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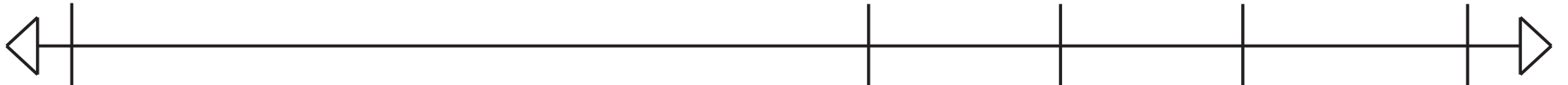


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Idaho moves to the WAC in all sports.

The WAC becomes a non-football conference. Idaho becomes FBS Independent in football only.

## Homeless ... but why?

Athletic department bases conference decision primarily on financial implications

**Kaitlyn Krasselt**  
Argonaut

Since transitioning from the Football Championship Series to the Football Bowl Series in 1996, Idaho football has gone 66-122 and 20-54 in the last five years, and has seen more starting quarterbacks than wins in the past two seasons.

This year in particular has been difficult for Vandal football — a 1-11 record with 509 points allowed in 12 games (42 points-per-game), the loss of a head coach and starting quarterback and the threat of a future without a conference.

When the season began, the goal was to finish atop the dying Western

Athletic Conference — but by the end, simply competing was the most fans could ask for. That and an invitation into an FBS conference for the 2013 season — a wish yet to be granted.

The last time Idaho found itself without a football conference was in 1962. Since then, Idaho has played football in four different conferences and at two different levels. Media markets have expanded while the demographics of Moscow and the university have not. The combination of a multi-million-dollar media industry in athletics and economic shortcomings prevalent in higher education haven't done the university any favors.

Despite the challenges facing the

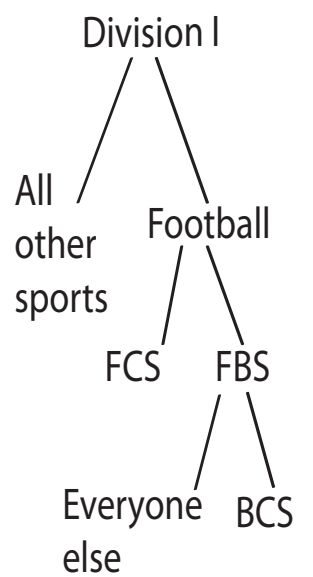
department, athletic director Rob Spear and the rest of Idaho's administrators are hopeful as they make the transition to competing as an FBS Independent program for the foreseeable future. All other sports will compete in the Big Sky in 2014. But a rigorous schedule, the competitiveness of Bowl Championship Series teams both on and off the field, the TV-driven media market and the challenge of scheduling games in a small, indoor stadium located in rural north Idaho won't make it easy.

"It's unfortunate sometimes that the lack of success in football magnifies the perception of the athletic department where in fact we are pretty

competitive in everything else that we do," Spear said. "It's the driver of everything. It's the driver of conference realignment. It's the driver of television revenue ... it's just such a big sport that is followed across the country."

For this reason, Spear and the athletic department had big choices to make in order to determine Idaho's future for at least the next two years. When Idaho didn't receive an FBS conference invitation, Spear had to choose what would be best for the program — become an FBS Independent or move back to the FCS to compete in the Big Sky.

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## A new era

Paul Petrino announced as UI program's 33rd head football coach

**Theo Lawson**  
Argonaut

After weeks of speculation and rumor, Paul Petrino has been named the head football coach at the University of Idaho.

In a Monday press conference, Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear announced Petrino as the university's 33rd head coach.

Petrino, who will be at the helm of a collegiate football program for the first time, spoke in front of various media outlets, alumni and university officials.

"It's something I've worked for since I was a little kid, I've dreamed about it, that's all I've ever wanted to do is be a head coach," Petrino said. "I can give you my word that I'll give you every last bit of energy I have in my body to make sure that the Vandal



Watch Petrino's full comments from Monday.

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family is back at the top."

Most recently the offensive coordinator at the University of Arkansas, Petrino made his first stop at Idaho in 1992 when he was hired as the running backs, receivers and special teams coach.

Since then he has been the offensive coordinator at Louisville, Illinois and Arkansas. He had a brief stint as the receivers coach for the Atlanta Falcons. In last year's NFL Draft four of Petrino's receivers from the same school were selected in the same draft class for the first time in its history.

Known for his high-powered offenses that have

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Jesse Hart | Argonaut  
Paul Petrino, new Vandal head football coach, greets the crowd following his press release speech Monday in the Kibbie Dome.

## Smooth circuits

ITS changes, rebuild, rewrite result in smooth registration process

**Erik Fink**  
Argonaut

The changes made resulting in a smoother registration for the spring 2012 semester were ironically put into place in October 2011, just prior to problematic registration that fall said Brian Borchers, assistant director for information systems at University of Idaho.

"We had just completed a rebuild of the Banner systems on our regular five-year hardware renewal cycle," Borchers said. "This rebuild included new servers which were appropriately sized and configured by the ITS Systems Team."

Borchers said the system failures were caused by a single SQL query which was executed differently in the new version of the Oracle database on which Banner is hosted.

"It was only under the extreme load of registration that the query had a noticeable impact on the system, but it was enough to drive the database into a failed state," Borchers said.

Borchers said once the query was discovered, his team was able to rewrite it so Oracle could execute it efficiently.

UI junior Gregory Taggart said he noticed the change in the system.

"There was a 100 percent difference," Taggart said. "I remember last time I did it I was locked out for like an hour."

Taggart said he was able to instantly access it this time around with no problems.

Borchers said system failures, like the ones students have become

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## Senate election voter turn-out 'always a problem'

Less than 10 percent of students voted for ASUI candidates

**Erin Roetker**  
Argonaut

This semester's ASUI elections marked the lowest voter turnout since 2007, with less than a thousand people — which is about 10 percent of the student body, said Hayley Lydig, ASUI Communications Board Chair.

"I think with any election, voter turnout is always

a problem," ASUI Elections Coordinator Lobna Abdel-Rahim said. "We did everything we could, we advertised, we got the word out, we had voting booths downstairs in the Commons. We did a lot of stuff to get people to vote, so I think it is the voters who just need to get out there and vote."

Abdel-Rahim said those who didn't vote should not complain later about what ASUI is doing because they didn't vote or voice their opinion.

"Honestly, our biggest way for campaigning is through

Facebook. ASUI has a Facebook — we posted to there, I posted it to mine, all of my staff posted it to their walls and then we kind of just build on it," Lydig said. "We also send it out through the all-campus email that Hannah sends out every Monday."

The ASUI staff wore voting T-shirts with the voting website on the back, went to Bob's Place and set up a table to spread the word about voting in the residence halls. There were also several open forums.

"A lot of people don't want

to vote if they don't know the candidates running," Lydig said. "I personally didn't vote for anyone who I didn't hear speak at an open forum or they hadn't come to my chapter facility to come talk to us. That is the only reason I can come up with for the reason people wouldn't vote."

Max Cowan, who was re-elected for senate, said this is an interesting year because students are less involved than usual. He said there are less applications for alternative

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File photo by Amrah Canul | Argonaut

The winners of the ASUI senator election were announced Nov. 14 in the Idaho Commons rotunda. Max Cowan, Scott McIntosh, Hunter Howell, Bruno Bennett, Katie Cramer, Keaghan Caldwell and Patrick Tunison will be Spring 2013-Fall 2013 senators. This year's elections marked the lowest voter turnout since 2007.

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# Taco cupcakes

Katy Sword  
Crumbs

If you have ever wanted to combine dessert and tacos, this recipe is the closest you can get while maintaining something that doesn't resemble a 3 a.m. bad cooking decision. Taco cupcakes take a little effort, but are worth it in the end. If not for the taste, for the bragging rights that you made and ate taco cupcakes.

**Ingredients:**  
 1/2 lb. lean ground beef  
 Taco seasoning  
 3/4 cup refried beans  
 16 wonton wrappers (found in the produce section)

5 tbsp. queso (or as much or as little as you want to use)  
 1/2 cup salsa  
 1 cup shredded Mexican blended cheese  
 Sour cream or guac mole for the topping, which ever you prefer  
 Note: Any of the ingredients can be swapped out, like chicken, make it vegetarian or any other preference.

**How to:**  
 Pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees.  
 Lightly mist eight cups in a muffin tin with cooking spray and set aside.  
 Cook ground beef according to directions for the



Katy Sword | Crumbs

taco seasoning. Set aside when cooked.  
 Place a wonton wrapper into the bottom of each muffin cup being used.  
 Layer queso, followed by beans, meat, salsa and cheese.  
 Place another wonton wrapper with the corners turned at a 90-degree angle from the first wrapper in

the cup and repeat the layer of ingredients.  
 Bake for 18-20 minutes until golden brown.  
 Let cool 5 minutes before removing from muffin tin and top with either sour cream or guacamole or both.

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## High Five



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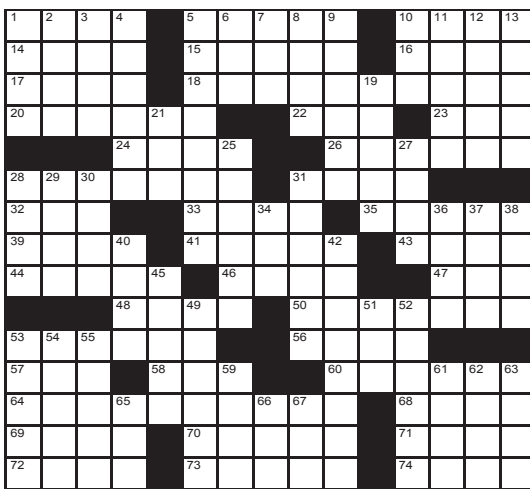


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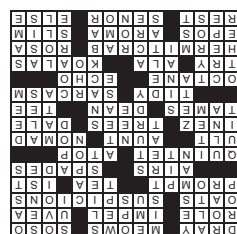
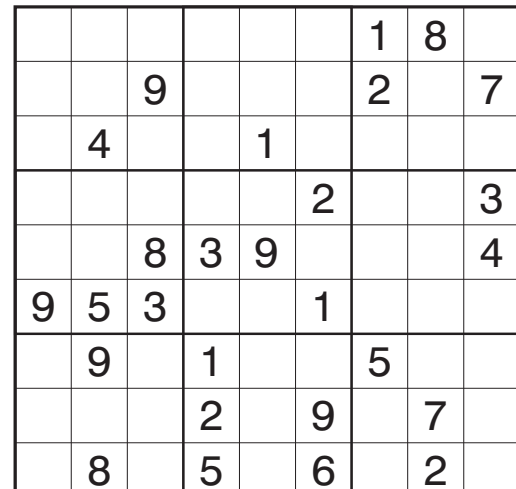
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For increased AT&T coverage in Moscow, the company has requested the city's approval to attach more antennas onto the water tower in the Northwest Reservoir.

## AT&T requests additional antenna on water tower, sparks safety review

Aaron Wolfe  
Argonaut

In order to supplement an increased demand of coverage for the Moscow customer network, AT&T has requested the City of Moscow's approval to install additional antennas onto the water tower in the Northwest Reservoir. The Northwest Reservoir refers to the area located on Residence Street also covering Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park. The property includes the structure and its catwalk. City Engineer Kevin Lilly said the city helped review AT&T's method of attachment and specifications of the equipment.

"They usually supply us with a plan of the site, showing what they have and what they plan to add. We review that before showing their plan of attachment," Lilly said.

Lilly said these requests are not abnormal — they happen every few months, but the city still has some concerns.

"We're starting to be concerned about the amount

of hardware that's up there, most of it is mounted to the catwalk that's on the tank," Lilly said. "We have leased the space to various communications companies, but at some point the weight of all that equipment will exceed design specifications."

The agreement allows AT&T a temporary installation until further review.

"We are having a study done by Rimrock Consulting Engineers that will tell us how much is there, and now, what the capacity of the structure is and how much additional load it can take if any," Lilly said.

According to the draft agreement, AT&T is responsible for research funding, temporary installment of the antennas and removal if necessary.

Information Systems Department Director Jesse Flowers said when these water tanks were designed and built nobody dreamt they would be hanging this much additional equipment onto them.

"Most of this equipment

is being attached to railing around the tank which was designed and built for employee and human safety, and over the years there's been more equipment added to the railing for increased wireless signals," Flowers said.

The city is concerned about the safety issue.

"Our engineering department just wanted to make sure there was thorough analysis done of the tank to make sure it was not creating a weakness in the railing if a human were to trip and fall while working on the tank," Flowers said.

Flowers said his department is responsible for the contract that has been drafted between the City of Moscow and AT&T, as well as any potential changes.

"We just want to make sure that it's not going to be a danger for its primary purpose, which is providing water to the city," Flowers said.

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## Composting community

UI groups gather campus compost from Common's, Bob's food courts

Matt Maw  
Argonaut

Campus Dining collected more than 97,000 pounds of compost last year from the sorting bins at the Idaho Commons and Bob's Place, General Manager Pat Clelland said. That's nearly 20,000 pounds more than the previous year, and he said the composting program owes much of its success to campus-wide teamwork.

"We've managed to divert that many pounds (of waste) out of the landfill," Clelland said. "What was garbage has been repurposed."

He said that process has included a 75 percent paper-waste reduction by the end of 2011, for instance. All of the paper plates at the Commons food court have also been replaced with the reusable plates that used to belong to Bob's, though the paper variety is still available upon request.

The student volunteers who direct patrons to appropriate waste bins, he said, have been another crucial factor for the program because they eliminate the need for a sorting room and crew.

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center gathers the volunteers, and each is allowed one free meal for

each hour's work, Clelland said.

"The Sustainability Center has made a huge difference in the ease of process at the Commons," he said. "I can't give them enough credit for their collaborative effort and partnership."

Adria Mead, sustainability center director, said she has worked closely with the volunteer coordinator, Alex Rheaulp this year, to organize student volunteers and compost education. She said many of the workers are gleaned from service learning students from the Environmental Science program, and they have been a good crew.

She said it's a lot of effort to get recruits, and the sustainability center does everything from sending out mass e-mails to placing advertisements in The Argonaut, hanging flyers and utilizing sign-up sheets at tabling events. Despite the gaps that still occur in food court coverage, Mead said volunteer numbers increase every semester and some students choose to stick around.

Mead said the biggest problem is hesitancy among volunteers unfamiliar with composting. At first, she said it was difficult to discern what issues to address in vol-

unteer training, but the years have yielded experience and Rheaulp has substantially reworked the general training presentation to better fit students' needs. The Sustainability Center also tries to send representatives to instruct new recruits on their first days, Mead said, and trepidation soon becomes enthusiasm with a bit of education.

"When the light bulb turns on and they become more confident, they become excited and they're more willing to help our patrons," Mead said. "That's a big part of what's made this program great."

The waste collected in the bins at the Commons and Bob's is taken to the UI Feed Mill and Dairy Teaching and Research Center. Josh Peak, associate manager, said the facility is still in the learning phase with the composting program. The waste has only been used as soil amendments, he said, but the installation of a pre-compost grinder at the facility will enable them to work the material into an appropriate form for animal bedding. Peak said until now, he bought bedding from Washington State University and the free food court compost will allow him to cut that

expense and contribute to the environmental benefit of the program.

"We're getting a better result from (the program) than I thought that we would, as far as what people are actually putting into the composting bins, (and) what's making it out to the farm," he said.

Peak said he's done most of the research to help the dairy and feed facilities transition into the composting initiative, though the Sustainability Center has been very communicative and helped secure funding for the grinder and other costs.

"(It) is kind of a 'fly by the seat of your pants,' trial-and-error, see what's working, what's not working (process)," Peak said.

Clelland said the composting program has been centered on exploration and asking questions, not unlike humankind's quest for the skies.

"This is how it works, coming up with creative solutions, kind of like learning to fly," he said. "Where are we going to go next? It all starts with an idea."

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UI junior Ben Westrum scrapes food scraps into the composting bin located in the Idaho Commons food court.

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2:02 p.m. West Pullman Road, McDonald's: Complaint of debris in the roadway.

5:04 p.m. West Pullman Road, Jack in the Box: Caller reported an injured bird.

10:46 p.m. 600 Blk East Eighth Street: Complaint of possible dog neglect.

### Tuesday, Nov. 27

7:51 a.m. South Highway 95: Complaint of a green semi going off the road, into oncoming traffic and on the shoulder.

10:57 a.m. Moscow: Caller reported that a bike went missing from the bed of her truck in September.

12:13 p.m. 600 Blk East Third St.: Moscow Ambulance, Fire, Rescue and Law responded for a subject trapped beneath a hydraulic machine. The patient was extricated and didn't suffer any injuries.

12:51 p.m. South Main Street, Cactus Computer: Caller reported a vehicle that is blaring music with profanities in it.

11:32 p.m. North Main Street, Corner Club: Caller from the Corner Club advised that they have video evidence of a purse being stolen.

### Wednesday, Nov. 28

4:16 p.m. 600 Blk West Palouse River Dr.: Caller reported a suicidal subject.

Thursday, Nov. 29  
9:38 a.m. West Pullman Road, Jamms: Complaint of infant not in car seat.

3:18 p.m. East First Street & North Blaine Street: Complaint of infant not in car seat.

### Friday, Nov. 30

4:49 a.m. Warbonnet Drive, Shari's: Complaint of unruly customer.

8:50 a.m. Ash Street, UI Student Health Center: Complaint of disorderly subject.

12:09 p.m. Troy Road, Liquor Store: Complaint of theft.

2:51 p.m. 2300 Blk Arborcrest Rd.: Caller reported a dead raccoon.

5:19 p.m. South Monroe Street & East Sixth Street: Complaint of couch left in the roadway.

10:21 p.m. Paradise Creek Street, UI Learning Living Center: Officer cited and released multiple persons for an alcohol offense.

### Saturday, Dec. 1

3:43 p.m. 300 Blk South Blaine St.: Caller requested officer assistance for a missing person.

### Sunday, Dec. 2

1:39 a.m. University Avenue, Perch: Complaint of vandalism.

2:12 a.m. West Sixth Street, Wallace, Ballard: Caller reported an overdose.



The 1912 Center, located on Third Street, will host a series of events entitled "Let's Talk About It, Idaho!" which aims to teach students about Idaho history from historical books. There will be five events throughout the six weeks starting Jan. 15.

Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

# Libraries team up to share Idaho history

Emily Aizawa  
Argonaut

"Let's Talk About It, Idaho!" is coming to Moscow Public Library and the University of Idaho Library to bring together students, faculty and staff to learn more about Idaho's history from a scholar starting Jan. 15 said Rami Attebury, head of government documents at the UI Library.

"It will be fun and interesting for students and faculty to bring everyone together with reading," Attebury said.

Diane Prorak, reference and instruction librarian at the UI Library, said the state library, through federal grants and other commissions for libraries, is spon-

soring the booktalks that relate to a certain theme.

Attebury has been a part of putting on similar grant programs in the past, with themes including graphic novels, Jewish literature in the community and jazz.

The UI is partnering with the Moscow Public Library, Prorak said. Three of the five talks will be held in the 1912 Center Great Room through the Moscow Public Library.

"The public library is where you will be able to find these books to check out as a group — UI Library doesn't have multiple copies and not as a group (checkout)," Prorak said.

Sarah VanGundy, senior reference librarian at the UI

Library said all the scholars that will be speaking have some connection to the area.

"The author (of Buffalo Coat), Carol Rylie Brink, is the reason Brink Hall is named Brink," VanGundy said.

Paula Coomer, a UI alumna, will talk about "The Buffalo Coat," which was written about specific people and events in Moscow.

Ron McFarland will speak about "A Victorian Gentlewoman in the Far West," based in the Boise area, and "We Sagebrush Folks." He is a professor at UI in the English department.

"Thousand Pieces of Gold," which is about a Chinese slave girl brought

to the Warren mining district of Idaho and her difficult journey before and after, will be presented by Lesa Luders from Washington State University.

Barbara Meldrum is a retired professor from UI and will talk about "Home Below Hell's Canyon," which takes place in the Snake River Canyon south of Lewiston and is about the life on a small sheep ranch in the 1930's.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about Idaho's history," VanGundy said.

It will be really exciting, very interesting and the scholars will all be great, Attebury said.

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All events take place at 7 p.m.

Buffalo Coat, Jan. 15 1912 Center Great Room

Victorian Gentlewoman, Jan. 30 UI Library

Thousand Pieces of Gold, Feb. 7 1912 Center Great Room

Home Below Hella Canyon, Feb. 26 1912 Center Great Room

We Sagebrush Folks, March 20 UI Library

## GET MOVING



Senior Kc Qualls and sophomore Abigail Toevs ride their bikes on Jackson Street, an activity promoted by the Active Living Task Force, which was created in July 2010 as part of a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to address public health concerns, said Jen Pfiffner, assistant to the city supervisor. The task force wrapped up the \$10,000 program in May and presented their final report to the Moscow City Council Nov. 13.

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## Preventing distribution of unwanted publications:

Andrew Deskins  
Argonaut

At their last meeting on Nov. 19, the Moscow City Council approved amendments to an ordinance they passed in June addressing the distribution of publications, both unsolicited or poorly aimed.

"The ordinance actually does two things," said Randy Fife, Moscow city attorney. "One is saying 'hey

look, you gotta be a better shot than just throwing it someplace on the property' and the other is if you just don't want a publication you should be able to stop it."

The original ordinance was passed on June 18, and it established a do not deliver list and a zone that the publication must be delivered inside — within four feet of the home entrance or on the porch. According to

Fife, the penalty for each violation is a misdemeanor with a fine of \$255, which can add up quickly if there are several violations, or if the distributor doesn't come take care of it. Fife said they wrote the ordinance to give distributors a 24 hour grace period to take care of the problem before the fine comes into play.

"What we really want is for people to comply.

We don't focus on the fine because that doesn't fix the problem," Fife said.

He said several council members thought the original ordinance was working pretty well, but he wanted to make it stronger.

"When I reviewed some things and thought about it after it passed it seemed to me that there was some potential for confusion," Fife said. "When I have a

## City Council amends ordinance regarding the distribution of publications

chance to improve things I take it, so I redrafted it just a little bit to ensure that we accomplished the two things we were trying to accomplish."

Fife said when amending the original, he made sure to add language clarifying that the city is in no way trying to police content.

"We are not interested in trying to tell people what they can or can't deliver,

or make decisions based upon its content," Fife said. "But if it's stuff that homeowners don't want, or that the distributors just throw anywhere, we don't want that to happen."

The amendment was passed on Nov. 19 and has been in effect since Nov. 24.

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**HOMELESS**

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**Finances**

Spear said the primary factors in his decision were the finances of the department and the money the football program is able to bring in to support the department and contribute to the rest of the university.

Matt Kleffner, senior associate athletic director, said the main sources of revenue for football are ticket sales, money games (such as when Idaho traveled to play LSU for nearly \$1 million) and a combination of novelty sales, advertisements and sport camp revenues. Football generated total operating revenues of nearly \$5 million in 2011.

On the flip side, the program's expenses neared \$6 million for 2011.

"What do we spend our money on? Well we've almost tripled our scholarship expense," Kleffner said.

The department is allowed to offer 85 full scholarships for the football team each year as designated by the NCAA, and because the department is fully funded it offers all of its designated scholarships in all sports.

"You pay your fees," Kleffner said. "They go up a lot ... quicker than anything else. Every time we have an increase and your student fees go up 5 percent that's like \$50,000 we have to come up with that we have no money for."

Kleffner said the money the department

brings to the university, between the scholarships they cover, the walk-on athletes who pay their own way and the money brought into the bookstore and other departments on campus, is near \$4.5 million every year.

"We write a check. It's hard money ... back to the university," Kleffner said.

When Idaho made the transition to the FBS and Big West Conference in 1996, it was coming off more than a decade of winning records and had earned nine conference championships during its 33-year tenure in the Big Sky. This put Idaho in the top quartile of the FCS.

Kleffner compared the 1994 budget to today's, and since making the transition to competing as an FBS school Idaho's overall athletic department budget has nearly tripled, despite being an unsuccessful FBS program in recent years.

In 1994 the department earned about \$3.8 million, which translated into today's dollars is roughly \$5.8 million. The annual revenue of the athletic department today is approximately \$15.8 million.

The football program alone brought in more than \$2 million from playing money games on the road this season.

Spear said there are a couple of benefits to continuing to play at the FBS level rather than transitioning back to the Big Sky — primarily the revenue at stake at the FBS level with the introduction of a four-team BCS playoff next season.

"They are talking about the money involved quadrupling from where it's at right now," Spear said.

Spear said it is predicted the media interest in the playoff system could increase BCS revenue from \$120 million to between \$400 and \$500 million.

"When you start talking about that type of money obviously you're very interested in staying at the table as an FBS program," Spear said. "You hope you can realign yourself with a conference because the conference revenue that is going to be generated from the playoff that's going to trickle down through the conferences is going to be a significant increase."

Spear said this money is a driving force behind remaining at the FBS level because financial challenges present the need to find external revenue.

**WAC revenue**

Spear said one reason it is important to be in a conference in the long run is that a conference can help generate revenue that is more difficult to come by as an independent school.

As a part of the WAC in all sports, the athletic department earns money in five places: basketball units, media, the NCAA basketball tournament, the BCS and other conference dollars including exit fees from teams that leave the conference.

Spear said Idaho will receive about \$1.5 million in exit fees from the five schools that left the WAC this season.



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"This year the WAC had five (football) teams leave it," Spear said. "When you leave you forfeit all your conference revenue for your last year in the league."

Basketball units come from a contract between CBS and the NCAA that pays the NCAA based on how well the teams in each conference perform over a six year running average.

"You get so many units and so much money per unit that is then divided up among the teams in your conference. The amount we're getting is going down. Teams that did well six years ago are falling off the back end," Kleffner said.

Media and BCS revenue fluctuate depending on media deals signed by teams in the conference and the success of the conference teams in the BCS. When Boise State won the Fiesta Bowl in 2007, the WAC — and by association Idaho — saw a significant increase in revenue for the fiscal year of 2008.

"If a member of the non-BCS leagues plays in a BCS bowl game, these conferences get a huge amount of money ... like \$12 million ... and if yours is a conference that they play in, it goes up even more," Kleffner said.

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**CIRCUITS**

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acquainted with, have not been a common issue in his overall history with the university, but performance has always been a challenge with this service and activity is closely monitored during each registration event.

"Traditionally, we have throttled user access to the registration process to avoid overwhelming the database server and that strategy has worked for the most part in preventing full system failures," Borchers said.

Borchers said in the past, throttling user access limited connections to the application resulting in delays. He said the throttling threshold has been set much higher so the impact on students is much less noticeable.

"When I started here in 2004, registration was scheduled at midnight to minimize load on the servers," Borchers said. "When we rebuilt the Banner systems in 2005, we were able to move registration to 7 p.m. because the systems were able to handle a greater load, and now with the changes made in 2011, we are positioned better still."

Borchers said even though things are operating smoothly now, they might not be that way within the next three years due to possible technology advances. He said the next scheduled rebuild of the Banner systems will be 2016 and after that the university can expect improvement in the systems operating capacity.

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**ELECTION**

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service break trips, as well as the legislative breakfast and ASUI positions. He said students' main concern is their educations.

Lydig said voting is crucial.

"The senators are the voice of their constituents, so once a senator gets elected they get assigned to a constituency, whether it is a residence hall, or a Greek house, or a club or something like that," she said. "Then the senator's job is to bring that constituency's views on topics back to the senate. Our president Hannah Davis and vice president Nick Tunison sit in on every

meeting and so (students) have direct connections with the president and other important faculty at the university."

Lydig said ASUI did everything it could to make voting accessible and to advertise the campaign.



Most students don't realize what ASUI is involved in ... So (voting) really does affect students in that tangible way.

**Max Cowan, ASUI senator**

Cowan said he also used the Internet to its full potential by having a Facebook page, Facebook event and

putting together his own website to dive deeper into specific topics that students are concerned about. He said being involved on the Internet gives him a chance to get in touch with people he wouldn't be able to in the first place.

Cowan also hung up flyers and a banner in the Idaho Commons that he said helped his campaign efforts.

"Most students don't realize what ASUI is involved in," Cowan said.

He said ASUI sets the activity fee — \$530 per semester — and then allocates it to all the departments across campus.

"So (voting) really does affect students in that tangible way," Cowan said.

Abdel-Rahim said ASUI learned a lot this semester about elections and hopes it continues to grow student participation in future elections.

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# SPORTS



Rachel Millet broke three Idaho records in last weekend's AT&T Winter National Swim Meet.

## Athletes of the week

### Rachel Millet-Swimming and diving



In a meet that featured a few of the stars from the United States Olympic team this summer in London, Idaho's Rachel Millet exhibited some of her own star power at last weekend's AT&T Winter National Swim Meet, hosted in Austin, Texas. In her first event Friday, Millet broke the Idaho record in the 200 individual medley race, finishing in 2:03.6, good enough for 38th place. The sophomore from Spokane finished 27th in the 100 freestyle event on Saturday, when she broke another school record with her time of 50.26. Idaho's Kelsie Saxe, Jamie Sterbis, Laura Griffing and Janelle Stacy also competed in the meet.

### Stephen Madison-Men's basketball



It took an all-around effort to top the UC Davis Aggies in Idaho's Cowan Spectrum opener on Saturday, but Stephen Madison's contribution was the most significant in the Vandals' 73-66 win, their second of the season. Madison went for 21 points in the victory, shooting 50 percent from the field and converting on seven of eight free throws. The Portland native pulled down six rebounds and tallied one assist while turning the ball over just once. Though Idaho stands at 2-5, Madison is the team's leading scorer with 15.8 points-per-game. He has scored at least 20 points on two occasions and has more than five rebounds in three separate games.

### Alyssa Charlston-Women's basketball



The junior standout continues to prove why she could very well be in the running for WAC Player of the Year come March. A 1-6 Idaho team that has yet to build its chemistry has been able to rely on Charlston, and it's safe to say the team would be in much more trouble without its leading scorer and second-leading rebounder. In the team's first season win, Charlston's heroics were called upon as the Vandals were in a deadlock with Eastern Washington with the clock winding down. An Idaho steal opened up the court and Krissy Karr slotted a pass to the unguarded Charlston underneath the hoop. Charlston's layup left .2 seconds on the clock and the Vandals escaped Memorial Gym with the victory. The Sammamish, Wash., native scored an astounding 29 points in the win. In the team's Lady Griz Classic losses, Charlston scored 10 and 15 points respectively against Montana and Tennessee State.



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Vandal forward Stephen Madison drives past Aggie guard Ryan Howley Saturday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals beat UC Davis 73 - 66 and Madison led all scorers with 21 points. Idaho visits Eastern Washington Thursday in Cheney.

## Bucking the trend in big win

Sean Kramer  
Argonaut

For the better part of Idaho's preseason, the late second half had been a place of nightmares as they struggled to close out leads against Montana, Green Bay and New Mexico.

Until Saturday night that is, when Idaho appeared to have turned that corner, fending off a UC Davis run to collect its second win of the season, defeating the Aggies 73-66 in the Vandals' Cowan Spectrum opener.

"Sometimes these closer games do you some good, when you maybe didn't play exactly right," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We've had a couple of

those games, one of them for sure Montana, some other games where we were right there, then Washington State the other night getting back in that. Finding a way to win and getting the stops we needed to was huge for us today."

The game seemed to be over when Idaho was up 13 with 4:55 remaining in the game and the energy in the building going toward the Vandals. Marcus Bell and Denzel Douglas amped up the fans with coast-to-coast buckets contributing to Idaho's largest lead of the half.

It would be Idaho's last moments of comfort in the night. UC Davis went on a 14-3 run during the next three minutes to cut Idaho's lead to

an antsy two points.

"We kept our composure, we didn't get frustrated, we didn't get rattled, we just kept our game plan and executed down the stretch," center Kyle Barone said, who was held to 12 points on the night.

With the Aggie defense keying in on Barone and Stephen Madison, it was reserve point guard Douglas who stepped up in the clutch, sinking three straight free throws and grabbing the clinching steal with 17 seconds remaining.

"I was surprised. It was probably the easiest steal I'll get in my life," Douglas said. "They were trying to hurry up, but I came up a little bit so he curled and his big

man wasn't with him on the same page so he threw it right to me."

Douglas sank his two free throws after that and Idaho didn't look back en route to its second win of the season.

Idaho's final three out of conference games against Division I opponents are on the road, to Eastern Washington, UTEP and Boise State at Centurylink Arena in Boise.

"Huge. It was huge," Verlin said of the win. "You worry about conference. When you're out there working your tails off in practice, a win helps. It really helps your confidence and I hope this win gets our confidence back a little bit."

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## Athleticism shows in Vandal win – redemption of Marcus Bell

Wednesday night at Beasley was a pretty miserable time for a lot of Vandals. The clearly superior talent of the Pac-12 team showed most of the night, asserting its dominance down low with Brock Motum and on the perimeter containing Idaho's starting backcourt in Mike McChristian and Connor Hill.

Specifically miserable that evening was forward Marcus Bell, who happens to be Idaho's best athlete. The problem is his head. Bell was constantly out of position defensively, and constantly getting frustrated with each thing that didn't go well, building up until he was seemingly incapable of executing anything properly. Bell ended the night with more fouls and turnovers than rebounds, points and blocks.

Redemption was the game on Saturday night. Bell was a seemingly different player against UC Davis, and his athleticism was a key contributor to Idaho closing out the win in its Cowan Spectrum opener.



Sean Kramer  
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"It's coming. He's a good kid, he works hard. Yeah he lost his composure in the Washington State game, he learned from it," Verlin said. "I thought he played with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion and I was proud of him."

Standing at 6-foot-9-inches, it was especially impressive to see Bell get three steals in only 17 minutes of work, also collecting four rebounds. The forward only has one start, but the more minutes Bell is able to play the more Idaho is

going to be a better and well-rounded team. Bell gives Idaho the ability to not lose much when Wendell Faines gets into foul trouble, and it allows Kyle Barone to continue being a threat down low. Against Washington State, Barone was effectively eliminated from Idaho's offense without Faines and Bell on the floor.

Bell has the potential to be Idaho's best rebounder — if a ball so much as touches his finger tips he brings it in like vacuum suction — and Idaho's best shot blocker. "What I need to do with this team is I have to get the athletes on the floor," Verlin said. "That will be able to help our defense."

Bell needs more minutes, but that will be entirely up to him to get himself mentally in position to get those minutes.

### Player ratings v. UC Davis

**Mike McChristian**  
McChristian had his worst game of the season, turning the ball over twice in the opening minutes and finishing the game with seven minutes. It wouldn't surprise me to see him start the game against Eastern Washington on the bench.

**Kyle Barone**  
Barone was double teamed often, but still ended up with 12 points and 8 rebounds. Barone got the job done at the charity stripe, manufacturing offense late in the game

**Stephen Madison**  
Madison did everything the junior leader is expected to do to will this Idaho team to victory. Twenty-one points on 50 percent shooting, 7-8 from

the charity stripe, six rebounds and he effectively drove to the bucket all night. Madison is close to a complete breakout.

**Connor Hill**  
Another rough night for Hill, who took a lot of shots with pressure in his face and ended the night with 11 points and three turnovers in 28 minutes of action. Hill did the job at the free throw line and did a better job of getting to the rim.

**Robert Harris**  
Harris had an impressive Vandal debut. Didn't have a great box score, but showed quickness and ability to get to the bucket.

**Marcus Bell**  
Athleticism, athleticism, athleticism. Can he consistently keep a cool head and

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# Season concludes, records fall

## UI swim and dive wraps up semester with Winter Nationals

**Stephan Wiebe**  
Argonaut

Three records were broken as five Vandals competed from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 at the AT&T Winter Nationals in Austin, Texas. Standout sophomore Rachel Millet was the top Vandal performer and responsible for all three broken Idaho records. The other Vandal swimmers were senior Kelsie Saxe, sophomore Laura Griffing and freshmen Janelle Stacy and Jamie Sterbis.

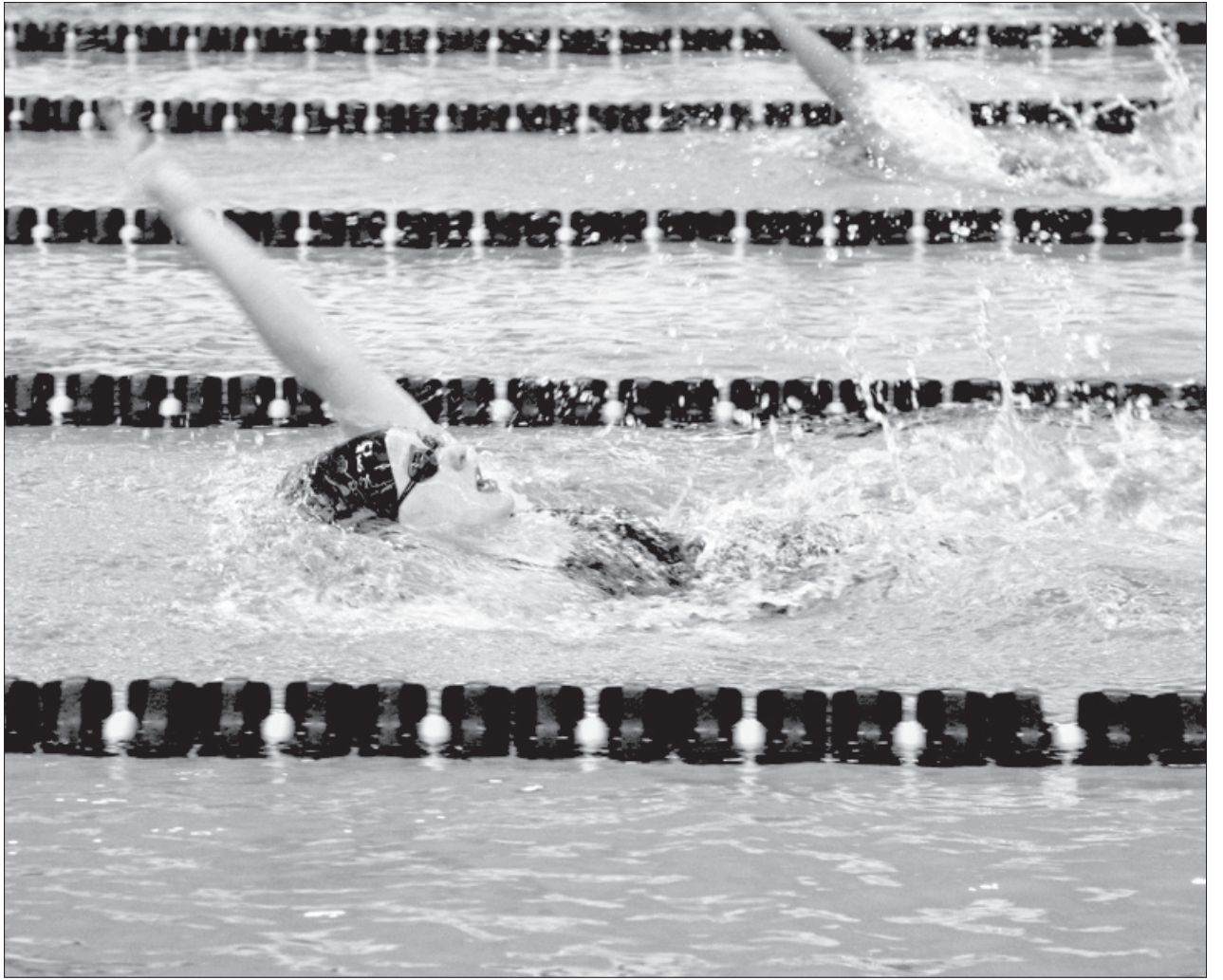
The meet featured several Olympic athletes and the best collegiate teams from around the nation. The University of Southern California won the women's collegiate meet with 422.50 points. Idaho was one of several scoreless teams, but Sowa was still impressed with his swimmers.

"We had some really encouraging performanc-

es today that I know will carry over into the second half of the season," coach Mark Sowa said. "Rachel finished a great meet and Kelsie was much better than she was two weeks ago. Jamie had another really good 200 fly at her first national level meet. These Vandals learned a ton and represented Idaho well."

Millet had one Vandal record for each day of the meet. Her first record-breaking swim came on Thursday in the 200-yard individual medley. Her time of 2:03.60 minutes placed her 38th in the very competitive field. Millet now owns Idaho records in five separate events.

"It was a good morning swim for Rachel," coach Mark Sowa said of her 200-yard IM. "We really liked her first half of the race. Her breaststroke needs to



Sammi Mischkot competes in a backstroke event Oct. 13 against Seattle University. The Vandals competed Dec. 1 and 2 at the AT&T Winter Nationals in Austin, Texas.

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We had some really encouraging performances today that I know will carry over into the second half of the season,

**Mark Sowa,**  
Swimming and diving coach

improve so that gives us something to focus on as we get back to training."

She went on to break her own records in the 200-yard freestyle on Friday in 1:49.23 and the 100-yard freestyle on Saturday in 50.26. Millet finished 29th in the 200-yard

freestyle — an event won by Olympic distance medalist Katie Ledecky — and 27th in the 100-yard freestyle.

Idaho's breaststrokers Kelsie Saxe and Laura Griffing also competed on Friday. Saxe swam a 1:05.01 in the 100-yard

breaststroke to finish just ahead of teammate Laura Griffing, who finished less than a tenth of a second later at 1:05.10.

On Saturday, Saxe competed again clocking 2:20.54 in the 200-yard breaststroke while Jamie Sterbis finished in 2:02.38

in the 200-yard butterfly for Idaho.

The Vandals' next competition is Jan. 19, when they host WAC foe New Mexico State University in Moscow.

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# Defense still rules

After this week's conference championship games, the National Championship is set with the Alabama Crimson Tide taking on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. It may not be the game many were hoping for but these two teams are where they are for a reason. In a college football landscape where offenses seem to be getting more potent and creative, these two teams prove that it's the defense that still wins championships.

Last season was the same story. LSU and Alabama met in the BCS title game last year because of their defense. It may have been a snooze fest to watch, but they were the two best teams in the nation, not because they put of an insane amount of points, but because they stopped other teams from

scoring. When looking at this year's statistics, it's easy to see just how important defenses are. In points per game given up, Notre Dame and Alabama rank No. 1 and No. 2 in the nation. In yards given up per game, Alabama ranks No. 1 and Notre Dame ranks No. 6. In rushing yards given up per game, Alabama ranks No. 2 and Notre Dame ranks No. 3.

It's no coincidence that these are the top two ranked teams in the nation and they're near the top of nearly every defensive category. Most teams can find a way to put some points on the board, but it's the ability to prohibit an opponent from doing so that makes the difference in the

end.

Teams like Oregon and Kansas State deserve to be recognized for what they can do offensively. They put up insane amounts of points, but in both cases, the teams lost because their offenses faltered for one night. A good offense will only take a team so far without a solid defense backing it.

Defense may not be the most fun to watch, but it's the most effective way to make a team great. In today's college football world, offense seems to be the concentration of many coaches when it probably shouldn't be. In last year's Rose Bowl a total of 83 points went and it turned out to be a one possession game. With all that offense it all came down to one

series that made the difference. It was the same story in last year's Alamo Bowl when Baylor beat Washington 67-56. The point is, if any of those teams could have found a way to stop their opponent just a couple more times, the games would have never been in question.

This year's National Championship game is just another example of why defense is so vital to the success of a team. Coaches like Alabama's Nick Saban are successful because he understands that. Whoever wins this year, it will be because their defense got them there, and that will probably be the deciding factor in the title game as well. Defense still wins championships.

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# Women improving, still not there

**Kevin Bingaman**  
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The Vandals were unable to carry the momentum from their Nov. 27 victory against Eastern Washington to Missoula. The Vandals went 0-2 at the Lady Griz Holiday Classic, losing to Montana and Tennessee State.

The Vandals will stay on the road this week when they travel to Southern California to play UC Irvine and UC Riverside. Idaho will not be back at home until Dec. 29 when the Vandals open WAC play against Seattle U.

Idaho played Montana earlier in the season and lost big, by a score of 71-50. This time around the Vandals played the Griz much tighter, but it still wasn't enough. The Vandals set a program record for 3-pointers with 15, while shooting 48.3 percent from behind the arch, but the effort fell short as Montana went on to win 76-65. Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he was much happier with this performance than the last time his team met Montana.

"Our effort was much better tonight than

when we played them in Moscow," Newlee said. "We came out with a lot of energy. Unfortunately we turned the ball over like crazy. Twenty turnovers is just hard to overcome. When they take 14 more shots than we take, that's a killer."

The Vandals were plagued with 20 turnovers on the night, which Montana turned into 23 points. The bright side for Idaho was the five players the Vandals had in double figures. Freshman Christina Salvatore led Idaho with 15, while freshman Connie Ball-estero scored 13. Stacey Barr, Alyssa Charlston and Addie Schivo also scored in double figures, which Newlee said he likes to see.

"I love to see that our offense is an equal opportunity offense," Newlee said. "But I will tell you Alyssa needs to take more than five shots. The other night she had 18 attempts, and that's where I'd like her to, somewhere between 15 and 20 attempts. We need to find ways to get her the ball more often with an opportunity to score."

In the second game

of the tournament the Vandals led Tennessee State by as many as 13, but weren't able to hang onto the lead and went on to drop their second straight game 69-64. Tennessee State never gave up and was able to come back to tie the game with under eight minutes to play. The two teams exchanged blows after that, but the Tigers had the momentum and carried it till the end to escape with a victory.

Turnovers were once again an issue for Idaho. The Tigers turned 14 Vandals turnovers into 14 points and out scored Idaho 38-26 in the paint.

The Vandals showed some variety on offense, again with Charlston, Barr and Salvatore all scoring 12 points, but the inability to protect the ball once again doomed the young Idaho squad.

Idaho has shown a lot of improvement in the early stages of the season as the Vandals have been right in most of their games, but they are having trouble putting together two solid halves.

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File photo by Steven Devine | Argonaut  
Alyssa Charlston releases a shot during a game against Eastern Washington Nov. 27 in Memorial Gym. The women visit UC Irvine at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5.

## WAC Round-up

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**San Jose State 84, Montana State 72**  
– Dec. 1

The James Kinney show produced 30 points in Lawrence, Kan., not too long ago, and Kinney's 23 helped the Spartans down the Bobcats in their third win of the season. Forward Chris Cunningham posted the game's only double-



double, with 10 rebounds and 15 points. Cunningham looks to be one of the WAC's most versatile players and the junior is averaging 11.2 points-per-game and 9.5 rebounds-per-game.



**CSU-Bakersfield 85, UT-San Antonio 52** – Dec. 1

The future WAC Roadrunners beat up on the WAC Roadrunners that won't be a part of the conference next season. Bakersfield's five starters each scored in double digits and guard Stephon Carter led the charge



with 20 points, 10 of those coming off of a 100 percent free throw shooting night. Javonte Maynor added another 17 points for CSUB and Kannon Burrage tallied a team-high 18, despite shooting 4 of 17 from the field.



**Utah 74, Texas State 69** – Nov. 30

In a game that could have been a realistic win for the Bobcats, Utah made the most of Texas State leading scorer Joel Wright's fourth foul midway through the second half. The Bobcats did knock down two 3-pointers late but foul trouble prevented them from completing a come-



back against a Pac-12 opponent that moved to 5-2 with the victory. Wright concluded with 17 points and he collected 11 rebounds, two assists and three steals. For Utah, Jarred DuBois led all players with 21 points and the Utes shot 54 percent from the field.



**Texas 70, UT-Arlington 54** – Dec. 1

The Longhorns opened up a convincing 20-point lead after halftime and remained unbeaten in Austin. Texas' bench outscored its starters 43-27, led by Sheldon McLellan's 14 and Ioannis Papapetrou's 17. The Mavericks



had a double-double from Jordan Reves (15 pts, 10 reb) but the visitors shot a dismal 29 percent from the field even considering the fact they outscored the Longhorns 36-32 in the second half.



**La. Tech 86, Georgia State 68** – Nov. 30

Though Kinney and Mullings were impressive in their teams' victories, neither could match Bulldog sophomore Raheem Appleby, who dropped a career-high 34 points against the Pan-



thers. La. Tech's surprise WAC Tournament run last season may not be such a fluke, as the Bulldogs haven't lost since their season-opener against Texas A&M.



**New Mexico State 68, Southern Miss. 60** – Dec. 1

The Aggies' Canadian sophomore might just be the best player in the conference. Daniel Mullings hasn't completely replaced the versatility and leadership that ex-NMSU standout Wendell McKines brought, but the 6-foot-2-



inch underclassman went for his first double-double of the new season against a competitive Southern Miss. squad. Mullings had 21 points and 11 boards in 31 minutes, adding a block and two steals in the Aggies' third season win.



**Boise State 87, Seattle U. 64** – Dec. 2

The one-loss Broncos continue to be scary good. That one loss was a four-point defeat at the hands of Big Ten powerhouse Michigan State, by the way. Boise State wrecked the Redhawks in Key Arena. Anthony Drmic scored a season-high 25 points, and the sophomore from Austra-



lia will undoubtedly be one of Mountain West's best players at the season's end. The Broncos' bench production was also remarkable, as guard Mikey Thompson played 27 minutes and scored 19 points.

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b) you could get an STD.  
c) you could end up unconscious in the ER  
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## TAKING IT TO THE LANE



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Idaho guard Connor Hill drives the ball in Saturday's game vs. UC Davis. The Vandals came out victorious 73-66.

# Bummin' in Ruston

The annual bowl selection show can often serve as a premature Christmas present for athletic programs across the nation.

For Louisiana Tech, the present was offered, but the Bulldogs refused to do the unwrapping.

A team that held one hand on a BCS bowl berth earlier in the season became picky, and arrogant when it was reported that La. Tech had received, and declined an invitation to the Independence Bowl.

Athletic director Bruce Van De Velde, aware that better bowl options were available, refused an offer to play Louisiana-Monroe in Shreveport, the state's capitol. In other words, Van De Velde dismissed the perfect bowl game and a more attractive offer never came.

After concluding the season 9-3, Sonny Dykes will be reminiscing about what could've been, as will the team's 31 seniors.

One must feel for those seniors, many of who helped the Bulldogs' offense become the best in the nation, averaging an FBS-leading 51.5 points-per-game. Those 51.5 points-per-game were good enough to close in on, and nearly upset, Johnny "Football" Manziel-led Texas A&M. On the other hand, allowing five of your opponents to put up at least 40 points, while letting three more

score at least 30, should be enough to limit any team's bowl options.

Van De Velde was convinced otherwise.



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"Nobody turned a bowl bid down," he told the Associated Press. "We asked for more time to vet two other opportunities that we had that we felt good about."

Directors of the Independence Bowl, fearful that they would have to reserve to inviting a subpar six-win team, weren't willing to take that chance, and rightly so.

Bowl chairman Jack Andres set a deadline for La. Tech, which Van De Velde and co. failed to meet.

A piece of advice for the impatient Mr. Van De Velde — if your three-loss mid major program has an opportunity to play in the postseason, the last thing you should be is selective.

Financially, the Independence Bowl may not have been the best option. For the team's seniors, which include the nation's second-leading passer (Colby Cameron) and fourth-leading receiver (Quinton Patton), a less ideal bowl game is more optimal than no bowl game.

And I use less ideal with hesitation — the Independence Bowl would've pitted two of the state's best programs against each other at a location less than two hours away from either university.

The lack of leadership on the athletic director's part is blasphemous, asinine even.

Dykes' frustration mimicked that of former Bulldog basketball player and NBA legend Karl Malone.

"Under no circumstances did I ever think there was any possibility at all that we would not play in a bowl game," Dykes tweeted. "It is a shame that our nationally recognized team and its 31 seniors have to end the season this way."

Malone was "heart broken and embarrassed that our university would do this to Tech. nation."

In a college football world dominated by financial implications and greed, there are moments when the best interests of the players who make the sport what it is should be considered ahead of anything else.

Dykes, Cameron and Patton did everything in their power to put together a "perfect season". Outscoring national powerhouses Oregon, Texas A&M and Oklahoma State may be as close to perfect as a mid-major program can get.

I would go to the extent that Van De Velde's termination may be the next necessary step for La. Tech's administrators.

At the least, he should be cleaning coal out of his stocking Christmas morning.

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## NEW ERA

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featured players such as Roddy White, Tyler Wilson and Ryan Mallett, Spear hopes Petrino's schemes will translate well at Idaho.

"We've just proven today with this hiring that we can hire one of the best coaches in the country, one of the most innovative offensive minds in the country," Spear said. "He's a gentleman who can get his teams to get his compete at the highest level."

Petrino has yet to announce who will join him on staff, but has contacted coaches who have expressed interest and have committed to the various positions.

"I think I have some real good coaches that you'll be excited about that already committed to coming, I've got a couple other unbelievable coaches that might take a little more time before I know when they'll come or not," he said.

Petrino wouldn't name those coaches, but expects a number of them will come in toward the end of the week.

A native of Butte, Mont., and graduate of Carroll College where he played quarterback, Petrino plans to localize recruiting and noted that some of Idaho's best players during his initial three-year period came from the Pacific Northwest.

"I think the first thing that you've got to do is be great at home ... We've got to go out and recruit our tail off and get the best kids in Idaho to stay here. We've got to make Spokane home," he said.

From a tactical standpoint, Petrino was anxious to talk "Xs and Os" and the high-powered scheme that has helped him make his name as an offensive mastermind.

Despite going 4-8 this past season, Arkansas still managed to score

23.5 points-per-game in a Southeastern Conference that is defensively stout across the board.

According to Petrino, Idaho's new offense will be built around its quarterback's strengths, whether that is pocket passing or ability to run the option.

"What we really talk about is what we say is FTS, and that stands for 'feed the studs'. So we want to find the biggest studs we've got and get the ball in their hands," Petrino said.

One of those studs, for Idaho, will be on the defensive side of things when Petrino coaches his first game next fall.

Sophomore Maxx Forde is fresh off of being named an all-WAC honorable mention defensive end and will likely be a key component to a Vandal defensive line that Petrino hopes will make sacking opposing quarterbacks a theme.

"I like hitting the quarterback," Forde said. "I need to get there a little more than I did this year, but I want to work on that ... I like that."

Special teams-wise, Idaho's new coach said he won't hesitate to utilize his best offensive and defensive players on special teams.

The Idaho State Board of Education will approve Petrino's base salary, which has been set at \$390,000.

Petrino was one of 15 candidates that Spear contacted for the vacant position. He replaces interim coach Jason Gesser, who replaced Robb Akey following Idaho's seventh loss of the season.

The Vandals were 29-9 during Petrino's three-year tenure with Idaho and under head coach John L. Smith, the team won the Big Sky Conference.

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## WIN

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What helped buck the trend was how Idaho clamped down defensively, forcing UC Davis into two missed 3-point shots and a turnover in the game's final 30 seconds to close out the game on a 5-0 run.

"(We were) just playing hard, just playing smart. They went on a little run and came back but we buckled down when we needed to and got the stops when we needed to and rebounded the ball," Madison said.

Defending the 3-point shot has been a chronic problem for Idaho most of the season — It was a DJ Shelton 3-pointer that did Idaho in at Beasley Coliseum — though the Vandals held UC Davis to 8-28 shooting from beyond the arc on the night.

"We really worked to contest the 3-point shot, we were aggressive offensively," Verlin said. "We did some good things tonight. We're a long ways away from being the team we're going to be, but we're going to be a good team when we get this thing put together."

Putting that together could be determined by the performances and progression of a few junior college transfers who played key roles Saturday night.

Bell bounced back from a rough night against Washington State to put together a solid night with four points, four rebounds and three steals, providing Idaho with a lot of energy defensively.

"It's coming. He's a good kid, he works hard. Yeah he lost his composure in the WSU game, he learned from it," Verlin said. "I thought he played with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion and I was proud of him."

Running the point, Robert Harris made his first appearance as a Vandal, coming off battling a hamstring injury to play Saturday night.

Harris has inserted himself in the point guard situation, which is still up in the air with Mike McChristian having a poor game Saturday night.

"We've got more options," Verlin said. "What I need to do with this team is I have to get the athletes on the floor. That will be able to help our defense."

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## RATINGS

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maintain confidence?

### Matt Borton

Went 2-2 from three, but that's all Idaho needs out of Borton. Did a good job of not taking bad looks at the basket.

### Wendell Faines

Solid but not great. Solid rebounding, a few good inside buckets. Didn't get in to foul trouble.

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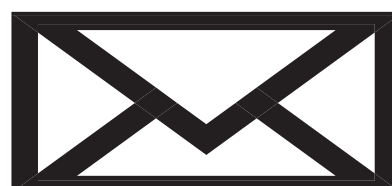
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## OUR VIEW

# Evaluations are essential

After 16 weeks of homework, projects, quizzes and tests, the semester is coming to a close and finals are appearing quicker than you can shuffle through your flash cards.

But finals aren't the only looming deadline this time of year. Course evaluations — forms that gauge your opinion on the success of your instructor and format of the course — are due Dec. 9 and they are nothing to take lightly.

The information in course evaluations can create more change than you think. The com-

ments in the evaluations can help to improve the instructor's ability to teach, while also giving their superiors more information on their performance.

Your verdict on the effectiveness of their teaching methods might be part of the information considered if your instructor is being nominated for tenure, a promotion or a salary increase.

Throughout these 16 weeks, you've probably spent anywhere from 16 to 50 hours with your instructor — depending on the number of credits your course was worth. This makes you a

valuable source in discussing your instructor's performance and ability to teach, interact with students and reinterpret the course material in various ways for different learning types.

The University of Idaho was ranked 165th out of 1,400 in the nation by the U.S. News in the 2013 edition of the Best Colleges and National Universities for the value of the education for the price of tuition.

We can take pride that our university made the list above universities with higher budgets, larger faculties, newer facili-

ties and in states with larger populations, but we should still do everything we can to find and make every improvement possible. Course evaluations are part of the improvement process.

By spending only 15 minutes of your time filling out the course evaluations, you'll help build better teachers and a better university. So in the midst of studying for exams that will earn your degree and help you achieve your dreams, take a few minutes to help the institution that made it possible.

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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Mr. Petrino

Welcome to the University of Idaho and Moscow. You have a difficult task in front of you but we all look forward to the work that you and your staff will do here.

—Madison

### What a drag

I had a blast attending my first drag show ever. Sassy Mae and Freedom Rights were stunners. #dragshowgroupie

—Lindsey

### Fresh pow'

First ski day of the year complete. It's going to be a good season. I'm so glad it's finally here.

—Philip

### Blot-pocalypse

Pick up a free copy of Blot on campus and read my zombie story in the last issue ever. Oh yeah, the rest of the stories are pretty good too.

—Elisa

### Mr. Pitino

So desperate that we're bringing in a Big East b-ball coach ... Say what? I have the wrong guy? Oh ... this is awkward.

—Theo

### I got this

Bronchitis can't stop me. I'm ready to finish this semester and spend the next month relaxing.

—Katy

### Ch-ch-changes

New town, new apartment and getting close to a new year. Life, I love the adventures you continue to give me.

—Chloe

### Wise words

"Be less certain. Be more curious." —Steve Robbins

—Britt

### Jessica Greene

Next semester is going to be epic. Get ready.

—Kaitlyn

### HuskyVandals

As a die-hard UW Huskies fan I officially invite all my fellow Idaho students to join the Husky bandwagon as my Dawgs put Boise State in its place in Vegas Dec. 22.

—Sean

### 'To Sir, with Love'

Great song, great movie.

—Kasen

### Deep breath

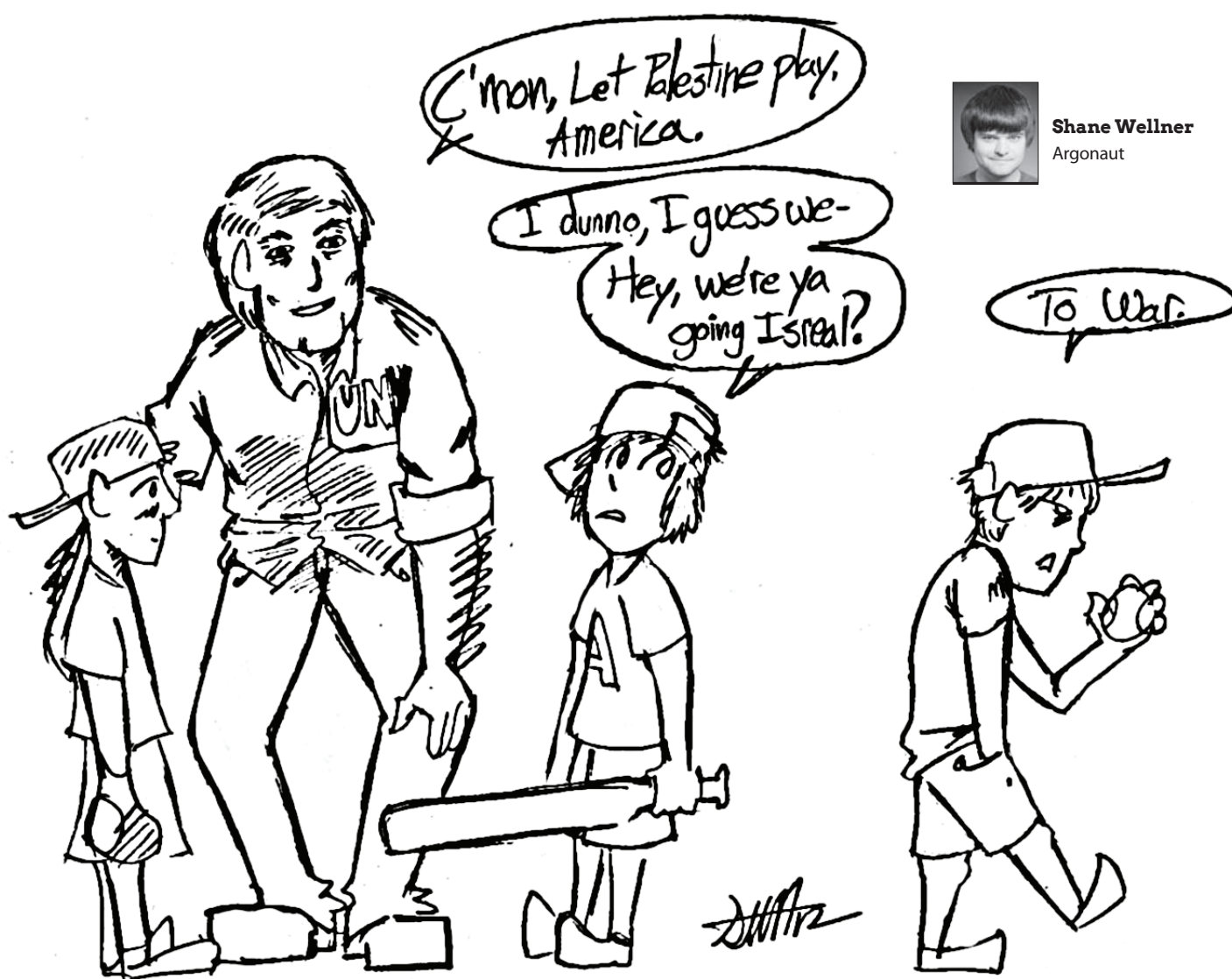
Keep calm, carry on.

—Molly

### Ready to race

Just a few more hurdles to the finish line and I can say I've given it my best shot. Good luck this week and the next, Vandals.

—Amrah



Shane Wellner  
Argonaut



## ANDAL VOICES

**Q: Course evaluations are due Dec. 9. Do you think they're beneficial?**



"Definitely, it is a great way to share with professors what works and what doesn't. This in turn has the potential to help future students who elect to enroll in the course."

—Fino Osorio G

"Course evaluations are only as beneficial as the university wants them to be. Hopefully, UI gives them consideration."

—Mikel Podgursky McLaughlin



"I filled mine out. I think they are beneficial to the professors that actually care about the success of their students. Those really are the ones that you just want to fill out. However, I normally just ignore them unless the professor was phenomenal, which does happen."

—Sam Koester

"They are if everyone is doing it right. Students write thoughtful, honest comments and the professors take them seriously and make the appropriate adjustments."

—Miranda Rivers



## Equal under God

Men and women are equal, have different roles

Contrary to secular beliefs, Christians believe women are equal. Christians do not base someone's equality on their social status, whether male or female, unlike secularists such as those in Freethought of Moscow.

While Freethought, a University of Idaho student organization dedicated to secularist thought, has a right to express their opinion they do not have the facts straight on Christianity.

Secularists, like those from Freethought, love to point out how sexist and derogatory Christians supposedly are toward women. They point out

verses such as 1 Corinthians 14:35 and 1 Timothy 2:12, which speak of not permitting women to "teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

At first glance, this seems incredibly derogatory and sexist toward women. However, another look at scripture proves it

is not.

Before continuing, remember Christians believe men and women have different roles in society — according to their natural capabilities.

Look at it this way, we all have our different gifts and abilities in life and use them according to our respected work. If you have a naturally scientific mind, would you not apply that gift

to scientific work? In the same way, men and women have their natural, God-given gifts and abilities that should be used in their respected positions. Only a woman can be a mother, and only a man can be a father.

Therefore, when Paul said women should not speak in church or usurp authority over men, he was referring to the godly role of women in society — this was not an attack against women.

Truly, there is no shame in embracing our natural roles. In fact, doing such serves to the glory of God and humanity. That is the mark of a

To attack Christians as sexists is both outrageous and childish.

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# Finals overload

Don't let cramming for finals weigh you down

The night before a big test is traditionally spent cramming. But for many students, cramming can also involve food.

The pre-exam jitters are completely normal and can trigger a hormonal response to crave high fat, sweet and salty foods. While there isn't a magic food that will ensure success on your next exam, there are specific ways you can prepare your body as well as your mind.

Think of this exam as a long-distance marathon. To be prepared for the challenges ahead, you must fuel your body properly. Excessive caffeine, too little sleep and lack of exercise can cause you to lose focus. Fortunately, a little bit of preparation can give you the test results you desire.

Make sure to listen to your body's internal hunger cues, eating as frequently as your body

requires. Eating regularly will keep your brain running steadily and efficiently.

Even while you're hunched over your books deep in thought, your brain requires twice the energy as any other cell in your body. Skipping a meal will lead to a drop in blood sugar level and cause you to lose steam.

Carbohydrates are the preferred fuel for the brain. They come in all shapes and sizes, but the most effective types are complex carbohydrates - which are also high in fiber.

These provide the energy your brain craves and are digested slower than simple carbohydrates which include white bread, cookies and candy.

Instead of reaching for the chips, try nutritious choices like fruits, vegetables, whole grain breads and cereals and nuts. Start your day right by pairing carbohydrates with protein. This will slow down those blood sugar spikes and give you the energy to succeed.

Try pairing Greek yogurt with fresh berries or enjoy an egg sandwich on whole-wheat toast.

When hunger hits, ask yourself, "Am I truly hungry or just stressed, bored or craving a particular food?" If you aren't hungry,

try taking a break from studying and go for a walk, turn on music and dance or call a friend. Take the time to reorganize and manage your stress before it manages you.

Eating a balanced diet, getting a full night of rest and regular exercise are just as important to academic success as the late night cram session.

academic success as the late night cram session. When those stress hormones kick in, instead of reaching for the cookies grab a snack that will fuel your body and mind.

For more information on healthy eating, visit the Vandal Nutrition Blog at: [www.uidaho.edu/vandalnutrition](http://www.uidaho.edu/vandalnutrition) or make a nutrition counseling appointment with the campus dietitian.

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## EQUAL

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mature society.

To attack Christians as sexists is both outrageous and childish.

It is especially foolish to do so when Jesus Christ ultimately brought women freedom in our Western culture.

A shining example of this comes from Matthew 26, in which Christ

uplifted a woman for her faithful gesture of pouring precious ointment on His head. Christ's disciples wanted Jesus to condemn such "wastefulness" of the ointment, but Christ refused and demanded instead that wherever the Gospel would be preached, her name be remembered as a memorial of her deed. Note that it did not matter to Christ the sex of the anointer. He saw her for her faithfulness, not for

her gender.

Sexist ideas of equality lie in works and outward expression. That is not equality, but only uniformity.

Redistributing roles does not make for an equal society. True equality comes when we embrace God's gifts to us as men and women.

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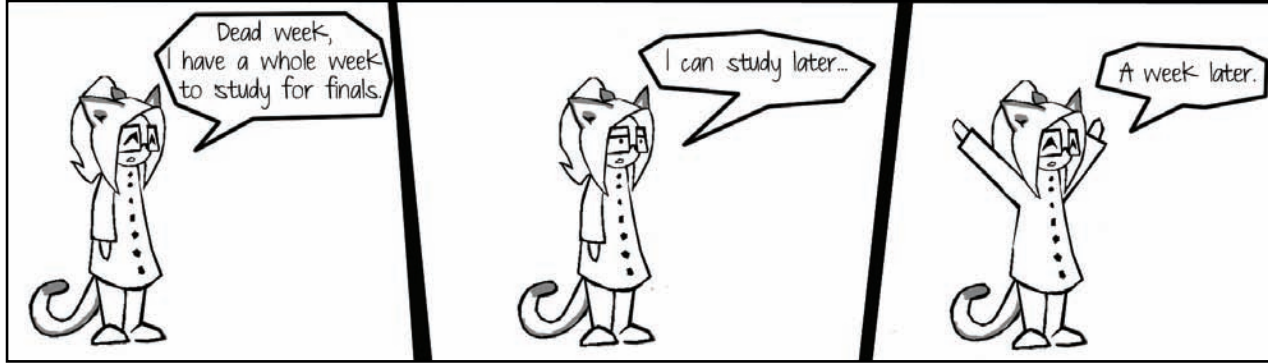
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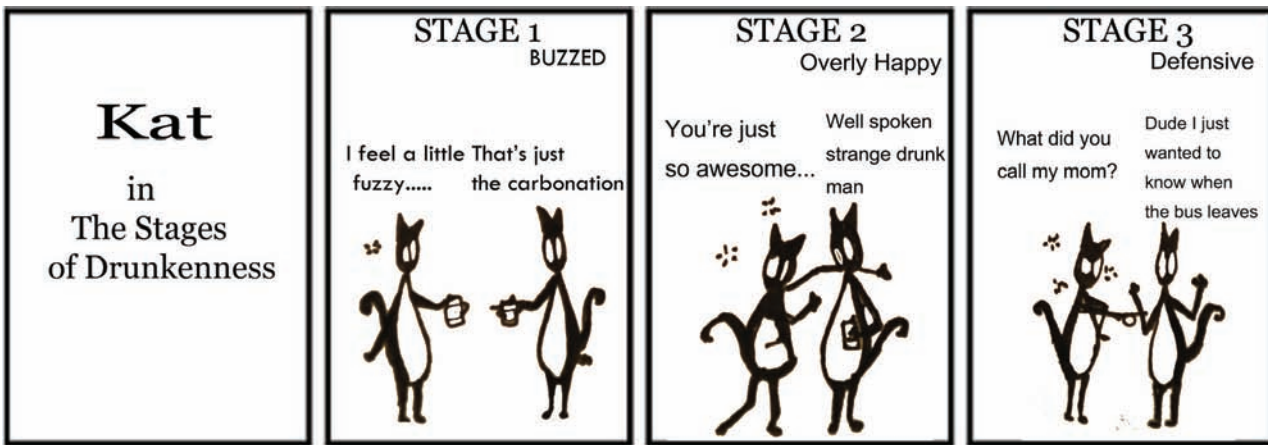
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