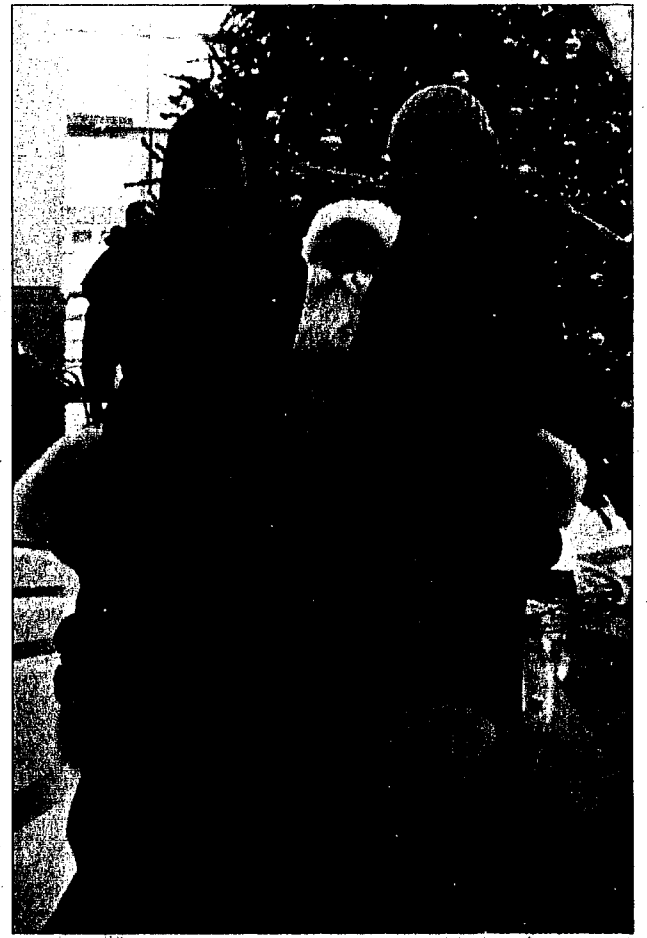


SANTA'S NOT JUST AT THE MALL ANYMORE



Students pose with Santa Claus Wednesday in the Idaho Commons. Left to right: Jayme Doeringsfeld; Jessica Berwick, Keanna Moy and Forrest Johnson; Torie Larson and Megan Reyes. Steven Devine/Argonaut

Parma renewed

SBOE OKs Simplot deal, enables higher student fees

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

The State Board of Education on Thursday accepted the J.R. Simplot Co.'s 11th-hour pact with the University of Idaho to help fund its Parma research center.

At their meeting in Twin Falls, board members reviewed the joint proposal, which was announced Monday.

UI President Duane Nellis said in a statement that the agreement, "could serve as a model for bringing private industry and the public sector together in ways that will lead and enhance Idaho's economic development in new ways."

Another proposal the board accepted at their meeting will allow state universities to increase student fees by more than 10 percent for the next academic year, which they characterized as a measure to allow

flexibility, just in case.

A holdback this year, ordered by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, reduced funding for UI's agricultural and research extensions by about \$4.7 million, 17 percent of their budget. UI officials offered up the center, with centers in Teton and Sandpoint, as candidates for closure to mend the funding gap. In a joint appearance this summer, Otter and Nellis agreed to extend debate on the centers' future following a public outcry.

The agreement includes \$1.5 million in support for the extension over five years, at \$300,000 per year. The center is operated by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, for crop development and research.

The Simplot agreement, according to John Hammel, the dean of the agricultural college, will shift some of the center's focus and resource allocation.

"Simplot has, through this agreement, acquired rights to access research land and also upkeep and maintenance, which is a separate and compact agreement," Hammel said in a statement. "We anticipate that the Simplot Company will still fund nonproprietary research ventures with the other faculty at the Parma station and elsewhere."

Research conducted by Simplot on the land would be retained as its own intellectual property.

A UI release regarding the meeting also said that donations and proceeds to the Teton center, including \$120,000 from the Idaho Potato Commission and \$15,000 from the Idaho Barley Commission will allow it to remain open through 2010's harvest. The Sandpoint center will remain open at 60 percent of normal operations through June 30.

Faculty senate challenges department merger margin

Mark Runsvold
Argonaut

A proposal to consolidate small academic departments at the University of Idaho could become less rigid if a recommendation passed by the faculty senate Tuesday turns into official policy.

The original proposal, put forth in Provost Doug Baker's Aug. 25 memo, called for departments with fewer than nine tenure-track faculty members to be merged with other departments. Senators have voted unanimously to allow for certain exceptions.

Sen. Paul Joyce, the motion's sponsor, said that because the rationale given in the memo for consolidation is to realize economies of scale, it makes sense to allow departments a chance to demonstrate mergers wouldn't demonstrate savings.

Faculty chair Jack Miller listed some of the criticisms of consolidation brought up when it was last discussed at the Nov. 17 senate meeting. Miller said it was possible faculty members could lose a degree of autonomy and that "administrative incoherence" could overwhelm any savings a merger would bring.

Joyce used the statistics department as the model of a department that serves students well and efficiently in spite of its

on the
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Visit the faculty senate Web site at <http://webs.uidaho.edu/facultycouncil/>.

small size. According to Joyce, statistics has restructured itself and begun sharing resources with other departments, including Washington State University's statistics department.

"Other departments should have the same chance statistics had," Joyce said.

Baker said the motion and the changes in the statistics department were in keeping with his memo's original intent.

"I think the spirit of that is great," Baker said.

However, he cautioned against the idea that what has worked for statistics will work for other departments. He said statistics isn't always structured as a stand-alone department, because it's inherently interdisciplinary.

"Statistics, across universities, (is) a tough thing to organize," Baker said.

In addition to establishing that consolidation wouldn't create economies

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ASUI: budget questions loom

Cari Dighton
Argonaut

For ASUI President Kelby Wilson, as with much of the rest of the University of Idaho, money will be a chief focus in the upcoming semester.

Wilson said while he has other important projects in mind as well, he plans to expend plenty of energy on keeping up with UI's fiscal issues.

"The budget is going to consume my time," Wilson said. "As far as what it is looking like from the state, we are expecting another holdback. The governor only accounted for about two-thirds of the shortfall they projected."

Wilson said there is another \$50 million from the state budget that needs to be accounted for.

"I would expect that we see another holdback sometime toward the beginning of the year," Wilson said.

ASUI Vice President Ashley Cochran also em-

phasized the time that will be devoted to UI's budget next semester.

"The budget is going to be our prime focus just because it's so important that we are involved as students," Cochran said.

Wilson serves on UI's student fees committee, comprised of four undergraduate students, two graduate students and one law student. The committee helps to determine where dedicated student fees go, and makes recommendations to President Duane Nellis about what the students would like to see.

"Our increase in Idaho will be less than a lot of the states we are hearing about. Our State Board of Education has been very adamant about keeping our fee increases to a minimum," Wilson said. "As a university as a whole, we need the money to operate. When the state is

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More than an apple a day

Even the healthy need checkups

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Even a healthy child needs a regular checkup, but lack of access to health care and the economic situation sometimes contribute to forgoing preventative medicine.

Many problems are preventable

Dr. Mike Sexton, a pediatrician with the Children At Risk Evaluation Services program at St. Luke's Children's Hospital in Boise, says too many families are faced with tough decisions and health care can tend to take a back seat.

Sexton said he was concerned by that — preventable problems with children's health can turn into an emergency room visit if they go undetected.

To illustrate one aspect of the problem, Idaho's

overall child immunization rate, according to the 2007-2008 National Immunization Survey, is 57.6 percent, while Washington's is 73.7 percent. Meanwhile, the national average is 77.2 percent.

Sexton said he occasionally sees children who have been referred to him because of the neglect of a child's health by their parent or guardian.

"Most abuse cases are neglect," Sexton said, "but in Boise, it's well over the national average."

While he says the overall number of patients he sees has not gone up since the start of the recession, the cases of neglect have.

High costs and low rankings

"There's going to be a pocket of children out there with insurance who aren't going to receive vaccines

due to either high co-pays or high deductibles or other barriers," said Amy Gamett with Public Health Distribution Idaho.

The average cost of the immunizations alone — without paying for doctor's visits — from birth to age 18 is \$4,300. Depending on insurance coverage and accompanying deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance, a family could have to pay up to that full amount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends at least 11 vaccinations before the age of seven, and Idaho's rates usually hover near the bottom of the list when it comes to kids receiving the recommended doses.

"There's a lot we, as a society, can do to foster the best development for our children," said Dr. Sandra Evenson, interim director for UI's School of Family and Consumer Sciences. "... Regular medical care is one of those things."

According to reports from the Idaho Division of Health, Idaho's child im-

munization rate for measles is lower than that of Indonesia, Pakistan and Croatia, and its rate for polio is below that of Botswana, Latvia and Sri Lanka.

Data from the Idaho Immunization Coalition supports findings that Idaho has below-average immunization rates, and reports that in 2006, Idaho had a rate of 68.2 percent for the DTaP, Hep B and MMR, IPV, Hib and Varicella immunization series. This is almost 10 percent below the national average, according to the National Immunization Survey.

It's not just up to the doctors

The IIC also reports four key factors that could be blamed for the shortfall in Idaho's vaccination rates: child patients not returning for their 12-18 month immunizations, immunization records not being screened well, providers not utilizing

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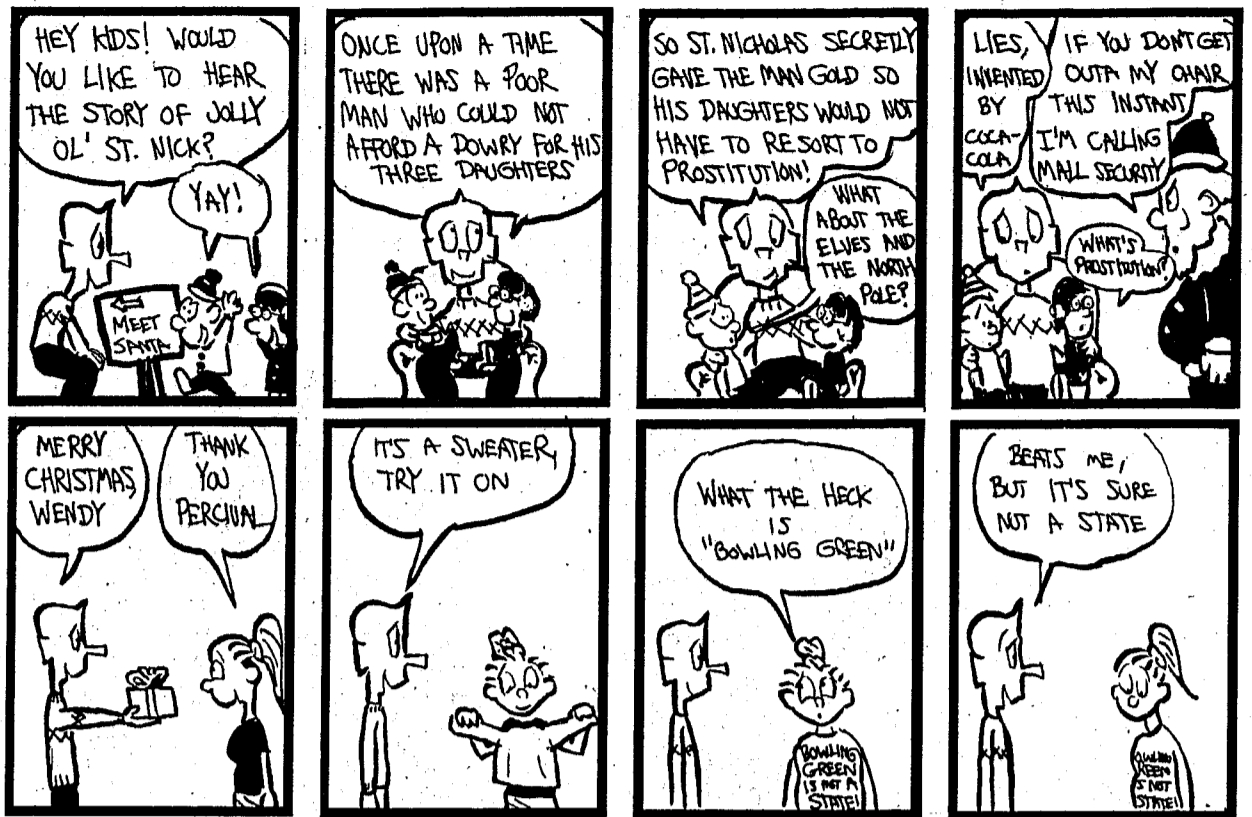
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Stories from Friday, Dec. 11, 1959

A Decade's Dreams And Death

A decade's days are dwindling to a precious few.

And the contributions that were made in the short, 10-year period known to mankind as the 1950s will soon be left for historians to judge.

But, before turning the job of evaluation over to that special group of experts, one hard look might be taken at the fabulous "fifties."

Americans truly were faced with a period that could only be described in terms of mythical, fantastic, and beyond the limits of belief.

Flipping back the calendar pages, this is what the books show:

Mid-way through 1950, Americans were rudely introduced to a small, Far Eastern country called Korea. The name has not been forgotten, nor will it be for many years to come.

By 1951, a Senate Crime Investigating Committee was holding hearings in New York City. The work hasn't slowed down much. Labor was put on review; television was caught with its morals showing.

In England, a young woman took the throne for Great Britain on a February day in 1952.

Movies became better, Remember "The Greatest Show On Earth," "High Noon," and "Come Back Little Sheba?" A new innovation known as

3-D had a short life, while cinemascope came along to widen the movie screen's scope.

Another event across the sea played a great role in effecting public opinion here in 1953. Stalin was dead.

By 1954, the United States Supreme Court banned segregation in public schools. Little Rock, Ark., hit the headlines before the decade was completed.

At the decade's zenith, America's economy was an important factor in the over-all picture. Personal income was at an all-time high—\$272 billion.

Meanwhile, 1955 had started off with a bang. On a cold January day, the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus went to sea. Before the year was done, Churchill resigned and the United States made plans to build a tiny, "moon" to circulate the earth like a satellite.

The romance of the decade was centered around a Hollywood actress that looked like the girl next door and a European ruler. Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco.

In 1956, the FBI solved the Brink's robbery, Eisenhower planned to run for a second term, Margaret Truman was married, two airliners crashed over the Grand Canyon, the Andrea Doria sank, and the Republicans were back in the White House.

Mike Todd's production of "Around the World in Eighty Days" stepped into the spotlight. However, the producer did not stay around to enjoy the warmth of that light shining on the film's success.

On May 2, 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) died, leaving another strange legacy to the period in review. A chubby character named Khrushchev was on the screen of that magic little box in the living room. An atomic explosion, set off in the wastelands of Nevada, shook the West, but another event in October shook the entire world. Russia had sent Sputnik I skyward.

America came back with a rabbit punch. Explorer I was placed in orbit. Before the year was out satellites were getting bigger and better.

The Middle East was in the newspaper columns, too, big and black. Pope Pius died in Rome. Discussions began on the banning of nuclear weapons.

Then it was 1959. A steel strike crippled a nation. An earthquake struck close to home. Quiz shows were being quizzed.

And so it went. In 20 days, the 1950s will be willed to history. How they will stack up with the 1940s, 1930s, 1920s and so on depends only on the test of age.

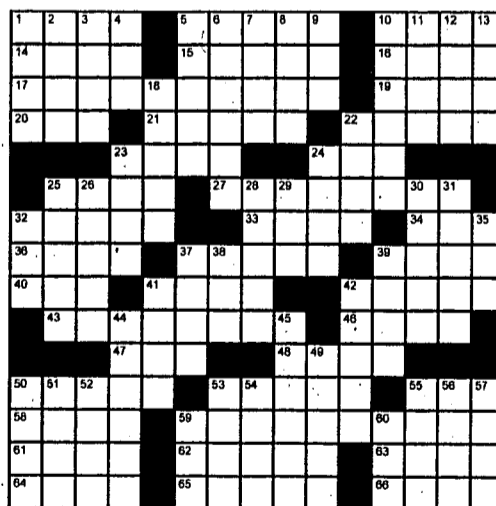
But the job is now left to the historians.

Time marches on.—J.C.F.

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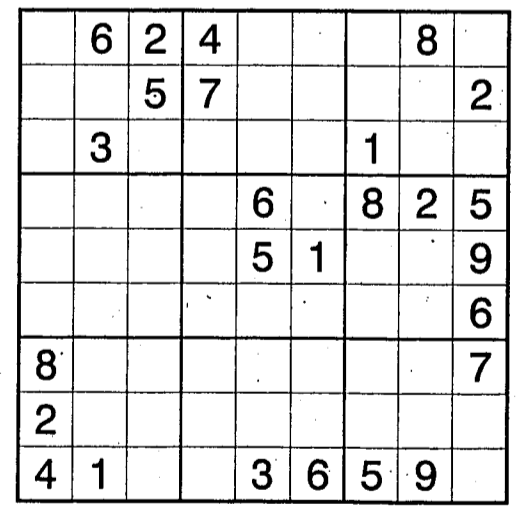
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- 15 City on the Rhone
- 16 Devilish
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- 20 Boola Boola singer
- 21 Friars Club event
- 22 Prize money
- 23 Big name in mapmaking
- 24 Mediterranean tree
- 25 Joint problem
- 27 Farmer's worry
- 32 Inclined
- 33 Nobleman
- 34 Refinable rock
- 36 Smog
- 37 Insect infestation
- 39 Zig or zag
- 40 Bar stock
- 41 Summers on the Seine
- 42 Commotions
- 43 Informed
- 46 Get wind of
- 47 Reserved
- 48 Olympic archer
- 50 Chocolate source
- 53 Not so bright
- 55 Do film work
- 58 Basil, e.g.
- 59 Windward Islands isle
- 61 Kind of surgeon
- 62 Hammond's instrument
- 63 Speechless
- 64 Fleeshy fruit
- 65 Intersection sign
- 66 Bridge option



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- 1 Do roadwork
 - 2 Milky-white gem
 - 3 Half (Prefix)
 - 4 Paranormal ability
 - 5 Composer Copland
 - 6 Fears
 - 7 Priests' vestments
 - 8 Nitty-gritty
 - 9 Retired flier
 - 10 White whale
 - 11 Swear to
 - 12 Empty promises
 - 13 Ultimatum word
 - 18 Ticked off
 - 22 Tablet
 - 23 Ancient alphabetic character
 - 24 Resolute
 - 25 Holly Hunter show, Saving _____
 - 26 Exuded
 - 28 Porridge ingredient
 - 29 Sculler's need
 - 30 Dutch cheese
 - 31 Miscue
 - 32 Fraternity letter
 - 35 Coast Guard rank (Abbr.)
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 - 38 Rainy
 - 39 Low digits
 - 41 Audio effect
 - 42 Rose bush hazard
 - 44 Functional
 - 45 River separations
 - 49 Brides
 - 50 After lamb or pork
 - 51 Prefix with space
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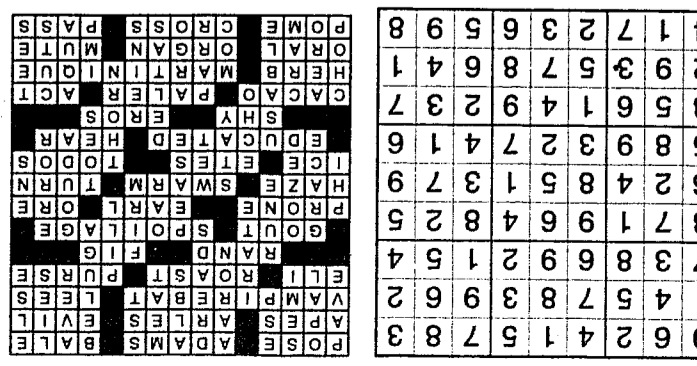
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solutions




Biz pulls for local economy

Civic group asks shoppers to stay in town

Sarah Yama
Argonaut

Local Moscow business owners have formed a network that connects their businesses and encourages residents to purchase gifts and items locally instead of over the internet.

Buy Local Moscow is a non-profit organization supported by the American Independent Business Alliance, started three years ago after a group of local businesspeople decided to jointly address their needs as independent business owners.

Hyperspod Sports owner John Crock is among the founding members of the group.

"There's the Chamber of Commerce, but they speak for everyone," said Crock, Buy Local Moscow's treasurer. "As small-business owners, we do everything ourselves. We have a nice downtown and want to promote the diversity of businesses."

Buy Local-affiliated businesses must be within Moscow city limits and must have 51 percent of its ownership within the Palouse region.

"We don't allow franchise(s) to be members because they have corporate to back them up and Buy Local had to draw a line," said Arlene Falcon, owner of Tye Dye Everything. "Franchises can become friends of the Buy Local program. We are not trying to discourage people shopping at franchises, just show people there is more than that here."

Buy Local Moscow now has a membership of 100 local businesses. The network's mission

is to strengthen the social and economic framework of Moscow by supporting locally owned businesses and educating the public on the importance of local business.

"One reason to buy locally is the economy," Crock said. "It is important to spend locally because it recycles your money back into the community. If people support local, they will directly feel the effect."

Crock said if 10 percent of Moscow residents were to shift their purchases to local, more than 66 jobs would be generated.

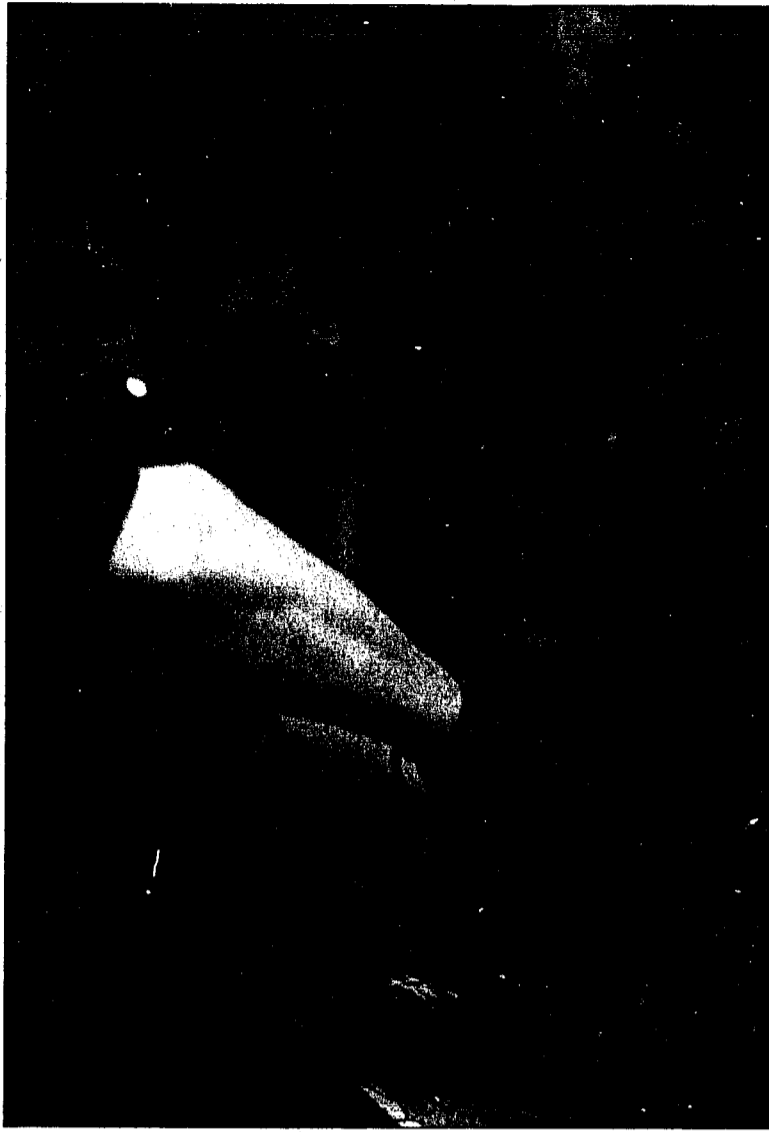
"Local businesses also donate four to six times more than chain stores," Crock said. "The more money invested locally, the more of a turnaround we'll see."

Buy Local Moscow also serves as a support group for owners and offers incentives such as a cheaper way for businesses to advertise.

One event the organization held this year encouraged patronage of local stores, with raffle cards validated by visiting 14 of 18 stores. Eligible shoppers had a chance to win an assortment of prizes provided by local businesses, with a total worth of \$1,800.

"It's surprising how many people have never shopped downtown," Falcon said. "This card concept gets people to come into the stores and you'd be surprised how many people say 'wow.' They had no idea what was in these shops."

The local network is also in-



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Arlene Falcon, owner of Tye Dye Everything, applies dye to a bundle of shoe laces in the store Thursday. Tye Dye Everything is a member of the nonprofit organization Buy Local Moscow, which has a membership of 100 local businesses.

involved with other organizations, including the Latah Trail Foundation and the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival.

"When people don't try to purchase local, they miss the ambi-

ence of the shops and the connection with people in the shops," Falcon said. "People forget that if you don't give back and buy locally, that local businesses won't be around anymore."

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Open forum

Anna Marie Limbaugh, ASUI faculty senate representative, came before the senate to give an update on faculty senate discussions. Limbaugh said the senate discussed the statistic that seven to 10 percent of all faculty members don't turn in their grades on time. Limbaugh said Provost Baker talked about some possible solutions at the meeting.

Presidential communications

ASUI President Kelby Wilson was absent from the meeting.

Unfinished business

Bill F09-52, a bill appointing Cortney Hastings to the position of ASUI vice president adjutant, was passed.

Bill F09-53, a bill appointing Charlotte Chadwick to the position of ASUI senate secretary, was passed.

Bill F09-54, a bill changing ASUI executive position salaries in accordance with ASUI rules and regulations section 3200.010, was passed. This bill will adjust executive salaries based on the performance along the sliding salary scale.

New business

Resolution F09-09, a resolution honoring Senator Koji Moy for his significant senate term well-served, was passed.

Resolution F09-10, a resolution honoring Senator Samantha Storms for her dedication and hard work in the ASUI Senate, was passed.

Resolution F09-11, a resolution honoring Senator Loren Doman for his dedication and hard work in the ASUI Senate, was passed.

Resolution F09-12, a resolution honoring Senator Olivia Chinchinian for a long and fantastic term, was passed.

— Cari Dighton

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Russian delegation visits UI

Foreign journalists get a slice of academic and professional journalism, American-style

Tanya Eddins
Argonaut

A unique opportunity presented itself when media experts from Moscow, Russia came to visit their small-town counterparts in Moscow, Idaho.

Mary Carr, dean of instructional services at Spokane Community College, had the opportunity to plan an agenda this winter for six journalists visiting from Russia with the Open World Program.

Carr has taken the delegates to several media outlets in Spokane, but said she felt it was important for the Russian delegates to meet students and faculty involved with media at the university level.

"A lot of people get bits and pieces of information which can lead to misconceptions," Carr said. "That is why this organization was created, to allow an opportunity for one-on-one diplomacy, to create better relationships and understanding."

According to their Web site, Congress started the Open World Program in 1999 to welcome leadership from Eurasia to exchange ideas and discuss solutions with their American counterparts.

When the legislation was first passed, Congress included few countries in the former Soviet Union, but since then Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Russia have been added.

Through the program, delegates travel to Washington, D.C., where they are briefed about American culture and their itinerary for the coming week. Members then fly to smaller communities within

the 50 U.S. states.

Once the delegates arrive, they meet their host families and engage in workshops, job shadowing and visits to sites related to their profession.

The Russian delegates were the honored guests at a Tuesday luncheon in the Aurora Room in the Idaho Commons to welcome them to Moscow.

The journalists then met with UI journalism faculty, Moscow-Pullman Daily News editors and UI students. Delegates were also given an opportunity to meet Mayor Nancy Chaney.

Yekaterina Alekseyevna Berezhkova, the executive secretary for communications in the Russian Federation, deals with acute journalistic problems and supports dialogue between journalists and authorities.

"I have learned a lot from this experience," Berezhkova said. "This program gives us great insight into education, politics and even the life of the average American."

Vladimir Vladimirovich Kravstov is a member of the Russian Federation State Duma, one of the country's legislative bodies. His job entails organizing parliamentary hearings that relate to legislature in mass media. Kravstov responded to a student's concern over sensationalized media.

"It is important that you raise the prestige of the profession," Kravstov said. "How you will interact, who you will speak to, how you will approach problems will affect the way the public views the media."

An issue that was discussed was the Obama administration's recent decision to deploy more troops to Afghanistan.



Tanya Eddins/Argonaut

A collaborative effort from Mary M. Carr, of Spokane Community College and Kenton Bird, director of the Department of Journalism & Mass Media at University of Idaho, brought six Russian journalists to UI Tuesday. The journalists met professionals and students in their field. From left: Carr, Larissa Vasilyevna Kulinich (interpreter), Vladimir Vladimirovich Kravstov, Yekaterina Viktorovna Karaseva, Dmitry Viktorovich Bykov, Yelena Alekseyevna Berezhkova, Milana Lvovna Dzhiganshina and Bird.

Kravstov said that this was a very popular subject in Russia at the moment and that the issues of Afghanistan and Iraq are on the world's agenda.

"Russian experts and journalists suggest that America withdraw and say that

it is up to Afghanistan to fix their own problems," Kravstov said.

At the same time, Kravstov also said that America's presence in the Middle East is curbing the flow of drugs into Russia and that the public is grateful for this.

Freshmen get second chance with SOAR

Sarah Sakai
Argonaut

If a student is placed on academic probation after their first semester at the University of Idaho, chances are they will be invited to the Student Option Advising Retreat.

It is not a punishment. Nor is it required,

or a months-long process. SOAR is simply a one-day intervention meant to reach out to first-year students who go on academic probation, said Sara Stout, an academic adviser in the department of journalism and mass media.

"A lot of students struggle academically because they have not connected with

anyone at the university," Stout said. "They don't know where to look for help."

At SOAR, students hear from professors, academic advisers, counselors and even other students about improvement strategies. Workshops in the program teach skills such as essay writing, picking the right major, utilizing stu-

dent support resources and managing time, which Stout called the No. 1 problem for freshmen.

SOAR gives students the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a counselor or academic adviser, address the issues that led to probation and come up with a plan for future success. The goal of the program is to help struggling students, not to make them feel bad.

"It's not a punitive thing," said Bruce Pitman, provost of student affairs. "We understand that it's not unusual to get off to a hard start and we want

students to be successful." A student who wished not to be named, in trying to decide between journalism and anthropology as a major, attended SOAR last

year and said it was great to realize he wasn't the only one struggling. "Nothing he said he learned from SOAR was how to keep a calendar set up."

"(Academic probation) is usually your fault, but if you take the steps to help yourself change it, you will feel better about yourself and build up confidence for school," the student said.

SOAR is in its second year. Last year, 35 of 300 students on probation attended, but both Pitman

and Stout said they were hopeful for a bigger turnout this time around.

Pitman said last year they only had four days to promote the event, quickly finding that students didn't check their academic e-mail over break.

"This year, we are being thoughtful and proactive about our communication," Pitman said.

The day-long retreat is being held Jan. 12, 2010 in the Idaho Commons, and e-mails have already been sent out.

The emphasis is that SOAR is an opportunity, not a penalty — a resource, not retribution. The focus is to encourage students rather than condemn them, Stout said.

"The transition from home to college is much more difficult than everyone realizes," Stout said, "but mistakes made during a student's first semester can be addressed and students can then go on to be very successful."

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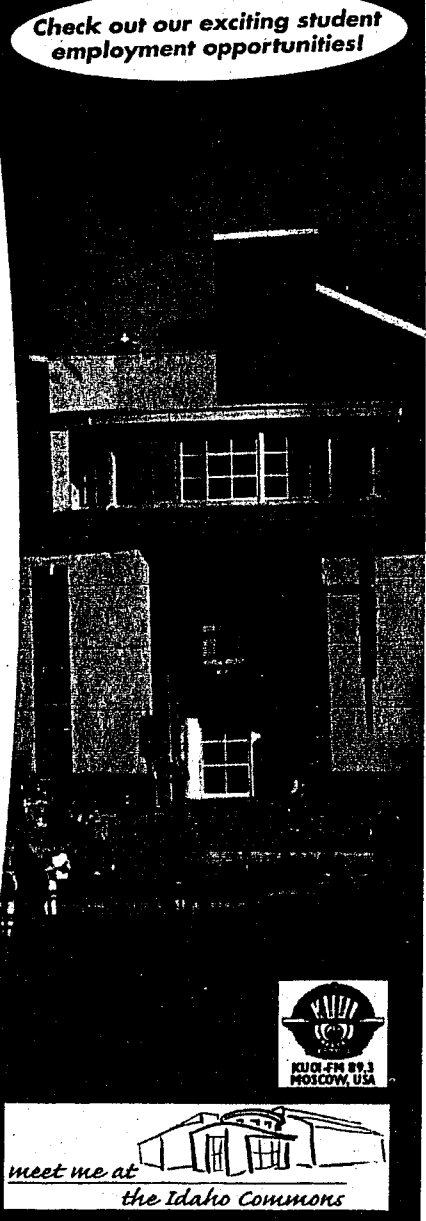
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Objectifying women?

Women's Center takes issue with poster

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Nearly a dozen people attended a meeting held in the Women's Center Tuesday afternoon to discuss the issues surrounding the poster used to promote a World AIDS Week event.

Rebekka Armstrong, an HIV-positive former Playboy model, spoke to University of Idaho students last Thursday about her disease. Women's Center staffers said they felt the poster objectified Armstrong in an effort to attract people to the speech, and the image on the poster was offensive and could have possibly made the environment on campus uncomfortable and unsafe for some women.

"We would not be doing our jobs at the center if we did not engage in some sort of dialogue about the images ... that we feel are maybe detracting from some students' experience on campus," said Heather Shea Gasser, director of the Women's Center.

During the discussion, Gasser and Heather Maib, administrative assistant for the center, said although they were part of the committee that helped plan World AIDS Week, they did not see the image until the poster was

already made.

Maib said they asked that their names be removed from the poster and that a different image be used.

She said they received no response, but their names were removed.

"One of the things that we heard in response to the poster about Rebekka

Armstrong was that (the image in question) had a purpose, and its purpose was to draw in the very audience that would benefit from that talk," Gasser said. "And by using an image that objectifies a woman, they would draw in the people that would benefit from that information."

Gasser said those reasons did not excuse the naked, sexy pose Armstrong appeared in on the poster, or its display in public places.

While several women in the meeting echoed Gasser in saying the image was inappropriate and offensive, a few women disagreed.

Lauretta Campbell, a senior in history, said she knew people who interpreted the poster's intent differently.

"I brought two guys with me to it," Campbell said. "One came because she was a former Playmate, and so for that reason, I'm really glad she uses that.

It's part of her history, and it's not something that she's ashamed of either.

"The other guy came and he knew what it was about, and he interpreted it ... as being, you know, if you have this disease, you are shunned, a lot of times you're left with nothing and so this shows the nakedness of the disease."

Maib and Gasser said such images in the media contribute to the perception of women as sexual objects. They passed a flier around the room with examples of advertisements showing male dominance, segmented female bodies showing only a woman's chest or hips and suggestive poses.

Maib said the only way to stop advertisements like those from appearing is to engage in media activism by writing or calling the companies that produce them.

Response around campus to the poster ranged from people standing nearby talking about it to the placement of stickers on the poster that said, "This insults women."

Maib said the stickers could be considered a form of media activism.

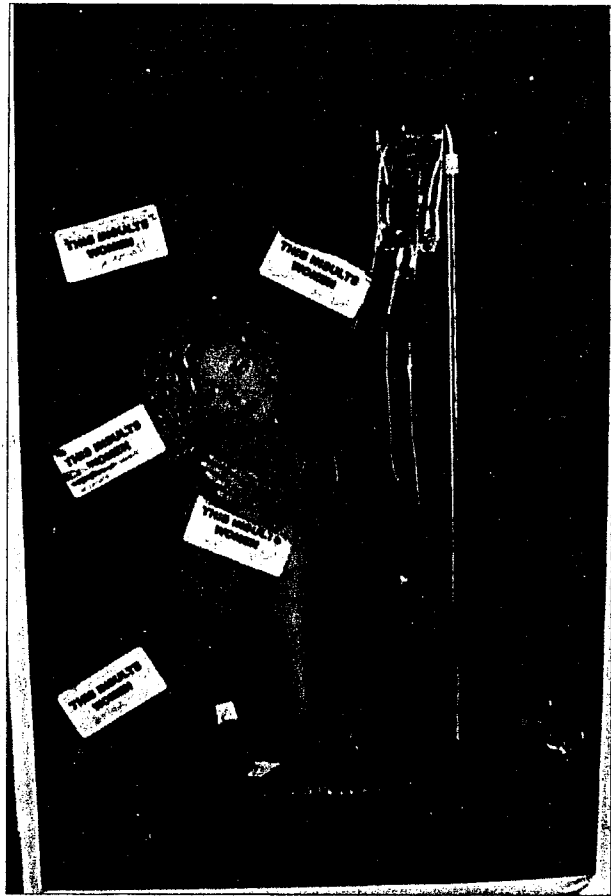
"Some people will put up things in response to it, some people will maybe write a statement ... (the Women's Center) wrote a statement in response to the ad. That was our way of being media activists as a group," Maib said.

Kelsey LaRoche, board chair of ASUI Vandal Entertainment, who co-sponsored the AIDS Week, said she felt the response to the poster was overblown.

"If something on this campus offends one woman, hurts one woman, then it's our job as the Women's Center to respond."

Heather MAIB

Women's Center administrative assistant



Courtesy photo

The Women's Center discussed this poster, featuring HIV-positive former Playboy model Rebekka Armstrong, during a meeting Tuesday. After being displayed in the Idaho Commons, the poster was covered with stickers, saying, "This insults women," which subsequently had statements such as, "No, it doesn't" and "Grow up, this isn't about you..." written on them.

"I thought that was exaggerated, I guess you could say," LaRoche said. "I think the Women's Center in particular was only coming from a certain perspective. This poster has been shown on tons of campuses and only three colleges have ever had an issue with it."

The discussion, which took place over two and a half hours, ranged between subjects of the poster and topics about today's feminism and the Women's Cen-

ter's role in promoting discussions like Wednesday's event in the future. Maib stressed the importance of addressing every woman who is impacted by something like the poster, and for the Center to be available for any other resource women on campus might need.

"If something on this campus offends one woman, hurts one woman," Maib said, "then it's our job as the Women's Center to respond."

Moscow PD unites for fellow officers

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Five local officers went to Seattle Tuesday to represent the Moscow Police Department paying their respects to four Washington officers killed in the line of duty.

The four police officers were shot and killed in a coffee shop in Lakewood, Wash. The three male officers and one female officer all died on the scene.

"When there is a death of a sister or brother officer, officers from stations around the region are sent out to pay their respects," said David Duke, Moscow assistant chief of Police. "It shows unity."

MPD sponsored four officers to represent the station and another officer chose to go on his own. The ceremony was held Tuesday afternoon at the Tacoma Dome, about 30 miles south of Seattle. Nearly 20,000 officers attended the funeral.

The MPD officers in attendance were Casey Green, Nick Swanson, Bill Shields, Shane Keen and Shawn Cothren.

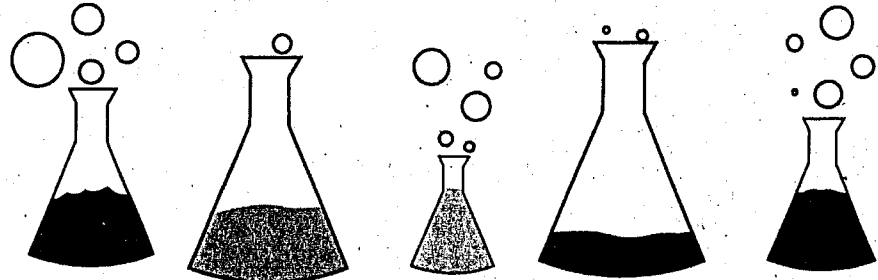
"We also took two police cars and both were in the procession," Duke said. "The attending officers told me that the procession had between five to six miles worth of police vehicles."

Duke called the funeral procession an emotional experience.

"It was a very humbling experience for the officers," Duke said. "It brings back memories of when we lost (Officer Lee Stewart) Newbill back in 2007."

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Changing lives from Taiwan to Moscow

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Taiwan and Idaho are worlds apart.

Sophia Tsai, a 20-year-old political science student, has lived in both. Whatever she's doing and wherever she goes, the ASUI senator said she tries to remember where she came from and respect her Chinese roots.

Growing up in Taiwan, Tsai's parents always encouraged her and her younger brother to do their best and to be competitive, involved and hardworking in their schools and within the community.

"The competitive environment I grew up in definitely plays a big role in me setting expectations for myself," Tsai said. "I am really tough on myself a lot of the time because I'm so used to pushing myself to be better continually."

When Tsai was in sixth grade, her mother moved the family to Pocatello to finish her doctorate at Idaho State University. Tsai said they intended to move back, but her mother fell in love with Idaho and they stayed. Tsai's father died when she was young.

In 2007, Tsai came to Moscow and got involved with ASUI. She said she's always wanted to make a mark on the world and contribute to

society, and that ASUI has helped her do that.

"As I've taken more political science classes, I've learned that politics is no longer how I dreamed it'd be like," Tsai said. "It's almost sad that the political world is so dirty. I think because of how strict my mom is, I've always had such a naive view of the world."

This semester, Tsai's focus as a senator has been on safety issues that are especially pertinent to college students, helping organize a safety walk with Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

Tsai said the goal of the safety walk was to see which areas could use more lighting and emergency telephones to help improve the safety of all students on campus.

In November, she also helped organize an event called "Sexi Party," which spoke-out and informed students, especially women, against sexual violence in an interactive, fun and safe environment.

Tsai's work ethic and compassion hasn't gone unnoticed by individuals at

the university.

"Sophia brought into ASUI a real desire to make a difference, educate students and improve campus life," said Steve Janowiak, assistant dean of students. "She does her job well, like so many people who are good at their work, because

she cares about making an impact, cares about people, cares about positive change. People who care a lot find their way into leadership roles."

Tsai said that even the greatest job has challenges, and one of hers is doing the right thing even if it's an unpopular decision.

"The most rewarding part of serving as a senator is to see that students appreciate all that we do for them," Tsai said. "It is not something that I expected coming into this position, but it's nice to know."

Tsai said she tries to bring drive and passion into everything she does in life, and to live her life in a way that her dad would be proud of.

"Sophia brought into ASUI a real desire to make a difference, educate students and improve campus life."

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Assistant dean of students

Seniors say farewell to Moscow

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

A great deal of years spent at the University of Idaho has prepared graduating students for their future after life as a college student.

Many graduating students have had a hard time getting a job in this economy, but most are ready to make a difference when they graduate.

Andrew Rupert, an advertising student with an art minor, said he has a job lined up, but he might tough it out for other opportunities.

"I'm either headed back to Boise to work for the Idaho Stampede being one of their account executives, or headed down to Arizona to find work and live life in a much warmer climate," Rupert said.

Sara Levingston will be working at Wells Fargo Financial as a credit manager in Kennewick, Wash., right after graduation. She said she will stay involved as an alumna.

"I plan to stay up-to-date on events occurring at the UI as well as becoming a contributing alumni," she said. "I am looking forward to visiting campus in the following years for homecoming week and future football games as well."

Many students will walk away with bonds and friendships they have made during their time at the university.

"My favorite memories of my time here at the university would have to be living in the Beta house. Having the brotherhood and life long friendships is something I will never forget," Rupert said. "I enjoyed the campus and really getting to experience the college life. This school has a lot to offer as soon as you give it a chance."

Other senior's favorite memories consist of their Vandal spirit in homecoming, and other Idaho sporting events.

"My favorite memories of UI are living on Greek Row, being a member of SARb, Dads' and Moms' weekends, homecoming week, Greek week, cheerleading at the university, Vandal victories in the Kibbie Dome and celebrating at the Corner Club with a tub with good friends," said Mallory Cook, a graduating senior in secondary education.

As the fall semester slowly begins to end, Tricia Crump, a senior graduating in agricultural economics, said she is a little anxious about what's next.

"I am a little scared to graduate," Crump said. "It is somewhat difficult to move from doing homework to applying for jobs."

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reducing their share and also preventing the increase of student fees, it makes it very difficult to operate."

Zach Arama, ASUI Lobbyist, will be the one responsible for relaying Wilson's message to the Idaho Legislature.

"We don't foresee a whole lot, if any, other major issues coming up this legislative session," Wilson said.

Arama's main job will be to relay messages from ASUI to the Idaho House of Representatives and members of the Idaho Senate. Arama will act as the middleman between ASUI and the Idaho Legislature, and is expected to work with the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, the House of Representatives Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee.

Aside from UI budget issues, Wilson said he thinks the biggest improvement within ASUI this semester

was the formation of the Communications Board.

"The governing branches of ASUI have always done quite a bit," Wilson said. "It's just that the students don't know about it."

Cochran said she also thinks the communication between ASUI and UI students this semester has improved.

"For next semester, I am going to be focusing on making sure that we are keeping those lines of communication open with the students," Cochran said.

Cochran said she will be working with Provost Doug Baker to look into changing core curriculum requirements.

"I have met with Provost Baker a few times and we have come up with some really good ideas," Cochran said. "It's going to be a really long process. It's really hard to change the whole structure of the core curriculum. I plan to focus a lot on that next semester."

Among those ideas, Cochran said she would spotlight changing some

of the core requirements to provide more options for student engagement and leadership opportunities.

Wilson said he has been working with Nellis this semester and plans to keep those lines of communication open next semester as well.

"I feel that he listens to the concerns when I bring them up to him," Wilson said. "He honestly has open ears and listens."

Wilson said Nellis has gone above and beyond to avoid isolating himself, and collaborates with people on a regular basis in order to make informed decisions regarding the university.

"At the end of the day, a lot of the big decisions are going to be his to make, but I feel that in the short time that he has been here, he has demonstrated that he really does care about the University of Idaho," Wilson said. "He is going to make the decisions that he feels are best for us, although at times are going to be unpopular with certain portions of the university."

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Dance team denied funding

Kayla Herrmann
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Of nine universities in the Western Athletic Conference, eight have an official dance team — all but the University of Idaho.

Until last year, the Idaho dance team was recognized as part of the spirit squad, with cheerleaders and Joe Vandal. However, citing financial limitations, the Dean of Students' office could not fund the team this year.

"Spring semester of 2009 we were promised ... a coach and a team for the following year," said Keanna Moy, a dance team member. "That promise was not kept."

Moy said an athletic department employee was to assist the team, but he didn't tell the team about its financial issues.

The dance team is no longer affiliated with the athletic department, so the team looked for assistance within the ASUI Activities Board, which couldn't help: when the dance team applied for funding, they were not recognized as a student organization, said Ashley Cochran, ASUI vice president.

"They didn't meet all of the qualifications to be a student organization, because all registered student organizations must be open for anyone to join," Cochran said.

ASUI Sen. Zach Arama wrote a bill earlier this year to finance the dance team with \$2,000

out of the ASUI general reserve.

"When up for the vote in the senate meeting it barely passed, but three senators were absent," Cochran said. "(ASUI president Kelly Wilson) vetoed it because we simply do not have the extra funding in our general reserve for this."

To maintain viability, the dance team has been conducting fundraising, alongside some support from food company Schwan's toward gear for the team.

The dance team has an adviser, Mark Edwards, who Moy said is helping with fundraising ideas and working toward a permanent plan for the team.

"Mark has been the only support from

the university, and it is nice to see that there are still people willing to help others — even something that could be seen as trivial, like our struggling dance team," Moy said.

The dance team is scheduled to perform for the first time this year Jan. 16, at halftime during the women's basketball game against Boise State University.



No-exam week myths and realities

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

It's about the equivalent of "Congress shall make no law...": dead week is supposed to be a momentary relief from exams.

The relevant portion of the University of Idaho course catalog, Part 3, Section H, subsection 1, clause "A," reads "no quizzes or exams may be given in lecture-recitation periods during the week before finals week." (A prohibition on the introduction of new material is nowhere to be found, so that's one urban rumor dispelled.)

The rest of the clause makes clear that final in-class essays in composition classes, oral presentations in speech classes and exams for P.E. or lab credits are exempt from the requirement. Subsequent rules clarify that classes are supposed to meet during their scheduled period

in finals week, and that final exams are supposed to only be during the scheduled time.

"It's an incredibly high-pressure week, where students are expected to do a lot of their capstone work, they turn in end of the semester reports, presentation, and at the same time are expected to prepare for final exams," said Bruce Pitman, UI's dean of students. "It's incredibly stressful — probably even more stressful than finals week, because of the two tracks of activity taking place at the same time."

And there lies the justification for dead week, or no-exam week. But the plain language of the catalog occasionally rubs up against faculty, who may feel they're doing students a favor by moving exams up.

Jeanne Christiansen, vice provost for academic affairs, said changing the exam time would be im-

proper.

"Because it's a catalog regulation, I think, technically, it's not under the purview of the class or the instructor to move the final earlier," she said. "I think there are legitimate reasons for that, and it is about how people use that last week, how they expect to have time to prepare for final exams or final learning experiences."

Pitman suggested students should speak with the instructor if they're concerned about violations of the policy.

"We always try to get the student to go back and talk to the faculty person," Pitman said. "If that hasn't been satisfactory ... we typically urge them to talk to the department head."

Pitman said the next step would be an associate dean at the college level.

Small comfort, perhaps, to an aggrieved minority (or majority), but an option.

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an automated recall system to see if patients are due for or behind on a vaccine and concerns about vaccine safety.

Paulette Gibbons, Boise native and mother of four, says every time she takes her children to the doctor, she takes the initiative to communicate.

"Of course I want my children to get their vaccinations, just like any other parent," Gibbons said. "I know that sometimes doctors and nurses can be busy and forgetful, so I like taking the time to talk to them about what my children need."

Gibbons says she keeps her own records of her children's vaccinations, as she pulls out four little booklets from her purse, and is in charge of their health care in that sense.

"I have these little books for each of my kids that tell

me what vaccinations a child should receive at what age," Gibbons said. "... I don't feel intimidated — I just ask (the nurses and doctors) and they are willing to help. I think they probably think I'm OCD or something, but it's reassuring to me to keep track of things myself."

Money issues can take a toll

Sexton said he is a believer in the use of vaccinations and preventative health care, but he said he worries about what the future may hold.

"If we don't get our kids vaccinated, these diseases will come back around and they will put kids in the hospital," Sexton said. "That costs thousands of dollars and it's something that could have theoretically been avoided with a \$50 vaccine."

Still, these vaccinations can prove to be too expensive for a struggling family and the Children's Defense Fund shows that one in nine

children nationwide lacks health insurance coverage.

"Some parents are faced with difficult decisions," Evenson said. "Many of them may ask themselves, 'Am I going to vaccinate my child or am I going to put dinner on the table?'"

These difficult choices could be cut down in the state, as Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter endorsed the state buying all required childhood vaccines through January 2010 back in August, after the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare announced it would no longer pay for the vaccines for children already covered by private insurance.

The governor had previously called for eliminating the state's vaccine program in this year's budget to save \$2.8 million.

The \$2.1 million needed to purchase the vaccines will fill a gap created when Health and Welfare made the cut to help offset its own \$20 million shortfall.

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of scale, departments would have to prove the university would be harmed and that

they are on a sustainable track. Joyce said it makes no sense to merge a department once those criteria are met.

"Why are they so much worse than a department with nine members?" Joyce asked.

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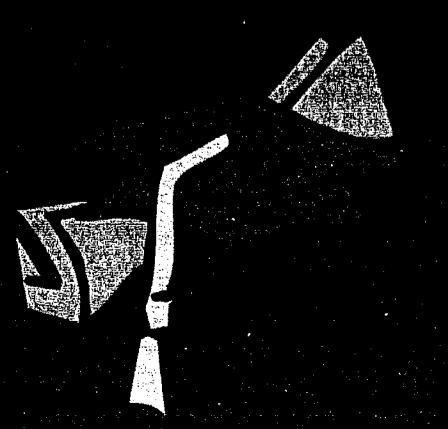
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Quick takes on life from our editors

Comfort items

This weekend I will watch "Miracle on 34th Street," bake cookies and build a gingerbread house. Life is good.

— Erin

Happy Challah-daze

Tonight is the first night of Chanukah. I'm beyond excited for lighting candles and making latkes with my in-laws. Heck, maybe we'll even sing. This holy day is definitely worth a drive to Coeur d'Alene.

— Kelsey

Finals, finally

Good luck to those with final exams, and congratulations to those graduating (Beau, Laura, Liz and Sydney especially). And may the Vandals and Texas Christian make it happen in the weeks to come.

— Marcus

Flex

Why does everyone buy the expensive meal plans with tons of flex money if they don't use it throughout the semester? I saw someone check out at Sixth Street Market last week with \$160 of junk food and soda pop.

— Jens

To all the grinches

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. I love the lights and decorations, the music and movies, the food and shopping and the snow. The holiday season brings out a warm and cozy feeling that I love, and it really gets me when people start talking about how they're over it all when it hasn't even started. So to all you grinchers out there, cheer up, the holidays are awesome.

— Elizabeth

Cake conundrum

One of my peers made carrot cake recently. Normally I don't go for carrot cake, so I found myself cornered: I didn't want to offend her by not eating the cake, but I didn't want to subject myself to something I found unappealing. These situations make my hair gray. On an entirely unrelated note, I don't care for the band Cake.

— Greg

History

This week, with the growing frustration that people aren't listening to him, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid compared those who oppose his idea for health care reform to those who filibustered the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I just find it ironic the only still-serving senator to be part of the filibuster is Robert Byrd, the democrat from West Virginia, whom Reid helped elect to President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Senator Reid, just because someone disagrees with you does not mean they are as bad as Senator Byrd.

— Jeffrey

Time to grow up

I'm excited for Christmas break to be able to take a moment to breathe. I've been so burnt out this semester that I'm looking forward to a fresh start in the spring. Awesome thing is, it's my last semester of college.

— Jennifer

Standing for stupidity

So I recently found out about this Web site called StandForChristmas.com. It rates different retailers on how "Christmas friendly" they are. Mostly the criteria for this is employees saying "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays," and playing Christian related Christmas music. For example, Best Buy is berated on this site for recognizing the Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha (that coincidentally celebrates an event Christians believe in too) and saying "Happy Holidays." Great, so let's take a holiday about forgiveness and renewal and use it to create a narrow-minded and religiously oppressive movement.

— Jake

No excuse to vandalize

Better options to get point across than to deface property

Posters for ex-Playboy Playmate Rebekka Armstrong's speech about being HIV-positive depicted her nude (her private parts were covered) with an IV pole attached to her. After the poster was displayed in the Idaho Commons, the photo was obscured by stickers stating, "This insults women."

One struggles with the question of what's worse: possibly degrading women or vandalizing property?

Whether or not the image was degrading to women, there is no reason to vandalize someone's property.

Twice this semester, a secular humanist billboard was vandalized. The standard way to get one's

point across is to bring the possibly offending material to the attention of someone with the capability of changing it. This is certainly a more socially acceptable option than defacement. Someone willing to vandalize property like this doesn't belong at a university so much as they belong in a third grade art classroom where they can paste whatever they want on colored construction paper.

The purpose of the poster was to attract an audience to an AIDS awareness speech. While the content was shocking and distinctive, it was a fresh take on a subject that is losing attention. It could've been something cliché with dra-

matic font and red AIDS ribbons, but the designer used an out-of-the-box idea. There should be some credit given for originality, even as it danced along the thin line of decency.

According to Kelsey LaRoche of Vandal Entertainment, the poster has been shown on many college campuses and has only received criticism from three.

College students are adults who by now have most likely experienced nudity before. Placing stickers haphazardly over the photograph won't change the message or impact, so what's the point in doing it?

— KS

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Street view goes viral

Big brother is at it again, and by big brother I mean Google, of course. Its popular mapping software has been one of the company's staples for the past five years, giving ordinary citizens the power of God to spy on any location with its popular street view, as well as giving new meaning to the phrase, "Hey, I can see my house from here."

Up until recently, small suburbs, alleyway apartments and remote locations that were too small for the ever-roaming Google mapping cars to get to, were safe from Google's ever-expanding web. However, I am here to introduce to you the most horrifying piece of technology ever witnessed, one that will make every street, avenue, alley and remote part of the world visible: The Google Trike.

The Google Trike is part ice-cream cart, part Terminator — a small cart, on which an all-seeing camera is mounted, attached to an ordinary bicycle. According to Google, the Trike weighs 250 pounds and requires "a specially trained, super fit rider."

The concept for the idea is the brainchild of Daniel Ratner, a senior mechanical engineer, who is currently involved with Google.

"I began thinking about building a bicycle-based street view system after realizing how many interesting places around the world — ranging from historic landmarks to beautiful trails to shopping districts — aren't accessible by car," said Ratner, in a press conference held by Google.

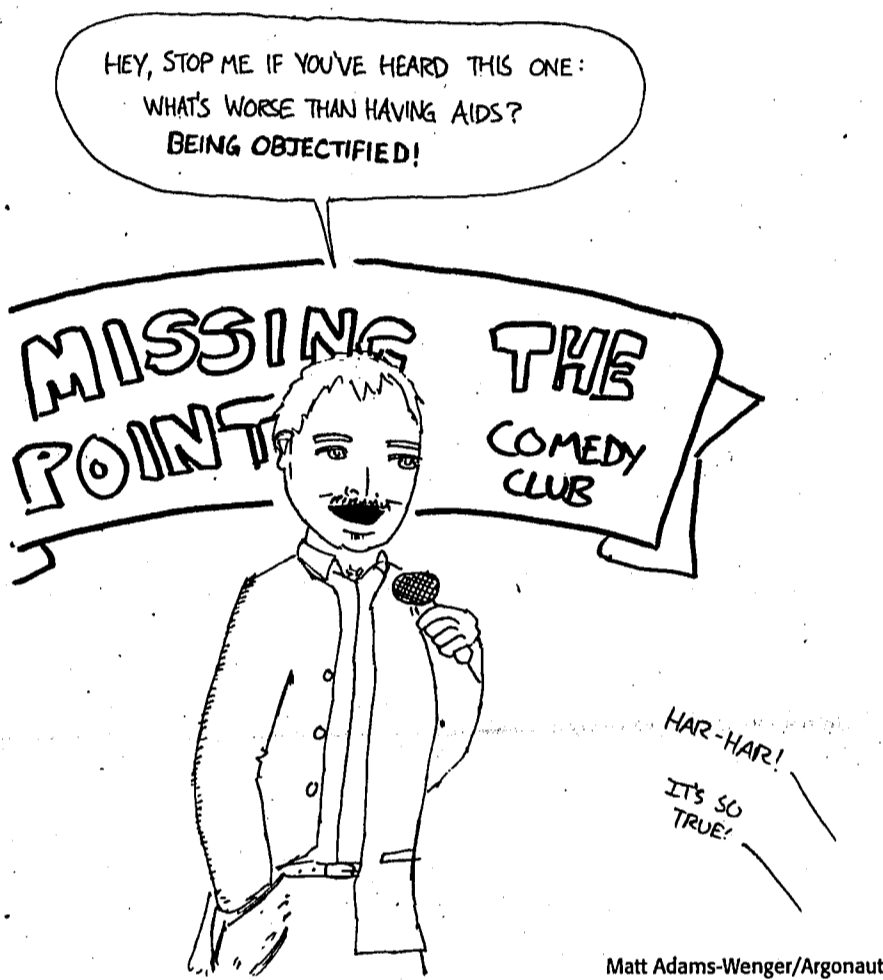
After spending the past few weeks touring the Italian countryside, the Trike is headed for the green pastures of England, where the stops will include Stonehenge and the medieval Scottish castles.

While mapping national and natural wonders is certainly an admirable cause, one can't help but worry about this contraption eventually prowling every city alley in America.



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An undemocracy

Well, the U.S. Senate's version of the Stupak amendment — that is, the amendment that would effectively remove abortion coverage from any health care plans to be offered under the new health care legislation — failed on a vote of 54-45.

Read that again: it failed with a majority.

Though I have an opinion on the amendment, I'm content to keep it to myself today. Instead, I object to this tyranny of the minority, with the advice and consent of Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat from Nevada.

When Pennsylvanian Sen. Arlen Specter switched parties earlier this

year, he did not hand off control of the Senate as Jim Jeffords did in 2001. The

Senate was already Democratic, with a 59-vote majority; that party has held control of the chamber since the midterm election in 2006, when the Republicans lost six seats and Democrats picked up five. To return to the point, Reid and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell agreed that amendments to the health care bill would require 60 votes in the affirmative.

As reported by U.S. News and World Report, an average of one filibuster per Congress (a two-year period) in the 1950s has

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Winter holiday side effects

What to expect this holiday season

The holiday season is upon us, and with it comes all kinds of, well, let's call them side effects. There is a commercial on TV right now meant to promote a certain sleep aid drug. The commercial is funny at times, a little sad at others and ends on a high note, with everyone happy. This is what I imagine a commercial for the holiday season might be like, complete with the very long list of common side effects. Modifying the list from the commercial slightly, I have put together my own list of holiday side effects, divided by event, that may be experienced by more than 1 percent of the population.



Erin HARTY Argonaut

panied by the covering of all the mirrors in the house until the holidays are over.

Heartburn — Enough said.

Family get-togethers

Difficulty with coordination and slurred speech — These two commonly go hand in hand and may be experienced after a few glasses of wine, overindulging in the eggnog or even eating too many of Aunt Louise's rum balls.

Anxiety — Can accompany holiday get-togethers where any family is present, but is most common with in-laws, parents of your girlfriend or boyfriend and just knowing you will have to converse with your twice-removed uncle who leaves his shirt unbuttoned to his navel.

Confusion — Usually brought on by the large amount of family members you don't remember ever meeting, but they all seem to remember all the most embarrassing times of your childhood.

Fatigue — Muscles around your mouth may begin to twitch, and you may experience the need to lie down and sleep for long periods of time. Resist this behavior and continue to smile.

Depression — While this side effect can be found in any category, it is most pronounced at family get-togethers, where you may be forced to sit at the kids' table, even after your 21st birthday, because your emotionally sensitive cousin Lulu brought her on-again, off-again boyfriend, leaving no room at the adult table.

Vision changes — Either induced by unshed tears of overwhelming holiday spirit, or

Holiday meals

Daytime drowsiness — This side effect is also known as turkey fatigue. It may also be a very good excuse to get away from your houseguests for short amounts of time.

Binge eating — This is by far the most common side effect of the holidays. This may be more pronounced if you are feeling another side effect of the holidays (see depression).

Nausea — Most noticeable after unbuttoning your pants to accommodate the extra intake of food, just to realize your pants are not large enough, and you may have to change into sweats.

Constipation — This most commonly occurs after eating too many sweets and not partaking of the roughage available on the buffet table. These might include ants on a log, carrot salad and any mixture of roasted nuts (preferably the good kind without all the peanuts).

Self-loathing — This usually occurs several hours after the meal and is most often accom-



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the tears of boredom after hearing Uncle Ernie retell the story of losing the tips of both his pinkie fingers 20 years ago.

Religious and church celebrations

Memory problems — Occurs most often after the priest, rabbi, pastor, etc. approaches you and asks, "When is the last time you attended a service?"

Muscle pain — Being the holidays, you have probably not had the opportunity or motivation to

go to the gym, which is why this side effect is most common during religious celebrations where you may be required to get on and off your knees continually and shake hands with neighbors.

Disorientation — This is seen in people who attend services only during the holidays, often with long periods of time in between. Upon entering the church, you may become confused, unsure if you are actually in the right place.

Hallucinations — Refer to Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Other side effects may include, but are not limited to: dizziness, headaches, strange behavior, loneliness, a temptation to change your name and leave no forwarding address, severe overreaction, envy and feelings of inadequacy.

The holiday season is meant to bring cheer and joy. The side effects above are not permanent. If they should occur, take deep breaths, put a smile on your face and wait it out. It only lasts a few short weeks.

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Correspondence with our readers

Offensive posters

In response to concerns raised about the poster/advertisement for Thursday's speaker, the UI Women's Center staff is issuing the following statement:

While the Women's Center/LGBTQA Office contributed to the program of events planned in observance of World AIDS Day at the University of Idaho, we were not involved in the choice of HIV-positive Playmate Rebekka Armstrong as the major speaker on Thursday evening. Furthermore, when we saw the poster/newspaper ad that was being used to promote the event, we were offended by the blatant Playboy image, believing that it not only objectifies women, but sends the wrong message about the overall purpose of the week of HIV/AIDS awareness raising activities and takes away from the seriousness of the issue. We also believe that using such images is not only offensive, but creates a hostile climate for women on this campus and potentially puts them in harm's way.

We asked that a different image be used and our name be removed from the list of sponsors for this particular event. While our name was indeed removed from the poster, event organizers chose to retain the image.

We are deeply disappointed and ask that those who share our sentiments write letters of concern to the editor of The Argonaut or to the Dean of Students.

UI Women's Center Staff

Sexism is a social disease

This letter is in response to the article "HIV-positive ex-Playmate speaks about AIDS at UI" in the Tuesday edition of The Argonaut.

What that story did not tell you was that after taking the stage, one of the very first things Rebekka Armstrong said was that she heard about a "little controversy" regarding her promotional photos, which were used to publicize the event.

She continued by saying, "Playboy was a part of my life and it pulls people in... I'm glad we can use it."

And use it she did, by publicizing herself on our campus with a sexually charged photo very much in the likeness of a Playboy image. Not only does this insinuate that sexual transmission is the only way to contract HIV, but she only very briefly addressed practical HIV prevention in an anecdotal flop that left her peeling a snapped condom off her arm.

I attended the event personally to say to Ms. Armstrong myself that as a woman I didn't agree with her campaign strategy, and apparently, neither did the Women's Center on campus or the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Ally) Office who pulled their names from the event.

Armstrong told the audience she was not prepared to lose her virginity when she did. She said she didn't want to have sex, but "something" told her she needed to.

There is an important connection to be made here, in that Armstrong didn't feel good about herself as a young woman. She

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Merry Christmas

It seems like the Christmas story is not told these days, outside of "A Charlie Brown Christmas." So at the risk of having a Charlie Brown moment, I want to present the Christmas story.

This is not meant to discourage the celebration of different holidays or the celebration of the completely separate secular Christmas, but it is for those who are interested in expanding their understanding of cultural celebrations, and as a reminder for those who do choose to celebrate the religious Christmas.

"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city."

"Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife,

who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.'"

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'"

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Climate change is real

Why don't you think climate change is real?

I'm not sure I understand why climate change is the subject of partisan debate like it is. It exists. There are decades of research and googols of data backing up that assertion. So assuming you're willing to discount all of that — and many certainly are — then my question is, why? Who benefits from falsifying the existence of global warming? What secret sinister plot is at the root of trying to reduce carbon emissions?

The data says and has said for some time that human interaction with the atmosphere is causing global warming. Every legitimate measure of man's effect on nature has demonstrated this. If things as simple and visceral as ice caps melting and sea levels rising don't do it for you, then there are literally hundreds of studies and publications you could read instead, and they'd all say the same thing: global warming is happening. We're not entirely sure why, or entirely clear on how, but it is.

I feel like the only reason we're having this conversation is due to the recent uproar over stolen e-mails from the University of East Anglia in England. Of course, the uproar isn't that they were stolen, or that they are utterly innocuous in their entirety, but that the usual suspects in the media noise machine are trying to hold them up as the proof conservatives have known was out there all this time, proof that climate change is a hoax and that climatologists have been lying to us all along.

For the record, here are the facts: the e-mails were stolen. Documents were removed from a private dumpster behind a chain-link gate, past a "no trespassing" sign.

Nothing in the stolen e-mails is new, or represents any kind of shocking revelations at all. I know Glenn Beck is saying they do, so let me counter some of his and others' more fallacious claims.

The e-mails refer to a "trick" being used to "hide the decline" in temps. All that refers to is adjusting the data received since 1960 from tree rings to reflect instrumental temperature data.

Nobody who knows what they're talking about thinks there's anything wrong with that.

Apparently the e-mails show one scientist lamenting his inability to prove global warming, saying it's a "travesty." If all you read was the one sentence including the word "travesty" you might think that's what he meant. But, again, in context, it's clear he's talking about his disappointment in being unable to properly measure and explain short-term cooling trends. No doubt in his mind about climate change.

Maybe the biggest claim made about these e-mails is that they show scientists conspiring to blackball "Climate Research," a journal that published a paper that dissented with the consensus on climate change. The fact here is that "Climate Research" published a paper that was regarded poorly in the scientific community for its lack of methodology. It was, quite simply, a bad paper, one that should not have been published. Following its publishing, the editor-in-chief of the journal resigned, saying he disagreed with the journal's peer-review policies.

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escalated to 52 filibusters in 2007-2008.

The '50s weren't the carefree "Leave It to Beaver" days popular perception has pegged them to be, either: the U.S. dealt with the Korean War, the Cold War and the popularization of the bikini during that time, as well as a renewed interest in civil rights legislation.

The filibuster, and more broadly, the Senate, is undemocratic. That doesn't preclude a legitimate defense of the procedure or the body, but its routine use has led to a scenario wherein a few Senators can receive whatever accommodation they wish. It's very hard to be a single Senator precluding action, but it is significantly less difficult to be the third or fourth.

Last year, Connecticut voted 61 percent for Obama against 38 percent for McCain,

and a Research 2000 poll puts Connecticut's support for the public option at 68 percent. Lieberman campaigned for McCain and has threatened a filibuster over the public option. That's not to call him a bad man, and I don't mean to meddle in another state's affairs, but it tells me the support he got against Democrat Ned Lamont in 2006 was not from the party's Democrats.

Howard Dean once declared he was in the "Democratic wing of the Democratic party." It's clear that wing isn't controlling things in the upper chamber. Senators from Montana (population 967,400), Nebraska (population 1,783,432) and Nevada (population 2,600,167) are. That's the way we're presently set up.

A few moderates who object to proposals supported by 52 others — abortion restrictions, the public option, expanded subsidies to provide coverage — wield the power. Heaven forbid elections have consequences.

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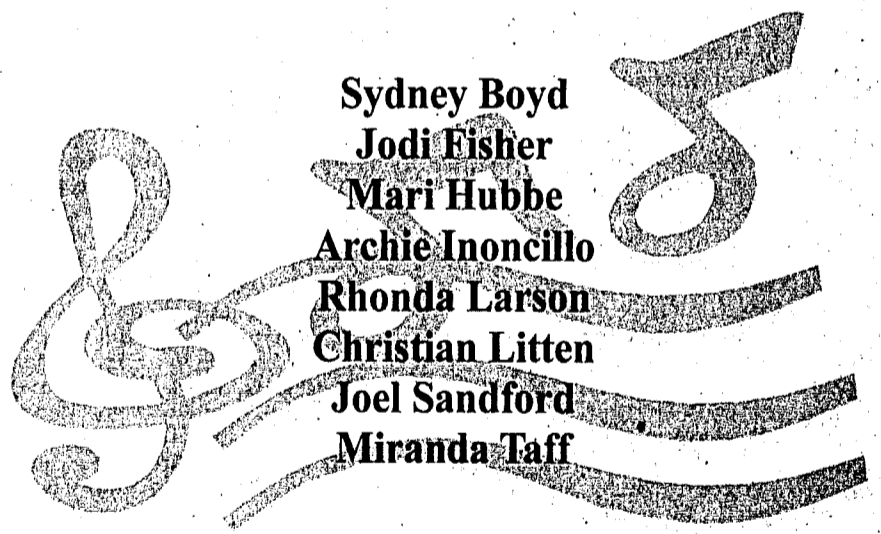
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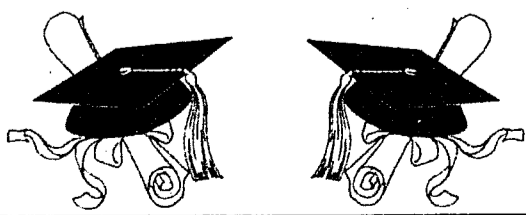
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Journalism's knock-off handbags

An odd twist in the death of journalism in America has seen outlets such as TMZ gain credence as respectable news sources. This is ironic and asinine given the nature of both.

Journalism in America is probably the last thing that deserves to be defended, but in no way, shape or form should the newfound blog media be compared to traditional journalism. Each plays by a different set of rules and is held to a different set of standards.

The Tiger Woods fiasco is the perfect example of this. Traditional news outlets have come under fire for being slow and unresponsive in gathering information. TMZ and other new media outlets were willing to publish any and every bit of information available with no regard to its validity.

Some of it was correct, some of it was false, but readers deemed the false information unimportant. If newspapers published the smallest hint of misinformation it is grounds for uproar. It takes time and skill to get facts from legitimate sources.

When TMZ and other new media started out it was not seen as journalism, but they have continued to successfully report news in a timely fashion. This has slowly led to the notion that they are on par with traditional news outlets despite the fact for every correct piece of news published an incorrect one is also published.

In Naples, Italy, vendors sell knock-off designer handbags on every sidewalk and corner shop. At first glance, it is rather tough to tell the fraudulent bags from their Louis Vuitton and Dolce and

Gabbana counterparts. At least, it is for a man with little handbag expertise.

While the fake bags look good to start with, in a month or so they tend to fall apart, leaving the buyer left with egg on his or her face. The fake bag and the real bag may appear similar, but it would be inappropriate to hold them to the same standards.



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If an authentic high-end handbag fell apart after a month the buyer would be entitled to a replacement and the maker would have some questions to answer. People should not expect the quality of the authentic handbag at the price of the fake.

That is exactly what people are doing with traditional journalism. There is a desire for a quick, almost reckless, release of news but with the same credibility of old. That request is simply not feasible.

This is not to say the new media reporting does not have a place or traditional journalism cannot learn anything from it. Unlike the designer handbag market, traditional news media is desperate for someone, anyone, to pay attention.

People pay attention to new media reporting but it is important to note that it is not journalism. It may appear as journalism but, like the fake handbag, it is more likely to fall apart.

Journalism in America needs to change, but it can not alter the commitment it has to truth. It is fine to buy fake handbags and read new media reporting, but it can never take the place of the authentic version.

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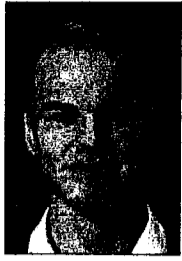
Beyond Nativities

At this time of year, all of us, even those who do not consider themselves religious, are likely to read or to hear the Christmas story at least once. Whether we believe the Biblical story to be powerful and true, imaginative and symbolic, or contrived and superstitious, it is worth a fresh look.

Most are probably familiar with the main characters and key scenes, but those who have watched Christmas plays and seen elaborate nativity scenes may be surprised at the shortness and simplicity of the story as it is found in Matthew and Luke. It is really not what you might expect; given all the hoopla surrounding it today. It is even less what you would expect from an ancient mythical narrative. Rather than being fantastical, effusive and elaborate, the approach in the nativity stories is very reserved, straightforward and factual. In short, they read like they were written by a tax collector (Matthew) and a doctor (Luke), not by a great storyteller or spiritual guru.

It is true that there are many myths from cultures around the world that describe a god who becomes a man and dies, but this only makes the historical style of the nativity stories all the more odd. C.S. Lewis, a professor of literature at Oxford, said he had dismissed

the stories about Jesus as just another of the dying god myths which were so common, and when he read the New Testament seriously for the first time, he was shocked to find that it was written not as a myth, but as a history — the authors actually believed that they had witnessed the events they were describing.



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Lewis says he then realized that all these other myths were foreshadowing, pointing ahead to the moment when the event actually happened, when myth became fact. The Jews, however, had no such mythical background to prepare them, and in the Gospels we find them simply recording, in a straightforward manner, the miraculous events they were witnessing. They were as surprised as anybody.

However, the nativity is just the beginning, because if we continue reading, we begin to discover the incredible reason behind it. We discover that it is God's intention to bring us into a relationship with Him, to make us like Him as He transforms us into what we were meant to be: creatures of unimagined beauty, power, and love, created to enjoy Him forever.

Jesus coming to earth in the nativity is the first step. God becomes a man in order to bring mankind back to God. This is an unimaginable event, but it is only the first glimpse of a God who promises to return in all His glory to complete the process of drawing us into Him, to restore the universe to its rightful state, and to destroy suffering, death, and sorrow.

Therefore, the key image of the Christmas celebration is not the nativity, but the return of Christ. Just as the myths of the dying gods were glimpses, foreshadowing the event of the nativity, the nativity itself is a glimpse, foreshadowing the time when God ap-

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pears, not as a child, but as the ruler of the universe.

The most beautiful songs we can sing and the greatest joy we can express are nothing compared to the true excitement and power of the event we are

celebrating. As we begin to understand this, it is easier for us to see why Christians are always talking about losing the "true meaning of Christmas." To leave out the coming of Christ is not to crop one edge from the picture; it is to lose the whole thing. It is to miss the purpose not just of the season, but of life.

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STREET

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Ratner said the goal of the Google Trike is to eventually allow tourists to look at every location they wish to visit virtually without even going there.

Our culture is used to instant gratification and ease of use. Everything can be done online these days — from ordering a pizza to watching the news to buying a book. Why go to a store when you can buy everything you need in the comfort

of your own home from Amazon?

My fear is the same logic will follow with travel. Will a culture so built on ease of use really want to spend time and money to travel to exotic locations when Google is promising to give you the same views and details as if you were there, only from the privacy of your own computer?

One can't help but feel that, with this latest invention, we as a species are moving toward becoming the Eloii, the creatures which H.G. Wells

described as the future of civilization in his classic novel The Time Machine. The Eloii, having solved all problems that required strength, intelligence, or virtue, had undergone significant physical and mental deterioration and slowly become dissolute, frail animals.

Too much information can be worse than too little. Perhaps some things of the world are best left unmapped and uncharted by the monster that is the World Wide Web.

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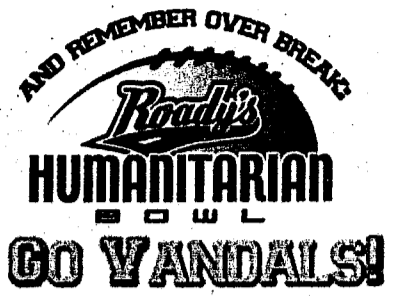
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THE ARGONAUT

Happy Holidays from the staff of The Argonaut



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starved herself, had sex when she wasn't ready and then became a Playboy model. Armstrong's manipulative and objectifying campaign strategy is a part of that "something" that sends a negative message to young women, but now under the pretense of a different cause.

I don't buy it, and I know there are other intelligent young women on our campus who don't either.

Emily Hays
Junior, French, English and Anthropology

Parking woes

The 2008 results of the City of Moscow's Citizen Survey show that the amount of available public parking received 53 out of 100 points from respondents.

My sister recently got a parking ticket after leaving her car in downtown Moscow overnight. This wasn't the first time she's been ticketed for this reason, and I've also had the same experience more than once. The exact violation is "3 a.m. - 6 a.m. zone" and the fine is \$25.

My sister and I don't live within walking distance of downtown, so one of us usually drives when we go to the bars. I like to think of it this way: a cab fare will never be as expensive as the penalties of a DUI - the fine itself can be up to \$1000.

The Moscow Police Department should not be ticketing people for

leaving their cars parked downtown between 3 and 6 a.m. It just doesn't make sense. It's as if they're encouraging people to drive home from the bars, knowing that the overwhelming majority will be over the legal blood-alcohol content limit.

Section 4-10 of the City of Moscow Ordinance, Title 11-Traffic, states, "A downtown zone which prohibits parking between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. is hereby established. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on a public street within said zone between [these hours] on any day."

Assistant Chief David Duke informed me that parking is prohibited during these hours to give the city a chance to clean up the streets. I wondered - does street cleaning actually occur every night? And is it really more important than keeping drunk drivers off the roads?

He also told me where he believed all-night parking is allowed. After leaving the police department, I went to find this holy grail of overnight downtown parking. There it was on First and Second streets between Washington and Main - a mere two blocks in its entirety. These parking spots are most likely all occupied on Friday and Saturday nights, leaving everyone else with the options of either driving drunk or getting a ticket.

The Parking Enforcement's revenues from fines and vehicle boots in 2008 totaled \$155,351. If this 3 a.m. - 6 a.m. zone cannot be entirely eliminated,

why doesn't the city at least expand the area where parking is allowed throughout the night instead of continuing to make money by ticketing responsible citizens?

Kristen Fullmer
sophomore, Public Relations

Ignoring common ground

This letter is in response to the column "Good intentions" by Benjamin Ledford in the Dec. 4 issue of The Argonaut.

I try not to stick my nose into theological discussions. I don't balance angels or handle pins with much grace. Still, Benjamin Ledford's column criticizing the ecumenical Manhattan Declaration was flawed in ways that stretch beyond ecclesiastical division, and I felt moved to comment.

Pursuing his main argument leads to rocky territory if you dig a bit below the surface. He argues that the meeting bears a "fatal flaw," namely that the ecumenical lines "were not worth crossing" because it somehow misleads people about the true path to God. Heaven forbid. Literally.

This view would be inconsequential if it wasn't so fraught with unstated

xenophobia. Ledford writes, "At least one side is wrong," and concludes that the meeting wasn't worth the risk to "the eternal destiny of souls." Strong stuff. If even Christians shouldn't discuss common interests, how should we view people of other faiths and cultures, people we legitimately have little in common with culturally? History speaks for itself on the results of using this, "I'm right and you are wrong" approach to inter-cultural interaction.

Ironically, this column was published the same week that a study from the University of Chicago made a splash with revelations that, when asked, "What does God believe?" the answer is nearly always the same as asking, "What do you believe?" Our own psychology apparently reinforces Ledford's xenophobic premise while simultaneously highlighting its absurdity. Ledford implies that it is better to isolate ourselves than reach for common goals. Given the company Jesus kept, I think this is a perplexing position.

As a person with minority religious views and someone who values multiculturalism, I find this philosophy deeply trou-

bling. Let's reach out with open minds, rather than making our interactions conditional on cultural or theological belief.

Jens Hegg
Graduate student, Water Resources

Prayer for Obama (Psalm 109:28[sic]).

A bible verse recently made Google's Trends list of most-searched items. The reason was a new line of bumper stickers and other paraphernalia sporting the slogan "Pray for Obama - Psalm 109:8."

That verse reads: "May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership."

Some portray this as a joke. But the very next verse continues: "May his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow."

There is a bitter irony here. Psalm 109 is a plea for vindication against attackers. The psalm begins and ends with the psalmist's own prayers for protection (vv. 1-5, 20-31). The intervening passage (including v. 8) quotes the accusers' slanders and curses.

Biblical Hebrew doesn't explicitly mark quotations, but here it signals one

through shifting pronouns. The psalmist seeks defense against a "they" (plural) who falsely "accuse me" (singular). The hateful imprecations of vv. 6-19, meanwhile, are directed against a single man; their "may he... / may his..." petitions reflect curses maliciously hurled against the psalmist. This is clearly marked in some translations ("They say..." [v. 6. NRSV, NIV footnote...]).

To fellow Christians tempted to propagate this nasty "Pray for Obama" meme by hitting the forward button (let alone by displaying it on a bumper, laptop or T-shirt), I say: please reflect and repent.

We might well pray Psalm 109 on Obama's behalf. If so, let's not stupidly and maliciously invoke the curses of the psalmist's accusers. Instead, let's recall his own final words of trust in a God who stands beside those wrongly vilified and threatened (vv. 28ff): "They may curse, but you will bless; when they attack they will be put to shame, but your servant will rejoice. ... For [the Lord] stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him."

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Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

By just looking at her, you can't tell what her dreams and aspirations are. But on the small of her neck behind her ear is a nautical star filled in with black and white to represent the value she places on life and the path she wishes to travel.

Megan Kimberling, a senior at the University of Idaho, got her first tattoo two years ago when she was only a sophomore in college.

In high school, getting a tattoo was one of the activities that Kimberling said she thought was cool but never actually wanted to get. It wasn't until college she was getting her name tattooed on her

neck and she had an intricate tattoo of a nautical star on the back of her neck. Kimberling said she wanted a tattoo artist and owned a tattoo studio in Moscow, Idaho. She was building a relationship with the tattoo artist when Kimberling decided she wanted a tattoo. It took her over a year to go through with it. Kimberling has two tattoos and said she always takes plenty of time researching each tattoo she chooses.

"I'm not going to get something on my body without knowing what it means," Kimberling said.

Her first tattoo is what Kimberling calls her "sister tattoo" — the nautical star on the back of her neck. Her second tattoo is a nautical star on the back of her neck. Kimberling said she got the tattoo because she and her sister, Sadie, got together.

The nautical star is a symbol for sailors to help them find their paths at sea, and for Kimberling and her sister, the star not only represents finding their own paths in life, but also identifying with the roots of their family.

From the small town of

Garfield, Wash., Kimberling has always had dreams of getting out of the area and producing music. She and her sister started a family an important part of their lives and they want to run away from it.

For some, women getting tattoos seems to be an unusual custom, but it is also significant for other people. The earliest known examples of tattoos on humans were found on the bodies of female mummies dating back to circa 2000 B.C. at the Smithsonian Institution.

When men excavated the tombs, they found tattooing was an existing practice in Egypt. Excavators found female mummies with low status tattoos. They were often taken to the tombs with the burials, and it turned out the woman was the wife of a tattoo artist and owned a tattoo studio in Moscow, Idaho.

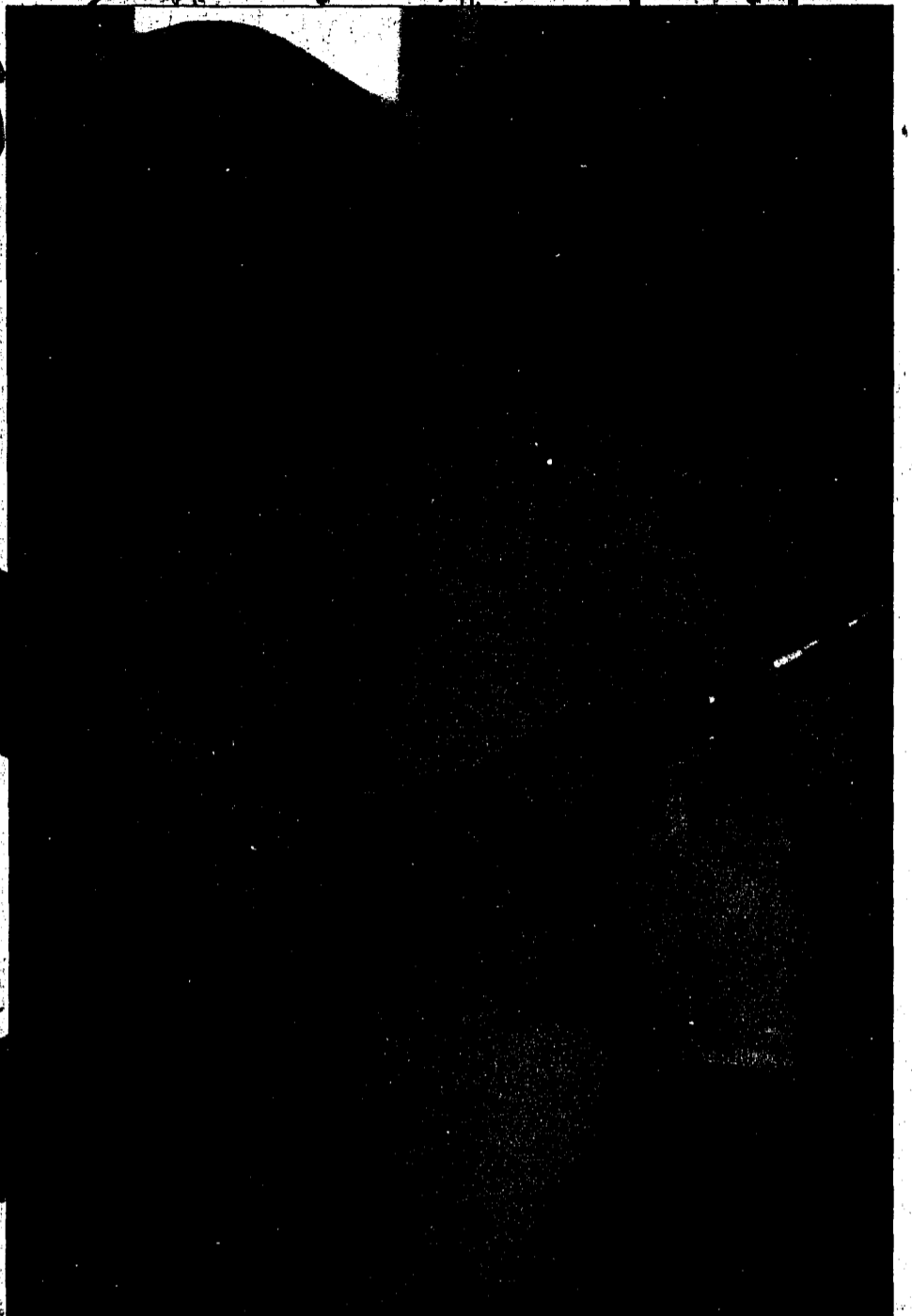
Franklin, tattoo artist and owner of Untamed Art, has been tattooing for 20 years. He said the ratio of men getting tattoos has increased in the last 10 years.

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about eight different tattoos she'd like to add to her current two, one that includes two sparrows that represent her mom and dad.

"I'm sure I won't be done," Kimberling said. "There might be a whole decade before I get another one done or I could end up with 40 tattoos by the time I die."

Holiday concert not in Kibbie Dome

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

This year's Lionel Hampton School of Music Holiday Concert, featuring the University of Idaho's jazz choirs and grade schools from around the area, will be held at Moscow Junior High School today instead of the Kibbie Dome.

Daniel Bukvich, a music professor and director of UI's jazz choirs, said the move was partially due to the economy and partially because of staff changes.

"It's an expensive concert for a variety of reasons," Bukvich said. "It takes about 100 microphones and miles of cables. The gentlemen who produced that concert for us for many years no longer work at the university, that's the bottom line."

The concert includes elementary school, junior high and high school students from various regions of the Palouse. Bukvich said they have about 700 performers in the concert, and the normal attendance in the audience at the Dome is somewhere around 4,200. The Field House of the junior high for this year's concert

will only seat 1,200. He said in order to ensure that parents were able to watch the performance, tickets had to be handed out early and the seats have been completely filled. Bukvich said Moscow Junior High is letting them use the space for free, allowing them to continue offering the concert free of charge to attendees.

"There are a lot of people in Moscow and on campus to whom this concert, interestingly enough, means a lot," Bukvich said. "It's the start of their holiday season."

In a press release sent out Wednesday, UI announced that, due to the overflow, the concert will stream live on the Internet at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Those who wish to see the concert can visit <http://www.uidaho.edu/live>.

Bukvich said this venue may not be permanent, and that they will assess the results and how to move forward after the concert.

"It's an experiment for us, we're going to see how it works, and next year ... we'll figure out how to accommodate everyone who wants to come to the concert," he said.



Jake Barber/Argonaut
The University of Idaho Jazz Choir II rehearses for the Holiday Concert in the Kibbie Dome Dec. 10, 2008.

Nontraditional holiday songs

"Santa Stole My Girlfriend" - The Maine

This song came out last year when the album was released during the holiday season. The song is great all year, but it is even better this time of year. It's a bitter song about how the lead singer's girlfriend left him for Santa. "Please come back home and leave that fat man alone."



Amberly Beckman
Argonaut

"Don't Shoot Me Santa" - The Killers

This song is fantastic and has been around for the past few years. It's in The Killers' usual style, similar to the sound in their *Sam's Town* album. Lead singer, Brandon Flowers is reasoning with Santa for his life. The music video makes it even better — a deranged Santa keeping him tied up with tinsel in the desert.

"Together We'll Ring in the New Year" - Motion City Soundtrack

This is one of the more mellow songs on this holiday list. It's even mellow for Motion City Soundtrack. It's

a melancholy song about missing a love interest at New Year's Eve and having to spend the evening at a party alone. Unique for the holiday's typical warm and fuzzy tunes, this one is a more serious song.

"Winter Passing" - The Academy Is

This is another song about missing someone at the holidays. It is more upbeat than the Motion City Soundtrack song, but not much. "It's hard to face the holidays when you're looking for the words to say." It's a nice holiday song but again, not one to play for a pick-me-up.

"Making Christmas (Nightmare Before Christmas)" - Rise Against

This is the perfect song for anyone who loved "The Nightmare Before Christmas" or who loves "Rise Against." It closely follows the soundtrack from the movie, including Jack giving instructions on how to "make Christmas," but with a "Rise Against" flair. It has a harsher melody but equally beautiful harmonies.

quotePUZZLE

Matt Adams-Wenger
Argonaut

Here are some famous movie quotes, reworded to sound less slick. Can you figure out what they used to be?

"To be honest, my fair lady, I can't be moved to have an empathetic reaction."
"May the mysterious momen-

tum of the ethereal plane accompany you."

"My plan is to present the opposing party with a proposal to which he must acquiesce."

"Present me with the legally recognized means of monetary exchange."

"I was ready to submit from the moment you concluded your salutation."

"Hitherto I shall return."

"You are unable to process the unbridged or unaltered information being disseminated."
"Visually, I comprehend those

members of humanity who no longer share the same plane as we."

"Existence is similar to an assortment of confections, in that one can never be sure what confections he or she will have in his or her assortment."

"Present felicitations to my diminutive companion."

"I detect a certain yearning, a yearning only satiated by an extraordinary movement through space."

Stumped? Check the Web site, uidargonaut.com, for the answers.

Penniless gifting

Homemade gifts your way, and for cheap

Some people think that the cost of a gift is not what is important, and that what really matters is the thought behind it. As college students with limited resources, buying gifts for friends and family during the holidays might not be an option. Hoping that your friends and family adhere to the saying above, give

them some gifts that may require a little work, but won't cost you much, if anything. Using your imagination and items you find around your apartment or dorm room, you can create some homemade gifts that could either impress the recipient or have them hoping they don't draw your name next year.

Cliché college classics

If you want to appear to be domestic, the best homemade holiday gift is always food. It's all in the packaging. Try removing the macaroni and the cheese packet from your favorite brand of Mac 'n Cheese and putting it in your own festive packaging. Attach the directions and you have the equivalent of a cookie mix in a jar, without the hassle of layering ingredients.

Beer and soda tabs can be transformed into a gift for those who are eco-conscious and will make you look like an enlightened and green thinking gift giver. While this gift does take a little skill and time, tabs can be transformed into bracelets, purses, wallets and even dresses.

Box it up

Have a gift to give, but don't want to spend money on boxes or wrapping? Make your own origami boxes out of old magazines. Depending on the magazine, the box may be pretty enough to stand on its own and won't even require a gift to fill it. If you are really poor this holiday season, the box itself could be the gift — something for the recipient to use to hold paper clips, candy and spare change.

Warm gifts

For your family and friends in the Northwest, or anywhere equally as cold, you can give the gift of warmth. Not with a blanket or a pair of socks that cost \$4.99, but with homemade fire starters for their fireplaces. These easy to make gifts aren't only functional they are also attractive. Using an empty toilet paper roll, fill the inside with lint from the dryer. The more lint, the more flame. Then roll the tissue holder in a half-sheet of newspaper, tying the ends on

both sides. To use, simply put them with the kindle and other materials to begin a fire.

No skills?

You can also show your artistic side in your gifting, even if you don't have a creative bone in your body. Using pencil shavings, create a piece of art with some glue and colored pencils. It may not be a Monet or even a Picasso, but it will definitely be refrigerator door material, so don't forget to sign your name.



Erin HARTY Argonaut

For some, making homemade gifts is still too much of an effort. If you count yourself among these individuals, there is one other

option, aside from forgetting about gifts altogether — re-gifting. Use caution when re-gifting though. Never re-gift an item to the person who originally gave it to you. It is also a good idea to avoid re-gifting to anyone who was present when you received the item for the first time. Only re-gift items that have remained unused and make sure the gift is appropriate for the individual. For example, don't give a Virgin of Guadalupe car freshener to your Jewish friend during Hanukkah.

The holidays are supposed to be a festive time, and gifts are a way for people to show their love and appreciation for one another. Regardless of any gifts given or received, enjoy the holiday season.

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For more information or tutorials on some of the gifts above, visit uiargonaut.com.

HILARIOUS HYPNOTISM



Jake Barber/Argonaut
Magician/hypnotist/comedian Kevin Hurley has volunteers under hypnosis dance and pretend they are flying planes on stage in the Student Union Building Ballroom Tuesday evening. See a review of the show at uiargonaut.com.

This week in Hollywood

Tiger the pimp

A second porn star has been added to Tiger Woods' list of mistresses, bringing his total up to 13. A sports blog is reporting that the golfer had a lengthy affair with the big-breasted porn star Joslyn James during his visits to Las Vegas. However, Woods has not confirmed the claim ... big surprise, eh?

Rihanna's backward tat

Rihanna got her life motto tattooed on her chest ... backward. It reads, "Never a failure, always a lesson." She said she got it that way so she can read it when she looks in the mirror. How clever.

Khloé prego?

Khloe Kardashian is denying pregnancy rumors. Thank goodness, because do you know how hard it is to raise kids in a sham marriage? Really, really hard.

Lindsay lends a hand

Lindsay Lohan is in India to take part in a documentary about human trafficking. Because you know, she's an expert in

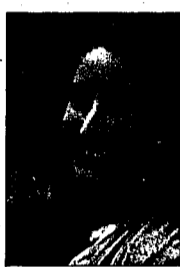
the suffering of women and children in impoverished countries.

Miley's clubbing attempts

Miley Cyrus was reportedly denied entrance into a Miami club for being underage. Come on people, she just wanted to sit and drink virgin piña colodas all night...

Shut up, and go back to Alaska

Levi Johnston, Bristol Palin's ex-boyfriend, said he is comfortable with being a gay icon and that he was never around any gay people in Alaska. Now that's a guy who's comfortable with his sexuality and with being objectified.



Stephanie HALE-LOPEZ Argonaut

Gosselin kids a wreck

Kate Gosselin said her eight children aren't doing too well now that they're off-camera. She said she picked them up from school and they were all sobbing because they miss the camera crew. Yeah, I bet they do miss them, they were the only normal adults around the set.

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commentary

Screamo: the best of 2009

Most people who know me will tell you I'm a big fan of heavy music. Screamo, melodic metal, post-hardcore — whatever you call it, if it's got distorted power chords, a double-kick pedal or vocals that are screamed, not sung, I'll probably like it.

Although my taste in music is fairly wide-ranging, I keep coming back to bands like Underoath, Norma Jean or Chiodos. Maybe it's nostalgia for the music my friends and I played in high school. Maybe I just like scaring away grandmothers. Whatever it is, I'm a sucker for a good mosh pit.

In coming up with my top five screamo albums of 2009, I struggled with which records to pick from. There are many bands with non-melodic vocals that don't fit into the niche purists call "screamo."

For simplicity's sake, I included any albums with vocals that are growled, screamed, yelled or otherwise spat out with intensity beyond a typical singing voice. Love it or hate it, here are my favorites of 2009:

1. Homesick - A Day To Remember

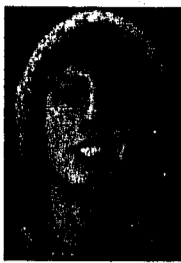
It took me a while to get into this record, but after seeing A Day to Remember at Warped Tour this year, I gave it a second chance. I was soon sucked in by the catchy blend of pop-punk choruses and brutal two-step beats. "NJ Legion Iced Tea" is one of my all-time favorite songs.

2. To Plant a Seed - We Came As Romans

I've got a good feeling about this band. I down-

loaded their four-song EP for free on PureVolume about a year ago. Since then, they've released a full-length debut that everyone's talking about.

What sets We Came As Romans apart from the rest? Orchestral, movie-soundtrack synth parts that meld perfectly with the grinding guitar riffs and dueling vocals.



Gus SIMPSON Argonaut

3. In Search of Solid Ground - Saosin

Finally — three years after their first album, Saosin released their sophomore record in early fall, and it did not disappoint. Although not exactly "screamo," I included it on the list because the music and melodies convey intensity many bands never achieve.

4. Son of the Morning - Oh, Sleeper

Two words — concept album. Oh, Sleeper's newest record is big, bold and imaginative, depicting an epic battle between heaven and hell. Who wins? You're going to have to listen to find out.

5. Plagues - The Devil Wears Prada.

No, not the 2006 Meryl Streep movie. The Devil Wears Prada has long been one of my favorite bands, and *Plagues* elevates them to a new level of songwriting skill. With sing-along choruses, creative breakdowns and memorable song titles (see "Wapocalypse" or "Assistant to the Regional Manager"), this album was on near-constant rotation in my car this summer.

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Easy cookies for a signature holiday

Christmas is not complete without sugar cookies. I always made these classics with my grandmother during the holidays. It was our yearly ritual to make the rich dough, roll it out and cut delightful shapes of Christmas trees, ornaments and snowmen.

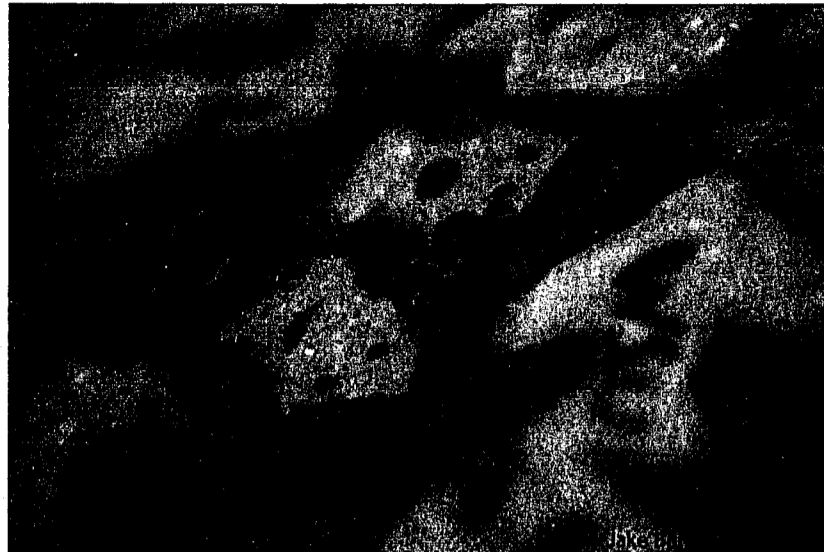


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Though my mother's family is Jewish, my father's side of the family is Christian. Baking cookies was my grandmother's secular way of sharing the Christmas season with me.

These cookies are rolled out and cut. If you prefer drop cookies, take rounded teaspoons of the dough and roll it into a ball, placing them two inches apart on the cookie sheet to allow for spreading.

Many of my grandmother's cookie cutters are heirlooms, handed down from her family. If you do not have such a wide array of cutters available, head over to Tri-State, which carries a huge selection of holiday cookie cutters this time of year. Pick up other cookie accessories there as well, like baking sheets and silicone bake mats. Bake mats provide a non-stick surface without Teflon, which can cause



cookies to burn on the bottom.

Make sure to wait until the cookies are cool before you start decorating. If you decorate while the cookies are still warm, the frosting will melt. Speed up the cooling process by removing the cookies from the sheet and placing them on a wire rack. This provides airflow, which is necessary for quick cooling.

Royal icing is a good choice for frosting sugar cookies. The gluey nature of the icing will allow sprinkles to stick, but it can have a bitter flavor. Try a basic butter cream for a rich frosting that will harden but still taste good.

Making your own sprinkles is

easy. Simply put a desired amount of sugar in a plastic sandwich bag along with a few drops of food coloring. Shake to combine and you have colorful sprinkles in a custom shade. Store the sprinkles in an airtight container or bag for best results.

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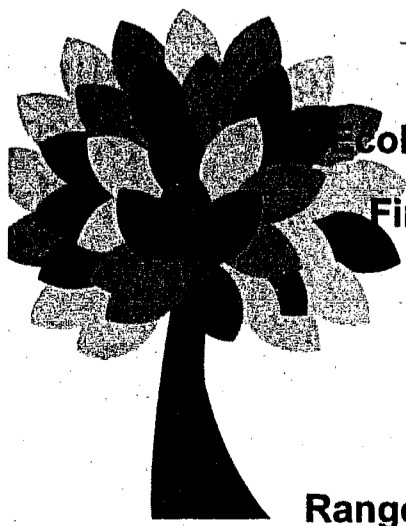
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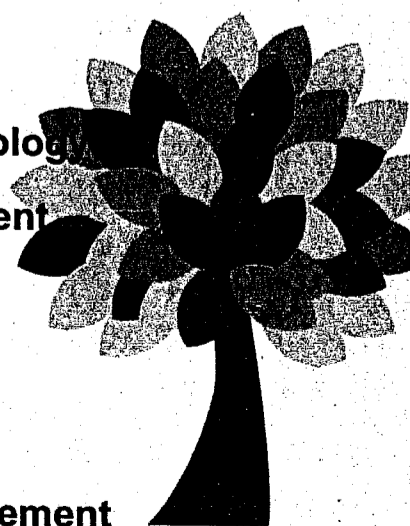
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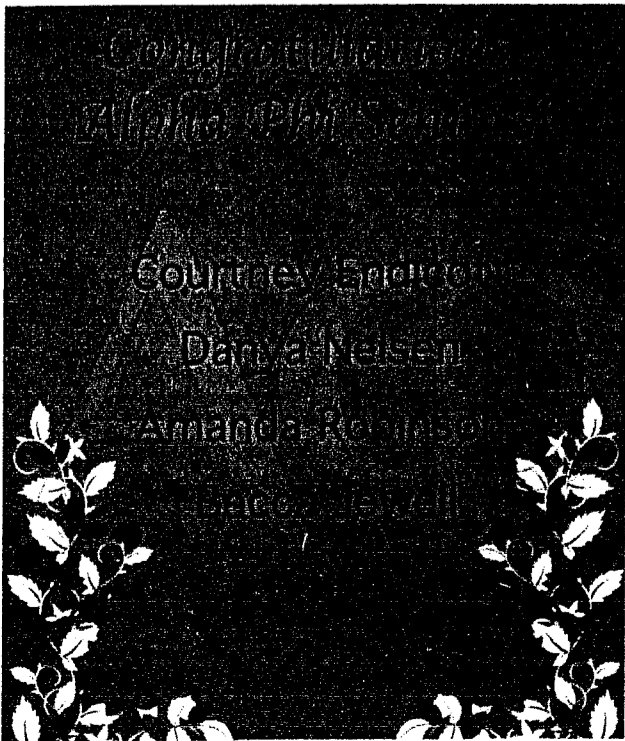
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Naughty or nice?

Lauren Paterson
Argonaut

Who gets the sweets and who gets the switch? University of Idaho students get real about what they're actually hoping Santa will bring and whether or not they deserve it.

Christine Locker, junior, Foreign Language and Literature

NICE - Why? "I have been kicking butt in German class."

Christmas wish: "To not have to do any cooking, cleaning or laundry for anyone— even myself."

Kevin Cloonan, junior, Plant Soil and Entomological Science

NICE - Why? "It has definitely been a dry spell."

Christmas wish: "My best friend's car. It's really nice."

Emily Williams, junior, Curriculum and Instruction

NICE - Why? "I study almost every day."

Christmas wish: "A Wii Fit, so I can hula hoop."

Katelyn Dillon, junior, Architecture and Interior Design

NICE - Why? "I haven't broken into any houses or apartments, or

stolen anyone's hat yet this year."

Christmas wish: "A mini computer or GPS."

Hannah Hart, junior, Curriculum and Instruction

NAUGHTY - Why? "Because being naughty is more fun."

Christmas wish: "Better grades next semester to make up for being naughty."

Claire Paterson, freshman, General Studies

NAUGHTY - Why? "My dorm is never clean."

Christmas wish: "A yoyo that lights up."

T.A.C.T.I.C.



Jake Barber/Argonaut

People sit in the Horizon Room on the fourth floor of the Idaho Commons Thursday to watch the film *Murder in the Snow* presented by Targeting Advocacy to Conserve Traditional Indigenous Cultures, or T.A.C.T.I.C. The film is about a group of mountain climbers that witnessed Chinese soldiers shoot a group of refugees fleeing Tibet. Check out the full T.A.C.T.I.C. story online at uiargonaut.com

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Wolf's best album to date

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Patrick Wolf is kind of ridiculous. He changes his hair color every time he releases an album. He gets in fights with bouncers. He wears elaborate costumes and gets Tilda Swinton to do guest vocals on various songs.

At the same time, he is down to earth. *The Bachelor*, Wolf's newest album, is like his third album, *The Magic Position*, as both are achingly personal. Both tell tales of heartbreak and both exhibit a wide range of styles. However, *The Bachelor* brings Wolf back to his roots by including a wide range of electronic instrumentation, similar to his first album, *Lycanthropy*.

Much of *The Bachelor* is devoted to songs about Wolf's father, who had cancer and has made a full recovery, with "Blackdown" and its partner "The Sun is Often Out" providing a glimpse into the grief of a son who wishes he had more time. "Blackdown" is also a standout instrumentally, ending with an uplifting Celtic swing showing how hopeful Wolf is for his and his father's future.



Patrick Wolf
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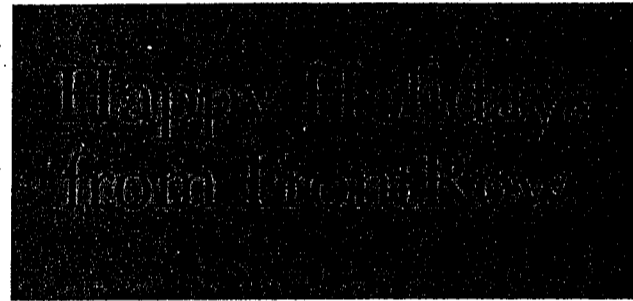
"Battle" is a return to the electronica that sets Wolf apart. The song is an anthem for gay rights, with abrasive percussion and heavy guitar.

Max Tundra, an influential electronic musician, produced the song with Wolf, and it shows his influence. "Vulture," a similar brooding song, was written after Wolf had a sexual encounter with a Satanist and witnessed Satanic rituals.

Both songs are personal, but each is valuable because they depict the human condition — full of despair and persecution, but also hope.

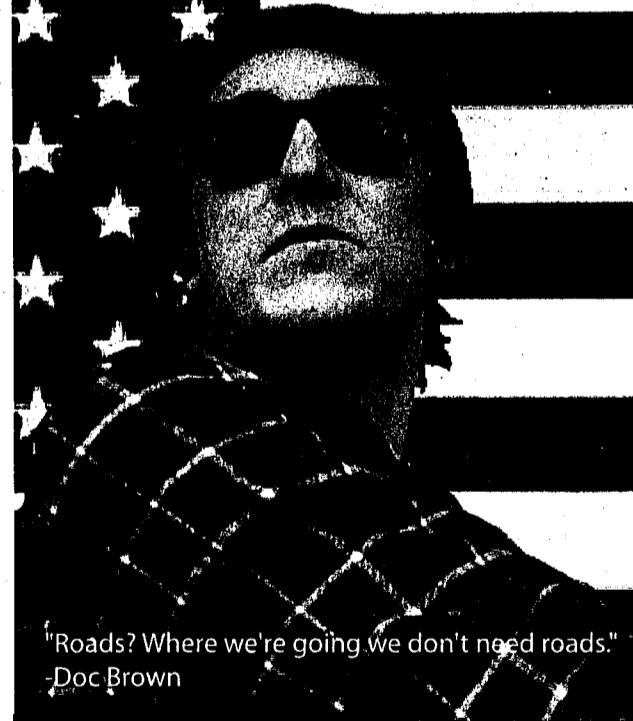
Wolf is remarkable not only for his personality, but his virtuosity. He plays almost every instrument on the album, and his rich baritone conveys his dramatic feelings. Swinton, an English actress, acts as the "voice of reason" on several songs, and Wolf has said she is meant to play his mother.

Overall, *The Bachelor* is a splendid fourth effort from Wolf. He has shown growth over his recording career, but he never departs from what makes his music irresistible.



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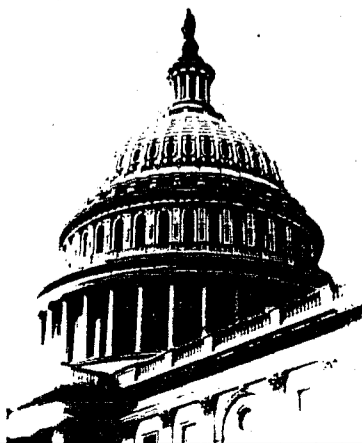
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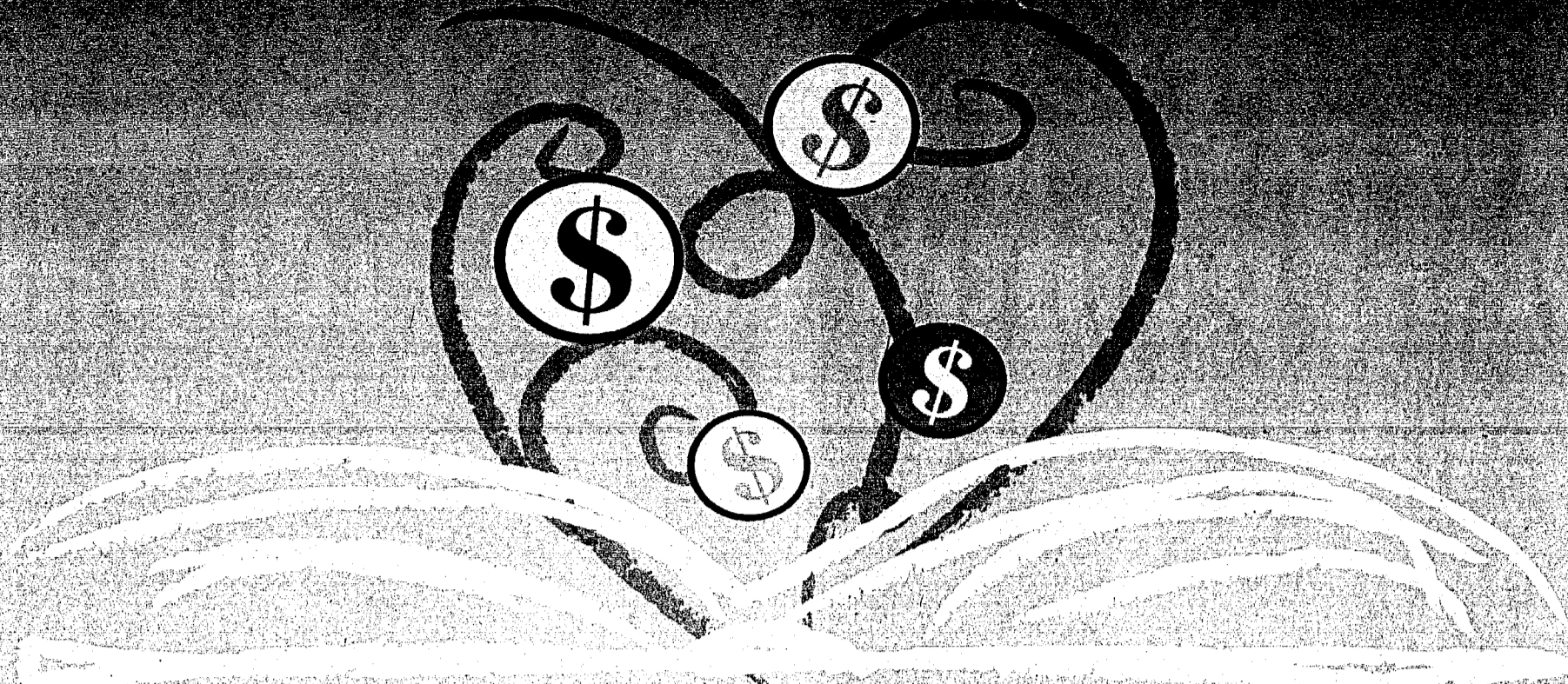
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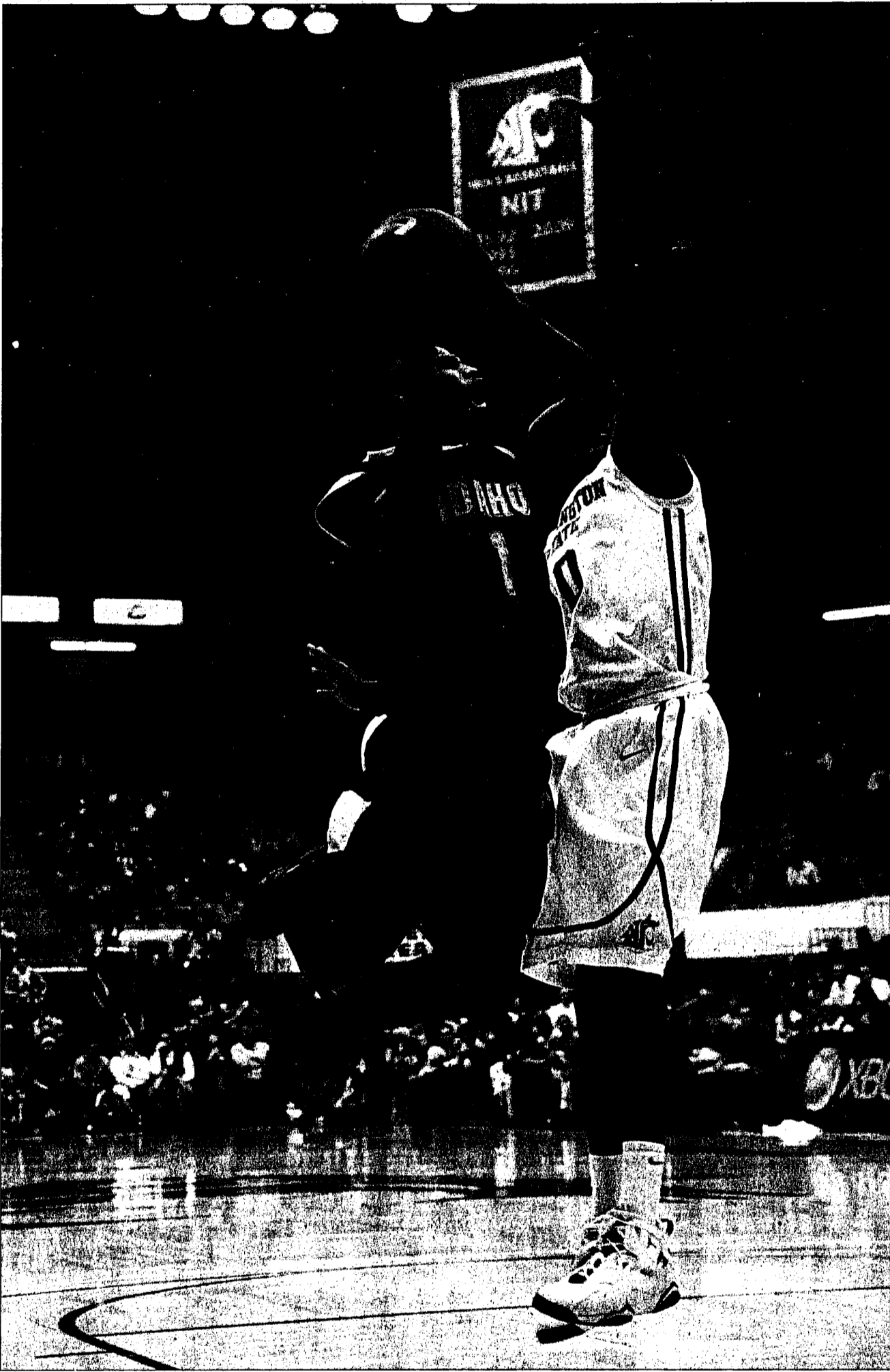
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Disappointment in Pullman



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Vandal guard Mac Hopson attempts a layup past Washington State guard Marcus Capers Wednesday evening in Pullman at Beasley Coliseum. The Vandals could not overcome a large 11-0 WSU run in the first two minutes of the second half. The Vandals lost the contest, 76-68, dropping to 5-3 on the season.

Lack of energy among starters, bench leaves Don Verlin embarrassed over loss

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

What seemed to be a quicker, more talented Idaho (5-3) men's basketball team Wednesday night against the Washington State Cougars (7-2) only turned into disappointment for Idaho coach Don Verlin.

"I think they really manhandled us in every phase of the game," Verlin said. "I thought they were coached better, I thought they played harder, I thought they were much more prepared than our basketball team tonight (Wednesday)."

Although the score remained close and Idaho grabbed the lead a few times in the first quarter, it wasn't enough. The Cougars stole rebounds and points off turnovers to earn the victory, 76-64.

Verlin said he thought the team was ready to play after a dominating victory against Portland last Thursday, but Idaho's energy was lost toward the end of the first half, and the Cougars went on a scoring run to widen the gap just a little bit more.

"I don't think we expended any energy tonight (Wednesday) because I think we played horrible," Verlin said. "I thought we didn't compete from the start."

A key for Idaho was to shut down WSU's Klay Thompson and if energy from the game against Portland was continued, Idaho could have been successful, but Verlin said the Vandals defended Thompson horribly.

"He got any shot he wanted, he went anywhere he wanted and we did a horrible job on him," Verlin said. "It showed by his shooting stats and he only played half the game."

Thompson finished with 25 points.

Going into the second

half with Idaho trailing 36-28, Idaho couldn't execute, throwing up shot after shot with nothing going in. The Cougars would steal Idaho's surge of energy again, going on a 21-2 run, hitting their first five shots. Miscommunication from the offense between the Vandals caused several turnovers — mistakes the Cougars took advantage of.

Verlin tried to throw in bench players, expecting more energy out of them, but he saw the same results.

"There's no excuse for it," Verlin said. "Vandal basketball, Vandal players need to expect more

than what they got tonight and I'm embarrassed with how we played tonight (Wednesday). You're not allowed to play in this program if you don't play hard."

Even a late surge from Idaho's Jeff Ledbetter, who hit three 3-pointers close to the end of the game, couldn't carry the team and the game was over from there.

"You gotta give credit to Ken Bone and Washington State tonight because they whooped our tails," Verlin said.

One of the Vandals main starters, Luiz Toledo, sat on the bench the whole night — a decision made by the training staff. Verlin offered no further comment on the extent of his injuries.

Verlin had only one thing on his mind when returning to Memorial Gym for practice — working on the team's toughness.

On Saturday, the Vandals will face Eastern Oregon in Memorial Gym. Eastern Oregon is ranked at No. 25 in the NAIA Div. 2 polls for the second straight week, with an overall record of 7-4. Eastern Oregon will have momentum over the Vandals, coming into Memorial Gym after back-to-back wins.



Football

No settling

Akey turns season into a success, talks of improvement for next year

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

When Idaho Vandal football coach Robb Akey looked over the SprinTurf at the first of fall practice, he saw something different. He saw size, speed, experience — all the things a coach needs for a winning team.

Akey said he knew this was going to be the season the team was going to be great, and from the first practice on, the team would hear about nothing but the idea of a bowl game.

After a 7-5 season, Idaho's goal was accomplished and on Dec. 30, the team will be competing in their first bowl game since 1998.

But Akey said there is still work to be done — a

sign Akey might be around for a while to make sure that work is finished.

"We need to get some championships won," Akey said. "We were playing for the WAC conference championship up until three weeks ago. I want to see us win that and I hope that's going to be one of the things in the cards for coach Akey."

Moving up the ranks from his defensive coordinator position at Washington State University, Akey said the move to Moscow was easiest on his family, but most of all UI proved to be an appealing position.

"It had been so long since (UI) had success at football," Akey said. "I felt like it was a place that we

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Steven Devine/Argonaut

Robb Akey announcing the Vandals' Humanitarian bowl bid during the Vandal vs. Portland game on Sunday in Memorial Gym.

Bowl game comes with responsibility

With the official announcement of the Idaho Vandals' first bowl game since 1998, all of Vandal nation has rallied together. Participating in the Humanitarian Bowl, where Idaho will face off against Bowling Green, is an excellent chance for Idaho to showcase and represent the university.

The economic impact of Idaho's first bowl game in 11 years is already being felt in Moscow. The extra money pumped into the university from this invite is looking to offset recent cutbacks, and Vandal gear from the bookstore is selling like crazy. It's a good time to be a Vandal, but it's

not all fun and games.

The pressure is on for this team to deliver both on and off the field. Bowling Green is coming off a four-game winning streak that got the school into the bowl picture, while the Vandals have lost three out of their last four games.

The success or failure of Idaho at the Humanitarian Bowl, however, won't be measured in its on-field performance. What Idaho must do, above all else, is fill the seats.

Like it or not, Argonaut bowl games are not driven by great teams, but by money and relateability. The Humanitarian Bowl is banking on

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Break for students, not swimmers

Lisa Short
Argonaut

As students finish up their finals, pack their bags and head home for a winter break to be with family and friends, the University of Idaho swim team begins the toughest part of their season.

During winter break, Idaho will face New Mexico State and Northern Arizona. The team will also reach the height of their training and try to peak their level of physical fitness during break.

The team will finish out the semester like any other students focusing on finals, papers and projects and finally they will get to take a ten-day break to go home for the holidays then they return ready to train.

"This is going to be an extreme two weeks," coach Tom Jager said. "If they can do some of the things we will be doing it will increase their confidence too."

Idaho will be down at Arizona State University from Dec. 28 to Jan. 11 for training in an outdoor pool.

"It is a time for overload training," Jager said. "They will be working on details and getting real fatigued but it is all about finishing races."

Idaho will face two tough opponents over break. They

face the New Mexico State Aggies on January 2 and Northern Arizona University on January 9. Jager said he expects both teams to be tough competition.

NAU has been at the top of the WAC for the last three years but has lost to Washington State, Boise State and Northern Colorado this year.

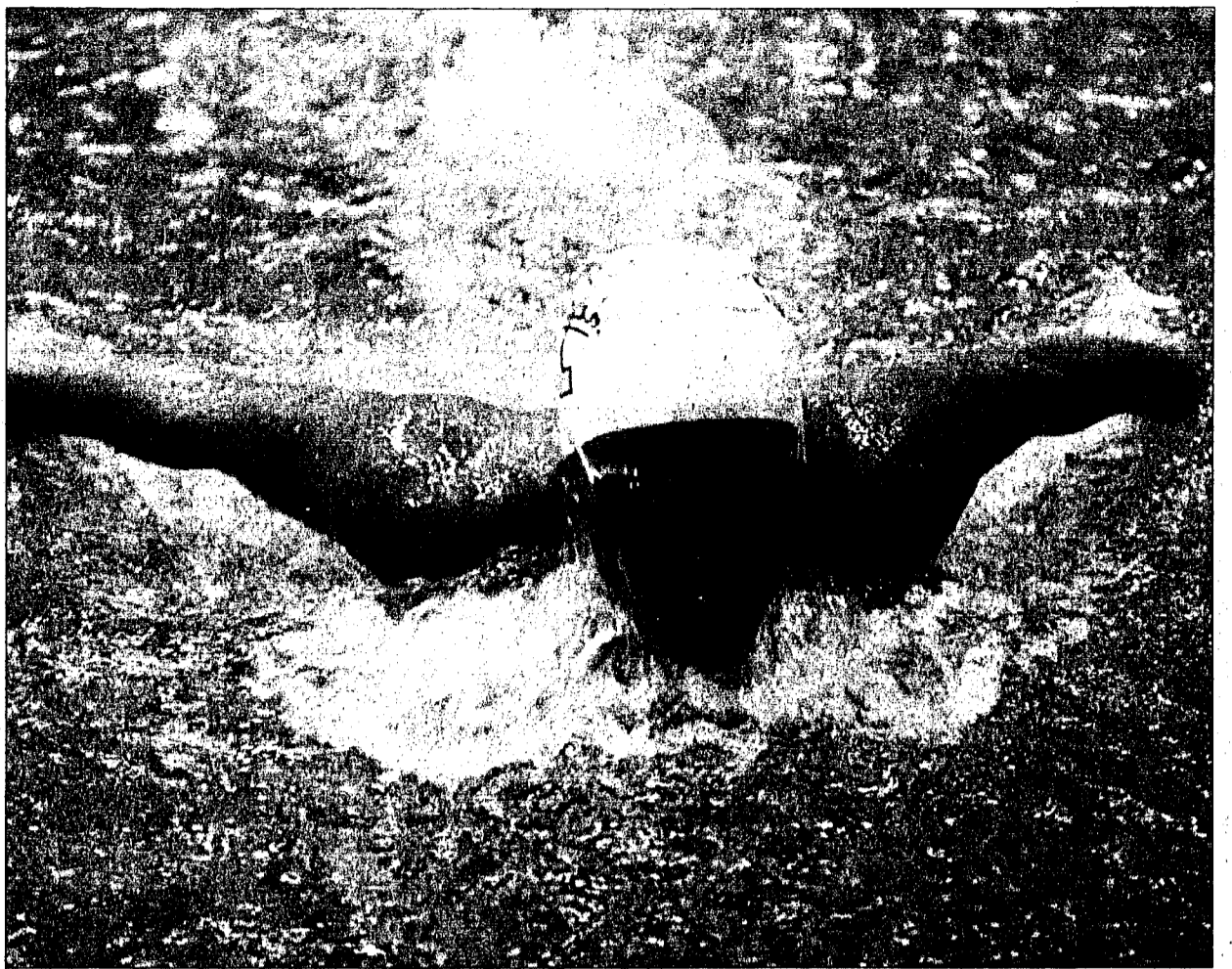
New Mexico State has had a winning season so far this year and has a 6-4 record. But its record also shows they have had more meets than the 3-0 Vandals, meaning more practice.

Although the Vandals have some tough competition ahead of them, the team is really coming together Jager said.

Jager said the team is a hard working group that likes to train and he feels is ready for the 16 practices that will be squeezed into eight days. He said this season's team is one of the best-conditioned and fit teams he has coached at UI.

The team has put in its time so far this semester but now it is time to turn up the intensity and see how far the swimmers can push themselves this season, Jager said.

"We've made a lot of progress, but we still have things to improve," Jager said. "But it's exciting to have the ball moving forward."



Steven Devine/Argonaut
A member of the University of Idaho swim team practices the butterfly stroke Wednesday in the UI Swim Center.

Behind the Cowan curtain

Lisa Short
Argonaut

As fans filed out of the Kibbie Dome after the last home football game against Utah State on Nov. 28, another team went to work to set up the Cowan Spectrum.

The Cowan Spectrum is a facility set up in the south side of the Kibbie Dome for the basketball season. Although it isn't as easy as the flip of a switch, most agree the facility is worth the arrangements.

The teams don't mind playing in Memorial Gym and they still practice in there till they see the need for the larger facility, men's basketball coach Don Verlin said.

On Feb. 17, 2001 the Cowan Spectrum was dedicated. From that point on each year a crew sets up and takes down the home court of the Vandal basketball teams.

The area seats 7,000 people in stands surrounded by 575 linear feet of curtains. Scoreboards hang in front of the curtains and a lighting grid gives the court a "spotlight" effect.

It takes a group of around 12 people about five days to set up the area. The first step is removing the turf which takes two to two and a half days. The next day to day and a half is spent putting up the frame work including the lighting grid and the curtain trusses.

The crew can then assemble the court and put in the

final touches of the tables, the wiring and the stands.

As sports transition through the seasons there are seven teams that call this area theirs. Men's and women's basketball, track and field, tennis and the football team use the Kibbie Dome floor.

To accommodate all of them isn't easy but with the long length of the school year, it can be done. The crew usually waits until football is finished at home to set up the Cowan Spectrum and once in place the other teams can operate around it.

The bleachers retract and the tennis teams can practice on the side of the Cowan Spectrum. The track and field team uses mostly the north half of the Dome, but the track still goes all the way around.

The basketball teams move back and forth from Memorial Gym to the Cowan Spectrum. Verlin said the team likes both facilities but enjoy the amount of fans that can fit in the Cowan Spectrum.

"Being able to house more fans and more students is great," Verlin said.

Verlin said it is a great accomplishment for the football team to be playing in a bowl game so the team doesn't mind moving back and forth from Memorial Gym to the

Cowan Spectrum, and he said the team plays well in both of them anyway.

Idaho does have some advantages playing in the Cowan Spectrum, though. Most teams aren't used to playing in a dome so the lighting and the setting is a little different and can be hard to adjust to.

As Idaho's programs continue to grow and improve there is the need to be able to seat all the Vandal fans.

The Cowan Spectrum can seat more fans than Memorial Gym, but has yet to sell out. The closest the Cowan Spectrum has ever been to a

sell-out is the men's basketball match against Boise State.

Kibbie Dome Manager Tyson Drew said it's possible they will need to expand it even more in the future.

Seven thousand fans and counting is an exciting move for Idaho. It has yet to happen, but wouldn't be much trouble on the construction part of it, Drew said.

To expand the curtains out and add additional seating wouldn't be difficult or expensive Drew said but there isn't a need for it yet.

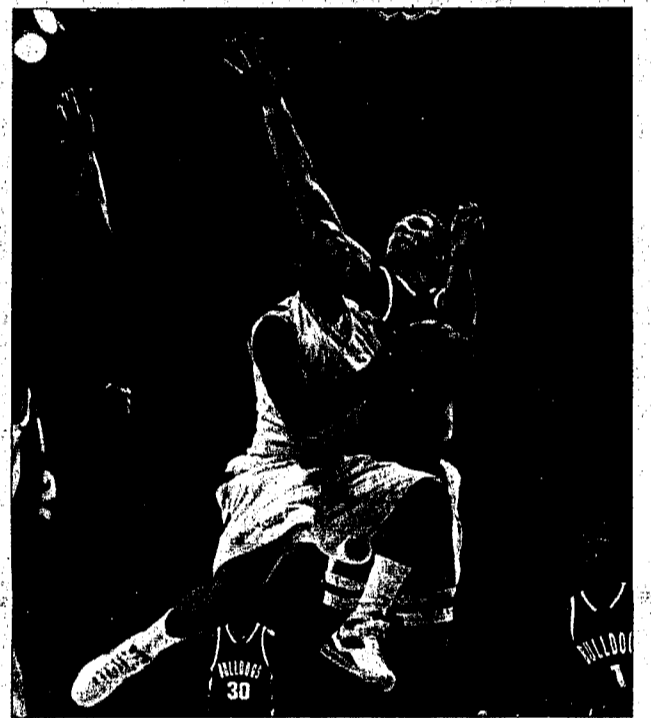
"It's a unique facility that allows us to sell more tickets and seat more fans," Drew said.

The work isn't easy but is worth it. Verlin said he and his team like playing there and it's important to have as many students and fans at the games as possible.

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Kibbie Dome manager



File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal guard Mac Hopson attempts to drive to the basket last semester during a match up against the Fresno State Bulldogs March 7. Both the men's and women's basketball teams have to wait to play games in the Cowan Spectrum because the SprinTurf is down for postseason football practice.

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Offseason outlook: the biggest stories in MLB

The big free agent catches

This year's free agent crop is mediocre at best. Last year saw a true ace in C.C. Sabathia and a star caliber in his prime, Mark Teixeira. Beyond that, there were numerous other options in A.J. Burnett, Bobby Abreu and a slew of other effective players.

Instead of the glut of talent last year, the best names on the open market this offseason are Matt Holliday, John Lackey and Jason Bay.

Holliday is no Teixeira, even if Scott Boras claims that he is comparable to the switch-hitting monster first baseman. Holliday wasn't bad during his American League stint with the Oakland Athletics, but he wasn't worth Teixeira money either.

He did have a hot finish with the St. Louis Cardinals, and that no doubt means some team will offer him six

plus years and at least \$100 million. The obvious candidates here are the Cardinals, who would like to retain his services — especially since they traded a highly touted third base prospect, Brett Wallace, to land him. The Boston Red Sox, who need a solid hitter since

Bay's a free agent and David Ortiz and Mike Lowell are declining quick; the New York Mets since they more or less need a whole new baseball team; the New York Yankees since they're the Yankees; and the Los Angeles Angels, since they lost Chone Figgins to the Mariners and

need to find a way to replace his bat.

Angels' general manager Tony Reagins made it clear that they're out of the picture, which leaves the Cardinals, Red Sox, Mets and Yankees. A surprise team could drop in, but when it comes to a free agent like this, it's the same teams that

are involved, year in and year out.

The most obvious destination right now seems to be the Red Sox: they have the money, they need a left fielder, and he would compliment Victor Martinez and Kevin Youkilis in the heart of that lineup nicely.

The Cardinals do not have the money the other teams have, and they're likely saving what they've got to sign Albert Pujols once he becomes a free agent. The Yankees have stated they want to focus on pitching this offseason, while the Mets are an absolute mess and can't look too appealing to any free agent.

Lackey is the best pitcher on the market, and he's made it public that he wants at least what Burnett got last year (five years and \$82 million). Lackey will no doubt get that, since the next most appealing name is probably Randy Wolf, who signed for peanuts with the Los Angeles Dodgers at the eleventh hour for the 2009 season.

The obvious destinations here are again the Red Sox,

Mets, Yankees and Angels, as well as the Seattle Mariners, who have also been in on Lackey. This one is much harder to call. The Angels can't afford to lose Lackey's production in their rotation, the Mets are desperate for anyone who can pitch well besides Johan Santana, the Red Sox must be seething after a Yankees World Series victory, the Yankees want to become repeat offenders and the Mariners have a ton of money coming off the books and need an arm to go with superstar Felix Hernandez.

Just for the hell of it, I'm going to say that the Angels end up resigning Lackey for five plus years and close to \$100 million. They want to remain at the top of the American League west, and losing Lackey and Figgins would be troublesome.

Finally there's Bay, who blasted 36 homers and piled up more than 100 RBIs. He also knows how to take a walk, but that's where the fun ends. He's an abysmal defender on a good day, and is prone to extreme streakiness; check out his monthly

numbers for 2009 — .324 for April, .264 for May, .230 for June, .192 for July, .289 for August and .299 for September. The power is nice, but in May and June, he was little more than a smiling man in a Red Sox uniform.

Seeing as he's the only middle of the order bat on the market besides Holliday, he'll likely command something better than the four-year, \$60 million deal he already turned down from Boston. The Angels, Mariners and Red Sox have all been in on him, but one must also consider the Mets and Yankees.

The Angels and Mariners seem like the two most realistic destinations. Los Angeles, since they want a power bat, and the Mariners, since they've got the money and he would be devastating cleaning up with Ichiro and Figgins on base already.

Seattle on the up and up

What a difference one season can make. After becoming the first team ever with a \$100 million payroll to lose 100 games in 2008, the M's brought in Milwaukee mastermind Jack Zduriencik to run the show. Zduriencik is responsible for such feats as pushing hard for the Brewers to draft Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun, leading Milwaukee's General Manager Doug Melvin to praise him for the young, extremely talented core of position players there.

If Seattle wants to contend in 2010, they're going to need a proven starting pitcher and a middle of the order bat at least. It seems unrealistic to think that the Mariners will throw more than \$100 million at Lackey and Bay, so it will undoubtedly be exciting to see what Zduriencik has up his sleeve this time around.

Detroit blockbuster

What offseason would be complete without a blockbuster trade at the Baseball Winter Meetings? This year saw Curtis Granderson to the Yankees and Edwin Jackson to the Arizona Diamondbacks as well as a slew of prospects going every which way.

The three-team trade was announced Tuesday, and came as a surprise considering how badly Arizona seemed to get burned. They sent 25-year-old Max Scherzer to the Detroit Tigers, as well as 23-year-old Daniel Schlereth. Both players were first round draft picks, and both were highly regarded prospects.

Scherzer had already completed a full season as a starter, averaging over a strikeout an inning while maintaining respectable, though not amazing, stats in other categories. He's poised to have a huge 2010 season. The strikeout numbers are no fluke: he's maintained them all the way through the Diamondbacks' minor league system.

The big acquisition for Arizona was Jackson, a mediocre starter who has already played for three teams in his short big league career. The former Dodgers prospect had a great first half and a terrible second one. That alone should have been a warning sign if his 2007 and 2008 seasons weren't warning enough.

The Tigers were the clear winner of this trade, picking up a legitimate center field prospect in Austin Jackson as well as Scherzer and Schlereth. The Yankees come in a close second in landing Detroit fan favorite Curtis Granderson. The Diamondbacks, though, may have just made one of the dumbest moves baseball has seen since Bavasi gave Silva four years and \$48 million.

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Long weekend ahead

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Three days after the Idaho men's basketball team handily defeated the Portland Pilots, the women's basketball team will have a chance to repeat that feat when they play host to the women Pilots tonight in Memorial Gym.

The Vandals are coming off three straight losses at home in their longest home stand of the year and look to avoid an embarrassing 0-4 home stand.

"We can't keep getting into a hole," coach Jon Newlee said, referring to the Vandals' uncanny ability to dig their grave early. "To have to keep crawling back, that costs us."

While the Vandals are reeling from a three-game losing streak, the Pilots are on the opposite end of the coin, coming off back-to-back wins over Pacific and Boise State.

Portland has extra motivation coming into their game against Idaho, as a victory over the Vandals would give Portland head coach Jim Sollars the 500th win of his career.

Laiken Dollente, who averages 15 points per game, leads Portland. The team also brings a balanced scoring and depth with four players averaging 10 or more points per game. Dollente, a senior, recently registered her 1,488th point, moving her up to the

fifth all-time scorer at Portland's program.

Despite the losses, all of which were close, the Vandals are much better than their 1-8 record would indicate.

The Vandals resilience is admirable — they never give up, even against an overwhelming lead. Against St. Mary's the Vandals fought back from a late-game, 11-point lead, and against Colorado State the Vandals came back from an 18-point deficit to lead the game before ultimately falling.

Idaho has shown signs of brilliance through the home stand. Their defense proved themselves by shutting down Baylor's Britney Griner, and showed it was no fluke by shutting down St. Mary's high-powered offense for half the game. If Newlee can get the defense to play a full 40 minutes, the Vandals fortunes will turn around in a heartbeat.

"We have to put together a forty minute game," Newlee said. "It's not just the same person breaking down, everyone has to do their job for forty minutes."

By the same token, Idaho's

offense has been an enigma, although during the last few games they have started to put up more consistent numbers.

Jack-of-all-trades Shaena Kuehu, three-point extraordinaire Bianca Cheever, and go-to Rachele Kloke have posted great numbers throughout the season, with the help of workhorse Charlotte Otero. Otero's uncanny ability to pull people out of position has given more breathing room and allowed the Idaho offense to blossom.

Depth and turnovers continue to be a problem for Idaho. Against St. Mary's, Idaho tallied only four bench points and 17 turnovers.

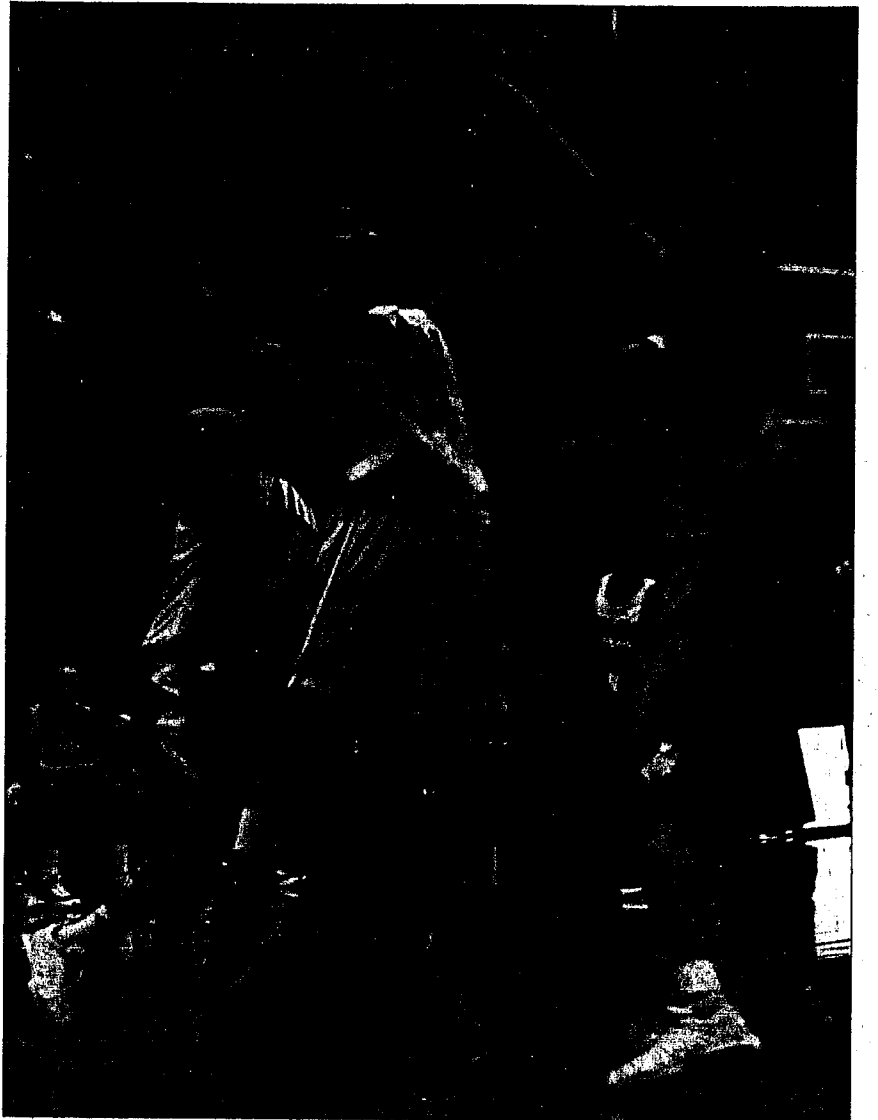
Newlee is gambling that pitting his team against stronger and better opponents will pay off when it comes time for WAC play. Every single team Idaho has played has had a winning season thus far, including a duel with No. 8 Baylor early in the season. Newlee said the tough schedule will benefit the team come conference time. There is no doubt the 1-8 regular-season record would be readily forgotten should the Vandals play well in the WAC.



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Jon NEWLEE
coach



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut
University of Idaho guard Shaena-Lyn Kuehu goes up for a basket during the basketball game with Wyoming Dec. 3 in Memorial Gym. The Vandal women's basketball team plays Portland tonight in Memorial Gym.

How I would fix the failed BCS

It seems like every college football season, one or two teams or even three teams with exceptional seasons, are excluded from the BCS National Championship.

This year there will be at least two, if not three, undefeated teams after the bowl games. The teams that are excluded from the BCS Championship will never be able to prove themselves as deserving of the national title — the season will be over.

The BCS system is now twelve-years-old, and it has shown its flaws. This is why the Football Bowl Subdivision should adopt a simple sixteen-team, single-elimination playoff to determine its undisputed champion.

For the tournament, all 11 conference champions would receive automatic bids. Because each conference usually can only have one undefeated team, this will ensure all undefeated teams are in the playoffs.

Some could rightly point out that conference champions like East Carolina of Conference USA don't deserve a place in the BCS. Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict years ahead of time which conferences will produce national championship-worthy teams. Who would have guessed ten years ago the WAC champion and the Mountain West champion would be ranked in the Top 10?

The best way to avoid certain conferences from being left out despite a great season is to simply invite all champions. Obviously these teams who did not have a great season, but made it because the rest of their conference was worse, will lose quickly. But that's OK. It simply proves they are not national champions.

To fill out the remaining five seats, the top five teams that did not earn their conference championships will receive at-large bids. This will ensure independent teams with great seasons in place, as well as teams like Florida that dominated all season, but lost their bid in its conference championship.

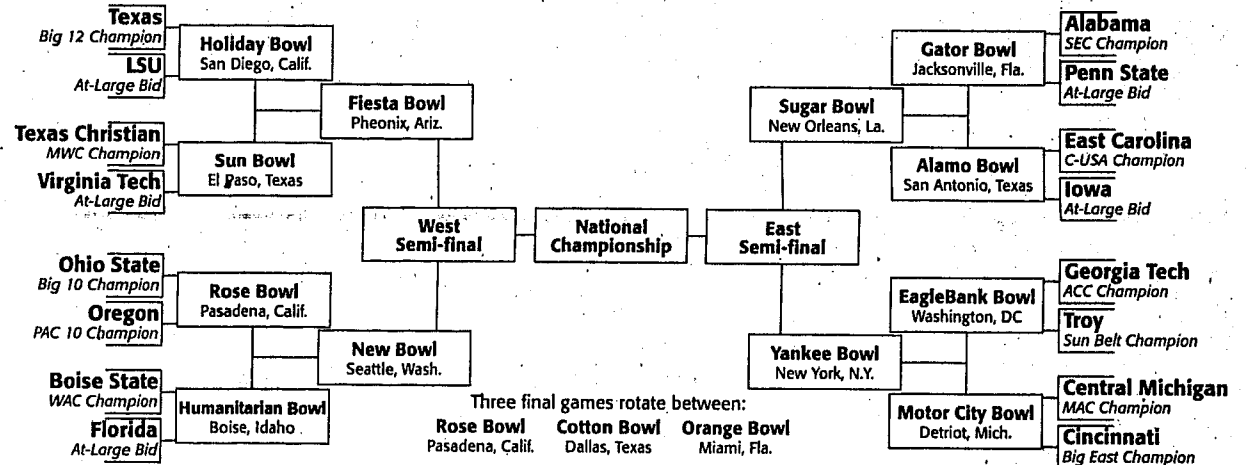
These 16 teams would then be placed in a simple,

single-elimination playoff. The first round of eight games would be played across the country in established bowl games. For the Big 10 and Pac 10 champions, their tradition of playing each other in the Rose Bowl would be preserved while the other games would be played in some of the more minor bowls. For instance, the WAC champion would play an at-large team in the Humanitarian Bowl, while the SEC champion would play in the Gator Bowl.

For round two, the eight remaining teams would face off in four larger markets. The proposed Yankee Bowl, played at Yankee Stadium in New York, would provide an opportunity to bring a bowl game to that large market. A new bowl

established in Seattle, probably played at Quest Field, would also bring teams to a large market usually void of postseason football. The Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix and the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans would finish out the second round.

The semi-finals would feature two games with the winners of the new bowl in Seattle and the



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commentary

Sporting St. Nick

It is almost Christmas time and that can only mean one thing for sports fans — people going to sporting events dressed up as Santa Claus.

All over the country, people will be cheering on their favorite team wearing a Santa suit. It remains to be seen how exactly this tradition started, but it is a rather comical one.

There can be no denying the existence or awesome qualities of Santa Claus, but it is pretty obvious the person dressed up as Santa at the Memphis

Grizzlies game is an imposter. If you are Kris Kringle and you manage to sneak away from the North Pole for a couple of hours, is your first stop really going to be a Cleveland Browns game?

Absolutely not. It seems likely that if jolly ol' St. Nick had a craving to see crap football, he could organize a scrimmage between the elves and reindeer. Heck, if I am starting a football team and my choices at quarterback were Derek Anderson and Blitzen, I would probably take the latter. At least Blitzen sounds like a football name. Derek Anderson sounds like the name of a decidedly average accountant. Blitzen would also have the wherewithal not to throw into double coverage on a regular basis.

While Browns' fans can at least expect something positive under the tree come

Dec. 25, some people who dress like Santa tend not to understand that wearing the suit after Christmas is just confusing.

You will see that very thing happen. Some fool who must have gotten a fantastic deal on a Santa suit rental will be dressed up in the trademark red outfit at one of the New Year's Eve/Day bowl games. It makes no sense as to why it happens, but it always does.

Holidays and sports are a great combination, but once the day has passed it is time to let it go. Nobody puts a Halloween costume on to go to a game in the first week of November. Perhaps it is best to leave the Santa suit at home if the calendar reads January.

While the tradition of wearing a Santa suit to post-Christmas football games will hopefully fall by the wayside, there are plenty of other proper traditions. Every sport, minus baseball, has some event going on, so winter break gives sports fans a chance to enjoy whatever they choose.

For some people it is a chance to watch the NFL with family, while others will follow every minute of every college football bowl game, and some enjoy seeing Kobe Bryant and LeBron James hog the NBA starlight.

Much like everything else in my sporting life, my sports holiday tradition involves soccer. I was in high school when I first started following the English Premier League. Boxing Day, celebrated on Dec. 26, is a massive day for the league since it is the midway point — or at least close to it — of the season.

It is also a big holiday in England and various other parts of the world, and the atmosphere at the games is quite electric. The only real downside to this is that some games have the traditional noon kickoff, which equates to a 4 a.m. PST kickoff.

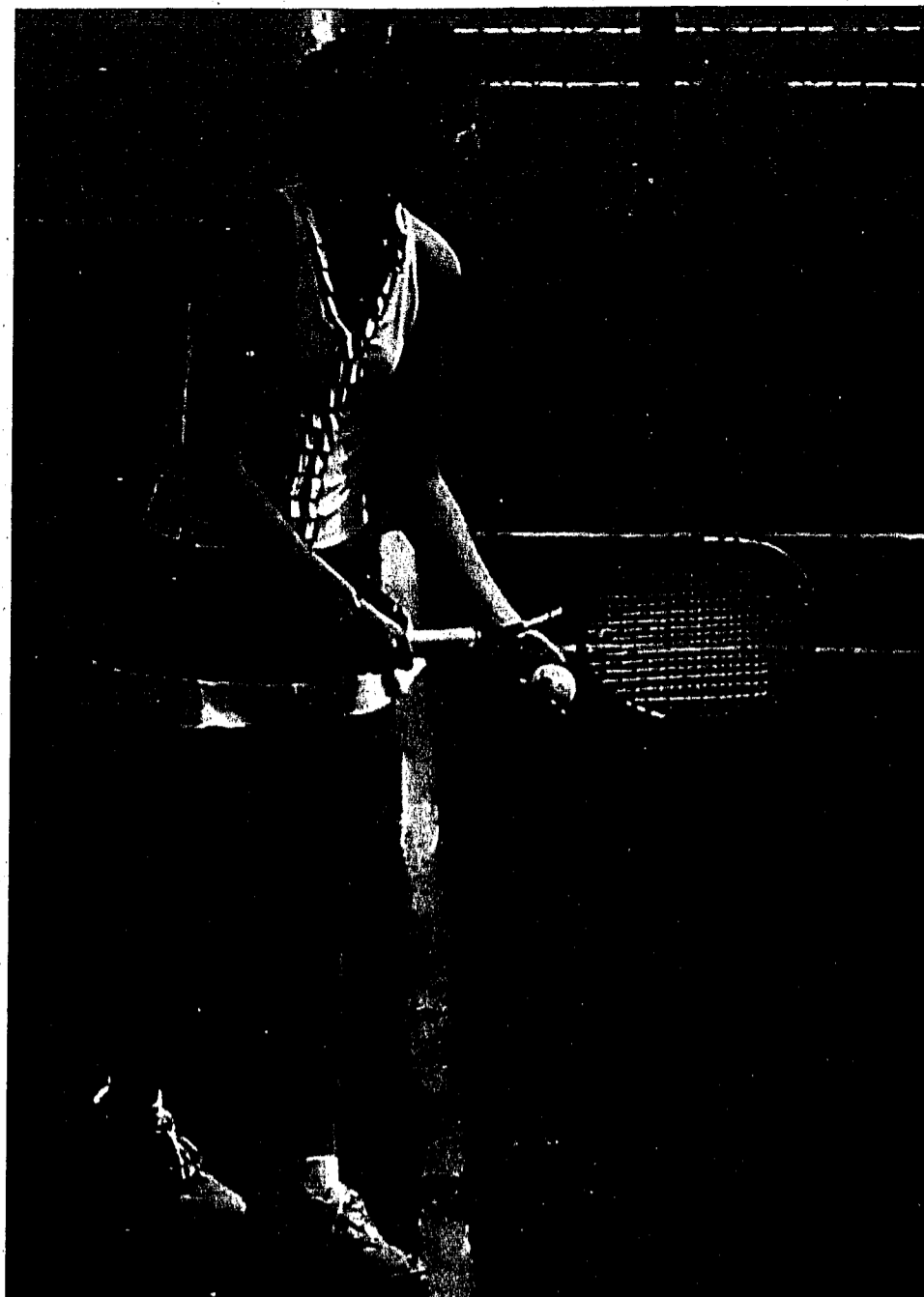
At least for most it is a downside. Since I was 17, I have stayed up all night to listen to the games live online. That is listen, not watch. I did not have cable television in my room and Christmas time, normally meant there were too many people around to be watching TV at 4 a.m.

I just sat in my room listening to matches until noon, at which point I would go to bed. I have done it every year since and it is my favorite thing about the holiday season. Do not get me wrong, I enjoy other things too, but it is sitting in my room listening to soccer before sunrise that makes sports special to me.

Regardless of how hectic, annoying or frustrating the holidays can be, sports will always be there for an escape, even for the briefest of moments. Unless, of course, you live in Seattle.



Cheyenne HOLLIS
Argonaut



Idaho Athletic Media Relations/Courtesy Photo Dominika Jasova to their roster.

sportsBRIEF

Starting in the spring season, the women's tennis team will have another addition to their team.

A high school senior from Kosice, Slovakia, Dominika Jasova, will have an impact in both the singles and doubles matches for the Idaho women's tennis team, coach Tyler Neill said. "She has a lot of experience in high level junior and adult tournaments

that should make the transition to college tennis relatively seamless," Neill said. "I'm looking forward to having her compete for us next year."

Currently ranked No. 11 in Slovakia, Jasova has played in several professional events in Europe, including the East Slovakian Championships that she won.

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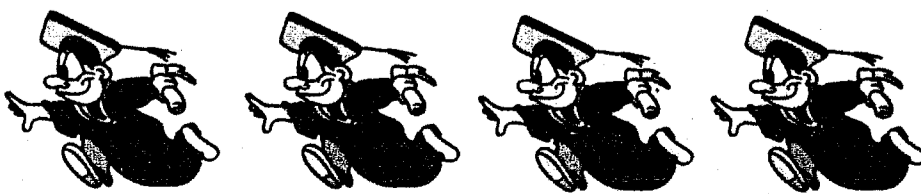
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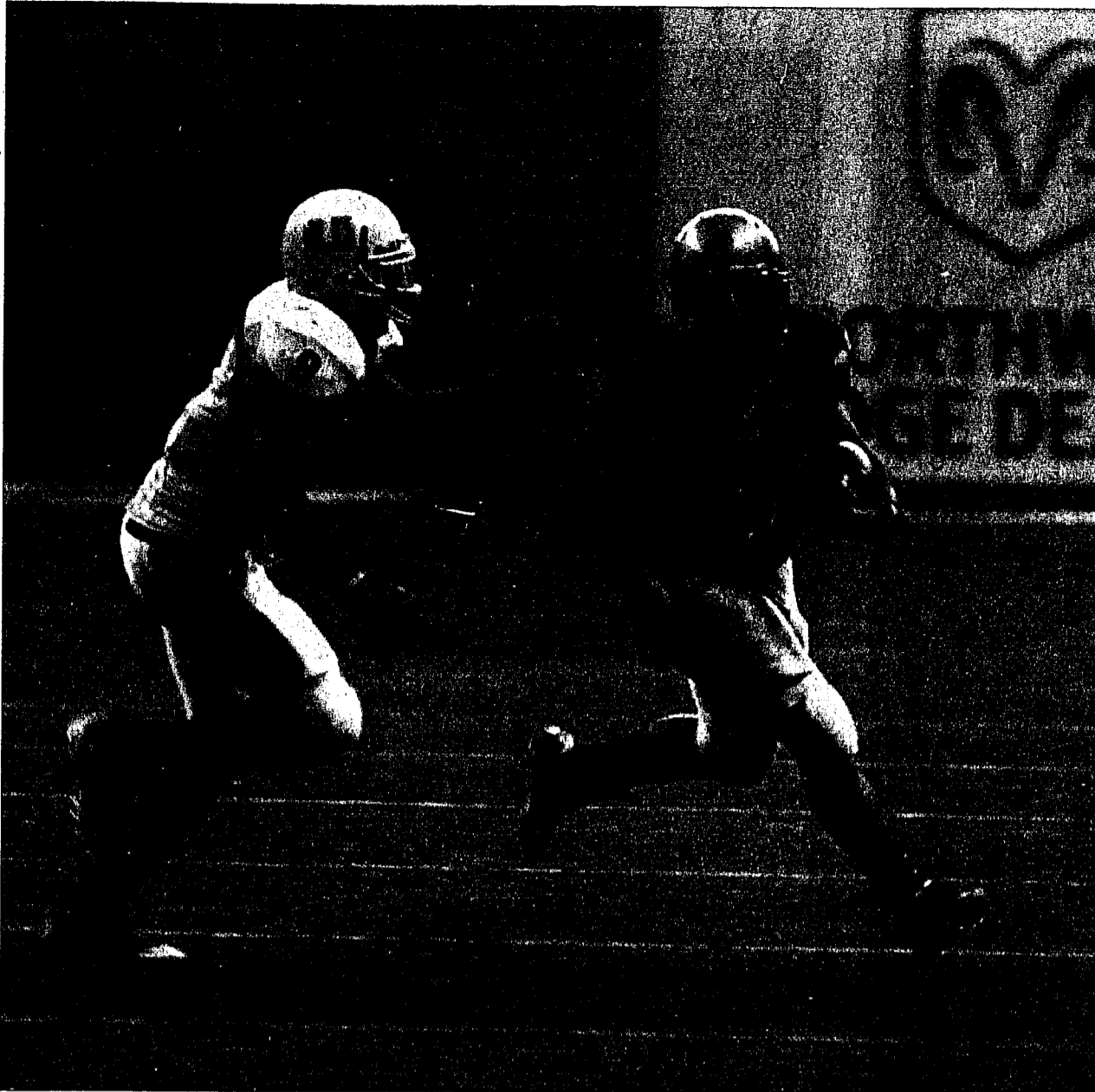
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Vandal running back De'Maundray Woolridge eludes Utah State Aggie linebacker Bobby Wagner Nov. 28 in the Kibbie Dome. Woolridge, nick-named "The Diesel," has a north-south, up the middle, running style that has tallied him 16 touchdowns in 12 games this season.

Woolridge a play maker

Running back makes success of second chance, leads team to bowl game

Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press

As improbable as Idaho's invitation to a bowl game this season is the fact that the Vandals' top running back is De'Maundray Woolridge.

The senior had a circuitous journey through college football, including two seasons when he did not play after flunking out at Washington State.

But Woolridge was given a second chance by Idaho coach Robb Akey, and responded by rushing for 853 yards and 16 touchdowns in 12 games this season.

He's a major reason that Idaho (7-5) will play Bowling Green (7-5) in the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise on Dec. 30. It is only Idaho's second bowl appearance since entering the major college ranks in 1996, and their first since 1998.

"No one else expected it but us," said Woolridge, who was not eligible to play last season because of NCAA transfer rules. "You go through a lot of hardships to get to this point."

Woolridge packs 241 pounds on a 5-foot-9 frame. Running low to the ground,

he averaged 5.7 yards per carry while running over (and sometimes under) opposing defenders. His nickname is "The Diesel."

"He's truly a back who can wear a defense out," said quarterback Nathan Enderle. "He's hitting on every play. By the end of the game (opponents) are tired."

Woolridge was heavily recruited out of Keller, Texas, and signed with Washington State of the Pac-10, impressed by the Cougars' win over Texas in the 2003 Holiday Bowl.

He was an immediate contributor, rushing for 642 yards on 130 carries in the 2005 and 2006 seasons at WSU. But he flunked out of school.

Woolridge worked for a time at Schweitzer Engineering in Pullman, Wash., then transferred to Langston University in Oklahoma, where he got his grades up while sitting out the 2007 season.

He reconnected with Akey, who was defensive coordinator at WSU when Woolridge was there. Akey offered him a spot and Woolridge redshirted the 2008 season, practicing as a member of the scout team.

"He told me that he wanted to see me succeed," Woolridge said.

This season, he split time with Princeton McCarty (605 yards) and Deonte Jackson (381 yards) in a three-back rushing attack that has been among the best in the West. They get plenty of help from an offensive line led by Outland Trophy finalist Mike Iupati.

While McCarty and Jackson are lighter, quicker backs who evade tackles, Woolridge goes right up the middle.

"There's a little heavier impact when you go up to tackle that guy," Akey said. "He can carry the 'Pow!' a little more."

Woolridge also rewarded Akey's faith by being on

track to graduate.

His best game may have been a win over Hawaii that made the Vandals bowl eligible at 6-1. Woolridge scored four touchdowns in the 35-23 victory.

But Idaho then lost four of its last five games to back into the Humanitarian Bowl.

For Woolridge, that produced some uncomfortable memories of WSU's 2006 team, which opened 6-3 and cracked the Top 25. The Cougars lost their final three games and were snubbed in bowl bids.

However, Idaho was selected for a bowl, and Woolridge is pleased his college career will have one more game.

"We're trying to make memories," Woolridge said.

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Today

Women's basketball vs. Portland (4-5)

Tomorrow

Men's basketball vs. Eastern Oregon (7-4)

Sunday

Women's basketball @ Montana (3-5)

Sunday, Dec. 20

Women's basketball @ Long Beach State (3-5)

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Men's basketball @ Portland (5-4)

Monday, Dec. 28

Women's basketball vs. UC-Santa Barbara (3-5)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Men's basketball vs. Lewis-Clark State College (6-3)

Saturday, Jan. 2

Swimming @ New Mexico State (6-5)

Men's basketball at Hawaii (4-4)

Monday, Jan. 4

Men's basketball @ San Jose State (4-4)

Saturday, Jan. 9

Women's basketball vs. Fresno State (6-3)

Men's basketball vs. Louisiana Tech (8-2)

Swimming @ Northern Arizona

Monday, Jan. 11

Men's basketball vs. New Mexico State (3-5)

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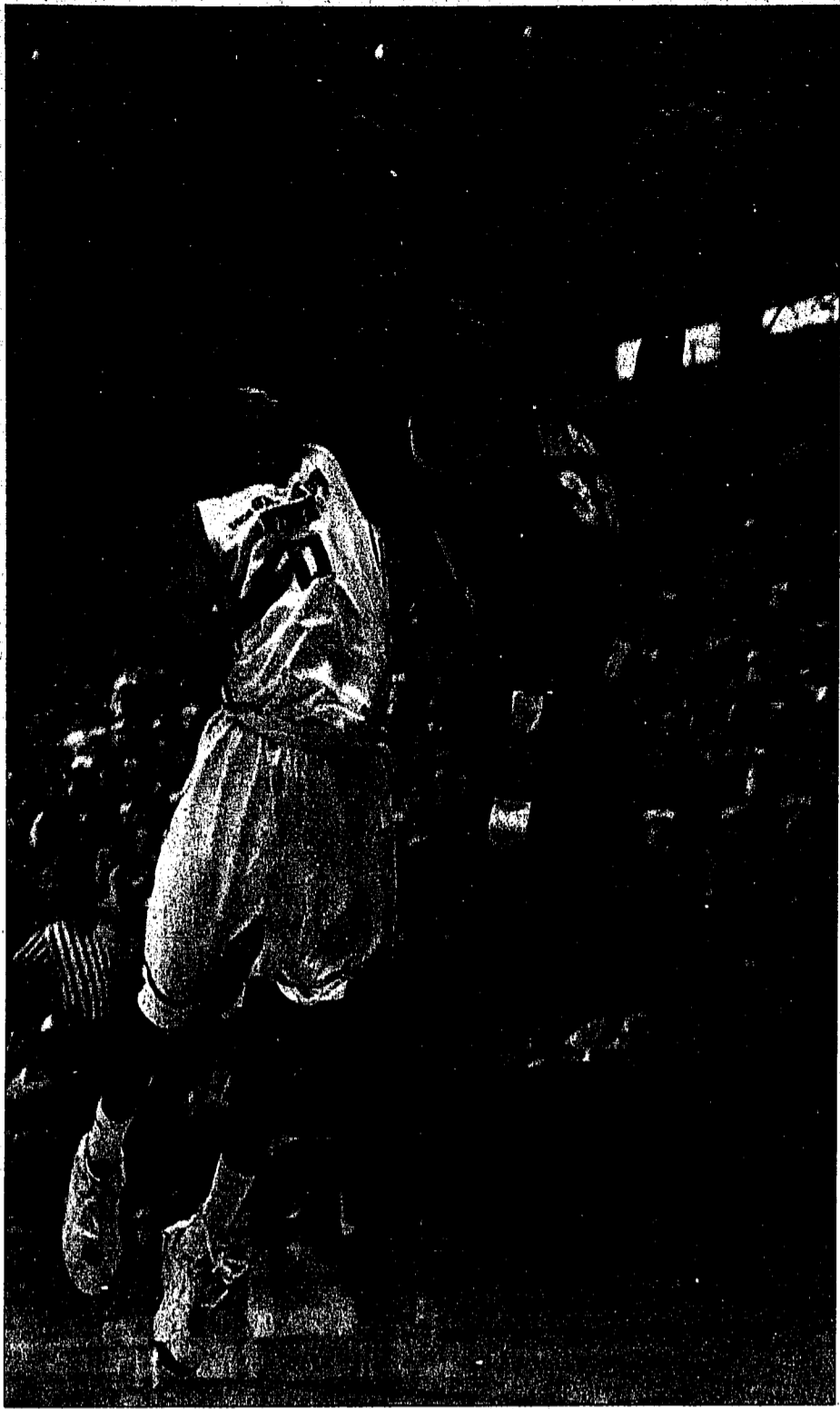
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FLYING HIGH



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Vandal guard Kashif Watson drives to the basket past Marcus Capers Wednesday evening in Pullman at Beasley Coliseum. "Vandal basketball, Vandal players need to expect more than what they got tonight (Wednesday) and I'm embarrassed with how we played tonight. You're not allowed to play in this program if you don't play hard," coach Don Verlin said after the disappointing 76-68 loss to Washington State.

EYEING THE COMPETITION



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal guard Mac Hopson dribbles on the perimeter of Friel Court inside Beasley Coliseum Wednesday evening in Pullman.

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could get turned around — we could make a difference."

In his first season at UI, the team went 1-11 overall, only to move into a 2-10 record in the 2008 season.

But after the 2009 season was underway, Akey led his team to a five-game winning streak and the team ended the season 7-5 overall.

At the beginning on the 2009 season, Akey and his team of coaches set out with a motto of family. Akey said it showed the team the coaches would always be there for them at all points in time and each player would have each other's back.

"We're dad(s) away from home," Akey said. "It was helping us to be able to grow into the type of football team that we wanted to be."

Toward the end of this season, the Vandals went on a three-game losing streak. After a home loss to Fresno State after starting their backup quarterback Brian Reader, the team went on with high hopes to face their rivals Boise State. But that game ended in disappointment as well, again with Reader, and the team took a week to recover.

At their final home game of the season against Utah State, Akey and his team were confident to grab their eighth win of the season, but the Vandals couldn't respond to adversity this time and lost to the Aggies.

Akey said he was disappointed in the loss and didn't think that was the way it would play out. Since the season had started out as such a success, Akey said he expected the seniors to go out with a win and the team to finish on a strong note.

"We didn't play well enough to win that game," Akey said. "It's probably the most disappointing game of the season."

But with a bowl game in the future, Akey and the players know the building isn't over and Akey said he looks at the team with excitement thinking about next year.

"The team played well ... to win the games that we won this year," Akey said. "I'm expecting this to be a good football team next year."

With positions in mind that need improving, Akey is already making plans on recruits and spring practices.

Coaches are still bringing in depth — a battle any rebuilding team fights in regards to numbers. But Akey is in need of replacing his lost seniors, key players from the offense and defense. Two junior college linemen, a junior college receiver and two junior college defense tackles who will be transferring onto the Vandal team, Akey said, plus a running back and a defensive tackle will be moving up from high school.

"We are in a very good situation," Akey said, referring to the recruits coming in. "We are going to continue to improve the speed of our linebackers and secondary."

Twelve recruits came to campus last weekend and all 12 will be new additions to the Vandal football team next season.

"They are all excited with what's going on out here," Akey said.

A lot of the new recruits are from the Northwest, which means the people in the area believe in the way the team is being led, he said.

For the players still on the team, Akey said he is re-instilling the goals not yet accomplished.

Although talks of a contract extension have not been official, Akey said Athletic Director Rob Spear has been sitting down with him to discuss the possibility. Akey is currently in the third year of his five year contract.

"I would like to think it'll get taken care of and they are going to have a nice contract that will fit the job that we're doing," Akey said.

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the Vandals, who have an estimated 16,000 alumni fans living in Boise in addition to being a six-hour drive from the University of Idaho campus, to fill Bronco Stadium.

With nationwide ESPN broadcasting from the game on Dec. 30, one can bet sponsors and officials will be watching upstart Idaho's performance. This game is absolutely crucial for the program's success in the future.

A full Bronco Stadium

sends the message that this team is ready for prime-time, with a supportive fan base which can fill seats and pay bills. It opens the door to possible future bowl inclusions.

Should Idaho fail to fill Bronco Stadium, so close to home and on national television, fans can forget Idaho's chances of ever going to another bowl game in the future. Successful programs not only win games but also fill stadiums, and Idaho has to prove it has a successful football program to get recognition in the future.

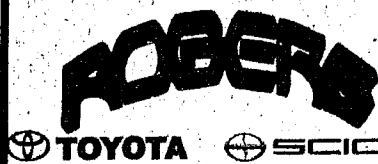
A great on-field performance will send a message

to potential players the program is heading upward, and will make bringing talent to Moscow much easier. It will also send a message to the higher-ups that this season was not a fluke, while another defensive collapse like the one suffered against Utah State, or a blow-out loss like the ones against Nevada and Boise State, will simply prove naysayers right, and all of the Vandals' hard work over the season will be undone.

The Vandals have been practicing and playing for this moment all year and now it's time to deliver.



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