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## Parking cost increase under consideration

Tanya Eddins  
Argonaut

Another round of fee increases for parking permits has been proposed as a part of a six-year plan published by Parking and Transportation Services that would increase residential lot permits from \$99 to \$126.

Parking and Transportation Services must generate income via permit sales and citations, which is the driving force behind the proposed changes in the parking fee structure for the next two academic years, said Carl Root, director of Parking and Transportation Services.

"The key thing we are trying is to adjust this (residential) permit

so it becomes like red," Root said. "We are saying this permit should eventually be equal in value to red permits." Red permits are valid in both red and blue parking lots.

Red permits will increase from \$157 to \$172, while gold permits — which can only be purchased by board-appointed faculty and staff and are valid in all gold, red and blue lots — will increase from \$300 to \$312, Root said. The proposal also lists an increase in disability permits from \$74 to \$90.

The public comment period ends Feb. 19. The final recommendations for fee and permit cost increases will be submitted to the administration for approval in early March, with their approval

or denial of proposed changes coming in late March, according to the official proposal document.

Root said the parking staff will be monitoring parking lots to understand how the system is working and find ways to improve it in the future.

"Once we have reviewed our current system, we propose what we think is needed and what matches the plans of the university," Root said.

Root said most people want to know why there is a parking fee increase now, considering the state of our economy. He said parking services are expected to be financially stable. As costs for improvements go up, an increase in fees could lead to improved

parking conditions on campus.

Steve Saladin, a psychologist at the Counseling and Testing Center, said his colleagues on other campuses pay much more for their permits.

"It seems to be a steady increase and that is understandable," Saladin said. "I understand that someone has to maintain our parking lots."

According to Parking and Transportation Services' Web site, a steady parking increase is necessary not only to maintain safe and effective parking for students, but also to generate revenue for capital projects.

Root said these capital projects are important to help with the university's growth and sus-

tainability. He said pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is first on the list for improvements, and other projects could include paving and lighting in the Kibbie Dome parking lot as well as improved bike storage and pedestrian conditions in problematic areas of campus.

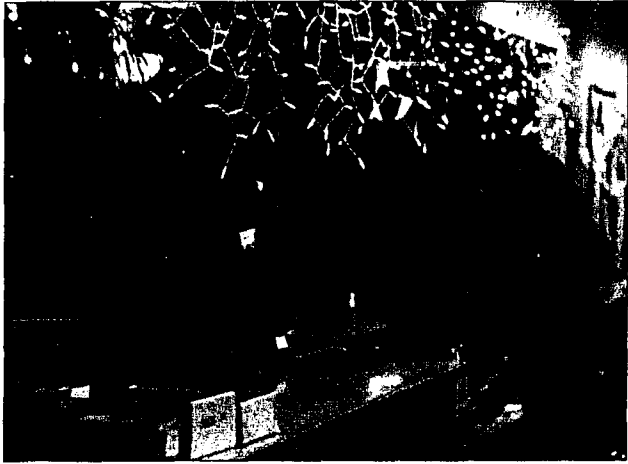
Stephanie Johnson, a biology major, said parking is already expensive on campus.

"They should jack up prices and build a parking garage," Johnson said. "There would always be space if you built upward."

Whitney Rodriguez, a public relations major, said there are never enough parking spots as it is

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## Plans for library improvements begin



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Students check out books at the University of Idaho Library Monday. The library is planning for a series of renovations that will take place over several years. The updates will include new shelving, redistribution of the book collection and a common space with an art gallery and cafe.

## Proposed changes may take 10 years to complete

Ashley Centers  
Argonaut

With summer on the horizon, the University of Idaho Library is planning to undergo the first of several renovations that will be done in phases spanning several years.

Compact shelving will be purchased and installed on the second floor, and the book collection will be redistributed on the north side of the third floor during the summer at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

The entire project includes two other phases and is estimated to cost \$22.5 million, though only \$500,000 has been raised so far said Lynn Baird, dean of library services.

The money for the summer project has come from a series of endowments and gifts. A fundraising project is in the planning stage.

Plans for renovating and

reconstructing parts of the library began in 2001, Baird said. The UI Library Advisory Committee, constructed from students, staff and faculty, began planning for renovations by developing a set of priorities and goals over the course of several workshops.

"When all is said and done we'll have a library that is both personal and engaging for students and scholars," Baird said. "It will be somewhere where we can socialize with each other and still research anything we could ever imagine."

Money might prohibit the remodeled library from coming to fruition as quickly as Baird would like, though. She said it may take up to 10 years before the project is complete.

Among the goals and priorities set were to better protect and highlight the archival collections, create

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## Hot shot robots

Robotics tournament enables teenagers to compete

Dara Barney  
Argonaut

Close to 150 middle and high school students from the Pacific Northwest will play games and interview with University of Idaho engineering faculty at a robotics tournament Saturday in Memorial Gym.

The tournament, known as "FIRST Tech Challenge Championship," is sponsored by the Idaho Robotics Opportunities for K-12 Students, a collaboration between the Colleges of Engineering, Education and Agricultural and Life Sciences as well as the Idaho Space Grant.

"Teams will engage in both an interview with engineering faculty about their robots and a robotic game in which they use their robots to score as many points as possible," said Timothy Ewers, the university's Extension 4-H Youth Specialist.

Though the interviews between the students and faculty are not open to the general public, the robotics game is. Ewers said participants will play a basketball-style game called Hot Shot, which is played in a 12-by-12 foot arena using a three-inch ball resembling a whiffle ball.

The robots are made from LEGO's Tetrax system and are comprised of metal parts, including gears and motors and a large battery. Each robot is controlled by an electronics system known as Lego Mindstorms, which allows them to be programmed to perform both autonomously and by remote control via Bluetooth. Each round of the game is two minutes and 30 seconds.

"The first 30 seconds are autonomous," Ewers said, "meaning the robots start and go on their own for 30 seconds. The idea is that the kids can build a robot which autonomously scores points."

Following the 30-second autonomous phase, team members are allowed to take control of the robots via a game controller connected to a laptop.

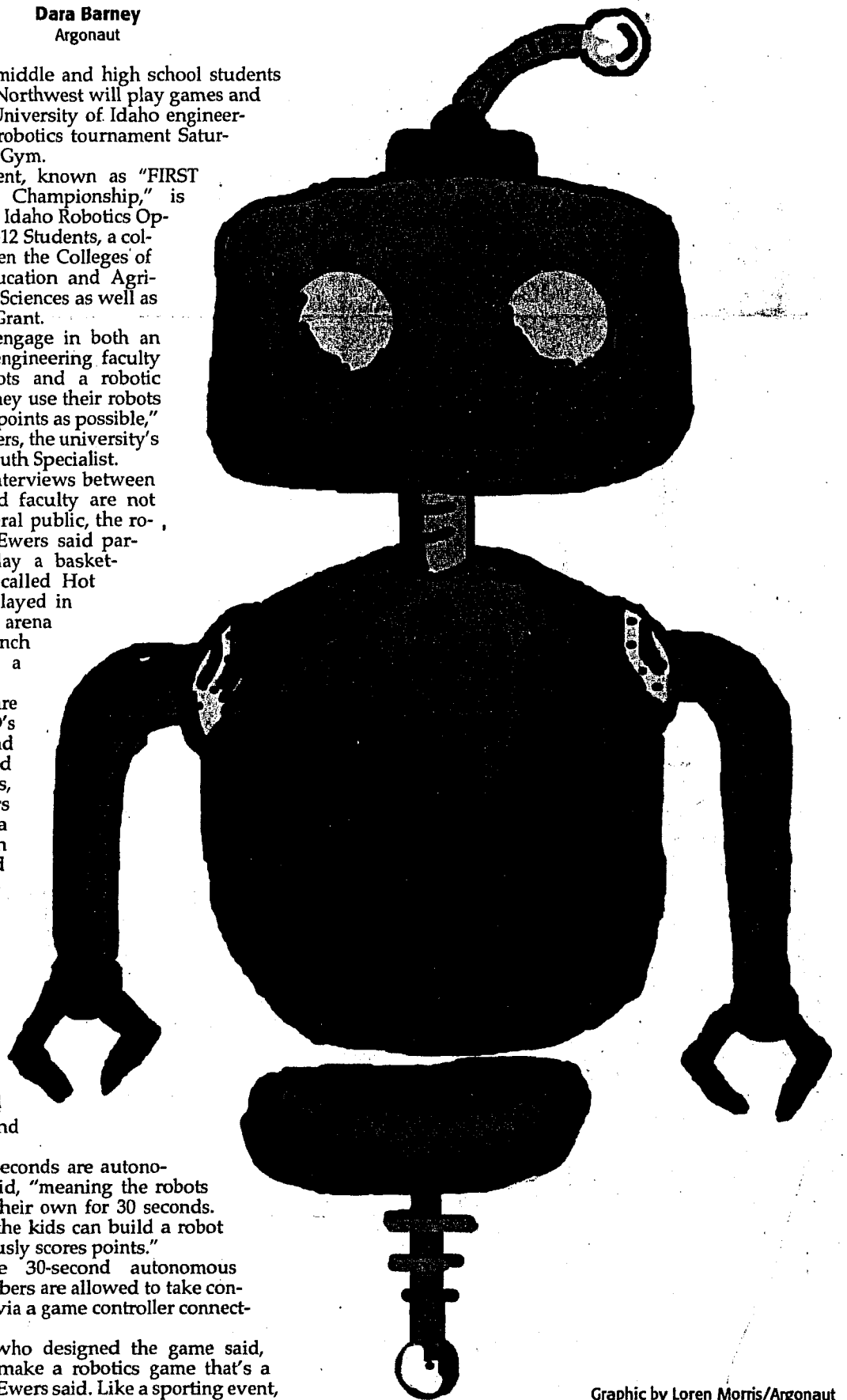
"The people who designed the game said, 'We're going to make a robotics game that's a sporting event,'" Ewers said. Like a sporting event, there will be referees present.

"Anyone can come to the game portion," he said. "It is designed to be like a sporting event. There will be kids enjoying loud music, competing and just kind of getting wild," he said.

The competition was open to any team, with exactly 10 members as well as an adult mentor. There are 21 to 23 teams who will take part in the tournament — two from Montana, three from Washington, two from Oregon, one from British Columbia and 13 to 15 from Idaho, making up approximately 150 students, Ewers said.

"They are individually funded, and the trip can cost upwards of \$2,000," Ewers said. "Most teams get help from sponsors though. The cost for returning teams is commonly around \$500."

Idaho Robotics Opportunities for K-12 Students has



Graphic by Loren Morris/Argonaut

six major programs that tie together using robotics. The programs each cater to a specific age group.

"The children progress from one robotics event to another, just like youth baseball teams," Ewers said.

The program aims to encourage students to pursue career ideas at an early age and go to college, Ewers said.

The judges include students and teachers, said Becky Highfill, the program coordinator for the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium.

"In the past the volunteer judges have included engineering, physics and science-related faculty, as well as graduate and undergraduate students," Highfill said.

"Seeing the creativeness of all the robots and the imagination behind it is nice to see," Highfill said.

## Furloughs: No class?

Staff Report  
Argonaut

Faculty senators voted unanimously Tuesday to urge Provost Doug Baker and President Duane Nellis to cancel a day's worth of classes if furloughs become necessary.

The senators did not give an opinion on in what way furloughs should be implemented if they are necessary, said Garrett Holbrook, an ASUI faculty senate representative.

"Closing the university for a day would be more symbolic of the times," said Patrick Wilson, a faculty senate representative from the College of Natural Re-

sources. "It wouldn't make a difference to students if random sets of classes were cancelled."

Holbrook said if furloughs did lead to cancellations, the Friday before spring break or the Monday immediately following would likely be the day classes were nixed.

The faculty senators surveyed the colleges in order to get a better idea of how furloughs would be received. Kerry Huber, a representative from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said he received 44 responses, and many of those responses indicated cancelling classes is the right move to make as long as it's clear who will be affected by the furloughs.



# How 'green' is the Law Building?

**Sebastian Edgerton**  
Argonaut

The Environmental Law Society and the University of Idaho Sustainability Center are starting a joint project to gather data regarding just how "green" the Menard Law Building is.

Sally Butts, secretary of the Environmental Law Society, is spearheading the data-gathering process. She said she hopes to look at building structure utility measures, which would give her an idea of how much energy the building uses. She said they will also look at how to landscape the building so it is more environmentally friendly.

"If there's non-native landscaping, that should be replaced by native vegetation, or more drought tolerant vegetation, so you don't

have to do as much watering," Butts said.

Butts also said the project will investigate how to make recycling in the building more efficient.

"That's a big issue right now," Butts said. "We have a lot of support from the students and faculty to collect up the recycling, but we're having issues with it being taken to the appropriate places."

The group is hoping to get feedback and establish more efficient recycling in the building as well as across campus from that feedback.

Butts said the society is now focused on conducting a survey for students, faculty and staff of the Law Building, called the Menard Environmental Audit. The goal is to determine the overall date to provide baseline recommendations to the university for future action.

"We are hopefully going to have it (project planning) finished out by the end of (2010) fall semester," said Joe Nickels of the Sustainability Center, "But this survey is kind of the first stage of identifying general habits and trends in the building ... one of many steps in the larger process."

Nickels said the "greening" of the building is going to be a long-term project.

Butts said they are hoping to recommend a switch to double-sided printing to faculty in an effort to to lessen paper consumption.

The survey, authored by the Sustainability Center, focuses its questions around recycling, energy use, food and drink consumption, transportation habits and asking people whether they are willing to compost.

The survey is available to law students online to save paper, but the society and center handed out printed copies to faculty and staff during their staff meeting.

Butts said multiple faculty members are showing support, even offering other areas in the building to look at its environmental impact, like how much energy the elevator uses every time it goes up and down.

At the end of this semester, the Environmental Law Society and the Sustainability Center are going to present this information to university administrators along with their recommendations. The group is hoping to get a proportional sample of the 350 people in the Law building. There are about 100 student and 40 faculty/staff surveys turned in so far.

## ASUI SENATE

### Open Forum

Garrett Holbrook, an ASUI faculty senate representative, discussed the effort to modify the student handbook so students with families

can have extra time to do homework in the event of missing class time due to family issues. Due to some wording errors in the bill, it was sent back to committee to be revised. He also discussed furloughs, mentioning that the faculty senate voted unanimously to recommend furloughs, and if that happens, for class time to be cut.

### Unfinished Business

Bill S10-02, setting the dates for election petitions and campaigning for the Spring 2010 ASUI election, was considered and passed.

### New Business

Bills S10-13, providing for the

assignment of senators to living groups, S10-14, providing for the assignment of senators to ASUI standing boards and S10-15, providing for the assignment of senators to senate standing committees were considered a block. The block was considered and passed.

-Greg Connolly

# Idaho legislators push traffic safety

**Simmi Aujla**  
Associated Press

Idaho lawmakers concerned about road safety have introduced bills that would ban texting while driving, penalize people who drive carelessly around bicyclists and punish rash bicyclists who speed through crosswalks.

The bills, introduced Thursday in the Senate Transportation Committee, were prompted by studies that showed the increased risks drivers face while texting and by at least four fatal biking accidents that happened in Southern Idaho last year.

Sen. John McGee's bill would make texting while driving a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail or a \$300 fine. McGee told the committee lawmakers need to crack down on a "deadly practice" that he compares to driving while drunk.

"Texting while driving has become such an issue and so dangerous that it deserves to be singled out as a behavior that is unacceptable," he said.

University of Utah researchers published a study last year that concluded texting while driving increases crash risk. Virginia Tech researchers found the risk increased 23-fold.

Earlier this month, authorities in Georgia who charged a woman with vehicular homicide said she was texting when she struck and killed a pedestrian last year.

Such incidents have prompted states including Idaho and Washington to pass laws banning texting behind the wheel, while Wyoming, South Carolina

and Iowa are among those that are considering similar prohibitions.

McGee, R-Caldwell, is proposing people who violate the texting ban face the same penalties as those who violate Idaho's existing misdemeanor inattentive driving law: up to 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine.

Boise Democrat Sen. Elliot Werk is tackling drivers' behavior around bicyclists, saying three fatal biking accidents in his city last year and one in Twin Falls prompted his bills.

In at least one of the fatalities in Boise, a 16-year-old driver was charged in juvenile court with vehicular manslaughter after accidentally killing a local racer.

In another case, Boise Police recommended against filing charges against a 21-year-old man whose car killed a 62-year-old cyclist, after deciding the cyclist was crossing the street inappropriately.

One bill would also make threatening a bicyclist a misdemeanor, while another punishes drivers who veer within three feet of a person on a bicycle.

Werk, whose measures would carry with them a \$75 fine, said he wants to make bikers practice safer road habits, so he's going after in-

considerate two-wheelers who hold up cars or recklessly enter roads.

One bill also bans bikes without brakes, something commonly found on fixed-gear urban bicycles styled after those used by messengers in big cities.

"The important thing to me is, we have a fair and balanced approach to the use of the road," Werk said.

The Senate Transportation Committee is due to hold full hearings on the measures in coming weeks.

**"The important thing to me is, we have a fair approach to the use of the road."**

elliott WERK

Senator

## Calendar

### Today

**E-Verify Session**  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Natural Resources Building, Room 200

Due to a new federal law designed to ensure the federal government only does business with companies with a legal workforce, the University of Idaho has decided to E-Verify its entire workforce. All employees hired between Nov. 7, 1986 and Jan. 28, 2008 will have to complete a new U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service form.

### Washington D.C.

**Internships Representative**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Idaho Commons, second floor

A representative from the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars will staff a table with information regarding summer 2010 industry and government internships in Washington, D.C.

The visit is sponsored by the UI Career Center. More information can be found on their Web site, [www.uidaho.edu/career-center.aspx](http://www.uidaho.edu/career-center.aspx)

### Saturday

#### Women's basketball:

**Idaho vs. Hawaii**  
2 p.m.  
Cowan Spectrum

### Monday

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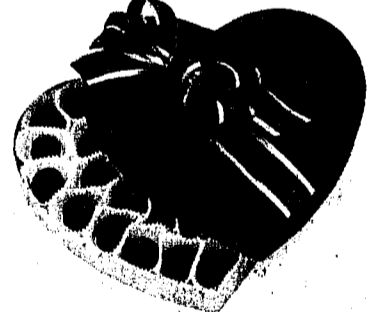
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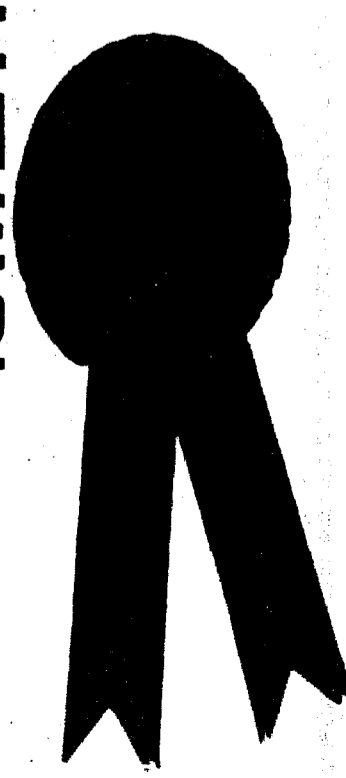
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# UI keeps Haiti in mind

Stephanie Hale-Lopez  
Argonaut

Although Moscow and Haiti are thousands of miles apart, students at the University of Idaho are contributing to relief efforts for the beleaguered nation.

The UI Residence Hall Association — with support from ASUI — is planning a coin drive known as Change for Haiti, which starts Feb. 22 and ends March 22.

Jamie Lockie, community service coordinator for RHA, said the drive will take place within each Greek house and residence hall. It has not yet been determined if the coin drive will include off-campus locations.

"The proceeds will go to C.A.R.E. [Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, Inc.]," Lockie said. "One reason why we picked them is that they

have a five-year plan for helping Haiti, so it won't be all money now and none further down the road."

RHA puts together fundraisers every year, and although they held one in the fall, Lockie says numerous students requested another drive to help Haiti. Lockie and RHA President Matthew Baughman worked to make the coin drive a possibility.

Lockie said RHA also saw the drive as an opportunity to unite students from different living groups and work together for a common goal.

"We [RHA] have decided that everyone is going to work in teams. While the drive is very important to us, we also thought it would be a nice opportunity to get the residence halls and Greek houses working together," Lockie said. "So one house and one hall will be part-

nered. Whichever team has the most money at the end of the month will get a prize."

Lockie says RHA hopes to earn at least \$2,500 dollars to send to C.A.R.E.

"\$2,500 ... is less than \$1 for every person who lives in the residence halls or Greek system," Lockie said. "It is important for [students] to participate because the people of Haiti are suffering, and they need as much of our help as we can give them."

RHA isn't the only student organization putting in efforts to fundraise for Haiti. A student group called Vandal Volunteers has teamed up with the men's basketball team for, "Hoops for Haiti." The game and fundraiser will take place Feb. 18 at the men's game against Seattle.

"We will be selling bracelets for \$3 and T-shirts

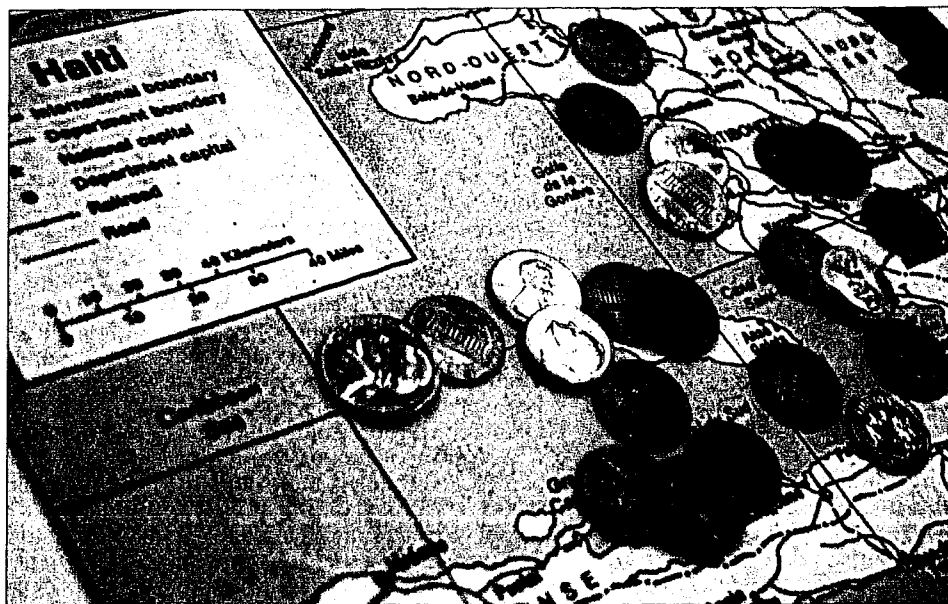


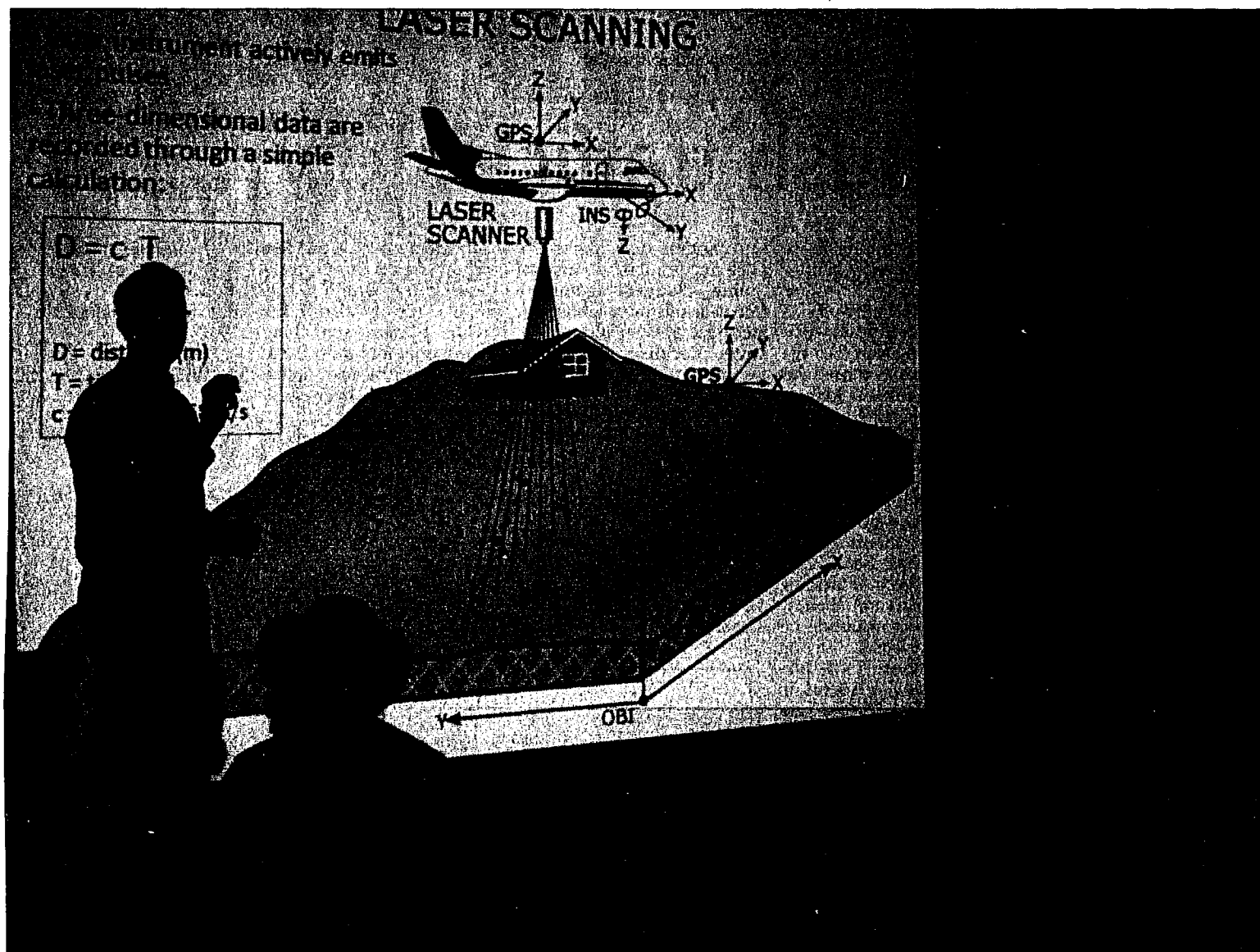
Photo illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut  
A Change for Haiti coin drive will be held from Feb. 22 to March 22 to contribute to relief efforts for the struggling nation. The fundraiser is being hosted by the University of Idaho Residence Hall Association with support from ASUI.

for \$10," said Katie Tribble, junior biological science major and Vandal Volunteer member. "We will be set up at the Kibbie Dome

right outside the Cowan Spectrum. We also have donation jars placed in campus dining areas." Vandal Volunteers say

the donations from "Hoops for Haiti" are helping to send three local medical professionals to Haiti at the end of February.

## CARBON CORRALLING



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

Lee Vierling, a faculty member from the Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, talks about the "forestry wedge" of natural resources. Vierling discussed how to use lasers and a program called LiDAR to predict the amount of carbon sequestration of trees on Moscow Mountain. His presentation was part of the Student Climate Forum that took place all day Thursday in the Clearwater Room of the Idaho Commons.

## LIBRARY

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a visual connection between floors, offer better access to library resources and to add another entrance.

There will be a multimedia zone added to the library as well as a two-story common space which will include an art gallery and a café. The renovations will also include two classrooms, a new map room and a new computer lab on the first floor. The second floor will receive new seating areas, the writing lab and tutoring center, a new main desk and a new entrance. Special collections and archives will move from the basement to the third floor.

Finally, the advisory committee wants to make the library more attractive to students by creating a vibrant atmosphere. To do this, builders will incorporate user-friendly materials such as wood, natural light and bright colors, Baird said.

"I think that the library should be a destination for students on every campus and right now ours isn't," said Kelby Wilson, ASUI President and a member of the library advisory committee. "This plan is going to help so much student learning and interaction occur by opening up the library using bright colors and natural light."

Phase two, with a construction target date of summer 2011, will see a new archives and special collections section built on the third floor. A new elevator cab and machinery will be installed in the existing shaft and improvements will be made to allow proper access to all floors. The basement will also be remodeled to create an archival workspace and cold storage room. The cost for this phase is estimated at approximately \$4.1 million.

Phase three, with a construction target date of 2012, will see the completion of the renovations on the first and second floor and possible temporary library closure. This phase also includes exterior work to uncover a second entrance that was covered up during the 1993 remodel and will connect the library and Teaching and Learning Center. The budget for this phase is estimated at \$16.6 million.

"I'm just trying to manage expectations," Baird said. "As fun and exciting as this project is I know that it's coming at bad fiscal timing."

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## FEES

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because they oversell passes.

"An increase in fees could discourage people from buying passes," Rodriguez said.

Root said student opinions can still make a difference and he would like to see student involvement.

"We do care very much about what the students say," Root said, "and we try very hard to be as transparent as possible."

Root is promoting the parking proposal on campus next week, where students are invited to attend and voice opinions about the subject. Meetings will be held at noon Tuesday in the Student Union Building

Gold room and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the SUB Palouse room. Students and public can also submit opinions at Parking Services' Web site, which will be included with the final proposal.

"There is a negative perception about parking on campus," Root said. "It is not perceived as convenient and we would like to change that."

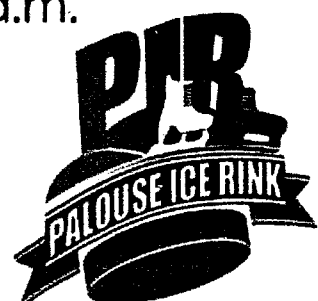
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## Parking fee hike needed

With no university funding, PTS must make money somehow

Parking and Transportation Services has to take care of a few things.

It needs to maintain lots and meters and keep parking safe and effective. Since it depends on permit sales and issuing tickets, and because costs continually rise, it really has no choice but to raise fees.

PTS proposes an increase of \$25 for red permits, \$12 for gold permits, \$27 for residential permits and \$16 for disability permits.

By 2014, it hopes to streamline prices by charging a flat fee of \$350 for gold permits and \$200 for both red and residential permits. To get to this number, prices have to increase slowly each year.

Quite simply, PTS provides a service. Students who do not feel a permit is worth the money should not buy one. There are other ways to get to and around campus other than driving — walking, biking, skateboarding, taking the bus and carpooling are

all options that are much less expensive and more sustainable anyway.

A major complaint against PTS is that it oversells permits. If it undersells, not everyone can get a permit. If it oversells, at least everyone has a chance to park. The fact of the matter is not everyone drives on campus every day, and there is no way to ensure a spot for everyone all the time.

Carl Root, director of PTS, is allowing students to voice

their opinions on proposed fee increases Tuesday and Wednesday as well as on their Web site. The opinions will be included in a final proposal to be presented to university officials early next month. The period for public comments ends Feb. 19.

PTS is simply doing what it has to do in order to survive as a financially stable organization. Those who don't like it can find alternate means to get to campus.

— KS

### off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### He looks just like you

New Orleans' quarterback Drew Brees has one of the most adorable children in the world. I especially loved the giant headphones over his little ears to block out the noise. Although I'm pretty happy the Saints have won their first Super Bowl, the best moment of the game was seeing Brees with his son and tears in his eyes. What a snapshot.

— Jennifer

#### Nudity, anyone?

About 10 members of my family, nearly all over 50, are surprising my cousin this weekend. He is a fashion designer in Las Vegas and is in a competition in which contestants paint clothing on nude people. He has no idea they're coming, and they have no idea what they're in for. I'm insanely jealous that I can't go.

— Kelsey

#### Time doesn't fly

I'm having a really, really hard time believing school started only a month ago. If this is how the months pass until May, I am in big trouble. I love everything I do and I wouldn't trade it for anything, but really? Can't we have four-day weeks?

— Kelcie

#### Blot

I am going to take full advantage of using my Off the Cuff space for some free advertising for the student magazine, the Blot. The Blot's first issue of the semester will be hitting stands soon, so keep your eyes out for the a pretty face looking at you. The Blot is an alternate way to get campus news that is different than The Argonaut. The Blot is coming soon, and I am super excited.

— Elizabeth

#### 'Lost'

I'm not sure where this season is going, but I think it should be on every night.

— Jeffrey

#### Green tea

Green tea is amazing. I've been drinking considerable amounts of it, and I've never felt better. You'd be crazy to not invest in some. Crazy.

— Greg

#### 'What The Duck'

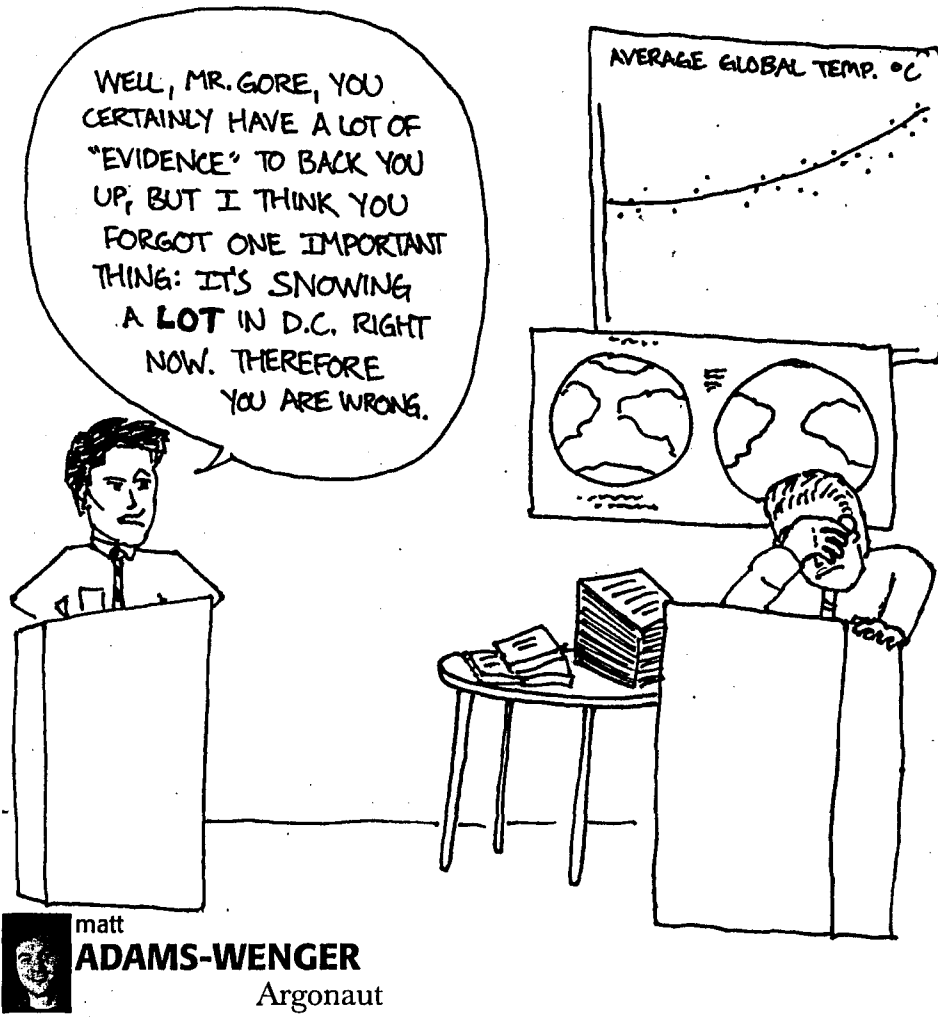
Lately I've been getting into a comic called "What The Duck." It's a strip about photographers, and I can't seem to get enough of the bitter humor that pretty accurately sums up what the rest of my life will be: underpaid, overwhelmed and happy about it.

— Jake

#### Disconnected

This week I rediscovered why I have been keeping 15,000 songs on my computer. It is for the random weekend that university Internet access decides to go out so I can't listen to Pandora or YouTube.

— Jens



**matt ADAMS-WENGER**  
Argonaut

## Support the arts, not just YouTube

I've pondered here before about the fact that we as a people are so plugged in and turned on all the time now that it's hard to remember what it was like before that was just a given.

Lately, as I've been staring down the double-barrels of a terrible job market and a dearth of employable skills, I've thought seriously about my prospects as a professional musician. This isn't to say I don't think I'm good enough — I do. And the University of Idaho has done a good job of preparing me for the professional world I'm about to enter.

But the more I think about it and the more I observe my fellow members of what might be called "The Young People," I get a little worried. And that is for this specific reason: we don't like to pay for things.

There was a time when if you wanted to hear a musician, you had few options: hear him or her on the radio, or buy a record. Maybe you heard him or her live, but that's still a very limited possibility even today. Eventually, with the dissemination of cheaper recordings and playback equipment, it became a lot easier to buy a recording. Still, seeing anybody was hard. Then we got MTV (for a while, anyway), and seeing the artists themselves became much more accessible. But concerts still sold out and the arts lived on.

Now though, with YouTube making it possible for anyone to record themselves doing anything and post it, having to go to live performances or having to pay for them is a last resort.

### YouTube is great, but it's free, and like they say, you get what you pay for.

I can't imagine what it would be like to know I wasn't going to see a production of "Die Fledermaus" in my lifetime unless the university did it. Or what it would be like to have to check out the score for La Boheme at the library, find a full-length cast recording, and listen while I followed along, knowing this

was the closest I was going to get to ever truly experiencing it without going to a big city and forking out a lot of money.

The unfortunate thing is those circumstances haven't changed too much. Seeing live performances, especially opera, is still expensive and usually limited to larger metropolitan areas. But now, I can probably find a way to see anything I want for free. Suppose I want to see and hear an aria I'm working on performed by professionals. I can go on YouTube and watch a dozen different versions, usually with video and audio. While that makes me want to see the real version more,



**matt ADAMS-WENGER**  
Argonaut

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## Urban Dictionary this...

A glorious steaming pile of Internet dung greeted me as I logged on to my Facebook account for the first time in two and a half weeks, and no, it wasn't the millionth change to its user interface.

"Type your first name into Urban Dictionary and repost what it says," started an innocent post by a friend of mine.

The innocence was quickly lost. "Kevin: basically a kid with a huge..." Well, I will let you complete the sentence.

This somewhat disturbing trend has been making the rounds on Facebook for the past few weeks, bringing back terrible high school memories of those "101 things about me" quizzes, which pre-pubescent teens filled out in droves.

At first glance, I counted 12 of my friends who had done this little name lookup, and their posts ranged from the

mildly-informative — "Paul: a common given name for males, derived from the Roman surname Paulus," to middle-of-the-line slutty — "Alisha: a hot curvaceous female," to the sexually obscene — "Brad: is known to be the ultimate sex machine."

Having never heard of Urban Dictionary, I proceeded to ask an acquaintance about it and got a five-minute lecture on how it is the greatest Web site in the world, full of information you will never find anywhere else.

Turns out her ramblings, however misguided, have merit. Urban Dictionary, which was founded in 1999 by a computer science student at Cal Poly, averages over 15 million viewers a month and has over four million definitions. These range from

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# Don't complain, adapt

A new Facebook layout came out recently for many of us in the Pacific Standard Time zone. The change doesn't affect the functionality of Facebook — chatting is still enabled, notifications are easily accessed and the option to see all posts is there. And yet, people are mad.

Some are complaining that Facebook makes too many changes. As soon as its users get used to a new layout, the Web site is reinvented. They can't be bothered to adapt to a new interface — they're too busy. Others just got used to the way things were and are disgruntled by the change. Although people may not like

it, Facebook layout changes are essential to the progression of new media. The Internet is constantly reinventing itself, and if Facebook doesn't keep up, it will become a relic.



chava THOMAS Argonaut

Remember MySpace? The Web site was immensely popular with the younger generation, but it didn't evolve. It used the same HTML-based layout it had used since its beginnings, and its look didn't keep up with the ever-changing nature of the Internet. Now, it's the slum of the Internet — full of smoking teenagers and bands trying to make it without much success.

Granted, some Web sites have made little changes to their interface

and remained popular. Amazon.com retains its simple modular layout, and is a popular online retailer. Google is a logo and a search bar, without any superfluous material to jazz it up. Some things don't need to change on the Internet — their services make up for stagnation.

Facebook is not one of those Web sites. MySpace offers everything Facebook does — it's just clunkier. Friendster, the grandfather of social networking, fell out of fashion, and new Web sites devoted to social networking spring up every day with little to show for it. Facebook has the history and the image, and it needs to update itself to stay current. Otherwise, what else would we complain about to 300-plus "friends?"

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# New race to spend

Society has always had an obsession with space. We feel the need to conquer everything we can get our hands on and become frustrated when something seems unattainable. This was predominant during the Cold War in the Space Race and briefly tried to make a comeback under the reign of President George W. Bush.



katy SWORD Argonaut

Bush implemented a plan to return to the moon by the year 2020 as an initial step toward reaching the surface of Mars. By 2005, the technology was quickly becoming outdated and the entire effort began to fall increasingly behind schedule. Because of this subpar plan, President Obama has decided to make a few alterations to what is quickly becoming another Space Race disaster.

Instead of focusing on returning to the moon, Obama proposes we redirect our efforts to designing technologies that would make space travel faster and more affordable. While I am a supporter of the Obama administration, this concept seems a little unnecessary.

The economy is in dire need of continued assistance and one of our concerns is improving space travel. Though he proposes more routine endeavors be transferred to private businesses, such as shuttling astronauts to the International Space Station, the entire situation seems like a distraction from the excessive criticism the Obama administration has been dealing with as he enters his second year leading a collapsing nation.

Rather than tangent on a political rant, Obama should be commended for

understanding that any effort exerted by NASA and the government directed toward conquering space should not be focused on returning to the moon. That goal was accomplished more than 40 years ago. For that matter, we have already successfully made it to Mars.

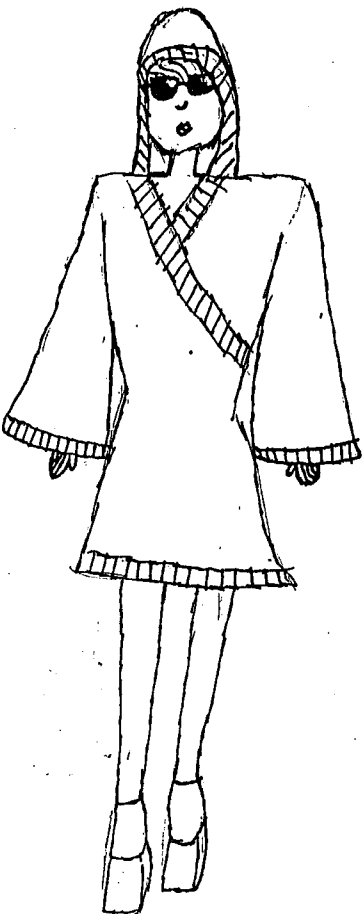
Our current superficial goal is Mars exploration conducted by humans rather than machine. Nevertheless, if we want to explore Mars, we should make it our plan to go there rather than wasting time and money so we can make yet another superfluous step in our attempts to remain top dog.

Despite how badly most want to believe we are still at the top in everything we set our insatiable minds on, we need to realize we are no longer on top. Our nation is in a recession, people are struggling to survive and we are worried about how fast we can get to Mars.

The United States had its time in the spotlight. We were on top of the world, and ours is one for the record books. Yet like all superpowers, we must fall.

While we will continue to put up a fight, directing our limited resources at a time like this to a feel-good project will only keep the ball rolling down the slippery slope that is our way of life. Redirecting NASA is a step in the right direction, but it is a small one. There are much bigger issues at stake than our national pride facing failure. Hopefully, under careful guidance, the rest of the nation will come to their senses and realize there are more important things than placing humans on the surface of Mars.

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McQueen: Live On.

chava THOMAS Argonaut

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what little reason I had to motivate Joe Idaho to come see me in the opera is diminished.

So I guess my point here is not that I'm worried about getting work as a singer: there is work, though, like everything else right now, it's very competitive. I'm worried that my generation isn't going to be an active participant in my work, and it's just going to be one big incestuous group of musicians performing for each other. The ones who are willing to pay to come to the performance, anyway.

So consider seeing live art sometime before you start collecting Social Security. Go to the theatre, an art opening, a dance recital, musical or opera. Experience the arts the way they were meant to be experienced: live and in person. That's really what you're paying for when you pay. YouTube is great, but it's free, and like they say, you get what you pay for.

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the entertaining and deviously hard to spell, like 'snowpocalypse,' to the downright crude, such as 'dinner whore.'

To my horror, I have found people who spend hours on this Web site surfing random entries, creating new ones and sharing useless definitions with others. Our species developed the Internet for unlimited access to knowledge and understanding, changing the way we learn about our world ... and this is how many of our youth use it.

My friend tells me surfing Urban Dic-

tionary "increases her urban knowledge." Personally, I have never had someone come up to me and ask if I have ever found myself in a 'Mondaze,' which, by the way, means a daze you find yourself in due to it being Monday, and I pray to God I am not alone.

And people wonder why children these days are so illiterate.

Urban Dictionary, it seems, never skips a beat — one entry simply reads, "Urbanism: The Religion based on the Holy book of the Urban Dictionary."

Join hands, my fellow educated masses, for today we see our society scrape that much lower to the bottom of the cesspool.

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Happy Valentines Day To The Vandals

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## A piercing new trend

Erin Bradfield  
Argonaut

The microdermal piercing fad sweeping the country may look familiar, but it's a little more complicated than the peel-and-stick earrings some have as children.

Using a small plate placed under the skin, microdermal piercings appear to rest on the surface and are permanently embedded in the person's skin. They have become quite popular in the last few years as people are catching on and more piercers are learning the craft.

Jon 'Stitch' Slichter, head piercer at Untamed Art Tattoo Studio in Moscow, has been perfecting his skill for nearly eight years and is a rare commodity in the area.

"I am the only one that does it outside of Spokane and outside of Boise," Slichter said, "I am the only person that does these or surface piercings."

Although it may sound painful, people are jumping on board in Idaho to try out the new trend.

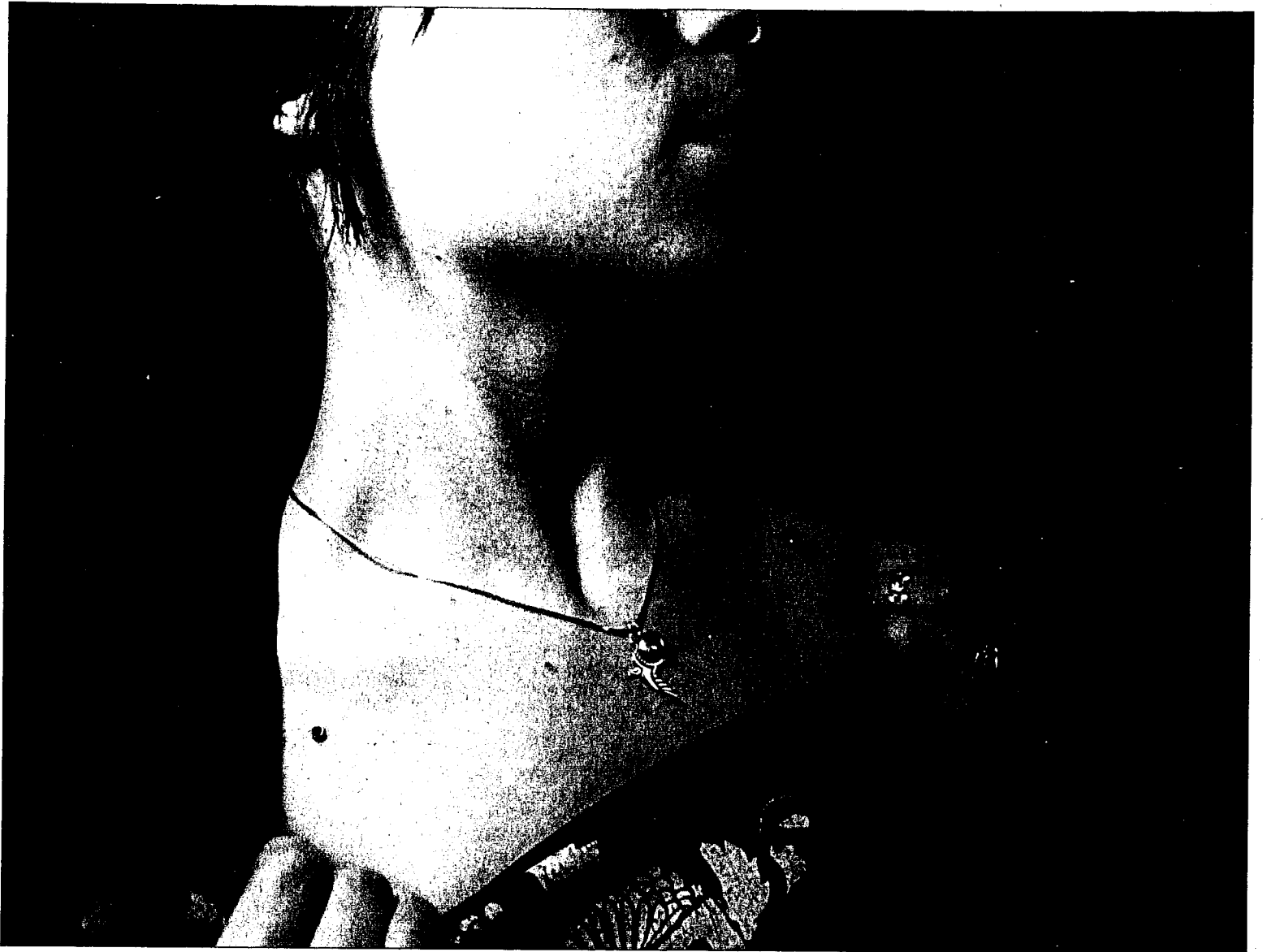
"I had a friend who had gotten it and I liked it. I thought it looked cute on her and I just wanted a new piercing, so I thought I'd try it out," said freshman, Kassidi Braase, "It didn't hurt that bad, it just like felt like a sting."

Other people are looking for something unique and simple.

"I went to a piercing studio with friends who were getting piercings and I didn't want one that a lot of people have," said junior, Carrie Van Bakel. "The piercer had it done and I decided OK, I want that. My hair doesn't get caught, it doesn't get infected — it's pretty easy."

Safety is high up on Slichter's list when it comes to piercing clients.

"You need to know what you're doing. Honestly, you should be piercing for at least five years before you start doing these because that way you can understand the concept of what came before this," Slichter said. "You want to be careful. You don't want to do it over any of your arteries. There are certain places I will not do them, I will say no. But for the most part you can do them just about anywhere."



Annika Carlson shows her two chest surface piercings, above, and her new finger surface piercing, below, Wednesday at tattoo and piercing parlor Untamed Art. Steven Devine/Argonaut

Slichter prides himself on the fact that he was primarily self-taught and has the confidence to do his job properly. He compares his dedication in the craft to a grandma's cookies.

"She puts love into it, she honestly cares that people are going to eat those cookies and enjoy them. So there's all that energy being put in it," he said. "It's not like I consider myself to be a grandma, but I do care. I do tell people if they have

problems, if they have questions, to come in and see me immediately."

Slichter said he will advise his clients on piercings to help ease their nerves and help their confidence in the piercing process.

"People tend to freak out a little more than what's necessary. Other than the back of the neck, everywhere is real easy, over and done with," he said. "I'm quick, I don't mess around."

**"It didn't hurt that bad, it just like felt like a sting."**

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**BRAASE**

Freshman



Steven Devine/Argonaut



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### Music:

#### Field Music

*Field Music (Measure)*  
After a three-year hiatus, Field Music is back with this new, 20-track double album. The English pop group, led by brothers Peter and David Brewis, also have some new members — Kev Dossdale and Ian Black. This album should do well on the charts due to the fact that this shows the rekindled love of rock music by the brothers as well as some pop sounds for good measure.

#### Story of the Year

*The Constant*  
These guys are known for their powerful energy during live shows with a lot of catchy songs. It seems as if they have it all right now, from the fantastic mixing to their big rock hooks to intense metal riffs and screaming. Their following has grown exponentially during the past few years mainly due to Dan Marsala's vocal style and swoony lyrics.

#### Jason Falkner

*I'm Ok ... You're Ok*  
Jason Falkner has been busy. After doing work on Three O'Clock's debut album and the debut by Jellyfish, this classically-trained maestro is putting out his own solo album. He has already put out two solo albums of his own, plus other collaborations as well, making him just as busy as Lil' Wayne. The U.S. version has a complete rerecording of "This Time" and a remix of "The Knew," compared with the original Japanese release.

### Movies:

#### "Law Abiding Citizen"

Since Gerard Butler has come on to the acting scene with his landmark role in "The Phantom of the Opera," he has been a force to be reckoned with. Some might say this

film is a carbon copy of the Japanese film, "Yank" but seems more like, "The Silence of the Lambs" mixed with, "The Devil's Advocate." This film is not the greatest to come out this spring, but it probably won't be the worst. Also starring Jamie Foxx.

#### "Black Dynamite"

Set in 1972, "Black Dynamite" doesn't just look and sound like something from the "Superfly" era, but it seems as if it is a reboot of "Shaft" or something similar. There is a cartoon sequence as well as some intense 16mm cinematography. There are also cameos by Arsenio Hall, Brian McKnight and NBA star John Salley.

#### "Clint Eastwood: 35 Films 35 Years at Warner Bros."

From his first film at Warner Bros., "When Eagles Dare," all the way up to his newest film, "Gran Torino," this Hollywood legend has obviously been around for a while and has had quite the acting career. Featuring all of his "Dirty Harry" movies, this box set might just make your day.

-Anthony Saia

## Live from downtown

Lauren Paterson  
Argonaut

The fingers of several gallery visitors have already touched the Prichard Art Gallery's new interactive display, and the response is musical.

The "Midi Glock and Soft Synth" show is running Tuesday through Saturday and features a touchable tapestry with pieces of conductive fabric wired to a robotic glockenspiel — a percussion instrument made of keys similar to a piano keyboard.

"When you run your hands over the fabric it signals actions that generate sounds," said Roger Rowley, gallery director.

The gallery will also be hosting performances Friday and Saturday night, both starting at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 at the door.

Shelby Turner and Co. will perform "The Truly Magnificent Bob Story," a comical tale of a pizza delivery driver who must find a way to fuel his car with the steam of the pizza ovens.

Saturday night, KUOI-FM will be broadcasting musical guest Steve Von Till live, performing a set of mixed Harvestman and Till's solo songs. Till is an experimental artist who is also a member of the band Neorosis, and Rowley said he's been getting calls all week from people out of town wanting to come to the show.

"They're a pretty popular band out of the Bay area and they toured Europe last year," Rowley said.

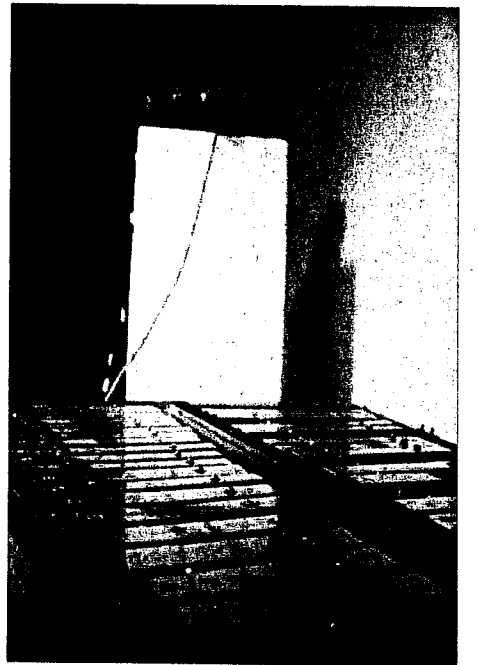
Rowley said he wants exhibits and shows to be more focused on the students.

"What better way to start than to do an exhibit with student radio and student art?" he said.

Rowley said he's trying to have events that are more challenging and less mainstream.

"[KUOI] is doing it, we're doing it, why not team up?" he said.

Visitors to the gallery will be able to explore a listening lounge along with a wall of art from the radio station's previous years.



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Prichard Art Gallery is featuring a KUOI-FM show with old photos, articles and equipment. The show is up through Saturday.

"We have a history of KUOI wall with news stories from the past, a display of old equipment and there will also be a station where people can record something on tape," said Mark Samuels, KUOI news director.

"KUOI is probably the most avant-garde cultural venue output and input source at the university and has been for decades," Rowley said.

He said the station's interest in the alternative music scene and free-form radio style sets them apart from other college radio stations he has seen in the past.

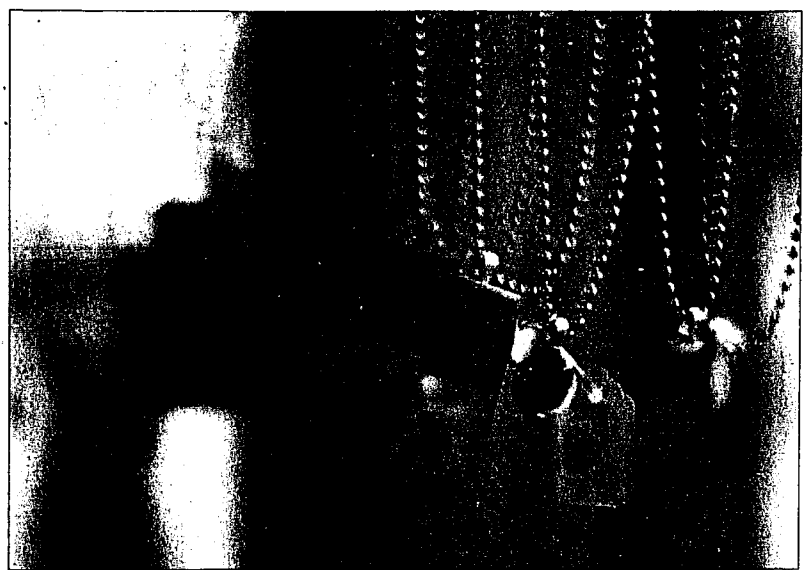
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# Last-minute Valentine gifts



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Scrabble tile necklaces from the Prichard Art Gallery on Main Street are one of many Valentine's Day gifts for last-minute shopping.

Valentine's Day is this Sunday, but it might be the farthest thought from some students' minds, with mid-terms and a heavy spring semester bearing down. If one needs to do some last minute shopping, downtown Moscow offers plenty of options for a nice Valentine's Day gift.

Bookpeople, the local bookstore on Main Street, has many books pertaining to the holiday of love. Give an active boyfriend or girlfriend "Partner Yoga" for \$19.95 and workout together with different poses. To go with the book, Hodgkin's Pharmacy carries Magnetic Poetry: Yoga for \$11.99, and the two make

an excellent gift for any yoga lover. Bookpeople also has an extensive selection of poetry, including some from local writers. "The Best Places to Kiss in the Northwest" offers romantic date spots all over the region and costs \$21.

The Prichard Art Gallery has a gift shop that specializes in local handmade goods. It's sort of a brick and mortar Etsy on Main Street. The Scrabble tile necklaces for \$12.95 are perfect for a wordsmith, and Moscow lovers can get matted 8-by-10 photographs of the town for \$19.95. The felted bags, \$90, and the knit scarves, \$55, are made by Moscow artisans and come in a variety of fibers and colors. A cute octopus hat made for someone with a smaller head retails for \$27 and makes a great

whimsical gift.

Gem State Crystals carries a large range of items from fine jewelry to fossils. The turtle coprolite, or fossilized feces, is \$12 and makes an excellent conversation piece. The shop also has baby mastodon teeth that are more than 12,000 years old and sell for \$120 if you are looking to splurge.

Gem State Crystals mainly deals in semi-precious stones and minerals, but they also carry some fine rubies, sapphires and diamonds. A pink sapphire cross necklace is \$125.65, a bargain for such a beautiful piece.

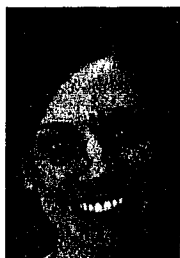
The birth stone for February is amethyst, a purple crystal, and jewelry incorporating the stone is perfect for both Valentine's Day and a February birthday. One piece, a necklace with silver and amethyst, costs \$83.



Chava THOMAS Argonaut

## Singles on Valentine's Day

The three-day weekend has many students looking forward to a romantic Valentine's Day, but many students are also looking for some fun. Singles should be enjoying their three-day weekend with just as much enthusiasm as couples. Basically, enjoy the fact that you are young and free. Moscow is not a thriving city, but look at it closely and there are plenty of opportunities in town and around the area to make your long weekend fun.



Lisa SHORT Argonaut

northern location and hit a nearby slope — Schweitzer, Silver Mountain and Brundage are all close by, but even Sun Valley and Bogus Basin aren't far for three days of skiing or boarding. A great element of our location in Northern Idaho is we are also close to Canada. All you need is a passport and an easy drive north to hit some Canadian slopes. It seems far, but invite some friends and it's a road trip and a getaway all in one. Renting gear from the Student Recreation Center is cheap, comes with everything you need and can be less than \$30 for the whole

weekend. **Going out tonight** Enjoy your freedom. Friday and Saturday nights are always a great time for all friends, couples and singles to go out and party. A bar is the last place you should be worried about having a Valentine. Get a group of friends together and head downtown. Want to mix it up? Get a cheap hotel in Spokane or Seattle and experience the nightlife. Or take a taxi and head across the border to Pullman's exciting nightlife. **UI fun** The University of Idaho is also bustling with activities. There is a women's

basketball game at 2 p.m. Saturday and a UI polo club meet at Paradise Stables. The women will be playing at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and the men will play at 1 p.m. on Sunday. How many people can honestly say they have seen a polo match before? **Stay in Sunday** Get yourself some of your favorite foods, hang out Sunday and watch some movies. Then Sunday night have some friends over for a poker tournament, an epic movie showing or an exciting game night. Leave the fact that it is Valentine's Day to the couples and enjoy the fact you have a three-day weekend.



Steven Devine/Argonaut Valentine's Day can include many activities with your significant other, but for some people a quiet evening alone is just fine.

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## Steelhead report

This time of year in Idaho is special — it's steelhead fishing time.

Throughout the year, trout fishing, bass fishing and various types of inland fishing take up most anglers' time, but every now and then they want the thrill of catching the big one — a steelhead.

A steelhead is a silvery rainbow trout that migrates to the sea before returning to fresh water to spawn.



**pierce BEIGH**  
Argonaut

They range in weight from three to 15 pounds. One of the most popular places to fish for steelhead around here is the Snake River, which can be fished in Washington and Idaho.

The Clearwater River, the Grande Ronde River and the Salmon River are also popular rivers to fish. Usually not all the rivers are going to be good fishing at

the same time, but there are always one or two that have fish biting.

Mark Lamb, owner of Traditional Sportsman in Lewiston, said fishing is currently good on the upper part of the Grande Ronde River between Fields Spring State Park in Washington and Troy, Ore. The Grande Ronde River flows off of the Snake and heads west into Washington and Oregon. It splits from the Snake at Rogersburg, just south of Lewiston.

"It's been really good down there right now," Lamb said. "With the temperatures up in the 40s, the fish are moving, causing good flows along with good clarity, which makes for good opportunities."

Just a week ago the Clearwater River seemed dead for good fishing, and the Snake River was the place to cast. Within a week the tables have turned. The

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commentary

## EWU turf seeing red

There was a time when playing on artificial turf was a once in a lifetime for kids. I still remember the first time I had the honor of running out on AstroTurf when I was 12. It was a horrible experience that literally left me scarred for life.

Slowly but surely grassy turf started to replace the old AstroTurf and even some grass fields. It was a novelty, much like the feeling one gets when visiting New York.

Grassy turf is neat to play on, but it cannot replace playing on grass. The only problem is that it has replaced grass. Field upkeep is viewed as unnecessary more and more by decision-makers as schools continue to look for cheaper alternatives.

While this is not desirable, it is understandable, as schools can save a lot of money in the long term. That is what makes Eastern Washington's decision to purchase and install red turf in place of the current grass field decidedly poor.

Turf is installed to replace grass — not to become a star or selling point for the university. EWU does not want to install the colored playing surface to save a few dollars because a traditional green surface is far cheaper than some funky red turf.

Playing on grass is infinitely better than playing on turf, and I can only assume playing on a normal turf beats playing on colored turf. There is something about this move that spits in the face of tradition on common sense.

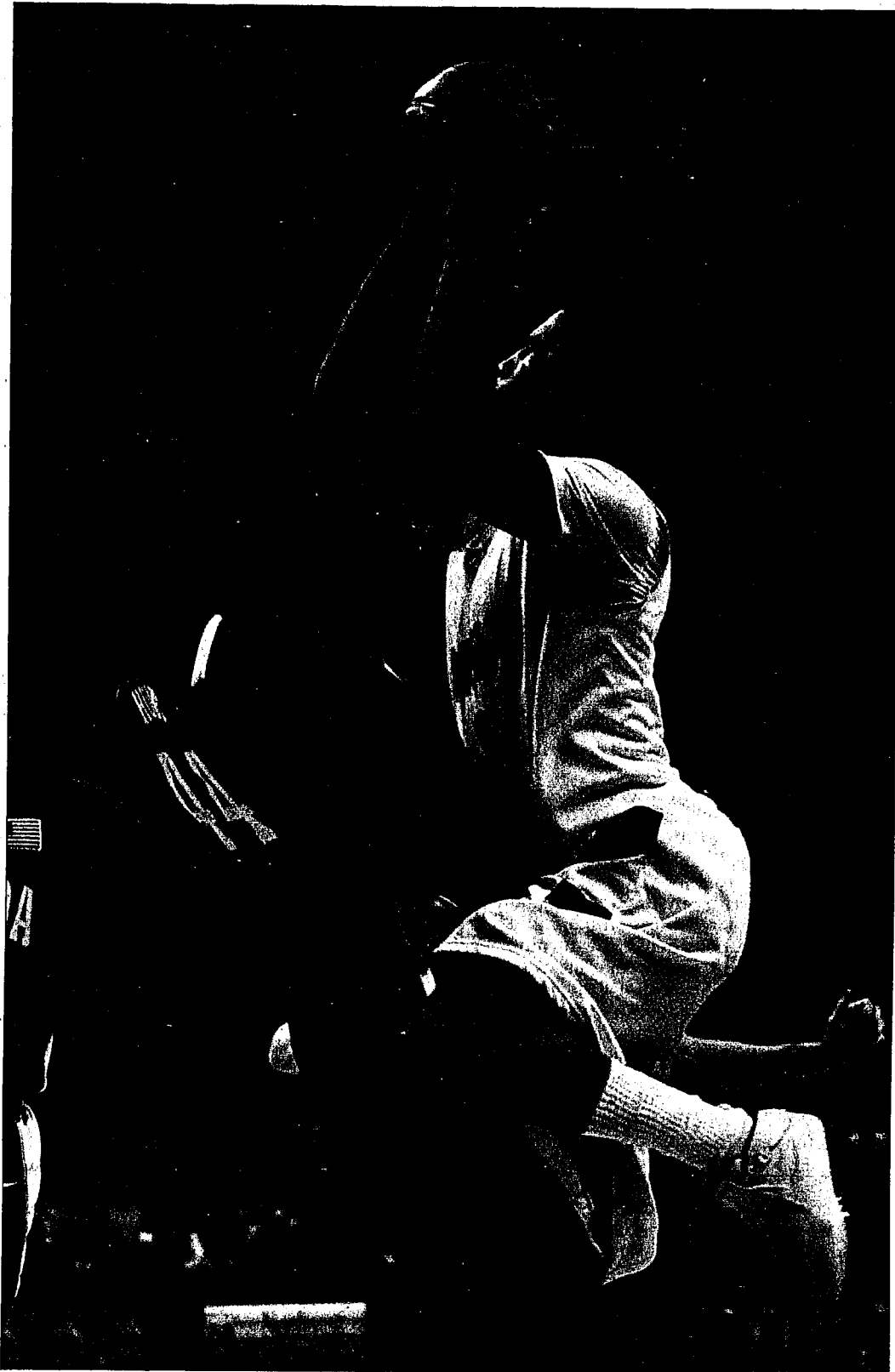
For starters, it seems like people looking at red for the duration of a football game would become really mad. Just thinking about looking at that much red makes me kind of mad.

Better yet, what if a pack of bulls runs onto the EWU campus? If they stumbled upon Woodward Field the carnage could be of epic proportions. The town of Cheney would lie in waste as angry bulls wreak havoc.

The red turf may upset Cheney's bull population, but any vampires in the surrounding area will surely be thrilled with the color choice. Of course, EWU

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# Unbelievable loss



Vandal guard Mac Hopson draws a blocking foul from Nevada Wolfpack forward Dario Hunt late in the game Wednesday evening in Cowan Spectrum. Hopson made both free throws to give Idaho a 2-point lead with just under seven seconds to play. Nevada's Armon Johnson drove the length of the floor and completed a 3-point play to win the game by one point, giving the Vandals their 12th loss of the season.

**Pierce Beigh**  
Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team had its hands full with the powerful Nevada Wolfpack Wednesday at home in Cowan Spectrum. Just when the Vandals thought they had the Wolfpack where they wanted them, things turned sour, resulting in a one-point loss to Nevada, 67-66.

The game was on its way to being the Vandals' best comeback all season. With a 7-point comeback against Seattle being the Vandals' biggest comeback win this season, a 16-point comeback win was looking pretty impressive for Idaho. But it couldn't find itself.

With the loss, the Vandals now fall to 11-12 and 3-8 in WAC play, while Nevada raises its record to 14-9 and 6-4.

During the game, there were what Idaho coach Don Verlin called close calls, calls that caused him to suggested the officiating was partly to blame.

"It was a poorly officiated game," Verlin said. "Idaho is no longer a doormat in this league and officials need to figure it out. The WAC officials will be hearing from me tomorrow."

In the last minute of the game with the Vandals up by three, Nevada's Luke Babbitt had the ball and possibly traveled, but managed to pass the ball to teammate Armon Johnson, who knocked down a three to tie the game. There was no official call regarding Babbitt's "travel."

"The travel call was blatant," Verlin said. "It was Luke Babbitt and it was at a crucial time of the game."

Babbitt and Johnson were powerhouses for Nevada and combined for 44 points. Johnson was unstoppable beyond the key, hitting shot after shot and scoring the game-winning basket and free throw to seal the victory.

"We thought we had it," junior guard Jeff Ledbetter

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# Fresno State routs Vandals

**Ilya Pinchuk**  
Argonaut

Fresno State entered Wednesday night's game against Idaho undefeated in the WAC and riding on a 10-game winning streak. The Idaho women's basketball team entered having knocked off WAC powerhouse Nevada at home. It was to be an epic clash — the underdog versus the top dog.

Instead, it was business as usual for Fresno State.

The Vandals found out firsthand why the Bulldogs are ranked first in the WAC as they took it to Idaho, outplaying the Vandals in every category and sending them packing out of California with a blowout 85-38 loss.

"They certainly showed tonight what they are fully capable of," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "They are a great basketball team."

The loss earned Idaho a dubious distinction, as the 47-point victory is Fresno State's largest margin of victory over an opponent in the WAC.

Despite the victory, Fresno State coach Adrian Wiggins gave full credit to Idaho, who said was one of the stronger teams in the WAC despite the record.

"If you look at Idaho's

scores, they have beat Nevada, which is the second-place team in our league, played Louisiana Tech to overtime and they have played everybody to within 10 points or less," Wiggins said. "We understand that they are a lot better team than their record indicates — we have a lot of respect for them and their program."

From the opening tip-off, it was all Fresno State as the Bulldogs roared out of the gate, putting up 20 points in the first 10 minutes against the Vandals. Fresno State entered half-time with a commanding 42-24 lead and would never look back.

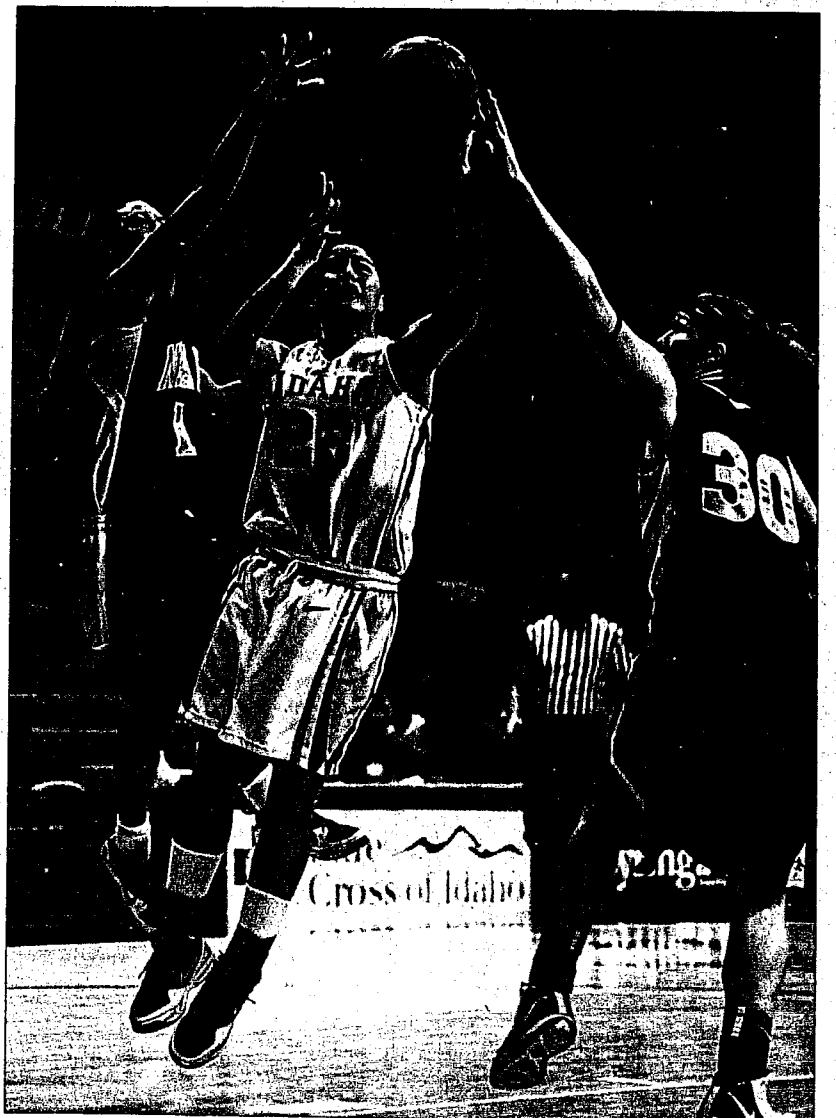
The Vandals never led in the game, and their closest margin came early in the first half with the score tied 2-2.

While giving full credit to Fresno State, Newlee said Idaho was never in the game and didn't respond well defensively to Fresno State's pressure.

"We had some big defensive breakdowns early and we didn't attack their pressure the way we needed to," Newlee said. "I didn't have them as mentally prepared as they could be — I'm going to take responsibility for that."

This game was a far

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Shaena-Lyn Kuehu drives for a lay up against Nevada State Feb. 3 in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost to Fresno State 85-38 Wednesday night in Fresno.

**Ilya Pinchuk**/Argonaut



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Vandal senior Gabriela Niculescu prepares to hit the ball during tennis practice in the Kibbie Dome Wednesday afternoon. Niculescu, a transfer student from the University of Southern California, was ranked No. 10 NCAA in 2009. She was named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American in doubles in 2008.

# New time for a new team

Lisa Short  
Argonaut

Gabriela Niculescu has had a long and successful tennis career playing on the Women's Tennis Association Tour, competing on the University of Southern California team and now playing her senior year at the University of Idaho.

As a transfer from USC, Niculescu wasn't eligible for a portion of the season, but starting Saturday Niculescu will compete in her first match of the season against Pacific.

Niculescu said she is excited because it is supposed to be "a pretty big match." The Pacific player she is competing against is nationally ranked and has also competed on the WTA tour.

It is her first match of the season, but she is ready to come at it full force. Niculescu has been practicing above and beyond and wants to be ready for this weekend, coach Tyler Neill said.

"She's been training really hard," he said. "She practices extra every day, probably in here for four hours a day."

Niculescu's work ethic is something the coach admires, but also something Niculescu hopes to bring and contribute to the team. She said she hopes to bring her good work ethic, positive attitude and previous tennis experience

to the team.

Niculescu said she has been comfortable on her team and thinks people not only in athletics but people in Moscow are also very kind and welcoming, "not like people in LA."

Niculescu is finding comfort in her new setting of Moscow and enjoying the similarities it has with her home in Romania.

She said it reminds her of home because it has all four seasons, which she enjoys. She also got involved in the Moscow community with a class she was taking where she volunteered at an animal shelter, helped with Octoberfest activities and children on campus.

One event Niculescu said she is waiting for is to compete in singles and doubles with her fellow Romanian partner, Alexandra Ulesanu.

Neill said she gets along great with the team because she is very personable, but that it is also nice to have another Romanian for that closer connection — a connection that will hopefully transfer onto the courts.

Niculescu and Ulesanu have their first doubles match on Saturday to test where they stand. Neill said they tried

to schedule Pacific when Niculescu was eligible to play.

More than this weekend, Niculescu is ready for the season. She said she hopes she can win most of her matches as a single and a double, win the WAC and go to nationals. Big goals not only for herself but she wants the success to include her doubles partner and her team.

Her goals are not out of reach either. Niculescu was a two-time Pac-10 doubles champion and an All-American in doubles. She has been ranked in the world standings during her almost three years on the WTA tour as well.

Although Niculescu came from a strong tennis program, the WAC is sure to have the competition she needs. She knows this first meet will be a challenge as well as other major competitors she will face, including a tough Fresno State team.

Niculescu is taking it all one day at a time — she said she couldn't make Saturday come any faster. Hoping for a successful season, Niculescu will be graduating in May with a journalism degree and a business minor.

**"She's been training really hard. She practices extra every day, probably in here for four hours a day."**

tyler Neill

# Hawaii comes to Moscow

Ilya Pinchuk  
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team looks to rebound from its blow-out loss to Fresno State by taking on a familiar opponent as the Hawaii Warriors come to Cowan Spectrum.

Coach Jon Newlee will look to spark his team back to the gritty style of play, which took Louisiana Tech to overtime and deftly handled Nevada.

Hawaii enters Cowan Spectrum at the start of a three-game road trip that will see the Warriors make a full swing of the Western U.S. with games in Idaho, Nevada and San Jose.

Hawaii sits squarely at No. 8 in the WAC, one spot below Idaho. Hawaii is coming off back-to-back

losses at home against WAC powerhouse Fresno State and an upstart Utah State squad.

With the season entering the final stretch, both teams are in dire need of victories in order to make it into the WAC tournament.

Idaho visited Hawaii earlier in the season and lost a contest which could be considered the turning point of the Vandals' season. Since that loss, Idaho has banged out impressive victories against rival Boise State, Utah and Nevada and finding its game with strong shooting, rebounding and a wholly improved gritty defense.

Hawaii has won only two games since playing Idaho at home, but also looks to be steadily improving.

In their last game, Hawaii battled back up 19 points against Utah State

to draw within one point with two minutes left, but could not close out a victory, and Hawaii's loss to Fresno State was nowhere near as brutal as Idaho's.

There is no doubt this is a crucial match-up for both teams — Hawaii and Idaho are evenly matched and a victory this late in the season would go a long way to either team's bid for a spot in the WAC tournament.

Both teams are battling for fifth and sixth place in the WAC for an outside shot into the tournament.

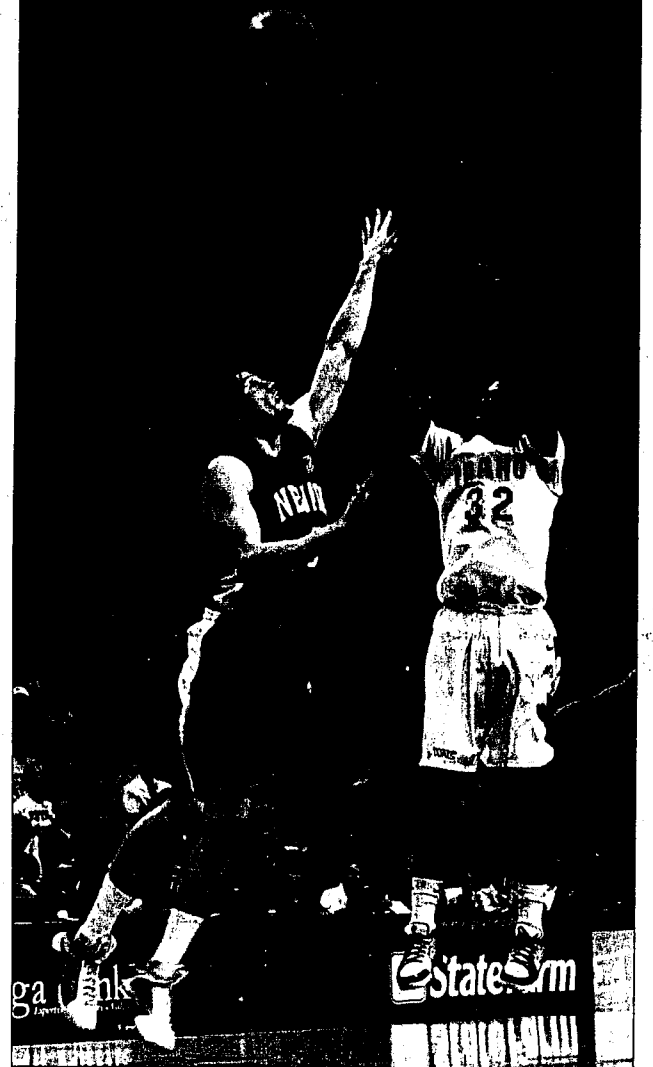
The Vandals tip-off against Hawaii on Saturday and Newlee said after Idaho's game against Nevada, he hopes to see more Vandal fans in the stands cheering the team on. With such an even match-up, a loud crowd just might be the straw that breaks the Warriors' back.

Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Cowan Spectrum.



Women's

## CAN'T CLOSE OUT



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
Vandal senior guard Kashif Watson shoots a 3-pointer during the basketball game against Nevada Wednesday afternoon in Cowan Spectrum. Despite making a 16 point comeback in the second half, the Vandals lost in the last seconds, 67-66. They face Fresno State Saturday in Fresno.

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# Reaching higher Men's golf fares well

Lisa Short  
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The Idaho track and field team is gearing up for a big meet in Seattle. The team will compete in the University of Washington Husky Classic as a step-in preparing for the conference championships.



The Husky Classic will feature many Pac-10 schools as well as many top-ranked athletes.

The meet is one of the biggest meets in the nation this week and will be heavy in distance competition. All events will still compete, but the meet is known for being a tough distance field.

Coach Wayne Phipps said the 800-meter dash should be a great race because of the field. He said runners should be able to set some new personal best times and get that extra push from the big competition.

Distance runners junior Josh Dalton and sophomore Lauren Schaffer can use this meet to take their recent success at home to the next level.

"This meet prepares us for conference," Phipps said. "It's one of our biggest meets and we'll see a higher level of competition."

After this meet Idaho has a home meet and then the conference championship. Phipps said the team is where it needs to be for the most part, but the athletes could be a little healthier. He said athletes are working back into the meets slowly and cautiously.

"I'm really pleased with the way things are going," Phipps said, "and we should be carrying over a lot of confidence from the home meet."

Idaho was able to have a strong performance in their first home meet of the season, including a school record for senior thrower Mykael Bothum.

Bothum broke her own school record with the new throw of 55 feet, four and three-fourths inches. The throw moved her to No. 4 in the nation. Throwing coach Julie Taylor said she plans on seeing Bothum dominate again this weekend.

"She'll rise to the occasion," Taylor said. "Her big competition will be at nationals."

Taylor said this weekend should be a good chance for the team to see some



Vandal pole vaulter Lucas Pope prepares for a jump Feb. 5 during the Vandal Indoor in the Kibbie Dome. Pope has broken the school record continuously and holds a jump of 17 feet 6 1/2 inches, ranking him tied for No. 11 in the NCAA.

other competition, especially for the weight throwers.

"We can always do better," Taylor said, "but we're getting there."

Seniors Ben Wood, Beau Whitney and James Rogan have had a solid season, but Taylor said she'd like to

see them take that next step. Junior Eugenio Mannucci is also "ready to connect on one," she said.

Taylor said now is the time for these athletes to step into the position they would like to be in going into the conference.

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

Despite the fact it hasn't competed since October 2009, the Idaho men's golf team proved its form hadn't been lost in the three-month offseason following a strong showing at the Jacksonville University Invitational Monday.

Adverse weather conditions combined with an extremely difficult course caused constant struggles for the Vandals, yet the team managed to finish the tournament in 11th place. In a competitive field consisting of top ranked schools such as Wake Forest, Clemson and Kentucky, Idaho concluded the tournament with a total team score of 949, one stroke ahead of followers Old Dominion University and five strokes below ninth place finishers Winthrop University. Powerhouse East Tennessee State took home the team title with a combined score of 893, while Wake Forest trailed by seven strokes and finished second.

Freshman Matt Rawitzer led the Vandals' effort with an overall score of 233, shooting an impressive 75 in the final round. Rawitzer finished the tournament tied for 28th place, only 15 shots behind leader Brendan Gielow of Wake Forest. Senior David Nuhn finished four shots behind Rawitzer with a 237, while Jarred Bossio, Stefan Richardson and Brad Tensen trailed with scores of 241, 244 and 246, respectively.

"I don't think we performed as well as any of us would have liked to, but be-

cause it was our first tournament of the spring we didn't have any expectations going in," Rawitzer said. "The course was extremely demanding, so I think that it helped prepare us for the rest of the spring."

Coach Jon Reehorn said the course difficulty and weather caused the majority of the problems.

"The course is so hard and the conditions were so brutal," Reehorn said. "You really have to be on the top of your game to score well here."

Although Rawitzer had the best score for the Vandals, he still wasn't completely pleased.

with his individual results. "I didn't play as well as I thought I should have, so in that sense I wasn't that happy about my results," Rawitzer said. "On the other hand, I did a lot of things well that I have been working on, so that was a positive note. I feel like I did a lot of good things to prepare myself for the next tournament."

The team has one week off until their next tournament, the Snowman Getaway Invitational in Chandler, Ariz., Feb. 22 and 23 at the Whirlwind Golf Course. The Vandals will again be up against elite competition.

"As a whole our team needs to work on our course management and making smart decisions," Rawitzer said. "We didn't necessarily make the smartest decisions that we could have, and that cost us a lot of shots. Besides that, it's just a matter of being able to execute shots on the course."



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Clearwaters River has picked up greatly just outside Orofino, landing nice steelhead for anglers.

"Just below the fish hatchery in Orofino is great fishing right now," said Bryce Jones, a sophomore at the University of Idaho. "I saw eight steelhead pulled out by one boat, we were on the bank and just couldn't cast that far."

### what you NEED

- Fish the Clearwater River or the South Fork of the Clearwater
- Jigs or eggs
- Fly fishers: Use black bunny leaches or bottom dwelling bait

Although the Clearwater was good fishing, he had to go through a few bad days of fishing in order to find the good places, Jones said. He spent a weekend fishing the Snake in Lewiston. He mainly fished around the Train Bridge, Memorial Bridge and the Blue Bridge. Jones did not catch anything all day, which he said he thinks happened because he was using different colored jigs with red-dyed shrimp.

"The fish finder showed lots of fish up the Snake further, but I didn't catch a thing," Jones said. "Not even a squawfish."

The Snake River has been anything but good fishing lately, mostly because of the rapid water change, which was a positive change for other rivers but the Snake hasn't taken it well.

"I haven't gotten one good fishing report from the Snake lately," Lamb said. "But the Clearwater, along with the South Fork

of the Clearwater, have picked up fast — fish are moving in."

Another place to fish is just outside of Riggins on the Salmon River. The fishing out there has not been too great lately either. Not many fish have been caught lately, but will hopefully pick up soon.

The No. 1 key to good fishing is to fish where fish are present. For tackle and bait, usually jigs are the No. 1 thing to use when fishing for steelhead, but they are not working as well as other things right now. Surprisingly, the gear to use is eggs or egg pattern hooks if you are bait fishing for steelhead.

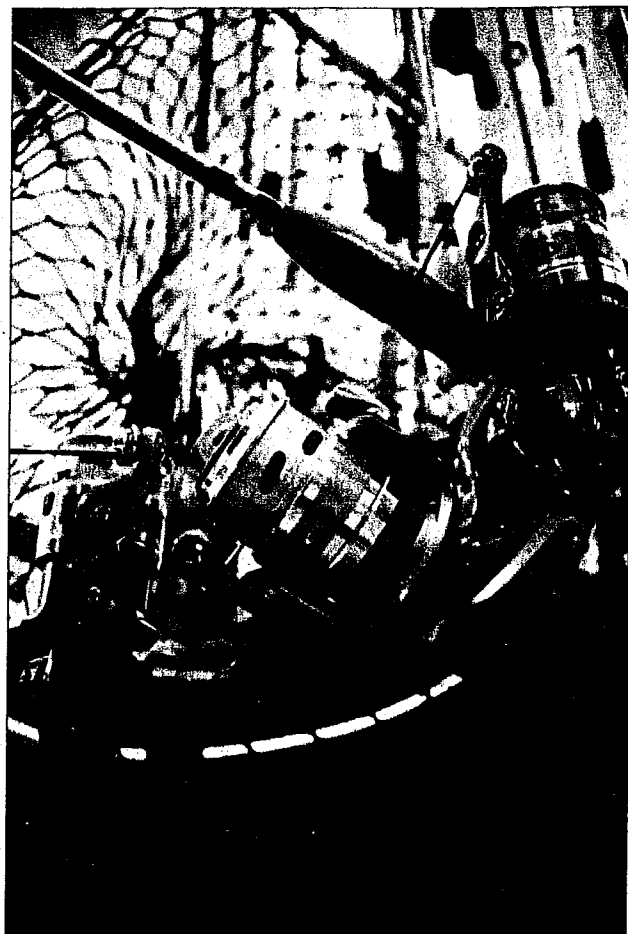
If fly fishing for steelhead, use black bunny leaches or anything that is small, black with rubber legs and bounces along the bottom of the river.

Jigs are still very popular among steelhead, but haven't produced the usual outcome. If you do use jigs, make sure they are black and pink, black and blue or black and purple. The key is black with a hint of another bright color. The bottom of the river is where most of the fish will bite, so make sure you sink your jig.

If you plan on going out this weekend or anytime soon, consider where the fish are biting. Right now, I would highly recommend the Clearwater or the Grande Ronde. Good luck fishing!

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**JONES**  
UI sophomore



Steven Devine/Argonaut  
Steelhead fishing is popular sport in the North Idaho region. Temperatures in the 40s cause the fish to move, opening up good opportunities for steelhead fishing.

## ROUT from page 9

cry from when Idaho played Fresno State earlier in the year. In that game, which was in Cowan Spectrum, Idaho stuck with the Bulldogs and lost by only eight points.

Despite the lopsided score at halftime, Idaho was battling the entire period. The Vandals shot an impressive 38 percent from the field, but simply could not keep pace with Fresno.

Everything fell apart for the Vandals in the second half, however, as Fresno State came out firing on all cylinders and Idaho's sloppy defense and shooting showed through.

Idaho shot a paltry 17 percent from the field in the second half. Even worse, the Vandals went zero for eight from the 3-point range and

nailed only one 3-pointer on 14 attempts in the game.

Idaho's Rachele Kloke led by example, as she was the only Vandal to get double-digit points in the game. In addition to her 13 points, Kloke led Idaho with five defensive rebounds and, along with Charlotte Otero, drew praise from Newlee for battling from the outset, despite the lopsided score.

Not a single Vandal besides Kloke scored more than five points, with freshman Kanisha Bellow going a disastrous zero for 10 from the field, and zero for five from downtown.

The loss drops, in combination with a surprising win by Boise State over No. 2 Nevada, Idaho to No. 7 in the WAC standings. The Vandals come home and have a chance to avenge an embarrassing loss earlier in the year at Hawaii, as the Warriors visit Cowan Spectrum Saturday.

## LOSS from page 9

said. "We thought this was our time to turn things around."

The stats looked very similar to the last meeting between Idaho and Nevada. In the last meeting, with Nevada coming out on top, Idaho had out-scored in the field, out-rebounded and shot more free throws than Nevada but still managed to lose the game. Tonight was relatively the same story.

Idaho out-rebounded Nevada 42-30 and shot 16 for 20 free throws, while Nevada made only nine free throws. From the field both teams were relatively equal, with Idaho shooting 23 for 61 and Nevada shooting 24 for 54. Idaho came out on top with stats, but numbers alone don't win games.

The key to Nevada's win was 3-pointers. Nevada went 10 for 20 from 3-point land,

while Idaho went four for 16. It was a few long minutes in the first half before Nevada even scored a field goal since their main source of points were 3-pointers.

In previous games, Idaho has not usually made its way back from deficits as large. Just minutes before halftime, the Vandals were only down by five points, but when halftime rolled around the score was 42-28. Those five points turned into 14.

Toward the end of the game, the Vandals were able to steal back the lead. With the time winding down, it seemed everything was going right. A few missed opportunities, a few good shots by Nevada and the Vandals lost by one with a free throw. Verlin didn't find much to be satisfied with from the game.

"Brutal," Verlin said. "Absolutely brutal."

The Vandals' next game is against Fresno State Saturday night in Fresno, Calif.

## TURF from page 9

will have to schedule only night games to take advantage of any possible attendance boost.

The one thing that is really confusing about the situation is the need for red turf. This is a publicity stunt so the brain trust behind this idea should go all out. I suggest instead of playing on red turf, the EWU football team should play on a field made out of red velvet.

Velvet is a classy, sophisticated and delightful fabric that could replace turf as the choice synthetic sporting surface. It is soft and versatile. Turf is only good for sports but velvet can go with anything.

Will people care about EWU if the football team plays on red turf? Perhaps fractionally more.

Will people care about EWU if the football team plays on a red velvet field? Heck yes. The school will be the toast of college football and maybe the fashion world.

It is fully understandable for a football program to want to distinguish itself but doing so should be done in a manner that respects the game. Red turf is a garish idea that needs to be scrapped for the sake of common sense.

If grass fields must be taken from sports, then so be it, but at least try to make the replacement bare some resemblance. Red grass may exist in nature but I have never seen any-one play football on it.

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