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To honor MLK

Diversity officials and civil rights activists come together to remember the legacy

Lindsey Treffry
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Martin Luther King, Jr. was honored by students, administrators, city members and civil rights activists as part of the University of Idaho Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

"(King) was a leader we could all stand behind," Robert Singleton said.

Singleton jump-started the events Friday afternoon, with a speech about his struggles as part of the 1961 Freedom Riders. The civil rights activist group rode interstate buses across the country into the segregated South to test the decision made by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Boynton v. Virginia case.

While Singleton spoke of the past, he also urged students to

have goals in whatever movement they desire. He noted that there is still discrimination to fight against, including laws that make it legal to fire an openly gay person and laws that deny gays housing opportunities.

"You're going to inherit the kind of country you deserve," Singleton said.

The following day, Singleton's wife, Helen, spoke at the 19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Human Rights Breakfast at Moscow Junior High School. Helen Singleton was the only woman who took part in the

freedom Ride with her husband. "Non-violence is at the core of what (the Singletons) did," said Joann Muneta, chair of the Latah County Human Rights Task Force. "They had so much courage — to face (someone) who is armed and ready to beat you."

The annual Rosa Parks award and Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest awards were given out Saturday.

After the holiday on Monday through the Idaho Human Rights Day, the UI Office of



You're going to inherit the kind of country you deserve.

Robert Singleton, Freedom Rider

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Robert Singleton, an organizer and participant of the 1961 Freedom Riders, speaks Friday in the Idaho Commons Whitewater and Clearwater rooms.

Life changes in Ecuador

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

An ASUI Alternative Service Break trip is life changing, said Taylor Reed, an intern with the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, who student-led the winter break trip to Ecuador.

"That was my first trip," Reed said. "I would try and tell students what ASB was all about, but it's so hard to understand until you actually go on one."

Reed said 11 service-focused students were chosen through an application and interview process for the Dec. 28 to Jan. 10 trip.

"We wanted a group of people that would bring a lot to the table and dif-

ferent ideas — different viewpoints," Reed said. "And just people who would have a good attitude."

The team worked primarily in a shelter and school for street children in Quito, Ecuador, called La Caleta.

"(The children) come there from all different backgrounds, some have been abused, or kicked out of their homes, or maybe don't even have a family," Reed said. "Every kid's story is different."

The team painted the school and children's living quarters, and cleaned and repaired the center.



You are helping them, but they just need so much more. They need a family.

Rebecca Johnson, Senior

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Jobs and education

Idaho governor commits to improving Idaho's economy in 2012

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Education and unemployment in Idaho will be Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's focus as 2012 takes off.

Otter addressed the Idaho congress in the annual State of the State address Jan. 9.

"I want to see an Idaho focused not on scarcity or what we lack, but on a more prosperous and hopeful future for all of us," Otter said. "It's with that Idaho in mind that I set my top two budget and policy priorities for 2012 and this legislative session. And the reality is, those two priorities are inseparable — jobs

and education."

Otter said everything the Idaho legislature plans to do this year will impact his top two priorities.

"And while what government can do is limited, as it should be, we can and will do a better job of reaching out to our businesses and employers as partners in this effort," Otter said.



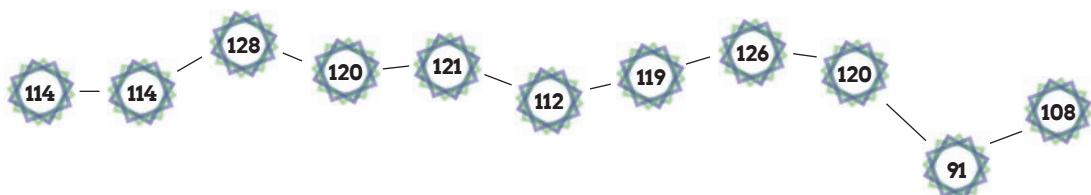
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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Idaho governor

Otter said Project 60 will take on new life and be the forefront of the effort to focus on unemployment and education. He said Jeff Sayer, the new director of the Department of Commerce, will bring private-sector entrepreneurial experience, renewed energy, and commitment to actively engaging

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Victoria Hart
Argonaut

Native student enrollment at the University of Idaho has been inconsistent in the last 10 years, but recent recruitment efforts and the creation of staff positions may bolster Native numbers.

Steven Martin, director of UI's Native American Student

Center, is constantly on the lookout for donors and grants to support Native programming. The most recent boost in fundraising is in pursuit of \$10,000 that will be matched by the American Indian Education Foundation. The English department is also collecting funds to support a Native American Fellowship in Creative Writing.

Martin said 100-percent retention isn't a reality, and one or two students leave every year. But he advises and engages with the 12 to 15 students that come to the center regularly.

Ricardo Buenrostro said his position as UI's multicultural recruiter may expand to encom-

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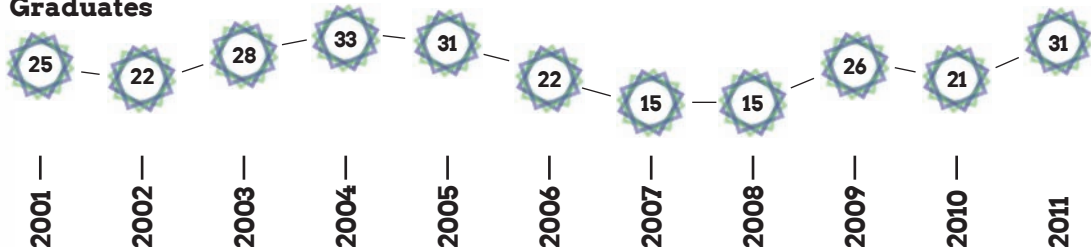
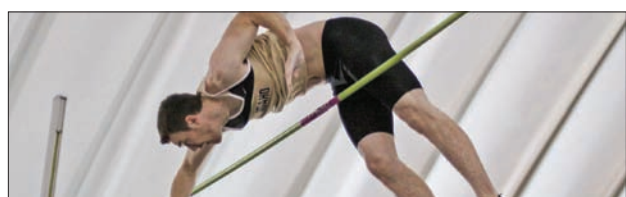


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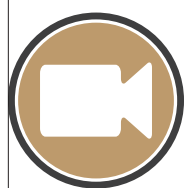
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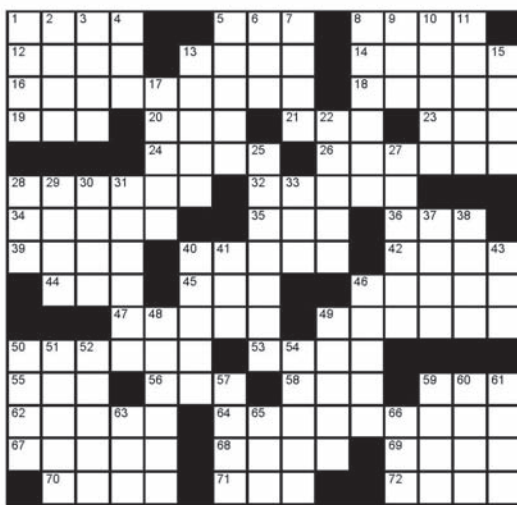
Kyndall Elliott | Argonaut

Kelsey Manweiler poses for a photo shoot for the University of Idaho fashion club Monday afternoon in the Washington State University arboretum. Manweiler was styled by Kate Mills, a clothing, textiles and design major at UI.

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The Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival will be celebrating its 45th anniversary in February. This year, the program is selling buttons for promotion. The buttons sell for \$3, and give the buyer discounts to different stores and restaurants around the area. Buttons can be purchased at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival office in the Student Union Building.

Jazz festival buttons benefit community, provide discounts

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Commemorative buttons celebrating the 45th year of the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival debut this year for \$3 in multiple area locations to benefit the Young Artists Concert.

"The idea was from when I came here and saw what a strong community involvement there was, with people not even jazz fans," Steve Remington, executive director of the festival said. "I started thinking of my experiences in festival field and of a program that might materialize the spirit they have of the festival."

Remington said he wanted the program to emulate a similar button program he saw at the Pegasus Kentucky Derby Festival where the buttons were a large part of the event.

"It's a physical way to show support and involve the businesses in the community," Remington said.

The button program is a way for people to participate in the festival, he said, even if they might not like the musical line-up that year or are not interested in jazz.

This year the buttons function as a discount at many local businesses, including the VandalStore,

Moscow Co-Op, local coffee shops and Happy Day restaurants, said James Brownson, director of development and marketing for the festival. Although buttons are on sale now, these discounts will only be offered during February.

Those who purchase a button are also eligible to win two lift tickets to Schweitzer Mountain, or two round trip tickets to anywhere Alaska Airlines flies.

Remington said 4,000 buttons are available for purchase, and depending on sales they might print more around Feb. 15, but might also remain sold out if the situation arises.

Remington said he has plans for the future of the button program. "We might, in the future, have the pin become a mechanistic part of the program admission," Remington said.

This idea has more similarities to the Kentucky festival. The button could become an essential part of the program, allowing admission to events and other festival perks.

"But it's the first year, so we are just trying to see (what happens)," Remington said.

UI Library to join northwest alliance

New membership will connect UI to 37 other academic libraries in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, vastly expand number of books available to students

Jonathan Gradin
Argonaut

Students who regularly use the University of Idaho Library for research and information will soon have access to a larger catalog of items, thanks to its membership in the Orbis Cascade Alliance, a consortium of 37 academic libraries in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The membership was announced shortly after Thanksgiving last year, but benefits to students won't be seen until closer to March, said Ben Hunter, UI head of cataloging and collections.

"The most immediate benefit that we will see is that the collections of those 36 other libraries are suddenly open in a very new way to us," Hunter said, adding that the books are available through a quick, inexpensive courier service rather than Interlibrary Loan. "The net result to our patrons is faster delivery... longer borrowing times."

In the long term, Hunter said a new catalog that will let students and faculty easily see items in these collections and UI's library system is in the works. This integrated library system should be online within a year, although some technological hurdles — including computer catalog compatibility — still need to be addressed.

"I can say from experience — I went to graduate school in University of Oregon — it's just huge to have this volume of physical resources opened up to you," Hunter said. "... Being able to request them easily, get them in hand within a few days and check them out for weeks at a time. It's a pretty amazing service."

Hunter said requests for these materials will probably be handled through UI's Interlibrary Loan service, but in the future patrons will be able to



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Jacob Marsh, sophomore in political science and philosophy, reads on the third floor of the University of Idaho Library. The library is now the first in Idaho to be part of the Orbis Cascade Alliance, giving it access to the Alliance's 31 million volumes and resources.

make requests in the catalog as they now can for North Idaho College and Lewis and Clark State College materials.

UI is the first Idaho library to join the consortium. While UI has partnered with the Alliance before, this membership gives UI a committee seat for policy decisions.

"The University of Idaho is excited about the Alliance's vision of shared services and a unified Northwest academic library collection," said Lynn Baird, UI dean of library services.

Hunter said this Alliance is part of a new trend for academic libraries, away from the traditional model of single entities to one of networked, collaborative entities which share resources. This allows them to save money and more efficiently spend the limited funds in this time of economic woes.

"Entering into this large consortium we get better prices on a lot of our electronic products," Hunter said. "We're able to partner with other institutions of the Alliance to get better prices."

Hunter said research databases, streaming music archives, ebooks and other electronic resources form a significantly larger portion

of the budget than physical books and journals.

Collaborative catalog building, which Hunter said is hotly debated but a direction the Alliance is "moving toward," is another area of benefit to UI and the other involved organizations.

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Ben Hunter, UI head of cataloging and collections

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The only obstacle to this is getting on a shared purchasing and cataloging

system, which Hunter said he envisions happening within the next few years.

Basically, this means that book purchases are coordinated with other libraries to ensure money is spent wisely. If a particular book is raised as a purchase suggestion for UI, but 10 copies already exist in other member libraries, then UI will not purchase that book, using the same money to buy other volumes.

So, given all these benefits, what is the cost to UI? "We do pay membership fees," Hunter said, which are not yet nailed down. "We did the math and these are offset by the gain from membership."

As UI is now a governing member of the Alliance, extra travel expenses will be incurred by the dean and head librarians to attend meetings. However, Hunter said having this say is very important.

"The upside is, (membership) helps extend our influence and our circle of friends to this larger group and to get outside of just the North Idaho region."

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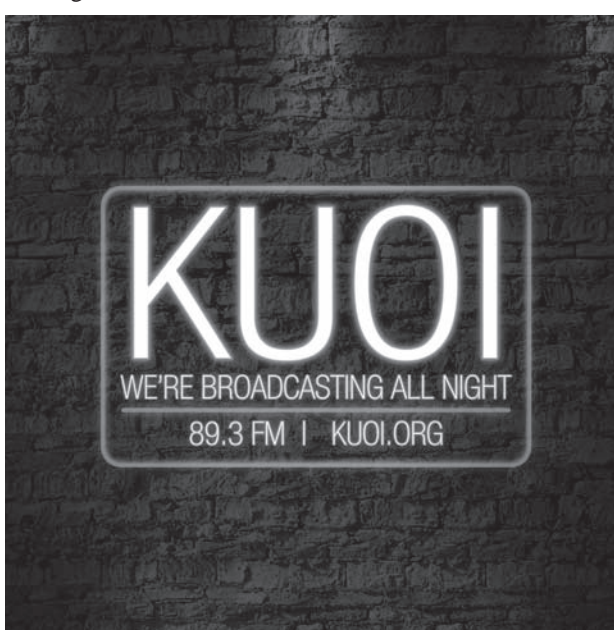
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They played soccer with the children and taught them some American games, and the children taught the team some of theirs, she said.

"One game they played — it was like tug-o-war but with humans, like, you just hold onto each other," Reed said. "And there are two people in the middle that hold on, and we are like, 'wow, you kids are hardcore.'"

Rebecca Johnson, a senior in ecology, said participating students had been warned the children might not be comfortable around them, and might steal unwatched belongings.

"I was really nervous, but then we went in and they all just ran up to us, and all they wanted to do was hug us and play with us," Johnson said. "They were wanting to help us paint and I was just overwhelmed with how much they just wanted to be loved and have that attention."

Tony Ive, a senior in interdisciplinary studies, said the children maintained an emotional distance at first, but began to open up and tell

their stories.

"The kids all seemed much more mature for their ages," Ive said. "You could look at their bodies, when they went swimming or took their shirts off to play soccer, and you could see scars and things on them."

Johnson said she never saw the children use their imaginations until the last day when they started pretending to drive a bus.

"It was the first time I'd seen them imagining and take us somewhere you can't see," Johnson said. "They were like 'here we are. Get off.' That was really cool to see them play and imagining, (just as) you see other kids of that age."

Halfway through the trip, the team worked for three days at the Santa Lucía cloud forest ecolodge. They carried equipment, dug a 100-foot trench, and helped build a drainage system for the locally owned and operated tourism and research center.

Ive said the ecolodge looked like a cross between an organic farm and a treehouse from Disney Land on top of a mountain.

Ive said conversations the team had with an individual who hated

Western civilization taught him about cultural biases.

"By the end of it, we knew his story, he knew our story. He was much more interested in America," Ive said.

When the team returned to the children's shelter, the children's faces lit up, Reed said.

"We were in our bus, and we looked out, and they were in their school and we waved to them, and they saw us and they started waving back," Reed said. "And they ran upstairs to get their stuff ready so they could come out and play with us."

Johnson said leaving the children was one of the hardest things for her.

"You meet these kids — you are in love with these kids — and you are never going to know what will happen to them again, even if you go back to the school, there is going to be a different group of kids," Johnson said. "You are helping them, but they just need so much more. They need a family."

Ive said the trip motivated him to connect with others.

"It made me more in tune with myself," Ive said. "It sort of grounded me in what I want. ... I think just working with, and being put in a position of service with such incredible people just kind of pushed me to realize 'yeah, I can do it. I'll make it through.'"

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Multicultural Affairs showed a film Tuesday, of the original "I Have a Dream" speech. The 25-minute film shared Martin Luther King Jr.'s words that were said on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

To conclude events, guest speaker Jeff Guillory will present his speech "From Civil Rights to Cultural Competence: What Have We Learned?" at 5 p.m. today in the Idaho Commons' Summit Rooms. Guillory is the director of diversity education at Washington State University.

"Not only his experiences, but his connection to the university makes him (a great speaker)," said Leah Rosenkranz, AmeriCorps PACE Program Coordinator.

Rosenkranz chose to bring Guillory to speak and said he grew up in the segregated South and faced discrimination issues in the Northwest too. He is married to a woman from a local tribe, is a UI alumna and played on the UI football team.

"He wants to not just preach (about diversity issues), but help people too," Rosenkranz said.

The week's events were sponsored by the UI Office of Multicultural Affairs, AmeriCorps, the Latah County Human Rights Task Force and UI Women's Center.

"We're isolated here," Muneta said. "(Moscow) is a white, privileged community, and it is important to bring parts of our country and our history here (to share their stories)."

NUMBERS

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for Native students at UI. Five members of UI's faculty are Native, and they all act as resources to students who are struggling with the same issues they faced in higher education.

Arthur Taylor, UI's tribal liaison, said interaction with recruited students is the key to retention, and support has to come from university staff and tribal leaders. Native faculty and staff often understand Native students and contribute to their success, he said.

The center, Taylor said, encourages students to express their culture and maintain a connec-

tion to their Native identity during college. Community dinners, Native films, guest speakers and the annual Tutxinmepu Powwow are hosted by NASC. The center's large couches, long tables and computers are available to students daily.

He and Martin agree that the center and its programs are under-funded and under-staffed. Martin said he is the face of the center and Native programming when he recruits. Taylor said students perceive the outdated, overcrowded structure as representative of their value on campus.

Formerly the purchasing building, NASC is housed in one of the oldest structures on campus. Yolanda

Bisbee, director of the College Assistance Migrant Program, helped establish the center in 2006 and said the building stands only because there's no money for demolition.

Taylor said a new facility, like a long house, would be ideal. Solid infrastructure and meaningful scholarship money, he said, will boost Native student enrollment. More Native faculty would encourage students and parents from Native communities to feel comfortable and supported, Taylor said.

Native Americans with doctoral degrees, he said, can command a salary because they are a rarity. Since UI can't always offer the same benefits as

larger institutions, Taylor said it's important to "grow our own" Native faculty through graduate programs.

Native graduate student enrollment has more than doubled since 2007, and accounts for a little more than 1 percent of graduate and professional students in Moscow.

Angelique EagleWoman, associate professor of law and coordinator of the Native Law Program, teaches American Indian Studies and in UI's College of Law. She established a chapter of the Native American Law Student Association at UI, and an emphasis within the law school on Native issues.

"There's a huge unmet legal need in Native law," EagleWoman said.

About seven students in the program are Native, and graduating class sizes have increased since its inception in 2009. EagleWoman, a citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota of the Lake Traverse Reservation, also works with Taylor and others to uphold promises made in two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that the university is a party to.

The first is between UI and four regional colleges. Taylor said the agreement calls for UI to work collaboratively with North Idaho College and Lewis and Clark State College to cross-list courses in American Indian Studies. He said the schools would rather work together than compete for Native students.

The second MOU is between UI and 10 tribes.

It requires the university to establish a Native American Advisory Council that consists of President M. Duane Nellis, Taylor and a representative from each tribe.

"The president informs tribal leaders what we're doing here at the university," Taylor said. "And it allows tribal leaders to bring concerns to the president."

Taylor chairs the Native American Advisory Board, a mid-level group that works with UI faculty and tribal education directors to address "ground-level" issues. If necessary, Taylor said issues raised by the board can be elevated to a policy level for review by the council and president.

The President's Diversity Council, established in 2009, interacts with the board and council but is not directly related to either, Taylor said. The university has a commitment to Native students, Eaglewoman said.

"A lot of issues that affect students affect staff and faculty too," she said. UI professor Ed Galindo has been on both sides of the fence and maintains a positive attitude about Native enrollment despite wavering enrollment. After graduating from UI in 1979, Galindo earned a doctorate from Utah State University and taught science in the Shoshone-Bannock tribal school for 20 years. He arrived at UI in 2005 and chaired Taylor's hiring committee.

Galindo produces prototypes for NASA, and meets with about 10 Native graduate students once a month as part of the Indigenous Science, Technology, Engi-

neering and Math (ISTEM) program. The number of Native graduate students has grown, but Galindo said he doesn't like that 0.01 percent of scientists nationwide are Native.

"That's why I'm here," Galindo said. "I don't think that's acceptable."

Galindo said he values education above everything but people. A welcoming environment, Galindo said, is the best way to recruit students of any background.

"It doesn't take money — a federal grant — to make people feel welcome," Galindo said. "How much does a smile cost? What's the price tag on a relationship?"

Dollars provide opportunities for students, he said, but environment plays a major role in Native students' chance at higher education. Parental support, sibling role models and compassionate teachers influence Native high school students the most, he said.

Galindo said Native students bring "the great gift" of a unique outlook specific to each tribe that enriches the university community.

He said he imagines the Native community at UI as a flowering plant with ISTEM as the stalk, leafy appendages of other Native academic programs and faculty, and administrators like Taylor and Martin blooming in the center. He said the plant is rooted in UI soil, watered by "pennies from heaven" and fed by the sunlight of compassion.

"You plant a seed, you hope it grows," Galindo said. "Don't give up hope."

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"(Sayer and Roger Mason, Department of Labor) understand that the role of government — effective government — is not to create dependency, but rather to facilitate opportunity," Otter said.

Otter said he also plans to implement a new program in 2012 called IGEM. The Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission is based on successful programs in other states, and is intended to support universities and communities as well as Idaho businesses.

"We're not reinventing the wheel here. We're just perfecting it for our universities, our communities and more of our Idaho businesses," Otter said.

Otter said IGEM involves industry, entrepreneurs, higher education, the Idaho National Laboratory and the Center for Advanced Energy Studies.

"Together, their focus will be on creating value on our campuses that will help our existing businesses grow, nurture the startup of new businesses, and create more jobs and opportunities for Idaho," Otter said.

Otter said this will require a commitment, targeted investment and significant cultural change in how Idaho's universities approach research and working with industry. He said he appreciates the university presidents and State Board of Education for supporting the process of implementing IGEM, including funding col-

laborative research aimed at job creation.

"I'm additionally proposing to fully fund the cost of enrollment growth going forward at our universities, colleges and community colleges," Otter said. "And it's my recommendation that we fully fund the cost of moving into and operating new facilities on those schools' campuses."

Otter said this solution will address the top priorities identified by the presidents of higher education institutions in Idaho.

In his budget, Otter also proposed setting aside \$60 million in the Public Education Stabilization Fund, the Budget Stabilization Fund, and the new Higher Education Stabilization Fund in order to prepare for the next unforeseen downturn in the economy.

"That will help us maintain the kind of fiscal stability, certainty and responsibility that Idahoans deserve and employers look for in their state government," Otter said.

University of Idaho president M. Duane Nellis emphasized higher education in his budget.

"It's also encouraging that the governor — as outlined in his State of the State address — recognizes the significant role that higher education can play in improving Idaho's economy," Nellis said. "The past few years have presented ongoing budget challenges for all of public higher education in Idaho and with the governor's budget recommendations made public, we are hopefully at a positive turning point."

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BASKETBALL

Men fall in Las Cruces

Theo Lawson
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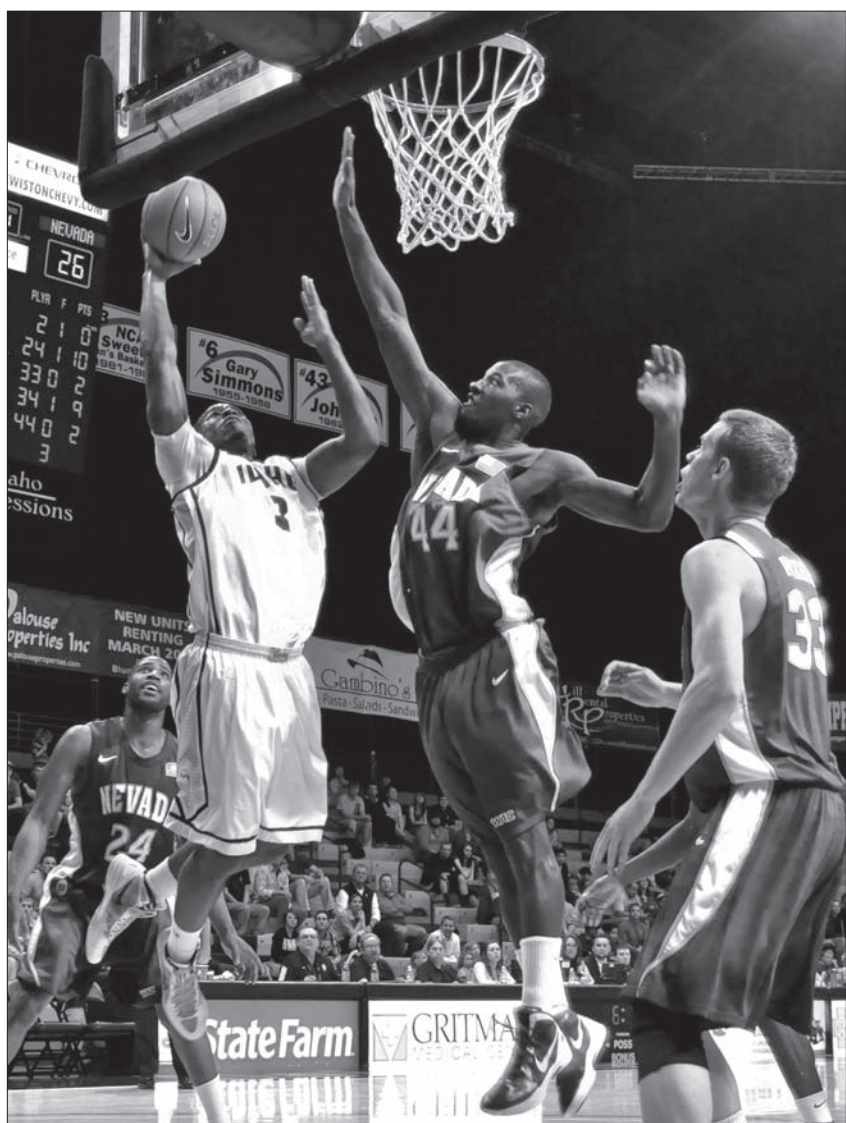
The Idaho men's basketball team survived a successful first half Saturday in Las Cruces, but ultimately fell victim to a sluggish second half and dropped its second conference match-up of the season, 80-68 to New Mexico State.

The Vandals (9-9, 2-2) committed 25 fouls and allowed their opponents 32 free throw attempts, of which the Aggies converted 21.

It looked to be a potential upset for the visitors, who were coming off a huge road win in Ruston against La. Tech. The Vandals held a 37-35 lead at halftime and led by as many as nine points in the first half, despite the Aggies' 56 percent shooting from the field.

"They just kind of wore us down there at the end," coach Don Verlin said. "They just move you down there, move you down there and get a lot of fouls called, and tonight they made their free throws at a really good clip."

Idaho has become accustomed to dropping the turnover match-up this season, but committed seven less than the Aggies Saturday



File Photo by Zach Edwards | Argonaut
Vandal guard Mansa Habeeb attempts a lay-up against the defense of Dario Hunt Jan. 5 in the Cowan Spectrum. Idaho faces Utah State at 8 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Cowan Spectrum.

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Losing streak continues

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team's losing streak extended to five games as they struggled to pull out a win.

The streak continued on the road Saturday when the Vandals fell to New Mexico State 61-47, due in part to poor shooting.

The Vandals (5-13, 0-2 WAC) have struggled so far this season with their youth proving to be an uphill battle. Any progress they have made has not translated into victories, but they will have another go at it Thursday when they open a three-game home-stand against Nevada.

The Vandals shot just 26 percent

in the game and only 21 percent in the second half, digging themselves into a hole early. Assistant coach Jordan Green said shot selection was an issue.

"We're getting into games and getting some good defense played on us and we're rushing things a bit, not getting the shots we want," Green said.

The first half looked optimistic when Idaho took the momentum of a 12-4 run to take a 26-23 lead going into the locker room at

halftime, but the second half was a different story. The Vandals didn't score for a stretch of almost 14 minutes and combined with a 15-2 Aggie run, the Vandals lost in dominating fashion.

While the Vandals struggled to hit their shots, New Mexico State hit 42 percent of its attempts. The Aggies also owned a 42-37 rebounding advantage, which led to 11 second-chance points.

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Jordan Green,
Assistant coach

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Mid-season report card

Men's basketball



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Offense

Inconsistent is the first word that comes to mind. It is certainly not a lack of talent that has prevented the Vandals from consistently putting up 70-plus points per game.

Don Verlin's shooters have as much potential as anyone in the WAC but the failure to click at the same time prevents Deremy Geiger, Matt Borton, Connor Hill and Stephen Madison from being the league's most lethal 3-point shooters.

Down low Kyle Barone has proven he has tremendous finesse despite his giant frame. Djim Bandoumel has the strength Barone lacks, but has yet to emerge as a prolific scorer.

Fans must be excited about the potential of Madison, a sophomore who may be the team's most improved scorer. Averaging almost 7.1 points per game, Idaho ranks third in the WAC and has put up 90 points twice this season. Turnovers remain a major issue.

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Defense

Despite having the conference's best rebounding defense and its second most blocked shots, Idaho has had issues guarding the perimeter, which became apparent in pre-season match-ups with NAIA opponents who lacked height.

It is not a surprise that the Vandals' 3-point defense ranks second to last in the WAC. This is a continuous head-scratcher because Geiger, Landon Tatum and Madison certainly have the athleticism to reach the opposition's shooters, but Verlin's defensive schemes may need some work. The combination of Barone and Bandoumel down low gives any opponent a nightmare, and if Wendell Faines can stay out of foul trouble, Idaho will be more competitive against bigger opponents, New Mexico State to name one.

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Women's basketball



Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Offense

The Vandal women's basketball team has had a pretty tough year so far, posting a record of 5-13 and is on a five-game losing streak. Idaho is a young team and seems to be having trouble getting things together. What has gone right and what has gone wrong this season?

Offense has been a struggle for Idaho this year. The Vandals average 59.5 points per game, which isn't where it should be. They are not putting up enough points to finish games. The Vandals field goal percentage is 37 percent, which has contributed to their offensive woes. Turnovers have also caused trouble for the Idaho team that has averaged 17.9 a game. When a team turns the ball over, it's hard to get any offense going.

D+

Defense

The Vandal defense has held opponents to 37 percent for shooting and 66.5 points a game. Its success has kept the Vandals in a lot of games and made things close. They have also averaged 7.7 steals a game and 4.5 blocks a game. These numbers aren't bad, especially when you consider the Vandals have faced the likes of Gonzaga and Washington.

B

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Idaho track and field WAC players of the week

After dominating performances on the track and in the field, Idaho came away from the second week of January with three Verizon WAC Indoor Track and Field Athletes of the Week honors.

Kristine Leonard, a sophomore from Rexburg, Idaho, won two titles at the Snake River Open in Pocatello, Idaho, Saturday. She also won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.4 seconds, which is fast enough for second best in the WAC this season. To finish out the meet, she took the long jump with a mark of 18-7.25 feet.

On the men's side, Ben Ayesu-Attah and Jeremy Klas took WAC honors.

Ayesu-Attah, a freshman from Coquitlam, B.C., began his Idaho career with a win and a meet record in the 400-meters at the WSU Open.

Senior pole vaulter from Moscow, Klas, opened his season with the eighth best vault in the country, 17-4.5 feet, Saturday at the WSU Open. The jump broke his own meet record and won the competition by nearly a foot.



Kristine Leonard



Ben Ayesu-Attah



Jeremy Klas

Track and field breaks three meet records

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

The Vandal track teams exploded to three meet records during its first meet of the year Friday and Saturday in Pullman.

The WSU Open indoor meet is usually a low-key meet, but Idaho athletes did not take it that way.

"It's not so much what the times are in the first meet, because chances are it's not going to be a (personal record), but we got out there and competed," Idaho director of track and field Wayne Phipps said. "Even in the fun co-ed 4x400, it was still a very competitive race."

The Vandals won six individual events in a meet consisting of approximately 20 teams and several individual athletes.

The meet started well for the Vandals with the women's team taking first, second and third in the

weight throw competition Friday. Senior Gabby Midles led the way tossing the 20-pound weight to a mark of 54-07.50 feet. Following Midles were juniors Kristine Leonard and Sarah Nutsch in second and third.

On the men's side, sophomore Kyle Rothwell snagged second place with a toss of 52-11 feet.

The meet continued Saturday, when the Vandals took five of their six individual victories.

Senior Jeremy Klas broke his own meet record from last year with 17-4.5 feet in the pole vault. Klas executed a vault that lands him in the NCAA top 10.

"It's definitely a good place to start off," Klas said. "I think once I get that full approach down, it's going to be that much better. I still have a lot of room to improve once I get there, it's just a matter of



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Idaho senior Jeremy Klas attempts a potential school-record height of 17 feet, 9.25 inches Saturday at the WSU Open. Klas barely missed the height, but cleared 17-4.5 feet to win the event and move to No. 8 in the NCAA in the pole vault.

putting it together."

Freshman Ben Ayesu-Attah shined in his first collegiate race as he took first place in the 400-meter race in 49.75. He also broke an eight-year record in the process.

Back on the women's

side, sophomore Kelly Jacka took the meet record in the 200-meter with her time of 25.39 seconds. It was her first meet back after a hip injury caused her to redshirt the 2011 season.

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Season starts with sweep

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Mondy, the Vandal women's tennis team started the 2012 season in impressive fashion, sweeping Lewis-Clark State College 7-0 in Lewiston, Monday.

"They all did exactly what they were supposed to, stuck to the tactics and it paid off for every single one of them," coach Daniel Pollock said.

Pollock said it was nice to see the team return to Moscow fresh and ready to compete, especially because LCSC is home to the No. 11 doubles pair and No. 10 singles player in the nation.

"They have a highly ranked doubles team so first to come out and dominate that top doubles spot, 8-1 against such a high level, that was very promising," Pollock said.

Idaho's pairing of Beatrice Flores and Victoria Lozano beat the Warriors pairing of Jasova and Chong at No. 1 doubles. Idaho took the other two doubles matches 8-2.

Even though the pairing had only practiced together for a couple months, Pollock said it didn't show.

"It was perfect for the doubles teams. It was like they had been playing together for at least a year," Pollock said. "Team morale

was fantastic, they were all super happy after that and they really should be."

The team's dominance did not stop after its doubles matches. The Vandals carried the momentum to the singles matches. In the No. 1 singles match Lozano met Jasova again — LCSC's top player and No. 10 in the nation.

Lozano won the match in three sets, 7-6(6), 5-7, 10-5 and the high level of play did not go unnoticed.

"Dominicka (Jasova) and Vicky (Lozano) had a high quality match that was like a mid-season level match, and they were both playing very good tennis," Pollock said.

The other matches were not as close and the Idaho women won all the matches in straight sets, with only one LCSC player reaching three games in a set.

Throughout its fall season and winter break, the team has focused on staying physically prepared and its dedication has shown in the results.

"I tell them we must be one of the best prepared teams in the nation. Now it's just time to go out and enjoy our preparations and I think they did that really well today," Pollock said.

He said starting out so dominant will give the team confidence moving forward.



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Senior Molly Knox returns a ball during practice Jan. 12 in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandal women's tennis team started the spring season strong with a 7-0 win at Lewis-Clark State College Jan. 16. The team will be in Pullman for a match against Washington State Thursday.

"Hopefully we can keep that rolling through Thursday and see what we can do against WSU," Pollock said.

Washington State has played three matches already this season in a tournament in Hawaii. The team beat Kansas, Kentucky and Hawaii in the tournament. Pollock is well aware of WSU's early success and is preparing accordingly.

"WSU had some really good results

against some good teams," Pollock said. "...so I have to sit down and look at the match-ups and see who of our team matches up best with who of their team and give the girls a little bit of rest and light practice tomorrow," Pollock said.

He said the team will practice hard and figure out what tactics will be useful against WSU, in what Pollock said will be a high-level contest against a good team.



Alex Aguirre | Argonaut

Freshman and mid-year transfer Kirah Monks practices the freestyle Tuesday in the Idaho Swim Center. The Vandals will travel to New Mexico this Saturday to compete against New Mexico State.

Mid-major 25

Idaho swim and dive received No. 25 rank in mid-major polls

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Winter break and a trip to Arizona State left Idaho swimming and diving with high spirits heading into the spring semester.

"We came out of that trip healthy, happy, swimming fast and diving well — so I'm pretty happy and we're really hungry to race again," Idaho swimming and diving coach Mark Sowa said.

Sowa said he loves the focus the team is training with right now. He said that is exactly what they used the break for.

"We got to just focus on

getting better every day," Sowa said. "It really helps us because they can relax a bit and it helps them rest a bit more between practices so that's when we can get a lot of good work done."

Sowa said school creates a lot of stress outside of the pool, but his team did well in the classroom last semester with an average GPA of 3.26.

"They take the student-athletes of their part very serious and it's nice to just focus on being great in the water for a period of time," Sowa said.

The Vandals are No. 25 in mid-major polls, and

Sowa said the ranking is a good indication of where the program is at right now.

"We're ahead of some really good teams which is a nice thing and the way that ranking works, it's fairly objective with its points system," Sowa said.

He said the recognition is great for the program. Just being mentioned alongside some good teams feels great, Sowa said, but it will not distract him or his team from their goal.

"We are focusing on the day to day things and getting better and not on what the rankings say but we were saying and what our team is saying every day," Sowa said.

The team is preparing for its meet against New Mexico State on Jan. 28 in Las Cruces. Sowa said New Mexico State is a very good, well-coached team that has a chance to compete this season for a conference championship, but that he thinks the Vandals will give them some good races.

"They are a nice indicator of where we want to bring this program so I think it will be a good test of where we're at and where we need to get," Sowa said.

Means named to All-Time team

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

University of Idaho men's golf coach John Means was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Women's Golf All-Time Coach earlier this month.

Means coached for six years at Wisconsin-Eau Claire during his time in the WIAC.

"It's nice when there's somebody besides the players that

notice what's going on," Means said. "It really makes you feel good that somebody noticed ... It was a special time."

During his time at Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Means' teams won four WIAC titles and played in the NCAA Championship five times. Five of Means' former players join him on the WIAC All-Time team.

"I got some girls that were extremely enthusiastic about getting better," Means said. "The fruits of their labors were national rankings and national awards."

Means said the

success of his players led to his award.

Means has been coaching golf since he graduated college. His first coaching position was at Colorado State in 1979.

"This is all I really know how to do," Means said. "I can't break an atom, I can't build a bridge — I can coach golf."

Means was an avid golfer before his college coaching career took off. He was

raised in Minnesota, where he first learned to swing a golf club. Means later received a golf scholarship to play for the University of Tulsa.

During his freshman year at Tulsa, Means' roommate was Hank Haney — best known for his time coaching Tiger Woods.

"(Haney and I) actually had huge differences of opinion about how we thought the game (of golf) should be played," Means said. "That peaked my interest into learning more about the game. I decided at that time that I wanted to be a college

golf coach and I wanted to make a difference in somebody's life."

Fast-forward to the present and Means finds himself coaching the UI men's golf team. Means willingly accepted the challenge of coaching in a cold-weather climate, where he has had success in the past. Before accepting the UI coaching position, Means received a commitment from the athletic program that they wanted to turn men's golf into a championship program.

"I had, from the athletic director and from the people here (at Idaho), a commitment that they wanted to make this program a championship program," Means said.

Means said coaching at Idaho has been similar to some of his past coaching stops except for the challenge of recruiting with so many schools in the Northwest. Means said he does not get much free time from his golfing duties but he likes it that way.

"There's not much dead time (as a coach)," Means said. "By NCAA rules, if a player wants help, he can come ask me for help at any time."



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UW, WSU make exciting hires

When Larry Scott took the conference commissioner gig in the Pac-12, he put on his big boy shoes, rolled up his sleeves and vowed to move the conference into the future.

As Tom Hansen was just OK with the status quo, Scott was aware of the volatile nature of college football and secured his conference's place in the future.

The new place in this college athletics world for the Pac-12 left their member institution with gobs of new cash — cash that the two schools in Washington decided to spend. And in a very short amount of time we are going to see the product of those dollars.

The Cougars decided to part ways with Paul Wulff, who played under Dennis Erickson in Pullman, and gave an unprecedented contract to Mike Leach. The Palouse Pirate has vowed to compete with the vaunted Huskies for in-state recruits, and already has enough weapons to make defensive coordinators in the Pac-12 lose sleep.

All things considered, it would be nothing less than an upset if Washington State is not bowling next year. Mike Leach is the definition of maximizing talent in a place that is difficult to bring recruits in.

Not more than a day after the hire, WSU Athletic Director Bill Moos stood up in front of Cougar nation and told fans, boosters and alumni it was time to open up their checkbooks for a program that is committed to winning. Moos made a move that represents a changing of the guard for Cougar culture, winning once in a while is not OK anymore. Just like Larry Scott, Moos put on the big boy shoes for Cougar football.

The Huskies, fresh off of an embarrassing 67-56 Alamo Bowl

loss, made a publicity splash of their own, completely overhauling their defensive coaching staff.

In what will surely make an entertaining Apple Cup, the Huskies hired up-and-coming defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox away from Tennessee, bringing linebackers coach Peter Sirmon with him. Similar young coaching prospect in Keith Heyward was brought in from Oregon State to coach defensive backs. In the most shocking steal — UW stole defensive line coach Tosh Lupoi away from California.

Lupoi is regarded as one of the best recruiters in the Pac-12, and was putting together a top-10 class nationally for the Cal Bears in 2012, before jumping to Washington.

All of these hires represent a huge shift in the Washington program, from 2009 when Steve Sarkisian hired friends and coaches whom he had a history with and knew, to shelling out the money the program has been infused with to bring in proven and legitimate coaches and recruiters on that side of the ball. Because, make no mistake about it, Sarkisian is fine, offensively. His quarterback scored seven touchdowns in his bowl game, and dating back to his USC days, every quarterback he has coached has gone on to make an NFL paycheck.

In November, in Pullman, it will all come full circle. In 2008 these programs were playing for the right not to be called the worst BCS conference team in the country.

In 2012 when these programs meet, a majority of the coaches participating will be doing so in their first Apple Cup. These programs will be playing for positioning in a stacked and prestigious Pac-12 north division.

The days of the "Crapple Cup" are over. The state of Washington has gone all in, in college football.



Sean Kramer
Argonaut



Junior midfielder Hana Miiller attempts to complete a pass at practice Oct. 8, 2011. It was the first year the women's lacrosse club fully completed a season in Northwest Women's Lacrosse League.

Mark Smith | Courtesy

Looking to expand

The University of Idaho women's lacrosse club is in its fourth season of existence and is

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

hoping to continue to gain players and support.

The transition to becoming a club has been a slow one for lacrosse, but Amanda Smith, president of the women's lacrosse club, said the club has made a large step in the right direction.

"For the last four or so years we have technically had a club, but last year was the first year we fully completed a season with NWWLL (Northwest Women's Lacrosse League)," Smith said.

The lacrosse club had another first this season — taking part in fall matches. The club had always practiced in the fall, but had not found it practical to compete before the spring season began. The team competed in three matches and a tournament in Boise.

Sophomore KT Kolson, vice president, said the club has made a lot of progress but she is excited to see them advance even more.

"We have come so far and we are continuing to go even further, which is really exciting," Kolson said.

All clubs subsidize their funding through donations, and Smith said the lacrosse club plans to sell t-shirts and ask for other donations to help purchase gear, equipment and assist members of the team who need helping paying club dues.

Smith said the club consisted of 17 players in the fall, the majority of which are sopho-

mores and juniors. In a game that requires teams to have 12 members on the field, losing a player to study abroad this semester has Smith hoping to attract more members to the women's lacrosse club.

"It would be ideal to have 20-plus girls, that way practices are full and during games we have subs and leeway for when girls can't make it," Smith said.

As a member of the NWWLL, the UI women's lacrosse club is a part of a 16-team league divided into east and west sub-divisions. UI is in the east category with teams from Boise State, Gonzaga and Washington State. The west consists of competition from Oregon State, Lewis-Clark State and the University of Oregon.

The women's lacrosse club opens the spring season at the Boise Classic March 2 where it will play four matches against the University of Montana, Boise State, Oregon and the University of Portland.

In April the club will log another first, Smith said — hosting a match at home at 4:00 p.m. April 14 on the SprintTurf.

Smith said the club has nine league games planned for this semester and hopes to find few more games on the side.

The intention of the club is to improve, and sophomore Brittany Graham feels like that is just what her team has done.

"From our first game last year to our last game this fall semester I'm proud of how well our team has improved and what we've accomplished," Graham said.



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night. But the Vandals were no match for the hosts in the rebounding column and led by Wendell McKines, the conference's leading scorer and rebounder, New Mexico State out-rebounded Idaho 38-21.

McKines, who ranks among the top 20 rebounders in the NCAA, posted a game-high 10 rebounds and a game-high 26 points. It was one of the first times this season the Vandals were outsized. Five of the seven Aggies who posted minutes stand at least 6-feet-5-inches.

Verlin said his squad's excessive fouling and the Aggies' ability to convert almost 72 percent of their free throws were huge components in the loss.

"We were in serious foul trouble in the second half — just about every guy out there had four fouls — so we went to the zone and the zone was working to get them to miss shots, but we couldn't rebound out of it," Verlin said.

Four Vandals had four fouls, two more committed three.

Idaho looked to find a way back into the game before two Kyle Barone free throws made it a one-possession game, with the Aggies leading 69-66. The Vandals though, committed five fouls in the game's final four minutes while McKines and Tyrone Watson came up huge combining for six rebounds and eight points.

Four Vandals scored in double digits but none more than 15 points. Freshman Connor Hill was 0-5 in Ruston but led Idaho with 12 points off of a 4-8 shooting night. Deremy Geiger grabbed a team-high four rebounds, a statistic uncharacteristic of an Idaho team led by Barone, who averages 7.7 rebounds per game.

"I thought we did some really, really good things tonight, we've just got to be able to sustain it and do it for a longer period of time," Verlin said. "What we've got to do is get back home, get healthy, get rested and play a good Utah State team next Saturday."

Men's basketball returns to Moscow Saturday for a showdown with WAC defending champion Utah State. Tipoff is at 8:05 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum and the Aggies seek revenge from last season's loss to the Vandals, when Idaho handed Utah State its only conference loss of the 2010-2011 season.

STREAK

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To make matters worse, the Vandals took a personal blow in the game when freshman Stacey Barr was called for a flagrant foul. Barr was ejected from the game and is in jeopardy of having to sit out Idaho's next game. Barr has been one of Idaho's leading scorers this season.

The only silver lining for Idaho was sophomore Alyssa Charlston's 15 points and 13 rebounds for her second straight double-double and her fifth of the season. Freshman Krissy Karr was the only other Idaho player to get into double figures with 12 points.

Green said the progression to this point in the season has been good, despite the poor record.

"We've definitely improved since the beginning of the season and we're continuing to improve," Green said. "Obviously we'd like to have a better record than what we have, but every player has improved. We're not going to win all our games, but hopefully we can continue to improve and pick things up as we start the conference."

RECORDS

FROM PAGE 5

"It felt so awesome — I was so excited to be out here running again, then also to run well and win," Jacka said. "I feel 100 percent back, so I'm ready to keep progressing."

Junior Liga Velvere added a victory in the women's 400 meter with a time of 56.23. She already holds the Idaho school record in the 400 meter.

Junior Keli Hall rounded out the Idaho victories with her first place finish in the 600 meter. She finished the race in 1:37.33.

In addition to Leonard and Rothwell, seniors Alyssa Covington and Rendel Jones, junior Joseph Charles and sophomore Andrew Bloom also scored second place finishes for the Vandals.

"We had some good performances from new guys like Ben and Joseph Charles — it's their first collegiate meet, but they performed like they've been here for years," Phipps said.

MEN'S

FROM PAGE 5

Bench

Dazmond Starke's transfer will impact the team's depth and neither Faines nor Joe Kammerer have been very reliable thus far. The bright spot on the bench may be transfer Mansa Habeeb. The junior plays aggressive defense and has adapted to the speed of the Division I competition well.

There is room for improvement on the offensive front, especially when substituting for Deremy Geiger or Stephen Madison. Borton and Hill have been relied upon on numerous occasions for their 3-point shooting and have impressed at times. Defensively though, the two are almost non-existent and provide a major glitch that needs fixing. Mike McChristian is a Habeeb-type player and while consistent, he has not done anything to make fans jump out of their seats.

Grade: D+

Coaching

Just about anyone who has seen the talent Don Verlin has brought to what was a struggling program understands it is only a matter of time before the potential transforms into a WAC championship or tourney berth.

Verlin's teams continue to spotlight almost every aspect of a great basketball team, from powerful bigs (Marvin Jeffer-

son) to lights-out shooters (Jeff Ledbetter). This season though, something isn't quite there and team chemistry may be one issue. Considering Starke's transfer, Bandoumel's inconsistent work ethic and Habeeb missing his flight home for the Boise State game — Verlin has ...?. Verlin's defensive tactics raise questions but this seems to be a team that could go on a run at any time, like most he has coached.

Grade: C

Overall

At 9-9, 2-2 it's hard to give anything else. The talent is there, but the execution is not. Expect the unexpected from this team. At one point the Vandals went on a remarkable run that almost saw them upset Washington State, take down Oregon State and superstar Jared Cunningham, then complete the road sweep handily at Seattle U. A four-game drought began shortly after and this streaky Vandal team lost three consecutive games by seven combined points.

It is a team that feeds off fan support and continues to gain Division I experience each and every game. There is potential for Idaho to go 3-0 during the upcoming home stand, and if all of the pieces come together very soon, New Mexico State and Nevada may be the only two WAC teams talented enough to beat the Vandals.

Grade: C

WOMEN'S

FROM PAGE 5

Bench

The bench players for Idaho have been pretty solid this year, which is saying something because Idaho coach Jon Newlee likes to run a tight rotation. Freshman Stacy Barr is Idaho's big star off the bench this year, averaging 10.5 points a game and logging the best 3-point percentage on the team. Adrie Shiels has also been solid for the Vandals, averaging 3.9 points a game along with 3.8 rebounds.

Newlee's tight rotation does not give a whole lot of minutes to others, but they have done what they have been called on to do.

Grade: B-

Coaching

Jon Newlee has had a difficult task this season. After graduating five seniors from last year's squad he has had to rely on young players and develop them. While the Vandals' record is not impressive, there has been a lot of improvement. Quite a few of the games the Vandals have dropped have been

close, and as the season has progressed they have been able to hang around with solid teams.

Grade: B+

Overall

This may not be a season to write home about as far as victories go, but the future is bright. Idaho has a lot of young talent on roster that just needs more experience and time together. It is going to take time, but if this team plays up to its potential — in the future other teams will have a tough time.

Grade: C

DePaul falls short against No. 10

Rick Gano
Associated Press

Once again DePaul gave glimpses of being a team on the verge of a breakthrough. Still, the effort ended with yet another Big East loss for the Blue Demons.

"We're just not playing well enough or long enough," coach Oliver Purnell said Tuesday night after an 83-75 loss to No. 10 Georgetown, the Blue Demons' fourth straight.

DePaul kept scrapping and hustling to the end. Every time the Blue Demons looked like they were about to be blown out, they rallied within striking distance.

"Good spurts out there where you see good offense, tenacious defense and timely rebounding, but we're not doing it long enough. It's that simple," Purnell said. "We got to play better."

The Blue Demons were routed on the boards, 47-25 by the aggressive Hoyas, who won despite playing without starting guard Markel Starks, who couldn't go because of a stomach ailment.

And DePaul couldn't control the Hoyas' other guard, their star Jason Clark, who finished with a career-

high 31 points.

Clark was 11 of 14 from the field, including 5 of 7 on 3-pointers ΓÇö he made only four 3-pointers in his previous six games ΓÇö but did miss five of the nine free throws

"He (Clark) started with a 3 stepping behind a screen and they weren't easy shots.... Then he got a few easy ones going to the basket. He made some really tough shots," Purnell said.

"I think it was just coming through our offense," Clark said of his big scoring game. "I've been on a stretch where I haven't been making a lot of 3-pointers but today they were falling."

Henry Sims added 16 points and Otto Porter had 15 rebounds for Georgetown ((15-3, 5-2).

And even though DePaul had only 11 turnovers, several were out near the key leading to Georgetown fast breaks, many of those by Clark.

"Those are almost like pick 6s in football, they're uncontested. You take away six or seven of those you get a different deal. And the shot selection could have been better," Purnell said.

"When we took our time and attacked, we got good

looks and we got the ball where we wanted. ... But you take bad shots, a lot of times they're just like turnovers."

Cleveland Melvin scored 19 points and Moses Morgan had 17, including five 3-pointers, for the Blue Demons (10-8, 1-5).

Morgan found the range on two 3-pointers and Melvin had a jumper in an 8-0 run that made it a two-point game with 14 minutes to go.

Once again the Hoyas' strong rebounding and Clark stopped the run. Clark had a driving reverse layup, Hollis Thompson scored on a follow and Clark made another 3-pointer in a 12-2 run that made it 60-48.

The Hoyas have won 11 straight against DePaul and lead the series 20-6

"Wins in this league are difficult to come by and road wins in this league are very difficult to come by, so to that extent it was a good day," Hoyas coach John Thompson III said.

"I don't like our execution down at the end on a lot of different fronts. But I don't want to take anything away from their effort ... But we made it a lot harder than it had to be."

No. 7 Rutgers women sputter against St. John's

Associated Press

Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer was worried before the game even tipped off. Her team seemed to be lacking the energy and urgency they needed against a team that had beaten them the last two meetings.

Her fears proved right in the seventh-ranked Scarlet Knights' 62-57 loss to St. John's on Tuesday night that snapped a six-game winning streak.

"I was hoping we'd remember we had lost to them before and have some sense of urgency coming out," Stringer said. "We just weren't. We were a day late and dollar short."

Rutgers was done in by 21 turnovers and sent St. John's to the free throw line 32 times. The Scarlet Knights didn't really have any urgency until they were down by nine points with 2 minutes left. That's when senior Khadijah Rushdan tried to rally her team. It just wasn't enough.

"We were lax," said Rushdan, who led Rutgers with 16 points. "We really couldn't get into our 55 (press) and we draw a lot of our energy from it during games. We misunderstood personnel. Tonight we were playing them like shooters and they went to the line 32 times."

Eugeneia McPherson scored 17 points and Nadirah McKenith added 15 to lead St. John's.

"We told them at the half we had to be more aggressive," St. John's coach Kim Barnes Arico said. "The strength of our team is our ability to slash and get to the free throw line. In the first half we ran the shot clock down and got bad shots, in the second half we made the extra pass."

St. John's (12-7, 4-2 Big East) was 26 of 32 from the free throw line in the game, including making 14 of 16 over the final 4 minutes.

"We did a great job of making our free throws," Barnes Arico said.

St. John's has played well lately after a sluggish start to the season as the Red Storm finally got healthy two weeks ago. Senior forward Da'Shena Stevens missed the first 10 games recovering from an offseason injury to her left knee. McKenith missed three games with a right knee injury. With their two starters healthy, the Red Storm promptly won their next four games, including an upset of then-No.

14 Louisville on Jan. 8.

That streak came to an end with a loss to Marquette on Sunday before Tuesday's upset of Rutgers.

The Red Storm have won three straight against the Scarlet Knights (15-3, 4-1) after losing 17 of the first 18 meetings.

Trailing by six at halftime, McPherson scored seven of the team's first nine points in the second half to take a 29-28 lead. With the game tied at 34, McKenith hit an over-the-head fling on a drive with her back to the basket that went in and gave St. John's the lead for good. It sparked a 10-2 run that made it 44-36.

"The shot clock was running down and I tried to get to the basket," McKenith explained.

Rutgers trailed 44-41 before St. John's extended its lead to 52-43 with 2:35 left. Rushdan then took over for the Scarlet Knights refusing to let them go down quietly.

She had eight points and an assist in the final few minutes. Her three-point play made it 57-55 with 22 seconds left. But the Red Storm hit their free throws in the final seconds and April Sykes' 3-pointer with 7.5 seconds left that would have tied the game was off the mark.

"I wanted to do whatever I could do to try and pick us up," Rushdan said.

Unfortunately the Scarlet Knights were done in by their 21 turnovers.

They had a chance to take control of the game early as St. John's missed 10 of its first 11 shots, but the Scarlet Knights couldn't convert on the offensive end as they kept turning the ball over. Trailing 15-6, St. John's rallied by attacking the basket. McPherson made five of six free throws and Stevens' layup tied the game at 15 with 4:37 left in the first half.

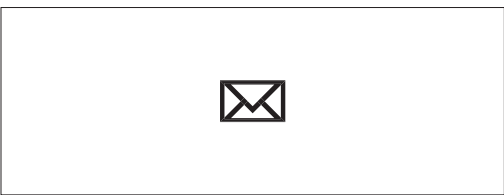
Betnijah Laney scored five quick points for Rutgers to help them build the 26-20 lead.

"We had too many turnovers in the first half. We were sluggish where we had to go and they went to the line 32 times," Stringer said. "We looked like an elephant trying to catch butterflies. You can't have 21 turnovers and expect to win the game."

The teams meet again on Feb. 12 in New Jersey.



OPINION



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November starts now

It's important for Grand Old Party primary voters to know who the candidates are and why they matter. That process of becoming informed starts now.

Mitt Romney, Ron Paul, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum, Rick Perry are players in the name game present throughout national media in preparation for the 2012 presidential election.

It's easy for voters to look past party primaries and polls, and wait until November when the Democratic and Republican parties have already chosen their candidates. At that point there are only two people for voters to read about.

But are they the right two?

The most crucial time in the presidential election cycle is now. It's clear that President Barack Obama will be on the ticket for Democrats as the incumbent, but his Republican counterpart is still being decided. The Iowa Caucus, New Hampshire primary — and now the

vote in South Carolina have dominated national headlines for the last two weeks.

Idaho's primaries are just around the corner on March 6, giving voters less than two months to figure out who could be a real contender against Obama, and who is simply a joke. Comedy Central star Stephan Colbert announced last week that he will be running for "the president of South Carolina," the only primary he is said to be running in. This comedic publicity stunt could mislead uninformed voters who don't understand the difference between a politician and a punch line.

Keeping up with primaries in other states is just as important as knowing who the candidates are and what they stand for. Candidates in this election have already developed a habit of leap-frogging states to spend more time with citizens of the next one. They have neglected certain regions of a state they have little chance in, and made use of other parlor tricks to help bolster

their position with the Republican National Committee. Tracking these trends makes it easier to spot whether a candidate is telling the truth, or just phishing for a vote.

It's easy for bustling college students to dismiss topics that don't seem timely or relevant, but that should not be the case with the GOP primary. It is the first domino in line, and the Iowa Caucus at the beginning of the month set off the chain reaction.

All it takes is one night of not playing "Call of Duty" or watching "Mad Men" on Netflix. In that short amount of time, any student can search four or five names and see what each candidate has to offer. The alternative is a slot on the November ballot filled with an unfamiliar name checked simply because it has an "R" next to it.

Vote for the candidate who will best serve our country — not the candidate with movie star good looks or a knack for cracking jokes. —MM

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Ultra mega sports weekend

... starts in t-minus three days: Playoff football, Vandal basketball and Major League Soccer camps. It's going to be a good weekend, and it's only Wednesday.

—Madison

Stay strong

Doesn't matter how many times life knocks you flat on your back, keep getting up.

—Rhiannon

Walking tall

Time to test out my new YakTraks.

—Vicky

Wall-e the Wine-o

I bought a Beta fish this weekend. His name is Wall-e and he lives in a really huge wine glass. He's my new pride and joy.

—Britt

Elevator confusion

So it turns out the button on the elevator with the fireman's hat is not the button you push if you want a fireman's hat.

—Theo

Tebow

Tim Tebow is out of the playoffs. I do not have to see his face every morning when I turn on ESPN. Hallelujah.

—Jake

Something awesome

There is something amazing about doing nothing for three days straight.

—Jens

A good laugh

ParentsShouldntText.com is a great way to get in some healthy laughs for the day. To share the laughter, here's one of my favorites:

Mom: "What does IDK, LY & TTYL mean?"

Reply: "I don't know, love you, talk to you later."

Mom: "OK, I will ask your sister."

Who doesn't get a little giggle out of that?

—Elizabeth

Primary candidates

Colbert 2012.

—Dylan

A good story is a good story

I try to read the book before I watch the movie, but then I generally wind up disappointed at all the details that are excluded. But I started reading "The Time Traveler's Wife" after I saw the movie in theater and I'm discovering both are fabulous in their own way.

—Elisa

'Route'ine

Walking home at night beside my own tracks in the snow made in the morning is mildly depressing.

—Amrah

In the shadow of a man



Eric Czirr
Argonaut

In the shadow of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and with Black History Month around the corner, King's achievements are present in many minds. Although many of us remember him as a key figure in the civil rights movement, there was much more to King.

While what King did for the civil rights movement is noble and makes him deserving of his notoriety, if we only focus on his call for racial equality we almost miss the point entirely.

When King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 he was getting ready to lead a protest, but not a protest for civil rights. Instead, he was preparing to lead a protest for the garbage workers of Memphis, Tenn. King spoke about war, social justice, spiritual health, human dignity and countless other matters of justice until the day he was murdered.

What King professed was not simply non-violence or equality, but love. King said, "At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love." Love is radical. Love calls for racial equality and justice. And love might even have been the reason King was assassinated.

In his lifetime King challenged the social structure of our nation in such a radical way that people were furious. And if King were alive

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Mail Box

Thank you, University of Idaho

This past semester we were students at the University of Idaho, as part of the exchange program with Pakistan sponsored by the U.S. government. We were not only students, but also carried "cultural ambassador" passports and in that role we engaged in several activities to promote understanding and build bridges between Pakistanis and those from other countries, which is the key objective of the program.

We wish to express our deep thanks and appreciation to UI for all that we experienced in terms of excellent education from highly competent and cordial faculty, an extremely hospitable and welcoming campus environment, as well as the wonderful community at large.

There is the lingering memory of so many friendships, which we will cherish forever. We also enjoyed some cultural experiences like the Native American powwow and highway cleaning

(sponsored by the local Muslim community).

And then we were so glad that The Argonaut interviewed us and covered our experience in a wonderful article ("Crossing Cultures: Pakistani cultural ambassadors share experiences at UI," 12/6/11, written by Anja Sundali). Incidentally, there was some confusion in the article, which suggested some of us were "sick" of American foods — hardly, the reference was to some ethnic food one of us had consumed somewhere.

We are back in our country, but the wonderful UI and Moscow experiences are enshrined in our memories forever and Moscow is like our second home. We hope to return someday for graduate studies.

Thanks a million, University of Idaho.

-Sehrish Abbasi
Sara Mehmood
Faheem Zafari
Awais Mirza

Current benefits to remain

I was glad to talk with reporter Katy Sword for her article "UI cuts back Tuition Recipro-

cal Agreement" (Jan. 13, 2012). The article focused on the University of Idaho cutting back on providing deeply discounted tuition as a professional development benefit for employees of other colleges and universities and state agencies.

That type of tuition waiver program amounted to nearly \$500,000 in foregone revenue last year alone. As good financial stewards, we had to curtail the majority of that program. However, I do need to clarify and stress something for our own UI employees: The university is not making any changes to the current educational or professional development benefits for its employees or their spouses.

The quote from me in the article didn't go far enough to assure our own employees that we, as an institution, value this type of benefit and see it as important to them and their spouses. I appreciate the opportunity to share this with Argonaut readers.

Sincerely,

-Ron Smith, Vice President for Finance and Administration

One is too many — stop domestic violence

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released an alarming and sobering report in December, following the release of a National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey.

According to the report, one in four women reported having been beaten by an

intimate partner, one in five women have been raped or will experience an attempted rape and one in six women have been stalked. One in 71 men have been raped, mostly when they were under the age of 11.

One is too many.

The report affirmed that intimate partner and sexual

violence against women remains endemic in the United States. Studies like this are a bold reminder that we have a long way to go to change the social norms that allow intimate partner and sexual violence to endure.

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence is committed to engaging voices to change prevention, interven-

tion and response to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault. In response to the alarming increase in intimate partner fatalities in Idaho this year, the Idaho coalition launched a statewide campaign last October: "One is Too Many: Connect to End Domestic and Sexual Violence."

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GUEST VOICE

Kelly Miller
Executive Director,
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Against Sexual and
Domestic Violence

Ten years too long

Last week marked the 10-year anniversary of the opening of the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba. For 10 years, the United States has used the prison to detain “enemy combatants” and suspected terrorists.

They are often detained without a warrant, without knowing the charges against them and without any civil, Constitutional or human rights. They are subjected to interrogation methods like waterboarding, which many consider torture. However, the U.S. prosecuted Japanese soldiers for torture after World War II when they waterboarded American troops. Apparently it’s only acceptable when we do it.

Guantanamo Bay, or “Gitmo,” has been a stain on America’s reputation and character for a decade. American officials and agencies have ignored international calls to close the prison and refused to try those held there. Gitmo continues to hold suspects indefinitely, with no effort made to try them for their crimes.

Why has the prison remained open? In his 2008 campaign, President

Barack Obama promised to begin the process of closing the prison, trying the prisoners we can and releasing those held without sufficient evidence. That promise was quickly broken. Indeed, President Obama has expanded the ability of the executive branch to hold terrorist suspects indefinitely with the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act. The bill was supported by congressmen on both the left and the right.

Americans seem content to live in fear as we allow our civil rights to be eroded in hope of increasing security.

This is not an argument against “big government.” The government has not taken anything away that we did not give freely. And the government is not the only threat to our civil rights: We face more threats to privacy and free speech from private businesses and corporations every day than we do from the government.

Guantanamo Bay is not the cause of any of this, but it is a symbol. A symbol of our willingness to give away our Constitutional rights. A

symbol of the mistakes we have made in the War on Terror. A symbol — not of America’s commitment to freedom and justice — but of our willingness to compromise our values in the name of fear.

America claims to uphold the principles of democracy and to be a global defender of freedom. But Guantanamo Bay proves to the world that America’s only motivation is its own fear and self-interest.

Ten years is enough. It is time for Guantanamo Bay to be closed so that America can finally reclaim its position as the world’s leader in human rights.

But closing Gitmo alone isn’t sufficient. We need to address the root causes of the prison. Americans must demand that their leaders stand against torture and support human rights. And that means Americans must set aside their fears: Fear of attack from outside, but also fear of big government. We must believe in our country and in our government’s ability to do the right thing.

And we must do whatever it takes to ensure that our government lives up to those ideals.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

A history lesson

In 1973, Richard Nixon was inaugurated for his second term as president, the first cell phone call was made, Heidi Klum was born and Bob Marley and the Wailers released “Catch a Fire.”

As momentous as these events are, it’s doubtful any of them had as far reaching impact as the landmark Supreme Court Case of Roe v. Wade.

Roe v. Wade was the decision on Jan. 22, 1973 that ruled a right to privacy extends to a woman’s decision to have an abortion. Prior to this case, abortions were legal in some states including Washington since 1970, but the Roe v. Wade decision struck down all state laws that prohibited abortion up to the point of viability.

Before Roe v. Wade, women of means with unwanted pregnancies were often able to get abortions from doctors on “therapeutic” grounds, while less fortunate women resorted to dangerous do-it-yourself methods or unlicensed practitioners.

Thirty-nine years later, abortion is a common life event. About one out of three women will have an abortion during her lifetime. It is also a remarkably safe procedure, far less likely to cause injury or death than pregnancy

and childbirth. While parenting and adoption are options for women with unintended pregnancies, about half of women choose to terminate their pregnancy either by medication

(the abortion pill) or by an in-clinic procedure.

With about half of all pregnancies in the U.S. unplanned, abortion has remained a part of the reproductive landscape. It’s never a decision made lightly and women consistently cite concern for the children they already have, their inability to care for a child (often without a partner), or their economic situation.

Roe v. Wade symbolizes a woman’s right to make her own personal, private decisions about her sexual and reproductive health. On the anniversary of this historic decision, Planned Parenthood stands committed to improving women’s health and defending women’s access to the full range of reproductive health care services.

GUEST VOICE

Cynthia Fine
Community Health Educator
Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho

When free speech comes at a price

Beyond the distraction of wonderful friends across the table and snowflakes falling outside, there are a few things in coffee shops that impede a writer’s ability to jabber away on a keyboard.

With all due respect to free speech, I hope it is appropriate to say this with honesty — when the words “God” and “Jesus” are used more than 10 times in one sentence just inches from your right ear, the result can be one of two things. In my case, a desire to defiantly type an opinion column about why God should drink less coffee and hang out in churches or in other people’s cases, a headache.

Some things are deemed inappropriate for coffee shop conversation by general cultural consensus. Take for example, the description of explicit sexual encounters or bowel problems. These discussions tend to make people feel uncomfortable. There are other coffee shop topics that people consider to be in the gray zone that vary geographically and demographically.

In Idaho, these topics typically include theistic discussions on Islam or other religions, abortion, euthanasia, mothers-in-law and mental illness. These gray topics are those that could potentially challenge the dominant ideology.

There is no denying that Western culture is infiltrated by Judeo-Christian foundations and ideas. Applied to a coffee shop setting, this allows groups adhering to mainstream Christian values to claim moral superiority in the airspace of public places. The mindset that followers of the dominant religion have an intrinsic right to comfortably speak of their deities as loud and for as long as they want, while those adhering to other mindsets may not be given the same liberty.

This same situation is seen on the University of Idaho campus. Those of certain belief systems are allowed to

publicly promote their point of view and are protected by a shared belief in freedom of speech. However, we all know that the determinant of free speech extends further than regulations. People of minority groups, no matter how supported by laws, will often be culturally silenced by “softer” forms of social pressure such as ostracism, judgment and discrimination.

There is debate about whether indigenous groups benefit from or are in fact harmed by so-called equalizing laws of affirmative action. This is also relevant to the idea of social control, verbalized or otherwise. Detrimental effects can arise from both action and non-action and from both rules and free society. It seems discussion and awareness of the situation are the only ways to support all points of view.

“In the long run I certainly hope information is the cure for fanaticism, but I am afraid information is more the cause than the cure,” said Daniel C. Dennett, evolutionary scientist and philosopher.

PZ Myers, who will present with Dennett at Darwin on the Palouse Day Feb. 9, said, “Nothing must be held sacred. Question everything. You are all human beings who must make your way through your life by thinking and learning, and you have the job of advancing humanity’s knowledge by winnowing out the errors of past generations and finding deeper understanding of reality.”

A place of higher learning such as a university needs to challenge the way we learn, and what and why we learn the things we do. Coffee shops are just as deserving of intellectual and human respect. If the church is going to be brought into the coffee shop, then its proponents need to be aware that not only are they reinforcing an often discriminatory set of cultural and conversational values, but they are also distracting struggling Argonaut writers.



Bethany Lowe
Argonaut

VIOLENCE

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In November, the Idaho coalition hosted the Idaho Summit on Sexual Violence where 850 professionals came together to improve prevention and response to sexual violence, which is challenging work in a society that sometimes sanctions sexual violence — in the locker room, at universities, in the workplace and in local bars. The media promotes the objectification and oppression of women and traditional constructs of manhood that create environments where sexual violence is tolerated.

Jacksons Food Stores launched the annual Give the Gift of Peace Dove

Campaign in December to raise funds for the prevention of and response to domestic violence. During the holiday season, customers could purchase a paper dove and at the end of the campaign, Jacksons Chief Executive Officer John Jackson matched customers’ contributions dollar for dollar. In two weeks Jacksons Food Stores in Idaho sold 18,382 doves, representing the power of more than 18,000 Idahoans and one extraordinary community partner to create change. Jacksons Food Stores, like those in Vista and Sunrise where more than 1,500 doves were sold, remind us that everyone has the power to create change.

A newspaper reported

in December that a woman sought help at a Jacksons Food Store in Nampa with burn injuries after her boyfriend doused her in flammable chemicals and set her on fire. The ongoing and tragic incidents of domestic and sexual violence in our communities underscore how critical it is that we stand together to end domestic and sexual violence.

So connect with people in your life and encourage anyone in an unhealthy or abusive relationship to get help. Contribute personally to end domestic and sexual violence. Give to your local domestic violence program because of what is at stake — our relationships and our communities.

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today, it wouldn’t be surprising if people reacted in the same manner. After all, it was King who said, “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.”

It doesn’t take much effort to realize the truth in King’s statement, and if that doesn’t strike a chord in your soul it only proves that King was right. Too many years have passed in which we are living defensively — both as a country

and as individuals.

But “spiritual doom” doesn’t have to be our fate. Instead, as King said, “Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

It is time that, like King, we demand justice in the name of love. It is time we find more creative ways to spread peace rather than war. It is time we turn away from our “destructive selfishness.” And it is time that we realize what we need most of all is some radical, life-changing, culture-molding, might-get-you-killed love.



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