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## Retention, enrollment up for spring

Marcus Kellis  
Argonaut

Freshmen returning for spring and spring-to-spring enrollment are both up 3 percent, according to figures released Thursday by the University of Idaho's enrollment management office.

Statewide, UI now enrolls 11,512 students, 320 more than in Spring 2009. "(President Duane Nel-

lis') vision at his inauguration was to grow to about 16,000," said Steve Neihsel, assistant vice president for enrollment management. "To get there we probably need to average 4 to 5 percent. This spring we grew more than we did last fall, so we're moving in the right direction."

The 16,000-student goal is aimed for 2020. UI has 277 new transfer

students this semester, 81 more than a year ago.

"Within the region, and almost nationally, community colleges are setting all kinds of records, just growing spectacularly," Neihsel said, explaining the growth in transfers. "A lot of that is the direct consequence of the economic downturn."

The College of Western Idaho, the newest community college in the state,

opened with 1,208 students in January 2008, and tentative figures for January 2009 are nearly four times that. Once community college students get their associate degrees — at CWI, the charge is \$119 per credit — many seek enrollment at a four-year school.

Freshmen retention is an important figure for Neihsel and UI.

"It's fairly steady, around

80 to 90 percent, and it's up at 93 percent this year," he said. "The retention of freshmen has been a targeted effort as well."

Much work remains to make Nellis' goal a reality, and the university will have to work on its facilities in the next decade to accommodate that growth in students. UI's new rule requiring most freshmen to live on campus will require new residence

halls down the line.

"That's part of the work of the enrollment management effort that we're working with," Neihsel said. "We need to look at what the online options are, our regional sites, to decide when and where and how to get there. We know it needs to be fairly steady growth, and for the current year, retention and transfers have been two of the key areas."

## UI Vietnam War vets honored with plaque

Sarah Sakai  
Argonaut

University of Idaho alumni who gave their lives in the Vietnam War now have a plaque of their own commemorating their sacrifice.

Olivia Chinchinian, a senior history student, and Will Long, a senior in geology, presented the bronze plaque to UI President Duane Nellis in his office Wednesday morning.

Lt. Col. Ken Hunt asked the freshman Contemporary American Experience class to consider the project four years ago. The Memorial Gym has a state plaque for those from Idaho who died in the Vietnam War, but there was no record of those UI students who had died. The 39 Core Discovery students quickly adopted the task.

"There wasn't a complete list," Chinchinian said. "We decided as a class that we wanted to take this project on."

They received permission from former UI President Tim White for the project. The students got to work writing grant proposals,

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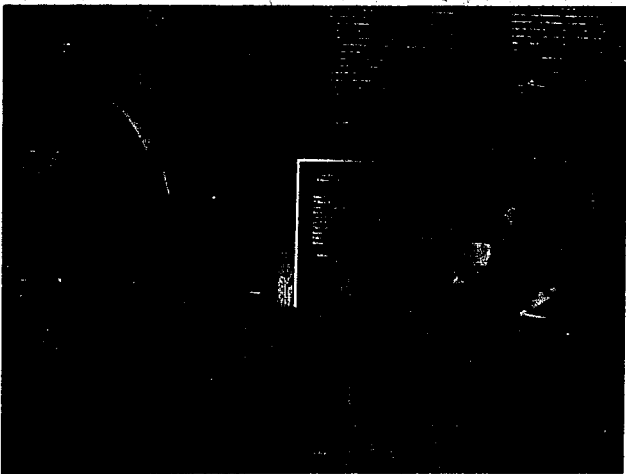
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talked with David Drake and Jay Pengally of the College of Art and Architecture about design — and then started researching.

The Core Curriculum, the Service-Learning Program

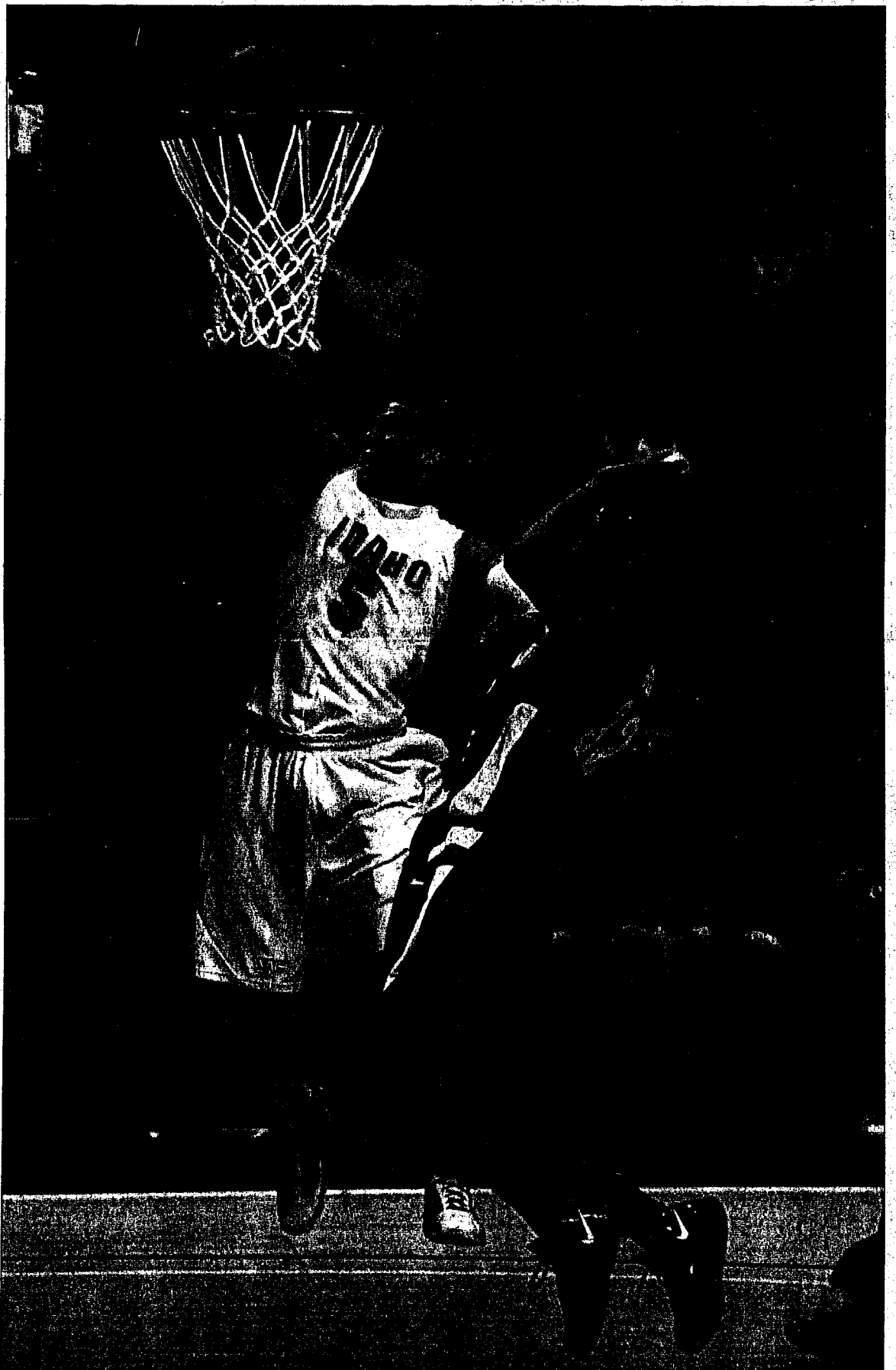
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Courtesy photo

President Duane Nellis speaks with senior history student Olivia Chinchinian at the presentation of a plaque listing the names of University of Idaho students who died in the Vietnam War. The plaque was a project done by the Contemporary American Experience class.

## STREAK SNAPPED



Vandal guard Steffan Johnson drives to the hoop and is fouled by Fresno State Bulldog Joh-Teeha Filipe during the basketball game in Cowan Spectrum Thursday. Johnson missed the lay-up but made both his freethrow shots. The Vandals won 74-59.

Nick Groff/Argonaut

## Rival Moscow pubs play for charity

Tanya Eddins  
Argonaut

The Humanitarian Bowl trophy isn't the only one in Moscow.

The Lurker Bowl, an annual charity football game with competing teams made up of staff and regulars of John's Alley and the Garden Lounge, has one, too. The Garden is the reigning champion, displaying the trophy proudly above the emergency exit at the downstairs bars.

Bill Cole, a Garden bartender and assistant manager, has played in the bowl for 14 years. Cole played for John's Alley for the first six, before moving down the street. Cole, who played for the University of Idaho football team in the late '90s, also coaches the Garden's women's team.

The original Lurker Bowl trophy was a broken chair, which is planned to make a reappearance Saturday — the Lurker Bowl turns 20 this year, one year shy of legal drinking age.

Admission, \$5 or three cans of food, benefits the Moscow Food Bank.

Cole said donating food is a cause that is just as important in small communities as it is in large ones. Cole said it's easier in large communities to focus on homelessness and poverty, but the issues are also right here in Moscow.

Linda Nickels, director of the Moscow Food Bank, said the charity would not survive without donations.

Nickels said the Lurker Bowl brings in a large donation — at some cost to participants.

"It is only for the brave of heart," Nickels said.

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Linda NICKELS

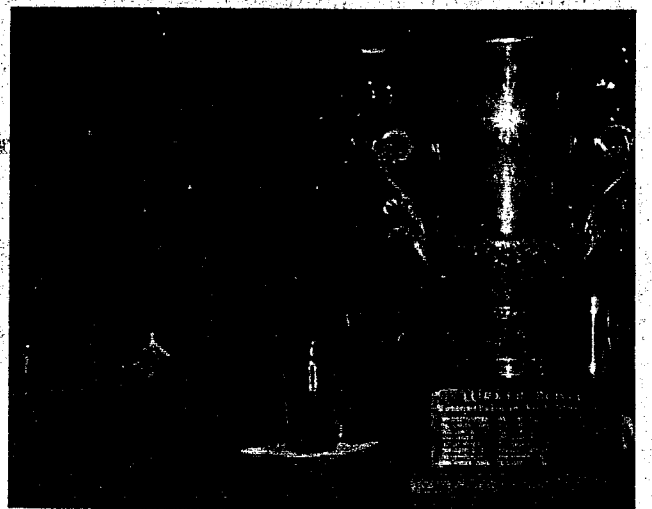
Moscow Food Bank director

On the 20th anniversary of the event, Cole sought to encourage attendance and donations.

"Anyone can come to cheer, drink and have a good time, whether it's soda or beer," Cole said.

Kim Rundle, a UI alumna, has attended Lurker Bowl for the past four years. Rundle said she has friends who travel from as far as Portland to play in the bowl.

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Bartender Mike Jones works at the Garden Lounge Tuesday with the Lurker Bowl trophy on the counter. The annual charity football game between the staff and regulars of John's Alley and the Garden Lounge takes \$5 or three cans of food for admission, which benefits the Moscow Food Bank.

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## Headlines from Jan. 29, 1935

### Babes Work for Preliminary Tilt

#### Idaho Frosh to Meet W.S.C. Kittens Saturday In Memorial Gym

Improving with every practice, Coach "Red" Jacohy's frosh quintet will resume their rivalry with the flashy W. S. C. Kittens Saturday night in a preliminary game to the Vandal-Cougar conference clash at the Memorial gymnasium.

The Babes were defeated in their game with the Kittens Saturday, 44 to 36, but the spectators were surprised at the ability shown by the Babes when they worked to the limit the best frosh team W.S.C. has had in many years.

W.S.C. will probably enter Saturday's game heavily favored to win, but the Vandal cagers will have some thing to say about that and it is entirely possible that the Babes will upset the Kittens.

In last Saturday's game at Pullman Idaho's lineup included Eddington and Peacock, forwards; Johnson, center; Palmgren and Kramer, guards; with Hallberg, Cable, Ferterson, Beattle and Bohman as substitutes. The outstanding players were Eddington, Dramer, and Peacock, all top-notchers in high-school competition.

The Babes also played a game with the Craigmont high school Saturday, which they won easily.

The squad for this game was composed of Ervine, forward; Kingsbury, forward; Jergensen, center; Briggs, guard; and Gannon, guard; with Stover, Thorpe and McClarry substituting. This game, though won by a large score, showed much ragged passing and poor shooting.

### Associated Miners Plan Annual Muckers' Ball

#### Dance Will be at Women's Gym Saturday; Motif Will Be Mine

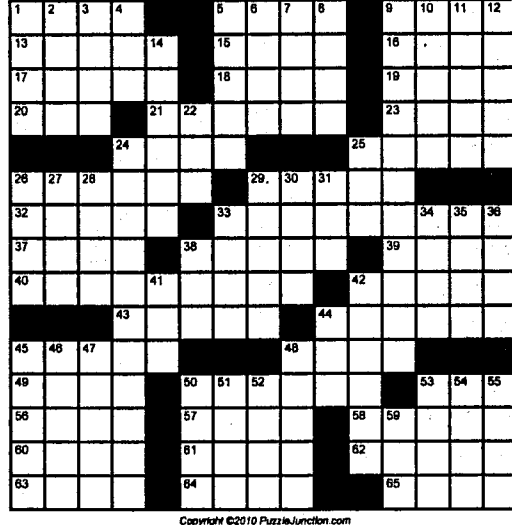
The Muckers' ball will hold the limelight on February 9 when the associated miners and their guests will dance in the Women's gymnasium: According to Egan Kroll, dance chairman, the decorations will carry out the idea of an underground mine scene. The guests will have to enter through a tunnel, and will find themselves in a "real mine." Bill Hudson is in charge of the decorations.

Patrons and patronesses will be Dean and Mrs. A. W. Fahrenwald, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Laney, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Staley.

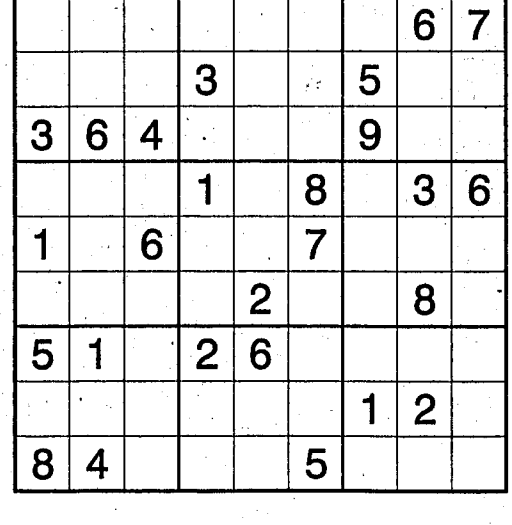
Tickets will be on sale in the group houses and halls immediately. Admission price is set at 40 cents per person.

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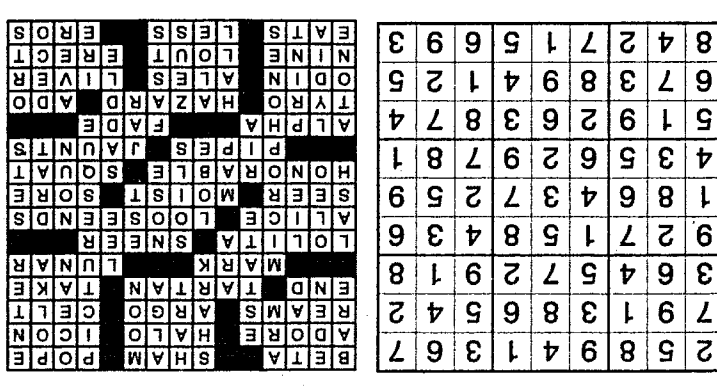
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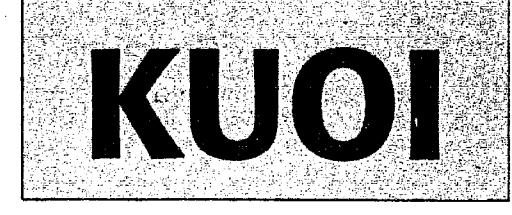
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corrections

In the Tuesday edition of The Argonaut James Moody was misidentified in a jazz festival photo on page 7, which was taken in 2009 at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 5.



# Campus Greeks donate time, cash

Sigma Chi gives more than \$3,000 to causes in fall semester

Ashley Centers  
Argonaut

Fraternities and sororities at the University of Idaho accumulated a combined 15,416 hours of community service within the Moscow area last semester, and \$15,504 in donations to charitable organizations.

Beneficiaries included Moscow Adopt-A-Family, the Moscow Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross.

"We try to provide each house with lots of opportunities," said Matt Kurz, adviser to sororities and fraternities on campus.

Giving back to the community has positive effects for UI students and for those who are being helped and provided for.

"Community service is important to me because people are important to me," said Hillary Bowen, an international studies student and Alpha Phi member. "... In the end, it's all about relationships, about friendships and it's about what you did to make someone else's day just a little bit better."

Alpha Phi, an 85-member sorority, accumulated the most hours of community service last semester with a total of 1,400 hours. That's an average of 17 hours of volunteer service per individual member.

**"People don't look at the amount of money or the amount of time you put in, but that you have initiative to go out and at least give two hours of your time to help somebody out"**

Juan  
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Beta Theta Pi

"My first community service event with my Alpha Phi sisters was a pumpkin-carving day at the local elementary school," Bowen said. "By the time we were done both us and the first graders were up to our elbows in pumpkin guts. It was a lot of fun, even if our pumpkin faces were less than artistic."

In 2008, Beta Theta Pi received the university's Outstanding Campus Involvement Award for their contributions at UI.

"Everything we do means a lot to people," said Juan Corona, a Beta Theta Pi member from Parma. "People don't look at the amount of money or the amount of time you put in, but that you have initiative to go out and at least give two hours of your time to help somebody out."

Kurz said he works to help organizations to do as much as they can, and tracking in-kind and monetary donations encourages more giving.

"Giving back to the community is at the core of Greek beliefs, and it's important that we continue this tradition," he said.

Bowen said she grew up helping her com-



File Photo by Jake Barber/Argonaut

Members of Farmhouse fraternity pick up trash in the rain and snow on campus as part of a March 25 campus cleanup event. Fraternities and sororities at the University of Idaho have accumulated a combined 15,416 hours of community service.

munity because it was important to her family, and now it's something she wants to mold into her future career.

"I have done community service since high school and I just can't get enough

of it," Corona said. "It has changed me in many ways. It has taught me to not take things for granted and that a smile can make someone's day. I know I'm fortunate to have what I have today."

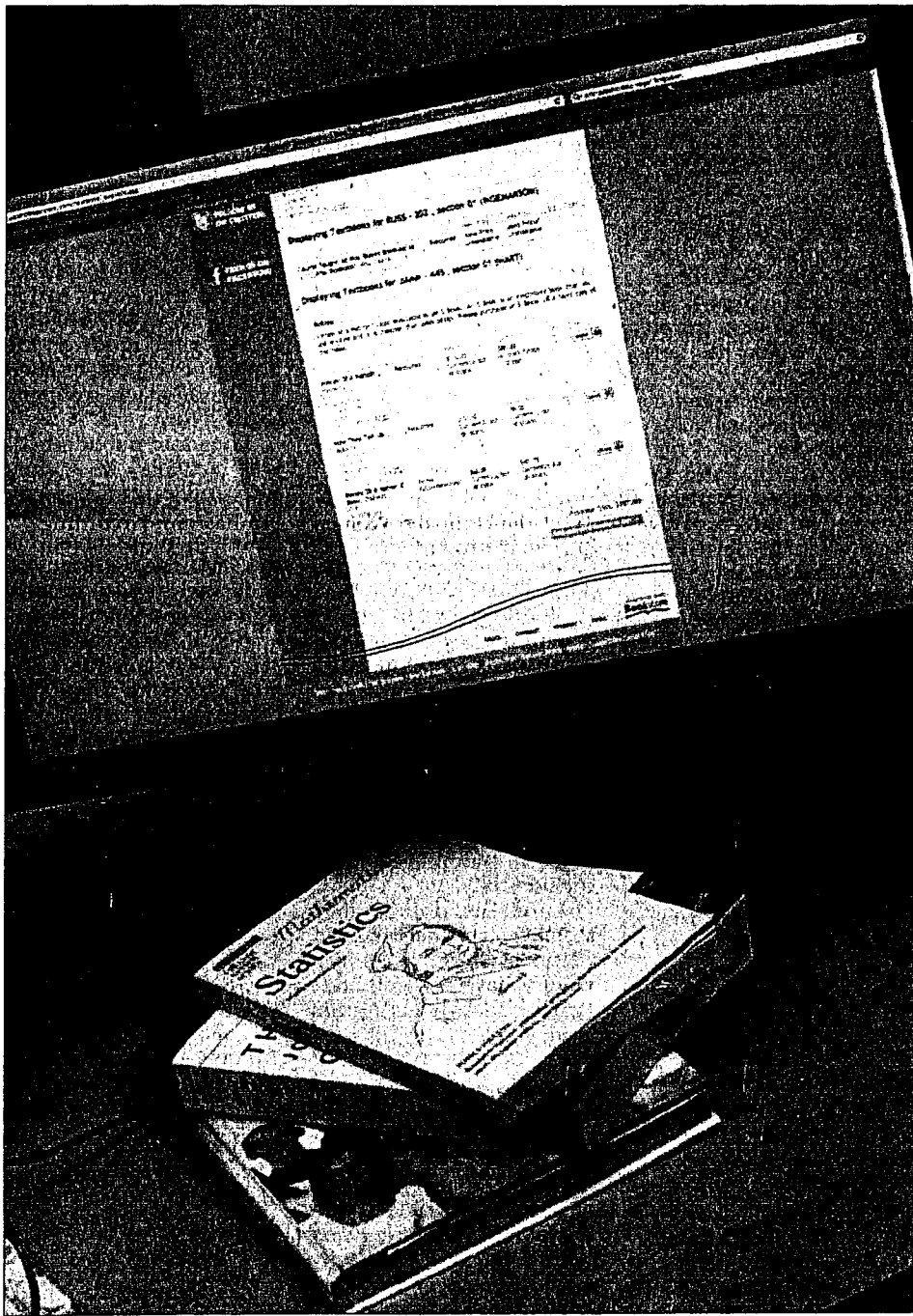


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Digital textbooks are a growing trend with book publishers, and the University of Idaho Bookstore now offers 250 titles.

## More UI students choosing digital texts

Stephanie Hale-Lopez  
Argonaut

Film, picture frames and even ornaments are now digital. It is no surprise, then, that many textbooks are now available digitally, with some offered at the University of Idaho Bookstore.

The digital textbooks are essentially nothing more than the original printed textbook, available in a computer-readable format.

Kathleen Norris, textbook coordinator at the bookstore, said students are split.

"Students either love (digital textbooks) or they hate it," Norris said. "We don't have numbers or percentages for the year in yet, but it's cold-cut with them: they either really like it or don't."

Norris says more big publishers are offering their textbooks as digital content. The bookstore now offers over 250 titles, a tremendous jump from 45 last term.

The increase in availability follows demand, and since the digital counterparts tend to be sold at a discount, Norris said students get a deal.

"They're cheaper than a used book and cost around half the price of a new book," Norris said. "You're not losing a lot by going with an e-book."

Digital textbooks first became available in a limited manner in the fall of 2006. Norris and John Bales, the bookstore's director, both said digital texts are ascendant.

"I don't know how soon (substantial adoption) will happen, but it'll happen sooner than later," Norris said. "I don't think we will ever be 100 percent ...

because a lot of students like the printed copies."

Digital textbooks are now available through the bookstore's Textbook Express Web site, which takes a student's schedule and adds course texts to an electronic shopping cart.

"Now we have the e-book feature online," Norris said. "A lot of students didn't know they were available."

The bookstore said the option of choosing the digital content online when ordering books will give digital textbooks a leg up on their printed counterparts.

"We see a significant increase in its adoption," Bales said. "It's important for the students to have both solutions."

**"They're cheaper than a used book and cost around half the price of a new book. You're not losing a lot by going with an e-book"**

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# Idaho weighs delay of larger grocery tax credit

John Miller  
Associated Press

Do Idaho residents want an extra \$10 next year or should the state suspend increasing a credit to offset the 6 percent sales tax on food to shore up public education, prisons and public TV?

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has weighed in, saying a plan begun in 2008 to boost the tax credit to \$100 for most people and \$120 for seniors by 2015 is a promise he intends to keep.

Still, a legislative forecasting committee has suggested Idaho will reap about \$128 million less in tax revenue than Otter's forecasts over the next two years.

If budget writers opt for a more dour outlook than the Republican governor's numbers, they'll be scrounging for cash. Suspending grocery tax credit expansion will again be up for debate, given it means about \$15 million more for the state, which needs every penny it can get.

"I'd be interested to see what the governor's office has to say once we've adopted a budget number," said Rep. Cliff Bayer,

R-Boise and a member of the budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. He's also an author of the grocery tax credit expansion in 2008.

"I still feel it should be our last resort when putting together the budget, because it does come from the taxpayers," Bayer said.

Thirty-one states exempt most food purchases from taxes, seven have a reduced tax, and five, including Idaho, offer offsets, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

For years, Idaho's credit was \$20 for most individuals and \$35 for seniors.

Then, in 2006, Idaho raised its sales tax to 6 percent, to help make up money schools lost during property tax relief passed during a special session. The call to eliminate Idaho's tax on food, long a battle cry of the Democratic Party, grew louder.

Thus began a two-year fight, with Otter wanting a means-tested credit for poor residents and majority GOP lawmakers accusing him of "social engineering." In 2008, a compromise finally emerged.

For tax year 2009, the

credit is \$40 for those with taxable income of \$1,000 or more and \$60 per person on income less than \$1,000. Seniors get an extra \$20. The credit will rise to \$100 by 2015 — unless lawmakers delay annual \$10 increases.

In fiscal year 2009, people claimed \$48.4 million from the credit, according to the Idaho Tax Commission. This year, that'll rise to more than \$60 million; next year, it could top \$70 million.

In his Jan. 11 State of the State speech, Otter said the extra cost was worth it.

But that was before the 18-member Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee's recommendation last Thursday to set a spending package based on just \$2.28 billion in tax revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30 and \$2.29 billion in 2011 — figures that, respectively, are \$69 million and \$59 million less than those Otter used to build his budget.

If the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee adopts more pessimistic figures than Otter's come February, delaying the expansion would help spare programs like pub-

lic education from even deeper cuts.

"Even though the governor talked about expanding the credit in his State of the State speech, I think we're at that point when we're going to have to consider it," said Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs.

"It seems like it should be on the table," said Senate Minority Leader Kate Kelly, D-Boise.

One thing to note is, with the ranks of Idaho's unemployed swelled to around 70,000, fewer people are actually eligible for the credit. That's because food stamp recipients don't get it. More than 179,600 people or families now are enrolled in the food stamp program, with a record 9,000 new applications monthly.

Will Rainford, with the Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger, said he wouldn't fight a delay in the credit's expansion if it helps schools, but bristles at the mere suggestion it should be dumped entirely, if only temporarily.

"If they want to take it back completely, we will go to the barricades," Rainford said.

# Civil engineering instructor dies

Marcus Kellis  
Argonaut

first met him about eight years ago.

Roger Ferguson, a senior instructor in surveying and civil engineering, died this week in Moscow.

Ferguson had previously taught at the University of Connecticut, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1970 and 1972, respectively. He came to University of Idaho in 2000, after he had retired from Connecticut.



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"He was a very cheerful, helpful person, very interested in students," said Phyllis Strong, an office specialist for civil engineering.

Eric Coats, an assistant professor of civil engineering at UI, had the office next to Ferguson's. Coats

Students were No. 1 with him, always," Coats said. "He was extraordinarily passionate about connecting — getting the students to learn the material ... He would go out of his way to help students. He was so proud when he could see that result."

Ferguson taught CE 211, Engineering Measurement, CE 218, Elementary Surveying, CE 473, Highway Design and ENGR 210, Engineering Statics. He also advised students in their senior design seminar for the department.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Administration Building Auditorium.

# Luna sketches out cuts to public education

Jessie Bonner  
Associated Press

Public schools chief Tom Luna told lawmakers Thursday he wants to siphon more than \$52 million from state endowment fund reserves to soften a financial blow to Idaho's K-12 education budget next year.

The state Superintendent of Public Instruction's plan surprised some legislative budget writers, who last session faced the grim task of spending less on public schools than in the previous year for the first time in generations.

"Frankly I'm a little disappointed in myself that I didn't think of it sooner," said Sen. Dean Cameron, a Rupert Republican who co-chairs the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee.

"I've been looking under a lot of rocks and I had not considered tapping into the earnings reserve fund," Cameron told The Associated Press. "I think it's a worthwhile suggestion. I think the superintendent should be commended for coming up with the suggestion and I think we should consider it."

Luna sits on the five-member state Board of Land Commissioners, which would have to authorize tapping Idaho's land grant

endowment fund reserves. Luna said the board has banked about \$90 million in earnings from the Public Schools Permanent Endowment Fund in a rainy day account, which distributes about \$31 million to public schools each year.

Luna has proposed tapping the reserves for an additional \$52.8 million next year.

The governor's recommended budget for the fiscal year that starts in July spends about \$1.2 billion in state general funds on Idaho public schools, or about \$14.3 million less compared to this year.

Luna said public schools will actually lose about \$135 million when factoring in the loss of one-time federal stimulus money and expected decreases in state dedicated funds, such as cigarette and lottery taxes.

About \$5.5 million in carry-over balances from other funds for driver education and the safe and the drug-free schools program could also be used to help offset the lapse in funding, Luna said.

While overall Luna's proposal for next year includes tapping more than \$58 million in additional revenues, it also includes \$25.2 million in cuts to rein in total savings of \$83.5 million.

# No manslaughter defense in Tiller case

Maria Sudekum Fisher  
Associated Press

The judge in the trial of a man accused of murdering an abortion doctor dealt the defense a major setback Thursday, ruling that the jury cannot consider a lesser charge of manslaughter.

The ruling came hours after Scott Roeder took the stand in his own defense and admitted killing Dr. George Tiller, saying he acted to save the lives of unborn children.

Roeder's attorneys had hoped to win a lesser conviction of voluntary manslaughter, which requires them to show their client had an unreasonable but honest belief that deadly force was justified. The charge carries a considerably lighter sentence than murder.

Roeder testified that he considered elaborate

schemes to stop the doctor, including chopping off his hands, crashing a car into him or sneaking into his home to kill him.

But in the end, Roeder told jurors, the easiest way was to walk into Tiller's church, put a gun to the man's forehead and pull the trigger.

Testifying as the lone defense witness, Roeder calmly explained what he admitted publicly months ago — that he killed Tiller to save unborn children.

"Those children were in immediate danger if someone did not stop George Tiller," Roeder said as the jury watched attentively but without a hint of surprise.

"They were going to continue to die," he said. "The babies were going to continue to die."

Roeder has pleaded not guilty to murder in the attack at the Wichita church

where Tiller was an usher. Witnesses have described how Roeder walked into the building's foyer on May 31 shortly after the service started, approached Tiller and fired a single shot before fleeing.

After Roeder's testimony, District Judge Warren Wilbert ruled that the jury would not be permitted to consider the manslaughter charge because abortion, including late-term abortion, is legal in Kansas and because Tiller did not pose an imminent threat.

"There is no immediate danger in the back of a church," the judge said. He also ruled out a second-degree murder conviction, which does not involve premeditation, because it was clear Roeder planned the killing.

"It would be hard for a reasonable factfinder to find anything other than the defendant formulating his belief and then planning on multiple occasions ... to carry out his intention to (kill) Dr. Tiller."

In a November interview with The Associated Press, Roeder publicly confessed to shooting Tiller, who was one of the few doctors in the country who performed late-term abortions.

Roeder, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., said he considered other ways of killing Tiller, including driving his car into Tiller's or shooting him with a shotgun. But he said he was concerned those approaches could hurt others.

"I did what I thought was needed to be done to protect the children,"

Roeder said. "I shot him."

He testified that he wrapped the .22-caliber handgun in a piece of cloth and buried it in a rural area. The weapon has not been recovered.

Prosecutors were careful during the first few days of testimony to avoid the subject of abortion and to focus on the specifics of the shooting. The judge said he did not want the trial to become a debate on abortion, but he said he would give Roeder a great deal of "latitude" when discussing his beliefs because they were integral to his defense.

Throughout his questioning, Roeder appeared calm and collected, waiting quietly each time prosecutors objected to something he said about medical procedures or late-term abortions, which the judge forbade him from testifying about.

When asked, for example, to detail the types of abortion procedures he was familiar with, Roeder answered "four or five" and then listed them. In one instance, he described a procedure as the fetus being "torn limb from limb" — a characterization that prompted a quick objection from prosecutor Nola Foulston.

During a lengthy cross-examination, Foulston tried to keep Roeder's responses to "yes" or "no." At one point, Roeder acknowledged that he had been thinking about killing abortion providers since the 1990s, and had considered using a sword to chop off Tiller's hands or killing him at his home.

**"I did what I thought was needed to be done to protect the children."**

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and alumni provided funding, while Jeff Olson and Joni Kirk of University Communications and Marketing provided contacts for the students' research.

Nellis said it was incredible their class followed through with the project. At a college campus, four years is a long time — Chinchinian said the passion and inspiration of Dick Wilson, the course's instructor, kept them motivated.

It didn't come easy. Tiling the plaque — "In Honor of University of Ida-

ho Alumni Who Lost Their Lives in the Vietnam War" — took the students a week. They had to research, check and double-check names and discuss font, format and material.

Four years and a few failed casting attempts later, the names of 20 alumni veterans are set in bronze.

"It's incredible, what a Core class can accomplish, and seeing the finished project is priceless," Chinchinian said.

The students hope to mount the plaque sometime this spring, followed by a special unveiling ceremony on Military Appreciation Day in the fall.

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Rundle said the best part of the Lurker Bowl is watching the women's game,

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because they get mean and physical.

"Don't forget to dress warm and to have a good time with good people," Rundle said.

Cole said that when game time approaches, staff members from each bar visit the opposing bar to antagonize the other team. Cole said this is all in good fun.

"Bars in this town do have a healthy respect for each other," Cole said. "It is important that we work together to benefit the community."

The Lurker Bowl will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Robinson Park, rain or shine.

## Support the troops

### Service members deserve more than a bumper sticker

"Support our troops" tended to be a slogan with many implicit meanings during President George W. Bush's eight years in office.

Though yellow ribbons, magnetic or cloth, could be part of supporting our troops, they're what philosophers might call neither a necessary nor sufficient condition. Put another way, a Chinese-made yellow-ribbon magnet isn't a required part of support, and it isn't enough by itself, either.

Forty civil engineers with the Idaho Air National Guard are going to Haiti, after the Pentagon requested 18. Sixteen Idaho Army

National Guard soldiers are now going to Afghanistan to assuage the threat of improvised explosive devices.

And, last week, the Idaho National Guard was alerted to an upcoming activation for this fall. Two thousand men and women, including 40 University of Idaho students, are affected.

The slogan should absolutely not be politicized, for servicemen and women do not deploy themselves. They serve the Commander-in-Chief, not this or that party or interest group.

Supporting our troops also means supporting our veterans with programs

like the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, which, among other programs, pays for four years of college at the highest rate of any public institution in the state in which a veteran enrolls.

Supporting the troops means taking care of those who return home with post-traumatic stress disorder or lost limbs, and providing those who return home to civilian jobs with legal protection guaranteeing non-discrimination for their service.

For those troops who are breadwinners, it means support for their spouses and children. For academic

faculty at UI, it means accommodating National Guardsmen who will miss class while training.

It means funding the Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides a number of benefits for veterans, including disability compensation and medical benefits. It means dignity when veterans die and a promise to remember them and their service.

Soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines deserve meaning when people say "support our troops." And if that phrase doesn't mean those things, it hardly means anything.

— MK

### off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Who wrote Holden Caulfield?

I didn't care for "The Catcher in the Rye" much when I first read it, at age 15. I went back some years later and understood a great deal more of the novel — and "Nine Stories" is great, too. Here's to you, Salinger. You were a good writer.

— Marcus

#### Silva

It's been weeks, but I still have trouble believing the Mariners actually found someone to take Carlos Silva off their hands. It's only been one season, but the Bavasi era seems like it was 20 years ago.

— Greg

#### 'Lost'

I don't care how geeky it makes me sound, but I cannot wait for the "Lost" premiere. Only four more days.

— Jeffrey

#### 'Hiroshima'

I read John Hersey's "Hiroshima" for one of my classes. Although the book was small, it was difficult to read. It is an account of six A-bomb survivors. The description and detail Hersey used creates a vivid picture for readers. The first-hand accounts of what happened are unsettling and flat out horrifying. It really puts what happened into perspective.

— Elizabeth

#### I don't make sense

I picked up an old, medium-format Argus camera the other day, and after a great deal of time and effort, I modified a newer roll of film to fit into it since the kind it takes isn't made anymore. Then I realized I spent the better part of a day loading an expensive roll of film into an obsolete camera so I can get 12 exposures of questionable quality when I have a digital camera that costs almost as much as a semester's tuition sitting next to me.

— Jake

#### Favorite day

My favorite kind of day is "Wear My Husband's Clothes" day. It occurs whenever I'm too busy to see him, and it works out great because we wear the same size in everything. Sometimes I wear a T-shirt of his, other times a pair of jeans, and most often one of his button-down shirts. It's great having two closets of clothes I can fit into, but he better not start wearing my stuff.

— Kelsey

#### Keepin' it clean

I purchased a new washer and dryer yesterday. They are huge and fancy — so fancy they even have their own gold and blue crest on them. Maytag seems to think they make appliances for royalty.

— Erin

#### Senior Bowl

I'm incredibly excited for the Senior Bowl tomorrow, mostly because I want to see how badly the scouts will want Iupati. He's already getting attention — who knows what kind of attention he'll get when he shows the nation what kind of player he is.

— Jennifer

#### Motivation

Why am I already wanting to slack off in some of my classes? If I am already slacking now, what is going to happen in May?

— Jens

## America is not a melting pot

Americans are not known for their cultural awareness. At times, this has led to misunderstandings and unjustified discrimination. However, last week an airline took it one step too far.

A 17-year-old male passenger, who happened to be observant of the Jewish faith, was suspected of carrying a bomb after he began a ritual involving tefillin. These are small leather boxes attached to leather straps worn during morning prayers. While the passenger in question was putting the straps on his arms, the flight attendant walked past and did not know what he was doing. Instead of asking him, she reported it to the captain who, as reported in the New York Times, "erred on the side of caution and decided to radio [it] in and divert the flight."

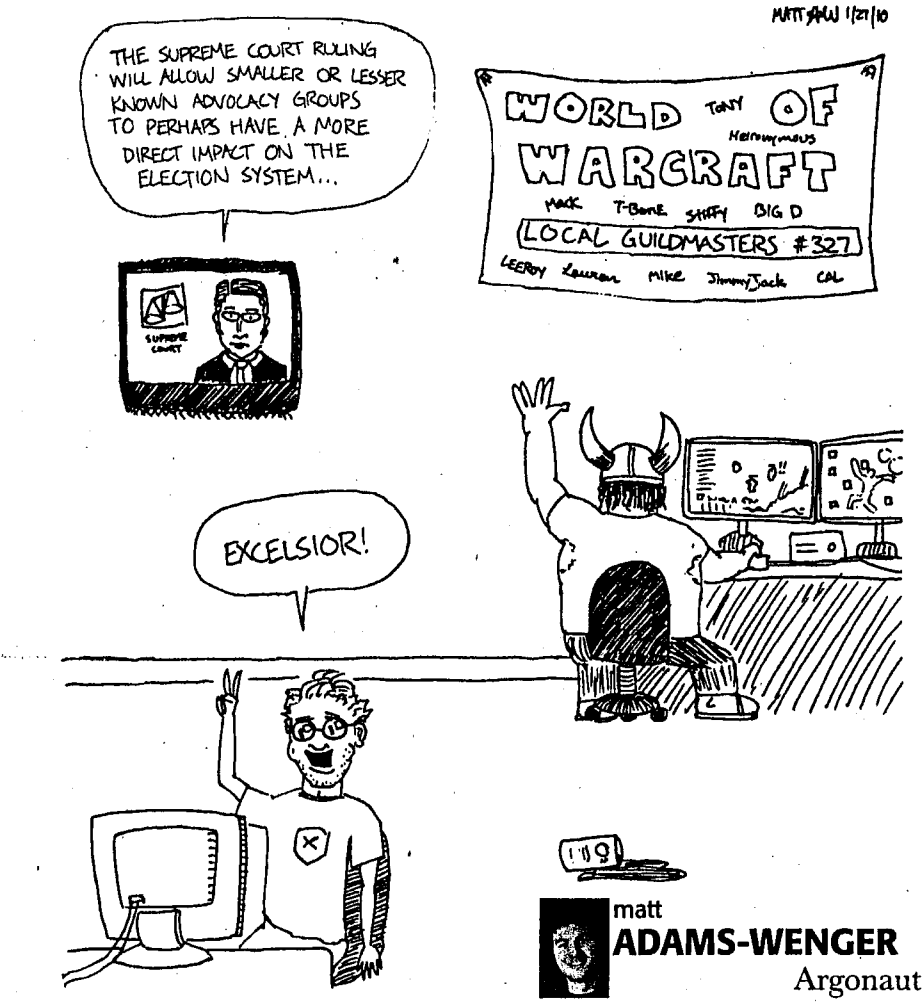
This led the Kentucky-bound plane to land in Philadelphia, where the passenger was handcuffed and treated as a terrorist until someone asked him to explain his actions.

Spokesperson for the Philadelphia police, Lt. Frank Vanore said, "It was unfamiliarity that caused this." Not only is it unacceptable that this is the only justification

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## Don't buy into hype

It's that time again, when Apple devotees flock around their leader, Steve Jobs, bowing before his very presence and spouting off misguided praise. It's a time when grown men weep like children and atheists behave like evangelical Christians.

I am referring, of course, to the Apple event held Wednesday in which Jobs announced the iPad, ending long-suspected rumors of Apple's next must-own gadget.

Already Twitter and tech blogs are abuzz about how the iPad is a can't-miss item.

If reports are to be believed, the iPad will be the end of netbooks, the savior of newspapers, the siren song for e-readers and will bring digital media to every single person in the world, thereby rescuing global media and bringing stability to our fragile society.

Don't believe the hype.

According to Jobs, the iPad will use flash memory, have a 10-inch screen, a 1 GHz processor and will be offered in 16 GB, 32 GB and 64 GB models. Users will

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# Thinkers with our heads cut off

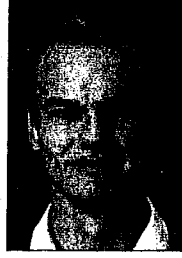
Contemporary thought in a nutshell: subjectivism. Of course, labeling something as subjective is probably just a reflection of how a person was educated.

Whether or not it is true depends on your own perspective, and who can say if that is a good thing or a bad thing? It really depends on your own values and what is meaningful to you, doesn't it? There couldn't be an actual reality out there, right?

Subjectivism is extremely pervasive in our thought today, and it is the guiding force behind how we think about both morality and thinking itself. For thousands of years, people assumed there was such a thing as reality, it was really true (absolute), it didn't care about our personal interpretations, and we could see it for what it was by using our powers of reason. However, as the theory of evolution has taken broader hold in our minds, this has changed, and for many today, "The Origin of Species" has transformed in their minds into "The Origin of Everything."

A secularized, materialistic view of evolution as the explanation for all things makes for a shaky system of thought. This mindset leads us to question the validity of everything, including our own thought.

After all, if all that goes on in our brains is a series of complex chemical reactions which just operate the way they do because it helps us reproduce, why should we suppose that our reasoning can be trusted to discover truth? If there is nothing supernatural separating our minds from any other chemical process, why should we imagine that our logic, rather than photosynthesis, can provide an accurate picture of reality? It is even more ridiculous, in this materialistic condition, to imagine that some events in nature could have moral value, or could be considered objectively good or bad.



**benjamin LEDFORD**  
Argonaut

Of course, this sort of view of the world clearly defeats itself, because it is nonsense to believe a line of reasoning which proves that reason can't prove anything. Yet, this fundamental contradiction does not stop millions of people today from doubting the validity of objective logic, or even doubting the existence of objectivity at all. This leads to fallacies and disconnection in our arguments. Arguments today tend to rely on rhetoric filled with subjective meaning, supported by anecdotes and tied together by clever segues rather than the logical progression of an idea.

Our attacks on others' opinions rarely address foundational ideas, and usually focus instead on what the potential effects of such a conclusion might be, what the conclusion implies that we don't like or what we think influenced the person to come to that conclusion. This can be frustrating for those trying to develop logical arguments in which premises, if objectively true, point directly to the conclusion. This sort of old-school objective argument is usually contradicted without being discredited. However, although it can be a lonely task, the small stream of logical discourse must be fed and defended.

If reason is all subjective, absolutes do not exist and truth is unknowable, then nothing can be said that is worth listening to, and it is absurd to waste breath or even mental effort disagreeing with someone. But if we continue to talk and write, and if we think the words we use have any real significance, then we must admit that reason can be trusted, that absolute truth exists, and that we can know it.

Once we take that step, it is our responsibility to pursue reason and to seek out a consistent and comprehensively explanatory worldview. This is not easy: it requires the ability to admit our own logical fallacies and a willingness to be persuaded by discussion.

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# Decision shows other problems

As noted in the Tuesday edition of The Argonaut, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled last Thursday in Citizens

United v. Federal Election Commission that the government cannot restrict the rights of corporations, unions or other federated groups from spending money for electioneering purposes. In doing so, the Roberts court overturned a century of understanding and precedent that said, if it were in the states' interest, yes they could. This was a 5-4 vote, with the conservatives constituting the majority, as they have for the last several years.



**matt ADAMS-WENGER**  
Argonaut

My first reaction, upon hearing the initial reports of the case, was knee-jerk anger: once again, judicially activist conservatives on the court had rewritten the constitution to better serve their ideology. But the more I read about it, the more I came to understand that, as frustratingly convenient that the supposedly restrained conservative justices were making a decision in line with their own philosophies, the facts seem to be on their side.

The First Amendment makes no mention of actual person, only saying that free speech shall not be abridged. On this simple fact alone, campaign finance restrictions would seem to be unconstitutional. The remarkable thing is that we've been OK with that as a country for a long time. Campaign finance reform aimed to prevent major corporations with armies of lawyers and unlimited resources from having infinitely more influence on our elections than we the people. But, if we're being honest, no matter the precedent, it was only a matter of time before the court struck this down as well. The history of the First Amendment is filled with examples such as this — not to mention the Supreme Court taking action to overturn deeply embedded societal precedents like in the 1954 decision Brown v. Board of Education.

So the more I've read about it, the more I've come to accept that this is the right thing to do. But there are two things that still bother me that this recent decision has pointed out.

While Microsoft or Halliburton can now give to candidates almost without limit, so can the ACLU, labor unions or any other large, official group of people that in the past has been limited in how they could contribute to elections. However, since the court ruled in favor of striking down the entirety of campaign finance restrictions, as opposed to simple details, from what I understand there is nothing stopping a Saudi business based in Delaware from completely sponsoring a senatorial election.

Again, the First Amendment makes no distinction based on citizenship or intent. And in any case, let's not forget that the whole reason campaign finance reform has been such an issue for so long is for the very reason that multinational, multi-billion-dollar corporations have far more resources than we do as individuals and have had traditionally very little trouble getting their money where they want it to go. As a result, one can fairly accurately follow a congressperson's actions by how they are financed. Sad but true.

But beyond the obvious concerns, this case has made me aware of a far more glaring hypocrisy: while we now recognize corporations as people for the purpose of free speech, there are still prisoners at Guantanamo Bay who have yet to be charged with crimes, being held in violation of all of our dearest liberties, liberties supposedly extended to everyone, no matter what.

I wonder when the court's going to get around to doing anything about that, and I wonder how angry supposed freedom-loving patriots will react, if and when it happens.

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## HYPE

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be able to operate the iPad with finger movements, just like the iPhone.

"What this device does is extraordinary," Jobs said. "It is the best browsing experience you've ever had. It's unbelievably great, way better than a laptop, way better than a smartphone."

When the tablet was announced, "oohs" and "ahhs" could be heard from the crowd at the invitation-only event.

It's gushing like this that brings Apple devotees to their knees, but how about instead of gushing we look at it from a logical perspective?

Jobs said the iPad is the missing link between smartphone and laptops — a device built for fast Web browsing, book reading and ... well,

that's pretty much it.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe there is already a device which is tailored for browsing the Web and reading online books: it's called a netbook.

Not only that, but netbooks can also run myriad applications, from word processors to programming tools to graphical programs, not to mention the plentiful open-source software.

The iPad? Well, it can run most applications which run on the iPhone. Period.

What's more, the cheapest possible iPad you can get retails for \$499, and that does not include the ability to use 3G and gets you the minimum 16 GB memory.

Compare that to an Eee PC netbook, which retails on Amazon for \$349. The netbook has a 1.66 GHz processor, about one and a half times that of the iPad, 160 GB of memory and

comes with the ability to run any program you wish.

The picture gets worse. A fully-loaded, if you can call it that, iPad with 32 GB of memory, 3G capability and the same 1 GHz processor will run you upwards of \$1,000, all for reading e-books and browsing the web.

In contrast, the fully-loaded laptop on which this story was written, which is used heavily for 3D modeling, photo editing and gaming, cost \$700. Oh, and it can also browse the web and read e-books.

"The iPad, if you were to sum it up, is our most advanced technology in a magical and revolutionary device at an unbelievable price," Jobs said at the conclusion of his presentation to applause.

Perhaps this is true to someone like Jobs or maybe to the Apple devotees. To the majority of users, however, no

amount of hand-waving can mask what the iPad truly is: an iPod touch on steroids.

And we all know what happens when you take steroids.

Early results indicate this harpy writer isn't the only one who thinks so — Apple's shares fell by 3 percent after the announcement.

Despite all appeals to reason and logic, people will come out in droves to buy this next piece of technology simply to be able to say they have it. Apple has become a status statement, much like an expensive car. After all, why else would you pay more money for less hardware and features?

If you do buy a tablet, don't be concerned — those people snickering at you are just laughing about your stupidity.

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4. UI employees are being offered early retirement to offset payroll expenditures.

5. UI employees have not had a cost of living adjustment in a few years, and we will probably be asked to take furloughs.

6. Akey's record for the past three years is a dismal .277 average. I don't understand the principal of rewarding a person for doing the job we hired him to do. I believe we should allow Akey to finish his contract and then reward him accordingly, if his record shows that it is warranted.

I ask Mr. Akey to show some integrity and to honor the contract he signed. This is a great opportunity to show these young men what it means to keep your word.

I believe the UI administrators should ask the residents, homeowners and taxpayers of the Palouse just one question: How many of you spend money that you don't have, pay for things that you're not obligated to pay for and spend money for results that you can in no way know will be good for you? Just a quick show of hands from all that follow this type of fiscal irresponsibility... this shouldn't take too long.

It's time for this "Legacy of Leading" to start leading by example.

Les Kreidel  
UI Custodial-Day Shift

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offered to explain why a minor was treated like a criminal and the plane grounded, but it demonstrates how self-absorbed the U.S. is in our own culture.

We claim to be a melting pot, which can be considered true. We as a nation make up a very diverse country. However, the term melting pot suggests that we are culturally accepting of others and embrace the differences found throughout our 50 states. This assumption is not true. Incidents such as these occur all the time and they have no reason to. In Europe, the people are very aware of their surrounding cultures, as well as the culture the U.S. has created for itself. In this way, it would be more than beneficial for the citizens of the U.S. to take a lesson from Europe and take interest in the different cultures surrounding us.

Though I would like to blame the incident entirely on a lack of cultural education, I cannot. A large factor was the overwhelming general paranoia instilled by the forever-infamous 9/11 attacks. People cannot travel

anymore without some sort of apprehension lurking in the back of their minds. Due to this little black cloud of anxiety, passengers will note anything they do not understand or are not aware of as something that warrants caution. When people think they are erring on the side of caution, they really are reading too much into the so-called situation. When people think there is some form of danger, they lose their sensibility in the rush and act rashly. If the flight crew had stayed calm and took initial steps before reporting the boy, all crises would have been averted, and the flight could have continued on schedule.

This situation has thoroughly exposed Americans as uneducated, culturally blind and overall paranoid. Though the paranoia may have some merit, the extreme to which it is taken is over-the-top. The nation needs to open its eyes to the world around us and realize we make up only a small fraction. Perhaps then we will think before we react irrationally to things we do not understand.

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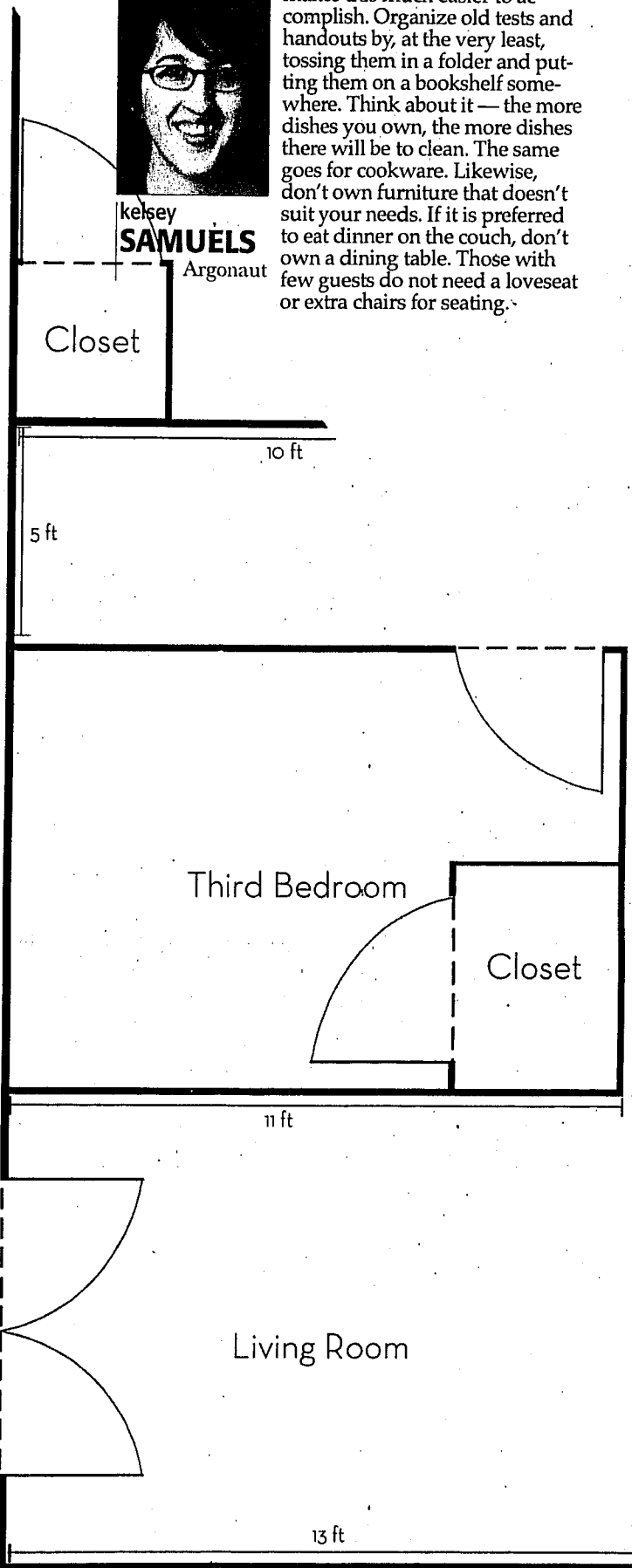
College isn't about living in a messy apartment. While some young adults are perfectly happy in a cluttered space with piles of useless items, some aren't. Most student living spaces are not high-class dream homes, and making a small space livable is not always easy. Here are a few tips to survive a small apartment.

### Own less junk

Keep your place as clutter-free as possible. Not buying what you don't need makes this much easier to accomplish. Organize old tests and handouts by, at the very least, tossing them in a folder and putting them on a bookshelf somewhere. Think about it — the more dishes you own, the more dishes there will be to clean. The same goes for cookware. Likewise, don't own furniture that doesn't suit your needs. If it is preferred to eat dinner on the couch, don't own a dining table. Those with few guests do not need a loveseat or extra chairs for seating.



Kelsey SAMUELS  
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### Shop Craigslist.org

Craigslist is like an online yard sale. Sometimes stores use Craigslist to advertise products for entirely too much money, but do not let that foul the experience. Many items are sold by students that are in a bind or have to move with a tiny car and cannot take everything. Almost anything can be found on the Web site, from electronics to furniture to kitchenware. Never underestimate the power of haggling. Other options for used furniture are thrift stores or the new and used shop Now and Then on Palouse River Drive.

### Use unlikely furniture

Dressers, bookshelves and desks can be used in any room as TV stands, side tables or whatever else your imagination fancies. Forget what you thought you knew about furniture placement, and put what you need where you need it. A CD storage tower can easily be used as a pantry in a small kitchen, and a cabinet can function as a bedside table.

### Tidy the kitchen

In the quest to make a small kitchen more livable, counter space is your best friend. Do whatever you can to clear appliances and other items off counters giving the appearance of a cleaner space and the ability to use the kitchen to its full potential. Put the dish drying rack in the sink, or better yet, dry dishes as they are washed. Keep sparingly-used appliances (such as mixers) in random closets and only take them out when they are needed. Invest in a pot rack to keep drawers and cabinets free.

### Buy less

Very few cultures stock up on food like Americans. Many Europeans buy only what they'll use within a few days, or even one day. Students living near the Co-op, Winco or other grocery stores can stop by on the way home from school every day or every other day, therefore keeping less at home and dedicating less space to food. This way, produce and bakery items won't go bad and food will be eaten, not left to sit and eventually be thrown out.

### Have surprises

College is the perfect time to live in an off-beat, thrown-together style because a mature, chic, matching-furniture home isn't expected. Extra closets can be turned into storage spaces in a few ways: remove the door and put a desk in the closet as a tiny office area, or put a dresser in a hall closet to hold bed sheets, towels, off-season clothes or anything else. With few exceptions, a loft bed is inexcusable after college. Increasing the height of a bed can cure a cramped bedroom by allowing space for boxes and other bulky items. The Internet has many creative suggestions for how to lift a bed, from using cinderblocks and a piece of plywood to tutorials on making a loft bed.

I bought a storage unit from Craigslist made from an old wooden fence and cheap, round wastebaskets. The girl I bought it from leaned the fence against a wall and nailed the wastebaskets to it, making a cubby system of sorts. My friends and family laugh at my strange kitchen pantry, but it's a lifesaver in my small cooking space.

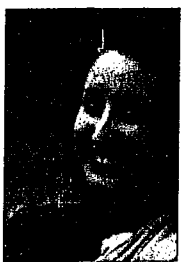
## celebREPORT

### Sucking helium in Home Depot

Steven Tyler serenades tools, other celebs make noise in Hollywood

#### Smoochin' Ke\$ha

New popstar Ke\$ha has shown her soft spot for shy and awkward people by recently offering to be Susan Boyle's first kiss. This is not only creepy, but also gross. After 47 kiss-less years, Boyle deserves the make-out session of her life, not some pity kiss.



Stephanie HALE-LOPEZ  
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for the second season of "Jersey Shore." MTV is still currently deciding whether or not to pay up. Everyone knows they're going to use the cash for GTL (Guido talk for Gym Tan Laundry).

#### Home Depot karaoke

Reports of Steven Tyler taking hits from a helium tank and singing "Dude Looks Like a Lady" and "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" over the loudspeaker at a Home Depot Tuesday afternoon have been circulating on gossip Web pages. That guy is AWESOME.

#### A super sweet 16

Some people just don't participate in recessions, and Diddy is one of those people. Diddy gave his son, Justin Dior Combs, a brand-new

silver Maybach with a price tag of \$360,000 dollars for his 16th birthday. WTF? All I got for my 16th birthday was an ice-cream cake and \$50.

#### Nudie pics 4 sale

In some not-so-shocking news of the day, nude pictures of "Jersey Shore" star, Jenni Farley (a.k.a. JWoow) are reportedly being shopped around the media. The three photos include two topless shots and one shot from behind. Who wants to bet guys everywhere are fist-pumping in anticipation of photo leakage?

#### Plastic chatter

Heidi Montag allegedly wants more plastic surgery, even after getting her original \$50,000 body makeover. The initial surgery included breast implants (DDD-cup), brow lift, nose job and fat injections, among other procedures. Umm ... is Heidi nuts?

## Champagne Saturday night

Local, national artists donate works for auction

Lauren Paterson  
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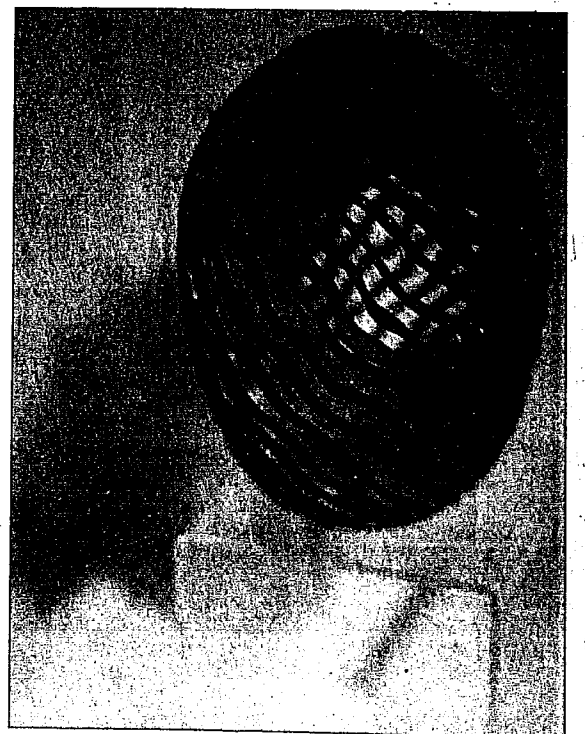
The Prichard Art Gallery is currently displaying work by several national and local artists in an effort to raise money for the gallery and its programs. The event takes place every other year and includes a live and silent auction.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 6 with a social hour, during which, hors d'oeuvres and dessert, catered by Nectar, will be served. There will be a free glass of champagne or sparkling water with every ticket purchase. Tickets are \$10 per person. The live auction starts at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Prichard Art Gallery or Book People.

The auction helps bring in money for future exhibits, and this year a percentage of the funds might go toward expanding the children's educational space.

"We're having a UI grad student draw up the plans to bring these projects together," said Roger Rowley, gallery director.

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This piece, by J. Paul Fennel, titled Sumac Ribbons 2009, is one of the items up for auction in the Prichard Benefit exhibit hosted by the Prichard Art Gallery from Jan. 22 to Feb. 6. Locally and nationally renowned artists have contributed work and will donate a portion or all of the proceeds.



geek isSEXY

# Taking geekdom to new venues

The generic nerd is an introvert. When most people think of the standard anime-loving, video game-playing archetype, they conjure up an image of someone who rarely leaves his or her house and would rather eat worms than have to perform.

Oddly enough, this stereotype is often untrue. Many nerds have a great love of performing. While there are nerdy musicians, like Jonathan Coulton and Geddy Lee, there is also a wealth of nerdy theater performers.

Tabletop role-playing and live action role-playing are forms of acting, but don't require a stage. In a game like Dungeons and Dragons, players assume characters and act out what they would do, and it is no different than improvisational acting. LARPing does role-playing on a bigger scale, taking it outdoors and often in costume, much like an actor would do, but without a script. Game masters are the playwrights and directors of role-playing, often painstakingly setting up a world for characters to interact, but just as frequently making it up as they go. D&D can be a great way

for actors to practice getting into character, which is why many drama nerds also enjoy rolling a d20 system.

Formal acting is a large part of geek culture. Cosplay, where fans create costumes then act as their roles in a public setting like a convention, allows people to look and act like their characters. It is often thrilling for other fans to see their favorite characters in real life, and many times they will take photographs to preserve the memory.

The Internet has greatly benefited from the cosplay movement by allowing participants to share pictures and tips. Cosplayers compete by making up short skits to perform at the masquerade event that is often the highlight of fan conventions, and get to take their character to the stage.

Idaho is home to one of the largest groups of nerdy actors. Ichidan, which performs plays based on popular works in nerd culture, travels to different conventions across the U.S. and Canada. They are based in Boise, but travel often, making their special brand of theater available for all nerds.



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**Music:**

**Nick Jonas & The Administration**  
*Who I Am*  
Who would have ever thought that Nick Jonas would be the first Jonas Brother to realize his career was a joke? Nick Jonas has been hard at work on this forthcoming album after he decided to part ways with his other brothers. Don't expect much from little Nicky — he is a pop star after all.  
Available Feb. 2

**Rob Zombie**  
*Hellbilly Deluxe 2*  
Years after the first wave of Rob Zombie's first *Hellbilly* album, the upcoming sequel hearkens back to those days when Zombie would wear some weird face paint and rocked extremely long dreads. It is nice to hear Zombie finally come around full circle after the release of some mediocre albums. "Sick Bubblegum," the first single, is catchy but repetitive. Let's hope the whole album is not the same.  
Available Feb. 2

**Lil' Wayne**  
*Rebirth*  
Lil' Wayne is a talented individual but after previewing the tracks from his "crossover" rap and rock album, the respect for him has gone. The tracks seem overproduced and his vocals are helped by a vocoder. Is this the album that will bring him back to reality? Possibly.  
Available Feb. 2

**Movies:**

**"Zombieland"**  
The concept for this film is simple — run from zombies, kill some zombies and then run from zombies some more. One of this summer's comedic gems is downright hilarious and is definitely worth the rent, if not owning it to rewind those awesome "Zombie Kills of the Week." In fact, the introduction credits of the film are worth it in their own right.  
Available Feb. 2

**"Universal Soldier: Regeneration"**  
When Bill Goldberg was featured on the previous "Universal Soldier" film it seemed to be the end of the franchise. Unfortunately, that assumption was dead wrong. They recruited Ivan Drago (or Dolph Lundgren for you non-"Rocky" fans) as the newest soldier and his good buddy Jean-Claude Van Damme has returned for the film as well. Intriguing? Yes. The acting? Most likely bad.  
Available Feb. 2

**"More Than a Game"**  
LeBron James might be one of the best basketball players of all time. This film documents why he could be and the friends who essentially helped him launch his career to the NBA after high school. The movie brings to mind the question of whether "King James" is a narcissist or just trying to make a statement about his life. This film tracks him and his teammates through their high school years during which they rewrote Ohio's basketball history.  
Available Feb. 2

**Books:**

**"Worst Case"** by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge  
Published by Little, Brown and Company  
Apparently James Patterson is a busy man. After his recent releases from the "Alex Cross" series as well as co-authoring another teen novel, he is apparently on fire behind his keyboard — or is dredging up stories reminiscent of Patricia Cornwell and her cheesy romance novels. More of his thriller and law motif, "Worst Case," probably won't be the worst novel to be published this year but it won't be the best either.  
Available Feb. 1

**"The Last Song"** by Nicolas Sparks  
Published by Grand Central Publishing  
After looking at each cover of Nicolas Sparks' books, the resemblance of Thomas Kinkadee's paintings become rather apparent. The word kitsch comes to mind thus the correlation to Kinkadee. In addition, it seems that Sparks' novels are about the same topic — again, a kitsch idea. Someone is having a hard time, they meet their soul-mate, and one of them ends up dying while the other lives on. The predictability is so apparent that it's not worth recommending, but would sully your hands by picking up a copy — unless that's your thing.  
Available Feb. 4

**Video Games:**

**"Star Trek Online"**  
Windows XP, Vista and 7  
Unlike the "World Of Warcraft" expansion that has been rumored to be coming out, this massive multiplayer online game is not as highly anticipated and will most likely fail miserably. This is the first MMO set in the Star Trek universe, but the trailer for the game did not show impressive graphics or the game play.  
Available Feb. 2

— Anthony Saita

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The pieces for the auction are donated from a variety of artists, including past artists, Master of Fine Arts students and even UI faculty.

Rowley said. "Some artists choose to donate 100 percent, and all the artists that donate become members of the gallery." Rowley said it is important to acknowledge the artists, since many times auctions will collect their pieces

based on the assumption that the artists have work lying around to give away. "It devalues what an artist does and we want to recognize the artists," Rowley said. Gallery Monitor Natalie Strong said even though the pieces might be a little bit out of the student price range,

the art is wonderful and everyone can enjoy it. "It's a lot of fun, and the show itself is fun for students," Strong said. "I think the auction blends well with student life and the community, especially the auction because it's so diverse. I think everyone can find something they'll

like about the show." Rowley said he often has people ask him in the off years if there is going to be an auction, since the event is so popular. "There will be a social hour, live entertainment and a happy hour if you're of age. It will be a great time," Rowley said. "The

social highlight of the season." Bidding for the silent auction is open now and the show is on display through Feb. 6 during regular gallery hours. For more information on the auction, visit <http://www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/galleries/auction.html>.

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## Nonconference game ahead

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The Idaho men's basketball team will head to Seattle for a nonconference game against the Seattle University Redhawks Saturday night. The Redhawks are in the West Coast Conference but have big wins in several conferences in the West, including the Pac-10.

Seattle University beat the Oregon State Beavers earlier this year by a 51-point spread.

Redhawk senior forward Mike Boxley had 27 points, four rebounds and three steals in the win against Oregon State. Boxley will be a player the Redhawks will look toward for a solid performance.

Oregon State has had a winning schedule as well, with wins over Oregon, Arizona and Fresno State.

Although this game against Seattle is a nonconference game, it is still important.

Lack of heart and determination seemed to overrun the court after six-straight losses for the Vandals, but to the players, the emotion on the court is still in good standing. The Vandals were able to break their losing streak with a 74-59 victory over Fresno State last night.

"Team chemistry is real good," center Marvin Jefferson, a senior, said. "It's improved lately and it's the best it's been all year."

Seattle University recently lost to Washington by 47 points. The Vandals

have a chance at capitalizing on the Redhawks' inconsistent basketball. Redhawk forward Mike Boxley scored 27 points one night and only nine points against Washington the next week.

The Vandals are looking to continue a winning record into the second part of the season. After losing to rivals Boise State in overtime, the Vandals will need another win to regain energy and emotion.

"We have to put the losses behind us," guard Jeff Ledbetter, a junior, said. "It's tough to do. I can't fix what happened, but I can go out and get the next shot, though."

The Boise State game was Jefferson's finest hour, with all-around domination in the paint.

"Anything to help my team," Jefferson said. "I do whatever I can ..."

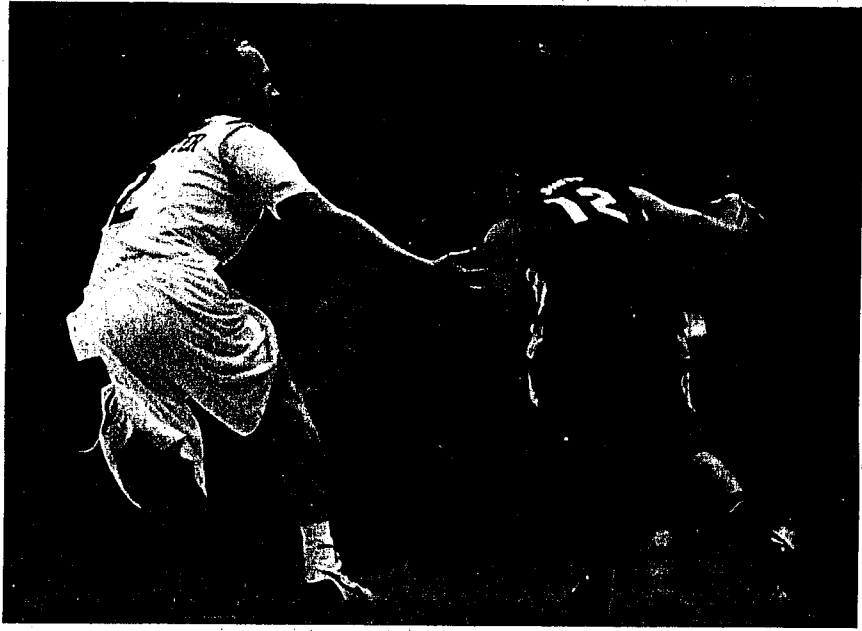
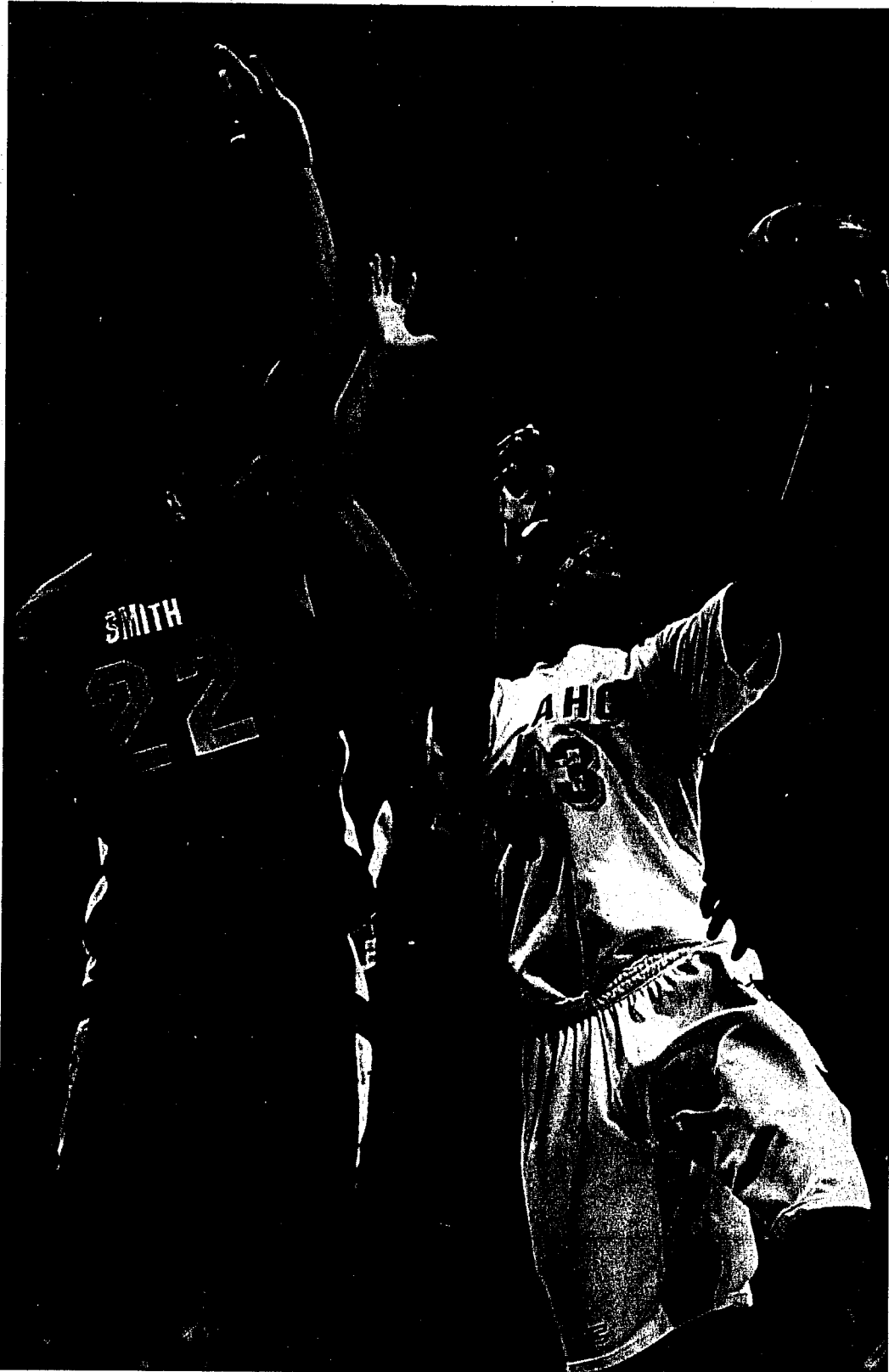
Jefferson is consistently a hard worker on defense and should continue to come up big for the Vandals.

The Redhawks will be looking toward another player, sophomore guard Cervante Burrell, who had 18 points, four rebounds, and five steals against the Washington Huskies this week. Burrell registers in at 5-foot-10, 170 pounds. He is a quick guard the Vandal defense will have to keep up with and shut down.

The Redhawks are looking for a win at home after a loss to Washington, just as the Vandals are looking for a win on the road.



Men's



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Left: Vandal guard Jeff Ledbetter defends Fresno State Bulldog Ali Drennan Thursday in Cowan Spectrum. Right: University of Idaho forward Luciano de Souza attempts a layup during the basketball game against Fresno State Thursday. The Vandals defeated Fresno State, 74-59, snapping their six-game losing streak. For results of the game visit uiargonaut.com.

## What's next?

### Women fight back, but fall to Utah State after a 2-point buzzer beater

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Argonaut

The Vandals came out of the time-out pumped and ready to defend. The clock read nine seconds, and the score was tied 55-55. Nine seconds — it was all that separated Idaho from an overtime period against Utah State.

"He (Idaho coach Jon Newlee) told us to stay with the players, don't foul, and contend shots," said junior Yinka Olorunnife. "We were very confident that we were headed into overtime."

Utah State worked their way down to the Vandal's zone, trying to exploit an opening. There was none to be had. As the clock wound down, the ball found its way to the hands of Utah State's TaHara Williams, who had not missed a shot all night.

She faked a shot, spun around an Idaho defender and let loose a jump-shot as time expired. Fans held their breath as Williams' shot sailed overhead toward the basket, arching perfectly in the air before falling through the hoop.

Then there was silence. With that silence, Idaho dropped to 2-4 in the WAC, losing to Utah State by a final score of 57-55.

"It's devastating," Olorunnife said. "One possession

losses really get to you, but to lose at the buzzer, yeah ... it's the worst."

The bitter loss comes after a valiant comeback from the Vandals, who dug themselves a hole early yet came back to tie at halftime and keep the second half competitive. The Vandals shot a respectable 45 percent from the floor, more than doubled Utah State on points off turnovers and tied for points in the paint.

"The very good teams make the plays at the end," Newlee said. "You got to make your own luck — we didn't get the loose balls and we didn't make our own luck tonight."

Newlee said he was proud of his squad for battling back from several deficits, and said he feels the team is a much-improved team since the start of the conference season.

The game was the first action for Debbie Pederson, who joined the team in late December after a season of volleyball. Pederson said she was working on adjusting to the pace of college basketball and learning the plays, but was happy to get out on to the court.

"I was trying not to get nervous and trying to stay calm and play," Pederson said. "I just wanted to come in and help out the team as much as I could."

Pederson played seven minutes and tallied her first two points of her college bas-



Women's



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

Idaho's Charlotte Otero flies past Utah State's TaHara Williams for a layup Wednesday night. The Vandals lost the game 57-55 when Williams, who didn't miss a single shot all night, hit a 2-point buzzer-beating shot.

ketball career on free-throws, along with getting two defensive rebounds.

Newlee said he was impressed with the way Pederson played, despite acknowledging the fact that he has to limit the amount of plays they can do with her.

"I thought she did a great job, battled hard and held her own against their (Utah State's) big kids," Newlee said. "I told her before the game to be mentally ready

to play — I was very happy with the way she played tonight."

At 6-foot-3, Pederson is the tallest player in the Vandal uniform to see action this season along with fellow 6-foot-3 teammate Ally Sisel-Kumpfer. She adds much-needed strength and height for the Vandals.

There is little time to grieve for the Vandals, who square off against Louisiana Tech Saturday before coming home for a grudge-match against Nevada.

## Impressing the scouts

Staff report  
Argonaut

The Senior Bowl in Alabama is one last chance for college seniors to prove they are NFL worthy. For scouts, it's the perfect opportunity to find that missing link.

After a grueling week of practices, the North and South teams will face each other Saturday, in what may be the most important game of their lives.

Former Idaho player Mike Iupati is among several linemen who scouts have their eyes on, but the 325-pound guard has been praised as one of the best — improving every day.

"Scouts are looking for athletic ability, they are looking for size and long arms and things like that and Mike has every single one of those (traits)," Lions' coach Jim Schwartz said.

During practices, coaches have been trying him out in various positions such as right and left tackle — positions the coaches said he has been excelling in.

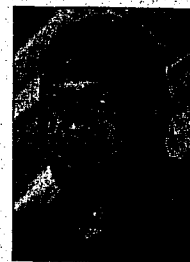
The Lions' offensive coordinator said Iupati is obviously one of the best players in the Senior Bowl.

The more Iupati is able to stand out, the more his ranking could rise, making him a possible first-round draft pick.

Former NFL scout Russ Lande and his team of former scouts reviewed Tuesday's practice this week. At the end of the day, they went away naming Iupati as the best run blocker, the best pass blocker and the strongest offensive lineman overall.

Consistently protecting his quarterback at the line of scrimmage, Iupati has been the most dominant lineman in the Senior Bowl, according to scouts.

The Senior Bowl, broadcast on the NFL Network, is at 3 p.m. Saturday in Mobile, Ala.



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# Tough competition headed to UI

**Lisa Short**  
Argonaut

After more than a month of swimming and diving meets on the road, the University of Idaho swim team will host a home meet against Oregon State, a Pac-10 school, Saturday.

The team has had ups and downs throughout its season and now has its sights set on the WAC championships in late February. The team is looking to face these two tough teams before going against their major competition at the WAC.

Although difficult to rebound back from a 217-83 loss against rival Boise State, the team understands where it stands in the season.

"They've worked out hard and they know it," coach Tom Jager said.

Jager said the team has faced some tough competition and even if they could have swam a little better, they are competing and getting to where they need to be.

With only Oregon State and WSU before the WAC championships, the team is focusing in on their conference events.

"We're swimming races we need to swim well for WAC," Jager said.

Oregon State has a tough group of core swimmers, but if the team can swim its individual events well and prepare within the next month then Jager said he isn't worried about the final score.

"It's going to be nice to be home," Jager said, "and swim against some tough teams."

Jager coaches with the idea that swimming with strong teams allows the team to see what they need to do and where they need to be to succeed. At some point, Jager said, the team should be able to compete with the more competitive teams.

"We're just going to try to knock them off here or there," Jager said.

Jager explained that during the close races, the team needs to get in there, use its home pool advantage and take each point with confidence.

During their week of practice, the Vandals ran off their internal energy. Jager said it's the idea they know the work they have put in and what they expect from that hard work.

Although the team has had a rough stretch, with winter training, a few losses and the rivalry loss last week, Jager said the Vandals are ready to get back to where they need to be — focused.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team practices in the UI Swim Center Wednesday afternoon. After a 217-83 loss to Boise State, the swimming and diving team will compete against Oregon State at 11 a.m. Saturday in Moscow.



## Ambition to bounce back

**Ilya Pinchuk**  
Argonaut

The wounds are still fresh from Idaho's heart-wrenching loss to Utah State Wednesday night, but the Vandals must shrug it off and focus on a one-game road trip, which sends them on a collision course with Louisiana Tech Saturday.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said the team was confident despite the setbacks, and felt the squad has improved by leaps and bounds during the conference season.

"Every game we are right in it and that is all you can ask for," Newlee said. "We just need to learn how to finish out games and come out on the right end."

The Vandals have shown flashes of brilliance through the season, most recently in a victory over New Mexico State. While the Vandals played well down the stretch against Utah State, Newlee said the little mistakes are killing the team's chances.

"I'm proud of our comebacks, but we can't keep putting ourselves in that position and

expect to come out on top all the time," Newlee said.

Newlee attributed Wednesday's loss to a breakdown in transition, a point that will be worked on in practice before the game against LA Tech.

LA Tech comes into Saturday's game on a two-game losing streak after coming close but falling down the stretch to Nevada, and being bounced out by undefeated Fresno State. LA Tech is tied for third place in the WAC, and like to wear down its opponents by running up the score and complementing that with a strong, physical defense.

LA Tech, which features three players who average more than 10 points per game, is led by Shanavia Dowdell, who averages an astounding 18 points per game and shoots 52 percent from the floor.

Newlee will look to get newcomer senior Debbie Pederson out on the court for more action in the following weeks. Pederson made her debut in Vandal basketball uniform against Utah State and was effective with two points and two rebounds in seven minutes. Her tall stature and

strong inside presence will give the Vandals' defense an edge in a game where stopping LA Tech may be the hardest thing to do.

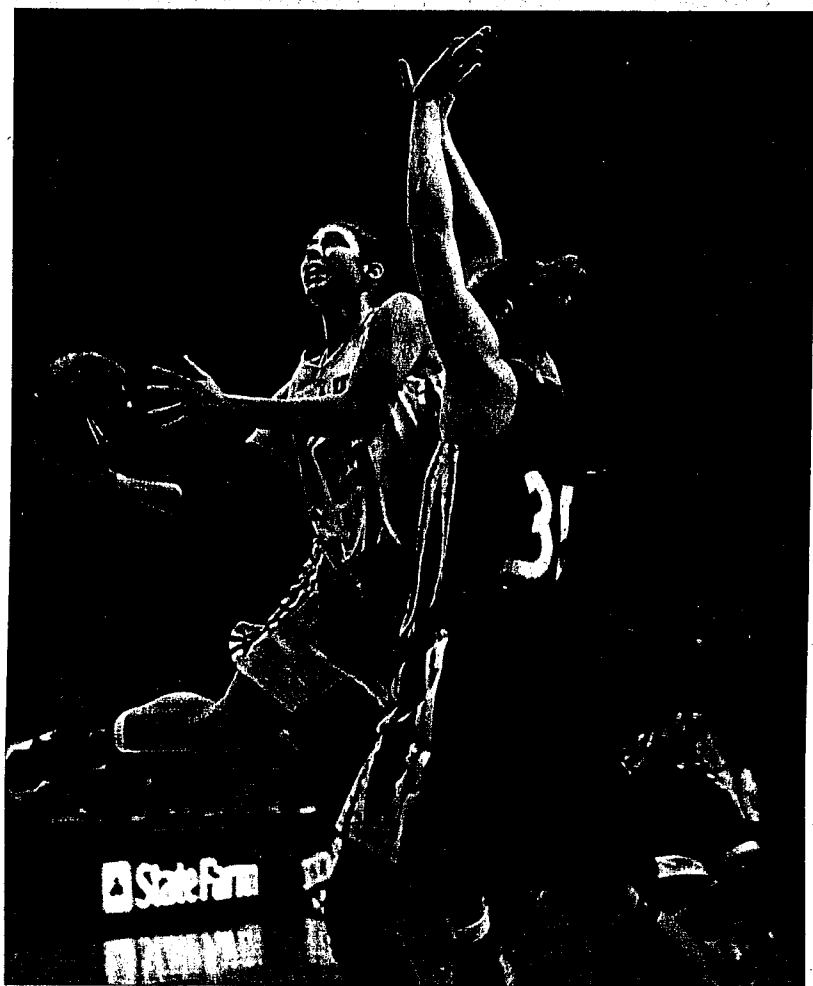
The Vandals' offense looks to continue rolling along, hoping to keep their high shooting percentage the norm rather than the exception. The Vandals shot 45 percent from the floor against Utah State, and have shot close to 50 percent in their last three games, excluding their loss to San Jose State.

The steady night-in, night-out performance of Rachele Kloke and Shaena Kuehu will look to drive Idaho's offense, with contributions from rebound-master Yinka Olorunnife, Bianca Cheever and Charlotte Otero.

The Vandals will return home to face Nevada, which is ranked second in the WAC, Saturday.



**Women's**



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

Idaho's Rachele Kloke drives to the basket against Utah State's Lydia Whitehead on Wednesday night. The Vandals lost to Utah State, but they are hitting the road to take on Louisiana Tech Saturday.

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- Women's basketball @ Louisiana Tech
- Intramural singles racquetball begins

#### Monday

- Intramural basketball begins

#### Wednesday

- Women's basketball vs. Nevada (Cowan Spectrum)
- Men's basketball @ Utah State

#### Thursday

- Intramural doubles racquetball begins

#### Friday, Feb. 5

- Women's tennis @ Eastern Washington and Spokane
- Vandal Indoor (Track and field)

#### Saturday, Feb. 6

- Swim vs. Washington State (UI Swim Center)
- Men's basketball @ Boise State
- Men's tennis @ Oregon
- Runner's Soul Open (Track and field)

#### Sunday, Feb. 7

- Men's tennis @ Oregon
- Doubles racquetball begins

#### Monday, Feb. 8

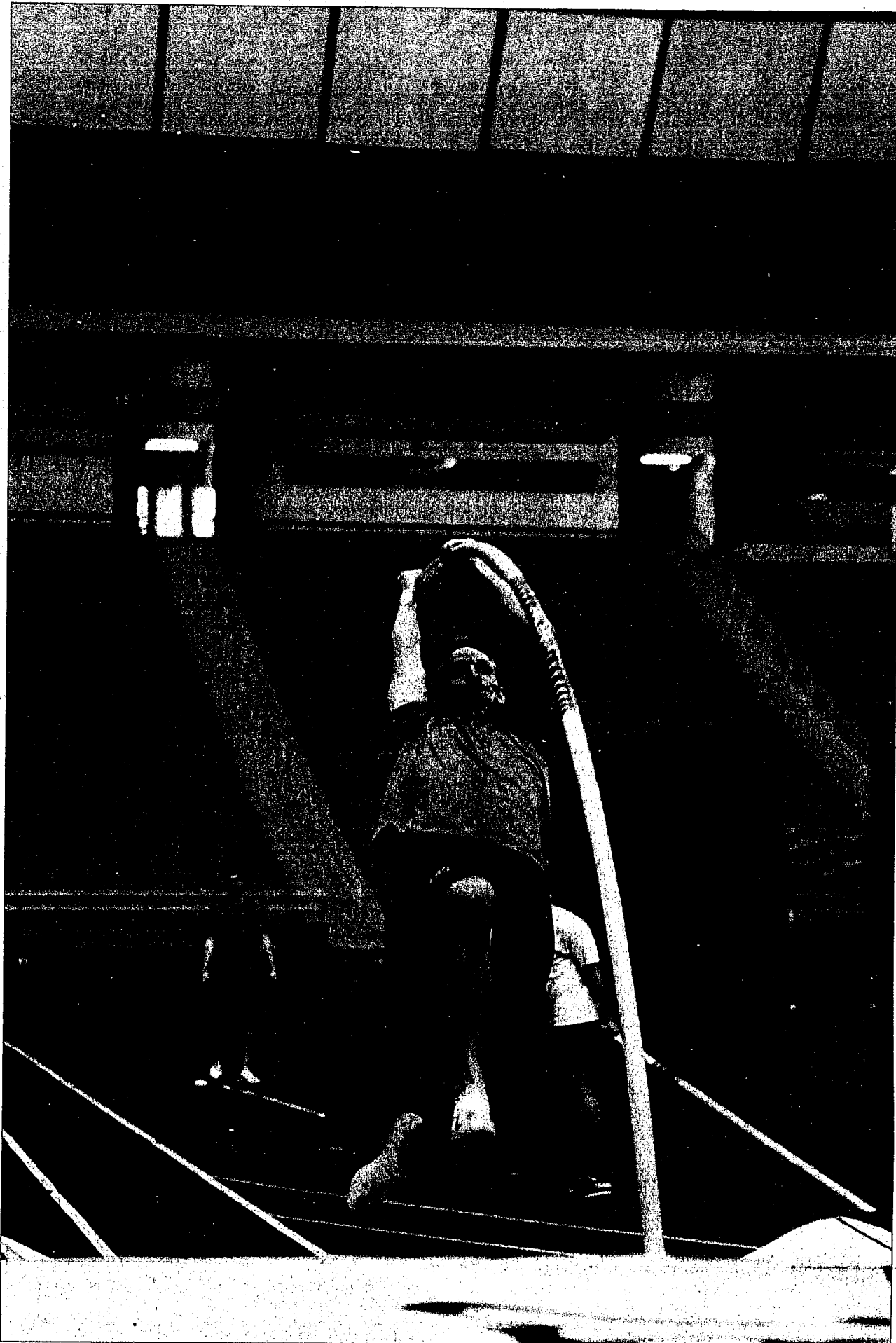
- Men's golf @ Florida

#### Wednesday, Feb. 10

- Men's tennis @ Gonzaga
- Women's basketball @ Fresno State
- Men's basketball vs. Nevada



## HITTING NEW HEIGHTS



Ian Snook attempts a pole vault during practice in the Kibbie Dome on Thursday evening. The University of Idaho pole vaulters have opened their 2010 season with record breaking performance. Steven Devine/Argonaut

## All-Star game for stars

There has been a minor uproar of sorts about Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson being in contention to start in the NBA All-Star Game. A peculiar backlash against the fans who participate in the voting has been the result.

Fans have almost little-to-no participation in nearly every other aspect of the NBA. Criticizing them for exercising the one power they do have is decidedly poor.

The fan does not know any better. Fans will only vote for who they want to see — they have fully earned that right.

Fans of the NBA are gouged on a semi-regular basis. It costs way too much to see a game with little meaning and every once in a while the team you root for will be moved to a market that hardly deserves to have a franchise.

Voting for the All-Star game is the one time of year fans can finally have their voices heard. It also gives every NBA coach, general manager and owner the perfect example as to why they should never listen to what the fans want.

Seeing as the game is a meaningless exhibition, it is the perfect scenario for all parties involved. It is rather confusing that people want to turn this fixture into a serious match when the entire All-Star weekend concept is about entertainment.

More specifically, it is about entertaining the fans. If a majority of fans want to see a washed-up McGrady hobbling around the court, so be it. The NBA All-Star Game has zero importance in the scheme of things.

If anything, it seems like these people complaining about undeserved players

going to the All-Star game are simply bitter voters. One should not be bitter about this, it is simply the nature of the process.

For the past five years, I have submitted the same NBA All-Star Game ballot and it disappoints me to no end that nobody else gets behind it. My selections would pretty much make the best All-Star game in history and yet no one else votes along with me.

In the Western Conference, I vote for Pooh Richardson at point guard, Isaiah Rider at shooting guard, Lionel Simmons at small forward and Greg Ostertag and Adonyle Foyle playing the two post positions.

The Eastern Conference, however, is my favorite. The backcourt consists of Mark Jackson and John

Starks. Charles Oakley starts at small forward, Anthony Mason at power forward and the insatiable Patrick Ewing at center.

Critics may say none of those players deserve to be named all-stars and most of them may be retired. That does not stop me from voting for them every year. As a fan, it is what I want to see.

The All-Star game is not suppose to be the best game of basketball of the year. There is a reason it is played during the middle of the season. It is a showcase event to promote the sport in the name of fun. People do not want to see what they need but what they want.

NBA fans deserve to have to see that even if it is only for one game a season. Those who wish to remove fans from voting for the NBA All-Star Game have a simple option — do not watch the game because it is, after all, an exhibition.



Cheyenne HOLLIS Argonaut

## Spurs win big against Hawks, but lose Parker

Paul J. Weber Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs snapped a three-game losing streak by blowing out one of the best teams in the league.

Plenty of reason to feel good about that, but the Spurs could hardly celebrate because on the way to beating the Atlanta Hawks 105-90 Wednesday night, Tony Parker sprained his left ankle and it's uncertain how long he'll be out.

X-rays were negative, but it didn't look good for

San Antonio's star point guard.

"We're going to have to adjust to it," said Tim Duncan, who grabbed a career-high 27 rebounds and scored 21 points. "We're trying to get something going here and then we lose Tony. We'll find a way to get it done."

The Hawks haven't won in San Antonio since 1997. But this lopsided loss — San Antonio led by as many as 28 in the first half and never trailed — was perhaps worst than expected.

Duncan bested his pre-

vious career rebounding high of 25, set against Miami in 2003. He made just five of 20 shots and had 10 offensive rebounds.

George Hill scored 16 points as all Spurs starters were in double figures. That includes Parker, who had 10 points and eight assists before being helped off the court.

Notes: Spurs F DeJuan Blair was selected to play in the Rookie Challenge game Feb. 12, ahead of the NBA All-Star game. Blair joins Detroit's Jonas Jerebko as the only second-round picks on the rookie

team. The Hawks had beat Dallas and Houston on the road, but were denied their first 3-0 sweep in Texas since 1990-91.

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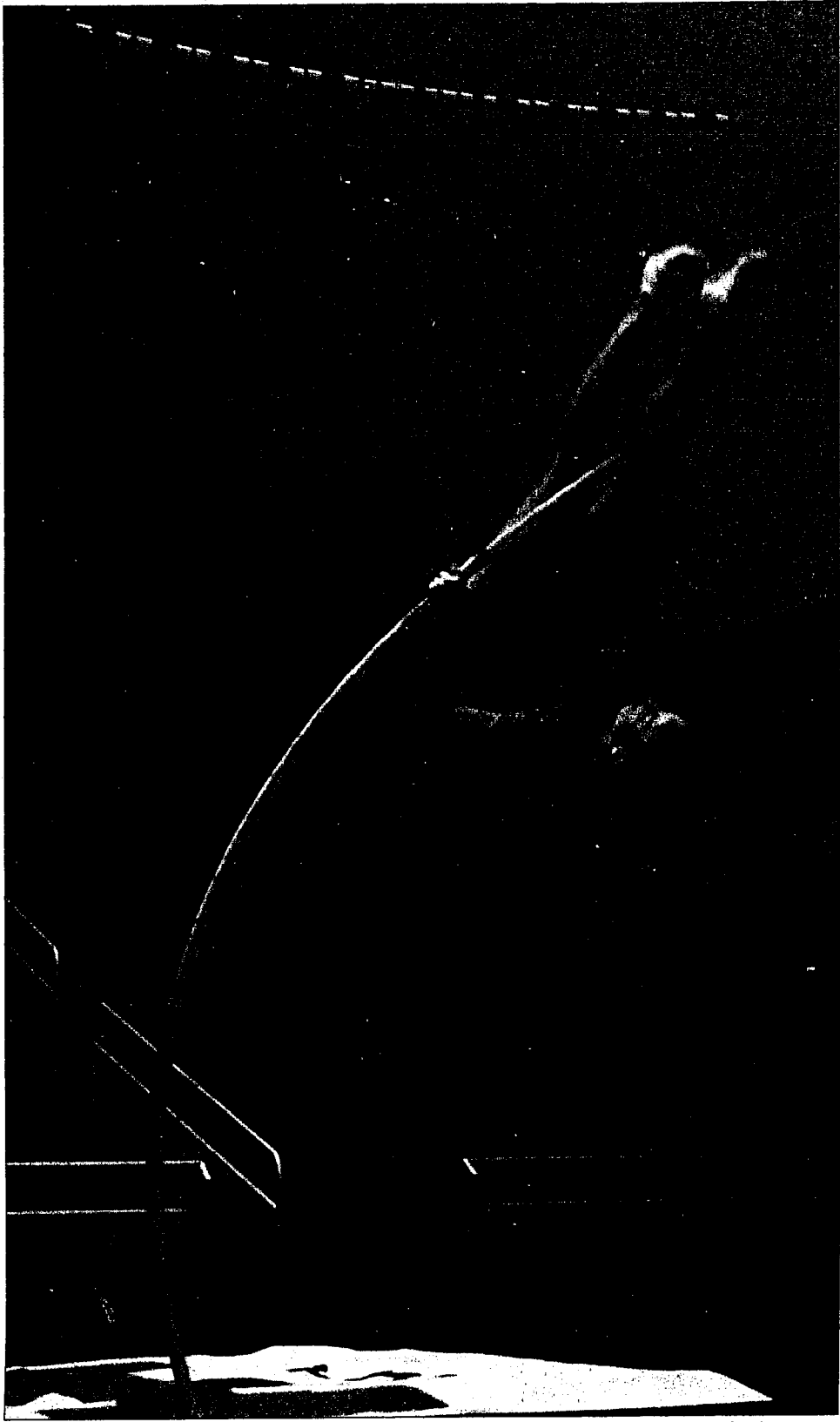
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# Texas beats Texas Tech

Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

Texas got some unexpected scoring from guards Justin Mason and Doug Balbay, and the No. 6 Longhorns beat Texas Tech 95-83 on Wednesday night to avoid a three-game losing streak.

Mason scored 18 points and Balbay had 13, helping the Longhorns bounce back from losses at Kansas State and Connecticut last week that cost them the nation's top ranking.

Mason and Balbay went into the game averaging just more than seven points between them. But with defenses concentrating on stopping Damion James and Dexter Pittman down low, the Texas guards finally took advantage of the space given to them to knock down shots.

James had 28 points and 13 rebounds for the Longhorns (18-2, 4-1 Big 12) to set the Big 12 record for career double-doubles with 48.

John Roberson scored 27 points for Texas Tech (14-6, 2-4).

Texas reached No. 1 for the first time in school history before losing two in a row last week. It took the two players least likely to score to provide the offensive punch the Longhorns needed to end the brief skid.

Mason was the catalyst for the Longhorns in the first half with 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting. Lightly regarded as a shooter, the senior made the most of extra room the Red Raiders were giving him with a 3-pointer, short jumpers and drives to the basket.

Balbay, a tough defender who is usually better suited to driving and passing, also found a seldom-seen shooting touch with his mid-range jumper.

Mason and Balbay combined to go 13 of 20 from the floor. They also handed out 12 of Texas' 15 assists.

Even with those two scoring, the Red Raiders built an early lead. Texas Tech made eight 3-pointers in the first half — the most Texas had allowed in a game all season — and led 50-42 when Nick Okorie hit from long range. Roberson made four 3-pointers in the half.

Texas cut the lead to 50-47 by halftime behind a 3-pointer by Jordan Hamilton and Pittman's tip at the buzzer.

In the second, the Texas defense pushed out to the perimeter and the Red Raiders attempted just one 3-pointer in the first nine minutes. Mason fed Balbay for a fast-break dunk. Balbay then sliced through the lane for a layup that put Texas up 64-60 with just over 13 minutes to play.

Texas finally created some separation behind six straight points from James and a 3-pointer by Avery Bradley that put the Longhorns ahead 80-69.

James took over the scoring down the stretch, finding more and more space to move under the basket and grab rebounds as the game wore on. He broke the Big 12 double-doubles record he shared with former Texas All-American Chris Mihm (1998-2000).

Texas, one of the worst free-throwing shooting teams in the country, struggled again, hitting just 16 of 29 from the line.

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