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University of Idaho students from left to right, Kaleb Davis, Ryan Johnson, Cooper McBride, Eric Valiquette, Meggie Cafferty, Jared Brockett and Jake Grimes cheers before taking a shot Wednesday night at the Corner Club.



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University of Idaho student Brad Marboe celebrates his 21st birthday as he throws a puck down the shuffleboard table underneath the hanging collage of the 1981-82 NCAA Sweet Sixteen Vandal basketball team Wednesday night at midnight.

A horse, a sheep and a bottle of beer

Nick Groff
Argonaut

Once a church, a brewery and a bakery, the small brick building off the corner of A and Main streets in downtown Moscow is just a bar from the outside. But step inside the cinder block walls of the Corner Club and it doesn't take long to realize it isn't an ordinary bar.

The Club opened its doors July 23, 1948, as a workingman's bar by Gene "Hermie" Goetz and Neal Lind, and one patron has been there from the start. Moscow native Norman McGough got off work on the U.S. 95 Highway project north of Moscow and stopped for a birthday beer at the Club the first day it opened. McGough turned 21 that day and has not stopped going.

"Well, (we) were just coming off and had a beer," McGough said.

McGough and high school friend Ray Warniky have gone to the Club nearly every day since McGough re-

tired in 1989. The two have a cup of black coffee, read The Spokesman-Review and watch "The Price is Right."

The highway McGough helped build would eventually run through the original building the bar used. The original establishment was larger, had hardwood floors and barren walls. Before the building was torn down, the current building was built onto the back and is still in use today.

Verbal histories account a man riding a buffalo through the original building, a different man riding his horse into the bar and a beer-chugging sheep.

"That happened during Hermie's time," said Marc Trivel-piece, current co-owner. "You know there are stories of a guy riding in here

and ordering a beer for himself and his horse. The horse story is true, but I don't know about the buffalo, you know how oral histories are."

Dave "Hondo" Goetz, Hermie's son, managed the bar from 1971-91. Hondo returned from school at the College of Southern Idaho to help his dad manage the bar when his co-owner Neal Lind passed away at an early age.

Hondo said the horse in the bar was before his time, but he remembered the beer-chugging sheep in the '70s.

"(Students) were always doing research on animals and (Tom Dowd) would get the bum lambs," said Mike Curtis, Corner Club owner from 1991-2007.

"He'd bet any of the guys down

"He'd bet any of the guys down at the Club his sheep could chug a beer faster than them."

Mike Curtis
Former Corner Club owner

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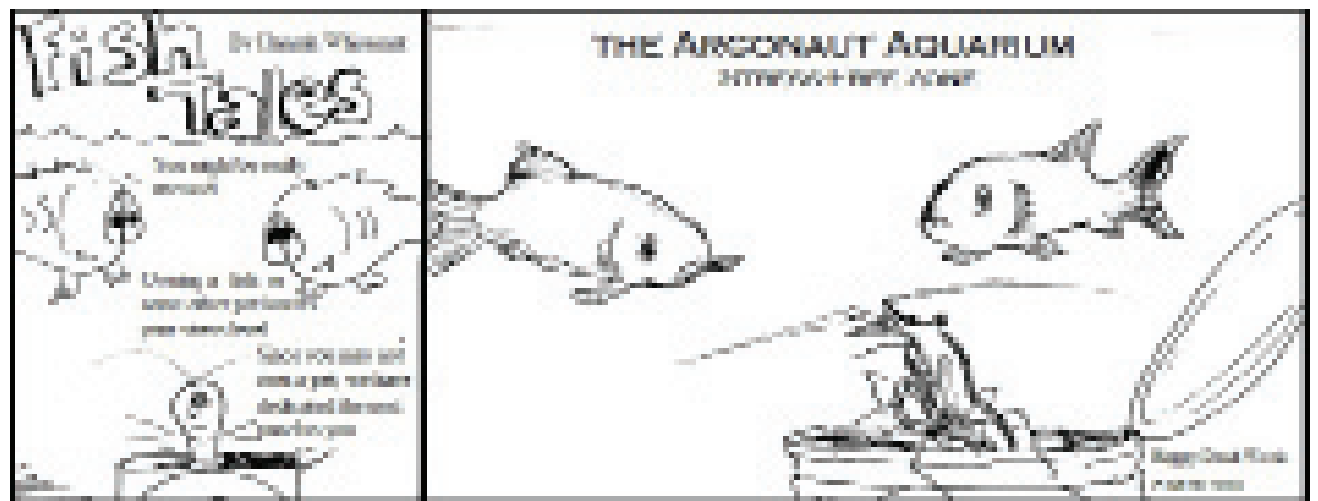
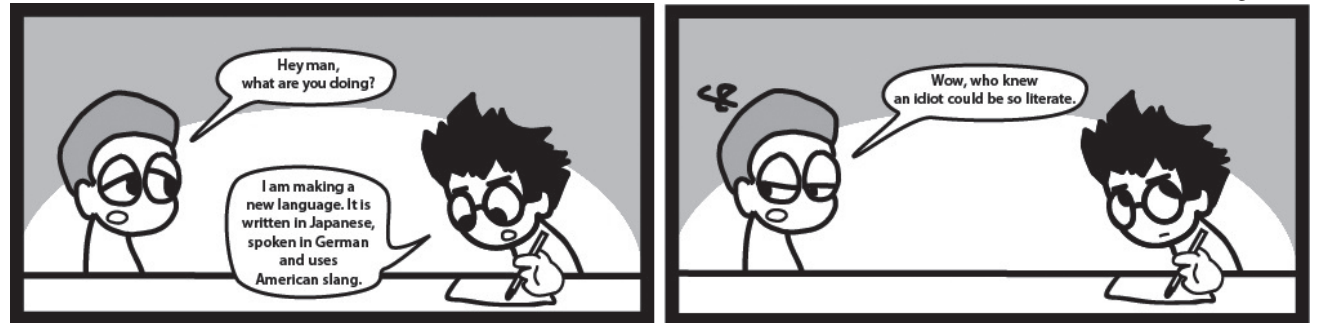
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- Competent
- Track shape
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- Nose, to some
- Old West painter, Frederic
- Old two-door car
- Jagged
- More than one or two
- Store events
- Author LeShan
- Broke bread
- Olympia painter
- Antitrust laws protector (Abbr.)
- Exhausts
- Greek letter
- Spring
- Heightened
- Part of USDA (Abbr.)
- Golfer Palmer, to pals
- Ancient
- Football positions (Abbr.)
- Painter of colorful and primitive rural scenes
- Mineo of *Exodus*
- Sparkler
- Rascal
- TV installment
- Plains tribe
- Sir or madam, e.g.
- The Night Watch* painter
- Fragrant oil
- Magazine contents
- I, Claudius* role
- Night light
- Advance funds
- Wrecker's job

Down

- Horror film staple
- Certifies
- Pago Pago's place
- Droop
- Some plays
- Burn balm
- Mile-High City
- Celebes dwarf buffalo
- The Slave Market* painter
- Cut off
- Summer on the Seine
- Cotton thread
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- Actor Byrnes of *77 Sunset Strip*
- Skyrocket
- Beguile
- States (Fr.)
- Reuters rival inits.
- State in NE India
- Subsidy
- Mastheads
- Before cotta or firma
- Painter Giovanni Antonio Canal's AKA
- Brooch
- Freudian topic
- Famed loch
- More uptight
- Designer's concern
- amis
- Unprincipled
- Paradise Lost* figure
- Haystacks* painter
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- Jane Austen heroine
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- Tartan cap
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In Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut, in the Core Curriculum proposal article, the proposal was sent back to the University Curriculum on General Education. Eric Grubaugh was pictured on page 8.



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UI students may need alternative ride to WSU



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Students board the Wheatland Express Moscow-Pullman commuter bus at the Living and Learning Center bus stop, where the bus passes approximately 30 minutes on the hour, every hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. University of Idaho & Washington State University students can ride free Monday to Friday with picture ID.

Amanda D' Anna Argonaut

More than 150 students from University of Idaho and Washington State University use the Wheatland Express to shuttle between Moscow and Pullman, but this service may be terminated by WSU Parking and Transportation Service in the near future, according to WSU Today.

The article said the contract for the shuttle is currently held by UI but WSU parking system pays for 50 percent of the cost, which would save them up to \$70,000 annually if they decide to discontinue the bus.

"The unilateral decision by WSU ignores the facts that UI supports half the cost of the bus, and is widely used by UI students attending cross-listed courses at WSU," said Lowell Kapp-

meyer, WSU staff.

If this proposition by PTS is granted and they do discontinue the bus, about 50 percent of UI students and 40 percent of WSU students will need to find new transportation between the universities, according to WSU Today.

"I believe that this decision to stop the bus should include both schools. Since the University of Idaho and Washington State both pay to keep the shuttle running and both ultimately use it for the same purpose, it should be a joint decision. And stopping the bus is going to, in my opinion, be more harmful than not," said UI freshman Katherine Daugharty.

WSU freshman Garret Candelaria said he agrees with PTS and feels the money they would save could go toward different transportation issues.

"Seventy-thousand dollars is a lot of money and there's got to be somewhere that could benefit from it, and although students from both universities rely on the bus, there are different carpooling services around both campuses that are more cost-efficient," Candelaria said.

Kappmeyer also said Moscow Valley Transit, along with the students that rely on the Wheatland Express shuttle, will also face difficulties if the shuttle is stopped.

"It is understood that the Moscow Valley Transit is supported in part by a grant that depends on the continued existence of the Wheatland Express commuter. The Moscow Valley Transit is widely used by UI students and staff, and could be jeopardized by the loss of the commuter," Kappmeyer said.

Winter's end, for graduating seniors

Brittany Kiser Argonaut

Of the 745 University of Idaho candidates for graduation this fall, 380 are expected to attend the commencement ceremony Saturday, said UI registrar Nancy Krogh.

Several students from other UI branches like Boise choose to walk in the spring instead.

"We call them candidates for graduation because they haven't actually graduated yet," Krogh said. "We give students about two weeks after grades are due to receive their diplomas . . . you never know what might happen. But you know UI students, 99.9 percent of them are brilliant."

UI senior and psychology major Debbie Ferguson said before she can graduate Saturday, she had to obtain a signature from her specific college saying she has taken her major-required courses, and also fill out an online survey.

"But that's all done so early, and then there's little communication," Ferguson said. "The only reason I knew I had to be at commencement at 11 on Saturday morning was because I checked the university's website. If they could send out an e-mail or something, that would be helpful. But I haven't received an e-mail about graduation in over a month."

Ferguson said other than a small lack of communication, the process has been relatively smooth, and not overly expensive.

"Sarb put on a big Grad Fest, where we got our cap and gown," Ferguson said. "I think my total for everything was around 40 bucks. They also had a photo session set up, and if you like the proof you have the chance to order them."

However, students should know they will have to pay a fee for their transcripts.

"It's \$7 for an official transcript, and \$5 for an unofficial—these are not certified by our office and strictly for student purposes," Krogh said. "But students can get on VandalWeb and look for free, which I recommend. The official ones are sent out for scholarships, grad schools, jobs, that sort of thing."

Krogh said UI's price is reasonable compared to other institutions such as BSU, where it costs \$10 for an official transcript.

"There's a fee because we have to pay for the service getting them out . . . there's the staff time, the machines we need to print them," Krogh said. "They're printed on security paper so they can't be forged. Our students work hard, we want to protect their transcripts."

Ferguson said she can see how the fee would be frustrating if one was applying to master's programs at multiple schools.

"It's definitely an inconvenience . . . I could see how the money would rack up. But it's not overly priced," she said.

Krogh said she wished they didn't have to charge students for transcripts.

"Nobody wants to pay a fee. But it doesn't happen often, and we need to pay to get those transcripts out the door," she said. "It also pays for us to store and keep track of them forever in a secure manner. A student might need their transcripts down the road for a job or something, and we'll still have them available, securely kept."

As far as the actual ceremony goes, Krogh said it will be a traditional affair where students file in. The faculty members will form a tunnel for students to walk through.

"The Chair of Faculty Senate will lead the ceremony in, and President Nellis presides over the commencement ceremony," Krogh said. "A representative from the State Board of Education will bring greeting to students, and the commencement speaker is Dr. Scott Wood, dean of the College of Science. Each student will process across as the stage as their name is read, followed by a greeting from their dean. It's a very nice ceremony."

She said a reception will follow in the Kibbie Dome.

"It's a really great opportunity for parents and families . . . there's photo backdrops of the Admin Clock Tower, and other things too," Krogh said. "We will have a photographer taking pictures throughout the ceremony, and students will have the opportunity to purchase those if they like."

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BYU-H student launches housing rating website

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

Landlords are like professors: they can make life intensely hard if you choose the wrong one—with no “withdraw” grades as an escape.

Matthew Crandall, a student at Brigham Young University-Hawaii majoring in international business, said he developed the idea for the website RateMyHousing.com from the rating system used by websites such as RateMyProfessors.com.

“When I moved (to Hawaii) the housing options were poor and the info about it was low,” Crandall said.

Crandall created RMH for an entrepreneur class he is taking this semester.

Working with his college graduate brother, Ryan Crandall, Matthew Crandall purchased an operating site called RateMyApartments.com, and re-launched it with a new name, format and web address.

The website allows students to leave anonymous comments, post pictures and rate the dormitory or apartment in seven categories: “quality,” “price,” “location,” “social,” “landlord,” “parking” and “overall.” RMH also includes distance to campus information.

“The site is really in the hands of the users,” Crandall said. “We want to encourage students to take their experience and benefit other students with this website.”

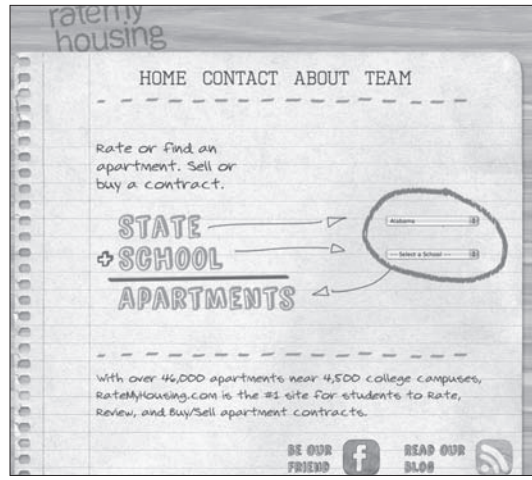
University of Idaho student Chris Renfrow, resident of Gooding Wing in Wallace, said he would use the site to warn other students.

“No one would rate Wallace good,” Renfrow said. “My roommate from Japan almost cried when he saw the room.”

Chelsey Wilson, a UI junior living off campus, said she would most want to know about the landlord.

“(It would be) nice to know how your landlord will treat you,” Wilson said. “I know how hard it was to find an apartment I liked.”

Wilson said she would probably take the time to rate her housing.



Screenshot courtesy www.ratemyhouse.com

“It’s like doing a teacher evaluation, I always do those,” Wilson said.

Ray Gasser, University housing director, said the site is pretty typical of the many websites available.

“It’s pretty easy to get information about housing on campus through student media,” Gasser said. “Off campus, it could be more helpful.”

Gasser said students should never judge a housing option simply on one or two students’ opinions.

“You need to check (the housing) out for itself,” Gasser said.

Katarina Brownell, a UI student living in Theophilus Tower, said friend recommendations would have much more weight in her decision.

“I’d rather get it from someone I know, but I would look at the website at least,” Brownell said.

Brownell said she might rate her housing if she has the time.

“Unless I had something really extraordinary happen I thought people should be aware of—like my heater blowing up or something,” Brownell said.

UI STEM research spreads statewide



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Mason Frederickson sits with Matthew Womdeldorff in Assistant Professor Patrick Hrdlicka’s laboratory Nov. 11, making final preparations for the Student Research Exposition that took place Nov. 12.

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

A \$1.2 million leadership gift was awarded to the University of Idaho this fall by Micron, allowing researchers to analyze barriers of science, technology, engineering and math, known as STEM, in communities in Idaho.

UI was selected for the Micron gift because more students and groups are involved in STEM than any other institutions in the state and other peer institutions in the Northwest, said Jim Gregson, the university’s STEM programs.

The Micron STEM education research with project’s main goal is to start focus groups with community members, parents, teachers and school administrators by

trying to get a perspective of where STEM barriers are in communities, said Jerry McMurry, project director and associate dean of College of Graduate Studies.

Boise, Camas County, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Kamaiah, Lewiston, Melba, North Gem, Pocatello, Post Falls, Priest River and West Jefferson were the 12 communities randomly selected for the focus groups and research.

“We randomly selected the districts so that we can keep the research design pure. No one has ever tried at this level before, and after reviewing the literature, looking at what (was) done in the past, we decided this is the level we needed to take it,” McMurry said. “People are excited to see what our research is going to show.”

In past STEM research, the focus was on the student.

However, McMurry said getting to the root of the problem has a lot to do with communities, and how and where a student was brought up.

“We hope that we can collect some data that will allow us to build different initiatives to try and make changes in those communities,” McMurry said.

The leadership grant will be distributed over four years and much of the money will be going to students who will be involved and trained to conduct interviews and focus groups in communities across the state.

“The grant will also support travel, buying out time for our research team and other costs that are associated with support in communities,” McMurry said.



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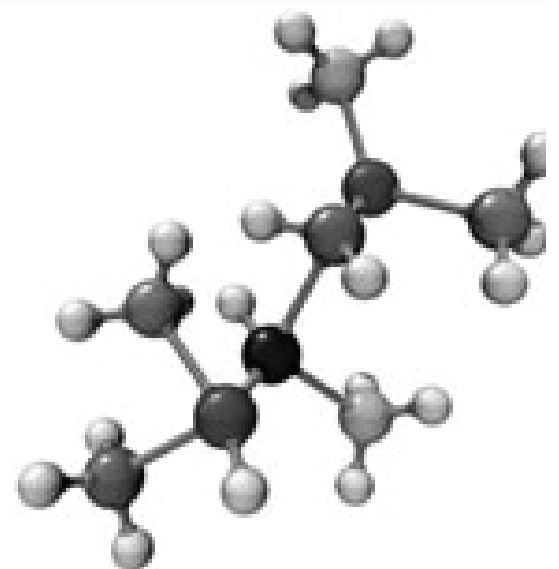
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at the Club his sheep could chug a beer faster than them. He'd put a nipple on one of those bottles and the sheep would never lose."

Curtis and Trivelpiece said they never had animals in the bar, but still have their fair share of fun experiences with different characters.

"A Beta came in last (fall) wearing a vest that was two sizes too small, a pink bike helmet and yellow jogging shorts that were too small," Trivelpiece said. "He walked in and realized none of his buddies were here. He spent 15 minutes trying to call his buddies."

Curtis said one of his most memorable moments was the national attention the bar received in Sports Illustrated in 2005.

"The neatest thing was Sports Illustrated ... Top 25 bars in the States," Curtis said. "... they called us and said 'you guys just made the cut.' Called next week and asked for stories. Finally the last week they called and said 'you're in' ... they sent us a magazine without address labels so it was pristine."

Trivelpiece said one of his most memorable moments at the Club was fall 2009 when University of Idaho football coach Robb Akey led the Vandal fight song on the bar after the Homecoming win in front of a packed house.

The Club has a tradition of cutting the jukebox when a bar patron steps on the bar, table or stool, claps and leads the bar in the Idaho fight song.

"I don't know, it's been going on since I was going to school here. Joel Thomas used to lead it a

lot when he was here," Trivelpiece said.

Thomas played for the Vandals from 1993-98, was a 2008 inductee to the Vandal Athletic Hall of Fame and is the all-time leading rusher in Idaho football history.

Thomas is not the only Hall of Fame inductee to contribute to the history of the Club. Former Vandal basketball player Gus Johnson added his mark at the original Corner Club in the '60s.

"I'm not exactly sure how the challenge came up, but someone challenged Gus to touch a beam that was 11 feet off the ground," Trivelpiece said. "He stood flat-footed and touched up about 11 foot 6."

Trivelpiece said Hermie drove a nail in the beam and said anyone who could touch the nail would be able to drink for free.

"Bill Walton even came down to try," Trivelpiece said. "He didn't even attempt when he saw the height. Dennis Johnson, Gus's little brother, was the only other person to ever touch it."

Not only have Vandal Hall of Fame athletes contributed colorful stories throughout the years, but many of their photos are on the wall or under the plexiglass tabletops. The Club is adorned ceiling to floor with Vandal memorabilia, from photos that are decades old to the shots of 2010 NFL first-round draft pick and former Vandal Mike Iupati. Near the front entrance, a collage from the 2009 Roady's Humanitarian Bowl championship Vandal football team is under the table, and in the back is a newspaper clipping collage from the 81-82 NCAA Sweet Sixteen Vandal basketball team that hangs above the shuffleboard table.

While the Club is

known for displaying Vandal artifacts, its signature is the tub. A 32-ounce oversized plastic cup full of beer that is a popular purchase made by many of the patrons.

"I think tubs are a great idea," said Eric Valiquette, a UI student. "It's (the Club) probably the only place that has tubs and knows what they are, at least besides the other bars in Moscow."

Trivelpiece has his own history with the Club, and has worked there off and on since he was in school at UI in the late '90s. It had always been a dream of his to own the Corner Club. He also said the Club is where he met current co-owner and wife, Stacey Trivelpiece. Stacey was a student when Trivelpiece was a bar tender.

"That's how I convinced my wife to own a bar," Trivelpiece said. "She likes it."

Stacey agreed with her husband and said it is "awesome."

"Telling people you own the Club is better than telling them you're pregnant," Stacey Trivelpiece said, laughing.

She said owning a business is stressful, but since her business is the Club it makes the stress worth it.

The Corner Club has transformed from a workingman's bar to a mixed crowd, Trivelpiece said. He said the local crowd usually shuffles out around nine and students start trickling in by about 11 p.m.

"It is the Vandal bar in Moscow," Valiquette said. "If we're going to go out to the bars, we're going to go to the Corner Club ... just because the tables have photos of students and pictures of students doing their sports. When you go there, you know who everyone is."

Higher education in decline

Idaho post-secondary enrollment one of lowest in U.S.

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

The state of Idaho has one of the lowest high school-to-higher education ratios in the country, said Bruce Pitman, University of Idaho dean of students.

"We have fewer students going on to post-secondary education than almost any state in the union. There may be a few that are lower than us," Pitman said. "But it's been a big enough issue that the State Board of Education has taken it on as an issue and there's been a substantial media campaign in the last six to eight months encouraging people in the state of Idaho to go on to higher education."

People with bachelor's degrees hold the lowest unemployment rate in the nation and people with a high school diploma have twice the unemployment rate of people with a college education, UI President Duane Nellis said.

"It's not because those people are less enthusiastic about finding a job, it's just that a lot of the jobs are related to a more educated work force," Nellis said.

The state of Idaho recognizes these issues and challenges, and Pitman said the state can and needs to do better.

"There was a study on how well we were educating students at the high school level and how the United States is barely in the middle of the pack for relatively sophisticated countries," Pitman said.

The age levels where students need to be influenced are K-12, Nellis said. He also said students and their families need to realize the value of an educated work force and American competition.

"If we are going to remain one of the top economic success stories in the world, we need to have an

educated work force, and that's beyond a high school education," he said. "It's some type of post-secondary educational experience."

The country with the most growth in education was China, Pitman said.

"The simple analysis was they're expecting more, students go to school longer hours, more days out of the year, basically an application of we know what works in terms of having students be more proficient," he said.

In some countries there is more pressure on young people as they are growing up to be successful. Parents in those countries tend to balance opportunities for their children better, Nellis said.

"I think in a lot of these countries that we're competing with ... there's still a strong emphasis on kind of basic education and how important that is," Nellis said.

Pitman said there has been a substantial trend where at least public institutions of higher education are receiving less money from the individual states where the schools are located.

"The University of Idaho has had a decrease of 21, 22 percent in its general ed(ucation) funding from the state of Idaho in the last two years. The same thing is happening almost everywhere in the United States," Pitman said.

Nellis said some reasons for the decrease in pursuit of higher education are financial situations and lack of encouragement by parents.

"I think I can make it through college debt-free as long as I work hard over the summer. I am not very stressed about finishing school," said UI freshman Chris Campbell.

As a combat veteran, freshman Nathan Deahn said the only way he would be able to go to school is

because of the post-9-11 GI bill and financial aid.

"I am a non-traditional student, father of three and going through an ugly divorce, with the funds of the GI bill, my only stress comes from being able to pay for housing," Deahn said.

Freshman Nitalia Zuniga said she used FASFA to pay for her schooling, along with scholarship money from playing soccer.

"For my family, getting these scholarships has saved us from going into debt," Zuniga said.

Without the money, Zuniga said she would be going to a community college.

"I think they may not realize how much financial aid is going to be available to them and they think it's just going to be too expensive when in reality, here at the University of Idaho, we are among the lowest as far as the amount of fees that require of students and we have a lot of financial aid available for students," Nellis said.

Of course students will leave the university with debt, but with the earning power gained from a four-year degree, the benefits are clearly long term, Nellis said.

UI is hoping to move on to post-secondary education by doing a number of things such as having K-12 teachers hold workshops, concurrent enrollment and making the overall experience more exciting, Nellis said.

"It's not only the K-12 students, but it's their parents, the support environment and how parents value their son or daughter going for a college education and how strongly they encourage their son or daughter to do well in classes like math or science," Nellis said.

Nellis said options for students who don't go on to get a bachelor's degree are much more limited.

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It's all in the finish

Women overcome slow first half, defeat Montana 69-56

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandal women's basketball team was able to put a miserable first half behind them and battle from behind to beat Montana 69-56 in Memorial Gym Wednesday night.

Idaho, improved to a 6-2 record, defeating Montana (3-6) for the first time since 2004 in a thriller in which the Vandals trailed for most of the game before turning up the heat in the second half, using their sharpshooters to crawl back into the game and get the victory.

From the opening tipoff, the first half belonged to Montana. The Vandals looked like they had a hang-over from the loss to Wyoming on Saturday and trailed the entire half. Coach Jon Newlee said his team needed to pick up the intensity.

"That first half was really slow, it was just kind of like watching sand through an hourglass," Newlee said. "We had to pick up the defense, we had to pick up the offense and play faster."

The Lady Griz took a 36-28 lead into the break, but the second half would be a different story. Idaho came out with a new intensity and went on a 19-7 run to start the half.

With 11:30 to go in the second half, senior Derisa Taleni drove the lane, drawing a foul while making the bucket to tie the game. Taleni then hit the free-throw, giv-

ing Idaho its first lead of the game and setting the tone for the remainder of the contest. The Vandals never trailed the rest of the game on the way to the win. Senior Rachele Kloke said the win was a huge confidence boost, but admitted the team got away with one and needs to compete the full 40 minutes, not just a half.

"It comes down to just coming out the way we did the second half — just talking and moving on defense," Kloke said. "We weren't talking as much as we needed to."

"Since I've been here we've always lost to them by 20, so to get this is amazing, especially for the seniors."

Rachele Kloke
Vandal Post

The story of game can be summed up by the shooting percentages for each half. Idaho shot 37.9 percent in the first half, but 60 percent in the second. Idaho abused Montana's zone in the second, which was Newlee's plan.

"We knew they were going to be playing zone and we knew we would be getting looks off the zone," Newlee said. "It's just a matter of getting the feet set and knocking the shot down. And that's exactly what we did."

Senior Yinka Olorunnife snagged her fifth double-double of the season, with 12 points and 18 rebounds. Kloke was an assassin, hitting 10 of 14 attempts from the floor. Kloke said it was a great feeling to see the shots falling.

"It definitely boosts my confidence to know that my jump shot is still there even though it's been kind of struggling," Kloke said.



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Idaho post Yinka Olorunnife drives past Montana forward Jessa Loman Linford, left, and Montana guard Kenzie De Boer during the game against the Montana Lady Griz Wednesday night in Memorial Gym. Idaho won the game, 69-56.

With the win, Idaho still has not lost back-to-back games this season. The Vandals have struggled against the Griz in recent years, and Kloke said beating Montana as a senior is a special feeling.

"It feels great as a team, especially against Montana," Kloke said. "Since I've been

here we've always lost to them by 20, so to get this is amazing, especially for the seniors."

The Vandals will now hit the road for another five game road trip, starting with Seattle University this Saturday. Idaho will not have a home game until Jan. 10, when they battle Fresno State.

- » Field goal percentage — 48.1%
- » 3-point percentage — 36.8%
- » Free throw percentage — 76.9%
- » Yinka Olorunnife — 18 rebounds, 12 points
- » Rachele Kloke — 10-14 FG, 21 points
- » Keri Arendse — 5-9 FG, 15 points



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Vandal guard Shawn Henderson attempts a shot for the basket during the game against the Portland State Vikings Nov 20 in Memorial Gym. The University of Idaho men's basketball squad went a perfect 3-0 at the Basketball Travelers Classic, winning four games in a row during the non-conference season since 1989.

Trying on the road again, travel to Seattle

Pierce Beigh
Argonaut

After going a perfect 3-0 this weekend at the Basketball Traveler's Classic, the Idaho Vandals are on the road again, heading to Seattle to face-off against Seattle University and keep their four-game streak alive. The game will take place Saturday at Key Arena, with tip-off scheduled for 5 p.m.

The Vandals are coming off three huge wins at home. The Vandals have won the last four games, giving them a schedule of 5-3 going into this road game. Coach Don Verlin said the confidence boost is exactly what the Vandals needed.

"Any time you win four in a row, you should feel confident," Verlin said. "This is this first time we have won four non-conference games in a row since 1989."

Idaho will have its work cut out in Seattle, as the Vandals have not done well on the road this season. The Vandals lost two of their three road games, losing to Washington State University and getting blown out by the University of Montana.

Idaho bounced back with a road win against Eastern Washington University, and this week-

end will tell if the Vandals are over their road slump.

University of Montana handed the Vandals their worst road loss in a long time, and Idaho is searching for the correct way to play on the road again.

"We've got to play good basketball," Verlin said. "We have to take care of the ball."

Last season, the Vandals played Seattle University twice during the regular season, coming away victoriously both times.

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- » Seattle University
- » 3-8 overall record
- » lost to Portland State and Weber State last weekend
- » Has 20-point scorer in 10 of 11 games this year.
- » Led by junior Aaron Broussard, 15.3 points per game, 8.3 rebounds, 50% shooting from the field.
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A season of change

Turmoil in the WAC isn't breaking Vandals' stride

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

With the dramatic overtime victory over San Jose State University on senior day in the books, the University of Idaho football squad heads into an offseason full of turmoil and uncertainty.

Not only do the Vandals stand to lose 15 key seniors and face questions about where the season went wrong, but the greater picture of the Western Athletic Conference's convoluted future hangs grimly overhead.

"It's obviously a frustrating time," said Director of Athletics Rob Spear. "There are things you can control in athletics, but this is not one of them that the University of Idaho can control."

The WAC stands to lose the top four schools of the conference. In-state rival Boise State began the exodus, announcing its intention of joining the Mountain West Conference at the conclusion of this season.

Idaho football coach Robb Akey said he was understandably upset to hear the news of the upcoming changes.

"I love this conference," Akey said. "I'm really sorry to see it change as much as it is, but it's the day and age that we are in and we are just going to have to deal with it."

In a measure meant to instill confidence and future security, the remaining members of the WAC signed a contract that carries a \$5 million fee for any school that breaks away from the conference.

The measure failed, as the siren call to greener pasture was too much to resist. Shortly after Boise State's announcement, the University of Nevada and Fresno State announced plans of their own to follow Boise State into the Mountain West Conference.

"We're simply looking at getting better and we got better tonight with Fresno State and Nevada joining our league," said MWC commissioner Craig Thompson on the day the two moves were announced.

Just last month the University of Hawaii became the next WAC school in the 'Who's gonna go next?' saga to announce their plans of also joining the MWC, although finalized plans have yet to be discussed.

The topic became so large that even Idaho

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter weighed in on the moves. Otter, who was in town for the Vandals' homecoming game against New Mexico State on Oct. 23, said he was most concerned about the loss of the annual rivalry game between the two Idaho schools.

"I really think it's a great tradition in Idaho — I'd like to see it continue," Otter said of the rivalry game. "We've had good competition on the



field, and we like the idea of keeping it there. We've got all the presidents working together academically and operationally for the betterment of higher education in Idaho. I think we

need that kind of cooperation, and a little competition on the field doesn't hurt."

WAC commissioner Karl Benson moved fast to reassure the remaining members of the WAC the conference would stay in existence. Benson offered invitations to a number of schools, including Montana, which declined. In the end, the WAC added three new members: Texas State, the University of Texas San Antonio and the University of Denver.

Spear said he was happy to see Benson and the conference jump the gun on sending out invites.

"I am happy about the direction the WAC is taking — we are being pro active. We are being aggressive," Spear said.

Texas State jumps into the FBS system after being a member of a FCS conference for more than 20 years. While UTSA doesn't field a football team currently, the school has begun to put together a squad that should be ready by 2011, playing in the Alamodome. The University of Denver joins the WAC as a non-football school.

Despite the turmoil in the conference, Akey said he is confident a solution will be found and he is focusing on what he has control over.

"The three main goals of our program, after graduating out guys at No. 1, goal No. 2 is to win the WAC Conference Championship and the bowl that comes with it," Akey said. "Well, we are still going to have that being our goal."

Not everyone is upset at the changes in the WAC. While acknowledging the view for Idaho football is quite different, Idaho men's basketball coach Don Verlin said he is ecstatic to play in Texas because of the rich recruiting potential of

A season full of maturing



File photo by Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut
Vandal outside hitter and middle back Allison Walker spikes the ball over Louisiana Tech middle back Kara Jones in Memorial Gym Nov. 13. The Vandals season ended in the semi-finals of the WAC tournament, but the squad gained valuable experience that Walker said will be put to good use next year.

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The University of Idaho volleyball squad put away their gear for the last time, ending a tumultuous season for the Vandals, who finished with a 14-15 overall record and went an even 8-8 in the WAC. This year's squad was loaded with youth — Kelsey Taylor was the lone senior on the team, and the inexperience at the college level showed throughout the season. The team experienced a lot of emotional highs and lows, due largely to inconsistent play.

Some nights the Vandals came out poised and played at a level beyond their years, and other times they showed their inexperience with sloppy play. Redshirt freshman Allison Walker, a quickly-rising star on the squad with a record-setting year, said next year's team needs get over that problem.

"We needed to play at the level that we could," Walker said. "We had a lot of games where we'd play at a really high level, and others that we would just lose energy. It wasn't just passing, it wasn't just hitting, it was coming out and playing how we know how to play."

Idaho kept their record around the .500 mark through most of the season and struggled with winning back-to-back games. Idaho's passing was also a strong issue all year long and coach Debbie Buchanan said it is at the top of her list for the off-season.

"Improving our passing has to be our first priority," Buchanan said. "We have to be able to run our offense."

One of the bright spots of the season was the emergence of two young stars in Walker and junior Alicia Milo. Walker led the team in kills and totaled seven double-doubles on the season. She made an immediate impact on the team when she was named to the all-tournament team at the Nike Cougar Invitational at the start of the season, and didn't look back. Walker is also the first Idaho freshman to be a first team all-WAC selection. Walker said she still has a long way to go, but is happy with the amount she learned this season.

"It's the experience of being at another level," Walker said. "It's just coming out and knowing what to expect."

Right behind Walker was Milo, second on the team with kills this season, and the junior quickly emerged as one of the team's heavy

hitters. Buchanan said both players were huge for the team's success.

"Those kids (Walker and Milo) did a lot," Buchanan said. "They stayed in the game, and took a lot of swings for us."

Idaho turned it up toward the end of the season, pulling out two big road wins at Nevada and Utah State. The Vandals seemed to have third place secured, but a loss to Fresno was their undoing, knocking them to fifth.

The lower seed would ultimately be their demise because it forced the Vandals to face Hawaii in the semifinals of the WAC tournament, which they lost in straight sets. Buchanan said they let a good opportunity go.

"We lost some close ones," Buchanan said. "We lost some towards the end of the season that hurt us. We can't let other teams control our destiny."

The Vandals' highlight in the WAC tournament was beating rival Boise State for the second time in this season. Last year the Broncos ended the Vandals' season in the first round of the WAC tournament, so Idaho was more than happy to return the favor this time around.

Senior Kelsey Taylor played her last match against Hawaii in the tournament, ending her Vandal career. Taylor played a large role for the Vandals as their only senior, both as a dominant player and leader. Taylor leaves big shoes to be filled, and Buchanan said players are going to have to step up.

"Losing a senior is always tough," Buchanan said. "They've been with you for four years and it's tough to see them go. Now players have to step up and fill the roll."

Next season could be an exciting one for the Vandals.

They are bringing everyone but Taylor back and Buchanan said with the experience her players gained this season, she's looking forward to next year.

"We matured a ton," Buchanan said. "We came in without a lot of experience and players taking on new roles. We have a lot to build on."

Idaho will bring talent and experience to the court next season, and Walker said the team needs to respond and play up to its potential.

"Next year we need to come out and get over people telling us we're a young team," Walker said. "We were a young team and this year was a big learning experience. Next year

"We had a lot of games where we'd play at a really high level, and others that we would just lose energy."

Allison Walker
Redshirt freshman

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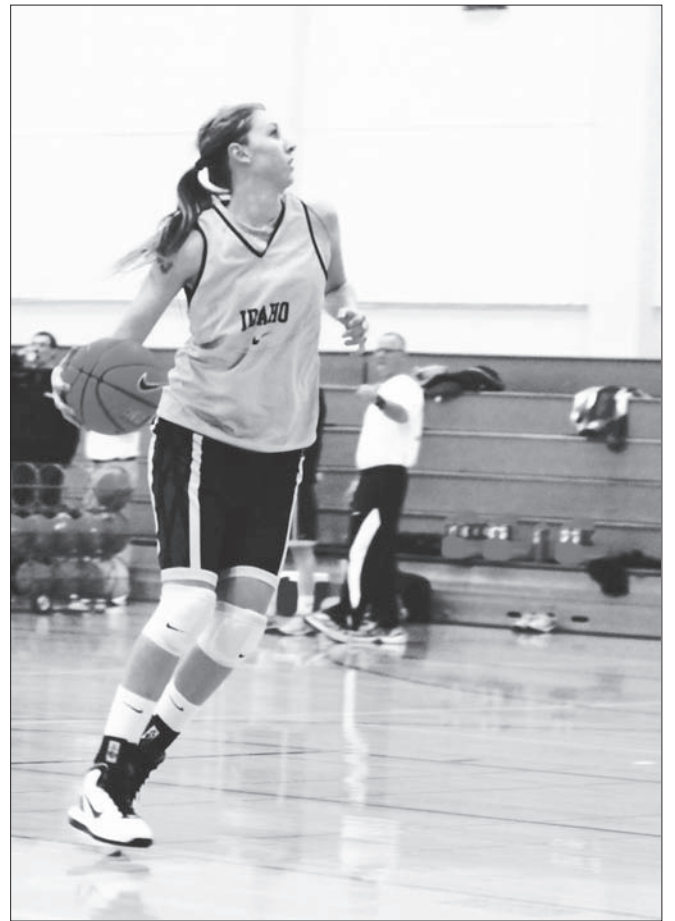
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Alyssa Charlston, No. 33, partakes in a huddle during a time out against Montana Wednesday evening in Memorial Gym. Charlston and fellow freshman Ashley Walters are helping the Vandals put together one of the best starts in school history.



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Ashley Walters runs drills with the rest of the women's basketball team Thursday in the Physical Education Building.

Newcomers stick together

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

The transition from high school to college can be tricky, and many young Vandals stumble through their first semester. Freshmen Alyssa Charlston and Ashley Walters, however, are thriving as the newest members of the University of Idaho's women's basketball team.

"I couldn't find anything I didn't like," Walters said, regarding her choice to attend UI.

Charlston was equally as thrilled to become a Vandal this fall. Charlston and Walters hail from Sammamish, Wash., and Wilsonville, Ore., respectively, and were surprised by the close-knit community in Moscow.

"It's amazing how involved the community is with the sports here," Charlston said. "People will come up to you in WinCo and say hi. It's great."

Charlston, a guard and post

for the Vandals, has already proven her value as an offensive player. In November, she pulled down an average 6.0 points per game and played in all six games, averaging 17.5 minutes on the court. At 6'1", Charlston's future in her No. 33 jersey is bright.

Three inches taller and a designated post, Walters has also spent time on the floor in every game so far this season. Her 12 points and 11 rebounds against Eastern Oregon made Walters the first Vandal to record a double-double in her debut as a Vandal since 2003. Walters also leads the team in field goal percentage with .571 (12 of 21) on the season.

Both of Walters' parents played college basketball at the University of Montana, and encouraged her to play for the Vandals.

"Those were their glory days," Walters said. "I appreciate having that privilege of their experience. Anything

"All of the upperclassmen are really great and welcoming. It's hard though, to come in when they all know each other already."

Alyssa Charlston
Freshman women's basketball

I'm going through, they've been there and they always know what to say."

Charlston's father played tennis in college, but she says he never pressured her to participate in college sports.

"He's always wanted me to follow my own dreams,"

Charlston said.

Shortened breaks and busy schedules have made seeing their families a rarity, which has helped Charlston understand the value of home and family.

"It makes me value the time at home more," Charlston said. "We Skype or call pretty often, so it's not too bad."

While at the University of Idaho, both women have found a new family in their teammates.

"All of the upperclassmen are really great and welcoming," Charlston said. "It's hard though, to come in when they all know each other already."

The two newcomers have bonded over Life Skills for Athletes, a program that orchestrates first-year Vandal athletes volunteering at local schools.

"We basically get to hang out with kids for an hour each week," Walters said. "Sometimes we help in the classroom and sometimes at recess. It's

cool."

Both women live in the dorms and have learned valuable lessons in the months since school began.

"It's easier to be motivated when you're busy," Charlston said. "It's really helpful to find a consistent schedule."

Walters said she matured and became more of an adult since leaving home. Through all of their growth as student athletes, Charlston and Walters have stuck together.

"We're like two peas in a pod," Walters said.

"We're kind of attached at the hip," Charlston said.

Someday, Charlston dreams of working in front of a television camera as a news broadcaster. A communications

major, she plans on working closely with the School of Journalism and Mass Media. Walters is still undecided on a major, but enjoys photography and held a job as a photographer before coming to Idaho.

In the short term, though, both women have their sights immovably set on the Western Athletic Conference Championships and a first-rate performance in the NCAA tournament later this season.

"I want to contribute," Charlston said. "Being a big contributor and just improving are my goals for this season."

Walters has similar aspirations in her first year as a Vandal.

"I want to improve, basically. And just step up my

The collapse of the UCLA Bruins football program

The University of California-Los Angeles football has been the butt end of jokes for the better part of the past decade, but it wasn't always that way. Back in the '80s and '90s, UCLA football was something special. It was something people would get excited about.

Today, UCLA fans nationwide wonder how by much the Bruins are going to lose each Saturday. The collapse of this once-great football team starts with the administration.

When UCLA was successful in the '80s and '90s, it meant something to the chancellor at university. Charles Young (who was chancellor at UCLA from 1968 to 1997) cared about athletics. It was important to Chancellor Young to have a strong football and overall athletic program, no matter the cost.

Times have changed, and since the early '90s the administration at UCLA has rejected players who want to play at UCLA but can't qualify academically. These players meet the NCAA requirements, but not the personal requirement set by UCLA. The Bruins have tougher requirements to get into school than most other schools, putting the school at a competitive disadvantage.

The current chancellor, Gene Block, has no interest in athletics — he would rather be in a room with his East Coast Elites talking about politics. Block seems to shows no interest

in the football program, and the Bruins don't even have a decent practice field.



Michael Greenway
Argonaut

A lot of the incoming recruits for this season were hurt during fall practice due to the condition of the practice facility. It would be logical to assume someone in Block's position would make sure that the practice facilities at UCLA are up to par with the likes of Idaho. The chancellor at Ohio State, Gordon Gee, has always said the athletics and academics are both priorities.

"We can have great athletic programs as well as a great academic institution," Gee said.

Block said he wanted to make UCLA the "Harvard of the West."

Sorry, but that title will always remain at Stanford.

That's not to say UCLA can't have their cake and eat it too. Terry Donahue, one of UCLA's best football coaches, retired in 1995 because he said he was tired of looking at the other sideline and seeing players who wanted to play at UCLA

but couldn't qualify academically. When Bob Toledo took over in 1996, he had to deal with the same disadvantage, and soon enough UCLA was no longer competitive in football. Since Donahue left, UCLA has had three good years, a two-year run in the '90s when the team went 10-2, and once again in 2005 with another 10-2 record. Outside of those three years, the Bruins has had a dismal football program.

UCLA finished this season 4-8. Everyone wants to blame the coaches, and it's hard to argue that some of the blame shouldn't be placed on the coaching staff, but the real blame lies in policy. UCLA just can't get players into school that USC and Oregon can. Besides Stanford, every other PAC-10 school has no problem getting kids in who meet the NCAA standard. UCLA Head Coach Rick Neuheisel and UCLA Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow have been successful everywhere they have been except at UCLA, which says something about the status of things. If UCLA wants to be competitive again, they must allow players who meet the NCAA standard.

If not, UCLA fans can look forward to many more 4-8 sea-

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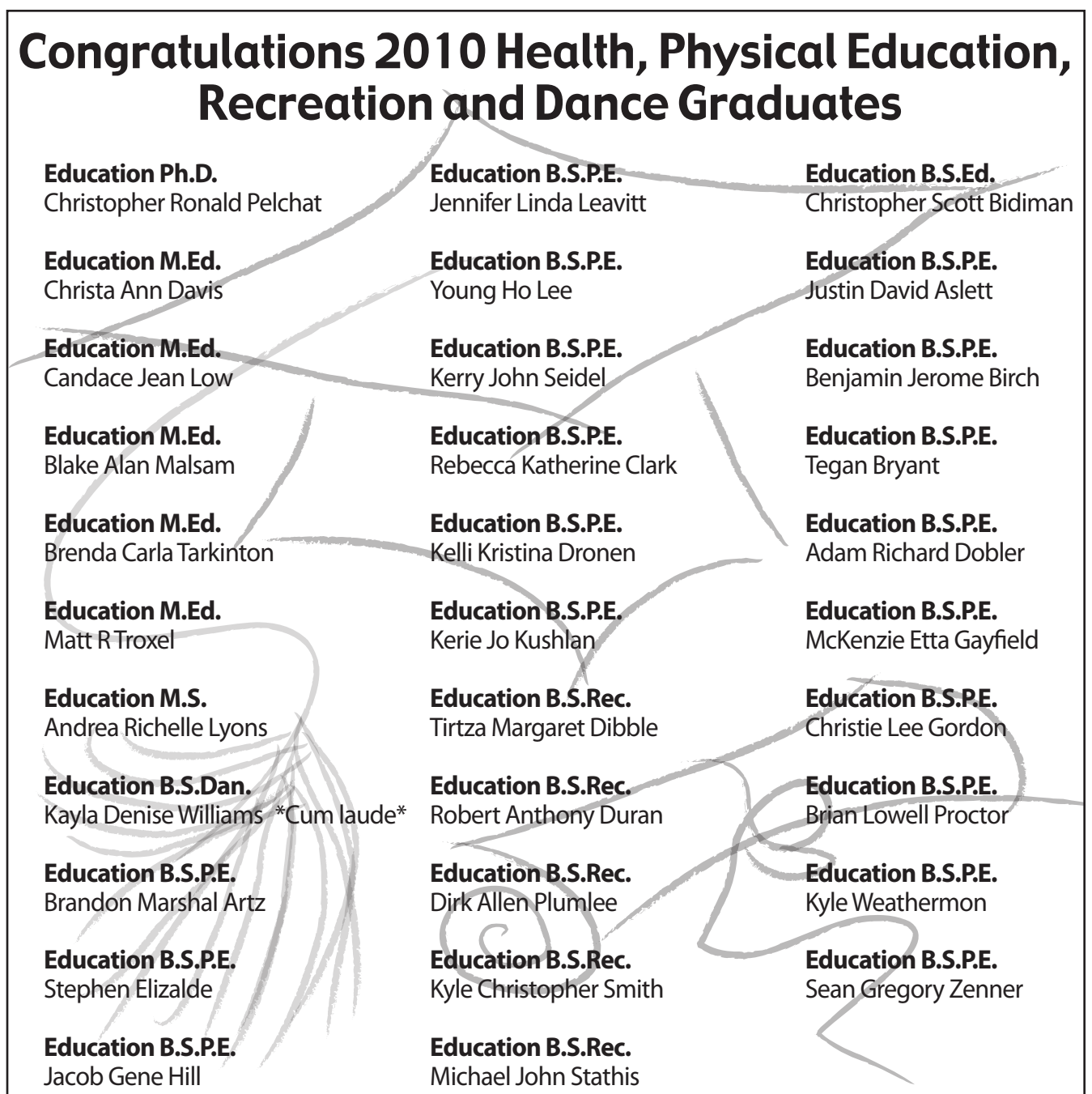
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Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

There is something special about seeing the sunrise from a duck blind and patiently waiting for the birds to start flying. It may be an early morning, but the scenery of the outdoors and the sound of flocks of geese and ducks are well worth the few hours of lost sleep.

Waterfowl hunting is a near-religious experience to many. It's a less stressful and more relaxed form of hunting than big game, making it even

more enjoyable to some. One of the perks is that hunters can take multiple birds, as opposed to one deer or elk in a day.

It also doesn't hurt that ducks are much easier to pack out than a deer or elk. It's a day full of calling, shooting and hanging out with buddies.

For waterfowl hunters, location is everything. One should research the migratory paths of birds to find the best spots in their area.

Getting near the water is key — swamps, lakes and along rivers is the best place to set up a blind.

One of the best things about waterfowl hunting is spending time with your best friend. I don't mean another person, but a trusty old dog. For many hunters, having a good hunting dog is as important as having a gun. These dogs have been bred for generations to retrieve, and anyone who has ever seen these dogs in action knows

there is nothing they would rather do.

I have a yellow lab, and I'm never ceased to be amazed at her excitement every time we go out. All I have to do is show her the shotgun and she will start shaking in excitement. The worst part of having a dog is the look of disappointment it gives when a bird is missed.

I do not know what is better, killing a bird, or watching the dog go after it. Fortunately, I get to experience both over the course of a hunt.

Waterfowl hunters also know the importance of conservation. Hunters love what they do and work hard to ensure the future of the sport. Organizations including Ducks Unlimited, have done more to protect wetlands than almost any other group.

Hunting is a sport of passion. The thrill of the kill and the beauty of the outdoors go hand-in-hand to create an experience that cannot be duplicated. The birds are flying — it's time to hit the blinds.

A MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut

Vandal point guard Deremy Geiger drives past East Michigan guard Adrian Burton near the baseline last Sunday evening in Memorial Gym. Geiger and the Vandals are riding a four-game winning streak and travel to Seattle this weekend to play Seattle University at Key Arena. Geiger won the Most Outstanding Player of the Basketball Travelers Tournament.

Vanek, Gaustad lead Sabres over Sharks, 6-3

Associated Press

Paul Gaustad had two goals and an assist, Thomas Vanek scored twice, and Ryan Miller made 26 saves to help lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 6-3 win over the San Jose Sharks on Thursday night.

Cody McCormick had a goal and two assists, and Jason Pominville also scored for Buffalo, which has won four of six. The Sabres are 14-1 at home against the Sharks.

Rookie center Logan Couture had a goal and assist, and Marc-Edouard Vlasic and Douglas Murray also scored for San Jose.

Antti Niemi made 31 saves for the Sharks, who went 3-2 on a five-game road trip.

San Jose had a letdown one night after a dramatic shootout win over Philadelphia in which

the Sharks overcame a three-goal, third-period deficit for the first time in franchise history.

Up by a goal after 40 minutes, Buffalo went ahead 4-2 on McCormick's fourth of the season just 31 seconds into the third period. At the doorstep, McCormick jammed home Gaustad's feed from the right circle.

Murray cut the Sharks' deficit to 4-3 with 10:34 left by firing in a slap shot from the top of the left circle.

Gaustad iced it with an empty-net goal with 27 seconds to go. Vanek made it 6-3 with his second of the game, scored with 8.7 seconds remaining.

Gaustad gave the Sabres a 1-0 lead with his second of the season with 7:42 remaining in the first period. Off the faceoff in the left circle, McCormick's shot went in off Gaustad's stick.

Vanek pushed Buffalo's lead to 2-0 with his team-leading 12th goal at 6:48 of the second. After Derek Roy sent a slick behind-the-back pass from below the goal line into the slot, Vanek teed off with a one-timer that went between Niemi's legs.

Pominville made it 3-0 with a short-handed goal with 6:34 remaining in the second. At the Buffalo blue line San Jose defenseman Jason Demers whiffed on a pass before Pominville picked up the loose puck and went on a breakaway.

The Sharks cut the deficit to 3-2 after two periods with a pair of goals 3:25 apart. Couture started the surge with his team-leading 14th of the season on the power play. Vlasic's wrist shot from the slot made it a one-goal game with 45 seconds remaining in the second.

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It's the final countdown

Madison McCord
Argonaut

With just four weeks left in the NFL season, divisional races are heating up and the playoff picture is starting to take shape.

The same is happening in the fantasy world, and whether you are in a playoff league or a league that just plays all 17 weeks, these final few matchups are what will determine how you stand in the office bragging order.

This week is one where big points should be scored by big name players, with some of the best teams having cupcake games.

Start of the week:

Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay

Not only is Rodgers on a three week tear, but it could be said he is on a three-year. Ever since entering the league as a starter, Rodgers has put on such a show that Packer fans have started to say, "Brett who?" This week The Pack and their gunslinger Rodgers take on division "foe" Detroit, which should be a bloodbath. Look for another massive week from the Green Bay quarterback.

Must starts:

Joe Flacco (QB, Baltimore) at Houston

Houston's pass defense has pretty much sucked this season, and with Flacco finding a new bff in

wide receiver, Anquan Boldin, the Raven's quarterback should put up some pretty big numbers on Monday Night. Also playing Boldin should be a good play this week.

Fred Jackson (RB, Buffalo) vs. Cleveland

Jackson put up one stinker of a game last week, but that shouldn't stop owners from playing him this week against the Pats who's one weakness is their run defense. Looking at Jackson's early season stats, owners should feel confident playing Jackson this weekend.

Mike Wallace (WR, Pittsburgh) vs. Cincinnati

Wallace has basically come out of nowhere this year, and for those lucky owners who picked him up — congrats. Wallace should have another massive game this weekend as the Steelers welcome a Cincinnati team that has been more than disappointing.

Garrett Hartley (K, New Orleans) vs. St. Louis

Speaking of disappointments, have you heard of Garrett Hartley? Coming into the season, the playoff hero from last year was rated as the top kicker in many leagues, but quickly fell apart. After being replaced for a few games, Hartley has come back strong, and should have a monster game against a Rams team that allows a bunch of points to kickers.

Defense

Atlanta defense at Carolina

Carolina's offense sucks. And the team who is running with a third-string back and a rookie QB, hit rock bottom last week against a Seattle defense that returned an interception for a score and almost broke a punt return for another. Atlanta will only cause more havoc for a struggling Panthers offense.

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- » Jeff Reed (San Francisco) vs. Seattle

Defense:

- » Detroit defense vs. Green Bay

PUSHING INTO THE KEY



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Idaho guard and post Rachele Kloke dribbles past Montana forward Alexandra Hurley during the game against the Montana Lady Griz Wednesday night in Memorial Gym. The Idaho Vandals won the game, 69-56.

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BSU upgrades Bronco Stadium

Associated Press

The state Board of Education has authorized Boise State University to move ahead with the first phase of a project to expand and upgrade Bronco Stadium.

The board Thursday voted to allow the university to start formal planning for the initial phase of the project, which would add 5,000 new stadium seats and cost between \$33 million to \$40 million.

The university has raised \$8.8 million for the project, according to documents submitted to the board.

Boise State athletic officials unveiled plans in August to upgrade the stadium, its facilities and add more seats. The venue now holds 33,500.

University officials say the expansion is critical to keeping the football team competitive as they prepare to move into the Mountain West Conference next season.

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TRAVEL

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first meeting between these two teams last season was played in Seattle and ended closely in Idaho's favor, taking home an 87-85 victory. With the Vandals returning this season, it is sure to be a hostile place to leave with a win. Verlin said, however, with the momentum Idaho has after four wins, they can confidently go in and take care of business.

The second time these two teams collided, Idaho once again came out on top by a score of 82-72. This game was

played at home for the Vandals in the comfort of Cowan Spectrum. Idaho will look to continue the winning streak against the Redhawks.

"Seattle tends to press and trap the ball, they like to make the game chaotic," Verlin said. "We have to slow down their transition and limit their second-chance points."

The Redhawks have had their share of problems on the hard court. So far this season, the Redhawks have a record of 3-8, with Portland State, UC Irvine, Weber State and Louisiana Tech being just four of the eight teams that handed losses to

the Redhawks.

Seattle came out on top three times this season, against Oregon State, Navy and Montana State.

"They are a team that prides themselves on playing hard and defending home court," Verlin said of the Redhawks. Verlin said he expects nothing short of a competitive game.

Idaho's next match up is against is against the University of Montana Grizzlies at home on Dec. 18. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m. in Cowan Spectrum. After losing to the Grizzlies by a large margin, the Vandals will have to prove the loss was just a fluke.

CHANGE

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the area.

"I like it because we get to go to Texas, which can be a good recruiting area for us," Verlin said. "We've got a few Texas players and it's an area we like to go recruit, so I think it's good for Idaho basketball."

Verlin admits the situation for basketball is drastically different than football. All three incoming schools field a basketball squad, and the Vandals will be looking at a nine-team basketball conference, enough for the automatic NCAA bid.

"If you ask coach Akey, he might tell you something different, but I have been very happy with where the WAC is at," Verlin said. "Denver is a good spot and they have a good program — I am just happy we have a nine-team conference and we will have our automatic bid like we al-

ways have."

Topics of doom and gloom about the WAC's future are easy to find, with many writers predicting the 48-year-old conference will collapse after next season. It's a notion Spear said he is not buying into because of one simple reason.

"We know over time the WAC makes schools better — it's made the University of Idaho better," Spear said. "The WAC has been in existence for 48 years and I think it's going to be in existence another 48 years."

For Akey and the Vandal football squad, regardless of the outcome, the approach is simple. They will continue to recruit, train, improve and instill the core values at the heart of every Vandal athlete.

"Whoever we line up to play against, we'll do our best to beat them," Akey said. "Sometimes change can be a good thing — maybe we'll look at this and say this was a great thing. We are going to look at this and say that we are going to make it be a great thing."

UConn wins 87th straight, 79-47 over Marquette

Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

Connecticut needs just one more win to match one of basketball's greatest feats.

Maya Moore scored a season-high 31 points and Connecticut beat Marquette 79-47 on Thursday, pulling within a game of the Division I record 88-game winning streak set by John Wooden's UCLA men's team in 1974.

Tiffany Hayes and Bria Hartley each added 16 points for The Huskies (9-0, 2-0 Big East), who don't play again until Dec. 19 against No. 6 Ohio State at Madison Square Garden.

"Obviously we have an opportunity to do something that's pretty significant in terms of the basketball world," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "The basketball world views that number as a really significant number."

But Moore said the Huskies view the Buckeyes as just another team looking to knock them off their perch.

"Anyone who we play we look at as someone trying to take away from our program and beat us," Moore said. "And I don't see that changing when we play in the Garden next weekend. If it's pressure, than it's exciting pressure to know that we've got an opportunity to make this year even more special."

Moore was special on Thursday.

The senior All-American was 12 of 18 from the field and had eight rebounds, four steals and five blocks.

"It's not that complicated," Auriemma said. "Maya is really good and she makes our team what we are. Everyone that's watched us play knows that."

Angel Robinson led Marquette (7-2) with 15 points.

Connecticut had a 21-0 second-half run, turning a 49-36 lead into a 70-36 advantage. UConn held Marquette without a point for over 8 minutes as the Golden Eagles missed 16 consecutive shots.

"You're playing the best team in the country and if you don't have 40 minutes of focus this is what happens to

you," said Marquette coach Terri Mitchell.

The Huskies have won 23 consecutive Big East home openers, 63 consecutive regular-season home games, and 144 straight games against unranked teams.

They also have gone 236 straight games without allowing an opponent to shoot over 50 percent from the field, holding the Golden Eagles to 26 percent and 18 field goals. The Huskies also blocked 11 shots.

Moore scored the first points of the game on a layup 15 seconds in and had 22 by halftime.

UConn opened with a 14-3 run, and another layup by Moore midway through the half made it 26-12.

Marquette got within seven when Robinson hit a layup that cut it 32-25, but Moore and Hayes answered with back-to-back 3-pointers.

Robinson hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer, but the Huskies led 41-30 at the break.

Freshman Samarie Walker had a personal-best 12 rebounds for UConn.

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Forget the name

The “War on Christmas” is an imaginary battle. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays, they all mean essentially the same thing — well wishes for the season. It doesn’t matter who or what you worship, or if you worship at all. The point of saying any of these phrases is one of universal positivity and unity.

People love the holiday season because the broader themes of being with family, exchanging thoughtful gifts and taking a break from reality. What people choose to do on Sundays, or Christmas Day or the days leading up to Christmas Day is separate from these broad themes.

Instead of waging imaginary wars on words, remember the people engaged in actual war, away from their families, during the holidays. Remember the people who wish they could enjoy big dinners and expensive gifts. Focus on those elements that make the holidays special and something to be grateful for.

People can respect one another’s beliefs or tradition without having to use the “politically correct terminology.” As long as the words are said in a spirit of good intentions and best wishes, the rest shouldn’t matter.

—KM

Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

Critical for future

I recently started using the Wheatland Express commuter bus to commute between Moscow and Pullman to get to work. Prior to Thanksgiving, I rode my bike on the Bill Chipman trail from Moscow to Pullman every day to get to work. Now there is so much snow on the trail, I am unable to continue riding until it clears a bit more.

When we moved to Moscow this summer, I was excited to find out there was a commuter bus between the two universities, rather than having to have my husband drive me to work. We only have one car by choice. We walk and ride our bikes as much as we can for exercise and to reduce our impact on the environment. The commuter bus is the next best thing to not driving at all in my opinion. However, if the bus service is cut, I will have to scramble to either find a few people to carpool with who have a similar schedule as I do, or work out car usage with my husband to have him drive me over and pick me up.

What I am most upset by is what message this seemingly small decision will be sending to college students as well as the students I teach (3rd graders at Franklin Elementary). Every morning my students see my bike parked outside the school, they know I rode to school today (or now, rode to the bus stops and then to school). They’ve been very inquisitive as to why I ride my bike to school, especially if we have a car.

The message I am sending by being a real live example of a person who chooses an alternate method of transportation that is more environmentally friendly is a crucial message for young children to see. These are the children of our future who will grow up and make life-changing decisions for our country and environment. If they never see adults getting around in more sustainable ways, they will be less likely to do so themselves as they get older. We need as many people as possible using more sustainable methods of transportation (such as biking, walking, and using public transportation) to have any chance of limiting our impact on the environment.

I do hope you will reconsider canceling the Moscow-Pullman commuter bus routes. I know there are many people in our communities who depend on the service for daily commutes to work. I think the example we are setting to students and others in our community is critical to continue.

Stephanie Bradshaw
Franklin Elementary
3rd grade teacher

Keep Wheatland alive

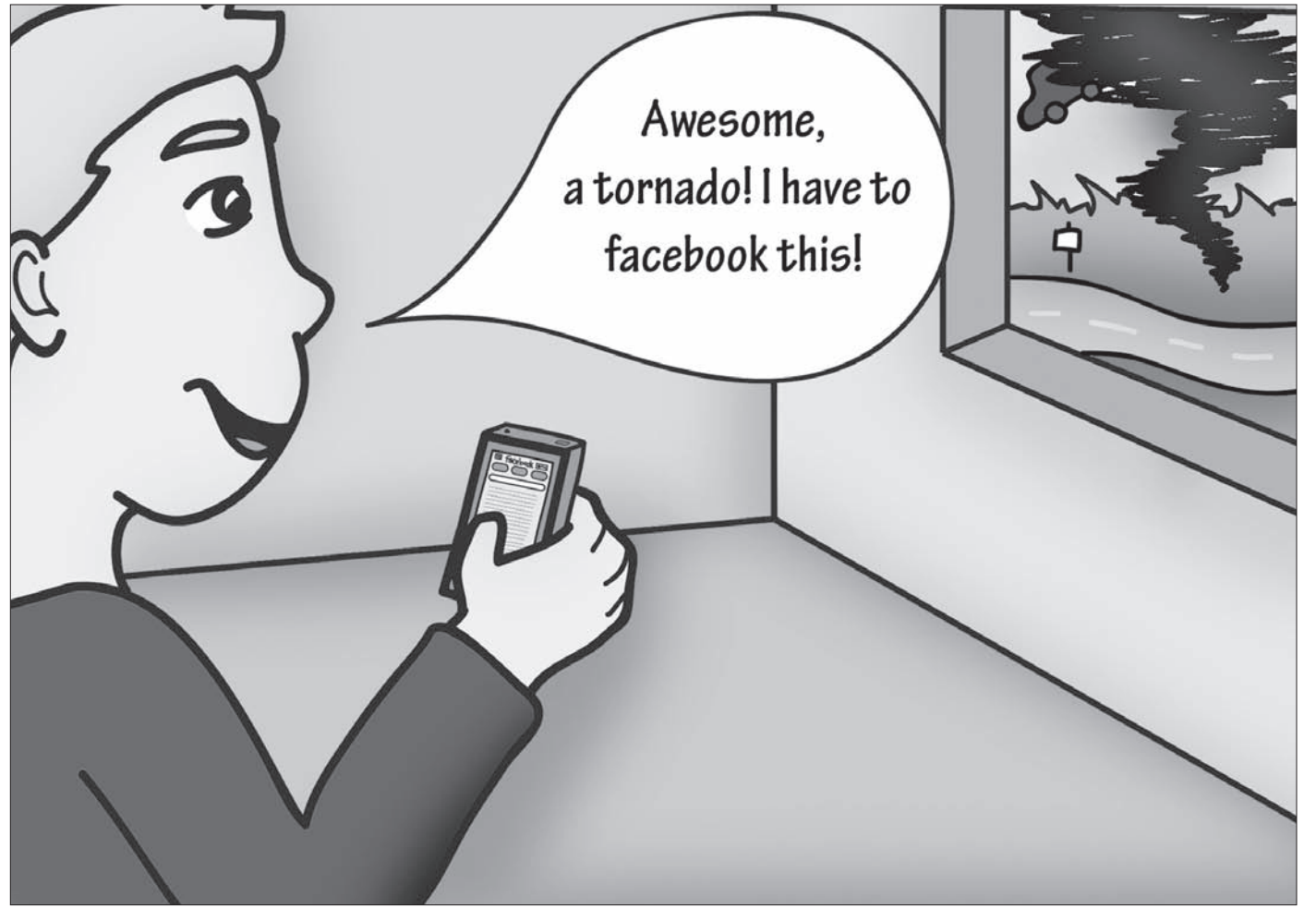
I have been living in Moscow since 2001 and take the bus every day to come and work for Washington State University. When I started my new job at WSU I thought it was great — we can have a commuter from Moscow to Pullman, and it was “free” for everybody. When I say “free,” I mean that students, faculty and staff, at that time, just had to show their identification to get a ride between both towns.

After a while, both universities (University of Idaho and WSU), decided to charge \$1 per trip to staff and faculty and keep it “free” for students. I thought: This is fair enough for me. Coming for a country like Spain where public transportation is a big deal and we have the option of many ways of moving around a city (train, bus, underground, tranvia...), and knowing the limits of public transportation in the USA (specially in small and medium sized cities), I thought you guys were doing a great effort on having this service for the Palouse community, and I would not mind to pay those \$2 a day for the service. I know, like many other people, public service is what the name stands for: A public service and not a service to get profits. Not here and not anywhere in the world. So I assumed with some public funding, we could save the service.

Despite many rumors I have been hearing about cutting the service in the last year or so, I was hoping common sense would apply and we can keep using the service to connect both universities and communities. I think the benefit for students and workers at both universities is huge (saving money, fuel and time, contaminate less the environment, and in winters like this one, cutting the risk of accidents due to the road conditions). Also we have to think for many students (specially international students, and here, believe me, I’m talking by experience), having a bus that connects UI and WSU, and allows them to take classes on both places when they don’t have a private transportation. Accepted as true that cases of international students without a

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Social Media



Juliana Ward
Argonaut

What’s the deal with social media

Almost everywhere we look we see Facebook this, or Twitter that. Social media has taken the world by storm, allowing people to see what their friends are doing. It allows us to take a peek into the private lives of others all with the click of a mouse.

In this era it is hard to keep any sort of private life without someone finding it on the Web. Not only do some students have a Twitter account, but so does our school’s mascot, even if it is not an official account.

The person who owns the Twitter account Joe_Vandal

has posted some of the most ridiculous statements, such as referring to their partner as the ball and chain while also spouting off about different sporting events and political views.



Anthony Saia
Argonaut

No one wants to read this person’s tweets on how drunk they were during the weekend nor anything about Jason Werth’s contract or whether he is having a continuous orgasm about it.

What this person may not realize is they have an account

portraying Joe Vandal as a lewd individual instead of a beacon for the University of Idaho doing its best to promote the University of Idaho in a good light.

With tweets and status updates like these open to the public, Twitter users see an individual using it as their personal sounding board for their moods and the amount of drinking activities participated in.

Seeing these words can be detrimental, not only to the credibility of the university but to the person behind the keyboard as well.

Social media was created in an effort to connect on a more personal level, but it

has become a tool that will outweigh personal references listed on a resume in a professional environment. Some people do not realize instead of calling those perfect references, all they party hard or participate in unsavory activities aside from their professional life.

In all honesty, no one is innocent when it comes to revealing personal information on social media accounts, but after reading these offensive words from my school’s “mascot,” it is embarrassing to be a Vandal, even if the account is fictitious.

One side of the story

Perceptions vary and the impact can be forgotten

Perception is everything. Sometimes we don’t realize the things we do can be hurtful and offensive to someone else. We do not realize the stigma associated with the perception because we have not had to deal

with the experiences, situations or potential struggles those people have faced, and therefore do not understand. It is a form of naïveté that is difficult to detect, and in many cases, is not done intentionally.

In the last week we realized a decision we made insulted several people. In the November edition of Blot, we published a story about Native American students on campus, including their background, the struggles they have faced

and how they have overcome those difficulties and continue to deal with it.



Kelcie Moseley
Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

The intention of the story was to illustrate the success stories of two female Native American students at the University of Idaho. Both are ambitious about their studies, involved in extracurricular activities and devoted to their families and friends. They described backgrounds where they faced adversity and racism, but overcame obstacles and went on to higher education — a high achievement worthy of celebration.

However, the images chosen to accompany the piece did not accurately reflect more than the difficulties and hard-

ships some Native Americans deal with. They served as crude cultural stereotypes and were offensive. The images showed only the negative aspects of reservation life, when there are many aspects that are positive and beautiful. The photos in no way gave the entirety of reservation life justice.

We did not see how detrimental the images were for the culture we were writing about.

Looking back and evaluating our possibilities, and after speaking with administrators at the Native American Center on campus, we realized there were better options and ways to handle the situation. It was never our intention to misrepresent the subject of the story or portray their culture in such

a negative fashion.

We have not had to endure the same experiences as the people interviewed, nor have many other students on campus, people in the community or other readers. Many people cannot possibly understand every situation, struggle, experience, challenge or achievement in the world.

We can only learn about them from other people, and then take that education and put it to good use.

Our society needs to be more aware of how individual perceptions vary, and make conscious decisions to prevent the hurt that can be a result. It is a lesson learned by mistake on our part, but it is one we intend to pass on to prevent it in the future.

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Deadly week

Dead week? What the ‘H’ is dead week? This week has been more alive than any of my weeks all semester. “Dead week” is a falsely represented label. I feel cheated. I want my money back, in large unmarked bills.

—Dara

Steamrolling finals

After dead week, I feel like I should be able to go home. Needless to say the week-end couldn’t have come any quicker. Hopefully we can all recharge our batteries and steamroll through finals. Good luck Vandals, Merry Christmas.

—Nick

Life lesson learned:

Never leave your Facebook open while other people are around — especially when you have in-class presentations involving Facebook the next day. My public relations class is now under the impression I love butts.

—Kelcie

A word to the wise

When boxing for the first time, use actual boxing gloves.

—Jens

Great success

I went to the liquor store last week and I saw the most beautiful thing ever. Sitting there on one of the tables was a gift pack of The Glenlivet single-malt scotch. For only \$40 I took home a 750ml bottle of their 12-year-old, along with a tester bottle of the 15- and 18-year-old, and two The Glenlivet scotch bulb glasses. Great success.

—Madison

Junior high again

I have never in my college career had to make so many poster boards before. Three of my five projects required poster boards this week. I felt like I was in junior high again and the next stop was the science fair. Granted, I enjoyed the juvenile aspect, but dang, that’s a lot of posters in one week.

—Elizabeth

The giggle cure

I have found this week the best medicine is a good ol’ belly laugh. I have decided I will do this at least once a day, but probably more. If you are feeling overwhelmed or sad, watch some hilarious YouTube videos or an episode of “30 Rock.” You will feel better, I promise.

—Tanya

The end

As of 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, I am done with my last class of my college career. It feels so strange to say that I will not be taking classes next semester.

—Ilya

Time to play

And my winter break begins... now. Sun Valley, here I come.

—Kelli

Parking payout

I should start paying someone \$20 a day. It would be cheaper than paying for all the parking meters and tickets I’ve gotten this semester.

—Loren

The collateral damage of WikiLeaks

I'll come out and say it — I'm a fan of Julian Assanage and Wikileaks. I think the organization, and by extension the man himself, are doing a good service to the world by exposing secrets and classified information to the general public.

While I may disagree on certain aspects, such as releasing full cables and reports with named and easily identifiable undercover personnel, I generally feel Assanage is doing the right thing. If governments are allowed to keep these secrets private, how can we keep an eye on our government?



Ilya Pinchuck
Argonaut

Many out there also share admiration for Wikileaks, and some are much more passionate. Celebrities have pledged donations to bail out Assanage from British prison, thousands of private webmasters have converted their pages to mirrors of Wikileaks, and millions more have given small donations to an organization bent on exposing the truth.

Yet as in anything, too much of a good thing can turn sour. In Wikileaks' case, the sour grape in the bushel comes from die-hard supporters who have manifested themselves in hacking groups called

Anonymous and AnonOps.

These two groups, composed to basement nerds across the world, are understandably in line with the belief system of Assanage and Wikileaks, but instead of supporting and contributing to the cause, they have decided to be juvenile and throw tantrums.

The events came to a head two days ago. After major companies such as Visa, Paypal, MasterCard and Amazon, among others, announced they are pulling support, be it financial or web domain, to Wikileaks, found themselves under cyber attack.

Two days ago, MasterCard and Visa found their website inoperable, victims of a distributed denial of service attacks. Paypal suffered soon af-

ter, as did Swiss bank PostFinance. Even the Swedish government was powerless to stop the onslaught, watching as their servers overloaded and shut down.

Even if this hacking spree started in a misguided attempt to defend Wikileaks, it has long since run its course, turning from a show of support to a juvenile tantrum of a child not getting what they want.

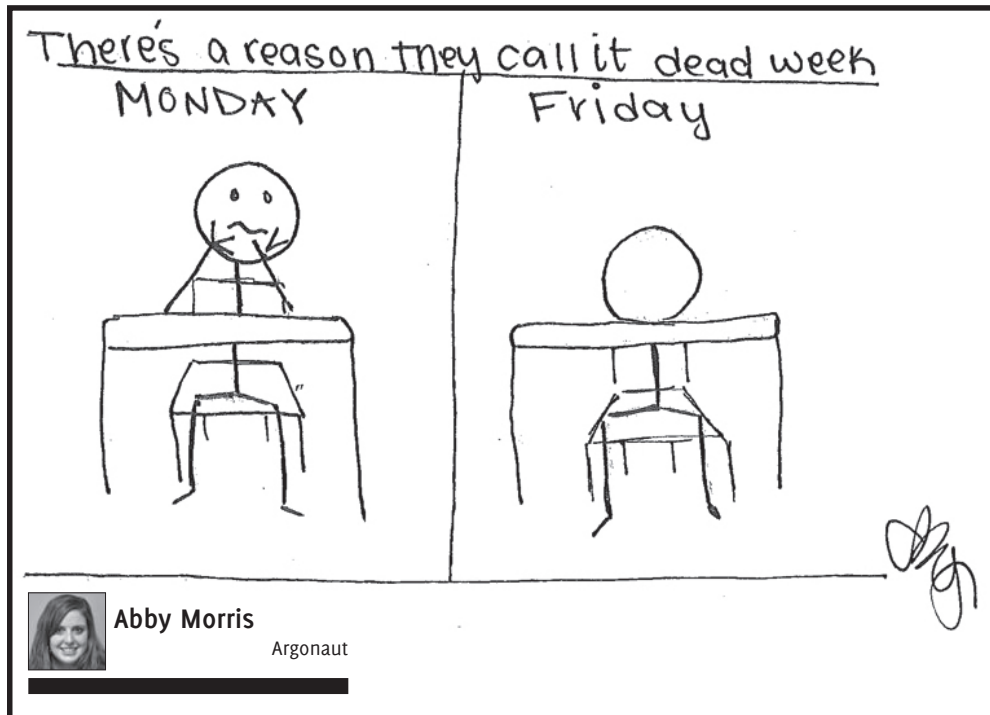
It's one thing to show support with Twitter feeds, joining Facebook groups, choosing to personally boycott businesses that don't support Wikileaks or giving donations, but these hackers crossed the line from supporters to agitators, and their actions are now doing more harm than

good to their reputation.

Millions of users, many of whom could care less about Wikileaks, were barred from accessing their credit cards online, and the hacker groups announcement of targeting Amazon.com during the busy holiday season threatens to jeopardize the shopping plans of people around the world.

Why should these ordinary people, many of whom are simply going about their day, be subject to interruptions in their life because of a few thousand immature hackers with a misguided purpose?

Anonymous and AnonOps, your game has run its course. Show support for Wikileaks in a constructive manner and everyone wins.



Abby Morris
Argonaut

We're all gonna make it

It is hard to believe the grass is still green. If I were grass right now, after being snowed on, frozen, trampled over and waterlogged for days, I would be something more like black, and if not dead, completely miserable.

Yet walking home from classes Wednesday, there were green shoots poking up from below the sludgy, half-melted brown and white mess. Perhaps the Palouse soil is just particularly nutritious or something, but it was impressive.

Resilience can, in some instances, even seem to transcend human capability. Countless people today are living in circumstances we cannot (and do not) comprehend.

We simply cannot even imagine what it would be like to be constantly in fear of your life, or in terminal pain, or wrongly convicted and serving a life sentence. Or how about being sold into prostitution, or

being trafficked, or having absolutely no family?

Yet this is actual reality for some people. Many, in fact. And while we cannot even see how it would be possible in some situations to even want to continue living — they do. Because we have relative comfort, we tend to underestimate or forget our own strength and potential.

Human resilience can be incredible and powerful. Life can be difficult to make it through sometimes — even for us. Every single individual has at some point endured something we never thought we would have been able to before the time — and has come out the other side. Yes, our definition of "hardship" is relative, but this cannot go to discount all experiences.

During winter break a group of students are traveling to West Africa for an Alternative Service Break trip. One of the most no-

table aspects many have found about the African people is their willpower and resilience in the face of hardship, and not only strength in the face of hardship, but happiness. I am certain the people we Westerners are going to "help" will probably help us in more profound ways than we ever can.

Humans have made it through so much. We keep on going. We keep discovering, learning and changing, even though our perception of reality and ultimate truth is probably wrong. There are, after all, nearly 7 billion different versions of them, if you are only counting humans.


As we go into finals week, let's keep this in mind. In a week's time we all will have made it. Unless something terribly tragic happens, we are going to make it through everything, even if it doesn't seem like it now. And next spring when the sun starts to warm the earth again, even after the snow, the grass will again be as vibrant as it is every year — guaranteed.



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Illogical intimidation

Cut-off shirts. Sweat. Manly grunting. Mirrors. Testosterone. Yum. Not.

These elements are usually never missing at the gym.

Granted, there are times none of this exists, if you live in a Moscow igloo with no entrance, exit or windows to the outside world.

But, I have come to this conclusion based on what I've personally seen at the gym.

Whether it is the common fraternity member getting "jacked up" or the iPod-wearer whose repetitions make

him look like the Energizer Bunny, there is a usually a major difference in the amount of men versus women "pumping iron."

Intimidation might be the first word that comes to mind when entering this environment of mostly men, but why?

Does the intense odor of different colognes and sweat make me want to run home and beg for mommy?

Do these men get in my face and scream like a drill sergeant about how the weights aren't heavy enough and how their pup-pies can do more repetitions?

Is eye contact only a matter of daggers digging into my soul because I'm not strong enough?

The answer to all of those questions is: no.

This illogical intimidation is nonexistent.

Women workout anywhere else in the gym, but weights, especially free weights, seem to miss the womanly touch of female hands.


Not to take an intense feminist approach, but as women we are completely capable to increase muscle mass alongside men.

But, if you wear a cut-off shirt, make sure the goods are covered up. We don't want to intimidate the opposite sex.



Dara Barney
Argonaut

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Definitive Four

Moments of 2010

It is hard to quantify 2010 in four distinct moments, because it was really a boring year. This year was no 2008, 1999 or even 1985. Instead, it was a year when very little happened.

Instead, 2010 was on par with 2005, 1997 or any year between 1819 and 1839. Anyone who claims 2010 was one of the best yet were either high for most of it or thinking about another year altogether.

Not every year can be a home run and 2010 should be fondly remembered for the tame fielder's choice it was. Life moves on and hopefully 2011 will be a bit more exciting.

While the most exciting aspect of 2010 might be the fact the first two numbers are divisible by the last two numbers, there were still four definitive moments. Just do not expect them to be particularly memorable.

Idaho H-Bowl championship T-shirts

It is easy to forget Idaho's Roady's Humanitarian Bowl triumph occurred in 2009, which means it does not qualify for this list. The sole positive from Idaho football in 2010 was the championship T-shirts being on sale in the UI Bookstore.

It was nice for students to be able to own and wear a championship T-shirt. It is likely at least one of the T-shirts was seen

everyday while walking around campus, and this meant 2010 served as constant reminder to the 2009 football team.

The oil spill is forgotten

Sometime during the year there was a giant oil spill in the gulf region. Everyone made it a huge deal with some people going as far as to call it the new Hurricane Katrina. Then the World Cup came and went and no one cared about the oil spill ever again.

This was a massive story for more than a month before fading away. It has now become relegated to one of those events like the assassination attempt on Ronald Regan or the movie "Daddy Day Care," in which people vaguely remember the event when brought up in passing while asking the rhetorical question of what ever happened with that?

The Tea Party

No one really understands what the Tea Party actually wants, other than being really loud and obnoxious and some sort of reduced government spending. The problem with the group is they have made the former rather clear but the latter is still vague.

The Tea Party is the equivalent to a car salesman on TV promising low

prices and insane discounts. It sounds great until a person shows up at the dealership and drives home in a used 1988 Mercury Tracer.

The continued Tea Party movement embodied American politics. Unfortunately, the Tea Party spent most of the year making offensive comments as opposed to clarifying what it was planning to do.

Twitter

The most definitive but asinine trend of 2010 is the explosion of Twitter in America. Facebook may have moved to the big screen, but Twitter has become entrenched in the daily life of the average person.

Twitter has made the average American believe following celebrities' random thoughts equates friendship with the celebrity. That is utterly ridiculous and shows how myopic the average person is in their desire to somehow enjoy the Hollywood lifestyle.

Twitter's day in the sun will come to an end, and people will no longer be able to hear about how Nick Nolte is having potatoes for dinner or Cyndi Lauper is wearing a new dress tonight. This need to know what people are doing at all times is a bit rich and leads to the most awkward 144-character updates. Twitter was the fad of 2010 and hopefully it will stay that way.

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car or driver license is normal. I think we are not doing a good job if on one hand we promote the collaboration and course sharing between UI and WSU, and on the other hand we don't provide the minimal tools (a decent and affordable bus service) for students to take advantage of that collaboration.

I do not want to extend my arguments to save the Wheatland Commuter Bus further, but I think that what I said above gives an idea of the importance of keeping this service for the benefits of communities like Moscow and Pullman, and education institutions like UI and WSU.

Sincerely,
Inigo Serna
Washington State University
faculty

Moving isn't easy

I am a third year student at the University of Idaho studying technology education. The technology education program here is amazing. The professors actually care that you learn, and are willing to make sure students get their money's worth.

We have a smaller department, but it works well since most of our projects require a lot of space, late night work or ex-

tended class times. We spend so much time in our building it's not unheard of to hear people joke about bringing in a cot. I'm in the building three times a week from 9:30 in the morning to 8:30 at night, but I love it.

Recently, we were informed the provost decided half of our building was going to be given to another department. This was odd since we use every corner of our building every day. After asking around, I discovered the reason for moving us out was not to give classroom time to other students, but to move in the anthropology department's museum.

That's right. Instead of space to educate me and fellow students, the higher-ups at this university have decided it's a better idea to put in a museum. The excuse is budget cuts. In my mind, budget cuts would mean not allowing departments to maintain museums, not removing educational opportunities. I was open to sharing the classrooms for lectures, labs, etc. but not to be turned into an unusable space. But, rest assured, the provost of this university is looking to your educational opportunities first. They understand when you take away educational opportunities, students flourish and become more invested in ... nothing.

Eric Mann
Junior
Technology Education

What a year it has been

Happy slaps, reunited love and self re-discovery

Aside from stressing about the holidays, people tend to look back on the year and think about what has happened. Most people will have a few common thoughts, such as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, or the change in the political landscape.

But those will only be a snippet of thoughts as they look back and consider personal highlights. Most people will think about a relationship change, a promotion at work or some milestone such as graduating from college.

True enough, I have a few moments this year that garnered a smile when looking back on. Here are just a few times during the last 12 months that will never be forgotten.

No. 5 April: Paris, France
This was the beginning of my last big outing before leaving Europe and the army. Incriminating details aside, it was the only time I can remember having an awesome night and waking up the next morning with a slightly bruised face from being slapped so hard and many times. The

long weekend was a poker-and-tequila-filled thrill ride that culminated in a mild hangover atop the Eiffel Tower.

No. 4 April: Malta

The second part of my "final adventure" landed in the tiny island nation of Malta, and it definitely was an adventure. A friend from Germany joined me the second day for scuba diving, black jack and clubbing. Burgers on the beach and girls in the bars made it an epic vacation. It unexpectedly lasted an extra four

days when we got stuck because of the volcanic eruption on Iceland. How many people can say they have had their vacation plans changed because of a volcano?

No. 3 May 6: Schweinfurt, Germany

The morning after my final night in Germany as an active member of the army was rainy and emotional. One of my best friends picked me up and drove to Frankfurt for my departure back to the United States. Normally I would have slept during the hour and a half drive, but we both knew it was the last time we would see

each other for a long while. It was hard saying goodbye at the airport, but it was the day I moved on with the next phase of life.

No. 2 May 8: Sagle, Idaho

I had just gotten home and began reuniting with family. People aside, I really wanted to see Jessica, my 1973 Chevelle Malibu. I put money into restoring her during the past nine years, but had not driven her since blowing up the engine in 2004. I jumped at the opportunity to take her down the highway the first free day, despite not yet having registration, seatbelts or working headlights.

No. 1 September: Moscow, Idaho

About a month after school began this semester I found my comfort zone. I had been out of school for five years and had not dealt with anything resembling university academia since. I had some apprehension in August about how the readjustment would be, but sometime in September after a few football games, one mild concussion and a taste of college again, I felt right back at home.

Looking back, everyone's year is going to be unique. Luckily, people tend to forget the worst of it and remember the best of it.

Fine Print

\$#*! my professors say

Quotes from UI law professors

Since it's the end of the semester, I have notebooks full of phrases my professors said in class. I went through them and pulled out some of the more memorable quotes.

(It's also the point in the semester where I'll do anything to put off studying a little longer.)

"I'm not asking you to like it. I never ask you to like it, I'm asking that you understand it."

"Bears can't read."
Student: "I saw it on an episode on Seinfeld." Professor: "That's a better source than any law book."

"If you're on the same side of a fight as someone, aren't you supposed to have their back? I know that from watching Westerns."
"I appreciate that analysis. But I'm going to differ with you."

"We like idiots. They make us money. Make sure you get them to pay up front."
"That's the last time we ever say 'unicorn' in law school."

"Every federal rule is like meeting a new friend."
"If they put you in handcuffs, you are in a special relationship."

"There's a reason why you, as a law student, have unlimited access to LexisNexis and Westlaw. It's the same reason why

crack dealers hang outside middle schools."
"You'll be shocked once you see my grading. You guys are laughing now. You'll be able to hear a pen drop."

"I couldn't tell you that before we got to the other case, or you'd be like 'That's bullshit,' and you wouldn't learn the law."

"You're going to enjoy the research. It's sorta like an extremely dorky scavenger hunt for adults."

"I'm not going to test you on that. I guarantee you two-thirds of the courts in the country can't get it right. Why would I trust you to?"

"Close. It's within the same 1,000 pages of the dictionary."
"I understand you're doing fee simples in property. That's part of the hazing in first year."

"You will find you will go against lawyers who love to use Latin. This is stupid. The law is supposed to be accessible."

"There's a certain point where we start teaching you too much. Then you become annoying."
"If it means you don't get paid, you don't get paid. But you have to do the right thing. Very important."

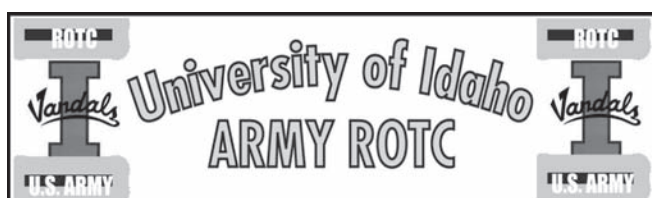
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Information Sessions

January 24, 2011

February 15, 2011

February 28, 2011

*All Information Sessions
will begin at 7:00 pm in
the Whitewater Room.
Come see how Delta Zeta
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Interviews will be held
March 1-4, 2011.



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Congratulations!

It's been a great semester thanks to you -- the great students, faculty, and staff of the University of Idaho.

Keep up the great work as you finish up this year, and then enjoy your holiday break.

We look forward to seeing you all back safely for an even greater semester in January.

- M. Duane and Ruthie Nellis

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