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## Science of a crisis

UI professor appointed co-leader in new national science group

**Lindsey Treffry**  
Argonaut

For three months, oil spilled non-stop into the Gulf of Mexico during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, endangering ocean life, animals and residents in the surrounding area. Gary Machlis, University of Idaho professor of conservatism, was there during spring 2010.



**Gary Machlis**

Machlis and then UI student Rachel Woita had 36 hours to organize and get to Mobile, Ala., with the help of UI financial officers, UI-sponsored programs and National Park Services funds.

"Our responsibility was to advise (Department of the Interior decision makers) on consequences on the spill — to the ecology, the economy and the people of the Gulf of Mexico," Machlis said. "If this spill continued, (there were all) kind of environmental impacts you (could have) expected."

A new group dubbed the Department of the Interior's Strategic Sciences Group resulted from the trip. Recently appointed co-leader of the group, Machlis said when the British Petroleum oil rig exploded the NPS director instructed Machlis to tour incident

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## Students share concerns

**Kaitlyn Krasselt**  
Argonaut

Thirty-five University of Idaho undergraduates traveled to Boise Jan. 25 to meet with Idaho's legislators and discuss higher education at the 2012 Legislative Breakfast.

"It was actually really successful, students met with over 80 of the legislators, most of which were brought up to the breakfast on the fourth floor of the Capitol," said UI student lobbyist Bruno Bennett.

The Legislative Breakfast is an annual opportunity for students to communicate one-on-one with Idaho legislators about issues in higher education.

This year students focused on two issues. The first included Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) funding. Bennett said CEC funding provides raises for university faculty, something UI faculty has not received in more than four years.

He said the second focus for students was scholarship funding.

Four students arrived early in Boise to meet with Idaho's Lt. Gov. Brad Little. Current ASUI President Samantha Perez, former ASUI President Stephen Parrott, ASUI Communications Board Chair Hannah Blan-

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## Dangerous disorders

CTC helps UI students identify the risks of eating disorders

**Michelle Gregg**  
Argonaut

Car accidents, sickness and suicide are not the leading cause of death for females between the ages of 15 and 24 — eating disorders are, said Miles Meason of the University of Idaho's Counseling and Testing Center.

Meason said he and his colleagues hope to spread awareness on campus by taking part in National Eating Disorder Screening Day from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Idaho Commons.

"We want to increase (and) create awareness campus-wide, and for individuals to be able to identify the dangers of eating disorders," Meason said. "They have the highest mortality rate than any other illness."

Meason said National Eating Disorder Day is meant to educate and screen potentially at-risk college students for eating disorders. He said the screening is low-key and the CTC will also have a table providing information about eating disorders.

"Most of the people that fall under the eating disorder category don't get help," Meason said. "The screening is a beneficial way for individuals to have their questions answered and connect with the correct services if they are needed."

Verna Bergman, UI dietitian, said because college-aged people are in a vulner-

able part of their lives they are more susceptible to eating disorders.

"It's important for students to be educated on this topic and I encourage anyone who has questions or is just curious to stop by the booth," Bergman said.

Bergman said working toward a more acceptable body image and accepting oneself as a person, not related to weight may help decrease eating disorder risk.

"This is a time for people to approach us if they have questions about eating disorders, to get all their questions answered and their concerns addressed," Bergman said. "It's

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## MOROCCAN THE RUNWAY



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Skylar Ting, Moscow High School student, models traditional Moroccan regalia at the Morocco-U.S. Intercultural Exchange fashion show Monday in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. The event, co-sponsored by the University of Idaho Department of Modern Languages and Cultures and the Moscow Human Rights Commission, featured a fashion show followed by the film "Crossing Borders," an Arnd Wachter documentary. The event was facilitated by visiting Fulbright scholar Kaouther Elouahabi and was free admission.

## Vandals unite against violence

**Amy Asanuma**  
Argonaut

V is for more than Vandals, said Heather Gasser, University of Idaho Women's Center director and co-producer of "The Vagina Monologues."

"V-day developed as a result, from 'The Vagina Monologues' success in 1998," Gasser said. "It extends its reach to the larger community."

V-day evolved into an international movement committed to end sexual violence. The V stands for victory, valentine and vagina. Since its inception in the 1990s, V-day campaigns have raised more than \$85 million for anti-gender violence. Last year, there were

more than 5,800 V-day efforts around the world.

"Other playwrights have contributed to the campaign by writing pieces similar to what Eve Ensler did with her play," Gasser said. "Most of the plays contain elements of rape and sexual violence that educate the audience."

Sisters' Brew Coffee House in downtown Moscow will host a student art show that displays empowering women at 6 p.m. Jan. 31. During the display, visitors can make donations directly to V-day and buy admission tickets for "The Vagina Monologues." James Wagner, area coordinator for family and graduate housing, is responsible for coordinating the exhibit.

"From the time when I was

an undergraduate, I have felt that I've had a calling to help others," Wagner said. "I feel like getting involved in V-day is very social and action-oriented, which I fully support. V-day is not a women's problem. It's a societal problem."

Wagner also coordinated a reception following "The Vagina Monologues" performance Feb. 4 at the Camas Prairie Winery on Main Street. The event will be catered by Gnosh and begins at 9:30 p.m. The two businesses will donate a portion of sales from the night to the V-day campaign.

Delta Chi fraternity will also get involved by promoting "The Vagina Monologues." Members

of the fraternity have volunteered to pass out flyers and usher during the show.

In addition, The Women's Center will show a free screening of the documentary "What I Want my Words to Do For You" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Gym, room 109. The film focuses on a workshop led by Ensler with women inmates convicted of murdering their abusers.

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed in the Kenworthy performing Arts Centre Feb. 2-4. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Proceeds will be donated to Alternative Violence of the Palouse and the international V-day campaign.

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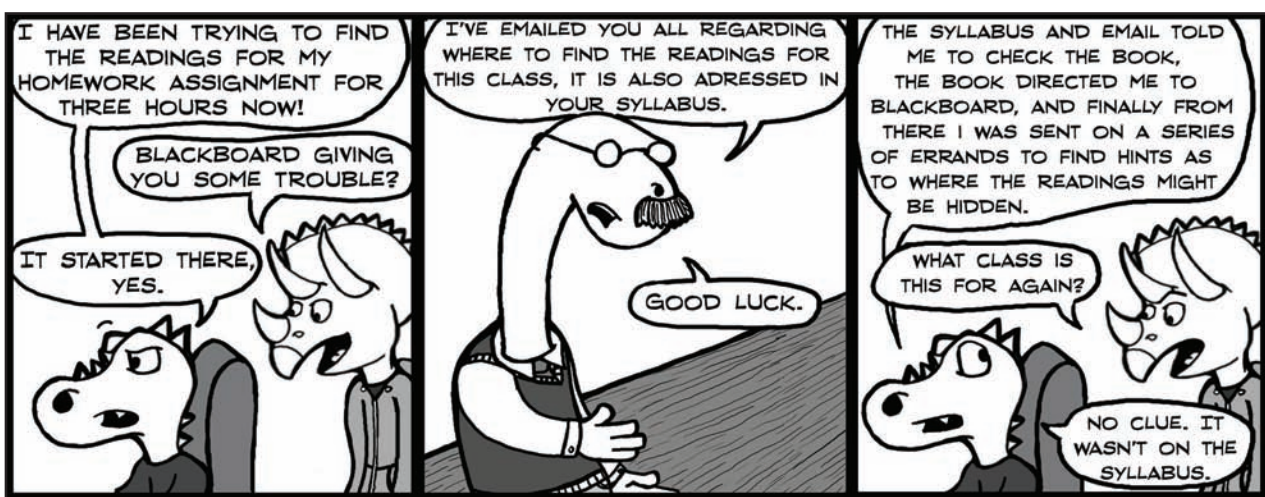
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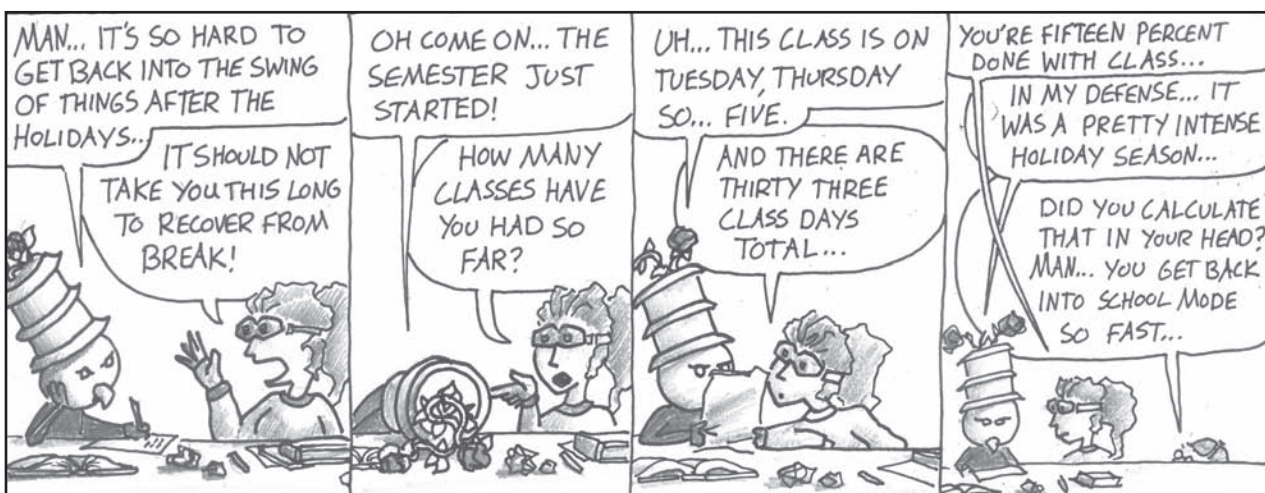
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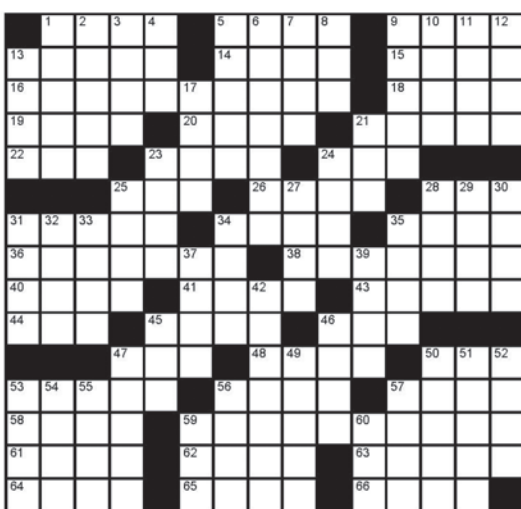


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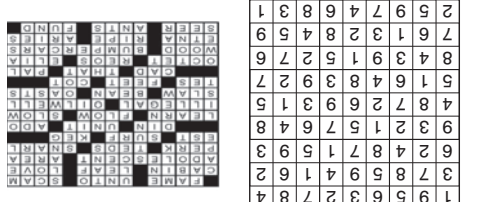
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## HIGHER ED

# What a gem

Otter discusses 'IGEM' plan with Idaho university presidents

Joanna Wilson  
Argonaut

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's IGEM (Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission) plan to promote research in Idaho would mean an additional \$2 million split between the state's three universities.

Otter held a video conference with University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis, Boise State University President Bob Kustra and Idaho State University President Art Vailis, to talk about his proposed plan Jan. 18.

"So that, No. 1, we can attract folks, if we don't have them ... and No. 2, that we send a signal to the private sector in Idaho and the United States and around the world, that we're open for business and we are going to be the best of the best," Otter said.

Otter said the IGEM plan would create an environment that would attract business and entrepreneurs.

"My budget recommendation was to put nearly \$1 million into a program with which we will be able to aid startup companies ... not only to begin their research and development, but go into the manufacturing and get into that marketplace shelf," Otter said.

The plan allocates \$2 million for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, and \$1 million for the Idaho Department of Commerce to promote the transfer of research into the marketplace.

Nellis said the IGEM initiative would raise the economic returns the state is getting from money it is investing in research.

"This creates a catalyst, working with the Department of Commerce — working with businesses in our state to move our state forward," Nellis said.

Jack McIver, UI vice president for research, said the transition from a good idea in the lab to the private sector is hard.

"Whether it is a gizmo or a new vaccine — for fish (or) for cattle," McIver said.

The plan would also provide a stable source of funds for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, a collaborative facility in Idaho Falls.

"We are doing work on energy related things (there)," McIver said. "The legislature's been funding it for the last five or six years, but it is one time money. We have to go back and ask for more every year."

McIver said UI has been struggling to keep faculty employed there.

"The governor's proposal would make funding permanent," McIver said.

The plan is based on the model Utah has been using, USTAR, and would provide money to fill research positions in the universities.

"Developing things that could be transitioned from basic research into the economy through patents," McIver said. "Stimulate more research, bring in more research dollars."

The plan still needs to be introduced to and work through the legislature. After that, the \$2 million for Idaho universities would be allocated to the institutions by the State Board of Education.

## Feeling a need for funding

Amy Asanuma  
Argonaut

In honor of the annual "Higher Education Week," ASUI board members aim to make the University of Idaho a top priority for the state.

UI President M. Duane Nellis joined ASUI board members at a conference in Boise. Nellis appeared before the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, outlining the economic importance of UI. His main objective is to change employee compensation (CEC).

"Our faculty and staff have not received a raise in the past four or more years," said Samantha Perez, ASUI president. "It's important to see them receive the compensation they deserve."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter premiered his new proposal, Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM), during Higher Education Week.

"IGEM calls for more collaboration in Idaho," Perez said. "We want to continue to grow the economy. Higher educa-

tion plays a large role in state growth and the governor recognizes that."

Ken Cain, associate director of aquaculture research institute and a professor of Fisheries Resources at UI, is among faculty members performing research that benefits the university. He assisted in developing a vaccine for rainbow trout with cold water disease in 2008. In 2010, UI was given a patent on the vaccine.

"Trout industry in Idaho is huge. We lead the country in our production. With this new vaccine, we can save 100 million trout from disease," Cain said.

Aquatic Life Sciences is an interested partner in this vaccine production. If the United States Department of Agriculture approves the medicine, UI will receive royalties through Aquatic Life Sciences' sales, furthering economic growth.

"IGEM will greatly help with this process," Cain said. "It will support the transition

from the developmental stages of research to combining with partners and businesses."

ASUI also assembled a legislative breakfast for 35 UI students. Each student who attended represented one district in Idaho. Traditionally, this event is only for ASUI students. This year, ASUI opened the breakfast to the entire student body.

"Participants were able to speak one-on-one with their legislator," Perez said. "Students were able to meet 82 out of 105 legislators. If they were free from meetings, they were encouraged to see Nellis's address to JFAC."

In addition, Otter declared Jan. 25 "UI Higher Education Day."

"It was a blast when he made that announcement," Perez said. "He is a well-known Boise State alumnus and was even wearing a UI tie. Students gathered together and chanted the fight song in his office. It was like getting the key to the city."

## Police Log

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

**11:17 a.m.** 1400 Block South Mountain View Road: Caller reported that two subjects are at the above apartment retrieving items. No report was filed.

**2:15 p.m.** Winco: Caller reported a white Toyota pickup stole a shopping cart. Officer responded and the cart was returned. No report was filed.

**2:55 p.m.** 300 Block South Grant Street: Reporting person claimed damage to her vehicle. Officer responded and determined the claim unfounded. A search for drugs was done and was negative. No report was filed.

**4:22 p.m.** Moscow Rural Fire, Ambulance, Rescue and the Police Department responded to a traffic accident. Patient was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

### Wednesday, Jan. 25

**2:08 a.m.** 400 Block North Almon Street: Caller reported dogs running to their door and that it sounded like someone was opening the screen.

### Thursday, Jan. 26

**4:31 p.m.** 1800 Block South Mountain View Road: Abandoned 911 call. No report.

### Friday, Jan. 27

**6:16 a.m.** Report of suspicious subject. No report filed.

**10:22 p.m.** 200 Block East Southview Avenue: Report of loud stomping. No report.

### Saturday, Jan. 28

**12:09 a.m.** Baker Street: Caller reported subjects throwing a football across the road.

**10:02 p.m.** 600 Block Taylor Avenue: Caller reported a suspicious telephone call. No report filed.

### Sunday, Jan. 29

**3:58 a.m.** 1000 Block West A Street: Caller reported someone ringing a doorbell. No report filed.

**1:56 p.m.** Nicolls Home Economics Building: Report of a broken window. Officers filed a report.

### Monday, Jan 30

**2:54 a.m.** 300 Block East E Street: Report of loud bass. No report filed.

## Students battle in knowledge challenge

Kaitlyn Krasselt  
Argonaut

University of Idaho students competed in a battle of the mind last week in the annual College Bowl competition.

The winning team, Harahel, went undefeated in four rounds of trivia competition.

Benjamin Sloniker, a member of the winning team, said it felt good to come away with the win.

"We actually didn't really practice — we met once or twice," Sloniker said. "I think someone encouraged us to look at some Wikipedia articles, but we really didn't prepare at all."

The team's name, Harahel, refers to the Angel of Knowledge. The group said it thought the name would be appropriate and hoped it would bring good luck in the final rounds of competition.

College Bowl is a question-and-

answer game played by two teams of four undergraduate students. There are two nine-minute halves in each round.

Nineteen teams participated in this year's College Bowl, co-hosted by the Idaho Commons, Student Union Building and Intramural Sports. Each member of the three final teams received a gift certificate to the VandalStore.

Denise Carl, ASUI student engagement coordinator, said the number of teams participating was slightly higher than in previous years.

"Because we had a few more teams, we did a modified round robin style tournament and single elimination for the top six teams on Friday night," Carl said.

The final six teams included Party Smants, Theta Chi, AKL, Beta1, SAE and Harahel.

"I don't really remember the final question," Sloniker said.

"We were up by a lot so it didn't really matter. But for one of the semi-finals we basically had to get the final question correct or we'd be out. It was about Chronicles of Narnia, and we're all Catholic so of course we knew it."

Scoring is based on the number of questions a team gets right and the amount of time it takes to answer those questions.

"There's two types of questions," Carl said. "There's toss-up questions that can be answered by either team, and then bonus questions for the team that gets the toss-up correct."

Teams can earn up to 45 points in one round by correctly answering the toss-up within the time-frame allotted for the question for 15 points, and answering the three 10-point bonus questions correctly.

Sloniker said the most exciting moment of College Bowl came in

the semi-finals against Theta Chi when his team came back from a 130-point deficit.

"They were really good," Sloniker said. "We had to do some serious adjustments. Somehow we came back from 130 points down and won the game. That was pretty exciting."

The winning team included Sloniker, Peter Brown, Jacob Sevigny, Mitch Hornsby and Brooke Baker.

In second place, SAE was comprised of Nathan Armonn, Michael Cullan and TJ Billinger.

The score of the final game round was 425-270.

Third place was determined by the highest score between the four teams playing for the last game. AKL came in third.

"The questions were pretty easy, except the literature ones were harder than I expected," Sloniker said.





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## CRISIS

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command locations and record the science that went on.

Machlis said the idea for a science group originated in this task — straight out of a crisis.

“(Governmental decision makers) have to make really difficult decisions during a crisis and they need the best available science,” Machlis said. “What our group does is create a structure of scientists ... that can respond really quickly within hours. We organize and begin to deliver to decision makers scientific advice that helps them make better decisions.”

Woita, now 33, started working for Machlis as a UI research assistant one week before the rig explosion and is now a social science technician at Yosemite National Park.

“When the spill happened, he asked me to come,” Woita said. “And so I did.”

Woita was the group’s designated note-taker, and researched information when necessary.

“The oil spill was a really great opportunity and (Machlis) really pushed for all these different scientists to work together,” Woita said. “Scientists in other fields don’t always see eye-to-eye because they’re coming from different backgrounds and have different goals, and he was really good at helping bridge that gap and helped them see that they can see it from a different perspective.”

The Strategic Sciences group can include scientists from governmental or non-governmental groups, academic institutions and private governmental sectors.

“We take the best available existing scientific data — we don’t take new data — and we examine it and then make recommendations,” Machlis said.

Machlis said the group delivers its recommendations to the Department of the Interior, generally to the Director of the NPS, the Director of Fish and Wildlife services or the Secretary of the Interior.

Machlis said the biggest challenge has been the group’s relative newness.

“We have to build it in a way that is efficient, really effective and as cost effective as possible,” Machlis said. “(We have to be) built to respond to a crisis that could happen at any moment.”

Machlis is still employed as a UI professor through an Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignment, as paid for by the NPS. Although he is not currently teaching classes, he said he plans to return to UI.

“I just want to emphasize that it’s an example of how UI faculty all over campus, can engage in nationally vital work,” Machlis said. “... This is just one example.”

## BREAKFAST

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and ASUI Presidential Policy Adviser Joe Black took the opportunity to bring up the team’s most important issues.

“We just met with him and told him more about Legislative Breakfast, and then talked with him again about our priority issues,” Perez said. “That’s CEC funding and scholarship and financial aid. And we just got his opinion on the State of the State address.”

Perez said the trip was a great experience for students and an opportunity to learn more about the state legislative process.

“The majority of our students met with their legislators and had really positive experiences,” Perez said. “It was really cool for them to be down in the capitol and just learn more about how government works and to just meet with their legislators and have the opportunity to share their opinion and their view on higher education.”

Wednesday was dedicated entirely to the University of Idaho, Perez said.

“The governor proclaimed that it was the University of Idaho Higher Education day and he wore a Vandal hat which was really exciting because he went to Boise State,” Perez said.

UI booths and representatives from every college and campus throughout the state filled the fourth floor rotunda of the Capitol building during Wednesday’s breakfast.

“Joe Stegner, he’s the president’s special assistant for governmental relations, and he used to be a senator, he said he’s never seen the fourth floor that full,” Perez said. “I think we really accomplished our mission by meeting with so many of the legislators and putting a face to the University of Idaho.”

Bennett said he thinks the 2012 Legislative Breakfast was the most successful year so far.

“I think that we’ll only continue to improve each year,” Bennett

said. “We had such a high turn-out in applications. The students that we took were really top-notch and really wanted to do well on this opportunity.”

Bennett said the most exciting part of the event was the fact that the attorney general, the governor, the secretary of state and the lieutenant governor all participated in the event in some way, either by attending the breakfast or the proclamation presentation.

“Everyone seemed very happy to see our students there showing that they care about our university and their funding,” Bennett said. “I think it definitely makes an impact on the legislators.”

## CROSSING CULTURES



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Kaouther Elouhabai, visiting Fulbright Scholar, speaks at the Morocco-U.S. Intercultural Exchange event and fashion show Monday in the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. In addition to a display of Moroccan fashion, the documentary “Crossing Borders” was shown.

## Reagan Republicans push Idaho liquor privatization

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A grocery-industry lobbying group won’t push a liquor privatization ballot measure in 2012, but a second group emerged Monday and announced it will try to get an initiative before Idaho voters in November.

The Idaho Federation of Reagan Republicans submitted a citizen’s initiative to the secretary of state’s office that would privatize liquor sales in Idaho and eliminate the state Liquor Division.

Liquor sales in Idaho are now conducted through state-run or con-

tract stores.

In his group’s push to change that, Reagan Republicans president Jeff Ward of Post Falls said his members intentionally avoided ties to trade groups or retailers. They want a measure focused on scaling back government, not one designed to make millions in profits for private industry, he said.

“It was important to us that this initiative is written in regards to the proper role of government, not who would benefit by the privatization of liquor sales,” said Ward.

To do it, his group will have to collect 47,432 sig-

natures of registered voters by April 30, meaning success will likely require a well-funded, committed campaign of paid signature gatherers.

Meanwhile, the Northwest Grocery Association, which said earlier this month it was exploring a similar ballot measure, now plans to hold off until at least the 2013 Legislature.

Then, it hopes to convince enough lawmakers to back a bill to privatize liquor sales in Idaho, rather than gathering signatures for a popular vote.

“We don’t want to have the perception that we’re somehow end-running the

governor and the Legislature,” said grocery lobbyist Roy Eiguren, adding his group decided it didn’t have enough time to get a ballot measure ready before the April 30 deadline.

Should the grocery industry fail to win support from the House and Senate next year, it could still gather signatures for an initiative on the 2014 November general election ballot.

There’s been a lot of attention focused on privatizing liquor sales in the region.

About 60 percent of Washington state voters voted in November to privatize sales and dismantle controls by allowing stores larger than 10,000 square feet to sell liquor. Costco Wholesale Corp. committed \$22 million to the campaign, the most-expensive in that state’s history.

Idaho, its neighbor to the east, remains one of 18 states that still have broad control over liquor distribution, a historical legacy with roots back to the repeal of prohibition in the 1930s.

But convincing Idaho lawmakers to privatize the industry will be no small challenge, especially since

Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter — normally a proponent of limiting government’s role in the private sector — said as recently as two weeks ago that he didn’t think Idaho was an environment where such a privatization push would find a soft landing.

That’s in part because of provisions in Idaho’s 1890 Constitution mandating that “the first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people.”

Democratic House Minority Leader John Rusche, of Lewiston, said his caucus hasn’t taken an official stand on privatization.

But he isn’t opposed to allowing the private sector to take over — under certain conditions.

“I think that as long as we have good revenue — and recognize the costs of alcohol treatment and recovery — it doesn’t matter to me whether it’s done through taxation or running a department,” Rusche said.

Idaho posted a \$50.1 million profit from liquor sales in fiscal year 2011 that ended last July, as people paid more per bottle and the Liquor Division trimmed staff.

## DISORDER

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better to get the help of a health professional early, because if it is left untreated it can cause

serious mental illness.”

Meason said students can gain more than just awareness from the information and screening.

“Eating disorders are a huge part of people’s lives,” he said. “It’s just better to be informed about this issue and get services if they are needed. Students might learn something that’s beneficial to their own lives, even if they don’t have a disorder.”

Bergman said if students are unable to attend the screening, they can stop by the CTC and have any questions or concerns addressed.

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Idaho senior Savannah Bettis holds off Oregon State's Aya Fujimura to win the 200 butterfly in a school-record time of 2:05.94 Saturday in the University of Idaho Swim Center.

## Even strokes

Down to the wire: Idaho survives Oregon State comeback bid

Sean Kramer  
Argonaut

Finally home in Moscow, the Idaho swim and dive team had an opportunity to make a statement about its season against Pac-12 opponent Oregon State Saturday in the University of Idaho Swim Center, and in a sense, it did.

Idaho forced a draw against Oregon State at 147.

The Vandals held the lead until the final event, the 40 freestyle relay. Oregon State took first and second, while Idaho trailed in third and fourth. The crowd at the

Swim Center seemed surprised when the tie was announced, but coach Mark Sowa took the results with optimism.

"That's a well-coached team and that's a very good team, that brought out the best in these girls and we should be proud of that," Sowa said. "Any time we get a chance to race anybody it's an opportunity to get better and discuss who we are and who we want to become."

Sowa said he wasn't disappointed to drop the final relay. He said it would have been difficult to pull out results in both relays,

as Idaho took first and third in the 200 medley relay.

"We knew that we had to try and win one of the relays, the medley relay was awesome and for us to get a victory right there, we went after that relay," he said. "It would've been tough for us to win both of them, we knew that going in."

Idaho placed first in five events, and held off Oregon State for most of the meet due to placing two top-three finishers in eight events and a top-three finisher in all but one event.

Savannah Bettis' first-place finish in the 200 butterfly set a record with 2:05.94.

"It's pretty amazing what just competing will do for you. That's a girl who wanted to win," Sowa said. You just try to get your hand on the wall and swim with confidence ... She's been a great leader."

The meet was Idaho's first of the year in Moscow, and the team was greeted with nearly a full house and a lot of noise.

"It was a really big turnout, we were really happy," Bettis said. "The noise in here was awesome

and it was fun to get pumped up and to hear all our fans cheering."

The Vandals have little time to pat themselves on the back from this result, as another Pac-12 program in Washington State rolls into Moscow Saturday for a pool style battle of the Palouse.

The meet will be a homecoming of sorts for Washington State's coach Tom Jager, who spent seven seasons at Idaho before heading eight miles west to take over the Cougars.

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## Idaho upended in home stand



Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Senior forward Djim Bandomel dunks the basketball during Idaho's 76-70 loss against Hawaii. Bandomel had a career-high 24 points in the contest. The loss was the third at home for the Vandals and drops them to a 11-10 overall record and 4-3 in the WAC.

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

A career-high night from Djim Bandomel wasn't enough to help the Vandal men's basketball team escape the Cowan Spectrum with what would have been a fourth straight home WAC victory, Saturday night during their 70-76 loss to Hawaii.

Two nights following its win over San Jose State, Idaho lacked the defense to offset a consistent Hawaii offense that buried 56 percent of its shots.

The Warriors maintained the lead for almost 12 minutes during the first half and despite stealing their own lead on multiple occasions, the Vandals found themselves at a major disadvantage when junior center Kyle Barone picked up three fouls early in the first half.

Warriors center Vander Joaquim had a mismatch on Bandomel and Joe Kammerer, picking apart the Vandal defense down low with his size and strength. Twelve of Joaquim's

18 points came in the first half, going 6-6 from the field.

Idaho coach Don Verlin noted that the loss was in no way a lack of offensive production.

"I thought we played well enough offensively, I thought we had a number of good looks even down late in the game when Deremy (Geiger) had the wide open three late," Verlin said. "But bottom line is we're not defending it well enough right now in WAC conference play and we're undersized at the guard and that's hurting us a little bit."

Bandomel's physical presence did create a headache for Hawaii coach Gib Arnold. Bandomel's career-high 24 points included a 10-13 shooting performance from the field. The senior was also 4-4 from the charity stripe.

"I mean Hawaii is a good team, they have two guys working like crazy down there ... They have a seven footer who's doing a good job, he improved so much from last year and he was just on it tonight," Bandomel said of Joaquim.

See what coach Don Verlin, Djim Bandomel and Stephen Madison had to say about their loss against the Warriors Saturday.  
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Alyssa Charlston breaks up a shot during Idaho's 78-70 loss to the Utah State Aggies Saturday afternoon in the Cowan Spectrum. Charlston was the catalyst for Idaho's offense, finishing the game with 29 points, but 22 turnovers and a 23-point half-time deficit was too much for the Vandals to overcome.

## Comeback falls short

Women drop eighth straight game

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

Sophomore Alyssa Charlston's 29 points were not enough to comeback against Utah State (13-6, 4-1 WAC), and Idaho (5-16, 0-5 WAC) women's basketball fell 70-78 Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandal losing streak stands at eight games. The most recent two have almost identical story lines — fall behind early and make a run at the end that comes up just short.

Idaho will try to break the skid on the road this week, first at Hawaii on Thursday, then San Jose State Saturday.

Charlston said only an all-around team effort will get the Vandals some wins.

"We can't rely on one person," Charlston said. "Everyone needs to contribute even if one part of their game is off."

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## Signing day primer

A look at Idaho's commits and signing day storylines

The Idaho Vandal football program will welcome new members to its family Wednesday.

National signing day marks the first day prospective student-athletes for football are allowed to send signed, binding letters of intent to coaches to accept scholarships.

The days, weeks and months leading up to signing day can be the most fun for fans as speculation is non-stop as to where prospective athletes will go to school. By the end of the day, a clearer picture will be painted of the college football world, and the Vandals.

It's important to remember a few points when speculating about the commitments the Vandals have received from players. For one, even if they are verbally committed it does not stop potential players from keeping their options open and considering other schools. Verbals are spoken understandings between coaches and players, and not binding at all. The world of recruiting is incredibly fluid and athletes change their minds all the time.



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## Sports briefs

### Men's tennis

After a dominating weekend of tennis, Idaho's Marius Cirstea earned WAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week honors. While the Vandals lost 1-2 as a team on the weekend, Cirstea went 2-1 at the No. 1 singles spot and 1-1 at the No. 1 doubles spot.

"His match at No. 1 against University of Portland really shows the mental strides that Marius has made especially after the very physically demanding weekend of tennis he had already had," Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said.

### Men's basketball

Idaho (11-10, 4-3 WAC) men's basketball learned Monday it will face the Portland State Vikings (10-11, 4-5 Big Sky) in the Sears BracketBuster game at 7:05 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Cowan Spectrum.

The Vikings and Vandals both beat Seattle, La. Tech and CSU Bakersfield. Portland State lost to Oregon State, which Idaho dominated, but beat Eastern Washington, which beat Idaho.

The Vikings rank No. 23 in the nation in field goal percentage, while the Vandals hold the No. 31 field goal percentage in the nation.

# Strong weekend for women's tennis

**Charles Crowley**  
Argonaut

Three matches of tennis is a lot for one weekend, but the Vandal women handled it well. Idaho dominated Seattle University and Portland State, and lost a hard-fought battle against Montana.

The action started Friday when Idaho played Seattle. The Vandals did not waste any time getting to work, beating the Red-hawks 6-1.

"We came out and we played the top two teams in their doubles line-up and beat them no problem," coach Daniel Pollock said.

The women carried that momentum into singles play and won all but one of their matches. The only loss started at 10:30 p.m. when a tired Alejandra Lozano lost at the No. 5 position.

"Overall it was good for us. Seattle is just so scrappy and they get in such good position and they make tons of balls and never stop trying," Pollock said. "I was pretty pleased to put that one away. I was a little nervous going into that one."

The Vandals then had Saturday to rest and prepare for what they knew would be a tough Sunday of tennis. First on the slate was a regional match up against Montana Sunday morning.

Pollock said the team won all four doubles matches comfortably and that Idaho looked strong.

"Our No. 1 doubles team beat their team 8-4 and that's the No. 3 ranked team in the region so that's a big win for us," Pollock said.

The Vandals again carried momentum from their doubles wins into singles competition.

"We were actually ahead on all four courts at one point, like big in the first sets," Pollock said.

Vicki Lozano suffered a small injury, but was able to play through it. However, she fell short 6-4, 6-4. At the No. 2 spot, Almudena Sanz and Alejandra Lozano won their matches. Sophie Vickers, at the No. 4 spot, lost after serving for the match and Betty Flores lost at the No. 6 position.

After these matches, the overall score was 3-3 with just one match still in progress. No. 3 Molly Knox, who played the deciding match in last year's contest against Montana. She lost 7-6, 5-7, 7-6 this year but Pollock

said the quality of play was unbelievably high in a match that took more than four hours to finish.

"These girls were going at it from the start, blow for blow, really going at it hard and it was just so close and it was a shame there had to be a loser in that one," Pollock said.

He said he and the whole team were proud of Knox and after the match and some time to reflect, Knox said she was happy with her own performance.

"She played the best tennis I have ever seen her play and that is huge for her confidence and she understood after the match that she played really well and for the rest of the season that looks good," Pollock said.

The Vandals did not have much

time to reflect on the loss because they had returned to the court to face Portland State, a team Pollock said is a lot like Seattle.

The Vandals appeared to have put the morning's loss behind them as they beat Portland State 7-0 but Pollock said the Vikings put up a good fight.

"They came out firing, they got in our faces, and with only five girls, they knew they needed all the matches so they were even more motivated," Pollock said.

Pollock said even after nearly six hours, their level of play shined through.

"I pulled Molly (Knox) and Bety (Flores) out of the line-up and the rest of the girls pulled through and we got through that PSU match without too many blemishes and got off the court," Pollock said.

He said it was nice to be able to get right back on the court after a loss and get a win.

"You don't have any time to think about the loss. You just have to get back out there and play and that's what the girls did," Pollock said.

It was a good weekend overall for Idaho and Pollock said even though people may say Idaho should have beat Montana, there were too many bright points from the match for him to be disappointed by the result.

The Vandals will take what they can from the weekend and have a week to reflect on it before facing Gonzaga Feb. 3, a team Pollock said is a lot like Montana.

"They have a really even team where they don't really have any superstars but they have a really solid, deep line up of tough players thanks to some great recruiting by their new coach" Pollock said.

# Hiccup in Oregon

Men's tennis sweeps UMKC, loses to Oregon, Portland

**Jacob Dyer**  
Argonaut

After a match-opening sweep of Missouri-Kansas City it looked like the No. 56 Vandal men's tennis team was up for another solid weekend.

Those plans crumbled as the No. 75 Oregon Ducks smashed the Vandals and another loss to University of Portland gave the Vandals a long ride home after a 1-2 weekend, but Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman didn't leave Oregon distraught.

"To get a win against a team like UMKC that made the NCAA's last year was a nice start to the tough weekend of tennis," Beaman said. "To compete that hard against Oregon is just something the team should grow from."

It looked like that growth would have been a moot point, just hours before when Idaho won with ease against a Missouri-Kansas City team that didn't win a match against the Vandals in a 4-0 rout. In fact, only one match went to three sets, as sophomore Jose Bendeck's match-up against Connor Edwards was called 1-6, 7-6, 0-3 on account of the overall match being decided.

The thrashing of the Kangaroos was for not though, as the Vandals were pummeled by the Ducks 7-0. The lone match the Vandals squeaked

out was the doubles-pairing of junior Abid Akbar and freshman Cristobal Ramos Salazar who took down Aaron Clissold and Daniel Sardu in the slimmest of margins 7-7 (7-5).

After a Saturday of ups and downs the Vandals left Eugene and headed north to the Rose City for a match against Portland Sunday. The Vandals fell again, this time 5-2.

The loss was not without effort, as junior Marius Cirstea in the No. 1 position led the way for the Vandals with a marathon victory over Michael HuKwo 6-4, 6-7, 7-6. Freshman Cesar Torres added to

the Vandals score from the No. 6 spot as he defeated Jackson Martin 6-4, 6-2.

Idaho's doubles teams, which were a staple for the team's success last season, were unable to walk away with a victory. The closest loss came by way of senior Andrew Dobbs and junior Jake Knox who lost 9-7 to Daniel Coelho and Justin Guay.

After the final loss to the Pilots the Vandals head back home to Moscow after playing six matches in nine days.

The Vandals' 3-3 record and hopes of moving up the rankings may be on hold.

The Vandals will be back on the court Feb. 3 against Gonzaga in Spokane until the middle of February, for the last time.



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# 13 career-bests, 1 record broken

Vandal track and field has a strong performance at Cougar Indoor

**Stephan Wiebe**  
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Another meet record was broken this season by a Vandal track and field athlete Saturday in Pullman. The men's and women's teams competed in the Cougar Indoor, and 13 Vandal athletes had career-best performances.

"That's a pretty neat stat and it's exciting to hear," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "We've gotten after it pretty hard in practice the last few weeks, and we haven't been competing most of our key guys. For us to do that this early in the year, it's really exciting and I think it sets us up well for the conference championship."

Sophomore Hannah Kiser's 4:44.31 mile gave her first place and the meet record. The six-year-old previous meet record of 4:51.53 was held by former Vandal all-American, Dee Olson. Kiser's time is the third-fastest in Idaho indoor history, No. 3 in the WAC and only her first this season.

Throughout the season, Kiser will have plenty of chances to improve her time.

"Dee Olson ran that meet record for us in 2006, then came back two weeks later and ran 4:40 flat and ended up being an all-American ... Hannah just ran seven seconds faster than that," Phipps said.

Kiser also placed first in the 800 meter in 2:13.96.

On the men's side, senior James Clark won the 800 with 1:54.58. Two underclassmen showed up big for the Vandals in the 400 meter dash. Sophomore Andrew Bloom finished in second place with a personal record of 49.59, right ahead of freshman Ben Ayesu-Attah, who had a time of 49.97.

"The amount of improvement (Bloom's) made since his freshman year is incredible," Phipps said. "At our intra-squad time trial in December he looked really good, so the times he's running now aren't surprising based on that, but overall he has been a pleasant surprise."

Senior Jeremy Klas finished second in the pole-vault with

a height of 17-02.75 feet. It was not his personal best, but his vault was more than a foot higher than that of the third place finisher.

Back on the women's side, senior Erica Digby finished second in the mile in 4:53.14, nearly seconds behind Kiser. The other second place finishes for the Vandals include junior Kristine Leonard's throw of 44-06.25 in the shot put and senior Gabby Midles' 55-05.00 foot weight throw.

The Vandals also posted some great results in the multi-events. Senior Andrew Blaser finished first in the 60 meter hurdles in the men's heptathlon. In the women's pentathlon, freshman Taylor Hewett finished first in the 800 meter, senior Alyssa Covington finished second in the long jump and Johanna Hocketstaller finished first in the shot put. Hewett finished fourth overall.

"I thought it was a pretty good meet," Phipps said. "It was definitely a bump up in competition over two weeks ago, but I think for the most part we responded very well."



Spencer Farrin | Courtesy

Andrew Bloom ran to a second place finish in the 400 at the Cougar Indoor Friday in Pullman. Bloom's time of 49.59 is a WAC best.

## Howard trade inevitable?

It is no secret Dwight Howard isn't happy in Orlando and the situation is continuing to deteriorate because of the Magic's poor performance.

Orlando has a volatile situation on its hands that could very well end in Superman flying to a new city.

Before the season started Howard requested a trade, but nothing came of it. It's clear Howard wants something to change in Orlando or he wants to leave. The situation continued to escalate after an embarrassing 67-93 loss to New Orleans. After the game Howard ripped into his teammates saying they didn't look like they wanted to play. He said his team's effort was poor and his teammates should stay in the locker room if they don't want to play hard.

To Howard's credit, he was the only one to score in double figures during that game. He wants more help and the Magic has tried to

fill that request, but it hasn't worked. Glen Davis — an acquisition requested by Howard — joined the team but he still isn't happy.

Great players are great because they have the right supporting cast. Jordan had Pippen, LeBron has Wade and Bosh and Kobe had a number of all-stars, but Howard doesn't have anyone to share the load.

This season the Los Angeles Clippers got Chris Paul to play with Blake Griffin and they've already seen positive results. The Magic needs to do the same with Howard or Orlando will lose him, and soon.

The Magic needs a more physical point guard but the list of possible candidates is short. Orlando doesn't appear to be a desirable location to a lot of players right now, so getting a quality player to come is unlikely.

Howard's contract expires at the end of the season. Unless the Magic get someone to help Howard, which isn't

looking likely, it's doubtful he'll be in an Orlando uniform next year.

So what should the Magic do? Obviously losing a player of Howard's caliber would hurt, so trading Howard might be the most beneficial move at this point. He's not happy and he's probably not coming back next year, so why not get something for him?

Howard has already indicated Boston would be a good fit. The Celtics are getting older and adding a young star like Howard to their roster would build for the future in Beantown.

Another option for Howard is the Lakers. LA hasn't quite found its chemistry with the new coach and adding Howard to a roster that already has Kobe and Pau Gasol could be the spark the Lakers need.

Tempers are flaring and Howard isn't happy. If the situation doesn't improve soon the Magic need to move on and look to the future. If Howard's going to leave, the team's owners shouldn't let him leave for nothing. A split might be the best thing for both parties.



**Kevin Bingaman**  
Argonaut

## Be patient, drink a beer

**Associated Press**

Olympic organizers have some travel advice for the millions of people who work and live in London: Be patient. Have a beer. Telecommute.

Rejecting suggestions of possible transport chaos during the July 27-Aug. 12 games, they unveiled a 8.8 million-pound (\$13.3 million) campaign Monday to persuade city residents to change their travel patterns to ease the strain on public transport.

Even as London Mayor Boris Johnson tried to focus attention on the positive, transport officials had to bat back demands by the Rail, Maritime and Transport union for more money. Union officials say subway staff are not being offered enough to compensate them for working more hours and erratic schedules during the Summer Olympics.

The fresh union demands came just moments before London transport officials unveiled posters, signs and banners to make travelers aware of how to handle transport issues during the games. Johnson directed his remarks at what he called "Olympo-skeptics."

"They predict that tumbleweed will be going down Shaftesbury Avenue," Johnson said, referring to a main London thoroughfare. "They are completely wrong and mistaken and missing a huge opportunity to profit."

London transport offi-

cial have been at pains in recent weeks to downplay concerns about whether the city's aging transportation system can handle the extra traffic from tourists, spectators and others expected to use the network.

Officials point to a 6.5 billion-pound (\$10.2 billion) investment in the transport system. They say train journeys are faster and note that many more trains will run — and that some will even have air conditioning — during the games.

If office workers do things as simple as stopping and have a beer on their way home, it will spread out the rush-hour demands, they assert. No recommendations — alcoholic or otherwise — were made for the morning commute.

Businesses have been asked to consider whether London workers could telecommute or have more flexible working hours.

The trouble is that even on regular days London struggles with constraints on the Tube, an aging system that handles 12 million trips a day. The Olympics is estimated to add 3 million trips on busy days. Keeping the system running smoothly is predicated on the notion that locals will rearrange their schedules, change travel patterns and adjust their lives to accommodate.

Even Johnson acknowledged that travelers on the Jubilee line — one of the key arteries for the games — would not be "short of company."

London wants all of its spectators to arrive by public transport — or foot and bike. Ticket holders to Olympic events will receive day passes for the subway as part of their package. A special train known as the "Javelin" will take spectators directly from central London's St. Pancras train station to the Olympic Park in the East London neighborhood of Stratford.

The "Get Ahead of the Games" campaign that kicked off Monday marks the biggest effort yet to directly reach the public. Featuring cartoonlike posters and directional signs in hot pink and maroon, the campaign tries to let people know about upcoming disruptions and gives suggestions on how to address them.

The campaign, funded as part of the 9.3 billion pounds (\$14.6 billion) devoted to staging the Olympics, will run in national newspapers, rail stations and radio stations across the country as well as around Olympic venues.

Souring the big launch was the rail union's announcement that subway train drivers considered a one-time payment of around 500 pounds (\$784) inadequate.

"All we are calling for is a fair deal for all the staff involved in delivering the colossal transport challenge that we will be facing this summer and the negotiations to achieve that are ongoing," Union chief Bob Crow said in a statement.

Crow said the union was ready for more talks. Peter Hendy, the Transport for London commissioner, called the union announcement "a tactic," and maintained that everyone at the transit agency is proud of helping out at the games.

Hendy refused to say how much he was prepared to pay to compensate the transport workers, but the pressure comes at a time when Olympic organizers are straining to stay within budget.

The National Audit Office, Britain's spending watchdog, has reported that only 500 million pounds (\$785 million) remains unspent for dealing with future Olympics-related costs.

Hendy insisted the money to cover compensation for transport workers would be available once a deal was struck.

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**PRIMER**  
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Second, most of what the public knows about commitments and scholarships that have supposedly been offered come from the athletes themselves and media accounts. Idaho coach Robb Akey and the Vandal football staff are prohibited from speaking about any athletes that haven't sent in a LOI to a school. Until then, it is an NCAA violation.

Now, here are the kids that have tentatively agreed to become Vandals.

**Ma'ne Maneae - safety - Lakes High School (Lakewood, Wash.)**

Commit status: solid verbal  
As Washington based prep sports writer Jerry Mercado put it to me, Maneae is Christmas come early for the Vandals. The three-star recruit, according to Scout.com, committed to Idaho after an official visit Jan. 13. Maneae lacks ideal safety size at 5-foot-11-inches but presents speed and could be used anywhere in the secondary. He will be a welcome addition to a defensive back field that lacked closing speed had difficulty containing the deep pass.

**Chad Chalich, quarterback, Coeur D'Alene High School**

Commit status: solid verbal  
Chalich's recruiting situation is eerily similar to former Boise State QB Kellen Moore. Chalich is fresh off leading his team to the 5A Idaho state championship while pulling Idaho state player of the year honors, and was largely dismissed as a scholarship-worthy athlete to most programs in the Northwest. Boise State and Utah only offered him a place as a prefer walk-on and Idaho was the only reported team to offer him a scholarship. It will be interesting to see if Akey offers the opportunity for Chalich to compete with Dominique Blackman and Taylor Davis for the starting job or if he redshirts. Chalich told Josh Wright of the Spokesman-Review he would prefer to redshirt his first season as a Vandal. Chalich is one of three quarterbacks committed to Idaho's recruiting class.

**Johmel Charles, fullback, Dominguez High School - (Compton, Calif.)**

Commit status: undecided  
If Charles ends up in

Moscow he could be exactly what Idaho's running game has been missing. The third and short, goal-line situations were so bad for the Vandals in 2011, that by the end of the year linebacker Korey Toomer was getting carries in order to convert first downs. Charles brings a 240-pound frame to the table and is a punishing blocker. He played defensive end, offensive line and running back in high school and could even translate to linebacker at the college level. Charles has offers from Southern Methodist and Fresno State as well. He is said to be favoring Boise State, but does not have an offer from coach Chris Petersen and the Broncos.

**Matt Willis, linebacker, Los Angeles Harbor Junior College**

Commit status: solid verbal  
With the departure of Tre'Shawn Robinson the Vandals could be counting on Willis to compete for a now-vacant inside linebacker spot. Willis has good sideline-to-sideline speed and is an aggressive run-stopper who fits the Vandals' defensive scheme well. He was a JUCO all-American at Los Angeles Harbor.

Other names to keep an eye on:

**Jayshawn Jordan, cornerback, O'dea High School (Seattle, Wash.)**

Commit status: soft verbal  
Jordan originally committed to Wyoming but according to Doug Pacey of the Tacoma News Tribune, has switched his commitment to Idaho. Rivals.com has him committed to both schools, curiously. We'll know for sure on signing day.

**Cranston Jones, cornerback, West Mesquite High School (Mesquite, Tex.)**

Commit status: solid verbal  
There is a reason Idaho is attacking the secondary in this recruiting class. The Vandals convinced Jones to resist offers from Houston and Air Force in order to come to Moscow. ESPN ranks him No. 32 best corner prospect in the country.

If Idaho is able to ink these potential Vandals, fans can expect them to make an immediate impact in fall 2012 and Akey better hope they do.

**EIGHTH**  
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After giving up the first basket of the game, the Vandals countered with an 8-0 run to take an early lead, but it didn't last long. The first 10 minutes of the half turned into a back and forth battle. But the game soon went south for Idaho. The shots stopped falling for Idaho and the Aggies went on a run to end the half with a commanding 46-29 lead.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said his team needs to play a full game and not give up long runs.

"It seemed like one turnover on top opened up the flood gates and they went on that run," Newlee said. "We can't play for 30 (minutes), you've got to play for 40. I keep saying that."

**UPENDED**  
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As for the career-high 24 points, Bandoumel said he needed to step up in light of Barone's absence due to early foul trouble.

"Kyle was out first half obviously and inside I have to provide a lift for my team and I was just prepared tonight to do whatever to win," Bandoumel said.

It was a night that saw the Warriors knock down shots at all the right times, while their starters provided almost all of the team's offensive production.

The Hawaii bench combined for just six points and four of its five starters tallied at least 15 points apiece.

Joaquim's presence on the boards didn't go unnoticed either, as he and Joston Thomas each grabbed nine rebounds.

For Idaho, Bandoumel was the star once again, adding two blocks and four rebounds to his 24 points. Stephen Madison impressed with 15 points and three assists.

Saturday's game also honored Coaches vs. Cancer, as all coaches wore suits and sneakers to support cancer research. Relay for Life hosted the initiative.

The Vandals hit the road for the first time since Jan. 14 and visit Fresno State Feb. 2. Idaho beat the Bulldogs 63-59 in Moscow Jan. 7. Bandoumel was a perfect 6-6 from the field with 16 points, which was a then career-high for the Quebec native.

**STROKES**  
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Sowa said he hopes continued competitiveness from his team can translate in to similar results against Washington State.

"Races aren't swum on paper. Races aren't swum because you have a different conference on your sleeve. Races are swum in the pool and on any given day somebody could be great," he said.

Things looked bleak from the start of the second half, and Idaho gave up an 8-0 run to the Aggies. But the Vandals didn't go down quietly. Idaho went on a late surge and cut the lead to single digits, but was unable to generate enough offense to complete the comeback.

Utah State's Devyn Christensen, who came into the game averaging 19 points per game against WAC opponents, scored 22 points — including the first 13 points of the game for the Aggies.

Utah State came into the game as one of the best shooting teams in the conference, and although Idaho shot a better percentage its 22 turnovers proved costly.

Of the eight games in the losing streak, four have been decided by 10 points or less. Newlee said he tells

his team to play with more intensity and said he's seeing improvement, but it hasn't translated into wins yet.

"They're getting that message," Newlee said. "It's a slower process than what I'd like, but it's coming."

With the win the Aggies remain in second place in the WAC behind Fresno State while the Vandals dig themselves into a last place hole.

Charlston said the team needs to find a way to come out with energy and play with confidence if it wants to salvage the season.

"We need to get the feeling of winning back," Charlston said. "We have to get that feeling back and that will help us play more confidently and I think the fact we only lost by eight to the second best team in the conference should help our confidence."

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The Vandal crowd cheers on the men's basketball during the Idaho game Jan. 28, in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals fell to Hawaii 70-76.

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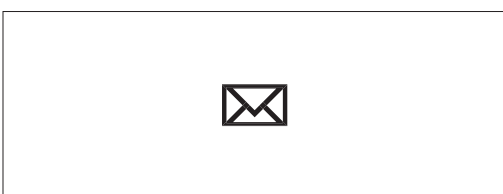
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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

## Keeping it classy

Shrimp on the barby, Fosters, Aussie wine and kiwis ... Yeah it was a great Australian Open final. Go Djokovic.

— **Madison**

## Down and out

I need a hug.

— **Theo**

## Pick a color

Sometimes when it all gets too crazy, grabbing some paper and markers and sitting down to color makes it all seem better.

— **Rhiannon**

## A little twang

I hate to say it, but my friends' devout mission to break the strong hate I feel toward country music might actually be working. I now have a total of three country songs on my Spotify account.

— **Britt**

## Why is it

That you park on the driveway, and drive on the parkway?

— **Vicky**

## Motivation

Why is it so hard to get motivated some days and others you can't sit still even if you want to?

— **Jens**

## Rocking tall socks

I went to the SRC Monday and wore ankle high black socks with my black running shoes. I looked like a man. Maybe that's why that girl did a mean double-take ... jealous.

— **Elizabeth**

## Note to pedestrians

If I say "on your left" while passing you on my bike, please don't glare at me like I'm a crazed cyclist with no common decency. I warned you and probably wasn't even going to hit you anyway.

— **Dylan**

## Come on, daylight

The sun should be setting around 5 p.m. today.

— **Amrah**

## Off just a touch

I don't really trust weather reports, or at least the ticker in the Walgreens parking lot that said there was a winter storm warning Monday. Forty-one degrees and sunny isn't a typical winter storm.

— **Nick**

## Live to be 100

Forget regular exercise, eating fruits and veggies and abstaining from smoking or drinking. Flossing twice a day reduces the amount of gum-disease-causing bacteria in the mouth, which are thought to enter the bloodstream and inflame the arteries causing heart disease.

— **Elisa**

# More common than we know

Exposing the most intimate details of your life to a stranger can be the hardest part of getting help, especially if we're not sure we need it.

But the only way to get help is to be open and seek it. It is even more important when the concern is a frequent occurrence, like eating disorders.

As students at the University of Idaho, we are fortunate to be surrounded by a network of friends and classmates, university sponsored events that offer help without criticism or judgment, and easy access to the Counseling and Testing Center.

UI will host a National Eating Disorder Screening Day from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Idaho Commons. Although they

don't affect everyone, eating disorders are more common than people think and apply to women and men alike. They also include conditions beyond anorexia nervosa and bulimia, although the two frequently occur among college students.

Eating disorders are the leading cause of death for females between the ages of 15 and 24, according to statistics provided by the CTC. Research has shown that male dissatisfaction with body image has increased in recent years — about 10 percent of people coming forward to mental health professionals for eating disorders are male, according to the National Eating Disorders Association. For males and females,

the effects of eating disorders are similar — excessive physical activity, depression, low self-esteem and a variety of additional health problems from extreme sensitivity to cold, gum disease and reduced immune system functioning.

Like other health issues, eating disorders can be treated with some help.

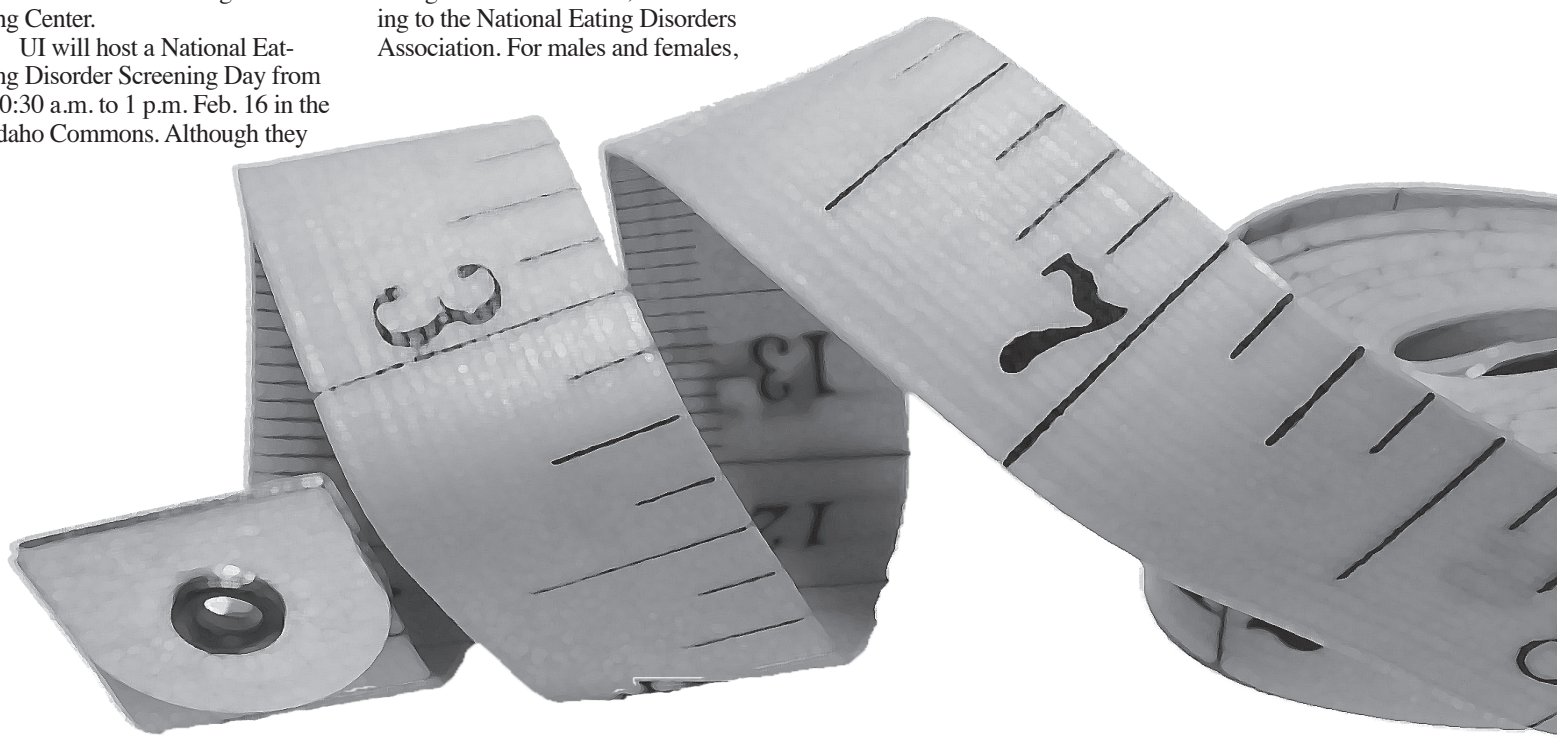
The goal of National Eating Disorder Day is to educate and screen college students who may be affected by eating disorders. The screening is intended to be a low-key and safe way for students who are concerned

with their health.

It might feel odd to divulge our personal lives to someone we don't know, but there is never a problem too serious or big that can't be shared. Health care professionals are there to help and days like National Eating Disorder Screening Day are intended to provide support for those who need it. These people care and do not pass judgment on anyone.

No matter what the dilemma, ask for help — it's all around.

— **MM**



## Morals matter: Politicians' private lives are subject to scrutiny by the public

Politicians are not puppets on a string or actors on a stage — they are people who should be judged by the same morals and values by which we judge ourselves.

Newt Gingrich, candidate for the Republican presidential ticket, has recently come under scrutiny for immoral behavior in his personal life. Marianne Gingrich, Gingrich's second ex-wife, said he asked for an "open marriage" during his affair with Callista Bisek, to whom he is now married. This isn't the first time Gingrich has been accused of unethical behavior.

Gingrich was fined \$300,000 in 1997 — the first time the House of Representatives punished a speaker in the 208 years of its existence. Gingrich admitted to providing the House ethics committee with false information and financing two projects that broke federal tax law.

However, Gingrich isn't the only politician accused of moral wrongdoing.

President Richard Nixon had the Watergate scandal. President John F. Kennedy had his famous affair with Marilyn Monroe. Former Senator John Edwards admitted to having an affair, and who can forget President Bill Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, which ultimately led to his impeachment.



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The list of politicians and their moral offenses stretches throughout history, beginning with our Founding Fathers. There are those who argue that a politician's personal life should not be a deciding factor during elections because they are being voted into a legislative role, not a moral one. But the morals and values a person deems important are insights to their character and dictate how they will behave — in personal and

professional aspects of their lives.

Politicians are public figures, and therefore subject to a higher level of scrutiny and judgment. But it is difficult to judge someone for who they truly are from the smiling faces we see on TV or scripted statements we read in newspapers. It is the responsibility of the media to inform the public about incidents like Gingrich asking for an open marriage so we can make informed decisions about who we are voting into office.

Americans vote politicians into office and trust them to make ethical and unselfish decisions on behalf of the entire country without knowing who they truly are. If politicians don't make moral decisions in their personal lives, it is likely they will exhibit that same immorality in their career.

Being informed of politicians' morals and values will allow voters to elect people they can trust to make decisions using their hearts and minds — not their pocketbooks.

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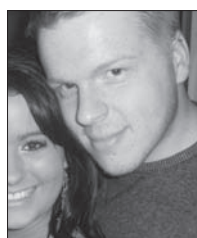
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Opinion question: Should the morals and personal values of government officials be taken into consideration during elections? Why or why not?



"Yes. Everyone's political beliefs stem from how they vote, live and who they associate themselves with. To say that morals and personal values have no influence on how a government official's votes go is crazy."

**Niccolette Matsche**  
Date posted: Jan. 30



"... Most voters forget that there are two main issues, or spheres, that a good politician addresses: The social (which is where morals and beliefs would come into play) and the political/economic, which indicates their ability to actually perform in government. Good politicians can address both in a mature adult manner. Bad politicians focus only on one. Good voters evaluate all aspects of an individual running, and don't just choose who most closely agrees with them."

**Curtis Lybeer**  
Date posted: Jan. 30

"Absolutely. Our citizens should closely research and evaluate our politicians' moral and personal views more closely than just Democrat or Republican. This would enable America to have people in government who more closely relate to their beliefs and represent them well. Let's stop picking someone just because of their party, pick them because of who they are."

**Matt Leitholt**  
Date posted: Jan. 30



"Yes, they should definitely be taken into account as well as their ability to separate themselves from their own personal beliefs and do what is good for those they are representing."

**Stesah Quesnell**  
Date posted: Jan. 30



"No person can be divorced from his or her morals and personal values. If I really believe something is wrong, I'll act in a way that discourages it and fits with my moral beliefs — even if I'm a politician. So, because we're voting for the whole person and not just their stance on the issues, morals and character matter."

**Moses Bratrud**  
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# 'Watch' which charity you pick

Brightly colored, gender neutral accessories are just what it takes to make an apathetic generation put up some dollars for a cause, and that's what Flex Watches is doing.

Flex Watches is a San Diego based company that sells 10 different colors of watches and donates 10 percent of the proceeds to 10 different charities, which coordinate with the colors.

The idea of Flex Watches is to entice college students and younger demographics with trendy accessories that also support causes.

One of the strongest examples, and possibly the launching point for the Flex Watch concept, was Lance Armstrong's yellow Live Strong bracelets.

Quite a few other groups decided to cash in on the popularity sparked from the simple plastic bracelets, and pretty soon "I love boobies" bracelets were everywhere, which led to a whole other conversation about if it was OK for junior high and high school students to wear them.

Flex Watches is taking it a step further.

A different color of watch corresponds with each charity, and supporters can choose their favorite color or charity. While the watches target members of the younger generation, the company also has a program that caters specifically to people on college campuses. Campus Reps involves students who want to represent and promote the company to increase brand recognition. So far, it seems to be working.

But why does the "accessorize for charities" approach work so well?

Preaching about apathy in our society is like making a bad student write the same sentence repeatedly on a chalkboard — everyone involved will be bored and nothing is learned in the end. But the fact is the older our country gets, the more apathy becomes a trend — unless there's a colorful accessory to go with the cause. It's not necessarily a bad idea. Money is generated,

specific charities are helped and maybe more people are paying attention to current issues. Or maybe they're not. Maybe they are just buying the bracelets or watches to be trendy because one or two people did buy them because they care about cancer, Parkinson's Disease, water treatment or people affected by spinal cord injuries.

Instead of caring about the charities and foundations that will benefit, we think we're cool because we have a nifty new watch. It makes sense. Our culture is so materialistic and driven to have a collection of pointless "stuff" that we just want something because everyone else has it too.

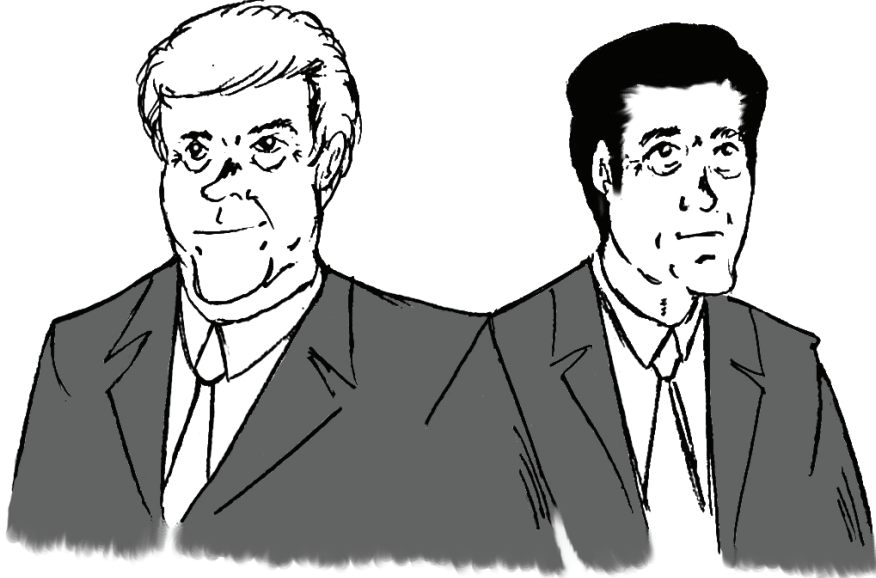
Or maybe this is a stretch and people genuinely care about the charities and not about finally finding the perfect green watch they have been wanting. Maybe it's not a matter of materialism or apathy. Either way, the reason for purchasing a watch associated with a specific charity should be considered a little more than picking a favorite color.

If we choose a charity that resonates with us, maybe it means more than just being materialistic and shallow.



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## Vandalizing humanity

Sports are not everyone's cup of tea.

"How many points does getting it in the basket mean?" and "Who is the captain?" I asked the sports writer beside me at a basketball game last weekend. But we all know sports are about more than a game. There is a lot we can learn.

Physical movement constituted a large part of the event — but it was not the kind that human beings tend to do in their daily lives. This movement was organized, bound by rules and appeared to build camaraderie between groups while at the same time making apparent segregation. One cheerleader began dancing spontaneously to music, yet she hurriedly sat down when she realized her group members were not doing the same thing.

Differentiation in attire was also apparent. Those playing musical instruments were dressed in a certain way, and there were specifically dressed groups of dancers, cheerleaders, basketball players, press and those of higher authority. Those lower in the hierarchy, fans associated with the word "Vandals," also attended the event.

Closer examination of the often curious behavior of these Vandals exposed underlying reasons for this cultural event. The Vandals made significant amounts of noise in sync, and uniform movements with their arms. They were also subject to high levels of light and noise exposure, and the event sometimes consisted of specific food consumption.

The event provided something many are able to in modern life — a full hyper sensory experience. People were exposed to and utilized sight, smell, hearing and vocalizing, movement and kinetics, smell and taste. They were also able to engage their minds in the observation of the game being played.

Activities in which all senses are fully engaged have become increas-

ingly rare. Events like Vandal basketball games have brought people together and

engaged them in a multitude of sensory modes at one time. Activities humans engage in include the visual experience of watching TV, the kinetic experience of "working out" or the mental

and auditory experience of sitting in a classroom.

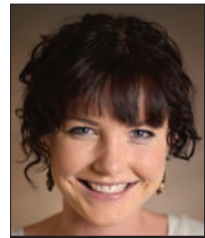
The increasing prevalence of such activities has also seen the rise of stress and related diseases, chronic multitasking and fidgeting. Human beings now also intentionally create situations in which they are able to utilize their many senses.

At the halftime break, a technical failure caused silence in the stadium. People seemed very uncomfortable with the lack of sound, so they began to create noise. The crowd started chanting and the band joined in to fill the silence.

The loudest noise of the night was not associated at all with the bouncing ball on the court. The Vandals became extraordinarily rowdy at the mention of "pizza," and began yelling and moving. Although the Vandals did not appear in dire need of sustenance — and food was for sale — the idea of shared consumption, of not having to move to get it and friendly competition were a recipe for unprecedented noise.

And what are we learning from this examination of human behavior? That our lavish rituals are an example of our primal needs — those urges that stretch far beyond our busy specialized roles in a multi-tiered mega society. We are simply animals. If our environment doesn't fulfill our primal sensory desires we will create them through means of our most sacred and powerful tool — culture. In this case we have escalated our use of ritual in the act of a sporting event.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember about this rant is the next time you see a horde of mighty Vandals screaming for pizza, you can look at them with overwhelming pride, knowing that they are a testament to humanity's incredible ability to manifest intricate forms of fulfillment. And after all, who doesn't like pizza?



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