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Snow day ingredients

UI officials discuss process for campus closure

Dylan Brown
Argonaut

The first flakes start every student, from kindergartener to college senior, chattering about the possibility of the beloved impromptu vacation — a snow day.

The very presence of snow starts the debate. Will there be enough? Will the roads be passable?

While it's all speculation for the giddy student, University of Idaho Vice President

for Finance and Administration Ron Smith helped make the decision to close campus Thursday.

While the snow was deep, Smith said school closures are infrequent for a reason.

"We have withstood larger storms than this," Smith said. "We have maybe closed twice in the past 10 years."

In both instances Assistant Vice President for Facilities Brian Johnson, who also helps make the snow day decision,

said there was already a foot or two on the ground making disposal of the new snow difficult.

"In this case we had nothing on the ground," Johnson said.

Wednesday afternoon Smith said he was confident the snow removal crew could keep campus clear, but with an expected 5 to 9 inches and escalating winds, Smith was still nervous. And for good reason.

Before 5 p.m. Wednesday

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Kyndall Elliott | Argonaut

Big snow puts pressure on local removal teams

Katy Sword
Argonaut

The recent snow storms put Moscow snow removal teams on 24/7 duty to ensure roads remained clear.

"Efficiency is our goal," said Tyler Palmer, Moscow streets and fleets manager. "We want to make every minute count."

Palmer said heavy snow-

fall conditions require the snow removal team to stick to main snow routes before taking care of residential and less-traveled areas.

"When we get into these events safety is our No. 1 priority. We make sure emergency services have the ability to get to neighborhoods," Palmer said. "We have designated snow routes, something like the highway or main

arterials get priority."

Palmer said the city does not plow streets that are considered to be on the University of Idaho campus. UI has its own snow removal program through facilities.

According to the program's website, Facilities Services aims "to meet the transportation and mobility needs of the campus

community, while working with available resources to maximize safety and ensure daily university operations continue to function successfully."

Facilities has mini-plows that are used on campus to clear pathways and larger trucks for the main streets. Snow removal in parking lots is a joint effort between Facilities and Parking and Transportation

Services, according to the website.

UI crew members work similar operating hours to city crews. Although Charles Zillinger, program director, was unavailable to comment on the methodology used on campus, the facilities office said the crew operates all hours until the roads and pathways

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

University of Idaho Ernest G. Hartung Theater will get a facelift Summer 2012. The remodel will be the first to focus on the theater's rigging system since its construction in 1973.

Hartung upgrades for safety

Katy Sword
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Ernest G. Hartung Theater will receive a minor facelift this summer, for safety reasons.

"The scope of the project is to replace all the cast iron parts, replace the steel running lines and upgrade the steel cable terminations at the arbor and at the battens," said Dean Panttaja, theatre and film chair.

Essentially, the theater's rigging

system will be replaced, which is expected to take eight weeks, according to Alexiss Turner, theater arts marketing director. This is the first update to focus on the rigging system since the Hartung's construction in 1973. The steel cables used in the riggings are recommended for replacement after 30 years, which makes these updates nine years overdue.

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MPD investigates reported sexual assault

Staff Report
Argonaut

The Moscow Police Department is continuing to investigate a reported sexual assault at a University of Idaho fraternity on Jan. 14

Lt. Dave Lehmitz said officers responded to a report made around 1 a.m. from a UI fraternity when friends of the alleged victim were concerned for his safety after he began behaving erratically.

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News Briefs

Walmart Supercenter to debut Wednesday

Moscow residents will no longer have to commute to Pullman to shop at Walmart come Wednesday. After a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8 a.m., the supercenter will be open for business.

A new layout will incorporate updated design, environmentally-friendly features and wider aisles, as well as a full lineup of groceries, deli, bakery, fresh produce, pharmacy and digital photo processing

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Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Idaho post Jessica Graham drives to the basket during Monday's game against the Nevada Wolf Pack in the Cowan Spectrum. Idaho lost 76-70. See page 5 for the full recap.

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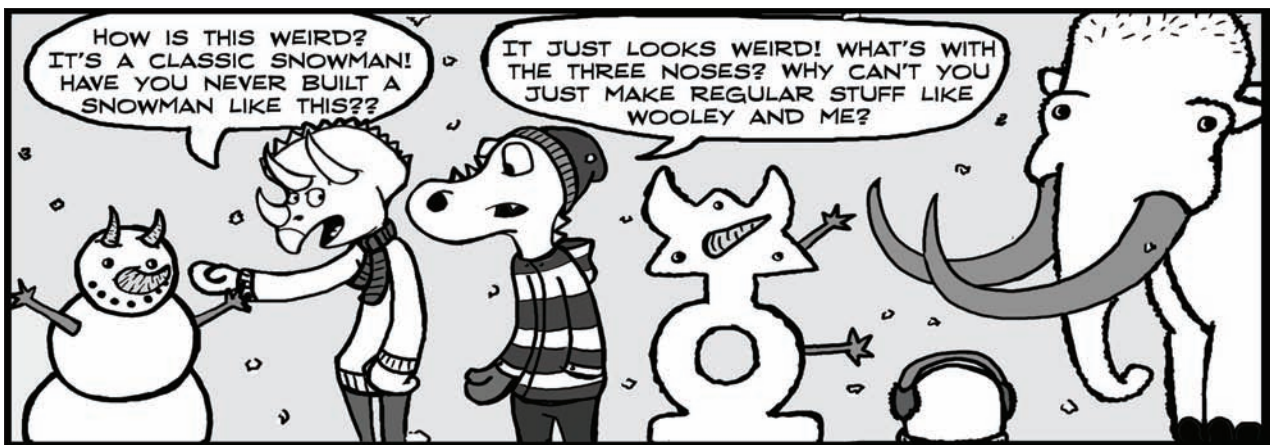
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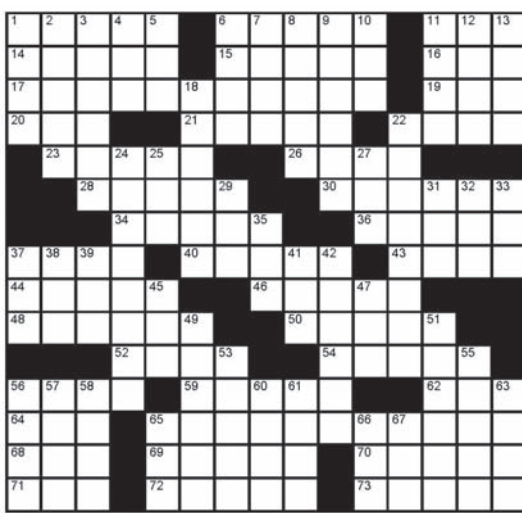


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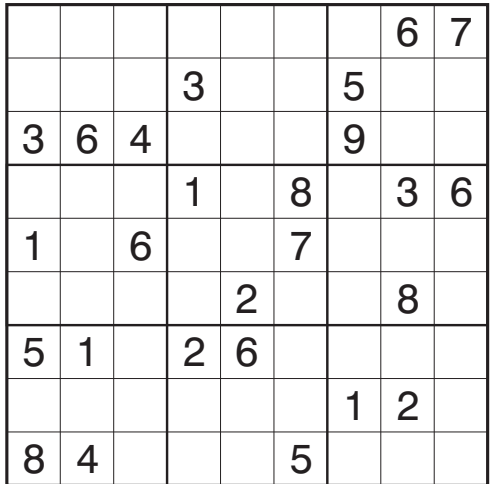
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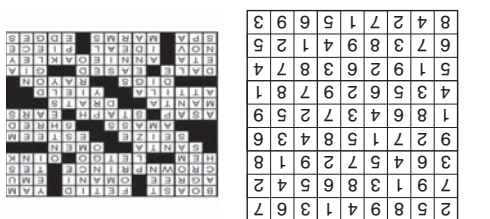
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Flex your style, flex your support

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

In a society where most people check the time on their cell phones, the San Diego-based company Flex Watches is using traditional watches for a greater cause than accessorizing.

Flex Watches produces watches in 10 different colors that represent 10 charities and 10 percent of all proceeds go to the charity represented by a specific color. To create more awareness for the company, Flex Watches developed a program called Campus Reps, in which interested students can sign up to become promoters on their campuses.

UI sophomore Brock Prince said he wanted to get involved with promoting them after his brother, who lives in San Diego, gave him one of the watches for Christmas.

"My brother said the watches are really popular down in Southern California," Prince said. "It's an organization that everyone can relate to and I wanted to inform students at UI, as well as the Moscow community about them, so I signed up."

Flex Watches was first promoted by the members of MTV's The Real World, San Diego. The company's website stated its main goal is to raise awareness for the 10 charities it paired up with, each displaying a different color. Those interested can visit the website at www.flexwach.com/charities.

Prince said he received the gray Flex watch, which represents the group Imerman Angels. This organization pairs a person touched by cancer with someone who has fought and survived cancer.

"My brother got me the gray watch because my grandma was affected by cancer," Prince said. "The charities they represent are of a wide variety, and can relate to everyone and stand for something more to the person than just a watch."

Tracy Peterson, a UI senior, became a campus representative for Flex Watches after living in San Diego. She said she noticed everyone wearing them, and after doing some research signed up to be a campus rep.

"These watches are fun and appeal

to the college student crowd," Peterson said. "Even though they are a newer company, when people start asking questions it creates a spark that continues."

Peterson said she started at the beginning of the year and the first watch she owned was the blue watch. The blue represents the Nika Water charity, an organization that helps bring clean water to impoverished areas that aren't able to access it.

"There are a wide variety of charities, ones that are really important in the world," Peterson said. "I enjoy promoting them because it's really easy to get the word out there for such a good cause."

The watches cost \$30 and are available online. They can be purchased individually or in large amounts for a cheaper price.

"I think that these watches are a good purchase for anyone," Peterson said. "It's a great way to get the best of both worlds — you get to help out with something that can be really important to you and is important for someone else."



Photo Illustration by Philip Vukelich and Laci Thompson | Argonaut Brock Prince wears his white Flex Watch while relaxing Monday in the Idaho Commons. Brock is a representative for the company, which sells the watches to support charities. While the proceeds from each color of watch goes to a different charity, Prince's white watch supports spinal cord injury victims. For more information visit flexwatch.com/charities.

Super computer speeds up super equations

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

Imagine an equation so complex it could take four days to complete, even with the help of a computer. But with \$2,000 and the support of the University of Idaho physics department, two graduate students created a solution to their problem.

Larz White and Christopher Mirabzadeh designed and created a 30-processor super computer as a side project to help their nuclear theory equations take less time.

"Originally when dealing with nuclear theory calculations, it can take up to four days to complete one equation because of the number conducting and huge sums," White said.

"So we decided to create a cluster of computers that could formulate our equations in less than half the time a regular computer takes."

To create this ultimate computer, White said they have five standard desktop hard drives and each of the computers has a 6-core processor inside of them. The combination gives them the power of 30-core processors, he said.

"We knew creating this would

really help in speeding up our nuclear theory calculations, so we talked to the UI physics department and they gave us the official permission," White said.



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Larz White, UI graduate student

sure it would work, we started on the real one."

One concern about Dirac is the possibility of overheating since the processors are running at 100 percent, 24 hours a day, White said. To make sure it doesn't get too hot, large fans, both on the inside and outside, surround the computers. Francesca Sammarruca, White's adviser, said she is proud of everything these graduate students

did on their own time, and as an extra project that wasn't school related.

"Since we are theorists, we use large scale calculations and stimulations," Sammarruca said. "And with the creation of this computer, it helps to have high performance computers to do our nuclear physics theory equations."

The 30-processor cluster has improved the group's calculation speed, Sammarruca said. The finished project is a fantastic addition and resourceful in the project they work on, she said.

White said the UI physics department backed his and Mirabzadeh's idea completely and that support was a great help to the project's success.

"We really wanted to thank the support of the UI physics department," White said. "Chris and I came up with the idea and they were fully supportive. We explained to them that we needed to build something like this super computer, in order to do this (nuclear physics calculations)."

White and Mirabzadeh created this multi-processor computer for about \$2,000, which White said was cheap compared to the real super computers that cost around \$40,000 to create. He said he is excited to use the cluster of computers to improve the speed of his future calculations.

Police Log

Tuesday, Jan. 17

9:20 a.m. 200 Blk Peterson Drive: Caller said her snowboard was taken from on top of her vehicle sometime the night before, and has possible suspects. Officer responded and filed a report.

11:03 a.m. Gamma Phi Beta: Caller reported four cement benches were taken. Officer responded and a report was taken.

10:23 p.m. Theophilus Tower: Caller said he was hit by snowballs someone threw at his car door windows. Officer responded and no report was filed.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

6:48 a.m. East City Park: Caller believes someone is living in the port-a-potty at the park because it was locked two days in a row. Officer responded and warned the subject. No report was filed.

9:00 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller reported a vehicle towing a snowboarder. No report was filed.

Thursday, Jan. 19

7:25 a.m. Chang Sing: Report of a storm drain with water pouring out of it. No report filed.

5:36 p.m. South Polk Street: Caller reported suspicious situation. Officer did not file a report.

5:51 p.m. 600 Blk East C Street: Caller reported a tree fallen on a car. Officers responded.

6:10 p.m. White Avenue: Caller reported a

vehicle that lost its wheel. No report was filed.

6:39 p.m. 400 Blk East Third Street: Caller reported a down power line. No report was filed.

6:57 p.m. Theophilus Tower: Caller reported a subject pointing a laser at people as they pass.

7:06 p.m. North Garfield Street: Fire was reported. Fire and law responded. No report filed.

7:56 p.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller reported a snowball fight. No report filed.

Friday, Jan. 20

3:09 a.m. East First Street: Caller reported a male screaming. No report filed.

4:46 p.m. 500 Blk Empire Lane: Report of a suspicious person. A report was taken.

Saturday, Jan. 21

12:32 a.m. Friendship Square: Caller reported loud voices and laughing. No report filed.

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:15 a.m. East City Park: 911 call with an unknown situation. No report filed.

5:16 p.m. 100 Blk South Main Street: Caller reported threatening messages. No report.

7:47 p.m. The Corner Club: Caller reported a male with a spray paint can. No report.

Monday, Jan. 23

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SNOW

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night Smith and Johnson advised UI President M. Duane Nellis to close the university.

The change was decided as the forecasted 5 to 9 inches became 9 to 12, and Washington State University, Lewis-Clark State College, and Moscow Valley Transit announced they would be closed the following day. The City of Moscow was also considering a closure.

Smith said the university should probably close as well.

While there is no set prescription for a snow day, Smith said, safety is of paramount concern.

"There are many factors — it's hard to tie it to a specific amount," Smith said. "It's not necessarily how many inches received, but it's how it's coming."

The night of a big winter storm, the university's snow removal crew hits the plows at 2 a.m., clearing roads and parking lots first. At 4 a.m., the crew switches to small tractors to clear sidewalks, while building custodians clear steps and entry ways.

The timing and rate of snow fall play an instru-

mental role. Five inches in five hours is manageable, but five inches in an hour becomes trying for the crew, especially if it dumps during those critical early morning hours.

UI officials also consider road conditions across Latah County. While the university is usually able to clear its campus, the county's limited resources make travelling difficult for commuting faculty and staff. Wind also plays a factor as it can turn a few inches into large drifts.

The first question, Smith said, is can the crew get campus to a usable condition? Next, can faculty and staff travel safely?

By 5 a.m., Johnson, who oversees the removal crew, said they have a pretty good idea if a closure is in order.

"They give me a call and I call (Smith and) Nellis, and (we) will talk it over," Johnson said.

The president makes the decision before 6 a.m., contacting local media outlets and web postings.

"We do our best to give a notification in those early morning hours before they start their trek," Smith said.

Even if the university decides to remain open, Smith advises prudence

for faculty, staff and students, who have the option to contact their supervisors if traveling becomes too dangerous.

In the event of a closure, only mission-critical personnel — housing staff, food service and some maintenance — must report for duty.

A midday closure, in which the university will close early to allow everyone to return home safely, is also a probability during the long Moscow winter.

"If a storm's coming in and we run the risk that people can't get home, that's our main consideration," Smith said.

Friday's late opening was caused by 5 inches of heavy snow Thursday night and Friday morning that created problems for the removal crew's road graders. While campus had been clear the previous night, the crew had to use front-end loaders to cut through the compacted ice layer, putting themselves two hours behind schedule.

The decision — like all the others made in winter storm situations — Smith said, was about safety. Keeping faculty, staff and students out of harm's way is always the main concern.

HARTUNG

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Because of the construction, the Idaho Repertory Theater summer session will be cancelled. However, the IRT summer camp for youth will still take place beginning in May. The youth camp traditionally produces a showcase at the close of the camp, but Turner said this year the group hopes to do something a little larger.

"We hope to get a full-scale production to promote IRT in that way," Turner said.

Turner said the construction is set to begin around June 1, which should put its completion around mid-August in time for the show.

Renovations will also benefit technology students.

Jay O. Glerum & Associates, the firm undertaking construction, offered a workshop Saturday that educated students on "rigging safety, maintenance, operation, load engineering and installation," according to a press release.

This workshop certified students to assist in construction efforts during the summer.

The cost of the upgrades is estimated at \$50,000, which Turner said came from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

"The money was scraped together from various funds by Dean Kathy Aiken," Turner said.

In addition to the replaced rigging, renovation includes upgrades to assist hearing-impaired audience members and people with a wheelchair handicap. To accomplish these upgrades, the theater department is running the "Take-a-Seat" campaign.

"Take-a-Seat" allows a donor to "purchase" a seat in the Hartung for \$500, after which their name, or whatever they would like to have engraved, will be on a plaque on a seat in the theater.

The funds collected will provide six wheelchair spaces, wireless sound systems and improved lighting and aisle access.

BRIEFS

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center, according to Walmart's corporate website.

The new store provides an additional 150 jobs in the Moscow community, and \$15,000 in grants from the Walmart Foundation to local organizations including the Moscow Fire Department and Moscow Hope Center.

UI leads region in Merit Scholar enrollment

The University of Idaho has more new National Merit Scholars than any other land grant institution in the Northwest, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's 2010-11 report.

Of Idaho's 19 new National Merit

Scholars, 17 are enrolled at UI, bringing its total to 74.

Same-sex marriage bill gains support in Wash. Senate

The Washington Legislature has enough votes to pass the legalization of same-sex marriage out of the Senate, with the support of Democratic Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen as the 25th vote.

The issue is unresolved — opponents of gay marriage may vote against the bill on a statewide ballot.

If approved, Washington would be the seventh state to allow same-sex marriage after New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia.

ASSAULT

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Reports indicate that the fraternity member had attended a function at another fraternity where he lost consciousness because of intoxication and woke up to find himself being sodomized, then lost consciousness again. The alleged victim awoke again and contacted friends who took him back to his fraternity. When police arrived, the alleged victim was

taken to Gritman Medical Center for examination.

Lehmitz said there have been no further developments in the case and police are still interviewing witnesses, who were at the function but not present when the sexual assault is said to have occurred. Lehmitz said no charges have been filed and a suspect has not been identified.

The university has declined comment but is working with MPD on the investigation.

PRESSURE

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UI snow removal crews plow all areas, from highest to lowest priority, which is how the city operates as well.

Although Palmer did not say snow removal takes a specific length of time, the on-campus program takes a minimum of two days to plow all campus areas with snow accumulation of four or more inches, according to its website.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Missed opportunity

Finding the right fit

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

After trailing by 17 points in the second half, the Vandal women's basketball team clawed its way back into the game. Idaho came within five points of Nevada with less than 30 seconds to play, but missed shots and turnovers resulted in a 70-76 heartbreaker.

Each team entered the contest in dire need of a win. Idaho (5-15, 0-4 WAC) and Nevada (5-13, 1-2 WAC) are the bottom two teams in the WAC and both were seeking its first conference win of the season. Unfortunately the Vandals now sit all alone at the bottom of the WAC and are riding a seven-game losing streak.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said it was a frustrating loss. "I'm disappointed," Newlee said. "I feel like we missed an opportunity to get a WAC win at home in a game I feel we should win."

The first half was a back and forth battle, but neither team could build a decisive lead until Nevada went on a 10-point run halfway through the half. The Vandals climbed back to within two, but were never able to take the lead. The Vandals went into the locker room down by seven, 32-25.



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Ganeya Rogers puts up a shot during Monday's game against Nevada in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 70-76 dropping to 5-15 overall and 0-4 in the WAC.

The Wolfpack's took control in the second half and pushed the lead to 17 before Idaho stormed back in the last five minutes of the game. Idaho brought

the score within five with just under 30 seconds to go, but were unable to complete the comeback.

The 3-point line was not kind to the Vandals, who

went 3-19 from beyond the arch. Newlee said free throws were a big difference in the outcome.

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Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Idaho guard Keri Arendse knew what she wanted to do after high school — play Division I basketball. But it took two years for that dream to be fulfilled by signing with the Vandals.

Arendse was born in Mount Vernon, Wash., and attended Burlington-Edison High School. When it came to athletics Arendse had one passion — basketball.

"I like basketball the most," Arendse said. "I like how competitive it is and it's a really challenging sport. I loved it more than anything else."

Her passion for the game led her to excel on her high school team where she was a three-time first-team all-district selection and was named all-state her sophomore year.

As college neared, Arendse received a number of offers, but none of them felt right, instead she decided to stay in her hometown and play for Skagit Valley College.

Arendse's second year at Skagit was one to remember. She led the Cardinals to an overall 21-4 record as the team's captain and averaged 15.5 points and 7 re-



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Senior guard Keri Arendse attempts a 3-point shot during Monday's game against Nevada. Arendse transferred to University of Idaho in 2010 from Skagit Valley College.

bounds per game. Arendse said her coaches at Skagit had a huge impact on her moving forward.

"My Skagit coaches were really positive and encouraging and really helped me out a lot," Arendse said. "They helped me get here. This was my ultimate goal, to play Division I, so they really helped me out with that."

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Get to know Keri

Favorite movie: "Bridesmaids"

Pregame ritual: Always listens to same music

Favotire musician: Tim McGraw

Major: Human resources and management



Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Senior forward Djim Bandoumel throws down an alley-oop pass from point guard Landon Tatum over Utah State forward Morgan Grim. Bandoumel came off the bench for the Vandals and led the team with 16 points. Idaho will take the court against San Jose State at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Two years running

Idaho protects home court, beats Utah State

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Cowan Spectrum hasn't been friendly to the Utah State men's basketball team in recent years and Saturday's Vandal win against coach Don Verlin's former squad wasn't any different as Idaho beat the Aggies 57-54.

Idaho (10-9, 3-2 WAC), which trailed Utah State (10-10, 2-3 WAC) for the majority of the game, found a way back into the contest with two minutes remaining through the work of senior Djim Bandoumel and sophomore Stephen Madison.

Down four points, Bandoumel grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled on the successful put back, but missed the free throw. On the next Idaho possession two Kyle Barone free throws tied the game at 53, but Madison turned the ball over and was called for a defensive foul on

the other end allowing Aggie Danny Berger a free throw.

Madison, who suffered a toe injury early in the game, was 2-9 from the field with four points until his fourth 3-point attempt of the night found its way into the basket, giving the Vandals a 2-point advantage.

"I was struggling with an injured toe during the first half, but I got it wrapped up at halftime so it was bothering me but my shot wasn't there," Madison said. "The coaches had confidence in me so I got the last shot and just shot it like normal."

A Mansa Habeeb free throw made it a 3-point game and Medlin's final shot, contested by two Vandals, flew off of the back of the rim and into the hands of Bandoumel, who secured it for the Vandal victory.

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Watch coach Verlin, Bandoumel and Madison talk about the win against Utah State.
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Amid scandal, revered Penn State coach dies

Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

Happy Valley was perfect for Joe Paterno, a place where "JoePa" knew best, where he not only won more football games than any other major college coach, but won them the right way: with integrity and sportsmanship. A place where character came first, championships second.

Behind it all, however, was an ugly secret that ran counter to everything the revered coach stood for.

Paterno, a sainted figure at Penn State for almost half a century but scarred forever by the child sex abuse scandal that brought his career to a stunning end, died Sunday at age 85.

His death came just over two months after his son Scott announced on Nov. 18 that his father had been diagnosed with a treatable form of lung cancer. The cancer was found during a follow-up visit for a bronchial illness. A few weeks later, Paterno broke his pelvis after a fall but did not need surgery.

Paterno had been in the hospital since Jan. 13 for observation after what his family called minor complications from his cancer treatments. Not long before that, he conducted his only interview since losing his job, with The Washington Post. Paterno was described as frail then, speaking mostly in a whisper and wearing a wig. The second half of the two-day interview was conducted at his bedside.

His family released a statement Sunday morning to announce his death: "His loss leaves a void in our lives that will never be filled."

"He died as he lived," the statement said. "He fought hard until the end, stayed positive, thought only of others and constantly reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been. His ambitions were far reaching, but he never believed he had to leave this Happy Valley to achieve them. He was a man devoted to his family, his university, his players and his community."

Paterno built a program based on the credo of "Success with Honor," and he found both. The man known as "JoePa" won 409 games and took the Nittany Lions to 37 bowl games and two national championships. More than 250 of the players he coached went on to the NFL.

"He will go down as the greatest football coach in the history of the game," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said after his former team, the Florida Gators, beat Penn State 37-24 in the 2011 Outback Bowl.

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The battle for nostalgia: Here we go again

The New York Giants and Patriots meet in the Super Bowl, yet again

Only four years ago we witnessed the New York Giants' defeat of the seemingly unbeatable New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII — and Sunday lady luck decided four years was long enough to wait for the rematch.

On Feb. 5, Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis will be the backdrop of Super Bowl XLVI and, in proper fashion, fans will see a Manning on the field sporting a bluish jersey — just not the same blue a Lucas Oil crowd is accustomed to. But instead of the man who helped build the stadium, Peyton will find himself watching from the luxury suites with Mom and Dad as little brother Eli tries to spoil another Super Bowl run for Tom Brady and the Patriots.

Now there are two weeks for hype to escalate like a Muhammad Ali-George Foreman bout, but in truth there will be some important key elements missing. The primary missing element of this game originates from the Patriots sideline — perfection.

When Eli and the Giants beat New England in Glendale, Ariz., the impression was that the perfect team had been constructed and it didn't matter who you threw in front of them — the game was a formality.

Just the sheer records the Pats amassed four years ago were enough for the team to be remembered by sport fanatics forever, but the chance to quiet Mercury Morris and the 1972 Miami Dolphins champagne bottles would

have been a public service.

All-in-all this isn't the same Patriot team. While 15-3 is nothing to scoff at, ask the Colts — the days of Brady to Randy Moss in the end zone are gone and are replaced by Brady finding his tight ends more than he looks deep for receivers.

Another negative factor for the Pats are the issues they've had with the defense this season. Unless Tedy Bruschi decides to come out of retirement and get about 10 years younger, opponents are going to put up points — normally in bunches — and even if he did, that would do nothing for a New England secondary that is suspect at best.

For the Giants, it has been another typical year — underperforming, barely hanging on and then fighting at the end

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Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Vandal women lose tough match

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The first weeks of spring competition brought tremendous highs and disappointing lows for Vandal women's tennis.

The team suffered a 7-0 loss to the WSU Cougars Thursday just two days after sweeping Lewis-Clark State College.

Coach Daniel Pollock said the final match score didn't portray exactly how the afternoon in Pullman played out, because some of the matches were actually competitive.

"It can't be all doom and gloom. There were definitely some positives that came out of it but you never want to lose 7-0 when you play," Pollock said.

In the first doubles match of the day, Idaho's Vicky Lozano and Betty Flores defeated the number one doubles pair from WSU, Luidmila Vasilieva and Elizaveta

Luzina, 9-7. But Molly Knox and Ale Lozano fell just short against Andjela Kankaras and Olga Kusilovich losing 9-8 (7-5) after having a match point.

Pollock said he believes the momentum changed at that point.

"We're going to have to learn to deal with that throughout the season," Pollock said. "If you go out and lose the doubles point we just have to get right back up again and go out and play singles."

The Vandals could not finish a singles match on top either. Lozano met Vasilieva and lost in three sets but Pollock saw improvement from matches when the two met in the fall at the Cougar Classic.

"Vicky's loss to Vasilieva was a good match in the fall, but not nearly as competitive as it was this time around so there is definitely some prog-

ress there," Pollock said.

Pollock said he also saw improvement in the doubles matches, compared to when the team met a few of the WSU pairings in the fall season.

"The doubles win that we got at No. 1 is a fantastic win, they blew us away in the fall," Pollock said. "They are ranked No. 10 in the region and have already beaten several nationally ranked teams. So that win was great."

Pollock said he knew this match-up would not be similar to that against LCSC, because WSU is a much stronger and significantly deeper team.

"As much as it would be fantastic to go over there and beat WSU, its great practice for us to see what a team like that looks like and where we have to be," Pollock said.

While WSU may have more experience, Pollock said he was proud of how

the team played.

"Betty at No. 6, that's a very deep team so their No. 6 is really good. And Sophie (Vickers) played up a spot at No. 3 and she had a good chance at winning that match but fell just short," Pollock said.

Pollock was pleased with how his players handled the whole situation and said they competed hard, like always.

"One thing I can say and I can guarantee for the entire season is we definitely did not get out-competed," Pollock said. "They competed super hard — they weren't overwhelmed by the situation and a couple of them just ran into some really tough match-ups."

After the match, Pollock told the team to keep the season in perspective.

"It's not conference, it's out of region, it's the second match of the year. We need to be our best in April, not in



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Alejandra Lozano returns a ball during practice Monday in the Kibbie Dome. Last Thursday the Vandal women's tennis team lost 7-0 to Washington State University.

January," Pollock said.

The team knows that this match-up was not nearly as important as next week's contest against Montana, and Pollock said playing such a high-caliber team was great practice.

"Some of the things — especially coming out of doubles — were positive. So we can kind of move forward looking into next week's matches," Pollock said.

Idaho takes on Seattle University Friday in Lewiston and then will play two matches Sunday in Pullman against Montana and Portland State. Pollock said he hopes for a better crowd turnout now that the weather has subsided.

"The weather was pretty terrible. I don't even think a lot of WSU fans even made the walk just because it was so cold," Pollock said.

Seasonal happenings in Outdoor Program

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

A pair of artistic special events open the spring semester for the University of Idaho Outdoor Program. The Outdoor Program will conduct an outdoor photography contest starting Jan. 23, and host a film festival Jan. 25 in hopes of boosting student involvement.

"It at least exposes people to our different programs, people that aren't usually involved with these programs," Mike Beiser, UI's Outdoor Program director said.

The outdoor photography contest is in its fourth year and includes five categories — scenic, action, wildlife, black and white and this year's rotating category "bloopers." Entries will be accepted until April 6 and will be on display through the photo sharing site Flickr. A panel jury will decide the winners.

The contest started as a class project by a student who had to come up with a campus-wide event, said Trevor Fulton, Outdoor Program coordinator.

"There was such great turnout and reception that we just kept it going," he said.

The first year garnered more than 500 entries, and an equal amount are expected in this year's competition. According to Beiser, the entries get thousands of hits on the Flickr website.

"People have a tendency to take pictures of their travels and outdoor activities," Beiser said. "It's nice that we give them an avenue to share their work. It challenges them to improve their skills documenting their experiences."

There is no entry fee to participate and competition is not restricted to UI students and faculty. Winners will be awarded prizes from the sponsors of the event.

The Outdoor Program will also host the Winter Wild-

lands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival in Moscow, which is a world tour going on its seventh year. This is the fourth year the tour has been brought to Moscow. It will be hosted at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25. Tickets for the event are \$5.

Submissions to the film festival come from "renowned" filmmakers and feature backcountry experiences from around the world, as well as "grassroots" filmmakers who submit basic videos from their everyday or weekend excursions in the backcountry.

The festival has more than 75 stops around the world and money raised from the tour stays in the local communities. Proceeds are allocated by the UI Outdoor Program, and this year will be distributed to the Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center.

"It's just a fun night for the backcountry community in Moscow and it supports a good cause," Beiser said.

Mind boggling moves in Seattle

It's the middle of Major League Baseball's offseason and right on cue, Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik made a move that is questionable to say the least. It was recently announced that the Mariners traded young pitcher Michael Pineda to the Yankees, leaving many Mariners fans confused.

Pineda had a sensational rookie season last year posting a 3.74 ERA with 173 strikeouts on the season. He was one of the few rookies on the All-Star team and it looked like Seattle found a great one-two punch with Pineda and Felix Hernandez. Now Mariners fans will have to watch their former young stud in those evil New York pinstripes.

It's those a decade of darkness in Seattle.

The playoffs are a distant memory. A few years back Zduriencik came in to end the drought in Seattle but so far that hasn't happened. Now he gave away one of the club's youngest and brightest? Still, the move has disadvantages and advantages.

Pitching was not a problem for the Mariners last season. Their starting rotation and bullpen did an admirable

job, but the Ms couldn't score a run to save their lives. Hitting, as it has been for a long time, was the issue for the Mariners. It seems like every year there are one or two guys that can hit the ball and the rest of the team might as well not even swing.

In the trade for Pineda, the Mariners got catcher Jesus Montero, who is one of the best hitting prospects in the league. Obviously Zduriencik is thinking about getting some more offense on the team, but is the cost too great?

While fans look forward to seeing what Montero can do in a Mariners uniform, the Ms could have gone about this differently. The Mariners have plenty of money to spend on their roster. So why not spend a little?

Prince Fielder is still available. If offense is what is desired, offense is what you'll get with Fielder — so go get him. Zduriencik is trying to build a baseball team like a cheapskate and it's not working — spend a little cash and get more talent.

Montero on the roster is a positive, but giving up Pineda might not be the answer. He and King Felix looked like they had a great future together. Both are young and have bright futures ahead of them — building toward the future might have been that combination.

So was this a good trade? Yes and no. The acquisition is good, but the Ms gave up too much. It's been too long since Seattle has had a decent team. If this doesn't work, someone other than Zduriencik needs to lead the team.



Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Impressive start

Season opener leaves coach happy

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

After opening the season with a 7-0 loss to Washington, the Idaho men's tennis team rallied with wins over Pacific and Seattle University to end the opening weekend 2-1 overall.

The Vandals are No. 57 in the nation and finished the opening weekend strong with a 4-3 win over No. 75 Pacific and a 6-1 win over Seattle University Saturday. The Vandals return to the courts this weekend to face Oregon, Missouri-Kansas City and Portland in Eugene, Ore.

The Vandals lost the first two of the three doubles matches against Pacific and lost the doubles point, but the match was far from over. The Vandals got wins from Marius Cristea, Abid Akbar, Jose Bendeck and Cesar Torres to take four of the six singles matches, giving Idaho the 4-3 win. The two singles matches Idaho lost went into the third set and both ended 6-4.

Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said he was happy with the performance, especially after hard matches the day before.

"We had a lot of guys who were sore from the

day before, but after losing the doubles point I was impressed at how all six singles players went out and competed to the very end, whether they won or lost," Beaman said.

Later that day the Vandals faced Seattle Uand beat the Redhawks in dominating fashion. The Vandals swept the doubles matches and lost just one singles match to take the 6-1 victory.

"Overall to start the year 2-1 with that amount of tennis against quality teams, to get out of there with two wins is a positive," Beaman said. "We're looking forward to next weekend. It's going to be another grueling drive out there and three matches in a weekend against three quality teams."

The season is still young and Beaman said he's still getting a feel for what he wants to do with his team. Idaho only got one doubles point on the weekend and Beaman said that's an area he might play around with the lineup.

"Right now it's probably going to take the first three weekends of matches to figure out what direction we want to go," Beaman said.

It was a long, hard weekend of tennis and Beaman said his team was physically drained afterward. He said the team will have light practices early this week before picking up the intensity to get ready for another weekend of tough matches in Oregon.

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PENN STATE

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Paterno roamed the sidelines for 46 seasons, his thick-rimmed glasses, windbreaker and jet-black sneakers as familiar as the Nittany Lions' blue and white uniforms. He won 409 games and two national championships.

The reputation he built looked even more impressive because he insisted on keeping graduation rates high while maintaining on-field success.

But in the middle of his 46th season, the legend was shattered. Paterno was engulfed in a child sex abuse scandal when a former trusted assistant, Jerry Sandusky, was accused of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year span, sometimes in the football building.

The university handed the football team to one of Paterno's assistants, Tom Bradley, who said Paterno "will go down in history as one of the greatest men, who maybe most of you know as a great football coach."

"As the last 61 years have shown, Joe made an incredible impact," said the statement from the family. "That impact has been felt and appreciated by our family in the form of thousands of letters and well wishes along with countless acts of kindness from people whose lives he touched. It is evident also in the thousands of successful student athletes who have gone on to multiply that impact as they spread out across the country."

Paterno believed success was not measured entirely on the field. From his idealistic early days, he had implemented what he called a "grand experiment" to graduate more players while maintaining success on the field.

He was a frequent speaker on ethics in sports, a conscience for a world often infiltrated by scandal and shady characters.

The team consistently ranked among the best in the Big Ten for graduating players. As of 2011, it had 49 academic All-Americans, the third-highest among schools in the Football Bowl Subdivision. All but two played under Paterno.

"He teaches us about really just growing up and being a man," former linebacker Paul Posluszny, now with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, once said. "Besides the football, he's preparing us to be good men in life."

He walked to home games and was greeted and wished good luck by fans on the street. Former players paraded through his living room for the chance to say hello. But for the most part, he stayed out of the spotlight.

Paterno did have a knack for jokes. He referred to Twitter, the social media site, as "Twittle-do, Twittle-dee."

He also could be abrasive and stubborn, and he had his share of run-ins with his bosses or administrators. And as his legend grew, so did the attention to his on-field decisions, and the questions about when he would hang it up.

Calls for his retirement reached a crescendo in 2004. The next year, Penn State went 11-1 and won the Big Ten. In the Orange Bowl, PSU beat Florida State, whose coach, Bobby Bowden, was eased out after the 2009 season after 34 years and 389 wins.

Like many others, he was outlasted by "JoePa."

UTAH STATE

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"A lot of things were flashing through our minds tonight, but I'm just glad we pulled the rabbit out of the hat," Verlin said. "Looking at the stat sheet I really don't know how we won. I'll tell you this — we made some huge winning plays down the stretch. I thought our defense was stellar in the last four minutes of the game."

Verlin decided not to start Bandoumel earlier in the week, but the Canadian trans-

fer proved a crucial component to Vandal offensive and defensive efforts. Bandoumel was 6-9 from the field with a team-high 16 points and grabbed six rebounds in 32 minutes of play.

Bandoumel said he didn't feel any pressure to perform coming off of the bench, and noted that his high energy is "all about the smile."

"When you smile on the court, it's just easy. If you're having fun out there, it's just basketball," Bandoumel said.

Former Aggie Deremy Geiger added 12 points to

the Vandals' total, with two rebounds and two assists. Barone had an offensive off night but snagged a game-high seven rebounds.

Medlin led all scorers with 17 points despite being 1-7 from 3-point range. Idaho held WAC player of the year candidate Brockeith Pane to six points.

Verlin stressed the significance of beating Utah State's Stew Morrill, his long-time coaching mentor for the second in the last three match-ups.

"It's really special because they've been so

good for so long," Verlin said. "They're not as far off as they think they are. They're extremely hard to play, they're extremely well-coached and they have a lot of pride in their program."

The Vandals continue their three-game home stand Thursday against San Jose State. The Spartans are 0-5 in the WAC, 6-13 overall and haven't won since Dec. 30. San Jose State lost all-WAC starters Adrian Oliver and Justin Graham, and are led by junior guard James Kinney, who averages 6.2 points per game.

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of the year just to make the playoffs. In some regards it's hard not to feel bad for Giants coach Tom Coughlin because this time next year the only news in New York is going to be how he should lose his job because he can't coach and anyone could win with this team. However for the time being at least he has his neighbors, the New York Jets to thank for a vacation.

Going into last weekend there was a lot of potential for the Super Bowl. The chance to have a Super Bowl between two brother head coaches with Jim Harbaugh of the San Francisco 49ers and John Harbaugh of the Baltimore Ravens would have been an endearing story that even non-sports fans could have sunk their teeth into — not to mention having the Niners there after a decade of mediocrity would have been one to watch.

In the end there just isn't anything like retribution — no matter how long you have to wait for it. Somewhere a Buffalo Bill fan is sitting in his chair watching replays of their four straight Super Bowl losses and just hoping that next year is the year, and while the Patriots have been fortunate gathering their Super Bowl bling — losing the last game of the year always hurts, and that one had to be a stinger.

FIT

FROM PAGE 5

She was named the 2010 Skagit Valley College Athlete of the Year and received numerous league honors, which got the attention of Idaho coach Jon Newlee. After two years at Skagit Arendse said she found the school that fit her and accomplished the dream of playing at the Division I level.

"I got a really good

offer and I liked the coaches when I came on my visit," Arendse said. "I thought it'd be a good fit for me."

Arendse claimed a starting position her first year at Idaho, playing in all 31 games for the Vandals last season. She scored in double figures nine times solidifying her spot as a team leader.

Arendse, the only returning starter from last season and a team captain, averages 7.3 points per

game and is second on the team in rebounds. She also leads the team in steals and minutes played thus far.

While the Vandals have had a disappointing first half of the season, Arendse said she hopes to turn things around and go out with a bang.

"I just really want to have a good senior year and start winning some games for the team and the program," Arendse said. "I just want to go out good."

MISSED

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"They made some big shots when they needed to and finished at the rim," Newlee said. "They made their big shots and we didn't make ours. Definitely from three we were ice cold."

Sophomore Alyssa Charlston continued to look strong for Idaho, nabbing her sixth double-double of the season with 17 points and a career-high 16 rebounds. Junior Jessica Graham also had a strong game tallying a season-high 10 points. Graham said as a junior she feels pressure to step-up her game to hopefully help break the losing streak.

"I've been here the longest out of anyone," Graham said. "I definitely

have a feel for this program and I feel I need to step up a lot more."

The Vandals have seen a lot of close games during the losing streak, but can't seem to get over the hump for a victory. Graham said her team is improving, but can't break through.

"I think we really stepped up from how we were playing," Graham said. "It's something we've really been working on."

The squad hopes to regroup before returning to the court at 5:30 p.m. Saturday when the Vandals face Utah State in the Cowan Spectrum. The Aggies are currently in second place in the WAC and will pose a challenge for Idaho.

The Vandals return to the road next week at Hawaii and San Jose State.

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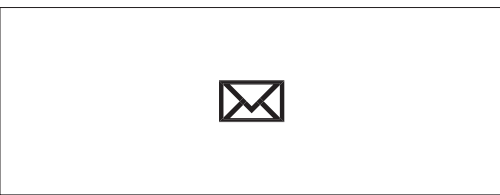
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OUR VIEW

On the ballot

Washington legislatures take progressive step for gay marriage

Democracies are defined by equal rights and privileges in which the power of the government is vested in the people — and the people of Washington are exercising their democratic power in the fight for legalization of gay marriage.

Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen cast the 25th and deciding vote Monday in the Washington Senate to pass a bill that supports gay marriage. The legislation is expected to pass in the House and will then appear on a statewide ballot.

If the bill is passed during this legislative session, gay and lesbian couples will be able to get married in Washington starting in June. However, opponents to gay marriage have already stated they will file a referendum against the

bill if it is passed.

Six other states have already legalized gay marriage, including New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Iowa and the District of Columbia. Gay marriage is an issue that continues to increase in prominence and as Washington becomes the seventh state to legalize gay marriage, it is likely the issue will appear on other states' ballots — including, one day, Idaho.

It's clear to anyone familiar with the demographics of Idaho that it will be one of the last states to approve the legalization of gay marriage. But that does not mean the efforts of gay marriage proponents are pointless.

Differing opinions and the ability to express those viewpoints emphasize the beauty of democracy.

Proponents of gay marriage argue on behalf of social equality, while opponents cite religious beliefs and personal morality as reasons against legalization. As with any important social issue, people need to educate and inform themselves of the facts before taking a stance.

Regardless of the personal values and beliefs that have led you to an opinion, you should continue to be informed about states like Washington and the reasons people choose to legalize gay marriage, because eventually it will reach Idaho.

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More than just a number

For some people age is just a number, but for others age is something to dread or an important stepping stone in their lives.

People have different perspectives of age that are influenced by their social or cultural backgrounds as well as their present age.



Toluwani Adekunle
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Those who see age as just a number enjoy life without worrying about how young they are or how old they are getting and every day is a celebration for them. People who view aging as dreadful are afraid. They want to grow up, to be respected and treated like adults, but they do not want to grow old. Those who view age as a stepping stone are ready to take each day as it comes, acknowledging that with every passing day comes maturity and experiences that will make them wiser and more mature.

Many people can recall those days in grade school when they could not wait to get to high school, then college and so on. Or the days when you could not wait to be 16, 18, and then 21. Then all of a sudden, we get to that age when we try to tell ourselves that we are younger than we are and actually pretend to be younger. We try to subtract a few years from our actual age and stay in the range where people will comment on how young we look, but make sure not to go so low that people won't believe us.

We are always anxiously awaiting another stage in our lives, forgetting to relish the joy, lessons and experiences our present positions have to offer. We look forward to tomorrow as if today does not exist. It's time people started realizing that there is a time for everything and the most we can do is enjoy every passing moment of life.

Even though we may not

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What are you trying to say?

Our lives are complex. It would make sense to assume that educating ourselves about the way this complex world works would make things seem clearer. But as students we often find even our own academic fields impenetrable — due to elaborate, fluffy language and thick texts that leave us wondering if the authors have any life outside of a library.

But often it is simply hard to be straight up in academia. Students are not the only ones struggling with this. Professors also want to reach out to students and readers with their discoveries. They don't want their valuable knowledge to be lost somewhere in translation. Writing simple, concise words is difficult. It is mentally arduous, can be physically strenuous and can affect one's carefully developed ability to galvanize the veneration of acquaintances.

Just kidding. Being precise is hard. Hard is a good word. Hard is hard to say. It requires a little humility. "Writers are bad ... because they want to sound smart," said Paul Silvia in "How to Write a Lot." It is a trap all too easy to fall into.

"If the water is dark ... the lake must be deep," Silvia said — an aphorism referring to our assumption that there must be some genius idea behind confusing words, which a regular person cannot quite grasp. But let's face it: Do any of us really enjoy reading thick, scientific articles that leave us feeling less clever than we thought we were?

Don't get me wrong, I love words. I love them to a point that I could use many other more eloquent adjectives to express my appreciation of them. But if we want to only appreciate

the beauty of words, there are many beautiful words to be found in songs, in poetry or in a thesaurus. In formal education, however, the complexity of ideas words convey is more beneficial.

We do not want our language to become a tool to differentiate and divide people. Jargon can be necessary in certain cases, but when one word can convey an idea to anyone who reads it and another will only be understood by those who already have the same educational background as its writer, the former is much more valuable.

If a graduate student in biochemical engineering wanted to ask a graduate student in fine arts on a date, they should be able to discuss their interests and life goals and not have to stick to conversations about football and the weather.

A university is a powerful setting for a group of capable people to attempt to bridge this gap and find a language in which we can communicate complex ideas and not be linguistically isolated. If academia can continue to search for and produce ways to make their work clear, enjoyable and accessible to the public, we would see a more educated public. We would see professors of biology reading sociology papers with interest and perhaps those two grad students on a second date. We would see students being excited about their class readings, and more students believing that they too can publish their ideas.

"If the water is dark ... the lake must be deep," Silvia said. "... I ought to have said, bodies of water characterized by minimal transparency are likely to possess significantly high values of the depth dimension."

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— Amrah

Gold-digging

Kobe's ex-wife is getting three mansions out of their divorce? I want to marry Kobe, give me a call.

— Madison

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Warning, this OTC is completely self-serving. I was reminded Sunday that there are only 27 editions of The Argonaut left this semester, counting this one. I am not excited. I can already feel the little time I have left here slipping away. I'm going to hold on to it as long as possible. I don't want to grow up.

— Elizabeth

For me

Saying I'll just finish the chapter always ends up with me finishing the book at 4 o'clock in the morning.

— Rhiannon

Snow bunnies

After spending the weekend at Brundage, I realized a professional snowboarding career is not in my immediate future. But who knew falling 50-plus times could be so fun?

— Britt

Found: Orange Starburst

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— Vicky

Weather withdrawals

It's weird to think three weeks ago I was putting sunscreen on in Los Angeles.

— Theo

Annoying

Don't you hate it when your boss emails you, then immediately texts and then within five minutes calls?

— Jens

So bright

Does anyone know how big a 15-million-candle power spotlight is? I'd be willing to bet it puts off more light than 15 million actual

candles, but I'm just not sure.

— Nick

'Axemen'

I wasn't sure if I was watching "Axemen" or if "Jersey Shore" had somehow been put in a timeslot on the History Channel. All I know is that for a group of burly men there is a lot of drama on a logging crew.

— Elisa

Ahem

Gotta work on my Ira Glass this week. No more effeminate radio voice here.

— Dylan

Waste is a thief

Recycle non-renewable materials to save resources

In the recent State of the State address, Gov. CL "Butch" Otter spent a great deal of time talking about education and new reforms that are being made. However, he did not talk one bit about recycling — something Idaho is not known for.

We have all heard we should recycle more and pollute less (pretty common sense). And we have all probably seen bags full of beer cans in the trash outside of many Moscow houses and social establishments. While this might seem like a minor infraction it is bigger than one might think.

If one person consumes enough soda or beer to produce four pounds of aluminum per month and doesn't recycle the cans, then that is 48 pounds of aluminum they throw away annually — for one person. Imagine if 1,000 of those people live in Moscow. Our annual waste would be 4,800 pounds of non-renewable metal.

It is pretty common to think, "Well, I don't have to recycle if everyone else does," but that is exactly the problem. If every person passes responsibility to someone else without doing some-

thing themselves then we end up with the collective action problem — everyone wants a healthier planet, but no one wants to work for it.

Especially in the case of metals — a non-renewable resource — the need to recycle is great. Because metals have to be mined they are expensive (in terms of energy and dollars) to acquire. So when you throw away metal like aluminum, sure you can say that more can be mined, but you are just hurting your future self.

By not recycling now you are driving up the cost of the goods you buy in the future. As aluminum becomes less abundant products containing aluminum will become more and more expensive, costing you more money for everything from an iPod to a can of soda.

In Moscow we are blessed. Although we live in a state that has one of the worst recycling cultures in the Northwest, we still have a great recycling facility — Moscow Recycling Center. It accepts everything from old cell phones and batteries, to metals and the paper you are holding right now. So stop making excuses and buy a recycling bin.



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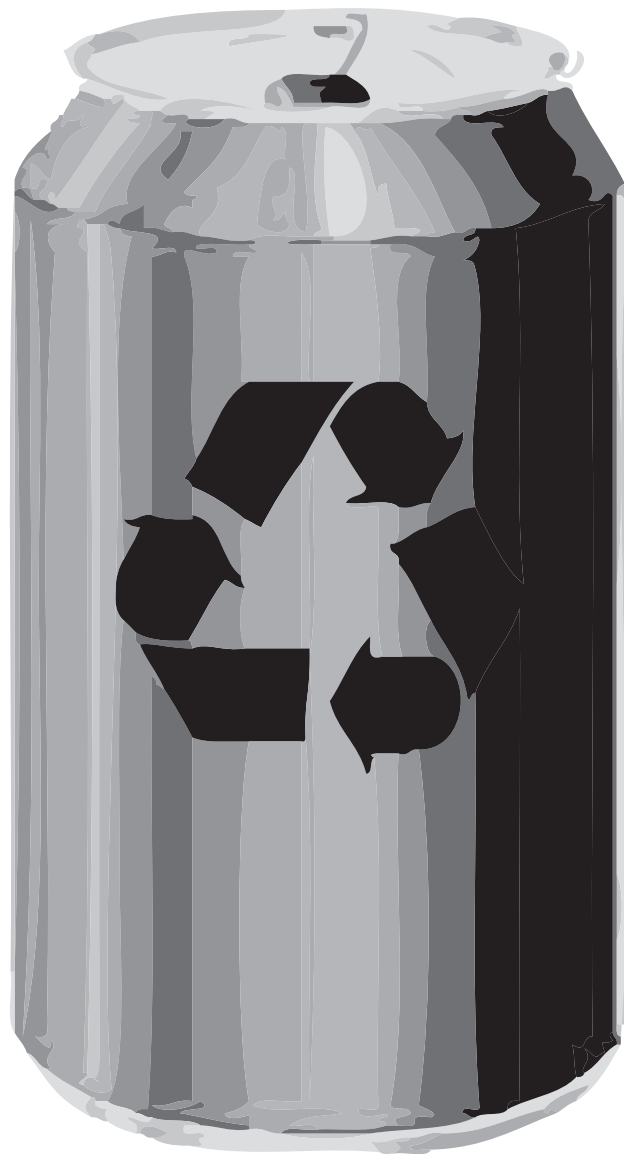


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like it, aging is a reality and there is nothing to stop the natural process. But we can try to embrace it. We can learn to appreciate the white hair growing on the head of that old man or woman because one day, we may find it on our own heads.

Enjoy your childhood while it lasts, enjoy your youthfulness while you can and enjoy your adulthood because one day you will reflect on the past. When that happens, you don't want to remember living in fear and anxiety of growing old, but to reminisce in the joy of living and knowing you appreciated every moment that passed.



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New science raises ethical questions

Spider-goats may sound like something out of a science fiction novel, but Freckles, Utah's renowned spider-goat is very real.

No, she does not have eight legs or multiple eyes. Unless someone told you, you may never know Freckles and her siblings, Pudding and Sweetie, were genetically modified to produce spider silk. The silk is created by adding a protein to the goats' cells, which is then extracted from their milk.

While the goats are unharmed and seem to function normally, there are potential negative consequences that go hand in hand with the positives.

The ability to make these changes successfully means that scientists could be closer to utiliz-

ing gene splicing technology for curing cancer, gene therapy and stem cell research. However, it raises many ethical questions.



Katy Sword
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Randy Lewis, a professor of genetics at Utah State University, created Freckles and her siblings. In an interview with The Guardian, Lewis said he has advanced farming purely to produce things that people want. This is where the conflict begins.

Scientific advancement aside, why should animals be altered simply to produce products people desire?

While obtaining silk from actual spiders is difficult, there should be alternative methods of creating silk that do not involve altering the genes of a goat. Although the goats do not appear to be harmed, the issue

lies within the principle.

As the most intellectually sophisticated animal, humans have power over other creatures on Earth. But using this power to benefit ourselves is something that should be constantly questioned. It is already becoming acceptable to use hormones on animals to increase productivity and size, as well as modifying crops to our advantage. Perhaps if the alterations were in some way beneficial to the goats it would be less of an ethical concern, but again humans are the sole benefactor.

It doesn't matter how impressive and futuristic a spider-goat sounds. They could open a floodgate of animal alterations even more unimaginable than a goat that produces silk.



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