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## PRESIDENCY

### UI set to make final selection

Erin Harty  
Argonaut

Severe budget issues caused by the declining economy and a program prioritization process already set in motion make this a volatile time for University of Idaho.

Both candidates for the position of UI president said they have what it takes to move the university forward.

The two finalists have had their final interviews, and the announcement is on the horizon.

### Duane Nellis

Duane Nellis, the current provost at Kansas State University, said the similarities between KSU and UI, such as the fact they are both land grant research universities, played a role in his pursuit of the position.

"It's a quality university, and UI takes great pride in student success," Nellis said. "I see from my assessment of UI where the university's needs are, are with where my strengths are. With my background and experiences, I feel I can truly make a difference at UI."

Nellis grew up in Montana and graduated with a Ph.D. in geography from Oregon State University. He first worked at KSU as a professor and then as an associate dean, moving to West Virginia University for a time before returning to KSU.



Duane Nellis

Lydia Peele, KSU's student body president, said Nellis has worked closely with students at KSU on a variety of projects and meets both with student government and faculty to improve life at the university.

"This year, one of the initiatives taken on by my cabinet was to look closely at our study abroad program, and he really helped us improve the services for that office," Peele said. "It has been a great way to get a more diverse population to K-State."

Nellis said KSU has doubled the number of students studying abroad and has brought in students from a variety of backgrounds.

"Another priority for me beyond internationalization is diversity," Nellis said. "It enriches our campus community and our learning environment."

Steve White, dean of KSU's College of Art and Sciences, said students and faculty also benefit from Nellis' strength working with the community.

White said KSU has a strong link to its community, city officials and the local chamber of commerce.

"We have a core community Nellis established that allows us to have communication that runs in three areas," White said.

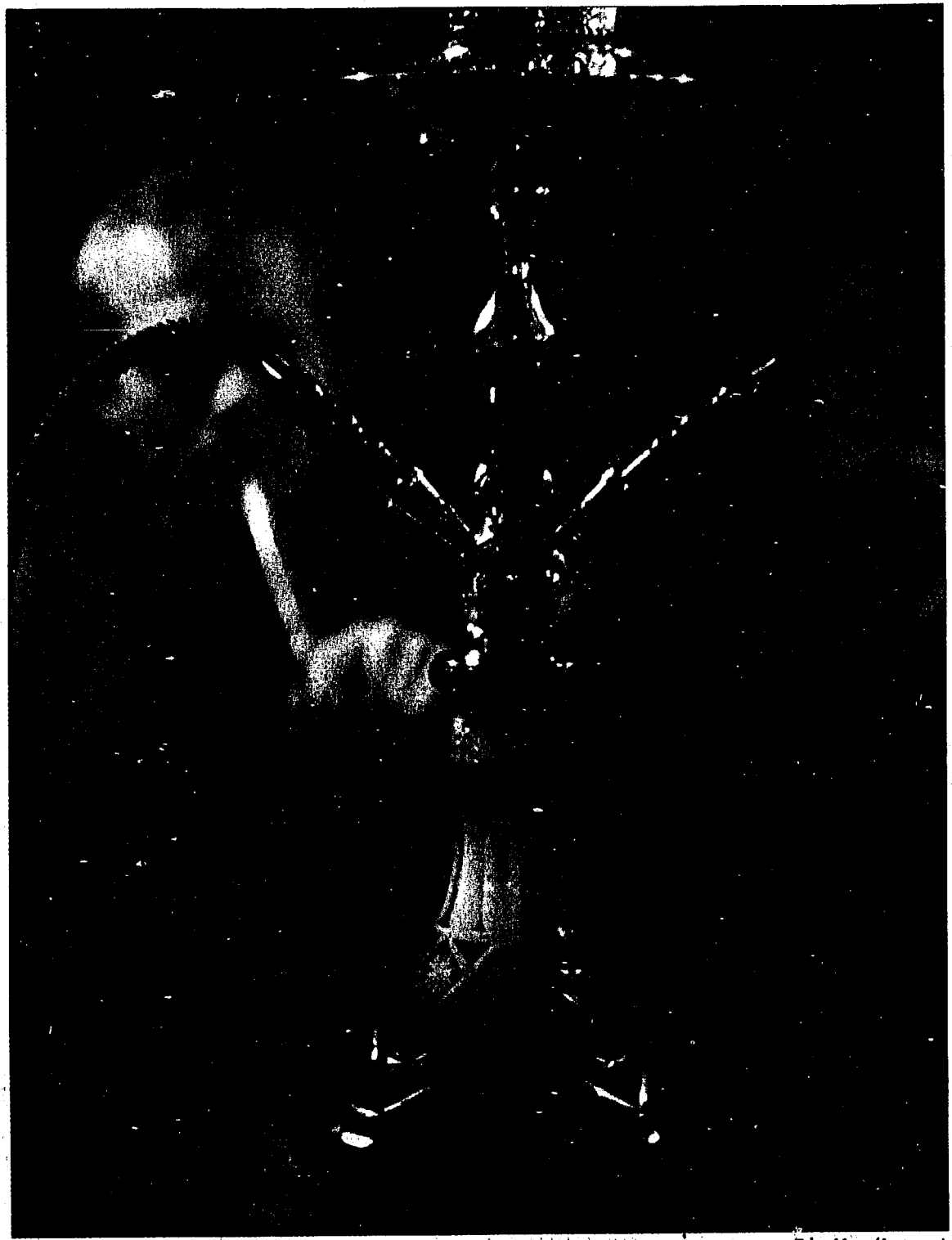
Nellis said his greatest accomplishment at KSU has been his facilitation of service learning teams in the community and the idea of sharing knowledge between the two.

"I have tried to create a culture of a more entrepreneurial university," Nellis said. "A greater sense of creativity and seizing opportunities in different ways, engaging faculty in ways that elevate our success."

Nellis won several teaching awards at KSU and has headed a number of different organizations, but the question is not only what he has done, but what he would do if

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## UMOYA HOOKAH LOUNGE



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

The atmosphere and smooth flavors at Umoya, the new hookah lounge in downtown Moscow, make it a place for friends to relax, talk, and smoke.

# Smokin' the hookah

## Couple bring hookah lounge to the Palouse

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

It's like eating a chocolate-covered strawberry.

It's sipping an intoxicating rum and coke.

It's feeling the burst of a juicy blueberry across the tongue.

Smoking hookah, a special way to inhale tobacco, is designed to be a sensual experience.

"Through the smoke, the taste is present in the body," explained Thando Dzowa, owner of Umoya Hookah Lounge in Moscow. "You can taste the flavor on your tongue."

The base of a hookah is with many designs and colors. It's connected to a multi-hose water pipe that extends to a dish on the top to hold the tobacco. The tobacco, called shisha, is placed in a bowl covered in aluminum foil with a coal on top to burn the flavored leaves.

The act of smoking the tobacco is also called hookah.

Using the hose, the individual pulls smoke from the burned tobacco through the body of the device into the cold water. The water cools down the warm smoke, smoothing each draft. Basic hookahs have four hoses, and multiple-headed bowls can be used for larger groups.

often glass

**"Smoking hookah is a very human-to-human encounter."**

Nicole  
DZOWA  
Umoya Hookah Lounge owner

The cultural act of hookah began in India in the 15th century. It was later exported to the Middle East, spreading from Iran to Turkey and Egypt. Hookah was a luxury item originally intended for wealthy families, but it has gained popularity among young adults in the United States.

Dzowa and his wife Nicole opened Moscow's first hookah lounge, in January.

The Dzowa's came to Moscow from the Mid-West hoping to attract customers of all ages. They said they liked the college town and the scenery.

"We were really inspired by Moscow," Nicole Dzowa said.

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# State Department warns 'know before you go'

## Travel advisory issued to caution vacationers to Mexico for break

Christina Lords  
Argonaut

For thousands of college students, traveling to Mexico for Spring Break equates to a lot of booze and beaches. But

for others, it could mean being arrested, injured or worse.

The U.S. State Department released a travel advisory last month to alert students about possibly dangerous locations and situations in Mexico.

The advisory titled "Spring Break in Mexico — Know Before You Go" highlights little-known Mexican laws and how they pertain to alcohol and drugs, driving and renting equipment. Bruce Pitman, vice pro-

most of student affairs, said using common sense is one of the most important ways to avoid dangerous situations while traveling.

"The warnings are helpful because they locate risky locations and hazardous situations," he said. "It reinforces some basic street smarts you need while traveling."

University of Idaho student Brooke Rey said she takes the State Department's warnings seriously.

Rey, a group of her friends and her family almost considered not traveling to Mexico for Spring Break after the advisory was released.

"I just kept up on the news," Rey said. "There's a lot of information out there, and we talked about precautions to take ... We talked to all of my friends going, and we all agreed to just be smart about it and make good choices."

The advisory details examples of harsh penalties for violations that would be considered small matters in the U.S. It states alcohol is one common factor that gets students into trouble.

"Alcohol is involved in the vast majority of arrests, accidents, violent crimes, rapes and deaths suffered

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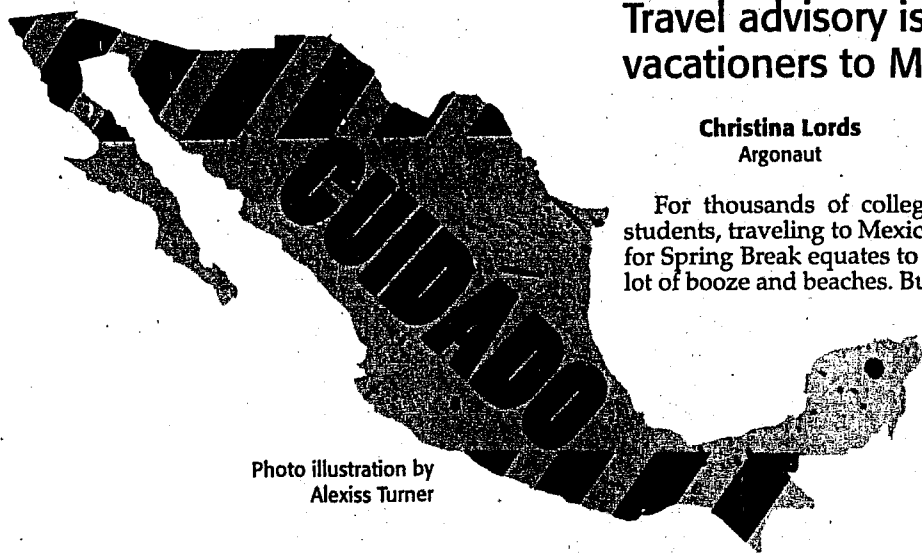
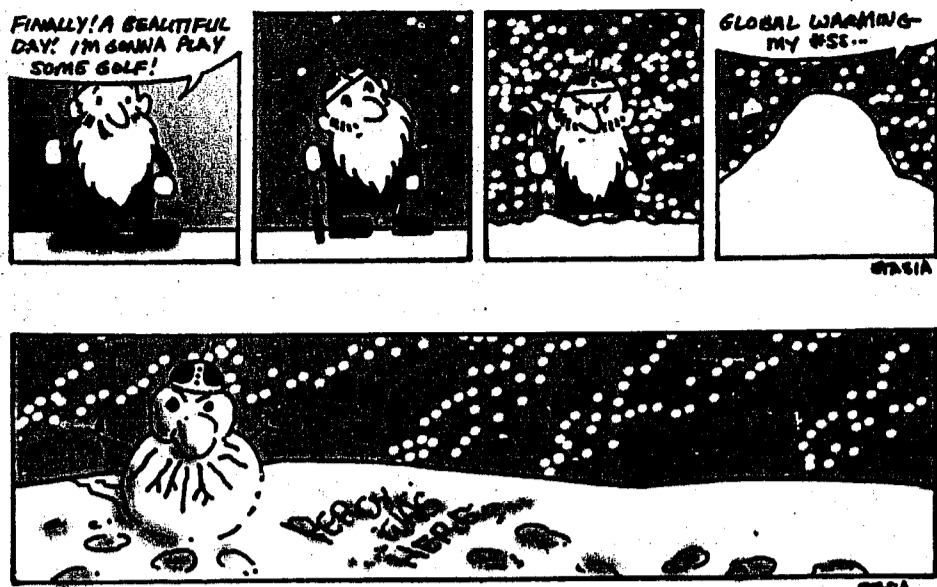


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Alexiss Turner

**Percy the Barbarian**

Stasia Burrington/Argonaut



**THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL**

Will the travel advisory affect your plans for Spring Break?

How much do you hate the recent winter weather?

To vote, visit [www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com)  
Results will be published in next Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut.

**Discover Life**  
at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

Petitions for ASUI President & VP And Senate positions are available in the ASUI Office (Commons 302)

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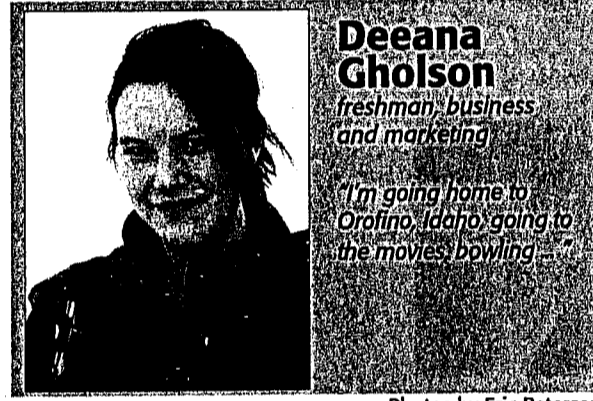
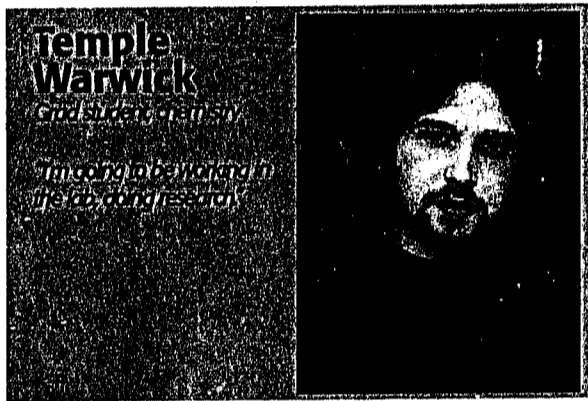
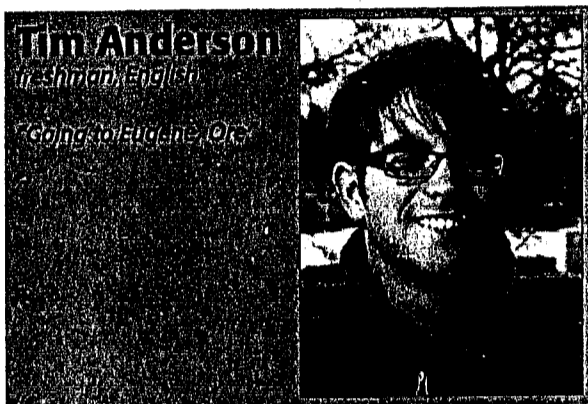
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Saturday: 9am-8pm (will stay open later for programming)  
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**Speak out:**

What are your plans for Spring Break?



Photos by Eric Petersen

**WEB POLL RESULTS**

How far will women's basketball go in the WAC tournament?  
Make it to semis - 11  
Out in the first round - 4  
They'll win - 4

What do you do with your trash?  
Recycle it - 10  
Trash it - 9  
Store under bed - 1  
Compost it - 0

Visit our Web site to vote in the next two online polls.  
Results will be published every Tuesday.  
[www.uiargonaut.com](http://www.uiargonaut.com)

**Crossword**

Across

- Stag
- Paradise
- Blue-pencil
- Water holder
- Energy
- Ocean motion
- Restaurant posting
- Building block
- Riding the waves
- Having a cover, possibly
- Deli side
- Lunch meat
- Kind of school
- Be theatrical
- City near Düsseldorf
- "... show time!"
- Wander
- Agreement
- Before bum or bunny
- Animal Farm author
- Gang comedies
- Lacking completeness, as a report
- Fabrication
- Monger
- Escort's offering
- NY club
- Foil's relative
- Actress Balin
- West Pointer
- Marina sights
- Den denizen
- Long, long
- Conceal
- Pointer
- Play disaster
- Invitee
- News bit
- Razorbills

Down

- Skirt feature
- Blown away
- Nevada city
- Horn
- Dodge
- Who... that?
- Freudian topics
- Male aristocrats
- Gr. letter
- Rumpled
- Inspiration
- Squad
- Bore out
- Sea bird
- Fret
- Game fish
- Pull
- Heroic poem
- Gravy, e.g.
- Certain albums
- Colossus
- Blue bloods
- Heavens
- Electrical unit
- For fear that
- Fulton's power
- Shellfish
- The Matrix hero
- Esposued
- Supplied
- Auto
- Labels
- Consumed
- At a distance
- Bond
- Bingo relative
- von Bismarck
- crookedly
- Cal. hours
- Compass pt.
- Former Chinese leader

**Sudoku**

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**Corrections**

In Friday's edition of The Argonaut, in the story "More programs on the way out," ASUI Sen. Zack Arama was quoted as saying the faculty council's vote to drop the communication major was disgusting. This claim was made by ASUI Sen. Joe Black.

In the story "Physics Program not going anywhere," it said the department was hosting a science ball. It is hosting a science bowl which was held on March 7, not March 14. Also, Scott Wood said the research end of the physics department is going to focus more on the fields of nanoscience and energy-related physics as opposed to broad reserch on a number of topics.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail. Contact information can be found on page 6.

**Solutions**

Grid solutions for the crossword puzzle, showing the words filled in across and down.

# Pitman holds open forum on fee hike

Erin Harty  
Argonaut

Vice Provost of Student Affairs Bruce Pitman held an open forum Thursday in the Student Union Building's Silver Room to discuss the 2009-10 fee proposal that was presented last month.

The student fee committee reviewed fee increase requests in early February and then met with Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen to present their recommendations.

"Part of the proposal that is being considered is to create an 8.46 percent increase in fees," Pitman said. "This increase would create an overall per semester undergraduate registration fee of \$2,512."

This translates into an additional \$196 a semester in proposed fees.

Other students, including law and graduate students, will also see an increase in fees. The most significant increase would occur in the bioregional planning program, where students would pay a new fee of \$500. Law student fees will increase 9.7 percent for a total of \$275 in new fees.

Trina Mahoney, the manager of strategic budget operations in the University of Idaho budget office, gave a slideshow presentation with a breakdown of all the fees and what they are used for. The largest of the increases proposed are in matriculation fees at 10.9 percent, or \$154.22.

Mahoney said matriculation fees cover areas such as custodial, grounds maintenance and utilities. Matriculation fees cannot be used for the cost of instruction, such as instructor salaries.

After Mahoney's presentation, Jason Brown, a member of the student fee committee was introduced. Brown, a law student, filled in for ASUI President Garrett Holbrook.

He said the committee worked hard to present fee increases that would benefit UI students.

"Every time we looked

at an increase in fee, Garrett and the rest of us said, 'Is that going to benefit students, or is that something we really don't need to do?'" Brown said.

Both Pitman and Mark Hoversten, dean of the College of Art and Architecture, praised the student committee for its hard work and the time spent to move the process forward.

Pitman opened the floor to the audience to make any concerns or support for the fee increase known. Only one person took the opportunity to comment and that was Bob Neuenschwander, assistant director of the study abroad program.

Neuenschwander spoke in favor of the dedicated activity fees and said the study abroad program is important to the university and he has seen the positive impact it has on students.

Neuenschwander was one of 17 people to attend the forum where several departments on campus were represented, including Student Support Services and the Swim Center.

The next step in the fee increase process is to submit the proposal to the State Board of Education, where Pitman said the members would use UI's undergraduate fee increase as a benchmark to compare against other universities.

"The SBOE and members of the SBOE will make the final decision on what the student fee will ultimately be," Pitman said.

While Thursday's forum was the last of the public meetings held on campus about the fee proposal, Pitman said there is still time for input before the SBOE takes action.

"The process is not over," Pitman said. "We invite others to give written comment or contact me at my e-mail address, and those comments will be made part of the official record."

UI's fee proposal will be decided at the SBOE board meeting on April 6 in Boise.

Anyone wishing to leave input on the student fee proposal can e-mail Pitman at bpitman@uidaho.edu.



Moscow School of Massage student Damara Jones practices her craft on a fellow student on March 3.

Jake Boling/Argonaut

# Rubbing it in

## Massage school teaches alternative health practices

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

Randall Moser worked as a firefighter for 34 years before being laid off.

"I'm too young to be settled down," he said.

When he started looking for a new career, he decided he wanted to pursue something health-related — nursing or massage. He chose massage, and started at the Moscow School of Massage, a vocational institution on Main Street.

"I kind of surprised myself with how good of a grade I'm getting so far," he said. "Hopefully I'll improve with time."

The Moscow School of Massage has graduated 279 students over the past 15 years. During the nine-month period of enrollment, students learn massage theory, health science, clinical practice and professional enhancement.

"In less than a year, you can have a career," said Lisa O'Leary, co-founder of the school.

O'Leary said many students come to the school because they are dissatisfied with traditional learning.

"A very common theme is visual and kinesthetic learning," she said. "They want to do something hands-on."

Class meets from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school has holidays similar to the schedule of the University of Idaho and offers loans through Sallie Mae.

O'Leary said every student receives personal attention at the school, and she has monthly meetings with the students.

"Our doors are always open," she said.

Jim Roberts works with O'Leary on the school's administrative side. His wife, Jan Roberts, co-founded the institution with O'Leary.

"We were teaching all of the classes and administrating," Roberts said.

The American Massage Therapy Association Council of Schools named Roberts "Teacher of the Year" in 2004.

Since the school's inception,

O'Leary and Roberts have brought in other instructors to help teach.

"For the size of our school, we have better-than-average instructors," Roberts said.

Rebecca Goodrich is a Washington State University English professor who said she is interested in alternative medicine. She enrolled at the Moscow School of Massage in September 2008.

"It's so accessible," she said. "I'm learning lots of different clinical techniques."

Goodrich said she chose massage over other types of alternative medicine because of the proximity of the school. She also said some subjects have been more challenging than others.

"Anatomy has been fascinating and rigorous," she said.

The Moscow School of Massage is currently for sale. O'Leary said it would be a great way for a potential buyer to be involved in education.

"It's fun to have an education system you can change without layers of bureaucracy," she said.

### Local/BRIEFS

#### Award offered for women

The University of Idaho Women's Center is now accepting applications for the 2009 Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Award.

The award is named after a former UI professor, Virginia "Ginny" Wolf, a professor of physical education from 1964 to 1982. Each year, the award is given annually to someone whose work in gender activism has brought about change.

One student, one faculty or staff member and one community member are given the award.

Nominations are due March 21 and forms are available at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7jFJRc81fyce4tthjP2TQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7jFJRc81fyce4tthjP2TQ_3d_3d).

For more information, call 885-6616 or e-mail [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu).

#### GPSA award nominations due

The Graduate and Professional Student Association is looking for nomina-

tions for the 2009 Excellence in Teaching and Achievement Awards.

Undergraduates, faculty and staff are eligible to fill out the nominations, which are due by 5 p.m. on March 27.

The awards are given out each year to graduate students who have done exceptional jobs as teaching assistants, research assistants and other various positions.

For more information, visit <http://www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/gpsa/news.htm> or e-mail Jon Meier at [jmeier@vandals.uidaho.edu](mailto:jmeier@vandals.uidaho.edu).

#### Bus scheduled for Spring Break

Due to high demand, a second bus has been commissioned to drive to southern Idaho over Spring Break.

Tickets are available at the Dean of Students Office in the Idaho Commons, and there are still many seats left.

For more information, call the Dean of Students Office at 885-6757.

#### Help out for Vandal Friday

Faculty and Staff volunteers are needed for Van-

dal Friday, which falls on March 27.

The volunteers are needed to work the check-in areas, handle luggage, work in the activities fair and a variety of other tasks.

Any volunteer who

logs more than two hours will be given a ticket for a free lunch.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Scott Smith, the volunteer and tour coordinator, at [scotts@vandals.uidaho.edu](mailto:scotts@vandals.uidaho.edu).

## RE/MAX Connections

Come join us for: Home Buyer's Seminar

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

At Egan Youth Center, Moscow

This event is open to the public

Speakers that will be attending:

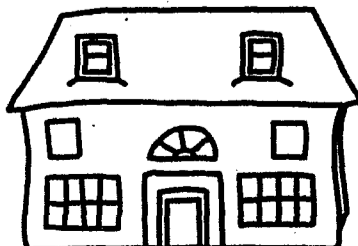
Mark Watson, Hayden Ross will be speaking about the new \$8000 first-time buyer's tax credit for 2009.

Sara Varner, USDA Rural Development, will be speaking about the loan options she has available.

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# Washington Post reporter visits Moscow

Kelsey Husky  
Argonaut

A nationally-recognized Washington Post environmental reporter spoke in Moscow Monday.

Juliet Eilperin's headlining presentation was held at the 1912 Center. She spoke about the environmental policies of President Barack Obama, specifically whether or not she believes he will be able to follow through with environmental promises made during his campaign.

"This is a rare opportunity for an inside-the-Beltway perspective from one of the country's top environmental reporters," said Kenton Bird, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media. "Juliet Eilperin will help us better understand how well President Obama will be able to implement his agenda for the environment, including climate change, public lands and the Endangered Species Act."

She graduated from Princeton University in 1992 after working on her undergraduate thesis in Mexico City. After college, she lived in Seoul, South Korea for a year on a fellowship. She began reporting for the Washington Post in 1994 as its House of Representatives reporter and has been the Post's national environmental reporter since 2004.

Usually Eilperin writes about climate change, oceans and air quality.

"I do CD reviews sometimes, and I write for the food and trav-

el sections," she said. "There are not many professions with that level of flexibility."

She ventured to the Arctic with Salma Hayek and Jake Gyllenhaal to investigate climate change, and traveled with Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin during the 2008 presidential race.

Eilperin said her background in politics helped her with her environmental reporting, especially while on the campaign trail.

She published her first book, "Fight Club Politics: How Partisanship is Poisoning the House of Representatives."

"Congress isn't a representation of the people ... because of how we draw congressional lines," she said.

The book also tackles negative advertising and how congressmen do not know one another well enough as people.

She is working on her second book to be published next year. It covers why humans have been so fascinated with sharks for so many years and details how different cultures view them.

"I don't think I would've thought of (writing books) if I wasn't at the Post where people do it," she said.

On March 4, Eilperin broke the story that Obama is reversing Bush's measure on species protection.

"I cover science, politics and policy, and I look for the intersection between the three," she said.

There has been controversy at the Washington Post since

mid-February because of an editorial column downplaying the importance of climate change awareness.

George Will wrote "Dark Green Doomsayers," which questioned evidence of global warming. It used facts from the University of Illinois Arctic Climate Research Center. In it, he claimed climate change wasn't as big of a problem as people make it out to be.

According to Eilperin, the facts cited in the column were out of date — he wrote nearly the same column in the 1990s. The Washington Post editorial board has defended him, stating they fact-checked the story and the information was correct at the time of its review.

"Ombudsman did independent analysis and concluded there was a problem with the column," she said.

Later, he wrote another column mocking a New York Times story about his initial column. Eilperin said she does not agree with the column.

"I'm a big believer in freedom of speech," Eilperin said, "but we have an obligation to ... publish accurate information."

Eilperin's visit was sponsored by JAMM with support from the Idaho Humanities Council. She gave three presentations. The first was held in the Idaho Commons for the Association of Communications Excellence, a group of environmental, climate and agriculture journalists. Later, she spoke to a group of JAMM students about the journalism industry.



Jake Boling/Argonaut

Washington Post reporter Juliet Eilperin speaks to an audience at the 1912 Center about President Barack Obama's environmental policies.

## Local businessman named honorary alumnus for contribution



Courtesy Photo

Local businessman Jim Anderson was made a honorary alumnus of the University of Idaho Thursday.

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

When Jim Anderson came to Moscow without a college degree in 1968, he wanted to start a business for himself.

But after realizing the importance of the university and Vandal Athletics to the community, Anderson began a journey bigger than helping his business, which he said was

rewarding.

"Without the university and the athletics, there wouldn't be much of a community," Anderson said.

At the Idaho-Louisiana Tech men's basketball game Thursday, Anderson was recognized as a UI honorary alumnus in front of hundreds of fans.

Anderson, now retired, was the general manager of Tri-State Distributors for nine years before he was

given the opportunity to buy the Ambassador Auto dealership. He was the co-owner for 20 years. But aside from his business accomplishments, Anderson has been active with the Vandal Scholarship Fund for more than 40 years.

In 1979 and 1980, he served as chairman of the Latah County Fund Drive, and introduced new methods in fundraising that resulted in record-breaking fund drives, naming him National Vandal Booster of the Year.

He was a member of the Vandal Boosters National Board of Directors and served as president of the board in 1984. In the early 2000s, Anderson helped revive the Latah County chapter of the Vandal Scholarship Fund.

"Jim gives selflessly of his time," said Rob Spear, director of athletics. "Everything he takes on, he takes to a higher level."

Among these many accomplishments, Anderson said the greatest has been his long marriage.

"My greatest accomplishment is being married for 60 years with a family and being a successful businessman," Anderson said. "But this type of thing is the pinnacle of my career."

Anderson, with the help of a friend, had created what is known as the "I Vandal" signs. Seen on local businesses and especially on U.S. Highway 95. "I'm really indebted to the association," Anderson said. "It's something I'll never forget."

After the recognition, Anderson said he is not finished serving the community or the university. In his spare time, he continues to help out at Ambassador Auto.

"As long as I'm able to get up in the morning," Anderson said, "I'll continue serving."

The honorary alumnus award recognizes outstanding leadership and service and is bestowed by the UI Alumni Association from the National Board of Directors. The reward is given to a limited num-

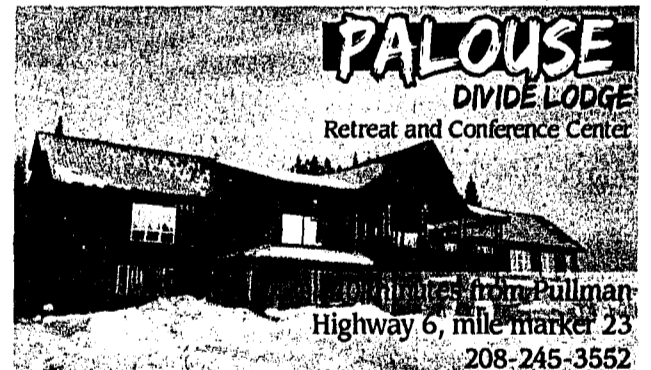
ber of people, according to Hugh Cooke, associate director of Alumni Relations.

In the past five years, only a dozen or less people have received the recognition.

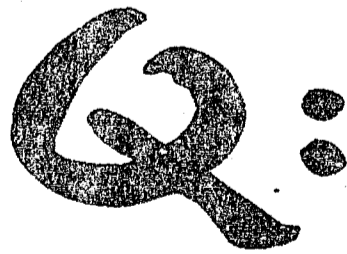
"Jim Anderson may not have graduated from the University of Idaho, but he has spent a lifetime of advocating, supporting and promoting the University of Idaho," said Steve Johnson, executive director of Alumni Relations. "And because of his dedication, the Alumni Association is honored to make Jim Anderson an honorary alumnus."

"As long as I'm able to get up in the morning, I'll continue serving."

Jim  
ANDERSON  
Honorary alumnus



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General Information

- Date:** Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Location:** University of Idaho Swim Center (Memorial Gym), Moscow, Idaho
- Time:** 7-9pm
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# HOLD ON TIGHT



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A climber edges his way up the rock wall at the Student Recreation Center Saturday. The SRC hosted a climbing competition Friday and Saturday.

## PoliceLOG

### Monday

9:49 a.m. Blake Avenue: Caller reported someone tore off several small doors that provide access to the building's wiring.  
1:16 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller reporting a hit and run. She is unsure when her car was struck or where it was when it happened.  
11:17 p.m. Farm Road: Officer discovered an unsecure building and remained on scene until someone came to lock it.

### Tuesday

1:51 p.m. Stadium Drive: Caller said someone stole the tabs from his wife's car. The theft occurred in the Kibbie Dome parking lot.  
9:41 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller requested a vehicle lock-out.

### Wednesday

3:26 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller said a rock broke the driver's side window on his car — he isn't sure who did it.  
4:36 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity and checked the area.  
8:06 p.m. West Sixth Street: Someone broke into a dorm room and left behind a note.  
9:12 p.m. Elm Street: Officers warned a sorority since the members were screaming loudly.  
9:22 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller

reported that someone was throwing balls of ice at passing vehicles.

### Thursday

1:31 a.m. West Third Street: An intoxicated person refused to shut the door of a taxi they called.  
5:48 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Officers responded to a report of drug activity and determined it to be unsubstantiated.  
10:51 p.m. Blake Avenue: EMS responded to a possible emergency, but the patient refused transport.

### Friday

1:48 a.m. Blake Avenue: Caller said a dark-colored Toyota pick-up truck struck a few parked vehicles and then drove away.  
9:07 a.m. South Line Street: Caller wanted to report a two-vehicle car accident they had been in earlier.  
9:24 a.m. West Sixth Street: Police, fire and EMS responded to a vehicle-pedestrian collision. The victim was transported to Gritman Medical Center.  
9:39 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said someone slid into her daughter's truck and severely damaged the driver's side door.  
10:00 a.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said someone stole the canopy from her pickup truck.  
10:09 a.m. Rayburn Street: Caller said someone broke into a faculty member's office.  
3:01 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller requested the presence of officers because he was afraid his ex would

attack him when they exchanged possessions.

6:15 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller said someone struck her vehicle with their car.  
8:59 p.m. Stadium Drive: Caller said two people were running from the Kibbie Dome, and they appeared to be holding weapons. Officers determined they were ROTC.  
10:45 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officer requested a case number for an alcohol offense.

### Saturday

1:15 a.m. Blake Avenue: Officers pulled over someone driving with a suspended or revoked license.  
1:17 a.m. Blake Avenue: Officers responded to a reported hit-and-run, but could not find the vehicle that drove off.

### Sunday

1:07 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officer checked out a controlled substance issue.  
3:22 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller heard loud noises, went behind the house and saw two males dressed in black running away.  
5:36 a.m. University Avenue: Officers warned one female for noise.  
3:33 p.m. West Third Street: Officers responded to a report of malicious mischief.  
7:11 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a report of a baby cow wandering near the Sixth Street extension.

## HOOKAH

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The name Umoya originates from the Zimbabwian language Ndebele, which is Dzowa's native tongue. Umoya means air and spirit.

Umoya offers approximately 20 flavors that include a balanced mix of fruit and desserts. Ten of the flavors are herbal and contain no tobacco, tar or nicotine.

Umoya uses high-quality tobacco, so patrons can see the pieces of fruit mixed with tobacco leaves. At most hookah lounges, the high-quality tobacco is

not typical, Nicole Dzowa said.

Nicole Dzowa said she chose the colors and furniture inspired by Moscow. She said it's important to feel comfortable in the atmosphere.

The atmosphere of Umoya is literally grounded as most of the seating consists of cushions, pillows and large beanbags. Dark brown and orange walls enclose the room with dim lights illuminating the faces of each individual.

"Smoking hookah is a very human-to-human encounter," Dzowa said.

On the evening of March 6, Loren Benjamin, a University of Idaho junior, tried hookah for the

first time. He said it's an experience he intends to have again.

The 22-year-old leaned back in the bamboo rocking chair with his feet resting on a glass table held up by logs. His head bobbed to the rap music in the background.

"I love it," Benjamin said.

He brought the decorative hose to his mouth and inhaled for five seconds with his eyes closed, the hookah bubbling on the table in front of him.

He exhaled.

A dark gray cloud of smoke covered his face and then disappeared, leaving the scent of chocolate in the air.

## GO

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by American students on Spring Break," the advisory states.

The advisory highlights specific locations where American students have died trying to swim in rough waters and where other dangerous swimming situations can be common.

Pitman said students have had to contact the Student Affairs Office to make arrangements after they were injured or arrested following a Spring Break trip.

"I think that in the university and college culture, the magic phrase 'road trip' can seem like a rite of passage," he said. "If they haven't had one Spring Break trip to a fun in the sun location, they think they haven't earned the title 'college student' yet."

Rey agreed.

"I think a lot of students get caught up in what they think Spring Break needs to be," she said. "They want to get out and be crazy, to be free and get away from

school and parents ... but it's also a time to show your responsibility. You have to make smart choices."

The U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also released an advisory urging college students to avoid parts of northern Mexico during Spring Break. The bureau discourages student travel to the areas of Tijuana and Rosarito Beach because of drug-related violence.

Pitman said maintaining a communication plan with someone back home can help alleviate some of the problematic situations while traveling. He also suggested students drink responsibly, especially with people they don't know, and keep their passports and credit cards with them at all times.

"I think sometimes students go into places they truly don't understand," he said. "Everyone there thinks they're just going for a good time, but they don't understand some people are there with other agendas and other motives."

Rey said she has never gone out of the country for Spring Break, but said stu-

dents traveling anywhere should read up on their destination's news. She suggested registering with an international travel registry and telling someone from home about travel plans.

The State Department offers a free registration service to all American citizens that allows people to record information about the traveler's upcoming trip abroad. The department can inform U.S. travelers about the location of the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

It also informs students about Mexican policies relating to weapons. The advisory states even carrying a small pocketknife can result in a weapon's charge. Students driving vehicles across the border should make sure they don't carry in firearms or ammunition of any kind.

"An innocent trip for fun can have horrible consequences if you don't use common sense," Pitman said.

For more information, go to the State Department's advisory at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/spring\\_break\\_mexico/spring\\_break\\_mexico\\_2812.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/spring_break_mexico/spring_break_mexico_2812.html).

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## FINAL

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chosen as the new UI president.

"I want to build on the process already in place," Nellis said.

Nellis said he thinks UI is headed in the right direction with its program prioritization to make the university more efficient.

"Instead of starting over, I would build on the momentum that has already been established," he said.

White said Nellis has also been very successful in bringing in money through alumni gifts, at WVU and at KSU.

"It is important for me to reach out to the alumni base, to corporations and other supporters in different ways during this very difficult time financially," Nellis said. "Communicating to them they will be asked to step up in new ways to help take the UI to a new level success."

### David Dooley

David Dooley, provost at Montana State University, said he believes UI can overcome the obstacles ahead to become an even stronger university.

"(UI) has a really terrific future," Dooley said. "Every university is facing similar challenges right now. It has a better chance than many to come out of it even better and stronger."

Dooley graduated with a Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology and taught at Amherst College in Massachusetts as well as University of Massachusetts before spending six years as the head of the chemistry and biochemistry department at MSU.

He has worked as interim provost and provost at MSU for the past 10 years.

David Singel, professor and interim head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at MSU, said Dooley is seeking the presidency at UI not because it would be another rung on the professional ladder, but because he sees an opportunity to make a difference.

"He has been at MSU for a long time and I suspect he is not trying to punch a card at Idaho," Singel said. "He is interested in this position because he sees challenges and opportunities that he wants to tackle."

Dooley said he grew up in a small agricultural town in central California and would like to stay in the West.

"I know universities like UI very well and the challenges they face," Dooley said. "The economy is similar to Montana and because of the experiences I have had at a comparable university, it is a good fit."

Because Dooley has also been a teacher, Singel said Dooley believes in involving students as much as possible.

"When there are decisions that impact students there is always a requirement by Dave that students participate and input," Singel said.

Dooley has lectured on his research at conferences all over the world and said he is proud of the work and research he has done to contribute to MSU.

"MSU is now a university that really wants to live out the promise of having undergrads benefit from all the great work the faculty does as far as research and scholarly work," Dooley said.

Dooley said he believes in difficult times it is important to remember what a university's priorities are.

"One of the things about times like these is it reminds everybody of the core mission of an institution like UI, the education of graduate and undergraduate students," Dooley said. "The highest priority is to protect the education of our students."

Mark Browning, spokesperson for the State Board of Education said final interviews took place Feb. 25 but as of Thursday, neither candidate had been offered the position.



David Dooley

**OurVIEW**

## Stay realistic

Students should use caution during the break

Many University of Idaho students will embark on what has become almost a college rite of passage next week — a road trip, often to Mexico. However, legendary, worry-free adventures sometimes end in tragedy, even death.

American students have died attempting to swim across rough waters, and alcohol is often the cause of crises ranging from arrests to rape and accidents, something that was accentuated in a recent advisory to American tourists.

The U.S. State Department and the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives issued travel advisories to discourage tourism to parts of northern Mexico, like Tijuana and Rosarita Beach, due to drug-related violence.

To those students who plan to venture a road trip, use common sense. If something doesn't feel comfortable or safe, don't feel pressured to proceed. Drink responsibly, and travel with trustworthy people who will be reliable if the situation becomes dangerous. Be cautious with belongings,

especially passports and credit cards. Make sure to call someone from home to give updates on whereabouts in case something does go wrong.

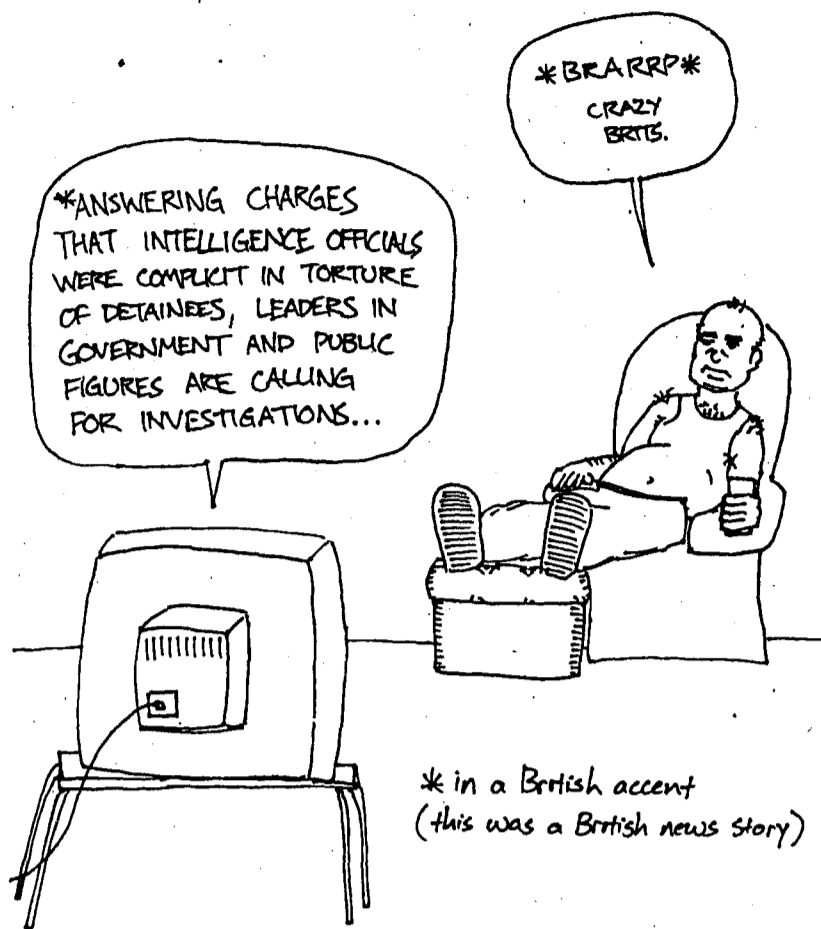
These are things most students have heard for years and potentially gotten to the point of tuning out, but catastrophes still happen despite the many warnings. Please maintain a level of responsible thinking.

Be realistic about how to accomplish the classic, memory-filled college road trip. Consider a trip to somewhere warm in the U.S. as an alternative that could double as a way to support our economy. Learn about the location — the laws, the culture, what to be wary of — before leaving.

Spring Break is a time for students to relax and get rejuvenated. As Bruce Pitman, the vice provost of student affairs, said, "An innocent trip can have horrible consequences if you don't use common sense."

Hopefully, in one form or another, students can still accomplish that goal while maintaining a healthy level of caution.

— SB



Matt Adams-Wenger/Argonaut

## Is fair trade really fair?

Much recent activity on campus has focused on raising awareness of the deleterious effects of free trade in developing countries. Proponents of this approach stress the benefits of "fair trade" as an alternative to the supposedly liberal market ideology stressed by rich countries and their cronies in major aid organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The argument is free trade leaves poor farmers vulnerable to takeover by large multinational conglomerates that force them into wage slavery and dismantle traditional methods of production. This in turn erodes the fabric of indigenous societies and often leads to gross environmental degradation, as

ancient methods of land use are sacrificed to methods that turn a quick profit demanded by capitalism.

But how much is actual free trade to blame in this? Much of the reason why traditional producers cannot compete in international markets is the enormous subsidies that large-scale western agricultural producers receive from their governments: this makes what would be cheaper developing country products much more expensive than they would otherwise be were they able to compete fairly with products our countries produce.

But that unfair advantage our industrial agriculturalists receive in the form of subsidies is one that goes against the tenets of free trade: it is blatant protection-

ism, which any real free-trader will tell you is inherently anti-market.

Indeed, the nefarious effects of this anti-market protectionism have wreaked havoc on our own agriculture, with similar effects to what has happened to many farmers in poor countries.

Large-scale industrial farming is able to expand, eating away at smaller family operations in the process. Evidence of this in the past few decades in America and the European Union can be found by looking at numbers from the USDA and the French Ministry of Agriculture. The number of farms has declined precipitously, while the number of acres under cultivation has declined little.

Moreover, the turn toward large-scale industrial farming also creates an incentive for farmers to reduce the diversity of crops, compelling

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### MailBOX

#### Recycling can be expensive

Editor's note: This letter is in response to Greg Connolly's article, "Study shows profit from more recycling," from the March 3 Argonaut.

Greg Connolly's article on the potential for profit from recycling overlooks some issues and, more importantly, some significant costs.

I'll assume it's true 68 percent of the waste produced at the University of Idaho could be recycled. However, the costs associated with separating, collecting, sorting, decontaminating, containeriz-

ing and hauling this material may far exceed the financial benefits of recycling.

One of the factors is geographic. The collection points for this material are spread over 1,585 acres, and to develop an economical means to collect this material in sufficient volumes to justify the expense may not be possible.

University Housing is currently evaluating single-stream recycling for the residence halls. The data suggest the cost per ton of single-stream recycling is three-to-four times greater than the cost of simply putting the material in a landfill. Part of the reason is the costs and rates imposed by the city of Moscow and Latah Sanitation. A greater reason is the

relatively low volume of recyclable materials within the residence halls and the fact we're trying to provide the service in six collection points. Few of the collection points generate a volume of material sufficient to cover the hauling and processing fees. We simply cannot generate any economies of scale.

To create an effective recycling program, you also have to look at the market conditions for the end product. With the current downturn in the economy, the market value for many recyclable materials has dropped to below zero. That means Recycling Facilities are charging haulers to bring

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### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Hypothetically

In a hypothetical situation, if a person (not necessarily me) walked down the hill to the Idaho Commons (or anywhere) and slipped all the way down on the icy snow while holding a hot cup of coffee and being pointed and laughed at (hypothetically), isn't campus too unsafe to be open? Classes should be cancelled in case of hypothetical situations being true. Who knows what could happen.

— Sydney

#### Wish list

So, last Friday, I wrote my Off the Cuff on my troubles with pool and how I needed a teacher and/or pool table. A day later, my wish was granted in the form of a Facebook message offering help. Just in case anyone else is feeling generous, I would also like my kitchen cleaned, new windshield wipers and a puppy. So ... let's make it work, people.

— Alessix

#### Docs gone wild

Moscow Mardi Gras happened Saturday. Not wanting to pay \$20 to smash my way through a crowd of shouting bros to watch drunk girls embarrass their fathers on camera, I skipped The Beach and went to some bar shows. I did not see any Mardi Gras nudity, but I did see a few of my professors dancing. I can't imagine the discomfort level was much different.

— Kevin

#### Freakin' out, man

I'm creating signs for graduating seniors that say, "Yes, I am graduating in May. No, I don't know what I'm doing after that. Yes, I am having a daily panic attack, and you're only adding to it, Buttface." Signs come in different colors, styles and sizes. Less politically correct variations of "Buttface" are also available.

— Christina

#### Something isn't right

I've been struggling with the "crud" lately and decided it was time to go to the doctor. I was quickly diagnosed, which was nice, and I got some drugs,

also nice. I only started to worry when I noticed the ambulance-setting office plants were dead. I am pretty sure those only need water and light to survive. This man is doling out drugs to the masses? If I go missing, and there is a weird smell coming from my apartment, you all know what happened.

— Levi

#### I'm so sad for you

In the personals of the University of Washington's student newspaper, some dude has taken out an ad that actually says he, "... loves pina colodas and getting caught in the rain ... for real." Why would anyone claim that in a personal ad? It's like wearing a sweater (not even a T-shirt) that says, "I'm afraid I'll die alone." Dude, get out of the rain, remove that ad and at least put in the effort to try picking a chick up at a bar. It ain't glamorous, but it doesn't sound like you should be picky.

— Lianna

#### Lonely

Um, so, is anyone else staying in Moscow for Spring Break, either by necessity (like me) or choice (yeah, right)? I keep hearing my peers getting excited about their trips to far-away places, but I don't hear how they plan to pay for them.

— Holly

#### Paranoid much?

I just read this news article about how Army reserve soldiers in Hayden, Idaho, decided to do a training exercise by walking down the streets in full gear instead of their usual exercise due to the snow. Somebody snapped a photo, and now the Internet is abuzz with paranoid crackpots claiming the new administration is trying to acclimate us to soldiers in the streets and preparing for the "communist takeover." Get these people some meds.

— Jake

#### Proofing

If there are standard proofing marks, why do my teachers just circle stuff on my papers and expect me to know what that means? Why can't teachers take an extra five seconds and do a meaningful markup. Thats five seconds to save them from having to proof my revision.

— Jens

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BEYOND THE SHEETS

# Whips and chains

It is not unusual for people to have preconceived notions about various sexual aspects. One notion, needing to be discredited and eliminated involves the world of bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism. Far too often, someone thinks this type of sexual contact only happens in dark dungeons or clubs with individuals clad from head to toe in leather, hitting another person who is somehow restrained.



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While this does occur from time to time, this is not the only manifestation. The most important thing to know about BDSM is the credo. Individuals participating in this type of activity (often called players) enter into every scene knowing everything will be safe, sane and consensual.

Let us break down this credo to eliminate any confusion.

"Safe" clearly refers to the safety aspect. This includes appropriate barrier use and safety in all practices occurring. This means if restraints are going to be used, they are the kind that will not cut into skin or cause damage. Another important component of safety involves what is called a safe word. This is a word established and agreed upon by all individuals participating and means "stop" immediately.

Quite often safe words relate to traffic signal colors. Green means go ahead, yellow means slow down and red means stop. You can decide on any safe word you wish, but keep in mind the general rule of keeping your word monosyllabic. In an emergency, having to scream "egg-plant" may put someone in increased jeopardy.

"Sane" applies to what activities are to take place. Holding someone underwater to see how long his or her breath can be held is not sane. Allowing you to be hit with a flogger (within the bodily areas agreed upon) is completely sane. This all comes down to common sense. If the activity is going to put someone at great risk for injury (physical, mental or emotional), it is not entirely sane. The overall goal is to enjoy the pleasures experienced by all people without causing harm.

"Consensual" is fairly straightforward. No activity should ever begin without all individuals consenting to not only what will happen, but also any limitations.

One of the best ways to address this in a BDSM setting is through a written contract. This is called negotiation and should always occur before any play, or what is called a scene. During negotiation, all parties to be involved discuss what they would like to happen, what should not happen, any limits or boundaries as well as

safe words. This is a necessary step in any scene and should not be overlooked or forgotten.

Since we have established the most important fundamentals regarding BDSM, we can now discuss other aspects. The nice things about this kind of play are the limitless possibilities. Any fantasy or fetish you may have regarding BDSM can be accomplished. As long as the credo is maintained, you can do anything.

This not all about whips and chains, but other instruments as well. Floggers (similar to whips but with additional tails) can actually help provide a deep muscle massage. Clips can be quite exciting, especially during removal.

Now, some people enjoy the idea of playing with hot wax. If this interests you, be careful to pick the appropriate wax. Do not use beeswax, as it can cause third-degree burns. A soy-based wax has a much lower melting point and will not cause burns.

If a beating is to occur with any type of leather instrument, learn how to use it appropriately. If leather wraps around limbs, it can cause some damage to the receiving partner. If the wrapping occurs anywhere near the head, it can cause some major damage to the eyes. Do not start using any BDSM tool (or any instrument for that matter) without knowing the appropriate and safe way to do such.

Have fun, be safe and happy hitting.

Have a question for Chris? Send it to [arg-opinion@uidaho.edu](mailto:arg-opinion@uidaho.edu).

# Enjoy the benefits of daylight saving time

**Daily Barometer**  
Oregon State University

While Daylight Saving Time seems trivial in practice and can have irritating effects, such as the loss of an hour of sleep, it has a purpose and benefits.

There are currently only two U.S. states — Alaska and Hawaii — that don't honor DST. This is strange and confusing for the rest of the country and for people traveling to and from these places. Also, it doesn't seem fair that these states got to choose to not participate in DST.

But we digress. Other than the obvious excitement at the prospect of an extra hour of daylight during the spring and summer, DST has proved to have public safety and health benefits, including a small, but still real, reduction in fatal car accidents during DST.

The reviews have been conflicting, but in 1975, the U.S. Department of Transportation found a 0.7 percent reduction in traffic fatalities during DST and estimated the real reduction at 1.5-2 percent. However, the 1976 NBS review of the DOT study disagreed with the study's information and found no differences in traffic accident deaths.

In 1995, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found a 1.2 percent reduction in traffic fatalities and a 5 percent reduction in crashes where pedestrians were killed.

Similar findings have been

estimated across the globe. In the U.K., they practice Single/Double Summer Time, where clocks are one hour ahead of the sun in the winter and two hours ahead in the summer. This has been estimated to reduce traffic fatalities between 3-4 percent.

Yet there is the argument that for everyone living in the continental United States (except for those independent trendsetters), sleep disruption directly after the clocks change could actually cause more accidents after people have been deprived of sleep by one hour. However, there has been no hard studies or evidence to prove that theory.

For those of us who are negatively affected by the lack of sunlight in the winter or year-round (which results in Seasonal Affective Disorder for many people in the Northwest), the extra hour of sunlight and the opportunity to soak in more vitamin D could be incredibly beneficial. This may even lead to a decrease in depression and suicidal tendencies among extremely stressed out college students a week before midterms ... like, right now.

So, go ahead and enjoy that extra hour of daylight. Take a stroll, go for a late evening run, get out of the library or wherever you've been time freaking out about finals and projects and enjoy the sporadic sun.

# Breaking the rules again

In researching last week's column about Congress' unconstitutional bid to give the District of Columbia a seat in Congress, several other attempts by Congress to usurp the Constitution came to light. The first of these, surprisingly, affects the world of sports.



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A bill proposed by Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii) would declare the Bowl Championship Series illegal and compel the NCAA to establish a playoff system for college football.

In the arena of Division I-A College Football, the top six conferences send their champions to a series of games in January known as the BCS. The series serve two purposes — it selects a national champion and provides for hours of great football resulting in millions of dollars in revenue to the schools involved.

However, since its creation more than a decade ago, the BCS has been criticized for not

allowing other conferences to enter. The five minor conferences, including the Western Athletic Conference in which the Vandals compete, may only enter a maximum of one team each year. This means that in seasons such as in 2008, when more than one team from the minor conferences qualifies to play with the big boys, all but one of the teams will find themselves outside the party.

Numerous playoff schemes have been proposed as replacements for the BCS, but now Congress is getting into the fight. While the BCS needs replacing, how does Congress get a say? It started with it investigating steroid use in Major League Baseball, and now it thinks it needs to run college football. It may be interesting to note that one cosponsor of the bill is Mike Simpson (R-Idaho), whose district includes Boise State University, a school that has been excluded from the BCS in recent years.

While not currently before Con-

gress, another bill that has failed in past sessions will almost certainly come up again. The bill, known as the Freedom of Choice Act, overturns many state laws dealing with abortion. While the abortion debate is heated, and the morality of an act like this can be debated forever, the constitutionality of the law is a bit clearer.

According to the bill, Congress relies on its ability to regulate interstate commerce to pass the law. Apparently since abortion clinics buy medical supplies from other states, and women go over state lines, Congress can regulate all things related to abortion. If this is allowed to become law, what is to stop Congress from regulating the menus at restaurants that buy food from other states or requiring the University of Idaho to offer certain programs because some of the students come from other states?

Obviously, those scenarios seem fairly far out, but Congress messing with football was far out. No matter how you may feel on a topic, it is dangerous to get Congress involved to help you out.

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these materials into their processing plants. You have to consider those charges when establishing your recycling program. University Housing is currently paying between \$300 and \$400 per ton for material that has no market value. Such a situation is clearly not sustainable.

Instead of looking at a potential profit from recycling, better questions would be, how much more am I willing to pay for recycling than the alternative, and how long am I willing to pay that price? Admittedly, recycling is a worthwhile societal goal. However, it must also make financial sense, particularly when we're in difficult economic times.

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University Housing

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them to focus on high-yield cash crops: Just look at the advance of "king corn" in this country, and you will soon notice that many acres once devoted to a plethora of plants have now been converted to this new leviathan.

And the trend toward maximizing the amount of land-cultivating cash crops has destroyed even further the soil integrity of developing countries in Africa and Asia, whose land is ill suited to the non-native species. The desertification of central Africa and the erosion eating up Southeast Asia are alarming evidence of this.

But before pointing the finger at free trade, we should take care to single out exactly what it is driving these unwelcome developments in interna-

tional development. Though aid agencies, western governments and their cohorts in large corporations claim to be spreading the market gospel, their actions prove otherwise. Farmers in developing countries are hurt more by the protectionism of these organizations than by regular market mechanisms as we understand them in rich countries. In fact, the collusion of government and corporations in this context has meant that actual market forces have not been allowed to operate.

I raise this point because although market mechanisms are not always appropriate for dealing with all economic and social issues, they can be useful if established in the correct context. We should allow agriculture in the developing world a fighting chance in a real, unobstructed market economy before we unfairly target free trade as the culprit of their current misery.

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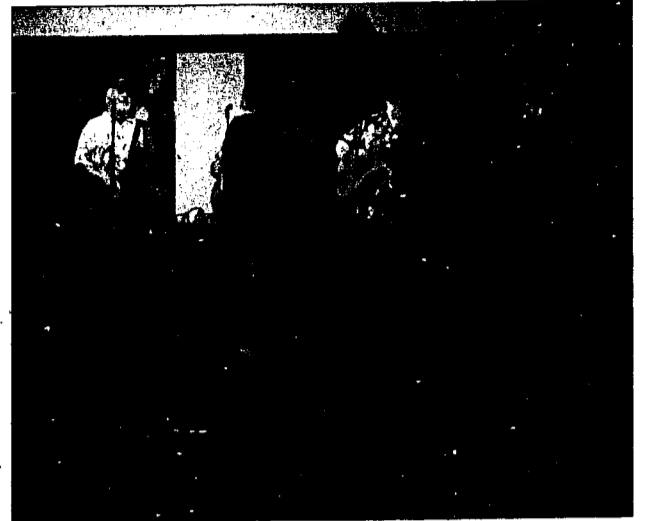
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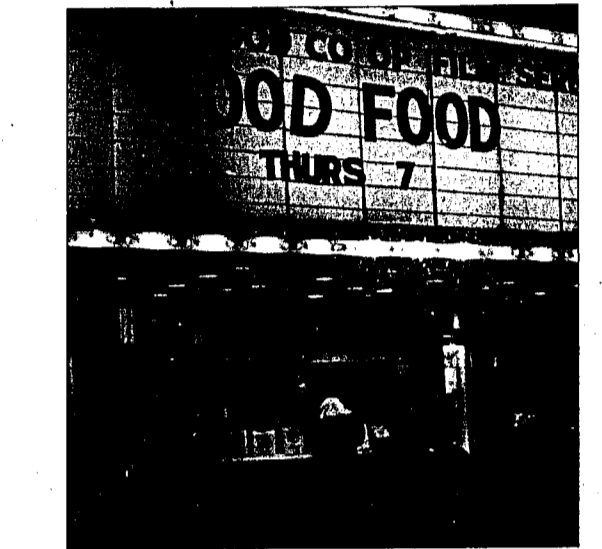
## THIS WEEK IN MOSCOW CULTURE



**Above:** Chinese students perform on stage during the Cruise the World 2009 in the Student Union Ballroom on Saturday. The event is the largest international event on the Palouse and brings together representatives from over 30 countries. Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut



**Top right:** A couple dances as the band Ridge Runner plays during the Moscow Mardi Gras celebration at the 1912 Center. Various locations hosted live music and dancing around Moscow Saturday night. Jake Barber/Argonaut



**Bottom right:** "Good Food," the first movie in a food-film series sponsored by Moscow Food Co-op and played at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. It showed the community on Thursday night the benefits of buying local and organic. Tyler Macy/Argonaut

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON CULTURE

### WSU pays tribute to Semana de la Raza

Anne-Marije Rook  
Argonaut

Washington State University celebrated Semana de La Raza, a weeklong program in celebration of Chicana/o Latina/o culture, art, history and scholarship last week.

The celebrations started off with piñata breaking and a Mariachi band Monday, and workshops, lectures and entertainment followed throughout the week. The week came to a festive end with the 30th Annual Gabriel Cardenas Scholarship and Awards Banquet and a dance.

One highlight was the grand revealing of muralist Joseph "Nuke" Montalvo's new painting in the Chicana/o Latina/o Student Center commemorating this year's Semana de La Raza.

Wednesday, the nationally acclaimed artist touched up his earlier mural called Sexto Sol, which has been in the Chicana/o Latina/o Student Center for 12 years. Large and colorful, the mural depicts the intertwining of the past, present and future and the progress Chicanos/as have made.

"I love the piece," said Rafael Pruneda, the Chi-

cano Alliance co-chair at WSU. "When we arranged for him to do another piece, we wanted to integrate all groups — the Latin Americans, the indigenous, as well as those with European heritage."

The painting shows two hands, one white and one brown, holding onto a chain.

"It shows that we're all linked together," Pruneda said.

There's a book with scripture in a native language to show the Aztec and Mayan roots.

On top of the mural, there's a group of people and a fence.

"No fence is going to separate us," Pruneda said.

There is an indigenous girl in the center of the piece and corn on the right. Pruneda said the corn symbolizes a resource that sustained Latin American cultures for so long.

"It's something we still hold dear," he said.

The left side of the painting shows a collection of faces.

"These are the activists. They are the past, the bleeders," Pruneda said. "They fought to get us where we are today."

The history may be dark,

but the colors used in the mural are vibrant and alive.

"I am very happy with it," Montalvo said. "It was my honor."

Growing up in Los Angeles, acclaimed as one of the mural capitals of the world, Montalvo said murals were the first steps toward learning about his culture.

Over the years, hundreds of walls of local stores, churches and other buildings in L.A. have been transformed into urban artwork. While some depict art done by random taggers, a lot of murals depict Mexican-American history, and quite a few of them have been done or touched up by Montalvo.

Montalvo has been painting for 15 years, eight of which painting murals for the Los Angeles city council.

Known as one of the most talented and respected graffiti and mural artists in Los Angeles, Montalvo has been commissioned to create murals for several public and private organizations, schools and merchants in California, Washington and Mexico.

Montalvo said murals display attitudes and

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Courtesy photo  
The mural in the Washington State University Chicana/o Latina/o Student Center by Joseph Montalvo, called "Sexto Sol," was touched up as part of Semana de La Raza celebrations last week.

### Nation's best slam poets take stage in Pullman

Anne-Marije Rook  
Argonaut

Some of the biggest names in spoken word poetry took the stage in the Junior Ballroom in the Compton Student Union Building of Washington State University.

With crimson tablecloths draping tables and shiny silverware and dinner plates on the vegetarian buffet, it was an unusual setting for a Poetry Slam — a phenomenon more commonly held in coffee shops and bars. But Aleksandra Stefanova and the planning committee behind the "Speak Out! The Women of Color Symposium Poetry Slam" did everything they could to give Andrea Gibson and the women from the Salt Lines tour a warm welcome.

The accommodations even stunned the four-time Denver Grand Slam Champion, who said in her five years of touring she has slept in many "not nice places" from cars and dorm floors, to really dirty poet's houses.

"So today I got to the hotel, and there's a hot tub in the room beside my bed ... I called my parents and I was like, 'I finally made it, Mom,'" Gibson said. "'There's a hot tub beside my bed.'"

Gibson started her career in 2000 when she attended a slam.

"I went because I had no friends," she said. "I made myself do (slam poetry) because I have terrible stage fright, and it makes me nervous. It's good to do things you're afraid of."

Gibson said she doesn't feel like herself if she's not writing.

"I feel like there's a fire inside me when I'm writing and creating," she said.

Gibson said her process of writing is random and her inspiration comes from paying attention.

"It's all poetry if you notice it," Gibson said. "It's kind of like plagiarizing the world."

To overcome her stage fright, Gibson said it helps to just go up there and keep yelling.

Gibson doesn't do slam



File Photo  
Poet and Activist Andrea Gibson performing a poem at Washington State University, during the "Women of Color" symposium. Gibson found international success after taking third at the "Individual World Poetry Slam" in 2006.

often anymore and instead does tours.

"Sometimes I feel like I am whimpering out," she said. "I love the excitement and energy, and I love being in the audience."

Trying to come up with a playlist, Gibson was scribbling on a piece of paper while artists performed at the open mic. She said she doesn't know what she'll read until she's in the room.

"I walk in the room and decide what I'm going to read," she said. "Usually, I just go up there and figure it out."

Her poetry carries strong messages regarding gender norms, politics and the struggles facing gay people today. They can be heavy and sad, so Gibson tries to balance her set with dark and light.

Gibson was a preschool teacher before she started touring full time.

"It's the same thing, you just swear a lot more. In preschool you tell them to be nice to each other," Gibson said. "I have the same goals as far as human rights go — people being kinder to each other."

Friday, Gibson performed an hour-long set including one poem about rape, another about war, a few about love and one about her androgynous looks and the beauty of children not caring about gender. Her strong, clear and rhythmic messages won her the first ever Woman of the World Poetry Slam title.

During the open mic and slam, other artists were able

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# So indie, Wikipedia doesn't know about it

Megan Broyles  
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There is little documentation of Obi Best, a four-piece musical combination out of Los Angeles or its debut album, "Capades."

It's a little mysterious, following the Google trail from site to site gathering information and trying to connect the musicians to other bands when the biographies cite Obi Best as a "side project."

No matter where Alex Lilly, Bram Inscore, John Wood and Barbara Gruska came from, though, they've found a delightfully harmonious place together. "Capades" is simply lovely.

The tracks on this album feel as though they're transporting the listener to a musical type of Narnia, a place far away from the dreadfully aggressive, the eccentrically hyper or debilitating depressive tunes that came side by side with the economic downturn.

In this Narnia, lead singer Lilly's vocals float over electronic pop melodies backed with whimsical instrumental sounds.

Her voice balances between working itself into the sounds behind it and becoming the focal point of the work. It's hard to imagine Lilly as a backup vocalist — as she indeed was for The Bird and the Bee — with the strength and range she showcases brilliantly on "Capades."

"Blooms Like Flowers" is a hypnotic track in the middle of the album that captures listeners in somewhat of a trance. If music was to be seen and not just heard, this combination of spacey sounds and Lilly's pleasant vocals would swirl like Cirque du Soleil ribbon dancers.

"Swedish Boy" has an unreal, ethereal feel. The lyrics speak of a young man "from a made up country" with silly ideas "that you'd make up while you were high." Songwriting is one of Lilly's strong points.

Throughout the album, songs are about nearly every subject from finding a mean note on her car to walking through a garden. Further analysis isn't essential to enjoying "Capades," but the lyrics are surprisingly complex and full of hidden meanings a casual listener wouldn't unveil.

Parallels to other musical creations are hard to make. Obi Best doesn't sound like its contemporaries. Obi Best sounds like what its peers wish they could emulate — original, electronic without heavy bass beats, vocally refreshing and quirky.

This album is unusual in the sense listeners won't hear anything like it, unless they know exactly what they're looking for in the never ending vault of indie music. Obi Best is a fudge brownie in a chocolate chip cookie bakery.



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to perform their best poetry and many carried similar messages.

Theresa Nguyen, a Portland State University student and first time performer shared a poem about the innocence of childhood before developing social implications.

"I like the grey zone where everyone can exist," Nguyen said.

Stefanova, an Andrea Gibson fan, worked hard for six months to make the event happen. At the end of the night, she was ecstatic to the point of speechlessness.

"Holy eff ... that was tantric," she said. "It was something I've waited for for so long ... it was really good."

Stefanova mouthed

along with practically every poem Gibson performed and so the few new poems Gibson performed came as a pleasant surprise.

"I really like the new ones," Stefanova said. "They were amazing."

The evening ended with a slam of three rounds.

"For me, the thing that wins the slam is the person who connects the most with the audience," Gibson said.

Maya Hersh, the winner of the slam, connected to the audience with her poems about relationship fears and body image connected most with the audience and she won the slam.

"It's exciting, I am so broke," she said, welcoming the prize money. Hersh has been into spoken word since friends convinced her to try it in 2004. Now, Hersh slams weekly in Seattle and dreams of winning the Woman of the World title.

# Musical dames: a look back



Sunday was International Women's Day, and among several other accomplishments women can be proud of, the fairer sex has

made a strong impact in rock music.

Almost immediately after rock 'n' roll dropped a few words, there were prominent, awesome, rocking women. In the '60s, chief among them were Janis Joplin, Aretha Franklin and Grace Slick.

Joplin performed both solo work and was a member of Big Brother and the Holding Company. Slick was the lead singer for Jefferson Airplane. Franklin, I'm sure, needs little exposition, but I'll briefly note she was the first woman introduced into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and earlier this year she performed at President Barack

Obama's inauguration. But the influence of women on the American genre was, in fact, even earlier.

One of the best-known songs of Elvis Presley, "Hound Dog," was originally written and recorded by Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton. Joplin's successful song "Ball and Chain" was also written by Thornton.

My own forte is with later music, however: in 1975, Patti Smith released her debut, "Horses."

Smith had a tremendous influence on punk. Then, as now, starting an album with the lyric "Jesus died for somebody's sins, but not mine" was not a move to necessarily endear oneself. Can I re-emphasize this was the first song on her first album?

The Velvet Underground got their drummer, Maureen "Moe" Tucker, because the band's earlier

drummer didn't want to perform in front of a playing audience — a pretty impossible high definition of selling out — and the band's guitarist remembered a friend's younger sister played the drums.

Though the Velvets chiefly performed Lou Reed's material, Tucker sang lead on a handful of songs, including "I'm Sticking With You," recently featured on the "Juno" soundtrack and covered by the Decemberists.

Tucker's drumming could be called utilitarian, as Ringo Starr's was for the Beatles, but she always did remarkably well, even with the spiciest songs — "Herosin," for example, speeds up, slows down and crashes, but Tucker follows it closely at every turn.

KUOI playlists feature plenty of groups with women — Broken Social Scene features Leslie Feist, an accomplished solo musician, Rilo Kiley features the guitar, vocals and songs of Jenny Lewis, Black Moth Super Rainbow features women on both drums and synthesizers.

Camera Obscura, Tegan and Sara, Belle and Sebastian — the list goes on.

The upcoming South By Southwest Music Festival in Austin features only one musician based in Idaho, folk performer Rosalie Sorrels.

Sorrels was granted an honorary doctorate of fine arts from the University of Idaho in 2000. Her last album, "My Last Go 'Round," was nominated for a Grammy.

Being a Vandal booster, I'd love to see Finn Riggins or the Oolongs — both of whom feature women — at the festival, but Sorrels is an outstanding ambassador for the state, too.

Even a half-comprehensive look at this issue would easily overwhelm both this column and this newspaper, but to return to a point I frequently make, it's wonderful how ordinary the phenomenon of women in music is. Since the advent of recorded music it's been this way, and so too has it been even before that in folk music traditions worldwide.



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## GTA gets a 'damned' facelift

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Niko Belic, take your exit and make way for the new "Grand Theft Auto IV" star, Johnny Klebitz. "Grand Theft Auto IV: The Lost and the Damned," which is available for download on Xbox Live for 1600 Microsoft gamer points (roughly \$20) if you have an Xbox 360 Gold Membership, is a downloadable expansion pack for people who already own "Grand Theft Auto IV."

The neat thing is this expansion pack — and that term is used lightly — is kind of like an entirely new game.

There are new characters, new vehicles, new music, new weapons, new objectives and missions which are linked in some ways back to the original game plot as the other side of the story. Sure, some things from the original game pop up here and there, but that's also part of what makes the game interesting.

The main character, Klebitz, is part of one of Liberty City's resident biker gangs,

The Lost. There's also a penis (keep reading).

Klebitz is the vice president of the biker gang and the story involves him and his cronies dealing with one another and a city full of lies and corruption, as well as rival gang business (and a penis). Gang wars with motorcycles equals awesome.

The game, of course, features the regular slew of obscenities, sexual exploitation and violence — which shouldn't come as a surprise to any GTA fan.

Unfortunately, as mentioned above, the game features a rather disgusting naked man, complete with the full frontal view of all his naked non-glory.

For real? Does anyone really need to see a penis in a video game? One would wonder why Rockstar would feel the need to place such an

oddity in a video game primarily played by heterosexual males. It's gross.

It's uncalled for. It doesn't even look anatomically correct. While it doesn't ruin the game, the visual will forever be burned into one's memory after seeing it.

What makes "The Lost and the Damned" great is it prolongs the life of a game most people beat last year.

Players don't have to run out to the nearest store and drop \$65 to get a new game and instead have the convenience of downloading it from the comfort of their couches inexpensively and in their undies.

It's an interesting concept that's growing in popularity, especially with the success of Xbox Live.

"Grand Theft Auto IV: The Lost and the Damned" is out now and ready for download on Xbox Live.



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dialogue within the community he and dedicated his pieces to Chicano voices on the WSU campus such as the late Ricardo Sanchez.

Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the 1968 East Los Angeles Chicano student walkouts and with this piece, Montalvo said he's reflecting on that historic event.

Now, 41 years later, Pruneda said WSU has its largest Chicano/a student population ever, with over 800 chicano/a students.

Pruneda said thanks to \$3,400 in grant money from WSU, the Chicana/o Latina/o Student Center was able to bring back the famous muralist and have a successful Semana de la Raza. Pruneda said he was very glad to be able to promote cultural awareness in a society where the chicano/a population continues to grow.

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## QuickHITS

### Vandals in action

**Wednesday**  
**Women's golf** — The team will be wrapping up its play at the Boulder Creek Golf Club. The meet began Monday. The team has been competing in the UNLV Invitational.

**Women's basketball** — The Vandals will be in Reno competing in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament. The games started Tuesday, and run through Saturday. Idaho plays Utah State at 12 p.m. Wednesday in Reno.

**Thursday**  
**Men's basketball** — The Vandals will be in Reno for the WAC Tournament. The team finished its season in third place. The tournament begins Thursday and runs through Saturday. UI will play the late game against Louisiana Tech at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

**Women's tennis** — The team will make a long road trip to face the University of Cincinnati. The matches start at 1 p.m. in Cincinnati.

### Vandals to watch

**Shaena-Lyn Kuehu**  
 Women's basketball



Kuehu was the WAC's top freshman scorer, rebounder and 3-point shooter this season. The result of her leading in the statistical categories was a spot on the WAC all-Freshmen team. The Vandals will need Kuehu to keep putting up similar numbers to have success in the upcoming WAC tournament in Reno.

**Derisa Taleni**  
 Women's basketball



In her first season as a Vandal, Taleni was selected as WAC Newcomer-Of-The Year. It may have been the easiest selection for conference coaches as she posted extraordinary numbers. From De Anza College, she averaged 15.1 points and 5.8 rebounds, while shooting 71 percent from the free-throw line and 39.6 percent from the field in WAC games. Her 31-point outburst against Utah State on Jan. 5 is the WAC's top scoring performance of the season. She scored in double-digits in 20 of Idaho's 27 games this season.

**Mac Hopson**  
 Men's basketball



Junior guard Mac Hopson earned first team All-Western Athletic Conference and All-Newcomer team honors as the 2008-09 WAC men's basketball postseason award winners were announced Monday as selected by the league's nine coaches. Hopson is Idaho's second All-WAC selection and the first honored as a first team all-conference selection since Gordon Scott during the 1999-00 season in the Big West. He is the second-straight Vandal to earn All-Newcomer honors as Jordan Brooks earned the award last season.

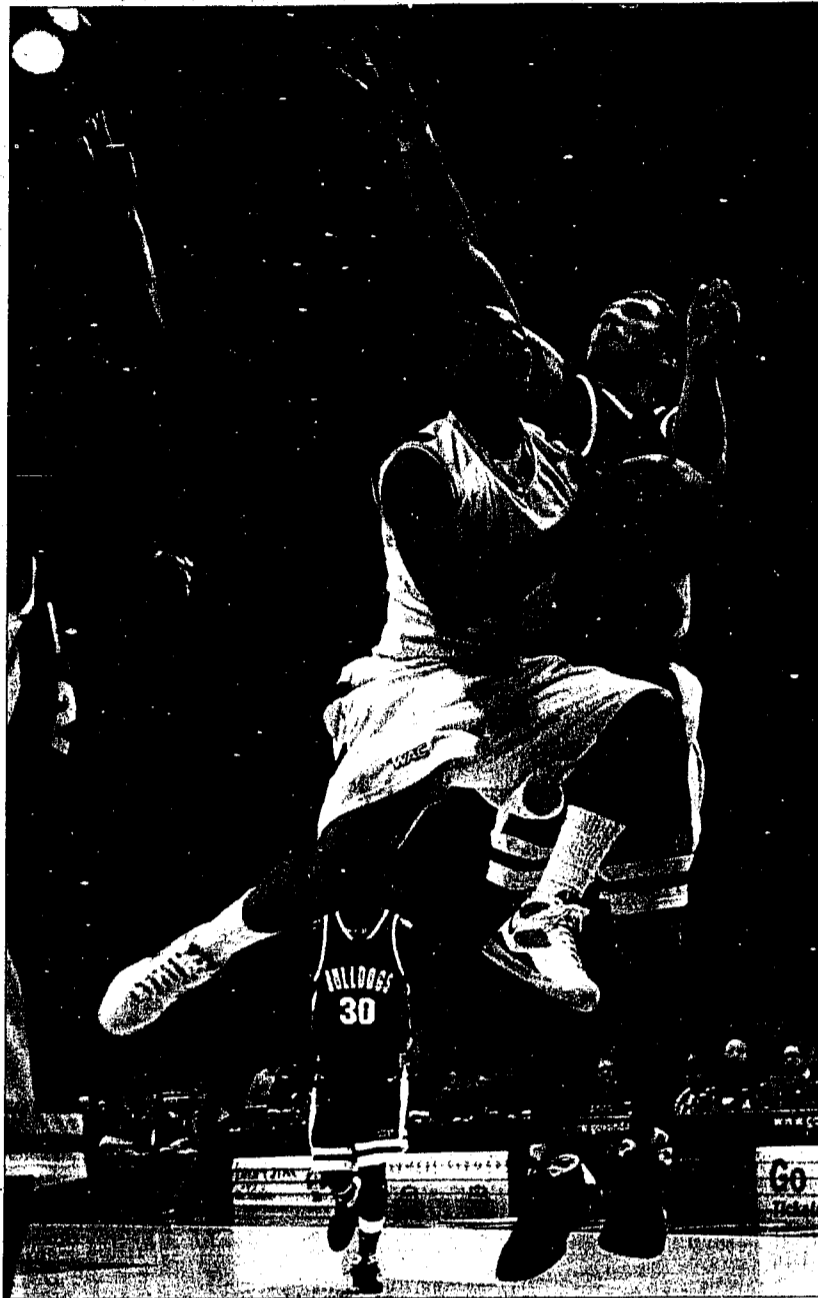
### Did you know ...

Idaho coach Jon Newlee has been selected WAC coach of the year for women's basketball

### Vandals by the numbers

**3** The men's basketball team solidified itself at third place in the WAC with its win over Fresno State Saturday. The women's basketball team also tied for third in the WAC.

# Vandals rock the Spectrum



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
 Vandal guard Mac Hopson attempts to drive to the basket during the first half of the final regular season match up against Fresno State Saturday evening in the Cowan Spectrum. Hopson, who earned first team All-Western Athletic Conference and All-Newcomer team honors, filled the stat sheet and led all scorers with 20 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals en route to a 59-56 victory over the Bulldogs.

**Levi Johnstone**  
 Argonaut

On senior night, the Vandals never led before the 2 minute, 6 second mark, and that's when Trevor Morris hit his only field goal of the game — a shot clock beating 3-point basket which gave Idaho the lead. The team never looked back, squeaking out a 59-56 nail-biting victory over Fresno State.

"You can't think about it," Morris said. "You've just got to let it go. The more you think about it, the more you're gonna mess something up. I just let it fly and it went in."

With UI's victory and the Boise State 69-60 loss to Nevada, the Vandals move into a tie for third place with Boise State and New Mexico State in the Western Athletic Conference. Idaho owns the tie breaker with both teams, giving them the No. 3 seed in the WAC Tournament.

The Vandals had a hard time getting things going in the first half as their defense yielded 36 first-half points to Fresno State.

The Bulldogs were on fire from beyond the arc, hitting 5 of 9 in the first half while shooting 57.7 percent from the field.

Mac Hopson tried to keep the team alive by putting down 11 first-half points.

Idaho trailed at halftime 36-28.

"I thought Fresno played really well in the first half," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I thought they made a ton of shots. I didn't think we played poorly. I thought we missed our shots tonight. I thought we got a ton of open looks. I thought we played extremely hard."

For the second game in a row, the Vandals played an inspired second half.

Brandon Wiley gave the Vandals a spark, scoring the first four points of the second half and the Vandals went to work chipping away at the Bulldogs' lead.

After extending it to as many as 11 points, the Idaho defense locked down, and Fresno State had stretches of 5:25, 6:26 and 4:41 without a field goal and shot just 21 percent.

"That's what I stressed to the guys at halftime," Verlin said. "We didn't guard their personnel very well. We didn't guard the drivers as drivers, we didn't guard the shooters as shooters, and I thought we did a lot better job of that in the second half."

Marvin Jefferson played another good game until fouling out late in the second half. He tallied four blocks.

"It pumps up the crowd first of all, and it pumps him up," Hopson said. "Once he gets a block and he does something good, he's gonna play his heart out ... you can expect him to block some more shots. I think he's been playing huge for us these last few games."

The Vandals had only one player score in double figures, Hopson, who knocked down a game-high 20.

Again for the second game in a row, the Vandals won by hitting clutch free throws down the stretch.

Morris knocked down two, and Hopson hit 3 of 4 to give the Vandals the lift they needed to come out on top.

The Vandals will resume play in the WAC tournament at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Reno against Louisiana Tech.

## UI dampens Broncos' night

**Levi Johnstone**  
 Argonaut

The University of Idaho women's basketball team was aided by 19 points from Western Athletic Conference Newcomer-Of-The-Year award winner Derisa Taleni as the Vandals pulled off a 58-56 victory in Boise.

The Vandals (13-14, 10-6 WAC), won their first game in Boise since the 2003 season. It also marks the team's highest single-season win total since joining the league in 2005 and secures UI the No. 4 seed in the WAC Tournament.

The fourth-place finish is the highest for the Vandal women, while the 10 conference wins are also the most for a single season. Entering this year, Idaho had 11 total WAC wins in three previous seasons.

The loss drops Boise State to

the No. 6 seed.

"It was a great win for our program to be able to come down here and do this," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "I know we haven't won down here for a while."

The Vandals had a comfortable eight-point lead with just more than 1 minute, 30 seconds to go in the contest. That is when the Broncos started fouling and made things interesting. The Vandals couldn't put two and two together from the free throw line down the stretch, connecting on just 4 of 12 attempts.

Boise State continued to score after the Idaho misses and, with 11 seconds remaining, found itself down by just two points.

The Broncos' Janie Bos missed two free throws with three seconds left, and the Vandals were able to hang on for the victory.

Newlee said the final minute of the game was intense.

"(My stress level) was off the scale," Newlee said. "We made it so hard on ourselves by not making free throws. If we make our free throws, it never comes down to us making that big stop at the end, so I told them in the locker room that that's the first thing we're working on Monday when we get back on the court."

The Vandals played one of the sloppiest games of the season on Wednesday against Nevada. The game resulted in a loss, but the Vandals were able to rebound from the poor performance.

BSU's 24 turnovers are a WAC opponent season high for Idaho, while the Vandals' 13 steals are also a WAC season high.

"Defensively, we really did a

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## Last week in MLB

Here are a few notes from the last week of spring training.

The St. Louis Cardinals picked up lefty specialist **Dennys Reyes** for \$3 million over two years, which could shape up to be one of the best-valued bullpen

signings of the offseason. Before joining the Minnesota Twins in 2006, Reyes was a mediocre journeyman reliever who went out for the occasional spot start. His breakout season came in 2006, his ninth year in the majors, when he posted a 0.89 Earned Run Average across 50 innings out of Minnesota's bullpen.

Since then, he had a marginal 2007 and an excellent 2008 season. The Cardinals lucked out in getting an excellent lefty arm for a decent price. It's also important to note that he's entering the National League now, which should slightly improve his numbers.

The Boston Red Sox signed **Jon Lester** to a five-year extension worth \$30 million. There's also a club option for 2014.

This is an excellent signing as Lester emerged last season as a potential staff ace. Boston's contract with Josh Beckett ends in 2010, and it seems very possible Lester could fill in the No. 1 spot for **Daisuke Matsuzaka**.

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## Vandal golf ditches snow for Vegas

**Scott Stone**  
 Argonaut

The women's golf team started its Spring Break early with a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the UNLV Spring Invitational at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

The Vandals hit the links Monday and will compete through Wednesday facing competition from a variety of universities, many which rank in the top 25.

"Ranking wise, we're one of the weaker teams in the field because it's such a strong field," said Idaho coach Lisa Johnson. "I feel like we're as ready as we can be. You never really know how you're going to react when you first play in a tournament after a long break, but I feel like we're ready, and the golf course we're playing we played in the fall."

While the Vandals' roster may look weak with five freshmen and just two juniors to look up to, the freshmen class ranked second in the country this fall based on a freshman-class impact ranking.



The University of Idaho Women's Golf Team practices on the golf course on April 10, 2008.

Johnson said it's one of the strongest freshmen classes she's ever seen.

"They're highly talented, highly motivated (and) very passionate about playing on the golf team," she said. "We're just trying to help them improve their consistency in tournament play and

a lot of that will come with more tournament experience."

Leading the freshmen is **Kayla Mortellaro** from Phoenix, Ariz.

In high school, Mortellaro earned the spotlight when she became the

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# Track and field competes at qualifier

**Kayla Desjarlais**  
Argonaut

Last weekend's Husky Last Chance Qualifier showcased career best performances, but University of Idaho track and field athletes fell short of necessary standards to secure more positions in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

"I thought we competed really well," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "We had a number of personal bests, but we didn't do anything at that meet in order to bump up athletes far enough to help their case in terms of making it to the NCAAs. But I was very pleased with their performances this weekend."

Women's pole vault competitor KC Dahlgren would disagree.

"Well to me, the meet was not a good meet at all," Dahlgren said. "I went out to secure my spot in nationals and didn't do very well. It was pretty frustrating actually."

Results from this weekend's Last Chance meets in Seattle and Ames, Iowa moved Dahlgren's 13 feet, 4.25 inch pole vault height from 13th to tying for 16th in the NCAA in the event.

Usually only the top 16 athletes in each event are selected to compete in the championships, with a few more allowed per availability. Though Dahlgren is tied for 16th, she is the 17th athlete on the list, which means there is no guarantee she'll have a spot. According to the NCAA, the list of athletes accepted into the championship were posted Monday evening.

"I'm really hoping and praying they take 17 girls," Dahlgren said. "I'm just playing the waiting game right now." Dahlgren still had a chance as 17 have

been selected to compete in the past.

"It's going to be a really competitive meet and even though I'm going in at the bottom, there's a chance I could do really well," Dahlgren said.

After results were posted Monday, the Vandals will be sending both senior thrower Mykael Bothum to compete in the women's shot put and Dahlgren in the Pole Vault.

Christie Gordon was among those who achieved a personal best, but won't be attending championships. She blew past the competition to take first in the women's 60-meter hurdles with her 8.37 second time. Gordon moved up two places to stand 33rd in the NCAA in the event. Teammate Heather Bergland followed with 8.44 seconds to take second.

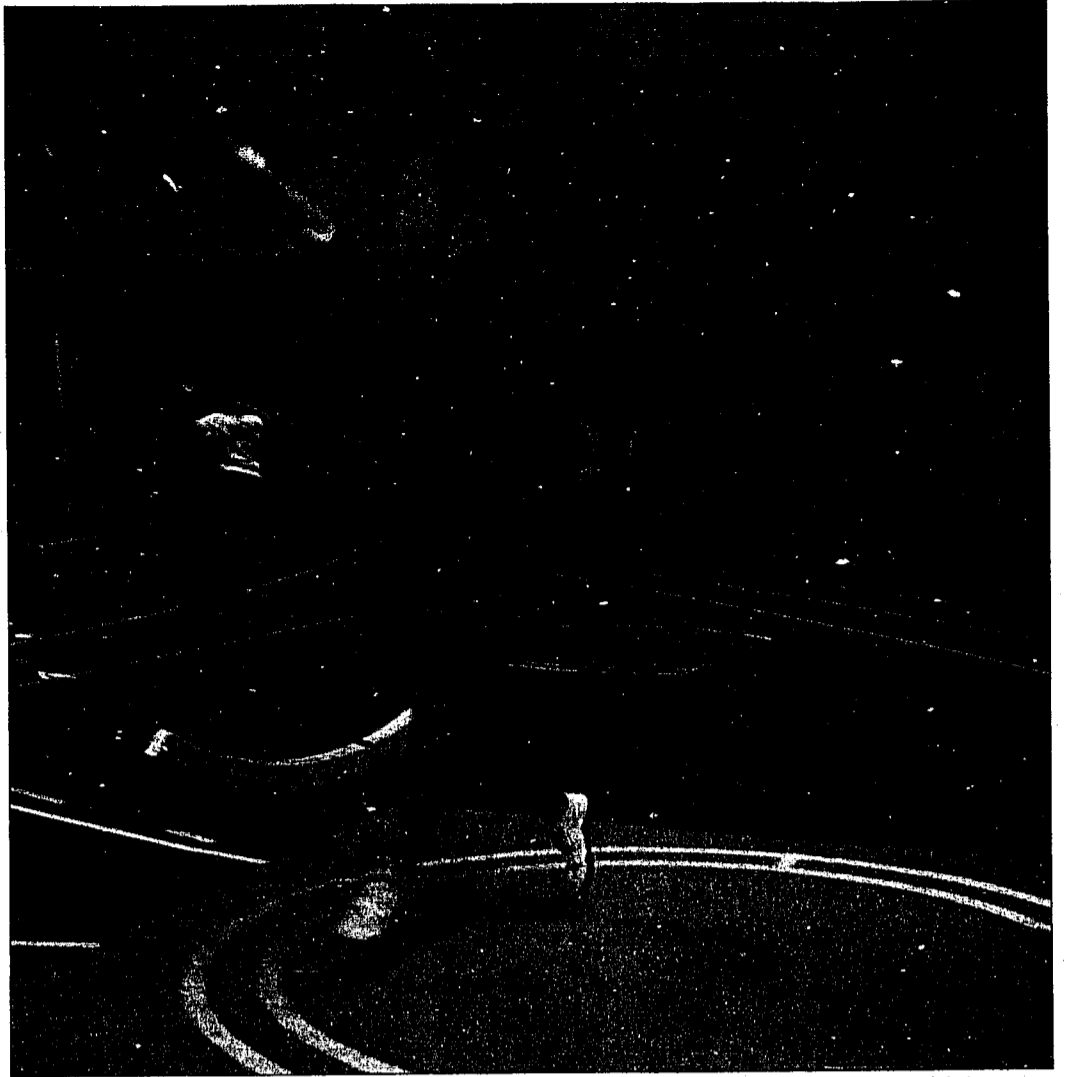
James Clark and Steve Potratz ran personal-bests in the men's one mile run event, clocking 4:11.26 and 4:13.94 respectively, a few seconds short of the 4:04 provisional qualifying mark.

Idaho's WAC Women's Track Performer of the Year Allix Lee-Painter ran a 9:37.24 race to place second in the women's 3,000-meter run. Her effort was a personal best and just shy of the 9:34 provisional mark in the event.

As a senior, this indoor season was Lee-Painter's last.

In the men's weight throw, senior James Rogan launched the weight 61-6.25. His performance was 75 centimeters short of the provisional standard. Idaho men's weight throw, athletes Matt Wauters and Ben Wood stand 20th and 35th the NCAA respectively.

Those competing in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships March 13-14, in College Station, Texas will leave Wednesday.



Kayla Desjarlais/Argonaut  
Vandal thrower Jake Rogan fires the shot at practice Wednesday in preparation for the Husky Last Chance Qualifier meet in Seattle. Rogan holds the Western Athletic Conference title in the event but chose to compete in the weight throw in hopes of making an NCAA provisional mark.

## The joy of ferrets and professional baseball

I found a ferret on Saturday morning. Not so much found a ferret as a ferret decided to scratch on the front door of my apartment until my roommate unwittingly let the animal inside.

The initial shock of having an exotic foreign creature in my apartment soon wore off and was replaced with the exciting possibility of becoming the proud owner of a ferret. I knew the ferret probably had an owner, but what were the odds of the curious animal cruising up three flights of stairs and entering my apartment?

I focused on the most important issue when dealing with a strange ferret that I did not own. Not who owned the ferret or even where it would be kept but what should the ferret's name should be.

As Saturday progressed and the burden of ferret care became heavier, the caviar lifestyle I had imagined ferret ownership to be was turning into unwanted animal maintenance.

The events on Saturday were simply a microcosm of the emotions I will go through later this month when Major League Baseball's opening day nears. Insert the Seattle Mariners for the ferret and everything is eerily similar to what will occur over the course of the MLB season.

The start of every baseball season brings an unfounded level of excitement that is not matched at any time of the season. I am convinced every season the Mariners will make a run at the playoffs, no matter how unlikely it may seem.

That is what is great about the opening week of the MLB season. If your team wins a couple of games, or sweeps a series, it can give a fan hope for the entire

season. If your team is swept or endures rough patch, it does not matter because there are 162 games in the regular season.

Once opening week has commenced, the malaise of the MLB regular season sets in and the excitement soon fades away.

The realization that the start of the season was a false dawn and an intensive six-month grind weighs down on the baseball fan.

I am not advocating the reduction of the amount of games played in during the MLB regular season, although I will champion the elimination of interleague play until the day I die. Responsibility is a key trait for real fans, and baseball fans are the most responsible in sports.

There is not a single day off in a six-month time span for those fans who are passionate about baseball, sans the day after the all-star game. Any-

one can get pumped for the start of the season, but it is the real fans, who can maintain that feeling throughout the season.

The end of the baseball is greeted with an almost farcical sense of regret. It is irrelevant how brutal the past six months have been. There is always something sad about seeing baseball season come to an end.

No matter how terrible the next few days of having to take care of a ferret will be, I will certainly miss the little critter when his owner finally claims him. I will not remember the awful smell or scratches, but the original excitement of having a ferret.

I will not remember the Mariners' season from last year for Jose Vidro's ineptitude in every aspect of the game or the club's refusal to trade Raul Ibanez. The

excitement of opening day and Brandon Morrow's transformation to starter will be what stays with me from last season.

It takes a different type of person to truly be a baseball fan. Anyone can get sucked into the hype at the beginning of the season or the hysteria of the playoffs, but only a real fan stays on board for the bulk of the regular season.

Just like keeping the ferret seemed like a wonderful idea at first, following the Mariners at the start of each season seems infallible. Once the honeymoon period ends, the excruciating minutia of ferret ownership and baseball fandom is revealed.

While the everyday grind of ferret ownership is not for me, I can not comprehend my life without the burden of following the Mariners for the next six months. It may be emotionally draining, but, it sure beats cleaning up the excrement of a stranger's pet.



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### ClubSports

**Women's rugby** — The women's rugby team won the WarriorFest tournament in Lewiston.

**Marathon** — Three runners competed in the Snake River Half Marathon on Saturday. Megan Moore finished in 2 hours, 13 minutes and 3 seconds. Lindsey Castle completed the race in 2:19:04 and marathon club adviser Tom Williams finished with a time of 2:12:31.

**Ski team** — Jessica Stewart finished 39th in giant slalom and 45th in slalom out of 109 competitors at the USCSA National Championships in Winter Park, Colo. last weekend.

**Men's rugby** — The men's rugby team won one match and lost two at WarriorFest. The team joined up with a local men's team to compete in the tournament.

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# US routs Venezuela to reach next WBC round

Associated Press

TORONTO — The World Baseball Classic has been a blast so far for the United States.

Kevin Youkilis hit a two-run homer, Adam Dunn and Ryan Braun added solo shots and the United States powered its way into the second round of the WBC by beating Venezuela 15-6 on Sunday night.

Chris Iannetta and Mark DeRosa each had four RBIs and Youkilis scored four times for Team USA, which broke it open with an eight-run sixth inning and finished with 16 hits.

"With that lineup, I don't see why we shouldn't have a few of those innings a night," Dunn said. "It was a lot of fun, but I don't think it was very unexpected on our side."

Every U.S. starter had at least one hit except for third baseman Chipper Jones, lifted in the sixth because of a mild strain on his side. Jones, 0-for-7 with five strikeouts in the WBC, will be evaluated again Monday.

Dunn was one of many U.S. players to rave about the chemistry and camaraderie that has quickly forged strong bonds among a team eager to make amends for a disappointing eighth-place finish at the 2006 tournament.

"It feels like we've been together for a long time," Dunn said. "I don't know if that's the way they designed it or what. It's a bunch of great guys and everyone gets along. It's amazing."

David Wright, who had three hits Sunday, said the Americans "clicked" from the first workout and have grown closer now that the competition is underway.

"It's not only a tremendous baseball experience, but also a personal experience to be around this group of guys and to have the fun we're having," Wright said. "On the field, in the clubhouse, it's just a blast to be a part of this."

Florida reliever Matt Lindstrom worked 1 1-3 perfect innings for the win before a crowd of 13,094.

Victor Zambrano took the loss, allowing four runs and two hits in one-plus inning.

Venezuela will play an elimination game Tuesday against the winner of Monday's game between Canada and Italy. The winner Tuesday advances to round two, and will face the U.S. on Wednesday night to decide first place in Group C.

Team USA will begin second-round play Saturday in Miami.

Melvin Mora's RBI single gave Venezuela a 1-0 lead in the third, but the U.S. answered with two in the fourth when DeRosa's two-out triple scored Youkilis and Dunn.

Venezuela reclaimed the lead in the bottom half against right-hander Roy Oswalt on Ramon Hernandez's RBI grounder and Gregor Blanco's run-scoring single.

The U.S. sixth began when Youkilis reached on a wild third strike. David

Wright singled and Dunn walked to load the bases for DeRosa, who drove in a run with a walk. Left-hander Carlos Vasquez replaced Zambrano, but Iannetta greeted him with a three-run double to right-center, taking third as the throw went to the plate.

Vasquez struck out Curtis Granderson and was replaced by right-hander Yoel Hernandez, who walked Derek Jeter and gave up a two-run double to Dustin Pedroia. Braun batted for Jones and grounded out, but Youkilis capped the inning with a homer to left, his second in two games.

Pedroia said Youkilis, his Boston teammate, "looks like he's got 500 at-bats under his belt."

"We had some huge hits at the right time to blow the game open," Pedroia said. "Youk is swinging the bat unbelievable right now. Hopefully we can keep it going."

Carlos Guillen hit a solo homer and Ramon Hernandez singled home Jose Lopez against right-hander Brad Ziegler in the sixth, but Dunn answered with a towering solo shot to right off Ivan Blanco in the seventh.

"I thought it was going to hit the top of the dome," Granderson said. "He crushed that ball."

DeRosa hit a sacrifice fly and Iannetta and Granderson had RBI singles as the U.S. tacked on three more in the eighth against left-hander Jan Granado.

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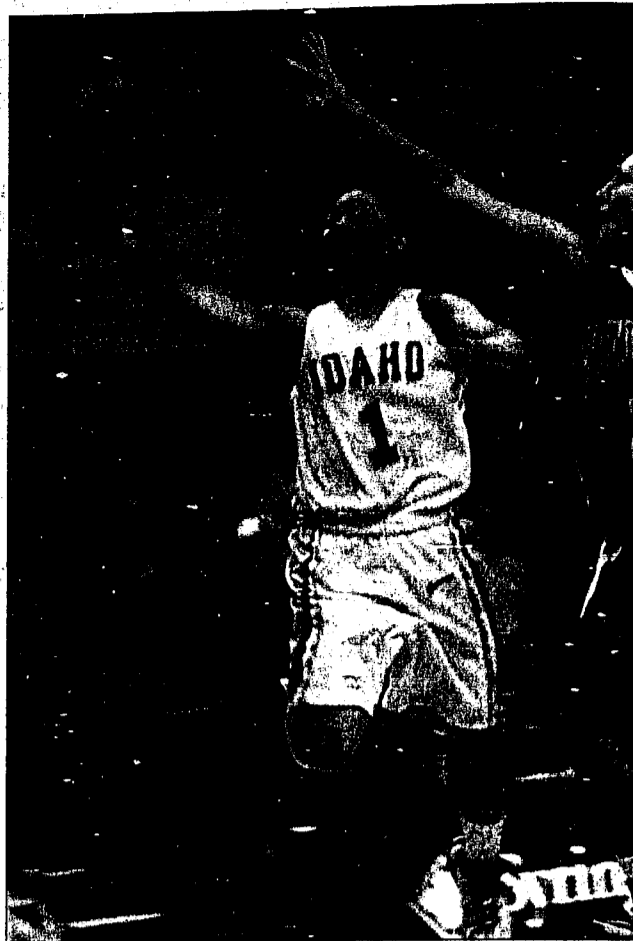
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good job of communicating down at the other end away from our bench, and that has really been an Achilles' heel for us," Newlee said. "We came out with hands and got some big deflections, and it really led to some easy baskets for us on the other end."

The Vandals were able to start the second half on a 15-0 run, and Idaho point guard Charlotte Otero credited the defensive play as the reason the team was able to get things going.

"We came out focused knowing that it was whole new ballgame," Otero said. "We knew defense and boxing out were definitely things that we could control, and we played really good help defense without fouling and they (BSU) knocked down some big shots, but we just played good team defense and that's what really pulled us through."

The Vandals will carry their No. 4 seed into the tournament when they meet Utah State at 12 p.m. Wednesday in Reno.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
Vandal point guard Charlotte Otero, goes up for a lay in against Nevada on Wednesday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals defeated Boise State University 58-56 in Boise on Saturday.

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youngest player in Arizona's history to win the Women's State Amateur title in 2004.

During her first semester as a Vandal Mortellaro earned Western Athletic Conference Golfer of the Month in October and finished the fall ranked 63rd in the nation.

Looking to make a comeback after a wrist injury in the fall is one of the Vandals' top players, Amanda Jacobs.

Johnson said Jacobs is a leader on the team, and the roster was hurting without her.

"She was all-conference last year, and she is one of our strongest players," she said. "You can always count on Amanda."

The women play in Las Vegas, Hawaii and Cali-

fornia before competing in the WAC Tournament, and Johnson said the team is as ready as they can be.

Between indoor practice and traveling to Lewiston, Johnson said the team hasn't missed a beat.

"I actually feel like we've been pretty fortunate this year, relative to last year," Johnson said. "We've been able to practice a lot more. I don't think we've had a single day of practiced canceled because of weather."

The men's golf team still has another week to practice before traveling to San Diego to tee off in its first match of the spring season.

Like the women's team, Idaho coach Jon Reehorn said the team is working on consistency. "Our biggest downfall is consistency," he said. "Being able to bring a high level of energy and our best game every time we go play. So really that's where our focus is based."

To gain consistency, Reehorn said he makes all aspects of practice competitive so the team has something to play for. Right now the players are competing for a spot in the top lineup.

One player who may have little trouble finding a spot in the lineup is freshman Jarred Bossio who wasted no time moving into the team's No. 1 position. Bossio was Idaho's top player in five out of six events in the fall.

"(He) was far better than I thought he'd be," Reehorn said. "I thought he'd be good in his career, but I didn't think he'd be this good this fast. Because he's been so good, I think we can compete to win the conference championship this year."

The men will compete in California, Oregon, Arizona and Utah before heading to the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas.

# MLB

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After all, Matsuzaka led the American League in walks in 2008 and seems in line to regress to the uglier numbers he posted in 2007 — an ERA above four and 100 or more earned runs. Luck only lasts so long when a pitcher walks as many batters as Matsuzaka does.

Pedro Martinez is hoping his performance in the World Baseball Classic will generate some interest in him.

In a 3-2 loss to the Netherlands on Saturday, Martinez gave up one hit in three scoreless innings, while striking out four and walking none.

A rejuvenated Martinez could impact a number of teams, and in light of today's economy and what other veteran-free agents have been signing for, Martinez is shaping up to be a low-risk contract with extreme upside.

Still, Martinez had a truly awful season in New York last year and hasn't pitched well since 2005, aside from a brief stint of five starts in 2007 when he managed to get off the disabled list.

The Yankees are in a tough position now that Alex Rodriguez has elected to undergo arthroscopic hip surgery. According to an ESPN interview with Dr. Marc Philippon, the hip specialist who will perform the procedure, he should be ready to play in about six weeks, but until then, there's going to be a large weight resting on Mark Teixeira.

As the lone big offensive signing the Yankees have made this offseason, the fans and the New York press are going to expect him to perform at a very high level so the Yankees offense can remain competitive. There's no telling what's going to happen with Jorge Posada or Hideki Matsui, both of whom are coming off of injury dampened years. At the moment, Posada is tearing up opposing pitching in spring training, but can he last for the entire season?

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