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Looking to November



Jake Barber/Argonaut Idaho gubernatorial candidate Keith Allred, right, speaks with community members Thursday at a campaign rally at the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatic Center

Allred speaks against special interests

Chava Thomas Argonaut

Keith Allred said Thursday his work as a lobbyist with The Common Interest and his work at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University has prepared him to be Idaho's governor.

Allred is a Democratic candidate for governor this year. Betty Richardson, a former U.S. attorney for Idaho and congressional candidate, approached him for the candidacy.

That was not exactly what I had been thinking Allred said. "Before

she even sat down, she said ... 'we're not asking you to change."

Stephen Cooke, vice chairman of the Latah County Democrats, introduced Allred, comparing him to Cecil Andrus and Frank Church.

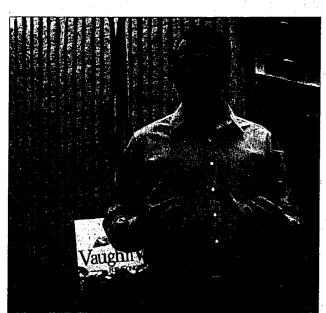
"If, through the miracle of gene splicing, you could cross Cecil Andrus and Frank Church, you would get Keith Allred," Cooke said.

Allred spoke about coming to Brown University after having grown up in Ida-ho. He said it was a huge culture shock.

"I couldn't speak to anybody without saying, 'you don't really think that, do

you?" he said. An American history

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Chava Thomas/Argonaut Idaho congressional candidate Vaughn Ward speaks at the campaign rally Thursday in the Eastside Mall.

Ward calls for reduced government spending

Chava Thomas Argonaut

Vaughn Ward, one of two Republican candidates for Idaho's first congressional seat, spoke Thursday at the Eastside Mall. He discussed Walt Minnick's performance in the House and the need to reduce government spending.

"We have to rein this government back in," Ward said. "We have to introduce

some fiscal responsibility." Ward said he believes Minnick isn't representing Idaho well, as he does not vote along the lines of either the Democratic or Republican parties. He gave the example of the health care bill in Congress — Minnick voted for neither the Democrat-sponsored bill nor the

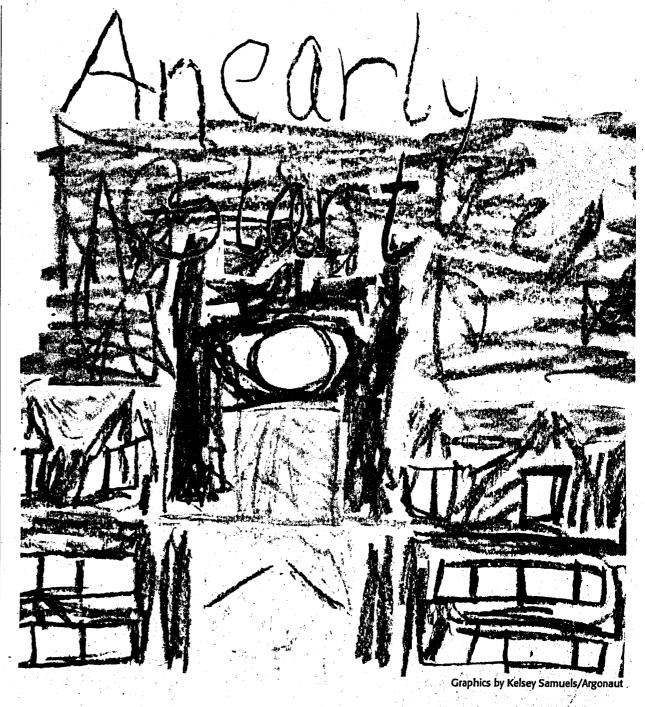
Republican-sponsored bill. 'He stands in the middle at a crossroads to nowhere," Ward said.

Ward, who became a major in the Marine Corps, has worked for the CIA and volunteered for Dirk Kempthorne during his 1992 Senate race, later becoming a legislative aide for the former governor and Senator. He graduated from Boise State University with a degree in political science, playing for the Bronco football team and later receiving an MBA from the University of Maryland.

Ward spoke about the energy crisis in the U.S., and said he believes nuclear power can help solve it.

Ward mentioned the Three Mile Island nuclear meltdown, saying nuclear energy has come far since then. "Eighty percent of France is generating

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ASUI brings West Park Elementary students to campus

Dara Barney Argonaut

Seniors perpetually like to complain about how young the new freshmen look, but some students on campus are clearly younger than others.

An ASUI program, "We all "Kids on Campus," brings elementary school stu-hold hands, dents to campus where they attend classes structured for children.

"Students from West energy that Park Elementary come over to the University of Idaho at certain times throughout the year," said Ashley Cochran, ASUI contagious." Youth and Educations Programs intern.

Cochran, a senior in art and design, heads the program.

Although the students aren't here for Anthropology 100 a month, and third grade and up class, or Math 143, they are here for a new learning experience.

"I think it enhances the idea of college," Cherisse Hill said, a morn-

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Center. Elementary stu-ASUI vice president dents in kindergarten to

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ing kindergarten teacher

at West Park Elementary

School. Hill has been

involved with the pro-

gram since it began three

The program is run through the UI Volunteer

Cochran said the volunteer center is flexible with schedules and any amount of time a student can volunteer is helpful.

"It is important for college students to realize anyone can go for it and volunteer no matter what their schedule is," said Christina Kerns, ASUI Student Activities Coordinator.

Professors, departments and colleges have all been cooperative. Lessons have included science-related

topics and Thanksgiving.
"In one of the lessons, the children
got to learn how to make their own ice cream," Cochran said.

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New instructor teaches from experience

Kelcie Moseley Argonaut

Steve Smith is no stranger to difficult ethical decisions, and he's about to introduce his students to some of the same situations he faced as an editor at The Spokesman-Review in Spokane.

After the December resignation of Abubakar Alhassan from the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media, departmental director Kenton Bird contacted Smith to teach Mass Media Ethics.

'Kenton called me late last year just before Christmas and told me Abu was leaving and they'd need somebody to teach the ethics class," Smith said. "So he had me lined up to start the course then."

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Smith worked as senior

editor at The Spokesman-Review from 2002 to 2008, resigning ahead of a round of layoffs. Smith said he couldn't see a way to pro-

duce a quality newspaper given the layoffs the first round to impact the paper.

"It was the best decision I could make at the time with the information I had," Smith said. "I could not 🗵 reconcile the out- steve come ... with the SMITH quality of journalism I wanted to

produce." While Smith was at The Spokesman-Review, employees used a forensic computer expert to deceive Spokane's mayor, Jim West, into believing he was speaking with an 18-year-

old man on a chat site, West, who had supported bills barring certain rights for gays, offered the sup-posed teenager gifts, favors

and a City Hall internship. When West showed up to an agreed-upon meeting at a park after a few weeks of chatting, reporters were there.

Smith said the only way he felt comfortable using deception to

get a story was by making sure they had exhausted all other possibilities to get

the information, that the outcome was more important than the means and that they could positively identify West.

When the story ran, Smith said reaction from

the community was mostly positive, but the paper "took a lot of heat" from the professional world. He said he stands by the story and the ethics they used to report the story, but he understands why it was

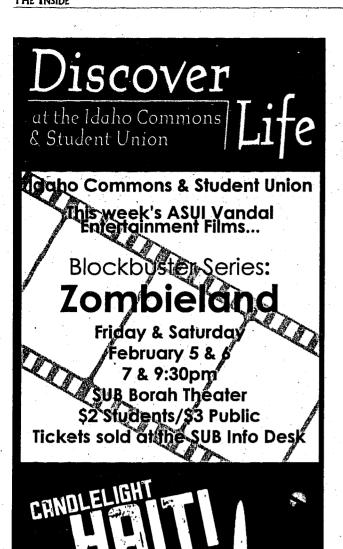
controversial. I don't dispute anybody who thinks we did the wrong thing," Smith said. "That's why I think it's such an interesting case ... You can put any number of editors in the same room and you'll come up with different answers

from everyone." Using the exact same scenario, Smith handed out a sheet of paper on the first day of class to his students with eight other case studies. He said he has asked them to respond to each

scenario with their current

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Paul Tong/Argonaut



The ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, in association with Vandal Volunteers, invites you to attend:

Help support the victims of the earthquake in Haiti!

Candlelight Vigil for Haiti. Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2 March begins at 6:30 in Friendship Square, Downtown Moscow and will end at 7:00 at the Idaho Commons on the UI campus.

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Saturday: 9am-8pm (will stay open later for programming) Sunday: 12pm-12am



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The Idaho Argonaut

Stories from Friday, Feb. 2, 1960

Registration Drops Normally

Enrollment Usually Goes Down Second Semester Yesterday's registration total pointed toward the customary five percent drop in spring semester enrollment, with 1,671 going through Memorial Gym as opposed to the 1,886 at the same time during fall

Bad Managing Is Theme Of Annual Forester Ball

With a theme based on the aspects of bad management the College of Forestry will hold their annual Foresters Ball Friday in the SUB Ballrooms from 9-12 p.m.

Idaho Solon Gregg Potvin Talks

Gregg Potvin, an Idaho Democrat who is actively campaigning for a U.S. Senatorial nomination, will give an informal talk at 4 p.m. today in the SUB fron-

Arrangements for the speech and coffee hour are being made by the campus Young Democrats.

Councils Release Set Of Rules To Curb Campus Destruction

A set of rules with "teeth in them" was presented last week by a joint committee of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils to help curb vandalism and destruction of property on campus.

Petition Taken On SUB Issue

A petition is being taken at the end of the registration line during Monday and Tuesday, to get student opinion on whether a revote should be taken on the Student Union Building issue.

Alex Gilbert, off campus, chairman of the group taking the petition, feels that the students have not been informed about the SUB issue, which will affect them in the near future by a rise in student fees.

Delts Are Put On Restriction For Semester

Delta Tau Delta fraternity's social privileges have been restricted for the reaminder of the year for violating a basic University social regulation, the Office

Student Affairs reported this week.

The decision was handed down by the University Men's Discipline Committee after that body had reviewed recommendations from an Interfraternity Council tribunal, which heard the case.

Hawley Pays Fine In Lewiston Court

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UI students receive human rights award

Two students receive Latah County honor

Sebastian Edgerton
Argonaut

University of Idaho students Jorge Tapia-Ortiz and Dona Black have been awarded the Rosa Parks Human Rights Achievement Award. The Latah County Human Rights Task Force presented the awards during their annual breakfast in January.

Traditionally, the task force picks one student and one community member to honor, but this year the committee chose two students, citing outstanding work.

Mary Jo Hamilton, a member of the task force's board of directors, said Black keeps literacy and creativity alive for both adults and children. She said Black especially works well with learning-disabled and disad-

vantaged children.

Hamilton said Black struggled in school when she was a child, which informs Black's assistance— she said Black wants to help those who are at risk for going through the same learning struggles as

Black, who has bachelor's degrees in interior de-

sign and interdisciplinary studies, is pursuing a master's degree in elementary education curriculum 'and

instruction.

Hamilton said Black gives children a safe learning environment to grow into individuals — "allowing children to have a voice," she said. "(Black) develops their self-esteem to allow them to take charge of their own lives."

Black said she doesn't try for awards, saying it takes the spotlight off of the people she is trying to help.

"I feel if I deserve this, it should be shared with everyone who has ever leant me a hand, because they know what we do together is more important then what one person can do alone," Black said.

Black said her mentors

Black said her mentors have said the right path is its own reward, and that inequalities need to be challenged before they can be changed.

"I keep to my path and home through teaching to continue making ripples in whatever pond I'm placed in, and be the kind of leader my mentors can be proud of," Black said.

Tapia-Ortiz is planning on graduating this spring with a

bachelor's degree in Spanish literature and Latin-American studies, along with a minor in history. Hamilton said it is quite amazing how many projects Tapia-Ortiz is involved in.

"He's really a ball of fire, going in a lot of directions at once," she said.

One area Tapia-Ortiz promotes is the Dream Act, proposed legislation to allow certain undocumented immigrants a path to permanent residency. But he is not just focused on the Dream Act.

"I'm not limited to anything. I try to understand everything around me," he

Tapia-Ortiz has been an intern for the Mexico Solidarity Network, and he's also a member of the Idaho Community Action Network and the Student Chicano Movement of Aztlan. He has been a guest speaker at a variety of fair-trade conferences and workshops.

Like Black, Tapia-Ortiz said he isn't too interested in awards, but finds educating people about the suppression of indigenous people and trying to promote cross-cultural understanding to be rewarding.

LURKING AROUND



Marcus Kellis/Argonau

Patrons and employees of The Garden Lounge and John's Alley compete in the 20th annual Lurker Bowl Saturday at Robinson Park. The Lurker Bowl is a charity football event to benefit the Moscow Food Bank. The Garden won the women's game.

Curfew law goes to court

Rebecca Boone
Associated Press

The Idaho Supreme Court has agreed to consider whether the curfew rules in the tiny town of Wendell violate the constitutional rights of children.

The Idaho Court of Appeals ruled last year that the curfew rules requiring youths to be inside between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. effectively violated their free speech rights by controlling conduct and expression. The appellate court noted that a child wishing to attend a midnight church service, participate in a late-running city council meeting or join a late-night protest would have to weigh those desires against the chance of getting a ticket for violating curfew.

Wendell city leaders began revamping its curfew rules after the appellate court decision, but the state opted to challenge the decision anyway and asked the Idaho Supreme Court to consider the case. Oral arguments will be held Feb. 10.

The case arose after a boy, referred to only as John Doe in the court files, was ticketed for violating curfew after the car he was riding in was stopped for a traffic violation at 1:30 a.m. Doe challenged the ticket all the way to the Idaho Court of Appeals, saying the curfew rules robbed parents of their liberty interest in directing the upbringing of their child and that the ordinance unconstitutionally interfered with freedom of expression and association.

Court records show Doe was supposed to be staying at a friend's house that night but sneaked out of the home in search of a party

in search of a party.

At the time, the ordinance had three exceptions, allowing minors to be out after curfew only if they were running emergency errands, if they were accompanied by a parent or guardian or if they were on legitimate business authorized by a parent or the school.

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Monday, Jan. 25

9:40 a.m. UI Golf Course: Caller said his golf clubs were stolen from the golf course shop.

2:47 p.m. McClure Hall: Caller said he was contacted by someone who attempted to perpetuate telephone fraud.

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Fire and law responded to a fire alarm. The alarm was undergoing maintenance, and there was no emergency.

10:24 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officer responded to a call regarding a parking problem. The vehicles were moved.

12:38 p.m. Elm Street: Officer responded and took a report on a theft.

1:13 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Officer responded to a call about a vehicle parked in a no-parking zone near the Living Learning Community. The vehicle was gone when the officer arrived.

Wednesday

5:47 p.m. Phi Gamma Delta: Caller reported his pickup was keyed. The vehicle was at his traternity

was at his fraternity.
9:47 p.m. Sweet Avenue and South
Main Street: Caller said a vehicle hit a
curb when taking a corner, which then
went on to park on Veatch Street.

9:48 p.m. Living Learning Community: 911 was called from a door phone, with no response and nothing heard. 9:49 p.m. Alpha Phi: Alpha Phi mem-

9:49 p.m. Alpha Phi: Alpha Phi members were jumping and singing outside their house. Officers responded and warned a woman for noise.

Thursday

6:54 p.m. South Line Street: Ambulance, fire and law responded for convulsions or seizures. No patient transport.

10:10 p.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller said numerous items were stolen from a house in the last few hours.

Friday

12:35 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: 911 was called from a door phone, with no response and nothing heard.

1:25 p.m. Memorial Gym: Two people from the soccer team were in the men's locker room, yelling. 2:33 p.m. Pi Beta Phi: A fire alarm went

2:33 p.m. Pi Beta Phi: A fire alarm went off; but was determined to have been caused by burnt popcorn.

4:54 p.m. South Line Street and West Sixth Street: A white truck was blocking Line Street. Caller said he thought he saw a woman with the truck. Officer responded and determined it was a parking problem.

and determined it was a parking problem. 5:03 p.m. Menard Law Building: 911 was called from the elevator, with no response and nothing heard. Elevator was clear.

10:03 p.m. College Avenue: Caller said a vehicle was parked perpendicular to a fence displaying a no-parking sign, blocking the exit.

Saturday

9:01 a.m. Sigma Nu: Fire responded to an alarm. No fire emergency.

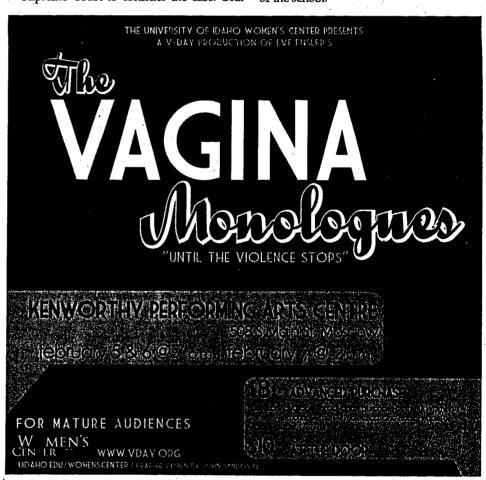
2:26 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon: Caller said a man on the property was asked to leave, but would not at first. Officers responded and could not locate subject.

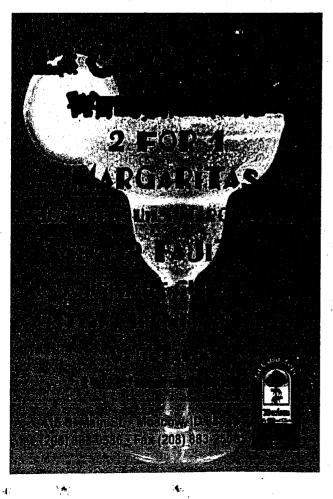
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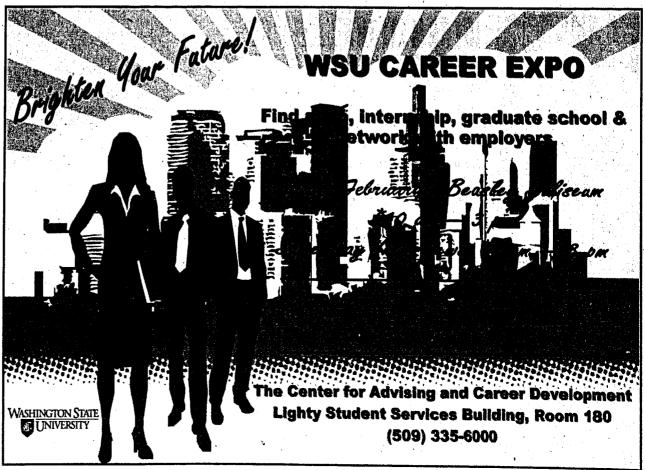
12:55 a.m. Idaho Avenue and Elm Street: A man was arrested for an alcohol offense, minor in possession.

3:57 p.m. Wallace Residence Center (Wiley Wing): Officer responded for a possible suicidal subject. Subject was contacted and voluntarily transported to Gritman Medical Center.

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Making money in the classroom

Students learn risks, rewards of stock market by trading

Ashley Centers Argonaut

Fantasy stock market games are common. Giving students real money to play with is rare - but it's offered at the University of Idaho.

Any UI student, after taking three pre-requisite classes, can become a funded trader with any one of 15 brokerage firms.

The Barker Capital Management and Trading Program was founded with support by UI alumnus Rotchford Barker. Program manager Clark Maxam said Barker, a commodities trader in Chicago, wanted to provide students with the opportunity to

learn trading and investment, with the accompanying risks and reward.

"Our vision is that no matter what you do after you graduate," Maxam said, "you'll have the capacity to take risks and manage investments because those are the sort of experiences that can help everybody in any business situation.

Housed in the basement of the J.A. Albertson Building, the Barker program consists of two different components: the trading group, which began in 2004, and the capital management group, which began last year.

Maxam said the trading group was founded on the beliefs that trading and capital management strategies cannot be fully understood without experiencing the actual risk-and-reward element found in real trading markets, and the scope of study should be broad enough to consider all trading strategies for all financial institutions.

"It's more fun than academics should be," Maxam said. 'Students are getting the ability to really trade and see how the market works. It's all the difference between reading a textbook and taking action."

The Capital Management Group teaches students how to review, evaluate and compare alternative investment strategies. Student recommendations are then developed for investing program resources not involved

"These programs give you the real-world application you need," said Mackenzie Winner, the Chief Investment Officer and a funded trader. "You can take a finance class and learn a bunch of applications but it's not the same as actually researching the trades and executing them. This program takes business to the next level.

Students must take three business courses, taught by Maxam and David Nalle, before becoming a funded broker or portfolio manager. Maxam said the first course, BUS 465, is open enrollment and offered every fall. The

second course, BUS 466, requires an interview for admission.

If a student successfully completes both of these classes they can then become a funded broker in an advanced trading seminar. As funded brokers, students receive \$10,000 to invest and trade on their own in the stock market. They receive one credit as a funded broker in BUS 404. Profits are returned to the program for future use.

"The most rewarding part of this whole experience for me is thinking a trade through, executing the trade and reaping the rewards," funded trader Tommy Sauriol, 22, said. "It takes some discipline trying not to trade in other classes though."

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class with Gordon Wood changed his outlook, and he decided to concentrate on political affairs and aimed to reduce factionalism in the tradition

of the Framers "That was the peak of my experience at Brown," Allred said. "I developed a passionate interest in the achievements of the Founding Fathers."

Allred finished his undergraduate education at Stanford then earned a doctorate at the University of California-Los Angeles, where he met his wife. He taught at Columbia University, then Harvard University, be-fore moving to Idaho to raise his three children.

After moving to Ida-ho, Allred, with former Idaho legislators, started The Common Interest, a lobbying group that polls citizens to see what they want out of government. Allred uses these public opinion polls to convince legislators of what their constituents want.

'We develop thorough policy briefs through collaborative polling," All-red said. "We do our own independent gathering."

Allred used The Common Interest to fight Ot-

ter's proposed increase on vehicle licensing fees, which would have increased fees for cars and pickup trucks by 138 percent, but only 5 percent for heavy trucks, which he said would be disproportionate to the amount of damage different vehicles do to Idaho roads. The recommendation was based on consultation with the heavy truck in-dustry, which he said was only willing to pay 5 percent more.

Otter recommended in his State of the State address that all state funding for Idaho Public Television be phased out over the course of four years. Allred said cutting t would only save each Idaho resident \$1.

"It's a remarkably good bargain," he said. "We've been able to fund Idaho Public Television in the past. We'll be able to fund it in the future."

Allred said the recent Supreme Court decision allowing unions and corporations to donate unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns would increase the focus on special interest groups in Idaho.

"It's certainly going to crank up their influence, and they're already extremely powerful," Allred said.



Children climb on the Student Recreation Center climbing wall during the 2007 "Kids on Campus" event. The ASUI program brings elementary school students to campus where classes are conducted for the children.

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The students had huge smiles on their faces as they rolled their ice cream

back and forth, she said. "The program incorporates the students' curriculum, which is nice,'

Hill said. Cochran said she was surprised by the students' willingness to present at

the Thanksgiving lesson. "They each were assigned to think about what they were thankful for. I figured they'd be too shy to speak, but

they all volunteered," Cochran said. Hill said the students love to see familiar faces when they come to

campus. "Some students point out where their parents work," she said, "Kids on Campus helps them get more comfort-

able in a college environment." UI is a big part of Moscow, and the elementary students get to experience

that piece of the community, she said. "The students look up to these vol unteers as role models," Hill said.

The program is getting positive feedback from elementary students and par-

ents, Hill and Cochran both said. Another program Cochran has started is a pen-pal system for elementary students that don't physically come to campus because of the distance.

There are 23 college student pen pals and two to 15 students have been helping out with the Kids on Campus program," Cochran said.

Cochran said she plans to expand Kids on Campus to other elementary. schools, as well as preschool.

"One of the best parts about Kids on impus is going to p tary students. We all hold hands, and their energy that early in the morning is contagious," Cochran said.

The elementary students have the UI fight song memorized, she said.



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reaction, and at the end of the semester he plans to have them fill out the same sheet to see if their answers change

Smith said he has taught classes before, but not since the '70s, and that he is looking forward to using the knowledge he's acquired now to teach his students.

"When I was teaching reporting, I thought I was God's gift to journalism," Smith said. "I think I come into the process now without being a pontificating jerk."

Sue Hinz, another professor in the department, said she and her colleagues

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are "thrilled" to have him on staff. Hinz said she didn't know him well before his employment with UI, but that she had worked with him while she was the director of the news bureau at Washington State University.

"He is a very well-respected journalist and editor," Hinz said.

Hinz said she thinks it is valuable for students to have a chance to hear about the ways Smith learned how to handle ethical situations in his own career.

"I think the more issues one faces during their career means more that they can teach students in the future," Hinz said. "When controversy happens, we all learn."

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their power off commercial nuclear reactors.'

Ward said he thinks the U.S. should withdraw from Iraq but stay in Afghanistan until the government is stable.

"We're there until we're done," he said. Ward said he partially

considers himself a Libertarian, as he said he believes in the Reagan form of Republicanism.

"I don't like government-run programs," he said. "Show me where (the health care bill) is constitutional."

Ward was raised by a single mother and said she succeeded because of perseverance and hard work, not by government help.
"I remember asking my

mom why she didn't take help from the government, and she said 'I never wanted you kids to tie your future to help from the government,"



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OPINION

Why come to Idaho?

State government puts education on back burner despite higher enrollment

Retention and enrollment rates are up at the University of Idaho for the second consecutive year, yet the state has cut funding numerous times under the advisement of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

UI has done its job by getting students to fill seats, and the state needs to do its job by funding the university and giving students a reason to return.

UI has 320 more students than in Spring 2009, including 81 more transfer students. College of Western

Idaho, which opened last January, is the newest community college in Idaho. It will undoubtedly bring more transfer students to UI — students who need a place to finish their fouryear degree. What message is the state sending to prospective transfer students who want to further their education?

The reality of the situation is Otter, along with Idaho legislators, only live so long. Our generation will have to put up with their choices

long after they are gone, and we will have our work cut out for us in putting the state's higher education system back together.

Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna is one of the few members of state government who has it right.

He proposes an additional \$58 million in revenues to help public K-12 schools from the Public Schools Earnings Reserve Fund.

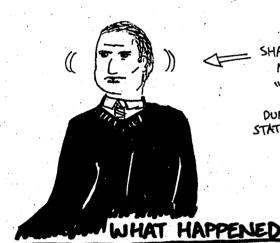
He sees the importance of education and can draw

the conclusion that without solid primary instruction, our state's children will have difficulties even making it to college.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has spent \$3 million on a campaign encouraging higher education saying, "High" school is only the beginning: Go on."

There's not a whole lot of incentive for students to "go on" when the governor puts education on the back burner.

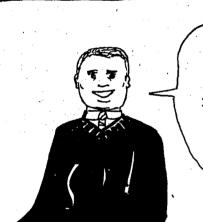
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Born-again virgins

In Christianity, the term "born again"

refers to a spiritual or metaphorical rebirth, or the accepting of the Lord as Savior. Today, "born again" has been removed 10 times over from its original meaning and morphed into what is convenient for the speaker. People claim they are born-again vegans, born-again Americans, a born-again Elvis, and more recently born-again virgins.

This born-again virgin movement has been around for some time, but has been brought into the spotlight, as of late, by "Real Housewives of New Jersey' star Danielle Staubs. She claims after two failed marriages she wants to do

things differently. She says she is abstaining from sex until her next marriage and has already been abstinent for a year. I say good for her. I just wouldn't call it becoming a virgin again.

Spiritual re-virginization through abstinence is one thing, but many women are taking it a step further by trying to recapture their virginity physically. Hymenoplasty, or hymen reconstruction surgery, is gaining in Argonaut popularity. In some corners of the world, virginity has deep cultural

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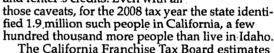
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Government should save what it can

I like to harp on California: its constitution, the amendments thereto and ballot initiatives thereby allowed, leave the state ungovernable, a perpetual quagmire into which only the brave or stupid would step.

But, now and then, some great ideas come from the state. Among them is ReadyReturn, a voluntary governmental program that gives certain taxpayers a pre-filled tax return.

It's narrowly-tailored. The tax returns must necessarily be simple, so the state limits it to those whose only income was from wages single or head of household filing status, no more than five dependents, standard deduction and no credits other than the exemption and renter's credits. Even with all



The California Franchise Tax Board estimates the cost to process a tax return filed on paper at \$2.59. A ReadyReturn tax return, meanwhile, comes in at 34 cents.

As one can imagine, H&R Block, Intuit (the makers of TurboTax) and other such companies feel the effort — the effort that saves taxpayer time and money and governmental time and money — is

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Correspondence with our readers

Educate yourself and make your voice heard

The University of Idaho is always changing and adapting. Currently, however, we are in more of a transitional mode than any other time that I have seen while attending UI.

President Nellis has provided new energy, new visions and new ambitions for our institution. As a result, our enrollment numbers have already increased.

Our state is continually cutting their financial support for the university as it deals with reduced tax revenues caused by the global recession. This past week many ASUI members and myself spent a day lobbying in Boise. We painted a picture of what higher education provides for Idaho and asked our state legislators to keep higher education a priority as they move to set the upcoming budget. If you are an Idaho resident I urge you to contact your state legislators.

Realizing that change is inevitable and knowing that I have a hard time dealing with change,

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Quick takes on life from our editors

386-note streak

Guess who got a perfect score on bass, playing hard difficulty, for The Beatles' "Paperback Writer"? It's me. I got a perfect score on bass. Marcus

'True Blood'

I watched a promotional DVD of the HBO series "True Blood." It is a TV show about vampires. In the series, vampires are an open species who live among humans. Most humans are both fascinated and terrified by the vamps, and some are in the business of draining vamp blood and selling it - apparently it's the same kind of business as drug dealing — while others are all about the sexual nature of vampires. All I have to say about it is that it's the weirdest show I have ever watched and when the episode was finished all I could think was, "WTF?" — Elizabeth

Prayers for Travis

One of our staff members and probably the best sports blogger I know, Travis Mason-Bushman, went into the ICU Friday. The doctors found a blood clot and thankfully, found it in time. After spending the weekend in the hospital, he was discharged from Gritman Medical Center yesterday. Whether you know Travis or not, keep him in your prayers for a steady recovery.

Jennifer

Johnny

I wish this Johnny Damon situation would just come to a close. MLBtraderumors.com has turned into wherewillDamonland.com.

- Greg

Education

Why do students get so mad when they have to buy supplies for class? You are paying thousands of dollars to get an education, if the instructor believes he or she can present the material better with these extra supplies, then just buy them and get mone your time here.

— Jeffrey

King Kong strikes again

I think my favorite headline I've seen this month, possibly this semester, is, Fire in Houston blamed on inflatable gorilla." That's one mean monkey.

- Jake

How silly

The other night, in my sleep, I reported to my husband that "f---ing Estelle e-mailed me." Estelle is my cat. She does not e-mail, especially in the middle of the night. Why do I say such silly things?

Kelsey

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Why I'm proud to be American

The French government is moving closer to banning women in their country from wearing burgas. The gar-

ment, worn by some women of Islamic faith, has been under fire in France for several years. The French government acted to protect the women, believing they are forced to wear burgas by their husbands. Several years ago, the jeffrey burqa was banned in public schools and, more recently, in public buildings.

In neighboring Switzerland, voters recently passed a referendum banning the construction of minarets – the spires on mosques – which are seen as a symbol of the Muslim faith. Europe is currently experiencing high levels of Muslim immigration France and Switzerland are

no exception.
The United States is lucky. A vast majority of U.S. immigrants share our values, our

religion and portions of our culture and speak a language very similar to ours.

The fact is Europeans are scared. They see their culture slowly being replaced, and they are acting rashly. There were only four minarets built in Switzerland before the vote, and

the French government estimates only 1,400 to 2,000 women wear burgas **REZNICEK** in France, out of approximately five million Muslims.

But beyond how little the burqa threatens the French way of life, the argument to ban is laughable.

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French President Nickolas Sarcozy has campaigned for years that the garment be banned because it is a sign of the oppression of women, and women would have more freedom without the burga. He believes the government should protect women from being told what



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The French National Logo summarizes the qualities of the French Republic, including liberty.

to wear by telling them what not to wear. That's right. Laws banning religious clothes are actually giving them liberty.

Also, war is peace, freedom is slavery and ignorance is strength.

In a country that is supposed to be so much more progressive and forward thinking than the United States, it is amazing they

would stoop to limit not only religious freedoms, but also a basic freedom like clothing oneself modestly. Even the French National Logo glorifies liberty.

I don't understand why someone would want to wear a burqa, but I do some things that Muslims wouldn't understand either.

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Cleaning up rumors

voice heard.

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that affect us as students.

especially when I do not fully understand

it, I will do my best to keep you informed

this spring as key decisions are being made

Also, I welcome your input, ideas and

constructive criticism. Knowing as much

as possible before providing feedback is

always important; therefore, I am extend-

ing a personal invitation to all students, to

two up coming presentations. The first is a

fee proposals by unit directors and leaders

and will take place at 4:00 p.m. today in the Idaho Commons Horizon Room. The

Commons Whitewater and Clearwater

second, is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho

Rooms and is a university budget overview,

help you better understand what is happen-

As state dollars are cut from our budget,

presented by Douglas Baker, provost and Keith Ickes, executive director of planning

and budgeting. These presentations will

ing with the university and student fees.

going to continue to shift to us, the stu-

cost we also have an increase in our op-

Please, educate yourself and make your

dents. However, as we cover more of the

portunity to dictate what we get in return.

Kelby Wilson

ASUI President

the burden of paying for our education is

presentation dedicated to student activity

Some incorrect information has been distributed about a proposal to ASUI this week for the University of Idaho Sustainability Center. Let me take a moment to set the record straight.

The UISC has been about fostering student leadership from the beginning. The student programs director, a student directs the six students on staff. They develop their own budget, direct their own staff and determine their own priorities. The sustainability director provides options and recommendations as needed. Student funds pay for no staff outside the UISC. Currently, 25 percent of the student fee supports a portion of an administrative assistant who works in the UISC. This position is necessary for accountability of the use of student funds; it does not violate accountability.

In addition, the Environmental Science Program (EnvS) has not taken over the UI Sustainability Center. This misrepresents a very collaborative and supportive relationship between EnvS and UISC. EnvS

provides administrative support at its own expense for UISC, donating staff time and funding to UISC activities. EnvS does not take funds from UISC The current UISC budget has three parts: 35 percent from student fees, 30 percent funding from grants, contracts and university Facilities Services, and 35

percent from funding from the Sustainable Idaho Initiative and the President's Office. Contrary to rumors, the administration has shown considerable support for the Sustainability Center, both through its actions and through funding. Sustainable Idaho is funded from the Provost's Office. The President's Office pays 25 percent of the sustainability director's position. A request to make the funding permanent has been submitted to and is pending with the Provost and VP of Finance. No final decision has been made on the request. These things take time. To date, in addition to the \$90,000 per

ear of the Sustainable Idaho Initiative, UISC staff have received \$169,000 in external grants and contracts, leveraged an additional \$191,161 internally for sustainability improvements and directed or facilitated projects that have saved the university \$133,500 over the last three years. There are still 18 months of funding left, committed to Sustainable Idaho and the UISC by the Provost's and President's offices.

UISC and Sustainable Idaho have achieved much over the past three years. We hope our success translates into approval for permanent funding support.

Darin Saul University Sustainability Director

VIRGINS

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and religious significance, and their families and society shun women who aren't virgins when they are married. These women often turn to this surgery for help. While this is also true to an extent in the United States, I have a hard time believing women like Staubs think they can reclaim their virginity either by spiritual or physical means.

I have the utmost respect for women who abstain from sex until marriage. In fact, I think it says something about our culture that there is such a stigmatism attached to being a virgin. Losing one's virginity is a very private thing, and should be shared with someone you have a true connection with. The problem lies with the idea of becoming a born-again virgin out of a misguided belief you are doing it for yourself and not your partner.

The Web site http://www.re-

virginization.net claims that virginity can be reclaimed through hymenoplasty. To give women an idea of what this surgery could do for them, they have included on their site the story of a 40-year-old woman who had the surgery as a gift for her husband on their 17th wedding anniversary. This woman isn't doing this for herself because she believes she made poor choices when she was young -she is doing it so her husband can be with a virgin at least once. What will she do for their 20th, pay \$5,000 to have the surgery again? It would be cheaper to hire someone to have sex with her husband for her.

If your spouse or partner loves you, the fact you are not a virgin is not going to stand in the way of a healthy and happy relationship. Having your hy-men sewn back together doesn't make you a virgin. Re-wrapping a gift doesn't change what it is, it just takes more time and more tape.

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duplicative. California's

expenditure on promoting the program, according to the New York Times, is a staggeringly low \$10,000.

The interests of the public, when pitted against the interests of any segment thereof, should generally prevail.

Some accountants would lose business. Many more people would be relieved of compiling their own tax returns. The government would share the information they already have with taxpayers.

That's the real drag about the apologists of capitalism.

Even when capitalist opportunities only exist thanks to governmental inefficiency or artificial scarcity (think liquor licenses, which in Idaho are now frequently held as investments), those noble defenders of industry fight tooth and nail against change. Free-market Republicans are staunch defenders of useless defense contracts, so long as they employ citizens in their district or state. Against whom, exactly, is a fleet of stealth jets effective, necessary and cost-efficient?

Taxation is the government's business. If the government can do something within its purview cheaply and effectively, it ought to. Processing tax returns is a fact of life, and a less-expensive manner to process returns should be celebrated.

It's certainly too bad that some accountants' business could thin out. But we didn't bail out buggy manufacturers when the automobile was invented.

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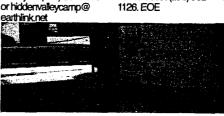
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Black Cypress brings Greece to the Palouse

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Long-time students will remember a time, not so long ago, when the Palouse had neither sushi nor Thai. Strike off one more restaurant variety lacking in the area, with the recent arrival of Greek-inspired food in Pullman.

The Black Cypress, open since August, comes from Nick Pitsilionis, chef and owner. He has some notable experience: most recently he led the kitchen at Nectar while its chef, Nikki Woodland, was on maternity leave, but before that he was a server and apprentice cook at The French Laundry, a restaurant in California's Napa Valley.

Pitsilionis' parents had run a restaurant while he grew up, but he really came to cooking while living with a girlfriend.

"I bought 'The French Laundry Cookbook,' and with that and another book, 'Think

Like a Chef' by Tom Colicchio, I made dinner for my girlfriend for about six months," he said, which happened before he went to work at The French Laundry.

Black Cypress' seasonal menu, which presently features New York strip steak, scallops and carbonara among other items and daily experiments, is worthy of his resume. The selling point of the kitchen is its charcoal grill, hot enough that metal buttons are a bad idea for his cooks.

That's the heart of the menu," Pitsilionis said. "Very simple, straightforward pasta, and the grill.

Pitsilionis, born on the Greek island of Evia before moving to Alaska at one year of age, said he retains a good relationship with the area's other restaurateurs, including his former employers.

Those guys (at Nectar) have been very supportive from the start," he said.

Pitsilionis said he originally wanted to spend last summer visiting Greece and wasting time in Moscow, but he was called out of the blue from a Pullman landlord who said he had a prime vacancy.

"I think if (area restaurants) all target dif-ferent kinds of food, there's plenty of room in the two towns for us all to prosper," he said.

That's a kind way of saying the restaurants need to have some professional courtesy. When one of his deputies, Will Hender-

son, found himself preparing a menu for a Friday night when the boss was out of town, he inadvertently stepped on some toes.

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Performing 'until the violence stops'

Women's Center spreads the word about sexual assault through the stories of real women

Kelcie Moseley Argonaut

In case it wasn't obvious from the title, "The Vagina Monologues" is

anything but shy.
The show's monologues range from humor, such as "My

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Angry Va-gina," about feminine products and OB/GYN visits, to serious modern-day issues, such as "Under the Burqa," which talks about sexual mistreatment of women in Afghanistan. Twenty-five women tell the stories of women across the world who

have been victims of sexual assault and rape, and the lives of everyday women and their relationships to

their bodies. Heather Gasser, director of the University of Idaho Women's Center, said tickets to the shows are selling out fast, especially Sunday's matinee showing. The shows will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 6, and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are \$8 through advance purchase at the Women's Center, Eclectica and Bookpeople of Moscow. Tickets purchased at the door are \$10. Gasser said the show has been held in Moscow for eight years, and it is entirely student run and directed. Gasser said although the show has been surrounded by some past

controversy for its content, they don't hear many objections now.

'It's a much more comfortable subject now," Gasser said. "The play opens up the opportunity for people to tell stories.

Gasser said auditions were held in November and about half the cast is made up of theatre majors, while the rest have either Idaho Women's Center Director had experience with the show in the past or just

wanted to do it for fun. Tiffany Thompson is a full-time staff member at the Pullman office of Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. She said she joined ATVP because her sister was sexually assaulted as a child, and said she thinks "The Vagina Monologues' is important because it illustrates the effects of

gender-based violence. "I think that genderbased violence doesn't just affect victims, it affects our entire society,' Thompson said. "It affects



File Photo by Jake Barber/Argonaut Performers rehearse for Eve Enslers "The Vagina Monologues" in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre Feb. 4, 2009.

people's families, their show's director and a siblings, their friends and many others."

Gasser said 10 percent of the proceeds from the show will go toward the International V-Day Foundation - which is run by Eve Ensler — and the rest will be given to ATVP and other campus violence prevention groups

Kathy Simpson, the

they want the show played," Simpson said.

master's of fine arts candidate for directing, said she wanted the actors to pull back from their theatrical perspectives.

"The organization is very specific as to how "It's not acting, but storytelling. You have to think,

understand and clearly

tell the story."

Kim Bell, a senior theatre student, said it has been interesting to learn about different women's experiences and getting to know the other girls in the show. She said she has also enjoyed

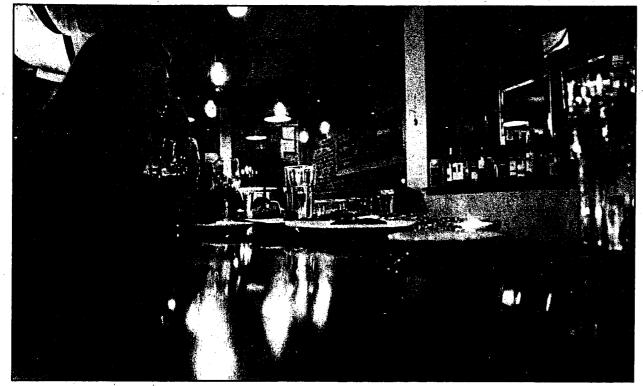
working with Simpson.
"Kathy helped a lot because she really puts pictures in your head," Bell said.

for more **INFO**

Showtimes: 7 p.m. Feb. 5 and 6 2 p.m. Feb. 7 Place: **Kenworthy Arts Centre Ticket prices:**

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Steven Devine/ Argonaut

The Black Cypress opened in Pullman in August and features Greek-inspired food.

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"We had this perciatelli, which is like a long macaroni, and I added some Cougar Gold and bread crumbs, and made this mac and cheese," Henderson said. "Nick stepped in the next day and said everyone was raving about it, and then said I couldn't make

it anymore."

As it turned out, Nectar had longestablished the same dish, with traditional macaroni pasta and the Washington State Cheddar.

In Alaska, Pitsilionis's parents had managed a restaurant since about the time they landed. He had stepped in to manage that occasionally, but only since The Black Cypress has he been wholly in charge of his own business. 'What's distinctive about this restaurant," he said, "is for a long time now I've known how to run a restaurant, but now I'm learning how to make a living at it.'

Making a living at it means not calling a plumber or electrician every time something breaks, buying all the restaurant's food and rendering unto Caesar sales tax every quarter.

"Making people happy isn't diffi-cult," Pitsilionis said. "Leaving something for yourself is hard."

your bandSUCKS

Weezy kills his career, one riff at a time

Lil' Wayne is a good rapper in fact, he's one of the best rappers the world has right now. Through experimentation

it seems as if he had some sort of wild idea that he should make a crossover album, including attempting to carry a note and experimenting with harmonies for the first time. As predicted, Weezy's

Frankenstein procedure yields some pretty horrible results.

Lil' Wayne has never been the kind of star to move out of the limelight or express self-consciousness at all. But, on Weezy's latest album, Rebirth, the

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lead track, "American Star" sets a standard explaining why the record was dead in the water even before he started

writing lyrics for it. Listen to my own voice, in my black Rolls-Royce get the girls of my choice to take off their shorts and blouses, I take off my trousers." Like these lyrics, Rebirth relates to Weezy's overindulgent, materialistic lifestyle, and, most importantly, shows this album is completely humor-

less. From the start, Lil' Wayne takes himself and his craft too seriously and this album suffers im-

mensely because of it. The first single, "Prom Queen," which was produced by Drew Correa and DJ Infamous, ignited discussion about the possibility of the album. While the initial shock of

"Rebirth"

Lil' Wayne

Feb. 1, 2010

how horrible the album, or rather stab at rock stardom, is has worn off since released in January, the indication remains Weezy still lacks any sort of chops when stepping into the world of guitardriven rock. "Ground

Zero" follows as an interesting hybrid tack where Wayne fails to completely commit to either rapping or

agro-yelling. The only semi-high-light on the record comes from Eminem's verse on "Drop The World."

Unfortunately, a minute of cohesion cannot make up for an album full of

poorly constructed confusion.

Rebirth eventually comes to a close with two of its worst tracks "Knockout" and "The Price is Wrong." If nothing else, "Knockout" stands as one of the best examples of why vocoder-driven pop-punk should not exist. "The Price is Wrong

has more issues than that - the droptuned, overly aggressive power chords used in the track translates so completely empty they would hardly cut it with the worst of Rebirth.

Ten years ago

'Celebrating' my first girlfriend

It occurred to me the other day as I was ruminating on my recent engagement and my completion of the "early twenties" that it's been exactly ten years

since my first real girlfriend and I got together, and it's been almost ten years since she dumped me. Certainly, I've moved on ... just like she did immediately after we broke up ... but there are some scars that have never quite healed. So if you wouldn't mind, I'd like to perform some catharsis

and exorcise some demons about my past. Here, then, are my top five reasons my first girlfriend is a horrible person.

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5. She broke up with me on my birthday

OK, this isn't actually true. But it's the kind of thing she would have done, if she wasn't so dimwitted to think of it.

4. She killed my pets

Probably not on purpose, but a few years after she dumped me, my cat and dog, whom I'd had since early childhood, mysteriously passed away from old age and cancer. She probably still denies she had anything to do with it, and so called "science" has so far backed her up. But I could see it in my dying dog's eyes the curse. You'd think that after dumping me she'd have done enough damage, so to go and take my furry friends away from me was beyond the pale. Oh, which reminds me ...

3. She was a vampire

I guess I should have seen the warning signs she never wanted to go out during the day, and when she did she sparkled,

predating "Twilight" by a decade. I always figured she was just a terrible kisser with the way she nibbled painfully on my neck, but now I know I

was simply feeding her evil. There was one night we watched "Bram Stoker's Dracula" and she wouldn't stop going on and on about how sexy Gary Oldman was, but how he was doing this or that wrong. And then she was all like, "I wish Dracula would take me ... Argonaut again." I didn't know what she

meant until later, when I saw her on a Sci-Fi channel special on modern concu-

2. She hit me with her car

I might be remembering this wrong (the years of bitterness have clouded my perception), but I'm pretty sure she ran me over with her mom's Toyota. Either that or I'm mixing this up with the time my fiancée dropped me off somewhere and thought I was going around the back, but I went around the front and she bumped me. But see, that's the kind of innocence this woman isn't capable of. So, again, whether I'm remembering this right or not, the fact is she murders people with her car and she probably tried to kill me with it too. But she settled for breaking my heart. Which brings me to ...

1. She created an emotionless, burnt-out shell of a man and didn't even care.

Not me, mind you -I'm too tough for her to break me down. But the guy she left me for slowly became this hulking, unfeeling husk, devoid of empathy and filled with a need to spread his pain. The result is Simon Cowell.

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Rake bread with eac

Few scents are better than freshly baked bread. In fact, few foods taste better than freshly baked bread, if it is done right. Bread baking may look hard, but with

a few resources and knowhow, it can be simple.

Yeast is one of the most important parts of any bread recipe. It allows the dough to rise, making the bread puffy, aerated and lofty. Most rec-

ipes using regular yeast require you to bloom the yeast by soaking it in a water and sugar mixture, but the breadstick recipe below uses instant yeast, which works without blooming. Skipping this step saves time and the bread is just as good. Fleischmann's yeast usually works well.

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Although starchy bread is very good, a little fat in the recipe adds a smoother texture and improves the taste. In the breadstick recipe, butter or olive

oil is used, but try adding other fats bacon fat or lard will add a rich flavor to the breadsticks, and shortening will create a creamy texture. Of course, butter will do much the same as lard, but without the massive guilt of eating pig fat, and olive oil goes well with Mediterranean spices.

Argonaut A sweetener goes a long way in feeding the yeast and also adds a new dimension to the bread. Honey is used in the recipe below, but sugar or corn syrup can also be used. Flavored syrup, like maple or huckleberry, will add a fruity taste to the bread. Try different combinations of fat and sweetener for a new taste every time.

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Check out the recipe for Italian breadsticks, at uiargonaut.com.

Playing with heart

Pierce Beigh Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team came up big this weekend, continuing its momentum after a home win against Fresno State, defeating the Seattle University Redhawks 87-85 Saturday.

The Vandals, now 10-10 and 2-6 in the WAC, came off a win against WAC opponent Fresno State just nights before hitting the road to take on Seattle. With Fresno State just the second win for the Vandals in conference play, heading to Seattle with a

winning spirit was needed for 12-point lead over the Vandals in the nonconference game.

'Emotionally, we are a lot better now," Idaho coach

Don Verlin said. **Althoughthe Vandals** gave a fight, it took time to get things going for

the team.

Once again the Vandals were in trouble early, with several turnovers and lack of offensive boards. The Redhawks saw the opportunity to take control and capitalized on Idaho's

the first half.

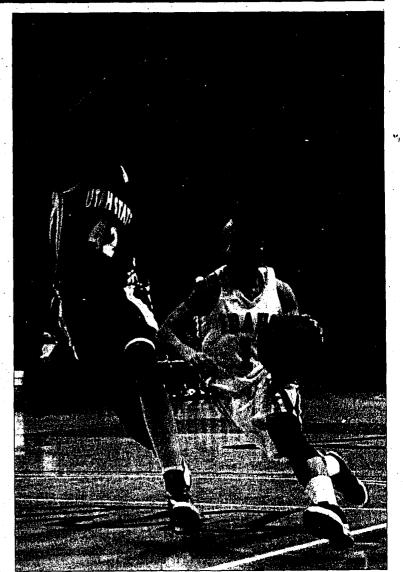
"When you turn the ball over 24 times and give up 21 offensive rebounds you don't think you're going to win," Verlin said, "but we battled."

At halftime, Idaho had broken its deficit and came back within four points, making the score 41-37 Redhawks.

A different Idaho team came out of the locker room for the



Perry Hanson/Special to The Argonaut University of Idaho guard Steffan Johnson fights past a Seattle University defender during the Saturday basketball game in Key Arena. The Vandals claimed a 87-85 victory in the last few seconds, bringing the



Nick Groff/Argonaut Vandal guard Charlotte Otero drives into the key past Utah State Aggie Banna Diop last Wednesday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals return home to face Nevada Wednesday night. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in

vertime woes

Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

It was déjà-vu.

Cowan Spectrum.

With Idaho leading Louisiana Tech by six points and under a minute to play, the Vandals looked ready to reverse history against LA Tech, the only team in the WAC the Vandals have never beaten. *

Instead, the Vandals dropped to 2-6 in the WAC, losing their last three, as they fell to LA Tech in overtime, 74-71

The back and forth game brought out the best in the Vandals, who fought off LA Tech's early lead and crawled their way to lead the game by sheer force.

"It was the guttiest effort of the year for us," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We had a great chance to win against a team that I think, physically, has the most talent in the conference.'

Unfortunately, turnover woes came back to haunt Idaho, as key turnovers in the last minute kept the game close. LA Tech sent the game into overtime with a timely three-pointer in the final nine seconds.

The play was eerily similar to Idaho, which lost its previous

game against Utah State on a lastsecond, buzzer-beating shot.
Newlee said he was amazed at

his team's performance, but bad play late in the game killed the Vandals' chances.

'We did not make very good decisions with the basketball down that stretch," Newlee said. "We could have put the game away but we didn't do a great job of handling the pressure."

The Vandals showed their grit

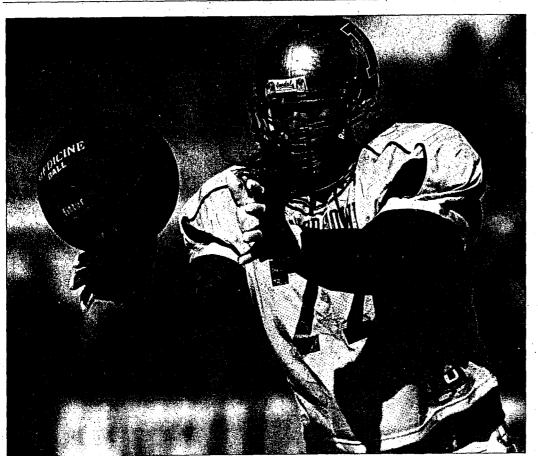
as they out-rebounded LA Tech throughout the entire game, despite LA Tech's size advantage. The Vandals allowed just four offensive rebounds and no secondchance point.

"It was our best defensive effort of the year," Newlee said.

LA Tech out-muscled Idaho 40-12 with points in the paint, but Idaho made LA Tech pay by tallying 30 points from 3-point range. Overall, the Vandals shot 35 percent from the field, but showed they could make clutch plays and keep pace with a highpowered offense.

The game featured 11 lead changes, all of them in the second half, when Idaho found its game after being thoroughly outscored in

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Vandals to 10-10 overall record so far in the season.

Photo Courtesy Bill Starling/The Press Register

University of Idaho offensive lineman Mike Iupati works out with a medicine ball during the Under Armour Senior Bowl North Team practice at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. Wednesday. lupati has been projected to be in the first-round NFL draft and would be the second ever first -round pick from Idaho.

The best on the line

lupati projected to be first-round NFL draft pick Jennifer Schlake

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In Idaho school history, only 69 Vandal football players have been drafted into the NFL. Among those players only one, Ray McDonald, went in the first round.

On April 22, the second Idaho player in school history could be drafted in the first

Offensive guard Mike Iupati became a standout player for the Vandals,

not allowing a single sack throughout the entire 2009 season. Among several honors for the guard, Iupati

received an opportunity to become a national standout and to play in the Senior Bowl Jan. 30.

Throughout practices last week, Iupati was impressing coaches and scouts - raising their interest in him at the same time.

"I think the one thing that scouts wanted to see is when you step up to this level and you're going against guys who are maybe from bigger conference(s), there's not a whole lot of adjustment period," said Lions coach Jim Schwartz in a Detroit Free Press article. "I think that's what we saw with Mike in the last couple days. He's right at home playing against these other guys that are the best players in the

country.' During the Senior Bowl practices, Iupati was placed into both

guard positions and left tackle. Although Iupati said right guard is a little uncomfortable, the lack of experience didn't seem to take Iupati out of the spotlight, as he improved at each position every day.

Iupati's draft numbers have shot up the charts and he is now a prospect for various NFL teams in need of a strong offensive lineman, including the Indianapolis Colts, the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions.

Currently, Iupati is in California preparing for the NFL Combine, a week-long event in February allowing NFL coaches, general managers and scouts to test their physical and men-tal abilities.

For updates on lupati and the 2010 NFL draft. follow us on Twitter, @ArgSports

To Utah State

Pierce Beigh Argonaut

Just over a week ago the Vandals took on the Utah State Aggies at home in Cowan Spectrum. Things didn't go as planned resulting in a 60-48 loss at home.

The Vandals continue on the road, heading to Utah to take on the Aggies Wednesday night.
As the Vandals head

into hostile Aggie territory, they look to continue their winning streak on the road as well as get a revengeful win against an all-around rivalry.

'Utah State is the hardest place to play away in the WAC, and possibly in the country," Idaho coach Don Verlin said.

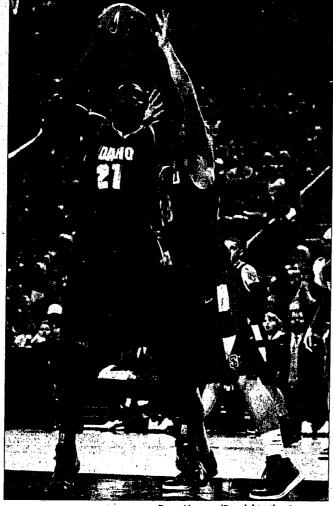
Idaho is coming off a two-game-winning streak with good momentum heading into this game. With contributions from every starter the Vandals have shown they are capable of winning.
In the Vandals last game

against Seattle University, every starter for Idaho finished with a minimum of 13 points. Senior guard Steffan Johnson topped it off with 26 points on the boards shooting 4-for-8 from the 3-point field, knocking down 6-for-8 from the free throw line. Idaho is putting up points and will try to transfer its nonconference victories into a third conference win.

"It's gonna be tough," Verlin said. "Utah State has only lost 13 total games

Utah State, 6-2 in WAC play, is on a six-game-winning streak hoping to make it seven against the Vandals.

In their latest game, against the San Jose State Spartans, the Aggies had career high scoring night for two of their players ending in a 77-



Perry Hanson/Special to the Argonaut University of Idaho forward Luiz Toledo goes up for a basket during Saturday's basketball game in Key Arena against Seattle University. The Vandals won 87-85 in the last few seconds bringing the Vandals to a 10-10 overall record.

58 win over the Spartans.

Junior forward Nate Bendall scored a career-high 20 points and 10 rebounds. Along with Ben-dall, sophomore forward Brady Jardine had a career-high 17 points. If the Vandals continue their scoring streaks with contributions from everyone, their win-

ing streak could roll on. With the last meeting be-tween Idaho and Utah State, the interior of the court was completely dominated by the

Aggies. The Vandals were out-rebounded, out-scored and out-muscled for the entirety of the game. Verlin said the Aggies had beat his team in the trenches.

This time around Idaho will work inside to push big shots away from the basket, Verlin said.

"Our post guys have got to accept the challenge," he said. "We will play much more physical against them and will get the ball out of the paint.

Tough test at home

Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

On a three-game losing streak, including back-toback losses, which came off of buzzer-beating shots, the Vandals look to continue their strong play and find a way to be on the winning end of a game. With Nevada coming into the schedule Wednesday, the competition will be fierce.

Idaho plays host to Nevada in its only game this week, giving coach Jon Newlee a chance to perfect his teams' play. Newlee said he was impressed by his team's performance in its previous game against Louisiana Tech, and will look to build on the strengths the Vandals showed.

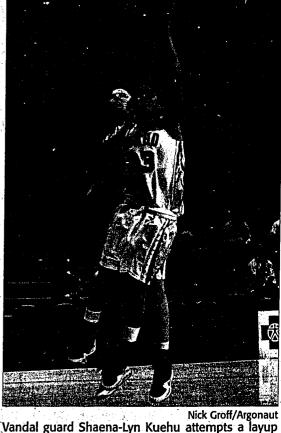
First and foremost on Idaho's list is to continue its gritty performance under the basket and on defense. Despite a significant size disadvantage against LA Tech, the Vandals out-rebounded the Techsters and Newlee said he hopes it is a sign of good things to come.

We've got a chance to win every game," Newlee said. "Sooner or later we're going to put a streak together where we bust through and win the close ones."

The Vandals have had decent shooting for the past few games, but seem to lack the ability to close out those games. While the individual performances from players such as Yinka Olorunnife, Rachele Kloke and Shaena-Lyn Kuehu have kept the Vandals close in games, Newlee has yet to find a way to finish teams off.

We're still looking to see who's going to get the big shot and who's going to handle the pressure," Newleesaid. "The best way to learn about playing and closing out close games is by being in them

Idaho will have its



past a Utah State Aggie defender last Wednesday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 55-57. hands full this week, as Nevada comes into the game on a two-game winning streak and a 6-1 WAC

undefeated Fresno State. The only loss for the Wolf Pack came against Fresno State, 75-66.

record, which places the

team squarely in second

place in the WAC, behind

Instark contrast, Idaho's loss to LA Tech dropped it to eighth in the WAC, with only lowly San Jose State owning the record below.

Nevada relies on a mauling offense to wear down its opponents. The Wolf Pack has a trio of scorers, with Tahnee Robinson leading the way by averaging 15 points per game. Shavon Moore and Johnna Ward round out Nevada's triplethreat scoring with 11 and 10

points a game respectively. For all its offense, Nevada has shown a lack of defense. The Wolf Pack has scored an average of 63 points per game, yet they have allowed their opponents to tally up 61 points.

Idaho will need to continue its scoring touch and be ready for a shoot-out game against the Wolf Pack.

The Vandals are not without their own weapons on offense. Olorunnife, Kloke, Kuehu and Bianca Cheever have shown the ability to put up big numbers and if the Vandals can keep pace with Nevada, as they did against LA Tech, the game could, once again, come down to the wire.

Pope dominates the vault

Staff report Argonaut

The University of Idaho pole vaulters have become the dominating force of the track and field team, breaking the re-cord as the season

continues. On Saturday at the Washington Invitational, the pole vaulting team set their expectations even higher — this time at 17-5 1/2.

The Idaho men's pole vaulting record was set at 16-8.25 in 1985. Throughout the years, several pole vaulters have come close

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to breaking the record, but no one had managed the feat until the first meet of the season.

On Jan. 15, seniors Lu-cas Pope and Jeremy Klas cleared the record, 25

years in standing, with a vault of 16-

been evading us for a couple years and seemed like FIELD indoors we just couldn't get our stuff together," se-

nior Mike Carpenter said. ..We finally got it."

At the next meet on Jan. 22, Pope became the first Vandal to clear 17 feet, again leading his team at the Cougar Indoor at Washington State University.

Vaulting coach Jason Graham said after the meet that the team has been waiting for Pope to hit the 17-foot mark since last season. Graham said Pope was able to break the record in practice but hadn't been able to break it in competition - until that Jan. 22 meet.

But Pope said after the meet that he still has more jump in him and intends to reach 17-6 or higher.

Pope may not have reached his goal from the Cougar Indoor, but he set the standard at 17-5 1/2 for the rest of his team.

Sophomore Jeremy Klas also broke the record with a vault of 17-1.5, his personal best since being on the Idaho pole vaulting team.

For the track side of the field, junior Paul Dittmer won the men's 60-meter hurdles and sophomore Markus Geiger ran a career best with a time of 14:48.51.

The track and field team will be looking to break its own records yet again Friday and Saturday in its first home meet of the year. The 35th Annual Vandal Indoor starts Friday followed by the Runner's Soul Open Saturday.

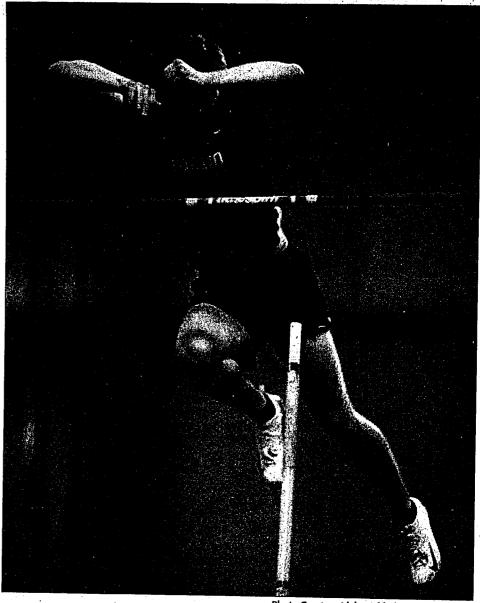
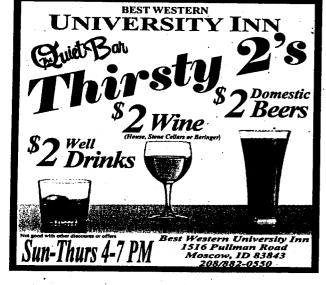


Photo Courtesy Idaho Athletic Media Relations Vandal vaulter Lucas Pope broke the Idaho school pole vault record for the third time in three weekends last Saturday at the Washington Invitational in Seattle with a valut of 17-5 1/2.



Vandals fall to Oregon State

Staff report Argonaut

The University of Idaho swim team has been on the road for the past three weeks, until coming home to take on the Oregon State Beavers.

The team is holding onto a tight record of 3-3 after falling to the Beavers, 127-103, Saturday. Despite the loss, Idaho coach Tom Jager said he was pleased with the way his team swam.

"For us to come close to Oregon State shows that our team is headed in the right direction," Jager said. "... We had some great swims."

Idaho swimmers that made the meet a close match were freshman Kaela Pettitt, who stole the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:31.17, and freshman Kelsey Saxe, who set the Idaho school record on the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.30.

But among the Idaho standouts, it was the 50-yard freestyle that made all the difference in the final score, Jager said.

Idaho held onto the top three positions of the freestyle until the last couple strokes when Oregon sophomore Jenni Dole stole the victory, leaving Idaho three places behind.

Jager said if the team would have swam with the same competitiveness against Boise State the meet against the Broncos would have turned out different.

"... We are a young team and need to learn to handle the pressures of the road," Jager said.

Idaho will again get the comfort of a home meet next weekend, when they face the Washington State Cougars



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

University of Idaho swimmer Nicole Schuh competes in the breast stroke during a meet against Oregon State in the UI Swim Center Saturday morning. The swimming and diving team fell to Oregon 127-103.

at the UI Swim Center. WSU competed closely with Oregon State the day before the Beavers met with the Vandals. The Cougars lost the meet, 135.5-126.5.

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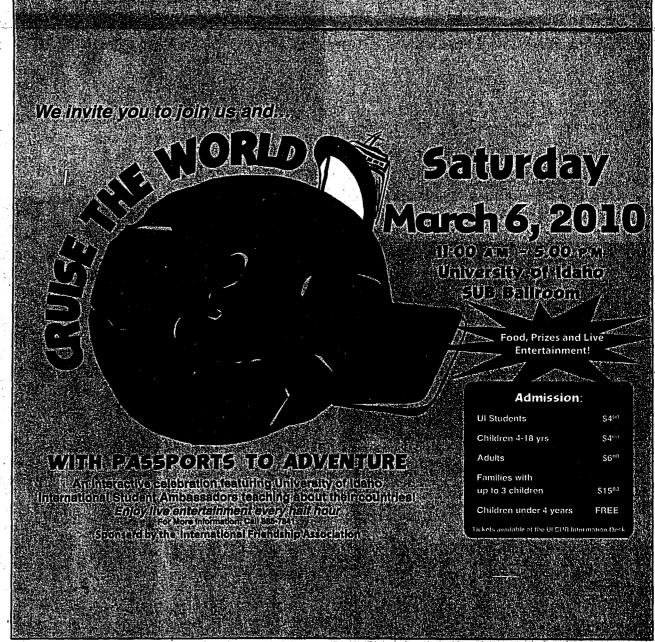
the first half.

Yinka Olorunnife found her scoring touch to lead the Vandals with 17 points, while her supporting cast of Shaena-Lyn Kuehu and Rachele Kloke tallied 16 each.

Newlee got a great game from freshman Kanisha Bello, who made her first start of the year and didn't disappoint, showing flashes of offense with 13 total points as well as playing smart defense and grabbing three defensive rebounds.

Idaho comes home knowing it has a tough match against Nevada Wednesday, which is ranked second in the WAC behind undefeated Fresno State. Despite the hard match-up, Newlee said he was impressed and confident by what he saw from his team in the game against LA Tech.

"If we have that kind of effort against other teams this year, we're going to win a lot of games in the second half of the WAC season," Newlee said. vandalnation.wordpress.com



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second half shooting 64 percent on 16-for-25 field goals and hitting 17-for-23 from the free-throw line. The halftime talk must have been an inspiring one as the Vandals had went on an 8-0 run, with just a few minutes into the half, ending up ahead by a point.

"We executed well in the half court offense," Verlin said. "When we broke their full court pressure and got the half court game going, things went well."

This time, the Vandals distributed the ball evenly, as every starter for Idaho had a minimum of 13 points.

Senior guard Steffan Johnson led the Vandals in scoring with 18 points shooting 4-for-8 from the 3-point range, and also

hitting 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Sophomore forward Luiz Toledo had a strong scoring game with 16 points. Senior Marvin Jefferson had 13 points along with senior Kashif Watson scoring 14 points. Each player on the starting five for the Vandals contributed immensely for the win.

Idaho's 50 points in the second half is a season high for one half. Idaho scorched the nets in the second half ending up in a comeback win on the road.

"Any time you can find a way to battle on the road and find a way to get a win, you're obviously very hapny about it" Verlin said.

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The Vandals travel to take on the Utah State Aggies Wednesday in Utah. The Vandals are looking to continue their momentum and seek revenge after they were defeated by the Aggies on Jan. 23.





Hot-shooting Vandals hold off Redhawks

Idaho shot a scorching 58.3 percent from the field and 57.1 percent from 3-point line, but a season-high 24 turnovers kept things close in an 87-85 win over Seattle on Saturday at Key

Idaho (10-10, 2-6 Western Athletic Conference) trailed by as



many as 12 points in the first half and went into the break down by four at 41-37, but the Vandals scorched the nets in the second half to the tune of 64 percent on 16-of-25 shooting and hit 17-of-23 from the free throw line.

"You don't think when you turn the ball over 24 times and give up 21 offensive rebounds that you're going to win, but we battled," Idaho head coach Don Verlin said. "Any time you can find a way to battle on the road and find a way to get a win,

you're obviously very happy about it."
While Idaho's familiar turnover 'bugaboo' bit the Vandals again on Saturday, another early-season problem was nowhere to be found, as the team hit 23 of its 31 free throws for a 74.2 percent clip. In its last five games, Idaho has hit 75.4 percent of its free

throws after struggling from the line early in the year.
Senior Steffan Johnson led the team with 18 points, as he went
4-of-8 from 3-point range and also added five rebounds, four
assists and two steals. Sophomore Luiz Toledo was efficient again with a 6-of-8 shooting night and 16 points. Seniors Kashif Watson and Marvin Jefferson added 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Jefferson had a team-high nine rebounds.

Senior Mac Hopson is Idaho's leading scorer on the season, and while he had a quiet night in the score column with nine points, he dished a career-high 11 assists, which is tied as the sixth-best single-game performance in Idaho history. Idaho's 50 points in the second half is a team season high for one half, while the team's 58.3 field goal percentage is its best of the season. The win is also Idaho's first over the Redhawks in Seattle.

After completing a stretch of four games in an eight-day period, Idaho gets a few days off before facing Utah State on the road in a nationally-televised matchup with the Aggies on ESPN2. That game will tip off on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. (PST

Another close one slips away

Idaho's women's basketball team has never beaten Louisiana Tech, and on Saturday, the Vandal women saw their best chance to date slip away in the closing seconds as they fell in overtime

Idaho (4-16, 2-6 Western Athletic Conference) answered Louisiana Tech's (13-6, 4-3 WAC) attempts to put the game a



and have a great chance to win a basketball game against a team that I think, physically, has the most talent in the conference. Junior Yinka Olorunnife led Idaho with 17 points on 7-of-

Kuehu and Rachele Kloke contributed 16 points each. Kuehu also grabbed nine rebounds, while Kloke had eight. Freshman Kanisha Bello made her first career start and scored 13 points on

5-of-12 shooting.

After losing three consecutive close games by a combined 10 points, Idaho's women will now return home for a Wednesday game against Nevada on Feb. 3 at the Cowan Spectrum.

I'm proud of the way we battled. That's something we're really learning how to do as the season goes along." Newlee said. "We've got a chance to win every game. Sooner or later, we're going to put a streak together where we bust through and win the close ones."

"We're still looking to see who's going to get the big shot and who's going to handle the pressure, but it's a learning process, and the way you learn about playing close games is by being in

Track and Field shines at UW Invitational

It's becoming a redundant storyline for the Idaho track and field team, but the men's pole vault record fell again and Vandal athletes put up impressive numbers against solid competition at the Washington Invitational on Saturday.

Senior Lucas Pope, who just last week became the first indoor vaulter in Idaho history to clear 17 feet, achieved the feat again, then went a little higher for good measure. Pope won the competition by clearing 5.37m (17-5.5) on his second attempt.

Sophomore Jeremy Klas also broke into the 17-foot club on Saturday as he cleared a career-hest 5.22m (17-1.5) and tied

on Saturday, as he cleared a career-best 5.22m (17-1.5) and tied for second place in the competition. That mark makes him the second NCAA provisional qualifier for the men's team this year,

along with Pope.

A pair of international Vandals - both German - got things done for Idaho on the track. Junior Paul Dittmer won the men's 60m hurdles with a time of 7.97, while sophomore Markus Geiger ran a career-best 14:48.51 in the men's 5,000m to finish fourth overall and second among collegiate runners. Junior Eugenio Mannucci put together the WAC's top men's shot put performance to date, as he launched the shot 17.39m (57-0.75) and finished fifth. That throw is the best in the conference by a little more than a foot.



Senior K.C. Dahlgren took sixth in the women's pole vault, as she cleared 3.87m (12-8.25), while senior Beau Whitney threw the men's 35-pound weight 17.84m (58-6.5) and also took sixth. On the track, senior Sam Michener ran a 6.90 preliminary time, then ran a 6.94 in the final round for a fifth-place finish in the

Five Idaho athletes competed in the multi-event portion of the meet and all of them did so for the second straight week. Seniors Darcy Collins and Lindsey Goodman and sophomore Ellen Rouse competed in the fiveevent women's pentathlon, while junior Andrew Blaser and sophomore Ryan Bowen competed in the seven-event

Vandals turn in solid

The Idaho swimming and diving team battled hard Saturday but fell 127-103 to Oregon State in a home dual.

"For us to even come close to Oregon State shows that our team

is headed the right direction," swimming coach Tom Jager said.
"We are pleased about this, we had some great swims."

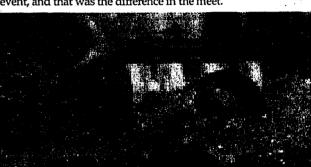
Idaho had multiple standouts in the pool Saturday. Freshman Kaela Pettitt continued her trend of strong swimming by dominating the 1000-yard Freestyle with a time of 10:31.17. Fellow freshman Kelsey Saxe swam a fabulous race on her way to setting a school record in the 200 yard Individual medley. Saxe finished the race in 2:09.30. "Kelsey is a great swimmer and keeps getting better everyday," \

Jager said. Idaho made a statement in the 100-yard freestyle with junior Alyson O'Brien and sophomore Si Jia Pang finishing one-two with times of 52.80 and 53.60, respectively.

Senior Amanda Morrow led the Vandal diving team by winning

both the one-meter and the three-meter events, while freshman Rachel Klancher finished second in both events.

Idaho competed hard against the Beavers of the Pac-10, but according to Jager the turning point meet in the 50-yard freestyle. "We were one, two, three, in the 50-yard freestyle up until the last couple strokes," Jager said. "They ended up winning that event, and that was the difference in the meet."



Jager also was impressed with his 400-yard freestyle relay team composed of Alyson O'Brien, Si Jia Pang, Katie Hendricks and Treasa Ring, all of whom are underclassmen. The team swam a season-best 3:30.83, which is nearly three seconds faster than its

previous best. Volleyball earns mention for defense

The Idaho women's volleyball team has been chosen as an Honorable Mention Blocking Team of the Year by Collegiate Volleyball Update this week.

The honor is the second in a row for the Vandal women, which were tabbed as an Honorable Mention team last season.

The Vandal women protected the net better than anyone in the NCAA in 2009, as Idaho led the nation in blocks per set at

3.23. Individually, Idaho had two players, Anna McKinney and Debbie Pederson, ranked in the top 11 in the nation in blocks.

Collegiate Volleyball Update gave the Blocking Team of the Year nod to national champion Penn State, which was second in the NCAA behind Idaho in single-set blocks. CVU uses a formula that factors total opponent attempts, blocking errors and total blocks into an overall blocking efficiency rating.

