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Extensions remain in jeopardy

Faculty moves forward with closure process

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

Though agricultural and other interests continue to seek funding to save the facilities, University of Idaho officials are moving forward with plans to shutter extension centers in Parma, Teton and Sandpoint by the end of the year.

Faculty senators voted at their Tuesday meeting to approve notices of intent for the closures, a step that will allow the process to continue on to the State Board of Education in time for its Dec. 10 meeting.

A blue-ribbon commission recommended earlier this year that the three facilities be targeted for consolidation or restructuring. Though the centers were initially set to be closed in the summer, officials elected to find temporary funding so interested parties could have until Dec. 31 to find sustainable funding.

Individuals and industry stakeholders have rallied behind the extension centers, but the funds secured so far fall short of what is needed.

UI's Agricultural Research and Extension has suffered a 17.5 percent budget reduction over the past two years, which has left a gap in its budget these closures will only begin to address.

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John **HAMMEL**
Dean of College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Though the budget cuts have been sold as temporary, Hammel and other administrators are treating them as permanent.

"This is not business as usual," Provost Doug Baker said. "This is a reset of support for higher education in this state and in this country."

Of the three extension centers slated for closure, the Parma facility has received the most vocal support and may be closest to surviving the end of the year.

"Parma's the one that has gotten most of the press, rightfully or wrongfully," Hammel said.

A combination of university funds and pledges made in recent weeks would be sufficient to keep the Parma facility open through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, but administrators said they won't know until written agreements are in place.

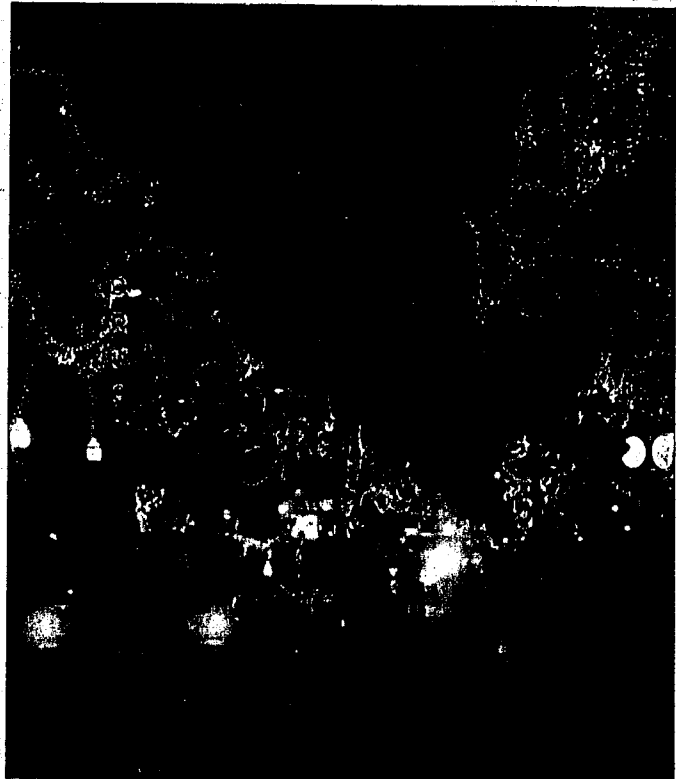
"Pledges are pledges," Baker said.

Hammel said, ideally, agriculture industry stakeholders would pay for the entire cost, so extension officials could use what money they have to move faculty members if one or more of the centers ends up closing.

Regardless of the outcome, the closings and consolidations would not affect the employment or pay of tenured faculty members. Instead, savings would come from reduced upkeep at the disused centers.

"Programs are people," Hammel said. "If we can't reduce our infrastructure, we'll have to reduce our personnel."

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



Above: Floats travel down Main Street in Moscow Wednesday evening during the Light Up the Night holiday parade. Below: Santa Claus waves to onlookers from an auxiliary sled.



Photos by Nick Groff/Argonaut

In the name of education

UI to receive \$1 million for scholarships

Ashley Centers
Argonaut

As part of an initiative to encourage high school students to go on to college, the Albertson Foundation has donated \$1 million each to 11 public and private colleges in Idaho for scholarships.

Idaho ranks 43rd in the nation for high school graduates going on to complete college degrees. The Albertson Foundation's statewide "Go On" program aims to generate greater awareness and engagement in addressing Idaho's post-secondary success rate and increasing opportunities for Idaho students.

Its campaign includes \$11 million for scholarships, a \$3 million public awareness campaign and \$6 million in funding to increase access to relevant data for a total investment of \$20 million.

"We applaud the Albertson Foundation for introducing a bold, comprehensive plan to increase the number of students who can go on to college," said Virginia Pellegrini, University of Idaho's director of corporate and foundation relations. "It is outstanding that they have identified a problem, done research to decide a course of action, set a goal, created a plan and then backed up that plan with financial support."

Many students do not progress to college because they don't prepare in high school and don't feel they can afford college, Pellegrini said.

According to UI's director of financial aid and admissions, Dan Davenport, UI has over \$100 million in financial aid for students, including over \$25 million in scholarships.

"We also work to find all of the different funding options to help students and their families," Davenport said. "The financial aid office helps students by providing individual counseling about financial aid, budgeting advice and workshops and information to graduating students about loan repayment options."

Davenport said during these tough budget times UI

schools receiving MONEY

- Boise State University
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- University of Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- College of Southern Idaho
- North Idaho College
- Eastern Idaho Technical College
- College of Idaho
- Treasure Valley Community College, Caldwell Center
- Northwest Nazarene University

has stayed committed to funding scholarships, and has not reduced scholarship funding. UI also provides about \$800,000 each year in access grants that help students from financially challenged families pay for college.

Idaho did reduce the Promise B scholarship award this year by \$100. The promise B scholarship is available to incoming freshman who have graduated from an Idaho high school. Students must also have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 and must maintain a full-time status of 12 credits and a 2.5 GPA once they are enrolled to keep receiving the scholarship each semester.

Mark Browning, the chief communications and legislative officer for the State Board of Education, said the decision to reduce the amount of money appropriated to the Promise B Scholarship was made by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee during the 2009 legislature.

"Anything that can be done to help Idahoans realize the necessity of post-secondary education and to help Idahoans afford to go on to post-secondary education is not only welcome," Browning said, "but celebrated and applauded and supported by the State Board of Education."

'Greening Your Cleaning' teaches tidying ideas

Sarah Sakai
Argonaut

Grab an orange, a couple dozen cloves, a cinnamon stick, a paper clip and a short piece of ribbon. Do some poking and tying and — voila.

An air freshener. This was just one of the environmentally friendly household products students could create at the "Greening Your Cleaning" workshops. The Student Organization of People and the Environment held this event Monday, with help from a U.S. Sustainability Center grant.

Some students went to the soap table, where they grated Fels-Naptha, a type of bar soap, mixing it with Borax and Arm & Hammer washing soda to make laundry detergent. While the detergent still contains chemicals, it doesn't hold nearly as many harmful phosphates as many retail laundry detergents, according to the club's community outreach coordinator, Michael Hazel.

Hazel said making detergent reduces the amount of heavy liquid detergents transported by trucks. The less detergent to transfer, the less fuel is used.

Another table attracted students with its bright display of oranges, lemons and limes. The smell of spices and citrus wafted in the air as students pushed

individual cloves into the fruit and tied them to cinnamon sticks.

The next table held a bag of baking soda and a large bottle of vinegar for making an all-purpose cleaner. Hazel said both baking soda and vinegar were friendly to the environment and they were things people usually have lying around the house.

"We just want to provide people with alternatives," Hazel said, "and it's economical. That appeals to everyone right now."

It definitely appealed to Kristin Farris, a sophomore business major.

"I would use the safer product if it were the same price," Farris said.

As SOPE member Christine Maxwell said, living green can be easy.

"But it seems really intimidating to some people," Maxwell said.

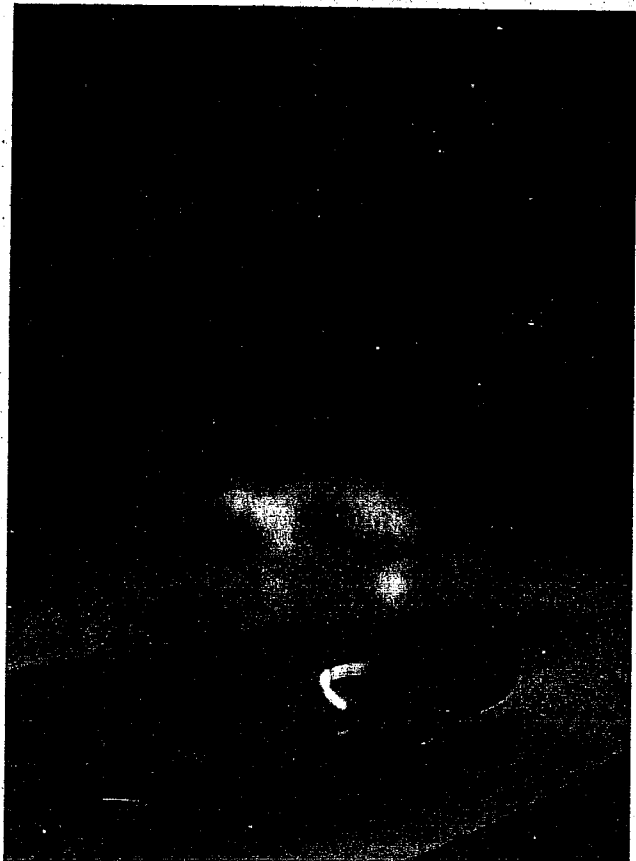
The event was meant to make green cleaning more tangible to students, Maxwell said. Plus, students get some free cleaning products out of it.

Another driving force behind the event was a campus-wide culture shift, according to SOPE Vice President James Sapp. He said he felt there were many misperceptions that could be cleared up by the awareness of what being green meant.

"It's about showing people it's easy and fun to be green," Sapp said, "and cheap."

"Living green is not hard to do. But it seems really intimidating to some people."

christine
MAXWELL
SOPE member



Jake Barber/Argonaut
A finished citrus and clove air freshener sits on the table as Michael Hazel, outreach coordinator for the Student Organization for People and the Environment, makes another in the background at the "Greening Your Cleaning" event Monday in the Idaho Commons.



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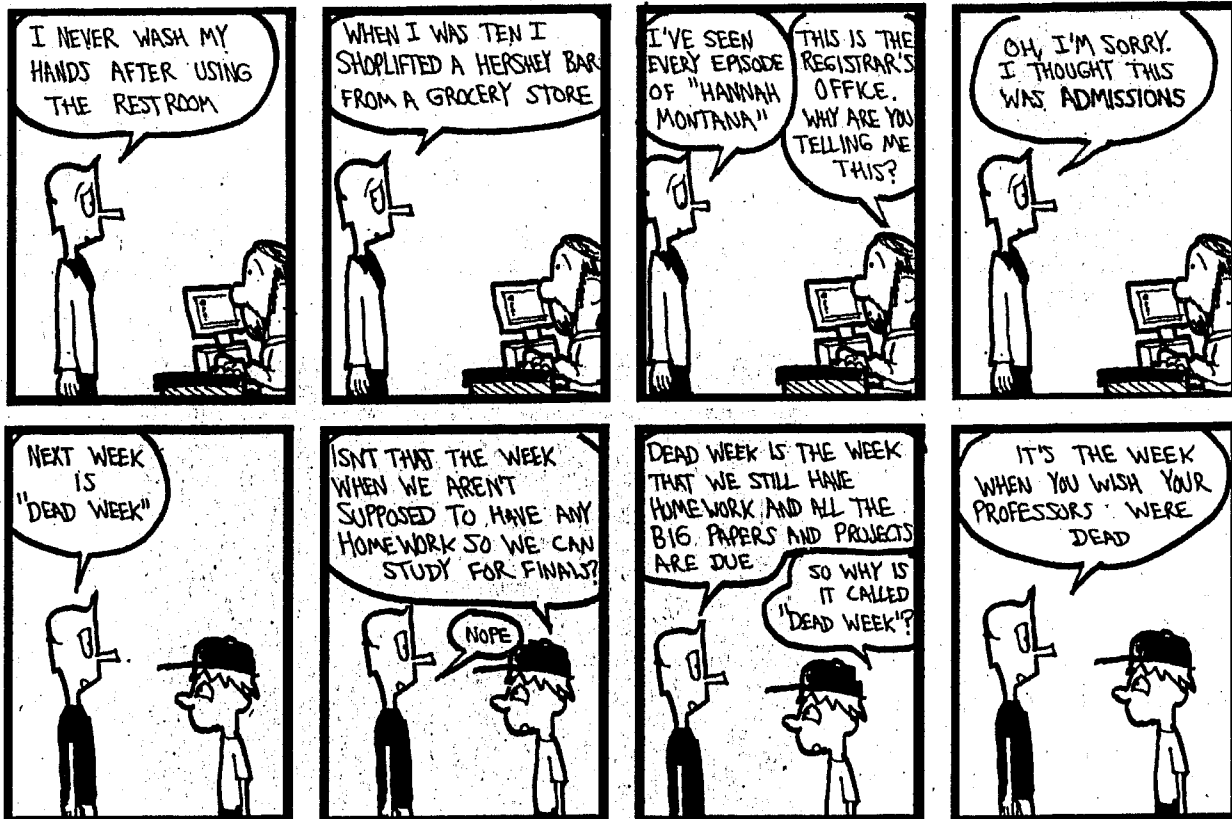
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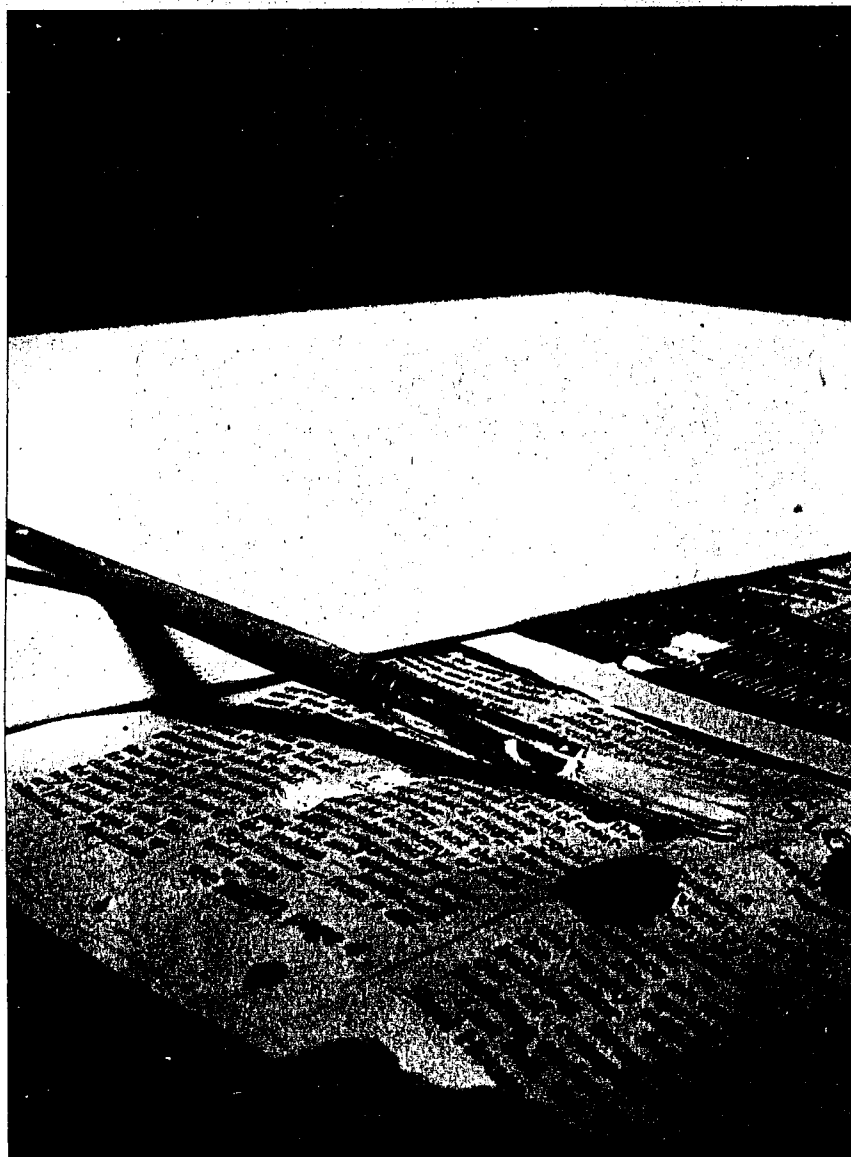


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Theme: Taking a Break

Next week's theme: Keeping busy

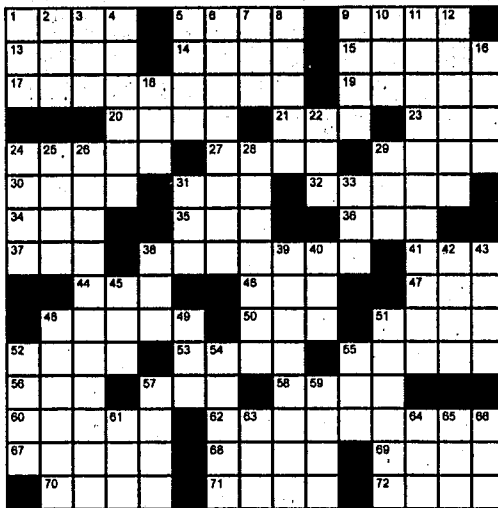
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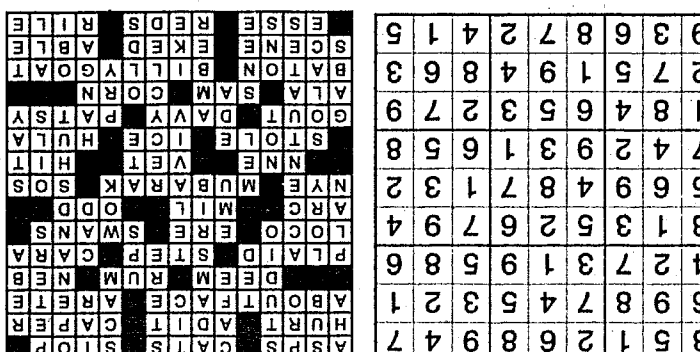
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corrections

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Open forum

Brenda Andrade, ASUI Activities Board chair, came before the senate on Wednesday to give an update on the Activities Board's final hearing. Andrade said 10 organizations came out for the hearing, which is more than any previous hearing. Andrade said the next hearing is set for Jan. 26, 2010.

Garrett Holbrook, ASUI Faculty Senate representative, gave the senate an update on what has been discussed in the latest Faculty Senate meetings. Holbrook said the council has just approved a new minor in conservation and social science into the University of Idaho's curriculum.

Holbrook also told the senate there has been a recent change to the student handbook's attendance policies.

The change will allow students to use family illness as an excused absence. The policy will allow students to

make up any work missed during a family illness.

Steve Hanna, ASUI athletics director, updated the senate about what is going on at UI concerning athletics. Hanna said the men's basketball team is currently 4-1.

Hanna said the UI football team is waiting to see if they have been granted a bowl bid and are expecting to hear news starting on Sunday.

Hanna also encouraged students to become UI Vandalizers and attend UI basketball games in Memorial Gym.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Kelby Wilson came before the senate to thank the senators for their dedication to ASUI this semester. Wilson said he is happy with the way ASUI was run this semester and is glad senators have been getting the word out around campus about the workings of ASUI.

"I appreciate all of the hard work you guys have put in," Wilson said.

Unfinished business

Bill F09-51, a bill transferring \$500 from the ASUI general reserve to be allocated to the Greek recycling and energy reduction competition, was passed with a vote of 12-3.

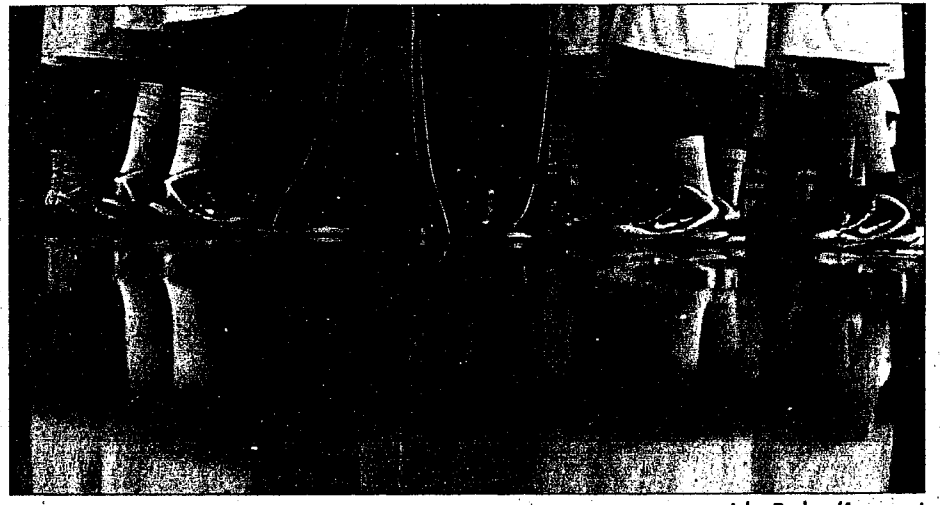
The amount allocated will be matched by the UI Sustainability Center and rewards will be given to the top three most sustainable sororities and the top three most sustainable fraternities on campus.

According to the bill, this competition will include the implementation of internalized recycling systems in Greek houses and will help with the reduction of their energy consumption.

According to Garrett Lamm, ASUI's sustainability director, the recycled material will be weighed in bulk and the amount in pounds will be divided by the number of people living in a particular house.

— Cari Dighton

STEPPING TO VICTORY



The University of Idaho men's basketball team huddles together for a time out during the game Nov. 24 against Sacramento State. *Jake Barber/Argonaut*

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Northeast hit by freak weather

David Sharp
Associated Press

A storm packing blustery winds and driving rain knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Northeast on Thursday before giving way to sunny skies and record high temperatures — all in the same morning.

Utility officials reported sporadic power outages from Maine to New Jersey after wind knocked down trees and power lines. Winds reached up to 49 mph in Brunswick, Maine, while the Isle of Shoals off the coast of New Hampshire recorded a 61 mph gust. In New Jersey, wind speeds topped

out at 45 mph.

The rain and wind that battered the region early Thursday gave way to sunny skies and unseasonably high temperatures by mid-morning.

In Boston, the temperature hit 69 degrees, breaking the old record of 65 set in 1932. In Portland, the temperature climbed to 68 degrees — crushing the old high of 55 for the date. Providence, R.I., had a record high of 66, and Concord, N.H., set a record at 65.

"It's not right. It's December. It's supposed to be snowing," said Jennifer Sporzynski, who sat on a park bench Thursday in Portland's Old Port. "I like warm weather — but not

in December."

In Boston, joggers ran downtown in shorts and T-shirts, while walkers strolled through the city with jackets tied around their waists.

David Montero, 36, exited his apartment Thursday morning wearing a heavy coat to walk his 2-year-old Boston Terrier named Bolt.

"I personally would take this all week, if we could have it," Montero said as he watched Bolt play with two other dogs in the Boston Common.

Still, Montero said he couldn't get over the sight of seeing people in the grassy park exercising in shorts. "Totally bizarre," he said.

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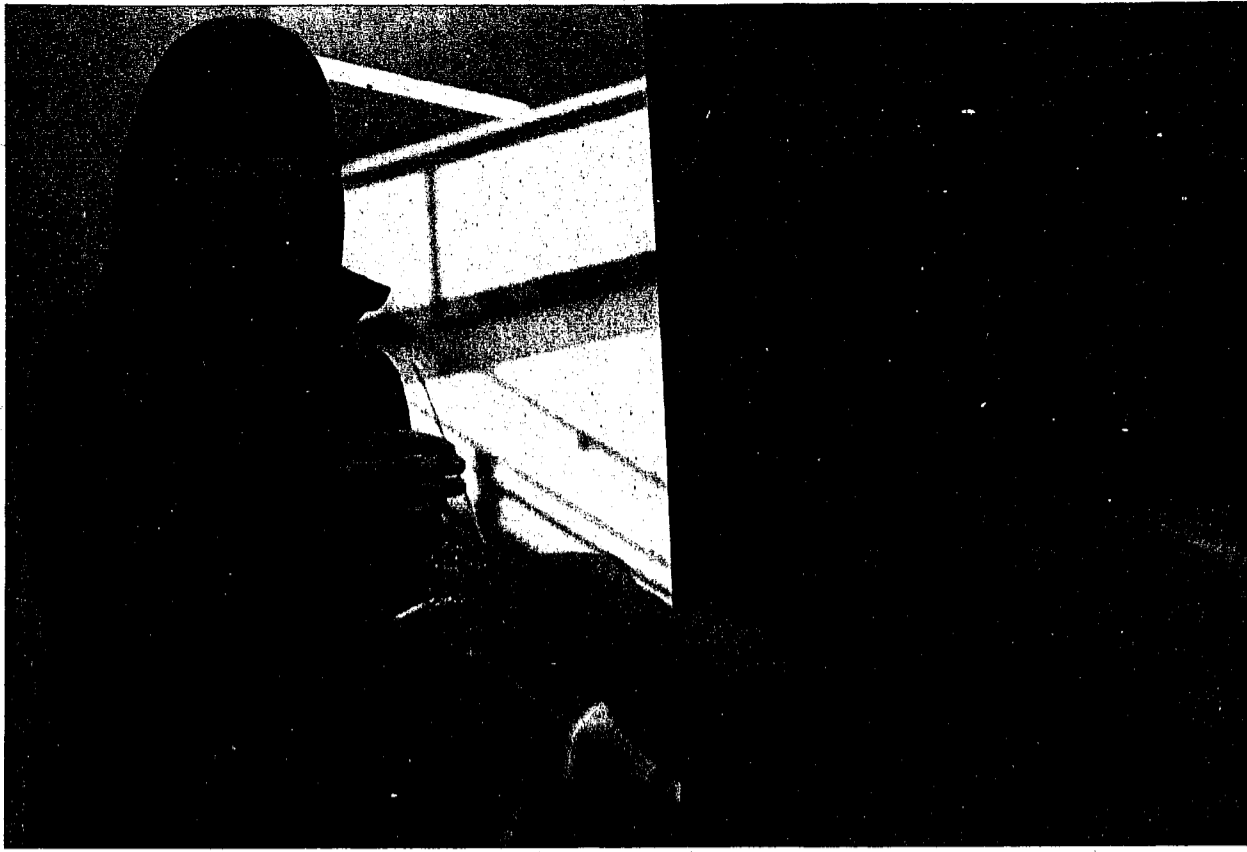
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Marissa Barba hands a mouth swab used to collect cell samples during the Inland Oasis bone marrow drive Wednesday in the Idaho Commons. The collected samples are sent to the National Bone Marrow Registry where they are tested to see if they are a match to a patient who needs a bone marrow transplant.

Ireland begins gay rights bill debate

Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press

Ireland's lawmakers opened debate Thursday on a bill to grant marriage-style rights to gay couples, a social milestone in a country long observant of Roman Catholic opposition to homosexuality.

Justice Minister Dermot Ahern said the bill would give gay couples the same rights as married heterosexual couples on questions of property ownership, inheritance, medical care and access to state benefits — and also the same right to go to court seeking financial support from higher-earning partners when relationships fail.

Ahern noted that the proposal would have been unthinkable only a few years ago in Ireland, a country that defined homosexuality as a criminal

offense until 1993. He said denying the reality of thousands of gay couples in Ireland "only helps to reinforce prejudice in our society."

The Civil Partnership Bill faces opposition from a minority of lawmakers in the ruling Fianna Fail party, who are seeking an amendment permitting service providers — such as hotels and wedding photographers — to deny services to gays celebrating their civil partnerships.

But Ahern said the so-called "freedom of conscience" amendment was bigoted, violated Ireland's 2004 anti-discrimination laws and would not be included.

The bill's passage into law this month appeared assured because of strong backing by opposition parties.

Urban design webinar series begins broadcast today

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

The American Planning Association will begin broadcasting its free webinar series on campus starting today, offering advice on planning — and course credit for some students.

The university's Building Sustainable Communities Initiative and Students for Place-Based Planning and Urban Design offer credit to AICP planning professionals. An on-campus audio and Web conference will also be held for commission training.

The first webinar will take place today in the

Idaho Commons Panorama room from 10 a.m. to noon.

The session will be a discussion and overview of the book "The Natural Step for Communities," by Torbjorn Lahti. The webinar will also discuss how to implement strategies offered in "Toward a Sustainability Community: A Toolkit for Local Government," produced by the University of Wisconsin Extension.

Bill Belknap, community development director for Moscow, will be a panel speaker, answering questions about the webinar and detailing the steps Moscow has taken with sustainable programs.

"I will have a more detailed list at the webinar," Belknap said, "but we have seen a lot ... more compact and efficient land use development and have doubled support for transit services."

Other panel speakers attending include Nick Sanyal, a professor in conservation social sciences and Manoj Shreshta, a professor in political science.

"It will be a short half-hour discussion about the speakers' experiences," said Hanna Persson, a coordinator with SPPUD.

The second APA webinar will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the Com-

mons Whitewater Room on Thursday.

This session will cover the problem of foreclosures in communities and the legal aspects of dealing with distressed properties. A CM law credit is available for AICP professionals that attend.

"We will have speaker Travis Cary, who is the economic development specialist for the City of Moscow and the executive director of Moscow Renewal Agency," Persson said. "He will talk about what Moscow is doing to deal with distressed properties."

The Building Sustain-

able Communities Initiative and SPPUD will also be hosting a two part planning commissioner training conference that will bring planning commissioners from various parts of Idaho.

"The training is open to everyone, but we need people to RSVP," Persson said. "It's for people interested in planning or working with planning, but also for some who have not had a lot of experience."

Part one of the conference will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Panorama Room. Part one is an introduction to the planning commission. Panelists

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The Building Sustainable Communities Initiative is asking participants to RSVP to 885-7448 or on the Web at bioregionalplanning@uidaho.edu.

will be discussing concepts such as ethics, growth management, framework and legal foundation.

Part two will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 17, 2010 in the SUB Gold Room. This half of the conference will cover the players involved in the planning process and the review of planning implementation and some of the newest approaches to planning techniques.

"Sustainability is becoming an increasingly popular topic and the meaning of sustainability varies from person to person," said Michele Vachon with SPPUD. "It's important to expose the community to sustainability — what it is and how it's important."

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Scholarships abound

Albertson Foundation helps Idaho colleges, universities in tough times

In a time defined by financial turmoil and uncertainty, The J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation has recently donated \$11 million to Idaho colleges for scholarships.

The University of Idaho will receive \$1 million to give out to students in need as part of the foundation's "Go On" campaign, which is designed to engage students and help them attain a college education.

Ten other schools in Idaho, including Boise State

University, Idaho State University, College of Idaho and North Idaho College also received \$1 million to distribute to students.

The new scholarship comes at a great time, considering the state legislature recently decided to reduce the amount of money appropriated to the Robert R. Lee Promise B Scholarship due to budget concerns. That money was valuable to students, often freeing up a few hundred dollars for textbooks, rent,

student fees or a number of other expenditures.

The new scholarship money acts in roughly the same capacity as the Promise B Scholarship — all graduating high school seniors who meet certain grade requirements are eligible for the money.

The Albertson Foundation, whose mission is to improve all aspects of education in the state of Idaho, has acted admirably not only to ensure higher education remains

a viable option for prospective students, but to bolster the state's public education system.

Idaho ranks 43rd nationwide in the percentage of ninth-graders who go on to graduate from college, making a healthy public education system all the more necessary to train specialized workers and to make Idaho a more appealing location to high tech firms and other more advanced industry.

— GC

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off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Down into my belly

I bought three bottles of wine Monday, kind of on an accident. I've drank dozens of bottles in my life, but I'm still only pretty sure I like it. I guess I'll reassess my feelings after these, plus the other bottle I had on hand, are done.

— Marcus

Current mood: copacetic

During break, I bought a little stand-up notebook with turning pages that each explain a certain mood, complete with definitions and usage tips. One may flip through, determine their mood and display it proudly on his or her desk. Today, I am copacetic. According to the notebook, writer and film director David Mamet suggests copacetic is a contraction of "All is well, for the Cop* is on the settee." (*the notebook capitalizes this word for whatever reason.)

— Kelsey

Tests

I'd rather have some tests during dead week than a bunch of tests the Friday before dead week.

— Jeffrey

Tea and videos

After a week with a cold, there are two things I would like to see the university change. The first is to get vending machines that serve hot tea. The second thing is all classes need to record lectures and post them online.

— Jens

Sportsman of the Year

Derek Jeter recently won Sports Illustrated's prestigious Sportsman of the Year award. There has never, ever been a more deserving candidate. Ever.

— Greg

Colder than ice

I was at the ice rink the other day, and it was actually warmer outside than in, almost toasty. Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr.

— Erin

The best part of waking up

All year long I am a fan of coffee, a huge fan, I drink it all the time, every day. And there is nothing better than waking up to a warm, steamy cup of coffee when it is cold outside.

— Elizabeth

Soup

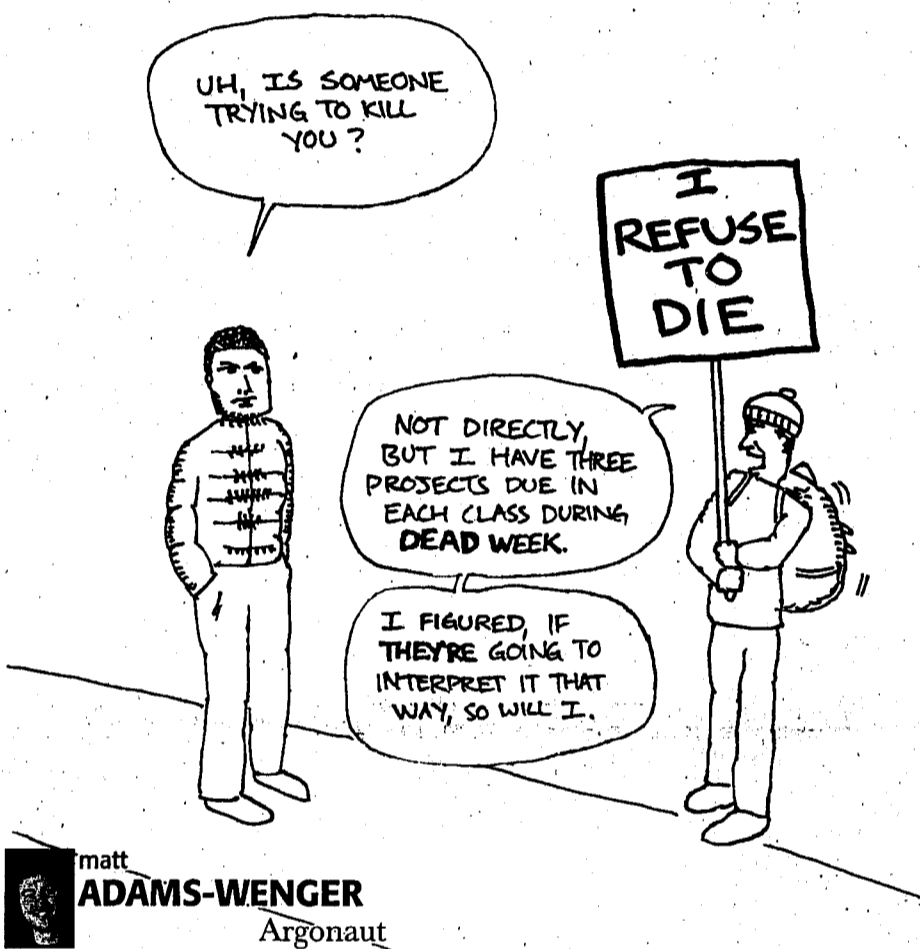
I'm starting to get a cold ... rather, I already have a cold and all day yesterday I was craving soup. I was disappointed to find that Joe's Café was all of out soup. Their sign claims they close at 3 p.m. when they actually are all cleaned up and dump their soup by 2:30 p.m. Change your sign to accommodate your actual hours, please. To Safeway and their chunky chicken noodle, my throat thanks you.

— Jennifer

I like a good stout, but ...

I listen to Pandora pretty often on my iPhone, but for some reason, it will go into a streak of nothing but Irish folk music from time to time. I've got Flogging Molly and The Dropkick Murphys on my list, but that's not exactly folk, not to mention I've got about twenty other bands from which it could choose. Apparently heritage weighs in heavier than what you want to listen to as far as Pandora is concerned.

— Jake



matt ADAMS-WENGER Argonaut

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Black is the new blue

Windows 7 has been running without a hitch, at least by Microsoft standards, since its launch — to the surprise of most. Over the past weekend, however, Windows 7 reared its ugly head in what's been labeled the "black screen of death" fiasco.

Windows users have become familiar with the "blue screen of death," a state the Windows system enters when its operating system crashes and burns horrendously. Superseded by an imposing all-blue screen with a cryptic message like "A fatal error OE has occurred at 0137:BFFA29," the blue screen of death is the bane of Windows users everywhere.

If you thought that was bad, wait until you experience the newest wave of terror to carpet Windows: the black screen of death. The mere name conjures images of Lucifer rising up out of your computer as you scream in vain while the screen slowly fades to black (to the delight of Metallica fans everywhere).

OK, it might not be that bad, but the black screen of death is certainly a very real problem, albeit one that has been vastly overblown.

The story was broken by the blog of a British security firm, Prevx. They claimed recent updates by Microsoft to its Windows 7 software inadvertently changed registry keys, which caused programs to become confused and enter this nightmare-inducing state.

For its part, Prevx did not alert Microsoft of the problem, but instead chose to capitalize on it by telling users to download its "special software" to correct the problem.

Conspiracy theories about bloggers and media outlets have said Microsoft unleashed this demonic beast upon the public in some ill-devised ploy. Anti-Windows users have flooded around this latest fiasco as a sign of Microsoft's flawed system. "This is the killer of Windows 7," one blog user wrote.

Or is it? After sitting quietly for several days, Microsoft responded: don't believe



ilya PINCHUK Argonaut

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Fairness applies equally

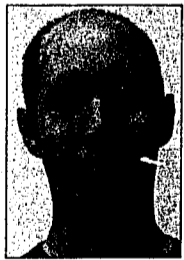
My thoughts are with the families of the four police officers killed in Western Washington, Sgt. Mark Renninger and officers Ronald Owens, Tina Griswold and Greg Richards. They will be forever, tragically overshadowed by Maurice Clemmons, the suspect in the shooting, who surely does not deserve such a standing.

I regret that today I will be writing about Clemmons and not his victims.

It is certain that Clemmons' history among our system of law enforcement raises troubling questions, but it is not bleeding-heart liberalism to declare Clemmons was entitled to a trial.

The alleged shooter had been granted clemency in Arkansas, and while that

may have been the correct move at the time, it is a decision that looks shortsighted knowing what we do today.



marcus KELLIS Argonaut

Likewise, it is not vigilantism to declare the officer who fatally shot Clemmons was entitled to such action. Clemmons, it is reported, defied police orders, and the officer, Benjamin L. Kelly, was left with little choice in the face of becoming the fifth police officer killed.

Those assumptions are not mutually exclusive. All reports suggest Clemmons was an ill, delusional man, and it is understandably frustrating that were it not for

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What was life like before?

Every week when I go to write my column I spend some time browsing the Internet for ideas, or references on ideas I already have, or documentation to back up the idea I'm going with, or just marveling at Paul Krugman's genius. Whatever. The point is, I am so used to the totality of the Internet at my fingertips that when it's not there I don't know what to do.

This could get me in trouble, but it's compelling enough that I have to share — I live in an apartment next to a WiFi hotspot. As a result, I don't pay for my own Internet access, but the tradeoff is that my Internet is very sketchy. Access fades in and out, and if there's a problem, I can't do anything about it but hope that it gets fixed. No big deal, though, right? There's plenty to do without the Internet, isn't there?

My family didn't get a computer until I was 14, which was in 1999. Our brand new Compaq had an 11 GB hard drive (I have an SD card bigger than that now). We got AOL dialup for that beast, and many a late night I spent waiting for things to load through that noisy modem.

I didn't get a cell phone until I was 20, when it finally just got too inconvenient not to have one any-

more. And I got the cheapest, most feature-free phone they offered.



matt ADAMS-WENGER
Argonaut

I've never had a console video game system. I've had a Gameboy since I was six, which made road trips easier, but I've never been able to enjoy a PlayStation but at a friend's house.

I also didn't have my own computer until I was 21, when I bought one for myself (I am still using it today, four and a half years later). Also rather feature-free, it works and that's about it.

Besides these technological must-haves, I didn't get my driver's license until six months

after I turned 16. I rode my bike everywhere in a much more spread out hometown than Moscow. I took it often to the downtown library, where I would regularly get the newest books and rent whatever movies and CDs they had that didn't suck.

Speaking of CDs, now that I think of it, I didn't have an MP3 player of any kind until spring of 2008, when I bought a Zune. Incidentally, no one else is buying them, but they're great.

I mention all this because I can't help but take a step back sometimes when my Internet connection isn't working or when my Zune is dead or when my cell phone is recharging and wonder how I ever survived without them. I did survive for quite a long time without these modern conveniences. I've done very well with the library and a CD player for a very long time. Come to think of it, I think my family was the very last family on earth to buy a CD player. Seriously.

I didn't want to mention all this to put myself up on a pedestal as somebody who doesn't need modern convenience to get by; on the contrary, I love my modern American life and I'm kind of ashamed at how quickly I've forgotten how I got along before gadget X or toy Y or the Internet. I think it's something worth thinking about. After all, thinking doesn't take anything but you, and no matter what, you've always got you.

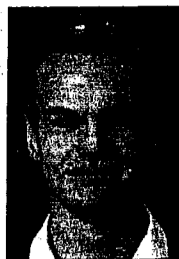
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Good intentions

Leaders should reconsider strategy

On the Friday before Thanksgiving, as students were evacuating Moscow for the holiday, hundreds of Christian religious leaders concluded a gathering in Manhattan. On that day they released the aptly titled Manhattan Declaration, signed by more than 150 prominent men and women of Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Evangelical Protestant convictions.



benjamin LEDFORD
Argonaut

The Manhattan Declaration is a self-proclaimed "call to Christian conscience," which in seven pages addresses three contemporary issues: marriage, the sanctity of human life and religious liberty. The Declaration is a clear, thoughtful and eloquent statement of Christian beliefs on these issues, and everyone should take the time to read it, especially those who consider themselves informed. It can be found at <http://www.manhattandeclaration.org>.

However, despite its qualities, the document and the nature of the gathering itself bear a fatal flaw. The opening section states "We are Christians who have joined together across historic lines of ecclesial differences," this is where the problem lies. With a single introductory remark, the Declaration sweeps away hundreds of years of serious, earnest disagreement between Christian groups. The differences in question are not trivial — like what priests should wear or which hymns to sing — they are serious and regard salvation.

For example, Roman Catholics teach that salvation comes through baptism by someone with priestly authority, while Evangelicals teach salvation comes only when an individual decides to repent and accept Christ. This issue may seem silly to outsiders, but what is at stake is the eternal destiny of souls. At least one side is wrong, and therefore one side, by association with the other, is creating confusion and potentially leading people away from God. Are concerns such as these so minor that they can be ig-

nored for the sake of joint political influence?

The gain in producing such a declaration is speaking with a stronger, more unified voice. The cost is obscuring the way of salvation. Of course, one may say "the important thing is coming together where there is common ground." Yet when determining the important thing, if it is a case of temporal, earthly concerns versus eternal concerns, temporal never wins. Better to speak with a clear voice on eternal issues than with a strong voice on current issues.

This is not a matter of "being so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good," because if more are brought to true faith in Christ through a focus on the Gospel, we will see the changes hoped for by the signers of the Declaration. On the other hand, if more do not turn to Christ, such changes will be fleeting, if they happen at all.

Neither is the issue that various leaders happened to sign the same document, or that they admit agreement in many areas. The issue is the way in which the Declaration was created and presented implies the differences between these faiths are less important than contemporary social concerns. Is the purpose of the Church to speak out on social issues or to lead sinners to forgiveness?

Because these groups disagree about the way of salvation through Christ, they cannot preach Christ. They can agree on much, but not the Gospel itself. The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 2:2, says "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." These ecumenical gatherings, on the other hand, can preach anything except Jesus Christ and him crucified. What is the point of Christians coming together if they have to ignore the first six letters of their name to do it?

The introduction refers to joining across historic lines, but if those lines include the nature of the Gospel and the way of salvation, they weren't worth crossing.

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FAIRNESS

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Gov. Mike Huckabee's decision to commute Clemmons' sentence, those four officers might be alive today. The outlet for that frustration must be appropriate. Judge, jury and executioner are distinct roles in the American judicial process: Kelly was entitled to do what he did not because of Clemmons' alleged crimes, but because of Clemmons' instantaneous behavior.

Washington police have arrested accomplices, relatives and friends of the deceased who, it is alleged, aided Clemmons in treating his wounds, deceiving police regarding his whereabouts and driving the car that helped him evade arrest. But until a conviction or guilty plea, they are presumed innocent, as Clemmons is. He did not get an opportunity to defend himself, which he was entitled to under the Constitution. By acting as he did during the attempt Kelly made to arrest him, he waived that right.

His alleged accomplices will get the chance he was denied, and if they are found guilty I hope they will receive appropriate sentences for their roles.

Deprivation of life, liberty or property is protected in America by the Constitution. The victims were denied that protection when they were targeted simply for their role in law enforcement, but the system they gave their lives defending is one of laws — laws which protect even those who seek to undermine the system.

The goal of bureaucracy, courts and laws is

to maximize deliberation in decisions and to minimize arbitrariness. Errors in our system ought to be corrected from the inside, not circumvented. To suggest otherwise by saying Clemmons didn't deserve a chance to defend himself is nothing short of revolutionary.

Regrettably, innocent people are sometimes convicted of crimes. Routinely, guilty people are convicted and the innocent go free. Thankfully, we have a procedure that largely accommodates both.

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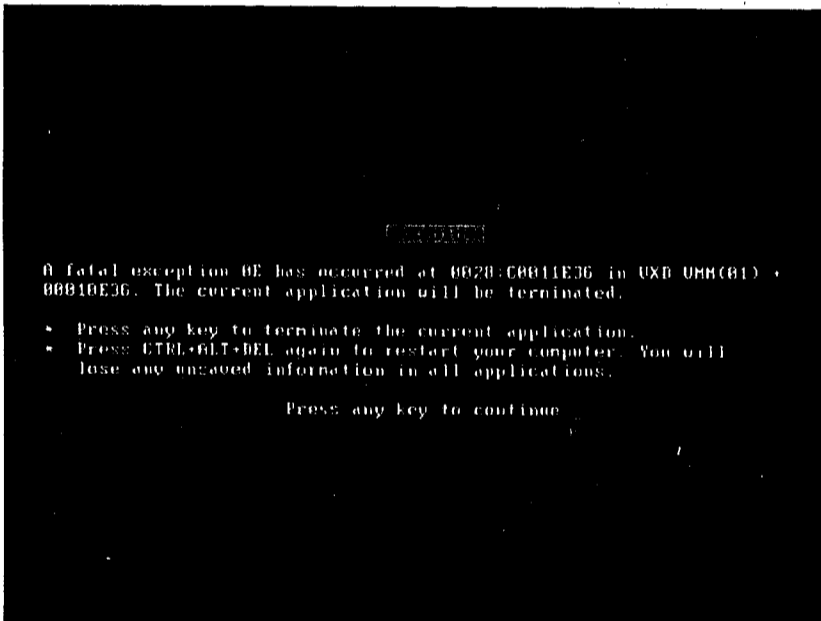
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what you read. "Microsoft has investigated reports that its November security updates made changes to permissions in the registry ... resulting in system issues for some customers," said Christopher Budd, Microsoft's security response communications lead in a statement released by Microsoft. "The company has found those reports to be inaccurate."

It appears, despite rumors of global domination, Microsoft was being quiet simply because they were testing the problem and making sure it wasn't on their end. Budd said the company has spent hundreds of man-hours and their support team has found no link between the update and the crop-up of the black screen of death.

Budd also stated Microsoft's investigation showed the black screen is a very limited problem with a miniscule amount of documented cases.

But it is happening, and if it's not because of Microsoft, then what could possibly be affecting these users? Budd speculated that malware and trojans were respon-



The "Blue Screen of Death" has been a thorn in the side of PC users for years. Courtesy art

sible for the limited number of lock-ups.

Trojans such as the Daonol family, Budd said, can cause behavior similar to what Prevex had described.

Either that, or perhaps this is a poorly orchestrated ruse to bring equal opportunity in error screen

color. The floodgates have been opened; black is now in the door and before long, we will be seeing neon-green screens of death.

If I were you, however, I would stick with Budd's explanation. Send letters to arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.

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Decorating for the holidays

The holidays follow trends, just as any other event would. This year they will play on four primary themes: airy, sweet, comfort and obsession.

Airy:

Airy is more of a light feeling to the decorations. It plays with more transparent or translucent themes. Decorations following this theme are modern and may even play more with lights. Some pastel colors may be used throughout the pallet.

It is the most contemporary of all the styles and is seen as more flowing than staccato. Glassware and crystal are essential in this designed space. It fuses a romantic feel with a 21st century twist.

Sweet:

Another popular theme for

2009 is the sweet motif. Sweet rooms are the most feminine of the trends and plays with colors — primarily pastels — and especially with the idea of candies. Shades of color are often muted and reflect the popular sweets of the season, contributing to the name.



Amberly BECKMAN
Argonaut

It is a fun sort of style, inspired by sugar plums and glazed sweets, peanut brittle and sugar cookies. It is a light type of decoration with an almost dreamlike feel.

Comfort:

Also referred to as rustic and homey, this theme brings more of a cabin feel to the holidays. A combination of old and new, comfort thrives on both wooden pieces and modern metals. Red and yellow are often central colors of this style and textures vary greatly. It is functional and often incorporates pieces that can

be used year round. Hand-made decorations are also strongly encouraged in a comfort motif.

Obsession:

This particular theme is reserved for the extravagant and glamorous. It uses pieces such as elegant fabrics and collectable items. It is eclectic, fashionable and highly chic. Deep hues as well as metallic accents are the building blocks of this decorating style. It is reminiscent of a Hollywood glamour style of holiday decorating.

While these four themes make up the fashion in holiday decoration, it is important not to overlook the classics. Decorations in green, red and white are always a favorite, as well as the wintery look of silver and pale blue.

Feel free to combine themes or throw new ideas into the mix. After all, the holidays are about celebrating, so whether it's traditional or modern, decorations will liven any space.

commentary

Notes from a No Shave: the finale

It's over. November's gone by so fast in some ways, but so slow in others. I'm relieved and saddened at the same time.

On one hand, I get to remove the itchy mess that's graced my chin for the better part of a month.

But on the other hand, I've grown to love my scruffy little neck beard. My face is going to feel weird without it.

I'm stuck with inferior beard-growing capabilities, and I've found it's easier to embrace that and have fun with it than be ashamed of it. It's No Shave November, not "gigantic beard month," and I think that's a fact I lost sight of at some point.

I thought about just grooming the beard and keeping it a while longer to see what happens. I finally decided to just end it. I'm ready to be smooth-chinned again. Maybe the act of shaving will stimulate those hair follicles to be a little more productive next year.

Despite my bad luck, I've learned a lot about facial hair in the course of this month:

1. Beards are itchy, no matter how big or small. I'd heard this before, but it's a feeling you don't fully appreciate until it's experienced firsthand.

2. The bearded aren't treated that differently by society. I don't know if I expected this or not, but I had hoped I would notice

some sort of change in people's reaction to me. Then again, maybe I'm not the best test subject, since my beard is barely noticeable.

3. Beards are great conversation starters. Everyone has some sort of experience or story to share about them. I don't know how

many conversations I've had this month that started with, "So, about your beard column ..."

To conclude my little competition with my friend Mason Wick, we took a series of photos and posted them to our Facebook profiles so people could vote on the winner of our slap bet. I'm pretty sure we both knew who the real winner was — Mason's been beating me since the beginning. We just wanted to add an extra element to the game.

The votes came in, and sure enough Mason beat me, 17-4. I'm pretty sure the four I got were pity votes. I did get the 'style award' from one of Mason's friends, though. Most people said his mustache was what won it for him — my 'stache always has been the weakest part of my beard ensemble.

Sigh. That slap's going to hurt.



Gus SIMPSON
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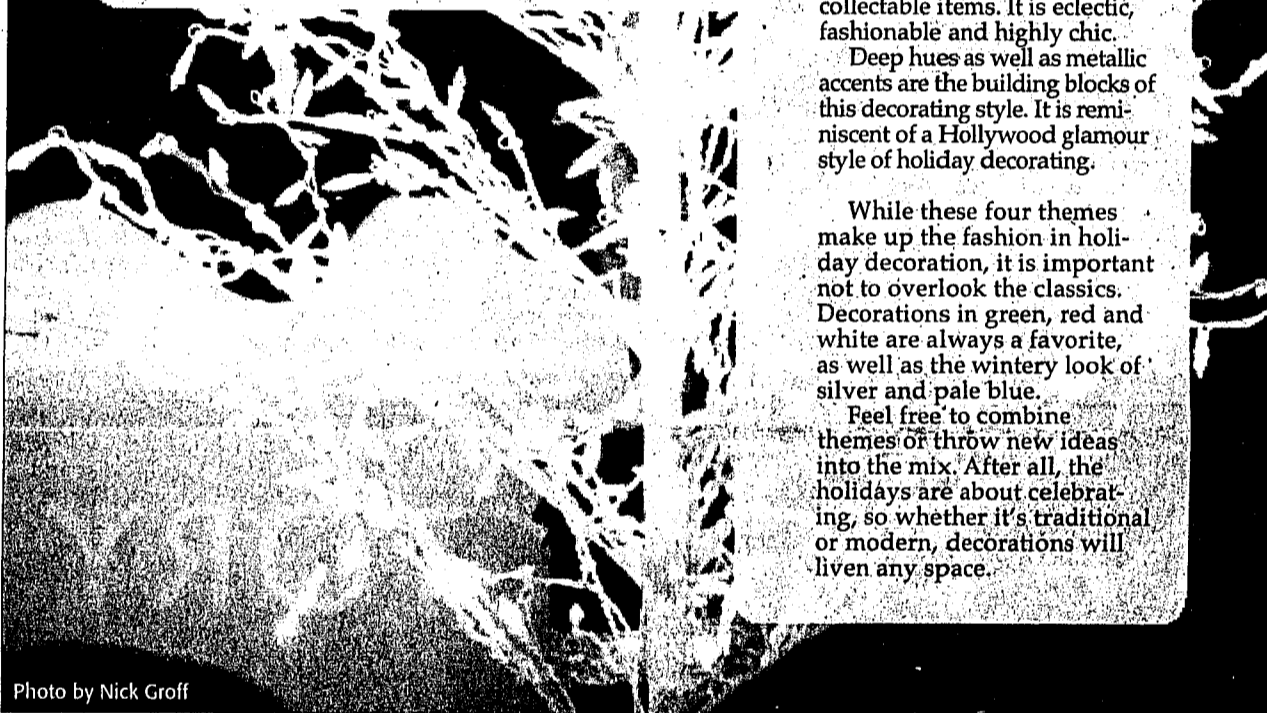
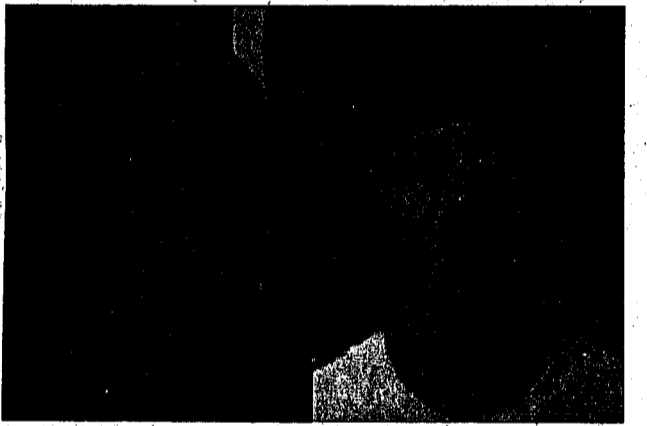


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Downtown parade lights up the night

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Despite the 19-degree temperature Wednesday night in Moscow, hundreds of people turned out for the "Light Up the Night" holiday parade downtown.

Parents, children and students lined Main Street bundled in coats, mittens and hats and watched the slow line of decorated cars make their way to the end of the street. White lights adorned the trees nearby, creating a winter atmosphere all on their own.

Carolers stood in a semicircle near Mikey's Gyros, singing "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and other classic Christmas songs.

"I liked it because at home we have (a parade), and it just reminded me of home," said Jordan Ozuna, a freshman studying psychology.

Many organizations such as the Cub Scouts, Moscow High School and the Moscow Day School threw out Tootsie Rolls and hard candies as they passed, which quickly disappeared into the hands of nearby children.

In a different spin, people from the Palouse Ice Rink threw out chunks of ice as they rode by on a Zamboni.

Given the cold, nobody rushed to pick those up.

Large trucks passed by with a string of lights connecting to the float trailing behind them, and floats ranged from modestly adorned with lights to ones that didn't have an open inch to spare. One group had no float at all, and instead let the kids pretend they were Santa's team



Fire engines from the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department drive in the Light up the Night holiday parade Wednesday evening on Main Street.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

of reindeer, covered in lights themselves and wearing red noses.

Aubrey Silkworth, a freshman studying business and finance, said she enjoyed the parade for the connection it gives to the city of Moscow.

"I like the feeling of community, I love coming together with everybody," Silkworth said. "It made me miss home, mostly."

Silkworth and Ozuna both experienced the parade for the first time, and said they enjoyed the atmosphere of the lights

on the trees, and watching the float carrying Santa down Main Street.

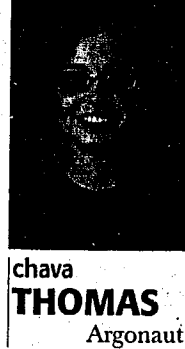
While the parade lasted just a short 25 minutes, it was a start to the Christmas season that everyone in the community could appreciate.

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If you missed the parade, see it at uiargonaut.com.

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Simplifying classic Italian

When I'm feeling lazy, I go for the pasta sauce. Boiling pasta and heating up my favorite tomato sauce is my shortcut for a delicious dinner, but sometimes I want something a little heartier. That's when I reach for my lasagna pan.



chava THOMAS Argonaut

So many different variations of lasagna exist. During dinners at my synagogue there were always a few chafing dishes full of mushroom lasagna. My signature lasagna is labor intensive, with homemade white sauce and ragu.



Chava Thomas/Argonaut

It was a special occasion at my house when I made lasagna. My mother knew she didn't have to worry about dinner that night so she could take extra time on her knitting projects. Sometimes, she would sit down for dinner and have a sock made for one of my family members to try on.

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30 Seconds To Mars
This Is War
After battling with their record label, according to Jared Leto on their Web site thirtysecondstomars.com, 30 Seconds To Mars and EMI re-watched an agreement and have finally finished their newest album *This Is War*. The newest single "Kings and Queens" seems to be like classic 30STM and the

rest of the album will probably follow suit. Available Dec. 8 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes
Snoop Dogg
Malice N Wonderland
The tenth studio album from Long Beach rapper Snoop Dogg sounds like he might be trying to go back to his previous style of his album "Murder Was the Case." In addition, Snoop said he will record a mini-movie to ac-

company the album. This album has 14 tracks outsourcing some production work from Nottz, The Neptunes and The-Dream. Available Dec. 8 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

We The Kings
Smile, Kid
The sophomore release from pop-punk group We The Kings seems to be much like the first.

— Anthony Saia

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The new word in Hollywood

Crouching Tiger, hidden voicemails

Sorry Woods, but your little "whoops" just turned into a major one. El is reporting that some incriminating voicemails allegedly left by Woods, have surfaced where he tells a woman that his wife found her number on his phone. Come on Tiger, come clean and get this fiasco over with.

Rihanna is recession-free

Rihanna will be paid \$500,000 to perform at a New Year's celebration in Abu Dhabi. Doesn't that come out to a little over \$100,000 per hour? Suck it, Bill Gates.

Smell like Michael

Now Michael Jackson fans can spray on a bit of Michael Jackson before they go out with "M," cologne, made from his DNA. His music is good and all, but this is taking it to a whole different and totally creepy level.



stephanie HALE-LOPEZ Argonaut

Little Gaga?

In a recent interview, Lady Gaga admits she wants what almost every girl does — a husband and kids. Looks like behind the freaky music videos and crazy outfits, she's relatively normal ... maybe.

Simpsons are not "failures"

Joe Simpson, father of Jessica Simpson and Ashlee Simpson-Wentz, is praising the work of his two daughters. This past year, the proud dad saw Jessica struggle with her weight, mourn the death-by-coyote of her beloved dog Daisy and get dumped by boyfriend Tony Romo ... oh and he also saw Ashlee get kicked off "Melrose Place." Nobody puts Joe Simpson's babies in a corner.

Marilyn likes pot?

A homemade video allegedly showing actress Marilyn Monroe smoking pot at a private home in New Jersey has surfaced after being found in an attic a half-century after it was filmed. The video sold for \$275,000. Anyone else wonder how much money Monroe would bring in if she were still alive?

Maebly to play One World Café

Jeff Myers Argonaut

Local band Maebly will be performing at 8:30 p.m. tonight at One World Café in downtown Moscow. The concert will be free. Band leader and guitarist Adam Johnson said the last time they performed at One World he had a lot of fun and looks forward to this weekend's show.

"I've been to other One World shows, and we're not in your face but we are one of the loudest shows there," Johnson said.

The band describes themselves as an Indy-rock-synth-retro mix, somewhere between The Cure and Joy Division.

"I hate putting a label on it," Johnson said. "We just really like to make fun music."

The band members plan to play several of their own songs as well

as covers of a few popular songs, including Radiohead's "High and Dry" and Neil Diamond's "Solitary Man."

The band will also have CDs available at the performance, the price of which will be set by the buyer.

Maebly originated in the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane areas and has been playing together for five years, through three name changes. The current name is a reference to the TV program "Arrested Development."

"(Maebly) just kind of fits our sound," Johnson said.

The band went on hiatus when they started college started but has gotten back together and is looking to do more shows in Moscow.

Maebly is currently working with the Vandal Entertainment Board to set up another event next semester, but so far nothing has been finalized.

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Vegas brings an abrupt end

Loss in first round of WAC tournament finishes season, team looks back on accomplishments

Lisa Short
Argonaut

A season of great highs and upsetting lows came to an end at the WAC tournament as the Vandals fell to the Boise State Broncos in four sets. Idaho battled with the Broncos but their passing wasn't good enough to execute and win.

"We didn't play at our level," coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We struggled in all areas a little and didn't close out games."

The Vandals finished the season 15-15 overall after the loss to Boise State. BSU and UI have battled back and forth all season, but BSU got the last hit. Idaho lost to BSU in Boise for the teams' first meeting in four sets.

Idaho fought back and took BSU in Memorial Gym for the final match of the regular season. Idaho wasn't able to take the momentum from that game to Las Vegas where they met right back up with BSU and were defeated.

Senior Meredith Rice said it is most disappointing because they know how well they could have played. Rice played hard, earning a WAC tournament record and a career high of 37 digs. Rice said she knows she is limited to what impacts she can make on the court as a libero (defensive specialist) so she just tried to make as many plays as possible. With that mind set and the excitement of the WAC tournament she racked up her numbers without even realizing it, she said.

Buchanan said Rice did a great job, but with passing off the other seniors didn't quite get the numbers they were looking for. Idaho had some strong points in Vegas but lacked the passing they needed to execute plays.

"It was a tough way to end, and those four seniors will definitely be missed," Buchanan said.

Senior Sarah Conwell led the team offensively and finished with 19 kills and 16 digs. Debbie Pederson followed with 12 kills and a .545 hitting percentage, Alicia Milo tallied 11 kills, and Anna McKinney totaled 10 kills and five blocks with a .375 hitting percentage. Janelle Chow finished with 15 digs and Cassie Hamilton added 12.

The Vandals' play allowed the Broncos to outplay them and come from behind in two sets. Idaho came back to win the third set but couldn't hold the momentum as the Broncos finished out the fourth set and the match.

Although Idaho made a strong effort, their passing game was not enough to get them through the match. Buchanan has said throughout the season she has been focused on the importance of passing, and she let the team know it won't go away.

"Passing will be one of the main things we'll always work on," Buchanan said.

Even with the loss in the WAC tournament, Idaho is able to look back on a successful season.

Conwell, McKinney and Pederson were all named WAC first team by the leagues' coaches. This is the first time Idaho has had three players on the WAC first team since 1995. The team said it was very rewarding to have three players on the team because the only other team to do that was Hawaii. McKinney was nominated in the preseason to be All-WAC and she said she feels it is a great accomplishment.

Conwell finished the season with 16 double-doubles

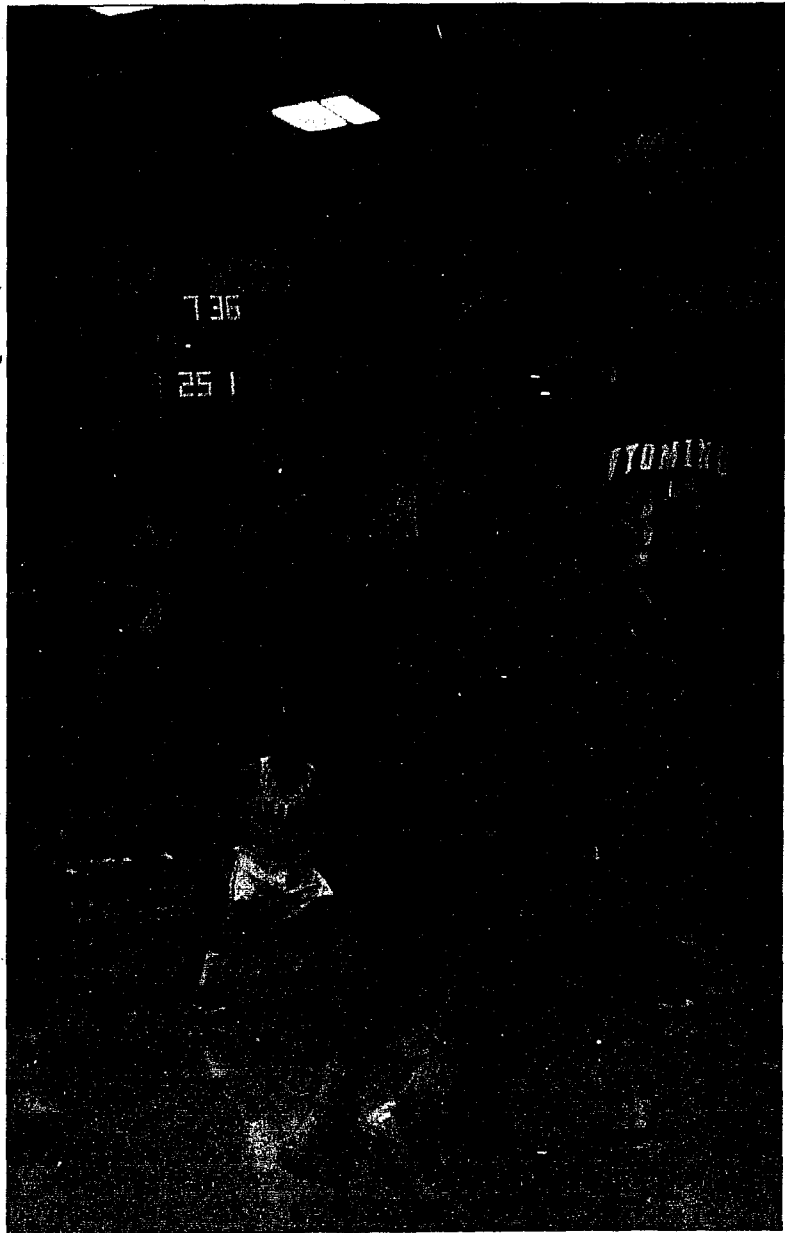
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Vandal outside hitter Sarah Conwell serves the ball Nov. 19 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals ended the season 15-15 overall.

File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut

FIGHTING FOR A VICTORY



Vandals post Jessica Graham goes up to shoot the ball during the game against Wyoming last night in Memorial Gym. The Vandals lost 61-55.

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Waiting is hard to do

Akey, players spend weekend anticipating for a bowl bid

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

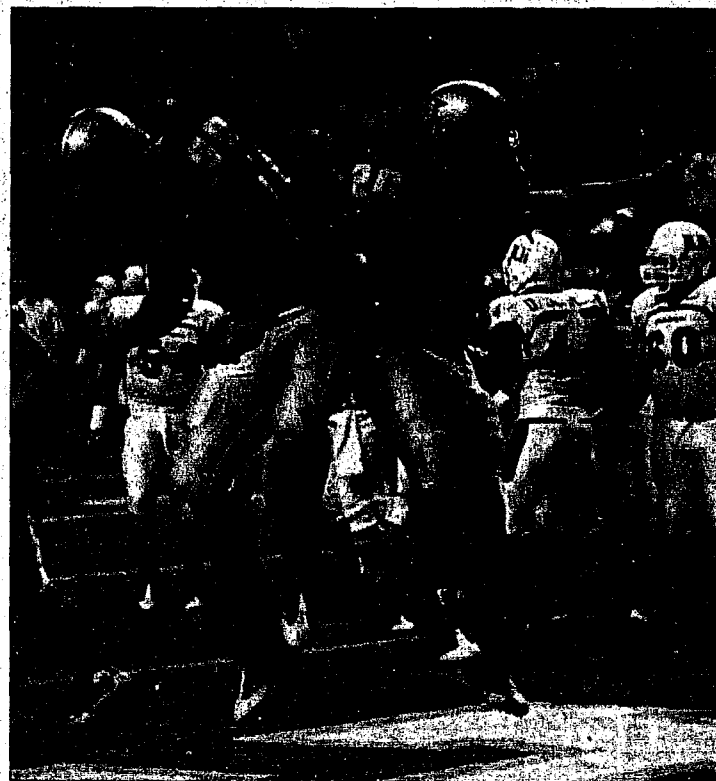
The Idaho Vandal football team has been spending the week practicing for a game they haven't been guaranteed yet. Still, the Vandals are optimistic they will receive a chance to play football one last time.

"We've done some good things," coach Robb Akey said. "I'd like to believe we are most likely going to get an opportunity to do it one more time together."

Since Idaho reached its sixth win in a victory over Hawaii, they became bowl eligible for the first time since 1998. But another win could bring them closer to the possibility of a bowl game.

After a loss to Nevada, Idaho won a close game against Louisiana Tech, giving them their seventh win. The Humanitarian Bowl executives said to reporters they wanted Idaho in their bowl game even after Idaho ended the season with only seven wins and a final game loss to Utah State.

Projections across the board place Idaho in the H-bowl and Akey said he is certain that is exactly where they'll be by the



Vandal wide receiver Daniel Hardy, left, and running back Princeton McCarty celebrate in the endzone after a touchdown Saturday against the Utah State Aggies. After dropping to 7-5 overall, the Vandals are waiting to see if they clinch a postseason bowl invitation that would be the first since 1998.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

end of December.

"I would expect that we'll fight like the dickens to get our team placed into a bowl game," Akey said. "We will have the opportunity to make up for

what happened (Saturday)."

After Saturday's game against Utah State, the players were able to look back on the

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Texas Tech upends No. 12 Washington

Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

John Roberson scored a season-high 25 points and Texas Tech withstood an official review at the end of regulation that took away a 3-pointer for a 99-92 victory over No. 12 Washington on Thursday night in a matchup of unbeaten teams.

Roberson, who finished 13 of 13 at the free throw line, stole the ball and made a layup with 44 seconds remaining to seal the win for the Red Raiders, who are 8-0 to start a season for the first time since 1929.

Quincy Pondexter scored a career-high 31 points for the Huskies (5-1).

Elston Turner of the Huskies missed two free throws with 4.8 seconds left in regulation and the score tied at 80.

Mike Singletary of Texas Tech brought the ball up and appeared to have won the game on a running 3-pointer as time expired but officials determined he did not get the shot off before the buzzer.

The crowd swarmed the court, thinking the game was over. The fans, and the debris they left behind, had to be cleared from the court before the overtime could begin.

Texas Tech, which had five players in double figures, outscored the Huskies 19-12 in overtime.

Down nine points at halftime, the Huskies used a 10-2 run to tie it at 60 when Darnell Gant hit a jump shot with about 13 minutes remaining. There were nine lead changes over the next 8 minutes.

A double technical foul was called with 3:49 remaining in regulation after D'walyn Roberts fouled Washington's Isaiah Thomas and the two got entangled going for the rebound under the Huskies basket. Thomas hit the first of his two free throws to put Washington 76-74. The technicals canceled each other out and no free throws were taken.

Tech went up 78-77 on a free throw by Roberson before Thomas missed a jumper with 2:31 remaining. Roberts missed a dunk and Thomas came back with a 3 to put Washington up 80-78.

Singletary hit a jumper in the lane to tie it at 80 with 1:17 remaining.

That's when Brad Reese, who scored a career-high 17 points, fouled Turner with 4.8 seconds remaining in regulation.

Reese, a reserve, was 3 of 5 from 3-point range, his last capping a 10-4 run by Texas Tech to go up 38-32 with 4:51 remaining in the first half. Texas Tech led 50-41 at halftime.

commentary

Yelling at sports acquaintances

There is one really odd song and dance that takes place at nearly every sporting event which defies logic. The practice of coaches chatting it up with referees before a game is one of the phoniest practices in all of sports.

This is a phenomenon most commonly seen in basketball where coaches have time to kill during warm-ups and the referees are just out and about. For some reason during this time, coaches and referees have these pleasant conversations in which all parties involved have a right chuckle.

This practice is obviously an attempt by coaches to try and curry some sort

of favor during the game. I am not saying there is nowhere in the world where a coach and referee are not actual friends but if they do happen to be friends perhaps there is a better time than ten minutes before tip-off to catch up.

It is perfectly understandable for coaches to try and do this. A coach should be trying to cajole any type of advantage for his or her team. Why the referees engage in these conversations is not as clear.

It makes no sense for a referee to share a laugh with somebody who spends the next 48 minutes berating them for doing a lousy job. There is absolutely nothing that can be gained from that pre-game conversation.

There is no problem with a coach and referee acting like buddies before the game if the coach

does not belittle the official for every missed hand check foul or the inability to distinguish a traveling violation from his backside.

Since this is rarely, if ever, the case, the coaches and referees should maintain a healthy distance from one another until after the game. It is normally by this time that coaches and officials want no part of some superfluous conversation.

Coaches and players are going to complain and moan to and about referees during sporting events. This is just one thing that will not be done away with in sports. One would hope that referees would have the wherewithal to understand this.

If officials did understand this it seems unlikely that they insist on swapping stories about fishing hot spots and their kids with coaches before every game. If a

coach really cared about those things he would find a better time to talk about them than right before a match.

It could be argued that officials and coaches should not be mingling in the first place. It is fairly tough to find any positives for these occurrences. It does not improve the performance of referees nor does it make coaches any less likely to treat referees better during the game.

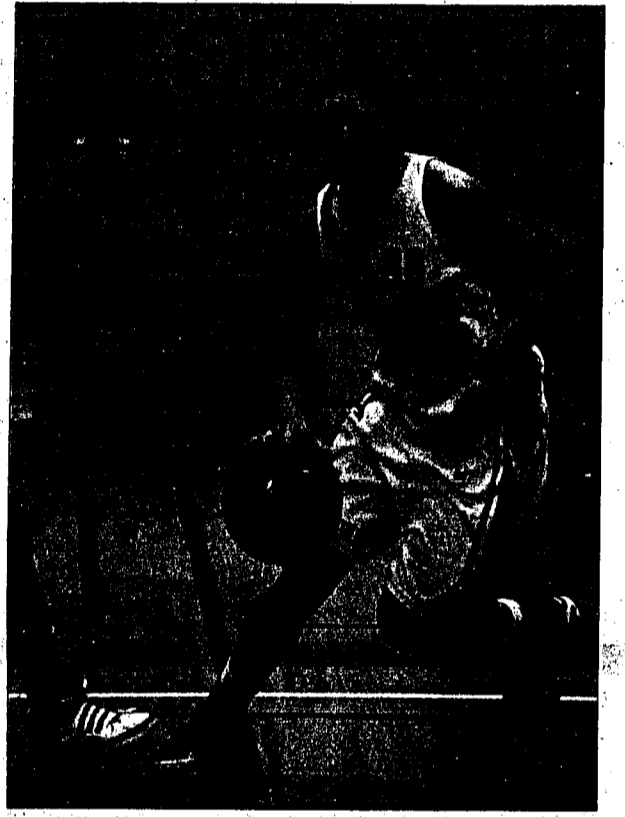
There was a time when sport was for gentlemen and everything between the officials commanded respect. That time is long gone. Referees are now seen as obstacles that deserve to be treated with contempt. It is not necessarily ideal but it is the reality of sports.

When coaches learn to properly treat referees they should be banned from having pre-game sidebar conversations.

DOUBLE-HEADER SUNDAY



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal guard Kashif Watson drives to the basket past an Eastern Washington Eagle defender last Saturday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals defeated the Eagles 76-54.



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal guard/post Rachele Kloke drives from the top of the key to the basket past a Colorado State Ram defender Tuesday evening in Memorial Gym. After a loss to the Rams, the Vandals also lost to Wyoming last night, 61-55.



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The Idaho Vandal Women's team will take on St. Mary's heading in with a 1-7 record overall.

The men's team is heading into Sunday's game with a 4-2 overall record. The men will face No. 25 Portland—a game that is anticipated to be sold out.

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Swim meets big time opponent

Lisa Short
Argonaut

After winning their first two meets on the road, the Idaho swimming and diving team will host the three-time WAC champion Nevada in their first home meet at 5 p.m. today at the UI Swim Center.

Idaho previously defeated San Diego and Seattle University and is looking to continue their success in their own pool, said coach Tom Jager.

"Everyone loves swimming at home," Jager said. "And they should get a pretty good crowd - it'll be fun." Although the team is at home they are facing some

tough competition. Jager said the team has a chance at winning but they will have to swim well if they want another victory. Nevada lost some strong senior swimmers last year, but is still a solid, competitive team, Jager said.

"We have to swim very well to even make it a meet," Jager said. "We have the tools we need, we just need to perform at a high level."

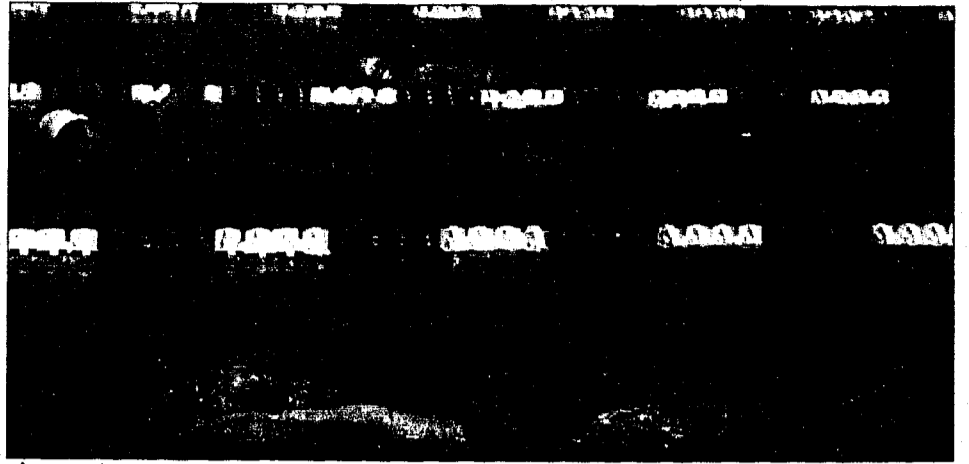
Idaho will face a key Nevada swimmer Margaret Doolittle, who swims in multiple sprint events. Nevada will also bring two strong swimmers in the butterfly.

On Idaho's side, fresh-

man Treasa Ring has consistently swam well in the butterfly events. Idaho also has a number of strong sprint swimmers that will be battling Doolittle. Si Jia Pang and Staci Stratton have been swimming well, Jager said, and they will have to continue in order to beat the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Jager said the 50-meter freestyle swim in the middle of the meet should be a good marker to determine how well everything is going. If both teams have swam well - like expected - the 50-meter freestyle might be an important race that could determine the outcome.

Along with some exciting swim events, Idaho will also dive against Nevada.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut
The University of Idaho swimming and diving team warms up during practice Tuesday in the UI Swim Center. The Vandals will face Nevada today at 5 p.m.

Idaho's Amanda Morrow Klanchner. Diving is something the crowd always gets into, Jager said.

Although Jager said the meet could be short, it should still be exciting.

Boxing ready for a fight

Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

The University of Idaho boxing club will put their dukes up on Saturday at Pullman Fight Night: Round 2.

The Vandals will send out two boxers against Washington State in an attempt to gain local bragging rights and restore some pride for the club.

"In the past two events that have been held in Pullman we haven't fared as well as I would have liked," coach Patrick Pellett said. "We like the UI versus WSU smoker as it is so close and we don't have to travel very far."

Idaho will be represented by Reid Hazelbaker, 2-1, whose only loss came last year in Pullman, and club president Isidro Nava who will be fighting in his first competitive fight.

"I am really excited for

both bouts this weekend," Pellett said. "The main thing is that our kids have worked so hard for such a long time and it's great to have the opportunity to compete close to home so people can come watch us."

Five fighters were originally scheduled for matches but that number was reduced to two because of withdrawals or injuries, Pellett said.

"We had a couple of kids who we couldn't match up, like Shelby Veazey, whose opponent backed out of the fight," Pellett said. "Jason Nigg went in for a routine dentist exam and ended up getting his wisdom teeth pulled so he won't be fighting either."

Pellett said both fighters were disappointed not to be able to fight especially considering the amount of hard work they have put in.

Saturday's event marks the first time coach Akihiro "Aki" Koyama will be in

the corner for the Vandal boxers. Koyama started the boxing club in 2002.

"He really is the heart and soul of this club and contributes so much," Pellett said. "There is no way we could have had the success that we have had without him."

Koyama hails from Japan and came to Idaho to pursue his Ph.D. Pellett said Koyama helps in the normal areas but contributes in some unexpected ways as well.

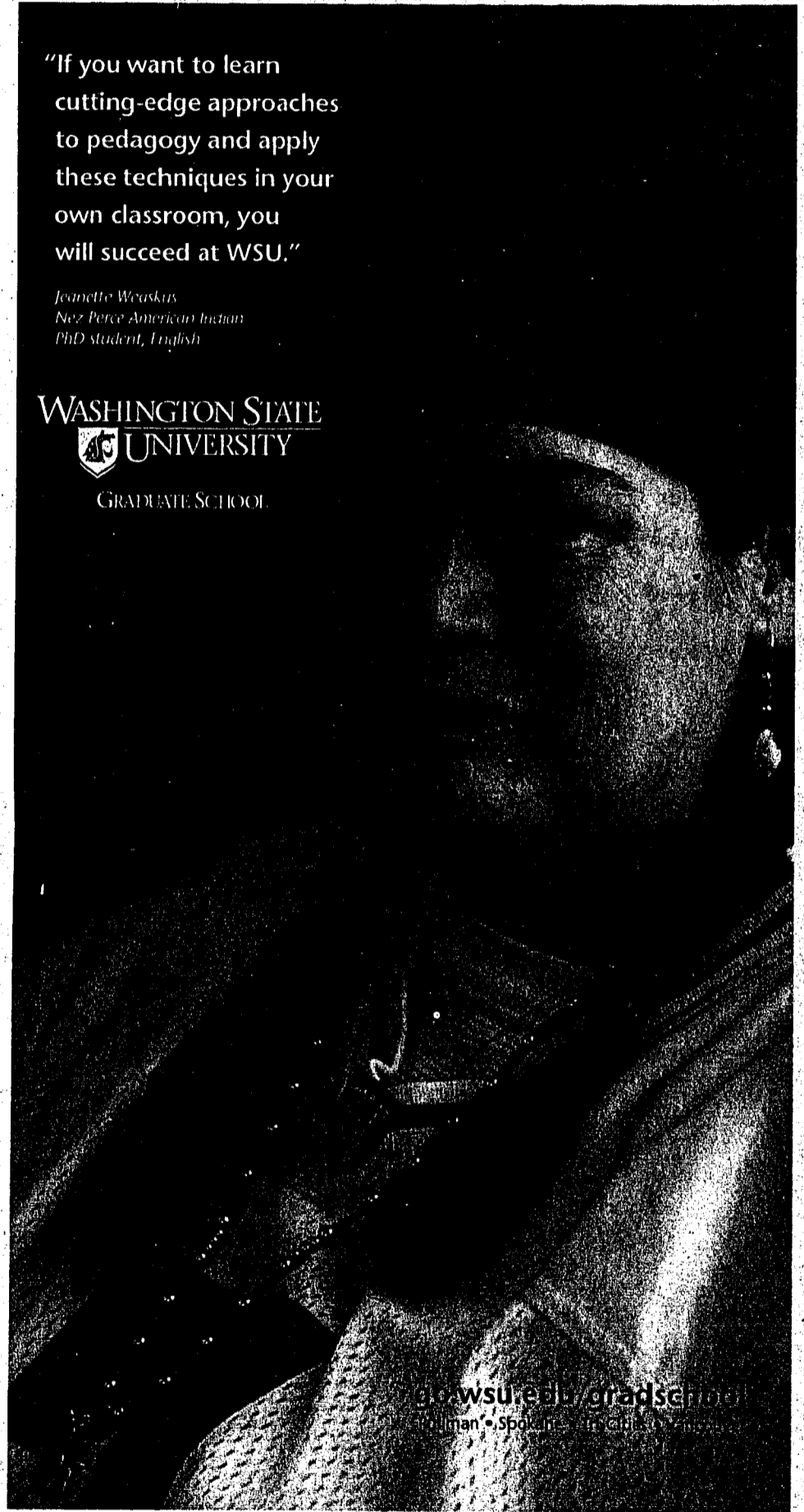
"Even though English is his second language there are times he has to translate some things I said for the kids," Pellett said. "Sometimes I will just go on and on so he will come over after I am done and explain what I was trying to say."

Doors open at 6 p.m. and bouts begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Gladdish Gym in Pullman. Tickets are \$12 at the door and proceeds go to the St. Jude's Children Hospital.

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season and remember their accomplishments, including all the changes to the facilities — the locker rooms, the SprinTurf and now the Kibbie Dome.

"Those are the things you take for granted," senior Adam Juratovac said. "This program's gone a long way, but it still has a long way to go."

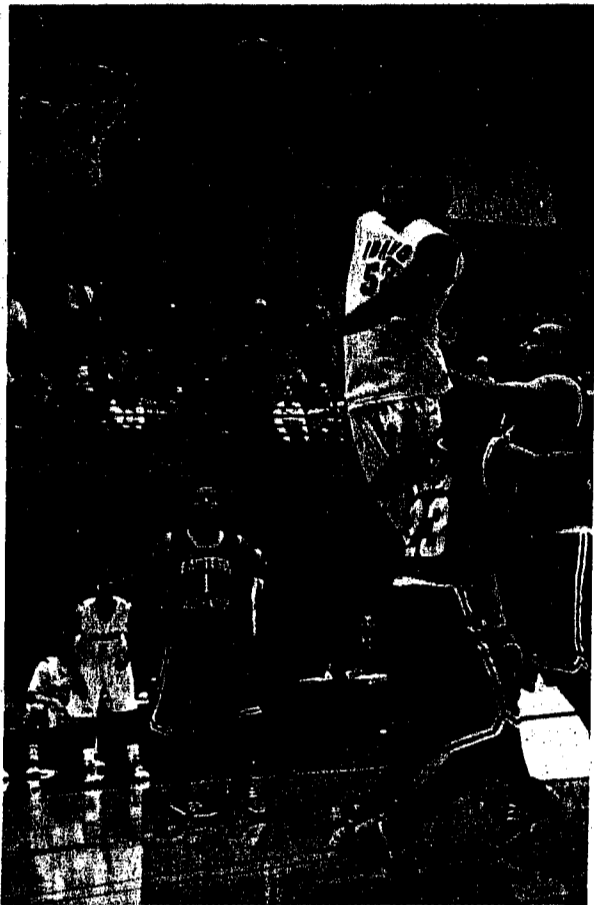
Soon the wait will be over when the bowl announcements are made on Sunday. Most projections, including ESPN's, have included Idaho in the H-bowl, but WAC Commis-

sioner Karl Benson said he is not ready to make an announcement until an opponent is selected. Current projections have chosen Northern Illinois, a Mid-American Conference opponent, who the Vandals defeated early in the season, 34-31.

"The team is just happy to be getting an opportunity to play another game," senior Max Komar said.

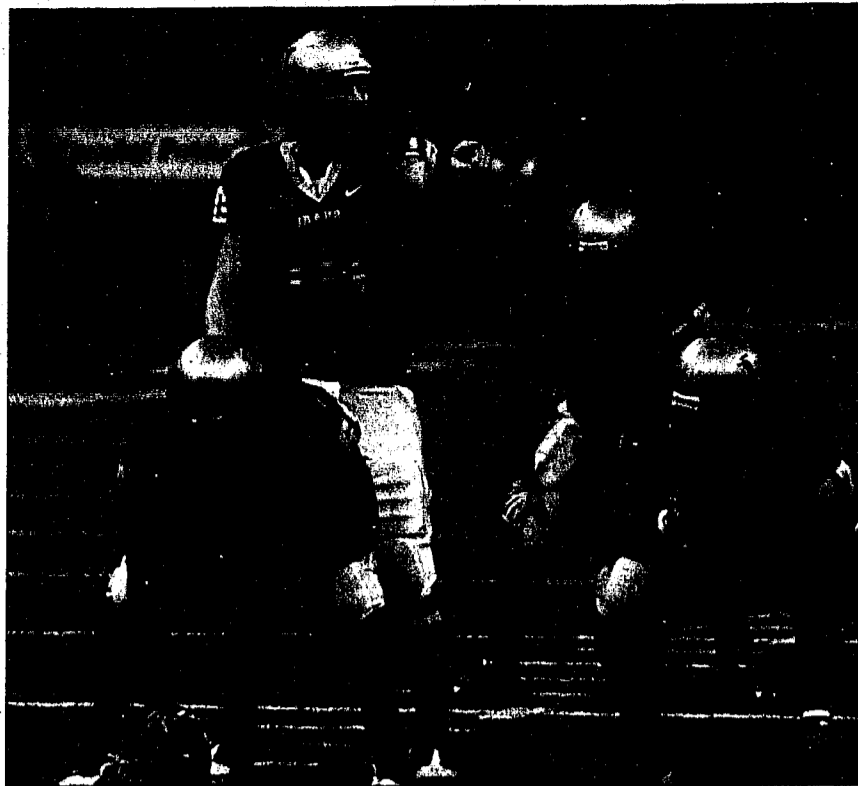
"When was the last time anyone won seven games around here — a long damn time ago," Akey said. "This football team has done an awful lot of good. Our opportunity to win eight is if we get our tails invited to a bowl game."

LEAD LOST VS. CAL STATE



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal center Marvin Jefferson drives to the hoop over Eastern Washington defenders last Saturday evening in Memorial Gym. The Vandals played at Cal State Northridge last night, losing 95-93.

AWAITING AN INVITATION



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal center Irvin Stevens, front left, waits to hike the ball to quarterback Nathan Enderle, back left, while running back De'Maundray Woolridge, back right, and left guard Mike Lupati, wait for the play to begin last Saturday's game in the Kibbie Dome vs. Utah State.

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and the conference with 5.07 average points per set. She landed second in kills per set with 4.33, ninth in digs per set with 3.20 and tenth in blocks per set with 1.05. Her all-around game performances earned her three WAC Player of the Week honors this season.

McKinney finished the season with an Idaho record of most assisted blocks in a single season with 159 blocks. She ended the season with 1.63 blocks per set and earned second in the WAC and 10th in the NCAA. Her 11 blocks at Utah State rank her fourth all-time at Idaho. McKinney also hit a .300 in conference matches to rank eighth in the WAC.

Pederson is all tied for fourth all-time at Idaho

with 11 blocks against BSU. Pederson was also honored as an all-WAC freshman in 2006. She too finished with 1.63 blocks per set and earned second all-time in the WAC with 98 blocks in conference season. She finished at ninth in blocking in the NCAA and ranks third all-time for blocks at UI with 152.

Rice said it was exciting to see the great blocks everyone tallied and being No. 1 in the nation for a defensive effort is a big deal. The team has accomplished a lot and has a lot to be proud of from this season, she said.

With strong senior players leaving Idaho, some new faces are coming in to fill their places. Returners include Katie Tribbley, Kelsey Taylor, Cassie Hamilton, Alicia Milo, Janelle Chow and Jennifer Feicht, but three new recruited

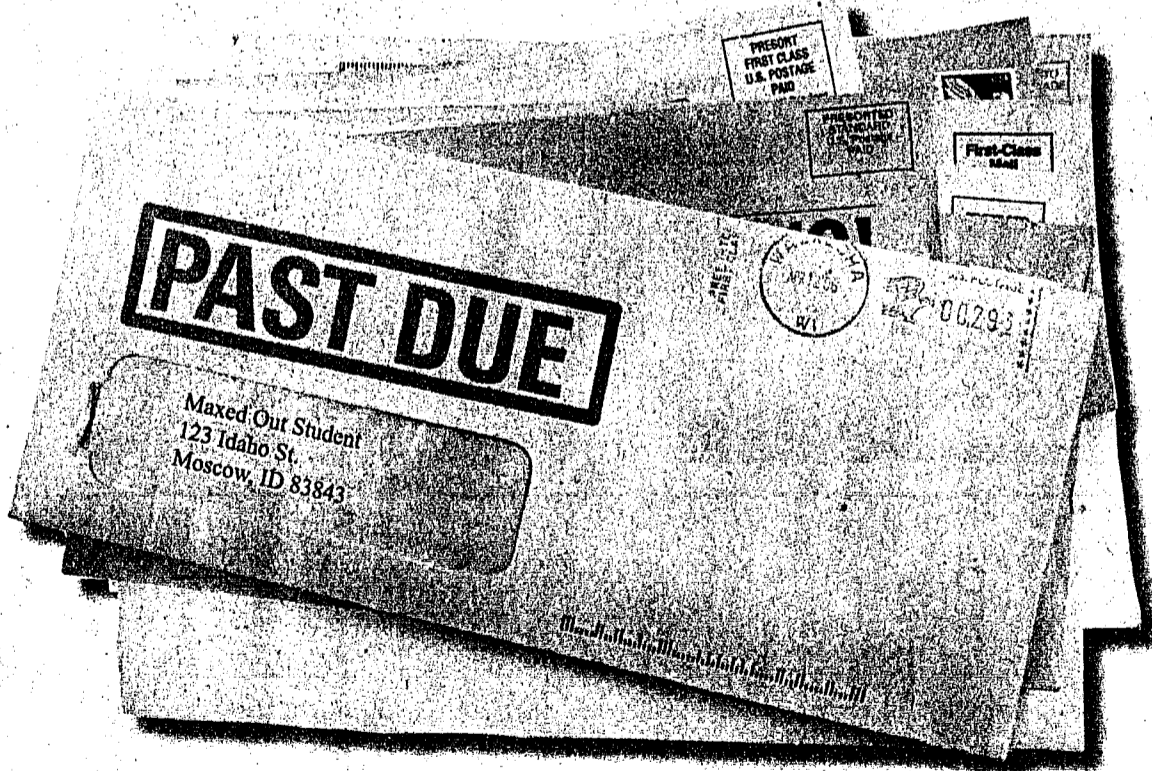
players will join the mix. "We're going to be completely different across the board," junior Tribbley said about next year. "We're going into spring training and we'll be looking and trying to develop our new team identity."

Buchanan said they have a great team defensively but can't win games with only defense so she hopes the new additions will add to the already strong team. But they have big shoes to fill, she added.

The seniors said it was scary coming into this year filling the shoes of past strong seniors and players, but every team will find their own flow and come together.

Coming off the rough loss in Vegas, the team will regroup and start to prepare for next year. It won't be the same but fans can expect something new.

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