p.m.

Mirah is wearing no shoes. 4:27 p.m.

Red Red Meat: Chicago's good reunited band. Alternate: more like Old Old Meat. 9:04 p.m.

Have you ever mistaken someone for someone else, and tapped that same someone else on the shoulder not once but twice? Because I have. 9:48 p.m.

Friday, March 20

This is how horrible today is: it's almost 2, I'm sober, I had to buy a new phone charger, and I haven't seen any live music today. 1:50 p.m.

I interviewed both Miniature Tigers and Mi Ami's guitarist today, catching the latter and Crocodiles at a party. Both were excellent. 6:20 p.m.



Marcus Kellis/Argonaut

Noise rock band, Mi Ami, performs in Austin, Tx during the 2009 South by Southwest music festival.

My best friend Eugene Mirman is hanging out here at the Velveeta Room. I'm only seeing comedy tonight, now Margaret Cho. Garofalo later. 8:14 p.m.

Just heard Janeane Garofalo say "anywhosil." Yesssss. 9:45 p.m.

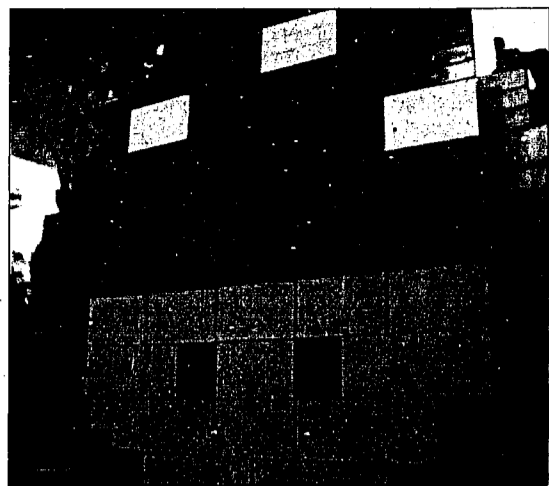
Saturday, March 21

White dude with dreadlocks and a top hat: will it ever go out of style? I can't tell if I've seen several guys with the look or one. Kind of like the V for Vendetta masks. But smelly. 2:42 p.m.

One of the fellows from Calgary's band Women just said hey to me, saying he remembered me from somewhere — their show in Moscow. Aw, best fwends. 3:31 p.m.

I've seen like a million Big Lebowski shirts here. Not that I don't love the movie, but ... eh. 4:57 p.m.

Ever take an ice cube and run it all over your stupid bald head? I have. Bird and the Bee was a nice interview. 5:41 p.m.



Marcus Kellis/Argonaut

At the Austin Convention Center, SXSW attendees are presented with thousands of LEGO pieces. One attendee made this Super Mario Bros. mushroom.

Black Cab Sessions just drove by. I didn't recognize the band inside, though. 6:11 p.m.

Have you heard Funeral Party? Because holy f---. 8:39 p.m.

Who the s--- wears a Wharton School shirt to SXSW? Octopus Project up next, psyched for them. 8:44 p.m.

Said the Octopus Project's drummer, whose mic had tons of reverb: "thank you from spaaaaace!" 9:26 p.m.

Does everyone know Austin has a radio station called KLBJ? And it isn't a joke? 10:00 p.m.

Bart Davenport is basically yacht rock, and I love it. It's so smooth! 10:11 p.m.

Went to the loud, angry venue, the Mohawk. Pre's playing at 11:30. 10:36 p.m.

Let me not forget to mention this is Lovepump United's show. 10:39 p.m.

Pre was superlative. What an experience. 10:23 a.m.

And I'm off the bus, headed back to Damien's, bidding Austin a very fond adieu. Bon appetit! 12:55 a.m.

Sunday, March 22

Had to take a cab to the airport, but the fare was only \$23. Saw Mirah ahead of me at the check-in. The first TSA lady was from Lewiston, and the second TSA dude was a close friend of my mom's. 7:03 a.m.

Mirah's on my flight, too. Traded seats with her so she could sit with her girlfriend, who called me cute. Since I'm now on the plane I guess this is my final adieu. Please disregard last night's adieu. 7:48 a.m.

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Making big impression

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

A good live band should have you leave the venue sweaty from dancing and ready to rush to the computer to download all its music from iTunes. San Francisco-based Von Iva does just that.

Currently on its "Hell on Heels tour," Von Iva played at El Corazon last week in Seattle and delivered a high-energy, highly-entertaining performance.

What's great about up-and-coming artists is they play as though their lives depend on it. Because well ... they do.

Made up of one blonde and two brunettes, Von Iva is an all-girl band whose interesting blend of electro-pop-rock executed by synths, drums and rough soulful vocals features no string instruments.

The rocker-chick trio is made up of Rebecca "Bex" Kuper-Smith on the keyboards, Kelly "lay-lay" Harris on the drums and is fronted by the loud, stiletto-heeled and tattoo-clad Jillian Iva.

The set ranged from booty-shaking funk to electro-synth numbers. Von Iva's sound is a little pop-

rock, a little disco, a little soul and everything in between. You just can't quite put your finger on it.

Original in their defying of genres, they are a lot of attitude and fun.

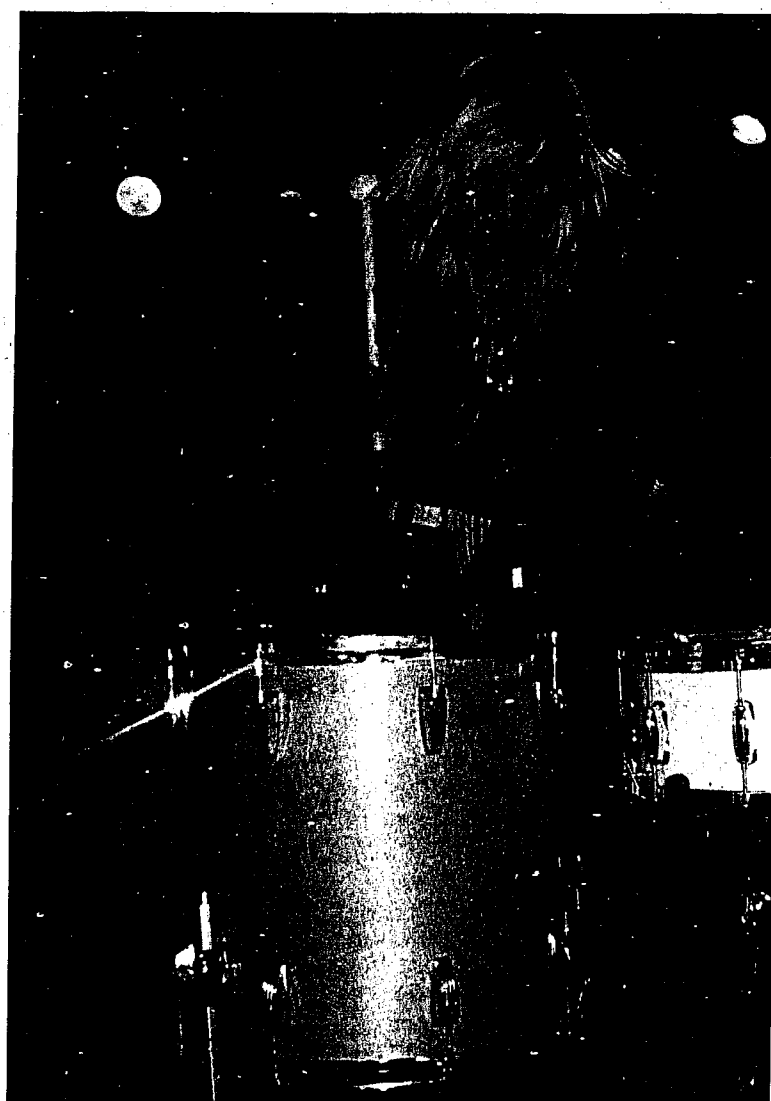
Semi Precious Weapons, Justin Tranter's New York glam-rock band, warmed up the crowd with a lively and entertaining performance of its own. So when Von Iva took the stage, the crowd was ready for some dancing, jumping and shouting.

Jillian Iva is the only non-stationary member of the band and took advantage of the freedom, strutting her sassy, fashion-forward self all over the stage, atop speakers and into the crowd. With her soulful vocals and sexy dominating presence, she

took command of the stage and the audience.

Harris was rhythm-perfect behind the drum kit, but she made a real impression when midway through the set, she jumped to the front of the stage and fiercely played the tomtoms with a cloth-covered mallet.

Good female drummers are few and far between, thus, seeing a female drum-



Sarah MacDonald/Courtesy Photo

The band Von Iva performs at El Corazon in Seattle during their "Hell on Wheels" tour.



Merkley/Courtesy photo

Von Iva
Hell on Heels tour
Live performance
El Corazon,
Seattle

A

mer deliver well is a definite plus.

Meanwhile, Bex solidly delivered the melodies on her two keyboards.

The all-ages crowd at El Corazon saw a high-energy, uninhibited performance and loved it.

Von Iva released its first, self-titled EP in 2004 under Cochon Records, followed it with "Our Own Island" under Ruby Tower

Records in 2007 and is currently touring to promote the self-released EP, "Girls On Film."

Last December, Von Iva also appeared in the movie "Yes Man" as Zooley Deschanel's fictional band, Munchausen by Proxy.

Von Iva might defy categorization but it is a band on the rise. That much is for sure. It has everything a live band

should have — a mix of undeniable stage presence, musical talent, uniqueness and attitude. The band's energy and music is infectious and its performances are well worth the ticket price and some merchandise.

Von Iva will be back in Seattle and Portland in May and again in June. Visit www.myspace.com/voniva for information.

Selleck unveils traveling memorial exhibits in D.C.

Kamala Lane
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Emmy-award winner Tom Selleck visited the National Mall in Washington on Thursday for a launch new exhibits for a traveling museum honoring Vietnam veterans.

The 64-year-old actor joined members of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund as they unveiled exhibits for The Wall That Heals, a 45-foot aluminum trailer that travels across the country to people who may not have the opportunity to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

During the ceremony, Selleck thanked veterans and stressed the importance of remembering the Vietnam War.

"That war taught the American people a lesson that we can and we must honor our warriors, no matter what our feelings about the war," Selleck said.

The museum, which has been on the road since 1996, already features a removable half-scale replica of the original Viet-

nam Veterans Memorial wall. This is the first time new exhibits have been introduced.

Four windows on both sides of the trailer divide the museum into three parts. One new section called "Making the Names Visible," includes a collection of photographs of fallen Vietnam veterans. Each picture is accompanied by biographical information about the veteran, as well as where the veteran's name can be found on the original wall.

In the new "The Living Memorial" section, visitors will see items that were placed at the original wall, including combat boots, military medals and identification bracelets. Also included are letters written from loved ones to those who served in Vietnam.

The third new area features a map of Vietnam and a chronology of the war.

Ernie Quintana, acting deputy director of the National Park Service and a decorated Vietnam veteran, said the trailer exhibit continues to help heal those who lost loved ones and those who served in the war.

MIKEY'S

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whole bunch of members of both bands went to school there, worked at Mikey's, know the owner — we talked to her and set a date." Le Fleur has released a CD EP, "Truce," and is concentrating on recording over live appearances there, worked at Mikey's, know the owner — we talked to her and set a date." Le Fleur has released a CD EP, "Truce," and is concentrating on recording over

live appearances for the moment.

"We're working on a full-length right now," Runsvold said. "It's really easy to play too many shows, I feel, in your hometown, so if you don't want people to get bored with you, you should take it easy." Besides his work in Max Von Mandrill, Hayhurst served as the production director at KUOI while he was a student at the University of Idaho.

Mikey's Gyros is located at 527 S. Main Street in Moscow. Admission to Saturday's show is \$3.

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Vandals in action

Today
Track and field— The team will compete in the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. The meet runs through Saturday and time is to be determined.

Football — Spring football practices resume today at the SprinTurf. The practices started Thursday, and starting time is to be determined.

Saturday
Men's tennis — The team will split forces and play matches in Oregon with some of the athletes competing at Portland State University at 9 a.m. and others playing at the University of Portland at 3 p.m.

Vandals to watch

Jarred Bossio
Men's golf



Bossio fired a one-under 71 to climb to 12th during the final round of the Oregon Duck Invitational Tuesday. The Vandals finished ninth despite shooting their best round of the tournament — a 296.

Lucas Pope
Track and field



Pope, a junior pole vaulter, recently repeated as Western Athletic Conference indoor Champion with a height of 16 feet 0.75 inches. The Vandals will start their quest for a WAC outdoor championship this weekend at the Stanford Invitational. Pope is nearing breaking teammate Mike Carpenter's outdoor record at 17-1.

Paul Dittmer
Track and field



Dittmer, who broke Idaho's indoor 60-meter hurdle record this season, will look to improve on last years' outdoor season as he competes in the 110-meter hurdles Saturday at the Stanford open.

Did you know ...

The University of Idaho football team added another member to its staff this week as Rob Christoff will take over responsibilities as linebackers coach. Christoff's father, A.J. is a former Idaho player. Christoff played two years at Linfield College and two years at Boise State. He also played for a year in Europe.

Vandals by the numbers

76 Susan Woolf knocked down a single season record 76 three-pointers in the 1998-99 season.

50 The most points scored in a single men's basketball game by Orlando Lightfoot in 1993 against Gonzaga.

11 The Vandal men's tennis team has 11 wins on the season compared to its six losses.

TRACK AND FIELD

Vandals head outdoors

Track and field team heads to California

Kayla Desjarlais
Argonaut

The University of Idaho track and field team will travel to Palo Alto, Calif. to begin the outdoor season at the Stanford Invitational this weekend.

The 25 athletes from the men's and women's teams chosen to participate left Thursday morning to compete in what's considered one of the largest meets on the West Coast, featuring thousands of the top high school and college athletes from across the country. Events will run through today and conclude tomorrow evening.

"This meet happens to have some pretty high standards so almost everyone that hit a high standard (in the indoor season) is going," Idaho coach Yogi Teevens said.

Injuries and illnesses kept some qualified athletes from competing, and they will spend the weekend recovering from the indoor season instead.

The team will build on its indoor season success in which the women's team took second and the men's team third at the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships. Two athletes earned All-American status at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The transition to the outdoor track gives UI more opportunities to score with the addition of events including the javelin, discus, 400-meter hurdles, steeplechase, 1,500 meters and 10,000 meters. This meet is important because it marks established on the outdoor track this weekend determine (team and individual) goals for the season, Teevens said.

The 2008 Invite showcased several breakthrough Vandal

performances including seven NCAA regional qualifiers and Russ Winger's school record-breaking throw in the men's discus.

Sophomore Paul Dittmer, who broke Idaho's indoor 60-meter hurdle record this season, and two-time WAC indoor hurdles champion Heather Bergland will attend, competing in the 110-meter hurdles and 100-meter hurdles events respectively.

A fleet of returning NCAA Regional qualifiers will fill the throwing event ranks in discus (Beau Whitney), javelin (Kyle Hook, Anne Barnett) and hammer throw (Jake Boling, James Rogan and Matt Wauters).

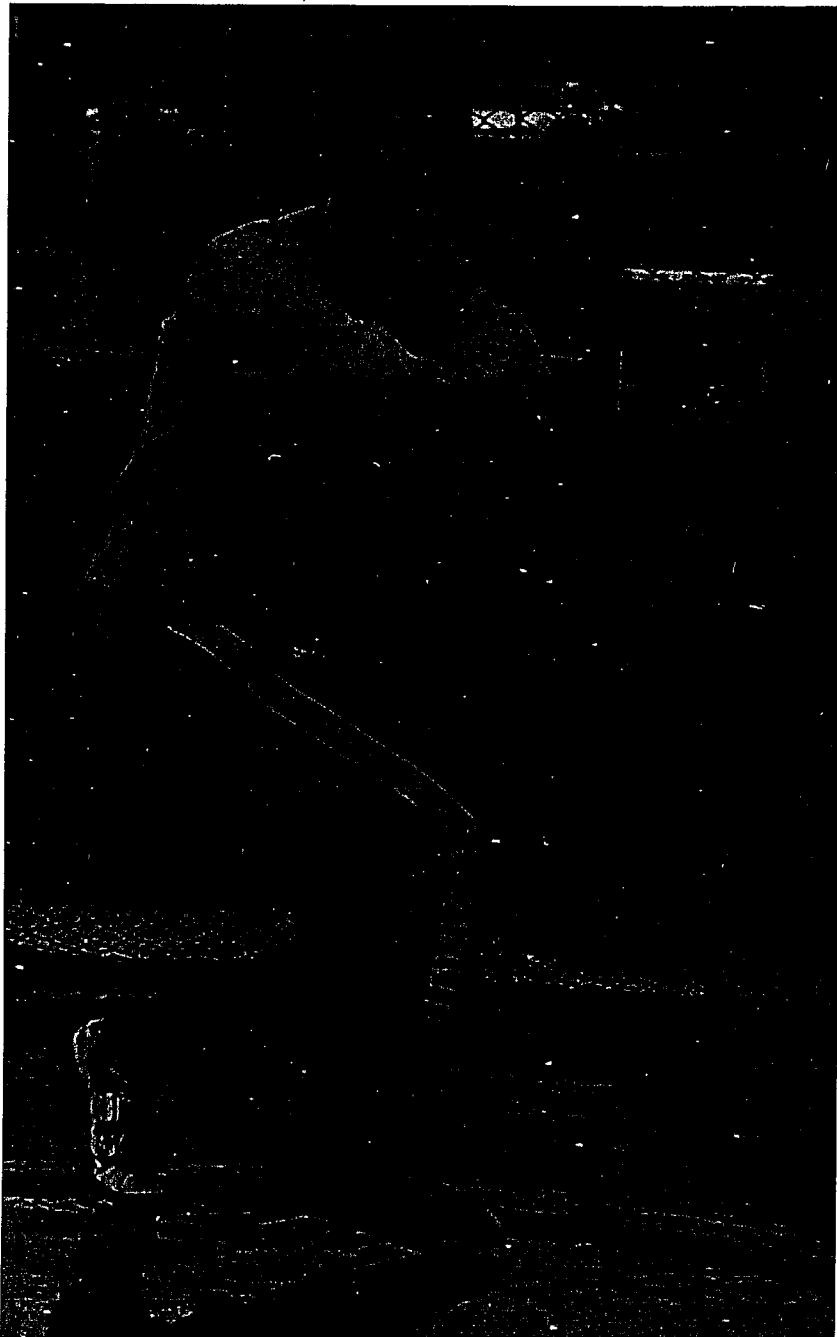
This will be Boling's first competition of the year as knee injuries forced him into retirement from the indoor season, he said. Despite setbacks, Boling will be one to watch as he is a three-time NCAA regional qualifier.

Promising transfers accompany the Idaho veteran throwers: sophomore Eugenio Mannucci in the shot put and senior Evan Ruud in the hammer.

Outdoor school record-holder Mike Carpenter and three-time WAC champion Lucas Pope are scheduled to compete in the pole vault. Representing the women in the event is true freshman Lindsay Beard, who ranked among the top high school vaulters in the nation last year at South Eugene High School.

The freshmen distance crew will hit the outdoor track for the first time in an Idaho uniform. The Stanford locale gives the young talent an opportunity to test their outdoor legs in ideal track and field conditions.

"We're excited to run in sunny, good weather,"



NCAA Regional qualifier Evan Ruud builds momentum to release the hammer during practice Tuesday in preparation for today's Stanford Invitational.

Teevens said. "It makes a big difference."

At home, Vandal athletes don't usually see nicer weather until late April. The situation is compounded by undergoing construction in the Kibbie Dome that has forced

the team practices outdoors earlier than usual.

The athletes will return early Sunday morning and will resume practice with the rest of the UI track and field team as they train for the outdoor season.



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Members of the Vandal football team run sprints on the whistle of Idaho coach Robb Akey at the beginning of practice Thursday afternoon on the SprinTurf. Thursday marked the first day of Spring Practice for Akey and the Vandals.

Gauging next year

Ballgame predicts upcoming seasons

Until this winter, Vandal students haven't had much to cheer for during their time in Moscow, but with the showing by both basketball programs this past season, there is a new hope Vandal fans haven't had since joining the Western Athletic Conference in 2005.

Here's a glimpse into the future — As Ballgame sees it.

Vandal Football:

The football team will have added pressure to improve this season due to the rise of both basketball programs, which is great.

I think this team needs a sense of urgency and should want to continue where the basketball teams left off.

I know we say this every season or at least I do, but I feel Vandal football will be better in 2009, and I'm excited to see how it plays out.

The most difficult aspect of the upcoming 2009 football season in my

opinion will be the team's schedule.

For the first time since joining the WAC, Idaho will not play an FCS opponent.

Idaho has won three games in the last two years, and two of those victories came against FCS programs (Cal Poly and Idaho State).

The Vandals will open the '09 season on the shores of Lake Washington against the University of Washington Huskies who are led by all-everything quarterback Jake Locker.

If nothing else, it will be worth the price of admission in Husky Stadium to watch Shiloh Keo and the Vandal defense attempt to shut down Locker and a rebuilding Huskies squad that finished 0-12 last year.

Plan your first college road trip next year for that weekend in Seattle.

Offensively, the Vandals will be led by a dynamic running attack.

The team will employ a running back



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Baseball: past its time

Baseball has always been America's sport, but countries like Japan and South Korea are looking to take that title away, and America is only helping.

What used to be the ultimate father-son bonding experience has now become a money-corrupt business.

Baseball used to be all about catching foul balls and eating greasy hotdogs. Now when one thinks of baseball, one thinks of steroids and big paychecks — it's not something Americans should be proud of, nor should they call it their pastime.

Recently, Japan and South Korea went head to head in the World Baseball Classic Championship. The game took place in none other than Dodger Stadium, and most of the crowd was made up of, you guessed it, Asians.

USA lost out in a semi-final game against Japan, and while South Korea and Japan battled for the title, players from the USA team were back at spring training where the big bucks are made. And in the last WBC, USA didn't even make it to the semi-finals.

So why can't Americans win at their own game? The answer is simple: the WBC doesn't offer the fame, the big paychecks or the rock 'n' roll lifestyle players get in Major

League Baseball. Other countries are playing for pride, but when you're making \$22 million a year playing in America, pride isn't what they play for — these players play so they can have a different Mercedes-Benz for each day of the week.

Players in Japan or South Korea don't see the extravagant paychecks MLB players have come to love so dearly.

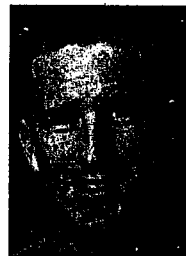
Once in a while, a star from one of those countries will get the opportunity to play in the MLB, and although their loved ones are overseas, they gladly pack up and leave for greener pastures and more zero's in their bank account.

But many of them never do get that opportunity, so when they hit the national spotlight during the WBC, they're playing for pride (and what country wouldn't want to say they beat America at their own game).

Unfortunately, beating the U.S. in the WBC is like beating a 7-year-old in a foot race. He doesn't care if he wins because he knows he still gets ice cream on the way home.

Not only does U.S. not care about the WBC, but whether they truly care about the game of baseball itself is also in question.

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Polo completes spring ride

Vandal teams wrap up historic season in Walla Walla tournament

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Argonaut

The University of Idaho Horse Polo team completed its historic season with individual honors and a run to the championship game on the women's side.

Both horse polo teams competed at the Northwest Regional Tournament in Walla Walla last weekend. The competition is a playoff to determine which team in the region will advance to the national tournament.

The women's team knocked out Eastern Oregon 18-9 before falling to Oregon State 25-6 to finish in second place.

Heidi Ness was named the tournament's most valuable player, scoring 10 goals in two games. Meg Browning added nine goals, Jenny Gross scored four and Sahara the horse bundled in one as the women's team tallied 24 goals during the

tournament.

"This tournament ends our season, and it was definitely a blast," horse polo president Gross said. "The women finish the season with five wins and two losses."

The men's team lost to Oregon State 21-10 in the first round of the tournament. Lucas Reid scored eight goals for Idaho and Austin Petersen added two goals in the loss.

"We have had very close games with both Oregon State previously in the year, but Friday afternoon was an off day for us," Casey Meggers said. "It is disappointing that our off day came at regionals and even though we lost, it was pretty cool to see our friends from Eastern Oregon beat out Oregon State in the finals."

Reid nabbed an MVP award and a sportsmanship award during the weekend.

"The men's team finished the season with two wins and five losses,"

Gross said. "That is pretty good considering it was their first season."

Meggers said there are 10 players between Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Montana State who grew up ranching but never played polo or rode in an English saddle before this year.

"I think that considering the outcome of Sunday's finals, it's safe to say, that in the Northwest, polo is no longer the sport of kings, but the sport of cowboys," Meggers said. "We wish everyone the best at Nationals because we play hard and have a blast doing it no matter the score."

It was not just the players who scooped up awards during the tournament — Idaho horse Peach was named the best playing pony.

The tournament was the last game for seniors Meggers and Ness who will graduate in the spring. Both the men's and women's team will resume play in the fall.

Tejada gets probation for lying to Congress

Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The prosecutor's words were delivered in the matter known as "The United States of America vs. Miguel O. Tejada," spoken during Thursday's 23-minute hearing in which the Houston Astros shortstop was sentenced to one year of probation for misleading Congress.

The message — famous or not, you must tell the truth — also could be interpreted as a warning to another baseball star, Roger Clemens. His case, involving sworn testimony to the House of Representatives, is currently before a grand jury in the very same federal courthouse where Tejada appeared.

"People have to know that when Congress asks questions, it's serious business," Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Durham told the court. "And if you don't tell the truth — and we can prove you haven't told the truth — then there will be accountability."

Congress referred Tejada to the Justice Department in January 2008, a little more than a year before it asked that Clemens be investigated to determine whether he lied when saying he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Tejada was the All-Star sitting in court this day, his chin resting on his right hand while Durham talked. Tejada was the past American League MVP receiving his punishment after pleading guilty last month and admitting he withheld information about an ex-teammate's use of

performance-enhancing drugs when questioned in 2005 by congressional investigators.

"I take full responsibility for not answering the question," Tejada told U.S. Magistrate Judge Alan Kay.

Standing at a lectern facing Kay, Tejada spoke softly for less than a minute, the talented hands he normally uses to grip a bat or field ground balls stuffed in the pant pockets of his pinstriped, three-piece suit.

He apologized to Congress, to the court, to baseball fans — "especially the kids" — and added: "I learned a very important lesson."

Tejada is the first high-profile player convicted of a crime stemming from baseball's steroids era.

"What people are not entitled to do, your honor, is to provide untruthful or dishonest answers. No one has that right," Durham told the court. "Not the people who are well-known — and not the people who are unknown."

Tejada faced up to a year imprisonment and a fine up to \$100,000. But Kay followed the recommendation of prosecutors, who said he deserved a lighter punishment, issuing a sentence of probation, 100 hours of community service and a \$5,000 fine. Kay waived drug testing often required of other convicts on probation and said he wouldn't restrict the player's travel.

The plea deal is unlikely to affect Tejada's immigration status because green card-holders are not normally deportable unless the maximum possible sentence is more than one year in prison.

First basketball, then saving a town

Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

A week ago they were on the big stage at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, playing the defending national champion in a game they were supposed to have no chance of winning.

No one from North Dakota State believed that. Neither did any of the 10,000 fans who drove down I-94 from Fargo to cheer the Bison on in their first NCAA tournament appearance.

"My last memory of college basketball was walking off the court to their cheers," senior Brett Winkelman said. "They've given us so much over the last few years."

Now the Bison are giving back. They're trying to save their town.

Once again, the odds are against them.

Snow was falling Wednesday in Fargo, just more bad news in the city's fight against the swelling

Red River. The bad weather was hampering efforts to fill a staggering 2 million sandbags to protect the city amid new projections that the river would crest at levels never before seen by the weekend.

Thousands of people from all walks of life, many of them with vivid memories of the disastrous 1997 floods, are racing around the clock to keep the city dry. With school canceled, students are stacking sandbags, while others are taking time off from work to do what they can to help.

Working right alongside them, shovel for shovel, are coach Saul Phillips and the Bison basketball team.

Had a few more bounces gone their way they might be in Indianapolis right now, practicing for a third-round game against Michigan State. Instead they're working on something a little more urgent — saving people's homes.

"It's just the way of life around here," Winkelman

said. "It's obvious that if anyone needs a helping hand, they can expect to get help."

People in Fargo first began worrying about a possible flood about the same time the Bison were eliminated by Kansas in the first round, a game they were in until the final minutes. The Red River is bloated from heavy winter snows made even worse by spring rains, and has risen some 20 feet in the last week alone.

The prognosis isn't good, which makes the sandbagging even more critical. Every able body is needed, including the big bodies of the Bison.

Phillips began calling his players during the weekend when it became apparent how bad things might get. He hoped to have the entire team working together, filling and stacking the sandbags.

His players beat him to it. Half of them were already on the front lines.

"You go from a terrific diversion like the NCAA tournament to everybody literally walking down streets asking if anyone needs help," Phillips said. "It's a really weird dynamic. I don't think you could find two more opposite deals."

The team has worked together the last few days, going house-to-house near the river to offer help. Like all volunteers, they're braving freezing temperatures and muddy lawns that quickly give way to size 17 boots.

The people being helped are not only grateful, but eager to talk some hoops.

"They want to talk about the Kansas game and how much fun it was to watch," senior center Lucas Moormann said.

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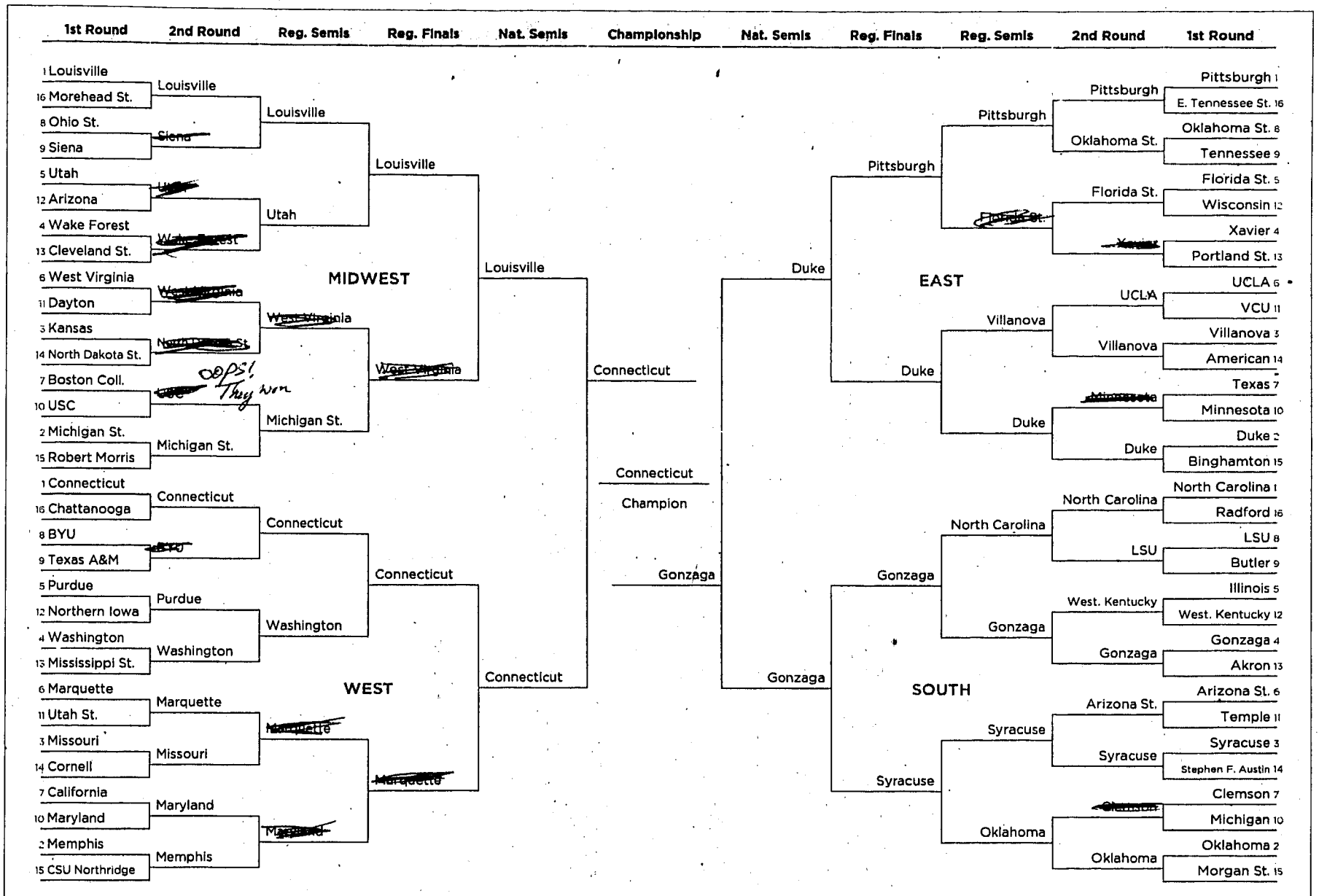


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Where have all the Cinderellas gone?

The great thing about the NCAA basketball tournament is, or should be, based on one word — possibility.

The tournament embodies the underdog mentality where any team from any corner of the U.S. has a possibility to make history. Whether it's the possibility for a No. 1 seed to finally fall to a No. 16 seed or simply a No. 9 over a No. 8. The possibility of these upsets is what keeps teams playing the game, and what keeps fans watching it.

This season's tournament is one where the parody of sports has been seemingly lost, and the "almost upset" is the new upset.

The days of unknown schools such as Valparaiso, Austin Peay and yes, Gonzaga making runs in the tournament, destroying office pool brackets along the way is over, at least for now.

Sure, Cleveland State's victory over No. 4 seed Wake Forest was great. The little guy finally got his day in the sun. And how about North Dakota State? They played national powerhouse Kansas down to the wire and gave fans a glimpse of a player nobody had heard of, Ben Woodside.

But why can't there be more possibilities for smaller teams? The teams who were seemingly overlooked, like St. Mary's,

Creighton and San Diego State who have legitimate gripes that their teams should be in the tournament, but weren't.

I was openly appalled by the selection committee's decision to put Arizona in over St. Mary's and Davidson. Sure, they hadn't played the demanding schedule of the Wildcats, but they had far more wins, and a far more engaging story to accompany them.

Of course, hindsight is 20/20, and now the Wildcats are the last Pac-10 team remaining in the tournament. The team proved itself to all the critics including myself. Why? Because the players were given the opportunity, and they chose to make something out of the possibility that they could be NCAA champions.

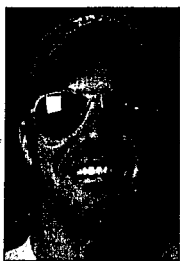
This tournament, without the major upsets, has

become stale, uninteresting and lacks the vigor of previous tournaments, to me at least. With the exception of Gonzaga all the teams in the Sweet 16 are from powerhouse conferences, and maybe that's the way it should be. But I like to

think not. I like to think of the days when David v. Goliath, Bird v. Magic type matchups took place deep in the tournament, and David sometimes won.

Will the tournament ever get back to its day of royal upsets? I have no

doubt it will because while the selection of teams to the tourney may not be fair, and every now and again a tournament will be dominated by the bigger teams, there is always the sleeping dog just waiting to bite.



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Player delayed in traffic stop as relative perished

Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — A police officer was placed on administrative leave Thursday over a traffic stop involving an NFL player whom he kept in a hospital parking lot and threatened to arrest while his mother-in-law died inside the building.

Officer Robert Powell also drew his gun during the March 18 incident involving Houston Texans running back Ryan Moats in the Dallas suburb of Plano, police said.

"I can screw you over," he said at one point in the videotaped incident. When another officer came with word that Moats' mother-in-law was indeed dying, Powell's response was: "All right. I'm almost done."

Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle apologized to the family and announced that Powell would be on paid leave pending an internal investigation.

"When we at the command staff reviewed the tape, we were embarrassed, disappointed," Kunkle said. "It's hard to find the right word and still be professional in my role as the police chief. But the behavior was not appropriate."

Powell, 25, a three-year member of the force, stopped Moats' SUV outside Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano after Moats rolled through a red light.

Police officials said Powell told his commanders he believed he was doing his job, and that he drew his gun but did not point it. Kunkle said Powell was not necessarily acting improperly when he pulled his weapon out, but that once he realized what was happening should have put the gun back, apologized and offered to help the family in any way.

"His behavior, in my opinion,

did not exhibit the common sense, the discretion, the compassion that we expect our officers to exhibit," Kunkle said.

Moats' wife, who was in the car along with other relatives, said Powell pointed his weapon at her.

"He was pointing a gun at me as soon as I got out of the car," Tamishia Moats told The Dallas Morning News.

Ryan Moats told KRLD-FM in Dallas in a phone interview Thursday that

"I can screw you over. I'd rather not do that. Your attitude will dictate everything that happens."

Robert
POWELL
Dallas officer

after the officer pointed the gun at his wife, he pointed it at him. "I just tried to stay as still as possible to not scare him or do anything to make him react," he said.

He earlier told the newspaper he thought Powell should be fired but backed off that in his radio interview.

"All I know is what he did was wrong," Moats said. "He stole a moment away from me that I can never get back. I'm really not the judge on what should happen to him."

The Moats family did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press. Powell did not respond to requests for comment through the Dallas police union.

Video from a dashboard camera inside the officer's vehicle, obtained by Dallas-Fort Worth station WFAA-TV, revealed an intense exchange in which the officer threatened to jail Moats.

He ordered Tamishia Moats, 27, to get back in the SUV, but after pausing for a few seconds, she and another woman rushed into the hospital. She was by the side of her mother, 45-year-old Jonetta Collinsworth, when she died a short time later from breast cancer.

"Get in there," said Powell, yelling at Tamishia Moats as she exited the vehicle. "Let me see your hands!"

"Excuse me, my mom is dying," Tamishia Moats said. "Do you understand?"

Ryan Moats explained that he waited until there was no traffic before proceeding through the red light. When Powell asked for proof of insurance, Moats grew more agitated and told the officer to go find it.

"My mother-in-law is dying! Right now! You're wasting my time!" Moats yelled. "I don't understand why you can't understand that."

As they argued, the officer got irritated.

"Shut your mouth," the officer said. "You can either settle down and cooperate or I can just take you to jail for running a red light."

By the time the 26-year-old NFL player received a ticket and a lecture from Powell, about 13 minutes had passed. When he and Collinsworth's father entered the hospital, they learned Collinsworth was dead.

Kunkle said the video showed that Moats and his wife "exercised extraordinary patience, restraint in dealing with the behavior of our officer."

"At no time did Mr. Moats identify himself as an NFL football player or expect any kind of special consideration," Kunkle said. "He handled himself very, very well."

The Moats family, who are black, said they can't help but think that race might have played a part in the white officer's behavior.

"I think he should lose his job," Ryan Moats said.

When the exchange was at its most contentious, Powell said he could tow Moats' SUV if he didn't have insurance and that he could arrest him for fleeing because he didn't immediately stop when Powell turned on his sirens. The pursuit lasted a little more than a minute.

"I can screw you over," Powell said. "I'd rather not do that. Your attitude will dictate everything that happens."

The ticket issued to Moats was dismissed, Dallas police spokesman Lt. Andy Harvey said.

Texans spokesman Kevin Cooper said the team had no comment.

NCAA, school discuss possible investigation into player recruiting

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn.—The University of Connecticut and the NCAA have discussed an investigation into alleged recruiting violations by the school's men's basketball program, a university official said Thursday.

The official, who requested anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly about the allegations, said the school was in contact with the NCAA Wednesday, after Yahoo! Sports reported that an agent who had once been a student manager at UConn helped steer recruit Nate Miles to the school.

Yahoo reported Wednesday that Miles, a 6-7 guard from Toledo, Ohio, was given lodging, transportation, meals and representation by sports agent Josh Nochimson, and that a UConn assistant coach knew about the relationship between the player and the agent. The

story cited interviews, documents obtained under Freedom of Information laws and other sources.

Nochimson was considered a representative of UConn's athletic interests by the NCAA and was prohibited from having contact with Miles or giving him anything of value, Yahoo reported. Documents obtained by the Web site showed pages and pages of phone and text message correspondence between Nochimson and Miles.

The Yahoo report also alleged that UConn coaches exceeded limits on the number of phone calls that can be made to recruits during Miles' junior year of high school.

Miles was expelled from UConn in October without ever playing a game for the Huskies after he was charged with violating a restraining order in a case involving a woman who claimed he assaulted her.

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It's bad enough Americans can't win at their own game, but worse they're embarrassing themselves and their country with headlines like the recent A-Rod, "I can only blame myself," story.

A-Rod may not play for USA, but as a player in the MLB he represents American baseball.

MLB players are playing for the wrong reason, and

as long as that mindset continues, U.S. will not be in contention against the rest of the world.

But why should they change that attitude?

After losing out of the WBC, the players hop on their private jets, fly back to their homes which could house the entire Japanese team, and then pick which Hummer to drive to batting practice the next day.

In America, we judge by bank accounts, and in the MLB, everyone's a winner — that's what has come of America's pastime.

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by committee approach that will be led by veteran Deonte Jackson.

A strong supporting cast, which includes Princeton McCarty and Troy Vital, will continue to improve help move the chains while keeping the pressure off the passing game.

Here's a name to remember — De'Maunday Woolridge, a 220-pound transfer from Washington State will demand carries.

Idaho should be in top three in the WAC for rushing yards next season.

The story everyone will be talking about from now until late August will be the competition for quarterback.

It's open.

I'm not calling it a controversy, but a healthy competition.

I still feel this is Nathan Enderle's job to lose.

Enderle threw 20 TD passes last season which ranked fourth in the WAC.

His toughest competition will come from JC transfer Brian Reader, who my sources tell me throws an excellent ball and will give Enderle his strongest competition since arriving in Moscow.

Whatever happens, I feel the QB position will be improved, which is essential to winning more than two games next season. If Enderle holds his job, trust that he'll be much improved from fighting off Reader and redshirt freshman Justin Morales.

If Reader wins the job, trust that he fairly beat-out Enderle in earning a gig that may kick-start a new era of Vandal football.

Reader is just a sophomore. Enderle a junior. The long shot Morales is a sophomore, too.

Defensively, several key members will return. The safety tandem of Keo and Virdell Larkins should be the best in the WAC.

The 2009 Idaho football team will also rely on the help of several newcomers to make coach Robb Akey's third season in Moscow possibly his best.

Non-conference games coming to the Kibbie Dome next season include San Diego State and Colorado State.

I'm excited.

Men's basketball

Call me Homer Simpson, but I'm expecting the Idaho men's basketball team next season to contend for the WAC title.

Students should be prepared for the first legitimate conference contender Idaho has had this decade.

Note I'm only discussing revenue sports. You won't find any cross-country or golf news in this column.

Idaho without a doubt will have the best guard play in the conference with Mac Hopson, Kashif Watson, and Pacific transfer Steffan Johnson who sat out this year. Expect Johnson to win the WAC Newcomer of the year award as a senior, which will be kind of funny.

Down low, Marvin Jefferson returns with Brandon Wiley, Luciano de Souza and newcomer Luiz Toledo.

All in all, this team is going to get this campus pumped for a contending team.

I expect the Cowan Spectrum to get crazy next season and hopefully every home game will be like the Boise State game this season, with or without the "Dirty Sanchez".

When filled, the Spectrum is one of the hardest places to play in the WAC and it's a credit to the rowdy students we have here supporting this team.

And just so you know, students, I thought the "Dirty Sanchez" chants at the Boise State game were way overblown by this administration.

I never once felt it was a deliberate racial slur against an opposing player.

I could be wrong, though.

As far as I know, a "Dirty Sanchez" is not a racial slur and it certainly wasn't intended to be that evening.

Google it.

Was it in poor taste?

Sure it was.

Maybe the students should change their chants to be completely non-offensive in the future.

But insulting the student section or even apologizing for them doesn't help the situation. What?

Do you want the Cowan Spectrum to turn back into the Ghost Town it's been for past 10 years?

I sure don't.

I loved going to the Cowan and seeing our pumped-up student section having fun enjoying

Vandal athletics and getting on the opposing teams and players. Albeit even if they may have used poor taste.

These are young students in their late-teens to early 20's. They're rowdy, obnoxious and maybe sometimes offensive.

Isn't that the very definition of an excited college-kid at a ball game?

We should be happy our team is being supported.

Remember that.

Our students aren't in attendance for the sole purpose of offending the visitors.

They show up to support the Vandals, and to me, this is the biggest priority.

Rock on, Cowan Crazyes, keep that going. I know the team loves it.

Women's basketball

Athletic Director Rob Spear hit the ball so far out of the park in hiring Don Verlin and Jon Newlee it hasn't even landed yet.

In spite of the success due to these coaches, it hasn't translated into game attendance.

I know many students don't get excited for women's basketball.

As the team's radio play by play announcer, it became frustrating seeing the lack of attendance the women's team received at home this year.

I know it frustrated the women, too.

Next season I feel that will change.

I'm not saying women's attendance will ever be close to the men, but if the team can draw slightly more than 1,000 fans per contest, I feel the team's play will certainly entertain the crowd.

I understand the men put on a better show.

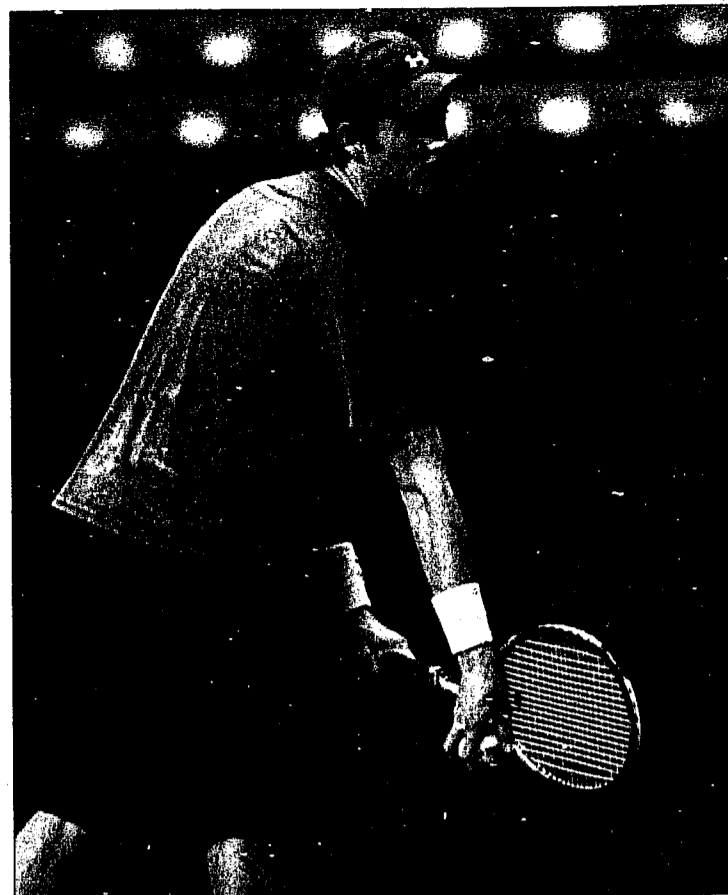
That said, the women's team at Idaho had possibly the most surprising season in Vandals sports history this year going 10-6 in the WAC out of nowhere.

The players on the team are very likable women and are easy to root for.

I feel fans will be able to cheer on the likes of Rachele Kloke and Alana Curtis the way they do de Souza and Watson on the men's side.

The team is well coached, too. Newlee and his staff won WAC coach of the year honors in

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Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal tennis player, Hugh McDonald from Gold Coast, Australia, sets up his serve during the match against Bethany Tuesday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals crushed the nationally ranked NAIA college by a team score of 7-0. McDonald and the Vandals will head to Oregon this weekend to face the University of Portland and Portland State University on Saturday.

their inaugural season on a team without a single senior.

The most exciting aspect of this team is its style. Newlee preaches an up tempo brand which includes lots of three pointers and fast breaks buckets.

It's fun to watch.

With the entire roster coming back along with some new incoming talent, don't be surprised to see this team make a run at the WAC title next season.

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What I've been trying to say is there hasn't been a better time to be a sports fan on the UI campus. If you're an incoming freshman

reading this on Vandal Friday you may be a part of a historical class that witnesses actual full-fledged winning.

Most upper classmen have never experienced that until this winter.

Enjoy it everyone.

It's a good time to be a Vandal.

I encourage all incoming students who follow sports passionately to apply to become a sports writer for The Argonaut.

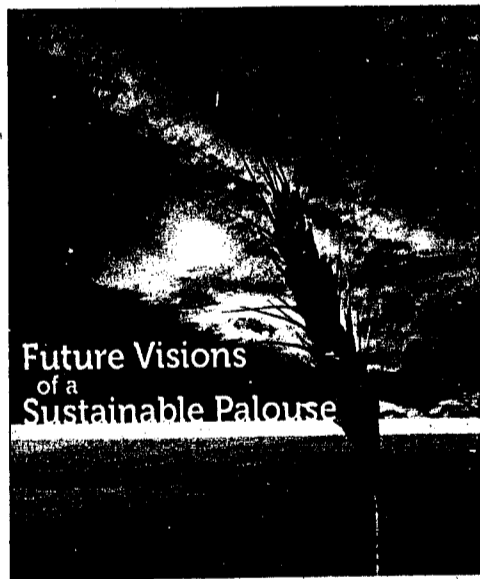
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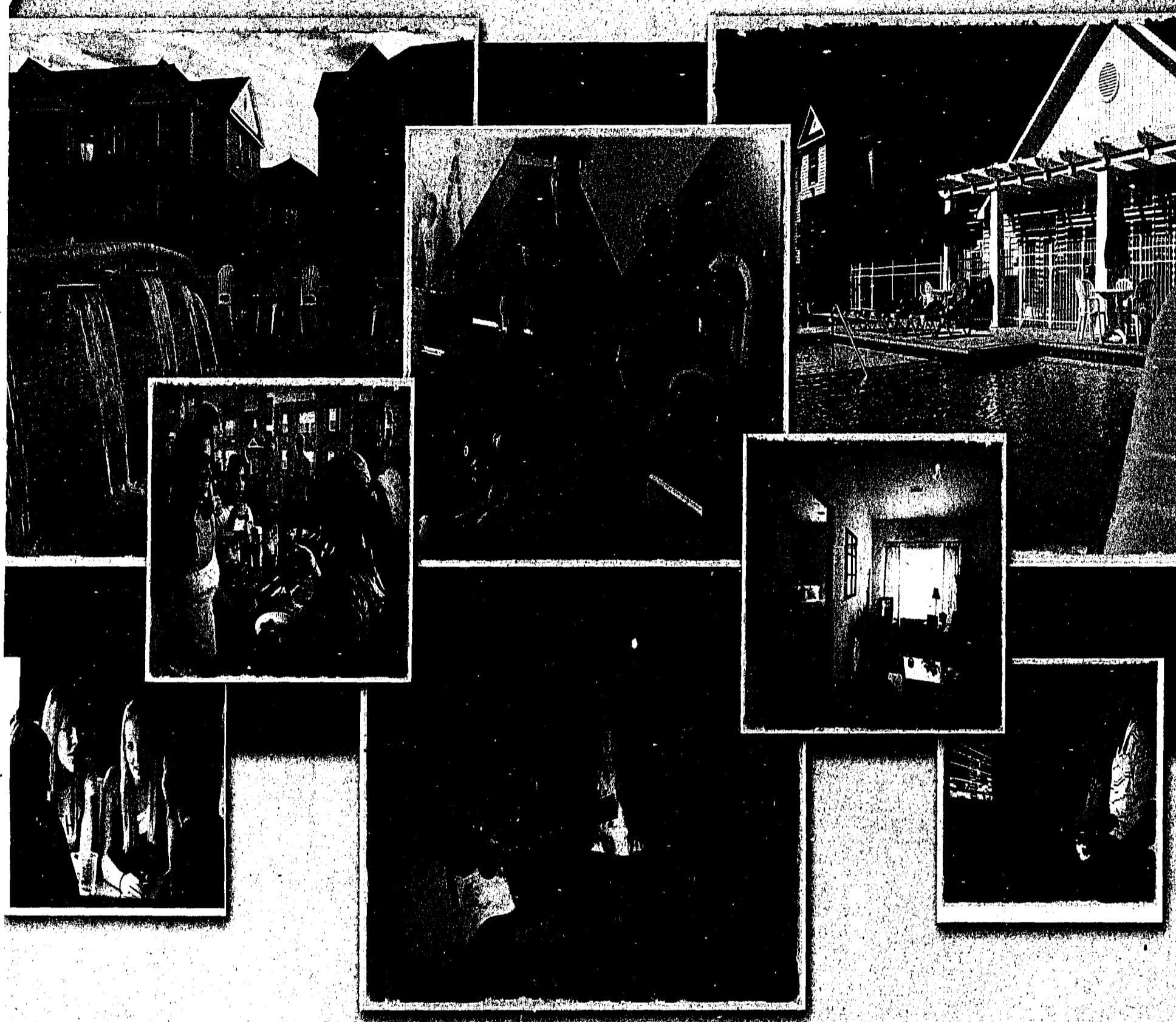
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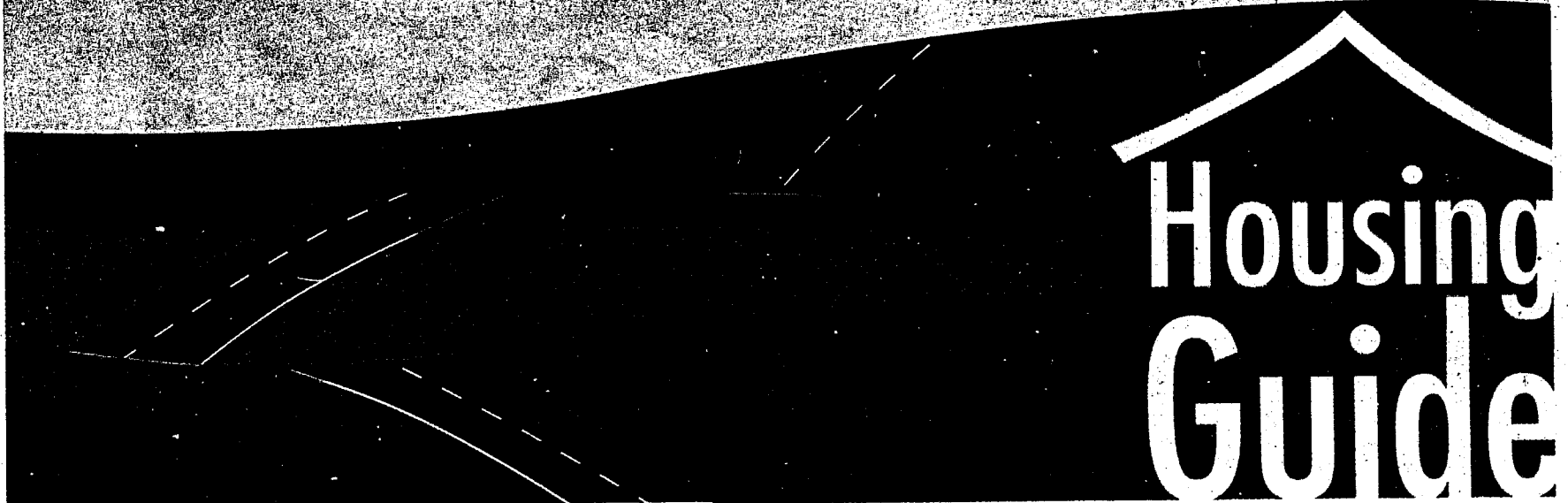
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Vandal Friday 2009



Housing
Guide

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Schedule of events

Friday

7:30-8:15 a.m.

Check in
Kibbie Dome south con-
course

8:30-9 a.m.

Welcome rally
Kibbie Dome stage

9-11:30 a.m.

Student Activities Fair
Student Recreation Center

Tours

Every 15 minutes
Depart from Kibbie Dome
floor east end

Campus tour
One hour walking tour
around campus

Living group tour
One hour walking tour of
residence halls and Greek
houses

Library tour
Meet at library reference
desk

Parent information sessions

Kibbie Dome stage

9:30 a.m.

Becoming a Vandal parent

10:30 a.m.

Ins and outs of college fi-
nance

11:15 a.m.

A parent's guide to housing

Student information sessions

Round one

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Orientation for pre-med,
pre-dental, pre-physical
therapy students
Idaho Commons

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Day in the life of first year
students
Teaching and Learning
Center Room 47

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Career planning
Idaho Commons

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Prospective student ath-
letes
Idaho Commons

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Participate in Music
Idaho Commons

Round two

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Real college outside the
classroom — getting in-
volved at UI
Idaho Commons

10:30-11:15 a.m.

A closer look at the univer-
sity's Honors Program
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10:30-11:15 a.m.

UI Common Read Program
Idaho Commons

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Tools and technologies for
academic advising
TLC Room 47

10:30-11:15 a.m.

General studies advising
Idaho Commons

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pasta buffet lunch
Kibbie Dome southeast cor-
ner

1 p.m.

Academic advising
Kibbie Dome floor

1-2 p.m.

Leading the legacy parent
program
Kibbie Dome floor

2:15 p.m.

Academic colleges host
parents
Kibbie Dome floor

2:30-3 p.m.

Campus and housing tours
Kibbie Dome floor east end

2:30-4 p.m.

Tours of the dining hall
Wallace Complex Food
Court

2:45 p.m.

Apple parent information
session
UI Bookstore

3 p.m.

Pizza rendezvous
UI Bookstore

3-5 p.m.

St. Augustine's Catholic
Center open house
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5-6 p.m.

Check in for overnight
hosting
Kibbie Dome southwest en-
trance

Late night pizza. Dance parties until 2 a.m. Last minute shopping trips to Spokane on the weekends.

You may not know your roommate before you arrive to the residence halls this fall, but you will soon know her favorite boy band, least favorite foods and her second grade crush. You'll be roommates in college, but will soon become friends for life.

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Schedule of events (cont.)

Other Friday events

- 7-10 p.m.
Ice cream social/Movie night
"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
Student Union Building Ballroom
- 7-10 p.m.
Vegas Vandal style
Living Learning Community
- 7 p.m.
Sapatq'ayn Cinema Native American Film Festival
Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre
- 7:30 p.m.
"Dancers, Dreamers"
Drummers, Hartung Theater
- 7:30 p.m.
"... But You Get What You Need"
Kiva Theatre

9 p.m.
Late Night at the Rec SRC

Saturday

9 a.m.
Final departure
Other Saturday events

8-10 a.m.
Pancake breakfast fundraiser
Applebee's

9 a.m.
Spirit squad and Joe Vandal tryouts
Physical Education Building

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
"Dancers, Dreamers"
Drummers, Hartung Theater

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
"... But You Get What You Need"
Kiva Theatre

Life in a fraternity

Dave Church
IFC

Making the transition from high school to college can be a huge burden. Also, college is more than just learning in the classroom. For men, the best way to get the most out of a college education is to join a fraternity. The fraternities here create a fun and challenging environment that encourages men to strive for excellence. Chapters take pride in being the best and each emphasize certain ideals to live by, including scholarship, leadership, and brotherhood. Best of all, the fraternities here are quite diverse and anyone that wants to better themselves can find a chapter to join.

Every fraternity has a scholarship program that encourages its members to study hard and earn good grades. Most of them involve a rigorous study program for freshman and struggling members in order to encourage studying. Also, chapters reward members that

have good grades. Such rewards involve cheaper rent, fewer chores and even cash.

Leadership is a quality that cannot be taught in the classroom and must be learned through experience. Aside from an alumni advisory board, the undergraduate membership runs everything in the chapter, such as finances, house upkeep, and recruitment. Chapters encourage new members to take up lower-level leadership positions like philanthropy chair and build experience to take on high roles like president. Also, chapters take active roles in campus leadership as well. In fact, members of the Greek community fill the majority of the ASUI leadership positions.

The most rewarding aspect of being part of a fraternity is the bond that is built between the members. It is called a brotherhood because the bond goes beyond just friendship. Brothers strive to better each other and stand together no matter what — it's something that does not exist in a simple friendship. Also, new members receive a big brother, someone that acts as a mentor. The brotherhood does not end at graduation either. It is something that lasts a lifetime. In fact, a lot of brothers

are best men at weddings.

Finally, being a member of a fraternity is fun. There is a separate, very competitive, division of intramural sports for fraternities. We still play other teams but the points earned from each sport counts only in the fraternity division. Also, there is a huge competitive spirit during homecoming as houses try to show the most Vandal Pride. Finally, fraternities keep their members busy with sorority socials and participating in events such as homecoming.

I encourage every incoming man who wants more out of college than just a degree to consider joining a fraternity. The only requirement for joining a fraternity is just a drive to succeed. All of the chapters will be holding open houses all day on Vandal Friday. Also, formal recruitment starts the week before school starts in August. Aside from a small registration fee, there are no commitments. Just because you sign up for formal recruitment does not mean you have to join a chapter. If you do not find a chapter that fits you, you can still decide to not join a house at all. Give it some consideration, you will not be disappointed.

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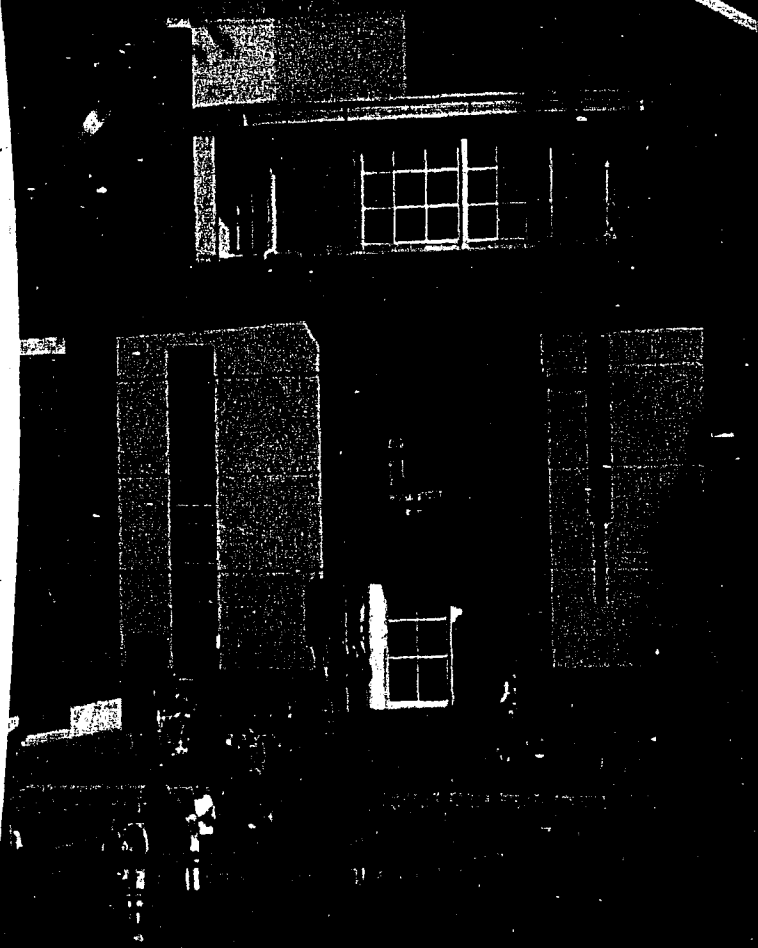
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Life in a sorority

Jill Smith
Panhellenic Council

Someone once described her sorority experience like this, "I stumbled in the back door a girl, and I walked out the front door a woman." It's hard to sum up a sorority in one line, one paragraph, or even one page, but I would say this line comes pretty close. When deciding on somewhere to live on campus this coming fall, I would encourage you to put aside all the silly sorority stereotypes. I am no stranger to the label of sororities and I would not be surprised by any thrown my way. However, I would also be able to tell you that life in a sorority is not anything you've ever seen on television or in movies. Through my collegiate experience I can truly say that sorority life has been more than a place to live, it has been my walk into womanhood.

The valuable lessons and skills I have learned through living with 70 plus women for three years have prepared me and will stay with me for the rest of my life. I have learned cooperative living and respect for individuals and their personal uniqueness. I have learned service and care for my community and the importance of giving of yourself and expecting nothing in return. I have learned that a leader is not always someone who is outspoken but someone that has inspiration who changes the people around them. I have gained a personal value for knowledge and

education and an ultimate goal of what I want to do with my life. Most of all, I have gained friendships and sisters who have taught me these lessons through the ups and downs of sorority life.

You may be asking how or why I learned these lessons by living in a sorority? And why would living in a sorority turn someone into a woman? Sorority life is not just a place to live. It is a lifetime membership based on four basic principles: scholarship, leadership, philanthropy and sisterhood (or more plainly put education, leadership, service and friendship). Each of the nine sororities on our campus is committed to these four values. They offer opportunities, training and growth in all four areas in their own balance of activities and programs.

I can only speak for myself when saying what I have learned and done in my sorority has prepared me for my life ahead. However, I know if you speak to any of the sorority women on campus they would agree. I would encourage anyone interested in living on campus to get to know someone in a sorority, go and tour a house, or stay the night at any of our chapters. Their personal stories of growth and friendship will speak much more of what sororities have to offer than just an article.

Through my collegiate endeavors there is one entity I could base all of my personal growth, life experience, and fun memories on: and that is my sorority experience.

New Sallie Mae loan plan means pay now for students

Anna Lothson
The Daily Iowan, U. Iowa

For some student loans, the buy now, pay later era is changing.

Sallie Mae — the nation's largest student-loan provider — introduced on Monday the new Smart Option Student Loan, which seeks to reduce student debt by changing loan-payment terms.

Starting with the 2009-10 academic year, new loan applicants will now have to make interest-only payments while still in college instead of deferring them until after graduation.

"Paying a little now saves a lot in the long run," said Patricia Christel, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae.

Overall, the goal of the change is to help students develop repayment habits, improve credit scores, and make payments more manageable by getting students to pay off the loans in five to 15 years as opposed to 15 to 30 years.

But that cost today could have a toll on some students' pocketbooks while in school.

Mark Warner, the director of University of Iowa Student Financial Aid, said when it comes to private loans, "consumer beware."

While he noted the benefits of the shorter payback of loans, he said for some students — such as those who are not obtaining any financial support from parents — the change could be a setback.

"If the student is unable to make interest payments while in school, then that will provide hardship for that student," he said.

Warner said the new option appears to be better for students who have a cosigner who helps make those payments. And avoiding the traditional accumulation of debt could also be a benefit, he said.

Under Sallie Mae, students who have a cosigner are more likely to be approved for a loan and to receive lower interest rates,

Christel said.

Though speaking from different spectrums of student financial aid, Warner and Christel agreed that private loans should only be sought after exhausting all available federal assistance.

"I would never promote private loans" without reviewing other possibilities, Warner said, pointing out that students should always be budget conscious and apply for loans minimally.

Roughly 80 percent of UI students are assisted by some sort of financial aid — whether it be through university, state, federal, or private means, Warner said.

Nationally, Sallie Mae manages \$180 billion in education loans and serves 10 million parent and student customers, according to a press release.

Under the new plan, a student with the average loan of \$7,700 would be able to repay that twice as quickly — saving the student roughly \$8,700, according to the release.

"We have tried to design this loan to be sensitive to the needs of students who not only rely on this financing to get to college but also want a more manageable level of debt as they transition from school to work," Jack Hewes, the senior executive vice-president of Sallie-Mae, said in the release.

UI junior Steve Sloan, who takes \$6,000 in private student loans each year, said the thought of paying off his loans has begun to creep into his mind.

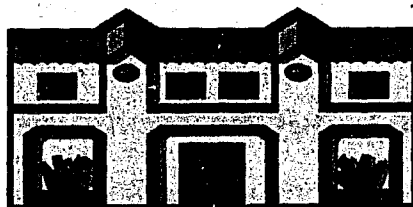
While his parents have helped him through his undergraduate years, he'll be on his own for graduate school — something that has made him consider working before returning to continue his education.

After noting the uncertainty of his current loan payments, Sloan said his future decision is still up in the air.

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A Freshman's Residence Hall Experience

JP Schedin

First off, I want to say the University of Idaho is a great college, and I am glad I decided to come here. There is so much more to this school than meets the eye. Sure it looks like a small town school, but there really are a lot of things to do, and when you live in the residence halls there are even more opportunities to get involved. As a freshman, being involved with all the on-campus activities that the Residence Halls puts on and sponsors has been awesome.

The year started off with G.D.I. week, which was a full week of events specifically for Residence Hall students. This week is a great opportunity to bond with people from your hall, as every event required you to work together with your hall to compete against all the other halls — it was intense. Some of the big hit events this year included Hall Olympics, Dodgeball in the Dark, and a campus wide game of Capture the Flag. Throughout the year there have been pool parties, dances (both casual and formal), a date auction, and that is just to name some of the bigger and more exciting events that have gone on with still more to come as the year draws to an end.

Besides all the social events, there have been countless other community service opportunities to get involved with. There was Paint the Palouse, an event where large groups of students paint houses around the area for people who might be not able to do it themselves. We raised money for non-profit organizations by having Penny Wars, where the halls competed against each other to collect the most pennies, while sabotaging other halls by giving them silver coins. There have also been numerous blood drives and there was even a group that went Christmas Caroling before winter break.

On top of all that, my hall also puts on its own programs that serve as a great way to meet people. As a hall we have gone on a camping trip, had a hall pool party, and we have become a pretty tight knit family. We leave our doors open so people can come in and chill or talk whenever they want, we go to lunch and dinner together and we've even done our laundry

together. On a typical day we might get ten or twelve people to grab some breakfast or lunch. There are always people playing music, or playing video games or doing a little homework. There is always someone around that wants to go to the rec center and play some ball or climb the rock wall, play a game of Canadian Pool on our pool table in our lounge.

My experience with the dorms and the organization that runs them has been nothing but good, and I expect things to be even better next year. The events that have taken place through RHA have been well thought-out and executed, and I am proud to say that I live in the Residence Halls. I am looking forward to another great year living in the Res Halls next fall.

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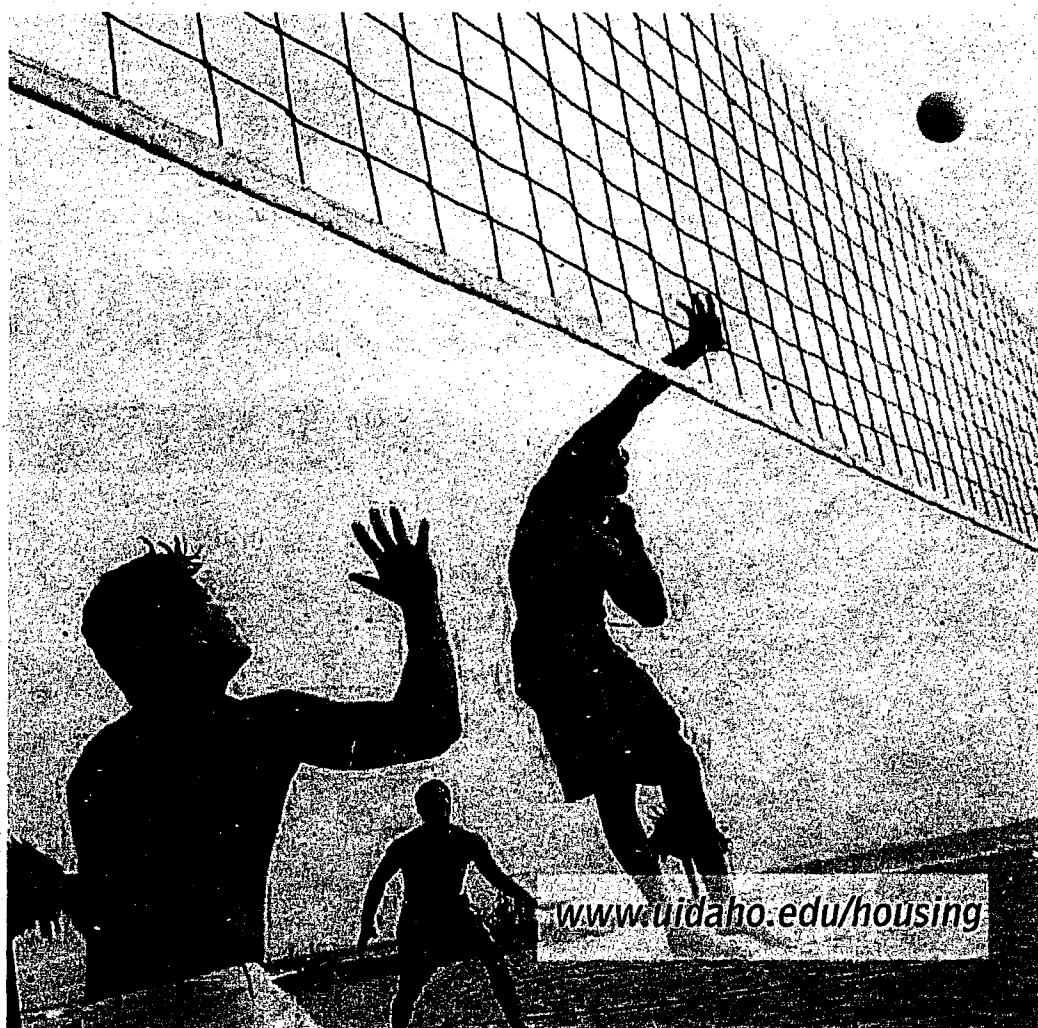
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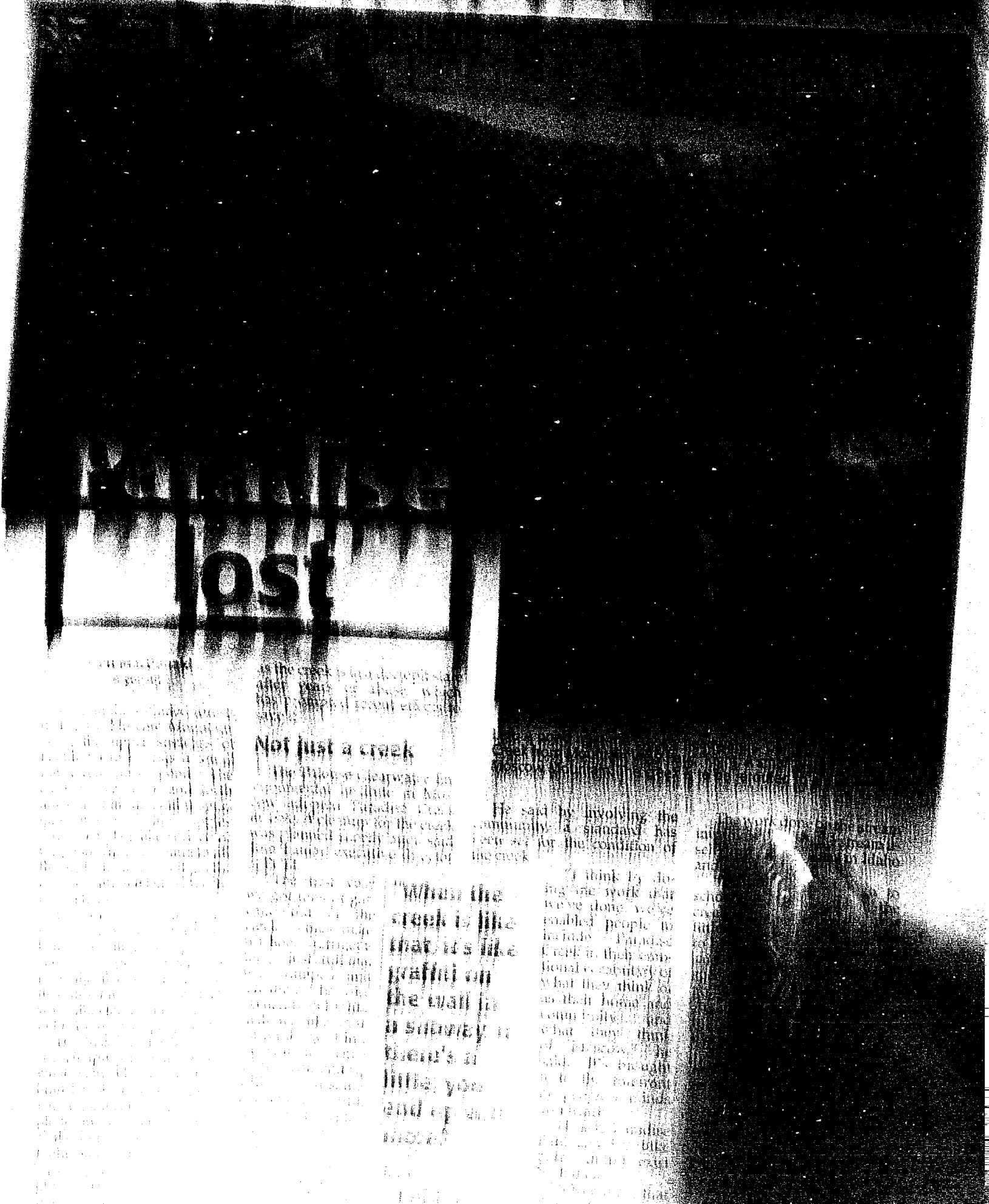
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David Dablay

The search for the wreckage of the Anagona, a small boat that disappeared in the 1950s, has been a long and difficult process. Officials from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Navy have spent years combing through the waters of the Pacific Ocean. The search was finally successful in 1998, when the wreckage was discovered off the coast of California. The discovery was a major breakthrough in the search for the missing boat, which had been presumed lost since its disappearance in 1954.

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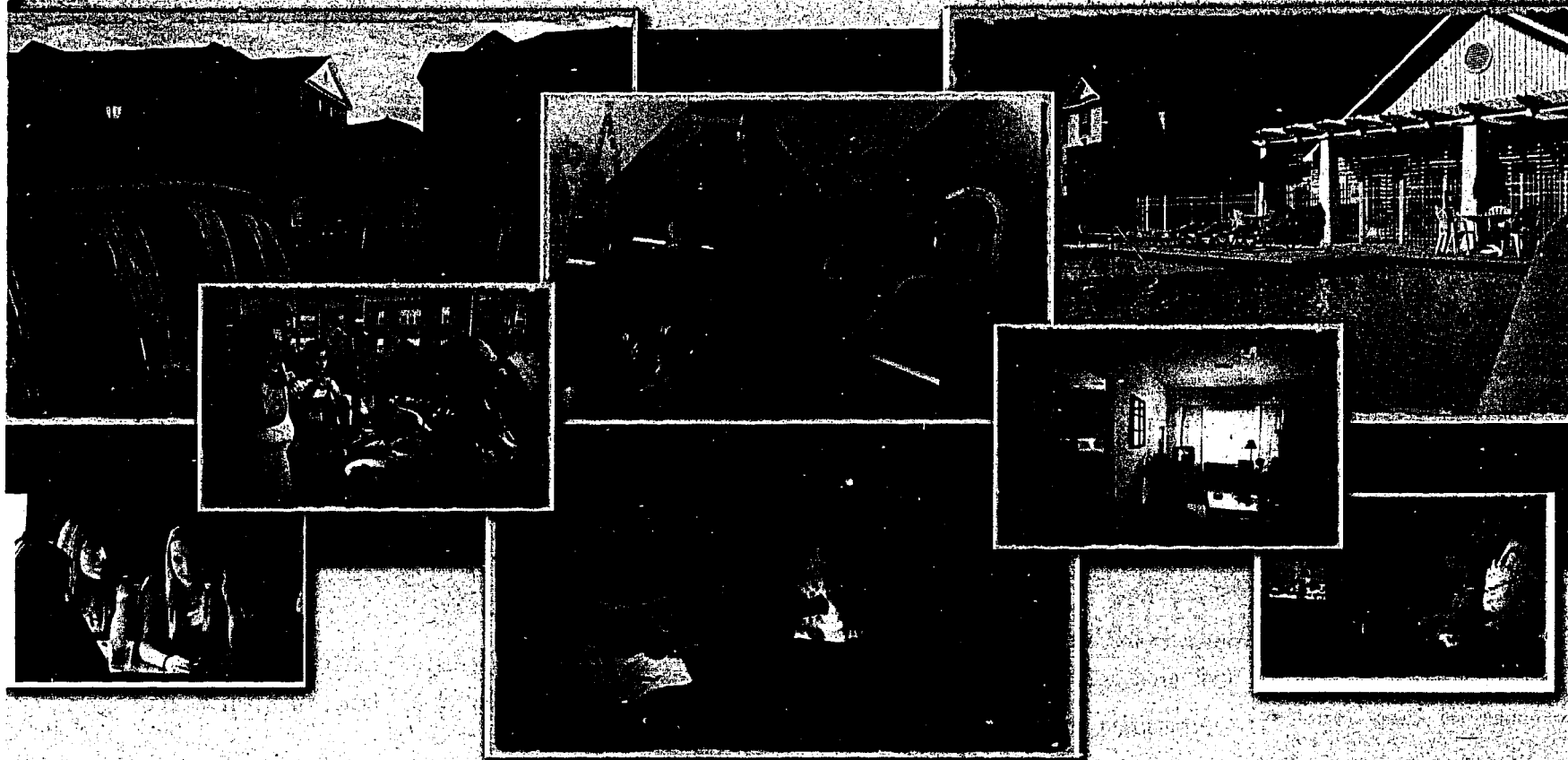
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He said by involving the community in the search for the wreckage of the creek.

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