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What are your goals for the semester? How are you going to achieve them?



"My goal this semester is to keep improving my GPA, and rock at 2013 Homecoming planning."

Sam Koester



"My goal is to go to as many Residence Hall Association Events as possible with my Snow Hall residents. RHA events are fun, free for residents and a great way to get to know the community so I'm excited to show everyone else that as well."

Sydney Richardson



"My goal is just to finish my final semester strong so that I'm ready for student teaching in the fall. I plan on achieving it with study groups and lots of coffee."

Kayla Rae Root



"(My goals are) survival and good grades. (I will achieve these with) better time manage-

Erin Singer



"(My goal is to) beat Craig Daniels in Halo. (I will achieve this by) Wallhacks."

Mike Nichols



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Carly Lilly, co-owner of the new Moscow restaurant Maialina Pizzeria Napoletana, removes a freshly baked pizza from the restaurant's wood-burning oven during the fundraising event for UI student Bethany Lowe Tuesday.

Fighting for Lowe

Staff Report
Argonaut

About 450 people attended a benefit fundraiser at Maialina Pizzeria Napoletana Monday and Tuesday, which raised almost \$10,000 in support of University of Idaho student Bethany Lowe, who is fighting cancer.

"All the reservations were booked so we started taking walk-ins and fitting people in where we could," Co-owner of Maialina and Sangria Grille Carly Lilly said. "People who couldn't attend sent checks in the mail or cash with friends."

Lilly said she and Lowe became friends when Lowe started dating and married UI student James Pearson, who

worked as the head server and trainer at Sangria. Lilly said the fundraiser was a positive way for friends and family to support Lowe and Pearson.

"It was like a bomb went off ... It was really devastating when Bethany was diagnosed," Lilly said. "We thought 'What can we do?' so we decided to capitalize on the fact that the community has been really excited about the opening of Maialina and combine the excitement and use it to support Bethany."

Lilly said the servers and staff members who worked during the benefit volunteered their time and money pooling \$1,700 in gratuity. Even after the event, Lilly said dona-

More info

If you are interested in supporting Lowe, donations can be sent to Maialina Pizzeria Napoletana at 602 S. Main St. or call 208-882-2694.

tions are continuing to come in from the community.

"We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everybody who cares about Bethany and to the community for coming and making it so successful," she said. "We couldn't have done it without everybody who participated and donated money, even with all the volunteers in the world."



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

John Foltz, left, interim dean for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, meets with Heidi Grunwald and Thomas Guterbock, who are part of the review team for the Social Science Research Unit of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, Thursday in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Dean Foltz filling in

Erik Fink
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences named John Foltz as the new interim dean in December 2012.

Foltz served nine years as associate dean and director of academic programs for the college and has been at the university since 1991, according to UI.

"I am excited to serve in this interim role, helping to move the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences forward," Foltz said.

UI President M. Duane Nellis said Foltz is a veteran administrator in the college and has proved himself as an innovative leader.

"He is known statewide and has a track record that inspires confidence in his ability to serve as interim dean," Nellis said.

Nellis said the time Foltz spent as associate dean will benefit him in car-

rying out the duties of his current role.

Foltz said part of his responsibilities will be to provide continuity and stability for CALS while the search continues for a permanent dean, and said he will do anything a permanent dean would.

"The dean represents the college on the university's Provost's Council, which meets weekly to work on important issues for the university," Foltz said.

Foltz said his job includes making the CALS' presentations to the Idaho Legislature about funding for research and extension activities.

Foltz said other items the college will work on include moving forward on the Idaho National Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies and increasing corporate and individual donations to endow

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Lawmakers head to Boise for 2013 legislative session

Education, insurance on legislative agenda

Emily Johnson
Argonaut

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter opened the 2013 Idaho Legislative Session Monday, which introduced items on the 2013 agenda, including the annual budget, insurance exchange and education reform.

Otter said he will not revisit Propositions 1, 2 or 3, which were rejected by voters in the November elections. The Idaho State Board of Education will look at voters' input on ways to improve schools and seek an agreement throughout Idaho.

"What I heard was dissatisfaction with the process and a plea for more collaborative leadership," Otter said. "We must respond with appropriate sensitivity and care."

The governor is asking Idahoans to begin collaborating on how to make schools

better for students.

"I am neither calling for nor expecting major school improvement measures this year," Otter said. "But I believe there are areas in which we can make progress."

The governor's school budget recommendation includes a 2 percent increase in funding for K-12 education. Even with this increase, the Joint Minority Leadership is concerned about the lack of funding for Idaho schools. Idaho continues to be second to last in the nation in

per-pupil spending.

"There is no additional support for higher education," Senate Minority Leader Michelle Stennett said. "And the meager 2 percent bump in K-12 funding still leaves us at the bottom."

Grants have been issued to higher education institutions to aid research to improve Idaho public education. The University of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene

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Lindsey Treffry
Crumbs

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1/2 cup granulated sugar
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1/4 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
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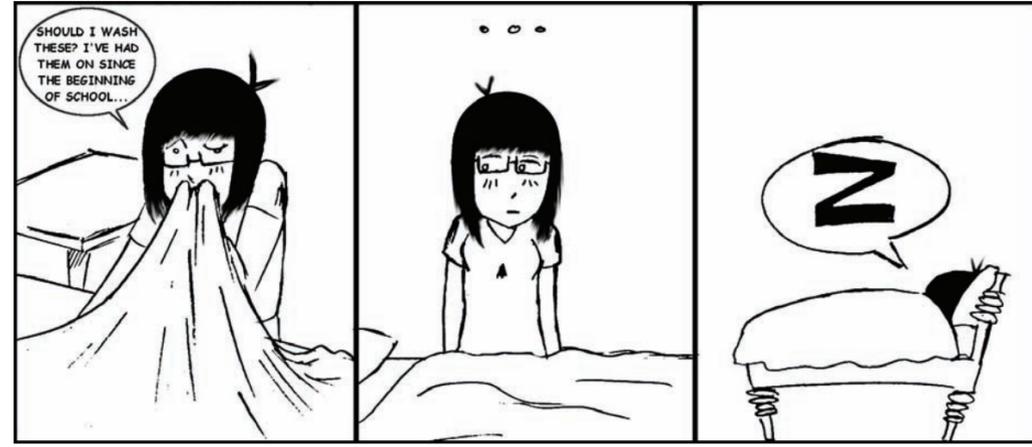
Directions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with aluminum foil.
In a large bowl, mix milk, flax, oil, sugars and vanilla until smooth.
Stir in remaining ingredients, sans chocolate chips, until a dough forms.
Finally, add the chocolate chips. Roll the dough



Lindsey Treffry | Crumbs

into 2-inch balls and place on cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes.
Hint: They will look and feel too soft, but the cookies will firm after 10 to 15 minutes of cooling.
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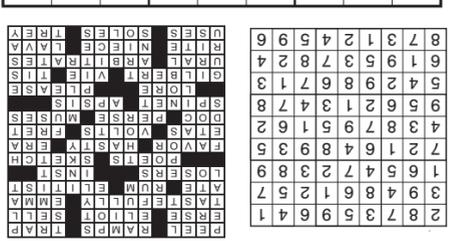
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Paul Robinson and Derek Neal from the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences at the University of Idaho place multi-elevation arrays of sensors in a tree at the remote UI Taylor Wilderness Research Station.

Taking a hike

Grad students, professors team up to tackle remote climate research with mules, tree harnesses and new sensor network

Matt Maw
Argonaut

A multi-elevation array of sensors at the remote University of Idaho Taylor Wilderness Research Station may help predict human effects on climate change.

Professor Katy Kavanaugh, with the Department of Forest, Rangeland and Fire Sciences, said she wanted to launch the Mountainous Ecosystem Sensor Array project in a location free from "heat islands," motor exhaust and other human influences.

"The wilderness area fits that bill very well," she said.

Derek Neal, electrical engineering graduate student working on MESA for his thesis, said the project is complex. MESA will measure myriad environmental factors such as carbon dioxide levels, temperature, humidity, soil moisture, radiation, snow depth and others. The natural development of such elements in nature will provide controls against which humanity's environmental influences can be measured. He said the primary use for the MESA research will be to inform policymakers about climate change.

"(Taylor) can act as a benchmark against human dominated systems," Neal said.

Neal said most similar sensor networks are located in broad regions with scant shifts in elevation. These fail to factor in the effects of mountains, forest canopies and other elements in climate measurements, he said, and its capability to gather such data makes the MESA project unique.

"There are a bunch of observatories around the country, and we're one of the most remote," he said.

Kavanaugh said one of the challenges in launching MESA was the 1800-foot disparity in elevation across the three sensor stations, and it is a several-hour hike to the highest one. The dramatic deviation is helpful for the research, she said, because even small changes in elevation can yield large

climate differences, and she wanted to seize that variability.

Doug Frome, fellow thesis student with Neal, said another obstacle involved the gear. The team spent three months trying to figure the best way to mount the sensor equipment in the trees, he said, fighting 100-foot heights and harnesses, the strength of the pipe material and other factors. All of the equipment had to be packed in, he said, but that challenge was made a little easier with the inclusion of a mule team. Frome said a generous group of donors visiting Taylor for a fundraiser had ridden in on mules and let the team use the animals.

"It was kind of a short-notice deal, but I'm really glad it worked out," Frome said.

He said the MESA network has been operational since last fall, and the winter has created more challenges for the team to address in the form of power requirements. The sensor network is run entirely on solar and wind energy, he said, and in the dark winter months the array requires two or three times the number of usual solar panels to function.

"It's been difficult, but we're making progress," Frome said.

MESA has one advantage against the elements in its "self-healing" mesh network setup, Neal said. Groups of sensors are attached to particular power nodes, which are basically outfitted with their own network routers, he said. If one power node shuts down and cuts off its sensors from the system, the network can adapt an alternate path of communication to ensure the sensors outside that node can still communicate.

Neal said he was eager to help with the MESA project because he likes the renewable energy issues it involves, but it wasn't all business.

"I also love being outside, so it was perfect," he said.

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New year, new city goals

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

The Moscow City Council recently published a list of goals it hopes to accomplish in 2013, including highway beautification and street improvement.

"We decided to consolidate many previous year's goals that were left hanging or had been merged into more recent goals," said Sue Scott, city council member.

Scott said the city council has not yet discussed the goals for this year that will go into effect in October.

"The reason that the goals are discussed so far in advance is that it takes city staff and the mayor several months to develop a budget to support the goals," Scott said.

The way the city obtains revenue to fund these goals come through grants, liquor sales and property taxes. City council member

Tim Brown said during the last budget cycle the council raised property taxes, generating \$170,000 dollars in revenue on a more than \$50 million budget.

The city is currently about halfway through the 2012 fiscal year.

The goals for the 2013 fiscal year to be discussed include developing improvement plans for the beautification of public right-of-ways at city entrances by 2014.

"This was motivated by one of our city council member's disdain for that apparent junkyard on the north end of town along Highway 95," Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said.

Chaney said the city only has certain powers with regards to the aesthetic appeal of Moscow's entryways.

"We have limited ability to regulate what happens on private property, but

we can plant vegetative buffers, bushes and trees as long as they don't obstruct traffic," Chaney said.

Another goal of the council is sidewalk construction for non-motorized transportation and people with disabilities.

Chaney said the council has also been working closely with the Moscow Transportation Commission, a volunteer group that focuses on bicyclists and other means of transportation.

She said the development of transportation infrastructure is always in the works.

Chaney said the Public Works Department constructed a 50-year plan that revealed expected street extensions.

"As we anticipate futures growth and development, we want to make sure that the streets are interconnected and fully accessible," Chaney said.

She said College Street is the latest example of road reconstruction requiring more details than some might think.

"It had to be completely rebuilt from the roadbed up," Chaney said.

She said streets that are in the worst shape are handled differently with regards to budgeting than streets that need slight repair.

"Some streets are so badly degraded that it is much more cost effective to take a street that is not so bad off and make sure it's protected," Chaney said.

Brown said at city council meetings many goals are set each fiscal year, but not all of them will be satisfied.

"It's one thing to say goals, but who's going to pay for all of that stuff? It takes a while," Brown said.

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Getting new digs

Investment approved to plan first academic building on campus in 15 years

John Fish
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Board of Regents approved a \$3.5 million investment into planning the first academic building to be built on the university campus in 15 years.

The Integrated Research and Innovation Center will begin construction in 2014, and is slated for completion in Fall 2016. The building is UI's first step in reaching its goal of becoming a national research university, according to UI.

The IRIC will be the first research facility of its kind in the state of Idaho.

UI's goal is to have \$150 million in research expenditures by the year 2020, according to the UI website.

"It will be a \$150 million total for the university," said Jack McIver, vice president for research and economic development. "A lot of it would come from competitive awards, but I am hoping a lot more comes from the private sector also."

McIver said the building will be located next to the quad where the old Naval ROTC building was. That means the building will be in between the College of Natural Resources and the Archie Phinney Hall.

McIver said the \$3.5 million designated

to start the project will be used for the pre-construction phase of the building. This includes the prep work, blue prints and an assessment to give an accurate cost of how much the IRIC will be.

He said currently it is difficult for researchers from different disciplines at UI to work together and perform important research. The building will be a place where the researchers and scientists from all the colleges can work in unison and improve their research.

He said the ability for the IRIC to include all disciplines of research in one building is one of the most important features of the building.

The IRIC will house the best researchers and scientists that UI has to offer from its 10 colleges.

"Everybody will be eligible to compete to find space in the IRIC," McIver said.

He said the resources for the IRIC will be spread out accordingly based on performance, but all colleges have an equal opportunity to be rewarded space for research.

The facility will have eight flexible laboratories, two dry lab clusters, two analytical instrumentation core spaces, two imaging computer core spaces and conferencing space for the researchers to work as a unit, according to UI.

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Everybody will be eligible to compete to find space in the (Integrated Research and Innovation Center).

Jack McIver,
Vice president for
research and economic
development

In brief

Gasser accepts new position at Michigan State

University of Idaho Director of Housing Ray Gasser accepted the position of Senior Associate Director of Residential Life and Housing Services at Michigan State University Jan. 2.

"It's bittersweet, we've accomplished a lot in the five years that I've been here," Gasser said. "I've grown to really love the people here and the work we've been doing."

Gasser said his last day at UI will be Jan. 29 and he will start his new job Feb. 4. UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said Associate Director of Housing Dee Dee Kanikkeberg will serve as interim director of housing.

With more than 15,000 beds in its housing system, Gasser said Michigan State is the largest housing program in the country and his new job is a prestigious opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I think it speaks highly of the University of Idaho that it continues to produce professionals that are sought out by bigger institutions," he said.

Gasser said the housing department made a lot of progress during his time

at UI, including the Wallace Complex renovations, and he is focusing on leaving the department in a position to continue moving forward in his absence.

Joyce appointed UI College of Science dean

Paul Joyce was appointed dean of the University of Idaho College of Science Wednesday. Joyce had served as the interim dean since June.

Joyce said as dean he is committed to changing the role and visibility of the faculty, raising awareness for the college's research and outreach efforts.

"And continuing to build and foster a culture of optimism, trust and innovation," Joyce said.

Joyce has been at UI since 1991 when he joined as an assistant professor, being promoted over the years to full professor in 2001.

Provost Doug Baker said Joyce's work with the Institute for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies his time spent as chair of the Faculty Senate have shown he will be an effective and trusted leader.

"He knows the university well and I am confident that he will collaboratively build teaching, research and outreach successes," Baker said.

FOLTZ

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named professorships and scholarships. Foltz will also help hire faculty and staff to fill vacant positions within the college.

"The dean helps to provide some vision and leadership for where we are going as a college," Foltz said.

Foltz said he anticipates six to nine months for the college to find a permanent dean. He says it might be up to a year

before the chosen person will be able to start work at the university.

Foltz said he is unsure what he will decide to do after a permanent dean is chosen.

"I may end up being a candidate for the permanent dean position, and would be interested in that," Foltz said. "If not, I plan to return to the associate dean for Academic Programs position."

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LAWMAKERS

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University were recently granted \$5 million to initiate and develop technology learning and innovation centers for teachers to improve and increase the use of technology in Idaho classrooms. North Idaho College, in Coeur d'Alene, will use its federal grant of \$3 million to create an aerospace center.

Idaho will also attempt to get five more seats in the Washington, Wyoming, Montana, Alaska, Idaho (WWAMI) collaborative medical school program at the University of Washington.

The five additional seats

will be given to students active in the Targeted Rural and Underserved Track program. TRUST was created to support Idaho students in becoming physicians.

Idahoans are also participating in the new Hire One More Employee Act. Otter will update the HOME Act due to complexities businesses had with the terms and conditions to qualify for incentives.

The updated HOME Act will provide businesses in Idaho a 4 percent income tax credit for each new employee on their payroll. They will also receive \$1,000 if the new employee is a veteran.

"My new legislation is intended to provide one

more reason for employers to consider veterans, besides their skills, training and work ethic," Otter said.

Personal Property Tax is another large piece of legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session. Legislators have several plans of action to eliminate personal property tax in Idaho, including a phase out plan or giving local-option tax authority to voters in certain counties to decide on their most important needs.

Many counties in Idaho depend on personal property taxes for their public services. Otter has also set aside \$20 million from his budget for counties that might need help transitioning.

The Joint Minority Lead-

ership said eliminating personal property tax may force many counties to eliminate or reduce emergency services. They also said in eliminating the personal property tax the government would also need to meet the demands of local businesses.

"Sound roads and bridges, broadband Internet access and a qualified workforce," Stennett said during the Joint Minority Address to the State. "And we must not

raise taxes on homeowners as we have with similar efforts in the recent past."

The state-based health insurance exchange is also hitting the legislature this session. Otter said the exchange will allow for more competitive health care plans for individuals and small businesses. These exchanges must be ready for consumers to enroll by Oct. 1, 2013 and be completed by Jan. 1, 2014.

I'm proud to join you in pressing ahead toward an ever-brighter and more hopeful future for us all.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter



"Rejecting the opportunity to assert ourselves will result in an unresponsive, one-size-fits-all federal exchange wreaking havoc on some of America's most reasonable costs of coverage," he said.

In addition, \$400,000 has been set aside to create four volunteer fire protection associations in the state. These associations help fight and sometimes prevent wildfires in land owned by the federal government that covers two-thirds of the state.

Otter has a positive outlook for the 2013 Legislative Session.

"I'm proud to join you in pressing ahead toward an ever-brighter and more hopeful future for us all," he said.

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SPORTS



New football coach Paul Petrino is on the recruiting trail. Break-down inside.

Sports briefs

Cowan invited to NFLPA Collegiate Bowl

Idaho's most prolific punter is headed to the 2013 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl. The college all-star game kicks off at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, at California State University, Dominguez Hills in Carson, Calif. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 while ESPNU will air live broadcasts from practices on Thursday, January 17. Former NFL coaching sensations Herm Edwards and Dick Vermeil will serve as the head coaches for the American and National Teams.

Cowan was chosen for the all-star game after completing four successful years as Idaho's starting punter. He ended his career as the punting average record holder (44.7 yards-per-punt) as well as the record holder for total punts (259) and punting yards (11,570).

Sopel hired as women's tennis coach

Former Indiana University women's tennis standout Myriam Sopel has been hired as Idaho's new head women's tennis coach. She was most recently the head coach at Wagner College in New York.

Sopel graduated from Indiana University in May, 2011 with a 59-44 singles record and an 89-59 doubles record in four seasons. She was a part of two teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament and the Hoosiers ranked as high as No. 30 in the nation during her time at Indiana. She was also a three-time Academic All-American.

Sopel takes over for Daniel Pollock, who joined the men's tennis staff at BYU as an assistant coach.

Vandals receive academic honors

With the conclusion of the fall sports season, 34 Vandal student-athletes were chosen to the WAC All-Academic Team for fall sports.

The soccer team received the highest number of honors with 13, followed by football and volleyball at six each. Women's cross country added five and the men's team had four.

Idaho's honorees are as follows:

Soccer: Katie Baran, Liz Boyden, Chelsie Breen, Jill Flockhart, Erica Hart, Lauren Layton, Christine Leatham, Megan Lopez, Annie Millard, Emily Ngan, Chelsea Small, Breanna Wilson and Nitalia Zuniga.

Volleyball: Allison Baker, Janelle Chow, Julia Church, Jennifer Feicht, Alyssa Schultz and Alex Sele.

Football: Logan Bushnell, Bobby Cowan, Cody Elenz, Maxx Forde, Justin Parkins and Justin Podrabsky.

Women's cross-country: Holly Browning, Alycia Butterworth, Hannah Kiser, Abby Larson and Emily Paradis.

Men's cross-country: Colton Hastings, Jeff Osborn, Cayle Turpen and Kyle Tylor.

Four tennis players make national rankings

Four Idaho tennis players — two on the men's side and two on the women's side — are ranked nationally and regionally in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's first rankings of 2013.

On the men's side, Idaho's doubles pairing of Abid Akbar and Marius Cirstea start 2013 at No. 46 in the nation and No. 1 in the Mountain Region. The duo won the ITA regional doubles championship and advanced to the National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in the fall.

On the women's side, Almudena Sanz and Victoria Lozano are ranked No. 10 in Mountain Region doubles. Sanz is also No. 13 in the region in singles.

Both teams start the spring season on the road with the Vandal men beginning on Jan. 20 at Eastern Washington, while the Idaho women open play on Jan. 19 at Washington State.

Barone earns WAC Player of the Week

Idaho senior center Kyle Barone earned his third career WAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week honor after his efforts in a comeback victory over Seattle U on Saturday, Dec. 29. He had a career-high-tying 25 points and a season-high-tying 11 rebounds in the 71-64 victory. Barone went 8 of 15 from the floor and converted nine of his 11 free throw attempts in 38 minutes of play on the night. He also scored 16 of Idaho's 38 second-half points.

Barone earned two WAC Player of the Week awards last season.



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Forward Stephen Madison drills past the defender during Thursday's game against Denver at the Cowan Spectrum.

Bogged down

Denver's methodical style wears down Idaho, Vandals relinquish another second-half lead late

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

What haunted the Vandals early in the season still haunts them now. For the second consecutive game Idaho couldn't close out its conference opponent despite holding a lead late in the second half, falling 65-59 to Denver in its home conference opener.

"They made the plays when they had to," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "They're hard to play, I knew it was going to be a game like that. I was hoping we could find a way to grind it out."

Denver took control of the second half early with a 9-0 run to give the Pioneers a 33-28 lead before Idaho picked up the defensive intensity with Stephen Madison taking over for the Vandals offensively. Madison ended the night with 19 points on 7-11 shooting and 5-7 from the free throw line.

In the end, though, it was the all-too-familiar 3-point shot woes which

ultimately did Idaho in. Despite holding Denver to 27 percent shooting from 3-point land, Chase Hallam hit the two biggest ones of the game with under four minutes remaining to give Denver a late lead. Hallam added a lay-up to respond to a 4-0 Idaho run, giving Denver a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

"When we got the shots we were in pretty good shape, but we didn't come up with the big rebounds when we needed them," Verlin said. "When it came time when it was a one-possession game we came up with a big stop, forced them into a bad shot but failed to come up with that rebound."

Denver's Chris Udofia's length and athleticism went a long way toward the Pioneers making Kyle Barone not much of a factor offensively for the Vandals. Barone ended the game with just 5 points on 2-7 shooting. It didn't help that Idaho's most athletic big man, Marcus Bell, didn't participate in the game.



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Don Verlin,
coach



Read the complete game recap on Vandal Nation.

thevandalnation.com

Idaho is the latest team to fall victim to Denver's Princeton style system which Thursday night limited the amount of possessions Idaho had, only getting 35 shots off compared to Denver's 44 shots from the field.

After starting 2-0 in WAC play with two road wins, the Vandals will now try to just stay above .500 in conference play when New Mexico State comes to the Cowan Spectrum on Saturday. The defending conference champions have gotten off to a slow start themselves in conference play, also starting 2-2.

"This league has always been a good league, as we know, like I told them. This is WAC basketball," Verlin said. "People don't come in and lay down at home. They're going to come in and they're going to make you fight, they're going to make you work, they're going to expose your weaknesses."

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Rocky Mountain huge

Idaho women collect first WAC road win

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Reeling from relinquishing a 16-point lead in a home loss to Utah State last Saturday night the Idaho women's basketball team picked itself back up Thursday night with a 68-60 win at Denver.

Neither team shot particularly well but it was Idaho, putting up one of its best defensive performances of the season, that held Denver to only 32-percent shooting from the field (24-75).

The Vandals jumped out to an early 18-8 only to go through a six-minute bucket-less drought, which saw the Pioneers cut the lead in half. Idaho took a 28-22 lead in to the half and spent the better part of the second half fending off a Pioneer push.

With the game tied at 47-apiece with 7:42 remaining in the game, the Vandals pulled away and held on to the lead late.

Efficiency won Idaho the game, considering its opponent took 19 more shots from the field, but the Vandals shot from the floor, sank five more 3-pointers than its opponent and went 20-25 from the free-throw floor compared to Denver's 9-14.

It was a well-rounded scoring effort with Stacey Barr and Alyssa Charlston contributing 17-points each, with Addie Schivo adding 16. Charlston ended the game with a double-double, also leading Idaho in rebounds with 14. Freshman Ali Forde also collected double-digit boards with 10 and Jessica Graham contributed nine.

Idaho will travel to Las Cruces to face off against New Mexico State before coming home next week for a home stand against La. Tech and Texas-Arlington.

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Vandal guard Alyssa Charlston attempts a 3-point shot over Redhawk forward Brenda Adhiambo Dec. 29 in the Cowan Spectrum.

Mediocre at midway point

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

At almost exactly the halfway point of the season, Idaho basketball may have perfected what it means to be mediocre. The Vandals' winter break performances may have been just another representation of just that, despite going 3-2 against an array of conference, non-conference and NAIA opposition.

It started out at home against less-than-impressive Walla Walla University. A team that struggles against NAIA opponents day in and day out was at a major disadvantage when it came to the post, where the Vandals scored and rebounded with ease.

Only three Vandals scored in double figures, but with Don Verlin's ability to rotate players in and out, 12 of 13 players who logged minutes also scored. The result — a 91-47 stomping of a Walla Walla squad that received the same treatment a few weeks later when Boise State handed them a 106-39 no-mercy loss.

The Broncos were Idaho's next opponent, and an opponent that many have feared this season. Two-loss Boise State has yet to lose since defeating the Vandals 78-68 at a "neutral location", CenturyLink Arena in the state capital.

Though it was Anthony Drmic who tore up the Vandals in last year's meeting, Derrick Marks, another sophomore, was BSU's go-to man this time around. Averaging 16.3 points-per-game as the Broncos began Mountain West play, Marks' game-high 25 points really came into play late in the second half. With less than seven minutes to go, Marks notched 11 of his points and was nearly perfect from the free-throw line, converting 9 of 10 attempts. Marks was 13 of 14

from the stripe on the night and Kyle Barone's 24-point, 10-rebound effort couldn't push Idaho past its rival in what will be the senior's last game against Boise State.

A bitter loss to the Broncos must have triggered something for Idaho, because when the Vandals visited Key Arena and Seattle U for their WAC opener, a much-improved effort came from the visitors.

Despite dismal bench production (four points), Idaho ousted the Redhawks for the fourth consecutive meeting between the teams, beating them 71-64. It was Barone who carried Idaho



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again, with assistance from juniors Stephen Madison and Robert Harris Jr. Harris, who must have received the green light from Verlin, cashed in four 3-point shots, scoring 12 of his 16 points from the perimeter. Barone's second consecutive double-double came off an 11-rebound, 25-point outing from the preseason all-WAC center.

As Idaho rolled into San Jose, Calif., so did the production of Barone. Holding just one Spartan to double figures, the Vandals held off SJSU and continued what is now a three-game win streak against the Spartans, handing them a 64-55 loss at The Event Center.

Barone was sensational in his third straight double-double with 13 boards and 16 points. Stephen Madison and Mike McChristian also reached double figures.

Idaho's two-game WAC roll stopped in what will undoubtedly be the toughest road game they'll play all season. Logan, Utah's Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, heralded as one of the West coast's most intimidating atmospheres, fields a Utah State Aggie squad that may be even more intimidating this season.

On the brink of a Top



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Guard Mike McChristian, playing his senior season, throws a 3-pointer during Thursday's game against Denver at the Cowan Spectrum.

25 ranking, Utah State, as they've been in so many seasons before, will likely be the team to beat in its last year as a member of the WAC.

The Vandals learned that the hard way, but played

a very respectable game against Verlin's former team. His ex-mentor, Aggie head coach Stew Morrill, coached USU to a 82-75 overtime victory against the Vandals in a game that saw

Idaho lead by eight points late in the second half.

It wasn't enough, though, and the scoring efforts of Preston Medlin (22 points) deflated Idaho. All five of the Aggie starters scored in

double figures and Utah State was able to limit the Vandals despite a fourth straight double-double from Barone.

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Recruiting update: Just under a month until college football 'Christmas'

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

National Letter of Intent day is right around the corner. On Feb. 6, Paul Petrino will officially ink most, if not all, of his first recruiting class as head coach of the Vandals.

The combination of him being in his first few months on the job as well as the fact that Idaho is a mid-major program — and a newly independent one at that — means this class will likely be infused with a number of junior college signees.

When hired, Petrino made it clear he wanted coaches who could hit the Pacific Northwest hard and put Idaho in the conversation at a number of high

schools in the area, while being able to then hit California as needed to round out a class.

That might be put on hold for the 2014 signing class.

Still, Petrino and his staff have already hauled in a number of junior college signees and high school commits.

Here are the junior college kids who have already signed Letters of Intent with Idaho:

Anthony Neyer — quarterback — 6-2, 215 pounds — Los Angeles Pierce College (former USC walk-on)

Delency Parham — cornerback — 5-11, 180 pounds — Santa Barbara City College

Juan Martinez — linebacker — 6-3, 235 pounds — City College of San Francisco

Eric Tuipulotu — linebacker — 5-11, 215 pounds — College of San Mateo

Marc Millan — linebacker — 6-1, 215 pounds — Santa Ana College

Kris Olugbode — running back — 5-9, 200 pounds — City College of San Francisco

Jerrel Brown — running back — 6-0, 220 pounds — College of San Mateo

Getting three linebackers isn't surprising considering Idaho graduated its entire trio of starting linebackers from 2012 and returns only moderate experience at the position with Elan Richard

and Jeremiah Walters. The two running backs will join a backfield consisting of senior James Baker and sophomores Todd Handley and Justin Parkins. Idaho struggled to run the ball with consistency in 2012 and it appears Petrino is hoping for festive competition at the spot in spring practice. The quarterback is the most surprising signing. Petrino said he wasn't anticipating on bringing a junior college quarterback in until the start of fall practice, but that was before quarterbacks coach Bryce Erickson made a recruiting trip down to southern California and found Anthony Neyer. Neyer, who started playing quarterback his junior year of

high school, spent two years as a walk-on at USC before transferring to LA Pierce College where he spent a lot of the year in a reserve role. It's unknown if Petrino will bring in another junior college quarterback, though he does anticipate bringing in a high school quarterback to redshirt. It's likely a starter at the position will be decided on at some point during spring practice and heading in to the summer, with Neyer and senior Taylor Davis competing against sophomores Chad Chalich and Austin DeCoud.

On high school recruiting

Currently Idaho has a

handful of verbal commitments from high school athletes around the country. It's important to remember that a verbal commitment is completely non-binding until these athletes sign Letters of Intent on or after Feb. 6.

Jawon Johnson — safety — 6-3, 185 pounds — Jireh Prep (Mathews, NC)

Isaiah Saunders — running back — 5-11, 185 pounds — Pleasant Grove (Elk Grove, Calif.)

Patrick Johnson — offensive guard — 6-4, 285 pounds — Paradise Valley (Phoenix)

Nick Edenfield — offensive guard — 6-4, 275 pounds — Columbia (Nampa)

Reuben Mwehla — defensive back, wide receiver — 5-10, 175 pounds — Bellevue (Wash.)

Trent Cowan — athlete — 6-4, 205 pounds — Vancouver (Wash.)

Craig Scott — wide receiver — 6-0, 170 pounds — Kansas City (Mo.)

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Vandal guard Alyssa Charlston attempts a three-point shot over Redhawk forward Brenda Adhiambo Dec. 29 in the Cowan Spectrum.

Idaho women decent in early WAC competition

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Conference play for women's basketball is in full swing for the WAC, and nearly every team looks competitive so far.

The top four teams in the conference are within one game of each other, while the rest aren't far behind. Those top teams have all played a lot of close games as well, showing there's no one favorite to take the WAC regular season crown.

The young Vandal team has fared decently in the early goings. Idaho has an overall record of 4-10 and 1-2 in the WAC. Idaho is sitting in sixth place in the conference. The Vandals

had a tough preseason schedule, but the team has shown improvement.

Idaho's two WAC losses were both close, including a tough loss to Utah State when the Vandals couldn't hold onto a lead late in the second half. The record may not show it, but the Vandals have the potential to be dangerous to the WAC's top teams.

Utah State was the preseason favorite to win the conference, but it's Seattle U that currently sits atop the conference standings with a conference record of 4-0. New Mexico State, Denver and Utah State are all right on the heels of the Redhawks with a WAC record of 3-1.

The only team yet to snag a conference win is Texas State. The Bobcats sit at 0-4 in the conference, just behind La. Tech and Texas-San Antonio at 1-3.

The Vandals have the fifth best offense in the conference, thanks in large part to the number of 3-pointers Idaho is knocking down. The Vandals have set program records for 3-pointers in a game twice this season, most recently against Utah State with 15, and have made the most in the conference.

Utah State's Devyn Christensen continues to add to an already impressive career this season, leading the conference in scoring with 21.1 points-

per-game. Christensen, the preseason WAC Player of the Year, also leads the conference in free-throws, hitting 95.3 percent of her opportunities from the charity stripe. Behind her is Texas State's Diamond Ford who averages 21 points-per-game. Idaho's leading scorer is junior Alyssa Charlston who is averaging 13.9 points and is shooting an even 47 percent from the floor.

The teams will battle for a cherished NCAA berth at the WAC Tournament which begins March 13 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

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Utah State, La. Tech leading the WAC

Theo Lawson
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Eight WAC teams were in action Thursday night and the conference hasn't panned out exactly how most analysts expected it to.

Other than Stew Morrill's Utah State Aggies, that is. The winners of 14 regular season conference championships took a year off last season, but by the looks of it, the Aggies will be favorites to claim what could be their last-ever WAC title. With one loss coming to Saint Mary's, Utah State is receiving one Top 25 vote in the USA Today poll and will be expected to crack the Top 25 if they remain unscathed in WAC play.

Also undefeated in conference play is La. Tech, a surprise team thus far. Predicted by coaches to claim a fourth-place WAC finish, the Bulldogs are building off of their 2012 WAC Tournament runner-up finish. Sophomore Raheem Appleby is averaging 15.7 points-per-game and has reeled off 30 or more points on a couple of occasions.

San Jose State sits comfortably in third, with its one loss coming at home to Idaho. The Spartans left the state of Texas with two conference wins, lost at home to the Vandals, but redeemed themselves with a home win against Seattle U. Propelled by the WAC's leading scorer,

senior James Kinney (20.6 points-per-game), SJSU visits Utah State, Denver and La. Tech, undoubtedly the toughest chunk of its WAC schedule.

Denver opened its first season in the WAC with an eight-point loss in Ruston, La., but bounced back to defeat all three Texas schools in convincing fashion. Expected to finish third in the WAC, Denver is led by preseason all-conference first teamer Chris Udofia, who surprisingly is not the Pioneers' leading scorer 14 games in. Sophomore Royce O'Neale is first in that category, averaging 13.4 points-per-game.

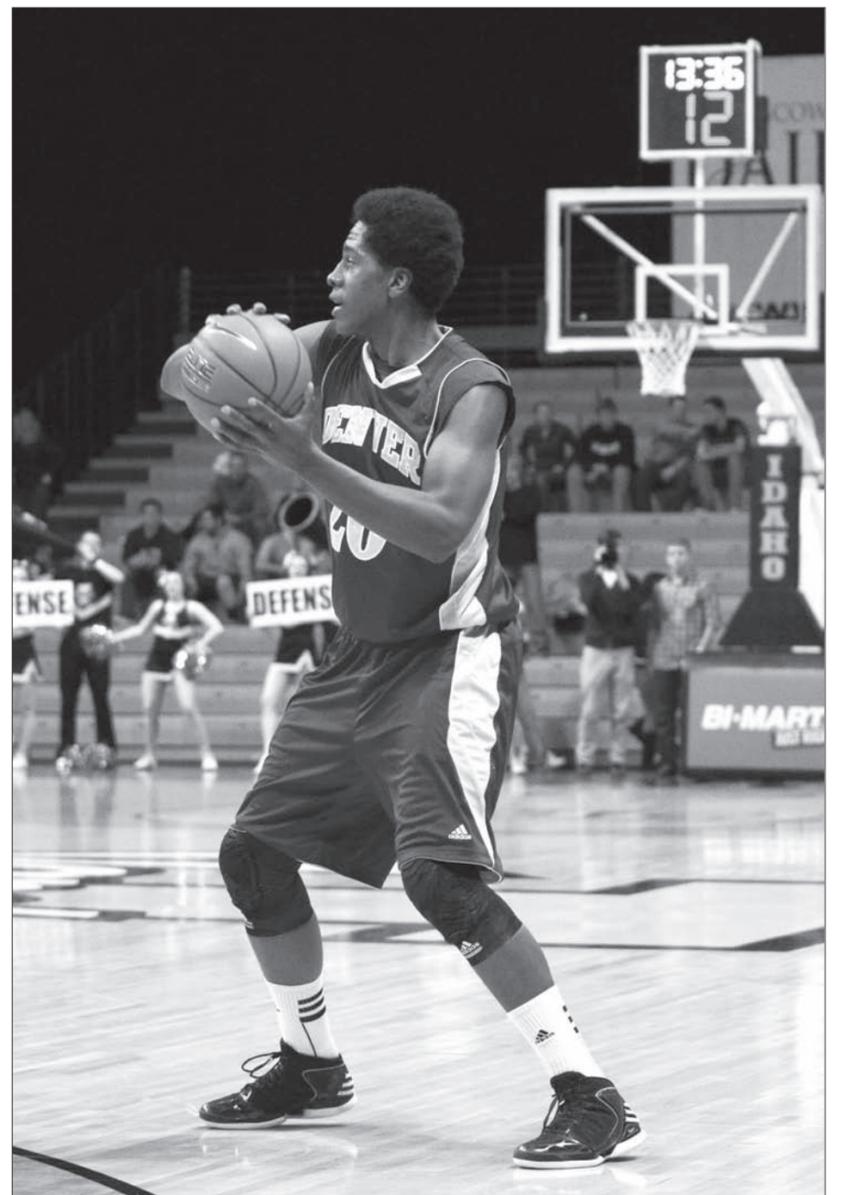
Idaho couldn't surpass Denver at the Cowan Spectrum Thursday in Moscow. With a 65-59 loss against the Pioneers, the Vandals fell to 2-2 in the WAC. The Vandals' other loss has been an overtime defeat at the hands of powerhouse Utah State in Logan. Headed by senior center Kyle Barone, who is going on four straight double-doubles, Idaho overcame a shaky non-conference showing with consecutive wins to open WAC play.

The biggest surprise 16 games in has been New Mexico State, who, at .500 both overall and in conference, was predicted by conference coaches to claim its second consecutive WAC crown. The loss of WAC Tournament MVP Wendell McKines,

along with 2011-2012 starters Hernst LaRoche and Hamidu Rahman has been devastating, despite 7-foot-5-inch center Sim Bhullar gaining eligibility. Bhullar has scored in double figures four of his last five games but has yet to grab more than seven rebounds in a game. The versatility of sophomore Daniel Mullings will be crucial if the Aggies hope to turn things around in the near future.

Averaging just less than 60 points-per-game, Texas-Arlington faced a rigorous nonconference schedule including Oklahoma, Texas, Oklahoma State and Boise State before diving into its conference schedule. The Mavericks opened WAC play with a surprise 21-point blowout of defending WAC champ NMSU. Since then, they've fallen into a three-game hole, with losses to Denver, Boise State and La. Tech. UTA's scoring has been balanced, with four players averaging more than seven points-per-game. Still, they rank No. 328 in the nation when it comes to scoring.

Formerly independent, Seattle U has yet to gain a conference victory but kept it close with Idaho, San Jose State and Utah State. They also came into conference play with losses to tough nonconference opposition (Virginia, Stanford, Washington, Boise State).



Denver forward Royce O'Neale prepares for a pass during Thursday's game at the Cowan Spectrum. Denver is expected to finish third in the WAC.

Texas-San Antonio and Texas State both have yet to win in the conference and both have just four wins on the season. The

efforts of UTSA's Kannon Burrage, the conference's second-leading scorer (16.6 PPG), have been overshadowed by the con-

ference's worst scoring margin.

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Report: Kings headed to Seattle

Bob Condotta
Seattle Times

Capping a flurry of rumors that began Tuesday night, Yahoo! Sports reported Wednesday that the Sacramento Kings are in the process of being sold to a group led by Chris Hansen and Steve Ballmer that would have the team playing in Seattle in 2013-14.

Yahoo! Sports, citing league sources, said the team will be sold for \$500 million and would play at KeyArena for two seasons while an arena in the Sodo District is constructed.

Rumors began circulating Tuesday of an imminent sale, though all involved officially declined to comment or said they had nothing to say at the moment.

An NBA spokesman said Wednesday that the league had no comment, and Hansen also had no comment. The Kings released a statement saying they would not comment on rumors and that they had nothing to report at this time.

Seattle has been without an NBA team since 2008 when the Sonics were relocated to Oklahoma City by new owner Clay Bennett.

Hansen has spent the last year laying the ground work for an arena deal and attempting to buy a team to move to Seattle.

Started with a tweet

The rumor originated in a tweet from Daina Falk, a food blogger known as «The Hungry Fan» and also the daughter of longtime NBA agent David Falk, whose clients included Michael Jordan and a number of former Sonics, including longtime team president Wally Walker.

Daina Falk sent out a tweet Tuesday reading: "So I hear that the Seattle Kings is officially a done deal! The

Maloofs (the family that owns the Kings) finally sold the ailing Sacramento team."

When questioned about the tweet, she responded that she had heard it from someone who would know, and she also referred to the tweet on her Facebook page, saying to wait and see what happens over the next few days.

Those tweets and her Facebook message were all deleted by Wednesday morning.

The Maloof family, which has owned the Kings since 1998, has for years been attempting to get a new arena built in Sacramento or move the team, efforts that at the moment appear at a standstill. The family had been talking to officials from Virginia Beach, Va., about a proposal to build an arena there. But officials in that city announced on Tuesday that those plans were dead for now.

The Maloofs have publicly stated that they do not intend to sell the team. But varying reports have surfaced in recent weeks that they might be willing to sell for \$500 million or more - regarded as far above what the team is worth.

A deadline approaches

The NBA deadline for requesting the right to relocate in time for the 2013-14 season is March 1.

Hansen has said he would be willing to buy a team and have it play in KeyArena for a season or two while a proposed arena in the Sodo District is constructed.

City Councilmember Tim Burgess said Wednesday that council staffers have been working closely for some time with the mayor's office and Seattle Center - where KeyArena could be used as a temporary home - to be sure the city is "ready to move" if

a team is acquired.

Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn wasn't aware of all the noise being made about the possibility of the Kings coming to Seattle.

"I know as much as you do about the Sonics. ... But if it's true, ain't it cool?"

He said he first saw the rumors about midnight and hasn't spoken with Hansen or other investors. "They're probably in delicate negotiations."

Plans to build a \$490 million arena were approved by the City Council and the Metropolitan King County Council last October.

One potential hurdle to moving a team here - a lawsuit brought by the Longshore workers union to void the city's arena deal with Hansen - could be resolved early this year.

Both parties have agreed to a legal fast-track that would allow the judge to decide the case on what is called summary judgment and avoid a prolonged trial, according to Kimberly Mills, spokeswoman for the City Attorney's Office.

A Feb. 22 hearing before Judge Douglas North has been set to hear arguments on the suit, which alleges that the city and county illegally reached an agreement with Hansen before the completion of an environmental-impact statement on issues such as freight mobility and alternative locations.

As part of the summary-judgment agreement, both sides agree to the factual issues and argue only the law.

An environmental review was launched after the city and Hansen signed a memorandum of understanding to build an arena, an arrangement the Longshore union described in court papers as a "costly ritual without real practical effect."

Oregon hands No. 4 Arizona first loss

Chris Hansen
Associated Press

E.J. Singler scored 14 points and Oregon overcame a slow start to beat No. 4 Arizona 70-66 on Thursday night, handing the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

Dominic Artis, Carlos Emory and Tony Woods had 10 points apiece for the Ducks (13-2, 2-0 Pac-12), who have won 17 straight home games, including all 11 this season.

Mark Lyons scored 21 and Solomon Hill added 16 points to lead the Wildcats (14-1, 2-1), who entered as one of three undefeated teams in the country.

It appeared they were going to stay that way when the Wildcats jumped out to an 11-0 lead. But it was all Oregon from there, as the Ducks outscored Arizona 41-19 the rest of the first half to lead 41-30 at the break.

Arizona trimmed its deficit to 48-42 early in the second half but got no closer until Lyons made a 3-pointer with 1:18 to play that made it 67-63.

A 3-pointer by Arizona's Nick Johnson with 50 seconds remaining made it 69-66, but Johnathan Loyd hit a free throw with 9.2 seconds left to seal the win for Oregon.

It was the Ducks' second win against a ranked team this season. They beat No. 24 UNLV in November.

It also was the Wildcats' first game at Matthew Knight Arena, which opened

almost two years ago.

Arizona started the game with consecutive 3-pointers by Kevin Parrom, but Emory began Oregon's comeback with its first basket on a bank shot with 16:37 remaining in the first half. Minutes later, Loyd capped a 16-2 run with a steal and layup to put the Ducks up 16-13 with 13:16 to play.

A 3-pointer by Jordin Mayes and a three-point play by Brandon Ashley put Arizona back on top 25-20 at the 9:09 mark.

But the Wildcats couldn't stop Oregon, which ended the half on a 21-5 run that included six points by Woods, including an emphatic, two-handed dunk that ignited the season-high crowd of 9,544.

Comebacks, however, are nothing new for this Arizona team, which rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Colorado in overtime a week earlier.

After Damyean Dotson put the Ducks up 44-30 with a 3-pointer to open the second half, the Wildcats went to work with Hill, Parrom and Lyons attacking the basket during a 12-4 run that cut Oregon's lead to 48-42 with 17:11 to play.

The Ducks extended their lead back into double digits when Singler made a 3 with 6:46 left to put them up 63-52.

That was the Ducks' last field goal of the game. They held off Arizona's final rally by going 7 for 9 from the free throw line.



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OUR VIEW

Now's the time

Start talking to stop gun violence

A student armed with a 12-gauge shotgun at Taft Union High School in California fired at two classmates Thursday morning, missing one and critically wounding the other.

This shooting comes less than a month after a gunman killed 20 children and six caretakers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

The Second Amendment guarantees Americans the right to keep and bear arms. However, the country was also founded on the idea that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are unalienable rights granted to all human beings — rights that were stripped from 26 innocent people in the Dec. 14 tragedy.

Gun violence is a recurring issue in America. There may never be an ideal time to discuss possible solutions, but it shouldn't take another devastation to start looking for one.

Americans have cooperated in the past to resolve societal problems such as drunk driv-

ing through stricter regulations and simply recognizing a need for action. Identification is required to purchase correction fluid, such as White Out, as the result of inhalant abuse among teens.

These examples show Americans can recognize and resolve dangerous issues in our communities through reasonable discussion. So when an issue as serious as gun violence arises and thousands of people die each year as a result, why do we choose to do nothing?

Left-wing extremists believe guns shouldn't exist, while those on the right believe everybody should be armed and gun control shouldn't exist. Those aren't solutions.

As Idahoans, we live in a pro-gun state, and as Americans, guns are an important part

of our history and culture. Eliminating them altogether is unrealistic, but that doesn't mean gun control is a bad thing.

Neither side of the aisle wants a massacre, yet neither party is willing to put aside its differences to reach some middle ground.

A perfect solution will not be found immediately, but that doesn't mean we should give up on the issue altogether.

As shootings continue throughout America, doing nothing is unacceptable. Are we so rooted in our stances that we

can't even have a reasonable conversation about one of the most prominent issues in society?

The only way to resolve gun violence is to talk about controlling it.

—BK



OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

2013

This is a shout out to all the new friends I've made in the past month. You've already made this one heck of a semester.

—Molly

It's time ...

... to start applying for jobs and internships this summer. Ugh. Why didn't I do this when I was sitting on my butt during break?

—Philip

Real talk

I hate when I'm hanging out with MC Hammer and he doesn't let me touch things.

—Theo

2013 for the win

Although 2012 was pretty awesome, 2013 is off to the best start of any of my 20 years. I can't wait for everything this year has in store.

—Kaitlyn

Final countdown

The last five whirlwind years of my life have wound down to one semester. Cheers to a semester of job applications, good friends and making every moment last.

—Elisa

Barely bronzed

I can definitely agree with starting the new semester and year out with a tan, even if it's only a tiny one.

—Chloe

Moving forward

This semester will be full of lasts. While it's scary, I'm excited to see what the next chapter of firsts brings.

—Katy

All goodness gained

I'm ready to bask in the knowledge and friendships gained throughout my time at UI before May graduation. 2013 will be a stunner.

—Lindsey

Seahawks

That is all.

—Sean

Vegas

Just two and a half more months. Come on calendar, go by quick for Theo and me.

—Madison

Motivation

I hope everybody's Christmas was as stressful as mine so you are all ready to get back to work.

—Kasen

True story

I think I've decided Spring is my favorite semester. You can't beat the winter-to-spring-to-summer transition on the Palouse.

—Amrah

Shout out

To my fellow Ecuadorian ASBers. Thank you for an incredible life-changing adventure.

—Britt



Shane Wellner
Argonaut

Infecting the herd

NRA's gun-happy fantasy hides truth

Time may bring healing, but the 28 days since Newtown, Connecticut's tragedy have not ushered clarity into the fantasy too many American gun enthusiasts operate under.

The belief that life is the relentless assault of the deranged and evil upon the good infects every attempt to evaluate gun laws in America. The face of this delusion is Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Rifle Association.

A week after the assault on Sandy Hook, LaPierre gave his remedy for school shootings: armed guards in all public schools. Ohio, Utah and Texas echoed LaPierre's theory that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," by offering programs encouraging teachers to obtain concealed carry permits.

Never mind that LaPierre and other conservatives just completed, and lost, a presidential campaign denouncing government size — but if anything constitutes aggressive state growth, an exponential increase in armed government employees is it.

Ignore the regulatory maze teachers with concealed carry permits must navigate to bring a gun into school without immediate termination of employment.

Texas requires superintendents to grant permission for each teacher who desires to carry a gun. Ohio delegates the task to each district. Most schools allow no one without a police badge to touch firearms on campus.

The hypothesis of LaPierre, Ohio, Utah and Texas miscalculates both the cause and frequency of school shootings. The Secret Service's Safe School Initiative puts the odds of death by gunshot in an American public school at 1 in 1,600,000. In other words, not you, not your child, not your friends, not your friends' children or anyone

you're likely to cross in your lifetime. America's problem is not firearms discharging in schools, but in houses and street corners.

Similarly, these infrequent catastrophes are not perpetrated by the psychotic or psychopathic. The only form of mental illness the

Secret Service found prevalent in assailants was severe depression, often coupled with suicidal thoughts.

After misfiring this much, it's only fair to ask LaPierre how often his "good guys with guns" stop school shooters.

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Relationship fit for love

When you ponder your relationship, you feel confident it is not one based on utility, or the services and goods you provide to your partner. You take turns paying for things, or split the bill at times. You feel there is relatively equal giving and receiving. So, is this a relationship destined for love? Possibly. Let's ask the love doctor, Greek philosopher and relationship expert Aristotle.

Aristotle would affirm you for skipping past living in friendship of utility, but he would be concerned you may be stuck in a friendship of pleasure. Don't take it personally, this is just the type of relationship we, as the young and open-hearted, are prone to fall for.

A friendship of pleasure is built upon the fun two people have together. While enjoyment should definitely be present in an intimate relationship, a relationship where the emphasis is placed solely on the good times can easily be predicted to fail when hard times outweigh delight.

Toss out the intimate relationships where your giving outweighs what you receive and the false notion of a strong relationship based upon enjoying good times together.

Even though two people may enjoy being with each other, they still may be caught in a friendship of pleasure. Imagine, the girl thinks she loves the guy and they normally have sex. It turns out the guy does not love the girl, but they have fun with each other and both consent.

This relationship is neither healthy nor strong, and actually takes a step backwards into a friendship of utility.



Casey Dail
Argonaut

If we want a relationship where we can dodge being used or being deceived and truly find love, rather than just a fling, then along with attraction, we need to recognize the necessary ingredient of mutual respect.

It is good to reflect on your relationship by comparing aspects of it to a strong relationship you have elsewhere, such as with a family member. I learned how a man should treat me from the model of my brothers — a model of unconditional love, building me up as a woman, and never letting me settle for less. How is the guy I am dating portraying these ideals my brothers exposed me to? We all need good models.

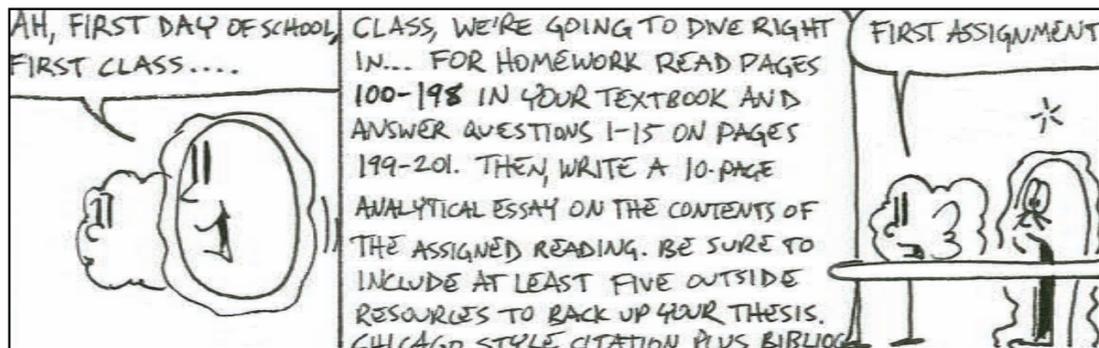
Aristotle's philosophy explains that just as a child is immature, but eventually matures as time goes on, the friendships of utility and pleasure can also mature. This relationship is one that is not based solely upon what you get out of a relationship (materials or pleasant feelings) but rather two people who work for a higher good, the good of each other.

The life we all desire in our relationships is one the Greeks discussed: "zoe." "Zoe" means "shared life." Life is no fun when it is just me, but rather when it is "us." It is even more fun when the "we" is two people who love each other so much that both strive to do what is best for the other.

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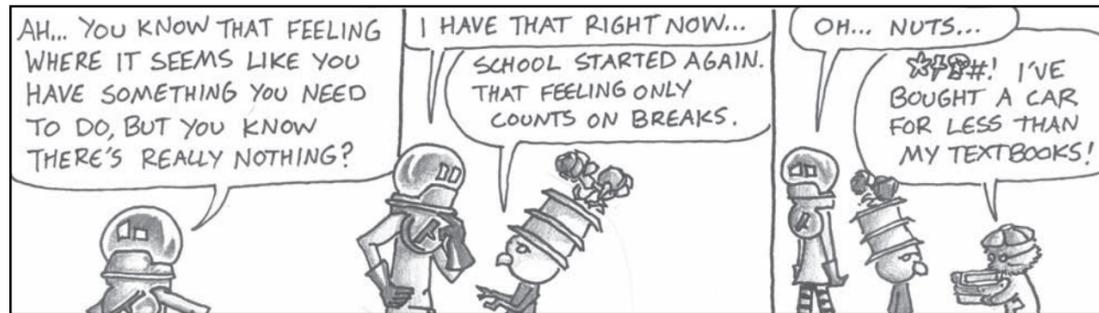
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New Year's health challenge

Give yourself opportunity, inspiration to have a healthy 2013

It's a new year with new resolutions. How many times have you said, "this is the year I will exercise every day," or "I will finally lose those last 15 pounds." As January arrives, part of me is celebrating the New Year's resolution health craze. Finally—we care about nutrition, fitness and a healthy lifestyle again.

According to a 2012 study published in the Journal of Clinical Psychology, 45 percent of Americans usually make a New Year's resolution, with weight loss, fitness and health ranking as first and fifth, respectively.

While I look forward to January's resolutions each year, part of me is concerned that this short-term focus on health is more harmful than helpful. However well-intentioned these resolutions are, they can be challenging to maintain, as evidenced by only 46 percent of Americans sticking to their resolution past the six-month mark.

As soon as Valentine's Day arrives, most of our New Year's resolve is forgotten or shoved out of our consciousness. That is, until spring break looms around the corner.

So what is the end result of our well-intentioned resolutions and goals? What if, instead of obsessing about a

number, like body weight or calories, we started getting real about our health. Imagine measuring your health by physical and mental wellbeing, instead of a number on a scale.

Envision approaching every meal or situation involving food with pleasure, instead of dread or guilt. Imagine eating what you want to eat when you are hungry and feeling completely satisfied. We are all born with the innate ability to eat intuitively, but somewhere in life the focus on hunger and satiety shifts to the latest diet or fitness fad.

My New Year's challenge to you is simple: become the expert of your own body. This means

accepting yourself totally and completely, getting back in touch with real biological hunger and fullness and finding pleasure in eating and physical activity. Instead of eating what you think you should be eating, find a balanced

way to eat the foods you love. Rather than pushing yourself to stick with an exercise routine, find a sport or physical activity that you enjoy.

When you find true enjoyment, then these are lifestyle changes that you can commit to. Resolve to discover what moves you towards a healthier and happier 2013.

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The answer: almost never. When the Secret Service published the Safe Schools Initiative, only 8 percent of all attacks were stopped by police discharging their weapons. Our schools don't lack police presence, but the availability of psychologists, social workers and counselors.

If we accept the National Institute of Health's classification of psychosis as "a loss of contact with reality," a corollary question follows. Does the NRA-inspired fantasy, both relentless and thorough, warrant a diagnosis? If there is a Wayne LaPierre in your life, believing armed school guards and armed teachers will cure the affliction of American school shootings, ignore the fantasy and encourage them to seek immediate psychiatric care.

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