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Dollars and cents

New planning and budget officer set for a tumultuous first year

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

Liberal arts students, especially philosophy majors, tend to face a question not frequently leveled toward engineers and chemists: What will they do with their degree?

Keith Ickes, hired in October as the executive director of planning and budget for the University of Idaho, was a philosophy student, finishing all-but-dissertation toward a doctorate in mathematical logic at Indiana University before he got into administration. Ickes spent 20 years at Colorado State University working in budgets and institutional research before moving to civil work for Boulder County — and retirement.

"I guess I'm not a very good retiree," he said.

Ickes was hired in late October and began work in mid-November, and this semester will have his hands full to ensure UI's solvency.

"I think we're going to look at a number of things," Ickes said. "Obviously, coordinating and talking about the budget with the president, the president's cabinet, with the faculty committee on budget, campus constituents as we get involved in budget questions."

This month, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter proposed an

additional midyear holdback to higher education of 1.6 percent, following a 6 percent holdback from September. In a memo dated Jan. 11, President Duane Nellis said the current combined total reduction announced will be more than \$30 million since last year. In the memo, Nellis calls that figure "an historic disinvestment in the state's only national research university and its most strategic partner in fueling the economic recovery."

"There's been an advisory group, the University Budget Advisory Committee ... and they've been looking at budgeting for the president," Ickes said. "They've been meeting for six months, and they'll come back with recommendations on things they would like to see to improve the process."

Ickes' job covers more than immediate budgetary issues, however: his office, resurrected after a similar position was shut down more than 10 years ago, is responsible for developing long-range plans for UI as well. Ickes said some of his goals at the spring semester in-

clude coordinating capital planning — determining which major projects to develop at which stages.

"You can do budgets without planning," Ickes said. "They aren't the best budgets. They're usually pretty ad hoc. What you'd really like to be able to do is get your plan going in a good way ... and take the outcomes of that, and have that inform the decisions you make in the budget."

To be sure, there are more people with masters degrees in business administration in similar positions than there are people with philosophy degrees (and Ickes has both), but Ickes said he believes his academic background

has served him well. Logic — his field — is a branch of philosophy concerned with the formal interpretation of arguments into mathematical symbols.

"When you're trying to understand policy, when you're trying to do planning, when you're trying to do budgeting — you're trying to think through systematically a variety of pieces," he said. "I think there have been a lot of benefits to having to dig through some of the best minds of the world through the last 2,000 years."

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Keith
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Executive director of planning and budget

Nellis, Kustra decry cuts

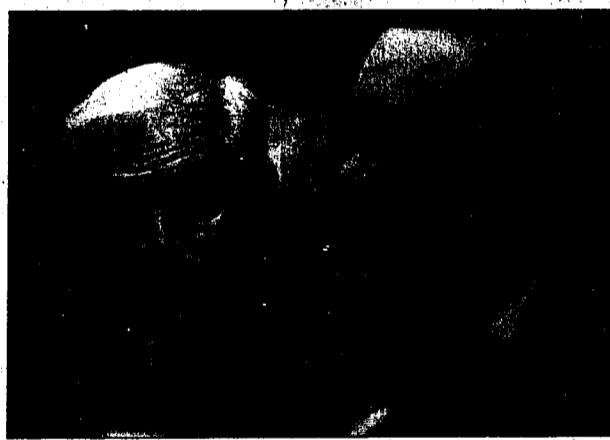
Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press

Leaders at two Idaho public universities say lawmakers have relied on them too much to help make up for shortfalls in state revenue, turning the higher education budget into a bank account.

Boise State University President Bob Kustra and University of Idaho President Duane Nellis said further cuts could threaten programs and put college out of reach for some students because of tuition and fee increases.

The presidents, along with their governmental liaisons, detailed their concerns at a legislative preview Jan. 7 sponsored by The Associated Press.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter in September ordered holdbacks in spending for the second straight year, cutting state agencies by



Matt Cilley/AP Photo

Boise State University President Bob Kustra looks on as University of Idaho President Duane Nellis addresses a group of reporters during the annual AP Legislative Preview Jan. 7 in Boise. The preview was held in the newly remodeled Idaho Capitol Building.

an average of 4 percent. Public universities and colleges already operating on leaner budgets compared to last year were told to scale back another 6 percent, or \$15.2 million.

The schools are bracing for more fallout from the recession with to governor poised to announce more cuts on Monday.

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Greek alcohol policies revised

Ashley Centers
Argonaut

In response to accidents in the fall, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils — the organizations governing the University of Idaho's Greek community — have adopted new rules on alcohol consumption.

"Early in the fall semester it was becoming apparent that there were organizations on our campus that may have been making poor decisions regarding alcohol and alcohol use," said Matt Kurz, UI's Greek adviser, "and we knew that something had to be done to begin working in a healthier direction."

The previous policy required guest lists for all such functions, which now must include a guest's full name, whether they attended or did not, and whether they are over or under 21 years of age.

In short, there must be a system in

place to prevent minors from obtaining alcohol. All sororities are dry, but some fraternities allow alcohol consumption.

In the early hours of Aug. 28, sophomore Shane Meyer, a psychology and communications studies major, fell out of a third-story window at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. On Sept. 10, sophomore Amanda Andaverde, an animal and veterinary science major, fell from a window at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity before being rushed to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle with life-threatening injuries.

After Andaverde's fall, Bruce Pitman, dean of students, and Kurz created the Greek Alcohol Task Force. They formed the panel to critically examine the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council's policies pertaining to alcohol, as well as the

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BOWL CHAMPS



Nick Gröff/Argonaut

Members of the Vandal football team hoist the trophy from the 2009 Rody's Humanitarian Bowl Dec. 30, minutes after a completed 2-point conversion pass in the last four seconds helped them win the game 43-42. Bowl officials said the game was viewed by more than three million viewers.

New Student Services undergoes a makeover

Freshman and transfer-oriented office changes name, focus

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

New Student Services, a University of Idaho office in the Student Union Building, has become the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment.

Alongside the renaming comes a refinement of roles and responsibilities.

Steve Neihsel, assistant vice president for enrollment management, said the new changes are part of a strategic plan for

institutional enrollment management.

"We have put together (the) admission operations area and undergraduate recruitment into an overall admissions office," Neihsel said. "Once a student is admitted, we need to get the campus involved — the whole campus needs to serve the student."

The official upgrade occurred in late December, but the office is still in transition. Part of the process includes new appointments.

Mike Loehring, interim director for undergraduate admissions, started in his new position Monday.

"We've got a talented and knowledgeable staff," Loehring said. "I look forward to getting to know them and moving forward with the process, so I'm excited."

Part of the additions and new creative suggestions to better assist prospective students and newly admitted students include an improved acceptance package and an upgraded Vandal Friday.

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Investigation clears veterinary professor of any misconduct

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

A professor at the University of Idaho Caine Center in Caldwell will keep her job following an investigation of scientific misconduct.

Marie Bulgin testified before the Idaho legislature during the 2009 session about the spread of diseases from domestic sheep to bighorn sheep. She said there is no proof diseases from domestic sheep spread to bighorn sheep.

"It's the bighorns' own pathogens that are killing them — not something they are picking up from domestic sheep or goats," she said in an August interview.

A UI study conducted at the research center in 1994 demonstrated otherwise, showing diseases do spread from populations of domestic sheep. Bulgin's daughter

helped author that paper, according to Associated Press reports.

The Shepherd, a trade journal for those in the sheep industry, published an interview with Bulgin. In the interview, she said things that mirrored her opinions that initiated the review, said wildlife advocates.

"It's inappropriate for her to be doing this, pending conclusion of this review by UI," said Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society. Bulgin is a former Idaho Wool Growers Association president, and still has ties to the sheep industry. One condition of her return to the Caine Center is diminishing her ties to private wool growing.

Initially, Bulgin was to resign and relinquish all privileges. However, an investigation by the vice president of research for UI, Jack McIver, found that she acted in "honest error," according to a UI press release.



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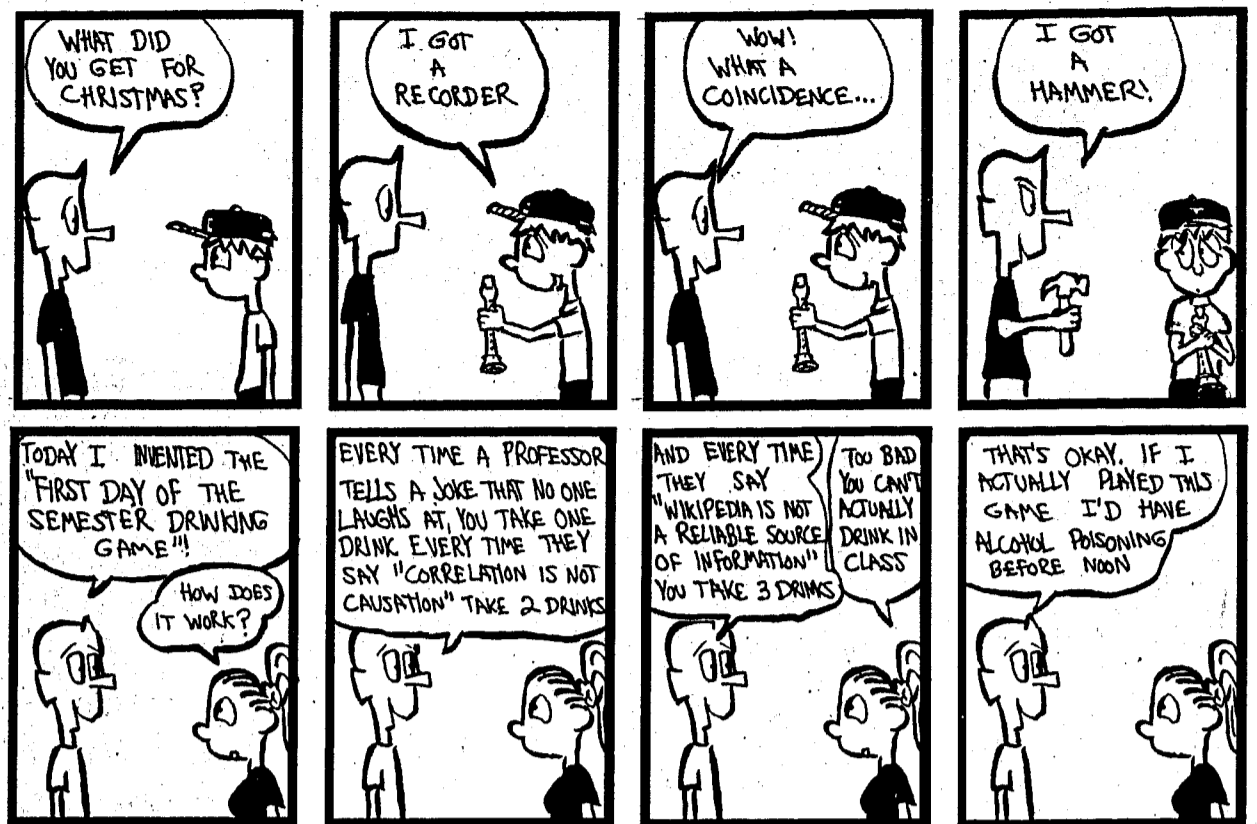
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Stories from Friday, Jan. 15, 1960

Former Vandal Signs Pro Contract

One more ex-Idaho football player signed a professional football contract as former end Wade Patterson added his name to the Denver team of the new American Football League roster.

Patterson, a three-year letterman for the Vandals who graduated in 1959, played his prep ball for Moscow. Patterson currently weighs in at 225 pounds and stands 6-2. He is now stationed in an army post in Colorado.

Magazine Cover Sports Ad Building

The classic beauty of the University of Idaho Administration building is again gracing the cover of a national publication, this time the 40th anniversary issue of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity's

magazine "The Laurel."

The Gothic-styled building, which has appeared on numerous magazine covers, has been termed "one of the most photogenic college buildings in the nation."

Recovery of Fuel Topic Of Lecture

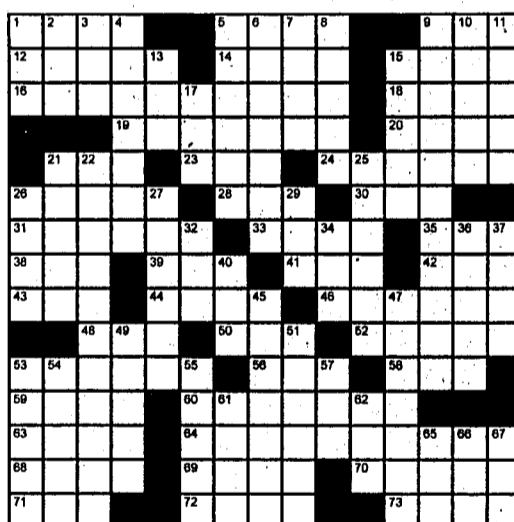
New techniques in the recovery of reusable nuclear fuel from atomic reactions were explained yesterday by Leslie Burris, Jr., head of the pyrometallurgical development for Argonne National Laboratory.

Speaking to some 100 chemical and mechanical engineers, Burris used several excellent slides to emphasize his topic. A new pyrometallurgical process which will be utilized at a new Idaho reactor was discussed.

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- Leer at
- Baby doll word
- Took a chair
- Perch
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- Black
- Scream and shout
- Clavicle, e.g.
- Macaw
- Wager
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- Bergen's dummy, Mortimer
- Conifer
- Father
- Sanctioned
- Aria
- Author Fleming
- Then (Ger.)
- Dry, as wine
- Triumphed
- Gun org.
- Human foot
- Trudge
- Spousal no-no
- Japanese capital
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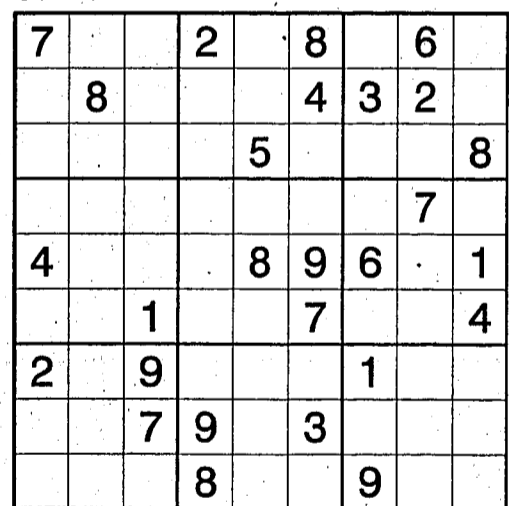
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- Solitary

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- Sesame
- Zoo denizen
- Kernel
- Leg joint
- Puts together again
- Demigod
- Cleanser
- Tyrant
- Word of admiration
- Eastern state (Abbr.)
- Tennis shot
- Fortified

- Some votes
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- Dismay
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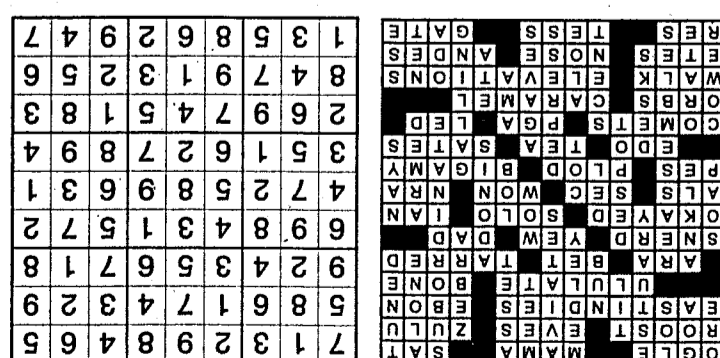
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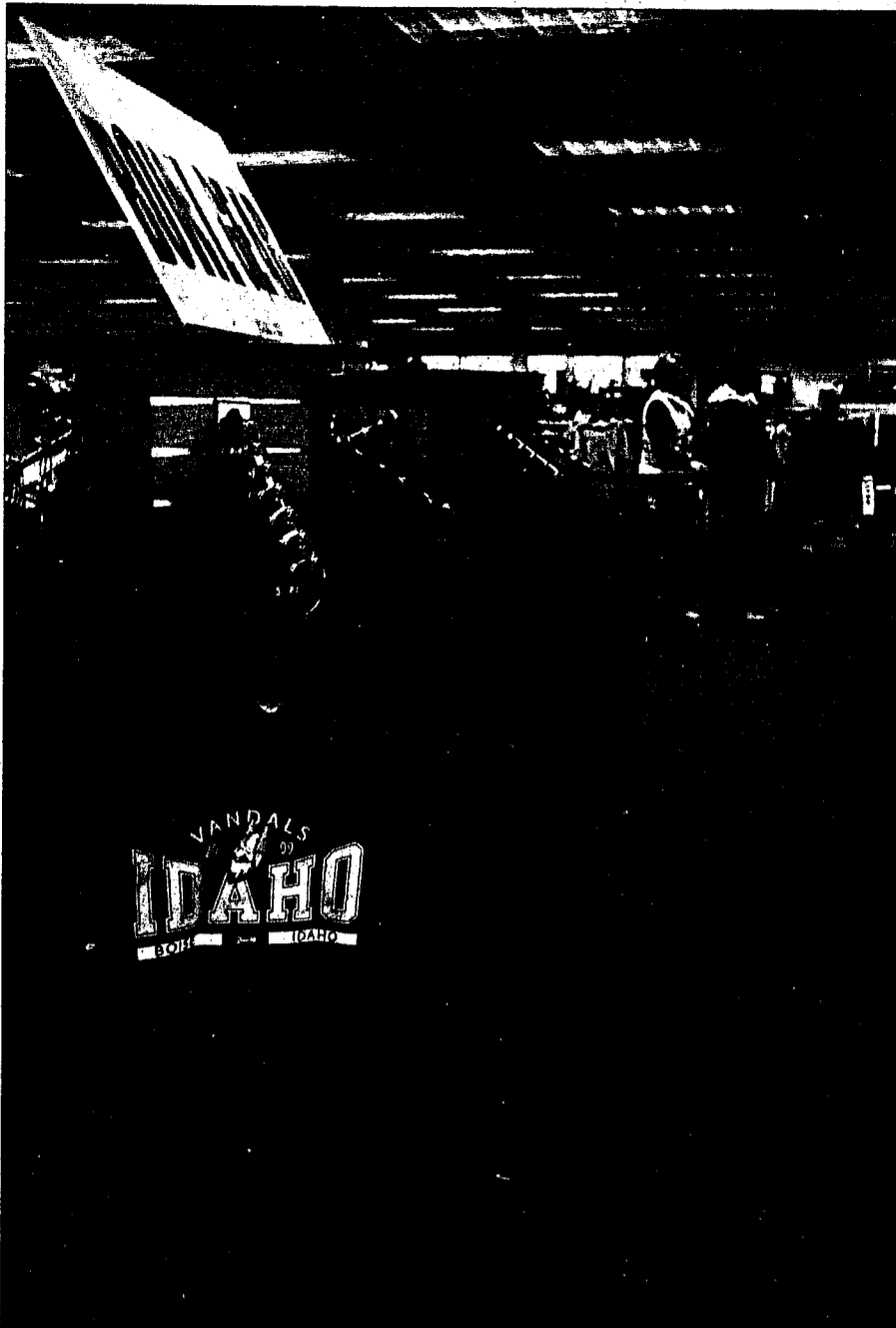
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Vandal gear a hot item for UI Bookstore



Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

Success on the football field has translated into profit for the University of Idaho Bookstore, the chief supplier of branded merchandise to Moscow.

During the football game at Boise State University this season, the bookstore opened a temporary extension in downtown Boise during the break, which they did again this past break. The team returned to Bronco Stadium on Dec. 30, beating Bowling Green State University 43-42 at the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl, a victory commemorated with hats, shirts and other gear now available at the store.

John Bales, the bookstore's director, said the Boise extension worked well.

"Our Boise Vandal Store was successful engaging Vandal fans in the Treasure Valley for both the holiday season and the Humanitarian Bowl," he said. "We were also successful in helping communicate the message of the University of Idaho and our brand."

Bales said running the additional store in Boise consisted of a higher-cost model and that the logistics were more difficult in this method.

Although emblematic sales for the Bookstore improved this fall, sales were down in areas that had been impacted by the economy and the Idaho economic environment.

"We are a University of Idaho-owned bookstore," Bales said. "The most important part of our revenue model is when we are profitable those profits stay at the University of Idaho and benefit students."

The main bookstore itself has recently seen improvements: new paint, fixtures, tile and dressing rooms have been added or upgraded.

"It was an exciting semester for us with the athletic success as well as investments we made to improve our customer service," said Patty Carscalen, marketing and retail supervisor for the bookstore.

Bookstore management is considering a permanent Boise bookstore, but strategic business plans targeting the area are still under consideration.

"We are currently evaluating the business model to determine what the best solution is to engage Vandals in the Treasure Valley," Bales said. "We have to build a model that performs well as a retail store regardless of the UI athletic success."

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Parking hours expanded, rates lowered

Stephanie Hale-Lopez
Argonaut

Though some things on campus increase with time, on-campus parking is not generally among them. Despite that, rates don't go in only one direction.

The hourly rate at the pay station parking lot west of the Student Recreation Center has been reduced to 25 cents, down from 75 cents. The rates apply to this particular lot between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parking and Transportation Services officials say the reduced rate was triggered due to underutilization.

"(The) PTS goal with the pay-to-park areas is to determine the appropriate hourly rate, which results in optimal utilization," said Carl Root, PTS director. He described optimal utilization as 90-

95 percent occupancy throughout a typical day.

Root said the hourly rates in each of the pay-to-park areas on campus may be adjusted in order to maintain the desired level of use.

"With the new rate change, the campus community may park in this lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for only \$1.75," Root said.

However, not all lots on campus are underutilized. The demand for parking in the Student Union Building lot has increased to the point where PTS has extended the time allotted for payment until 9 p.m. during the weekdays.

"(This time extension) results in an improved assurance of space for those attending SUB events in the evenings," Root said.

Beyond the pay lots, Root said one of his biggest goals on cam-

pus is the long-awaited completion of the west Kibbie Dome lot.

"We feel it is important to the university to improve this area of campus, and certainly this will help make the parking supply there more efficient and effective," Root said. "We would hope to have sufficient funds to engage in a design process in the next few years and the funding capacity to complete the project soon after that."

Root said they hope to find clarity as to how this project fits into the greater scheme of priorities within the next year.

The Kibbie Dome parking lot construction contributed to last summer being one of the busiest times in recent years for construction on campus. Root said PTS was able to work their way through the summer and into fall semester and complete

important projects with limited disruptions.

One significant issue that has carried over from fall semester is the surge in bicycles on campus, which has stretched bicycle rack availability.

"We feel this is a trend that will continue and we want to add bicycle parking supply in key locations to improve our ability to accommodate bicycle use," Root said. "Effective management of bicycle use and storage is essential to maintaining a safe pedestrian campus."

Though bicycles are a popular form of transportation on campus, many students choose to drive. To accommodate these students, PTS will be discussing parking permit rates later in the semester, to fit the needs of on-campus drivers.

"We do not have proposed rate increases for 2010-2011 finalized

at this time, but plan to in the next few weeks," said Rebecca Couch, an information specialist for PTS.

Root says PTS will be following the six-year financial and fee schedule plan to determine permit costs, which was introduced in 2008.

This will be the third year of the six-year plan which is intended to bring the price of a gold permit to \$350 and red and residential permits to \$200 by the year 2014.

"Over the six-year plan, this generates what is currently forecasted as sufficient revenues to fund essential improvements to ensure a safe and effective parking and transportation system on the Moscow campus," Root said.

PTS encourages students to purchase their permits for the 2010-2011 school year online once they become available in July, to avoid long lines.

UI student dies in Sandpoint

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

A University of Idaho freshman died in Sandpoint Monday of a brain embolism.

Rachel Dallas, a biology major, resided in Whitman Hall and was a member of a multicultural sorority. Bruce Pitman, dean of students, said the death was unexpected.

Her funeral will be held at 1:15 p.m. Monday in Sandpoint at the Coffelt Funeral Home, 109 N. Division Street. Pitman and Ray Gasser, director of housing, will represent UI at the funeral.

Sympathy cards and condolences can be sent to P.O. Box 161, Cocolalla, Idaho, 83813.

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current state of the Greek community regarding alcohol use.

The Greek Alcohol Task Force is currently inactive, but Kurz said he would not hesitate to bring the task force members back together should the need arise.

Last semester, it was formed as a temporary body to examine the policies and practices of the Greek community, and to advise and guide both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils toward more efficient policies and practices.

Kurz said the task force was not a policing or enforcement body, but rather a think tank and advisory body that was formed to better the Greek community.

The policies recommended by the task

force were adopted by the councils and are now in effect.

"These were concerned leaders within the fraternity and sorority community that had taken steps within their own organization to have healthier risk management practices, and wanted to help the Greek community improve itself as a whole," Kurz said. "I know that they are qualified, not only from the changes they had affected within their individual organizations, but their willingness to take initiative and step up to address this challenge."

Kurz said he feels the positive recommendations of the task force and their subsequent acceptance and adoption will move the Greek community in a good direction.

"Students recognized that there were issues in the community, and are taking steps to make things safer," Kurz said.

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"We've already cut, just in the last year, about \$20 million dollars from our budget," Nellis said. "We're moving forward ... but I worry about the strain that these cutbacks are having on our faculty and staff."

Legislators have historically turned to higher education funding to help shore up other budgets during times of economic hardship, said Bruce Newcomb, a former House speaker and Boise State's director of government affairs.

Newcomb made the case for the creation of a rainy day account for colleges,

similar to the fund lawmakers set aside several years ago for K-12 public schools so "we can somehow stabilize the consequences of these downturns."

"These are extraordinary times; times that none of us have ever experienced," Newcomb said. "We need to make sure we don't do irreparable damage when it comes to higher education."

Boise State's president said almost all new degree programs have been put on hold.

"We were able to peek out one new master's degree in chemistry and we did that very creatively by simply going back and reorganizing our undergraduate education in chemistry," Kustra said. "We increased

class sizes significantly. Something along the way was probably lost there, but that was the sacrifice that had to occur."

At the same time, tuition is covering a much larger share of the cost to educate students, Kustra said.

Ten years ago, 25 percent of the cost to educate a student at Boise State University was covered by tuition. That number has jumped to 43 percent and is expected to keep increasing, potentially leaving behind legions of students, Kustra said.

"As that tuition rises, we start losing students in the lower socio-economic rings of the ladder," Kustra said, "and that's particularly scary."

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Neiheisel says these improvements add focus and better engage students.

"We're looking to get more students to Vandal Friday, which is on March 26, by incorporating new students and new transfer students together. This is something that has not been done before," Neiheisel said. "We really think students should have a more engaged experience than just meeting their advisers and looking at campus."

The office is looking to increase recruitment, which is also part of the strategic plan.

Neiheisel encourages current students to get involved, because they are

the ones who can have the most impact.

"Current students are our best recruiters," Neiheisel said. "They can engage siblings, students from their high schools or community college."

Neiheisel says the initiatives of the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment will hopefully engage more students and help them have a solid experience at the university.

"We want to make sure the students have a structured experience," Neiheisel said.

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Otter asks too much of UI

University cannot withstand additional cuts from the state

You don't need to spend much time in Idaho — outside of the Sun Valley area — to determine Idaho is not a rich state. You could take a walk through an aging public school and interact with some of the teachers there, maybe go for a drive through the countryside or even just look at some facts and figures pertaining to money and education in the state.

Idaho has a perennial bottom-five position on the list of states churning out

the most college graduates. For a state that's already lagging behind most of the country in population and job opportunities, education should be the primary focus for the state government in economic times like these.

Let's throw a figure out there — \$30 million. That's how much less state-appropriated money the University of Idaho will have received in the last year if Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proposed midyear

holdback goes into effect. UI has already lost close to \$20 million before the aforementioned cuts.

Maybe the state legislature doesn't see the correlation between higher education and quality of life in a state that's, quite frankly, lagging behind its neighbors. Perhaps the idea of attracting new industry and opportunity to the state isn't high on their list of priorities either.

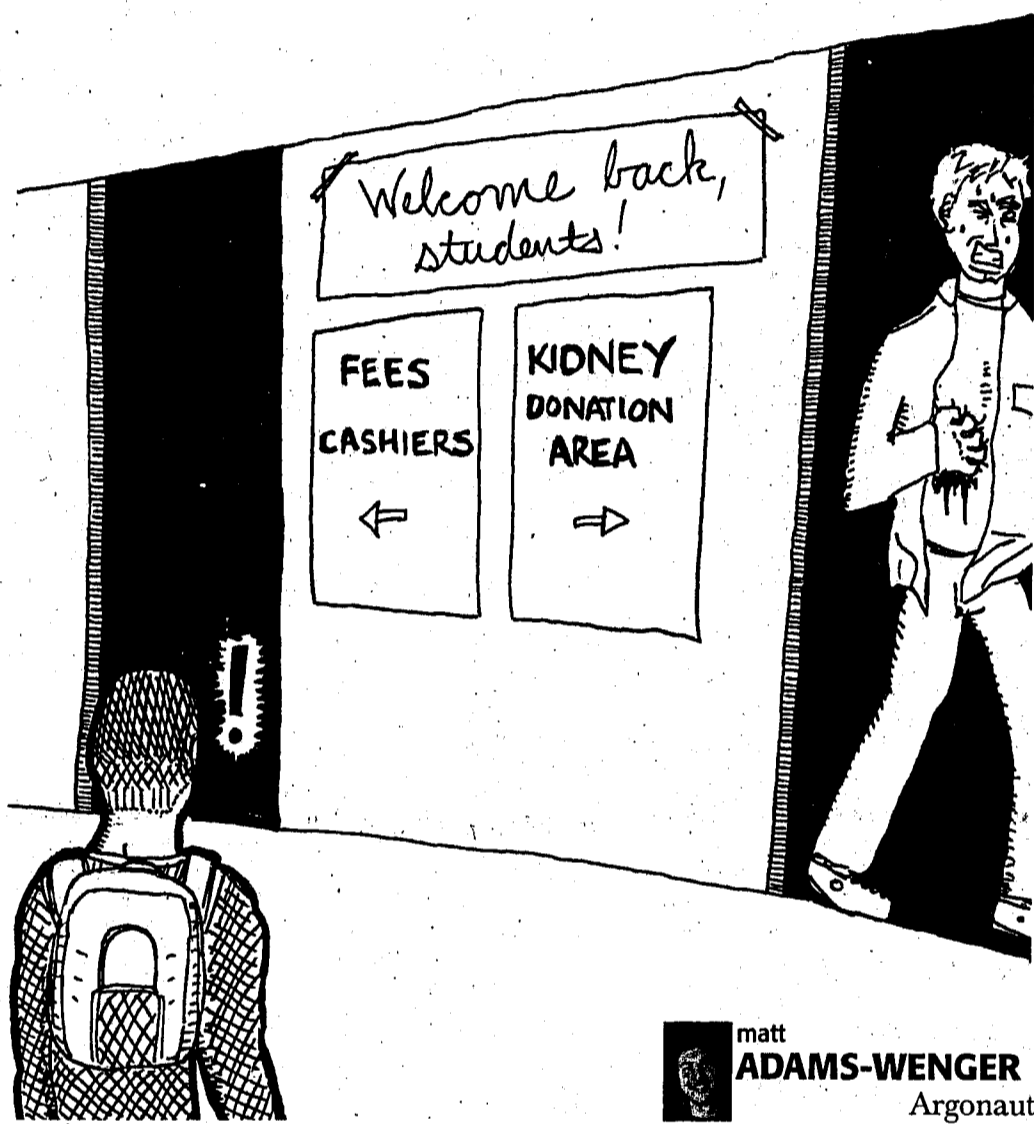
Whatever the case, this is

no time to falter on education. When state money disappears that means the schools must turn to students to shoulder the cost, resulting in even fewer graduates and less middle and lower-income families sending their children to school, further worsening an already serious economic problem.

It's time to seriously reconsider this proposed holdback, Gov. Otter.

— GC

The views expressed in this section, except those in the above editorial, are of the respective authors only.



matt ADAMS-WENGER
Argonaut

At least ESPN doesn't suck

Over break, I was flipping through cable channels when I had an epiphany. While I was watching something on ESPN, it hit me: these people know so very much about sports.

After watching for a while, I heard some extraordinarily informed arguments and painstakingly detailed reporting. And what was the topic? National politics? Economics? No. Sports. These guys — they were all guys, and I'm not sure if that was good or bad — could go on and on about this player or that team, and whatever their thoughts were on the issue, they were all basing everything they said on extremely informed opinions.



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Argonaut

I started wondering: what if some of our national news media were like ESPN? Suppose every pundit who came on a cable talk show had every fact straight, every date memorized and every stat ready. Even better, imagine that, rather than being informed for the purpose of arguing their biased side of the issue, they were informed because knowing everything possible was part of the job. Imagine the discourse if the only thing in dispute was what would

What if some of our national news media were like ESPN?

sportscasters take their jobs, it makes me wonder why so-called hard news people can't do the same.

And then I had to wonder, what if it were the other way around? What if sportscasters and commentators were bloviating pundits more concerned with pushing their own agenda than with reporting the (sports) news accurately? Just imagine if someone on "Monday Night Football" went and made up stats about Peyton Manning. That would be absurd.

happen next. Suppose Chris Matthews treated "Hardball" like the anchors on "SportsCenter" treat baseball. While I can't help being disturbed at how seriously

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Don't buy textbooks

It is the start of a new semester and with that comes the inevitable gouging of college students by textbook companies. Students are quick to complain about this, but very little action seems to take place regarding the high price of textbooks.

Books cost an obscene amount of money. Students have a right to moan about it, but nothing changes come next semester. Of course, if textbooks did happen to be cheaper, the extra cash would most likely go to companies producing cheap beer, but that

is another issue altogether. Some students now go online to buy textbooks. This can be cheaper but is also a bit of a gamble. There are always issues over getting the right edition and they can be harder to sell back. Sure a few quid may be saved, but one cannot help but still feel ripped off.

The best way, and perhaps only way, to get back at the textbook companies and libraries is to not buy textbooks. This may not be possible for all classes, but there are plenty of other classes where it is feasible.



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I have managed to pass upper division journalism, history and philosophy classes without purchasing the so-called required texts. A person must use discretion when doing this, but just because a teacher requires a book does not mean it is needed.

Of course, the teachers who require numerous superfluous books certainly do no favors to students. While some teachers may be sympathetic, they are not the ones forking over the money to purchase the books. That burden falls to the students who should hold off on buying books until it becomes a necessity.

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off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Like a UNLV Rebel

I lost \$120 slowly in Las Vegas over break and \$80 quickly. Ten-dollar minimum craps is a volatile game, folks. Even if you're only playing the pass line and the free odds. Maybe especially so. Oh, well, at least I did well on slots and video poker.

— Marcus

If only

The only thing better than the Vandals' win at the Humanitarian Bowl would have been if the field didn't burn my eyes while I watched. Too much blue.

— Jeffrey

NBC nonsense

NBC wants to push back "The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien" to after midnight so Jay Leno can have his old time slot back. If Leno wanted to keep the time slot, do the same jokes and stay with NBC, then why didn't he just stay on "The Tonight Show"?

— Erin

To do lists

Checklists are incredibly helpful. They help keep you organized and focused. And once you check something off, it gives you a sense of accomplishment. Basically, they keep you sane and make you feel good. Checklists are awesome.

— Elizabeth

NBC

NBC really needs to take a step back and realize that the "Jay Leno Show" is not funny. They need to fire Jay Leno and keep Conan O'Brien. Conan is at least a little funny.

— Jens

Fool me once

I thought that with 13 credits this semester it'd be an easy semester to get through. Instead, I underestimated senior-level classes and the amount of work I'd have to do. Now I'm wondering if I'll survive, and I'm already reading the book for my 15-page research paper.

— Jennifer

Behind the times

As I walked out of the bookstore today, I realized I am taking my final semester of Russian language after four years, and I just bought my very first Russian-English dictionary. Sometimes my frugal college student ways make things a little harder than they need to be.

— Jake

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Our postmodern culture

Two weeks ago, PBS aired a documentary on "Independent Lens" called "Knocking," which follows the stories of two Jehovah's Witness families. One of the families was faced with a terrible dilemma. Their son needed a life-saving kidney transplant, but their religious beliefs forbid them from accepting blood transfusions, even of their own blood. A transfusion is necessary for the operation.

The filmmaker followed the family members as they struggled to find a hospital that would perform the surgery without blood transfusions and were faced with the many dangers involved in such an experimental procedure. Through it all, one thing was emphasized over and over again: although they knew it was dangerous, the family was convinced that refusing blood transfusions is God's command, based on Acts 15:29.

Standing by a conviction, even if it is inconvenient or painful, is certainly admirable, but the documentary was missing a very important

piece. They never actually read Acts 15:29 to ask whether or not it really says what this group claims. In other words, the key belief at the center of the story was never subjected to rational examination.

We saw the same thing during the presidential campaign in 2008-09.

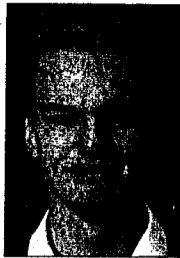
A major issue was made of Mitt Romney's Mormonism, but for all the words spilled over it during the campaign, what was conspicuously lacking in the media was any objective evaluation of the beliefs that separate a Mormon from anyone else. Not to say his beliefs weren't attacked, or that there was a lack of insult and rhetoric, but nowhere was there a journalist or commentator who said "These are the historical, philosophical and biblical claims that distinguish Mormonism. Let's examine the evidence and reasoning to see if they are valid."

Of course, it is easy to counter that such an approach would be too difficult and time-consuming to undertake, and nobody would be convinced by it either way. That may be true, but if it is, let's stop any nonsense about "hard-hitting investigative journalism" and admit all we want from our news personnel is current events entertainment.

But it's not just the effort in-

involved that keeps us from examining religious beliefs, is it? There is a strong sense today that it is taboo to subject a person's spiritual views to rational criticism. It is fine to ask for verification of research or statistics, but to ask a person for the rationale behind their belief in multiple, finite deities, and, well, who can say? We prefer to shrug and echo Pilate's cynical question "What is truth?" We are incapable of examining religious beliefs rationally because our postmodern mindset has split our brains in two and hamstrung our reasoning.

As humans, we can gain knowledge of the world through observation and through our reason. To put it another way, we can use facts and we can use judgment. As postmodern thinkers, however, we commit two opposite errors and misuse each one.



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We need reform

When considering issues affecting the United States, I frequently head to the tools of economics to explain behavior. One such tool with great explanatory power is incentives. If a course instructor allows three unexcused absences and fails any student with four, you'll see fewer students miss four classes than if the punishment were a grade letter knocked off.

As Ezra Klein of the Washington Post eloquently wrote in December about the GOP's use of the filibuster, "the minority has both the incentive and the power to make the majority fail. That's all well and good for interesting elections, but it means that no one can successfully govern the country."

The Democratic caucus in the U.S. Senate is the largest of either party in decades, but because the filibuster has been employed on nearly every piece of major legislation, it is still only just enough to do a semblance of work. Every member of that caucus has a veto, and some use it, as Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., threatened before quick submission from their 58 colleagues.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., this week conceded in the New York Times that trying to win the support of Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, was time wasted,

because as he said she had no intention of ever working anything out.

Officially, Snowe's explanation was that the process was moving too quickly, though the item was firmly on the agenda during the 2008 presidential primary, and it was nearly the sole item on the agenda starting in at least the early summer of 2009. What Snowe wanted from more delay, she did not say.

Bipartisanship is a dance that takes two partners, and compromise isn't supposed to be capitulation by one side. The current Republican Party has no apparent room for tax increases, or reduced defense spending.

So long as the voters react positively to obstructionism, and Congressional rules permit it, actions will be logically determined by incentives.

During Dennis Hastert's time as Speaker of the House, the Republican Party had an explicit policy to pursue only the legislation preferred by "the majority of the majority," precluding the Democratic Party the possibility of bipartisanship except on the GOP's terms.

So far, in their majorities the Democrats have pursued the same strategy. What's objectionable for one party is objectionable for the other, of course, but one wonders what recourse a party has when every olive branch is set on fire.

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TEXTBOOKS

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A reading may be assigned, but most likely the information that is needed will be covered in class. Unless there are questions to be answered in the text or answers that come word for word from the text, a person can probably get by without buying it.

The only unfortunate thing is that this is impossible for

students in math and science classes.

Sure this plan may be asinine, but surely it is no more asinine than shilling out \$300 each semester to pay for books that most people will get little use out of. It remains to be seen if those producing textbooks would take notice of a boycott, but at least it would feel good.

Even Clark Griswold would scoff at taking a stand of this nature, then again no matter how outlandish, taking some action is better than allowing textbook companies to run roughshod over college students.

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Now, there are people on staff at sports games to feed the commentators info if they don't already have it in front of them. But what if they weren't there? What if all you had on MNF were three guys talking about the game, saying whatever they wanted, with no accountability? That would be awful. They'd likely do a poor job, and their own biases would undoubtedly make up for their lack of knowledge of the players, the game and maybe even the

sport. Who knows? I sure wish that news people had those real-time fact checkers on hand, though.

So I was planning on writing a column about all that, but then I checked the news online and found out Mark McGuire had finally come clean about juicing. And who was in full damage control mode? ESPN. They were bending over backwards to apologize for him and make every excuse possible. I think I even saw Bob Costas lending credibility to everything. So never mind. ESPN sucks too.

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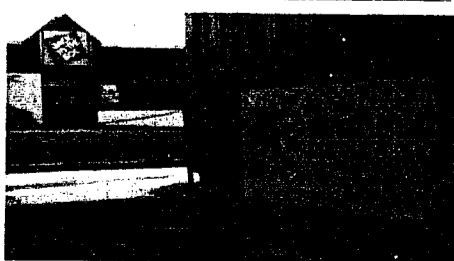
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Sushi, anyone?

New restaurant offers sushi, teriyaki cuisine

Matt Adams-Wenger
Argonaut

Whether raw or charbroiled, Red Bento offers a variety of Japanese-style entrées.

Red Bento, a sushi, teriyaki and Japanese fusion restaurant, opened recently on Third Street in the former Golden Star building.

Co-owner and sushi chef, Chris Joo said he wanted to give Moscow a good Japanese restaurant.

"I thought it'd be nice to have a Japanese restaurant in Moscow," he said. "Pullman already has one, so I decided to open one, and it works great right now."

Joo would know if it was working well — this is his third restaurant. He grew up in Tacoma where he learned

how to make sushi 20 years ago. He then spent most of his life in the Seattle area before moving to Pullman two years ago. His first restaurant was in Port Orchard, Wash., and his second was in Virginia, where his wife's family is from. He said the Port Orchard restaurant was a big success, but not the one in Virginia.

"I had one for about seven months, but I didn't make it," Joo said. "I think it was a bad location, and everything was not familiar to me, everything was new to me."

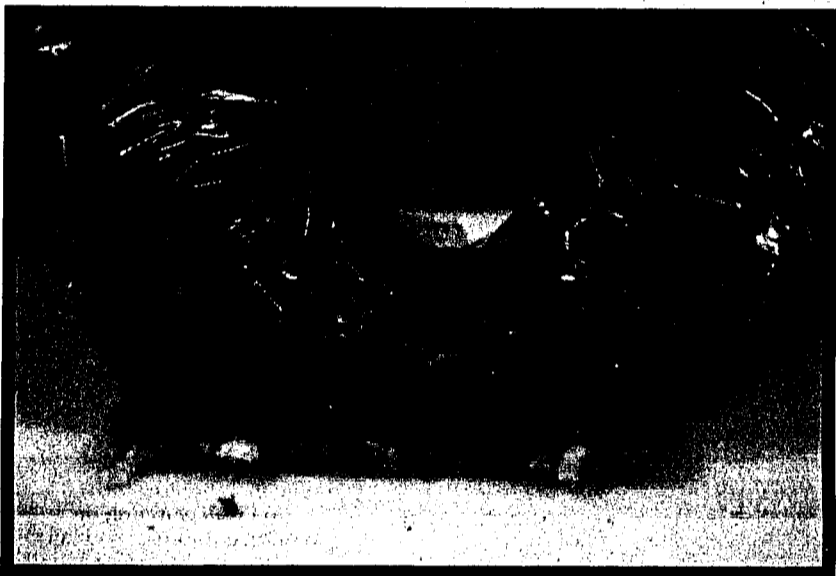
Red Bento, on the other hand, has been packed every day since they opened. Joo said it was a surprise.

"We didn't do any advertising, but we opened on the 21st of December

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Above and left: Co-owner and sushi chef Chris Joo of Red Bento prepares a red dragon sushi roll at the recently opened Japanese fusion restaurant Thursday evening.



commentary

Why choose, do both

Top five books that were turned into movies

Remember Johnny Five from "Short Circuit"? The lovable 'bot with a heart (and, in the sequel, exterior) of gold? Remember how when he was first struck by lightning all he can think is "input"? That's me. I have to read whatever is around me. If I'm in the dentist's waiting room and there's nothing to read but "Highlights" magazine, I will read that baby cover to cover — same with TV or music. And I have to pay close attention to it. If I were put in a room with a stack of books, a TV and a boom box I'd probably try to eat it all. So, if there's a book and a movie version of something, I'll probably have to consume both — just because, which leads to my top five books that are also movies.

5. "First Blood"

I've never read "First Blood," but I just found out an hour ago this seminal Stallone movie was a book first, so of course it automatically makes my list.

I'm sure I'll love it.

4. "American Psycho"

The movie was amazing, starring the always pleasant Christian — Seriously, what do I have to do to get an Oscar nomination? — Bale. So very '90s, so very gory and yet done so very cerebrally. It did a good job of translating the insanity from the page to the screen. But the book had an insanity all its own. It is a book where you have to read the boring parts because they make the insane parts that much more insane. And there were a lot of insane parts.

3. "Watchmen"

The not-really-a-superhero movie that came out last fall was based on one of the most seminal graphic novels of our time. I read it, and then wondered how they were going to turn an epic, epic book into a movie. Answer: they carefully removed the subplots in such a way that it stayed almost completely true to the book without being ten hours long — very slick. But, I must admit, the book was more satisfying. Can I also say I was disappointed they managed to make

an already-violent book a gratuitously violent movie? That's talent.

2. "Jumanji"

Did anyone else get this book read to them as a child? It was such a simple, imaginative tale that I kept coming back to it. Obviously, Hollywood couldn't make a movie out of it as it was — it would've been a ten minute movie — but the changes they made added a cute storyline and kept most of the original wonder. This combo is definitely the most different, but in a really good way.

1. "Jurassic Park"

I honestly think this was a perfect movie. By perfect movie, I mean there is not one second that is wasted or one line that is unnecessary. Again, like "Watchmen," I applaud Steven Spielberg's ability to turn what I also thought was an absolutely thrilling book into an amazing — but much shorter — movie. So he turned Mr. Hammond into a nice old man instead of a money-grubber. How much money did it make again? Fun fact: Read "The Lost World" and then watch "The Lost World" and "Jurassic Park 3." It's like they divided up all the good parts from that book and put them in two separate movies.



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Competing musical video games

According to the general stereotype, nerds don't like physical activity. Most would rather hide inside and play video games or read novels about dark elves.

There is one way to get almost all geeks off the couch — "Dance Dance Revolution." This series of video games can be highly aerobic, and many gamers credit the games with substantial weight loss. Players use a dance mat and step in time with the music.

On easy levels, the game is simple. However, harder levels have quick steps and each level presents a new difficulty in aerobic threshold. The game even has a workout mode, which allows players to track calories burned and weight lost over time.

DDR is a social favorite among nerds. It invites competition and encouragement, and is a positive way to get off the couch. However, DDR has recently become less popular as games like "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" replaces it as a social video game.

DDR is arguably healthier than music games like "Guitar Hero." With this game, instead of exercising their bodies, players work out their fingers on plastic instruments.

Even though DDR is healthier, there

are other upsides to playing "Rock Band" — since getting sweaty in front of friends can be awkward. "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" appeal to fans of rock more than DDR, where the songs are mostly techno or another electronic variety. Konami, the developer of DDR, has ceased production of the series, while new editions of "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" come out regularly, and new downloadable songs are released each week.

Owners of DDR games as well as "Rock Band" may tell you it's fun to break a sweat while playing video games but it's also fun to play a fake guitar. There are still many hardcore fans of DDR, but without new games, many are leaving their dance mats for drum kits. DDR arcade machines won't go away, but many DDR enthusiasts want new content.

DDR has paved the way for other fitness games. "Wii Fit" is the second best-selling video game of all time and "The Biggest Loser" has jumped on the bandwagon with several games. Even so, these games are intended for solo play and do not have the same social aspect as DDR. Maybe in an era where weight loss is almost everyone's goal, DDR can make a big comeback.



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Engineering beatboxes

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

When University of Idaho mechanical engineering student Josiah Savino isn't studying for exams or building projects for labs, he's writing lyrics and collaborating with artists through MySpace.

Savino's interest in music started early in his life, from the time he was in seventh grade. He used his mom's boyfriend's studio to experiment with beat boxing, laying down tracks and eventually layering in rap lyrics with the beat boxing. Savino said once his mom bought him a four-track recorder — which was roughly the size of a Game Boy — he made his first CD, called "Pre-season." After that, his music started to take shape.

"I want the listener to be intrigued and I don't want to just rap for three minutes long, so I thought, how do I change it up? A chorus," Savino said. "So I tried singing."

Savino has his own MySpace page with samples of his tracks and nearly 4,000 friends, along with his own Facebook fan page and a YouTube channel. Several of his tracks feature other artists Savino collaborated with through the Internet, including one artist he worked with over the phone.

Between his engineering studies and songwriting, Savino spends time working for the Sound, Production and Lighting department in the Student Union Building, and playing piano accompaniment for ballet classes on campus. Melissa Scholten, who teaches Intermediate Ballet, said Savino is almost always enthusiastic and eager to learn.

"Sometimes he does warm-ups with the girls, which is def-

initely not required of him, but they have a lot of fun," Scholten said. "He jokes around with them a lot too."

Savino said he started writing songs because he didn't like most of the lyrical content he heard on the radio, especially in regards to disrespect toward women. Savino said having grown up with sisters that he respects highly, songs that de-grade women bother him.

"It made me mad inside because I was like, there's so much more that people are missing," Savino said. "Music can be lyrically pleasing to you and tell a story, and help connect people. So that is what I wanted to do."

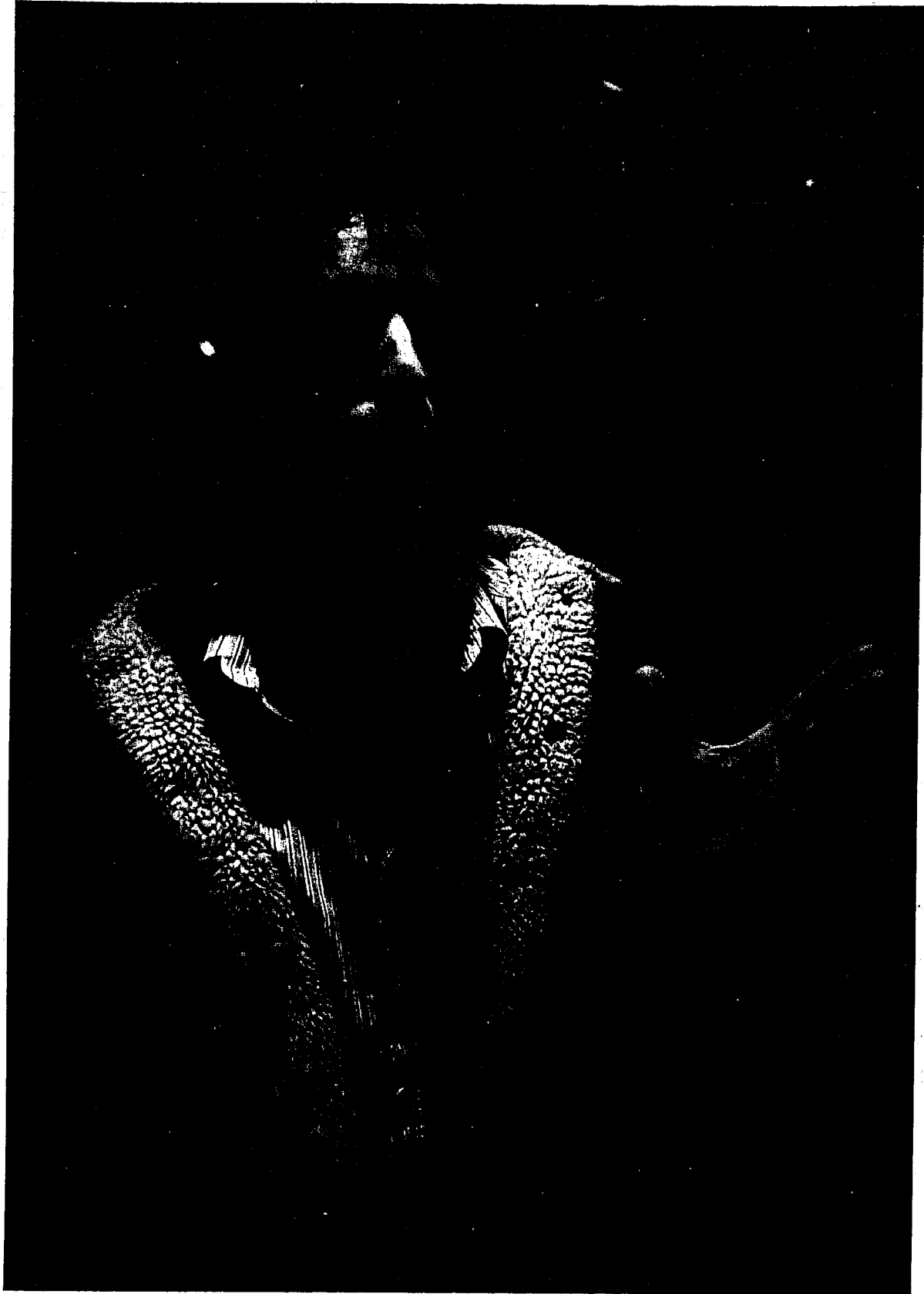
Brannon Durant, a sophomore in biological sciences, worked with Savino to record a piece of his own music. Durant said his style is more like Jack Johnson, but Savino helped him with the recording equipment.

"He's a good recorder and he knows how to work with all the programs and handling stuff, so I would definitely go use him again if it came up," Durant said. "It was my first time recording something and I learned a lot I didn't know ... It was fun."

As far as pursuing his musical talents after college goes, Savino said he's keeping his options open, but he's not ruling it out.

"If I could do anything, it would be to do music, because that is what I love and what my passion is," Savino said, "but ... I'm aware of how the (music) business works. It's not just sweet people helping you out, there are some people out there who are just out for the money."

Savino's music can be heard at <http://www.myspace.com/josiahsavino> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/>

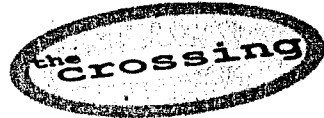


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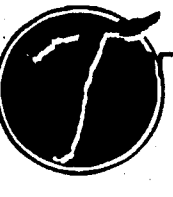
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commentary

Octomom, Taylors cause stir

From mom-jeans to bikinis

Jessica Simpson is the notorious Hollywood single lady, but you really can't feel bad for the girl. She has a successful shoe, accessories, outerwear, perfume and handbag lines already and to add to that list she's launched a swimwear line. Sure, Jess is still recovering from her 2009 mom-jeans incident, but let's try to give her the benefit of the doubt.



stephanie HALE-LOPEZ

Victoria's Secret vodka?

The vodka brand, 42BELOW, has recently released a recipe for a drink called "Bombshell" which was allegedly inspired by Victoria's Secret Angels. The drink includes passion fruit puree, cranberry juice, lemon and vodka. Drink one and you'll cry over your non-Angelness. Drink two more and you'll be pretty sure you are one.

When Taylors collide

Argonaut Yes, the rumors around the break-up of Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner are true — the couple is no longer together. No idea as to why the puppy love that once made millions of girls cry themselves to sleep at night didn't work out, but maybe this break-up will be the inspiration for Swift's next hit.

Justice, better late than never

The doctor who helped Octomom have all of those in-vitro babies is currently being investigated for "gross negligence." Oh yeah, and for not sending Nadya Suleman to therapy — finally.

Lookin' for love

The Scottish singing sensation, Susan Boyle, is looking for that special someone and will dedicate 2010 to finding a boyfriend. The single 48-year-old has allegedly turned down offers for reality-dating shows. Why? Those cheesy dating shows worked for Flavor Flav, Bret Michaels, Ray J, New York ...

R.I.P. Casey Johnson

TMZ is reporting that Casey Johnson, the 30-year-old heiress to the Johnson & Johnson fortune, was found dead on Jan. 4 in Los Angeles. The cause of death is currently unknown. Johnson was recently in the news after an alleged engagement to reality star, Tila Tequila. Tequila showed off the engagement ring in early December.

Music:

Alberta Cross
The Broken Side of Time
Alberta Cross has been hard at work after producing their EP *The Thief and the Heartbreaker* with their debut album and first full-length release. This album was released in the United Kingdom last fall and will now be available to the U.S. public. Available Jan. 19 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

Eels
End Time
With their eighth studio album on the horizon, the Eels are responsible for appearing on many different soundtracks. Much like the Eels previous releases, there are a couple of band members that rotate frequently with the band's originator, E, at the helm. This eighth release seems as if it will be much of the same from the Eels musically. However, the subject of the album is roughly based on broken relationships and love. Available Jan. 19 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

Spoon
Transference
Appearing with their first album in more than three years, Spoon is back on the scene making some radio-friendly fun music. After the large commercial success of their last album *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga* and various other EP's in the

mean time, this album has been much anticipated and should be quite stellar. Available Jan. 19 at Amazon, Hastings and iTunes

Movies:

"Pandorum"
Starring Dennis Quaid, this film has been widely dismissed as another "Alien" carbon copy. Ben Foster also stars in the film along with Cam Gigandet of TV's "The OC" and "Twilight." This film has some creepy moments and is at least worth the rent. Available Jan. 19 at Amazon, Hastings and Howard Hughes Video

"The Invention of Lying"
A truly creative film taking a slightly different avenue than Jim Carrey's "Liar Liar," "The Invention of Lying" is definitely a film to see. With numerous cameos of different actors and actresses including Philip Seymour Hoffman and Tina Fey (just to name a few) the first part of the film is hysterical while the second part seems to drop off. It's worth the rental at the very least. Available Jan 19 at Amazon, Hastings and Howard Hughes Video

"Weeds: Season Five"
With Nancy Botwin still on top and the theme of the show shifting considerably, the plot has moved from a widowed mother

peddling drugs to support her lavish lifestyle to being a pregnant woman trying to survive. Season five saw a lot of drama and some scary moments for Botwin, as well as her family. The finale was a shocker and will set up for an even better season six.

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Books:

This week there are not any books coming out through the mainstream. There are always books com-

ing out weekly but it seems as if some of the big name authors already released their newest novels for the holiday season. Check your local bookstores for titles coming out later in the spring and check back here next week for Jan. 26 releases.

Video Games:

There are not any newly released video games this week, but keep your eyes out for some big titles coming from Microsoft's XBOX 360, Sony's Playstation 3 and Nintendo's Wii.

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Sleuthing scores high

Sherlock Holmes makes up lack of plot with dynamic acting

Jeff Myers
Argonaut

Sherlock Holmes and his faithful companion Dr. Watson return to the public eye in Hollywood's latest rendition of Arthur C. Doyle's classic detective novels.

Set in a subtly stylized 19th century England, the film places Holmes on the trail of disgraced nobleman Lord Blackwood who has been abducting young women and murdering them in ritual sacrifices.

For the film Robert Downey Jr. delivers a brilliant realization of the title character, capturing the master of logical reasoning's ingenious as well as his insecurities.

The part of Dr. Watson, Holmes' long time friend and partner, is played by Jude Law. Law's performance fails to reach the high standard set by Downey Jr. but together the two lead actors do an excellent job of creating a perfect dynamic

between the deductive duo.

The rest of the cast is filled out with characters who long time Holmes fans will recognize including Irene Adler, Inspector Lestrade and Mary Morstan. Unfortunately each additional character does little to service the movie, providing only unnecessary filler and minor advancement of the subpar story arc.



"Sherlock Holmes" Robert Downey, Jr. Now playing

The real tragedy with director Guy Ritchie's vision of this literary masterpiece is the lack of attention that was paid to creating a deep, compelling mystery. All the basic elements of a detective story are present and a few twists are thrown in to keep the viewer interested. However, contrasted against the incredible acting ability of a clean and sober Downey Jr. and a visually engrossing industrialist London, the grand plot often becomes secondary which seems strange for the mystery template in which all of Holmes' adventures fall.

Despite the lack of imagination that went into the story it does manage to set a solid framework for Downey Jr. and Law to explore their characters and avoids losing viewers' interest as the film progresses to its logical conclusion.

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... packed," he said. "And then we're getting busier. We're getting more business every day... we're definitely going to keep this (location.) Hopefully we can get the other side of this restaurant, which is empty."

In addition, he said he intends to open another restaurant this year and two more next year, though he can't be more specific than "close to here."

Even though he's looking to the future, Joo said he still thinks Red Bento is a special place.

"Twenty percent of the

sushi menu is unique," he said. "You cannot find (that) kind of sushi in other restaurants. The price of the food, I think, is pretty reasonable."

The signage on the side of the building advertises two different sushi rolls for less than \$5, with lunch combos under \$10.

He explained that sushi and teriyaki so often go together because sushi is fresh, while teriyaki, which literally means "charbroiled barbecue," is cooked. So they complement each other. People come to get sushi rolls and "kitchen food."

At 2 p.m. Wednesday there were five tables seated. Of the four that had their food, each table was

uniformly positive in their reviews. There was a mix of first-timers and second or third-timers.

"I keep dragging people here — I love it," Erin Katovich, a customer said. "I've taken three lunch breaks with people and begged them to come out here, and I usually don't eat out."

Katovich sat at a table of five and her companions all nodded in agreement with her. Crystal Lutes, eating with two other people who also had never been before, commented that "it reminds me of Seattle teriyaki."

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Vandals own Bronco Stadium

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

It was a play drive that changed everything for the University of Idaho Vandals in the Roady's Humanitarian Bowl against Bowling Green.

Down by a touchdown, the Vandals managed to drive downfield into the red zone, leaving eight seconds on the clock. Quarterback Nathan Enderle shot a pass to the center of the end zone where Max Komar fell to the turf, the football clenched to his side. It was the only catch Komar made all game, but proved to be the most important of his career, bringing the Vandals within reach of a win 42-41.

Choosing to take the win instead of a tie, a pass from Enderle sailed straight over Falcon defense into an unguarded Preston Davis' hands — sending more than 25,000 Vandal fans into hysteria at Bronco Stadium.

"I want you all to know this is the best this stadium has ever looked," coach Robb Akey said after they took the victory from Bowling Green 43-42.

On the Vandal side of the field, senior running back De'Maundray

Woolridge earned the MVP award after he went away from the game with 126 yards and two touchdowns.

Akey said the momentum the team was holding was sign enough for him to make the decision of taking it all and not considering overtime.

"Our team had been fighting," Akey said. "I believed they could make it happen."

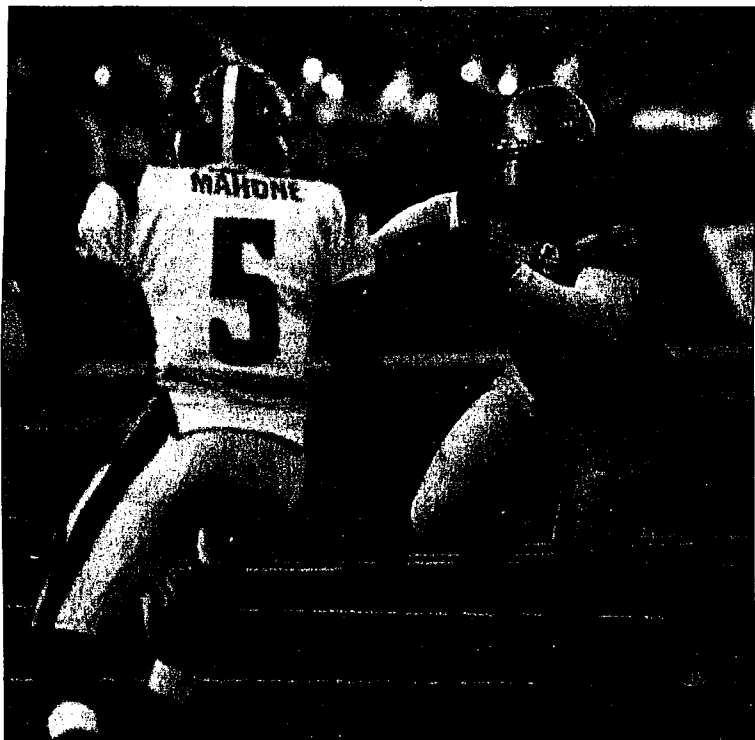
Akey described his team as winners and champions, and said the team's bowl win would change the face of Vandal athletics from that point forward.

With the bowl victory as a launching pad for the Vandals, Akey and his coaching staff now have the expectation of another bowl game next year. Akey said the challenge for next year's team is to record even more wins than the year before. But Akey said the win was also a benefit for the university.

"Everybody involved with the university right now is walking real tall, is walking real proud," Akey said.

But in spite of the need for celebration, Akey said he will take a few days to relax and step back on a plane toward recruiting.

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Left: Vandal running back De'Maundray "Diesel" Woolridge cuts back to run past Bowling Green Falcon defensive back P.J. Mahone Dec. 30 during the 2009 Roady's Humanitarian Bowl. Along with winning the game, 43-42 with 126 yards and two rushing touchdowns, Woolridge was named the Humanitarian Bowl MVP for Idaho. Right: Vandal football coach Robb Akey runs onto the field alongside Faleaoga Famiu, left, Justin Veltung, left center, and the rest of the Vandal football team at the beginning of the game. Akey and the Vandals won the contest with a late 2-point conversion pass from quarterback Nathan Enderle to a wide-open Preston Davis in the back of the end zone to get ahead 43-42 with four seconds remaining. The Vandals held onto the lead, winning their second bowl game in school history.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

Iupati's not done yet

Vandal offensive guard prepares for Senior Bowl — one last chance to prove high ratings for NFL scouts

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Most seniors on the University of Idaho football team finish out the season remembering it all. At the end of the road they receive their degree and move on to a life where football isn't everything.

But for senior Mike Iupati, the degree is just a backup plan and football will be everything. Lack of practice doesn't worry coaches. Getting back into the swing of things as he continues training in preparation for the next step beyond college.

On Monday, Iupati accepted an invitation to the Under Armour Senior Bowl, giving the 325-pound guard one last chance to impress NFL scouts.

Iupati earned several honors throughout the season, proving his high ratings as an offensive lineman were right where they should be.

He was named a consensus first team All-American by the Associated Press, Walter Camp, American Football Coaches Association and the Football Writers Association of America. He was also an Outland Trophy finalist and first

team All-WAC selection.

A key member in helping the Vandals take home the Humanitarian Bowl victory 42-41, Iupati didn't allow a single sack on quarterback Nathan Enderle all season — grading him at about 90 percent in all 13 games.

"Mike's performance this season has established himself as potentially the best offensive guard in the upcoming NFL draft," Senior Bowl President and CEO Steve Hale said in a UI press release. "Anyone who watched him play this year knows that he was clearly a difference maker for the Vandals."

Iupati said he is happy to be leaving college with a championship ring on his finger, an honor that could propel him into greater things.

"It came down to the last second," Iupati said. "It made it that much sweeter to take the winning."

Knowing that he accomplished more than average in his senior year made everything special for Iupati, and the upcoming Senior Bowl is just another step on the ladder.

"My expectations are very high," Iupati said. "I am not too

nervous because I am very confident in my skills and what was taught by the UI coaching staff."

Hoping to show scouts what he can do with his abilities and prove why he's rated so high, Iupati said his plan is to just do everything right.

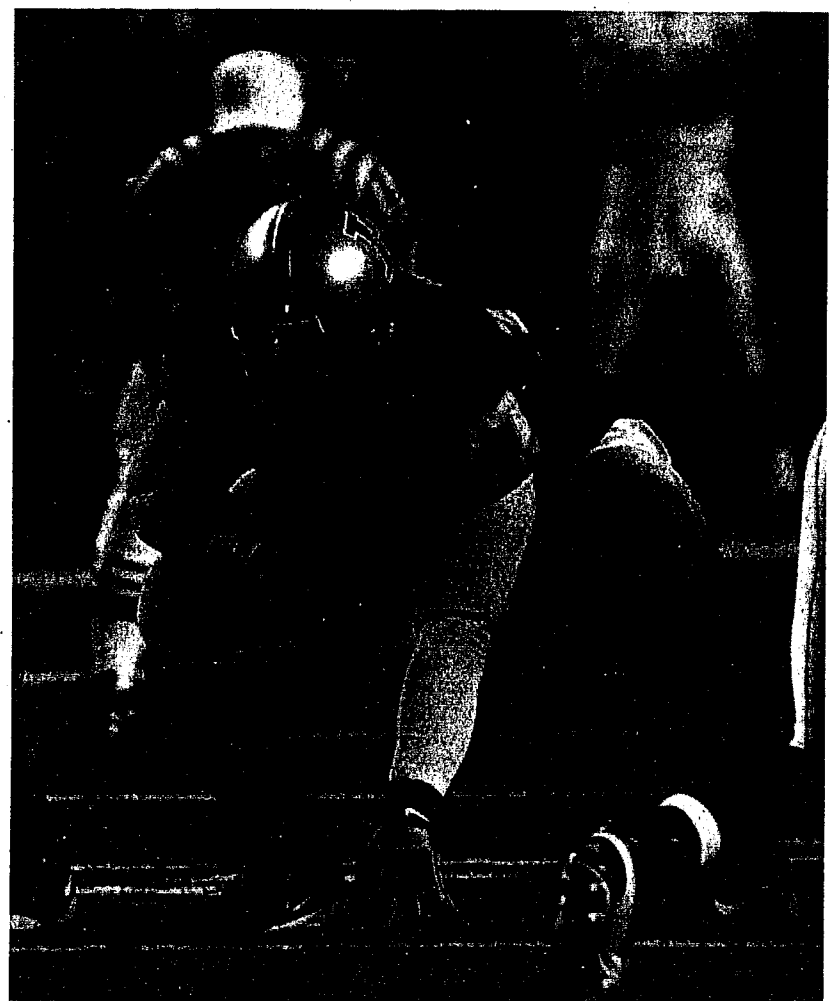
Starting workouts last week, Iupati is on a grueling schedule every day until game-time. On top of taking online classes to finish his degree, Iupati is training in California to build muscle, gain speed and hone his offensive technique.

Iupati said he knows the workouts are pushing him right and the outcome will be a good one.

If he could play for any team in the NFL, he would choose the Miami Dolphins for two reasons: it's somewhere warm and he loves running back Ricky Williams. But Iupati said he'd be happy anywhere.

"I just perform my best and hope for the best," Iupati said.

The nationally televised game will be at 3 p.m., Jan. 30. Iupati is the 11th player in Idaho school history and will be the first since 2000 to be included in the game.



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal offensive guard Mike Iupati prepares for the ball to be snapped during the 2009 Roady's Humanitarian Bowl Dec. 30 at Bronco Stadium. Iupati has been named a consensus first team All-American, invited to the Under Armour Senior Bowl, an Outland Trophy Finalist and a first team All-WAC selection. He was also named to the WAC's All-Decade team, and is projected as a top pick in the 2010 NFL Draft.

Winter break brings struggles

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

After a long break of some relaxing and some practice, the men's and women's basketball teams must now regroup and finish out their seasons strong. The women have been struggling this year, with only two wins. Their season has been one of strong starts and slow finishes, leaving them fighting for a victory that was too far out of reach. The men have had a mix of struggles this season, but with three losses in a row under their belts, the rest of the season is a test to see where the team will finish.

"What kept us in it was defense, we did a great job getting down on their big kid (Mekia Valentine) and taking away some of their weapons."

Jon Newlee

Womens' basketball coach

took a few bad shots, and that's when they expanded their lead."

"We're going to find out a lot about the character of this (men's) basketball team," Verlin said. "The WAC season is three games old and there is a lot of basketball to be played."

Women's

Long Beach 65, Idaho 53

"We lost their 3-point shooters in transition and didn't get back," coach Jon Newlee said. "They've got some kids that can really shoot it. They were pressing us and we

Idaho 47, UC-Santa Barbara 40

"What kept us in it was defense," Newlee said. "We did a great job of getting down on their big kid (Mekia Valentine) and taking away some of their other weapons."

Fresno State 72, Idaho 64

"We played a great 30 minutes of basketball and they played 40," Newlee said.

Men's

Portland 82, Idaho 52

"It's like playing on the road in the WAC," coach Don Verlin said. "If you come into someone's house and you make a bunch of mistakes and you let a guy get off, you're going to get your butts kicked and tonight, we got beat by 30."

Idaho 71, Lewis-Clark State College 52

"I thought we rebounded the ball well and probably the thing I liked the best was 17 assists, seven turnovers," Verlin said. "We haven't had a single-digit turnover game this year, so I was very happy with that part of the game."

"We're right there. We've lost three close games and obviously that hurts, but we've got to keep grinding."

Don Verlin

Men's basketball coach

Idaho 59, Hawaii 52

"That's the best defensive performance we've had since I've been here ..." Verlin said. "All night long, we had very few game-prep errors and we fought like crazy."

San Jose State 78, Idaho 75

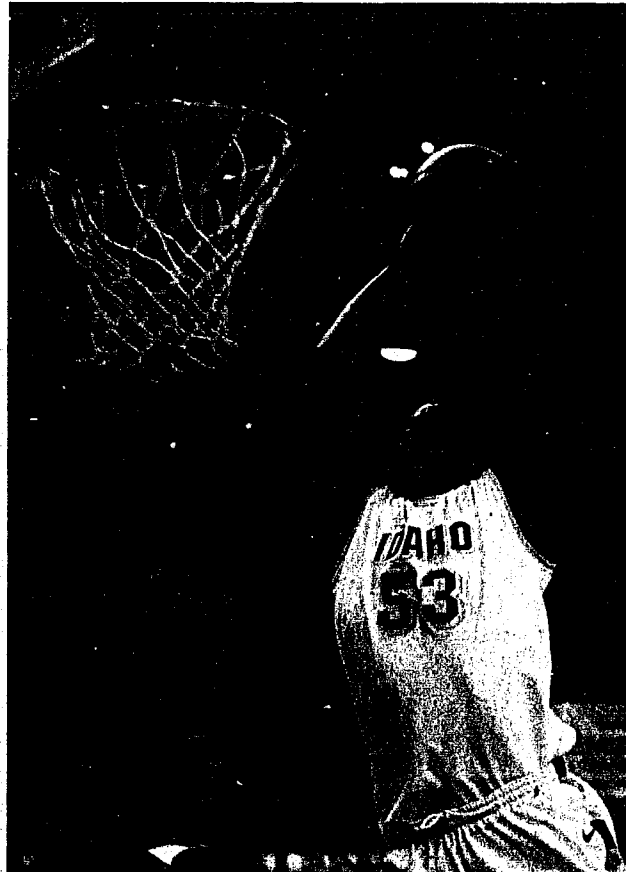
"When it came time to make the plays tonight, they made the plays, we didn't," Verlin said.

LA Tech 77, Idaho 71

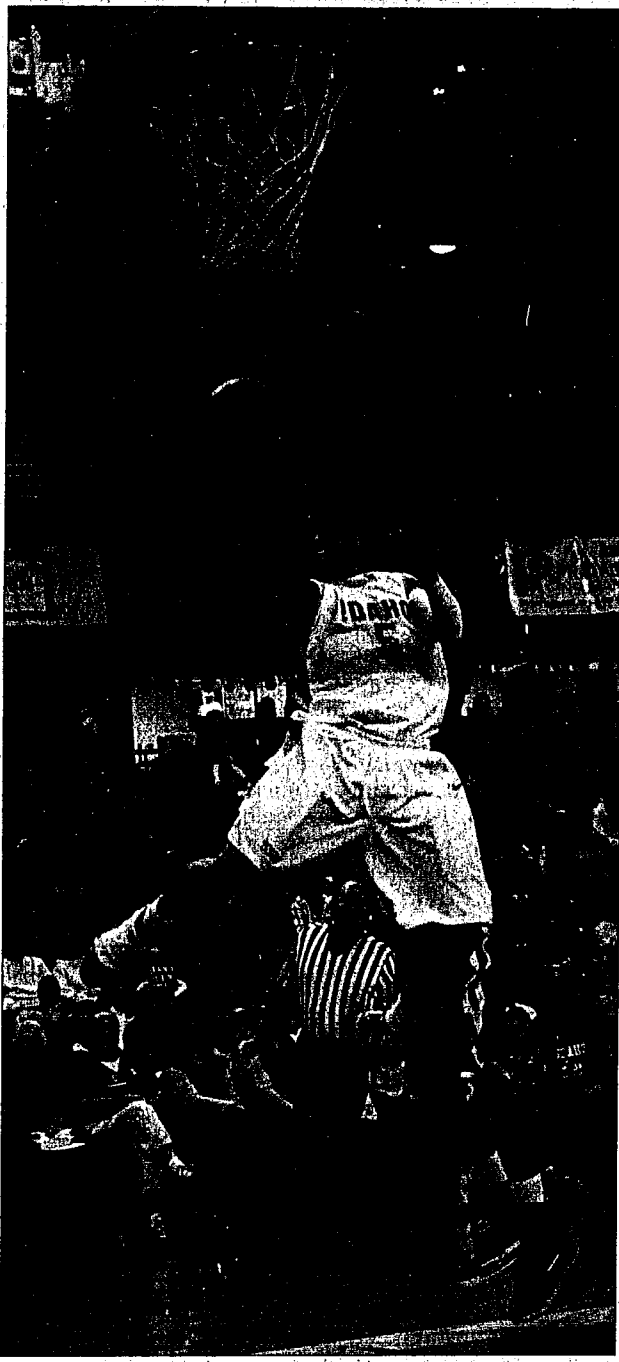
"We did a lot of really good things tonight, we just didn't complete the game," Verlin said. "It's really simple, when you're playing a really good team, your margin of error is not that much."

New Mexico State 75, Idaho 72

"It was a tough one (Monday night)," Verlin said. "I thought we played hard. I thought we gave it a heck of an effort."



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal center Marvin Jefferson goes hard to the basket for a dunk Dec. 29 against the Lewis-Clark State Warriors in Qwest Arena in Boise. The Vandals won the game 71-52, but have gone 1-3 since. Coach Don Verlin's squad has dropped three straight, a struggle Verlin has only been a part of four times in his 18-year NCAA D-1 coaching career.



Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal guard Steffan Johnson drives to the hoop past a Lewis-Clark State Warrior defender Dec. 29 in Qwest Arena in Boise. The Vandals are 1-3 since the contest and have three important games coming up against WAC powerhouses Nevada and Utah State and in-state rival Boise State.

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The Idaho women have seen several challenges this season. To read results and highlights of their game against Hawaii Wednesday, visit uiargonaut.com.

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Facing rivals

Women return to play Broncos at home

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

After falling short in the number of wins for the beginning half of the season, the University of Idaho women's basketball team comes back after break to face off against the rival Boise State Broncos. The first home game of the semester starts at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandals played 13 games in the first semester with only two favoring the women. Despite the number of team losses, with 35 shooting percentage collectively, individual players are still showing promising numbers and could be the go-to for a victory in the upcoming rivalry game.

Junior guard/post Rachele Kloke, has scored an average of 13.1 points per game making her the highest average scorer. Kloke's field goal percentage sits at just under 40 for the 11 games she has played.

Sophomore guard Shaena-Lyn Kuehu, is the second highest scorer with an average of 11.3 points per game and a field goal percentage of about 36. Kuehu is also the No. 1 rebounder for the team, snagging a total of 85 with 61 on the defensive end.

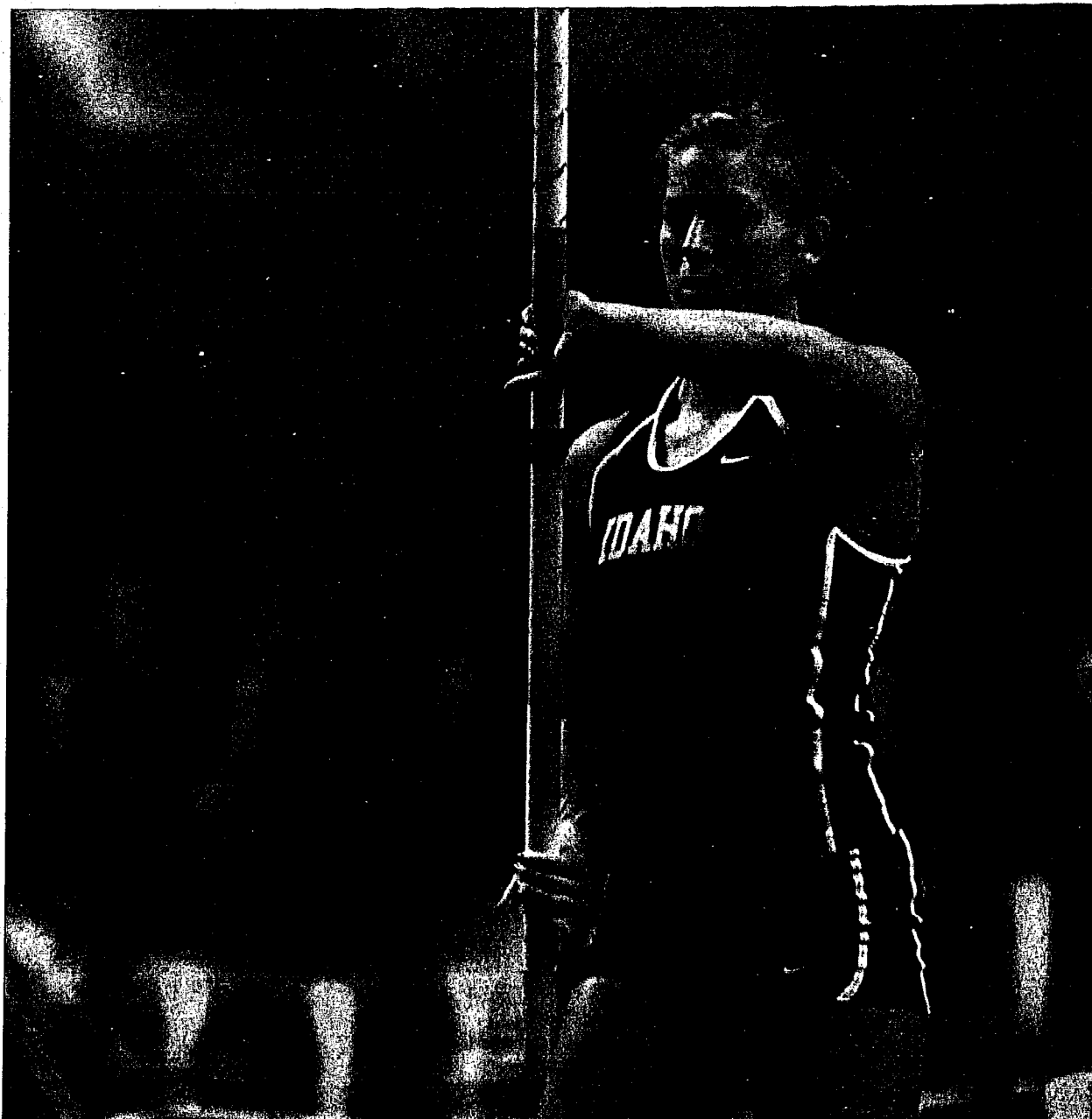
Defensively, the Van-

dals have high numbers for rebounds. The team's overall number of defensive rebounds is just under double the number of offensive rebounds at 323. Junior guard Bianca Cheever, has contributed 53 defensive rebounds and 45 from redshirt freshman post Jessica Graham.

In contrast, the Broncos won 11 of the 14 games they've played during the fall semester. The Broncos have a team shooting percentage of 40, with top players junior Janie Bos, reaching about 57 percent, senior Tasha Harris, at about 46 percent and freshman Kinzi Poteet, at about 45 percent.

The Broncos defense has held strong for this season also, with 412 defensive rebounds overall. Bos and Harris also lead the team in accumulated rebounds for the season totaling out at 97 and 92, respectively. The two also lead in the overall count for defensive rebounds with Harris grabbing 68 and Bos 57.

BSU's women have had an overall more successful season than the Vandals and despite the five percent difference in team shooting percentage; the game will bring another challenge for the Vandal women.



Vandal vaulter, KC Dahlgren, who earned All-American honors last spring, looks down the runway in the Kibbie Dome last spring at the Vandal Jamboree. Dahlgren and her fellow teammates will open their spring season in Pullman at the WSU Open this weekend.

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Track season begins

Hard training is about to pay off for the UI track team

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Before University of Idaho went on break this winter, the track and field team spent each day going through runs and extensive weight training.

This week the team is spending time getting back into a routine.

"It seems like people have stayed in pretty good shape over the Christmas break," coach Wayne Phipps said. "It's always a little bit of a worry for us."

But Phipps said the team's fall training was probably the best they've had and the team should be prepared for their first meet against Washington State.

Last season the track

team finished the WAC Championships with five titles and second overall. At the end of the season, Phipps said he saw a number of underclassmen step up and take leadership roles on the men's team.

Fourteen Vandals were then sent to the WAC Regional Championships where the underclassmen, yet again, led the way for the teams.

With success in their 2009 season, Phipps was confident in the track and field team that would remain for the next year.

For Phipps, throwing is Idaho's strongest event, which will be the first event for the Vandals today.

"They have been our strength for a little while

and I expect that to continue," Phipps said.

Senior Beau Whitney won the discus throw with a regional-qualifying toss of more than 51 meters in the Vandal Jamboree last year.

The Vandals will compete against a competitive team in the WSU Indoor Open — including an 18th ranked men's team by the Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The men's and women's teams lost 15 athletes last year, but are left with strong runners and hurdlers including Josh Dalton—a walk-on from Dearly, Paul Dittmer from Germany, Markus Geiger, Melissa McFadden from Post Falls and Teegan Schoch from Canada.

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commentary

Nothing to show after 10 years

The end of the decade came and went during winter break, and for sports fans this means, absolutely nothing. For those of you waking up from a made-for-television coma that began on Jan. 31, 1999 and ended this very second, here is what you missed in one paragraph: Steroids, David Tyree didn't catch the pass to win the Super Bowl, hockey went on strike and nobody noticed, America kind of likes soccer, the New York Knicks are somehow worse, even though Charlie Ward and Chris Childs retired, Tiger Woods and Dustin Diamond — a.k.a. Screech from Saved by the Bell — have the same taste in women and still nobody cares about the WNBA.

Other than that, it was fairly uneventful. It was much like the 80s in the sense that the decade was interesting but not particularly memorable. That did not hinder ESPN from conjuring up a Top 10 of the decade for every excruciating aspect of sports.

The best teams of the decade, Top 10 plays of the decade, best nicknames involving modes of transportation — if it could be put into list format, ESPN would run it. The problem with these lists, other than the fact that 10 years is an arbitrary number to do a review, given America is not on the metric system, is nobody remembers the first eight years.

The most important theme spawned this year is all sports writing has to be in list format. Since decade reviews and lists are so popular, here is another one.

The last thing anyone needs, however, is another list drudging up the past. This forward thinking list will instead focus on the best sporting moments of the decade in front of us.

Wes Welker injuries —

The only reason this makes the list is because the replay has been shown no less than 90 million times by various television outlets. The injury itself was not particularly gruesome; in fact it was just a man gently falling down.

Joe Theismann was impaled on a regular basis when playing for the Washington Redskins and those clips are never shown. At least the Theismann video clips are comical in nature. It is much like watching a drunken person on a table fall to the ground, in that both are inevitable but still hilarious. Welker's injury was boring and did not need to be replayed at all.

Kevin Appier receives a Hall of Fame vote — Somehow Kevin Appier received one vote for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Honestly, I did not realize Appier's mom was a member of the Baseball Writers of America Association, or whatever that group is called. Logically, there could be no other person who would willingly vote the former Kansas City Royal ace to be enshrined at Cooperstown.

This is by no means a slight to Appier, who was one of my favorite pitchers growing up, but the person who did vote for him must have never seen Appier pitch or even glimpsed at his stats. Appier was good, but not great and certainly not Hall of Fame caliber.

The Indiana Pacers are terrible — The Pacers are really bad. The team is so bad that Earl Watson is starting this year as point guard. Perhaps Indiana can convince Tyus Edney to come out of retirement to form an all-UCLA back court.

Mike Leach to the Oakland Raiders — This rumor is one that is too good to be true. If there is one way to start this decade off right, it would be a marriage between

Raiders owner Al Davis and former Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach. Leach's flippant attitude coupled with the constant meddling and overbearing personality of Davis would be destined to end spectacularly.

What makes the situation so great is that Leach is everything Davis wants from a

head coach. It seems like the pair would be a perfect fit. Leach loves all things pirate and has the creative passing offense Davis craves. The only downside is both of them are jerks and the situation would implode after a few weeks. Those few weeks would be glorious, quite possibly the highlight of this decade.

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Join Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter, President M. Duane Nellis, Coach Robb Akey and the 2009 Idaho Vandals football team for a special ceremony on campus today. Governor Otter will issue a proclamation declaring next Saturday, January 23, 2010 as **The University of Idaho Vandals Football Day.**

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Getting back into the swing of things

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Going weeks without a single practice could be risky for an athletic team, and the University of Idaho's men's and women's tennis team coaches Jeff Beaman and Tyler Neill can only trust their players have put in the training on their own.

"It's unfortunate because we play WSU (today)," Neill said. "During winter break they're all hitting at home and practicing — we can't have them here."

Today the women's tennis team heads to Pullman to take on the Cougars. Although Neill doesn't know their lineups yet, as it is the first match of the season for both teams, Neill said he prepares the team for each player individually — giving the Vandal women an idea of what they might be facing.

The women's team saw a lot of injuries last season,

but Neill said he expects the athletes to be healed and ready for spring season.

Senior Maria Perevoshchikova was injured during Regionals last year, but Neill said he hopes she has been able to get healthy over the past couple months.

"If she's playing well she can beat anyone," Neill said.

Another player, senior Daniela Cohen went into surgery in the fall off-season. Neill said if the two were healthy it would contribute to the talent on the lineup and the team would be more than prepared for today's event.

The men's team ended their fall season on a high note — one that Beaman said boosted the team's confidence for their upcoming meets. Originally scheduled to play Saturday against Whitman and Lewis-Clark State College, the match was rescheduled to the last weekend of January, allowing the team ex-

tra time to train after their long break.

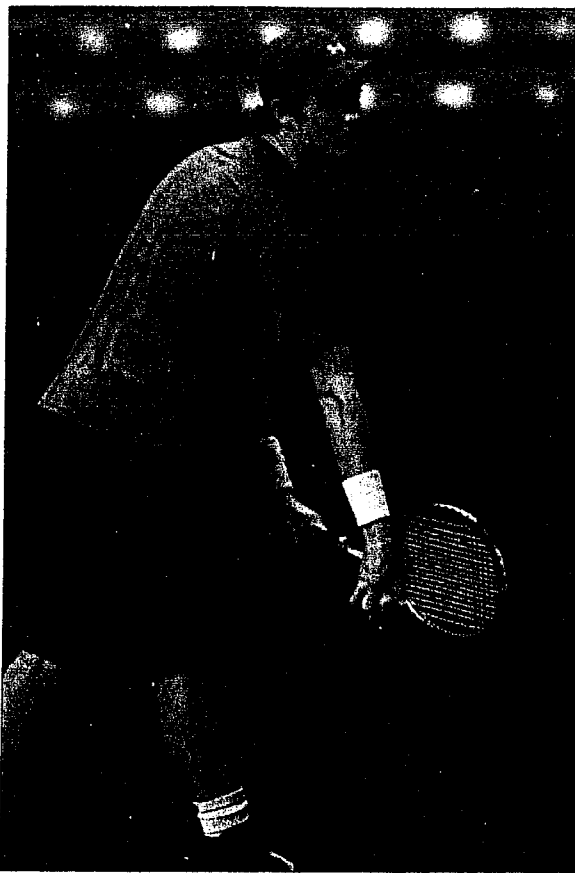
"That little bit of extra time really helps us," Beaman said.

One player Beaman is expecting to come out and shine is November's WAC Player of the Month, who first started for the Vandals in the fall.

Junior Lachlan Reed came to the Vandals after being away from tennis for a year and a half, but Beaman said Reed competed great in the fall and he expects to see more success out of him.

In November, Reed competed in the PNW Intercollegiate tournament in Seattle—his only tournament of the month. Reed advanced to the singles semifinals defeating Boise State and Washington athletes.

"If he continues to get back into the competition mode, he could be one of the best players in the country," Beaman said.



Vandal tennis player, Hugh McDonald from Gold Coast, Australia, sets up his serve during the match against Bethany last March in the Kibbie Dome. McDonald and the Vandals open their spring season Saturday against Whitman in Lewiston at 1 p.m.

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Later in this month, the Vandals will have a chance for more celebration, when they partake in a parade put on by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and the Athletic Department.

"I think it's important for us to ... really recognize our student athletes and coaches for the success they've had," Athletic Di-

rector Rob Spear said.

The national exposure the Vandals received from the bowl game was one of the highest for a bowl game—in fact, it tied the all-time highest television rating for the Humanitarian Bowl. More than three million viewers tuned into the game on ESPN, according to the Humanitarian Bowl.

Overall, Idaho received \$375,000 from playing in and winning the bowl game. After expenses and coach's bonuses are paid, any amount left over will be put toward a general budget, used mainly to balance the finances.

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