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## UI staffer hits WSU students with car

Greg Connolly  
Argonaut

Two Washington State University students have been hospitalized after being struck by a vehicle on WSU's Pullman campus.

Washington State Patrol Sgt. Brad Hudson identified the driver as 31-year-old Daniel A. Noble, a financial specialist in the University of Idaho's Trust and Investment Office.

The vehicle struck the two male students at separate locations, Hudson said. The first pedestrian was hit at a crosswalk near the Gannan and Golsworthy dorms. The vehicle then struck the second pedestrian on a sidewalk on Stadium Way, Hudson said.

Hudson said Noble then abandoned the vehicle and proceeded on foot until WSU police apprehended him. When authorities approached him, he was combative, and was eventually Tasered by police before he was taken into custody, Hudson said.

The hospitalized students are 23-year-old Hogn Hahn of Pullman and 19-year-old Neil T. Waldbjorn of Malaga, Wash., Hudson said. Their injuries are not considered to be life threatening, according to a WSU press release.

"We thought alcohol and drugs may have been involved," Hudson said. "We did a blood draw, and in our opinion, we're not convinced he was on something. He's getting a mental evaluation."

The authorities were first contacted by a 911 call about a vehicle driving erratically in the westbound lanes of State Route 270, which links Moscow and Pullman.

The vehicle then entered the WSU campus and struck the first pedestrian

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# HIV-positive ex-Playmate speaks about AIDS at UI

Hundreds attend awareness speech

Stephanie Hale-Lopez  
Argonaut

Every hour of every day, two people between the ages of 13 and 24 become infected with HIV. Currently, 33 million people in the world live with the virus.

Rebekka Armstrong, an HIV-positive former Playboy Playmate, is among them. Armstrong came to the University of Idaho late last week in honor of World AIDS Day.

"You have to take the time to care enough about yourself, to protect yourself because you're worth it," Armstrong said.

At the age of 18, Armstrong was selected as the Miss September 1986 Playboy Playmate. A few years later, she was diagnosed as HIV-positive.

Armstrong said she had been infected with the virus via unprotected sex.

Armstrong says she uses her former experiences as a model to attract people to listen to her message.

"Playboy was a part of my life and it draws people in," Armstrong said. "It's more effective to say a Playmate is going to talk about AIDS than just an average woman. There may be stigma attached to it ... Maybe you just want to see what she looks like, but I'm glad we can use it to attract people."

This isn't the first time Armstrong has lectured on campus, however. Jesse Martinez, CAMP Coordinator and member of the

World AIDS Day Committee, recalls attending Armstrong's lecture a few years back when he was a student himself.

"I saw Rebekka's lecture about five to six years ago," Martinez said. "Her message is strong and the impact she had (on attendees) was the same —

**"You have to take the time to care enough about yourself, to protect yourself because you're worth it."**

rebekka  
**ARMSTRONG**

Activist

are the four major ways," Armstrong said. "Women now make up more than half of the newly infected HIV population and are ten times more likely to get infected than men."

Though Armstrong does have AIDS, she says she has not let the disease stop or constrain her from living her life.

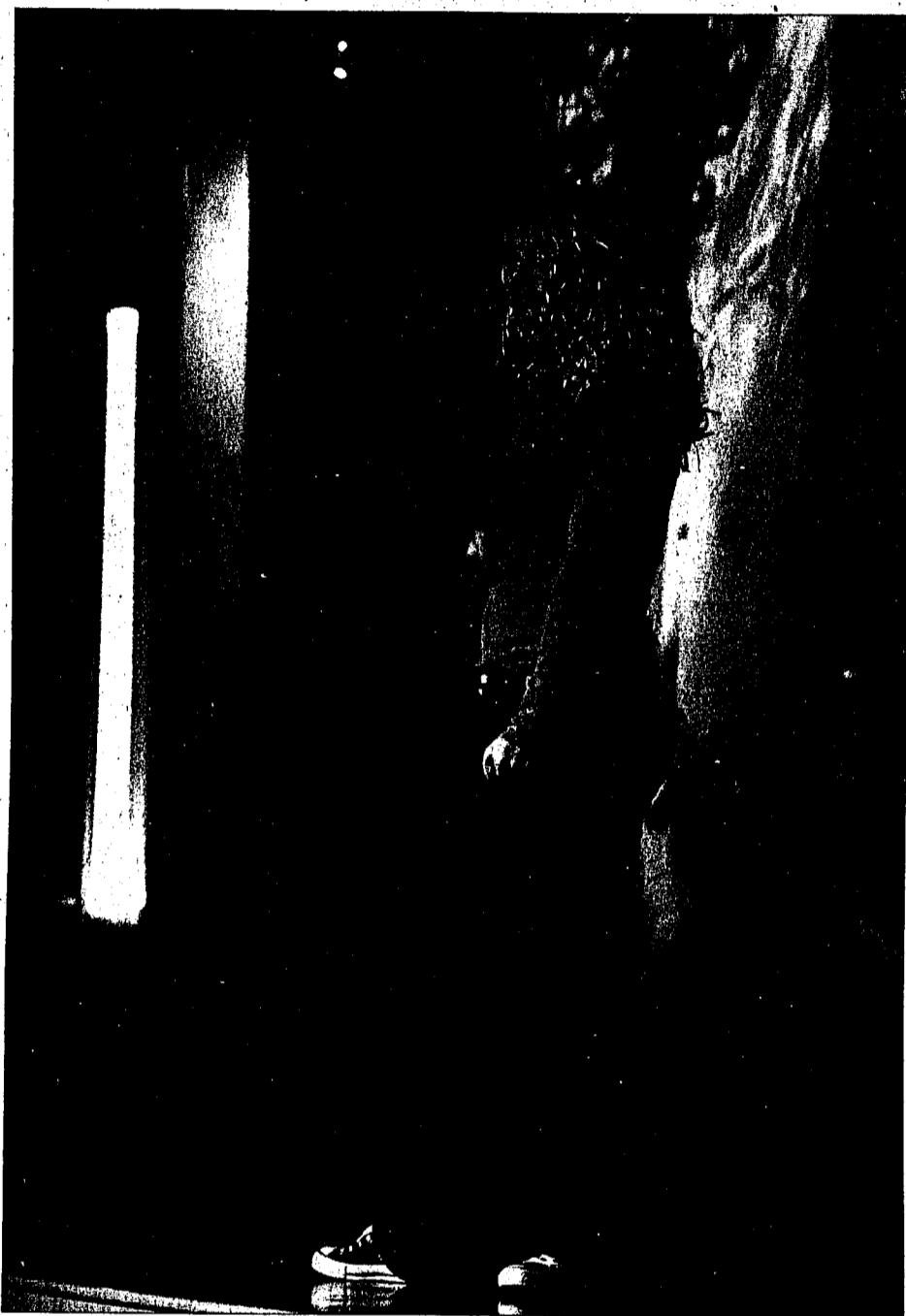
"I'm still alive, I'm still breathing," Armstrong said. "But it has been a crazy road and parts of it have been really painful."

Armstrong is no longer involved in the Playboy organization and is currently a competitive bodybuilder and private professional trainer.

which is great, it's what we wanted to see. We'd love to have her back in a couple of years."

Armstrong's lecture covered her personal experience in dealing with AIDS and talks about the importance of protection when being sexually active.

"You can contract AIDS through blood, semen, vaginal secretion and breast milk, which



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
Former Playboy Playmate and HIV awareness activist Rebekka Armstrong speaks in the Student Union Building Ballroom Thursday. Armstrong was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1989.

"I enjoyed how she discussed the progress she's made in her personal life," Martinez said. "It shows that there is hope for people who are HIV positive.

There is hope that you can live a productive life. I've heard her speech twice and the message was even stronger the second time. It still makes me think

and reflect."

The 1912 Center in Moscow offers free HIV testing from 1-6 p.m. every Sunday for anybody who is interested in getting tested.

## Parma may be saved

Simplot offers \$1.5 million for UI extension center

Marcus Kellis  
Argonaut

The J.R. Simplot Co. may have again granted the University of Idaho's agricultural extension in Parma livelihood, following a closure notice earlier this year.

UI and Simplot jointly proposed a \$1.5 million, multi-year agreement for the approval of Idaho's State Board of Education, which functions as UI's regents.

In a press release, UI President Duane Nellis said UI and Simplot "have had a long and proud history of providing leadership to the state and its agricultural industry."

"This innovative agreement aligns the research and knowledge expertise of Idaho's land-grant university with the business acumen of one of the state's most respected industry leaders and marks a new era in public-private collaboration in Idaho agricultural research," Nellis said in the release. "This is an Idaho-grown partnership that will pay long-term dividends to the state's economy."

The agreement appears

to be exactly the sort of public-private, entrepreneurial partnership that has been Nellis' stated ambition since taking over at UI's top post in July. The money does not come without strings: according to the release, Simplot researchers would share the facilities and acreage for crop research and development.

The funding would be split over five years, equaling \$300,000 annually toward labor, materials and other overhead costs for managing the land and accompanying facilities.

The educational board will meet Thursday and Friday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The terms of the agreement will be submitted at that point, as will ultimate recommendations for Idaho's other research and extension centers planned for closure in Sandpoint and Tetonia. The release said those centers will remain

open until at least June 30, 2010, as the university continues to seek sustained funding for them.

A 17 percent cut to the Agricultural Research and Extension Service this year left UI's external centers in a bind. The closure in Parma has drawn the most attention, and soon after Nellis' assumption of the office of the president, he appeared with Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and announced a final decision on the center would be postponed. At that conference, Otter said the closure ought

to have been cleared by the State Board of Education in the first place, since its budget exceeded \$250,000. Representatives from Simplot and UI were not available to speak about the agreement before its

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**NELLIS**

UI president

## Financial aid last step for seniors

Kayla Herrmann  
Argonaut

As fall semester ends and winter commencement approaches, graduating students need to be aware of their future student loan payments.

Dan Davenport, director of admissions and student financial aid services, said students should know where their loans are in the direct loan program.

"Seniors should be aware of how much they borrowed and their repayment options," Davenport said.

A majority of students have a 10-year payment plan, and payments change depending on how much money students have borrowed. The minimum monthly payment is \$50. After graduation, every student has a six-month grace period until each Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized loan need to be paid.

"I suggest that students go to <http://www.dl.ed.gov> and look at all of their loans and simulate their payments," Davenport said.

As of July 1, a new income-based repayment schedule has been enacted which requires students to pay an amount on their student loans based on their income during any period when they are having financial difficulties.

Loan cancellation is only available if a school closed before a student completed a program, a school falsely certified that the student was eligible to get the loan, the loan was falsely certified due to identify theft or a student withdrew from school and they didn't pay a refund afforded by written policy.

If a student were to move on to graduate school in any future semester, loan



File photo  
University of Idaho director of admissions and student financial aid services Dan Davenport poses for a photo in the Financial Aid Office in the Student Union Building July 7. Davenport said graduating students should be aware of how much money they have borrowed.

collection would be suspended when they were again enrolled.

A few helpful hints from Davenport: students should ensure their loan program always has their correct address, keep all paper work and do not be afraid to ask questions.

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# Discover Life

at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

**Idaho Commons & Student Union**  
This week's ASUI Vandal Entertainment Films...

**Indie Film Series: Extract**  
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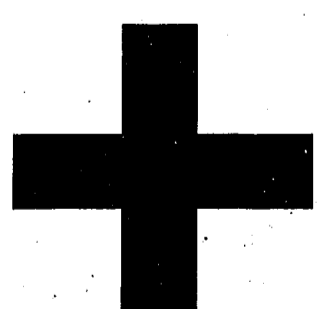
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## Blood Drive!

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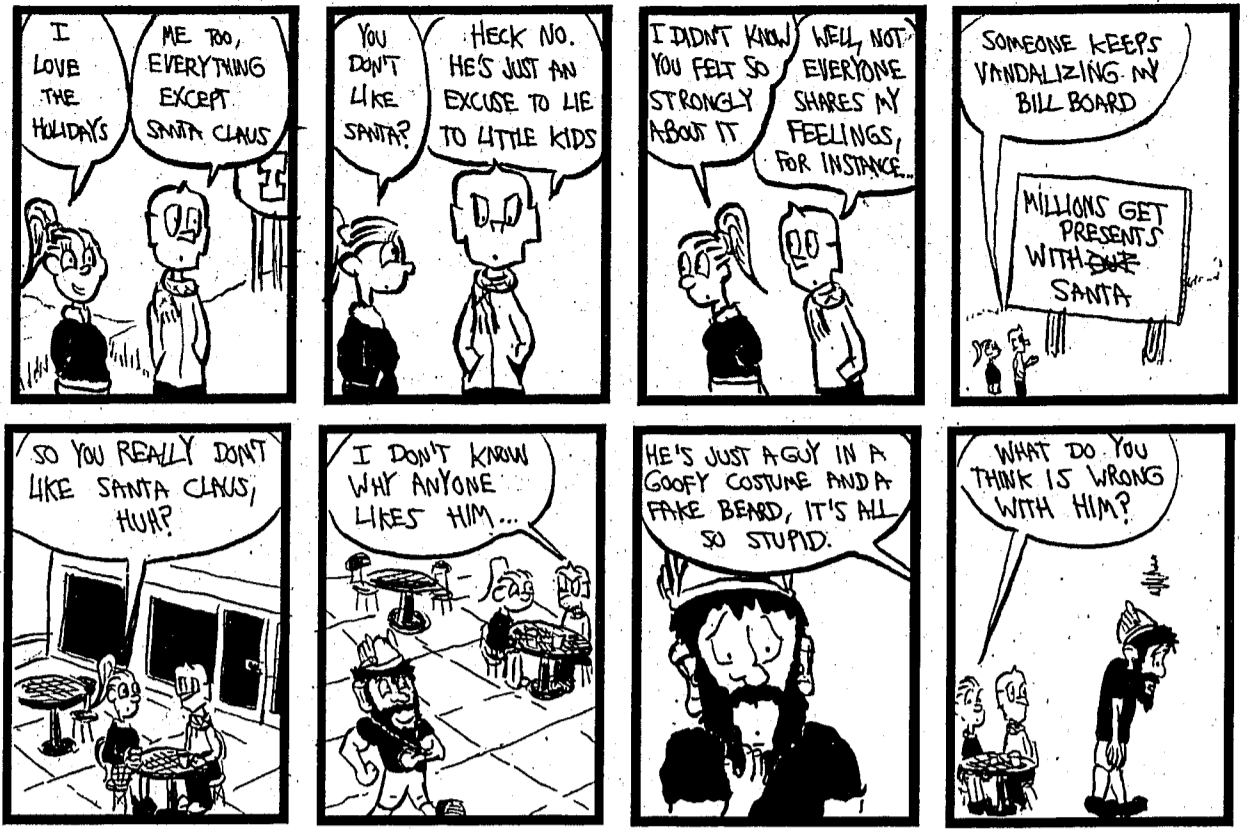
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Saturday: 9am-8pm  
Sunday: 12pm-12am

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## Stories from Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1959

**Future Foes Win, Lose In Hoop Battles**  
Washington State's sophomore-dominated Cougars who meet Idaho at Pullman tonight, showed early-season polish Friday, drubbing Montana, 84-60.

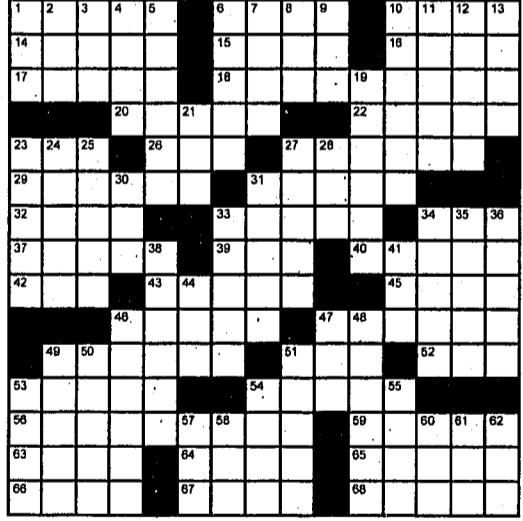
**Fashion Show Theme Named**  
"Twas the Night Before Christmas," has been selected as the theme of the Queen's Style Show, Wed. from 4-5:15 p.m. in the SUB Bucket, fashion highlight of the Sophomore Holly Week now in progress.

**Fin Squad Finishes Last; Washington Sweeps Meet**  
Despite a last place finish in the Northern Division relays last Saturday, Idaho's small contingent of swimmers showed promise of being able to make solid showings in many of their meets with lesser fin team giants of this season. The Idaho group of only ten men competed against full-strength, 20 man teams from Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State.

**Door Decors To Be Judged**  
Judging in the Christmas door decoration contest being sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha, in which living groups having the best decorated door and door frame can win trophies, will be conducted tomorrow evening, Darwin Afdahl, social chairman of the fraternity, said Monday.

crossword

- Across**
- 1 Cover story?
  - 6 Biting
  - 10 Beanies
  - 14 Ponders
  - 15 Pelvic bones
  - 16 Curved molding
  - 17 Ice house
  - 18 Enact laws
  - 20 Forest clearing
  - 22 Before race or nature
  - 23 Getaway
  - 26 Buck's mate
  - 27 Routine
  - 29 Saddlebow
  - 31 City on the Po
  - 32 Brainstorm
  - 33 Femme fatale
  - 34 Butter serving
  - 37 50's dance
  - 39 Nova network
  - 40 All My Children vixen
  - 42 Schoolboy
  - 43 Come to terms
  - 45 Astringent
  - 46 Affirm
  - 47 Be generous
  - 49 Meager
  - 51 Nov. honoree
  - 52 Nourished
  - 53 Deserted
  - 54 Ballroom dance
  - 56 Evel Knievel, for one
  - 59 Sea duck
  - 63 Pad, maybe
  - 64 Ignoramus
  - 65 Itinerary
  - 66 Huffy state
  - 67 Farm females
  - 68 Meddle
- Down**
- 1 Pal for Pierre
  - 2 Kind of nut
  - 3 In poor health
  - 4 Web journal
  - 5 Tristan's love
  - 6 Discritical mark
  - 7 Sheltered, nautically
  - 8 18-wheeler
  - 9 chi ch'uan
  - 10 Newspaper article
  - 11 Old World lizard
  - 12 Flower feature
  - 13 Observed
  - 19 Daroha, e.o.
  - 21 "You've got mail" co.
  - 23 Liquid accident
  - 24 Lecterns
  - 25 Make better
  - 27 Hospital figure
  - 28 Bonanza find
  - 30 Spy vs. Spy magazine
  - 31 Rome's river
  - 33 Waterfall effect
  - 34 Rice dish
  - 35 Sharp as a tack
  - 36 Broken
  - 38 Opened wide
  - 41 Sprinted
  - 44 Acquire
  - 46 Least wild
  - 47 Dover's state (Abbr.)
  - 48 Fun loving water mammals
  - 49 Assassinated
  - 50 Welsh dog
  - 51 River valleys
  - 53 Tacks on
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  - 57 Dutch city
  - 58 Solemn promise
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  - 62 Gvm unit



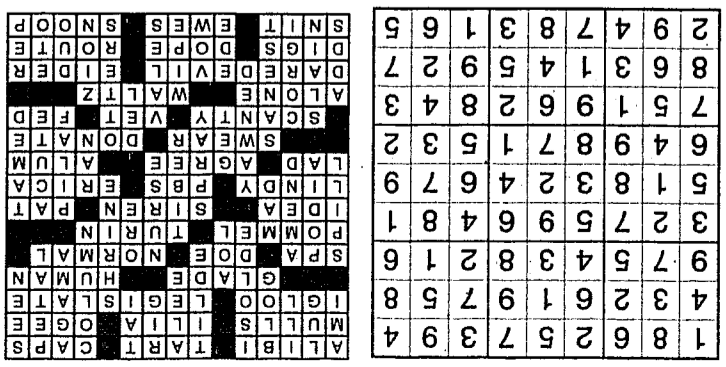
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**corrections**

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## 89.3 FM

**policeLOG**

**Monday**

9:33 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: There was a hit-and-run accident.

11:09 a.m. Wallace Complex: Caller reported the smell of marijuana coming from the main entrance of Gooding Hall.

**Tuesday**

1:12 p.m. West Sixth Street: Report of a marijuana smell in one of the halls.

4:26 p.m. Sweet Avenue: Someone broke into the caller's vehicle and stole a bag with medications.

7:43 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: There was an automobile accident between two vehicles and a dumpster.

**Wednesday**

11:45 a.m. UI Commons: Seizure patient was transported to Gritman.

3:49 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller's bike was stolen. It was last seen November 20.

8:51 p.m. Wallace Complex: Caller reported the smell of marijuana on the second floor.

**Thursday**

2:04 a.m. Rayburn Street: Report of a possible trespass. Two males wearing crimson-colored clothing ran from a custodian.

6:54 p.m. Elm Street: Officers warned a male for loud music.

**Friday**

8:28 a.m. UI Commons: Fire, medical and law responded for a seizure victim. Patient was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

9:28 a.m. Campus Drive: Someone emptied a few fire extinguishers on the first and second floors of Ridenbaugh Hall.

8:34 p.m. Student Recreation Center: Moscow ambulance responded for a fall.

**Saturday**

3:32 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller reported a person lying down in a field. Officers responded and determined it was a piece of plastic.

**Sunday**

12:06 a.m. UI Library: Report of an unconscious male on the floor. Law and medical responded.

1:46 p.m. Wallace Complex: Officers cited and released a male for marijuana.

7:20 p.m. Wallace Complex: Caller could smell marijuana. Officers responded but were unable to locate the smell.

7:41 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said money was stolen from her purse.

11:34 p.m. Wallace Complex: Caller reported the smell of marijuana on the first floor.

11:37 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported the smell of marijuana and alcohol.

# Scientists urge seafood consumption

Twin Falls researchers discuss nutritional and dietary benefits in lectures

Dara Barney  
Argonaut

As a natural resource, water provides many necessities a population needs to survive. Many inhabitants of lakes, rivers, and oceans provide nutrition.

Two educators from the University of Idaho's Twin Falls research and extension center are taking an opportunity to educate on the nutritional benefits of seafood.

According to a University of Idaho press release, national seafood consumption is at about 60 percent of the American Heart Association's recommendations.

"I do know that Americans aren't eating enough seafood to obtain the heart-healthy benefits that seafood offers," said Rhea Lanting, an extension educator.

Consumers may not be eating as much seafood because of confusion and concerns about safety, cooking and handling, she said.

"Lack of knowledge and confidence in selecting and preparing seafood are often other reasons for low seafood consumption," she said.

Seafood contains heart-healthy nutrients, Lanting said.

"Research has shown that omega-3 fatty acids found in a variety of seafood reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease," she said.

Lanting, along with Gary Fornshell, another UI Twin Falls Extension educator, teach a four-section curriculum on seafood.

"The curriculum consists of four lessons regarding what seafood is, the health benefits, food borne illnesses, risks and tips," Fornshell said.

Seafood isn't just from the ocean — it can be freshwater, marine, shellfish, crustaceans and mollusks, he said.

"We also teach how to select the seafood, handle it and cook it," he said.

Seafood is prepared and cooked in class as well to demonstrate how easy it can be, Fornshell said.

"In our pilot classes, after learning about the heart-healthy benefits, students have vowed to increase their seafood consumption to 2-3 times a week," Lanting said.

Issues with risk and bacteria can occur somewhere along the supply chain, or in the kitchen at home, Fornshell said.

"As with any other food, the greatest risks are primarily bacteria due to improper handling and temperature abuse," he said.



Photo illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut University of Idaho educators Rhea Lanting and Gary Fornshell from the Twin Falls research extension center are trying to promote the consumption of seafood with a four-section curriculum on the health benefits and proper treatment of seafood.

Seafood can spoil, be cooked improperly and cross-contamination can occur, he said.

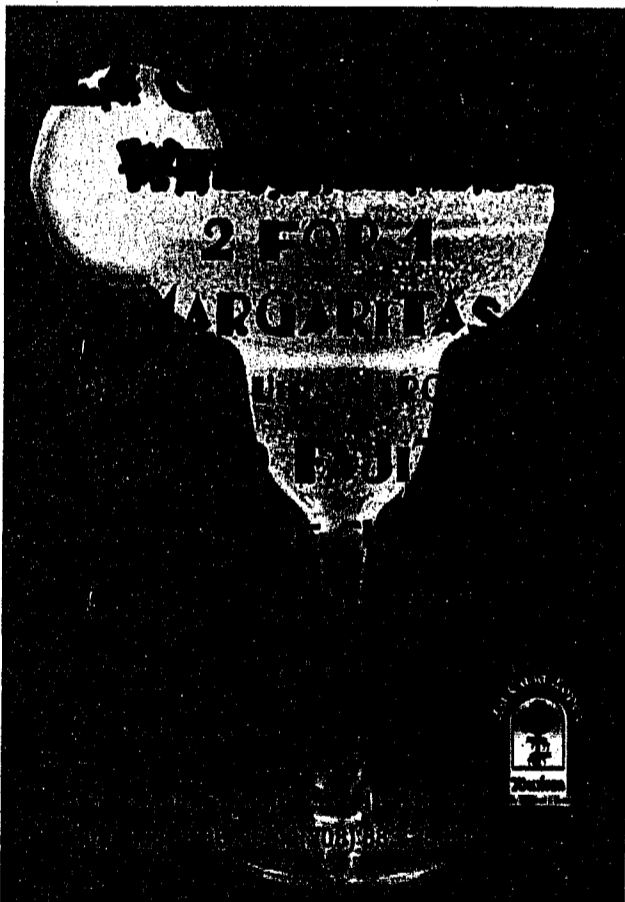
"If a utensil is used on raw food, then used on the cooked food, that can also cause contamination," Fornshell said.

Feedback has been positive, Lanting said.

"Food service workers, dietitians, school lunch programs and the American Dietetic Association all are making efforts to increase the incorporation of seafood into their education and programs," Lanting said.

Idaho is the No. 1 producer of trout for human consumption, Fornshell said.

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# IS students explore Model United Nations role

**Tanya Eddins**  
Argonaut

The roots of University of Idaho involvement with the United Nations run deep: Boyd Martin, the namesake of the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, was invited by the U.S. president in 1945 to attend the conference that led to the organization's founding. The Martin Institute brought the National Model U.N. to UI in 2000, made up of a yearlong course to acquaint students with U.N. practices in advance of an annual trip to the organization's headquarters in New

York. In the fall semester, students learn about U.N. processes and departments. Bill Smith, director of the Martin Institute and its accompanying academic program, has changed certain aspects of UI's National Model U.N. program this year. "The curriculum change ... is a shift from heavy emphasis on simulations and position paper writing, which are still done in spring semester, to a more academic study of the U.N. as a whole," Smith said. The spring course is a preparation course designed for students that attend the NMUN conference held

yearly in New York City. In the spring course, students learn about the countries they represent and write position papers, which detail country's official political policies. Position papers are the most extensive part of the NMUN course at UI, and can include anywhere from seven to 15 revisions in order before submittal to the country's U.N. delegates. The papers are expected to be specific and concise, since only three issues can be covered on one page, front and back. UI students have found success with their papers. "Our delegation has

won the Outstanding Position Paper award at the NMUN for seven of the past eight years," Smith said. Once in New York, UI students attend a conference where they meet with other student delegations. Students also meet ambassadors and other delegates from member countries. This year, UI's organization will represent Tunisia and Mali at the conference. Kelsey Petti, an international studies student, said she hopes to become involved with the course in the spring. "I think it would be fun to get involved with a

country that is underrepresented at the UN," Petti said. "It would be awesome to help make their voices heard." Elisa Briesmeister, head delegate for the 2010 NMUN conference, said that the most important qualities a representative can develop are public speaking, writing skills and leadership. Briesmeister said she was impressed with her last trip to the U.N. and excited to see so many people from different fields working on common goals together. Briesmeister was given the opportunity to intern for a U.N. organization in Ghana, which she

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National Model United Nations

said taught her about the hierarchical structure within the organization. "The best part about being an international studies major is the exposure we have to so many different fields," Briesmeister said. "I am energized about the Model U.N. program here and I think that the U.N. fulfills a key role in the modern world."

# Plan to round up wild horses draws opposition

**Martin Griffith**  
Associated Press

One of most stirring symbols of the American West — mustangs thundering freely across the range — could be heading east. The government wants to carry out what is believed to be the biggest-ever roundup of wild horses on federal land, moving as many as 25,000 mustangs and burros to pastures in the Midwest and East out of fear their fast-multiplying numbers will lead to mass starvation. The plan is facing heated opposition from advocates, including celebrities Sheryl Crow, Bill Maher and Ed Harris, who contend the proposal is itself inhumane and unnecessary. They say the situation is not as dire as the government has

Painted it. "The Obama administration must craft a new policy that protects these animals and upholds the will of Congress and the public's desire to preserve this important part of our national heritage," said William Spriggs, lawyer for the group In Defense of Animals. He and other advocates spoke out Monday at a hearing on the proposal, held by a federal advisory panel at a hotel-casino near Reno. The panel adjourned late Monday without making any formal recommendation. The government argues that the mustang population in 10 Western states is growing so rapidly that the horses are quickly running out of food, in part because of drought

ravaging the region. The federal Bureau of Land Management says the number of wild horses and burros on public lands in the West stands at nearly 37,000, about half of them in Nevada. An additional 32,000 wild horses already live away from the range in federal-run corrals and pastures, and those are nearly full. "We are concerned about the numbers," Robin Lohse, chairwoman of the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, said during the hearing. "Time is not on our side." The BLM said last year it would have to consider destroying wild horses because of their escalating numbers and the costs of caring for them. But earlier this year, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the BLM, a

part of the Interior Department, would instead ship 11,500 to 25,000 horses from the range to pastures and corrals in the Midwest and East. The exact destinations have not been decided, but Salazar believes Plains states would make the most sense in terms of water and forage, said Don Glenn, chief of the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. He said Salazar also wants at least one site in the East. The relocation plan is part of a long-running feud over wild horses in the West, where mustangs have roamed ever since they arrived with Spanish settlers centuries ago. Ranchers view wild horses as a menace to their grazing land and were allowed to kill them until 1971, when the practice was banned. The government has made numerous efforts of its own over the years to control the population, including using a contraceptive vaccine. But capturing and injecting mares with the vaccine one at a time has proved costly and time-consuming. In recent years, the government has rounded up and relocated wild horses to other lands in the West.

Helicopters are used to drive the mustangs toward cowboys with lassos. The cowboys then put the horses onto trucks. The latest proposed roundup, however, would take the horses outside the West altogether. The California-based Defense of Animals strongly opposes roundups, arguing that the horses are an integral part of the ecosystem and that using helicopters can traumatize, injure or kill the animals. The BLM spent about \$50 million this year to feed, corral and otherwise manage the nation's wild horses, up from \$36 million last year. Without contraception or other such measures, mustang herds can double in size about every four years, authorities say. One of the most vocal wild-horse advocates is Grammy-winning singer Sheryl Crow, who has adopted a mustang herself and took her concerns directly to Salazar in a recent telephone call. "One of the first things he said was something must be done because the horses are starving. We don't believe it," Crow said in an interview with The Associated Press.

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**CROW**

Singer

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Student loan repayment workshops are offered until the end of the school semester, intended to assuage loan repayment stress. The workshops are available from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 and Tuesday, Dec. 15 and from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16 in the Silver Room of the Student Union Building.

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consideration by the state board. Both the board and the University of Idaho have been going through procedural motions recently to close the center, to ensure a decision could be made one way or the other. Simplot's 2008 revenue totaled \$4.4 billion, according to Forbes, which ranked the company No. 86 on its list of the largest private companies in America.

## STAFFER from page 1

near Goldsworthy Hall, Hudson said. Noble is a former chair of UI's Staff Affairs Committee. The authorities are waiting to charge Noble until the blood work comes back, which could take up to a month, Hudson said. "There were a lot of people on the sidewalk (at the time of the accident)," Hudson said. "We're fortunate nobody was killed considering how busy it was."

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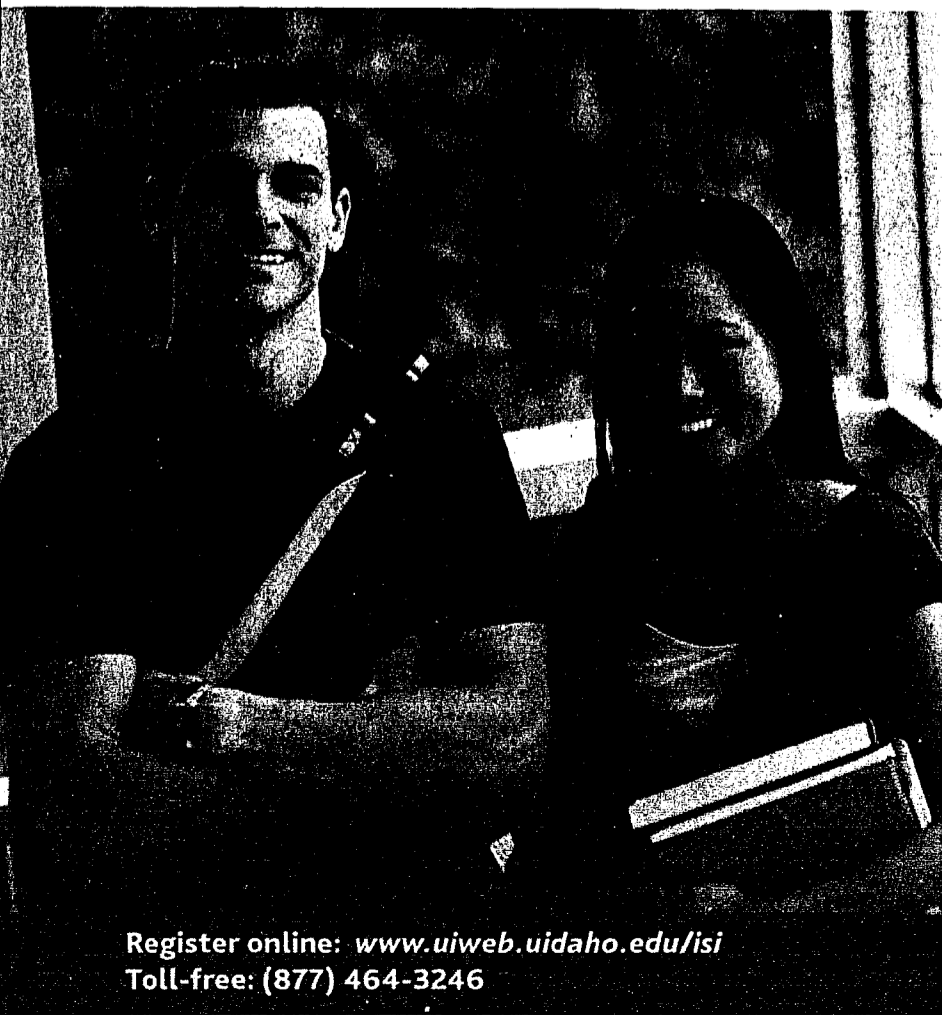
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## off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Time dumps

Why is it that whenever you need to get something done, you find so much more to fill up the time when you could be working? For example, this weekend I had a programming assignment that I needed to get done, but instead I spent all day surfing the Internet and stayed up all night finishing the assignment.

— Jens

### Commercial television

I can't believe the ads on TV anymore. Not due to violent or sexual content or anything, it's just strange to hear New Young Pony Club, the Flaming Lips, Architecture in Helsinki and Of Montreal in primetime. That's supposed to be nerdy loser stuff.

— Marcus

### Abacadrama

Maybe I have gotten cynical in my old age, but the magic show I went to this weekend was far cornier than it had any right to be.

— Erin

### Technological advances

This "Off the Cuff" was sent from my iPhone.

— Kelsey

### Slackers

You know it's cold outside when both the inside and outside of your nose are frozen. Send me somewhere tropical where the frigid wind doesn't blow.

— Elizabeth

### My coach of year

On Tuesday, BSU's Chris Peterson was named as WAC Coach of the Year. For what? For proving he could do the exact same thing with his team he did last year? Nice job, buddy. For me, the coach of year should be our own Robb Akey. He's put up with the complaints of the fans for the last two years and led the team to their first bowl game since 1998. He brought the team together to believe they could be something, and if that doesn't spell out coach of the year for Mr. Benson and his WAC crew, at least Akey should know he's coach of the year to the Vandals.

— Jennifer

### I'll go be a hermit

This weekend made me lose a little of my faith in the progress of society. Working as a bouncer Saturday night I had to kick out the same group of people twice for using homophobic slurs around gay people. Then on my way home I saw the police break up a fight on Main Street that involved a man shouting racial slurs at someone. Come on people, don't you know ignorance is obsolete?

— Jake

### The choice is made

After a careful consideration of the matter, I've decided to join Team Edward. Jacob, while he does have numerous admirable qualities, is just not the right fit. I hope that Edward will see me in a more positive light than he does his deranged Bella, since I won't sit in front of a window with a vacant look in my eyes for months if he decides to go to Italy and break off communication for reasons not made clear.

— Greg

### Greg

His choice surprises me because Greg just looks like a werewolf.

— Jeffrey

# To cut, or not to cut

## State's reluctance to close extension centers is hypocritical

Over the past year the University of Idaho has seen its share of financial woes. Several cuts have been ordered by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to keep the state financially solvent. One of the more notable examples of this is the Program Prioritization Process that caused waves through the faculty and student body last spring when it suggested cutting the physics programs. The extension centers,

operated by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and located around the state, are also facing some cutbacks. When Boise found out, several politicians, including the governor, cried foul. Apparently, when they asked us to make cuts, they meant don't make any cuts that make them look bad.

Obviously making cuts in the budget is difficult, but the powers that be saw these centers as the solu-

tion. If certain politicians in Boise feel these cuts are simply too much for the state to handle, then they can send us a bigger check. The university cannot be expected to remain financially solvent while not cutting any programs.

That being said, UI is a research, land-grant university. Its purpose, besides educating people and conducting research, is to assist the state through programs like the

extension centers. If we are expected to continue providing this service, the state has to take financial responsibility for them.

Politicians have to do more than just complain when we can't pay for it any more, but it now looks like they won't have to. A tentative deal has been announced for the J.R. Simplot Co. to help fund at least the Parma center.

— JR

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## Jerks and nerds

Lady Gaga inspires me. Maybe not inspires, but she just may be my only lifeline into the world of pop stars and the arts.

The plan is to transform into Gentleman Gogo, a male version of Lady Gaga in which I will mimic the way she dresses and acts. My hit single will be "Must Prance," but I do not plan on singing or writing a new song. I will use "Just Dance" and dub myself saying must prance over every time she says just dance.

The plan may sound outlandish, but there is still a fair shout that it could be successful. That fact has more to do with the sad state of the arts in modern times than any hidden genius on my part.

In the past 150 years, the arts and the sciences have drifted further and further apart after what was a glorious partnership in the Hellenic and Renaissance eras. While the sciences have flourished in modern times, the arts are currently languishing.

This phenomenon can be seen at the university where the science and art departments have only limited contact. It is understandable that an architecture student would not want a bunch of English majors mucking around their department, but some crossover can only be positive.

Plato, Michelangelo and Cervantes are just a few who managed to find a balance between the arts and sciences when the two disciplines intermingled. I am not claiming sitcom television is dreadful because writers are not skilled in mathematics, but a society gains more from a well-rounded perspective.

Leonardo da Vinci was, at best, a mediocre artist and an impractical scientist, but at least he was allowed to do both. All this was during a time when the church was still meddling in everyone's affairs. Just imagine what could be done in modern times with the secular state.

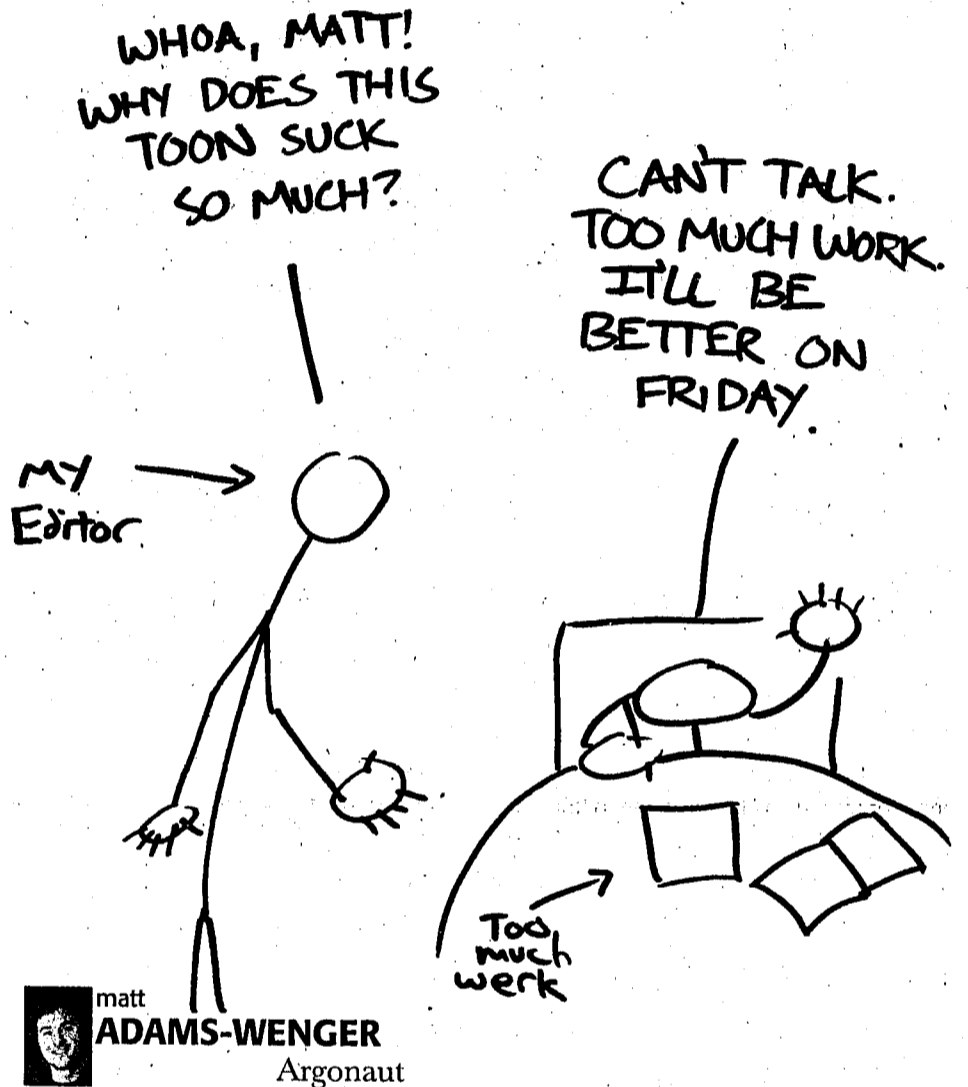
Musicians do not need to have a mastery of geometry, nor do engineers need to be versed in philosophy, but some discourse is needed. Given the stagnant nature of the arts and the constant progress of the sciences, perhaps both need a balance.

Instead the sciences continue to create and improve upon society while the arts is stuck rehashing the same ideas

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Cheyenne HOLLIS Argonaut



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## It could be worse

For every time I hear an American citizen shouting about or protesting the Obama administration by comparing Obama to Hitler, the Nazis or communist figures, I have to wonder if many of these claims are made in ignorance of the atrocities they refer to from history and the ones occurring at present around the world.

Take, for instance, North Korea. I hosted a screening of the documentary "Seoul Train" on Nov. 8 for a group out of Southern California called Liberty in North Korea. North Korea is home to one of the regimes people are making such hyperbolic statements about — a one-man, one-party system with absolute authority over its people.

While North Korea garners plenty of attention from the United States on

nuclear proliferation, many tend to ignore or remain unaware of the kind of human rights crises occurring in the country today. "Seoul Train" documents the journey of hundreds of refugees fleeing the country through a modern day underground railroad.

An estimated 23.5 million people live in North Korea, and more than one million North Koreans died in the famine of the 1990s — a famine brought on largely by government neglect and mismanagement. LiNK's Web site says an estimated 37 percent of the population's children are stunted, 23 percent are underweight and seven percent are extremely malnourished, or "wasted." The effects of

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Kelcie MOSELEY Argonaut

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# Vampire books are overkill

Although I have had strong feelings about them before, it wasn't until recently with the advent of the movies that I thought I would share my feelings on the "Twilight" book series. First of all, let me preface this by saying that I have read the first three books. Curiosity and my inner desire for them to improve drove me to it, but I just couldn't bring myself to finish the whole series.

After experiencing the bad character development and choppy dialogue, I began to wonder how these books have sold so many copies — aside from the fact they are about vampires, with which nearly all teenagers and many adults seem to have a fascination. While I admit the story was at first compelling and entertaining, the books are not written well, with bad character development, a thin plot and negligent editing.

I now have a theory as to their successful beginnings.

Stephenie Meyer, the author of the series, is a Latter-day Saint, also known as LDS or Mormon. People in the LDS community, mainly women, began to read these books, partly because someone of their faith wrote them. They continued to read on because, for the most part, the characters adhered to some of their basic beliefs — they didn't smoke, they didn't drink and they didn't participate in pre-marital sex.

Thinking they had found a great PG-13 series, these readers passed them on to their daughters, who then passed them on to their friends and, because Meyer is LDS, the whole of the LDS community got on the bandwagon and also read them (OK, maybe not everyone, but a whole lot of them anyway). I count myself in this group, as I was given the books to read by my sister-in-law. I am proud to say though that I did not pass them on, I just passed them back.

There are more than five million members of the LDS church in the U.S. alone. I'm not sure how many copies of the "Twilight" series have sold, but the membership of the church could have sustained the books on their own.

This theory aside, if people (regardless of their faith) are reading these books because of what the characters don't do, they should look a little closer. The main character, Bella, may not have had pre-marital sex with her pale and rather uninteresting vampire, but she surely didn't have purity in thought either. And to top it all off, Bella even does poorly as a weak character in an unstructured plot.

The blame for the "Twilight" phenomenon, or tragedy as I have come to know it, should not entirely be placed on the reader. The world could have been spared the poor writing if the publisher had not been so greedy and the editor of the books had actually given some editorial direction. If I am wrong, and in fact the editor did do their job,



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**DRINKING YOUR BLOOD IS ONE THING, BUT SLEEPING WITH YOU IS AGAINST MY RELIGION.**

jon **HARTY**  
Argonaut

then why didn't the books get sent back to Meyer again and again for revision? The only reason to publish books like these before they are fully developed and reworked is to make money. The publisher may have read the storyline and, with their knowledge of the current market, saw a gold mine. The books alone sold like hot cakes, but then there are the movies and posters, action figures and Barbie dolls. It is sad to say that money will triumph over good, solid literature these days.

I will say now that I did not write this to purposely stir the pot and poke sticks at those who already have their hackles raised

over criticism of the books. I simply felt the need to get my opinion on this series out there. Regardless of how often I may feel I am the only one to ever vocalize negative feelings toward this series, I am not alone. There are hundreds of reader reviews posted all over the Internet that express similar feelings. Don't fall into the trap so many readers have — that of reading a book just because it seems to be popular. There are so many amazing books out there, written by people from all walks of life. You just have to seek them out, not hang around waiting for the next book-of-the-month to land in your lap.

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## beyond the SHEETS Watch away

There are some things of relative controversy when it comes to sexuality. Whether you agree with such activities or not, there is still a level of understanding and acknowledgment of them. Pornography is such an activity.

You are not required to like porn, but you should understand it and be open to the potential benefits. Many individuals, especially men, respond highly to visual stimulation.

Watching porn together to provide the visual stimulation as well as adding some physical stimulation (or even aural) to increase arousal can be quite enjoyable. This is one of the wonderful things about porn; it can be enjoyed by multiple parties at one time rather than a solo pleasure.

Another benefit can be the selection process. Many couples find it quite arousing and enjoyable to shop for porn together. This can be great for multiple reasons, the biggest of which is the level of communication involved. In order for all parties to find an acceptable selection, there must be very clear and open discussion about what is and is not stimulation or acceptable to watch. Since communication is vital to relationship success, it is equally vital to the sexual enhancement of the relationship. It is very important to not only discuss, but to actually listen to what the other person says, so never discount any criteria.

Ask for assistance in final selection. Going to an adult store and asking the clerk for help during the selection process can aid in successful fulfillment. Not all porn is the same so it is important to be aware of the differences when purchasing. A common type is a compilation. These tend to be collections of various scenes, occasionally sharing similar themes. A step above this are videos where the theme is maintained more through all scenes, but often the production quality is quite low. There are productions with actual story lines. Not only do these contain the visual stimulation, but they tend to be somewhat mentally stimulating and arousing while they are usually of a higher quality. This is the type I generally recommend for couples looking for a sexual additive. Of course, there are the much higher budget films with better levels of acting and production and can contain various special effects. While entertaining, these types are usually more expensive. With porn, you pay for the quality.

All of these deal primarily with visual porn. Written erotica can also qualify as a type. Do not overlook the stimulation of reading erotic stories to each other. It may seem slightly awkward at first, but soon you will begin to enjoy the intimacy.

Make porn fun and romantic as well as arousing. There is no reason you cannot enjoy ambient lighting (candles for example) while also watching porn. The key is to make it enjoyable for you and your partner.

Have fun, be safe, and happy watching.

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that fail to capture this. This is probably why the arts are viewed as expandable within society.

There can be no denying that the sciences and arts are interdependent upon one another and society suffers when that connection is denied. It is highly unlikely anyone will look back at the past 40 years and think the arts added any lasting achievements.

The main problem has to be perspectives. People in the arts think of those in the sciences as nerds and those in sciences believe people in the arts are lazy. It is a fair assessment on both accounts, but without the perspective of the other, neither will fully benefit society.

It seems this is highly unlikely to happen anytime soon so the results-driven sciences and self-centered-driven arts will continue to carry. Society will continue to suffer, but it does give me plenty of time to work on Gentleman Gogo's budding artistic superstardom.

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this long-term starvation, according to UNICEF and the World Food Programme, will echo through an entire generation with mental and physical impairments.

Individuals or entire families, including children, are frequently imprisoned in labor camps and their sentences are almost always for life. Execution and torture are common methods of punishment. North Korea also contracts labor workers to countries such as Russia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iraq and China. There are an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 of these workers around the world, and a large percentage of their salary is deposited into government accounts.

Reports of human rights violations such as these should remind those of us living in the United States of the freedoms we enjoy and the rights we so often take for granted. Those rights do include the freedom to voice an opinion, and we should cherish and take advantage of that freedom. But I would encourage those comparing our government to communists and socialists to be grateful for a moment that we have a government that wishes to provide us with health care rather than taking it away, that distributes food stamps to the hungry rather than letting them starve to death, and one that encourages a national debate rather than imprisoning its people for life for speaking out against their government.

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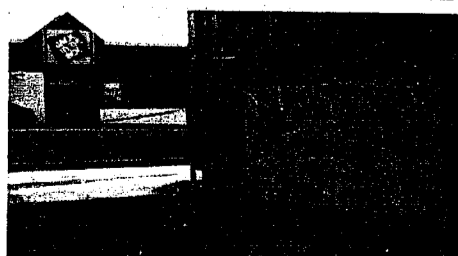
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playREVIEW

# 'Quake': Kiva's latest play not to be missed

Rachel Harman  
Argonaut

As the audience filters in, 13 actors intimately dance around a circular stage to the beat of a man banging on various pieces of scenery. When the door closes and the lights go down, the actors take hold of a circular sheet and imitate ocean waves as a woman's voice tells of her birth from a lake.

It all sounds new agey and a little bit strange, but "Quake," the University of Idaho Theatre Department's latest production, is much more than that. The play addresses the concept of love, both of one's self and others, through a somewhat abstract tale of a woman's journey around the country, attempting to find love and a certain female serial killer known as "That Woman." Again, it sounds kind of bizarre, but thanks to excellent performances by a 15 person ensemble cast, starring Crystal Munoz-Tesch as Lucy and Megan Tyrrell as That Woman, "Quake" managed to capture the audience's emotions.

"Quake" does not rely on a fancy set or intricate costumes, but instead uses a simplistic and constantly changing atmosphere to emphasize its point about how quickly life changes. Lucy spends the duration of the hour-and-a-half long play bouncing from city to city. Because of the fluidity of the stage (two rolling platforms and a series of hanging fab-

ric 'walls' used as blankets, runways and even veils), the story is able to quickly progress between events without being weighted down with lengthy set changes.

The costumes are done in a similar manner. All members of the cast — with the exception of Lucy — wear grey T-shirts and blue sweatpants, which they dress up with hats, scarves, aprons and over shirts. During the performance, cast members not on stage sit in the aisles, occasionally whispering along with Lucy to amplify emotionally charged moments. Due to their nondescript clothes these actors have an air of anonymity that helps focus the story on Lucy and makes a statement about her isolation in the world.

Throughout the play, seven of Lucy's relationships are addressed — some funny, some serious, some brief and some lengthy. Though none of the situations last more than 10 minutes, the nature of each man is made abundantly clear. In fact, while the majority of the actors are only onstage for a brief fragment of the play's running time, the audience is able to really get a feel for their characters, largely due to the dedication of the actors.

Overall, "Quake," though certainly less concrete than the other plays put on by the theatre department this year, is not to be missed. "Quake" runs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Kiva Theatre.

## We love our hippie haven

Lauren Paterson  
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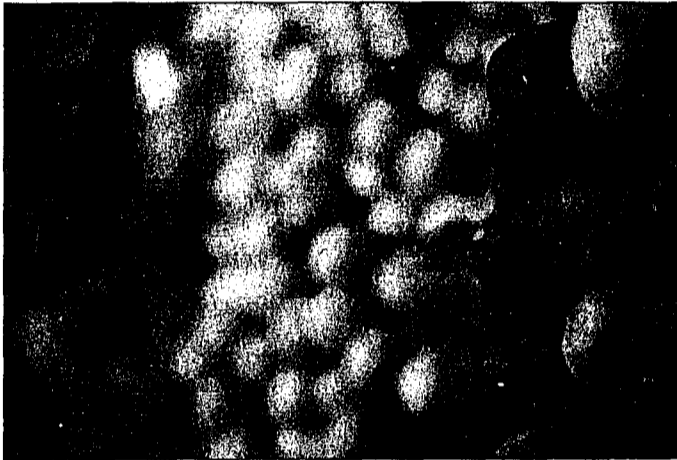
What started as merely a grocery store with a focus in bulk produce and a staff of three has now evolved into one of the most beloved Moscow locations for food, local music, monthly events and so much more.

Kenna Eaton, Moscow Food Co-op general manager, said the economic engine of the Co-op is selling groceries, but many of the amenities customers now enjoy were brought to life from the desire to reach people better, such as the deli.

"We discovered that if things are cooked and seasoned and people are given a chance to try them, they might like them — even tofu," Eaton said.

The Co-op features free live music from local artists every Tuesday night, and Taste of Thursdays will continue through December, which involves holiday food sampling and live music.

"When the Co-op first started it was totally volunteer based," said Chris Malberg Co-op cook. "We focus on organic and local food and use local



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Organic fruits and vegetables are one of the many food items available at the Moscow Food Co-op, where music and other events also bring customers into the member owned store.

produce as much as possible, especially in the kitchen."

Malberg said the Co-op is different in that it's completely member owned, which helps give the people more of what they want out of the business. Members are constantly informed and involved in decisions, and purchasing the \$10 membership makes them one of the owners, meaning they have the right to vote for the

board of directors and sit in on the meetings if they so choose. The more members the stronger the business will be.

"I love the smell of walking into the Co-op," said University of Idaho student and Co-op member Emily Williams. "The baking bread, the fruit section, the music — it's definitely one of my favorite places in Moscow."

The Co-op also features art

## MAEBY SETS THE MOOD



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

Maebly singer Adam Johnson performs a song at One World Cafe in downtown Moscow Friday.

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from local artists that hangs in the sitting area full of tables and chairs similar to a café.

"We realized we are really a community center," Eaton said. "A place to meet, talk and drink."

More upcoming annual events include Taste of the Palouse, occurring for two weekends around the time of the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, that will feature the food of local producers, such as truffles, salsa and homemade tortillas. In early April there will be a bike fest to encourage bike riding, including tune-up workshops. For more information on the Co-op and events, visit <http://moscow-food.coop/>.

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## 'New Moon' shines brighter

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Let's get something straight — the first 15 minutes of "The Twilight Series: New Moon" are agonizingly lifeless.

Watching scenes between Robert Pattinson's Edward Cullen and Kristin Stewart's Bella Swan is like watching someone giving a horrendously bad speech. Part of the listener is amused, while the other part is just embarrassed for them and wants to lead them off-stage before it gets any worse. Their dialogue is stilted, their faces hardly ever change expressions and it's difficult to believe they even like each other, let alone buy into their supposed undying love for each other.

But once Edward leaves the plotline for the better share of the movie and Taylor Lautner's Jacob Black steps in, the scenes are much more interesting and watchable. And no, it's not just because Jacob had his shirt off the majority of the time. But it helped.

The plot of "New Moon" revolves around Bella as she falls apart after Edward leaves her in order to keep her from harm, though he makes her believe it is because he doesn't want to be with her anymore. Bella is devastated and falls into a

deep depression, which only Jacob can drag her out of.

Whether the directors did it purposefully or not, Bella comes alive during her scenes with Jacob. She turns into a convincingly believable person — at least when she's not off on another adrenaline trip in hopes of seeing ghosts of Edward — and for a few moments it's possible to see why two boys might be in love with her. But the moments are fleeting.

The special effects used to create the werewolves of "New Moon" are impressive enough, and the dynamics between the werewolves and vampires are sometimes just as intense as they are intentionally funny.

The movie's plotline also follows pretty faithfully to the novel and doesn't too obviously divert at any point. It is much more entertaining to watch than the first movie, but the actors still have miles of room to grow and improve. When the directors or actors stop relying solely on the attractiveness of Pattinson and the deadpan, woe-filled look of Stewart to get them through their scenes, the films might be worth the money for a ticket. With the exception of diehard fans, waiting for the rental won't mean missing anything special.



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## No. 25 falls in Mem Gym

Jennifer Schlake  
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Idaho (5-2) men's basketball coach Don Verlin said he could have described Sunday night's basketball game as perfect, except for one thing — turnovers.

"We almost played a perfect game except for turning the doggone ball over," Verlin said. "Hopefully we can continue a little better than that."

But instead of handing over the game to the No. 25 Portland Pilots (5-3), the Vandals showed a display of defense Verlin had been

waiting to see and came away with a dominating victory 68-48.

The Pilots and the Vandals finished the game with 17 turnovers across the board, but Idaho made the difference and scored 23 points off each Pilot mistake.

"That's probably as good of defense that we've played all year for that length of time," Verlin said. "That's a credit to our guys."

Half the credit could have gone to Marvin Jefferson, whose defensive effort tallied him nine rebounds, one block and one steal.

"I couldn't get it going of-

fensively, so I tried the best I could defensively," Jefferson said. "The team is better when I'm out there, I think."

Verlin said he was happy with Jefferson's performance on the court, but it was the effort of Luiz Toledo and Kashif Watson who Verlin also credited with a great defensive performance.

Adding to the defensive effort was also the cheering from the large audience.

"It's a good time to be an Idaho Vandal," Verlin said. "And it was good to see all the people — it really adds energy to this team."

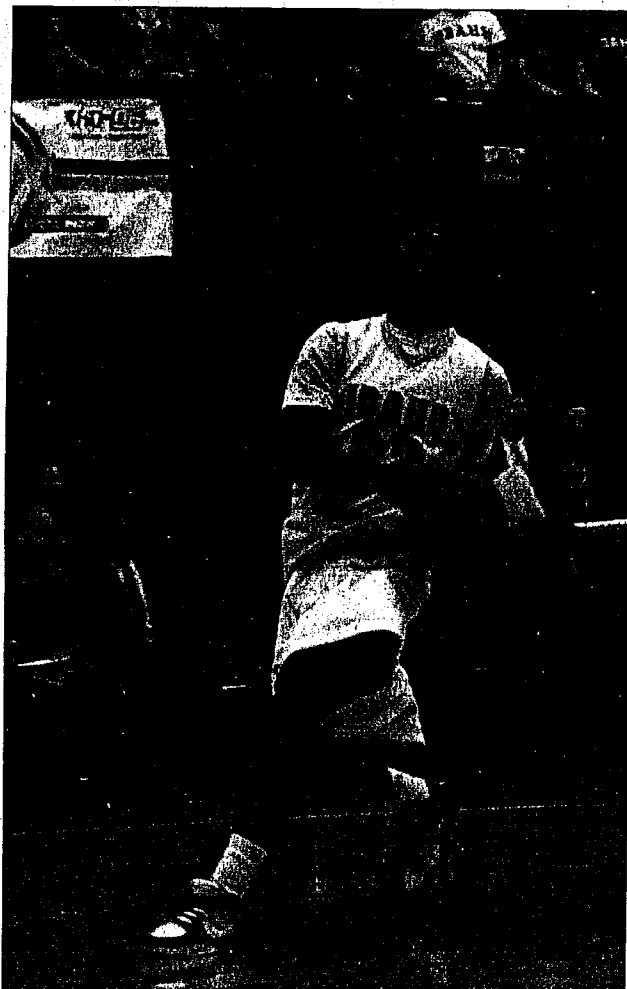
By this time each year, the team has usually brought its games to the Kibbie Dome, but since the Vandal football team has been spending the week practicing in and out of the Dome, it has required both the men's and women's basketball teams to keep their games

in Memorial Gym. But the small space and large attendance proved an advantage for the Vandals Sunday night as shouts of "defense" roared above and around the court. The myth of home-court advantage rang true when the Vandals held the Pilots to a 32 field goal percentage.

"I thought our energy and our legs were with us," Verlin said. "I tried to rest them and teach them without working them too hard."

Although the Vandals came out strong in the beginning of the game, they lost some of their energy in the beginning of the second half, allowing the Pilots to add five straight points. With a large block from Jefferson and a long coast pass to Watson across court, the Vandals would keep a good lead and gain their momentum back.

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Vandal guard Kashif Watson drives to the basket during a fast break Sunday evening in Memorial Gym. Watson and the Vandals ran past the Portland Pilots with a stout defense and a fast-paced offense, 68-48. The victory is the first win over ranked competition since 1982, when current Vandal player Mac Hopson's father Phil Hopson was on the team. Watson, Mac Hopson and the Vandals head west to Pullman Wednesday to play against the Washington State Cougars. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. and the game is to be televised on Fox Sports Network-Northwest.

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## Idaho receives first bowl bid since 1998

Akey, team will have second chance in bowl game against Bowling Green, a MAC opponent who went 7-5 on the season

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

The Idaho Vandal football players had to spend an entire week hearing bowl projections get thrown around the media. Almost everyone was certain Idaho would be invited to the Humanitarian Bowl, but two teams were a possibility as an opponent—Bowling Green and Northern Illinois.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, the announcement was made. Idaho would face Bowling Green, a team from the Mid-American Conference whose last bowl appearance was in 2004. The official announcement of the University of Idaho campus was made before fans during halftime at the Idaho men's basketball game.

"We all get the opportunity to get to see these guys perform one more

time," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "And we've got an opportunity to let it go the way we want it to."

Bowling Green will be heading into the bowl game with the same record as Idaho, 7-5, and Akey said the team should expect to play a team similar to Northern Illinois.

Idaho defeated Northern Illinois earlier in the season, 34-31. It was one of Idaho's responding-to-adversity games that proved to fans they would always come back fighting.

"There were some scenarios that needed to play out yesterday," senior Max Komar said. "Hawaii losing to Wisconsin helped out a lot and it feels great to know that it's official."

Since before the season even started the team had been talking about a bowl game, and even Akey had the team literally eating

out of bowls to keep their minds on the main goal. For the seniors on the team, the accomplishment means something more.

"It's a testament to how hard we've been working all year," Komar said. "I'm happy that I get to spend one more game with these guys. As a senior it's going to be hard to leave—I didn't want that last one (Utah State) to be our last game. This is an opportunity to go out on a high note."

Senior Shiloh Keo also said he felt the excitement of finally receiving the bowl bid.

"We've been waiting for this for so long," Keo said. "We've been through so much here at the University of Idaho." Seniors like Komar and Keo have spent all three seasons with Akey build-

ing up the football program from the ground, but unlike Keo, Komar has been with the football team for five years now, running through a number of coaches and losing seasons.

"It just shows how much hard work we've been putting in and it's finally starting to pay off," Keo said.

"As an athlete, that's why you do things. That's why you bust your, you know, for things to finally pay off."

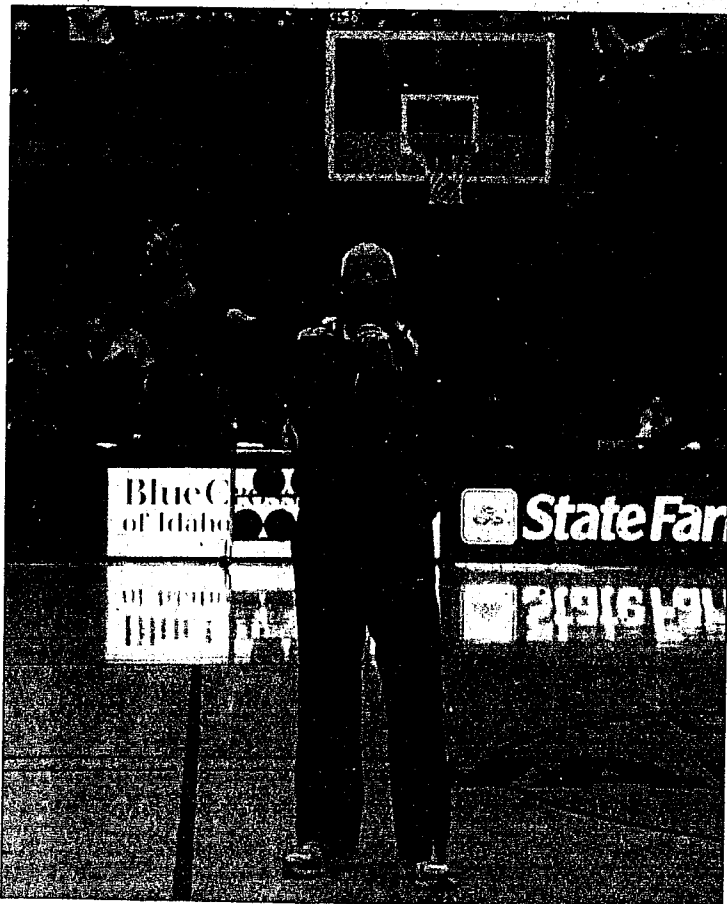
On Dec. 30, the Vandals will take the field in Bronco Stadium at Boise for their first bowl appearance since 1998. But for now, Akey said the football team has work to do.

"Fellas, congratulations, I'm proud of you — let's get some work done," Akey said.

**"It's a testament to how hard we've been working all year."**

max  
**KOMAR**

Wide receiver



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Idaho football coach Robb Akey announces during the halftime break of the Idaho vs. Portland basketball game in Memorial Gym Sunday evening that the Vandal football team had just accepted an invitation to the Rody's Humanitarian Bowl Dec. 30 in Boise against Bowling Green State University.

# Late comeback not enough

Lady Vandals lose lead and game to St. Mary's 74-67

Ilya Pinchuk  
Argonaut

With a lustful fire in their eyes, the Idaho Vandals burst out of the gate against St. Mary's with an exceptional first half in which Idaho shut down St. Mary's shooters while also putting up points of their own.

The Vandals led St. Mary's by nine points five minutes into the game but the fire didn't last, and St. Mary's pulled away in the dying minutes of the game to win 74-67.

"This is one we had but let it get away," Idaho women's coach Jon Newlee said. "We had some bad defensive breakdowns getting off those shooters in a crucial, crucial stretch."

The tide started to turn at the end of the first half. St. Mary's defense shored up and closed off passing lanes with putting physical pressure on the ball.

"I thought we started out great and got after the ball real well," Newlee said. "But we (had) the one bad stretch where they got back into it."

St. Mary's offense snapped out of its slump and nailed 44 percent

of their shots from the floor, a number that would double in the second half. Despite the strong surge, Idaho held on and entered halftime tied 28-28.

Unfortunately, that would be as close as Idaho would come. The roles reversed in the second half with St. Mary's coming out strong on both sides of the ball while Idaho seemed content to watch St. Mary's players shoot 3-pointers.

"We started the second half not competing, like the game was over and that really cost us," Newlee said. "That's lack of leadership on the basketball court."

St. Mary's took full advantage of the slumping Idaho defense with a lights-out shooting performance. With their point guards wide open, St. Mary's shot an astounding 82 percent from the floor in the second half. Five different players registered double-digit points for St. Mary's, which also got 21 points from their bench, a far cry from the four points tallied by Idaho's bench.

"Our people left the shoot-

ers, and it killed us in the defensive end," Newlee said. "They (St. Mary's) made every shot they took it seemed, but when you are shooting wide open shots, it gets pretty easy — the basket gets pretty big."

Despite the defensive collapse, Idaho was in it for the entire game. The Vandals showed flashes of speed by compiling 14 steals and turning the 12 turnovers committed by St. Mary's into 13 points.

Rachele Kloke had another fantastic game for the Vandals, registering a team-high 19 points, and Bianca Cheever put on a show with a mix of 3-pointers, jump-shots and layups which combined for 16 points, in addition to having three steals.

Despite their record at 1-7, Newlee said the team is playing well and rising to the challenge. Every team Idaho has played has been a winning team, Newlee said, and he expects the experience from this preseason to go a long way when WAC play starts.

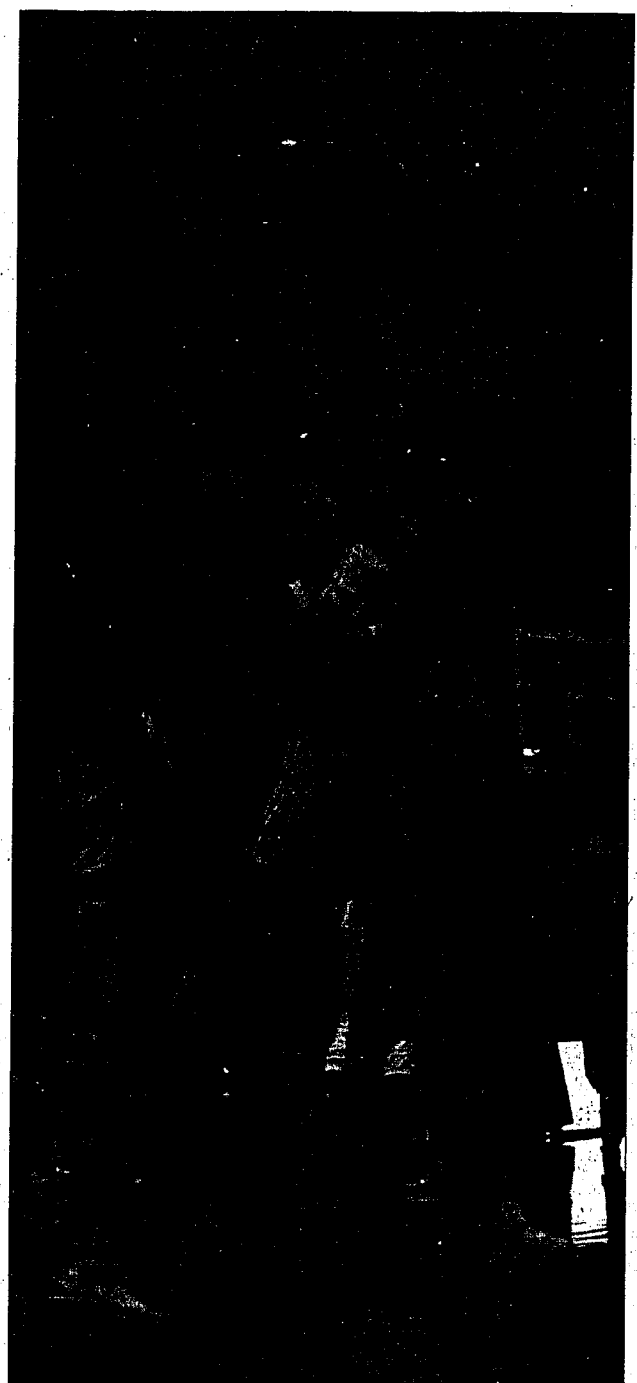
"It can only help us in the future, and I think it will help us once we get into WAC play," Newlee said. "But by the same token, I'm tired of getting close and saying we let it get away — these guys need to learn how to win and how to push through when the game gets tight."

**"I thought we started out great and got after the ball real well, but we had the one bad stretch where they got back into it"**

Jon Newlee  
Women's coach



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Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
University of Idaho guard Shaena-Lyn Kuehu shoots the ball during the game against Wyoming Thursday afternoon in Memorial Gym.

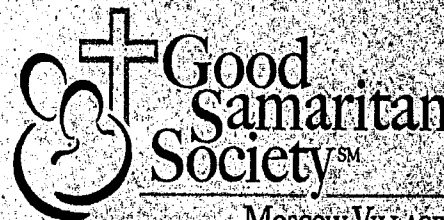
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## Third win in a row adds to momentum of team

Lisa Short  
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In their first home meet of the season, Idaho took the Nevada swim and dive team by storm Friday night, adding a third win to their season after the 151-92 victory.

The meet started off with excitement roaring through the UI Swim Center. The team shouted cheers and sang the UI fight song before getting the first race under way.

The 400-yard medley relay was an exciting race with Nevada leading by a small margin until senior Margaret Doolittle of the Nevada Wolfpack widened the gap. Idaho freshman Treasa Ring fought back most of the length and handed off to Mandy Stone for the final leg of the freestyle. It was neck and neck until Nevada reached ahead and took the medley by a hand in the last seconds.

Starting the meet off with a close loss fueled the Vandals to push harder. Idaho took the rest of the meet other than diving and the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Nevada swim team is a three-time WAC champion coming into this season and although Idaho coach Tom Jager said they expected a closer meet with Nevada, it is still an exciting win.

"We're a young program and we should be celebrating our win," Jager said. "The whole team needed to swim well and today we did — they should be celebrating."

This is the first season the UI swim team has started out with three consecutive wins, performing well in a variety of events.

In the 50-yard freestyle Idaho's Ring took first, Katie Hendricks second, and Si Jia Pang third, with one of Nevada's best senior swimmers landing fourth.

Before the race, Jager said the freestyle would show the momentum of the rest of the meet and it did a fair representation.

But Idaho didn't just shine in sprints, the team finished strong in their distance and relay events also. Kaela Pettitt won the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle, and Ring and Alyson O'Brien both showed powerful swimming in sprints.

But Jager said he is proud of more than just the wins, he is happy that everyone swam the times they needed to and didn't stop pushing throughout the meet.

Jager said he was proud of swimmers like Cortnee Hanson, who swam three long races and finished first in the 400-yard individual medley and second in the 1000-yard and 500-yard freestyle races. He said teams normally don't

put swimmers in long races that are so close to each other but Idaho matches them up because he believes his team has the strength to push through.

He also noted Staci Stratton and the improvements she has made in such a short period of time to really contribute to the team.

Dive coach Niko Dalman said he was pleased with the diving today considering their circumstances. Amanda Morrow completed all of her dives after being out for three weeks because of an ankle injury. Dalman also said he was pleased with freshman Rachel Klancher and he can see the progress she is making every day.

"We knew the whole team needed to swim well and that is something we've struggled with as a team," Jager said. "But they swam great."

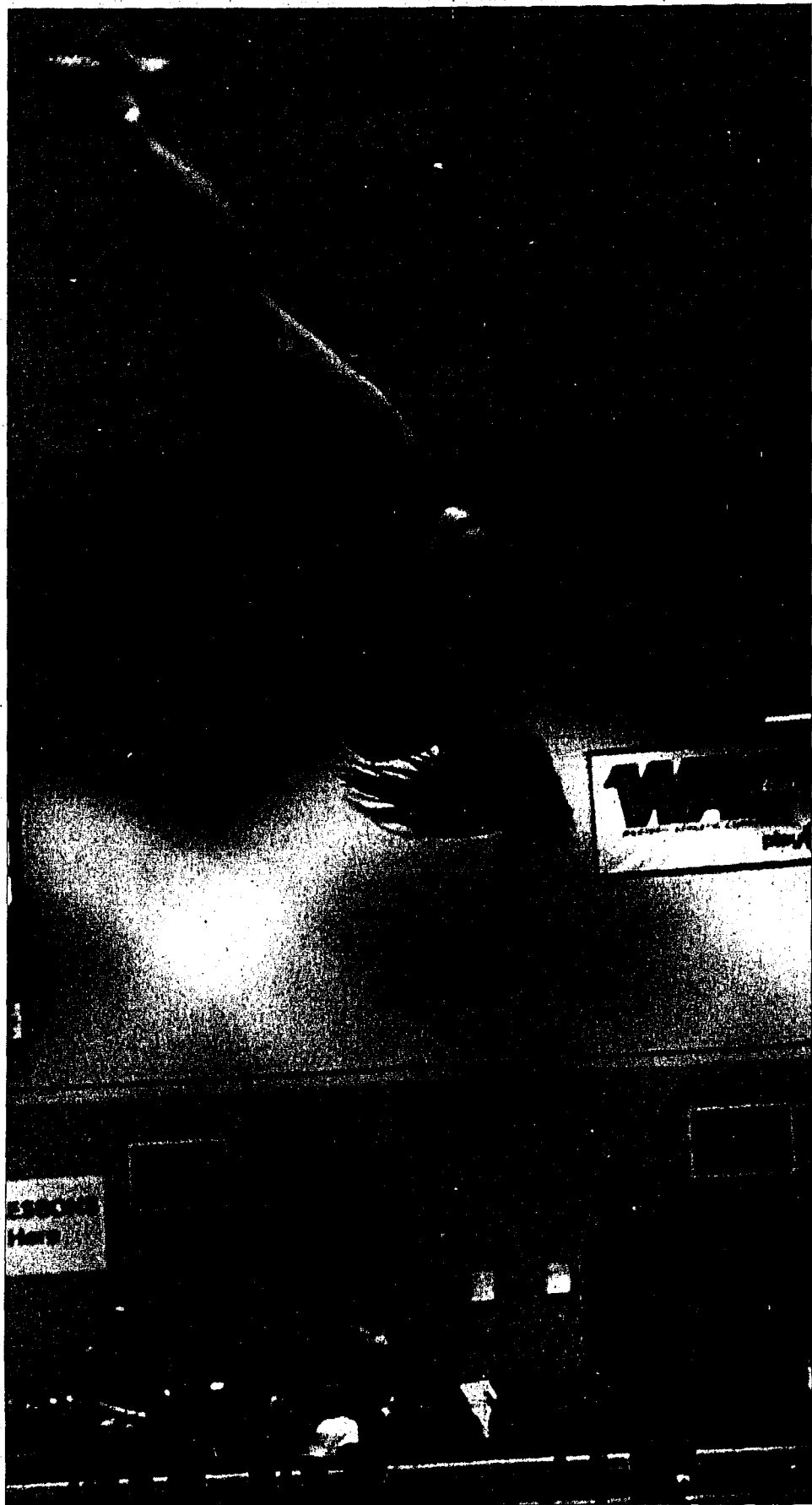
Although the team has won three dual meets in a row Jager still sees the room for improvement. He said he knows the team is strong and is excited to move toward fine tuning.

"We're a little sloppy on the walls and on turns but we know that," Jager said. "We haven't worked on those details yet."

Idaho has the rest of the month to work on those details and prepare for their next meet early in January against New Mexico State.

**"We're a young program and we should be celebrating our win. The whole team needed to swim well today and we did..."**

tom Jager  
Swimming coach



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

University of Idaho senior Amanda Morrow dives during the swimming and diving meet against Nevada Friday in the UI Swim Center. The Vandals won the meet with a 151-92 margin in their first home meet of the year to give the team three dual-meet wins in a row.

## Earning the honors

Argonaut

Seniors Mike Iupati and Shiloh Keo earned first-team all-WAC honors, voted on by league coaches today.

Iupati is considered one of the nation's top linemen, is an NFL draft prospect, and is one of three finalists on the Outland Trophy



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Watch list. Last Thursday, Iupati was also honored one of 24 players on the first-team American Football Coaches Association All-American. He is Idaho's first all-American since 1995. During the 2009 season, Iupati played a total of 807 snaps and allowed

five pressures. Keo is the Vandals leading tackler with 109 total tackles on the season. He is second in the WAC in tackles per game with an average of 9.1. He is also tied for 10th nationally in solo tackles per game at 70. Five other Vandals — senior Max Komar, senior Irv Stevens, junior Aaron Lavarrias, junior Jojo Dickson and freshman Trey Farquhar, were second-team choices.

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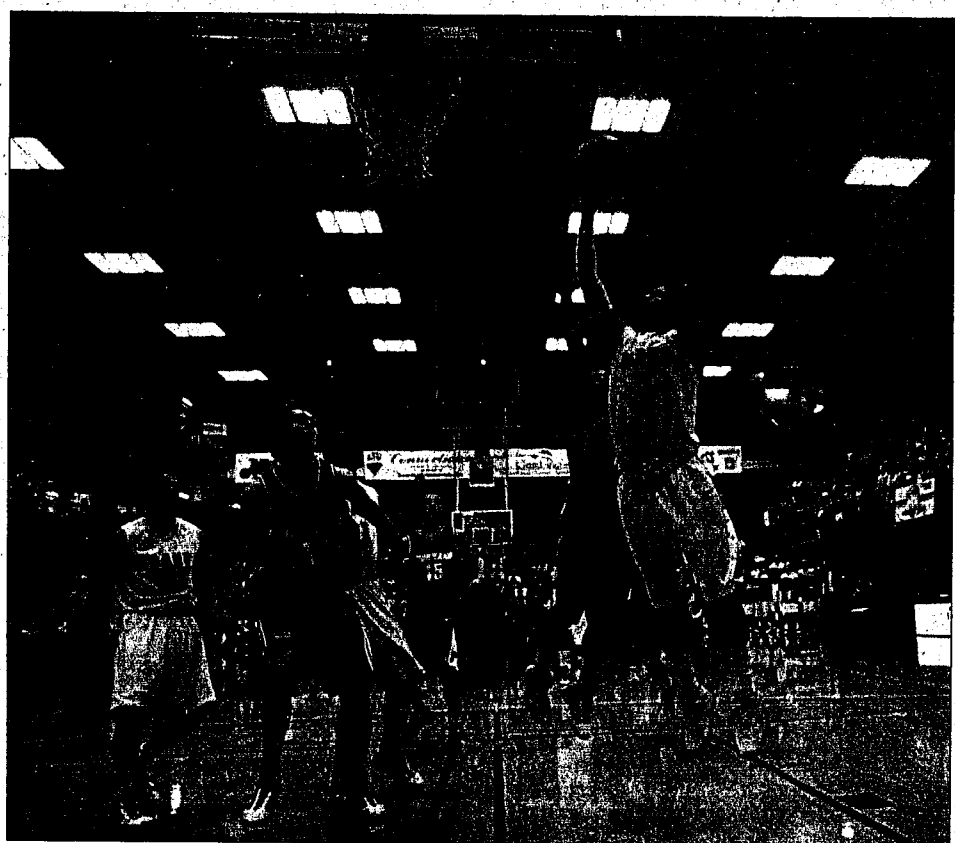
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# UP-TEMPO OFFENSE, DOMINATING DEFENSE



Photos by Nick Groff/Argonaut  
 Top: From left to right: Vandal players Kashif Watson, Luiz Toledo, Marvin Jefferson, Steffan Johnson and Mac Hopson run the court after a Portland Pilot turnover Sunday evening in Memorial Gym in front of a packed house. The Vandals controlled the entire game, winning the game over No. 25 Portland 68-48.  
 Left: Vandal center Kyle Barone attempts a shot over Portland Pilot forward/center Kramer Knutson. Barone finished the night with three points, three rebounds and one steal.  
 Above: Vandal guard Mac Hopson attempts a layup shot during the first minute of play.

## GYM

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As the team embraced the upset win over a nationally ranked team, Verlin said the game wasn't any more important than other wins this season.

"I don't know if it's any bigger than any other win — they're a 25th ranked team right now, but you know, they're all big," Verlin said. "Now the next one becomes big."

With a strong win under their belts, the Vandals enter into the next game with

even more confidence than the one before.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday the Vandal men will face cross-town rival Washington State (6-2), who is coming off a close-loss to Gonzaga and a dominating loss to Kansas State. Regardless of who the opponent might be, however, Verlin said each game is deemed important.

"Anytime you can win a game against a good basketball team like Portland and get ready to play your cross-town rival, it's huge," Verlin said. "They're obviously very good and it's a game I know our players have been looking forward to all year long."

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## Idaho Headed to Humanitarian Bowl

The University of Idaho Vandals accepted an invitation Sunday afternoon to play in the 2009 Roady's Humanitarian Bowl.

The highly anticipated invitation caps a season during which the Vandals exceeded everyone's expectations - except their own. With coach

Robb Akey preaching bowl at every turn, the Vandals finished the regular season at 7-5, 4-4 in the Western Athletic Conference and are in their first bowl since 1998.

"We're very excited to be representing our conference in the Humanitarian Bowl," Akey said. "It's great that this is the

bowl we're going to, too. It's our state capitol. We have a ton of alumni in the community. It's going to be an awesome time.

"It's the best time of year and we're going to be a part of it."

The Vandals play Bowling Green State University in the Dec. 30 game at Bronco Stadium at Boise. Kickoff for the nationally televised ESPN game is 1:30 p.m. (Pacific), 2:30 p.m. (Mountain). The Falcons of the Mid-American Conference also are 7-5.

"We're delighted to have

two highly-respected, well-coached teams represented in the Bowl," said Kevin McDonald, executive director, Roady's Humanitarian Bowl. "Both teams have shown the propensity to light up the scoreboard with a high-powered passing attack which should appeal to a national audience that is accustomed to excitement in the Bowl."

The Vandals' achievement drew praise from within the Kibbie Dome and across campus.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment by our football team," director of athletics Rob Spear said. "We are excited about the opportunity to showcase our University and represent the WAC in an Idaho bowl."

"Today is a proud day for Vandals everywhere," Idaho President Duane Nellis said. "This has been a great season, and Coach Robb Akey's work over the past three years has developed a team that reflects the many

leadership qualities we value."

"The university's legacy of leading is reflected in a strong commitment to serving our communities and we admire and share that value with the Humanitarian Bowl, whose efforts to involve student-athletes in the Boise community leading up to the bowl game are so meaningful. We're looking forward to a great experience in Boise."

## Vandals Smother #25 Portland

For the first time in school history, Idaho hosted a ranked non-conference team in a home game, and for the first time since 1982, the Vandal men took down a top-25 team, as Idaho smothered No. 25 Portland, 68-48.

Three days after Idaho (5-2) seemed puny defensively in a 95-93 road loss at Cal State Northridge, the Vandal men took it personally and came up with all the answers against a Portland (5-3) team that entered the game averaging 76.1 points on 48.9 shooting.

Idaho used relentless

pressure, active hands and all-around team effort to hound the Pilots into 17 turnovers and hold them to a season-low .322 field goal percentage on 19-of-59 shooting, as well as season-lows in points (48), free throws attempted (6) and made (4), and assists (9).

"That's probably as good of defense that we've played all year for that length of time, and that's a credit to our guys," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "They worked really hard these last two days in the film room and on the court about how we could get bet-

ter defensively, and we did that tonight."

The Idaho offense was as efficient as usual. The Western Athletic Conference's field goal percentage leader hit .522 from the field as a team, its third time shooting above 50 percent in a game this year, and hit .429 (6-14) from 3-point range.

"We played the game at the tempo we dictated," Verlin said. "Not at the tempo that somebody else did, like what happened on Thursday night (at Cal State Northridge)."

Three Vandals scored

in double digits, led for the second game in a row by senior Kashif Watson, who hit seven of his 11 shots and scored 15 points. Sophomore Luiz Toledo was 5-of-7 from the field for 12 points, while senior Mac Hopson dropped in 10 points on 3-of-6 shooting. Senior Marvin Jefferson led the team with nine rebounds, while senior Steffan Johnson had a team-high five assists.

Portland's three leading scorers, T.J. Campbell, Nik Raivio and Robin Smeulders, combined to average 45.9 points on .513 shooting coming into the game, but the Vandal defense held the trio to just 5-of-30 (.167)

from the floor and 15 points. Luke Sikma led the team with 11 points, while Raivio added 10, but only one other Pilot scored more than five points in the game.

"We got some huge stops," Verlin said. "I thought Marvin Jefferson did a great job rebounding the ball, especially in the second half, and I thought Mac Hopson did a great job on T.J. Campbell."

Idaho will now face another tough opponent on Wednesday in Washington State (6-2), when the team heads to Pullman for the oldest active basketball series West of the Mississippi. The Vandals and Cougars

will play for the 103rd consecutive year on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

"Any time you can win a game against a good basketball team like Portland, and then get ready to play your cross-town rival, it's huge," Verlin said. "They're obviously very good and it's a game I know our players have been looking forward to all year long."

Wednesday's game, which will be broadcast on Fox Sports Northwest, will tip off at 8 p.m. at Friel Court.

## Swimming and Diving Wins Third Straight Dual

For the first time since the Idaho swimming and diving program's reinstatement, the Vandal women are on a three-match win streak.

Idaho put down Western Athletic Conference foe Nevada by a 151-92 margin in its first home meet of the year to give the team three dual-meet wins in a row.

The Vandals beat San Diego on Nov. 7 and Seattle on Nov. 13.

Head swimming coach Tom Jager called the meet a total team effort by the Vandals, and said that it was the first time this year that the team had put together solid performances across the board.

"We expected a close meet and we knew that the whole team needed to swim well, and that's something that we'd struggled with as a team," Jager said. "Today, we all swam well, so that's probably the biggest thing I get out of this."

After the Wolf Pack opened the meet with a win in the 400-yard medley relay, Idaho swimmers won the next six events and took at least the top two places

in each one. In all, Idaho claimed victories in nine of the meet's 13 events, including 1-2 finishes in seven individual races.

There were three double-winners among the Vandals on Friday, as Kaela Pettitt took both the 500- and 1000-yard freestyle events, Treasa Ring won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, and Alyson O'Brien took the 100- and 200-yard freestyle races.

O'Brien also swam a leg of Idaho's first-place 200-yard freestyle relay.

Even with the team's solid swims, Jager said he and his coaching staff still see plenty of room for improvement in the upcoming weeks.

"We haven't done any detail work yet in the season, and that's been planned, because I wanted to see how fast we could go before we really get down to the

nitty-gritty," Jager said. "My kids are swimming fast, but they're a little bit sloppy on the walls and a little bit sloppy in the starts."

The Vandal women will have nearly a full month to train before their next action, a dual meet at New Mexico State on Jan. 2, but Jager said that the team won't take its time off lightly, because "the meat of the schedule" awaits the Vandals in early January.

## Women Slip Up In Another Close Game

The Idaho women's basketball team once again found itself on the losing end of a hard-fought battle, this time falling to the hot-shooting visiting St. Mary's Gaels, 74-67 on Sunday

afternoon. It was a tale of two halves for Idaho (1-8), which played tight defense in the first half and held the visitors to 28 points, but could not slow the Gaels in

the second half. St. Mary's (5-4) shot a blistering 14-of-17 (.824) en route to 46 second-half points.

The first half was a game of runs as the Vandals jumped out to 11-2 lead in the game behind stellar defense and hot shooting of their own in making

four of their first six while forcing St. Mary's into five turnovers in the first five minutes.

"I thought we started out great, and got after it real good," said Coach Newlee.

Idaho had four players in double digits for the game

with junior Rachele Kloke finishing with a game-high 19 points on 7-of-16 shooting. Bianca Cheever added 16, Shaena Kuehu had 12, and Yinka Olorunnife scored 10 points to go along with her team-high seven rebounds. The Vandals shot 23-of-56 (.411) for the game

with a 9-26 (.346) mark from 3-point land.

The Vandals will look to get their second win of the year as they will host the visiting Portland Pilots December 11. That game will tip off at 7 p.m. (PST) at Memorial Gym.

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