UI Law, south

For the first time, UI law students can study a full year in Boise

Ashley Centers

Starting this fall, University of Idaho law students will have the opportunity to complete their full year of classes in Boise.

Presently, UI only offers a seminar/practice program for students in Boise. The third-year program will lay a foundation for the eventual full three-year program.

The State Board of Education authorized the third-year program in August 2008, but turned down the law school's request to offer a full third-year curriculum in Boise. Buttern, dean of the College of Law, said the college would bring a proposal back to the 2018 legislative session.

Meanwhile, Boise could start with the third-year program, because it opens flexibility for development of the full program, Buttern said. "A third-year program can continue from year to year, if necessary, as resources are assembled, whereas starting with a first-year program would put students in the pipeline who would need second- and third-year courses in immediate succession."

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At present, the College of Law dean is determining whether to keep Boise "in the mix of possible locations," Buttern said. "A third-year program will give students an opportunity to dio their final year of law school in a metropolitan setting, whereas starting with a first-year program would put students in the pipeline who would need second- and third-year courses in immediate succession."

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According to Buttern, the third-year program in Boise will be designed in the Idaho Water Center building, where other UI classes and programs are now offered. In the near future, the law program is expected to move into an Idaho Law Learning Center on the Capitol Mall in Boise, he said. "To develop in collaboration with the Idaho Supreme Court, the third-year program will give students an opportunity to dio their final year of law school in a metropolitan setting, whereas starting with a first-year program would put students in the pipeline who would need second- and third-year courses in immediate succession."

Research center could be derailed

Associated Press

The proposed delay of state funding for a livestock and dairy research center near Twin Falls could delay the entire project, a University of Idaho, Boise Center for Agribusiness and Globalization and Idaho Falls Co-op.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has proposed delaying $18 million in state money for the proposed research center as part of a plan to balance Idaho's budget and cut $40 million in current state spending.

"It's a real concern that if we can't get this project moving, then the private sector might not go anywhere," Garber told the Lewiston Post-Register. "Butter is a big problem for us."

In 2007, when the $18 million in state money was committed for the project, proponents had hoped the proposed university-run Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies would be operating by 2008 or 2009.

The university and the dairy industry believed in December that the state economy and plummeting milk prices were hampering efforts to raise money and cover their portion of the proposed $87 million project.

At the time, the dairy industry had raised more than $1 million and had committed $3 million to the project. The University of Idaho and Sandpoint-based Caldor, which has specialized in raising $20 million for the project has a new owner, is seeking additional funding.

"The state funding portion was a critical part of the discussions when we sat down at the table with donors," Garber said. "It's hampering our ability to raise some of that money, rather than delaying the whole $40 million." The state funding portion may be a tough sell for legislature budget writers, said Sen. Dean Carmer, R-Boise, and Chair of the Joint Legislative Appropriation Committee. "Given the circumstances surrounding our revenue, every dollar that we lose to that end will be a dollar less than I can spend on education and related higher education and the other necessary services of government," Carmer said.

UI ambassador visits UI

Stephanie Hole-Lopez

A former United States ambassador to Togo said she returned to the area Tuesday to deliver the first distinguished visiting practitioners of International Affairs Lecture at the student Union building.

Ryan Crocker, former United States ambassador to Togo, retired in 2008 and went on to teach at the University of Idaho.

Crocker's address entitled "Lunch from a Long Way: Conflict and Engagement in the Bladder Middle East," is a compilation of Crocker's experience mixed with his opinions on the war.

The former ambassador also shared his thoughts on the challenges and problems in the Middle East. He mentioned the importance of peace and cooperation in resolving conflicts.

"We have to come together for a better future," Crocker said. "We need to work towards a lasting peace and stability in the region."
No Parking Signs Should Be Obeyed

Two incoming University students to stay off no parking areas was issued yesterday by W. Wilson Rock, parking director chief of the University.

Weekly! students are asked to observe the "no all parking" signs more carefully and to refrain from parking on the sidewalk in front of memorial gym.

Vandal Babes Tangle Rangy Gonzaga Frosh

The Idaho fresh tangle with tall timber tonight when they accompany their older brethren to Spokane and a preliminary clash with the Gonzaga freshmen.

The Ballups have a tall team and good speed, placing the combination into a 113-women's rec

crossword

sudoku

corrections

In "New Student Services undergoes a makeover," Mike Loehring was incorrectly titled. Loehring is the interim director for undergraduate recruiting.

In "UI student in Sandpoint," Rachel Dalлас was said to reside in an incorrect place. Dallas resided in Chirman Hall.
Wasting recyclables is trashy  

UC composting initiative takes hold at Bobbs, Commons food court

Ike Sparks/AgriNews

Thomson said making the idea work takes a lot of involvement from everyone on campus. Volunteers, who show up punctually, are paid. Compost is collected in a plastic bag and brought to the Health Administration building at 7 a.m. daily. The program has just started, but some numbers are already in. The bumps can be worked out, though.

Soul said any excess compost will be used for flower beds around campus and said the idea behind composting is to reduce campus waste. Soul also said having things away that could be recycled is a waste of resources.

"When we throw plas-tics or metals into garbage containers meant for land-fills, we are contributing to our own shorthand," Soul said. "Our culture needs these materials."

All sources were in agreement that the UW composting initiative will not work unless people get involved and become aware.

"The success of food and food composting relies on everyone's willingness to embrace a non-waste phil-osophy," Matheison said. "This means that we must not compost, recycling and landfill correctly."

UI alumna Carol Renfrew dead at 96

Stephanie Hale-Lopez

Carol Renfrew, a 1955 University of Idaho gradu-ate and Vandaleer, died in her Moscow home Jan. 12 due to cancer-related issues.

Carol was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Vandalchori choral group and Murray Board, dur-ing her time at UI. She graduated in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in econ-omics. Robertson Hall, the chemistry building at UI, is named after her husband, Malcolm.

Carol was a member of the University of Idaho's political science department's co-chair of the Campaign for Idaho. She was a candi-date of the Jim Lyle-Va-tter-Lemay-Johnson ticket for the University of Idaho Foun-dation. Volunteer of the Year Award in 1996, Idaho

New Idaho House group, Tea Party back same ideals

Ad hoc group brings Tea Party to Boise

John Miller

Associated Press

As 463 Tea Party ac-tives pour into Idaho Capitol on Monday to lobby for more govern-ment, more than a dozen of these northerners be-fore gathering of the Idaho House of the Taxpayers Group meeting on the floor of the Capitol.

Still, at least four Plat-form for Prosperity fea-tured speakers: Republi-can Idaho House members, denouncing the policies, and the Tea Party movement.

"I think we have an ear for the people and the people in the office," said Idaho Rep. Darin Mathison, a Republican from Rexburg.

Thomson, a second-term lawmaker from southern-Idaho, said he col-lected signatures for legislation so much with the Idaho Republican Party, "I think some of them decided to join the party.

Their platforms include striking down the states, defending U.S. citizenship and pushing back against a "federal government that is too big, too intrusive and all too eager to seize power from the states."

If customers are not paying attention, they will continue to buy products," said a Tea Party member, "a Tea Party."

Jeanne Mathison, sustain-ability center coordinator, said signs are up on campus to inform people what exactly compostable and what things are not. Mathison described the recycling process as a "closed loop," meaning, all parts benefit one another.

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Bill Smith, director of the Martin Institute, was instrumental in bringing Crocker to campus. "Ryan Crocker has been very generous, not only in his time this week, but in helping us formulate our vision," Smith said. "We had a visit back in the summer, but didn't know how to put it to play before."

Crocker is the newly appointed dean of the Rhode Island School of Government and Public Service, named for George F. W. Bush, at Texas A&M University. He says the offer was an unexpected career move.

"Texas A&M is a government and public service school," Crocker said. "Having practiced this, I was allured to having the opportunity to help educate students who will go into public service."

Chip Giles plans to be among them. He and Crocker and his wife, Christine live in Spokane. He said he has no plans to move "only for a 'long commute' during the school year."

"I've always thought having a good life was about having a lot of opportunities," Crocker said...
UI goes green, again

Campus Dining, Sustainability Center start composting on campus

It is nearly unheard of for a city the size of Moscow to have two bus lines, an easily accessible recycling center and a co-op that encourages green living.

The University of Idaho is following the city's lead by taking strides to become more environmentally friendly.

The Idaho Commons and Bob's Place now offer composting, adding to their existing recycling programs. Young people are the future, and they must be educated and encouraged to be green in order for environmental concerns to be taken seriously. UI should be commended for its efforts, specifically Campus Dining and the Sustainability Center.

Even if students do not take the time to recycle or compost at home, they can still participate at school. Every little bit helps.

There are other ways to be environmentally conscious besides recycling and composting. One can limit the use of plastics, particularly plastic bottles, as well as disposable cups, utensils and food containers. Consider the packaging that products come in and try to buy only those products with minimal cardboard or plastic wrapping, or at the very least, those made from recycled materials.

Buy American-made products because they tend to be shipped globally and therefore did not experience significant shipping costs. If nothing else, use the recycling and composting options around campus, particularly in the residence halls. There are very strict rules pertaining to campus sustainability initiatives, and even the recycling and batch of compost could have to be thrown away if contaminated by items that don't belong.

While Idaho may be behind other states in many fields, recycling and going green isn't one of them.

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Help needed all the time

The unfortunate series of events that has transpired in Haiti shows light on a serious problem in America. Haiti has been in a dire situation before, and in each catastrophe to get people to carry away the suffering.

The plight of the Haitians is shared by Americans as well.

People living in poverty throughout the world are insecure, but the Haitians are in a sense of poverty but not true poverty, and they are significantly neglected by the world until a major disaster strikes or celebrities become interested.

In America, the sense of poverty has been less.

The perception change is that we are unwilling to help ourselves by getting a job or learning a skill easy enough to do to improve his or her standing. This sentiment prevents us from engaging in discussions on poverty globally.

The poor are seen as modern-day lepers, long-haired, unshaven and dirty.

The only difference is that we have a widespread effort made to isolate them, which somehow makes it easier for us to ignore them.

The sentiment prevents us from engaging in discussions on poverty locally.

The people of Haiti needed help.

Before the earthquake, and they will need help after this immediate danger has passed. Haiti needs help for an extended period of time, and not much is being done.

The response of individuals to tragedies like those in Haiti and Hurricane Katrina is large in size because the victims were绘本eadily available. The problem of every-day global poverty is that people or it is a pervasive concern of society.

The people of Haiti and those in the worst regions of our world would continue to be unserved by poverty if the stories and conditions of those who suffer were broadcast with more prominence. It is to those living like global poverty, we can offer some help to those living who are actually

It would be ridiculous to believe that every person should try and help all of those in need. Something should still be done either on a local, national or global scale to help relieve the 

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Pick six

Before the NFL season started, my favorite team was too close to not be a factor in my lineup. The Bills had more than enough manpower and depth to make a run. All they needed was their starting quarterback, Mark Brunell, to stay healthy and consistent. The Bills did stay healthy, but the consistency... well, those other three factors haven't been there for the Bills this season.

I'm not saying Brunell's been bad. He's just not been good enough to help the Bills win games. He's had games where he's thrown for a lot of yards, but it's usually to a receiver who's not even on the field. The Bills are 3-7 at this point in the season, and Brunell has been a major reason for that record.

Brunell's got a lot of experience in the league, but the Bills need a young quarterback who can grow with the team. Ryan Fitzpatrick is a free agent after this season, and he's shown potential in his time with the Bills. He's a better fit for the team's future than Brunell is.

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Academics of drinking

I am not a drinker, but if I were, I would definitely limit the number of sprints trying to figure out what to order at any one of Moscow's many bars.

I have a habit of ordering the same drink each time I go to a bar in Moscow, and I'm sure most people have their favorite drink as well. There's a whole science to drinking, and I want to see if there's a whole science to the whole thing.

While I am more than happy to be a designated driver — with perks such as free meals and being entertained by the guy who just asked to pay in cash — I can barely remember his name. I am also very aware of the consequences of college drinking. Let's get away from how college students drink, and let's get to something more serious.

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Separate and unequal

This summer Americans celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The legislation was a significant breakthrough in the struggle for civil rights for African Americans. It prohibited racial discrimination in voting, provided for federal court intervention in desegregating education and transportation, and authorized the appointment of federal examiners to areas with voting rights problems.

The Civil Rights Act was a major victory for the civil rights movement, but it did not end discrimination in all areas. Many African Americans continue to face challenges in accessing education, employment, housing, and healthcare.

Questions about the impact of the Civil Rights Act and the ongoing fight against discrimination are still relevant today.

Jeffrey Reznick
Argonaut

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friends, he or she reduces their study time by one hour and 15 minutes. If the student is thinking, and no, this does not include the time spent on the cell phone, the probability of missing a class by 5 percent. That doesn't seem like a lot now, but as students continue to drink, especially during the week, when they have classes the next day they will most likely see a decrease in their academic abilities. They may not be able to go to class, they think: "What's the harm in missing one class?" The textbooks and notes don't get opened as often, and by mid-term students can't understand how they could possibly do so poorly in a math class that requires only basic arithmetic skills.

I know this scenario does not apply to all students, but it is a good example of what can occur if students allow their drinking to get out of hand. And it is not just a way to socialize with friends but also a way of life. By all means, go out and drink with friends on the weekend to unwind. Bring a designated driver along so you aren't tempted to get too drunk. You don't want to drink and don't drink so often that you become known as the frumpy guy at The Garden who stands outside the bathroom to offer women high-fives to the woman who brings back the keg because they are embarrassed into drinking. Sometimes, I see the side of someone's car. This behavior, while slightly annoying to others, is not that bad. If I spend enough time as a designated driver (I may even be able to make predictions about the academic status of any number of students. Send letters to argonaut@wsu.edu).
Avatar is visually stunning

Kodie Moseley
Agoura

By now, everyone has probably heard the buzz. As reviews for James Cameron’s “Avatar” are sung to the tune of glowing raves, even those who haven’t seen the film can’t deny its incredible visuals and dramatic sound technological advancements used to create the movie.

At its core, “Avatar” is a cross between “Beverly Hills, 90210,” “Pandora” and any science fiction or fantasy movie one can think of with some sort of epic battle toward the end. The storyline takes place 100 or so years in the future, where human beings have discovered the planet Pandora, a region bordering the Pacific Ocean and part of a region of the world where the Na’vi, a race of 9-foot-tall, blue-skinned, green-nosed, and black-haired individuals, live. They are a diverse people, living in harmony with nature and faced with the task of protecting their land from the humans that seek to destroy it.

The Na’vi are led by a warrior named Jake Sully, who serves as the leader of the Na’vi people and is a powerful figure in their society. He is also the main protagonist of the film, and his story is the driving force behind the plot.

The movie’s visual effects are a standout feature, with stunning depictions of the otherworldly landscape of Pandora, the Na’vi, and other creatures and species. The film’s state-of-the-art technology allows for a level of detail and realism that is breathtaking, with vibrant colors and intricate textures that bring this futuristic world to life.

The movie is not without its critics, however. Some argue that it is too long and that the story feels convoluted, with a focus on the special effects and the concept of the Na’vi culture, rather than the human characters and their interactions. Regardless, “Avatar” is a landmark achievement in cinema and a testament to the power of storytelling and visual storytelling.
Passion runs deep in ‘Henry V’

Elisabeth Hold
Argonaut

The intense passion in the play sends viewers arm-
length with Henry V. Audiences who expect a cal-
culated version of William Shakespeare’s “Henry V”
Sunday in the Eastside Marketplace.

The Animal Fire Thespians of a group of University of Idaho
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artists, will perform the modi-
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**Until next time, Nevada**

Men suffer fourth loss in a row against a conference opponent, 76-68—Verlin blames team's struggle on turnovers

Pierce Selig

In the history of sports, it is always difficult to watch a team lose to someone they are matched with in skill.

This was the exact case Saturday night in Reno, Nev., where the Idaho men's basketball team traveled to take on WAC competition, the Nevada Wolf Pack.

The game ended in a 76-68 loss, pushing Idaho to 1-4 in WAC play—the first time coach Don Verlin has ever sustained a four-game losing streak.

With high hopes of bringing home a win, the Vandals came out strong to open the game with a 22-11 lead. Everything went right for the Vandals as they outrebounded Nevada 36-29 and outscored Nevada in the paint 36-30—statistically, the Vandals came out on top.

But statistics don’t win a game and the Vandals needed more than numbers.

For the Vandals, turnovers were the key that Nevada capitalized on—scoring 18 points out of the 16 turnovers the Vandals produced.

“It was the difference in the game,” Verlin said. “They did a good job of knocking the ball out and a good job producing off of our mistakes.”

Along with turnovers, free throws ended up being a large deciding factor in the game outcome. Although Idaho shot 100 percent from the line, it was only five points. The Vandals didn’t see much of the free throw line throughout the night, which wasn’t the case for Nevada. Nevada ended up seeing the line 31 times and converting on 25 of them. These points along with the turnovers were the 1-2 punches for Idaho’s loss on the road.

In the remainder of the first half, Idaho’s lead had taken over by a 22-point Nevada run, bringing the Vandals down by six points at half time. The half time score was 36-30 Nevada. In the start of the second half, the Vandals exchanged the play of the game for the arch rival and the Vandals couldn’t break back with a good drive. With 16:50 left in the game, Nevada led by six points, but the Vandals were unable to gain control. Over the next four minutes, Nevada went on a 10-2 run leaving the score 58-44. Nevada, Iowa, the Vandals fell behind by double digits. Although Idaho made a strong run in the final minutes, the team could only watch as Nevada produced points from the free throw line to seal the victory.

Senior guard Mac Hoppin produced 16 points during the game, shooting 57.1% while senior tandem Jaton Nelson added 13 points, along with sophomore Luke Ti- lado adding 12 to the Vandals’ 86 final points.

The ticket for the Wolf Pack was sophomore Lake Rubble, the Nevada Student-Athlete of the Week, who dominated with 19 points. Nevada also looked to junior Anton Johnson who added 17 points to the Wolf Pack’s total of 86.

The Vandals will have another challenge at the Wolf Pack at home Wednesday, Feb. 10.

**An end to the streak**

Women’s team earns first conference win at home against rival Boise State in 84-81 overtime thriller

Ilya Pinchuk

Coming off back-to-back road losses, including an 85-82 loss to San Jose State and a 96-87 road loss to Hawaii, Idaho women’s basketball coach Joanie Nelies knew the importance of this game.

“They’ve only been here (at Idaho) for two years, but I understand the value,” Nelies said. “That being said, I swear to get a win over the Broncos, but we needed a win tonight.”

With both teams looking for their first conference win, it was clear the game would be high tempo out of the opening jump ball.

Senior Charlotte Otsema said the team was prepared for the aggressive play of Boise State.

“It’s Boise State,” Otsema said. “You’ve got to come in knowing it’s going to be a battle.”

Boise State set the tempo with an aggressive style of play early on, but instead of crumbling, the Vandals stepped up and shut their ground. Limiting the Bronco’s top scorers to only three points throughout the game. The stifling defense by the Vandals was led by Harris left laps in the defensive zone, forcing the Broncos to miss shots and turn the ball over. Nelies acknowledged that Harris’s performance was critical to a strong defense and her ability to hit shots.

The Broncos shot well, hitting 11 three-pointers on the night, but Idaho’s defense was able to stop the other shooters.

“Boise State is not a good shooting team,” Nelies said. “But we made them hunt for baskets and put up 29 turnovers.”

With the win, Nelies said it is important for the Vandals to build on the momentum.

“I think this win is huge for us and building something going into conference,” Nelies said. “We need to carry off this game throughout the season.”

Nelies also added that Idaho’s defense played a key role in the win.

“I think our defense played well tonight, limiting Boise State in the number of points they scored,” Nelies said. “We know they can score and we had to limit them.”

Next up for the Vandals is a trip to Montana State, the team that defeated them in Idaho’s first conference game.

“I think it’s important for us to carry this momentum into the next game,” Nelies said. “We need to build on this game and continue to improve.”

The Vandals will play against Montana State at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12.
Sports predictions

The University of Idaho track team qualified their first men's and women's athletes to run in the NCAA West Regional meet, held at Wadman Track yesterday. The relay teams moved two steps toward top national achievement for the season.

Three of the men's relay teams, the 400-meter relay and the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relays, qualified against the field yesterday. The team's performance indicates that the track team will be a force to reckon with when they compete in the NCAA meet.

First meet brings the heat

Vandal vaults KC Dalgeb from her final height of the afternoon at the WSU Open Saturday afternoon in Pullman. Dalgeb won the vault for her final height but managed to finish the day with an 11th best in the nation and NCAA provisional qualifying mark for the year.

State qualifier Brett Blan- don moved to first with an 11.72 seconds. Senior Brenna Chidester moved to the women's high jump after jumping 5 feet, 9 inches, and competing unmatched during the season.

Kaitlyn Boyd, who will be at the first meet, is a key figure in the team's success.

The meet was the start of the season and saw the hard work and excitement.

Some of the athletes were voted for the meet of all of them can compete next weekend at the Coug Track Invitational in Pullman. The upcoming meet will be a test of team effort, instead of the first meet resulting in more of individual success.

Women take on New Mexico State

Ipa Weidick Angostura

Fresh off a thrilling overtime victory over rival State, the Van- dals will build on their success as they face Nebraska. The Vandal men were 1/2-1/2 in road to back-to-back away games and will be taking on the Aggies. The Vandal men are currently leading in the series. The Van- dals are quick to remind their opponents of their state in the series. The game is a big game for us in the WAC, Weidick said. "I don’t get any easier going for- ward."
Lakers rally in 4th for 98-92 win over Magic

Greg Beacham
Associated Press

Shannon Brown scored a career-high 22 points, Pau Gasol had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Lakers scored the first 15 points of the fourth quarter Monday night for a 98-92 victory over the Orlando Magic in the first rematch since last season's NBA finals.

Kobe Bryant scored just 11 points on 4-of-19 shooting, but his teammates carried the Lakers to their 18th win in 19 home games to a remarkable four-quarter rally that almost entirely by reserve players.

Brown scored nine points in the fourth, while Lamar Odom and Jordan Farmar combined for 13 straight points while Los Angeles raced away in the opening minutes of the final period.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 12 rebounds for the Magic, who wrapped up a four-game road trip with their third straight loss and seventh in nine games.

The way Orlando lost was even more disconcerting, with a wildly up-and-down performance that bottomed out in the fourth, when the Magic didn't manage a field goal for nearly six minutes.

Farmar scored 11 points and Odom had nine points and 15 rebounds for the Lakers, who matched the halftime point of their regular-season schedule with another win over the Magic, who fell to Los Angeles in five of their last six meetings.

Momentum swung abruptly throughout the night with the Lakers dominating much of the first half before Orlando overwhelmed them in the third quarter with a 20-3 run, turning a nine-point deficit into a nine-point lead in less than 1 minute.

Odom and Farmar then took charge entering the fourth quarter, erasing the Magic's 68-64 lead. Gasol's jumper put the Lakers up 74-70 with 7:42 left, and the Magic never got closer than four points on Vince Carter's 3-pointer in the final seconds.

Orlando got little from Carter, who seems to be struggling with his sprained left shoulder. He has played sparingly in January with the injury, sitting out three games before returning at Portland last Friday. Although he went to the bench in the second quarter, Gasol and holding his shoulder, he returned in the second half to finish his nine-point, 3-of-11 performance.

Los Angeles reached the halftime point of the regular season with the NBA's best record, but the Lakers also have played 26 of their first 41 games at home, an advantage that should not be underestimated in a trip that begins Tuesday at Cleveland in a meeting of the NBA's two conference leaders.

The Lakers haven't lost at home since the Cavaliers' visit on Christmas, winning seven straight.

Bryant again appeared to be feeling the effects of his sore back and broken fingers, managing just four points in the first half before a 10-hour effort in the third quarter. He fell well short of the 30 points he needed to return the younger player in NBA history to score 20,000 points in front of the hometown fans before the Lakers' lengthy trip.

Los Angeles jumped to a 21-4 lead just 7 minutes into the first quarter by stepping up player by Derek Fisher, who hit two 3-pointers and a one-over-four fast break layup while also playing energetic defense. While Bryant struggled for open shots, Brown carried the Lakers through the second quarter with 13 points before the Magic capitalized on Los Angeles' 5-of-24 slump to open the second half.

Rivers' big night in the regular-season series came from Los Angeles' last season, winning 114-107 in overtime. He'll nearly certainly for the next year and two days cut off. Unless Bryant

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Vandal tennis player Dylan Bodet, from San Antonio, Texas, returns a volley from coach Jeff Beaman during practice Thursday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. Beaman's squad will open their spring season with a 58th nationally-ranked pair on their side in Alex Joltu and Lachlan Reed at Fresno State on Saturday.
Boise State In Overtime

Nothing feels better than a win, and that's exactly what the Idaho women's basketball team achieved just that Saturday night in exciting fashion with an 84-81 overtime victory over the visiting Boise State Broncos.

Idaho's 13-15 overall, 1-2 Western Athletic Conference put together one of its best performances of the season in beating the Broncos (14-6 overall, 3-3 WAC).

"I think we did a tremendous job of sharing the basketball and moving the ball tonight," Idaho coach Mary Lou Norman said. "I think it was just and day from what happened in Hawaii." It was just the start for the Vandals, who came away with their first overtime victory in the last five tries.

Junior Tara Olorunnife, who tied her career high with 25 points, along with 15 rebounds, led the team in both categories. Junior guard Bianca Cheever scored 18 for the Vandals on 5-for-10 shooting, including 6-for-7 three-pointers. Cheever also added seven rebounds and three assists.

Coming into the game, the Vandals knew that this game was going to be a heated affair, as it always is between rival schools. "It's Boise State and you've got to come in knowing it's going to be a battle," Norman said.

Idaho trailed early in the game, yet the Vandals were able to fight back largely because of better outside shooting. Idaho's eight of 14 attempts from three-point range was its best in the first half and finished with a season-high 10 three-point baskets.

The result of Idaho's success outside was 43.39% halftime, despite allowing Boise State to shoot 39.0% from the field.

The game was a sense battle in the second half as Idaho used a 6-0 run to break a 65-65 deadlock and take a 71-65 lead with 2:05 remaining. The Broncos would not go away, though, as free-throw shooting by the Vandals allowed them to tie the game at 73-73 with 19 seconds remaining.

Rachel Mikele managed to get a decent shot at the basket at the end of regulation, but her attempt at the buzzer rolled out and set the stage for the dramatic overtime period.

Idaho dominated the first 3:23 of the period by jumping out to 8-3 lead, primarily at the free-throw line. The Vandals made just two field goals during the five-minute stretch, but hit five free throws to preserve the win.

"I thought the kids really came out hard in the overtime and attacked," said Newler. "You can't park it on your heels in overtime."

"It's always better to get a win over the Broncos because of the rivalry factor, but we just needed a win," said Norman.

The Idaho women's basketball team got exactly what it needed and will now look to keep that momentum going with a road trip to Las Cruces, N.M., on Wednesday. The Vandals will face a 12-6 New Mexico State team on January 20 at the Pan American Center.

Men stumble at Nevada

Boise State lost the ball well on the road to Nevada on Saturday, but turnovers and free throws again gave the Vandals the win in a 76-68 Western Athletic Conference loss to the Wolf Pack.

Idaho slips to 8-10 overall and 4-4 in WAC play, while Nevada moves to 11-7 and 3-3 in the conference.

Boise State made the half over 16 minutes, which resulted in 18 Nevada points. Boise didn't miss a free throw, but only attempted five. Nevada, on the other hand, went to the line 21 times and converted 21. In a game in which nearly every other stat was even, Nevada's trip to the line proved the difference.

Boise shot 41% from the field and made nine of 22 attempts from three-point range for a .391% clip, while Nevada was 49% from the field and 22% from the three-point line. Idaho outrebounded Nevada 30-26, outscored the Wolf Pack 33-30 in the paint and 22-7 in bench points.

Senior guard Mac Heyen led the team with 16 points on five-of-eight shooting, while senior Shaulis Johnson added 13 points and sophomore Laila Toppin had 12 on four-of-seven shooting from the field.

Boise State head coach Mary Lou Norman started her second career game and led the team with a career-high 11 rebounds, along with five points.

The Vandals jumped out to a 21-11 lead at the 10:46 mark of the first half after operating the ball and scoring a balanced attack, but Nevada jumped back into it and outscored Idaho 25-9 over the remainder of the period to go into the half leading, 30-20.

Idaho came out at the start of the second half and exchanged baskets with Nevada, but the Vandals couldn't regain their early-game rhythm and fell behind by double digits. Idaho came out strong in the closing minutes, but couldn't capitalize when the Wolf Pack made its free throws.

Idaho will return home next Saturday for the start of a three-game homestand. The Vandals will face Utah State on Saturday, Jan. 24, then host Boise State in a nationally-scheduled game on ESPNU on Monday, Jan. 26, and close it out against Fresno State on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Lupati Joins 2009 Walter Camp Class

University of Idaho senior guard Vonne Lupati, a consensus All-American, was honored Saturday night along with 24 college football players by the Walter Camp Foundation in 2009.

Boise State's David Long also made the list, as did highly touted four-star defensive tackle P.J. Golson.

Lupati plays both wide receiver and running back for the Vandals and is a nearly sure bet to be a first-round pick in the next NFL draft.

Idaho's defense also helped out for the majority of the game, but the offense struggled to capitalize on scoring opportunities.

Lupati's presence on the field is expected to have a positive impact on the team's performance in the remaining games of the season.

The Vandals are currently 3-4 in conference play and 6-7 overall, and are looking to secure a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Lupati's selection to the Walter Camp team is a testament to his talent and hard work throughout his college career.

The Idaho State Sun-Press's Brad Thompson, a fellow Idaho native, also received honours for his contributions to the football team.

The Vandals will face the University of Idaho Vandals in their next game on Saturday, January 30, at Camelback Coliseum in Reno, Nevada.