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Tribe donates \$5,000 to Native Law program

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A \$5,000 donation made by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe will allow students from the Native Law program to attend a conference for the first time.

"In the spirit of supporting students and education, the donation will make it possible for eight of our Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) students to attend the oldest and largest Indian Law conference in the country organized by the Federal Bar Association," said Angelique EagleWoman, associate professor of law. "The donation by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is the first direct tribal donation to the law school. The Native Law program has been building partnerships with the area tribes and this was a wonderful recognition of the value the program is adding to the state, regional and tribal communities."

Tribal Chairman Chief J. Allan said the donation occurred because the tribe is impressed with the UI College of Law and its commitment to developing a Native American Law Program.

"Professor Angelique EagleWoman has done a wonderful job starting this program and getting it running and we hope it will continue to flourish," Allan said.

The conference, held in New Mexico, will allow the attending eight students to network with other NALSA chapters, take part in a job fair and hear presentations from experts in the field, EagleWoman said. The conference is scheduled for March and will focus on Tribal Courts.

In addition to the donation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is also working with the Native Law program to develop an externship program.

"This summer for the first time the Native Law program will offer academic credit for law students doing legal work with the area tribal legal departments and courts," EagleWoman said. "This opportunity will give those participating hands-on legal experience and an advantage when they graduate and seek employment."

Allan said the tribe plans to host four positions placing students in the Tribal Court system and other tribal departments.

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Betty and Wayne Susa, owners of Scott's House of Flowers, prepare a bouquet for delivery on Valentine's Day. The flower shop will fill between 150 and 200 flower orders for Valentine's Day, and has sold as many as 350 in years past. The Susas hire extra help in the shop during the holiday to accommodate the surge in business.

A day of mysteries

Rhiannon Rinas
Argonaut

Valentine's Day has mysterious origins and little documented evidence, but holidays don't appear out of nowhere.

Richard Spence, University of Idaho professor of history, said it noticeably became a custom by the late 18th century, particularly in Britain. Prior to that, the first historical connection between Valentine's Day and anything representing romantic love is in "The Parliament of Fowls" by Geoffrey Chaucer.

"There's this one throw-away line that on Valentine's Day is when all the birds get together and pick their mates," Spence said. "That's the first thing that you find that connects Valentine's Day with some sort of mate-picking, romance type of thing, but there's a problem with that — nowhere in that does he mention Feb. 14."

The day Chaucer actually wrote about is May 2, which commemorates the marriage of the heir to the British

throne, Spence said.

"This is the first thing that makes this connection and keep in mind that Chaucer's not a historian. He's a writer. They make stuff up — that's what writers do," Spence said.

If Chaucer got the idea from an earlier reference, Spence said, no one's been able to trace it. Mate-picking may be connected with Valentine's Day, but linking it to St. Valentine himself is more difficult.

"There were, at one point in time, two St. Valentines connected to Feb. 14 or around then," Spence said. "They were both early church martyrs. They had been butchered for their beliefs sometime around 200 to 300 A.D. That's about the only thing anybody knew about them."

Neither saint was murdered for any kind of thwarted love affair, Spence said. St. Valentine of Rome, however, was associated with the Golden

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Dean Katherine Aiken will discuss modern American Valentine's Day in her lecture at 12:30 p.m. today in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room.



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Jon Goldfine, left, Ben Wright, Dan Andree and Grant Ziokowski of The Henhouse Prowlers perform Sunday at John's Alley. The Chicago-based band focuses on traditional harmonies and performs around a single microphone. The Prowlers played at the Alley Sunday and Monday. The Alley will host Benyaro today and Wednesday this week.

Benyaro returns to John's Alley

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Acoustic-soul duo Benyaro will return to John's Alley Tuesday and Wednesday as part of its current tour.

"We play guitar, upright base, base drum, high hat, shaker, harmonica and sing. It's all played by two people kind of simultaneously," said lead singer Ben Musser. "Sometimes we call it a power duo."

Musser is accompanied by Bobby McCullough. The duo from New York City started its current tour Jan. 19 at the Sundance Film Festival where their music was featured as part of

a preview for a movie called "Our Longest Drive," which will be released at the festival next year.

The musicians each play a number of instruments to produce a full acoustic sound.

"My right foot plays the kick drum, and then my left foot kind of has a shaker tucked in the shoelaces, and then I have my guitar and I sing, and the harmonica is on a harmonica holder," Musser said. "Its high risk, high reward."

McCullough plays the upright base, high hat and assists on vocals.

The band played at John's

Alley for the first time in July and is excited to return to the Palouse.

"In the summer it seems like it's pretty slow-going. We're looking forward to playing while school's in session," Musser said. "We're looking forward to trying to connect with more people and cultivate more of a following in Moscow."

The band was featured in Relix magazine and the Nashville Scene in 2011, and is compared to the Avett Brothers, acoustic David Bowie and Cat Stevens.

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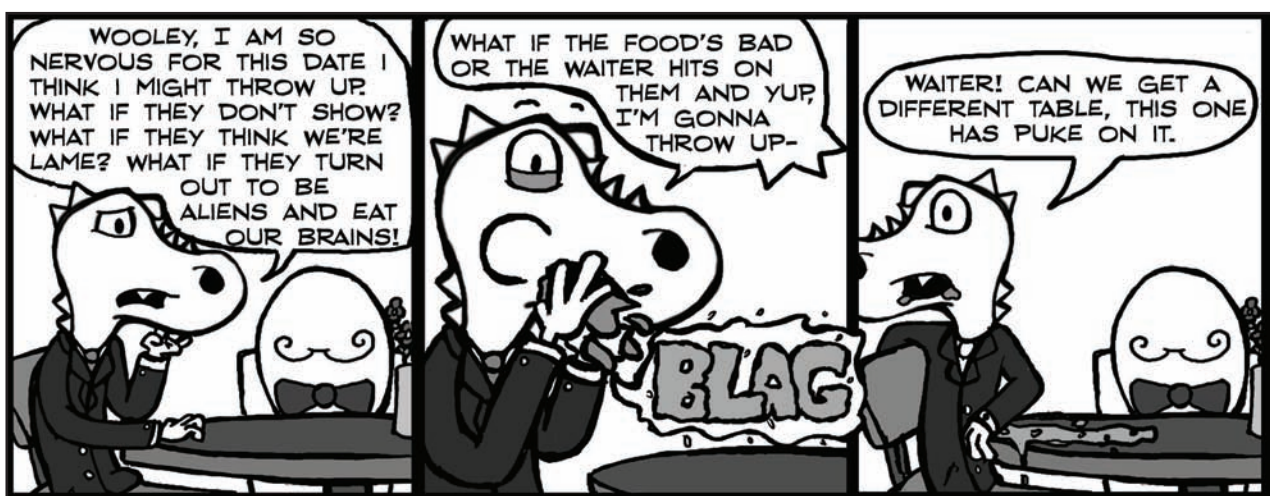
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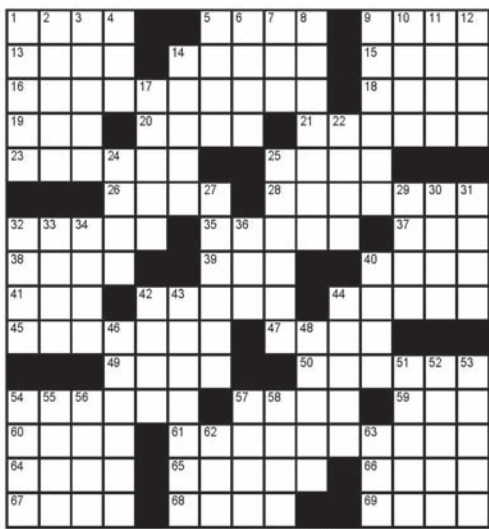


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News Briefs

Moscow police officer struck by car

While investigating a two-vehicle collision, Moscow police officer Anthony Dahlinger was struck by a 40-year-old Moscow woman who lost control of her vehicle Saturday near the University of Idaho Kibbie Dome.

Dahlinger and officer-in-training Kyle Pisula were investigating the original collision — a sideswipe crash involving 68-year-old Moscow woman Peggy Hoobler driving a 2005 Toyota Highlander — around 1 p.m. near the intersection between South Rayburn Street, Perimeter and Nez Perce drives, according to a release by the Idaho State Police. Charity Buchert lost control of her 2006 Subaru Legacy, hitting the Moscow patrol car followed by Dahlinger who was standing outside of it, according to ISP.

Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the MPD said Dahlinger was transported to Gritman Medical Center for minor injuries and released the same day.

Lehmitz said police believe Saturday's snowstorm was the biggest factor in causing the collision.

He said the investigation, which was turned over to ISP, is ongoing.

Shots fired at WSU

Several rifle shots were fired near the Washington State University playfields Sunday afternoon.

Investigators believe a nearby car window was hit, and found two bullets near the baseball fields.

WSU police have identified a possible suspect, who admitted to target practicing at a location about a mile away and has since given his rifle and ammunition to investigators.

After the shooting, a campus-wide emergency alert was issued and the playfields were evacuated.

The investigation is ongoing.

Delta Chi, Kappa Delta scholarship booth

Delta Chi fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority will have a booth set up in the Idaho Commons every day this week to collect money for a scholarship to remember Michelle Bonasera, a Kappa Delta member who died in a car accident last year.

"We have a booth set up and it's just a money drive. You can just come by. People are coming by and telling stories about Michelle, donating money if they can. Just stopping by," said Cody Earl, Delta Chi treasurer.

Bonasera and passenger, Andree Maxwell, were traveling on Highway 95 last January when their vehicle drifted off the road and rolled over an embankment. Maxwell survived the crash with severe injuries. Both girls were exercise science majors and members of Kappa Delta.

The money raised by Delta Chi and Kappa Delta will be part of a scholarship fund in Bonasera's name that will be awarded to one student every year.

The booth will be in the Commons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day this week. Students are encouraged to stop by and support the effort by donating to the cause or simply telling a story to remember Bonasera, Earl said.



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Humans vs. Zombies competitors Virginia Hutchings, Nathan Mulch and Michael Weaver head to a rendezvous Feb. 2 at the Student Union Building. The game ended Sunday when the remaining humans stood their ground for the last time against the zombie horde.

Virus runs its course

Snow and nerf darts fly as Humans vs. Zombies game concludes during the weekend

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

Although fewer students participated in this semester's Humans vs. Zombies game, a higher percentage of players were actively involved, according to organizer Jacob Bow.

Bow said the game, which lasted Feb. 6 to 12 and was sponsored by InterVarsity, went smoothly.

"We had incredibly few problems or issues that came up throughout the course of the game, and I think for the most part everyone had a really

good time," he said.

Bow said fewer participants were expected due to the snow and cold weather.

"As moderators or refs, we were always very cognitive about (the weather)," he said. "We were always talking about how to be careful and prevent people from falling or getting hurt ... I don't think we had any major injuries this time around, which is really nice."

The only time snow became a factor was Saturday, but participants were able to incorporate that into the game's mission, Bow said.

"It was kind of supposed to be a last hurrah, final outing mission, so the feeling of it was supposed to be a little bit ominous and desperate," Bow said. "So the snow worked out really well thematically."

He said the location for the final mission was shifted from concrete to a large, grassy area for safety and entertainment reasons.

Referee Ross Galyean said it's hard to determine a winner of the game.

"If we're going to be perfectly honest, the game is designed so that all the humans will eventually be

killed off," he said.

He said Sunday's mission was the "last chance," and the humans who were still alive fought for their lives.

Few humans were left standing at the end of the game, Bow said.

Galyean said the game was more organized this semester.

"For example, we had on our website, the ability to create squads ... to help keep ourselves organized amidst all the chaos of people running around," he said.

In an effort to keep the game organized each year,

Bow said he hopes to create a Humans vs. Zombies club on campus.

"InterVarsity started up this game, but it became very apparent very quickly that we didn't want to hold on to them," he said. "We felt that it would run more smoothly and would be better for the students involved if it had its own entity, opposed to running through InterVarsity."

The club is still in its initial planning stages.

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UI theater students compete at regional festival

Ten students have a chance to receive national recognition for their work

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

Emily Nash-Gray will compete against 10 other University of Idaho theatre arts students at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Feb. 13 to 17, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Nash-Gray, a Master of Fine Arts student, was nominated for the Irene Ryan award for her portrayal of Maar in "Adoration of Dora," produced by UI in October.

Nash-Gray said about 240 students in the region will compete for the award.

"So all 240 go through the first round, where basically we choose one scene with our partner that we do," Nash-Gray said. "Then we are adjudicated on that by the judges, and they decide whether or not we go onto the semifinals in the next round."

Nash-Gray said only 16 nominees make it to the final round.

"If you go into the semifinals, you do two scenes with your partner," Nash-Gray said. "And then if they like you, then you move on to the finals and for the final round, you do your two (partner) scenes and your monologue all in a six-minute package."

Only two finalists from this region — the winner and the runner-up — move on to the national festival in April at Washington, D.C.,

Nash-Gray said.

Nash-Gray said the scenes are chosen based on what works best with the actor's talents and abilities.

"Sometimes the professors will have a scene that they think will suite you really well," she said.

Nash-Gray said she has been working on her package since shortly after Christmas.

"I have a comedic scene, and then I have a more dramatic scene," Nash-Gray said. "And then I have a monologue actually from Robert Paisley."

As the festival approached, Nash-Gray said she met with her professors to get their feedback about what was and wasn't working.

The author of "Adoration of Dora," Lauren Simon, was nominated to go to the national competition for the David Mark Cohen National Playwriting Award.

"When there is a play entered into the college theater festival, the theater festival sent two judges to see the show in September," Simon said. "After seeing it, they then chose whether or not to nominate it in certain categories, like, they would pick the best actors, or the best costume design."

The script was sent to the national office, where it was chosen by a group of judges based only on the writing and not on the production, Simon said. Each of the eight regions nominates two plays for the national competition.

"I think then it is read in front of judges, and they decide," Simon said.

UI MFA student Quinn Hatch's 10-minute play "Coffee Talk" was also nominated for the

regional competition.

"I submitted it and people from the region read all the submitted scripts, and the ones they like the most, they allowed to come to this festival," Hatch said. "And what's going to happen is they are going to have a stage reading, with actors at the festival."

Hatch said the festival is helpful because judges will give him fresh feedback on his work regardless of the outcome.

"I get people who I don't really know, who have professorial experience take a look at what I've done and give me some pointers," Hatch said. "Maybe some new perspectives on what I need to do to help me further my career."

Nash-Gray said the UI theatre arts department always takes the Kennedy festival seriously because the school has national respect.

"We are just hoping to make our school proud," Nash-Gray said. "For athletes who go off and do their nationals for their competitions, it's similar because it brings a lot of clout and respect to the university itself."

Hatch said the festival is also a great way to see what others in the world of theater are doing around the country.

"Take workshops from people around the region and just expand your knowledge of theater," Hatch said. "And meet people who are trying to do it too. Just like in any industry, knowing people is important. I always looked at it as an opportunity to get people to know my name."

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Legends of the Middle Ages.

"That connected with him the reason he was killed was that Emperor Claudius II, in effort to preserve the army ... forbid young men from marrying," Spence said. "He objected to it because the church saw marriage as a blessed union," Spence said. "That again just seems to be total b.s. from one end to the other. There's no indication that Claudius whatsoever did that."

Spence said Valentine's Day could also be connected with a Roman festival called Lupercalia, which is usually celebrated around February 12 to 15. There are all types of traditions surrounding Lupercalia, but none of them concern romantic love.

Lupercalia, Spence said, was connected to sacrifices of animals and honored the goat gods Faunus and Lupa. An ancient society called the Brotherhood of the Wolf, Spence said, "dressed up in wolf skins, got drunk and ran around."

Spence said the date might be right, but there's nothing about romantic love or gift giving, just a sexual element. Spence said another celebration that it could have stemmed from is the pagan Imbolc, but that falls on Feb. 1.

"It all depends on which calendar you use. If you go back to ... the Julian calendar, one of the things you find is that the calendar had a problem that it didn't include leap years. Because of that it tends to fall behind," Spence said.

She said the old calendar may cause Feb. 14 to fall on Feb. 1 or somewhere around then.

Spence said that's almost convincing, except Imbolc means the lactating of the ewes, not romantic love.

Another theory is that it came from a French tradition that spread. Spence said aristocratic women of the early 1400s hosted private parties called courts of love or parliaments of love.

"One idea was that they kind of represented themselves as a sort of mock court. They'd bad mouth guys who had apparently done something to offend their wives or mistresses," Spence said. "It was connected with this concept of courtly love, the proper behavior that lovers and suitors were supposed to show, and that if men were assumed to have violated this they would call them out on it, and in some cases they would assign them some kind of penance to do, which was apparently to buy some sort of gift."

UI senior Sarah Grigg has openly opposed Valentine's Day since she was 15, when she and a friend started wearing green hearts — gangrene — to show how the holiday has rotted from the inside out.



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Marilyn Lysohir, owner of Cowgirl Chocolates, prepares a box of Valentine's chocolate for display in the shop on 3rd Street. Lysohir said Valentine's Day is the second busiest time of the year for Lysohir's shop after the Christmas season. "It's a nice day to thank the people that you love and that love you back," Lysohir said.

"You get (to) that point in high school where it stops being this sweetness and it starts being this social 'oh my bf did this, what did your bf do, I'm gonna one up you,'" Grigg said.

She said Valentine's Day fundraisers were often humiliating and left people feeling excluded or appearing superficial. Grigg said the holiday has evolved into a commercialized, self-indulgent day.

"What I think it should be about is just in general, like love of mankind, love of your family, love of your friends," Grigg said. "Love has become this self-serving, self-acknowledgment (that) you need to have relationships ... Valentine's Day has become a celebration of how well you've made your match versus how much you actually care about somebody."

Grigg said she's always felt as if Valentine's Day is a transition — "if your relationship can survive Valentine's Day, maybe it'll survive spring."

Jordan Stemp, UI senior, said Valentine's Day can reveal hidden feelings.

"I think that (it) is a good holiday that brings people together and gives them the chance to express their true feelings toward another person in their life," Stemp said. "Although I feel that (it) is a bit of a singles awareness day as well."

Stemp said the main purpose of the day is to celebrate love and happiness.

"However, I do not like the fact that it is a holiday that

is strictly for those that are in a couple or in love," Stemp said. "The people that are single are kind of left in the dark." Valentine's Day can be bought and sold, Stemp said, and this distracts from the true meaning of the day.

Katherine Aiken, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, said there's more sexuality associated with the day than there used to be.

"I think there are a lot more gender and sexuality associations with Valentine's Day than there were early on," Aiken said. "The early kinds of greetings were just that — greetings. They didn't carry with it these connotations of romantic love, which is a pretty modern notion and certainly a lot of valentines are almost blatantly sexual in nature, heterosexual in the nature."

Aiken said the day has become a "date event."

"I mean there (is) lots of literature about people getting depressed on Valentine's Day if they don't have a partner of some kind," Aiken said. "There's a lot of peer pressure to have a Valentine, even little kids in elementary school. People have done studies about it — if they don't have as many valentines in the little box then they have issues."

Valentine's Day exerts a lot of pressure on younger students, especially those in middle and high school, she said.

"Especially girls who are concerned that somehow their

self-esteem and self-identity are tied up to 'did someone send them flowers at school so everybody else could see,'" Aiken said. "I think there's pressure on boys too, 'did they send the right thing, did I send it to the right person.' I think that's a lot of stress on 14-year-old kids."

Aiken said the day has become more about money than genuine compassion.

"I think what it really is about is florists and jewelers and chocolatiers doing what we do — especially in a capitalist, entrepreneurial society — we try to figure out how to make money," Aiken said. "I actually think that what that means is that Valentine's Day is much less personal in terms."

Grigg said Valentine's Day is just another aisle in Wal-Mart.

"So as far as all of the flowers and cards and the goofy stuffed animals and stuff I mean they're nice, it's nice to get them, but I mean not a lot of that stuff actually says reasons to actually care for somebody, or is specifically designed for someone you love," Grigg said. "It's not thoughtful. It's just red."

Aiken said the holiday sends the wrong message. "I think it sends a message that you can buy what ought to be an emotional or personal kind of commitment," Aiken said. "I think it might make people try to measure sentiment by the value of the Valentine gift and that's too bad."

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Washington governor signs gay marriage bill

Rachel La Corte
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Gov. Chris Gregoire handed gay rights advocates a major victory Monday, signing into law a measure that legalizes same-sex marriage in Washington state, making it the seventh in the nation to allow gay and lesbian couples to wed.

Gregoire signed the bill surrounded by gay rights supporters. "I'm proud our same-sex couples will no longer be treated as separate but equal," she said.

It's a historic moment for the state, but same-sex couples can't walk down the aisle just yet.

The law takes effect June 7, but opponents on multiple fronts already are preparing to fight.

Opponents filed Referendum 73 Monday afternoon. If they collect the more than 120,577 valid voter signatures by June 6, the law will be put on hold pending the outcome of a November vote. Separately, an initiative was filed at the beginning of the legislative session that opponents of gay marriage say could also lead to the new law being overturned.

Gay marriage supporters said that while they are ready for a campaign battle, they are allowing themselves to celebrate first.

"You have to relish this moment," said 31-year-old Bret Tideman of Seattle.

The state reception room at the Capitol was packed with hundreds of gay rights supporters and at least 40 lawmakers from the House and Senate to watch Gregoire sign the bill.

Sen. Ed Murray, a Seattle Democrat who is gay and has sponsored gay rights legislation for years, told the cheering crowd: "My friends, welcome to the other side of the rainbow. No matter what the future holds, nothing will take this moment in history away from us."

The House passed the bill on a 55-43 vote last Wednesday. The Senate approved the week before.

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The money will also help support the annual Native Law Conference. EagleWoman said the conference is free and open to the public.

"The reach of the program is broad in that sense and adds to the entire campus," EagleWoman said. "Within the law school, the NALSA is involved in putting on speakers, conducting gift drives and encouraging others to pursue law degrees from area tribal communities."

Remaining funds will be used to underwrite publication costs associated with Native Law student recruitment brochures.

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BENYARO

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The group produces soulful, honest songs that explore a number of diverse styles including beat box sounds, "acoustic disco house," blues, soul and folk.

Benyaro's latest album *Good Day Better* was released in 2010.

"We'll play a lot of our repertoire. We'll just have to kind of figure out the order according to the crowd," Musser said. "We feel like our music was well received last time but it was just not a very big crowd because it was in the dead of summer. We're looking forward to just kind of meeting more people in Moscow, meeting some college kids, and getting the word out about Benyaro."

The group will play from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at John's Alley.

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Records rocked

Klas, Britt and Kiser set new times and heights

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Three school records and one conference record were shattered at the Flotrack Husky Classic in Seattle Saturday. One day later, the Vandal track and field team capped off the weekend's competition with 12 personal bests in the UW Open.

"I thought it was an amazing meet both days," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "Both meets were amazing meets and amazing competition and I thought our team responded very well and competed very well throughout the whole weekend."

Sophomore distance runner Hannah Kiser's 3,000-meter time of 9:07.23 not only broke a school record, but took down the WAC record by a six-second margin. The previous WAC record was 9:13.68 held by Janeth Alder of BYU in 1996. Kiser's time also broke the

NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 9:10.00. Kiser finished in fifth place in her heat.

"We knew (Kiser's 3,000-meter) was going to be pretty good but she definitely exceeded expectations," Phipps said. "(Now) she can really focus on having a good conference meet and then two weeks later coming back and peaking and being ready for the (NCAA Indoor Championships)."

Phipps said Kiser ran a conservative race before kicking it in during the final 1,000 meters. There is less pressure on Kiser now that she claimed a guaranteed spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Kiser wasn't the only record-breaking distance runner last weekend. On the men's side, junior Barry Britt ran a school record time of 8:07.02 in the 3,000-meter.

"I still think (Britt) can go quite a bit faster," Phipps said.

"I know he was hoping to run maybe under eight minutes, and I think that's something he can do later on in the year, but breaking the school record and earning the No. 1 time in the WAC is still a great accomplishment."

Senior Stephane Colle finished right behind Britt in the 3,000-meter with a time of 8:08.31. He passed the old school record of 8:10.96 as well.

Senior Jeremy Klas broke his own school record in the men's pole-vault clearing 17-9.75 feet (5.43-meters). His vault moved him into the top in the NCAA this year. His old school record was 17-9 (5.41-meters) set last season.

"Every weekend (Klas) does an amazing job in the vault," Phipps said. "I think it's just a matter of time before he gets that automatic qualifier (for nationals). Probably with the way he's vaulting, (his success is) going to continue on not only at the national level but the international level as well."

Besides the three school records, the Vandals had 12 athletes reach personal bests during the weekend.

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File Photo by Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Vandal distance runner Barry Britt competes in the Vandal Indoor Jan. 3 in the Kibbie Dome. Britt ran a school record time of 8:07.02 in the 3,000-meter at the UW Open Sunday.

Athletes of the weekend



Jeremy Klas



Hannah Kiser



Kyle Barone

Jeremy Klas — track and field

Klas managed to break an Idaho record, which he previously held, in the men's pole vault Saturday. Klas cleared 17-9.75 (5.43 m), good enough to tie second overall in the event and earn the top collegiate finish. The jump is No. 4 in the NCAA this year.

"That's about as close as you're going to get to being an auto qualifier. He had some great attempts at 5.53 meters (18-1.75), so I think it's just a matter of time before he breaks through the 18-foot barrier," said Phipps.

Hannah Kiser — track and field

In an extremely competitive field at the UW Open this weekend in Seattle, the sophomore posted a school record and NCAA-qualifying time in the 3,000-meter race. Kiser's 9:07.23 finishing time sends her to the NCAA Indoor Championships for the first time. Her time is the fastest in the WAC and No. 4 in the nation.

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Three new additions for track and field

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

More endurance and speed is headed to Moscow to join the Idaho track and field program.

The first three members of the 2012 recruiting class have been announced for the Vandal track and field team. Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne

Phipps announced the signings of Marquita Palmer and Stephanie Rexus on the women's side and Bertrand Alcaraz Garcia on the men's side Wednesday.

Palmer is a distance and cross-country runner from Weiser, Idaho. She placed in nine Idaho 3A state meets in track and field and cross-country during high

school. Palmer won an individual state title in cross-country as a sophomore in 2009 and had two runner-up finishes.

Palmer placed second in the 1,600-meter (5:15.33) and 3,200-meter (11:23.94) at the 2011 Idaho 3A state meet as a

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Barone, Vandals keep it rolling

Idaho picks up fourth consecutive win

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Kyle Barone has become quite familiar with the term "double-double" during his collegiate career and it didn't take much for Idaho's junior center to acquire his eighth of the season Saturday, while assisting the Vandals to a 74-63 win over visiting La. Tech.

A pesky but athletic Bulldog team swarmed the Vandals with a nonstop full-court press but Idaho maintained its composure and sole possession of third place in the WAC standings with its season-best fourth consecutive victory.

Barone's size advantage made him a major player, but the Garden Grove, Calif., native also impressed with much-needed ball-handling skills when he became Idaho's only outlet.

"They're quick. They put a lot of pressure on the basketball and do a lot of good things," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We adjusted a little bit as the game went on. I thought we did a good job late in the game breaking the press. We got some easy baskets but we also turned it over and gave them some easy baskets and I thought



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Idaho guard Djim Bandoumel drives to the basket Saturday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals won 73-64 against La. Tech, extending the win streak to four games. The Vandals will be in action again at 7 p.m. Saturday against Portland State in Cowan Spectrum.

that was the difference in the second half."

Idaho's first-half tempo seemed convincing, especially when the Vandals' 7-0 run helped them to an early eight-point lead. Barone dominated inside the paint and by halftime he tallied nine rebounds and 11 points — one board short of a double-double.

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Stacey Barr attempts a game-tying 3-point shot against La. Tech in last seconds of the game Saturday in Cowan Spectrum. Idaho trailed by as much as 10 points in the second half, but was short of a comeback losing to La. Tech 61-57.

Women fall short

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

It all came down to a late shot attempt by freshman Stacey Barr to tie the game, but it was off the mark, ending the Vandals' three-game winning streak in a loss to La. Tech 61-57 Saturday in Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandals (8-17, 3-6 WAC) were unable to make history by beating La. Tech (13-11, 6-3 WAC) for the first time in program history. Idaho will have the opportunity to get back in the win column when the team hits the road this week, traveling to Fresno State Thursday and Nevada Saturday.

Senior guard Keri Arendse said the team needs to shake off this loss and concentrate on what's next.

"Tech is a good team," Arendse said. "We're going to keep our heads up and work on the things we need to work on, just push forward and start working for our next game."

Idaho and La. Tech came out firing in the first half and neither team gave an inch. The half saw 15 lead changes and three ties. The Vandals were able to stop the Lady Techsters with four seconds on the clock and went into the locker room with a narrow lead at 30-29.

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File Photo by Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut
Bety Flores releases a serve at practice Jan. 26 in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho lost to BSU, but beat EWU Saturday.

Vandals go 1 and 1 in Boise

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

There are mixed emotions for the Vandal women's tennis team as it fell short of beating rival Boise State but dominated Eastern Washington Saturday in a double header.

Coach Daniel Pollock said Boise played how he expected — with a lot of energy, and a lot of noise.

"They got in our faces and basically did to us what I wanted to do to them which was to get off to an early, fast start and be really aggressive," Pollock said. "They basically took it to us and our girls really needed to respond to that in the same manner and they just couldn't do that."

The Vandals lost the doubles point for the first time since the WSU match at the beginning of the season, going 1-2. Idaho couldn't get its momentum back and dropped four of the six singles spots.

Idaho sophomore Sophie Vickers said the Vandals didn't have their best day of tennis and the Broncos capitalized on it. Vickers was one of two singles winners and part of the only winning doubles team from Idaho, which she credits to playing with more confidence.

"I just played more aggressive tennis and committed to my shots and it seemed to pay off and I had a reasonably good day," Vickers said.

Vickers' single match ended in a 10-4 third set and said she met this same opponent in the fall, had the same type of grueling matchup, and barely pulled out the win so she knew it would be a tough match. The set was so long because it was a 10-

point super tie-break where the first to ten points wins.

Idaho senior and team captain Molly Knox said the BSU match was close and full of great match ups, but the Vandals didn't come out strong enough and losing the doubles point was a bad start. She said the packed house didn't make it any easier.

"They had a lot of support on their home court and I think everyone went out and fought really hard but it just didn't go how we wanted it to go," Knox said. "We had a few supporters out there, but I think we were a little overwhelmed by all the Boise fans."

Pollock said there was a lot of noise, screaming and shouting during the points, but it's expected when these two teams meet.

"You can either relish it or it hurts you, and it hurt us yesterday," Pollock said.

He said Idaho had an idea of the noise, but it is hard to know what to expect until a team actually plays in it. He said this experience will help the young team in the future.

Idaho got right back on the court to face another good team in Eastern Washington. The Vandals were in a similar situation earlier this season after their loss to Montana when they went on to beat Portland State 7-0.

The Vandals won 6-1 dropping just one singles match at the No. 5 spot. Pollock said he challenged the team to go out and get its pride back.

"There are a couple spots that we could have played better, but we got the job done and got the W. which saved our

weekend a little bit, so that was good," Pollock said.

Knox said most of the players did a good job coming out with energy and shutting down the Eagles and that the Boise loss may have had them fired up. She said the Eagles played great tennis though, making for some tough matches.

"Eastern looked better than we expected, they have a really strong team but just haven't had a very good start to the season and everyone had to come out on top of their game a little harder after playing in the morning and being a little tired," Knox said.

She said getting the victory was great for the morale of the team after losing a match that meant so much.

"We were pretty disappointed because we felt like this was a year we could definitely beat BSU but when things go wrong you just have to let it go and look to the future and win your next match and that's what we did so we were pretty happy for the rest of the day," Knox said.

Pollock said Boise deserved the win and he can't compliment the Broncos enough on their level of play. He said Idaho's ability to get back on the court and beat someone right away definitely made it easier to handle the loss and the weekend.

"It's a shame we didn't come out and give them everything we got, but overall I think it's a fair result and definitely good to get a win at the end of all of it," Pollock said.

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First year coach off to decent start

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

With tennis in his blood and the desire to gain and spread knowledge, Idaho women's tennis coach Daniel Pollock made a decision after high school in Manchester, England to move to the United States and pursue professional tennis and a college education.

Pollock said his mom played high school tennis and said he played tennis from as early as he can remember. He said at about 12, he started playing in tournaments in the UK. He said his game advanced during high school.

"I was lucky to have a good high school that had good tennis facilities and we had a couple of high level tennis players that played there," Pollock said. "Also you compete a lot more as an individual than you do as a team in the UK so I traveled all over the country and a little bit around Europe to play."

After high school, Pollock said he had two options — play professionally or go to a university. He said he wanted to do both and knew that in the United States the opportunity to train at a high level while attending a university and keeping up with academics is possible.

Pollock said he knew that was the best option so he made the move — first to South Carolina and later to Hawaii to play college tennis. At Anderson College, Pollock helped

lead the team to a No. 14 national ranking in NCAA Division II and at Hawaii-Hilo, he helped the team to Pacific West Conference regular season and tournament runner-up.

During college, Pollock found his desire to become a college tennis coach.

"I had an awesome college experience and had a really great coach who really believed in not only giving his athletes the best chance to win and making them the best players they can be, but also ensuring that one, they graduate from the university that they get to and two, that they get to see a lot of the U.S. while they travel," Pollock said.

He said his coach made sure the guys played hard and had an "awesome" college experience.

"I think seeing what he did for everybody kind of inspired me to want to do the same thing and give other people that same opportunity to enjoy their experience in college and playing for a team as opposed to playing for themselves," Pollock said. "And that kind of pushed me into college coaching as opposed to any other type of coaching."

Pollock began as an assistant men's tennis coach at the University of Chicago-Illinois from 2007 to 2009, where he also earned a master's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in applied exercise physiology. Next he became the assistant men's and women's tennis coach at

UH-Hilo where he was named the ITA Division II Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman hired Pollock as assistant coach for the men's team in 2010 and in his first season as assistant coach, Pollock helped the men to a 19-8 record and the programs highest national ranking at No. 46.

In 2011, Pollock took over as the women's coach. He said he appreciates everything Beaman has done for him as well as everything he has learned and continues to learn.

"I think he definitely has an amazing recruiting base, he has taught me a lot about recruiting while I have been here and he just has kind of taken me under his wing and guided me through as an assistant and into head coach," Pollock said.

He said Beaman still helps him on and off the court, including when Pollock is overwhelmed with school as he works toward a doctorate in sports science.

"I'm always welcome over at his house anytime I want to be there, and him and his wife have just been awesome to me since I have been here," Pollock said.

He said the sports staff at Idaho has been like a huge family to him and that he loves the university spirit here. Pollock also said he has thoroughly enjoyed this year's team.

"I have a philosophy of coaching that they have just totally bought into and it's on the court and off-court," Pollock said. "They work their butts off on the court, they work hard off

the court and they play great with each other, and I couldn't be happier with them right now."

The team also thinks highly of its first-year coach. Senior Molly Knox played for Idaho before Pollock became coach and said she appreciates what Pollock has done with the team.

"I really enjoy having Dan as a coach mainly just for me coming in as a senior, it's really different to have a coach who still wants to work with your game so much and he has done that with everyone," Knox said. "He hasn't given up, he wants to make us all better and I think he has done a great job finding aspects of our game to improve on to make us better players."

She said Pollock is a lot calmer on the court than previous coaches and that it is a lot easier to have him on the court. She said players know Pollock wants them to try their hardest. Knox said the team doesn't mind that practices have been longer and more frequent, because it prepared the team for the spring season.

Sophomore Sophie Vickers said Pollock has been supportive of her since she arrived last season and that the whole team has a lot of respect for him.

"He works us hard and sets goals for us and he wants us to do well and I think that pays off in all the hard work he puts in and he also makes it a fun environment," Vickers said.

Vickers and Knox said it is evident Pollock was a great player growing up, but they can rarely

get more than a few minutes of playing out of him these days.

"I love hitting with Dan but usually after about 10 minutes, he is grabbing his hip and hobbling around saying how old he is and it's hilarious because he is not that old yet, but he likes saying he is an old man so if I'm team grandma, he is like team great, great, great, great-grandpa," Knox said.

Vickers said she definitely would not say she could beat Pollock in a full match but agreed with Knox about always hearing about Pollock's injuries.

Pollock said he can't set win-loss goals, but he wants the best for this team.

"We want to be as successful as we can and compete for a conference championship at some point here in the near future but just to take this group of athletes and see them succeed and be as good as they can be, that would be my overall ultimate goal always," Pollock said.

Pollock and the Vandals are off to a decent 5-3 start this season with two 7-0 wins and two 6-1 wins. Pollock said he loves coaching but could also see himself teaching in a classroom someday.

"For me, I love to learn, so especially doing a doctorate in sports science, I get to apply everything that I do to my team and to my job," Pollock said. "I think teaching in the classroom I enjoy almost as much as teaching on the court."

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Men's tennis beat down by Broncos

Staff report
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Idaho men's tennis suffered a demoralizing loss to in-state rivals Boise State Saturday, falling 7-0 to the No. 45 Broncos at BSU's Boas Tennis Center.

BSU took the doubles scene by storm, winning all three matches. The Broncos' James Meredith and Nathan Sereke defeated Marius Cirstea and Andrew Dobbs 8-5 at the No. 1 spot, Scott Sears and Andy Bettles escaped a close 8-7 decision against UI's Jose Bendeck and Abid Akbar. BSU's Garrett Patton and Filipp and Pogostkin closed it out convincingly, beating Cristobal Ramos Salazar and Cesar Torres 8-3.

Idaho couldn't come up with a match or set during singles play and though the Vandals remained competitive, only Ramos Salazar came close to taking a set during his 7-6 (4), 6-2 loss to Sears.

"BSU is one of the elite teams in the country this year and they keep improving every match this spring that they play," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "I am sure they will be in the top 25 when we have a chance for a rematch if we play them in their spring team tournament this March. Our team is young and will also continue to improve with match play this season. Once we get our doubles on track I feel we can get some big wins."

BSU has emerged as a Western powerhouse in recent years and took down the No. 26 Washington Huskies Feb. 4. The Broncos reached the Round of 16 in the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championships.

The Vandals, now 4-4, travel to Nebraska this weekend where they take on Nebraska and Drake in Lincoln Saturday before going to Omaha to play Creighton Feb. 20.

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GOING AIRBORNE



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Mansa Habeeb goes airborne to the hoop for a layup against La. Tech Saturday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals defeated La. Tech 73-64 for their fourth-straight victory and improve to 7-4 in the WAC.

Lin: the Tebow of the NBA?

Everybody loves a hero, but what they seem to love more is an underdog — especially in sports.

In an industry about winning and losing, sometimes a story comes along that makes people stop in their tracks, the most recent of which is the story of Jeremy Lin.

Lin is a guard for the New York Knicks and for those who don't know his story, here's a quick rundown.

Lin, who grew up in California, had no scholarship offers out of high school. He had several offers to walk on, but only Brown and Harvard guaranteed him a roster spot. Lin decided to go to Harvard and shined while he was there.

When it came time for the 2010 NBA draft, Lin's name was never called. He was signed as a free agent for the Golden State Warriors, but received little playing time and was released after one year. The Knicks picked up Lin, but he was assigned to the Erie BayHawks of the D-League. On Jan. 20 Lin had a triple-double with the BayHawks and was brought up to the Knicks days later.

After a 25-point performance Feb. 4, Lin got the

opportunity to start. In his first start Lin had 28 points and eight assists. He followed it up with 23 points against Washington, 38 against the Lakers and 20 against the Timberwolves.

Through his first four starts Lin has scored 109 points, the most anyone has scored since the NBA-ABA merger in 1976. That's right — more than Michael Jordan, more than Allen Iverson and more than Shaquille O'Neal.

Just two weeks ago it looked like Lin's basketball career was going nowhere, but he's proved critics wrong again. As a result he's become an instant star and Lin-mania is in full swing.

It's similar in a lot of ways to Tim Tebow, who took over the starting quarterback job in Denver earlier this year, led a struggling team to the playoffs and beat the defending AFC champion Pittsburgh Steelers in the first round. He was never supposed to win, but he did and many fans now adore him. Tebow-mania took off and I must confess that I am guilty of Tebowing on a number of occasions.

Lin is quickly becoming the Tebow of the NBA. He wasn't

supposed to even play, but here he is with a 4-0 record as a starter in New York and averaging more than 20 points a game. When the Knicks called him up he was sleeping on his brother's couch, and now he's a superstar.

If the similarity of Tebow and Lin's rapid ascent to stardom isn't enough, did you know they're both devout Christians? Lin said Tebow influenced the way he conducts himself, which is evident in his interviews. Both Tebow and Lin rarely take credit for what they do, instead they give credit to the team around them.

While there's a lot of love for Tebow, there's also a lot of hate and Lin will experience the same thing. Whether it's for their faith, race, in the case of Lin, or conduct, they'll find some enemies.

Tebow and Lin represent what's great about sports. It's not about the past, not about probabilities and not about stats, it's about will. It's about having the will to win. So love them or hate them, these two show us all that with hard work and will power great things can happen.

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Get over it

Well here we go again with another season of Get out there.

Last time around this column encouraged students to get into the woods and hunt. There were lots of tips and tactics I've found useful, and even a couple stories from my own adventures. The point was to express that hunting and other outdoor adventures are still possible during college.

While I am proud of the life of the column under these guidelines, I feel that I left that horse beaten to death about a mile back up the trail. It's time to address the issues facing outdoorsmen not only in our little redneck area of the world, but on a national, and even global scale.

I love hunting stories and giving helpful hints, so I'm sure there will still be a few tales of success and tactics, but it's time to have a hand in people understanding the outdoor issues of the time.

First up is a topic I've skirted around for too long — wolves.

I chose to stay away from discussing these hot button predators because they may discourage people from experiencing the outdoors or reading my column. But I can't evade this any longer. It surfaces in the small bars of Troy, and what seems like every class I take. People are talking about wolves.

Troy locals sit swilling whisky and PBR, glumly reminiscing of the last time they saw an elk. In class, professors discuss the continued court battles fighting the wolf hunt. This issue has turned into what I can only compare to an ugly puppy dog, following me everywhere. So I give up. I cave. Here's my take on the reintroduction of wolves into Northern Idaho.

The North Idaho population of grey wolves has far exceeded primary goals set at the time of reintroduction. These wolves, not unlike other game species, are in need of population management. Without population control wolves are a danger to surrounding wildlife and livestock, and the sustainability of the North Idaho wolf population itself. So, what is an acceptable means of controlling the North Idaho wolf population? Having assessed the various means of population control, hunting has proven to be the most sustainable and profitable means of controlling the population of grey wolves in North Idaho.

In the modern world of the human expansion, i.e. urban sprawl, the need to manage wildlife in order to minimize the conflict between humans and surrounding species has arisen. In other cases, human impact on the introduction of a species has created a need to control a wildlife population for the betterment of the entire ecosystem. This is the case in North Idaho.

Reintroducing this species into a wilderness area ecosystem that had been

without a competitive super predator such as the grey wolf disrupted the stability of every species in the ecosystem.

The grey wolf's impact on big game species combined with the human impact already present there increases the possibility of the predator pit hypothesis taking effect.

The predator pit hypothesis, as discussed in the 2006 article by Victor Van Ballenberghe published in the Canadian Journal of Zoology, is a situation when an abundance of predators causes the downfall of the entire ecosystem. The hypothesis discusses how the predators eventually eat all surrounding prey, causing an imbalance in the ecosystem leading to the eventual death of all species in the area, including the predators. One proven successful means of

stopping this predator pit is to reduce the impact predators in the ecosystem have on the prey animals by controlling the predator population.

In Alaska, for example, predator populations are closely managed in order to maintain the high levels of big game species the area is known for. The state does this by providing residents with ample availability of hunting tags for grizzly bears, as well as allowing the use of hunting from helicopters and planes to harvest wolves. These practices ensure that the population of any one species does not reach a point that would represent a danger to the rest of the ecosystem.

Allowing hunting to be used as the primary predator management tool will provide the government and state with increased revenue through the sale of hunting licenses and harvest permits. According to the Idaho Fish and Game website, Idaho raised more than half a million dollars of revenue through the sales of non-resident grey wolf permits. This money can be used to support the growing needs of Idaho wilderness and wildlife.

As is the case with most wildlife, given the human impression we have left and continue to leave, there is a need to manage the population of grey wolves in North Idaho wilderness areas. Without management, the density of these super predators will reach a level that will have a negative impact on surrounding wildlife and livestock. Eventually these levels will reach a point at which the entire ecosystem will fail. In order to avoid this failure, as well as provide the government and state with added revenue, population control through hunting is the most applicable course of action.

Hate it or love it, wolves are another game species in need of management.

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GOING BANANAS



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Ryan Stomberg, member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity attempts to distract a La. Tech player during a free throw. Stomberg dressed in a banana costume and got the crowd yelling the crowd along with the Vandal marching band's chants of "Go bananas, go, go bananas."

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junior competing for Weiser High School. She also placed second in the 800-meter with 2:21.79 in 2010. Palmer also competed in the 2011 USA Track & Field Junior Olympics where she turned some heads with a second-place finish in the 1500-meter in 4:38.69.

"She's a great all-around athlete," Phipps said. "She played basketball, she did the triple jump, she's a 4.0 student and that's exactly what we look for in a student-athlete, so we couldn't be more excited for her to be a Vandal next year."

Like Palmer, Rexus is a distance and cross-country runner from the Inland Northwest. She competed for Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Wash., and finished fourth at the 2011 Washington 3A State Cross Country Championship with

a time of 18:15.0. Rexus was also named the 2011 All-Area Female Runner of the Year and a 2010 All-Area First Team member by the Tri-City Herald.

"I think Stephanie (Rexus) will probably end up being in the longer distance events, and she really had a breakthrough year in cross-country," Phipps said. "She finished fourth at the state meet and on top of that, she goes to the Border Clash between Oregon and Washington — two of the best states for distance runners — and finishes eighth."

On the men's side recruit Alcaraz Garcia is a sprinter from Cartagena, Spain. As an exchange student, Garcia competed at Buhl High School in Idaho so he is already familiar with the state. In 2009 he swept Idaho 3A individual state titles in track and field. He claimed titles in the 100- (11.02), 200- (21.79) and 400-meter (48.79) races as well as ran

the anchor leg of the team's 4x400 relay. "He's an amazing 400 runner, but he can also do the 100 and 200," Phipps said. "He'll come in with a lot of experience under his belt, so I don't think he's going to be intimidated at all by the Division I level. He's already spent a year in the state of Idaho and he's already seen the campus and he loved it, so I think the transition for him is going to be a lot easier than most international students."

Phipps said he is excited to for the first three signees of the 2012 recruiting class but is also excited for more recruits to join the Vandals.

"For us to get this quality of signees this early in the process really bodes well for our entire class this season," Phipps said.

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However, the mismatch Michael White's team had down low didn't faze the Bulldogs or prevent them from putting together a second half comeback. Their full-court press became increasingly effective against a flustered Vandal team that turned the ball over 10 times in the second half.

"In the second half they stuck with their man-to-man kind of press with being up on the ball kind of taking out and making it tougher to get the ball in. I think Landon and the guards did a good job taking care of the ball there at the end," Barone said.

After taking a seven-point lead into halftime, Idaho committed six turnovers in the first six minutes of the second half, allowing the Bulldogs to storm back to their first lead since Brandon Gibson turned in the game's first points.

Nevertheless, Idaho benefited from the Bulldogs' physical play, which sent the Vandals to the free-throw line 27 times. A team that shot 50 percent from the charity stripe against Seattle and New Mexico State, went 74 percent Saturday.

In addition, four of Idaho's five 3-point shots came in the second half. Senior point guard Landon Tatum, who only had 10 3-point makes on the season, accounted for three of the Vandals' five Saturday.

"I was able to hit a couple more shots this game, a lot of my teammates found me open for the three ball and I was able to knock it down so that probably helped out the most," Tatum said.

Idaho eventually broke out of the full-court trap, while continually increasing their lead, which reached a game-high 12 points with 1:11 remaining.

Though Idaho drew the majority of fouls, Verlin and Learfield Sports play-by-play radio announcer Evan Ellis drew a Gibson charge late in the second. The junior toppled over the press table, sending Ellis and his broadcasting equipment to the floor.

Tatum's 14 points tied Barone and Deremy Geiger for a team-high, and marked the first time he scored more than 10 points in a game since the teams' Jan. 12 match-up in Ruston. The senior averages just 6.8 points-per-game this season and not more than 4.5 in his previous four appearances.

Barone's 15-rebound showing tied his career-high, which was also set last month in Ruston. His 13 defensive rebounds are also a career-high. The junior's all-around performance rounded out with three blocks.

The Vandals shot 24-44 and 54 percent from the field and are now 10-0 this season when shooting 50 percent or better. Idaho held La. Tech to 40 percent from the field and allowed the Bulldogs, who turned in thirteen 3-pointers during last month's match-up, to convert just 6-23 and 26 percent of their shots from 3-point range.

The Vandal defense shut down La. Tech leading scorer Raheem Appleby, holding the freshman scoreless. It was the first time in the WAC this season Appleby hadn't scored in a game and the first time he went scoreless playing more than three minutes in a game.

"I think last time we played them he was their second-leading scorer and our coaches were saying that he'd been on a tear and they were really trying to challenge the guards to get out to him, making shots tough," Verlin said.

Both men's and women's games Saturday evening supported the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative, and were sponsored by Relay for Life.

After three games in five days the Vandals have a week to rest before hosting Portland State of the Big Sky for a Sears BracketBusters match-up at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. Two former Vandals, Gary Winston and Renado Parker play for the Vikings (12-12, 6-6 Big Sky), who are led by senior Charles Odum averaging 18.6 points-per-game, good enough for No. 31 in the nation.

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"For her to get an NCAA auto time running that easily makes me feel like she can clearly be a sub-nine-minute 3k runner indoors, which would put her at an elite level all-time in the NCAA," coach Wayne Phipps said.

Kyle Barone — men's basketball

Idaho's junior center capped off an outstanding week with WAC Player of the Week honors. Barone earned his seventh and eighth double-doubles of the season and helped Idaho go 3-3 against Seattle, New Mexico State and La. Tech. Coach Don Verlin praised Barone's dominance.

"I thought he (Barone) was very efficient down there tonight (La. Tech), as well as the New Mexico State game," Verlin said. "I though he rebounded with extreme authority. If he's not WAC Player of the Week this week, it's a crying shame because he's played with a lot of intensity."

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"They were really excited about competing in Seattle and I think when you put the excitement level, the opportunity to compete against great competition and the level of preparedness, good things happen," Phipps said.

The Vandals hope to continue their success when they return home for the Vandal Collegiate in Moscow Feb. 18.

"It's going to be nice (to be back in Moscow)," Phipps said. "It gives them a little bit of a break before we head of to conference."

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FALL

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Arendse led the Vandals in the half with 11 points after hitting all three of her 3-point opportunities.

The second half picked up where the first left off with the teams going back and forth, but the Vandals offense began to struggle five minutes into the period, allowing La. Tech to build a lead.

Freshman Krissy Karr said the offense lacked fluidity in the second half.

"I think we were thinking too much and thinking about the shots we should take," Karr said. "It led us into rushing shots and taking bad shots and it didn't turn out very well."

The Lady Techsters got their lead up to 10, but the Vandals, as they have done multiple times this season, found a way to come back after a three from Barr and some drives by Karr.

With 14.8 seconds left in the game Barr hit a deep 3-pointer to bring the deficit to three. Idaho then fouled and La. Tech missed both free throws on the other end, giving the Vandals the opportunity to tie. Idaho got the ball to Barr, but she was unable to convert another deep three. La. Tech's Whitney Jones then hit both shots from the charity stripe to give the Lady Techsters a four-point lead and the win.

While it appeared Barr had some room to step up and take a closer shot, Newlee said it was a set play and said Barr is capable of hitting the deep shots.

"We've seen her make that shot in practice, so it's not like it was a half-court heave," Newlee said. "She can shoot it pretty deep and that last look was a clean look."

Newlee said the game wasn't lost on one shot, but on Idaho's lapses in the second half.

"It certainly didn't come down to that by any stretch of the imagination," Newlee said. "The layups we missed in the first half, the o-boards we gave up, and I thought our transition defense really let us down."

La. Tech's Shantale Bramble-Donaldson, who leads the team in nearly every offensive category, continued to play well and led all scorers with 24 points and brought down 14 boards for the double-double.

The Vandals have shown they have the ability to come back multiple times this year, but Arendse said they shouldn't have to.

"Hopefully we don't have to keep coming back," Arendse said. "We want to play 40 minutes hard and that's one of our goals. Sometimes if we make mistakes and they get on a run, we need to push back more."

Despite another conference loss the Vandals are still in position to get a decent seed for the WAC tournament. Idaho is No. 6 in the conference, nipping at the heels of Hawaii and San Jose State. Fresno State is still No. 1 with a perfect 8-0 WAC record.

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Fingers crossed

Four straight wins going into Saturday's Bracket Buster? Then three winnable games on the road to close out the season. I don't want to jinx anything but I think this Vandal men's basketball team is ... Not gonna jinx it.

—Madison

Quote of the day

"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

—Rhiannon

Technology free

Typically I'm a freak about having my phone on me — you never know what's going to happen — but leaving it in a friend's car from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon was the best accident ever. Peacefully unreachable is a great way to catch your breath. I might have to lose my phone more often.

—Elizabeth

Some things never change

I went to CJ's Friday. The bathroom is still disgusting.

—Nick

A circle is round

... It has no end, that's how long I want to be your friend.

—Vicky

Don't settle

I've noticed recently, more than ever, that life has a funny way of teaching us lessons. This week I was taught to never settle. Don't settle for a job in which you won't be appreciated. Don't settle for a B when you can get an A. Don't settle for a boyfriend or girlfriend who doesn't treat you well. Don't settle for one mile when you can run two. Always be the best you can be, and I promise it will eventually pay off.

—Britt

A day of love

Happy Valentine's Day, from Amrah Camerah.

—Amrah

Celebrate the right way

Everyone who is in a relationship and happy, enjoy your Valentine's Day. For the rest of you, do what I'm doing and take your roommate to Super China Buffet. Kevin Bingaman <3

—Theo

Two reasons

Off the Cuffs epitomize why I don't use Twitter. I don't have anything to say and no one wants to know I don't have anything to say.

—Dylan

Untruths

It's not nearly as much fun being a closet millionaire as you would think.

—Jens

<3

I have always loved Valentine's Day, but this year I actually have a boyfriend to celebrate with. Happy Valentine's Day Taylor Lautner ... I mean, Forrest Johnson.

—Elisa

OUR VIEW

BSU is better than you

Boise State University President Bob Kustra declared Vandal fans and the Moscow community a "nasty, inebriated" culture in 2010. That comment was a direct response to the intense pride and loyalty we demonstrate during football season — a pride that apparently does not transfer to our basketball team, which has a better record than the football team.

The attendance for Saturday's men's basketball game was 1,843, a pathetic number for a school that currently enrolls 10,000 students on the Moscow campus alone — and that was a good night.

Idaho is No. 3 in the WAC having split series against the conference's top two teams, with an overall record of 15-11. By the end of the season, this Vandal team might be considered one of the best since the squad that won the Big Sky and reached the Big Dance in 1989 and 1990.

If we consider ourselves true fans, a team with the ability to win should pack the Spectrum. Our bandwagoner friends to the south manage to stuff more than 5,500 fans on av-

erage in the Taco Bell Arena to watch a Bronco team that has one conference win this year and is 12-19 overall. Who are the true fans?

Idaho averaged about 1,300 fans per men's home game during the 2011 season, which was comprised of 15 games making the total season attendance about 20,000, according to statistics from the NCAA for men's varsity basketball team attendance. Kentucky, Syracuse and Louisville all averaged more per game than Idaho did all year.

An average of 20,000 people during a single season is weak attendance for a Division I team, especially when some Division II and III teams are bringing in double that number. In the same report, Northern State University in South Dakota — a school with approximately 2,600 enrolled students — averaged 3,000 fans per game in 2011.

Every Vandal fan out there has a different opinion on what needs to happen to increase the attendance: They say marketing needs to improve, a new facility should be built, men's coach Don Verlin should personally recruit students from on-campus housing groups, star

players should bring the energy and the team needs to win.

University marketing might employ old thinking and the Cowan Spectrum isn't the Cameron Indoor Stadium, but it does the job. Verlin and his team participated in the fourth annual Readers as Leaders program this semester and visited local elementary schools. Participating children have the opportunity to achieve reading goals and receive a T-shirt that can be worn for free admission to the game and their parents enjoy reduced ticket prices. Not only that, but the men's and women's teams hosted Fan Fest in Bob's Place to reach out to students and community members with autograph opportunities, promotional items and playing video games. Verlin reaches out to the community, while coaching a WAC-contending team, but it's not the coach's job to get fans in the stands.

That responsibility falls on people who call themselves true fans — the ones who say they bleed silver and gold — and the people who are employed to promote the reason for bleeding.

—ER and NG



Valentine mailbox

Nathan Costner,
Happy Valentine's Day, my dear. Happy two-year friendiversary. Thanks for always being there for me and for being such an amazing best friend. I love you so much.

—Alma Elias

Athena Beckwith and Elisa Eiguren,
You are my soul mates. Thank you for everything and for always being there for me and dealing with my ridiculousness. I love you both so much and I could never have gotten through my college years without you.

—Alma Elias

Matthew and Nicole Lichtenberg,
Happy Valentine's Day. I love you both and think of you everyday. Love, Mom.

—Martha Lichtenberg

I would like to wish my fiancé, a UI graduate, a Happy Valentine's Day. We will be spending our first Valentine's Day apart while he's in basic training for the Army, but he's always in my heart. There's nothing better than a soldier's love. Forever and always my love.

—Alyson French

Vandal voices

OPINIONS FROM OUR READERS ON FACEBOOK

Opinion question: What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



"Sitting in my office, waiting for election results to come in. ... and Pullman City Council."

Jimmy Dawson
Date posted: Feb. 12



"Go out to see a movie and finish up with dinner, but I'm moving Valentine's Day to this weekend so I can have time to study for tests."

Tyler S. M. Andersen
Date posted: Feb. 13



"Sitting at home with my husband and dogs. We will spend the evening together watching our favorite primetime shows, eating pot pies and sharing cake and delicious pink champagne."

Monica Hibbard
Date posted: Feb. 12

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Saying goodbye to Mr. Miserable

Eighteen months ago, I wrote a column entitled "The Unnecessary Other Half." It was a stinging critique of the institution of marriage. "We need to learn to love ourselves first and foremost. Learn to love without contracts," I ranted.

I now ask permission to apologize. It's a fitting day to do so, but this has been on my mind for a while. Being a cynic of love "due to my upbringing" is no excuse — especially on a matter so close to

people's hearts. "If one takes life as a breeze, then there is no clinging, no attachment — no obsession — one simply remains available, and whatever happens is good," used to be my mantra. Osho spoke these words. He developed a cult following in India that spread around the world in the '80s and '90s. When I stayed with my friend Deepti in Mum-



Bethany Lowe
Argonaut

bai, we meditated to his music before her Hindu prayers each morning. With all due respect to the dead, I'm going to try and refrain from saying he was crazy. But the poor man was disillusioned on the topic of love. The man never loved, and was single his entire life. Which, of course, is not a problem until you start preaching things such as, "The

man and the woman cannot meet eternally — the meeting can only be momentary. That is the misery of love ... " OK then Mr. Miserable, while your followers wallow in their fleeting moments, I am going to come out and say I was wrong. It seems clear now something that has the power to maintain the grip it does on all human societies, and to conjure words such as misery points to the existence of

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Religion does not define friendship

Religion has been known to cause rifts — that's no secret. People disagree on what values should be most important, what acts are sinful and where we go after we die.

Most all of us have probably engaged in a conversation that has caused us to explore another perspective, defend our own and discover similarities and differences. It's nearly impossible for everyone in the world, country, state, county or city to agree on what values should be held most important, and yes, in many cases these disagreements are the deciding factor in people's ability to get along.

But it's not the only factor. There are more people than not who are friends with others who have slightly different values and morals, and for some people those do derive from religion. What seems to be neglected when religion

enters a conversation about morals and values is that people also have an innate tendency to care about others. Whether religious beliefs or childhood lessons emphasize the Golden Rule, it is a value many people share.

This basic moral outlook makes it possible for people to be friends — even best friends regardless of differing religious beliefs. My best friend is Mormon, and it is incredibly annoying to be asked how that is possible or how it works since I'm not. It works like any other friendship. She is one of the most caring people I have ever met, and I know that at the end of the day no matter what happens she will be there

for me. And I am there for her.

There has never been a point in our friendship at which either of us has pressured the other to convert to "our way of thinking." We talk openly about our values (many of which are the same), life goals, what's happening in our lives — the good and the bad — and give



Whether religious beliefs or childhood lessons emphasize the Golden Rule, it is a value many people share.

each other advice about it all. We don't judge, we're just friends and have been for eight years. Friendship does not develop because two people are of the same religion. It develops because two people share the same values regardless of how they came to have them. It lasts because no matter where life takes them, or who asks dumb questions, they are there for each other no matter what.



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But there is hope. Two promising research projects are in the works. A study published in Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology showed sound waves could be used to reduce sperm counts to levels that would cause infertility. Laboratory rats received a testicular ultrasonic zap that proved effective in stopping sperm production.

Further research needs to be done to determine if the treatment is reversible or if there is cumulative damage to the testes. It also needs to be determined if the sperm produced after the treatments stop are healthy and undamaged. Research continues at the University of North Carolina with help from the Gates Foundation.

Another project is the Reversible Inhibition of

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past, they are chemically incapacitated, rendering them unable to fertilize an egg.

Work on this project began in the 1970s in India. Hundreds of men have been successfully injected with the compound so far in

clinical trials and there has not been a single failure or serious adverse reaction. The procedure is now in late Phase III clinical trials in India, which means approval in

that country could come in as little as two years.

Recently, political stumbling blocks have slowed the project. As a contraceptive, RISUG faces a high bar for acceptance. While a medication such as an antidepressant would be considered a success if it worked in 75 percent of patients, RISUG will be compared to a conventional vasectomy, which works more than 99 percent of the time.

There's also the business side of the equation. Unlike birth control pills, which are purchased and used daily, sometimes for years, RISUG is a "one-shot" procedure. The syringe could end up costing more than the material it injects. That means there's not much interest from pharmaceutical companies.

Until that happy day arrives when men have access to a long-acting, reversible and effective contraceptive, there are four male options for contraception: Abstinence, vasectomy, withdrawal and condoms. In the meantime — be safe, folks.

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MISERABLE

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something rather powerful.

It is much easier to run away from love. After all, we all know from experience the "misery" of love. Seeing couples usually made me want to take a trip to the bathroom. Commitment seemed like a complacent safety net of security and lost dreams.

I traveled. People run away through casual sexual encounters that avoid going beyond physical gratification or shun the idea of relationships completely. Many instead remain in, or search for, the safety of mediocre or unhealthy relationships. These are the relationships in which people just want to be with someone. There is a lack and the other half is filling it.

If you look at the ways we run from the idea of love, they are the same ways we run from ourselves. I guess it's because it is essentially the same thing. Love is an overflowing — an abundance — and can only be experienced in its giving, not its taking. The beauty

of relationship arises when two beings give: Not to gratify loneliness but to share wholeness.

And this is just a prerequisite. Beyond this, love must be practiced. Like learning a language, an instrument or creating a painting — love requires practice. It is constantly growing and changing, requires effort and time, but the experience is all in the journey.

It's very true, we need to learn to love ourselves first and foremost. But this is just the beginning. It is the beginning of a wonderful, exhilarating, ever evolving journey in which a person who is happy in his or herself is able to experience this alongside another. It

makes me a little queasy to say this so publicly, but having someone who supports me no matter what, yet challenges me each day to continue toward being the person I want to be and leading the life I've dreamed of makes me feel like the luckiest person alive every day. Dreams are so much more colorful when shared.

Now run away from this mushiness.

I would if I were you. Down a bottle tonight, as my beloved single friends and I plan on doing. More than ever I'm committed to them too. Love is a way of being — every day — within yourself, friends, families, lovers and the earth.

VOICES

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"Absolutely nothing. When you're single you just go buy chocolate, watch random movies and possibly rescue a friend from a Valentine's date gone horribly wrong."

Shannon Kelly
Date posted: Feb. 13



"Showing those I love that I care. In Mexico, we call it 'El Dia Del Amor y la Amistad' (The day of love and friendship), making that day a reminder to love all those around you and if you are not in a relationship you aren't alone."

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