Two held in Hwy. 8 case
Sarah Yama
Agoura

Two people were killed during a shooting at a traffic
signal at U.S. Highway 8 and_uuid_14, near 26 miles east
of Moscow. The Latah County Sheriff's De-
partments reported that a vehicle accident
led to the shooting.

The Latah County Sheriff's De-
partment and the Idaho State
Police were called to the scene.

The shooting occurred near
U.S. Highway 8 and Moscow.

The Idaho State Police closed
the highway for an hour after
the shooting.

The sheriff's department and
the Idaho State Police were
searching for suspects.

They located the area where
the shooting occurred.

The suspect was taken into
custody.

No names were released.

No suspects were identified.

The sheriff's department
said they would be on the
scene for several hours.

They advised drivers to use
an alternate route.

Construction continues
Stadium Drive, Life Sciences
South projects near completion
Ashley Centers
Agoura

Multiple projects with investments of hundreds of thousands of
dollars from the University of Idaho,
and other partners are continuing into the
academic year.

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Indie Film Series:
To be announced
Wednesday & Thursday
Starting in February
7 & 9:30pm
SUB Borah Theater
$2 Students/$3 Public
Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Blockbuster Series:
To be announced
Friday & Saturday
Starting in February
7 & 9:30pm
SUB Borah Theater
$2 Students/$3 Public
Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Poetry Slam Contest
Sunday, January 31, 7 p.m.
SUB Borah Theatre
Registration due by January 28th.
Email ekrens@uidaho.edu or stop by ASU (Commons 302) for an application.

Suicide Prevention Workshop & Presentation
Friday, Saturday
Starting in February
7 & 9:30pm
SUB Borah Theater
$2 Students/$3 Public
Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Spring Alternative Service Break
Applications are now available at volunteer.asu.uidaho.edu or at ASU Center for Volunteerism and Social Action (Commons 3rd Floor) Applications due January 28th.

Idaho Commons & Student Union
This week’s ASU Vandal Entertainment Films...

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YOUR BUT I DON’T UNDERSTAND IT. WHAT DOES TRUTH MEAN?

ON ICE

Net Peace County Sheriff Sgt. Jay Cokkin, right, makes a rolling maneuvers around Sgt. Jason Lea so they simulate an ice rescue Thursday at Winchester Lake in Winchester, Idaho. Twenty-three law enforcement, search and rescue and state park officials from the region took part in the 3-day training hosted by Winchester State Park and Winchester Fire Department.

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corrections

In Friday’s issue, Alton Campbell took the photo in the “Holiday Abroad” story.

In “A taste like nothing else,” Neelima Shrestha’s name and damphu weremistaked.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 5.

JOIN the Society of Professional Journalists 5:30 p.m. today in the JAMM conference room

Free pizza, cookies and soda
Kibbie Dome, remodeled

Kayla Herrmann
Agoura

Construction on the Kibbie Dome's west wall was complete in time for the 2009-2010 season, but $1 million worth of work remains.

The west wall now has new seats, handrails and bleachers and a translucent fiberglass panel, making the venue more suitable for larger crowds, said Raw Pankopf, director of architecture and engineering services for the University of Idaho.

The second phase of the renovation is divided into two different parts: The Life Skills Project, for said instruction of the east and west walls and other safety upgrades funded by the permanent fund, and game-day upgrades funded by the private generator, all of which will be complete in March. "Our initial intent was to develop the project with no plan to closing at all, in the long term of the economy in which we are in. Safety was not able to be a bonded into the overall con-

The last phase of the Kibbie Dome renovations included removing dirt from the west end to allow for a road lead-

Everything we are doing is going to greatly enhance the jazz festival because the club room and mini exits can be all used in a confortable seat."

Roadway university who do such kind of game day enhancements and ismined by the University of Idaho and the town of Moscow, the Kibbie Dome serves new academics for the generations.

..."It was a total tragedy," said Dr. Tyler Kibbie, executive di-

"We train our drivers well and there is a process in place for drivers who are not comfortable with the role," said Dr. Kayla Kibbie, executive director of the University's Public Transportation System.

IMPROVEMENTS

Wild horses advocates are calling for an independent investigation after the deaths of nine mustangs in a December accident due to the collision of a bus and a trash truck.

"We've heard from many of our alumni," said Kibbie, "who are concerned about the potential for improvements to be made."

"Many universities have put an end to bus and trash truck collisions," said Kibbie. "We are hoping that our university can do the same, but we need to see improvements in the future."
The HONI virus hit the University of Idaho hard during the fall semester. However, administrators say UI may not be out of the woods yet. Citing that, Dean Pitman, vice president for academic affairs, recommended the testing protocols from the fall—occurring H1N1 absence without a test—be continued.

After reviewing Washington State University’s isolation and virus guidelines to show up on this side of the border before the first diagnosis, however, Pitman attended a crisis management meeting at WSU.

"We did not anticipate how rapidly (the flu virus) would spread. However, dealing with the health issue has raised us to constantly reevaluate some of our normal practices related to health and attendance," Pitman said.

"We learned that the health messages and self-care messages do matter. Once students started exercising that degree of caution, the exposures just melt away quickly," Pitman’s office encouraged a policy that the UI had to excuse students from having to provide doctor’s notes for absences. Professors may use their discretion, though. Pitman said the practice was encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and student health officials.

For the policy to be effective, teachers need to be flexible and students need to be encouraged not to call in sick. Students say they are sick. Administrations estimate 1 to 10 percent of the school’s population have been related to flu-like viruses. Many of these were not even diagnosed, Pitman said. "Residence halls were not hit because everyone was isolated by self. However, in isolation and restrictions the environment was more communal." HONI infections on campus peaked near the end of September, with a continuous decrease since then.

Dr. Raye, director of the Student Health Center, said people who did not suffer from illness fit in the fall should still get the shot. She added the flu parents offers immunizations for any child. The immunization is available at area pharmacies.

Thursday
12:34 am Desk Officer and University Arson and Theft Investigators called for an alcohol fire.
1:03 pm Postmistress Drive.
Third party request from VP of Facilities for snowboarders in the middle of the road, traveling from the golf course to Nickol Butte.
7:59 pm West Butte Butte reported two males in a car smoking marijuana. Officer responded and determined the substance involved.

Friday
11:37 am J.A. Albertson Building caller complained of a possible person under the house. Officer was on scene, used a flashlight and determined there was no one present.
12:19 pm Bob’s Place Officer requested calling for a possible fight.
1:30 pm Saturday.
9:15 open line from a residence.
Caller stated that the phone was off the hook and everything determines the time.
10:30 pm Nitrogen Lake fire and EMS responded for multiple residents who were locked out.
11:30 pm Walmart Dr.
Walmart Officer responded.
12:31 pm Mr. Davis.
Officer responded and determined the address.
The residence was located within the Walmart.

Saturday
6:02 pm Sweet Avenue.
Caller would like a welfare check. Officer contacted a neighbor and reported a possible welfare check.
6:31 pm Morel Hall.
Caller reported a possible robbery and mentioned the area.
7:35 pm University Conservation.
Caller reported a suspicious vehicle wandering around the campus with a bottle of alcohol.
Officer responded.
8:10 pm Officers responded to unoccupied and malfunctioning alarm.
8:31 pm Morel Hall.
Officer responded.

"We can use the system to contact people in different locations, including the phone, business phone, cell phone, or email," Bertalotto said. "We only had one problem with the system. The student who notified us had to pay $5 million." Pitman said it was cut off because the building had been split between last summer and this fall, and that the building will change again during the winter.
The os to complete the inventory of Life Sciences South is provided by the par- ment building fund.

"We have systems in place to handle the potential hazards. We have good systems in place," Bertalotto said. "It never happened before, even in the contact information, but because it is completely un- it is the person's responsibility to make sure that they are aware of their condition or possible condition. The success of screening is over 90% for infections. The person that had the screening was not sure if they had the condition. If they had the condition, it made it easier to get the condition before it could spread.

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Cuts have long-term effects

Officials need to weigh the cost of cutting programs

Many students probably know what it is like to be broke all the time. Sure, there’s that guy in your hall who drives an Audi and vacations in Lake Havasu City, but the rest of us are pinching pennies and hoping we have enough money to do something interesting once a week.

The state is in a similar position. Tax revenues are down because of the recession, and there just is not enough money right now to pay for everything. Like students, the state is cutting recreation — the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is getting hit especially hard. The state is raising entrance options — any goodnight to KUID and public television in most of Idaho unless you happen to live in one of the larger cities. They are also making important decisions regarding how much money is invested in education.

A college student could skip going out on Friday night or miss out on that big concert without much repercussion. These state budget changes are a whole different ball game. Proposals to public services will ripple through the state for decades. These large cuts to Idaho’s education system — both primary and secondary — will affect students for years to come. In 20, 30, 40 years when the men and women who made these decisions are long gone, Idaho citizens will still be paying for the repercussions of the actions that they have taken.

The three aforementioned areas aren’t the only departments being cut. Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter is also calling for cuts to several commissions, including the Human Rights Commission and the Idaho Occupational Safety and Health Board.

These important issues — politics don’t exist in a vacuum, after all. With a state legislature that unfortunately does not provide consistently enough tax revenue to meet state needs, it seems to consider raising taxes, the safest choice of all. In both of us.

I’m sorry, but they’re right

The U.S. Supreme Court made some recent last week when it ruled the government cannot prevent people from expressing their views unless the views were problematic to candidates while they were running. The court’s decision was a blow to the political parties.

The federal law, which has been on the books in one form or another since 1875, prevents corporations and labor unions from using their general funds to advocate for any political candidates running for public office. The FEC took Citizens United to court after it ran several advertisements for an upcoming screening of the film on DirectTV.

The case eventually made its way to the Supreme Court. During arguments before the court on Sept. 9, 2009, a lawyer, speaking on behalf of the FEC, revealed that the law gives the government the authority to prevent trade unions, colleges and pamphlets if the content is advocating for a particular politician.

This sent a red flag to the court. The very idea that the government can ban books and pamphlets to safeguard the public from “wrong” ideas is flawed. This law did mean to control civil liberties than the Patriot Act, but that’s another story. How is blocking a company from voicing its opinions any different than stopping an over-the-counter drug from being sold? It’s not.

The Sanctity of Stability

There are no specific rules in this regard, other than the, “Sanctity of Star of Life” by Benjamin Ledford from the Idaho State, Jan. 19, 2003. We are currently thinking about overpopulation on planet earth, the human population’s effect on the environment and development, but also incomplete. Though Ledford makes some very valuable points on human population, she does not include any content of ecology within her column. As an ecologist and a person of God, I have some concepts to critique about her assessment of human population. In fact, all of it, makes no mathemat- cal sense to say “8 or 9 billion people,” and

mailBOX

Correspondence with our readers

Regarding the above issue, the Argonauts’s Editorial Board and Staff, believe that the government needs to make sure that the public has a higher education. The government needs to provide a higher education for all who ask for it.

In conclusion, the government needs to make sure that the public has a higher education. In the past, the government has not done this. Now that the government is in charge, people need to know that they are in a position to do this.
Help is available to all

When I was young, I paid so attention to the circumstances which went on my school. I wasn't sure what role was important in their life. I didn't care if they got called to your office you had done something wrong. When I was antisocial students began to worry. They began to worry, their life was never clearly defined. Despite that, I chose to follow them and never look back. We never did to see, or we were fortunate enough to have a Shti lay down.

Employing school counselors has never been more important than it is today. With the economy in constant flux, people are losing jobs in mass and in instances, they lose their health insurance.

The economy isn't the only unknown in the lives of our children today. The lives of children today, whether death in the family, an abusive home environment, or undiagnosed learning disabilities. Children are easily affected by any minute changes in their environment. They feel the effect of the family budget, they are affected by divorce and they have emotions they might not even recognize.

On Friday, a 5-year-old boy was found on the ground dead about an accident in a school bathroom in Texas. Rumors say he was bullied at school, but no one is really sure on the cause. The school principal has offered condolences for his fellow students and faculty, but how do you explain to fourth-graders why he was no and he took his own life? While it is very rare for elementary-age children to commit suicide, it does happen, and the likelihood of an incident occurring increases with age. This case is a very strong argument to why we should be more vigilant.

As we get older we may not feel as much pressure to commit suicide. Counseling in our lives. Many adults have struggled with similar situations, themselves, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate deaths among youth aged 12-24, suicide is the third leading cause of death. The American Psychiatric Association, which noted that close to 16 percent of college women and 10 percent of college men have engaged with depression, at some point in their lives. These studies don't take attempted suicides or depression into accounts and emotional problems that are underdiagnozed. Studies have shown that academic performance and high-risk alcohol and drug use are contributing factors to depression and suicide. Depression has an impact on academic performance, time management and graduation rates.

The University of Idaho has a counseling center. I pass by every day on my way to classes. Sometimes I pause outside the door, wondering if I should talk to him or her. I feel I could use a virtual, third-party to listen to how to handle my depression. I've been, or have my relationship depression gotten through the door.

The biggest problems are signifigant compared to those who have a history of emotional or physical disabilities, have suffered from depression, have had difficult sex lives, or have had serious emotional issues. Some people who are not looking for an appointment for what they think are depression symptoms, are taking one away from someone who really needs it. This could not be more wrong.

There are some small everyday things that can easily overwhelm, adults and children alike. These feelings build over time and these feelings are lucky enough to have somewhere to go to work through them.

But when juvenile stigmas are focusing on you from getting the help you need, you feel yourself at a breaking point or just someone need to listen. Counseling isn't just for adults with medically diagnosed mental health problems. It is OK to help hide, faculty, students and staff need to make sure to foster an environment that projects that message. Send letters to argus@uidaho.edu.

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Jamm' in' with the Grammys

This year's jazz fest hosts Grammy nominated artists

Lauren Parisian

Every night will be different this year when the University of Illinois' Jazz Fest (the nation's oldest international jazz festival) hosts the stars for new arrows from the four corners of the country — and at whom ever name Grammy nominations. Executive director of the fest, Cuzy McClaire said that one should miss the opportunity to see these artists if one gets the chance.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to see some of the best jazz artists in the world," McClaire said. "This year our theme is to show a unique experience every night, starting with Wednesday's "Jazz at the Library," featuring some of the best students of the University and their beloved local artist, Pops Winners, and Tuesday's "La Casa Lopa," which will feature some of the most acclaimed early morning jazz artists of the world, including some of the best bands and soloists from our area."

Artist coordinator Kyle Fornes said the workshops available are a great aspect of the festival, such as on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday clinic sessions. "We've also arranged to have some of the best bands in the world, including some of the best bands and soloists from our area."

"The festival is fantastic enough to be hard to find, it's a fabulous opportunity to see some of the best jazz artists in the world," McClaire said. "This year is going to be amazing!"

Jazz brings revenue to local businesses, surrounding areas

"We are very excited about this year's festival," McClaire said. "We've planned a variety of events to attract visitors from all over the world, including some of the best bands and soloists from our area."

Top five days of the week to drink and where

1. Monday — The Garden
2. Tuesday — La Casa Lopa
3. Wednesday — A la Casa Lopa
4. Friday — Mikey's Gauchos
5. Saturday — The Alehouse

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One voice tells seven people's stories.

Health Directory

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Student Health Clinic
Services provided by: Moscow Family Medicine

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 208.885.6005
Location: 831 Ash St, UI Campus

www.health.uidaho.edu
Clinic services available to all students regardless of insurance provider.

The Argonaut Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010

A GLIMPSE OF NEPAL

A Nepali student performs on stage during last semester in the Argonaut coffee shop. The events are presented in the form of shows and diversely through food, dance and presentations. The annual gala, "Raste of Nepal," is organized by the Nepali Students Association.

Elizabeth Reid (A&A)

"The New Faces of American Idol" is a voice of one woman to tell the stories of seven people with diverse backgrounds. The performance is meant to educate students about modern civil rights issues.

"The New Faces of American Idol" was performed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, in the Idaho Memorial Student Union, room 101. Will & Company, a coffee shop, was used as both a performance venue and an audience. It was the second in a series, following "Faces of America." "New Faces" will feature the stories of a female imam, a gay youth, a former combat veteran from the Iraq war, a Native American tribal counselor from an Appalachian college student and a deaf actor.

Laura Botello, coordinator of multicultural student programs, said she and other members of the University of Idaho's Office of Multicultural Affairs chose to bring the performance to campus other than their usual programming and reading about it, she believed it would be a good addition to other events being organized around Multicultural Month. Day involving civil rights.

The Wil & Company performance was also a part of the "New Faces of America" project, it is the second of a series of seven of seven. Botello and the audience participated in a discussion, following the performance, with students and faculty. Botello and audience were shown clips about the first seven "New Faces of America" and they were shown the eighth "New Faces of America.

"Although "New Faces" is sponsored by OMA, the umbrella student group Unity also is involved with the performance," Unity is made up of multiracial campus groups, including the Gay Straight Alliance, National Society of Black Engineers and multicultural groups, students from various ethnic groups within Unity work to help each other out. Students were also involved in events hosted by OMA.

Merriman said, "New Faces" is not specific to one of the subgroups of Unity, but all others of them and they have acted as a support group. Information can be found on the Facebook event page for "New Faces of America" or via the Wil & Company Web page, http://www.wilfandcompany.com/news/index.html.

"It is part of the promotion and recruitment to make sure people actually show up," Merriman said. "We have talked about people gain an understanding of the melting pot of multiracial faces, and even though some people are different, they still have a story." Merriman said she thought people from around the world can see a realization that civil rights also includes many modern issues.

"This is just another facet (for diversity)." Merriman said.
Not enough

Loss on the road ends two-game winning run

By Pintchuk Against

The ever-dominant conference road sweep slipped through Idaho's fingers as the Vandals stumbled mid-game against a determined Las Vegas team. Al-though missing a few key athletes, a nearly full team pushed through the Cougars over a lot of resist-ance, but were just too weak.

"The Van-dals had solid State. in page out broke a hard to win," Wayne said.

With Wayne leading 8-0, the game was over by halftime.

Vandal guard Karl Heijsen dives in for a layup amid Boise State defenders during the basketball game Monday in Cowan Spectrum.

The Vandals, who had been on fire, shooting an average of 50 percent from the floor in their two games coming into this one, was 21 in the second half after shooting 47 percent in the first.

Both teams traded shots through the first, ending the half with a slim 29-24 lead for the San Jose Spartans, who emerged the game looking for its first conference win.

For the third straight game, the Vandals were led by guard Rachel Kalu, who started off the game with a small margin in favor of the Vandals. She made 10 points on the night with a layup.

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Runners stepping up

Team posts new records, prepared for next event in February

Lisa Short Against

The Idaho track and field team finished its first team event looking forward to the rest of the season. Although missing a few key athletes, a nearly full team pushed through the Cougars over the weekend in Pullman.

"The exciting thing about this year is that we are a pretty string everywhere," coach Yogi Toomer said. "This is the most well-ground-ed team we've had since the 2003 championship team."

Lucy Pope broke Idaho's 1,500-meter record, setting the record at 4:19.46. However, it did not set the university's record, but by the meet record, the facility record and was a pro- tional qualifying jump.

Vandal XC athletes won the women's vaulting with a height of 5.00 meters for her second con- secutive victory at WSU.

At the field, center Myka Klintstart had a shot put of 18.06 meters, but not only the event champion, but also the 10th best in the NCAA. She leads the WAC by a seven-foot margin. Ju-nior Elgin Mann won with the vault, whose 180-meter vault was a personal best and a new record.

Vandal guard Karl Heijsen battled for first and second respectively in the men's vaulting. Wood's throw of 18.21 meters barely beat out Whitney's personal best throw of 18.20 meters. "The upperclassmen are great leaders and the freshmen really stepped up," Toomer said.

Junior Andrew Bloor was second in the men's heptathlon, finishing the day of 1,600 points. Mathew Fraker earned a person-al best of 1,199 meters in the high jump, and sophomore Lauren Schaefer opened her sea- son with a second place in the women's high-jump.

Junior Paul Dittmer ran his first 10-meter hurdle event of the sea- son and won with a time of 16.86 seconds, followed closely by junior Reesie Show with a time of 16.31 seconds and third place. "Paul had a good opener for the season," coach Chic Philips said. "Josh Dalton and Kelly Jacka also ran well and had a lot of solid performances."

Dalton has a solid 800-meter race, then came back to run a strong leg in the men's 4x400 relay. Jacka ran the 400, the 200 and the 4x400 for the women's and made major contributions to the wom- en's team.

With one of a number of freshmen that will be major con-tributors to the team this year," Philips said.

Jacks said the meet was excit-ing because it's a lot different be- ing in a collegiate meet and being on a college team.

"When I was running the 4x400, I could hear everybody yelling the whole way around the track," Jack- ed, "and it's really exciting and fun with all that support."

Having the team come together and support each other is some- thing Toomer said is really pleased about. Because track is more individual than other sports, it is sometimes hard to get the team feel, but Toomer said the team's bonding efforts are impressive and she knows that it will help in the future.

Right now the team is still training hard, working on coming together and competing.

"We just need to be compet-ing," Philips said. "There's always ups and downs but we can learn a lot from those early meets."

The team was able to pull off some major victories even without a few key runners. The men finished 5-2, beating out rival Idaho State, Utah Washington, Montana. The Idaho women won the 4x400 meter relay Thursday afternoon in Pullman at the Cougar Indoor Open. The Vandals lost Pullman with six event titles while the men won 5-1 and the women won 3-2-1 in the scoring portion of the meet.
Bouncing back in the WAC

Newlee: Team is better than record indicates

Ilya Pitchuk

The Idaho women's basketball team will look to get back on winning ways as they play host to the Boise State Aggies Wednesday.

Idaho is coming off a loss to San Jose State, in a game where Idaho coach Jan Niewoff said his team was simply out-worked and couldn't respond to the physical play.

That loss ended a two-game winning streak for the Vandals, who had a chance to get a conference road win early after they upset New Mexico State in the final moments to win last Wednesday.

"We need to get tougher mentally and finish out the games," Niewoff said. "We are a little better than our record indicates."

Niewoff's statement isn't without merit, as Idaho has been playing some of its best basketball of the season the past few games. Idaho has shown consistency in the pool by averaging 10 percent from the floor in their two wins against Boise State and New Mexico State and showing a defensive emphasis.

The consistency in scoring was there for the first half of the game against San Jose State, and Niewoff said he will continue to rely on guard Rachel Bide, who has led the Vandals in scoring for their last three games with an average of 13.3 points.

Idaho State is coming in with a four-game losing streak with losses to New Mexico State, Hawaii, Fresno State and Nevada.

The Aggies have struggled to score at times, with only one of their players, Amber White, averaging more than 10 points per game.

"We'd like to come out with a win for our fans," Niewoff said. "Hopefully we can get a win and improve our momentum."

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in Cowan Spectrum.

Battle with the Broncos

Swim team puts up fight against school rivals

Lisa Short

The Idaho Vandals swim team faced new challenges at their dual match against the rival match in Boise. After several meets so far in the spring season, the team fell 217-83 to the Boise State Broncos in the dual meet on Saturday.

Idaho coach Tom Jager said the Broncos are swimming well this year and he said they swam well on Saturday. Although the Vandals improved over break, they couldn't hold up to the intensity of the well-rounded rivals.

Idaho showed some moments of strength through the match, including the 100-meter breaststroke where Jager said he is proud that the team swam neck-and-neck with the Broncos.

"I was proud of our kids overall against a very tough team," Jager said.

The Vandals are scheduled to compete on March 31 against the University of Washington, followed by their final home meet April 1 against the Arizona State Sun Devils.
Super Bowl bound

Barry Wilner

A 40-yard field goal in overtime by a little-known kicker cemented a name as famous as jambalaya in the Super Bowl.

The New Orleans Saints, a team with no home and an uncertain future five years ago, are heading for their first Super Bowl. By beating Brett Favre and beating the Minnesota Vikings 28-21 on Saturday, they set off celebrations on Bourbon Street that could have imagined in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"This is for everybody in this city," said coach Sean Payton, the architect of the Saints' turnaround. "This stadium used to have holes in it and used to be wet. It's not wet anymore. This is for the city of New Orleans.

And it came courtesy of Garrett Hartley and the Saints—who wasn't thinking about the Cowboys when this was set out to be." Hartley kicked the winning field goal with 29 seconds left, ending a game that saw the Saints lose 22-17 to the Vikings in the NFC championship game.

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Moscow Celebrates Vandal Football Day

The City of Moscow and the University of Idaho football team wrapped up Vandal Football Day as proclaimed by Gov. Barbies Otter and Vandal Football as proclaimed by Moscow mayor Nancy Chesny with a downtown parade on January 30th. The football team, led by Moscow Police Department partners as well as the Idaho marching band and cheer squad, followed the traditional homecoming route through downtown and across campus to the Kibbitt Dome. Fans then had an opportunity to meet coaches and players with an autograph session. At halftime of the men's basketball game against Utah State, the trophy was presented to coach Rob Akey and the team.

San Jose State Wears Down Vandals

The University of Idaho women's basketball team couldn't rebound from mid-game difficulties and, despite a late rally, lost 69-50 to San Jose State University in a Western Athletic Conference game Saturday night at The Blvd Center. The Vandals (4-11 overall, 2.5 WAC) slid in the early going but trailed 36-20 at the half. San Jose State opened leads of as many as 10 points before the Vandals battled back to take a 30-24 lead on Rachel Hoke's jumper with 2:20 to play. The Spartans (5-13, 1.4 WAC) went back up on 84-61 to lead 3:50. Los Angeles Native Rachel Hoke, who struggled with foul trouble, had five rebounds and two points.

Track and Field Goes Big at Cougar Indoor

Abele and he two teammates broke the Idaho men's pole vault record last weekend in the team's opener. Idaho senior Lucas Pope boldly proclaimed it "just the beginning for this season."

Less than a week later, Pope made it a reality as he became the first Vandal to clear 17 feet indoors in the pole vault and set a strong Idaho ceiling at the Cougar Invitational on Friday and Saturday at Washington State. Six Vandals walked away as event champions for the weekend, but none had a better time than Pope, who won the men's pole vault with a meet record, school-record and NCAA-provisional-qualifying height of 5.27m (17'4.5). Pope struggled in his first two attempts at the minimum provisional height of 5.07m, but nailed on his last try, and then stormed right back and hit 5.30 on his very first attempt to put him in a tie for the NCAA record in the event.

For Lucas Pope, we've been waiting to hit that 17-foot mark in competition for a year and a half. Idaho vault coach Jason Graham said, "He's done it in practice, but he's never been able to break it out in competition, and that's what was exciting." Pope said that the mental barrier was almost as difficult as the physical one in breaking through with the big jump. He and Graham agreed that breaking through the 17-foot barrier could also act as a catalyst for even bigger jumps in the near future.

"I was trying to get it by my head that it's possible to get over 17 feet," Pope said. "It's been a long time coming for me. I think I still have a little left in me for this season, I'd like to get up in the mid-17 range.-17.6 is a good, round number." Senior Brian McCallum also had a strong performance, as he broke away the field in the women's event put with a season-best throw of 16.01m (52'9.5). That throw also tied him for third in the field and pasted him at 16th in the NCAA in the event. And, senior Edgar Montemayor capped off the season on a high note and placed her at 16th in the NCAA in the event.

The Vandals held a season-opening meet at Eastern Washington University, Whitworth, and Community Colleges of Spokane and lead to Washington State, while the team's next meet BYU, Whitworth and CCS, led Montana, and four more downs for the meet. "The next thing of the scoring meets is that they inherently increase the level of competition for everyone," Idaho co-head coach Ryan Pugh said. "That's one thing that I thought we did really well, whether we were competing for first or second, or third or fourth. "We've had new people who compete at a very high level this weekend and got them some great experiences. We gave them a chance to compete against a Pac-10 school, a nationally ranked team and some good area schools, and I think that's going to benefit them in a big way." For a handful of competitors, next weekend could be the final competition of their careers as they look to compete at the Northwest Conference Indoor Championship meet Saturday. The rest of the team will train through the weekend and compete at Idaho's 58th annual Vandal Indoor on Feb. 6 and the Runner's Best Open on Feb. 6.