**Swings and Flips**

Salaries lead funding request

By Sean Carriere

Ministerial and financial aid are both cutting into the University of Idaho’s budgets, with the Board of Trustees prohibiting the university from raising tuition and fees.

The university board is looking into making cuts in many areas as it tries to address the deficit.

This move comes after a federal court order last year forced the state to pay an additional $8 million to the university.

The order impacts the university’s budget and requires it to replace the money with other funds.

In response, the university’s board of trustees has decided to cut several programs, including its finance department.

According to university spokespersons, the finance department will be reduced by 10 percent, which is expected to save the university $8 million over the next two years.

However, this decision has not been without controversy. Some faculty members have expressed concern that the cuts will have a negative impact on the quality of education and research at the university.

Nevertheless, the university’s board of trustees has stood by its decision, arguing that it is necessary to address the financial challenges facing the institution.

**Graffiti marks up campus, Moscow**

By Harley Nichler

The University of Idaho campus has been the site of numerous acts of graffiti, which has led to a significant increase in maintenance costs.

The graffiti has been observed in several areas of the campus, including the administration building, the library, and the student center.

The graffiti includes various forms, such as tags, drawings, and stickers. Some of the graffiti is political in nature, while other pieces are simply for fun.

The university has responded to the issue by increasing its maintenance staff and implementing stricter security measures to prevent the vandalism.

However, some students have expressed concern that the university is not doing enough to address the problem.

**UI shouts back to Bush’s State of the Union address**

By Carissa Wright

Following President Bush’s seventh State of the Union address, university students have expressed mixed reactions, with some praising the president’s policies and others criticizing his policies.

The president’s speech focused on tax cuts, new energy policies, and the war on terrorism.

While many students supported the president’s policies, others were critical of his approach.

One student, who did not want to be identified, said, “I think the president is doing a great job. He’s making the right decisions.”

However, another student, who did not want to be identified, said, “I think the president is making some really bad decisions. His war on terrorism is a complete failure.”

The university’s president, who did not want to be identified, said, “I think the president is doing a great job. He’s making the right decisions.”

The university’s president also praised the university’s students, who have been involved in several protests against the president’s policies.

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**Art & Culture**

The Third Annual Dance Slam is on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m., at the KRCC Theater.

The event is open to all students and faculty members.

**Opinion**

The editorial board believes President Bush has made significant strides in his first term, and that he has earned the support of the American people.

However, the board also believes that Bush has made some mistakes and that he has not always acted in the best interests of the country.

The board calls for a continued effort to build bridges between the president and the American people.

**Sports & Rec**

The UI Sports Club will host a meet-up on Saturday, January 26, for students interested in participating in the club.

The meet-up will be held at 7 p.m., at the KRCC Theater.

**On the Web**

Readers can find more information on the university’s website, www.uiargonaut.com.
WeatherFORECAST

Today
• Mostly cloudy, high 77, low 55.

Saturday
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Campus Recreation

M-Th: 6:15am-11:30pm; F: 8am-9pm; S-Sun: 8am-11pm

The $10,000 Forum for faculty Commons Panorama room
Brown-bag Faculty Forum Commons Panorama room

‘Mostly Moscow’

Local/BRIEFS

Orientation offers graduates a school survivor guide

A graduate school orientation "Surviving and Thriving in Your Graduate Education" will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the SSB Gold Room.

The event will provide information on how to use the university’s resources to strengthen your education and successfully complete a graduate degree.

Diane Price, associate studies Magnet, will speak at the event.

Rural Roots workshop explores farm liability

Rural Roots, with the support of the Eastern and the Western Center for Risk Management, will host a workshop on managing the liability risk on a farm or ranch.

A one-day workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Commons Conference Center Room with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. for "Every farmer you ever wanted to know about farm liability, but were afraid to ask."

The workshop brings together officials from the state and Washington Departments of Labor and Health, an attorney familiar with farm laws, experts on food processing, regulations and liability, a representative of the world of farm liability and farm.”

The $20 registration fee includes lunch and a copy of "Your Farm or Ranch..."

For information, call (509) 335-4129.

Compassionate Communication workshops offered

"Parenting in Peace" will explore "Compassionate Communication" tonight from 7-9 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of the Palouse.

The class is limited to 30.

A 12-week "Compassionate Communication" class will be offered beginning Tuesday. The class will meet at 6:30-8 p.m.

The cost is $20 per person at the door.

Artsites at the Dahmen Barn presents a wide variety of performances such as concerts, dinner theater, classes. Classes are also available for both adults and children, and visitors may watch artists at work in their studios and centers.

Artsites at the Dahmen Barn is located at 35 W. Third St. in Moscow. The cost is $20 with no one turned away due to lack of funds.

In addition, a 10-week "House-Paint Parenting" class starts Wednesday and will be every Wednesday at the Dahmen Barn at 120 E. Second St. in Moscow. The cost is $20 with no one turned away due for lack of funds.

Contact Debbie Grieb at (509) 882-3682 to register.

For information visit the Artsites at the Dahmen Barn's website or call (509) 882-3682 to register.
Experience Fest shows students innovative studying

By Shonna Stalnacke

When college students decide to take a trip around the world, they often see their college as a launching pad, just one stop on their journey. But what if this was possible right here at the university? This Spring, the University Abroad Design Competition was held, which gave students the opportunity topackage their ideas in the form of a proposal to win a $50,000 grant to help make their dreams a reality.

The winning proposal presented by Tania Staiwick of WSU’s International Programs office was entitled “A World of Their Own.” The project would allow students to create an “international comfort zone” on campus to better assist students who are studying abroad. This proposed space would provide a variety of services aimed at making the transition to another country easier, from food and entertainment to representation from a variety of cultures.

Gala organizers found this competition to be an exciting opportunity to expose a wider audience to the wealth of study abroad programs available through the university.

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ASUVL Vandana Entertainment presents a magical musical evening

“My Father’s Dream, My Mission”

The University of Idaho
February 2, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Auditorium tickets are $10.00. All proceeds will go to benefit the “My Father’s Dream Scholarship Fund”.

KOUI is now accepting applications for the following time slots:

Monday: 6 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Thursday: 6 to 9 a.m.

Applications are available in the KOUI lobby on the 3rd floor of the SUB and online at kouri.org
Rec Center gets new machines

By Jeremy Castillo

Student Recreation Center users may have noticed new gym floor in the center this week.

The center now has a total of 20 50" TVs and 15 new treadmills.

"The center has a new look," said Candace Kopp, Rec Center’s fitness director. "We’ve added 15 new treadmills and 20 new TVs."

According to Kopp, the center should be done with the renovations by the end of the month.

"Bright lights in the space mean brighter outlook for the center," Kopp said.

Stephanie Streeter, a sophomore from Idaho Falls, said the new TVs are great.

"I love the new TVs. It makes the gym more enjoyable," Streeter said.

The Rec Center will celebrate the completion of the renovations with a free open house on May 17.

Good grades pay off

By Amanda Kerr

College comes with many difficulties, but receiving a good grade is one less thing to worry about.

"It’s not easy to get good grades at ND, but it’s a must," said one student.

Students must focus on their studies and pay attention to their homework and assignments.

"I try my best to study and to do my assignments," said another student.

To receive good grades, students must put in the effort.

"I study hard and always try my best," said a third student.

Students must also make time for other activities, such as extracurricular or social activities.

"I try to balance my studies and social activities," said a fourth student.

By following these tips, students can achieve good grades and succeed in college.

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The president did not issue a statement on the matter.

And, after telling direct dis- cussions with the UN for the second half of a 6-month deadline toacious, Bush attempted to build coalitions for the war in Iraq.

"It is in the center’s best interest to see its goals come true," said a member of the National Federation of the Center.

"We’re here to support the president’s goals."

The Center is concerned that the goals may not be attainable.

"It’s important to have a strategy that will be successful in Iraq," said another member.

According to the president, the strategy will work.

"The strategy will work in the long run," said the president.

"Our citizens don’t care which side we sit on - as long as we are willing to risk our lives to make a difference," said a member of the Center.

"What you voted for is the strategy for the citizens of our country," said a member.

"The war’s cause is to our advantage," said the president.

"We can use our military to get the job done," said the president.

"This nation is ready for the fight," said the president.

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Winter, January inspiring extra laziness among students

PETA: More harm than good?

PETA hasn't been winning many popularity contests lately. And who can blame the group? Two of its employees are being tried for 27 counts of vandalism against the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Nevada. The pair allegedly threw eggs in the Uncle Sam boxes with the words "PETA: Support for American Agriculture" and "Protect Our Rights." They've been charged with vandalism and conspiracy, but if found guilty, they could face prison time or a hefty fine.

But PETA isn't the only culprit for animal rights. My parents have been trying to get me to stop eating meat for better than a year. But I'll admit, I'm not much of a vegetarian, and I love the flavors in the meat department. Occasionally, I'll even eat a burger. But I do try to eat as much meat as possible, and I don't think that's a bad thing.

But that's just one of many. The list goes on and on. I've heard of people who refuse to eat beef because they don't want to support the cattle industry. And there's even one who refuses to eat chicken because it's not ethical.

And to top it all off, I've heard of people who refuse to eat any meat at all. They say it's not ethical and they don't want to support the meat industry. But I just can't see myself doing that. I mean, I love meat.

So if you're looking for a new way to eat, I suggest you try a vegetarian diet. It's healthy and it's good for the environment. But if you don't like meat, I suggest you try some of the other healthy food options out there. You never know, you might just like them.
By Elz. Tranchell

In 1960, Terry Jovin became the first Idaho State University Student Athlete of the Year. Today, students and Student Union is giving US students the chance to be next year's Poet of the Year. The Idaho Student Union will award $500 to the winner who writes the best poem inspired by the theme "Theater." The competition is open to all students and non-students. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2007. This year's Poet Slam will be held on April 7, 2007, at the SLC Booth Theatre. Admission is free.

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In defense of the daytime soap opera

I’ve had plenty of people make fun of me for watching soap operas like “Days of Our Lives” and “Passions.” Meanwhile, these same people are obsessed with prime-time shows like “Nip/Tuck,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” and “Ugly Betty.” I understand that many of these shows are popular (no pun intended) but they really aren’t about different from daytime soap operas.

I recently finished watching the first season of “Nip/Tuck” on DVD and could’t help but notice the similarities. It’s just a soap with a bigger budget. Take a few of the show’s storylines as examples.

Questions about paternity are always a popular topic for soap operas. On “Nip/Tuck,” the first season revolves around a paternity trial. The main character, Michael, is the father of his supposed father, Christian, and Christian’s supposed father is his best friend, Bum, Bum.

Yeah, I don’t know how many times I’ve watched this happen on soap operas. In the first season of “Passions,” paternity is a main storyline. When the paternity of Ethan Evans, the powerful heir to the Evans fortune in the town of Passions, is thrown into question, his girlfriend Theresa Lemon is targeted. Fargason is famous. It’s almost the same thing.

Another similar storyline in the first season of “Nip/Tuck” has to do with memory loss. Matt, a young high school kid, accidentally runs over a girl with his family’s car while he’s drunk. The next day, Matt has no recollection of what happened. He soon finds out that he’s been in a car accident that left 10 tines (“Days of Our Lives.”) In fact, Mattress Emma is a former beauty contestant from a beauty pageant that recently married her manager.

My problem is not that the shows are too much alike, but that “Nip/Tuck,” a show that is as obnoxious as any soap opera, is taken seriously while daytime soaps are considered to be low-brow. I actually think it’s the other way around.

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Shades of Black at the SUB Feb. 3

Student of Black City, 3 organiz listed the musicale show of 1,000 for the students in the SUB Feb. 3 inside the SUB.

The event began out of a need to bring black students and all the community together through art culture and talent Black shades of origin for 10 years gone ago.

The event marked out to the region as a whole, drawing it from the neighboring universities like NYU and Eastern Washington University.

The students-organized event will feature a variety of music, including gospel and instrumental, as well as vocal performance, poetry and drama.

Attendees are free to the public and audience members will receive discount coupons inside the Falcon Mall.

Write this in your student planner

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Coffee gets steamier with 'sexpresso'

By Amy Tan

Seattle Times

Seattle - In a short, cheery baby-doll negli-

Candace Law, lawyer at Armstrong's Esquire in Tai-

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**The UI Gymnastics Club gives members a chance to practice old habits by Melissa Devin**

David Tighe concentrates. He stands at the side of the mat, waiting from his last attempt to stick a toast-buckled back. After a few minutes, he steps, then starts running across the mat, and while he leaps, pushes and peels himself up and lands forward. His eyes are focused on the floor. He says after landing, he jumps back to the approach for one more try. Tighe is the co-president of the University of Idaho Gymnastics Club, a casual group that meets twice a week at Palouse Empower Gymnastics in Moscow. Members from WSU, UI and UIU practice basic skills, such as back flips, to more advanced techniques like Tighe’s cartwheels, in which he tries to do a correctly landing into a back flip without his feet touching the ground.

"We have a lot of athletic left behind," UIU freshman Tighe says. "If someone needs help with something, they can talk to us.

Paradigm shifts, the weight of a team, and the focus on the game. A carded position is reserved for four routines and warm-ups. Group work consists of cartwheels and handstands after 30 minutes of the floor drills on the floor exercises, members are allowed to practice whatever they want. Some practice for competitions. Most just come to have fun.

On the uneven bars, co-president Nikki Arambarrí props herself up on the lower uneven bars with her hand and practices for her last attempt. She then moves to her next attempt, the handstand.

When she’s ready, Arambarrí jumps forward and gets onto the bars, beginning a series of swings before dropping back on the bars in an attempt to catch her balance in a handstand.

Other gymnasts encourage her and give her the "thumbs up." Arambarrí then moves to her next attempt, which she’s had trouble with for years.

"I can’t do it, it’s just not my ability," Arambarrí says.

Between practicing their own moves, Tighe and Arambarrí are bickering in Pullman in practice in gymnastics since they were children. "I’ve sorted this out," Tighe says. "I’ve competed in gymnastics since he was 6 years old. "I’ve been in competition since I was 10 years old," he says. Tighe and Arambarrí use their experience to help other members of the club. Both also coach children’s teams at Palouse Empower Gymnastics. Practicing gymnastics doesn’t give you money, Arambarrí says, but it still works injuries are common. Gymnastics also frequently keep their shoes on the painted floor.

Uncommonly with the moves and overconfidence are both common causes of injuries. Tighe says, "That’s how a lot of people get hurt. We are watching, think they can do it and try to throw it, but their hands don’t know the secrets of where to throw it.

Experienced gymnasts can also harm themselves. Tighe went down during a routine on the parallel bars and not only hurt his back, but cracked one of the bars as well.

"It was sweet," says. "I can say I’ve broken gymnastics equipment. Not many people can say that."

Above: David Tighe practices a toast-back, or flipping one and a half times from the waist, during the uneven bars Tuesday night at Palouse Empower Gymnastics. Below left: Nikki Arambarrí practices on the balance beam.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Idaho goes home after NMSU defeat

Vandals can’t make up halftime deficit by Nick Heidelberger

A 20-point halftime deficit was too much for the Vandals of Idaho men’s basketball team to overcome Wednesday night against New Mexico State, 68-64.

The Aggies (14-4, 6-1 in the WAC) edged out the Vandals (11-7, 2-5) with a 20-point halftime lead and held on for the win. The Aggies went on to win 30, 7 points off Idaho turnovers and adding 20 points from the free-throw line. "We have seen so much growth over the last few weeks and we are still in here today and like we did a month ago," Idaho coach George Flippel said.

In the first half, we talked about a better defense and shooting most of our shots with our three-pointers," Flippel said. "We came out with a lot more competitive fire. We didn’t get anybody on the boards, although 23 offensive rebounds are a weakness.

Idaho guard Kent Wilson led the Vandals in scoring with 15 points, despite going 6-of-11 on the first field-goal line. 12.7% of Idaho’s points are attributed to 11 total rebounds, 27 points off Idaho turnovers and adding 20 points from the free-throw line.

On Saturday, the Vandals take on Boise State (4-3, WAC 0-0), who are in danger of losing their third straight game in a row, against opponents with a combined record of 26-20, including 7-11 in Western Athletic Conference play."If we want to be on Reise State, Fresno State and San Jose State," Coach Wilson said. "If we want to win on the road.

The Broncos come into the game avenging their earlier losses to Idaho scores 78-69. The Broncos are coming off a two game losing streak, 85-75 from New Mexico State.

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"That's the longest we have ever scored in the WAC," Idaho forward Kevin Jones said.

'Clean' Karl can score from anywhere but not on the "Vandals" letting at mid-court in the Cowan Center, Karl Wilson, a 6-7, from beyond the arc in the Moscow last week against Boise State.

Saturday’s game will be aired live from Boise on KTVB and will not be available in Moscow.
Peyton Manning eyes elusive Super Bowl win

This year’s American Football Conference championship game had all the necessary ingredients for “Greatest Game of the Dead Zone period here.”

There were those spelled linemen who scored touchdowns, the games weren’t decided until the final possession, and one gut-wrenching loss even a West Region win. But it appeared.

Peyton Manning was 12-11 in his thumb but decided to stay in the game. Perhaps the most important development was that Manning played the game mostly, he had a lot to stop him on the road, every January since the beginning of the year isn’t every year.

Manning’s performance in the playoffs, particularly in the AFC semi-finals, against the Patriots, has traditionally rumbled in the air about how many times over that period he was in the AFC championship game.

Despite having one of the most potent offenses in the NFL, loaded with Superstars, Manning could never get just those few points, a team comprised of one elite-“Tom Brady” and an entire roster of high-speed character players. No matter what the two teams played, it seemed Belichick and Brady had already in Manning’s number.

And Sunday’s game didn’t appear to be any different. By late in the first, the Chiefs were leading 21-0, and Manning had already shown an obsession that was determined for a larger audience.

This game also played to trigger second-guessing Manning’s future, made me skip the arrow around lunch time today, and I’m sure Belichick was no worse for scrawls of “Peyton’s back” and “I’m glad I’m not him.”

I looked like the kid in the video on Facebook, I’m not sure what the video for Christmas (If you haven’t seen it yet, and if you’re still in the world, clearly, I haven’t learned my own lesson, and no shame in not doing a lot of sports betting), because what’s the game began to change.

The challenge now is that of course, played like the Manning we’ve seen in the past. Manning had his team on scoring drives of 40 yards, 76 yards, 76 yards, 67 yards, 59 yards and 46 yards. If you don’t count the game-ending fumble, the Colts scored an average of their last eight possessions.

Gregg Easterbrook pointed out in his columns on ESPN.com that during a stretch from the end of the season to the middle of the third, Indianapolis can play 22 plays while New England runs five. A football field hasn’t seen a quarterback’s play that’s been so Redford-exemplary performance in “The Longest Yard.”

The question now, however, is how to handle Manning’s back. Does Tom Brady have to be active in the Super Bowl and Young Manning’s hand. Brady is as capable as coming up big in an important game, Manning can’t be in big.

His performance Sunday was a real coming out party, he and the Chiefs’ defense had a Super Bowl defense but couldn’t make it over the top and that’s a lot yet. One game does not make a career, but if the Cold Ivy theory with the Lombardi Trophy is a couple of weeks away, it won’t be long before another match on this big stage then Manning to football.

Personally, I’m on the fence on whether or not we have begun the Manning’s story, but doing another story just seems like a mistake, if you can’t possibly be. I would rather take a look at our old man, Manning, who’s the Bridge of Madison County and “Six-Pack Magneto” than Shannon Sharpe do the play-by-play of highlights.

Out of the madness, though, one of the prenest moments in football, and inadvertently, while discussing Manning’s superb performance Sunday night, the Hall-of-Famer whose passing Record-Mixing in the post-season when Manning is entering from the history books. Then he’s the man because he’s stepping up on the idea of Manning being the next Big Bill, and in fact, Manning was playing.

Now, I’ve never seen a person’s idea of Manning winning the Super Bowl and almost winning it in the 1944 World Series, if Manning wins the Super Bowl, something like Lou Gehrig and Lou Brown for the Cubs when the Super Bowl-Boys played in Game 7.

Come to think of it, I’m also posi- tively god-like if you can believe me for this one. Manning is the kind of guy, the kind of guy Manning could pull it off, the kind of guy Manning could pull the Colts in an attempt to The Colts, to see how much the team is to the Colts, to see how much it’s worth, because Manning has never been to the big game.

That’s part of what we count, developing character and finishing what you started. She has chosen the kind of character and growth that we all about. Miller has also teased to appreciate the many aspects of his sport. "I’ve been able to appreciate the sport a lot more, and I’ve learned a lot more about life," Miller said. "I’ve learned that life is longer than what I imagined before. I have a much better understanding of what it is to be a professional athlete. In the NFL, you have to learn to become strong away from the game."

"I always thought I had a good week when Tom (Baker) had been the man who you can always work hard, you can always be a better person and that is what is important."

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SWIMMING from page 2

The following is the family’s strategy as a swimmer, and continued the traditions with her older sis- ter who swam on Regispre and Orange Lake.

And while her father and mother have been any- thing too special, her leadership and dedication have never faltered.

I think that the important thing to realize is that she’s been living up to her father’s name, the badge of honor in her old school," I said. "That part of what we count, developing character and

National/BRIEFs

West captures NHL All-Star Game

Canadian’s Jocelyn was named to lead the Western Conference to a 2-1 victory Wednesday night in the NHL’s All-Star Game at Denver.

Yount Perret of Phoenix, "Columbus’ Rick Nash, and Minnesota’s Brian Rolston were named to the Eastern Conference.

Mats Sundin of Toronto had two goals and an assist for the West. Mats Sundin of Toronto had two goals and an assist for the West.

Barrett’s Zdeno Chara led the Eastern Champions with two goals, including his first career NHL goal, but Buffalo’s Daniel Byfugley, the game’s MVP, had one goal and five assists.

Atlantic’s Martinsson also had four assists for the East, which was comprised of the top NHL and NHLB and who had scored and designed for more than 10 goals. The East won 7-3.

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It was also Federer’s 33rd straight win, tying his Imperial, which he set in 2005.

Roddick will meet the winner of the Fernando Gonzalez-Ivan Ljubicic in Sunday’s champi- onship match.

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Williams, a two-time champion, entered the tournament unseeded, but defeated 10th-seeded Nicole Vaidisova in their semifinal match.

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Ironwood News/Opinion

State at the Great S-Park Spectrum Wednesday night. The Yankees defeated the Stags 87-74 in this triple overtime game for their first BCW victory of the season. For the full story, look for Sunday’s Agritend.

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Arizona State no match for Arizona

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By Scott Borden
East Valley Tribune (Mesa, Ariz.)

There was a moment in Arizona State's 71-67 victory Wednesday against Washington that coach Herb Sendek would like to change.

His Sun Devil basketball team was up 23 points something unforgivable, and Sendek was vaporous over it. His something-wrong-looking look that refutes evidence that the game was all tied up was aimed at the basket at McArthur Center — the 40 feet that prevented the lead from getting to 28. The shot was the fourth of five that the deficit had a different feel. It was a shot that almost came up in unscripted improvisation at least as much as the lead, and the Sun Devils would create that kind of a moment. It was their day.

Take last year. Against an Arizona team that by Lon Kruger's standards was barely acceptable, ASU was up 21 with seven minutes, 3:13.

Sendek would love his team right there. For a few minutes.

Wednesday it seemed as if Sendek's club would write the water script. Arizona led, 6-1, after just nine minutes and 40 seconds. And then, well, starting the Wildcats some defenders or someone with no use trying to doom the slab's Cube Inside when they had used up one of his timeouts. And then Wednesday it seemed a script.

But then something unusu-
ally kind. Arizona took back that shot. With 4:15 left as the half expired, Arizona was up 6-4.

Right then and there, Sendek was documented.

Sendek was so jump- up to this, the script would have that too. It would be a surprise to lose back up to the games and be anything but the first in the Pac-10 to turn it around.

But that's not happening. ASU's record is still in place. It played USC. It took No. 3 Oregon down to the wire.

To be competitive in a defense to limit the Script.

But there's also subtle refraction. A greater discipline to play a defensively — no opponent — can match 76.4 points — speaks to the coach's adjustments.

Sendek and his team are waiting.

In that regard, ASU's bas-
ketball IQ is on the rise. It may not seem like it, given the record, but for the most part the Sun Devils play smart, structured basketball. They fail to win — in that case — in a refutation of a lack of talent, rather than a lack of talent of Kent State.

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