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Continued cuts may lead to furloughs

Governor's holdback proposal could mean class cancellations

Mark Runsvold Argonaut

With their budget already stretched and another round of cuts on the way, University of Idaho officials are considering covering the shortfall with furloughs for faculty and staff.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter proposed a \$1.8 million holdback in his Jan. 11 State of the State address, and a legislative committee voted Wednesday to effectively more than double that figure.

By voting to accept the most pessimistic of 22 revenue forecasts, the Legislature's revenue assessment committee made deeper cuts much more likely.

"It just feels sometimes like another body blow," said UI President Duane Nellis, who spoke at both Tuesday's faculty senate meeting and Thursday's general faculty meet-ing, which included video links to statewide centers.

Nellis said he had expected additional holdbacks, but nothing approaching the numbers put forth by state officials.

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Photo illustration by Tyler Macy/Argonaut The Idaho Public Television station, KUID, may be forced to close if cuts proposed by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter are ap-proved. The KUID studio, located behind the J.A. Albertson Building, is used by University of Idaho students to pro-duce programs and learn about broadcasting.

KUID may close without state funds

Chava Thomas Argonaut

KUID, Idaho's oldest public television station. may be closed if cuts pro-posed by Gov. C.L. "Butch"

Morrill said. Morrill said IPTV would have to lay off one-third of its employees, and close three of their four facilities. The legislature would make the decision about whether to implement

The Vandal Voice for 112 Years



Grace Toyomura/Courtesy Photo Kyle Legoll, left, and Caleb Hopwood put a roof on a classroom at Khmer Help Khmer English School in Cambodia during the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's winter break service trip.

Holiday abroad

Otter are approved. Pat Hart, interim chair of the School of Journalism and Mass Media, said the university owns much of the station's equipment. She said she does not know what would happen if KUID were to close.

"Our instructional needs continue," Hart said. "We still need the facility, we still need the studio, we still need the equipment so our students can become professionals;

JAMM students use the KUID studio to cut their teeth in broadcasting, utilizing the state of the art equipment to produce shows like "Mostly Moscow." The station lies directly south of the J.A. Albertson Building, across a parking lot. "Students produce pro-

grams that use the equip-ment,"" Hart "We still said. "It's a reciprocal ar-rangement." need the

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Most money for IPTV come private our students from donations, 82 percent of which come southfrom western Idaho.

pat "That'swhere HART the bulk of the state's popula-tion is," said Peter Morrill, gen-

eral manager of IPTV. "We've always viewed ourselves as a statewide resource."

About 25 percent of the budget for IPTV comes from the state general reserve. Morrill said without this money, IPTV would most likely have to close its rural stations.

"We have to look at ev-ery community we serve,"

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the changes. "We hope to have some determination by the leg-islature by early March," he said.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Mos-cow, said the cuts to education and public television are predictable.

"Everything's about money," he said. "When you're faced with a budget crisis, you cut education or you raise taxes."

Trail is introducing a bill that would call for an evaluation of tax-exempt organi-zations in Idaho, which he said could generate more revenue for the state.

Trail is among a minori-ty in his party. Most Republican legislators in Idaho support Otter's proposed budget cuts, according to reports in the Spokesman Review and Idaho

Press-Tribune. "Therearen't too many pieces

of good news down here," Trail said.

said Hart she hopes for a

favorable outcome. "We just need to make

sure the facili-Interim chair of JAMM ties support the instructional

goals for our students," she said. KUID, 45 years old this

September, recently completed an upgrade to digital high-definition equipment. A 2006 estimate placed the cost at about \$840,000. UI operated the station until 1982, when Idaho Public Television was created to oversee all four statewide public TV stations.

Alternative Service Break students volunteer in three continents

"The trips inspire you to take action with the awareness of responsibility." hugh

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ASB student leader

Tanya Eddins Argonaut

Spending New Year's Day outside the continent is one thing - spending four days beforehand volunteering and more than two weeks afterward is another.

The ASUI Center for Volunteerism & Social Action's winter break trips brought students to three continents on a unique

opportunity, volunteer where students are able to develop as leaders on a local, regional and national level.

This fall, students interviewed for the chance to spend their winter break in Romania, Cambodia or the Dominican Republic on projects, including construction and working with children.

Hugh Jones, a sophomore who went to Cambodia, said ASB trips create a better understanding of the world.

"The trips inspire you to take action with the awareness of responsibility," Jones said.

Steve Janowiak, assistant dean of students and an adviser for the Dominican Republic trip, said ASB trips are beneficial because attendees discover

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Twitter: not just for kids

UI, SBOE embrace social networking

Marcus Kellis

Argonaut

Chad Ochocinco's on it, Barack Obama's on it — and in the last year both the University of Idaho and its regents, the Idaho State Board of Education, have appeared on Twitter, too.

Short of creating an entire Web site and posting information up-dates there, we didn't really have a good way to do it on the board Web site," said Mark Browning, the state board's spokesman. "After looking at Twitter, I have to say, happily, it's worked out pretty well for us.

Browning, who updates the board's feed from his laptop during meetings, provides quotes from members, information on how votes went and where the board is on the agenda.

UI, meanwhile, maintains at least 10 separate Twitter accounts.

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"We've been engaged in social media efforts for a while," said Joni Kirk, a UI spokesperson, via e-mail, but really have concentrated our efforts since last spring. In particular, we noticed the success and resulting awareness from using social media during the announcement that Duane Nellis would be our next president, as well as on his listening tour this summer."

Kirk said @uidahonews --- shorthand for http://twitter.com/uidahonews/ - is geared toward media, for breaking news and info, while @uidaho is geared toward those invested in the university or otherwise interested in general information.

Not all of UI's accounts seem to be maintained with the same vigor: while the primary news page is updated frequently, neither Campus

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Rec nor Vandal Entertainment have had new posts since the new year.

One frequent battle over social networking regards the use of ghost-writers, whether this or that celebrity

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A hard white winter for a warm clear January

UI researchers release new, bred wheat varieties

Sebastian Edgerton Argonaut

Newly available for fall: UI Grace and UI Silver. Not fashion lines — wheat varieties, developed by University of Idaho researchers for farmers.

UI has a long history of developing new wheat vaindependently, rieties the school has released 65 strains, and 25 more in collaboration with institutions like Washington State University and Oregon State University.

"We have a really prolific breeding program at UI," said Kathryn Stewart-Williams, program coordinator for the Kimberly Research and Extension Center near Twin Falls.

Jianli Chen, research faculty at the Aberdeen Research and Extension Center near Pocatello, is the second seed breeder

who worked on developing Grace and Silver since 2007. Breeding varieties like these takes 10 to 15 years. The original breeder was Edward Souza.

Stewart-Williams said the "We have a wheat varieties will benefit the really prolific develop the two farmers, taste good and combreeding diseases program at more effectively. Both kinds are bred for UI."

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wheat winter for production. It is also a Clearfield wheat, which is resistant to the herbicide imazamox, used against jointed goatgrass and other grass weeds. This is important to farmers, Chen said, because it allows farmers to broadcast the herbicide,

Juan Corona, director of

diversity affairs, said there

killing all the unwanted plants but leaving the wheat plants alive.

According to Stewart-Williams, the strains are not

artificially genet-ically modified, but bred with natural means. To varieties, Chen said she would broadcast the desirable herbicide and then save the seed from plants that survived. This way, naturally resistant genes were perhard "The

white wheat market is not nearly as big as (the) soft white wheat ... at least in Idaho," Stewart-Williams said.

The hard white variety is a more specific variety than most other kinds of wheat. Stewart-Williams said it

tion rates UI is enjoying.

She said student fees will

probably increase, but UI's

are among the lowest in

the nation. Limbaugh said

the scholarship committee

will attempt to spread out

scholarships so more stu-

dents get aid. She said UI

is aiming to increase enroll-

ment by 500 students by next fall. She encouraged

ASUI senate members to

attend faculty senate meet-

ings, as it is a "good learn-ing experience."

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tial policy adviser, intro-

duced herself and gave her

background as a former

Stephen Parrott, appoin-tee to ASUI chief of staff, en-

dorsed Caldwell as the new

ASUI President Kelby

Wilson welcomed the sena-

tors to a new semester and

apologized for missing the

first meeting. He said an information session about

the new budget will be held

from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Feb.

3 in the Whitewater Room

of the Idaho Commons. He-

said he, Ashley Cochran,

presidential policy adviser.

ASUI senator.

Presidential

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Kristin Caldwell, ap-

Patrick Bradbury and a fourth member will represent students on the board

for dedicated student fees. Wilson said there are three open positions in ASUI - a senate seat, elections coordinator and director of athletics.

Wilson said Zack Arama is representing ASUI in Boise at the state legislature. He said Arama is lobbying senators to not cut so much money for UI. Wilson said for every dollar the state puts into a UI student, they get \$7 back.

Wilson said he is arranging another common office hour for ASUI. He said he wants to keep ASUI accountable, and boost its image in the eyes of students. He said he is brainstorming ways to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake, and he encouraged saying farmers in Idaho have already expressed interest in growing Grace and

the senators to apply for spring Alternative Service Break trips. He congratulated the Vandal football team on a winning season.

New business

Bill S10-02, setting the dates for election petitions 'and campaigning for the spring 2010 ASUI election, was sent to rules and regulations

Bill S10-03, appointing Daniel Lemus to the posi-tion of ASUI Vandal Entertainment promotions chair, was sent to government op-erations and appointments. Bill S10-04, providing

for the assignment of senators to senate standing committees, was considered and passed.

Bill S10-05, providing for the assignment of senators

Jake Barber/Argonaut

Silver. Both varieties are resistant to the major wheat diseases stripe rust and dwarf

bunt.

Bill S10-06, providing for the assignment of senators to living groups, was con-

was considered and passed.

policy adviser, was considered and passed.

Resolution S10-01, honoring the Vandal football team and Coach Robb Akey for their successful season and contributions to UI and Vandal Nation, was considered and passed.

Resolution S10-02, honoring the achievements of the fall Vandal athletic teams and individuals, was considered and passed.



asui**SENATE**

Open forum

Spencer Homan, the ASUI vice-chair of recreation, welcomed the senators to the new semester. He asked the senators to tell their living groups about the Ice Bowl, which will be held on Jan. 30. He also said Vandal Fitness Challenge will begin Feb. 1.

Greg Lee, ASUI director of health and wellness, said he had received a quote for the construction of a central location for health and wellness, which would have information about the Counseling and Testing Center, Student Health Center and the Student Health Insurance Program. The construction is esti-mated to cost \$1,100. He said the materials would be cheap, but labor would be expensive.

Lee said the health and wellness board would be holding a suicide prevention presentation. A social worker and psychologists from CTC will be present. Lee asked the senators to spread the word about the presentation to their living groups.

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will be a film at the Student Diversity Center on at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. He encouraged the senators to attend. He also announced a onewoman show, "New Faces of America," that will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the SUB Ballroom. Corona said the show will incorporate multicultural ideas and different personalities. He also encouraged the senators to attend the Gay-Straight Al-liance meeting after the sen-

ate meeting. Anna Marie Limbaugh, an ASUI representative to the faculty senate, said she or Garrett Holbrook, the other representative, would come to each ASUI senate meeting to present what took place at faculty senate. She reported that University of Idaho President Duane Nellis spoke at the last meeting about the university's budget. To accommodate the latest announced cutbacks, she said Nellis is recommending furloughs for paid employees. Furlough length is based on sal-ary — minimum furlough ary length is four hours, and the maximum is six days. She said the furlough could be spread out.

Limbaugh praised Nel-

ety for certain food requiring higher protein content, like bread and pasta. "These two will raise the lis and the excellent reten-

ies," Stewart-Williams said,



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Bill S10-08, appointing Kristin Caldwell to the po-sition of ASUI presidential









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Immediately following the parade -Inside the Kibble Dome, there will be a short program, refreshments and an opportunity to get autographs from players and coaches.

5:05 p.m. Men's basketball – Utah State at Idaho in the Cowan Spectrum. A trophy presentation and recognition of the 2009 Roady's Humanitarian Bowl champions will take place at halftime.



"I want to thank the community for its support of the team, and the hospitality it has shown to our fans and visitors. Please join us for this community celebration honoring the Vandal football team's remarkable accomplishments this season. We couldn't have done it without you." Rob Spear, Director of Athletics -

Tickets to the Idaho vs. Utah State men's basketball game are available at the Ticket Office in the Kibbie Dome, or call 885-6466.

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through experience how the world really works.

The Dominican Republic and Haiti share an island called Hispaniola. Janowiak's group was 160 miles from Port-au-Prince when the earthquake in Haiti occurred.

Janowiak said the group felt aftershocks, but no one was physically harmed.

"The earthquake in Haiti was shocking to the entire group," Janowiak said.

Senior Ashley Cochran said, as a volunteer, it was frustrating to be so close and know that people were suffering while they could do nothing to help. Cochran said she was

able to find peace with herself through helping children at the orphanage, which she said gave her a sense that they had accomplished what they came to do.

Cochran said ASB has helped her understand another culture's circumstances and accept them.

"You need to have a good time with them and not focus on their misfortune," Cochran said. "You can understand it and it's important to create that development in yourself.'

Janowiak said the Spartan conditions students live in while on the service break teach students that they can be happy even with a simple life, saying there is value in discomfort.

"When you are in a different living environment



Cari Dighton/Argonaut

From bottom to top, volunteers Diane Daley-Laursen, Kate Tribley, Caitlin Ambrosia and Alejandra Lopez move donations such as bed frames inside an unfinished house at the orphanage Pro Vita in Valea Screzii, Romania during the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's winter break service trip.

you are challenged," Janow-iak said, "and most students rise to the challenge.'

ASUI is currently recruiting for spring break ASB trips, bringing eight to 10 student groups to the southern United States, urban areas in the Midwest and along the eastern seaboard.

Alejandra Lopez, a team leader in Romania, said students gain personal growth through the experience and learn what it means to be a global citizen. Lopez said it is important to realize you can get involved and make a difference.

"If you're curious about alternative service breaks, you should do it," Lopez said. "If it's in the back of your head, just try it."

Idaho board wants to let universities hire spouses

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John Miller Associated Press

The State Board of Education aims to undo a law forbidding Idaho university presidents' spouses from being hired at the schools.

The board argues the law is hurting efforts to attract and retain leaders and stifling intellectual contributions of husbands or wives forced to abandon their own academic careers.

The ban has affected Laura Vailas, wife of Idaho State University President Arthur Vailas. The Ph.D nutritionist couldn't apply for an \$85,000 post at ISU recently, for fear of running afoul of Idaho's bribery and corruption statutes, Mark Browning, an Ed Board spokesman, told the House Education Committee on Thursday.

Lawmakers agreed to schedule a hearing for the bill.

But some, including Rep. Bob Nonini, the Republican committee

chair from Coeur d'Alene, said it could put Idaho schools at risk of nepotism charges. Idaho presidents took jobs with annual salaries of more than \$300,000 knowing their spouses couldn't go on the university payroll, he said.

"Now they want their wives going to work pulling down 70, 90, 100 thousand dollars?" he asked. "That bothers me." the privileges

Still, presidential hiring experts said Idaho's restriction appears broader than rules in place in many other states.

In an era where husbandand-wife academics and administrators are in demand, such a limitation could eventually hurt recruiting efforts, said Sheldon Steinbach, a Washington-based lawyer who has worked on college presidential hiring issues for four decades.

'Common sense needs to dictate what each unique situation requires," Steinbach said. "But in most instances, one can set up an administrative structure where the spouse of either gender is not directly reporting or having salary or other work-related conditions determined by the president."

Other states — including Washington, Virginia, Texas, Missouri and Nevada - allow such arrangements, with provisions to avoid conflicts. For instance, the husband of University of Virginia's new president got a job at the law school.

In addition to Laura Vailas, a Ph.D who was an associate dean at the University of Houston, Idaho's existing law also would prevent Ruth Nellis from working at the Iniversity of Idaho in Moscow, where her husband, Duane Nellis, was named president in April. She had been employed at Kansas State University.

Both she and her husband are supportive of the proposed change in law, said UI spokeswoman Tania Thompson, in an e-mail.

The remote location of Idaho's public four-year schools means there are almost no opportunities for spouses to find aca-demic jobs at nearby institutions, Browning said.

ISU, for instance, is 78 miles from Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg and 105 miles from Utah State Uni-

versity in Logan. Though the State Board of Education has pledged to accompany any changes with policies to prevent conanother blow flicts like a spouse working directly under the president, Nonini fears the link would still be too cozy. For instance, would the dean of a college at an Idaho university really be willing to discipline a president's spouse?

And Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, has gotten negative feedback from UI faculty and staff who feel such a change is another example of expansion of presidential power, at a time when tight finances are forcing academic programs to scale back.

'They would see this as an-Moscow representative other blow along the way of losing status and holding up

the privileges of the president's office, Trail said.

Other members of the House panel said the board is capable of drafting sideboards so presidents couldn't inappropriately intervene on behalf of a spouse. And they said universities already regularly offer husband-and-wife teams jobs in departments, as part of packages to lure topnotch educators and researchers.

"I don't see the goblins in here," said Rep. Brandon Durst, D-Boise.

raise student fees for the fall semester.

minimize negative conse-Provost Doug Baker said the State Board of Educa-He said the need to blunt tion, which has traditionalthe impact on individual ly preferred to keep higher and education as affordable as possible, has shown signs of staff members, while making being more open to fee insure the furcreases. Already, they have loughs didn't waived a requirement that go unnoticed, fee increases be less than presented a di-10 percent, though that is uarante WIII fees above that figure. Miller said Baker said he attributes this change in attitude to furboth the difficult fiscal enloughs taken an hour at a vironment and the public efforts UI has made to betime would come more efficient. be acceptable, if faculty were

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is authentically updating their own account or not. According to Kirk, Nellis does have a hand in his Facebook page. "Duane Nellis' Facebook fan page was

one of several social media options suggested to him during his first week on campus," Kirk said. "He liked the idea, and has been actively involved in the

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content for his page." At press time, it sits at 294 fans.

Browning acknowledged action on a 1,500-page agenda can be difficult to condense to 140 characters.

"I think that's the same as anybody that has a fairly complex message that they're trying to get out, which is why I'm using it (in) a nuts-and-bolts way: this was passed, this was tabled," he said. "More in-depth stuff, I can put a link in and point it to somewhere we have a little more depth.

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Nellis told faculty members Thursday he was blindsided by the news of the Legislators' vote.

university has The avoided ordering furloughs through two years of sharply reduced state appropriations, but the latest cuts could

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leave officials with few other short-term options.

Faculty chair Jack Miller said at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting that he supports furloughs as a way of avoiding layoffs so long as they are "true furloughs," which he defined as including cancellation of classes.

He said ordering furloughs without cancelling classes would result in faculty members doing the same amount of work as they would have done, but getting paid less for it.

"The message that sends to the legislature and external audiences is that there's really

want to have at other universities, some of which have imposed the same amount of unpaid time off on all employees. States from Maryland to Hawaii have ordered furloughs

classes this semester.

"If we do furloughs, in

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no cost associated with cut-

ting our budget," Miller said.

Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith

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NELLIS UI president with mixed results.

Though UI adminis-

Whether administrators trators have yet to decide choose to require them or not, Nellis said he views whether to implement furfurloughs as a "bridging strategy" until the univer-sity can get on a sustainable loughs, let alone how, it's unlikely any implementation would result in more than a few days of cancelled fiscal path.

The quickest way to im-prove the fiscal situation would be to significantly

The State Board of Education meets next on Feb. 17 and 18 in Boise.

Nellis will make a presentation to the Legisla-ture's joint finance advisory committee Monday in an effort to rally support for higher education.

"We do have friends in parts of the Legislature, and I'm hoping they will speak up," Nellis said.

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Final option for budget

UI should consider raising more of its own funds

In the wake of even more cuts in state funding for the University of Idaho, officials are now considering employee furloughs and possibly layoffs to survive.

These are tough times, and the state is stretched thin. Every other corner of the state government is in the same situation as the university. Whenever any agency is asked to take a bigger hit — like the propos-al to absorb the Department of Parks and Recreation into the Bureau of Lands, or cuts

to Idaho Public Television - the people cry foul, but UI has an advantage. The schools can raise their own funds through tuition and student fees.

Thanks to UI's unique status of being older than the state, it cannot, under the Idaho Constitution, charge tuition. Still UI students shell out the same amount of money as those from other Idaho public schools in the form of student fees.

These funds cannot be used to actually pay for

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instruction, leaving an accounting nightmare for the university. A constitu-tional amendment is on the November ballot to remove this obstacle. Every voter who is concerned about the future of the school should vote yes.

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But until then, UI can still raise student fees. This is never a popular idea, but the state is politically unable to raise taxes right now. According to the College Board, the average price of attendance for a

public, four-year school is just over \$7,000. UI is currently charging just under \$5,000 a year.

Raising student fees a whole \$2,000 seems daunting. Perhaps it won't take that much, but students should be reminded there is a seemingly endless sup-ply of financial-aid options left untapped.

Remember that holding a college degree and student-loan debt is still better than no degree.

-JR

serenity NOW Paying for your grades

As a new semester starts, thousands of students are looking at their required material for classes. They will ultimately decide which books are necessary and which can be cut to save money.

It's no secret that college students are strapped as it is, and it's not getting any better next year with yet another hike in tuition just around the bend.

With a gaping budget deficit, the University of Idaho is thinking of any way possible to raise its revenue stream, including ridiculous fees. Have you checked out the cost you incur for going even one credit over 18, and did you know architecture students pay a \$500 fee to

their dean? Sunrise, sunset — students getting the dirty end of the stick is nothing new.

Last week, however, I encountered a

farcical practice that made me so mad I can barely see straight.

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Quick takes on life from our editors

Hungover zombies

I'm in my 12th semester as an undergraduate at Idaho, and this is my first time with a class earlier than 9 a.m. It is News Editing and Production at 8:30, and every day I have to leave my apartment for it I rue the day I was born.

— Marcus

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Idiots

Yesterday, I saw an SUV cross South Main Street right in front of a semitrailer. If the truck driver had not slammed on the breaks, the SUV would have been totaled. To the driver who just had to cross the road at that very moment: you are an idiot.

- Jeffrey

Photosynthesizing

Actually being able to soak up some long-forgotten sunshine this week has put a bit of an extra spring in my step the past few days. I think I'll need it after the way this semester has started.

— Jake

Where's the respect?

No matter how many times a professor tells a class the discussions need to remain civil, respect everyone's opinions, etc., there's always that one person who doesn't understand. Instead of interrupting every person who disagrees with you, shut your mouth and wait until you can explain why you disagree. Talking louder and more often doesn't make you more right.

- Jennifer

Coolest family ever

My parents and husband came along to an important doctor's appointment the other day. While in the waiting room, they engaged in a friendly argument with others in the lobby about if Paul Reubens (Pee-wee Herman) did the voice for Barney. My family won. Peewee definitely has nothing to do with Barney.

- Kelsey

New age media

I don't get people's obsession with new age media. Not everyone needs to post to Twitter, or have an event calendar on Facebook for when they go out to the bar. The fact is the public does not care what you are doing on Saturday night. - Iens

Enamored

True sanctity of life

Overpopulation falls on the list of worst political causes: out-of-date alarmism. At the height of concern over the population explosion, projected numbers for peak world population were as high as 20 billion. Today we can place such fears safely behind us. Based on plummeting fertility rates around the world — in developed as well as undeveloped countries — the United Nations Population Division projects world population to peak at 8 or 9 billion people and then begin to decline within this century. That, of course, is also cause for concern, perhaps more so than the "overpopulation" we once feared, but we can only speculate.

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managing editor; and Jeffrey Reznicek, opin-ion editor.

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Even though our old fears proved false, we still believe in the concept of overpopulation. That is to say, we believe in the possibility of a world or region with too many people: a population so great that it causes problems, hardships and suffering.

Yet, as British writer Christopher Derrick points out, such a seemingly obvious statement involves a very controversial assumption. As soon as we use the phrase, "too many people," we Argonaut must immediately ask ourselves "too many for what?" If we hold to the idea that a population is

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One more hurdle

I applaud the front-page story titled "UI Law, South" in the Jan. 20 edition of The Argonaut, describing a planned third-year law program in Boise that will complement our program in Moscow. The university has an important statewide mission in public legal education, and The Argonaut's story about the College of Law was generally accurate and well-written. It did omit an important point. The third-year program in Boise is subject to approval — technically called "acquiescence" — by the American Bar Association, which has accredited the College of Law since 1925. The acquiescence process has begun and will continue during the current spring semester. Students interested in participating in the program this fall have been advised of this process. I felt this information was important for Argonaut readers to know. Thank you.

> Don Burnett Dean, College of Law

One of my English teachers is pretty amazing, and I think we would get along nicely. But, since she is my instructor, I think I am just going to make her my best friend in my mind. Is that weird? - Erin

Helping hand

One of my best friends called me Wednesday to tell me he was being deployed. He joined the Army two months after we graduated from high school and has been serving our country for the past three years. In all that time he's only bounced from one city to the other, and now he's being sent to Haiti to help with disaster relief. Although my gut sunk a little when he said "deployed," I know he's going to help a lot of people. It was a reality check to what all our military does for others and us.

- Elizabeth

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Dumb and even dumber

Beck and Palin are perfect for each other

Sarah Palin, former vice presidential candidate and one-time half-term governor

of Alaska, has yet to give a proper interview to an independent political journalist.

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She gave an interview to Katie Couric, where she famously failed to name a single magazine or newspaper she reads. She appeared on Oprah, who gave her every opportunity to feel good about herself — as Oprah typical-

ly does. And now, post-book tour, she is a paid contributor to Fox News, where she has already given two interviews, one with Bill O'Reilly and one with Glenn Beck.

All this positive public-. ity, and yet she is still deeply unpopular with the public. While tea-partiers are eating



matt ADAMS-WENGER Argonaut

her up, the public in general is getting really tired of her play-acting as a politician. Yet certain mem-

Yet certain members of the political press can't get enough of her and continue to treat her as though she is a news-making, ' policy-dictating politician. Quite simply, she is none of those things. She holds no office, she makes no news and her public statements are limited

to Facebook posts. Hey, I write things on Facebook! I hold no office! Were I to run,

I'd probably be a miserable failure! How come I don't get so much press?

Even if you watch nothing but the Fox News Channel and believe everything you hear there, it had to be just a little annoying to watch Beck ask her who her favorite founding father was, and watch her give basically the same reply she did to Katie Couric. Even he called her on it.

In the same interview, he asked about the Federal Reserve's \$50 billion profit this year and worked herself into a froth about

how we're holding hearings on bankers, but not on the national bank. Palin agreed with him and seemed to take the same position.

The problem is, the Federal Reserve turns over any profit from operations to the treasury. Literally, they pay a 100

percent tax on profits. So this point they're both taking so seriously isn't grounded in a shred of reality. Much like, oh, everything she has ever said since she became a national figure. Death panels, anyone?

And so it has come to this — one of the most popular political commentators of our time can interview one

of the most Hey, I write disliked and uninformed politicians of our time. Facebook! I short of Dubya hold no office! himself, and somehow the Were I to run, world doesn't implode on I'd probably itself in a black hole of fail. be a miserable And through it all, the so-called "liberal failure! How come I don't get media" doesn't say boo when so much press?

all of this ignorance comes together to complain. Send letters to

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Not anyone can be a designer

To the untrained, fashion design seems like a piece of cake. In a perfect world, designers would

sketch all day and put together outfits for an endless array of models.

It's not that simple. Most fashion designers have at least two, if not four, years of design training, and many schools offer master's degrees in fashion design. To be a designer, one has to know construction, fit and fabric composition, not to mention being able to keep up with current trends.

So, if this job is so hard, why are celebrities taking over?



Lindsay Lohan, recently hired as the creative director of Ungaro, sent models down the runway wearing little besides heart-shaped nipple pasties. Sarah Jessica Parker's line, Bitten, went to discount stores

and was a resounding flop. That's not to say that celebrities can't make great clothes. Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have transitioned from straight-to-VHS princesses to leather legging queens. Their line, The Row, is highly suc-

cessful and shows almost no traces of the hobo-chic they used to

sport in SoHo.

Even with the Olsens' success, celebrity efforts are usually flops. Miley Cyrus' clothing may sell well at Walmart, but Kathie Lee Gifford's clothing was a disaster after the sweatshop truth came out.

Even with the unpredictable rate of success and failure with celebrity clothing lines, they still keep going. JWoww from "Jersey Shore" has her line of club wear. Parker has a new line. Jessica Simpson has made millions from licensing her name to shoe designers.

It's too bad rich celebrities are getting richer off their clothing lines, but when they do fail, the actual company has to deal with the lack of profits. Send letters to arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.

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too large if it starts to have a negative impact on our well-being, then we must conclude that the purpose of human existence is to maintain a minimum standard of living. In other words, if we can't make ourselves comfortable to a certain degree, then we might as well not exist at all. Is that what we believe? To put it another way, does a certain amount of suffering in a life make avietance itself an out this?

a life make existence itself an evil thing? Peter Singer, a professor at Princeton and the preeminent philosopher and ethicist of our day, says yes. He goes so able to l far as to say it is accept after it has been born if the parents think its life would involve too much suffering from a severe disability, for example, or even possibly from being completely unloved. Most of us would not go so far, but still agree with the basic premise: if suffering is too great, existence itself becomes a bad thing, an evil. It is easy for us to point to places or families into which it would be better, for their own sakes, if no children were born. It is much harder, however, to look into the faces of the children living in those same places and families and wish they were dead or nonexistent. It would be harder still to tell them so.

GRADES

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It all began with a simple Calculus III class. I was prepared for the ridiculously overpriced new-edition book (since we all know how much basic calculus has changed in the past three years), which retails for about \$200 at the bookstore, but what I encountered on the first day of class sent me reeling for the door. As the students filed in, scrambling to pick up empty seats next to friends or next to people who looked smart and would help them pass the class, the professor calmly walked in, waited for the class to settle, and, during his explanation of the class, told us we would be required to purchase an online code, which retails for \$77, to do any of the homework, which was going to be online.

That's right — not only had we just bought a \$200 book — we were being asked to fork over extra money just so we could do the homework.

I asked, "Will the homework problems be from the book?"

The professor said yes, but in order for the homework to be graded, we would need to do it online.

The bewildered look on half the students' faces is one I will never forget.

Think about it for a second — we are now being asked to pay for doing our own homework. Anyone else see the inherent absurdity of this situation?

The irony really hit home when I went to the bookstore website and found that, although the class listed the \$77 online code, it was listed as an optional item. I asked the professor if that meant homework was optional. You can guess his reply. I dropped the class the next day.

It's time we students rose up and said enough is enough. I refuse to take a class where I have to pay a professor extra money to grade my homework, and I urge every student reading this to do the same. Professors are understandably busy, but certainly there must be a better way. If you don't have time to grade all the papers, hire a teaching assistant or only grade certain problems in the assignment. I have taken several math classes from this university, and many others from other universities, and this is the first time I ever heard of having to pay to do your homework.

I remember one linear algebra class here at the University of Idaho taught by the excellent Ralph Neuhaus. This professor came out of retirement to teach a class of 30 some students and managed to grade all our homework without any extra fees on our behalf. Surely some of the teachers in the math department can take a cue from Nguhaus and avoid this absurdity.

What's next? Are we going to have to pay our professors \$25 every time we have to take a test in class?

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This week is celebrated as Sanctity of Life Week, a concept which reflects the Christian belief, contrary to all the ideas above, that life is sacred because people are for God and his glory. Indeed, it is only if the meaning of life is for God — if we have a divine purpose — that the idea of sanctity in human life has any meaning at all. But embracing the idea of the sanctity of life goes far beyond opposing abortion and euthanasia. If we believe people are really immortal souls created by God for his pleasure, it should change our priorities in life, our measures of success, and how we treat others.

C.S. Lewis said it best: "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, life is to our life as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals with whom we joke, work, marry, snub and exploit. Immortal horrors or everlasting splendors, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses. It is not until we grasp this full mean-ing of the sanctity of life that we see the way in which we should love all people, whether dying or unborn, suffering or oppressing. If we embrace it, we will not be able to look at our neighbors, co-workers and classmates the same, and we will never be able to think in terms of "too many people.'









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Event brings authentic Nepali cuisine, culture to Palouse

Lisa Short Argonaut

Nepal is a small country, roughly the size of Arkansas, nestled between China and India, but that doesn't stop it from boasting a diverse cuisine and a strong national identity

Nepal claims eight of the 10 highest points in the world, is the second richest country in water resources, is home to Kumari, the only living goddess, and is the only "Like

Hindu kingdom. combining In addition to these qualities, Mepal is full of Africa and

rich culture. To Asia and experience this culture, the Ne- different pali Students' countries, Association is holding their **experiencing** 7th annual Taste **other** of Nepal event. cultures will It will be held from 5:30 to 8 enhance p.m. Saturday your own in the Student life." Union Building ballroom.

The event ashish designed UPRETI students for to learn more about Nepalese culture and di-

versity through food, dance and presentations. Nepali Students' Association president Ashish Upreti said the event will give people a taste of a world culture outside the U.S.

Like combining music from Africa and Asia and different countries, experiencing other cultures will enhance your own life," Upreti said. Upreti said what he misses most about Nepal no places here."

are the festivals that take place there throughout the year. He said they have many festivals for different reasons that bring the people together and make the culture distinct. This is the experience they want to bring to Idaho.

Festivals like Dashain or Tihar are celebrated with new clothes, nice meals, music and dance Taste of Nepal will feature

all these aspects, as well as a presentation explaining the festivals.

There are roughly 30 undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Idaho from various regions of Nepal that will bring a part of their home to the event. The Nepalese community from all around the Palouse will also be there. are

There differvast Nepli Students' within ences Association president the country of Nepal, from the

lives of the people in the Himalayas to those in the hills and the flat plains, but this event brings all the influences together.

The food is something Upreti said shouldn't be missed. "There will be traditional foods, including momo, which is similar to dumplings, achar, curry and more.

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Sweta Khanal, a sophomore chemical and materials engineering student, said the food is a big part of the night, but other activities would be taking place. Among these activities are six dancing performances all with different dress and music. Khanal will be performing in one of the dances along with two other girls, Tsher-ing Sherpa and Meelima Fhrestha.

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"Our group is the only one dancing with a prop, so that will tell about our musical instrument," Khanal said.

The musical instrument the three girls will be using is called a demehui, and they will play it with their hands. In addition to the music produced by the demehui, traditional Nepali music will also be playing the background.

Khanal said a fashion show at the event will also display a variety of traditional Nepalese clothing. Khanal said Alex Fremier, assistant professor of Fish and Wildlife Resources, who visited Nepal, would also be giving a presentation about his experience.

The profits from the event will be divided and given to the United Nations Children's Fund, be used to help people in Haiti and also go to the unprivileged children back in Nepal.

Tickets to Taste of Nepal are \$10 for students and \$12 for non-students and can be purchased from 10. a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Idaho Commons and also at the ront desk of the Interna Seattle that has similar tional Programs office in the LLC. The price of the ticket includes dinner.



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food," Upreti said, "but

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geek isSEXY A geek watcher's guide

Wisdom says it's rude to stereotype. However rude it may be, it comes naturally to most people, and even more so to nerds. We geeks are labeled all

the time — eggheads, dorks, drama queens, bookworms — and we tend to classify others — business majors, psychology majors, education majors. Why wouldn't we classify within our own ranks? Here's a handy field guide for spotting differ-ent types of nerds you'll see at the Dungeons and Dragons table.

The Metagamer

The Metagamer is an obnoxious variant of nerd. Metagamers use outside knowledge to play a game better by somehow having knowledge their character would not.

Got a player whose character has an Intelligence stat of eight, but somehow knows how to cast a ninth-level spell? You've got a Metagamer.

Got a player whose character is from the sticks, but can figure streets with ease? You'v

got a Metagamer. The Silly Goose

The Silly Goose can turn any serious campaign into one that frustrates everyone involved. Silly Geese try to create the most ridiculous character possible. However, Silly Geese can also liven up Silly Geese can also liven up a boring campaign, or make a humorous one hilarious. Use them wisely.

Got a player who created an aquatic elf that's afraid of water? Silly Goose.

AS water? Silly Goose. Got a player who made onaut an anthropomorphic orca barbarian whose flipper did enough damage to knock out the other players? Silly Goose. Got a player who created a gnome wizard who is so fat, the other players have to roll him like a beach ball to get any-where? Silly Goose. where? Silly Goose.

The Serious Gamer

This are serious game. (Note: this is a reference to a 4chan meme)

The Serious Gamer and the Silly Goose are always butting heads. e Serious Gamer just wants to

play an adult game, you guys. Why is your stupid aquatic elf curled up in a ball next to a puddle?

Got a player who creates a Halfling rogue with a dark past? Serious Gamer.

Got a player who only plays humans? Serious Gamer.

Got a player who only wants to move the story forward and get experience? Serious Gamer.

The Unimaginative One

The Unimaginative One plays himself. Every time. Anymore info needed?

The Game's **Operational Director**

Otherwise known as God, this player goes by many names – game master, dungeon master and storyteller. However, God seems to have the most punch. It's easy to identify a God — they set the traps, make the monsters difficult and make percentage rolls impossible. Do not be afraid to grovel before God or give him gifts. He will appreciate it, and so ill your char

'Book of Eli' is nothing special

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Greg Connolly Argonaut

These days, post-apocalyptic movies are as common as a Facebook status update. And why

not? They're awe-some. They offer a lawless, battered caricature of our world, and in some cases — "The Road" for example — stunning performances characemotional grief with vivid and fittingly

bleak, imagery. The Hughes Brothers' latest film, a romp through a destitute area of the Southwest 30 years after some kind of fiery nightmare made everyone extra sad, delivers in one of those categories, though sadly not the more important one. From the first moments of savor the grayish-yellow vi-sion of a depleted world. The viewer is treated to sweep-ing shots of deserts that are somehow made even grim-mer than how they appear in real life





long time. Eventually, Eli reach es a tiny, burned out town that does a smash ing job of representing what San Francisco might have looked like after the great 1906 earthquake.



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For those looking for the hottest music out there right now, here's this week's top five most downloaded iTunes albums.

1. Vampire Weekend – Contra (Bonus Track Version)

This bloodthirsty twoday break has hit No. 1 with their second self -produced album, entitled Contra. If you've been in love with these indie New Yorkers from the sounds of "A Punk" and "Campus," since before everyone else was, or even just now, this album will be money well spent.

2. Spoon — Transference

Spoon asks, "Is Love Forever?" on their new alternative album, *Transferefice*. Though the songs seem to have the same distinguished rhythm as Spoon's normal forte, it seems slightly more rock than their previous album, Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga from 2007.

3. Ke\$ha — Animal

Need some tunes for your teeny-bopper disco party? Thought so, and Ke\$ha is here to help. Animal is a swirl of songs following the style of the

hit "Tik Tok," and features a song with 30H!3 advising you to "put a little love in your glove box" — if you know what she means.

4. Motion City Soundtrack – My Dinosaur Life (Deluxe Version)

If you're into mainstream rock-pop with little to no originality, this album is for you. The slightly different style than their well-known "Everything is Alright" hit single might be due to their edgy parental advisory for explicit content. However, if you like one song on this album, you'll probably like them all — since they're basically the same.

5. Lady Gaga — The Fame Monster (Deluxe Version)

It's usually love or hate for Lady Gaga, the queen of the strange, and her new album is no exception. The Fame Monster features songs exploring what it's like to be famous, and it can't be more forward than "Beautiful Dirty Rich." There's no holding back the monster diva who is taking entertainment to a whole new level. This album is anything but a "Bad Romance.

– Lauren Paterson

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the last of Linkin Park, the band comes up

their most popular songs. However, it is an import-only release so it will cost some big

with another marketing scheme. Fans will get

the chance to hear the early demos of some of a

There's not a single building that isn't severely charred, and all of the people in the streets are stumbling around with dazed looks on their faces.

waters off the coast of Alaska.

The town is run by one of the few remaining people from before the apocalypse. The first scene to feature Carnegie, played by Gary Oldman, finds him reading a biography of Mussolini while sitting in a weathered office chair that looks like it belongs in some railroad baron's home in 1890.

A couple of motorcycle raiders ----

apparently there's enough gasoline to get around 30 years after the pumps stopped working — enter the office and dump out a pile of books on the desk. Carnegie flips through them and can't find what he's looking for.

humbacks migrate to the coasts of Hawaii during the winter months to calve and breed before returning to the

Enter Eli. Eli's carrying a book himself. Books are a rare commodity in this world, which makes Carnegie's hunt for a particular one — I won't reveal just which book that is — all the more futile. One event leads to another, and before Eli knows it, scores of armed men are chasing after him to recover the book.

This movie resembled the illfated Kevin Costner flick, "The Postman," in a strange sort of way. No, it wasn't a Hallmark

bucks: After the failure of Mike Shinoda's sic project, Fort Minor, as well as lead vocalist Chester Bennington's Dead By Sunrise, it

looks as if the guys are looking for more cash Available Jan 26

Channel Original Movie grossly miscast in a world that had seen the cataclysm like Costner's film, but there were some similarities -– ammunition was prevalent enough for a couple of large scale shootouts, the main character is a loner from the past with a couple of secrets to boot, and so on and so forth.

What it comes down to is that this movie is nothing special. It's not a harrowing examination of human emotion, like "The Road," nor is it a thoughtful rumination on nuclear war, like "The Day After." But it is a rather formulaic bloodbath with a couple of WTF moments thrown in for good measure. And that's OK if all you're looking for is a good popcorn-muncher to make that Saturday night a little less empty.

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Determined Vandals fight on



Pierce Beigh Argonaut

This Saturday night, the Idaho Vandals will take on the Utah State Aggies in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals are looking to end their four-game WAC losing streak against the

solid veteran team. The most recent game the Vandals played was against Nevada, where the Vandals lost, 68-76.

"It was a disappointing loss in Nevada," Verlin said. "We can't lose faith. Only six out of our last 16 games have

been at home - we've had a hard schedule. We need to keep believing and keep trusting.

Over the week, Verlin said the Vandals practiced a bit differently than usual,

with a more competitive approach. Two days during the week were spent with shooting drills and live game situations, followed by a day of scrimmaging, he said.

"We struggle to complete the end of the first half," Verlin said. "This week we are

duplicating gamelike situations and working to compete."

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The Aggies are a strong and physical opponent, he said, with abilities to win in a number of different ways. He said the team will look to senior Marvin Jeffer-

son for his input on the key to success.

"Everybody's got big guys in the WAC," Jefferson said. "I've got to be physical and make them score away from

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Men's

Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut Left: Mac Hopson (left) is stripped of the ball by Joe Kammerer (center), while Corey Stern (right) provides support for the defense. The Vandal's are looking to recover from a four-game loosing streak against Utah State Saturday. Right: Mac Hopson practices in Cowan Spectrum on Thursday as the Vandal's prepare for Utah State at home this weekend.

Idaho stuns New **Mexico State**

Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

For Idaho women's basketball coach Jon Newlee, Wednesday night's game against New Mexico State felt a bit like deja-vu.

"They were back-back nail-biters," to-back Newlee said, refering to their victories over Boise State and New Mexico State.

thrilling After a overtime win against Boise State, the Vandals came into New Mexico with confidence, which showed on the court

as they passed the ball and led a balanced scoring attack for the second straight game. "I think the success in the

Boise State game really gave our team a sense of confidence when this game got close," Newlee said. "The same scenario played out here and we were able to handle the pressure."

The Vandals started the game right where they left off last week, staying scorching-hot from the field and nailing just under 50 percent of their shots, including several opportune three-pointers. Idaho confused the Aggie's defense with unselfish play by rotating the ball to every player, an attribute that Newlee credits to

the team's embarrassing loss to Hawaii late last week.

"I think they realized after the Hawaii game that we're not just going to go in and beat people one-on-one and that sharing the ball is the only way we're going to be successful," Newlee said. "We did a great job

of sharing the basketball tonight, taking great shots and making the shots."

Idaho's offense was led by Rachel Kloke and Yinka Olorunnife, both with 14 points apiece.

More importantly, Idaho showed its depth for the second straight game

as all five starters tallied up 10 or more points, with Bianca Cheever adding 13 points and going 50 percent from three-point range.

Shaena Kuehu played an allaround game. Not only did she contribute 12 points, four of which came on huge back-toback coast-to-coast plays after the Aggies hit two 3-pointers to put Idaho down by nine, but Kuehu also led the team with eight rebounds, all on the defensive side.

Idaho's defense was stifling, limiting New Mexico State's leading scorer, Crystal Boyd, to only eight points and, more impressively, to

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Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

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Bianca Cheever releases a jump shot during the basketball game against Boise State Saturday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals will compete against the San Jose State Spartans in San Jose, Saturday.

A reason to celebrate

Staff report Argonaut

As if screaming fans storming the football field when the Idaho Vandal football team won the Humanitarian Bowl wasn't enough for celebration, tomorrow the Athletic Department and the Moscow Chamber of Commerce is putting on a parade through Moscow.

The Vandals won the Humanitarian Bowl, 43-42, after the team successfully executed a 2-point conversion.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the parade will start at the corner of Main and D streets, continuing south on Main Street before heading west on Sixth. The parade will conclude on to the Idaho campus. Following the parade; fans will have a chance to meet the football players and coaches, including an autograph session.

"This is a fitting way to celebrate the achievements of our football student-athletes and coaches, and at the same time to thank the community of Moscow for being an integral part of our great Vandal family," Idaho athletic director Rob Spear said.

Immediately following the parade, the Vandal men's basketball team will take on Utah State at 5 p.m. in Cowan Spectrum.



Women's

Friday, Jan. 22, 2010

Track team starts season right Lisa Short

The University of Idaho track team is gearing up for its second meet, a meet that coach Yogi Teevens said is the most important.

Argonaut

Idaho will face off against Washington State, Utah State, Eastern Washington, Montana, Whitworth and other community TRAC colleges from Spokane at the Cougar Indoor in Pullman.

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Teevens said the team's first meet last weekend was a "glo-rified practice." But even with such success, the teams should give the Vandals an accurate reading of where they stand in the conference.

The Utah State Aggies have been a rival school of Idaho for as long as Teevens said she could remember. She said competing with or beating the Aggies means they are in good standing in the WAC.

Last weekend Idaho accomplished great feats for early in the season including breaking the 25-year men's pole vault record in Idaho school history and having two members of the women's team with provisionally qualifying marks.

The team and coaches were proud of their first meet and while it wasn't a full team per-

formance, many athletes are now ready for the Cougar Indoor. "It will be an opportunity for

the entire team," Teevens said. "I'm excited to see more of the running events and more of the team compete."

Having the first meet out of the way, the athletes should be prepared to take on this next challenge.

"We all love the competitive aspect of this TELD sport," senior pole vaulter Mike Carpenter said. "This meet should be a

great opportunity to get out there and perform at a high level."

Carpenter was one of the three male vaulters to clear a new school record height of 5.10 meters.

After the first meet, Idaho athletes led multiple events in the WAC, including senior Sam Michener in the men's 60-meter dash, KC Dahlgren in the women's pole vault, Mykael Bothum in the shotput and Lucas Pope and Jeremy Klas in men's pole vault. Other athletes, including Eugenio Mannucci, Andrew Blaser, Christie Gordon and Breeana Chadez, are earning some of the top spots from last weekend's meet as well.

But the Utah State Aggies share the leader board with the Vandals and are sure to be ready to compete this weekend. Teevens said she expects this meet to be a good measuring



Jake Barber/Argonaut

University of Idaho pole vaulter Jeremy Klas practices in the Kibbie Dome Thursday. Klas was named the Verizon Wireless Western Athletic Conference Men's Field Athlete of the Week of Jan. 11-17 after clearing a school-record height of 5.10 meters at the WSU Open Saturday in Pullman. The Vandals will compete again this weekend at the Cougar Indoor.

stick for the team to see where it stands with some of the strong competitors in the conference.

"Utah State is always strong," Teevens said. "We have to be able to compete with them.'

The meet will run 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hoping to start with a strong showing Men's tennis expects to continue last seasons success early on

Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's tennis program finds itself well positioned as the temperature warms and spring season ap-

proaches. Idaho is blessed with a large pool of talent to choose from, and tennis director Jeff Beaman freely admits he is not quite sure what the player pairing will be.

"We have a lot

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of different player pairings," Beaman said. "The first part of the year, we will be fig-uring out who will go with who – it's going to take some

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matches to put the best players together.' The team looks to start

the spring season where it left off before break, when it finished strong in its final match of the fall season. The

final match of the 2009 season showparticularly cased strong performances from junior Lachlan Reed and doubles pair Adrian Simon and Abid Akbar, who reached the semifinal round before being knocked out.

Reed also picked up WAC Player of the Month in December for his performance in Seattle, where he advanced to the semifinals en-route to knocking out Boise State's Filip Pogostkin, a nationally-ranked recruit. Reed lost to eventual tournament winner Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, another nationally-ranked player.

The team's effort was rewarded, as the doublepair of Alex Joitoiu and Lachlan Reed were ranked 58th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association 2010 ranking. Despite playing only a single tournament together, Joitoiu and Reed caught national attention by going 5-0 and cap-turing the GU/EWU Men's Tennis Fall Tournament in dominating fashion.

Not to be outdone, Idaho players were fully represented in the ITA's Mountain Region rankings, with Reed ranked 18th in the men's singles rankings, and the doublespair of Reed and Simon ranked fourth, while the doublespair of Joitoiu and Stanislav Glukhov ranked eighth.

"We have seven guys playing great," Beaman said. "Everyone on the team is playing really well we have a great group and everybody is working hard and getting along.

Beaman said he was excited about how the team finished the fall season and was confident the team would start the spring right where it left off.

The team will have a chance to live up to its rankings when it opens the spring season with a tough match in Fresno,

mingles

Thursday: Ladies Night: free pool, 1.50 wells, 2.50 kamikazes

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Calif. against fellow WAC members Fresno State and Nevada.

"We are starting the year out against really tough opponents," Beaman said. "It's not ideal, but you got to win against everyone to become a top level program."

Fresno State starts the spring season ranked 45th in the nation. The Bulldogs feature five players nationally ranked by the ITA, with two doubles teams ranked at 20th and 36th, and sopho-more David Ayoun ranked 83rd in singles.

[Fresno State is] a really tough team with eight good players," Beaman said. "Historically, they have been one of the best tennis programs in the country."

Fresno State is only one of three nationally ranked teams in the WAC, with Boise State being ranked 22nd and Hawaii ranked 41st. team. Beaman said Nevada would be a cake-walk after Fresno State.

"[Nevada is] a strong program which returns all but one of their players from last year, when they broke into the national ranking," Beaman said. "In addition, they have added a top freshman this past January and it will be interesting to see how he plays.

Nevada opened their conference play with a loss to Hawaii, which dominated 6-1 in singles despite going 1-3 in doubles play. Nevada has no players nationally

ranked in their program. Beaman said the team recognizes the importance of these first tournaments, and it realizes it needs the wins in order for Idaho to become a nationally ranked program.

To become a force in the WAC, which is a really tough tennis conference, and to become nationally recognized, these are the teams we need to go out and compete with and beat," Beaman said. "These first two matches are huge - we need to go in and win this weekend."



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Fresno State will be Beaman's first chance to test out double pairings in the new year

Following Fresno State, the Vandals draw play against Nevada, which while not nationally ranked, is a competitive and tough



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The 2009 fall academic all-WAC teams were announced today, which honors student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Of all the WAC athletes,

25 Idaho student-athletes were among those honored. Teams who were active

during the fall season had an overall 3.2 GPA. The Idaho women's soccer team held the highest record with a 3.58 team GPA.

Men's cross-country: Alex Brekke, sophomore James Clark, sophomore Markus Geiger, sophomore

Women's cross-country: Maike Holthuijzen, senior Anna Kalbrener, sophomore Melissa McFaddan, senior Lauren Schaffer, sophomore Teegan Schoch, sophomore Julia Veseth, sophomore

Football:

Peter Bjorvik, senior Bobby Cowan, freshman Preston Davis, sophomore Nathan Enderle, junior Adam Juratovac, senior Aaron Lavarias, junior

Soccer: Elizabeth Boyden, sophomore Melissa Canite, junior Jennifer Eugenio, junior Jenn Hull, junior Sari Morrison, senior Ashley Perez, senior

Volleyball: Sarah Conwell, senior Anna McKinney, senior Kelsey Taylor, junior Katherine Tribley, junior

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Men's tennis @ Nevada

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Jenn Hull



Volleyball

Lisa Short Argonaut

After a tough winter break the Idaho swimming and diving team takes on rivals Boise State in Boise Saturday.

The team spent a majority of its break training, and had two challenging competitions. Coach Tom Jager said he expected the break competitions to be tough, but the team swam well.

The Vandals lost to Northern Arizona and New Mexico State over break, both teams that Boise State defeated this season. Idaho stands at 3-2 for the season but is eager to take on the rival Broncos.

Senior Nicole Schuh said this will be one of the most exciting meets this season.

> We are going to give them a fight... We're competing in an uphill battle but we won't back down."

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Jager Swim and dive coach

"There is more to it than just swimming your races," Schuh said. "It's competitive."

Jager said Schuh and other swimmers have improved a lot over break. The team worked on bringing little details together and he can see its focus is improving. "A lot of it is confi-



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team practices in the UI Swim Center Wednesday afternoon. After a loss to Northern Arizona, the Vandals are preparing to face Boise State Saturday in Boise.

dence," Jager said. "With more confidence they are going to keep improv-

Swimming with the sharks

ing." The Broncos and the Vandals will have some good match-ups because their strengths are in similar areas — sprints and

the butterfly. Idaho lost to Boise State last year in the rivalry match-up, so the Vandals will need to swim well. Jager said it won't be an easy meet and the Vandals are a very strong team this year.

"We're going to give them a fight," Jager said. "We're competing in an uphill battle but we won't

With the team coming off tough training during

back down."

the break, the meet will be a real test of the its skills. "Those meets (North-

ern Arizona and New Mexico State) were hard," Schuh said, "But every-one stepped up and that's what we'll need to do."

Divers Amanda Morrow and Rachel Klancher will also be competing down in Boise. Morrow was injured before break, but has recovered and had some of her best dives over winter break. Jager said her success will also be found in confidence.



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the basket."

The Vandals have their next three games at home, and senior Kashif Watson said they hope to capital-ize on all three, which would put them in great shape heading into the second half of the season.

"We got to get on the roll," Watson said. "Win these three games — it's a big deal. But we need the fans to get out and cheer us on, so come on out.'

The individual matchups Saturday are looking tough, Waston said. "They're a good team, a

balanced team, and there

match-ups," Watson said. These next three home games are important ones for the Vandals. They will run out of practice time after the games while they

is gonna be some tough

travel to play other teams. "Expectations are high for the Vandals right now," Verlin said. "But usually at this point in the season Idaho hasn't won eight games, so expectations are welcome."

Even though the team has suffered four losses in a row, Verlin remains confident his team is not finished.

"This team is going to play well," he said. "I don't know when, but I am confident in them."

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only one basket until the final two minutes of the game.

Not content with slow-ing down one player, Idaho put the pressure on early and often, limiting Boyd, Jasmine Loweand and Madison Spence, who came in averaging 42 points per game, to just 25 points. Newlee said the Vandals focused on the transition game of New Mexico State and it paid dividends by containing the damage their top three players instilled.

"We talked about ex-tending the zone and not giving them the wide-open

looks and letting them get into rhythm," Newlee said. "They're all rhythm shooters, and in the stretch where they went up, it was because they were in rhythm and in transition. We finally got some good ball pressure, and that was a factor in getting them out of rhythm.

Up next for Idaho is a meeting with San Jose State later this week. The Vandals will be looking to get their first sweep on the road, and it couldn't come at a more opportune time.

"What we talked about after the game was not losing our momentum," Newlee said. "We know we've got a chance to sweep a road trip, and that's pretty special in this league."



Snow blankets Sixth Street in Moscow January 2008. The lack of snow this winter has forced the community ski day, hosted by the Palouse Divide Nordic Ski Club and the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest, to be cancelled.

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