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BEST OF THE WEST



Participants in the Tutxinmepu Pow Wow perform in Memorial Gym Saturday. The Pow Wow was presented by UI's Native American Student Association on Saturday and Sunday. Steven Devine/Argonaut

100 years of tradition

UI logger sports club hosts annual Lumber Jack Classic

Joe Pflueger
Argonaut

Saturday's Lumber Jack Classic, hosted by the UI Logger Sports Club, represented the last college competition for Brad French, a senior in forest products.

French competed for the club his entire four years in college and was team captain for two years until Dan Graves took over last semester.

This year the club celebrated its 100th anniversary, which makes it the oldest club on campus.

Burn barrels were flaming by 7:30 a.m. for the captain's meeting, and the end-of-the-show awards ceremony was held at 5 p.m.

The club competes in some of the same events as the Stihl Timber Sports Series, at the logger sports site on the Troy Highway next to the UI Plant Science Farm.

They mix old traditions with new by using crosscut saws six to seven feet long and chopping axes like the club 100 years ago would have used.



University of Idaho team captain Dan Graves competes in the single buck competition during the annual UI Lumber Jack Classic Saturday. Joe Pflueger/Argonaut

They use the newer tools of the trade in racing events with chainsaws and chokers. The chokers are cables loggers use to grab logs and trees and pull them out of the woods with machines.

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From villages to cities

Associate director of the Martin Institute remembers home

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

In a small African village roughly 7,000 miles from Moscow women wear colorful sashes around their bodies but leave their breasts exposed. Houses are made of clay and cement, and it is at least a half-hour's walk each way to attend school. One hundred to 200 people crowd in the community center yard just to watch a tiny television. Doors are made of nearby foliage, as are the beds inside the houses.

A ground well is situated in the middle of one of the biggest houses in the village, where three wives and 21 children live. Food is cooked in large pots in two different kitchen areas for the family, and the wife cooking dinner is the one who is currently sleeping with the husband. The children share rooms with their half-

siblings, paint the walls different colors and decorate them with posters and pictures.

It is a life lived in dust and humidity, but it is the world Kodjotse Romuald Afatchao grew up in before coming to the United States.

Born in the southern region of Togo on Feb. 7, 1972, Afatchao, whose friends call him Ro, grew up in Notse from the time he was three. Notse was settled in the 18th century and is the birthplace of the Ewe tribe to which Ro belongs. He speaks four languages, including Ewe, French, German and English. His voice is heavily accented, but easy to understand. His Togolese first name, Kodjotse, means he was born on a Monday and was the third child. When something really amuses him, he throws his head back and laughs loudly, showing a big, wide smile.

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Recovering UI student returns home

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

After eight months of hospitals and rehabilitation centers, University of Idaho student Amanda Andaverde is ready to go home.

Andaverde fell out of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon window last fall and was in critical condition. After medical assistance from the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Center in Boise, An-

daverde is expected to go home today.

Emerald Banda, Andaverde's mother, said her family moved into a new one-level home over the weekend that is certified and safe enough for Andaverde's homecoming.

The doctors are currently waiting on Andaverde's speech to return because they are trying to get her breathing to react to her vocal cords, but Andaverde can communicate by

spelling words, is currently walking with little help and can dress herself independently, Banda said.

"Amanda is ready to be home — when we last visited her she spelled on paper 'It is time to come home,'" Banda said. "We are currently waiting on Medicaid approval for a homecare provider, but Amanda will still be continuing the outpatient speech therapy, the occupational therapy and the physical therapy."

Andaverde is expected to have a full recovery, but is still in rehab to help her coordination physically.

"When she started at the Elks, Amanda has been determined to get better and she keeps raising their expectations," Banda said. "The doctors said that if she is doing a lot better, they can see if she is ready for school. I was hoping for the beginning of the year, but now I think it will be in the spring semester."

Argonaut CORRECTIONS

In the April 30 edition of The Argonaut article "Midnight madness" certain activities at Moscow Bagel & Deli were mischaracterized. The Moscow Bagel & Deli employee is Paden Blythe.

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

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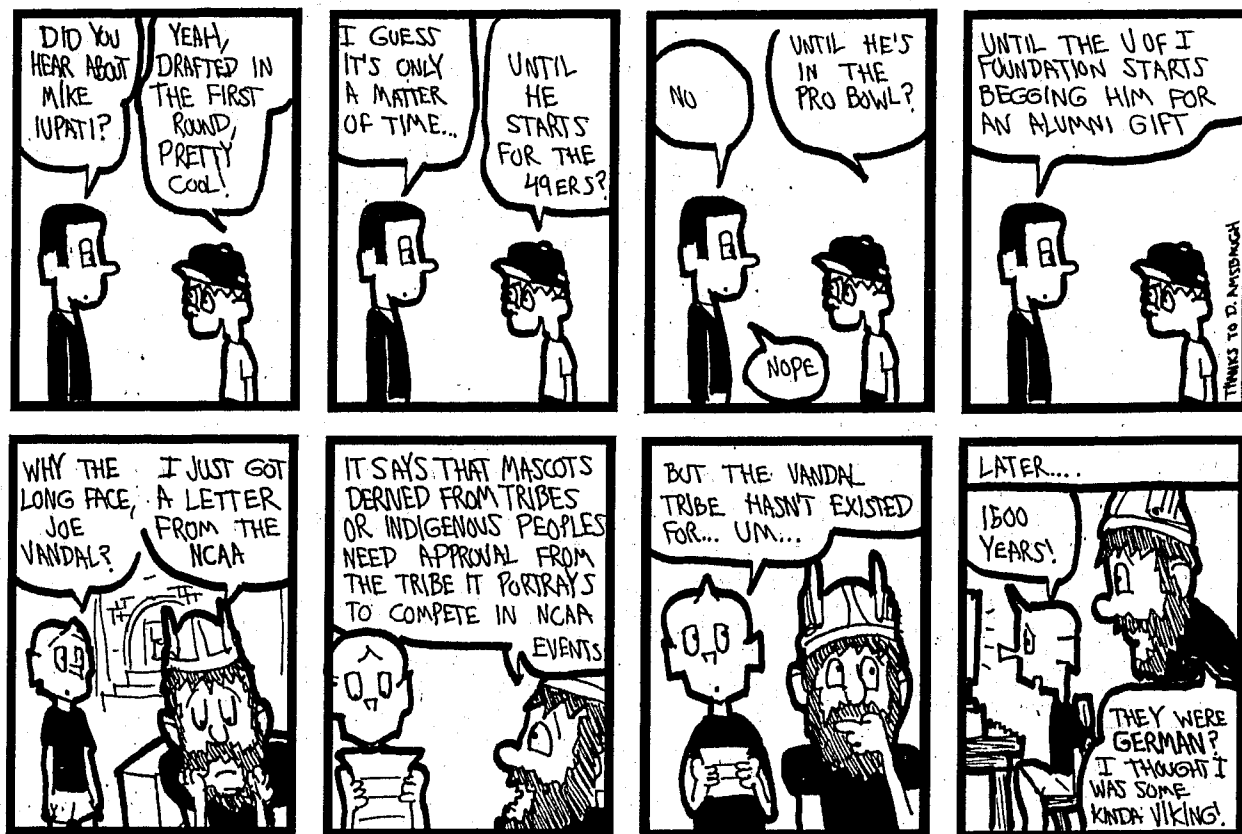
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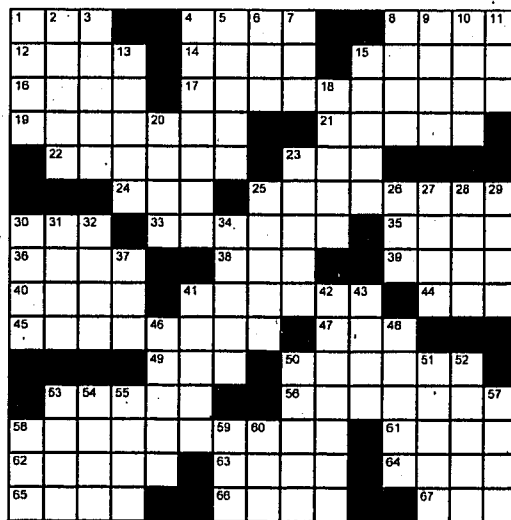
HE CAME, HE SAWED, HE CONQUERED



Senior Brad French competes in the obstacle pole competition at the University of Idaho Lumber Jack Classic Saturday. Joe Pflueger/Argonaut

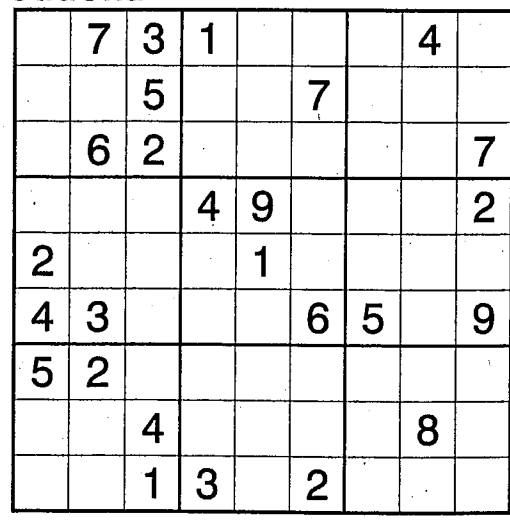
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 - One of the Three Stooges
 - Actor Holbrook
 - Garden feature, at times
 - Duffer's dream
 - Defames
 - New York canal
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 - River inlet
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 - Recipe direction
 - Railroad crossing item
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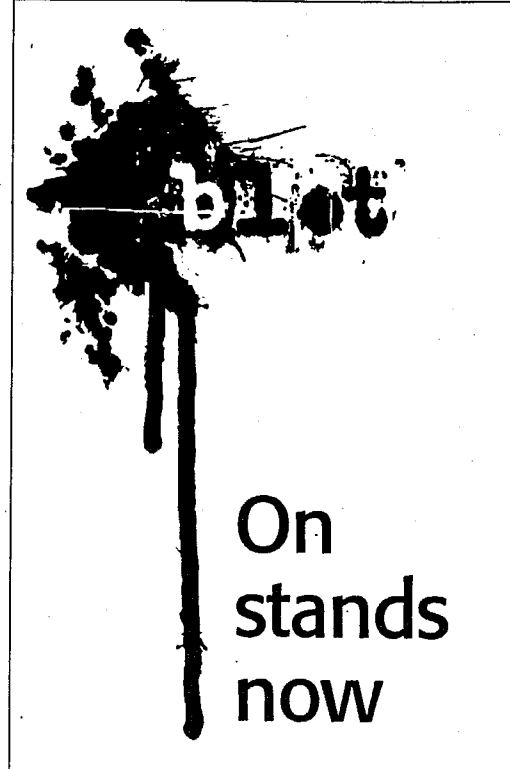
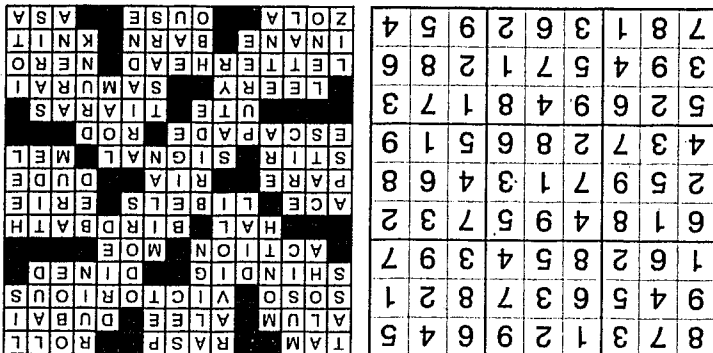


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UI in the top 286 green colleges nationwide

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

The University of Idaho and its efforts toward sustainability have been recognized as one of the nation's top 286 colleges to go green by the Princeton Review.

The "Guide to 286 Green Colleges" was based upon several criteria that characterize a school as demonstrating a "notable commitment to sustainability," said Andrew Carman, the student programs coordinator for UI's Sustainability Center.

The criteria was based upon certain areas of sustainability in a university, including where the school's energy comes from and how much it uses, what percentage of the food budget goes to local food, whether a school employs a sustainability officer and how much a curriculum emphasizes sustainability at a university.

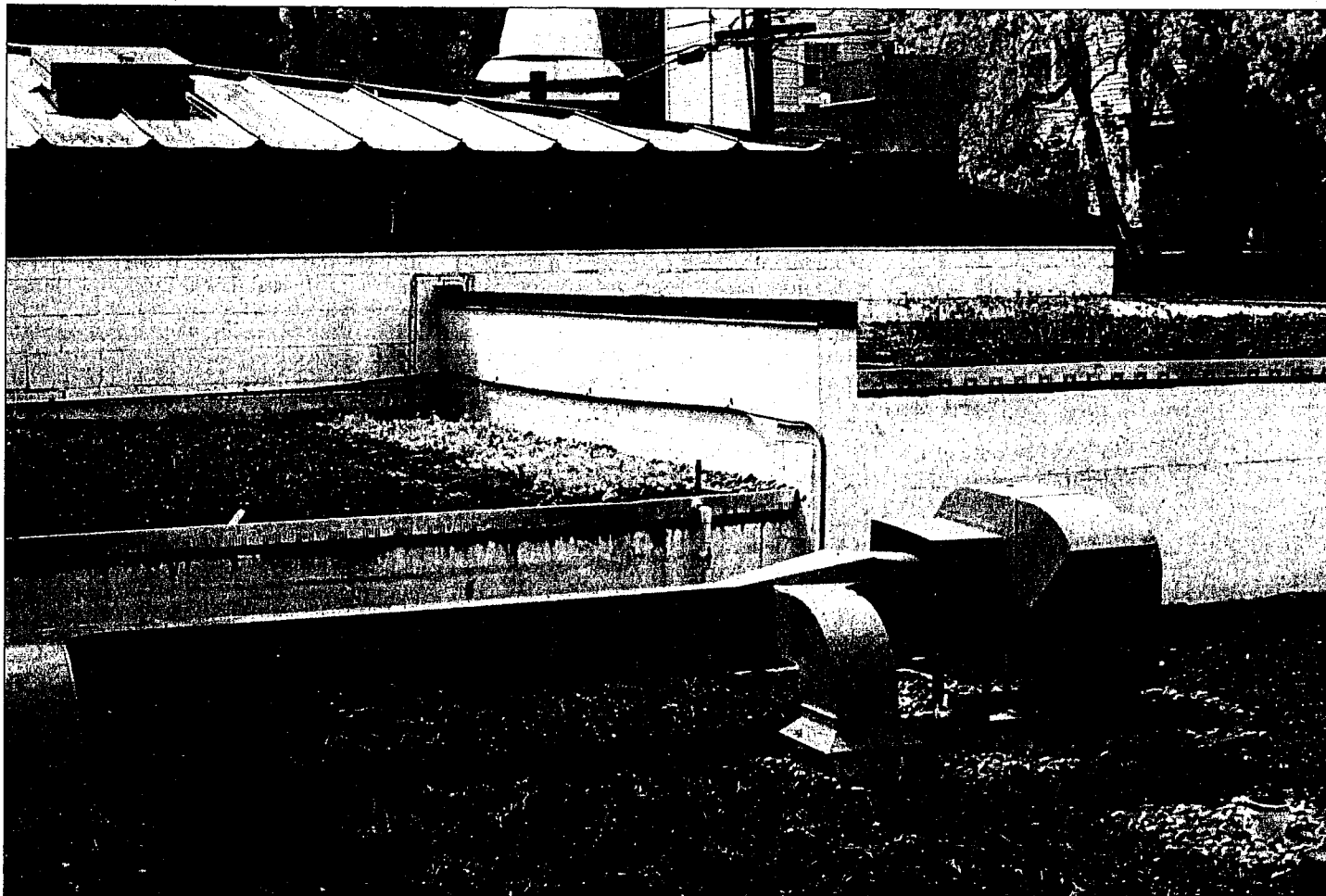
"We do pretty well on all of the criteria because of programs like our biomass boiler, the food and farm composting and the Food Systems Committee, among others," Carman said. "Our curriculum is improving every semester, and we are continually making upgrades to campus curriculum in order to better integrate sustainability."

The Sustainability Center strives to integrate sustainability into university education by providing programs such as the Get Rooted Program, which is an opportunity for hundreds of volunteers to plant native trees and shrubs to provide for local habitat.

During Earth Week, from April 19-23, the Sustainability Center provided different events throughout the week, guest speakers and other programs that promote discussion and action about sustainability concerns.

"The center devotes \$15,000 to student project grants for up to \$3,000 each," Carman said. "These grants must meet the criteria of improving sustainability of camps, infrastructure and/or culture."

Students play a big role on campus as well when it comes to sustainability. The Sustainability Center has more than 200 recycling stations located in major buildings that students walk by every day,



The University of Idaho is ranked 286th out of colleges going green recognizing efforts such as the green roof on the Student Union Building. Steven Devine/Argonaut

Carman said.

"Our expansion of waste minimization through composting in Bob's and The Commons food court, through tailgate and other recycling programs all promote small lifestyle changes that we need to be making as students," Carman said.

Other organizations on campus, such as Vandal Solutions, have been trying to integrate sustainability in their work.

Katie Williams, project manager for Vandal Solutions, said that they are help-

ing the Sustainability Center by using their business skills in conducting focus groups and qualitative surveys.

"We have talked to faculty and students in our focus groups about composting, recycling and paper print, and then compile all the information and give it to the Sustainability Center," Williams said.

In the future, the Sustainability Center hopes to have students view their choices as part of a cultural pattern and realize if their choices are beneficial or harmful,

Carman said.

"If we want to keep breathing clean air, we have to keep our air clean. The same goes for food and water systems, or any of the myriad systems we rely upon for life," Carman said. "It is this sort of ecological thinking that has gained the University of Idaho its spot in the Princeton Guide, and it will be this sort of thinking that will begin to solve the very real, very pressing ecological problems we as a species have created."

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Five down to three: College of Natural Resources consolidates

Ross Bingham
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources will be consolidating its five departments to three. The Idaho State Board of Education approved the consolidation in their meeting April 22.

"This action will allow the college to expand its efficiencies in how it structures and administers academic degrees, research and outreach programs," said the board in a statement.

With dwindling budgets not only at UI but across the nation, universities have had to strategically plan, and department consolidation is one of the solutions the College of Natural Resources has come up with. The eight degrees the college offers will be retained, and over the next year the college will conduct a review process to evaluate the effectiveness of the consolida-

tion. The remaining departments include the Department of Conservation and Social Sciences, which will be headed by Associate Professor Larry Young. This department will administer the resource, recreation and tourism undergraduate program, the forest products undergraduate program and the McCall-based Environmental Education Certificate Program.

The Department of Forest Ecology and Biogeosciences will be managed by Professor Jo Ellen Force. The department will administer undergraduate programs in forest resources, including forest operations, rangeland ecology and management and fire ecology and management. The faculty within the fire ecology and management program will remain and contribute in the same capacity as they have in the past.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will be managed by Kerry Reese, who has been head of the department for six years. This department administers undergraduate programs in ecology and conservation biology, fishery resources and wildlife resources. Programs will be administered in the same way they were when they were managed through the dean's office.

"Finances drove a great deal of the consolidation," Reese said. "The main benefit of the SBOE's decision to approve the consolidation is saving money."

The College of Natural Resources was already thinly stretched financially, according to Reese, and this consolidation should help relieve some of the strain by eliminating unnecessary positions and consolidating programs.

"The consolidation should save on the number of people involved within the

department," Reese said. "Before the consolidation, the biology conservation program was run by non-faculty members. Now all of the programs will be run by faculty within the department."

The consolidation will not impact the variety of classes offered or overall class size, Reese said. The main problem will be that professors will have larger advising loads for undergraduates seeking degrees within the college, but staffing is not in such a high demand.

"Staffing has strategically been reduced across all aspects of the college's operations," said Bill McLaughlin, interim dean for the College of Natural Resources. "But we are doing everything we can to protect the high quality of our academic, research and outreach programs while continuing to provide a student-centered learning environment that is the core of our college community."

Moscow police LOG

Monday, April 26, 2010

- » 3:21 p.m. West Sixth Street and Perimeter Drive: Caller reported a dog that had been in a vehicle at least three hours. Animal control responded and contacted the owner, the dog was fine, no report.
- » 9:12 p.m. Sweet Avenue: Caller reported having a non-physical argument with her boyfriend. Officers responded and subject was not on scene but they contacted both parties, no report.
- » 10:38 p.m. Wallace parking lot: Officers cited male for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, report taken.

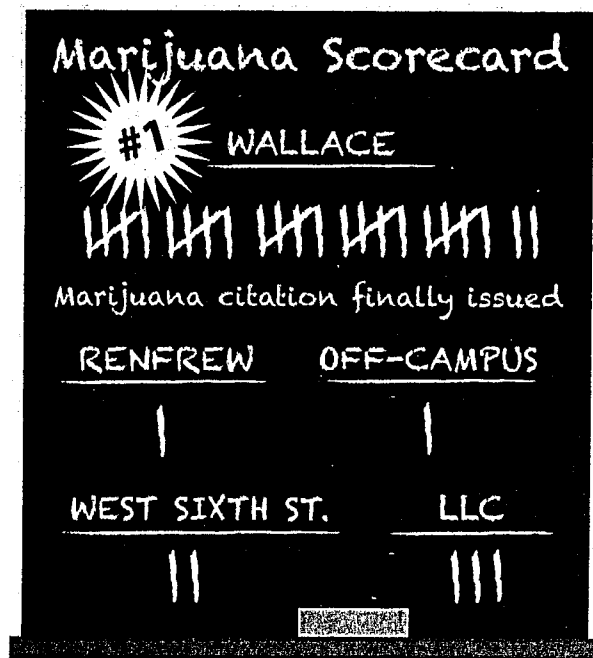


Photo illustration by Loren Morris
The marijuana scorecard is a semester-long tally of the marijuana calls to various areas on campus to Moscow Police.

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The circuit of competing teams is in a slump comparative to previous years. Teams from the University of Montana, Flathead Valley Community College and Colorado State University came to compete against UI.

The show brought French's brother Jake from Dufur, Ore., to watch and visit with friends. Jake French also competed during his four years of college. Former competitors sometimes become timers and judges for events.

"There were like eight teams when I was competing," Jake French said. "I'm not sure if it follows the timber industry but it will bounce back."

Brad French said the process is cyclical, and schools that lose their teams will come back.

"They just need people to get the club going again," he said.

Jake French said when he was on the team it was booming. He said the club was closely related to his field and he learned more about the timber industry.

Brad French said the amount of spectators was much smaller than in recent years past.

"There are less competitors," Jake French said. "When I was competing, WSU would bring about 30 people."

He said Washington State University no longer has a team, but the club will remain until someone starts it back up. When he joined, the club had a few members, but they recruited students from their classes and college and made it into a "big deal."

He said the club grew as a close group of friends and contacts. The best memories of his time at UI are with the club.

"The group of friends I made from logger sports is life-long friends," Jake French said. "Everybody

comes from similar backgrounds, similar upbringings you know, they all are outdoorsy types. Other sports teams are different. After a logger sports show, all the teams usually have a party together."

New to UI and to the team this semester, Will Dixon logged a lot of hours helping with prep of the show. Being relatively new to the sport, he took second place in the pole climb.

"It was a good show," Dixon said. "We have a lot of work to make the show better for next year and I wish we got more support from the UI students."

Kelly Gutknecht, an ecology major who is new to the sport, competed because she was asked by a classmate to compete in the "Jack and Jill double buck."

"I ended up doing other events too," Gutknecht said.

She had to get her practice in the last week before the show because the club requires three practices before competing for safety reasons.

"My sister came and watched," she said. "She had never seen anything like it before. I have never done anything like it before."

UM took home the prize for the "Top Team" at the event; they were the team that scored the most points collectively. The top man and woman who scored the most individual points, known as the "Bull and Bell of the Woods," took home gift baskets of items, including homemade jam and soup from personal donors.

The weather changed as often as the dozens of events. It rained and hailed off and on throughout the day and the sun shined momentarily until the end of the show. As soon as the final heat of the event finished, the sun shined non-stop for the open-pit pig roast dinner.

Competitors endured

the long cold day soaking wet and covered in mud the same way traditional loggers spent working.

Brad French worked hard this semester planning the countless details that go into hosting a successful show.

"I had to scrape as hard as I could right and left to find wood for the show," Brad French said. "We found the cottonwood in Pinehurst. I had to drive to St. Maries to get wood."

The club raises money by selling firewood and through donations, but both avenues are affected by the struggling economy. Regular donors can't afford to donate, and they had difficulty this year finding as much firewood as they usually do.

The equipment the club uses can be expensive. The axe heads can be \$400, and the crosscut bucking saws can be 60-80 years old and cost \$100-\$400 to be professionally sharpened. Those are the tools that don't require a gas-powered motor. Those prices are cheaper than the equipment the professional competitors use, and the club will receive discounts on sharpening their bucking saws.

Brad French's last college show doesn't mean he is done competing. He plans to compete in the Stihl Pro Shows when he has time.

Although he is no longer a club officer, Brad French was the first one at the site in the morning hauling off the garbage, and he was the last to leave that night.

As he graduates and leaves college, he leaves the club in the hands of willing young volunteers like Dixon, who believe the club is worth having around. The same way the generation before him did, Brad French recruited anybody with an interest in the tradition of competition to join his club. He reaches out to make the club boom again.

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Inexperienced congressman's comments downplay disaster

After a three-hour tour of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., said people should know it's not Armageddon or Hurricane Katrina.

"That chocolate milk-looking spill starts breaking up in smaller pieces..." he said. "It is tending to break up naturally."

People ignorant of environmental issues should not comment on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, because they lack expertise to give an accurate opinion.

Eleven oil rig workers are missing and presumed dead after an explosion on the BP-operated Deepwater Horizon drilling platform, yet the company, who is responsible for the spill, is dragging their feet to pay for cleanup.

Roll up your metaphorical sleeves, BP, and grab some buckets, because this is going to take a while. The 1989 oil spill in Alaska cost Exxon \$1 billion, and this spill could become worse if it's not stopped soon.

The spill has tripled in size over the last few days. This is not chocolate milk, and someone needs to firmly step up and take responsibility.

BP's chairman said a faulty piece of equipment was to blame for the spill, and that there was no way to foresee the incident.

Making sure all equipment functions completely is the most important part of running such a business — especially when an incident can harm the environment, animals and industries. While it's impossible to foresee everything that could possibly happen to such an intricate collection of machinery, the coming days will reveal whether or not BP and other agencies connected to the oil rig skimmed on safety measures. Let's let all of the pieces fall into place before we start a witch hunt.

Tyson Slocum, director of Public Citizen's Energy Program, called BP's role in the spill an example of what happens "when you let the oil industry run things on the cheap."

As political commentator Bill Maher tweeted Thursday, "Every a—hole who ever chanted, 'Drill baby drill,' should have to report to the Gulf Coast today for cleanup duty."

Those responsible need to come forward and take the spill seriously. It is a big deal and it will affect the country for years to come. Any possible steps should be taken now to minimize its consequences.

— KS

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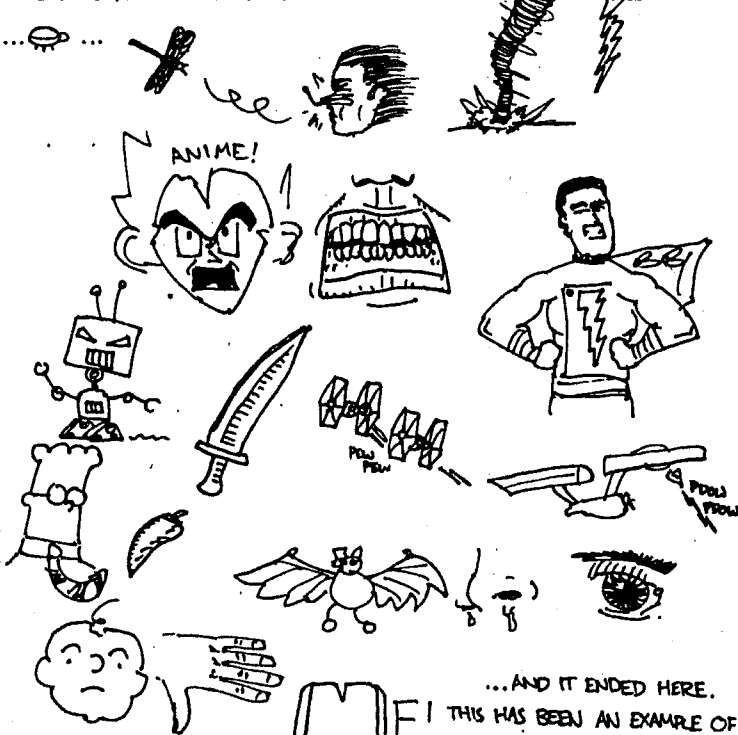
Correspondence with our readers

Vote for education

Rex Rammell, with my primary election opponent at his side, has been busy campaigning in Latah County. Mr. Rammell wants to eliminate most state funding for public schools. These cuts would not only devastate public schools, but would destroy charter schools, including the Idaho Virtual Academy, which have no other source of revenue. Their plan would also eliminate state funding for vocational classes, including agriculture, shop, computer, business and economic classes. If local residents wanted

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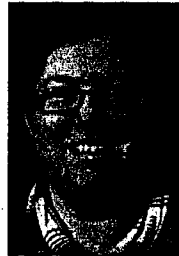
Matt ADAMS-WENGER Argonaut

Who wouldn't want to live here?

When we first moved to Moscow, I was a little worried. Movies like "The Burbs" and "Amityville Horror" came to mind as I drove through the deserted Sunday summer streets to the smallest apartment ever built by man. The summer was quiet and pleasant, the people seemed friendly, but I still was unsure about the town as a whole. Then classes began, and it became a chore to navigate the traffic. Even on a Sunday, eating out on a weekend became a waiting game, and the coffee shops transformed from relaxing havens to hipster hangouts.

It wasn't until moving this weekend into a house with more space than I know what to do with that I began to appreciate the city of Moscow and the amazing diversity

of its residents. Anyone else may have been cursing and screaming while they trudged through mud, rain and hail with several loads of furniture and belongings. Some may have been frustrated and annoyed by myriad cars parked on their new street because the Renaissance Fair was happening a half block away in the park. Many would have complained to their spouses about the late night, amazingly loud music echoing through what they thought was a quiet, suburban neighborhood, but not I.



Erin HARTY Argonaut

I watched out my big front windows at the myriad of people trudging toward the park in their Renaissance clothing and tie-dye (later leaving the

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Dream always changing

There really is no such thing as an American, at least not in the traditional sense of ethnicity. Even Native Americans identify more closely with each tribe and represent a small part of the population. Most nations — at least those in the Old World — are organized along ethnic lines. Excluding mostly modern immigration Poles live in Poland, French in France and Turks in Turkey. In most of these countries, foreign children born in the country do not become citizens because they are not from the same group that makes up the nation.

America is different — probably because immigrants founded the country. Not only that, but the immigrants were from various countries. Most of the Eastern Seaboard states were colonized by

England, but New York was originally a Dutch colony. Florida, Texas and California — our three most populous states — were at one time or another part of the Spanish Empire. France owned Louisiana and the Midwest. Even Idaho was at one time or another claimed by six different countries.



Jeff REZNICEK Argonaut

This has given us a unique situation where people from anywhere on the globe have been able to become Americans and live the American Dream. After the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1868, anyone born in the United States has inherently had citizenship. Anyone can become an American.

And many people, including my ancestors, have become Americans,

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Complaints

Tennessee has reportedly had some of the worst floods of the decade. Yesterday it was said the water was seven-feet deep in Nashville, and CNN said several people had died because of the excess of water. On Sunday, it was reported that some parts of the state had received 20 inches of rainfall. It has made me realize the weather here might not actually be that bad, so at least for today, I won't complain as much.

— Elizabeth

My turn

Yesterday I started feeling like crap ... hot flashes, dizziness, headache, the works. I've been fairly healthy all year and now I think the lack and sleep and unhealthy eating is catching up to me.

— Jennifer

Stop bothering me, country

America, I'm not pleased with you as of late. There's that totally goofy immigration law in Arizona that's the beginning signs of racial cleansing, a really nasty oil spill and that angry Tea Party group is still running around. U.S., I can't talk to you right now. I don't like going to bed mad at someone, but tonight's the exception.

— Kelsey

Springtime for Moscow

I usually appreciate the rain during Moscow's spring, but not when I'm trying to get some time-lapse photography of sunrise and sunset over the city. Come on weather, just give me a little bit of sunshine to work with this week.

— Jake

Gulf of Mexico

To echo the editorial, I can't believe the news about this oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. I keep seeing pictures of dead sea turtles and fish and it makes me sick. Then I read last night that it happened because BP didn't think their blowout preventer would ever fail. Excuse me, didn't we learn this lesson from the Titanic? The supposedly unsinkable ship? Didn't we learn almost 100 years ago to always be prepared for the worst? And now thousands of sea life have to die because of their ignorance and stupidity. Congratulations, oil companies, you've successfully made yourselves even more detrimental to the environment and economy than you already were.

— Kelcie

A question

If a tree falls in the woods, can I skip class?

— Jeff

Study time

I will definitely have time this year to study for my one final Friday afternoon.

— Jens

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— Ilya

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and these people have drastically changed American society. Watch any period movie from Puritan Massachusetts. The influx of immigrants from different European nations has completely changed our culture, and that isn't a bad thing. Just because immigrants have different customs does not make them unfit to become Americans.

By and large, the immigrants coming to America today share our values. They want to work hard and take care of their families. Why should we discourage this when so many Americans are growing lazier and expecting more for less?

True, many immigrants turn

to crime. This is unfortunate, but could be a result of their economic status.

Immigrants typically come from poor countries, so when they arrive they are poorer than their neighbors. This lifestyle leads some, but not many, to a life of crime. Just look at East Coast cities 100 years ago. Irish gangs and Italian crime families committed crimes that make modern immigrants look like saints.

This being said, is illegal immigration a serious problem? Yes. Immigrants avoid paying income or payroll taxes causing them to become a burden on local governments, and along with prosperity-seeking families that cross the border are human traffickers and drug smugglers. Countless have died in the ongoing war on the

border, but it doesn't have to be that way.

The federal government has dragged its feet on securing the border and finding a way to assimilate the immigrants already here, so border states have adopted measures to bring order to the chaos. These measures may be deemed excessive by some, but they would not be necessary if the feds took care of it.

We need secure borders to stop the flow of drugs and crime into the country, but we need open gates to allow immigrants to become part of the American Dream, and seasonal migrant workers to help the U.S. economy and their families back home.

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park covered in mud and straw). I saw several people I knew who waved and smiled. I pet at least 10 dogs, but saw five times that, all well behaved and leashed. I witnessed more than one person bend down to pick up a stray piece of trash and people oblivious to the elements enjoying themselves.

By the end of the weekend, my back and feet hurt, I was exhausted and my house was filled with boxes and leftover pizza, but I felt I was part of a community. If I had been told two years ago I would not have an aversion to spending an extended period of time in a small town called Moscow

in North Idaho, I would have laughed at your clever wit, but today, even though I can't find my can opener and I am jittery without Internet service, I can say I am content.

Moscow is a great place to go to school, a wonderful spot to raise a family, and anyone would be hard pressed to visit another place and in one day see what I saw — large groups of people with dreadlocks, men in business casual trudging through a muddy park, women wearing capes and dresses trimmed in gold braid and children with shorts and flip-flops dancing in the rain. (OK, you might see all these people together somewhere else, but you wouldn't want to live there.)

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these, they would have to raise property taxes to pay for them. Why would these so-called conservatives want to force property tax increases on Idaho's struggling families?

The Rammellites' budget cuts would also affect the University of Idaho, resulting in layoffs on campus. These jobs are important to our local economy. Local businesses would suffer enormously.

Education is the key to our future. Leading economists agree that our future standard of living depends upon a skilled work force. Investing in education is a sound, fiscally conservative investment in our state. Our children and grandchildren deserve this chance in life.

I've sworn to uphold the Idaho Constitution. Have these self-proclaimed constitutional experts read it? Article IX, Section 1 says: "The stability of a republican form of government, depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature of Idaho, to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools."

Unlike my opponent, I don't campaign with Rex Rammell, and I don't support his plan to slash education funding. I kept my promise and voted against all cuts in education budgets during the last legislative session.

During the last session of the Legislature I wrote a daily blog available at <http://www.SchroederforSenate.com>.

Vote for education on May 25th!

Gary J. Schroeder
Idaho State Senator, UI Alum

Column not professional

This is in response to the unpublished cartoon by Matt Adams-Wenger described in his column, "Under what conditions are you OK with abortion?" published in the Friday edition of The Argonaut. I must admit, I was extremely appalled not only by his column, but also his lack of research on the topic.

Abortion is by far one of the most con-

troversial issues in the United States right now, so it only makes sense for a newspaper to run pieces on both sides of the issue. However, I don't see how an article complaining about why a little doodle wasn't published can constitute as an opposing viewpoint.

I am not here to proclaim my stance on abortion, but I would like the editors of this paper to take a better look at who is writing for them and maybe give them more direction. Especially in the case of Adams-Wenger due to his inability to do research and his whiny approach to not receiving the publishing he wanted for his tasteless cartoon.

In terms of the cartoon, after reading the description of what would have been printed, I was mortified. A gunshot wound to a very pregnant woman from a doctor who she had gone to for an abortion. This is where Adams-Wenger misused his abilities as a journalist. If he would have properly done his research, he would know that an abortion cannot occur after three months unless there is medical reasoning that the mother and fetus are in danger.

As a woman, I find the piece published by Matt Adams-Wenger to be degrading and harmful. I feel he is acting similar to a child that was denied candy, and I hardly find that professional. A newspaper is no place to openly whine and cry because a cartoon was not published. Whatever, get a grip.

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Ignorance bad for family and nation

The opinion section of the April 27 issue of The Argonaut contained two articles endorsing racism. In the column, "U.S. Law Needed," Jeff Reznicek defended racial profiling, especially as it pertains to Arizona's new law, and in the letter, "California Falling Apart," Alexander Rowson implies that Hispanics are ruining California. I'm disturbed by this, and I know that fellow students are as well.

Reznicek defends SB-1070, a law that

allows Arizona law enforcement officials to detain people for reasonable suspicion that they're in the country illegally. He acknowledges that it "probably will" lead to racial profiling, but offers an analogy to age profiling in defense.

He suggests that a law prohibiting minors from entering an establishment will lead to age profiling, where people who look young will be asked to show their ID. Because this "age profiling" is OK, Reznicek suggests that racial profiling is OK.

This analogy is flawed. A law about age doesn't discriminate against specific people, but against all people at a certain age. Racial profiling discriminates against specific people all the time. Minors will grow up, regardless of race, but someone's skin color won't change, and it's wrong to treat people differently for it.

In Rowson's piece he says California has "gone wrong" due to a large population of Hispanics. He quotes statistics without sources, that American Hispanics commit violent crimes at about three times the rate of whites, but doesn't address the fact that issues like racial profiling skew statistics. In "Crimes of Color," William Rose points out that if police look for crime predominantly in one population, the crime and incarceration rates for that group will climb.

Furthermore, Rowson implies that white, middle class Protestant Americans are the only people with a heritage worth defending. He says that there are places in California where "little to no English is spoken," as if a Spanish-speaking Hispanic community is a kind of barren wilderness.

Ignorance and racism are not best for my family, state or nation. Hispanic Americans are not only a vital part of the U.S. economy, but their families also have as much a right to their heritage and to the benefits of the United States as mine or any other family.

Cullen Groves
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Get all the facts

Last week I became truly disappointed in the UI Sustainability Center. This center is supposed to be helping promote educational material to students concerning the environment. Instead, they posted material in the UI Commons promoting information that was not accurate concerning the production and consumption of beef. If they are so involved with educating the public, then how is it that they don't push students to learn both sides of the story or at least present accurate data?

Is it not the purpose of the university to teach our students to think for themselves and to research whether statements made by extremists are reputable or not? I once heard that a student wouldn't attend an event hosted by an Ag Group because they felt it would be too one sided. Is it not the same thing when a person agrees to attend Michael Pollan's presentation, and not that of an expert such as a registered dietician with the Idaho State Department of Education?

Last week the Student ICA hosted a

panel discussion to address issues in the sustainability and safe production of beef. One panelist was a registered dietician with the Idaho State Department of Education. She addressed "Meatless Mondays," and the issue of organic versus conventional beef. Another panelist, Dr. Judith Capper of WSU, addressed environmental issues concerning beef production, along with support from Rick Stott, a representative from AgriBeef.

I am open minded, and it is not my objective to push a certain idea upon anyone. However, I do want to point out that it is irresponsible of us not to investigate the data behind statements made by extremists. It is our responsibility as individuals to form our own ideas and opinions on issues facing this country, but please make sure you obtain all the facts.

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Commons outburst harassment

Regarding Alexander Rowson's earlier public outburst in the Idaho Commons and subsequent letter writing campaign, "California Falling Apart," published in the April 27 issue of The Argonaut, I'm curious why he has not been expelled? Immediately after the Commons incident several letters appeared in The Argonaut that stressed how much more education we all needed. Frankly, I suspect the student population is about as educated in matters of diversity as they're going to get. The real lesson that needs to be taught is that being a student in this institution is a privilege, not an entitlement. What Rowson did in the Commons was harassment, far out of step with the bare minimum of public civility that this institution ought to expect of its students. The university needs to send a loud and clear message that if students engage in behavior that is corrosive to the atmosphere and integrity of the institution, they shall be summarily expelled. There are any number of rallies, marches, networks and social outlets that this society affords its citizenry to express their points of view; harassing and threatening high school students (who were invited here) in a venue that had nothing whatever to do with airing one's dirty laundry is unacceptable.

What rich irony that Rowson's letter spoke of "preserving Christian-Euro culture." You won't find any more Christianized countries in the world than Meso and South America. Furthermore, does he know what a "European" even is? Europe can't even agree on it. Membership in a university does not endow one with the right to be heard. In fact, it holds you to a higher standard. It means you're accountable to a code of conduct, and when you engage in public discourse it has consequences not only for you, but your fellow student body. Behaving with such callous indifference and acrimony needs to result in immediate expulsion. The university cannot and should not accommodate this vulgarity.

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Through the wind, rain and hail

Renaissance Fair draws crowd with festive colors and food

Rhiannon Rinas
Argonaut

Brightly-colored jesters on stilts wandered around East City Park in Moscow poking fun and receiving smiles from onlookers. A dragon made of umbrellas with streamers wormed its way through the crowd, and belly dancers performed with coined hip scarves on one end of the park the opposite end, a group of musicians in kilts played bagpipes. Lines of booths were full of jewelry, blown glass art, exotic clothing and exceptional paintings and drawings. These are just a few of the marvels onlookers witnessed at this year's Moscow Renaissance Fair.

Despite the spring season, the sky poured down rain, spit hail and howled with wind. It created grass hills of sliding mud and puddles like lakes that soaked people's jeans halfway up their calves. Even though they were strategically placing straw on the pathways, the mud was so bad that one attendee commented, "What is this, the Kentucky Derby?"

But that didn't stop people from attending the 37th annual fair and it certainly didn't prevent local and traveling creators from displaying and selling their works at booths. Patrons donned boots, raincoats and umbrellas of all shapes, sizes and arrays of colors and attempted not to slip and fall.

Around 20 booths lined and snaked their way throughout the park. Among them were setups from Iye Dye Everything, Falcon Force, Cowgirl Chocolates, Shipwreck, Almond Sensation, Indian Creek Opals, Uncle Joe's Candles, DJ's Beads & Jewelry and Just Spoonin': Unique Spoon Bracelets.

Just Spoonin' wasn't just trying to give a quirky title. Its jewelry was made from spoons bended and twisted into the crosses, bracelets and charms for necklaces. Uncle Joe's Candles sold an array of vibrant colors and scents from hazelnut, which had a rich creamy smell, to lilac, an exact replica of the flowery perfume, and plumeria, a pleasant reminder of Hawaii, to tropical punch that smelled like Starburst candies.

Almond Sensations had displays and samples of "homemade gourmet roasted almonds." Owner Jacquie Bosinger has been baking almonds in new styles for seven years. Delicious samples included snickerdoodles, smoked heat, sweet fire and mocha loco.

DJ's Beads & Jewelry had hundreds of hand-crafted bracelets, necklaces, anklets and earrings made from more than 110 different stones.

"I use mostly semi-precious stones and some pieces have a mixture of stones in them," hand-crafter Doug Barrett said.

Barrett has been displaying his work at the Renaissance Fair for six years now.

Though it was raining and hailing a majority of the time, bright art works and creations brought some color and light to the gray day.

Shipwreck had metal flowers and other yard ornaments. All of which were made from reused items with original color and paint from items like cars, buses and drums.

Along with the pottery, jewelry, blown glass, birdhouses, plants and henna was a variety of foods ranging from the Philippines, Greece and back to America with the Boy Scouts serving ball park favorites like hot dogs and sausages.

Cooks served a little more than food, offering a sense of humor with some orders. When a customer was asked what she wanted to order and said, "I don't know," a server tossed a quick comeback at her, saying, "We don't have that here."

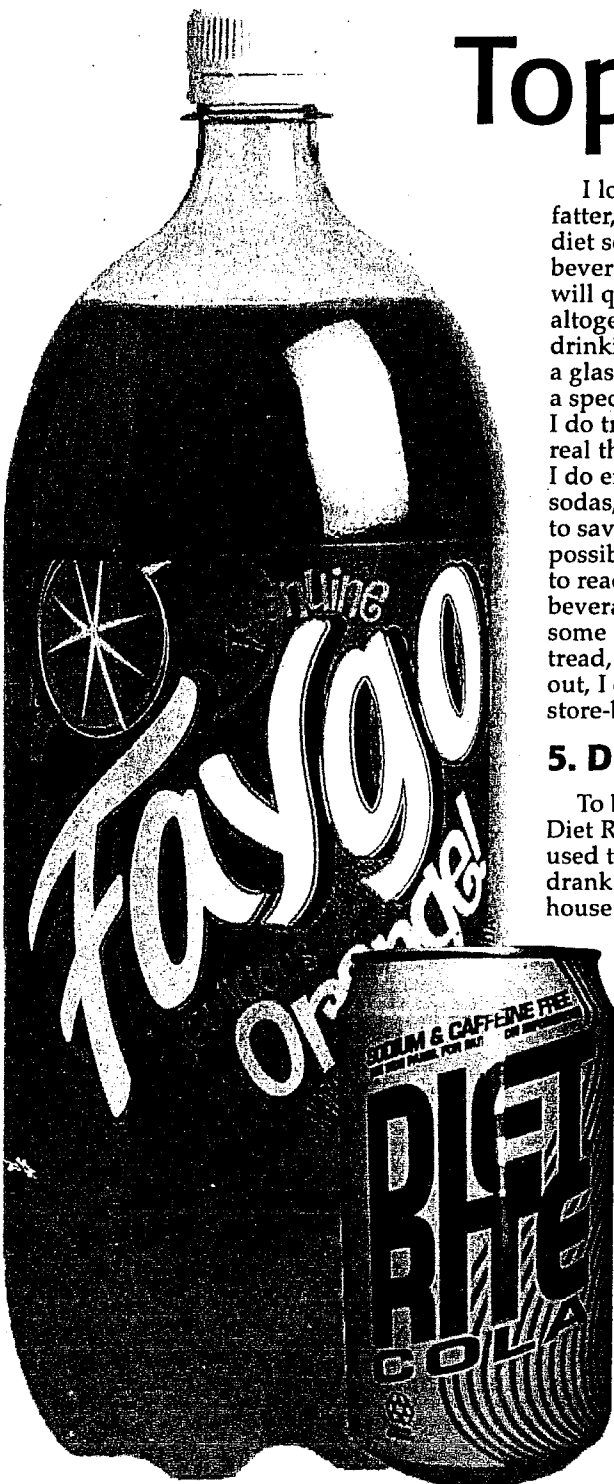
For the sweet tooth in visitors to the fair, delicious desserts like cakes, cookies, brownies and scones were made and sold. Suitsing the weather, hot chocolate, coffee and hot tea were popular drinks to thaw frozen fingers.

Through the rain and the cold, the reoccurring local event still drew in a crowd and offered a variety of entertainment for all ages.



Steven Devine/Argonaut
Moscow's 2010 Renaissance Fair featured wood, glass and other hand-made art work for the public to enjoy Saturday and Sunday.

Top five store-brand sodas



I love soda. As I've gotten older and fatter, I've forced myself to start liking diet soda, water and other "healthier" beverage choices — but I will quit drinking alcohol altogether before I start drinking light beer. Now, a glass of real soda is like a special treat, and when I do treat myself to the real thing, it's a big deal. I do enjoy just about all sodas, but since I'm trying to save money in every possible department, I try to reach for a store-brand beverage. Those can be some difficult waters to tread, so to help people out, I offer my top five store-brand sodas.

5. Diet Rite

To be honest, I haven't had a can of Diet Rite in years, but my mom always used to buy it, and if I had already drank all the Mountain Dew in the house it was either that or milk. Even way back then — when I thought diet sodas tasted like someone made a horrible mistake at the factory — I didn't mind Diet Rite. As far as I know there has never been a Regular Rite.

4. Faygo

Anyone who's been to the Dollar Tree (and who hasn't) is familiar with its in-store brand Faygo. I know they must have started somewhere else, because again, I remember my mom buying diet chocolate Faygo when I was a wee lad, but now it seems to have found a home as cheap as it is. I don't think I've ever liked Faygo

that much, but with a name like that and the vast selection of flavors they offer, you could do worse. Barely.

3. Walmart brands

Walmart, that evil bastion of corporate muscle, offers some pretty tasty store-brand pop. Of course they do, they can afford to. My favorite is Dr. Thunder, which tastes just like that other doctor soda as far as I can tell. Unfortunately, I never go to Walmart, and possibly soon it won't be worth it to drive all the way to Pullman and back just to save a few pennies on soda.

2. Sav-a-Lot brands

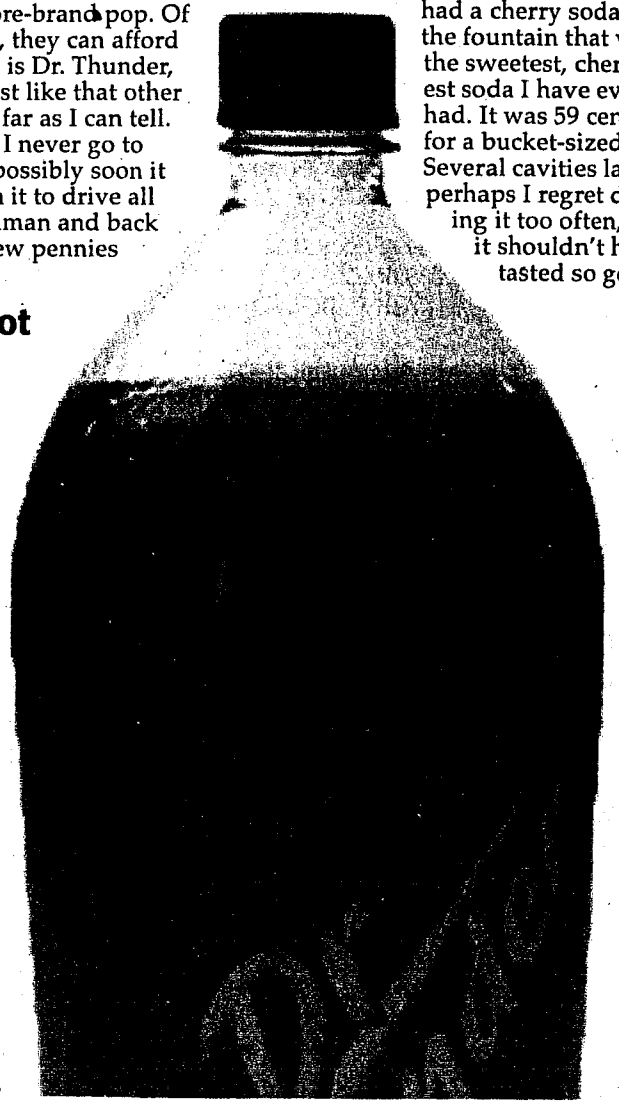
Do they have Sav-a-Lot out here? There was one by my undergrad in Illinois and it had really short hours because they couldn't afford to stay open too late. You could buy a Mountain Dew knockoff there called Mountain Holler with a yelling sun on it. I enjoyed it a lot and it tasted even better knowing they were losing money on everything they sold. Then the store closed and I didn't think it was so funny anymore.

1. Cherry soda at Huck's convenience stores

Again, I don't think that there are Huck's stores outside of the Midwest. I don't even remember what it was called, but they had a cherry soda on the fountain that was the sweetest, cherriest soda I have ever had. It was 59 cents for a bucket-sized cup. Several cavities later, perhaps I regret drinking it too often, but it shouldn't have tasted so good.



Matt
ADAMS-
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Argonaut



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Virtues not so virtuous

In the final days of pop-punk's glory, Amber Pacific was the new kid on the scene. With a band full of fresh faces and tons of potential, it was thought that they were destined to succeed.

The title of their debut album was *The Possibility and the Promise*, an apt description of what the band represented.

Following this debut, the band came out of the studio with *Truth In Sincerity*. Both fans and critics praised Amber Pacific's sophomore effort due to the copious amount of catchy tunes and realism the band sought to promote.

Three years after tasting commercial success, Amber Pacific returns to the music scene with a new vocalist, Jesse Cottam, a finalist on "Canadian Idol," and a new full-length record entitled *Virtues*.

Tragically, the virtuosity of this album is lacking. It also seems that, for the first time, the title of an Amber Pacific release may mislead its audience in regards to quality.

Virtues begins with a strong track titled, "An Anthem For The Young At Heart." This track and "The Girl Who Destroys" are catchy pieces of pop-punk power, but the rest of the album seems to wane. Even though there are some strong moments, including the furious drumming in "What Matters Most," the rest of the album seems to be merely uninspired pop punk, with a heavy emphasis on the pop.

The album is not excruciatingly horrible, but

to say that any serious fan of Amber Pacific or any other pop-punk band will not find anything of value musically in this release.

Lyricaly, Amber Pacific has been fairly average since its debut. This is no different on *Virtues*. The musical progression is absent because the same chord is heard throughout the record, and the dynamic

quality of the music has been played much better by younger bands and there should be a bit more maturity on a third studio release. All these factors come down to Amber Pacific's newest addition, Jesse Cottam.

While his voice is solid, it is nothing original, much like most music being released today. To say *Virtues* lacks substance is an understatement.

While the band manages to sneak in some praiseworthy moments, it is extremely out-weighted by bland, generic riffs and lyrics throughout the entirety of the record. It is tragic to see a band that may have been essential to any pop-punk

fan's iTunes playlist sink to such mediocrity.

While there was never much originality in their previous albums, at least those releases had a feeling of sincerity and honesty. To be frank, the feeling is gone, and with it so is much of Amber Pacific's appeal. If Amber Pacific were to return with a solid, powerful follow-up, they would not be the first to stage a comeback, but if this is plan, they should get started now.



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'BALL AND CHAIN'



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Mylessa Barrera, front, Andrea Griffiths, center, and Christine Maxwell perform a piece called "Ball and Chain" to the song "Ball and Chain" by Janis Joplin during Saturday's senior dance recital in the Physical Education Building.

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History made, history played

Idaho earns first-ever WAC win against Nevada, falls to eventual champion Hawaii

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

It's been a historic year for Idaho athletics. The football team captured the Humanitarian Bowl and sent four players to the NFL, women's basketball captured the first-ever WAC tournament win and track and field has been setting WAC-leading and NCAA qualifying marks.

Coach Jeff Beaman and the men's tennis squad made sure the school year closed out with yet another bang.

Idaho garnered its first-ever WAC tournament win this weekend as the fifth-seeded Vandals upset the fourth-seeded Nevada Wolf Pack 4-2 in the first round of the WAC tournament.

The match-up had animosity surrounding it, as Nevada handily thrashed Idaho at the beginning of the season, but Beaman said the Vandals were much improved and they showed it on the court this weekend.

"We played well today and this is a good win," Beaman said, "considering what happened in our first match."

Idaho headed into the WAC tournament garnering a 20-game winning season that saw the Vandals nationally ranked for a large chunk of the time as they knocked off nationally-ranked University of Nevada Las Vegas and New

Mexico State.

The hotly contested match started off with a bang, as all three doubles matches went the extra distance into tiebreakers before Idaho ultimately prevailed, winning two matches 9-8 to clinch the point.

"The key to the match was the doubles," Beaman said. "That point ended up being the difference maker."

Idaho rolled with confidence coming off the doubles win to take control of the match, with Artem Kuznetsov and Alan Shin gathering up victories in the second and sixth positions to push the Vandals to the brink of victory.

The entire match and season culminated to Stanislav Glukhov's marathon three-set match against Nevada's Augustin Myard in the number four position. Glukhov started off shaky, dropping the first set without a single victory, but powered back in the second to force the pivotal third set, which he ultimately won 7-5, clinching the historic victory for the Vandals.

The Vandals didn't have time to celebrate their historic win, as they prepared to square off against the No. 1 seeded Hawaii, which handed Idaho its final regular-season loss.

Against Hawaii, Idaho once again went the distance in the doubles portions of the match, but un-

like Nevada, the Vandals could not pull out a victory, losing the ever-important doubles match, which set the stage for a pressure-filled singles match-up.

Beaman, who has stressed the importance of garnering the first point, said losing the doubles point was the turning point in the match once again.

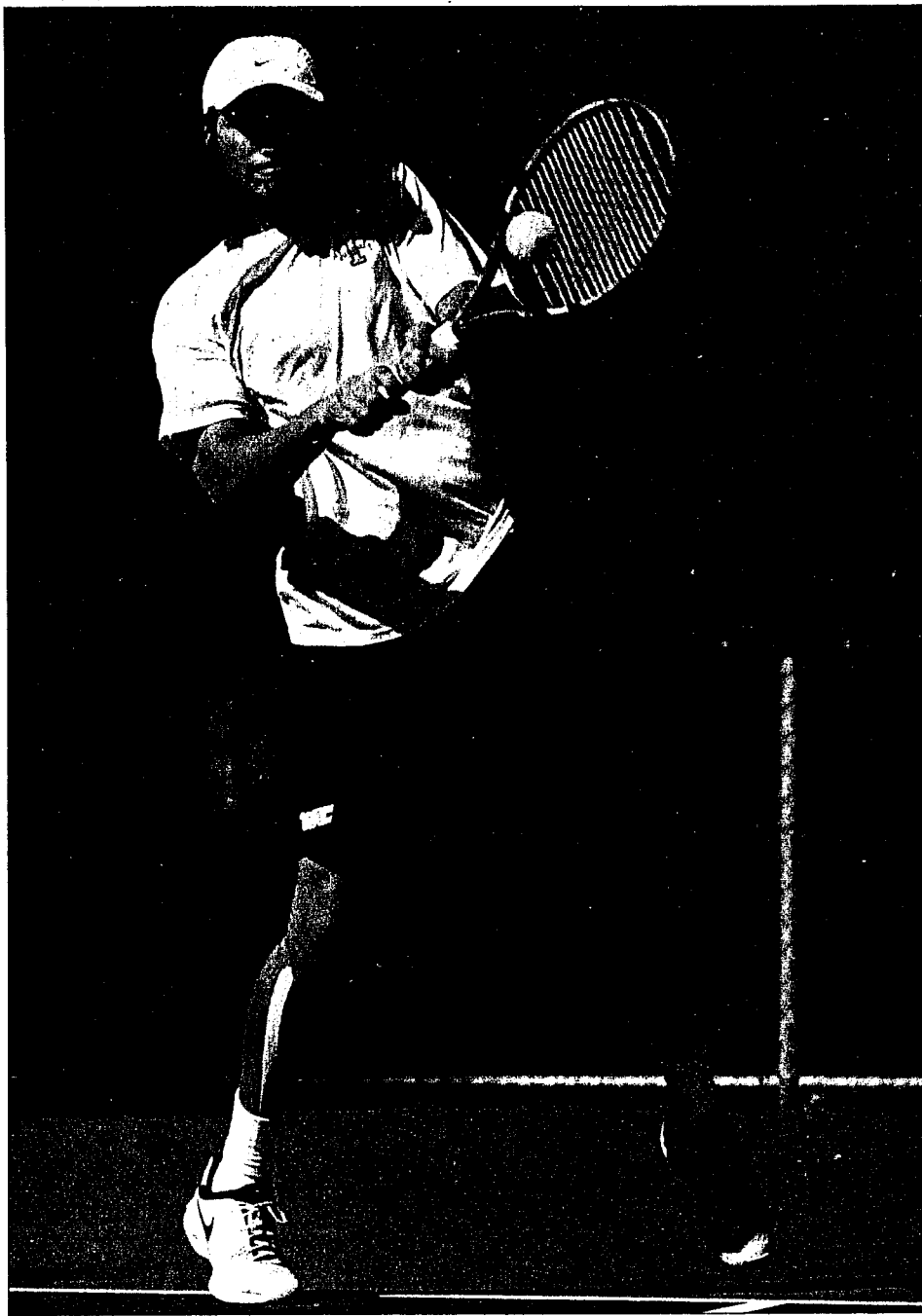
"Our key to this match was the doubles point," Beaman said. "Losing a very close doubles point put a lot of pressure on us going into the singles."

Hawaii, the two-time defending WAC champions, burst out of the gate early and peppered Idaho with shots to which the Vandals could find no response. Idaho's only point came from Artem Kuznetsov, who earned an automatic victory when his opponent, Andreas Weber, retired from the match.

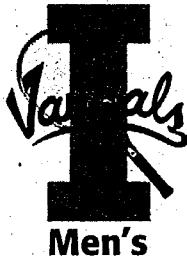
Hawaii earned victories in the first, third and fourth position to clinch the victory, with Hawaii's Dennis Lajola, ranked 121 in the nation, leading the way for the Rainbow Warriors.

"We had our chances," Beaman said. "Hawaii is a very deep team and played great."

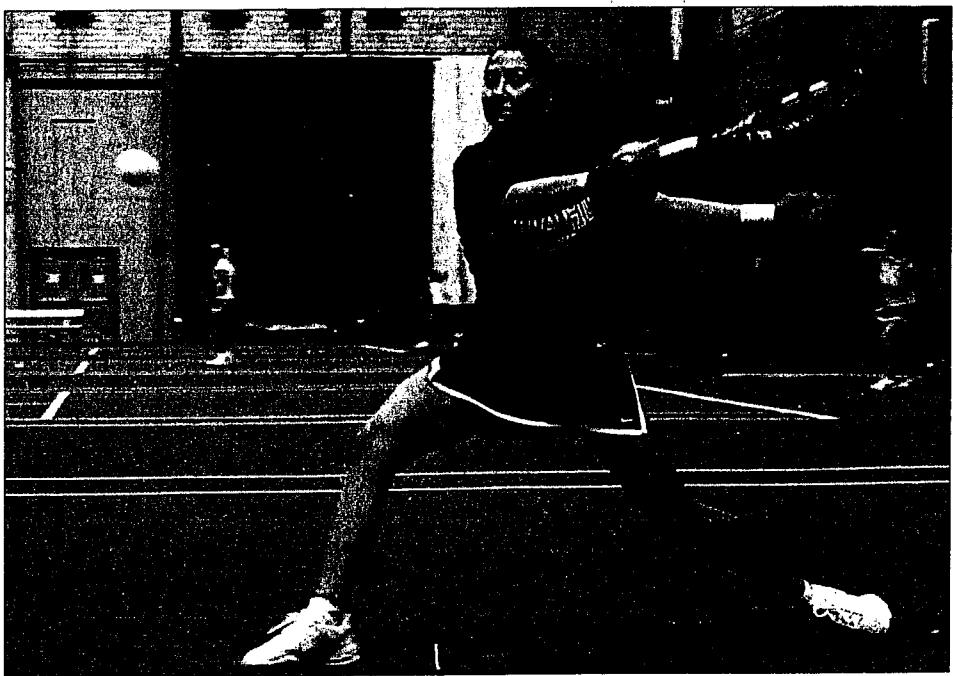
The Vandals can take solace in the fact that they lost to the best team in the WAC. Hawaii went on to defeat Fresno State 4-3 in the finals, captured its third straight WAC championship and got an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.



File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal tennis player Abid Akbar returns a shot from a Gonzaga Bulldog player April 14 on the courts behind Memorial Gym. The Vandals won their first ever WAC tournament match, but lost in the second round to eventual WAC champion Hawaii.



Season ends in heartbreaking fashion



File Photo by Jake Barber/Argonaut
University of Idaho tennis player Silvia Irimescu from Bucharest, Romania, sends the ball back to Washington State University's Ekaterina Kamendova during a singles match Jan. 17, 2009 in Pullman. The Vandals recently ended their 20-6 season with a loss to Hawaii at the WAC championship.

Idaho loses 20-6 in a climactic match to Hawaii

Lisa Short
Argonaut

The Vandal women's tennis team ended their 20-6 season with a close loss to Hawaii at the WAC championship this past weekend, losing 3-4 in the final game of the year and their four seniors.

Gabriela Niculescu, Daniela Cohen, Maria Perivoschikova, and Alexandra Ulesanu all played important roles in the team's accomplishments at the tournament.

Niculescu walked away from the tournament with a singles and doubles victory as well as being honored on all-conference first team and all-tournament

first team. She won her singles match with 6-4, 6-0 and doubles 8-2.

Perivoschikova accompanied Niculescu in the No. 1 doubles victory against Hawaii. Coach Tyler Neill said Idaho's doubles teams played well all the way around. Idaho's No. 1 team of Perivoschikova and Niculescu won all-conference first team as well.

"Doubles played really well in all the positions," Neill said. "Gabi and Maria won easily, and Daniela and Yvette played the best doubles I've seen them play all year."

Although Idaho's doubles pair flourished, the team weakened in their singles play. Ulesanu

struggled to close out her close match against Hawaii's No. 4 player, losing a closely-contested match in the third set.

Neill said Ulesanu lost focus after she wasn't able to convert on two match points.

"We played well," Neill said. "We could have won it, but they fought hard."

The Vandals played Hawaii closer than in their conference match-up, but couldn't finish out the match. Neill said although the team played well, it was one of the toughest losses he's been a part of and it's a disappointing way to end the season.

"Hawaii is a really good team, but in the past we've found ways to win those close ones, so it was really unfortunate to end like that," Neill said.



Through rain, hail, track team shines

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

With only two weeks left before the WAC outdoor championships, senior hammer thrower James Rogan, already first in the WAC by more than 10 feet, decided to one-up the competition.

Not content with just being first in the WAC and owning the school record in the hammer toss, Rogan took to the field and calmly tossed the hammer 221-foot seven-inches, a new personal best, and a new school record.

"He (Rogan) is really hitting his stride at the most important time of the year," Idaho throw-

ing coach Julie Taylor said. Rogan's throw extends his dominating lead in the WAC to over 16 feet, and is the seventh-best mark in the NCAA this year, putting him in prime position going into the WAC outdoor championships in two weeks.

"His goal at the start of the year was 220," Taylor said. "It's nice to see him start doing it right now."

Rogan was just one of the highlights for yet another stellar weekend for the Vandal track and field team, which came out with a slew of personal best marks despite facing adversity from Mother Nature.

Through heavy rains, freezing temperatures, high winds and hail buffeting the athletes at the Duane Hartman Invitational in Spokane, thrower Beau Whitney shrugged off the elements long enough to toss his second personal best throw in two weeks, winning the discus with a throw of 141 feet and following it up with a top-collegiate finisher in the hammer throw.

Taylor said Whitney started off slow, but is developing into a consistent thrower.

"He's getting a lot more consistent. He really put it together technically and made some nice throws in the finals."

Julie
TAYLOR

Track and field coach

"He's getting a lot more consistent," Taylor said. "He really put it together technically and made some nice throws in the finals."

The Vandals continued the throwing sweep with senior Mykael Bothum dominating the shot-put and discus events, capturing first place in both. Sophomore Gabby Midles rounded out Idaho's throwing presence in style by winning the women's hammer toss.

With slightly better weather in Eugene, Ore., senior Allix Lee-Painter led the way for the Vandals with a historic race in the women's 5,000 meter. Lee-Painter ran a blistering 16:25.09, good enough not only for second place at a meet populated by some of the top college track and field athletes in the nation, but also vaulting her to second all-time at Idaho.

Lee-Painter joins prestigious company, as she is one spot ahead of two-time national champion Patsy Sharples.

Lee-Painter's race was just the start for Idaho, as seven more Vandals nailed personal bests as the day wore on.

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Trees versus skyscrapers

There is a fine line between someone who is brought up in a rural area compared to an urban area. Everything about their way of life is different. Things as simple as dress, thought process and conversation can be completely different. Diet may consist of wild game instead of store-bought meat, and other food may be homegrown.

All these differences can lead to a wall between completely rural people versus completely urban people. I, for one, thought I was a mix of both because I grew up in a very small rural town but was within reaching distance of the big city. I received the best of both worlds and never complained about it.

Until now. This leads me to another outdoorsman rule:

If you feel more comfortable about finding your bearings in the wilderness rather than the city, than you are a truly born outdoorsman.

Until just a few months ago, I thought I had the balance between these two worlds down perfectly. My buddy and I were driving through downtown Walla Walla, Wash., and all of a sudden I realized I had no idea where I was. No idea how to get out or to get back to where we came from. Of course, I wouldn't stop and ask for directions, as it breaks the man law. Walla Walla is in no way a big city, so I was quite embarrassed about getting lost.

My buddy just happened to be from San Jose, Calif., which is a big city to me. He couldn't believe I had lost my bearing and thought it was the funniest thing in the world. He still throws flack my way about it every day.

Mr. Cali easily directed me down the street and we hooked a few rights to end up back where we originally were. We discussed how we were both just raised in different places and there was somewhat of a cultural barrier between us — quite a hilarious conversation.

I was shocked at my inability to find my bearings. I wondered if I really was incapable of driving in the big city, or if I just had a stressful day of driving.

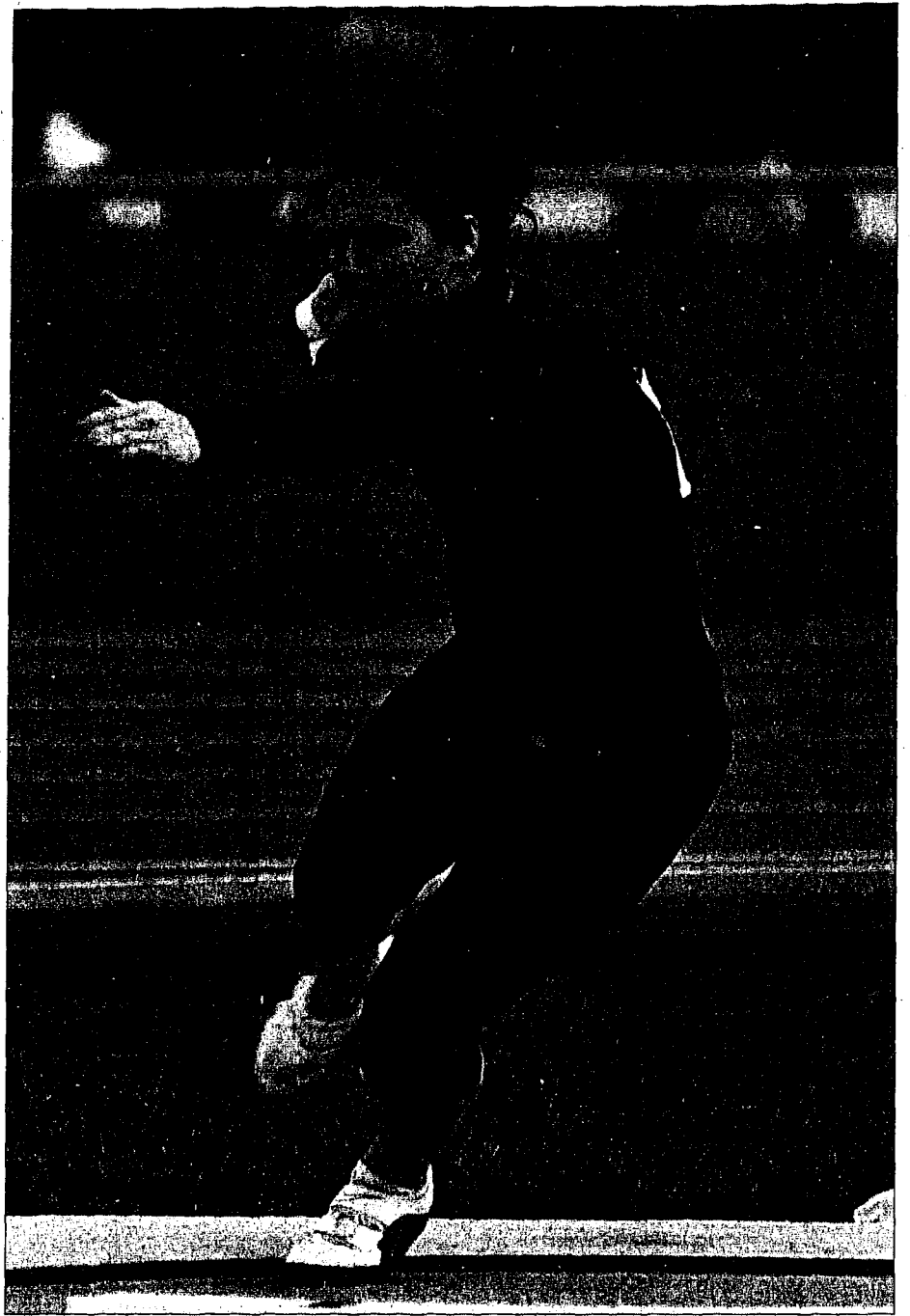
A few weeks later we were fishing out on a remote river in Southwest Montana for trout. We caught a few, had some laughs, and altogether had a great day. As it came to an end and the sun was going down we decided to make the trek back to the truck. As I packed up my pole and strapped my backpack on, I could see my buddy walking upstream a bit ahead of me. I just figured he was being polite and springing a leak away from where I was — a nice move, to say the least. I waited for him to return, but instead of him walking back and heading out, he yelled at me saying, "You coming?"

I laughed at him. He was obviously heading in the wrong direction. Sure enough, I was right. I easily remembered how to get back to the truck and my buddy had absolutely no idea where he was. Although I was not able to find my bearings in the city, I was completely able to find where I was in the wilderness.

Next time you venture into the wilderness, make sure to take someone who has this ability to ensure that you have fun and get home safely.



Pierce BEIGH
Argonaut



File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut
Vandal senior and two-time All-American Mykael Bothum puts the shot at the Cougar Invitational April 24 in Pullman. Bothum won the shot put and discus events last weekend at the Oregon Relays.

Off to the NCAA

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

The Vandal women's golf team is NCAA-bound.

Following a season of stellar play, one that is bound to be one of the best in school history, the Vandals see their hard work pay off as the team heads to sunny California and the ponds and fairways of the Stanford University Golf Course in the NCAA West Regional Women's Golf Tournament, starting this weekend.

Idaho head coach Lisa Johnson said the team will focus on doing their best to qualify for the NCAA championships. The top eight teams and two individuals qualify, but their first priority is something completely different from winning.

"The goal, first and fore-

most, is to enjoy the experience," Johnson said.

The Vandals are one of 27 elite teams who are converging on the 54-hole tournament. Some big teams the Vandals will be up against are No. 1 UCLA, No. 6 Alabama and No. 7 Arizona.

While the Vandals are going to be soaking in the sights, Johnson is quick to dismiss the idea that they are not taking the competition seriously.

"You always want to set your goals higher than what you've achieved," Johnson said.

The Vandals certainly have reason to be confident — in their season the Vandals have defeated Top 25 teams.

Johnson said the team is focused and committed on having fun and putting forth their best effort. The Vandals enter the tournament ranked

51st in the nation, with their top player, Kayla Mortellaro, ranked 19th in the nation, and Johnson said while nerves may play a factor, the Vandals have the experience and the skill to be contenders.

"It's important to go into the tournament feeling like we believe we can play well enough to make it to nationals," Johnson said. "I believe the team feels that way."

Johnson said the team needs to work on consistency and continue to improve to have a shot of getting into the NCAA championships.

"We're going with the goal that we're going to have a lot of fun and play one shot at a time," Johnson said. "If we play our best golf and advance, we do. If we don't, then we can be proud that we at least got there and gave it our best effort."

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Sophomores Teegan Schoch and Alex Brekke both ran season-best times in the 1,500-meter and 3,000-meter steeplechase, respectively. Se-

nior Kevin Merkling made noise at the prestigious meet by placing second in the 'B' section of the 1,500 meter, while Steve Potratz rounded out Idaho's presence on the track with a personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The Vandals will end

the season at home next weekend as they host the annual Vandal Jam-boree at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex before heading to the WAC outdoor championships, where they hope to vie for a spot in the NCAA West Region Championships.

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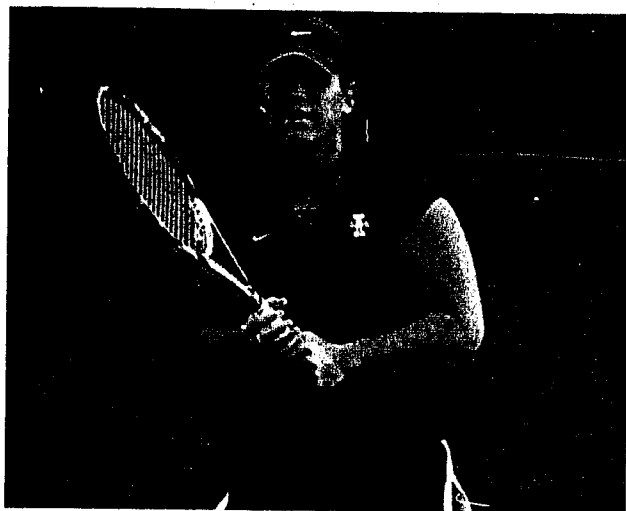
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Women's Tennis Loses In Heartbreaking Fashion

It was a performance to be proud of but a heartbreaking result for the University of Idaho women's tennis team at the opening round of the WAC conference tournament. Idaho fell 4-3 to Hawaii in a match that came down to the very last set. The Vandals finish the season with a 20-6 record.



"This was a heartbreaking loss and one of the toughest matches I have ever been a part of," Women's Tennis Head Coach Tyler Neill said. "Going into today's match, I knew it would be very close but, unfortunately, it just didn't go our way."

Idaho got off to an impressive start with the teams of Gabriela Niculescu/Maria Perevoshchikova and Daniela Cohen/Yvette Ly cruising to 8-2 victories at the No. 1 and 2 spots.

"We started off the match great in doubles, with a lot of energy," Neill said. "We jumped on them early and I think we kind of stunned them. Gabi and Maria showed why they were first team all-WAC in doubles by beating another all-WAC first team in Kobuch and Poljakova."

Singles were not as kind to Idaho and the team found itself trailing 3-2. Basia Maciocha won to tie the match and everything came down to Alexandra Ulesanu match against Algae Van den Bergh.

Ulesanu won the first-set 7-6 after being down 5-2 earlier on but lost the second-set by the same score line. With the score tied the match came down to the third-set. Ulesanu could not get anything going eventually losing 6-1 in the match deciding set.

"In singles we started off slow, but fought back. Gabi had a nice win at one and Basia worked hard for her victory at six," Neill said. "Hawaii is a very good team, but so are we. If one of these match points goes the other way, we are playing in the semis tomorrow but that's the way tennis goes. Hawaii fought incredibly hard for the win."

It is a disappointing end to a fantastic season for the team who had several WAC player of the weeks and a 16-match winning streak during the season.

"I thought we had a good chance to go far in this tournament, but we just weren't able to convert on our chances," Neill said. "It's a disappointing end to a good season. We played really well this year and I hope our team is able to recognize that, even after a tough loss like this."

This marks the end of the career for four seniors. All-WAC first-teamer Niculescu played outstanding in her only season for Idaho. Perevoshchikova and Daniela Cohen were talented transfers who came in and contributed immediately to back-to-back 20-win seasons. Ulesanu amassed a team high 25 singles victories in 2008-2009 and has been a regular in Idaho's lineup for the three seasons she has been with the team.

Field Athletes Shine

Idaho's field athletes competed over the weekend, producing a school record and a number of impressive performances at the Oregon Relays and Duane Hartman Invitational.

Senior James Rogan bested his own school record in the men's hammer throw with a winning toss of 221-7 (67.55m). The throw is a three-foot personal-best, ranks first in the Western Athletic Conference by a 16-foot margin, and puts Rogan at seventh in the NCAA in the event.

"I'm really excited because he's starting to put things together and he's really hitting his stride here at the most important time of the year," Idaho throws coach Julie Taylor said. "His goal at the start of the year was 220, so it's nice to see him start doing it right now."

Also at the Oregon Relays, sophomore Jeremy Klas became the second Vandal to clear 17 feet in the men's outdoor pole vault after clearing 17-0 (5.18m) to win the event.

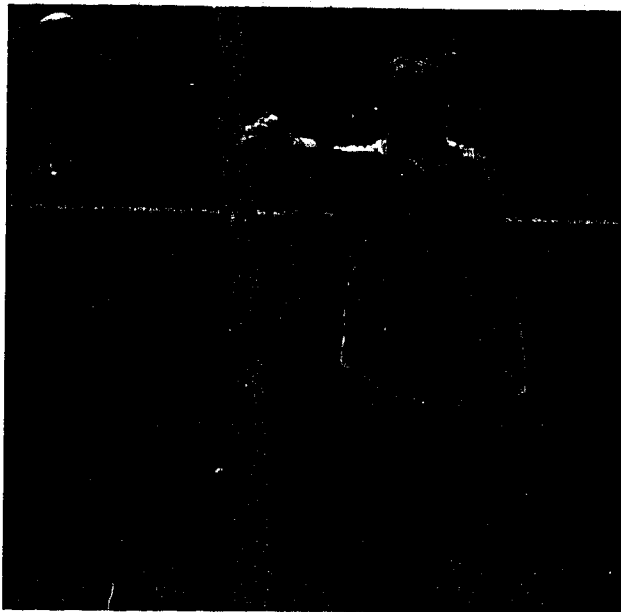
On the track, the 4x400m relay quartet of AshLee Rey, Ulrike Hartz, Lauren Schaffer and Kelly Jacka ran the fourth-fastest time in school history after finishing third in a time of 3:46.32. Rey, a senior, was also the top collegiate finisher and second overall with a personal-best 56.28 in the 400m to move into ninth all-time at Idaho. Junior Josh Dalton also ran a career-best 1:50.81 and took 11th in the 800m.

Athletes at the Duane Hartman Invitational had to deal with cold weather, high winds, rain and hail, but the Vandals still overcame the difficult conditions.

Senior Beau Whitney hit a personal best for the second weekend in a row, this time in the discus. He won the event with a throw of 174-4 (53.13m) and also was the top collegiate finisher in the hammer throw at 198-11 (60.63m). Senior Ben Wood also hit a season-best 175-4 (53.44m) in the hammer and took third.

"He's getting a lot more consistent," Taylor said of Whitney. "He was a little rough in the prelims, but he really put it together technically and made some nice throws in the finals."

Freshman Sam Nielson won the women's triple jump



at 36-8.25 (11.18m), while senior Mykael Bothum won the women's shot put at 48-11.75 (14.93m), as well as the discus at 155-9 (47.48m), while sophomore Gabby Midles won the women's hammer throw at 177-3 (54.04m). Freshman Colby Lee represented the men with a 22-1 (6.73m) to win the long jump.

The Idaho track and field team will host its annual Vandal Jamboree next weekend on Friday and Saturday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

Track Athletes Overcome Weather At Oregon Relays

Mother Nature didn't cooperate, but the rain and wind weren't enough to put off the University of Idaho track and field team last Friday afternoon at the Oregon Relays.

Senior Allix Lee-Painter continued her string of big performances in the distance events and made a historic jump on Friday in the women's 5,000m. After finishing seventh in the event with a personal-best time of 16:25.09, Lee-Painter jumped into second all-time at Idaho - one spot ahead of two-time national champion and Vandal Athletics Hall of Famer, Patsy Sharples.

It wasn't just about Lee-Painter though, as seven more Vandals hit season bests on the day.

Senior Kevin Merkle took second in the men's B section of the 1500m with a time of 3:55.96, while sophomore Teegan Schoch ran a season-best 4:35.29 in the women's



1500m. Sophomore Alex Brekke ran a personal-best 9:19.37 and finished 12th in the men's 3,000m steeplechase, while senior Steve Potratz was right behind with a season-best 9:19.89.

In the 5,000m, another pair of sophomores stood out, as Julia Veseth ran 17:31.70 for a 27-second personal best in the women's race, while Barry Britt took 10th in the men's race with a season-best 14:30.39.

Junior Ulrike Hartz represented Idaho in the field events and soared 18-5.25 (6.25m) in the long jump to take sixth.

Men's Tennis Season Ends At WAC Tournament

The University of Idaho men's tennis team had its amazing season to come to an end at the semifinals of the WAC tournament. The Vandals fell 4-1 to No. 43 Hawaii on Saturday.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman stressed the importance of doubles throughout the tournament but Idaho lost the point in an two extremely close doubles matches.

"Our key to this match was the doubles and losing a very close doubles point put a lot of pressure on us going into the singles," Beaman said. "We had our chances but Hawaii is a very deep team and played great."

No. 1 seed and eventual tournament champions Hawaii proved their quality jumping on Idaho early in singles. The Vandals could not recover and Artem Kuznetsov nabbed Idaho's lone point in the match after Andreas Weber retired in the first set.

The loss does not diminish the fantastic season Idaho had including winning the program's first match in the WAC tournament and earning its highest national ranking ever.

"I feel this years team had a strong year and accomplished a lot of the goals I have set for this program including being nationally ranked, having a 20 win season and advancing in the WAC tournament," Beaman said.

The loss marks the end of the road for three Vandal seniors. Four-year starter Stanislav Glukhov made key contributions to getting the program where it is today. Transfers

Artem Kuznetsov and Adrian Simon added depth at the top of the lineup and improved the overall play of the team.

"Looking towards next year it will be hard to replace our three seniors as all were a vital part of our singles and doubles line-up but we do have some very strong players coming in, so hopefully we keep the momentum going," Beaman said.



Women's Golf Headed To NCAA West Regional

No matter what happens at the NCAA West Regional Women's Golf Tournament, the University of Idaho team will go down as one of, if not the, most successful in school history.

"The goal, first and foremost, is to enjoy the experience," said coach Lisa Johnson, whose team won three tournaments this season along with one runner-up outing and a third while finishing in the top half of every event except one.

"If everyone on the team can play a little bit more consistent golf and play a little better than we have been this spring, we'll put ourselves in a better position at regionals to advance to nationals."

Twenty-seven teams are competing in the 54-hole tournament, which is Thursday through Saturday this week. The top eight teams and two individuals qualify for the NCAA Championship, which is at the Country Club of Landfall at Wilmington, N.C.

Johnson said the Stanford University course is a fair test of golf - not too long at 6,100 yards and playing to a par of 71. Where trouble lurks is in the fairway rough should it be long and the greens, which can be fast.

"Obviously," she said, "it's important to go into the tournament feeling like we believe we can play well enough to make it to nationals. And I believe the team feels that way. We also understand we have to play really well to do that."

"You always want to set your goals higher than what you've achieved."

That being said, making the regional field is a bonus to an already successful season for the Vandals, who have one of the nation's best players in sophomore Kayla Mortellaro, who heads into the regional tournament ranked 19th. The Vandals are ranked 51st by GolfStat and are joined in the West Regional field by a host of top-25 teams. No. 1 UCLA is in the field along with No. 6 Alabama and No. 7 Arizona as well as 12th-ranked Ohio State, 13th Virginia, 17th Stanford, 19th LSU, 24th California and 25th Texas A&M.

"The team is very focused," said Johnson, who lightened practices sessions somewhat the week before departure because the Vandals head straight to final exams upon their return. "Nerves could play a factor, especially those who haven't played in a regional before."



The Vandals have some experience there with Mortellaro advancing last year as an individual and Amanda Jacobs, now a senior, a part of the 2007 Western Athletic Conference Champion that reached the regional tournament. Jacobs, however, is the lone senior on the team. Joining her and Mortellaro as the Vandals' five are sophomores Teo Poplawski, Frida Nilsson and Annika Karlsson.

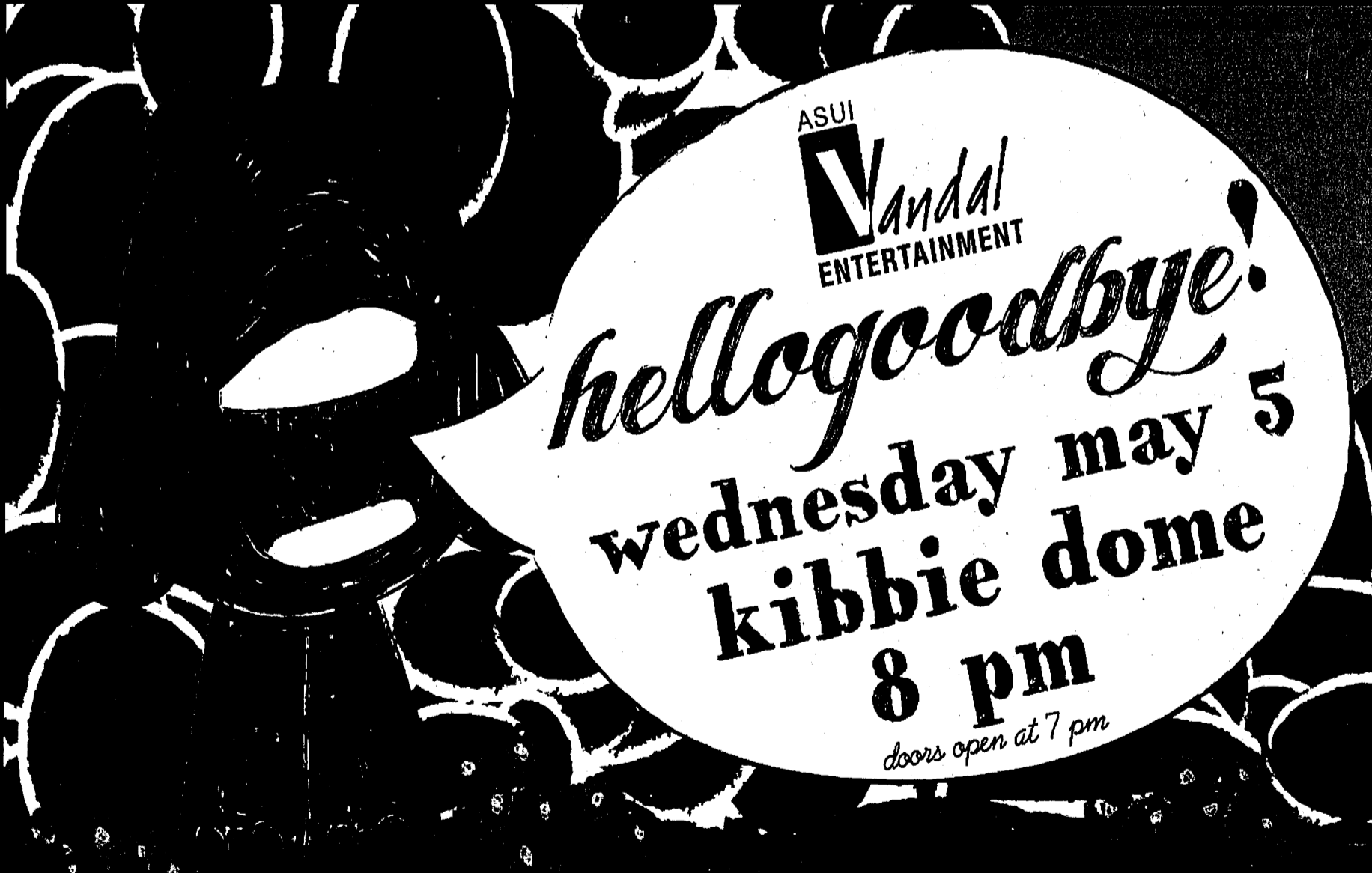
"We've beaten some top-25 teams this year already," Johnson said. "It's realistic if we go out and play our best golf then we can make it."

"We're going with the goal that we're going to have a lot of fun and play one shot at a time. If we play our best golf and advance, we do. If we don't, then we can be proud that we at least got there and gave it our best effort."

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