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Ballroom to reopen today

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Student Union Building's International Ballroom has seen thousands of students graduate and countless cultural events and concerts, and now it has seen its first renovation since it was built in 1961.

Construction on the ballroom began over the summer, with an Oct. 1 completion date for the \$1.3 million project. The date was pushed back to Oct. 20 due to delays in construction, including asbestos removal and imperfections in some of the projects.

"We had a number of

things that we had to do change orders on, and we had some things that we ran into that we anticipated, but we didn't know what would happen," said Greg Tatham, assistant vice provost for student affairs.

Tatham said the delay didn't have many negative effects other than rearranging scheduled events. Even with the delay, Envision Idaho and UI President Duane Nellis' inauguration reception have been held in the incomplete ballroom.

"We had to change a couple of programs around and find additional space for them," Tatham said. "And folks that

couldn't find space ... if it cost them additional dollars, we paid for it and moved them."

Ninety percent of the ballroom was renovated, according to a UI press release. The ceiling was replaced to improve the ballroom's acoustics. Much of the lighting was changed, and the floors were refinished.

Both Tatham and Ben Aiman, electronic and events supervisor, said feedback has been positive.

"Everybody seems to have a really positive response to the overall look," Aiman said. "I think everyone's really happy with it."

Aiman said one of the big-

gest changes was the ability to change the amount of lighting in the room, allowing for a wider variety of events.

"The house down lighting is a place where we've made a ton of improvements with the evenness of the coverage throughout the ballroom," Aiman said. "Now we've got a really even watch and it's much nicer for the full ballroom look. ... You can dress it up or dress it down."

An open house for the completed ballroom will be held at 4 p.m. today, and various speakers will talk about the project, including Nellis and

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Jake Barber/Argonaut
Mark McCully from Q C Electric installs a light fixture in the newly renovated Student Union Building Ballroom Thursday.

Inauguration provides glimpse of UI's future

Gus Simpson
Argonaut

Nearly four months into the job, University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis outlined his vision for the university's future in his inaugural address Friday.

"The University of Idaho must be more innovative and entrepreneurial," he said. "We must work not just smarter and harder, but better and differently."

UI students, faculty, staff and more came to the Kibbie Dome to see Nellis formally awarded the post as the 17th UI president, a position he has filled since July. The event capped off UI's weeklong "Celebration of Leadership."

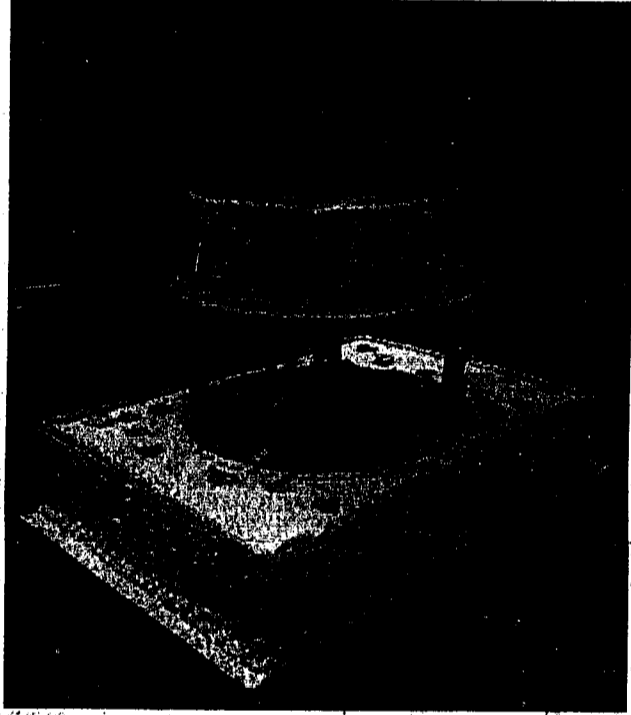
Nellis was joined by guests including Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney and UI Board of Regents President Paul Agidius. Delegates from UI sister institutions and deans from its colleges also attended.

Nellis' speech identified three specific areas for UI to concentrate on: research and innovation, student success and statewide outreach and engagement.

In 21 years, the world's population is estimated to grow by 2 billion people, increasing world demand on food, water and energy resources by 30-50 percent, said Nellis, whose academ-

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Duane
NELLIS
UI president



Marcus Kellis/Argonaut

An Administration Building-shaped cake graces a table in advance of President Duane Nellis' inauguration.

ic work is in geography.

"That it comes at a time when federal and state appropriations for fundamental research in the United States have stagnated is the major cause for concern," Nellis said.

This is perhaps the greatest issue of this generation, Nellis said, and it is one that UI is qualified to address.

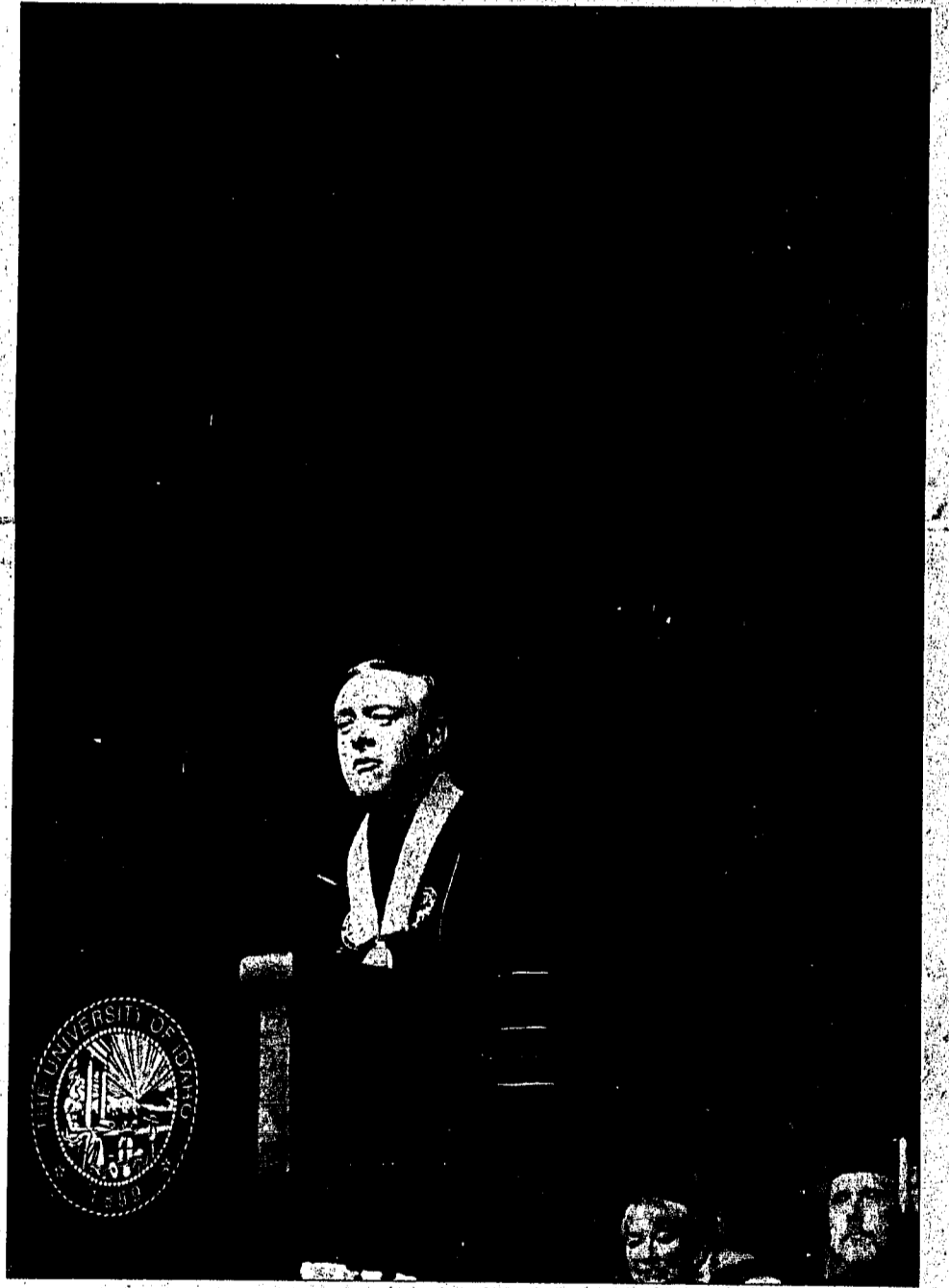
"This is our space race," he said. Nellis said he wants

to "accelerate research efforts" with an emphasis on teamwork and collaboration. His goal is to increase the research funding UI receives from \$100 million annually to \$150 million by the year 2020.

"This will be a long-term process," Nellis said, "but many short-term gains are expected."

Specifically, Nellis mentioned four research areas to focus on: energy, agriculture and the environment, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), "natural and induced modifications of living systems," and the transition from wilderness to urbanization.

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

Duane Nellis, the 17th president of the University of Idaho, is formally inaugurated into the office in the Kibbie Dome Friday morning. Nellis' previous experience was at Kansas State University and West Virginia University.

Scholarship to be cut

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

An anticipated mid-year cut to Robert R. Lee Promise Category B Scholarship was made official Thursday, as the State Board of Education voted to reduce the amount awarded to students by \$100.

The cut lowers scholarships under the program to \$150 per student and could deepen at the discretion of the board's executive director if more students than anticipated end up qualifying for an award.

At their August meeting, board members had authorized the executive director to evaluate the Promise B program after the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 less than it had the year prior.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna emphasized the lower ap-

propriation, coupled with an increase in eligible students, left the SBOE with little choice.

"I just think it's important for folks to understand ... this is driven by the amount of money that the Legislature allocated," Luna said.

Board Vice President Richard Westerberg echoed Luna's sentiment.

"It really is just simple math," Westerberg said. "We have X amount of money, and we have X amount of students who qualified, and we have less money and more students who have qualified."

The scholarship is for freshmen from Idaho high schools entering higher education in the state for the first time. The award is automatic for residents with a 3.0 GPA or an ACT score of 20 or higher enrolled full-time, 22 years old or younger.

Extension centers must find partners

Tetonia, Sandpoint, Parma centers fighting for viability

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

The fate of three University of Idaho extension centers hinges on whether officials can secure private funding to keep the centers open through the end of the fiscal year, according to John Hammel, dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Hammel appeared in front of the State Board of Education members at their meeting Thursday at the Lewis-Clark State College campus in Lewiston.

A combined \$4.7 million in budget cuts and holdbacks has left research and extension in a difficult position.

The university, acting on recommendations from a blue ribbon task force, has targeted facilities in Parma, Sandpoint and Tetonia for restructuring or consolidation if private sponsors don't step forward before a Nov. 1 deadline.

"The people, and our stakeholders understand and sympathize with our budget situation," Hammel said.

Parma's Southwest Idaho Research & Extension Center was originally slated to be closed this calendar year, but public and industry outcry against the closure sent officials back to the drawing board.

"They have been important," Hammel said of the centers, "they continue to be important, and they are perceived as important."

By forming corporate partnerships or finding willing donors, CALS hopes to give its economists time to perform a thorough cost-benefit analysis of all facilities throughout the state. If officials still haven't found a way to keep the targeted centers running with fewer state-appropriated funds by April 1, consolidations and closures will go ahead.

In the meantime, it's uncertain if

the three centers will make it past the end of the year unscathed.

"Depending on how our continued dialogue goes with potential industry partners and other collaborators," UI President Duane Nellis said, "we (will) come back at the December meeting with a specific proposal to the board."

Board member Milford Terrell said administrators must present a clear plan in December to keep the "wolves off (their) backs," signaling limited patience on the board's part.

Moving to another issue involving budget problems and agricultural research, board member Ken Edmunds questioned Nellis and Hammel about the future of a proposed dairy research center in the Twin Falls area.

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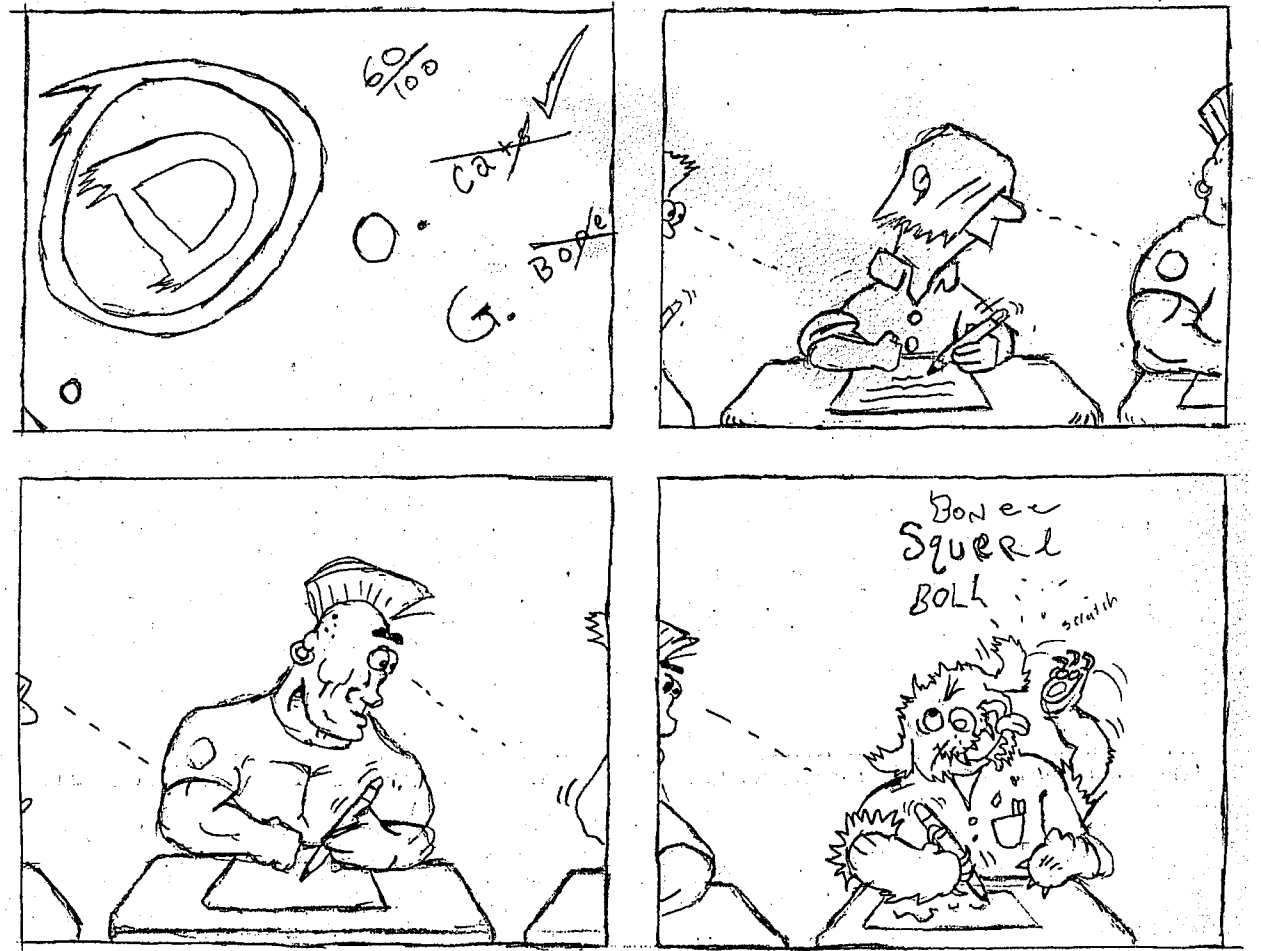
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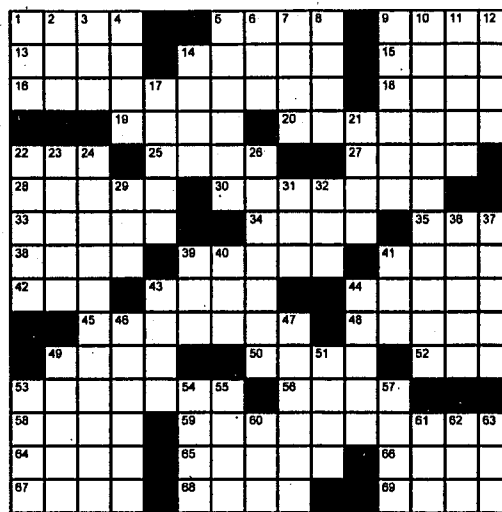
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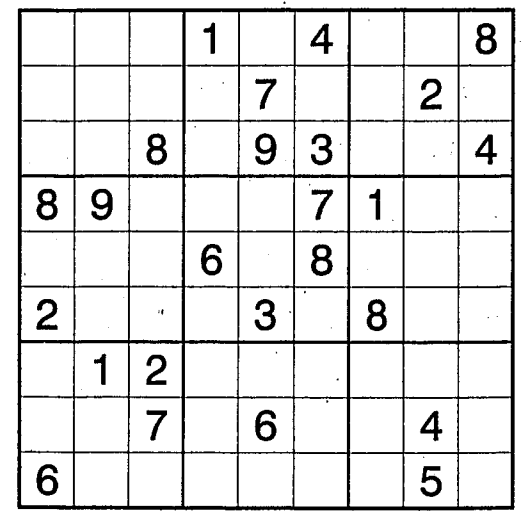
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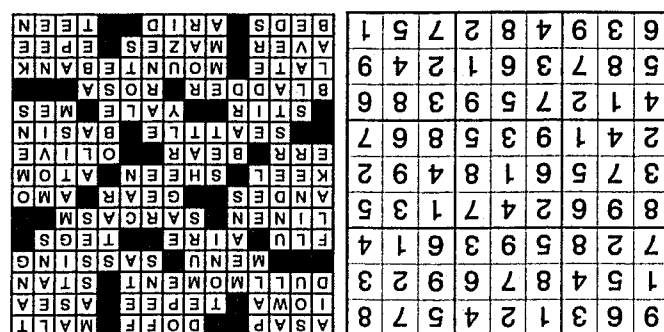
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Gov. Otter visits with students

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter came to the University of Idaho's Moscow campus last Friday morning to participate in a meet and greet event with students, organized by the UI College Republicans.

The event, held in the Idaho Commons, was cohosted by Rep. Janice McGeachin and Sen. Melinda Smyser of the Idaho Legislature.

"I am always pleased to visit with young people about ideas," Otter said. "It was a privilege to

discuss issues with the University of Idaho College Republicans when I was in town for President Nellis' inauguration."

Zach Arama, an ASUI senator and senior in political science, says events such as Otter's visit are a vital part of helping students become more politically knowledgeable, but wishes issues affecting institutions of higher education could have been discussed.

"It was very gracious of Gov. Otter to take some time to address the concerns of Idaho

students," Arama said. "It is unfortunate that he did not indicate a halt in higher education holdbacks — investing in higher education is an integral part of getting our economy back on its feet. It is a critical need."

Although the event was hosted by the College Republicans, many students not affiliated with the organization attended the event.

"I think it's great when one of Idaho's important political figures, like Gov. Otter, comes all the way up to UI to speak with us,"

said Thomas Dillon, a junior in industrial technology. "It's nice to know that we're not forgotten just because we're six hours away from the state capitol."

Otter says his goal as governor is to "empower Idaho to be all that America was meant to be, and to empower Idahoans to be the architects of their own destiny."

Otter was elected in November of 2006 and previously served three terms in Congress, representing Idaho's 1st District, the seat now held by Democratic

Rep. Walt Minnick.

An Idaho native, Otter attended St. Teresa's Academy (now known as Bishop Kelly High School) in Boise, Boise State University and graduated from the College of Idaho in 1967 with a degree in political science.

"I have spent many years promoting the principles of limited government and personal responsibility, and it was gratifying for me to deliver that message again to the engaged and attentive students in Moscow," Otter said.

Genome sequencer to have maiden voyage

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

The genome sequencer at the University of Idaho is hardly bigger than a regular PC. It's attached to a monitor

that gives the readings of the complicated strains of genetic material, and is controlled with a standard mouse. However, inside the machine is a \$250,000 camera built to capture some of the tiniest particles of living tissue.

"They should put it in a stainless-steel box, but instead it's plastic," said Larry Forney, director of the Initiative for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies, the collective that paid for the sequencer. "Apple would never let that happen."

The sequencer was purchased a few months ago, and arrived at UI in September. All told, it cost about \$500,000, while the entire lab is worth \$700,000.

The technicians were trained three weeks ago, and will be sequencing their first project soon.

"There are not many sequencers in the Northwest," said Matt Settles, a Ph.D. student in bioinformatics and computational biology and a dry technician in the sequencing lab.

There are two different types of sequencers. The sequencer at UI is a 454 sequencer, which can sequence "anything you throw in there, from a habitat to a single gene," Settles said. The Pacific Northwest has three in total, with the other two in Washington.

"While we were waiting for the world to come to us, the people that had the technology had a head start we would never be able to overcome," Forney said.

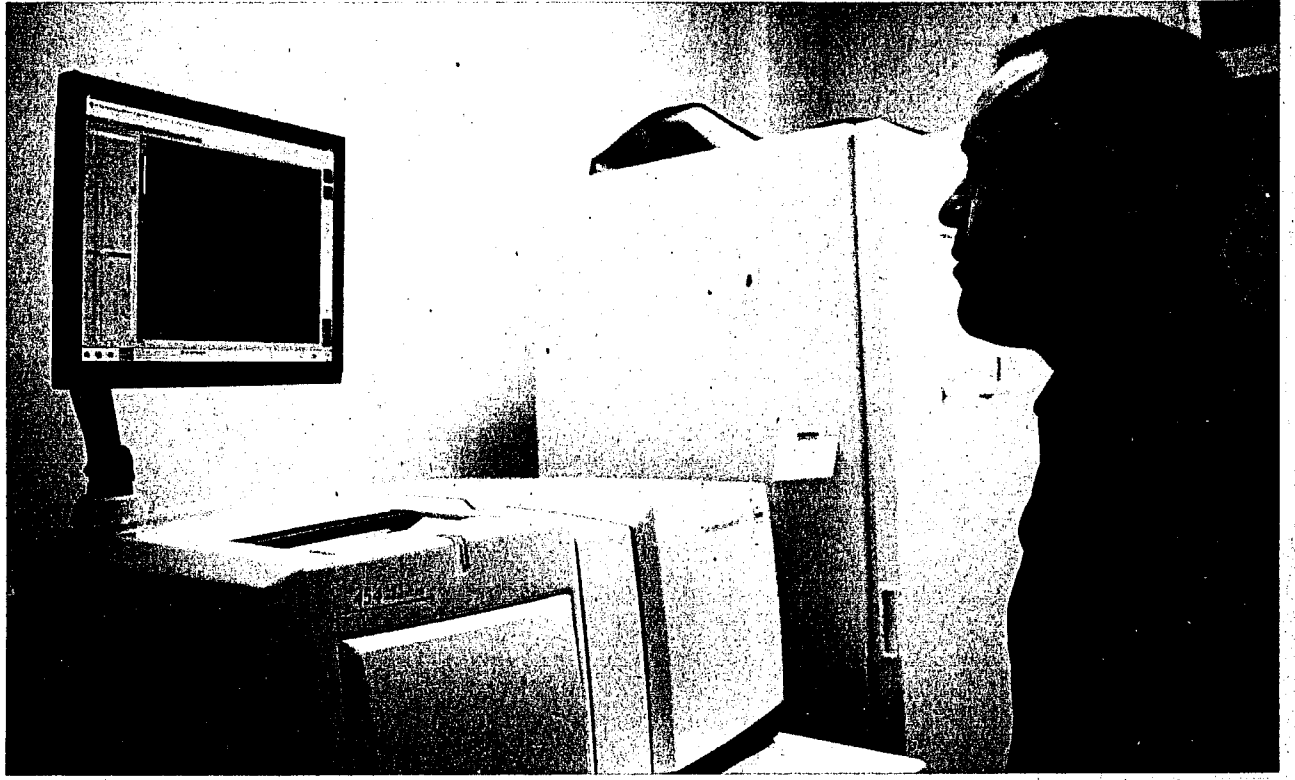
Forney said the sequencer would be an excellent recruiting tool for students and faculty in biology related areas.

"I just wish it looked more impressive," Forney said. "This puts us in some pretty elite company."

Forney said he wanted

"While we were waiting for the world to come to us, the people that had the technology had a head start we would never be able to overcome."

Larry
FORNEY
Director of IBEST



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Matt Settles, a bioinformatics scientist at the University of Idaho, operates a 454 sequencer Thursday afternoon in the Life Sciences South Building. Sequencers such as the IBEST Roche 454/FLX can sequence a genome a day, or take a complete inventory of species in a microhabitat. The sequencer was purchased with money from the National Institutes of Health.

to provide not only the sequencing of the genes, but also the interpretation. He said many researchers don't understand the computational side of genetics.

"It's way over people's heads," he said. "This is very complicated stuff."

It's Settles' job to make sense of the data and present it to be interpreted. He

uses computer science, mathematics and statistics to analyze the data.

"It really depends upon the actual experiment," he said.

Forney said the relationship between the researcher and the analyst starts from the initial experiment. He said it is efficient to not have to teach someone to

use the data, which could take months.

"You don't have that time," he said.

The wet lab technician prepares the genetic material for sequencing by splitting it into small sections and attaching it to particles that bind with it. After the material is prepared, it is loaded onto a plate with

over a million pores. The particles bound to the material sink into the pores, and the camera in the machine captures their light reflection. The raw data is processed by a supercomputing center also run by IBEST.

"It's a fast-moving field, and you have to be able to keep pace," Forney said.

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1:28 a.m. Farm Road: Caller said his roommate is threatening suicide.

2:10 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported a suspicious person.

10:20 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers requested a case number for a pumpkin thrown through a windshield.

11:18 a.m. University Avenue: Officers received a report of a female having a seizure.

5:18 p.m. Sweet Avenue: Caller said a Rent-A-Center van was parked across three parking spaces.

5:45 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers responded to a two-vehicle ac-

cident. One person was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

Wednesday

4:53 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said a male is weaving through traffic on a skate board.

Thursday

1:50 p.m. Elm street: Officers arrested a male on a warrant for failure to provide insurance.

5:35 p.m. Sweet Avenue: Caller reported damage on the side of his pickup truck.

Friday

12:20 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported a marijuana smell.

2:53 a.m. University Avenue:

Caller reported two males hanging around the house for 15 to 20 minutes.

12:20 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reported a two-vehicle accident.

11:16 p.m. University Avenue: Officers warned a male for noise.

Saturday

3:19 a.m. Nez Perce Drive: Officers received a report of three men sneaking toward a house but were unable to locate.

11:50 a.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

1:22 p.m. University Avenue: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

2:05 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer

requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

3:38 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

3:38 p.m. University Avenue: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

3:48 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers received a report of a female who may have needed assistance but subject refused.

3:50 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

4:25 p.m. UI Golf Course: Police, fire and EMS responded to a report of an unconscious person on the golf course. The person was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

4:28 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officers responded to a report of a

fight in progress.

4:45 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer requested a case number for a theft.

4:53 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

5:57 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officers received a report that someone was punched.

6:07 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller requested assistance from officers.

6:14 p.m. Kibbie Dome: Officers arrested a male for DUI.

Sunday

12:18 a.m. Nez Perce Drive: Officers responded to a group of eight males and females engaged in a verbal fight.

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Next, Nellis turned to the topic of students.

Nellis has implemented a student success initiative focused on dual credit programs, online degree programs and summer programming. He also said he wants to increase enrollment capacity at UI, especially international and graduate student enrollment.

By the year 2020, Nellis said he envisions a "highly diverse and accomplished population of 16,000 students." He said he plans to appoint a president's council on diversity to that end.

UI's need for statewide outreach and engagement was Nellis' third and final focus. He has appointed an outreach and engagement council to advise him on policies and procedures, and said he will be assessing the university's statewide campuses to ensure their programs meet the current and future needs of their constituents.

"This is a snapshot of our work in the months and years ahead," Nellis said.

Before discussing his goals, Nellis made it a point to address the challenges UI is facing, including the nationwide increase in the college dropout rate and global competition for American knowledge. Most importantly, Nellis spoke about the dwindling economy and diminishing domestic support for educational funding.

"In this current downturn, we're making choices that impact not only our capacity for progress, but also each of us at a very human level as we implement mid-year holdbacks that touch our faculty, staff and students," Nellis said.

However, he expressed confidence that the university will recover from its economic woes and emerge stronger for the experience.

"While I will not diminish the consequences of public disinvestment in higher education," he said, "I still see our future through very, very optimistic lenses."

Nellis wasn't the only one talking about economic issues.

Before the inauguration, in a question-and-answer session hosted by UI College Republicans, Gov. Otter's first order of business was to address state budget holdbacks. He said the solution to recovering from the economic downturn lies in the state's ability to "redefine the role of government in the 21st century."

He said he has been looking at ways to save and restructure government programs. However, he offered no firm answers as to whether state funding for UI will be increased anytime soon.

During the inauguration ceremony later, Otter welcomed Nellis and his wife Ruthie to the "Idaho family" and showed his confidence in Nellis' leadership.

"These are challenging times... but they are also times of opportunity," Otter said. "They are times

when great leadership is needed at all levels. It is time for Duane Nellis, for Idaho."

Several others made speeches greeting Nellis, including ASUI president Kelby Wilson and Ruth Dyer, interim provost of Kansas State University, Nellis' former home.

Following this collection of greeting remarks, Agidius presented Nellis with the presidential mace, a 32-inch, gold- and silver-banded walnut piece symbolizing the authority and power of the presidential position. Nellis was also given the gold president's medallion, which he wore around his neck during his address.

The ceremony included music by the Lionel Hampton School of Music Wind Ensemble and the Native American Student Association drumming circle, who performed a Nez Perce honor song. Robert Wrigley, UI English professor, read a poem he composed for the inauguration, entitled, "Idaho."

At the ceremony's close, Nellis ended his speech with the story of a UI alumna who, while visiting campus with her daughter, told her, "This is where you come to get hope."

He said this story is a reminder that education can make a person's dreams come true and help a generation meet its promise.

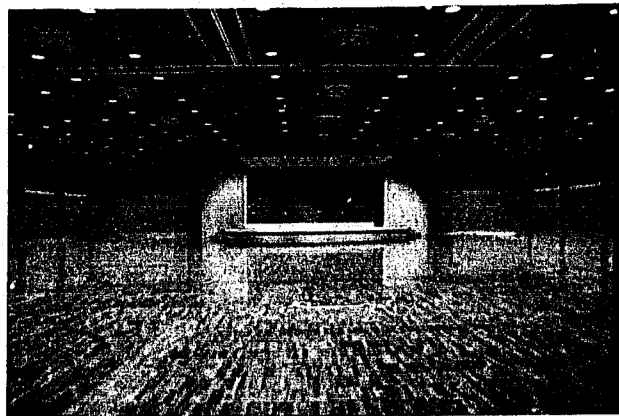
"I believe in the promise of Idaho," Nellis said, "and I am committed to the leadership that we can and must provide for our students, for our state and for our world."

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ASUI President Kelby Wilson.

"We're just going to kind of let people look around and think about how they can use (the ballroom)," Tatham said.

Aiman said they will showcase the improved sound and lighting at the opening, and a reception will follow, featuring musical entertainment from the Vandaleers concert choir.



Steven Devine/Argonaut

The newly renovated Student Union Building Ballroom will reopen today.

Iraqi shoe thrower gets hero's welcome in Geneva

Bradley S. Klapper
Associated Press

The Iraqi journalist who hurled his shoes at President George W. Bush leaned back in his chair and soaked in the round of applause.

This was not Baghdad or Damascus or Beirut. This was Geneva, where Muntadhar al-Zeidi was given a hero's welcome Monday far warmer than the subdued reception in his own homeland.

"I am one of the victims of the occupation," al-Zeidi said at a press conference alongside two local politicians, repeating his allegations that he was severely tortured, including electric shock, during his nine months of Iraqi detention.

His claims were often inexact, and it was unclear if the confusion was a result of faulty interpreting.

He said he was tortured for "three months," and then later he said the mistreatment was over "three days."

He pledged to decline all gifts from wealthy Arabs until he sets up a foundation to support suffering Iraqis and said he was visiting Switzerland and other

countries with financial support from friends.

He condemned the United States, saying it played a role in 1 million deaths and forcing 5 million people to flee. He made no mention of the violence among Iraqi groups since the 2003 U.S. invasion.

Most of Iraq's 2 million international refugees live in neighboring Syria and Jordan, while the International Organization for Migration says a similar number of Iraqis are uprooted inside the country's borders. About 100,000 Iraqis have suffered violent deaths over the last 6 1/2 years, according to The Iraq Body Count, a London-based group whose figures are widely considered a credible minimum.

Al-Zeidi's reception in Switzerland was noteworthy. While his shoe-throwing act of protest in December made him a hero for many in the Muslim world, there was little public outpouring of support for him when he was released last month in Baghdad.

Since the incident, U.S. forces have pulled back from Iraq's cities, significantly

lowering the profile of the U.S. military ahead of a planned full withdrawal from the country.

Also, President Barack Obama is seen by many Muslims as far more sympathetic to their cause than Bush, whom many blamed for unleashing Iraq's turmoil. Security improvements have also left Iraqis undecided on whether the invasion was the unmitigated evil depicted by many war critics.

In Geneva, those issues faded as al-Zeidi was cheered by reporters and others after recounting his tale of torture at Iraqi hands, his inspiration for throwing the shoes at Bush, and his demands that U.S. forces leave Iraq and Bush face an international tribunal.

He was asked if he was tortured by Americans as well. He denied that.

The U.S. diplomatic mission in Geneva declined to comment on al-Zeidi's visit.

Al-Zeidi was released three months early for good behavior, and, with the help of his Geneva lawyer, obtained a tourist visa for Switzerland.

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Environmental Studies Center was to have been funded with \$10 million from UI, \$5 million from

the dairy industry and a \$10 million state appropriation, but all three sources have taken a hit.

Nellis said the university is looking at scaled-down alternatives to the original plan, including purchasing or partnering

with an existing dairy.

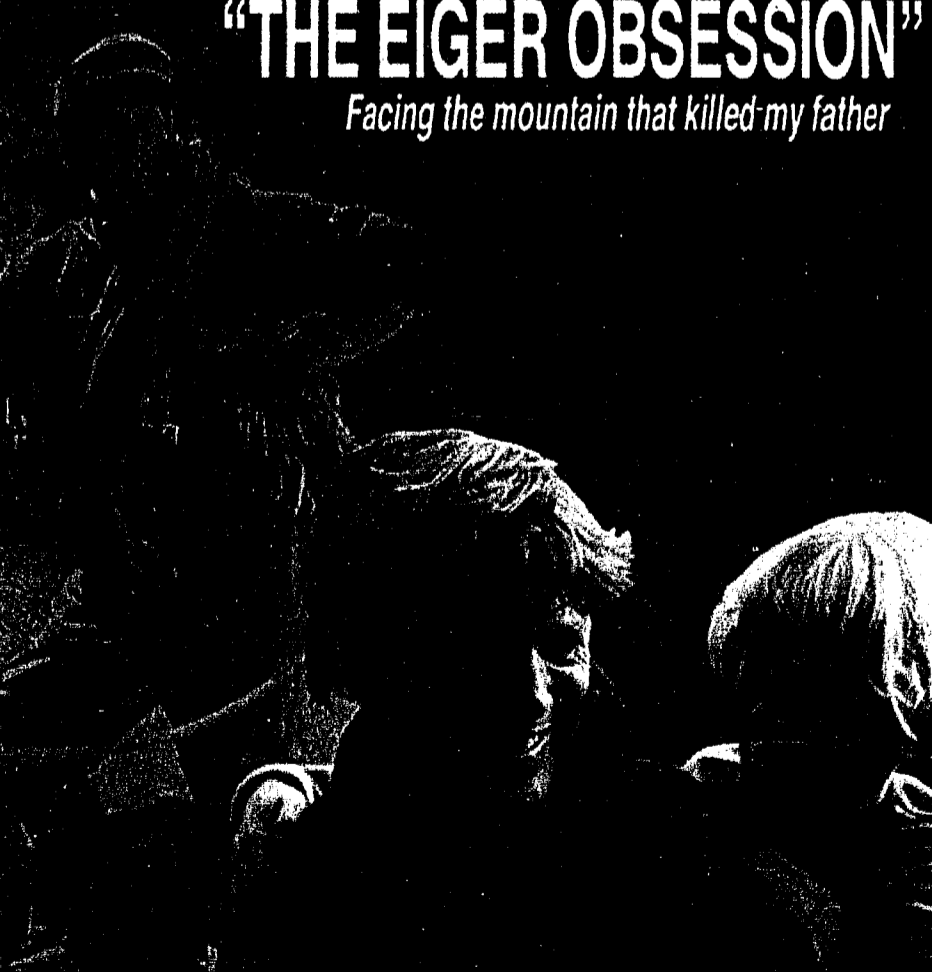
"We recognize the importance of the dairy industry in this state, and we want to continue to explore different options," Nellis said, "but it is a very challenging time to do that."

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A changing university

Renovations around campus a long time coming

The University of Idaho has a ballroom that students and faculty can be proud of. Construction crews have just finished remodeling the Student Union Building's International Ballroom, and it looks good.

The ballroom had not seen a renovation since it was built in 1961, and it showed. Not that it was a horrible venue, but with its poor acoustics and lighting, not to men-

tion the incredibly dated overall style, the ballroom was far from being the campus centerpiece.

Last March, Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts spoke in the ballroom. It was one of the biggest events the university has seen in many years, and it was unfortunate that the largest part of the campus the Chief Justice and other visiting guests saw was the aging ballroom. Thankfully,

future guests will have a different experience.

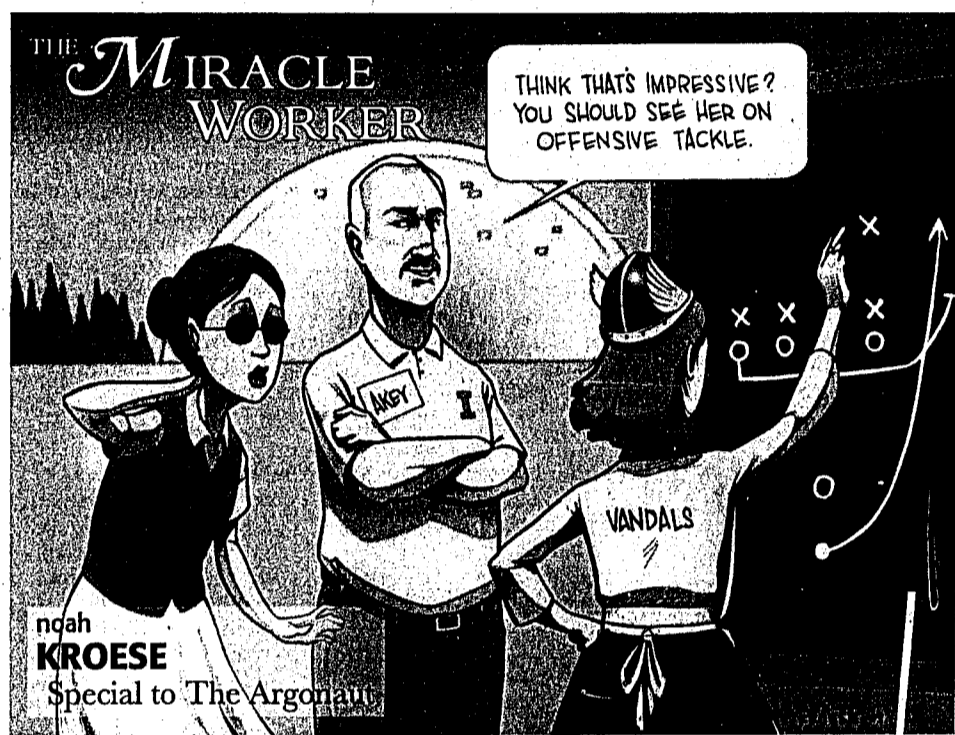
The new ballroom features improved acoustics and lighting, a safer environment due to the removal of asbestos and an overall new look that is uniquely Vandal.

Beside the renovation of the ballroom, students will also notice several other construction projects around campus. The west wall of the Kibbie Dome has been replaced

with metal and fiberglass to allow sunlight to fill the stadium. The roof of the Life Sciences Building is currently being replaced, and a sidewalk was installed along Idaho Ave.

Obviously there are still some corners of the campus that could use a little help, but it is reassuring to see this work to continually improve our school.

— JR



It's time to raise the drinking age

A conversation that I regularly seem to overhear on campus is an agreement among students that the legal drinking age should be lowered to 18. One of the focal points of this argument tends to rely on the drinking age in most European countries being 18, despite not having nearly the amount of drinking problems America does.

That is a somewhat accurate assessment, however, most Europeans are also taught a little life lesson called moderation growing up. After witnessing another Friday night filled with drunken arguments over the merits of beer in the drinking process, police appearances and awkward, sloppy make out sessions, moderation is a concept no American grasps. Stories rarely begin with, "man, I drank such a proportionate amount of alcohol last night" or "I can't believe what a moderate amount of booze I consumed."

Instead, the usual fodder about being trashed or not knowing how one found his or her way home is how stories at Idaho normally begin. That is hardly a ringing endorsement for a lowered drinking age in America.

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Correspondence with our readers

Throw the yellow flag

As a student, I believe in catching the "Vandal Spirit," but three incidents this month are not the best examples:

1. Vandal Boosters attempting to engage in a "bar brawl" with someone wearing a Boise State T-shirt.
2. Heckling Alumni from other institutions for wearing gear in support of their own alma mater.
3. Believing it is perfectly acceptable to steal a "Vandal Gear" hooded sweatshirt from a wheelchair-using parent playing with their child at East City Park who saw you do it, but couldn't chase you across the park to get it back.

Should I continue to have "Vandal Pride"?

Brenda Kotewa
Graduate student, education

As tasteless as tofu

PETA ads step over the line

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, have been using controversial ads for some time now to further their cause. This summer they came out with an ad that not only had meat-eaters shaking their heads, but some vegetarian supporters as well.

The ad — an illustration — features a large white woman, from behind, in a red polka-dot bikini at the beach. The slogan reads, "Save the Whales — Lose the Blubber: Go Vegetarian." With this ad PETA has hit a new low.

While the U.S. is known as the most obese country in the world — the CDC reported one-third of adults in the U.S. were overweight from 2005 to 2006 — I am sure at least some of those overweight individuals are vegetarians. You don't need to become a vegetarian to overcome a weight problem. If other health-related issues are not the cause of a person's weight, most individuals just need a good diet and an exercise regimen — if that diet happens to be vegetarian, good for them.

This ad does more than just offend a large majority of the population. It is also detrimental to the body image of women and young girls. As if the fashion industry

has not already done enough damage, now a non-profit organization has to tell women if they are overweight they are whales. What happened to the ethical treatment of human beings? I love animals, I even own some, but I put their health and well being second to that of my family.

Ads like this are not the way to encourage people to "join the fold." They are tacky and tasteless and say a lot more about the organization than any positive things they may have done. They also seem to be part of a trend. In 2007, PETA came out with an ad that said, "Feeding kids meat is child abuse," and in 2008, they encouraged people to spay and neuter their pets by sponsoring a commercial that had parents telling their teenage daughter to have lots of sex and "pop out as many kids as you want."

I can get behind promoting vegetarianism, discouraging people from wearing furs and educating people about cruelty to animals, but I can no longer get behind an organization that believes animals are entitled to better treatment than human beings.

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erin HARTY
Argonaut

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off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Best (recent) SNL moment

I love the Lawrence Welk parody of the Lennon sisters in which Kristin Wiig, who plays Judy, sings about her favorite pastime: chasing cars. Her baby hands popping bubbles is an extra-special touch at the end. I laugh until I cry every time.

— Kelsey

Good spooks, long night

The students who put on the haunted house in Ridenbaugh Hall this weekend did a fantastic job. My children have never been so scared. It was a long night, as my youngest was afraid to go upstairs alone and tried her hardest not to fall asleep.

— Erin

WTF

Yesterday I got a text message from my roommate informing me that he found a dead squirrel in our toilet. I thought he was joking until I saw the photo. I'm still perplexed by the fact that this squirrel somehow got into our house, past a dog and a cat, lifted the toilet seat and fell in.

— Jake

Love in the time of influenza

How much of this flu season is based on people smooching, you figure? I don't know or care, really, I just wanted to wedge in that Gabriel García Márquez reference. Where my literature students at?

— Marcus

Bacon

I think bacon might be the most amazing food ever. I know the grease is probably going to give me a heart attack and kill me young, and I am totally fine with that.

— Jens

Autumn colors

I love how the trees and bushes look when the leaves start to change colors. The oranges, yellows and reds create a beautiful range of analogous colors that are not seen during the summer and spring months. Despite the cold temperatures that cause the leaves to change, the colors create a warm, cozy feeling — at least from the inside looking out, or on sunny days.

— Elizabeth

Senioritis

I thought senioritis was restricted to seniors in high school, not juniors in college. It don't come easy.

— Greg

Snow

The weather over the last week has been the weirdest since it snowed in June a couple years ago, but I'll gladly take more of this if we could just delay the snow for a few more weeks.

— Jeffrey

Ignorance is NOT bliss

I'm completely appalled by Justice Keith Bardwell's justification for not marrying the interracial couple. Who's to say they were going to have children and when was that under your job description to determine the quality of a child's life? Bardwell should lose his position as a justice. A man that ignorant should not be deciding the law for American society.

— Jennifer

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beyond theSHEETS

Good touch for a good reason

Often I talk about sexual health responsibility. While the most common method to be responsible is to receive regular testing for various sexually transmitted infections, there are other, equally easy, ways. This particular responsibility is for a very common occurrence (albeit not sexually transmitted).

Breast cancer is a very serious disease and happens to many women every year (there are also cases of breast cancer in men, but it is not as common). It is also easily treatable with early detection, such as self-breast examinations, which is an incredibly important activity for all women to do. Another way to screen for breast cancer is mammograms. Clinical screening is recommended every three years for women but more frequently as women age. Mammograms are generally recommended yearly for women over the age of 40. There are reasons to justify this test at the same regularity under this age, the biggest reasons being a family history of breast cancer or unusual lumps. The best way to detect unusual lumps is by doing a self-exam.

Many of us have heard of breast self-exams, but not everyone knows how to do them. It is important to pick a time when the breasts are least tender (generally a couple of days after the period has ended). Find a comfortable place to lay down face up with a pillow or towel under the arm on the side to be screened first (right or left). The arm of the side being felt needs to be raised, and the head can rest on the hand. Using three fingers, make small circular motions in each spot on the breast

while also moving the hand in an up and down pattern. This is done for the entire surface of the breast. When completed, repeat the process on the other breast.

Now, there are different amounts of pressure recommended for different parts of the breast. Medium pressure is recommended for the majority of the breast and firm pressure for the tissue nearest the ribs.

If lucky, a woman will never encounter unusual lumps or breast tissue. However, it is more likely to occur than not. It is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible after detection in order to increase your chances of early detection of tumors.

Perform regular self-exams often and receive clinical exams as recommended. If you do not know what your breast feel like normally, you will not know what an abnormality feels like.

I understand some of you may be confused why I am discussing this topic rather than telling you about the best condoms to use or the neatest adult toy on the market. It is important to be mindful of reproductive health outside of STI's. Breasts are a vital part of the reproductive system.

Have fun, be safe, and touch yourself.
Position of the week: Back in the saddle
Penetrating partner lies down face up. Penetrated partner sits on the other's lap facing the opposite direction (back to face). To complete the position, the penetrating partner lifts one leg over the corresponding shoulder of the other partner.

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

chris
BIDIMAN
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Matt
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Argonaut

Is the post office really so bad?

Nothing excites conservatives more than an inefficient government program. Well, the program doesn't have to be inefficient, so long as enough people have bad experiences with it to create a plausible case against the very idea of government.

Thus, the IRS — without which the government couldn't collect revenue — has become history's greatest monster.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is another common target — silly, in that a private alternative is basically impossible to imagine — but understandable, in that the lines are pretty long and irritating in most cities.

Of all the inane gripes about government though, few irritate me more than attacks on the post office. That some conservatives can go after a program working as it should and used by everyone is perfectly emblematic of a generalized delusion.

In the recent debates about health care reform, anti-post office jabs have really come into vogue. If Obama Care passes, those on the right say, your doctor's office will be like the post office.

Uh... am I alone in thinking this is a strong argument in favor of reform? Moderate lines in exchange for low prices and dependable service? Is this really the best health care reform opponents can do?

Actually, when it comes to reform, the

post office analogy may be more apt than conservatives realize.

The prospect of market forces providing cheap and reliable mail delivery to rural Idaho are about as promising as those same forces providing affordable health care to 70-year-old cancer survivors. In short: not very promising.



mark
RUNSVOLD
Argonaut

One of the most elementary functions of government is to correct market failures, especially in cases where the market creates outcomes generally agreed to be unacceptable.

We don't think people in remote areas should be without mail, so we subsidize their delivery. We don't think sick people should be left to die in the street, so we have laws keeping that from happening.

This kind of broad moral consensus undergirds most policies. It's the essence of democracy.

Yet those most eager to extol the democratic process and worship the Constitution, hide behind a narrow interpretation of the document when actual democracy threatens to extend new rights.

Opposition to any kind of consensus is perfectly healthy. It's disconcerting, though, that the opposition has become so ideologically rigid in this case as to tolerate no deviations from party orthodoxies (e.g. market solutions are best for any problem).

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DRINKING

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I do not drink alcohol at all and that makes me just as clueless to the concept of moderation as the person who is passing out drunk five times a week. The main difference of being a teetotaler is I have rarely, if ever, kept people up late at night because I was busy shouting out idle threats and falling over easily avoidable inanimate objects.

This is why America needs to raise and not lower the drinking age. It is important to note my plan does not try to curtail drinking but only wants to neutralize the stupidity that ensues from it.

In order to buy alcohol in the United States, I propose one must be a minimum of 38 years old. College students will always get their grubby mitts on

liquor but now they will be forced to have a creepy 38-year-old person around when drinking.

If a person buys you booze because you are underage, you are basically obligated to invite them to drink with you for some amount of time. Quite frankly, there could be nothing more sobering than having a strange, older person uncomfortably eyeballing you and your friends.

It does not matter how drunk the crazy, drunk girl at the party is because once some 50-year-old dude with a beard starts spitting game at her she will sober up in a hurry. There is no greater buzz kill than having an older person at a party since nobody quite knows why this person would want to be drinking with college kids in the first place.

This will not stop everyone from making complete fools out of themselves,

but it would make a lot of people at least think twice about their actions. For better or worse, the drinking culture is embedded into the college experience yet something should be done to modify the impact it has.

Allowing someone who is 18 to buy alcohol is sure as hell not going to stop them from drinking any less. Even raising the drinking age is unlikely to stop drinking; instead it is about making the process an awkward one for those who wish to drink.

If I want to go to bed at ten o'clock on a Friday a night, I should be able to do so without having to hear the drunken shenanigans of those in Moscow. The easiest way to put a stop to those shenanigans is putting a 40-year-old dude with a bushy mustache in the room everyone is drinking in.

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eventREVIEW

Eerie spooks on a stormy night

Ridenbaugh Hall's haunted house gave visitors an early start to Halloween



Graphic by Scott Obert

ent standing for over 100 years and has a reputation for a frightening experience, especially when it is connected to so many urban legends.

The Ridenbaugh Haunted House Saturday was a fun event that seemed to get a lot of people in the Halloween spirit. Attendees were spooked from the experience, and community members in need will be fed from the admittance requirement of one can of food.

The wait to get in, while worth it, was long. Each

A woman greeted visitors at the entrance, and told them of the legend of a girl who haunts Ridenbaugh—a prelude sure to spook. For an immediate fright, hands popped up out of the floor and groans echoed throughout the walls.

The most notable scene from the haunted house was the disturbing psych ward reenactment. From a girl on a table begging passerbys for help to someone tearing off a

Ridenbaugh five minutes of shuffling and crawling through well-designed, frightening passages, visitors were transported to a different world. Halloween is right around the corner, and the music students at the University of Idaho did a great job of preparing people for the spooky holiday.

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commentary

Resurgence of the '80s

In the spring of 2005, my mother turned 40, and the only gift that came to mind were some tickets. Not just any tickets mind you, but Mötley Crüe tickets.

Ironically, it had been twenty years since my mother, pregnant with my sister, had seen Vince Neil, Mick Mars, Nikki Sixx and Tommy Lee rock a sold-out crowd. It was probably the best rock show Spokane had seen that year. From the fashion of gray, acid-washed jeans to crazy AquaNet-infused hairstyles, the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll mantra for these leather and spandex-wearing dudes was back on the rise.

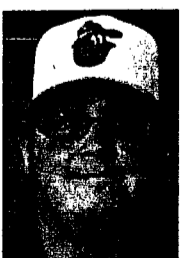
They partied all night this particular evening, while making young girls (who could be their daughters) squeal while killing brain cells, lungs and livers all in the name of fame and

fortune. They made their presence known by going straight to the souls of all in attendance who welcomed them back with open arms and lighters ablaze to one of their most popular of tracks, "Home Sweet Home."

Now in 2009, more and more '80s hair metal and glam rockers are returning to the stage. They have reunion tours scheduled in order to quell the musical drought that has been hovering over the world due to bands like Creed, Linkin Park and Papa Roach.

With this post-grunge fusion of hip-hop and rock music, some listeners have grown tired of the defilement of rock music, wishing upon the proverbial stars to revert back to the decade of decadence — big hair, make-up,

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eventREVIEW

Comedy night in Spokane

It always seems to rain when I decide to take a trip to Spokane that isn't specifically for shopping. I'm not sure if it's my bad timing or a conspiracy, but Saturday night was no exception.

A friend and I drove up for a comedy show with Dan Cummins and Justin McKinney, a show we'd had tickets for since July. Cummins visited University of Idaho's campus last year for a standup show the two of us decided to see at the last minute, and really enjoyed.

McKinney has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Last Comic Standing" and "Blue Collar Comedy Tour." This past summer, Cummins announced on MySpace that he and McKinney would be performing in Spokane for the taping of his first one-hour special on Comedy



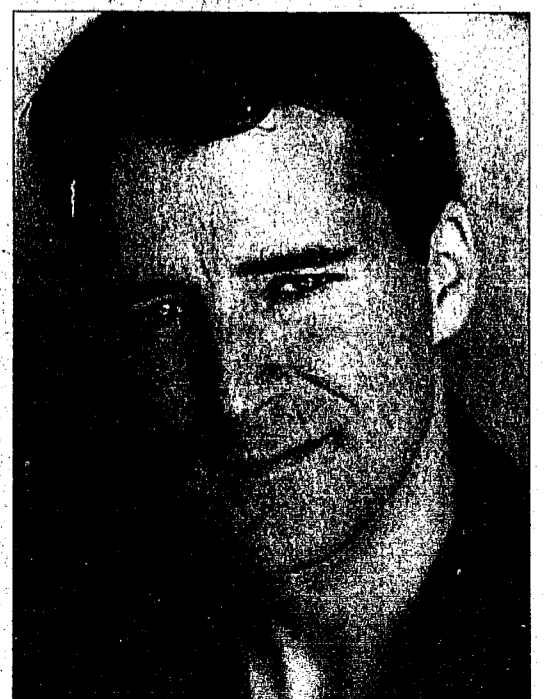
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Central. Tickets were only \$17, so I bought them early.

As usual, finding a place to park in the city was a nightmare, but we considered it a personal best that we only got lost three times. Three blocks later — jackets dripping — we reached the Bing Crosby Theater and found our seats. A red brick pattern decorated the back of the stage, reminding me of the backdrops for other Comedy Central specials. Shortly after sitting down, tendrils of fog started drifting from the stage and above the audience that was still chatting and laughing.

When the show finally started, comedian Brian Mooto took the stage to introduce McKinney. He told a few jokes to "get the place humming,"

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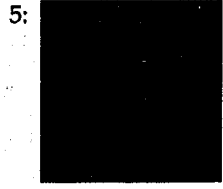
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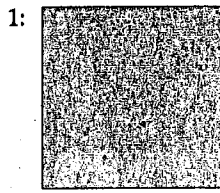
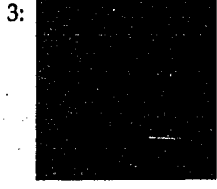
While I may be a creative genius, there are some topics that simply can't be done through the printed medium. For instance, only once or twice have I ever successfully cooked a steak through my writing. Prior publications have limited my creative avenue with black and white pages, but not today, so I present my top five colors.

From seasons to songs to mixed drinks, this color has been so widely used and so popularly applied that it just means something special to all of us, but probably something different to each of us as well. So for nostalgia's sake, I put this one on the list.

significance of this color has overshadowed the basic beauty inherent in it. I mean, yes, it is central to some of the most important imagery of all time, but more importantly some of the most important imagery of all time used this color centrally. Or at least, the artisans and designers who created that imagery chose this color. I sometimes wonder if this is what the color looked like back when it was first invented, or if it has changed throughout time. If so, I can only imagine how beautiful it must have been to its first users.



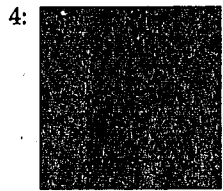
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It's obvious that this one deserves to be on the list, if for no other reason than boldness. That's probably stopped a lot of people from picking it for wallpaper or a bridesmaid's dress, but there's no denying this specific combination of light and vigor just jumps off the page. In any case, if I'm being honest I have to admit that this was the color of my first blankie, so it automatically gets a spot.

I know this one is a bit controversial, but frankly I think this is an underrated color. People don't use it often enough and when they do it's usually sarcastically, like "Oh, I'll use that one to paint the porch. That's such a great color." They don't mean it. But they should, you know? I mean, colors come and go, which is why we have to keep repainting items, and when you do you should consider this one. It's been unloved for too long, and I think if you look at it long enough with this in mind you'll agree.

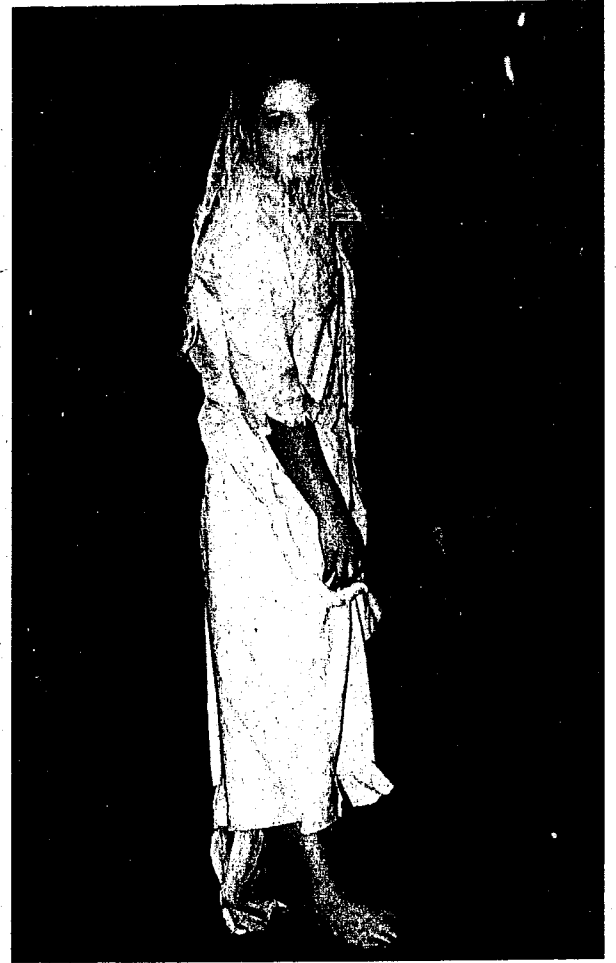
Of course, this has to be my number one. All the emotions of the heart are positively jumping off the newspaper page at your eyeball. Love, hate, joy, despair, sexual frustration ... somehow they all manage to inhabit one color. I once had contacts of this color, so that I could inspire more emotional honesty out of people. But after it invoked aggression in other people, I decided to go back to hazel. True story.



This is one of my favorites just like it's one of everyone's favorites. It's almost cliché picking this one, I know, but in fairness I couldn't leave it off.

I've always felt like the historical

Well, this has been awesome. Unfortunately I can only write about color occasionally, and that is too bad because the spectrum of possibilities is so wide.



Tyler Macy/Argonaut
One of many ghosts and ghouls in the Ridenbaugh Haunted House prepares to scare groups of thrill-seekers Saturday night.

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Each student was thoroughly committed to giving every visitor a thrill. The make-up, costumes and acting were believable and with such a dark ambiance and people popping out at every

corner you turned, it was moderately terrifying. "It was the most scared I've ever been. They do the best job at scaring people," said Amanda Graves, a sophomore majoring in education. Judging by the smiles of everyone as they exited, it's fair to say many shared that opinion.

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Not good at games? Try vintage

Video games are getting harder and harder. As people gain skill with a controller, developers are amping up difficulty to challenge them. This sucks for people who want to play video games, but aren't that coordinated. The current games have always been a little too involved — when everyone else was playing "Goldeneye" on the Nintendo 64, I was slogging through turn-based RPGs on my Super Nintendo emulator. Now, I can barely

pass the easy levels on "Katamari Forever." Vintage gaming is a great alternative for people who feel a little challenged by current games. The older games are generally less difficult, and have classic storylines. What you lose in graphics you make up for in an enjoyable experience. The Super Nintendo console has always been a favorite. If you don't want to go through the trouble of finding a console, there are PC and OS X emulators freely

circulating on the Internet, with just about every game available. Some fans have translated games that were only released in Japan into English, making it possible for Americans to play "Sailor Moon: Another Story," "Final Fantasy V" and "Tales of Phantasia," as well as other classic games. The Nintendo Wii is a great console for beginning gamers. If you want to look back to classic games, many are available for download. A Nintendo 64 game, like "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time" or Kirby 64, only costs \$10, much cheaper than tracking down the

console and game. Super Nintendo games only cost \$7, and NES games are only \$5. Playstation has always been known for challenging action games and story-rich RPGs. Many of the recent games for the Playstation 3 console require a lot of hand-eye coordination, but there's a solution. The Playstation Network has games from older systems for download, like "Final Fantasy VII." There's also Nobby Nobby Boy, from the creator of Katamari Damacy, which is more of a meditation exercise than a video game, and is becoming a cult favorite.



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then let McKinney take over. The next hour was packed with jokes about the recession, the weather in New Hampshire, neighbors and McKinney's wife. A highly responsive audience gave him exactly what he needed to perform an enthusiastic, hilarious routine. He delivered punch after punch and received many applause lines, especially when describing his troubles with weather and the harsh winters in New Hampshire, which most people living in this region of the Northwest can relate to.

Cummins was up next after an intermission and set change. Cummins' backdrop was vastly different from the first, with crimped veils of light blue and thick, dark blue velvet curtains gathered in front. He walked out on stage to a raucous crowd, and started in almost immediately with his routine. Cummins' humor

was rather different from McKinney's, giving an interesting variety of comedy to the audience. Where McKinney's voice and facial expressions were animated and exaggerated, Cummins was mostly deadpan and off-the-wall. Both were effective in their approaches, but I enjoyed and related to Cummins' humor more. He ranged from topics such as mean greeting cards ("Hey man, sorry I slept with your girlfriend, but you were gone for a year and she was really lonely. Happy Veteran's Day") to stories about his three-year-old son. His style of humor is strange, but it works, especially for audiences in their 20s and 30s. The only drawbacks of the night were getting lost, dealing with the ache in my stomach from laughing so much and the slow leak in the ceiling, a constant reminder that it was raining outside. Had it not been a comedy show, I might have been incredibly irritated by that aspect of the evening, but given where I was, all I could really do was laugh about it.

'80s

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leather, tight spandex and enough animal print to cause PETA members to stage a coup on the music business. Some bands, just like the Crüe (as many fans lovingly call them), have returned with the tried-and-true favorites, a new attitude and typically, a new album to follow after finishing up their grand tours. Faster Pussycat is one of these bands who made a stop at John's Alley Oct. 18. There is no news as to whether they will get any new studio time and produce a new album, but have no fear glam-rocker groupies, there are many bands that have survived rehab trips, reality shows and have even risen from the dead. One theory that could be contributed to the timely phoenix-like comebacks of some bands is the creation of the "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" franchises. Bands such as Guns 'N' Roses, Scorpions and Warrant should be paying Activision and Electronic Arts for revitalizing their careers once more. However, as a product of the '80s, there is no complaint here. Just like many others, these guys

will be welcomed back with open ears, while some bands should not even bother picking up a microphone or guitar ever again. The new band on the scene, Steel Panther released their album, *Feel the Steel*, on Oct. 6, which has caused eyebrows to rise and heads to shake in disapproval. This glam metal parody band has given the real dudes a bad name by spouting off chauvinistic tracks such as "Death to All But Metal" as a collective "diss" of all bands and artists they feel are horrible. No one is safe when it comes to Steel Panther's rampage — even those women they believe are obese, especially with their track "Fat Girl (There She Blows)," an atrocious track causing one to speculate as to whether they have been sued yet. Some tracks are catchy, much like any sleazy metal band's tracks, but they are easily overlooked and skipped over (as they should be). Steel Panther, like other glam-rock and hair-metal bands, are on the prowl again. The dudes of debauchery have returned and are partying as much as ever. Glam and sleaze are back and will stop at nothing to be on the top of the music world again, one sleazy guitar riff and power ballad at a time.

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On top of the WAC

No. 2 in the nation, third-down conversions co team's success

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

After a win over the Hawai'i Warriors, the Vandals sit atop the WAC with a 6-1 overall record and bowl eligibility. But the Vandals have another accomplishment they can add to their list — second in the nation in third-down conversions.

Currently, Idaho is turning third downs into first downs over 57 percent of the time, helping the Vandals to stay in games.

Last Saturday, against the Warriors, the Vandals came out with 80 percent third-down conversions, led by quarterback Nathan Enderle who completed 14-for-17 passing for a total of 226 yards.

In a game that went back and forth for most of the night, the Vandals finished with a victory over the Hawai'i Warriors, 35-23 — mostly due to their successful conversions.

"It's a goal we've all had to be strong in third-down conversions," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "I can't say it's one thing because it's so much a group effort."

Part of the success can be attributed to the offensive line, which stands as tall as 6-foot-7 and weighs as much as 342 pounds. But the depth of the offense is also another factor, which Akey said having the ability to distribute the ball and the player's confidence to make big plays is huge.

In the beginning of the first quarter, both teams seemed to march down the field with ease, each defense unable to hold them to a fourth down. Scoring in the first few minutes of the first quarter with a 28-yard run from Idaho's senior DeMaundry Woolridge that resulted in a touchdown, Idaho fans felt a slight sense of ease over them. But, with almost nine minutes left to go in the first quarter, the Warriors responded with a touchdown to tie the score at 7-7.

Excitement would rise, though, when Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle would throw a 60-yard pass to Maurice Shaw for a touchdown.

Shaw was one of seven other Idaho players who would touch the ball last Saturday.

"That's been the goal from the day we came to put this program together," Akey said. "The throwing game has helped us much

more than it has in the past."

The Vandals would hold the Warriors to the 22-yard line for the next six minutes of the first quarter and force them to kick a field goal, bringing the score to 14-10, Idaho.

With two and a half minutes remaining in the first quarter, Hawai'i's defense would only allow running back Woolridge to rush for a few yards at a time. On their own 29-yard line, at third down, Enderle would send a 6-yard pass to Preston Davis, complete for a first down. Unfortunately, the Vandals were not able to convert another third down and were forced to punt.

Both teams would go scoreless for the rest of the first half, as the Warriors would hold possession for ten whole minutes only to be held to the fourth down at Idaho's own 2-yard line.

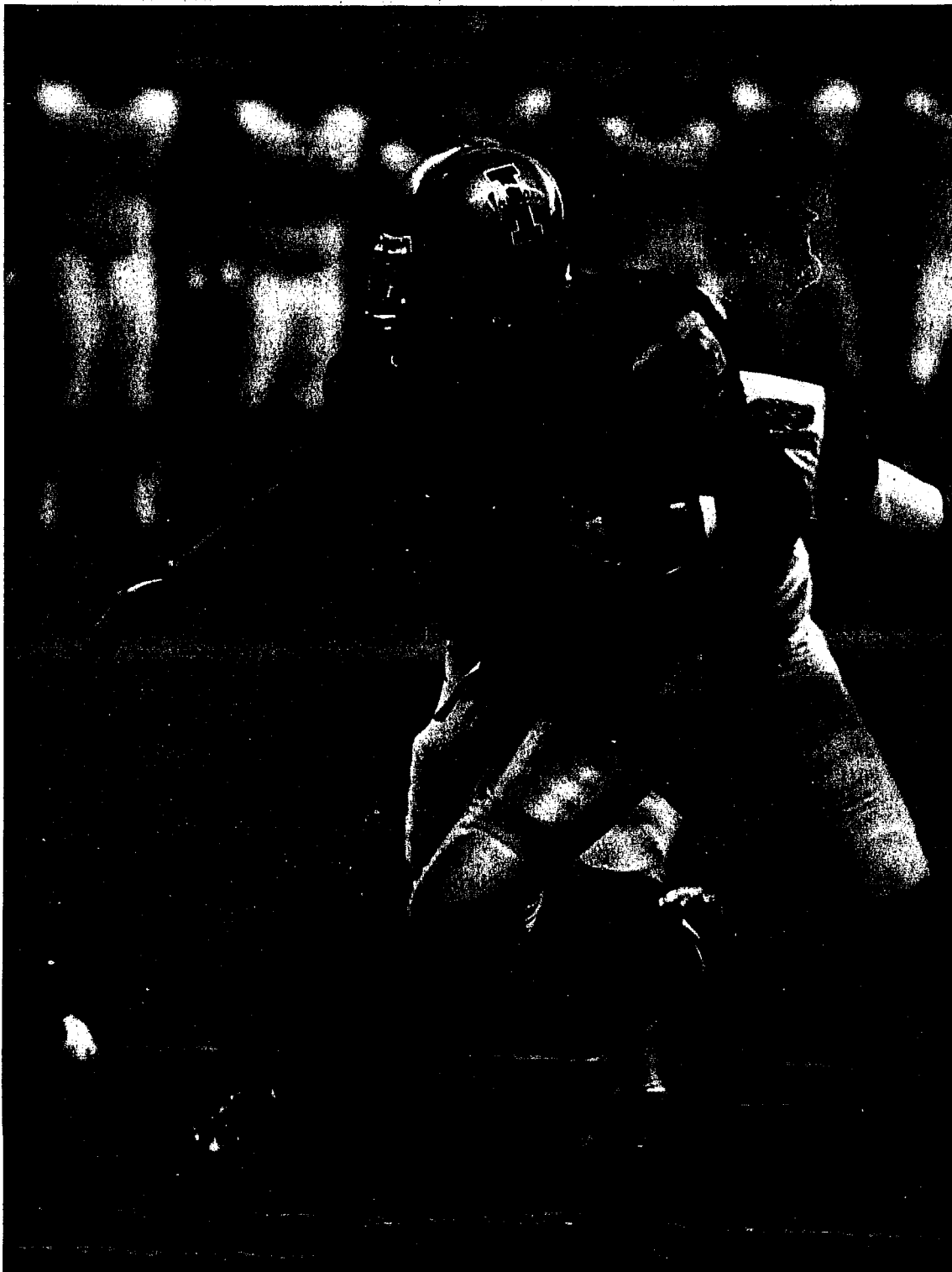
Both team's defense would push till fourth down and the rest of the half.

The beginning of the third quarter proved more successful for the Vandal offense as the third-down conversions turned into leading scores.

With less than 13 minutes in the third quarter, Idaho found themselves at third down on their own 25-yard line. An 8-yard pass from Enderle gave the Vandals another first down on their 33-yard line. Several carries, including a 16-yard carry from Princeton McCarty, would send Idaho all the way to Hawai'i's 19-yard line at third down. Converting to a first down with a 6-yard pass to Eric Greenwood, the Vandals would come up short at third down again on Hawai'i's 4-yard line. Woolridge, with the help of the offensive line, charged right into the end zone for a touchdown, bringing the Vandals further ahead 21-10.

The Warriors would use up the last five minutes of the quarter and stay in possession in the beginning of the fourth quarter. With 15 minutes on the clock at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Warriors would be placed on Idaho's 28-yard line on third down. Third-string quarterback Bryan Moniz would throw for 13 yards to Jon Medeiros for a first

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal running back DeMaundry Woolridge eludes Hawai'i Warrior defensive back Richard Torres en route to a 28-yard touchdown run in the first half. Woolridge totalled 89 yards rushing and 4 touchdowns and received a helmet sticker from ESPN analyst Mark May on College Football Live Saturday evening. The Vandals went on to beat the Warriors 35-23, making them bowl eligible for the first time since 1998.



Cup champions

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

It was a must-win game against rival Boise State on Sunday, and the Vandals, who had dropped three games coming into the contest, responded with one of their best games of the year.

"Well, the pressure was on — football won and volleyball won this weekend," coach Pete Showler said. "We had to get a clean sweep."

Showler said the team was confident and motivated from the start, and it showed through in their game. With the defense keeping BSU to only five shots on goal, freshman Chelsea Small made sure the Vandals erased their seven-year losing streak and captured the Governor's Cup.

Small, who had nailed the crossbar in three previous games, was finally rewarded with two goals against BSU and led the Vandals scoring attack all game.

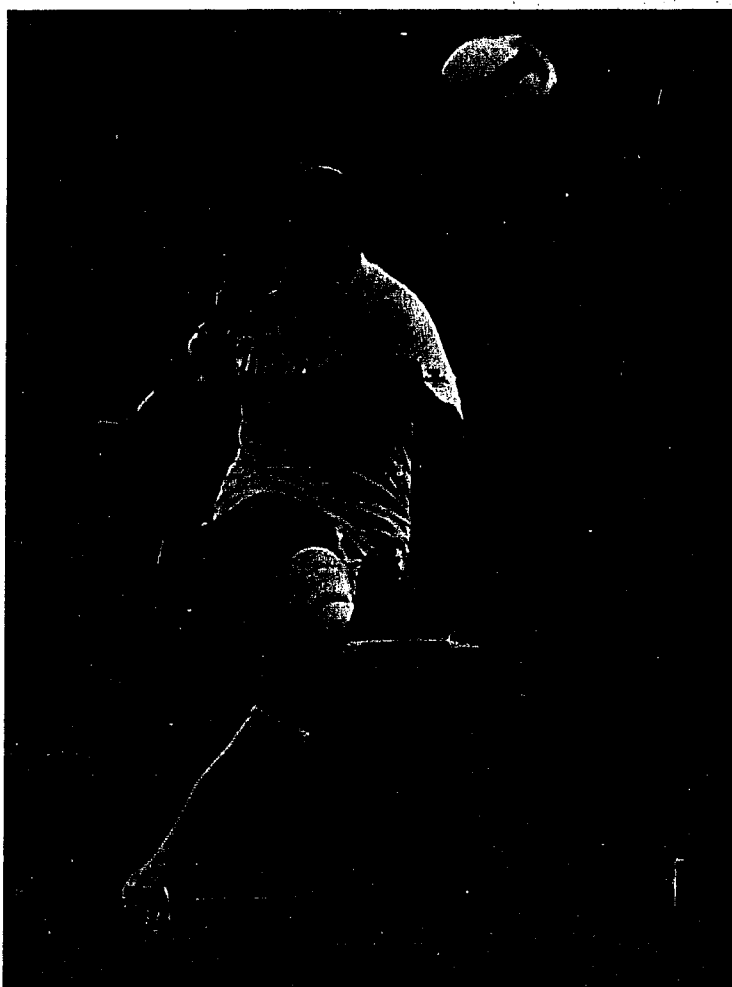
"(Small) works so hard and tirelessly," Showler said. "She is often not getting the end result, but by her hard work others are benefiting."

Small's first goal came in the 58th minute. With the Vandal's on a throw in, Small redirected the throw with her head for her sixth goal of the season and gave the Vandals a 2-1 lead.

Later in the second half, Small put the game away with a break-away goal as she took a long pass and beat her defender and the goalkeeper with a shot to the high left corner.

"It feels good to score again," Small said.

The win didn't come easy for



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

Vandal defender Sari Morrison clears the ball out of the defensive end Oct. 18 on Guy Wicks Field. Morrison and the Vandals captured the Governor's Cup with a 3-1 win over Boise State.

the Vandals, who had to battle a late game surge from BSU. After a strong first half, the Vandals were outplayed for the better part of the second, but the de-

fense held together to deny BSU the go-ahead goal.

"(BSU) threw everything at us

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A coach's arrogance, a university's disgrace

On Sunday night, a headline flashed across my Twitter feed that reshuffled my priorities as a sports reporter. This story is, quite simply, more important than the Vandals' bowl eligibility — "Football coach excludes student journalists from interviews."

The dateline is Missoula, Mont., where Missoulian writer Chelsi Moy reports Montana Grizzlies football coach Bobby Hauck has refused to answer questions posed by reporters from the Montana Kaimin, the student daily at the University of Montana. Not only that, he has publicly belittled and berated them at news conferences and, the Kaimin staff say, instructed his players to give them the silent treatment.

The spat began last month after Kaimin reporters investigated an alleged assault committed by Hauck's players. When they asked Hauck to comment, he responded with a profanity-laced rant and attempted to force-

fully shut off one reporter's audio recorder. In retaliation for their reporting the bad news, Hauck is now making it nearly impossible for the university's student media to effectively report on his team.

Think about that for a moment: the coach of a university sports team has cut off the students of his own university. The arrogance is almost beyond belief. There would be no University of Montana football team without a University of Montana, and there would be no University of Montana without students. Hauck owes his job to the very people he trashes.

As Kaimin sports editor Roman Stubbs wrote, "Students have the right to this information. It is their school, and what happens with Hauck's team is their business."

Yes, Hauck is under a lot of pressure. No, being coach of one of the top Football Championship Subdivision teams in the country is not an easy task.

But when you sign up to coach a major college sport, part of your job is dealing with the media. You have a responsibility to treat them with respect, answer their questions honestly and disagree politely. Don't like it? Don't take the six-figure paycheck.

That's where perhaps the most troubling facet of this story comes in: the Montana athletic department is doing absolutely nothing to stop Hauck. Ath-

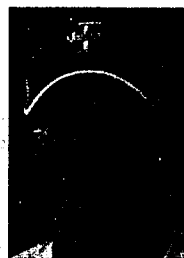
letic director Jim O'Day has refused to discipline his wayward coach and stunningly, intimidated the real solution to the problem is for the Kaimin to get new reporters.

"I think the only thing that will heal it is time," O'Day told the Missoulian. "That's what happens in a case like this. New people. New situations... and that might take a little while."

New people? New situations? He's not firing Hauck, so what are we left to think he meant? Does "a little while" mean "not until all these annoying reporters graduate?" Can this be read as anything other than a thinly veiled demand for the Kaimin to find new football beat writers? Stupefying.

Of course, nothing of this sort

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MEN'S TENNIS

Bound for Las Vegas

Third tournament, bright lights ahead for Vandals

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Entering their third tournament of the 2009-2010 season, the men's tennis team is keen on improving their impressive fall term this week at the IITA Regional Tournament in Las Vegas.

Competing against other teams from the Mountain Region, the Vandals will be up against their toughest opposition of the fall during the four-day event hosted at the Darling Tennis Center.

Coach Jeff Beaman and four of his top players, Adrian Simon, Lachlan Reed, Stanislav Glukhov and Alex Joitoui will represent Idaho in Las Vegas with the hopes that they will receive an IITA ranking.

"With the four players we are taking, I feel all of them have the potential to move far into the singles and doubles draws," Beaman said. "The draw for singles is 128 and will include all the strongest players from this region of the country, so our players will have the chance to go out and earn a regional or national rank."

All four Vandals competing in Vegas have seen action this fall, but it's been Reed and Joitoui who've stood out in the past month. At the Gonzaga/Eastern Washington Fall Tournament, the two Idaho foreigners reached the singles final and won the doubles title together.

Joitoui came out on top of the singles final, ousting his teammate in three sets after Reed took the first set with ease. The

singles final concluded a very successful tournament that saw three Vandals in the singles semifinals and two doubles teams in the doubles semifinals.

Glukhov wasn't as fortunate as his teammates but managed to reach the singles quarterfinals while he and Idaho junior Abid Akbar advanced to the doubles semifinal. Simon, one of Idaho's recent transfers, wasn't eligible to play in the tournament.

In their latest affair, the team traveled to the Boise State Intercollegiate Classic. Reed suffered an injury in the singles quarterfinals and was forced to forfeit the competition.

"I have started practice again and believe by the start of play on Wednesday I should be close to 100 percent fit," Reed said.

Nevertheless, coach Beaman doesn't want to risk anything and commented on the importance of Reed's health.

"We will just have to play it day by day and match by match with Lachlan," Beaman said. "He was able to hit a bit on Sunday and is feeling a lot better than one week ago, but we are not going to risk him damaging the ankle."

Joitoui reached the singles consolation quarterfinals while Glukhov couldn't move past the consolation semifinals.

Simon, who was playing in his first collegiate tournament, was the tournament's third seed but fell in the quarterfinals.

Beaman and the players realize their competition will be the strongest they've faced all fall.

But the tennis team has been busy preparing for the tournament.

"Mainly I have been working on getting myself fit and ready to play," Reed said. "At the last tournament I was playing the best I have all season and I hope to keep that going. We as a team have also been working on our doubles game."

The players know how significant success in doubles is, and Beaman took that into consideration while arranging the doubles teams that will compete in Vegas.

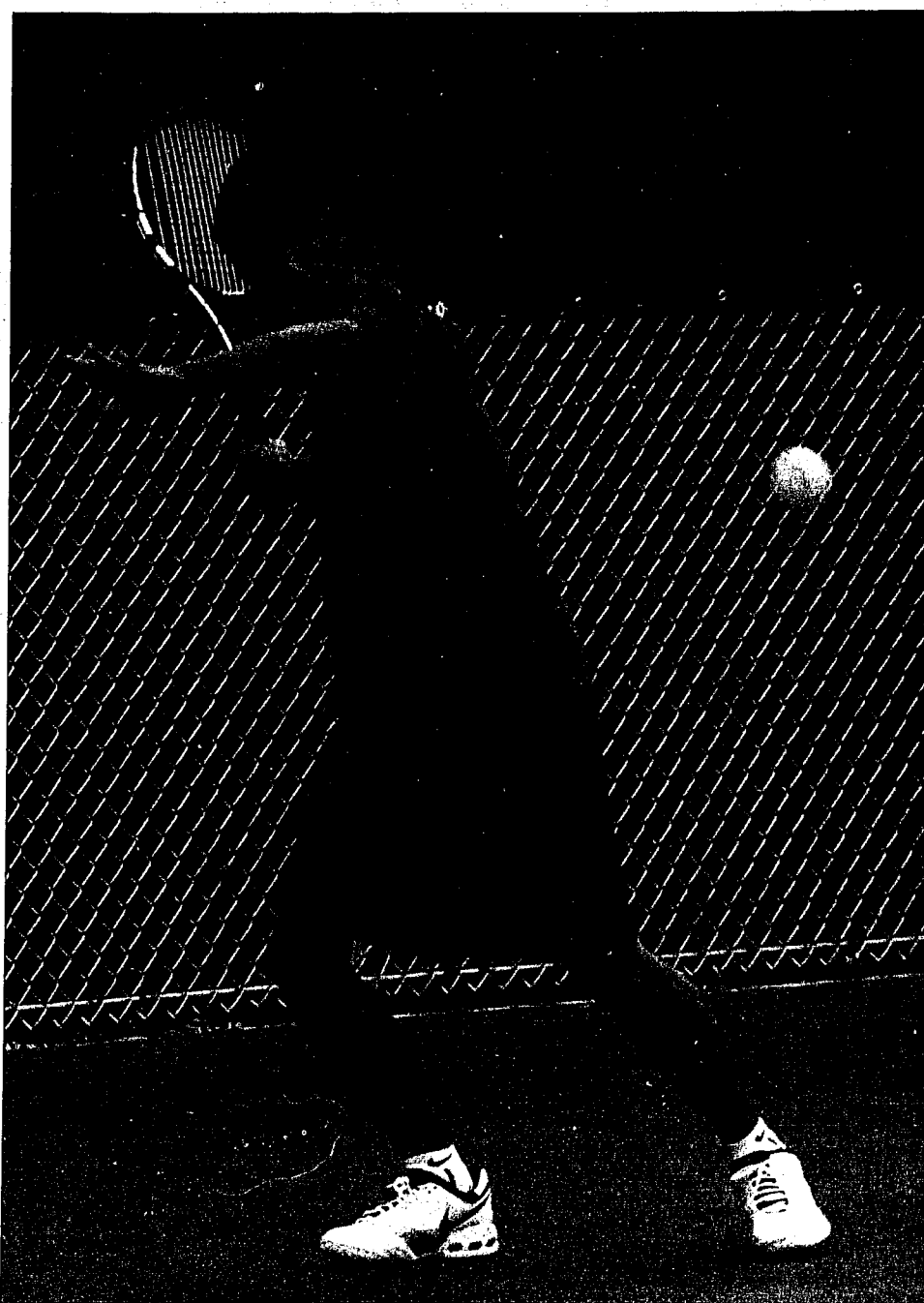
"Lachlan and Adrian will play together and if they are healthy I feel they are a team that can compete with any team in college tennis," Beaman said. Alex Joitoui will play with Glukhov.

They are both returning players but have not played much with each other in the past as they have contrasting styles of play in doubles, but both are experienced and strong players and if they can mesh their varying doubles styles for this week can do well."

Beaman said his players all know they are capable of advancing far in both the singles and draws if their recent form persists.

"The regional is the biggest tournament of the fall and will be the best gauge of where we stand against some of the top teams in the country," Reed said.

"A strong performance would help give us the confidence to beat these teams once the main season starts in the spring. We feel we have a strong team this year and it would be good to prove it this week."



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal tennis player Alan Shin prepares to return a volley in warmups Thursday afternoon during practice on the tennis courts behind Memorial Gym. Shin won the singles BSU Fall Classic on Oct. 11 in Boise.

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CROSS-COUNTRY

Injuries, ills can't stop women's team

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Teegan Schoch bolted out of the mass start and took the lead early in Saturday's race on the University of Idaho golf course. She looked strong running down the big hill, and over halfway through the race, Schoch looked well on her way to another first place finish. Then it all fell apart.

"Today continued our trend of everyone not running a great race on the same day," coach Wayne Phipps said. "The potential is there, but we just have to get everyone on the same page for conference."

With three runners in the top ten spots halfway through the race, injuries started to rip apart the Vandals' chance at a victory.

At 3500m, Schoch suddenly dropped out of the race, walking off the course and lying down on a hill overlooking the finish line.

Later in the course, fellow runner Lauren Schaffer, who had been in the leading pack, also retired after suffering a minor injury.

In addition to the injuries, Phipps said several of the runners took the weekend off, and several others decided to run despite being sick.

"We usually get some sickness that runs through the team during the year," Phipps said. "It has hit us a little bit now, but we'll get over it and be healthy and ready to roll for conference."

With two runners out of the race, seniors Melissa McFadden and Maike Holthuijzen picked up the slack and led by example, coming in third and fourth and propelling the team to a win over Eastern Washington but a close loss to Gonzaga.

The men's squad also suffered from injury, most notably in Jeremiah Johnston, who retired early in his race after tweaking his back.

"It was the weirdest thing," Johnston said. "I was running fine and then I stepped on my right foot and something just went up into my back."

Johnston said he continued running for a few hundred yards after, but

realized the pain was not getting any better. Not wanting to risk being injured for the WAC championships in two weeks, Johnston retired. After being helped to the finish line, Johnston lay with an ice pack over his back and cheered on his fellow runners.

The Vandals got another strong performance from Markus Geiger, who led the team with a third-place finish. Geiger led the race for the first three quarters, but fell behind in the last leg.

Despite the brush with injuries, Phipps said none of them were serious and he expects everyone to have a healthy showing at the WAC championship. Phipps said the teams finished strong, even with key runners injured, and with everyone healthy, he expects to contend for the WAC championship.

"I'm still very confident in this women's group to get it done," Phipps said.

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VOLLEYBALL

Road match ends a tough losing streak

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Being the top blocking team in the nation does not mean anything unless the team is winning games.

On Saturday, the Idaho volleyball team was able to come back from a four-game losing streak and defeat Nevada in only three sets.

Coach Debbie Buchanan said the team had to keep reminding themselves what they wanted to be remembered for — a team that can dominate in blocking and serving. With what Buchanan called, a huge win on the road, the Vandals took down the Nevada Wolfpack 25-23, 25-22, and 25-22. The Vandals' record rose to 8-11 overall and 4-3 in the WAC, and Nevada dropped to 7-13 overall and 3-4 in the WAC.

In the first set, Idaho

trailed behind Nevada 16-11. With six ties in the set, the Vandals finally pulled away from a 23-23 tie and took the set win.

Not letting Idaho have it easy, set two was another struggle with six ties and four lead changes, but the Vandals were able to pull ahead 8-7 and never give up the lead. An ace and two kills from senior Sarah Conwell would seal the win of the second set.

Finally, Nevada continued to battle Idaho in the third set, but Idaho wasn't giving in as they came through four lead changes before taking the lead one last time.

"Tonight we were in a good frame of mind," Buchanan said. "I'm proud of the players for getting it done in three because that is huge to do on the road."

Conwell finished the

match with 17 kills, Alicia Milo with seven kills and Kelsey Taylor not far behind with six kills. Contributing to the successful offense was Cassie Hamilton with three service aces and Anna McKinney with seven blocks.

The Vandals finished with a season-high hitting percentage of .263, with Nevada at only a .143 hitting percentage. Idaho finished with an advantage in blocks with 11.5 to Nevada's two.

After a successful game, the Vandals headed to Utah for yet another match.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday the Vandals will face the Nevada Wolfpack yet again, this time in Memorial Gym. After a defeat by Idaho, the Wolfpack will have until Thursday to learn from their mistakes of Saturday's game in order to come back against the Vandals.

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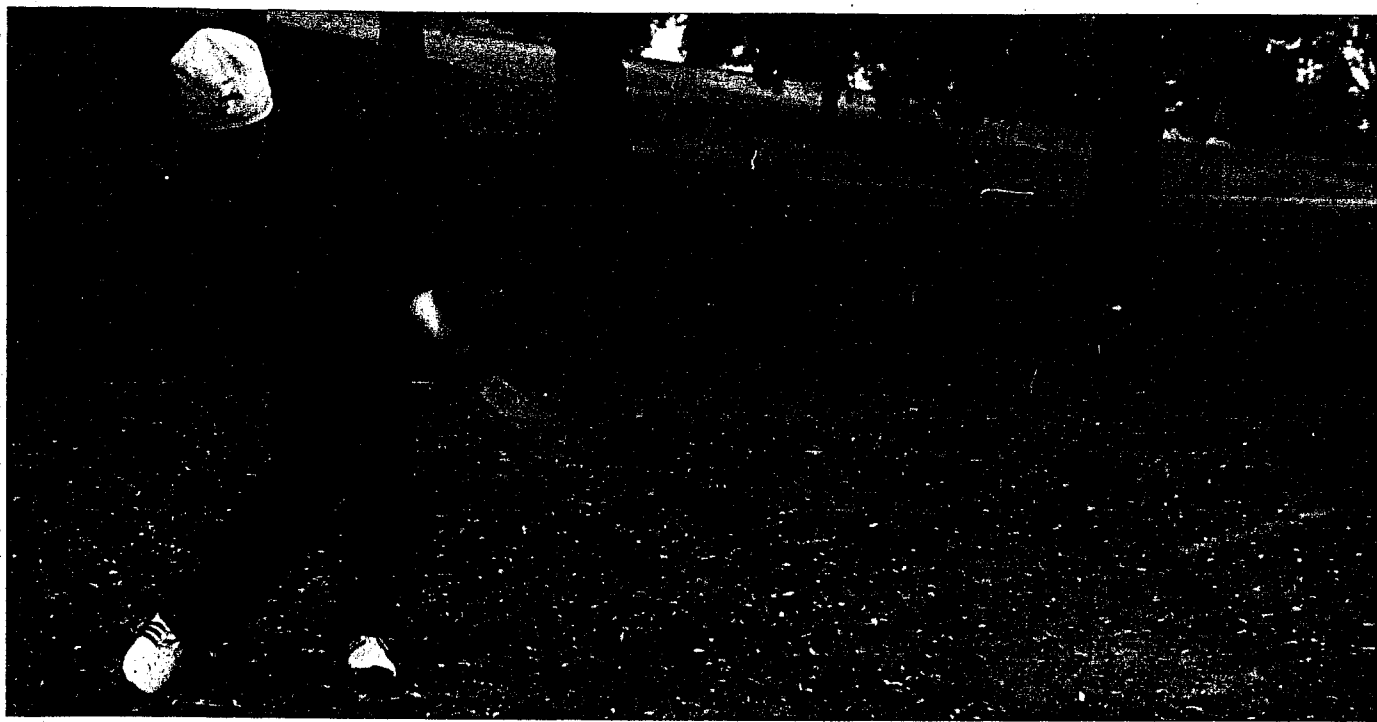
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University of Idaho freshman Damian Telles hits the golf ball during Tuesday's practice. Idaho finished ninth at Wolf Pack Classic in Reno last week and is getting ready for Del Walker Collegiate at Long Beach, Calif. next week. Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Softball lacks a full roster

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

Six women split off in pairs and start warming up with a simple game of catch. It is another practice for the Idaho fast pitch sport club and the low numbers are nothing new.

"We only have 11 girls on the team which has made things really difficult for us this season," first baseman Shelby Chandler said. "It is difficult to be effective when we do not have that many people coming out to practice or playing in games."

Idaho fast pitch has struggled to fill out the roster for the fall season and has struggled to get results despite putting in a strong effort.

"We've played really well this season, but there is still room for us to improve," Chandler said. "If we could (have) a few more girls on the team it would also be a big boost for us."

The highlight of the season for the Vandals was a 16-1 defeat over rivals Boise State Broncos at home earlier this month.

"We all are prepared to play a bunch of different positions or do whatever the team needs," Chandler said. "Everybody on the team is aware of what they need to do when they are playing because they understand the game."

Chandler said the most positive aspect of being on the team is the excitement everyone has for playing and being around each other.

"The girls who play want to be out here and being around each other is a lot of fun," Chandler said. "We all love the game and want to build the strongest team possible."

The team includes women in law and graduate school as well as engineering majors. Chandler said every woman on the team makes it to practice at least once a week.

"Just being at practice around so many talented girls has helped me improve my own game," outfielder Conamara Burke said. "The coach and players are so helpful that it makes for a really great environment."

Burke said she joined the fast pitch team at the start of the fall because it has more of a relaxed atmosphere than some of the other sport clubs.

"I had not played in a few years before coming to Idaho and there is still a lot I can do to improve as a player," Burke said. "Right now it is important for me just to be playing just to make sure we have enough people but I really hope to contribute in the spring."

The team hopes more women will come out to play during the spring, Chandler said.

Idaho fast pitch currently practices three times a week and concluded the fall portion of its schedule last weekend.

♣ MEN'S GOLF

Getting back on track

Theo Lawson
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Throughout the past two weeks men's golf coach Jon Reehorn has been doing a lot of thinking. One can only assume that the basis of his thoughts revolve around the team's unusually poor performance in their last two tournaments. Come Thursday, Reehorn said, the team knows that it's essential to put those thoughts behind them and focus on the task at hand — the Del Walker Collegiate Tournament in Long Beach, Calif. However, the team hasn't competed since Oct. 6 and the tournament will prove whether the two-week break the team endured has any affect on their performance.

"I think it has been good to have a break," Reehorn said. "We have had two very good weeks of practice and I don't think the break will have any kind of a negative effect."

The two-day event marks the teams second to last competition of the fall season and a solid all-around performance is a must for a boost in the Vandals' confidence.

For senior Brad Tensen, the Del Walker Collegiate is important for momentum to build.

"We definitely haven't played our best lately, but we still know that we have a lot of talent and are able to get back on track instantly," Tensen said. "With two tournaments left we still have a great chance to salvage our fall season."

In their last tournament, the Nevada Wolf Pack Classic, the Vandals finished in ninth place, competing in a field of 13 schools. Prior to that, the team placed eighth out of 14 in the Kansas Men's Invitational. Sophomore Jarred Bossio led the team in both tournaments finishing ninth in Kansas and 17th in Nevada.

Tensen, who tied for fifth at the Idaho Golf Association's Men's State Amateur Tournament, said he is hoping for strong results individually as well as for the team.

"As always our team goal is to win the tournament," Tensen said. "It doesn't matter how good the field is in a tournament, we always go into it thinking that we can win, and these coming tournaments will be no different. As for me I'm going in looking to just play very solid and if that means I win, that's great, and if it means I get tenth then so be it."

Idaho will be joined by hosts Long Beach State, the 2008 Del Walker champions Colorado State, Big West champions UC Irvine and Pac-10 powerhouse Oregon.

The tournament, a 54-hole two-day event played at Long Beach's Virginia Country Club will use a six count five format, meaning each team will send six players to compete, however, only the top five scores will be used in the team's overall score.

"We need to be more consistent," Reehorn said. We've had play from everyone for a round or two, but not all three rounds. Most importantly though we need all 5 guys playing well at the same time.

The team has focused on specific parts of their game throughout the past two weeks and said they are fully prepared for Thursday's challenge.

"We've spent a lot of our time focusing on our short game," Reehorn said. "Being mentally strong and making good decisions on the course has also been a focus."

The Del Walker Collegiate will prove to be a good test for the team and a strong all around performance will benefit the team in more ways than one. Tomorrow, the Vandals will prepare for competition with a practice round. The three-round 54-hole tournament will begin Thursday morning and conclude Friday afternoon. In a simple but meaningful sentence, Reehorn summarized his team's preparedness, "The team is ready to go."

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down and finally he would rush in himself for another 15 yards for a touchdown, bringing the score to 21-17.

Idaho would run ten plays, throwing large passes to tight end Daniel Hardy. On third and eight, with over 14 minutes on the clock, Enderle threw a rocket to Hardy. Hardy fumbled the ball and Idaho's Max Komar recovered it, giving Idaho the first down. A few more passes and carries and the Vandals would waltz right into the end zone with another third-down conversion and Woolridge's third touchdown of the day. Idaho kept the lead 28-17.

"You cannot have enough weapons," Akey said. "So having him back is certainly a good thing, if they are going to pay attention to him then it takes away the attention they might

pay to somebody else." But Hardy wasn't done with his big plays in the game. Hardy would finish the game with only three catches, but a total of 62 yards.

With seven minutes to go in the game, the Vandals would find themselves yet again at third down on their own 35-yard line. A 24-yard pass completion to Hardy would send the Vandals to Hawai'i's 41-yard line with a first down. Short rushing yards and three penalties later, the Vandals were at third down again on Hawai'i's 44-yard line. This time a rocket 36-yard pass to Max Komar would bring up another first down. Only a few more rushing yards from Woolridge would take him into the end zone, becoming his fourth touchdown of the game.

"Our O-line played incredible," Woolridge said. "It was a team effort."

In less than 40 seconds, the Warriors would run down

the field and score their own touchdown, bringing the score to 35-23, but with less than 30 seconds in the game, it wouldn't be enough for Hawai'i to steal the lead.

Taking away the victory, the team looks to their bowl-eligibility as just another obstacle.

"6-1 means these guys have come a long way," Akey said. "It means that they've done a lot of things that the people on the outside world told them they couldn't do."

Along with Akey, the team is determined to take this win and prepare to get another.

"I think 6-1 means a lot but at the same time it really doesn't mean anything yet," said defensive end Aaron Lavarias. "We aren't guaranteed a bowl game. It just means we have six games and can say good job, now we need to go get No. 7."

Now, the Vandals are only focused on preparing for Nevada (3-3) next Saturday.

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in that second half," Showler said. "They were quick and physical and a difficult team to beat."

The rivalry was evident from the first kick at center field, with both teams staging dominance in a physical contest. Each team had a penalty kick, and three BSU players

received yellow cards. Idaho played smart soccer and avoided any yellow cards while still maintaining a physical play style.

"We showed a lot of character — we battled everywhere today," Showler said. "The girls deserved that win. It was a solid team effort."

The Vandals will have little time to rest, with two away games next weekend. The team will try to build on Sunday's win when they face off against San Jose State on Friday and Fresno State on Sunday.

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would be tolerated if Hauck had been telling off the Missoulian's reporter or refusing interview requests from ESPN. He'd have been canned in 10 seconds flat. But because the Kaimin is a student publication, it's apparently OK for coaches to belittle its staff and stonewall its reporting. Hauck and O'Day's disrespect for the students

who pay their salaries couldn't be more apparent.

In backing his students, Kaimin adviser Chris Jones said, "Bobby Hauck is mad because of good reporting and the Kaimin should not apologize for good reporting."

No, it shouldn't. It's Hauck who needs to apologize, to the Kaimin and to the UM community as a whole. What he's doing is arrogant, spiteful and wrong. Moreover, for every day that Hauck's bosses turn a blind eye toward his behavior, a dark, disgraceful shadow is cast over the entire University of Montana.

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WAC offensive player of the week: Chelsea Small

The Western Athletic Conference has announced its Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for women's soccer for the week of Oct. 12-18 and Idaho's Chelsea Small was honored with the league's offensive award.

Small, a freshman from Solana Beach, Calif. (Torrey Pines HS), broke open a 1-1 tie against Boise State with a goal in the 58th minute, then added an insurance score 23 minutes later to give Idaho a 3-1 win over the Broncos for the first time since 2003 and give the Vandals their first Governor's Cup title

since 1999.

Small leads Idaho with 17 points on seven goals and three assists this season and needs just three to break Idaho's freshman record of 20 points (9g, 2a), held by Emily Nelson from the 2000 season. Her seven goals this season are tied with teammate Sari Morrison for fifth all-time at Idaho.

In Sunday's game, Small fired five on-target shots, which was as many as the entire Boise State team attempted in the game. Idaho sophomore defender Desirae Hull was a WAC Defensive Player of the Week nominee.

The honor is the first of Small's career and the second for Idaho this season. Sophomore goalkeeper Liz Boyden earned the WAC's Defensive Player of the Week earlier this year. The award is just the second WAC offensive POW award for and Idaho player and the first since Sonja Baumgartner was honored by the conference in 2005.

Small and the Vandal women will hit the road this week, as Idaho heads to San Jose State on Friday and Fresno State on Sunday in its final WAC road matches of the season.

VB to hold dig for cure fundraiser

The University of Idaho volleyball team will hold the second annual "Dig for the Cure" fundraiser for breast cancer research as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The event will take place at the Idaho vs. Utah State volleyball match Oct. 24. The volleyball team will begin selling "Dig for the Cure" T-Shirts Tuesday (Oct. 13) at the Commons, as well as Saturday (Oct. 17) at the Idaho football pregame festivities. The black and pink T-shirts will sell for \$5 and all proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen

Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. Flat donations also will be accepted.

Fans are encouraged to "Black out Memorial Gym" for the Oct. 24 match and all fans in attendance will receive a free raffle ticket for prizes donated by various local businesses and the University of Idaho bookstore. The match begins at 7 p.m. at Memorial Gym.

Idaho's "Dig for the Cure" fundraiser raised more than \$6,000 in 2008 and the 1,842 fans in attendance at the designated match set a Vandal attendance record.

XC teams perform well at home

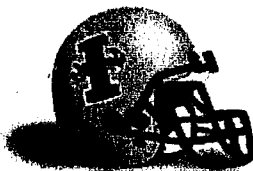
Idaho runners took third in both the men's and women's races as more than 200 runners descended upon the University of Idaho Golf Course Saturday afternoon for the Inland Northwest Cross Country Challenge.

Idaho Vandal Athletics

Football vs. Louisiana Tech

- Saturday, October 31st
- 2 pm in the Kibbie Dome
- Homecoming - "Keeping the Tradition"
- Join the Vandals for a Halloween "Monster Mash" in "Akey's Fun House"

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Idaho Vandal Athletics

Women's Volleyball vs. Nevada

- Thursday, October 22nd
- 7pm in Memorial Gym

- "Thirsty Thursday" sponsored by Pepsi - free Pepsi products to the first 250 fans!

Women's Volleyball vs. Utah State

- Saturday, October 24th
- 7pm in Memorial Gym
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