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Shooting showdown

UI Naval ROTC to compete against OSU, UW in rifle competition Saturday

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

For the first time in several years the University of Idaho Naval ROTC Rifle team will host a nationally sanctioned intercollegiate indoor rifle match Saturday.

The University of Washington and Oregon State University will compete against UI in a three position

sectional match.

"The prone position which is lying down, there's the off-end position which is standing, and then there's the kneeling position," said Asst. Marine Officer Instructor Sgt. Ira Wilkie.

The sectional match is one of several taking place across the nation, after which the top 10 teams in the nation will

qualify for nationals in March in Fort Benning, Ga.

Wilkie, the team's mentor, said he expects great results from his shooters.

"The shooters will fire 20 shots in each position score for a total of 60 rounds," Wilkie said. "Last year's national champion in the ROTC category shot a 503 out of 600. We have a few

shooters on our team that are well within that range so we're expecting great things. We're hoping for the best and looking forward to some friendly competition."

Wilkie said the team consists of naval ROTC students who are both navy and marine options. Eight students will

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ASUI Senate heats up

Senators divide in Goytowski impeachment debate

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

The impeachment process for ASUI Senator Zack Goytowski stopped after the bill failed to pass a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

"It was a nightmare and I'm glad that it's over with," Goytowski said. "I haven't been able to focus on school because I've been busy defending myself."

The Senate appeared divided in its meeting Wednesday when discussion began on senate bill S12-04, articles

of impeachment against Sen. Goytowski.

Goytowski presented a printed defense to senators that outlined his stance on the impeachment process and the allegations filed against him.

"These are not grounds for impeachment and I think everyone here needs to know that," Goytowski said.

The Ways and Means Committee, headed by Pro Tempore J. Jacob Marsh who wrote the bill for impeachment, recommended the senate move to a formal impeachment

hearing with a 3-0-0 vote.

"We did look through the constitution, and we did look through very seriously and deliberately the articles of impeachment as they were written," Marsh said. "We did not, obviously, make a determination on the truth or falsity of the articles of impeachment, however we did determine that given the preponderance of evidence that it was necessary to proceed to a hearing."

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

University of Idaho junior Wesley Green performs the "plank time" portion of the pre-test for the 2012 Vandal Fitness Challenge while trainer Dina Mijacevic records his time Thursday in the Student Recreation Center.

Just get fit

Vandal Fitness Challenge to offer strength, flexibility, body composition tests

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Vandals can embark on an eight-week fitness challenge to test their strength, flexibility and body composition — and win prizes along the way.

"(Vandal Fitness Challenge) is not just an exercise challenge," said Halle Smith, University of Idaho Student Recreation Board Chair for ASUI. "...It is a way to implement lifestyle changes."

Peg Hamlett, UI Fitness and Wellness director, is leading certified trainers in administering the initial tests and competitors will be tested

again in April to find out their results. Hamlett said tests include a body composition test that determines body fat percentage, an agility speed drill and a forward fold flexibility measure. Strength tests include the maximum number of crunches and sit-ups completed in one minute as well as a timed plank test.

All tests will be recorded in an Excel spreadsheet for comparison at the end of the

competition. Competitors will be put into categories that include Average Joe and Average Jane, Athletic and Special Needs.

"If we have students with special needs, we will change our tests specifically for them as needed," Hamlett said in an email.

The most improved male and female of each division will receive a \$150 Tri-State

gift card, and Smith said participants who complete weekly online surveys during the competition will also be entered to win prizes. Smith said competitors will keep track of nutritional intake in a food journal that will be as-

essed by majors enrolled in health, physical education, recreation and dance courses. Madeline Kroll, UI Student Recreation Board vice chair, said competitors will be awarded a card for five free wellness classes if they meet the halfway point. She said there may also be an option for progress testing halfway through the competition, with a "Vandal Iron Man" or team obstacle course.

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With this program, this is a great chance ... to not feel as intimidated (to workout).

Madeline Kroll,
Student Recreation Board vice chair

SPOTLIGHT SEND-OFF



Alex Aguirre | Argonaut

Lois Descault, backed by the entire cast, delivers the final spotlight monologue during a dress rehearsal for the Vagina Monologues at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre Tuesday. The play is comprised of a number of monologues that aim to bring women-related topics and issues to the forefront. Visit The Argonaut Facebook page to view more photos.

Moving in the right direction

UI spring enrollment numbers consistent with last year

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

Ten days into the semester the University of Idaho reported 11,707 enrolled students, just three less than last year's total.

Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management Steve Neihsel said this number is moving in the right direction to meet UI President M. Duane Nellis' goal of 16,000 students by 2020.

Neihsel said like-semester numbers (spring to

spring) are compared in the interest of accuracy.

"I've been doing this for about 30 years at a handful of different schools, and there's only been one or two times where a spring semester was bigger than a fall (semester)," he said. "They're two very different semesters in terms of student behavior, so we really don't do those comparisons."

Neihsel said a variety of dynamics make the two semesters incomparable.

"We get very few new fresh-

men in the spring," Neihsel said. "And graduating classes are smaller in December than they are in May."

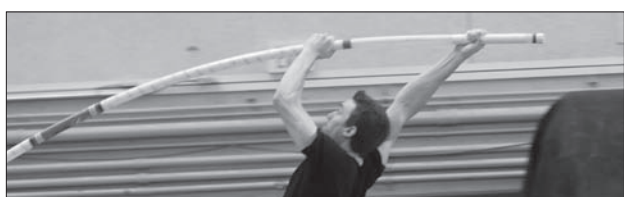
A boost in spring enrollment numbers might stem from improved retention efforts or community college transfers, Neihsel said.

"Very few schools actually concentrate on growing in the spring," he said. "It's just not part of a recruitment cycle ... not usually anyway."

Neihsel said a 90 percent retention rate of

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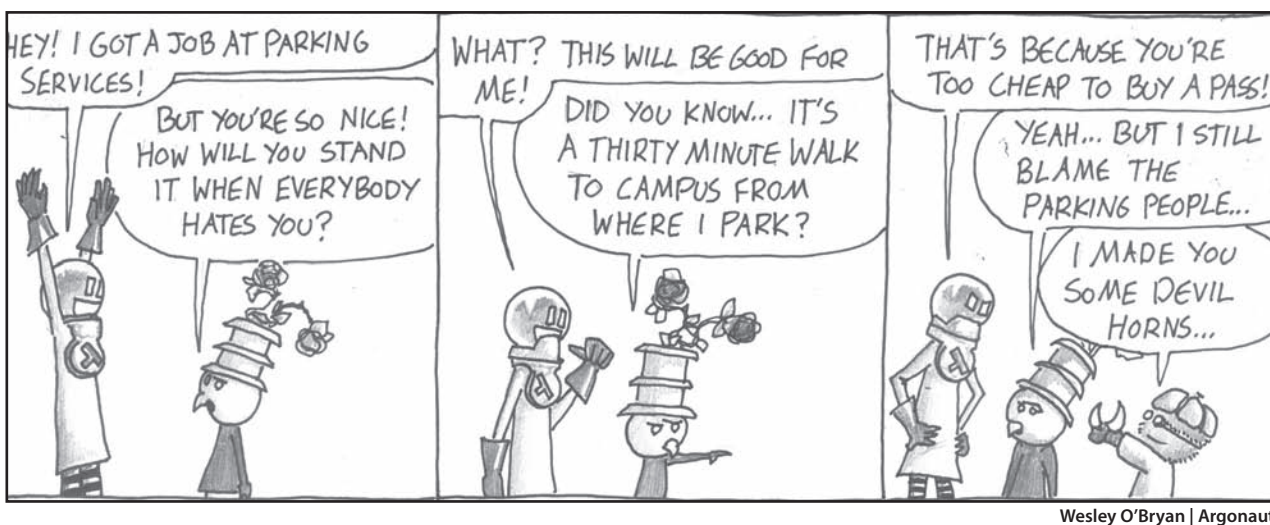
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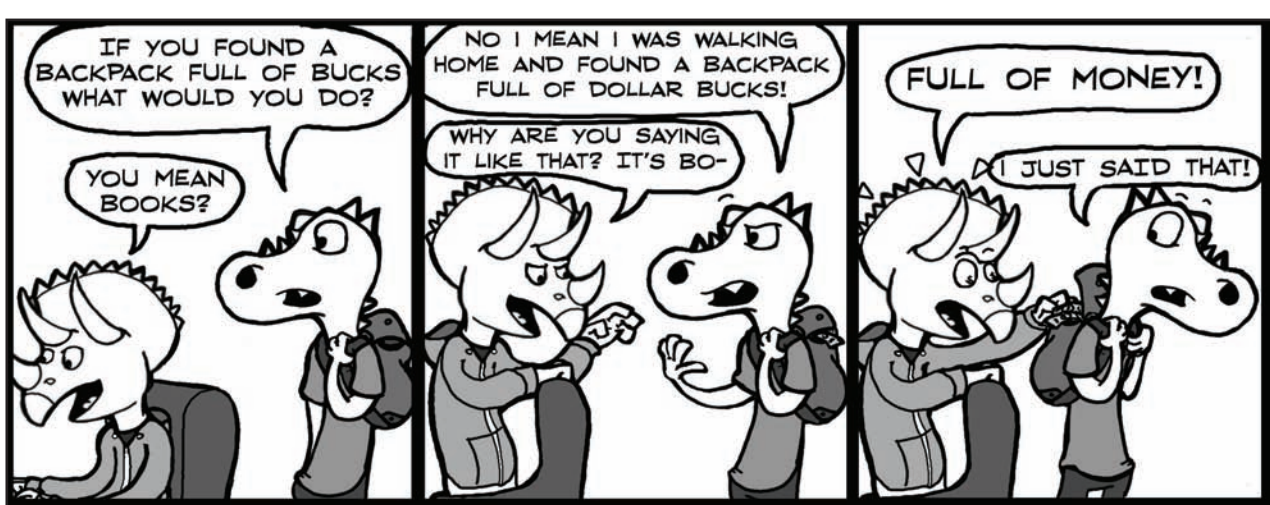
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In the Jan. 27 edition of The Argonaut this year is the 25th anniversary of the Prichard Art Gallery, not the benefit auction and exhibition.

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Novelist shares literary style with students

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

The momentum in Benjamin Percy's stories takes off from the beginning and pulls the reader along, said Chase Colton, a University of Idaho graduate student in creative writing.

"The first few stories I read of Ben's, I was riveted," Colton said. "It was incredible the way he operates the tension he creates in his stories. The people seem real and full and fresh."

Percy will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 in the College of Law Courtroom. His visit is sponsored by the UI English department, as part of a four-day workshop he will be conducting with the Master's of Fine Arts Creative Writing Program, said Doug Heckman, the program director.

Percy said his "literary thrillers" are a fusion of the novels he grew up reading and the literary fiction he was introduced to in college.

"I went through phases where I was reading spy thrillers, mysteries, horror novels, westerns," Percy said. "(Then) here

I was at these fiction workshops at the university being told that the stories I admired so much before were poorly written, and that I should focus my attention solely on the anthologies."



Benjamin Percy

Percy said he admired the way literary fiction writers told stories, but also realized that some popular authors were using literary techniques in their writing.

"They have these page-turning plots, but they also have exquisite language," Percy said. "Sentences you could pull off the page and frame and admire on the wall."

Growing up, Percy said he only cared about the story of a novel, but his time at college gave him an appreciation for the craft used to tell a story.

"I was able ... to build stories that drew from the best of both worlds," Percy said. "I pay close attention to character, to language, but I also hope that my reader will feel compelled to turn the page and wonder desperately what happens next."

The MFA creative writing program hosts

three distinguished authors each year to meet with about 12 students for two-and-a-half hours every evening for four days and critique their work.

"It's a great chance for the students to work closely with a writer of national acclaim," Heckman said. "One of the benefits of our program — a lot of programs bring in some top-notch writers, but not many programs allow their students to work with one of these hot writers."

Heckman said authors who participate in the Distinguished Visiting Writers program must have a desire to teach and work with the students.

"(They) must be willing to read a lot of student work," Heckman said. "We are just getting ready to mail off 12 stories to Ben. So, little does he know he's got a thick packet of stories coming to his doorstep ... They have to be willing to spend that time with the students."

Participating graduate students are required to take three workshops during their time at UI. Colton, a third year, said he's hoping Percy will help him understand how to keep his characters believable.

"How to better create a story where you

deal with heavy emotional material, but you don't sacrifice the action, the drama, the momentum," Colton said. "That's really what he's able to create."

Colton said the workshops are always beneficial to his development as an author, because the visiting writers provide a different perspective and different advice than he hears from professors at UI.

"(They are) often much more concerned with the art than the craft," Colton said. "They care what a piece can do if it's working, as opposed to identifying the elements that make most stories go."

In Colton's first DVW workshop, he had the opportunity to work with Steve Almond.

"It was a pivotal moment in my learning and in my writing," Colton said. "The things he said to me. He just didn't pull any punches and was just no BS right away. And that's what I needed to hear."

Colton said Percy is an example of what a young writer can do.

"In some ways it's really inspiring as a young writer, and in some ways it's really daunting," Colton said. "It's like 'How do I do that?' But he ... symbolizes a certain model of fearlessness in writing."

'Flying Fingers' features performances by faculty, students

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

Performers in the 2012 Piano Bash "Flying Fingers" promise entertainment the whole family can enjoy.

University of Idaho faculty and students, alongside community piano teachers have prepared an interactive concert to be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music Haddock Performance Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$20 for families of four (each additional child is an extra \$4).

This collaborative concert

is one of 10 that Jay and Sandy Mauchley, professors emeriti from the Lionel Hampton School of Music, have produced since 1983.

"The bash is a collective performance of about 30 pianists from throughout the community, but also includes singers and instrumentalists throughout the duration of the concert," Sandy Mauchley said.

Mauchley will perform throughout the 11-piece musical, and said audience members will be guided by "Tour Guide" Al Gemberling, professor of music.

"Gemberling will talk and explain in a humorous dialogue the various

pieces being performed," she said. "It will help the audience gain a better understanding of who and what is being performed."

Performers will be in full costumes that represent their pieces, Mauchley said, and comedic actors will emerge onstage to enhance the experience of the interactive concert.

"There are six grand pianos incorporated into the performance," Mauchley said. "At one time, all six pianos will be played simultaneously, with two players per piano."

Kyle Ferrill, Lionel Hampton academic staff, said being part of this per-

formance has been a lot of fun and he's excited for opening night.

"I think music is sometimes taken too seriously, but this is a very fun, family-oriented performance," Ferrill said. "Even the title 'Piano Bash,' makes the program sound fun."

Ferrill said he thinks the audience will love the concert's distinctiveness, and will end up enjoying it. He said although people might not recognize the song titles, they will probably know the tunes because the performance includes a lot of familiar music.

"This concert is designed to get UI and the

More info

Performances include:

Leon Jessi's "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"
Camille Saint-Saen's "Danse Macabre" and "The Carnival of the Animals"
Gioachino Rossini's "The Thieving Magpie"
"Musical Chair Variations" based on "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home?"
"Feed Me" from The Little Shop of Horrors, performed by baritone Kyle Ferrill
John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever" performed by multiple pianists, woodwinds and brass instruments

community involved. It is also designed for younger kids to get interested in music," Ferrill said.

Mauchley said the concert will take the audience on a rousing musical journey that everyone can enjoy.



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compete Saturday, four in the individual category and four in the team category.

"Based off of the scores from last year, we are expecting great things from the University of Idaho Navy ROTC. I am confident we have some of the top shooters in the ROTC category."

Wilkie said it takes a lot of commitment and dedication to be a part of the Rifle team.

"The students work hard," Wilkie said. "They're dedicated, a lot of our students are engineering majors that are taking 16 to 18 credits plus they find time to go and shoot the rifle twice a week for a couple hours."

Team captain Roger Iveson said the team has been working hard to prepare for the competition.

"We've been shooting twice a week, four hours a week since September," Iveson said. "Rain, snow, shine, tidal wave, whatever."

Shooters line up 50 feet from 10 targets. Each target is approximately one inch in diameter with point values based on the distance the shooter hits from the center of the target. Shooters will have 10 minutes from the prone position, 20 minutes from the standing position, and 15 minutes from the kneeling position to hit each of the targets.

"There's very little about it that's similar to shooting tin cans and that's always the first thing anyone thinks of," Iveson said. "You're trying to hit right in the frickin' dead-center."

The team shoots Remington 40-x target rifles, many of which have been in the university's armory for several years.

"We're dealing with antiquated equipment for the most part," Iveson said. "We ran the serial number on one of them last year and it's been in this armory since like 1966."

Iveson said there is some strategy involved in

determining when a rifle will shoot the most accurately.

"You want to shoot a little bit of a dirty barrel," Iveson said. "Generally about 200 round through the weapon and then you hit your most accurate period of time up to about 1500 rounds."

Iveson said the team is "a little cold" coming into the match-up after winter break, but the equipment will be within the target range for rounds fired.

"We're coming into this right about perfect," Iveson said. "All of the equipment is about the best it can be given the constraints we have to work with financially. Improvise, adapt, overcome, right? We've got high hopes."

Commanding officer in the Naval Science Department Greg Eaton said the match-up will not be a spectator event for safety reasons, but he hopes students will support the team.

"We're looking forward to it and I know the two teams coming out from out on the coast are thinking they're gonna take us down, but we're gonna hold up the better shot for the University of Idaho, or at least we hope to," Eaton said.

The UI team beat UW and OSU in a friendly match-up last year known as the Northwest Navy Competition.

"We usually get together once a year and compete in a variety of military events as well as basketball, football, things like that," Wilkie said.

Wilkie said the team has dominated the rifle category as well as many of the military specific competitions.

"I've been in the Marine Corps 15 years and I am just thoroughly impressed with the caliber of students we have," Wilkie said.

The team will find out how it ranks nationally at the end of the month, Wilkie said.

"This is the future of the military," Wilkie said. "These are the future executive of the military. I have the upmost trust and confidence that they're going to go on to do good things for their sailors and marines and the country."

FIT

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"(This event is) an opportunity for students to receive professional advice if they want it," Kroll said. "With this program, this is a great chance ... to not feel as intimidated (to workout)."

Kroll and Smith will compete in the challenge and advise students to "like" the Vandal Fitness Challenge Facebook page for surveys, updates, lectures and instructional fitness videos.

"(The competition) is scary," Kroll said. "It's good to show other students that we feel nervous about it too."

Registration and pre-testing is already underway and today is the last chance to sign up, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and again from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the SRC lobby. Student ID is required and a \$10 registration fee will be deducted from student accounts upon registration.

Registrants receive a water bottle and a "Just Get Fit" T-shirt upon completion in April.

MOVING

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freshmen from fall semester and a growth in diverse and international students — areas of concentration for recruitment and retention efforts — are two positives for the university. Approximately 13 percent (1,506) of UI students have an ethnic or racially diverse background. Of these, 786 are Hispanic or Latino, 162 are Asian, 283 are mixed race, 128 are black, 116 are American Indian or Alaska Native and 31 are Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

He said new graduate enrollment is also up, but there's a decrease of 20 in the overall number of continuing graduate students.

There was also a slight decline at each of the university's regional sites

McClure Center hosts Presidents Week

Katy Sword
Argonaut

The McClure Center for Public Policy Research plans to spark political discussion with its "Presidents Week" film and lecture series starting Feb. 6.

"The McClure Center wanted to promote more discussion on politics — on the presidency in particular," Director Dave Adler said. "This is the first year but we plan on it becoming an annual tradition." Events include a distinguished speaker and five movies.

"We think another way to highlight (politics) is film," Adler said. "To generate more discussion and thought in politics, film can be a popular vehicle to learn about the political system."

Thomas E. Cronin, a presidential scholar and author of more than 10 books on American politics and the presidency, is the series' speaker. Cronin's speech is titled "The Presidency in Exacting Times," and will address the difficulties of govern-

ing during a crisis and the conflicting demands put on the president by the people, Adler said.

Cronin will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Administration Auditorium, with a book signing following the lecture.

Following each film, Adler will lead a discussion.

Monday's film is "All the President's Men," followed on Tuesday with "State of Play." Thursday "Lions for Lambs" will be shown with "Ides of March" on Friday and "Distinguished Gentlemen" as the Saturday matinee.

Films shown on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will begin at 7 p.m., with Friday's beginning at 8 p.m. and a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. All films will be shown in the Borah Theater, located in the Student Union Building.

The McClure Center will provide free T-shirts, popcorn and beverages to audience members. All events are free and open to the public.

— Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls — totaling approximately 100 students, Neiheisel said.

He said spring enrollment numbers tend to echo those of fall semester, and that cutting Western Undergraduate Exchange funding affected fall enrollment, which snowballed into spring totals.

"The alternative program that we implemented — the Discover Program — is actually, from a dollar standpoint, comparable to what the WUE was for students who have high academics and high need," Neiheisel said.

He said a downside to the program is that it's not as widely available as the WUE was.

Overall, the university plans to grow in the years to come, Neiheisel said.

"For example, we've got a campus-

wide coordinating recruiting group that's doing a lot more college-based follow-up, so we're getting more support and engagement from the college recruiters," he said. "We've got a central staff here, but students want to hear from the faculty."

He said alumni and currently enrolled students are also getting involved in following up with recently admitted students.

"We've got better involvement for continuing students, for alumni, for faculty and staff from the colleges," Neiheisel said. "It's not just an admissions or enrollment effort, it really is an institutional effort ... this year, we put the financial house in order, and we're reasonably well positioned to grow next fall and then continue to grow."

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Marsh said the evidence present called for the ASUI Senate to hold a hearing in order to make a definitive decision about the allegations against Goytowski.

"It would not be to the credit of the ASUI Senate if we did not at least determine if that evidence is true or false," Marsh said.

Goytowski stood accused of violating several campaign regulations as outlined by the articles of impeachment filed by Marsh.

"No one was allowed to continue formal campaigning, i.e. written endorsement of yourself,

passing out of flyers and whatnot, asking people to vote for you, taking your laptop around during the three days of elections, and that was something that had been implemented last spring," said ASUI Elections Coordinator, Amanda Niehenke.

Goytowski said he was not defending the allegations made against him during the senate meeting.

"I'm defending whether it's within the rules and regulations to impeach me, and I should have a right to defend myself on that," Goytowski said. "A first time offense to the rules and regulations without a reprimand does not constitute grounds for impeachment and so therefore by holding

an impeachment trial we would be violating our own rules and regulations."

Goytowski said the allegations were all in reference to violations of the 2000 series of ASUI Senate rules and regulations.

"The rules and regulations have clear stipulations for how any elections violations are to be handled, and those have not been handled in that manner," Goytowski said. "I was never presented with a formal fine, nor have I been given the opportunity of legal defense to defend those fines as they're described in the rules and regulations."

Senator Joe Heiner said during discussion of the bill that he was inclined to agree

with Senator Goytowski.

"Based on section 1070.01, which says that anyone who blatantly breaks the rules is subject to reprimand, and then section 1070.40, which says that an ASUI elected official may be subject to impeachment only after a reprimand," Heiner said. "And I believe that a reprimand must also be submitted in resolution form."

Heiner was one of several senators who felt proper procedure had not been followed regarding the impeachment process.

"Since we have never seen (a resolution) I don't think that we can proceed with the hearing based on our rules and regulations," Heiner said.

After a lengthy discussion, interrupted by multiple points-of-order as well as two recesses to discuss procedure, only five senators voted to move to a formal impeachment hearing. This did not meet the two-thirds majority requirement and the impeachment process was stopped.

"There are some people in ASUI who don't like me, and I think part of this goes back to the furniture legislation," Goytowski said. "I came out and I stood against that."

Goytowski said he would not speculate the articles of impeachment were served as a direct retaliation to his affiliation with the Occupy ASUI movement. He said he does think he made some enemies as a result.

Goytowski said he agreed that the senate should come to a determination whether the accusations against him were true or false, but he said impeachment was not the proper procedure to make that determination.

"There has not been an impeachment of an ASUI elected official in over 17 years," Goytowski said. "A first time offense to the rules and regulations without a reprimand does not constitute grounds for impeachment."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Back in the Dome

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Strong return

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A by-product of Kibbie Dome renovations left the Idaho track and field team on the road for the entirety of last season.

The nomadic Vandals finally return to Moscow to host the Vandal Indoor Open Saturday. Field events start at 11 a.m. and running events at 6 p.m. Friday and the Idaho Open starts at 11 a.m. Both meets are in the Dome. The Vandal Indoor will feature more than 35 Vandals competing against runners from more than 10 schools and clubs. The Idaho Indoor Open Saturday will feature more than 1,200 competitors.

Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps called it "awesome" that sophomores on the team who haven't competed at home will get the opportunity to do so.

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Jeremy Klas, senior pole vaulter, vaults Thursday in preparation for the Friday-Saturday meet. Klas recently was awarded the Verizon WAC Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week award.

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

In her first track and field meet since tearing her hip labrum a year earlier, Idaho sophomore Kelly Jacka broke the 200 meter meet record in the WSU Open Jan. 14.

"I was just really excited (for the 200)," Jacka said. "The practice before the meet, coach (Wayne Phipps) had talked to me and he just said, 'Well, a year ago you would have given anything to be at this meet so just treat it more as a celebration of your coming back.' So, I was just so excited to actually be running again."

Jacka's hip injury came after running phenomenal indoor and outdoor seasons in 2010. She was the WAC indoor runner-up in the 200 meter dash as a freshman in 2010, and earned a first-team all-WAC honor. Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said Jacka's time in the 200 came as a surprise to many of the other WAC teams.

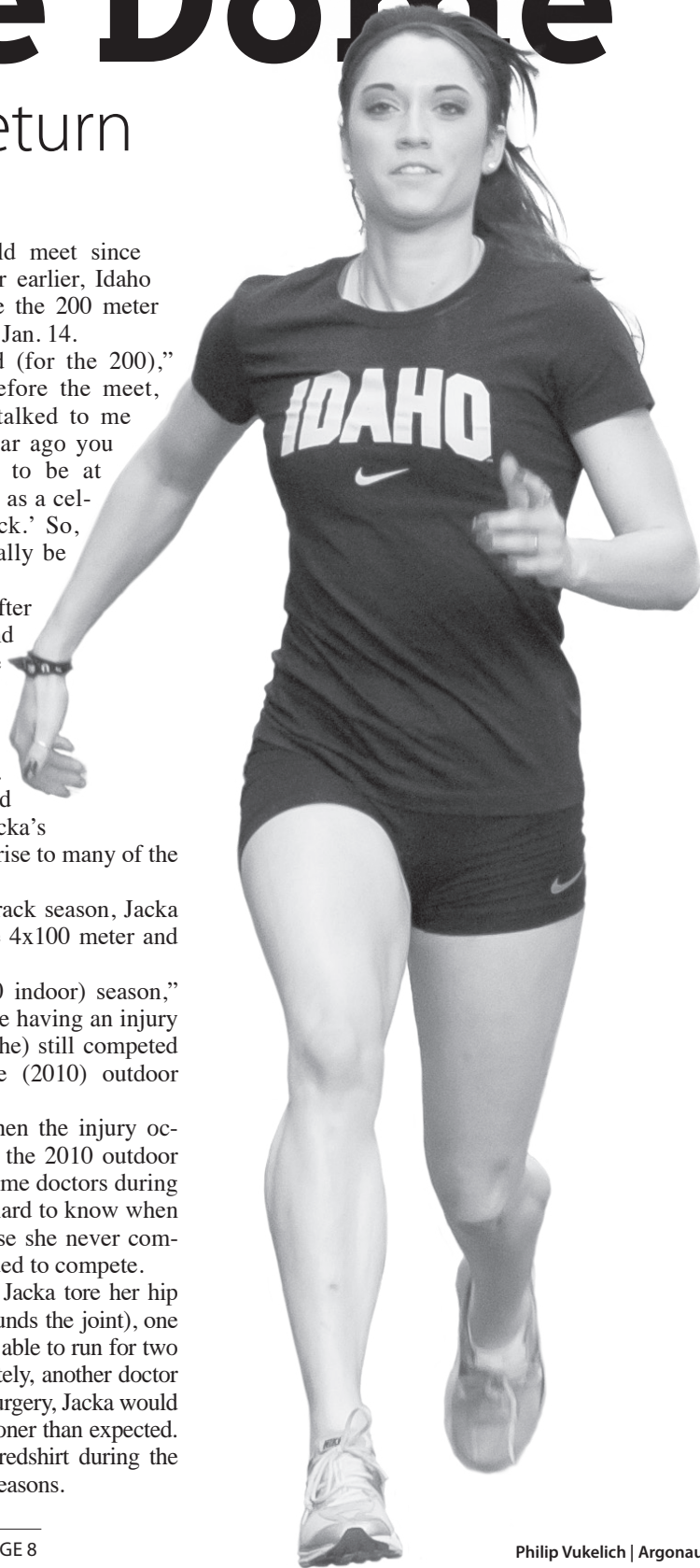
During the 2010 outdoor track season, Jacka earned all-WAC honors in the 4x100 meter and 4x400 meter relays.

"(Jacka) had a great (2010 indoor) season," Phipps said. "And then, despite having an injury that we didn't know about, (she) still competed very well all throughout the (2010) outdoor season, too."

She is not sure exactly when the injury occurred, but competed through the 2010 outdoor season before finally seeing some doctors during the summer. Phipps said it is hard to know when Jacka's injury occurred because she never complained in practice and continued to compete.

Once it was confirmed that Jacka tore her hip labrum (the cartilage that surrounds the joint), one doctor told her she wouldn't be able to run for two years, or possibly ever. Fortunately, another doctor said that, although she needed surgery, Jacka would be able to return to the track sooner than expected. Still, the injury caused her to redshirt during the 2011 indoor and outdoor track seasons.

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Schedule of events

Feb. 3, 2012

Field Events

- 11 a.m. men's discus - women to follow
- 5 p.m. men's triple jump
- 5 p.m. men's pole vault
- 5 p.m. men's high jump
- 5 p.m. men's weight throw
- 6 p.m. women's weight throw
- 7 p.m. men's shot put
- 7 p.m. women's high jump
- 7:15 p.m. women's pole vault
- 7:15 p.m. women's triple jump
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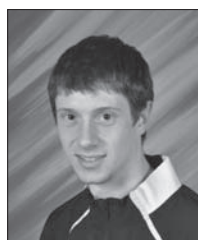
Track Events

- 6 p.m. men's 60m prelim
- 6:15 p.m. women's 60m prelim
- 6:35 p.m. men's 60m hurdles prelim
- 6:50 p.m. women's 60m hurdles prelim
- 7:05 p.m. men's 800m
- 7:10 p.m. women's 800m
- 7:25 p.m. men's 60m final
- 7:30 p.m. women's 60m final
- 7:40 p.m. women's 400m
- 7:50 p.m. men's 400m
- 8:05 p.m. men's 60m hurdles final
- 8:15 p.m. women's 60m hurdles final
- 8:25 p.m. men's 200m
- 8:35 p.m. women's 200m
- 8:45 p.m. men's mile run
- 8:55 p.m. women's mile run
- 9:05 p.m. men's 4x400m relay
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Runners spotlight

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Andrew Bloom

Andrew Bloom has been running for as long as he can remember. He says he was the kid who was always racing somebody — and he's still that kid at the University of Idaho.

The Walla Walla, Wash., native walked on to the track and field team after he made it a personal goal to join the program and make an impact. He didn't receive any scholarship

offers out of high school and the road to Moscow wasn't an easy one.

"I started (running) in middle school, and I wasn't very good at all," he said.

During his sophomore year in high school Bloom ran a 58-second 400, which he wasn't particularly proud of. But he started to progress and eventually ran for the varsity squad.

Bloom started train-

ing on his own, working out during the off-season and taking strength training physical education classes throughout high school.

"There is just something about it that I love doing. It's fun, the team comradery," Bloom said.

By the time he graduates from Idaho, Bloom said he hopes he can help his team achieve a WAC Championship.

Hannah Kiser didn't always know she was going to be a runner, even though physical endurance is in her blood. When she was young she went on a hike with her father — five miles in scorching 95-degree heat.

"He squashed me," she said. "I said to myself, 'He's my dad. I can't be worse than my dad.'"

And so began Kiser's affair with the sport. She continued to train with her father — which she said gave her the endurance to

compete. She kept going on runs, and eventually joined her middle school track team.

"I just kind of did it because I've always been kind of competi-



Hannah Kiser

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Vandal football class of 2012

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Idaho football coach Robb Akey hasn't had much reason to be festive in the last couple months, but National Letter of Intent day Wednesday provided both optimism and relief after a dismal 2011 season. Idaho officially welcomed 23 new members to its football program — a class Akey said is well-rounded.

"These (days leading up) are probably the worst 10 days of the year for a football coach. It's aggravating, exciting, all rolled in to one," Akey said. "We've got these signatures in, and I think some very good additions to our foot-

ball program."

Idaho attacked positions of need in the secondary, line-backer, quarterback and offensive line in this recruiting class.

Seven junior college transfers who Akey said could make immediate impacts are in the class.

Wide receiver Kyren Watts comes to Idaho from Texas via the College of the Siskiyous in California. Inside linebacker Mathew Willis from Los Angeles Harbor Junior College and 380-pound behemoth Semisi Tupou will be counted on to push a struggling offensive line unit.

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Finishing the race and saying goodbye

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Five seniors will compete in Moscow for the last time Saturday when Vandal swim and dive faces Washington State University on senior night.

Savannah Bettis, Calleigh Brown, Katie Hendricks, Si Jia Pang and Chelsey Stanger will compete in the UI Swim Center for the last time as Vandals.

The Vandals will swim at home for the second straight week after exclusively competing on the road since October. Last week's meet ended in a 147-147 tie against Oregon State.

"It's really nice (to have two consecutive home meets), it couldn't have come at a better time because we are about to go to our (WAC) championship meet," Brown said. "I guess this is just kind of like extra rest for us and it's less stressful."

Idaho coach Mark Sowa agreed



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Senior Savannah Bettis practices the freestyle stroke Thursday in the University of Idaho Swim Center. The Vandals will host the last home swim meet of the season against Washington State University Saturday. It will be the senior day for the five seniors on the team.

with Brown and said he sees an opportunity to win at the senior night meet, but realizes WSU will be as competitive as any team on the schedule.

WSU fell to OSU 119-143 the day before the Beavers swam

against the Vandals. WSU has two wins this season coming against UC San Diego and Seattle earlier this month. Last year, WSU beat Idaho 48-157 in Pullman.

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Kyle Barone shoots a 3-point shot at practice Wednesday in the Cowan Spectrum. Idaho lost 65-55 to Fresno State Thursday in Fresno, Calif.

Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Bulldogs dominate

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Enduring one of its worst offensive showings of the season, the Idaho men's basketball team suffered a 65-55 road loss at the hands of Fresno State Thursday evening at the Save Mart Center in Fresno, Calif.

The Bulldogs, who scrapped together a crucial 17-4 run in the first half, took the game by storm early. The Vandals did everything in their power to cut down a 17-point deficit, but the offensive production wasn't there as Idaho (11-11, 4-4) dropped its second consecutive WAC game.

"Dug too big of a hole I thought, you've got to give Fresno State some credit they were very physical around the basket tonight," coach Don Verlin said. "I thought we got a bunch of very good looks early that we weren't able to finish and then our basketball team let our offense affect our defense."

The Bulldogs sped off to a rip-roaring start that saw them go on an 11-0 run toward the end of the first half and improve their lead to 36-20 by halftime.

Fresno State shot an astounding 63.6 percent from the field in the first while the ice-cold Vandals were 7-25 and 28 percent.

Idaho found an answer to the

Bulldogs' Kevin Olekaibe, who only scored two first-half points, but forward Jerry Brown gave Verlin's squad the majority of its problems with 10 first-half points and six rebounds.

Mansa Habeeb came off the bench to provide an offensive spark with 10 first-half points, which tallied a career high for the junior.

The Vandals built off Habeeb's first-half success and came out of the gates hot in the second, but it took a solid 10 minutes for Idaho's defensive pressure to translate into defensive stops.

"I really felt like we played pretty good basketball for a long period of time, get it back to five and climb almost the whole hill and get a stop and don't get the offensive rebound, they get an and-one and I thought we were back in control of that game but the hole was so big," Verlin said.

After erasing a 17-point deficit Idaho decreased the Fresno State lead to five with just less than four minutes remaining. The shooting hand Idaho acquired early in the second half died down in the final minutes, and multiple fouls sent the Bulldogs to the charity stripe 12 times in the final five minutes.

The loss marked Idaho's second-lowest scoring performance of the season and while its 39.2

percent shooting mark was an improvement from the first half, it wasn't near enough to match that of the Bulldogs, who shot 50 percent.

Habeeb tallied just two points in the second half, concluding with 12 and Kyle Barone finished as the team leader in points with 14. Barone snatched eight rebounds but turned the ball over five times.

Bandoumel led all players with 11 rebounds but the senior followed a career-high 24-point performance against Hawaii, with seven points Thursday.

"Very disappointed with the outcome, very proud of our guys for how they competed in the second half," Verlin said.

The Vandals face their most difficult WAC test Saturday at Nevada. The Wolf Pack (18-3, 7-0 WAC), resemble in many ways, last year's Utah State Aggies. Nevada has won 16 consecutive games, hasn't lost since Nov. 25 against BYU and has six AP Top 25 votes. Guard Deonte Burton is making his WAC Player of the Year case stronger and the Los Angeles native averages more than 15 points-per-game with 4.5 assists-per-game.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lawlor Events Center.

Looking for revenge at San Jose State

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Revenge is a dish best served cold and Vandal women's basketball would like nothing more than to serve it up to the Spartans.

San Jose State has beaten Idaho in California for two consecutive years and the Vandals will attempt to break the streak at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the last game of a two-game road trip.

The Vandals are struggling with the monkey of an eight-game losing-streak on their backs. Sophomore Alyssa Charlston said the team needs to step up if the season is to be salvaged.

"We need to show that we're an adequate team in the conference," Charlston said. "... They may be towards the bottom of the conference too, but we need to start working our way up now."

The Spartans entered the week in fifth place in the WAC and are off to their best start since the 2006-2007 season, while the Vandals are sitting in last place.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said the Spartans have started to turn the corner this year.

"They're playing well. They have a new coach and a couple of players who have really stepped up for them," Newlee said. "... Hopefully we'll come out of the Hawaii game healthy and ready to go, and we'll get refocused on that day in between and be ready for the Spartans. I think we'll just go in with the mindset that this is a road game we want to win."

The Spartans recently broke a 44 road-game losing streak to conference opponents when they beat Nevada 86-79 Jan. 28.

"I saw they snapped their 44-game road losing streak recently," Newlee said. "Talk about streaks — that was a streak. We'll see how it goes."

San Jose State has been a hard place for Idaho to play in recent years, but Idaho still owns a 12-10 all-time series record over the Spartans. Charlston said the team wants revenge for last season's loss.

"I'm excited to go out there and play as hard as we possibly can against San Jose," Charlston said. "It's a team that we can't

take for granted because we lost there, at their place the last two years, so we definitely want to get a win there."

The Spartans are led by freshman guard Ta'Rea Cunnigan, the WAC's sixth leading scorer, averaging 15.4 points per game. She is the only freshman in the top 10 scorers in the conference. On the other side Charlston leads Idaho with 14.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

Newlee said Charlston has stepped up to the leadership role this season, both vocally and through her performance.

"Without a doubt she is the leader of this basketball team as a sophomore. She's vocal, she brings it every day in practice," Newlee said. "... She knows what we want as coaches and without a doubt she is the leader of the basketball team."

While the Vandals haven't been able to break through for a conference win, Newlee said he's seen improvement.

"It's a slow process and I say it's a lot slower than I want it to be, but on the same token it's going in the right direction," Newlee said.



Ashley Walters looks for an outlet pass at practice Wednesday in the Cowan Spectrum.

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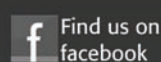
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WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Sophomore Vicky Lozano returns a ball during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandal women's tennis team plays Gonzaga today at noon in Spokane.

Ready to kennel the Bulldogs

Women's tennis looking for another win in Spokane

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

After dominating two out of three opponents in Pullman, Idaho women's tennis team heads to Spokane Friday to face the Bulldogs and the Vandals said they are ready.

Coach Daniel Pollock said Idaho should have the upper hand because it has played more matches this semester. He said the girls looked great in practice, and are better prepared for the match.

"Gonzaga is a good team, they are really deep and talented but I think our girls are better disciplined, stronger players so hopefully that will pull through for us," Pollock said.

He said Gonzaga will be a lot like Montana with players that were really talented out of high school, all being in the top 100 in juniors before entering college.

Gonzaga's only match this season was last Sunday against Seattle University, in which the Bulldogs staged a huge comeback to barely squeeze a 4-3 win. The Vandals have had

five match-ups, including a 6-1 victory over Seattle.

Sophomore Alejandra Lozano said the Vandals feel confident they can defeat the Gonzaga team they met in fall competition.



They looked pretty strong but I think we are even more prepared this semester and we have a good chance at beating them.

Alejandra Lozano,
Sophomore

"They looked pretty strong but I think we are even more prepared this semester and we have a good chance at beating them," Lozano said.

In the fall, Idaho beat Gonzaga's No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams easily. The Vandals dropped one singles match to the Bulldogs.

"Vicky lost a tough match 3-2 to their No. 2 girl but it was far from Vicky's best tennis from the fall so we're not worried about that," Pollock said.

The Vandals play the Bulldogs every season, alternating home and away matches, and it's become a bit of a rivalry.

"It's definitely a local rivalry that's good especially with both teams getting a lot better over the past few years," Pollock said. "Now it's a pretty high quality

rivalry too as we are both moving up in our respective conferences."

Pollock said this is one of the matches he circled at the beginning of the year as one he thinks would be really great to win, especially playing away from home.

Last year the Vandals fell just short, losing 3-4 but Alejandra Lozano said the team is not letting that bother them.

"I lost last year, but in the fall season I played the girl that beat me last year and I beat her every time so it's OK," Lozano said.

She said Idaho has been practicing hard for this match and feels ready for whatever the Bulldogs bring to the court.

The team does not want to look too far ahead but knows they will meet an even bigger rival in the Boise next week. Pollock said it's important to go into the BSU match with confidence because Boise is not an easy place to play.

"Especially when the Vandals come to town, the Broncos pull in a lot of people and it's not the nicest atmosphere to play in so I think it's important to go in with some self-belief," Pollock said.

He said win or lose this weekend, they will head to Boise with confidence but a win this weekend would help momentum.

Team grandma

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

A father who played professional tennis, a whole family of tennis players and her love of a challenge led University of Idaho senior Molly Knox to her status as captain of the Idaho women's tennis team and a 4.0 student-athlete.

Knox said she played multiple sports growing up, but started focusing more on tennis in seventh grade when she started taking lessons and playing in tournaments.

"I stuck with tennis because it is a family sport," Knox said. "My grandpa and his twin brother played for Central Washington

and were top players in the Pacific Northwest and that passed down to my dad who, like me, played tennis at the University of Idaho."

Knox's father later played professionally and her parents traveled to Australia and New Zealand to play in satellite tournaments and even the Australian Open together. Knox said the love for tennis does not stop at her parents in her family tree.

"It's a sport that my brothers and sisters play too so it is something we have always been able to do as a family and it makes it personal for us," Knox said.

Knox chose tennis for reasons outside of a family legacy.

"Tennis is a lot different than team sports like volleyball and soccer because you can't rely on as many people and it's more up to you so it's a really good challenge for your mental strength and your physical ability," Knox said.

Knox said she does not claim to be the most coordinated or athletic person, but when she steps on the court she competes hard and follows coach Daniel Pollock's instruction.

Her efforts do not go unnoticed by Pollock. He said Knox is a great student, great athlete and gives it all in everything she does.

"You can count on her every day at practice or at matches to show up and give it a hundred percent," Pollock said. "I told her the reason I wanted her as captain is that she is the model student athlete that I want my team to be."

Pollock calls it team captain but Knox, as a fifth-year senior, has a little different term for her spot on the team.

"I am kind of the team grandma," Knox said. "So I guess that's captain as well but I try to do my best to show them academically

and at practice just to try as hard as you can and to support each other because that's what has really gotten me by the last three or four years playing tennis."

Pollock said Knox is definitely the oldest on Idaho's young team, but still gets along great with the other players and enjoys the role. He said the team chemistry is amazing this year and he attributes a large part of that to Knox.

"I think she has done a good job kind of molding the other girls in to that kind of same mold that she fits so she has been a big help this year," Pollock said.

He said as far as a tennis player, she is the perfect mold for any coach.

"If you have a player that will come out, will accept constructive criticism and work really hard to make any changes you see will help them with their game, there is nothing more you can ask as a coach," Pollock said.

The feeling is mutual and Knox returned her admiration of Pollock.

"I have had a lot of coaches and Dan cares a lot," Knox said.

She said Pollock has been particular in helping everyone.

"It's really special to have a coach that cares that much for you and so he is great, I wish I could have had him every year," Knox said.

She said her time at UI has been amazing and that the athletic community is like one big family.

Knox, whose perfect GPA speaks for itself, said an education is what she came to school for, but tennis is helping her get through college. She would like to go to medical school when she graduates in May.

Knox said no matter what direction she takes, tennis will always be a huge part of her life.

"School takes priority for sure, but I will always play tennis, and then hopefully come back and watch the girls play next year and just keep supporting Idaho," Knox said.

Pollock said Knox's work ethic and commendable character, will create a great future for her.

"Tennis is something that she loves to play and I think she will always play but I know for sure that her passion is her academics and she is off to med school after this," Pollock said. "She is a 4.0 student so I think she is going to be extremely successful in whatever she decides to do."



Molly Knox

A chance to regain momentum

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Momentum built during the middle of January was quickly lost when Idaho men's tennis (3-3) lost its second straight match, against Portland, but today the Vandals have a chance to regain that momentum as they head to Spokane to face the Gonzaga Bulldogs.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said this Bulldog team will not go down easy.

"GU has the best team they have had in years and they are tough on their home indoor courts," Beaman said.

Beaman said a win against the Bulldogs will go a long way in regaining confidence before the Vandals head to Boise to play the Broncos Feb. 11 — a match previously slated for April.

The Zags are only four matches into the season, but have already come away with victories over stiff competition.

"They beat Hawaii who is always one of the top teams in the WAC earlier this spring and unless our guys step up their performance in both singles and doubles it could be a rough day," Beaman said.

The Bulldogs handled the Warriors 5-2 the day before defeating Whitman College 6-1. Gonzaga's only loss of the season came by way of a 1-6 thumping from UC Santa Barbara. They recovered to defeat Hawaii Pacific University in a nail-biter 4-3 and now prepare to host the Vandals.

Beaman said a high priority this week is getting healthy because

the Vandals' six games in nine days took a toll on the team.

Junior Marius Cirstea, who plays at the No. 1 spot, has performed steadily all season. In the team's six matches Cirstea holds a 3-3 record and has yet to lose by more than three games in a set.

Freshman Cesar Torres has competed in five of the Vandals' six matches and become a surprise success for Idaho. Torres is 3-2 overall. Beaman said he plans to keep Torres No. 5 or 6 as his strength and speed develop, but may move him to No. 4 in the future.

The Vandals take on the Bulldogs at 6 p.m. Friday in Spokane. The match will be a precursor for Idaho's April 3 home match when the Bulldogs travel to Moscow.



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FOOTBALL

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The Vandals also brought in three Idaho natives, including two standouts from Coeur d'Alene High School: Athlete Deon Watson, whose father played basketball at Idaho, and quarterback Chad Chalich.

"The best of Idaho is likely to stay and represent the state of Idaho," Akey said. "You're representing your home state, you bring a following with you already and that adds a little bit to it. That has me as the head coach here being proud."



The best of Idaho is likely to stay and represent the state of Idaho.

Robb Akey, Coach

Chalich will be given an opportunity to compete for the starting job, but Akey hopes the situation will allow him to redshirt in 2012.

The star of the class may be safety Ma'ne Manaea of Lakewood, Wash., — a one-time Colorado commit. Idaho fended off Utah State and

Hawaii pushes to keep Manaea.

"He is a hittin' son of a gun," Akey said. "He's shot out of a cannon and he's gonna blast ya. I loved that from day one. He's got a great personality — fly around guy."

Akey said Idaho was able to weather the recruiting storm by staying persistent in recruiting him from day one, when Colorado and other BCS programs got in line.

"The way that he played, and as he got in here, he saw the family that we had built in our program," Akey said.

Manaea will have the opportunity to start right away and make an impact in a secondary that had problems with pass coverage.

Akey and his staff were able to keep it in the family literally with the addition of current Vandal Rob Siavii's younger brother, Russell. Russell will join his brother in the linebacking corps.

"We talked about a family, and talked about the way we're doing things with our football program," Akey said. "If he wasn't excited about what this university brings to the table, the way that this team is headed, there's no way big brother lets little brother head to this football team."

The kind of family and trust Akey talked about allowed the Vandals to reach into the American Midwest and grab defensive tackle Matthew Neal. Neal signed an LOI with Toledo last season and was asked to greyshirt, but was not satisfied with the situation in Ohio. Neal's father placed a call to Akey, brought Neal to Moscow for a visit and now Neal will play football in the Kibbie Dome.

"He's strong, got great explosiveness ... gonna live in that weight room," Akey said. "Great fit. Another situation where you have a tie, and people trust the way you are doing things."

Akey said the Vandals are largely done with their recruiting class, but will have room for one more player during late spring if the opportunity arises.

The lone scholarship left was intended for West Mesquite, Texas, cornerback Cranston Jones. Jones expressed a strong verbal commitment to Idaho, but signed a LOI with New Mexico at the last minute Wednesday.

Akey said he does not anticipate any player having problems qualifying academically at this time.

RUNNERS

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Kiser said her friends on the team at the time were better than her, which served as motivation.

"Obviously you get kind of addicted to running and it just escalates from there," Kiser said.

She kept getting better, but colleges didn't notice until Idaho's Wayne Phipps made the call.

"I didn't get any offers anywhere else. I was in a financial tight spot and it ended up being the best decision I ever made," she said. "I wasn't planning on running in college at

all, (but) it defines 90 percent of who I am."

Her dedication to the program at Idaho she said is a give-and-take situation. She doesn't feel pressured by the possibility of losing her scholarship money as she might with other programs.

"I don't know where I would be without it because it was the only offer that I got. And when I got it I don't think I deserved it," Kiser said. "He put his trust in me. I don't have to run this fast to keep my scholarship but I want to give everything back to the school and coach Phipps because he believes in me."

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RETURN

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Even with this more positive diagnosis, Jacka said her year away from the track was a tough one.

"It still is pretty difficult when you realize that you are going to have to sit out an entire year and be able to do nothing," she said. "I had a lot of positive people around me at the time so ... it ended up being OK."

After surgery Jacka started the slow process of rehabilitation and recovery. She wasn't able to start running until April 2011 — nearly a year after the surgery.

"Every stage (of rehab) you think 'Oh this is going to be the worst part,'"

Jacka said. "It's not an easy road coming back from a major surgery."

After breaking the 200 meter meet record in the WSU Open, Jacka had more than enough to be happy about.

"It was just, kind of a lot going on at the time," Jacka said. "I was just excited to have ran, to have won, and to have broken a meet record, so it was a pretty solid way to come back."

Jacka's joy and relief also rubbed off on some of her teammates. Senior Emma Goode, a training partner of Jacka's, noticed Jacka's excitement.

"(She) definitely (had) a huge smile," Goode said. "Her eyes were sparkling. She was just really excited, just finally had that element of confidence back in her demeanor. She knew

that she was ready, she could hit the season hard again."

Jacka improved on her WSU Open time of 25.39 seconds Jan. 28 at the Cougar Indoor with a time of 24.80. She placed third in the event and moved into sixth place in the WAC for the season.

Jacka has put her injury behind her and set high goals for the future.

"I want to beat, like all the school records that are set, which are my coach (Angela Whyte's)," Jacka said. "I want to take her records down ... and then hopefully make it to regionals and possibly nationals. Ultimately I think my goal this year would be to make it to the Olympic trials but we'll see where we're at."

MEET

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"It's going to be neat for them," he said.

This will be the fourth meet the Vandals have competed in this season, but for most of the team it will only be the third, because only a partial squad participated in the Bronco Invitational two weeks ago.

"We got our feet wet with our first race, just seeing how it would go. I think a lot of people were happy with what we did," runner Hannah Kiser said. "It kind of showed (us) we were in better shape than we thought. They had a time and were able to respond like 'OK it was good, but we could have done this better.'"

Kiser said this is the part of the season in which runners start to think about short distance strategy, and running fast.

The Vandals will get their opportunity to test themselves against runners from schools across Idaho, Wash-

ington and Oregon in an invitation-only competition.

Those not accepted to the Vandal Indoor will get an opportunity at Saturday's Idaho Indoor Open.

Phipps said if his team continues to compete they will be where they need to be by the time WAC Championships roll around. Phipps also believes competition against schools like UCLA and Washington State in prior weeks has gone a long way toward getting his team ready.

"That really helps, when you can compete against those types of teams, really gets you ready for a conference championship," he said. "This meet (Vandal Indoor) will be very comparable. Continuing to compete well against a high level of competition."

Pole-vaulter Jeremy Klas echoed his sentiments.

"As a team we are all trying really hard to get ready for WAC Championships in a couple weeks because we have a chance to win it. Everybody is trying to get real fast times in," Klas said.

The WAC Indoor Championships will be held Feb. 23.

GOODBYE

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"I expect (WSU) to come out racing, come out racing fast," Sowa said. "They swam really well against Oregon State last week ... we have our hands full with them. It should be a lot of fun."

Although the Vandals have a regional rivalry with WSU, Sowa said his team treats every meet like a rivalry.

This weekend, his team will focus on honoring the seniors in their last home meet at Idaho.

"We are incredibly appreciative of the job that (the seniors) have done," Sowa said. "They are the leaders on this team. They are five very, very different personalities but taken as a whole, their personalities steer the ship that is Vandal swimming and diving."

Sowa said Brown, Bettis and Stanger are "three of the best butterflyers in school history" while Pang and Hendricks are "two of the most accomplished sprinters in school history."

Brown and Bettis explained some of the emotions and feelings that go along with senior night.

"I think it's going to be really emotional but all good emotions," Brown said. "We've been together for four years and we've been through a lot ... you can't really describe the feelings except that you share them with those five people."

Bettis, who broke the Idaho 200 fly record last week against OSU, also commented on her final meet in Moscow.

"This has been a long time coming," Bettis said. "It is bitter-sweet that it's going to be over soon."

Senior night will be bittersweet because the Vandals will face their former coach, Tom Jager. Jager coached Idaho for seven seasons before taking the coaching position at WSU in May 2011.

"I think it's actually really cool that coach Jager gets to be here to see these seniors off," Sowa said. "He coached them for three years. I'm absolutely positive that he wishes them well ... It's nice it comes full circle."

Seniors

Calleagh Brown

From: Eugene, Ore.
Position: Butterfly
Favorite moment as a Vandal: Beating WSU 123-108 during her sophomore year

Savannah Bettis

From: Redondo Beach, Calif.
Position: Butterfly
Favorite moment as a Vandal: Being on the WAC relay during her junior year.

Si Jia Pang

From: Singapore
Position: Sprint Freestyle
Favorite moment as a Vandal: Competing on relays

Chelsey Stanger

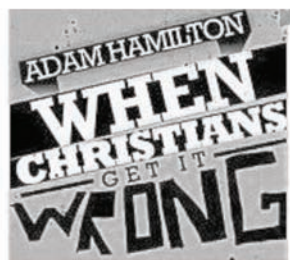
From: Dayton, Wash.
Position: Butterfly
Favorite moment as a Vandal: Getting to know the girls and coaches as a family

Katie Hendricks

From: Sumner, Wash.
Position: Sprint Freestyle
Favorite moment as a Vandal: Her whole senior season

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OUR VIEW

Leave the drama out

When rules are broken, the penalty should match the offense. For ASUI Senator Zack Goytowski, this was not the case.

Goytowski was accused of violating ASUI election regulations when he continued to campaign during the three days of voting in November, and as a result impeachment charges were filed against him.

The ASUI rules and regulations cite several grounds for impeachment of a senator: Malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance (the illegal use of a legal power) or repeated violations of ASUI governing documents. Senators can also be impeached for serious violations of federal, state and local laws.

Goytowski admitted mistakes were made during his campaign — mistakes that should have resulted in a maximum penalty of a \$200 fine as stipulated in ASUI's rules and regulations, not impeachment.

In crafting the impeachment papers,

ASUI's own rules and regulations were violated. The proper procedure for writing an Article of Impeachment is to include the name of the accused ASUI official and a specific list of charges and offenses, according to ASUI rules and regulations.

Goytowski should have been informed in a memo from the accusing senator of the accusations against him as well as the time and location of a scheduled hearing to determine if the charges were in fact grounds for impeachment.

This process did not happen.

In ASUI's general meeting Wednesday it was determined the accusations against Goytowski were not grounds for impeachment, after a long and pointless debate.

If Goytowski did violate election regulations, he should be punished accordingly. His minor offense should not be used as a petty excuse to have someone removed from office who

was voted in by University of Idaho students.

ASUI senators are elected to represent the entire student body, including those with differing views than the majority. But disagreeing with the masses can make someone unpopular.

The point of ASUI is not to waste students' time and money with trifling impeachment hearings in which they break their own rules through accusing someone else of doing the same. Senators should be more concerned with the allocation of student fees and resolving other issues that have a direct impact on students.

The ASUI senate is supposed to be an elected body that acts with students' best interests in mind, not a clique in which people are voted in based on their social status. It is a responsibility, not a popularity contest.

So leave the drama in high school.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

It's embarrassing

I listen to Justin Bieber on YouTube so my Spotify/Facebook people can't see it. Oh, oops ...

—Theo

National Signing Day

Every spring I drink the Kool-Aid. I'm excited about the recruits Idaho inked, especially the local boys. I hope it translates into something more than a win or two.

—Nick

Cycling gripe No. 2

Rain covered seat equals damp hindquarters and giggling. So I resolve to continue to be damp and humiliated, but on time.

—Dylan

'The Book of Awesome'

Is a real thing, and if you didn't guess — it's awesome. It's a collection of all the seemingly insignificant aspects of life that make our days: the smell of rain, not dropping a single item when moving laundry from the washer to dryer, finding money in your pocket you forgot about. I'm loving it. Thanks, roommate.

—Elizabeth

The bright side

Be thankful for those people in your life who are difficult, challenging, annoying and just plain rude. They show you exactly who you don't want to be.

—Rhiannon

Finger printing

Got my fingers printed Wednesday. Guess when I am at a crime scene now, I should make sure that I wipe my prints.

—Jens

What a guy

Robb Akey could tell me he just signed a 5-foot-2-inch, 450-pound kid to play running back and I will still think he is an amazing football coach. The guy could sell ice cream to an Eskimo.

—Madison

Chin up, Buttercup

There's nothing like a little positive thinking to turn a crappy day into a happy day.

—Britt

Populations

So ... is there a large population of Asians in India?

—Amrah

Don't be afraid

To challenge people and ask questions. Asking questions is how we learn from one another and start discussions. You should ask questions about everything every day and not worry about having a different opinion than someone else — including your professors.

—Elisa

The value of food

For some people, eating is just another task in the day — putting food down their throat and moving on. Others try to make every meal a celebration.

It is easy to disregard the intrinsic value of eating and think of it as an activity that satisfies our hunger. But it is important to understand that there is a big difference between filling your stomach and actually being satisfied.

With a busy schedule, you usually just grab something to eat really quickly before moving on to your next class or appointment. But it is important to give yourself enough time to eat and actually enjoy your food. Eating is like any other daily activity that we have to set time aside for, such as showering, sleeping, studying or even enjoying the company of friends. If we can make time for all these activities, then we should also be able to find enough time to not only eat, but actually enjoy the taste of our food. Sometimes situations arise where we have to eat on the run, but it shouldn't become a habit.

We should be mindful of what we eat and ingest into our system. If we do

not take care with what goes into our mouths, then our bodies might not be happy with us. While eating, make sure what you eat is not only what you desire but is also healthy and good for your body.

Another tip for enjoying eating is sharing meals with friends. In most homes family members eat together at a table, but when we come to college we might not be able to keep this routine. Some people even find they are happier after eating with friends than after eating alone. Some-

times, the taste of the food does not matter when we are with people we love because their fellowship is enough to satisfy us.

Making a point to appreciate every meal and view it as a blessing will increase your satisfaction. Food is better valued when we remember we are privileged to have access to several nutritious meals every day. Not everyone is so fortunate, which is why we should make sure every meal is a celebration.



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Just getting started

Debates are insight to candidates

Debates are wonderful. Not only are they exhilarating and get people's hearts racing, but they are also an effective way to learn about someone who can't hide behind the protection of a prepared speech. That's right, we're talking about presidential debates.

Sen. John McCain recently stated that the Republican debates need to cease because they've turned into "mud wrestling contests."

True, they have become more entertaining than productive, but that is why they are so magnificent.

The 19 debates held so far have weeded out those who needed to be, including Herman Cain, Rick Perry and Michele Bachmann. Now they are starting to unveil the craziness of the remaining candidates.

So far we have learned that Newt Gingrich wants to promote a revolt in Cuba, end multilingual ballots and create a commission to look at reverting back to the gold standard. And we cannot forget about putting a lunar base on the moon, which is in direct violation of the Outer Space Treaty mandating that no nation can claim a celestial resource, including the moon.

Mitt Romney is no exception to the fascinating details that have surfaced as a result of these debates, although his seem to focus on a central topic.

Romney wants to refuse government assistance to strained homeowners and plans to veto the Dream Act — an act that would finally make a viable path to citizenship for immigrants. The cherry on top is his plan for self-deportation.

This plan involves making illegal immigrants' lives miserable to the point where they choose to leave the country of their own accord.

Many candidates' concepts seem unreal. Although the primaries are continuing to push forward with what seems a clear winner, the approval rates of either candidate versus President Barack Obama have decreased to the point of Obama winning in either scenario. The debates might be embarrassing for the Republican Party, but they are providing insight the public desperately needed to see.

Besides, without more debates where would Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert get their material?



Katy Sword
Argonaut

Mortgage corporations need greater scrutiny

Let's get this out of the way: Freddie Mac hasn't broken any laws. Its employees just gamble your money on the assumption you won't be able to keep paying your mortgage.

Freddie Mac, for those lucky enough to forget, is one of the taxpayer-owned mortgage companies bailed out after the 2007 housing market crash. In order to keep them from going bankrupt and causing millions of Americans to lose their homes, we gave them a few hundred million dollars. They've reinvested the money so they can make more and pay taxpayers back. Unfortunately, in order for them to make a return on their investment, Americans have to be unable to pay back their mortgages.

It works like this: Freddie Mac has taken part of its money and invested it in what's called an "inverse floater." Essentially, they earn money on interest payments, but not payments on principle. But Freddie Mac still owns all the "risk" of the principle payments, it just doesn't make money on them. So if homeowners are able to pay off their mortgages, or refinance to get a lower interest rate Freddie Mac loses money.

Now remember that Freddie Mac hasn't

broken the law, because this is the part that sounds illegal.

Freddie Mac has been changing the rules on home refinancing. The company has made it tougher for Americans to refinance their mortgages for better rates. It's not impossible, but it is more difficult.

When did Freddie Mac start tightening the rules? Around 2010, close to when it started investing in the "inverse floaters." Freddie Mac said it's not a conflict of interest, thanks to what the business world calls a "firewall" (basically the company promises not to have a conflict of interest).

This is all legal. Just like it was legal when mortgage firms like Freddie Mac invested in risky subprime loans to pay CEOs multi-million dollar salaries with the money made from inflating housing prices by selling homes to people who couldn't afford them.

It is, after all, a victimless crime. The only people hurt were homeowners, taxpayers and those who believe in what used to be called the

"American Dream." None of those people fund Congressional campaigns anyway.

Conservatives call this small government, the invisible hand of the free market, the success of capitalism.

The Treasury Department announced Tuesday it would begin a probe into Freddie Mac's practices. The pattern might seem familiar. A deregulated industry is allowed to do what it likes with little or no govern-

ment scrutiny. When it turns out that the industry had practices that were unethical or illegal, there's a government probe and perhaps some Congressional hearings. The Republicans claim this is big government trying to destroy the free market. Then things go back to the way they were and in a few years the cycle repeats itself.

Time and again we see that deregulation hurts Americans, hurts our economy and hurts our environment.

How much longer will the right wing insist that less regulation is the solution to all our ills? Something needs to change, and it needs to change now.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut



Time and again we see that deregulation hurts Americans, hurts our economy and hurts our environment.



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OH WELL.

Drawing the line for sarcasm

Sarcasm has a place in our everyday conversations, and it will inevitably pop up. Most of the time it's funny, warranted and accepted — but sometimes it's not.

I'll be the first to admit there are few days I don't make at least one sarcastic comment or response. It's instinctive and a custom in our society when conversing with friends, sometimes family, and co-workers depending on the setting. Some of us even have strong enough relationships with our advisers and teachers to joke in a sarcastic manner.

But where is the line? That's a question that can, at times, be difficult to answer. I find that sarcastic responses have become such a habit that it's a knee-jerk reaction. There have been quite a few instances when I realized I shouldn't have said something after I already blurted it out. These moments often leave me as the only one laughing.

But there is one difference between my sarcasm and other forms —

I'm joking. Being funny — or trying to be funny — is one way to approach sarcasm, and more often than not it is acceptable in all social settings. It only becomes unacceptable when someone doesn't understand the joke or the sarcasm is just plain mean.

I'm not going to sit here and preach that people should be nice — that's something for parents to say. But I will say sarcasm can be used as a nasty, passive-aggressive means to express annoyance or disrespect for people. In these cases, it's inappropriate to bring into a workplace, academic setting or with family. It's also a sign of weakness. Sarcasm shouldn't be how we deal with people we don't like because we're not mature enough to tell them how we feel.

It's challenging to avoid this trap, but almost everyone has fallen into it at one point or another — including me. There are also instances in which this appears to be the case even if that wasn't your intent.



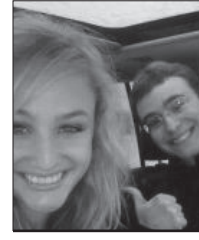
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OPINIONS FROM OUR READERS ON FACEBOOK

This week's question is: What does Presidents Day mean to you?



"Presidents Day is a day we set aside every year to recognize the hard work our current and past presidents have done for the American people."

Sam Koester
Posted Wednesday

"Thinking about some of our past presidents and what they did for our country — good and bad. It, along with the current campaigns, also reminds me of how some of our greatest, or at least most effective presidents, could never survive an election today solely because of external qualities. I mean, Jefferson was anything but a good public speaker and was a tall gangly redhead, Adams was balding and heavy (and) FDR could barely walk without leg braces."

Shannon Kelly
Posted Wednesday



"True artistry — Jens Olson and Joseph Engle have hit on a winner."
-Fredrich Schmedrich

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(Children's activities available)

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Pastor: Susan E. Ostrom
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1036 West A St
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Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. -
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Pastor Bob Chenault
chenaultoffice@juno.com

Office phone: 208/882-3915
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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC CENTER

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kgoodson@moscow.com

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: Wed. & Sun. 6-6:45 p.m.
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Tues, Wed, Fri 5:30 p.m.
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