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## Third UI presidential finalist drops out of race

Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho higher education officials say a third finalist in the search for a new University of Idaho president has dropped out of the running.

On Monday, David Dooley, provost at Montana State University, announced his withdrawal from consideration, citing differing opinions on the role and future of the Idaho university.

It marks the second time this month a finalist has pulled out after preliminary negotiations with the State Board of Education. Earlier this month, Kansas State Provost Duane Nellis turned down an offer to lead Idaho's oldest university after the board rejected his salary request.

A third finalist, Ham Shirvani, president of California State University Stanislaus, pulled his name from consideration in mid-February after his school's governing board and members of the community urged him to stay in California.

Education board spokesman Mark Browning declined to say if salary was a factor in Dooley's decision.

In a statement released by the board, Dooley said after candid discussions, he and the board "mutually agreed that our distinct visions for the role, scope and future of the University of Idaho were not the right fit at this time."

He did not immediately return Associated Press calls to his campus office and Bozeman, Mont., home.

The board and a campus search committee have spent months looking for a replacement for Tim White, who left UI last summer for

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## Paradise lost

Scott MacDonald  
Argonaut

Deep in the secluded forests that grace Moscow Mountain, along the upper stretches of Paradise Creek, rests a small translucent-green pond. The creek weaves back and forth down the hillside until it spills into and smoothly ripples across the glass-like surface of the pond. The only sound to fill the air is the water as it gently cascades through fallen branches and trees.

Downstream from the pond, the stream widens and slows before returning to its upstream state. Small plants shoot away from the flat muddy ground, their firm green stalks reach toward the cloudy sky — a sign of life to come as spring nears.

The trees around the pond stretch upward into the sky for what seems like eternity. Their branches shade the quiet pond. For a moment, the pond explodes in a bright burst of light as the sun breaches the clouds. Light dances through the water's ripples, and the pond glows. The small waterfalls pour liquid gold down the hillside before the clouds consume the sun once more and cast the small paradise back into the shade.

This idealized sight of the creek is not quite what it seems

as the creek is in a decrepit state after years of abuse, which has prompted recent efforts to save it.

### Not just a creek

The Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute in Moscow adopted Paradise Creek in 1990. A cleanup for the creek was planned shortly after, said Tom Lamar, executive director of PCEI.

"The first year, we got tons of garbage out of the creek — tires, dishwashers, refrigerators ... just stuff that was dumped and left there," he said. "When a creek is like that, it's like graffiti on the wall in a subway. If there's a little, you end up with more. If someone throws a little trash in the creek, everyone will."

Lamar was involved in stream cleanup at the University of Delaware.

"I was just one of those students that helped pick up the trash in the stream," he said, "and it was that motivation that got me going on this creek."

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Tom LAMAR  
PCEI executive director

He said by involving the community, a standard has been set for the condition of the creek.

"I think by doing the work that we've done, we've enabled people to include Paradise Creek in their emotional vocabulary of what they think of as their home and community and what they think of Moscow," he said. "It's brought it to the forefront of people's minds and hearts."

He said Paradise Path and the bike paths didn't exist back then.

"Over time, that changed," he said. "The path that goes through Moscow was named Paradise Path and people became more emotionally attached and engaged with the stream."

The work done on the stream improves not only the stream itself, but other streams in Idaho and the nation, he said.

"Many people who go to school at UI learn about the creek and the value of that little stream and why it needs to be treated with respect," he said. "They take that level of respect with them wherever they go, and they start to see other streams differently. They start to treat the streams where they live with more respect."

Students involved in the creek restoration become leaders, he said.

"We need to make sure that everyone knows that each one of us as individuals can make a huge difference," he said. "That's the real lesson to be learned."

Community support for the creek continues to grow. Service clubs, religious organizations, local businesses and all sorts of people help, he said.

"As an organization, we had 22,000 hours of volunteer time

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## Choosing a future wisely

Students choose other options besides the 40-hour work week

Greg Connolly  
Argonaut

Times are tough. According to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, recruiting by prospective employers is down 22 percent on college campuses nationwide.

"Regardless of your degree, employment is not a guarantee," said Jessica Berwick, manager for employer relations and communications in the Career and Professional Planning Office.

Berwick would know. After earning her Master's of Science in Counseling and Student Affairs degree, it took her eight months of searching before she found a job at the University of Idaho.

"It's definitely a more competitive job market," Berwick said. "As a new graduate, you're not only competing with other new grads, but people who were laid off and people who are coming out of retirement because they're uncertain of

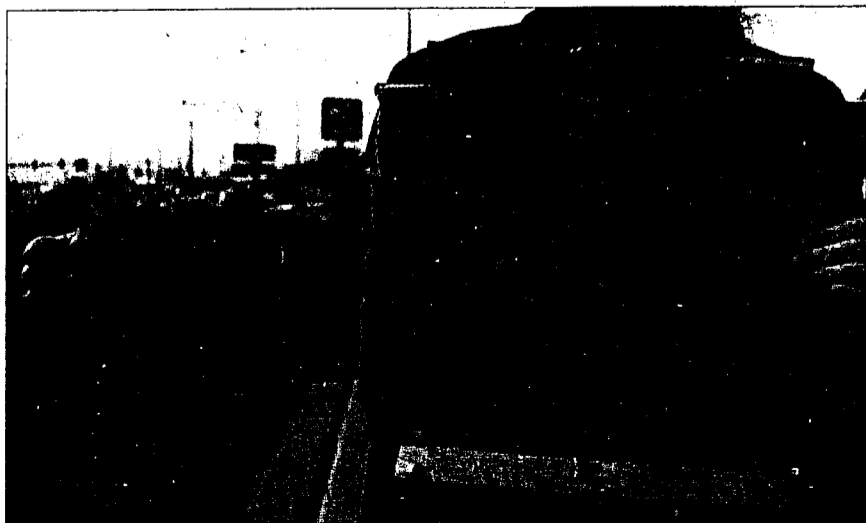


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Because of the poor economy, many students are choosing to go to graduate school or enlist in the military rather than enter the job market after they get their undergraduate degree.

their future."

Berwick encouraged students who are on the verge of entering the job market to be creative when applying for jobs.

According to NACE, business, engineering and technical majors are most in demand at the undergraduate level, and jobs in the federal govern-

ment "appear to be the best bet for the top five majors in demand," according to the group's 2009 job outlook.

"Individuals might need to do some retooling of what's on their resumé and what skills they present," Berwick said. "A journalist who

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## Meet next year's ASUI candidates

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

former ASUI senator.

### President

Loren Doman

Doman is a senior business major from St. Maries, Idaho, who lives off-campus. He said he is interested in making the University of Idaho more sustainable and broadening ASUI across campus. He is currently President Pro Tempore for the ASUI Senate.

Kelby Wilson

Wilson is a senior pre-medical and mechanical engineering major from Cottonwood, Idaho, who lives off-campus. He said he wants to expand service learning and make sure student fees are spent appropriately. Wilson is chair of the Student Activities board and a

Casey Lund

Lund is a junior political science and journalism student who lives off-campus. He said he wants to make ASUI more approachable and help students during the budget cuts. Lund is an ASUI senator.

### Vice President

Zach Arama

Arama is a senior political science and communication studies major from London who lives in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Arama is and ASUI senator and Doman's running mate.

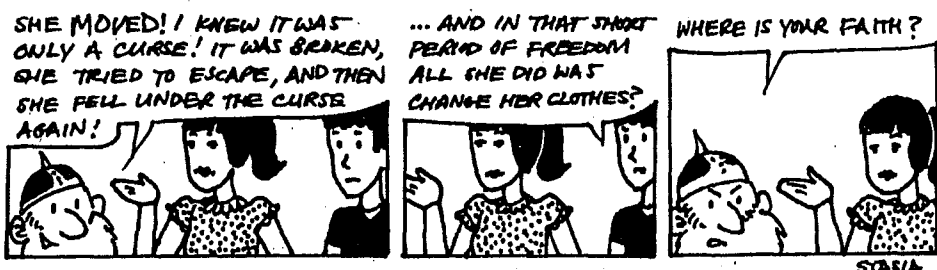
Ashley Cochran

Cochran is a junior studio art and interior design major who lives in the Delta Gamma sorority. Cochran is

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**Percy the Barbarian**

Stasia Burrington/Argonaut



**THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL**

Have you met with your academic adviser yet?

Would you pay \$10 to kick a person of your choice in the balls?

(See page 6 to know what we're talking about.)

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**Speak out:**

Did you go to Vandal Friday?

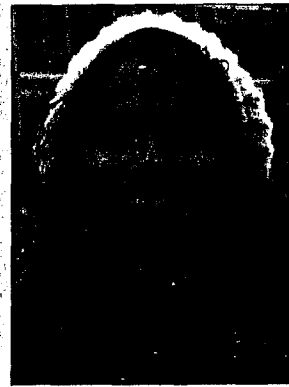
**Lucas Bryan**  
physical education and special education, junior

"Yeah, I went. I was able to sign up for classes and stay at a frat house."



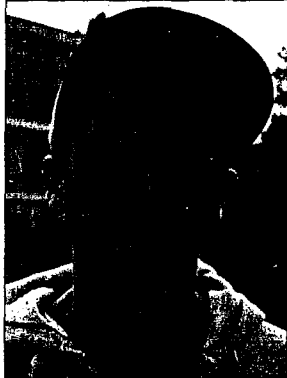
**Simonne Crooks**  
theater, junior

"I helped out at Vandal Friday. I helped register students and advised some of the incoming freshmen."



**John Charles**  
psychology, freshman

"I went last year. I was planning on joining a fraternity. I was introduced by my best friend's older brother, and he said Vandal Friday was a good way to see what college and Greek life is about."



**Mitch Reggear**  
forestry, freshman

"Yeah, I did go. I went really quick, signed up for classes and left."



Jake Barber/Argonaut

**WEB POLL RESULTS**

**What are your plans for housing next year?**  
Off Campus - 21  
Greek - 3  
Other - 3  
Dorms - 2

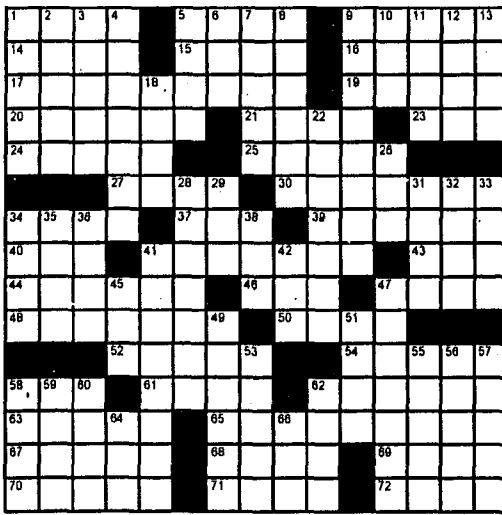
**Have you attended the University of Idaho basketball games?**  
I thought about going - 8  
A couple - 7  
More than half - 5  
All of them - 4  
I don't like basketball - 4

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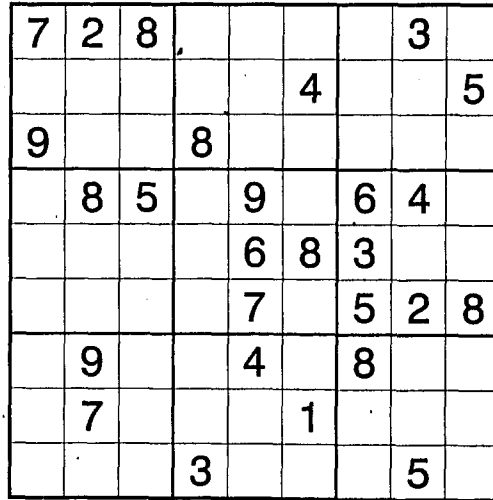
Across

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- 2 Food fish
- 9 Book of maps
- 14 Rush job notation
- 15 On the safe side, at sea
- 16 Dog, informally
- 17 Movie sensation
- 19 Itinerary
- 20 Knitted fabric
- 21 Comparable
- 23 Keyboard key
- 24 March follower
- 25 Code name
- 27 Winged it
- 30 Feminine member
- 34 Open carriage
- 37 Morning moisture
- 39 Spit
- 40 Egypt and Syria, once (Abbr.)
- 41 Cookout cooker
- 43 Before, in verse
- 44 Ballroom dance
- 46 Jog
- 47 Feudal worker
- 48 Humdrum
- 50 Effortless
- 52 Cherish
- 54 Minimal
- 58 \_\_\_ amis
- 61 Soon, to a bard
- 62 Sheen
- 63 Kind of nerve
- 65 Old West cattle drive target
- 67 Parasite
- 68 Collar type
- 69 Just
- 70 Indian lodge

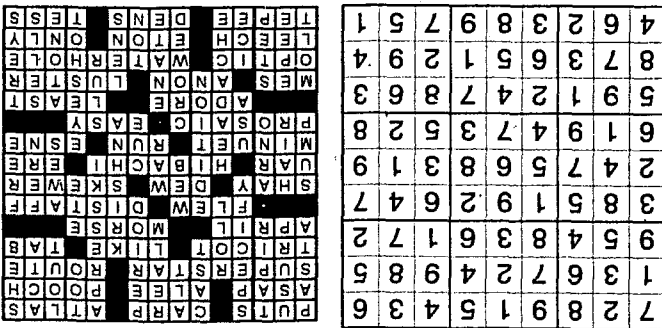


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- 26 Summer (Fr.)
- 28 Magazine issue
- 29 Network
- 31 Amazes
- 32 Flowerless plant
- 33 At liberty
- 34 Pump type
- 35 Locks
- 36 Florence's river
- 38 Combat
- 41 Migraine
- 42 Pool tool
- 45 It's a free country
- 47 Within view
- 49 Gloated
- 51 Aspersions
- 53 Related
- 55 Make amends
- 56 Vends
- 57 Low cards
- 58 Shed
- 59 Fencing sword
- 60 Dance bit
- 62 Eye piece
- 64 Winter driving hazard
- 66 Freight weight

**Sudoku**



**Solutions**



**Corrections**

In the Friday edition of The Argonaut in the article "UI flag makes its way to space" Orion is the successor, not predecessor to the space shuttle. Greg Swanson's work is on spacecraft sensor systems, not a censor program. The flag will most likely not be presented during the Engineering EXPO.

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

# Gathering the posse

Reid Wright  
Argonaut

Before Idaho was declared a territory in 1863, the long arm of the law had little reach in the area.

An influx of bandits and outlaws from California and Nevada rode in the wave of the gold rush and overflowed miners' frail courts and jails. Over time, vigilante groups formed to combat the gangs — opening the door for official law enforcement and courts.

The Idaho justice system faces similar odds more than a century later. Prosecutors and law-enforcement officials are outnumbered and often out-gunned by pirates, thieves, predators and spies in a vast and lawless new territory — the Internet.

Annemarie Bridy, a faculty member of the University Of Idaho College of Law, said Internet law is a fascinating and dynamic field of study.

"It's an incredible field of law to be working in right now," she said. "It stands at the intersection of law and technology."

Bridy is one of more than a dozen lawyers and scholars scheduled to speak at the annual Idaho Law Review Symposium, which takes place 8 a.m. April 10 in the Boise Centre. The theme of this year's symposium is "Internet and the law: challenges and opportunities." It will feature an address by Idaho State Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

"The Internet is changing so quickly," said Josh Pellant, UI law student and symposium organizer. "The law is just trying to keep up. The legal system is not designed to change as quickly."

Uses for the Internet and its regulations are constantly changing and evolving in a sort of arms race, Michael Sinks, another UI law student event organizer, said.

"Computer savvy people are always figuring a way to get around the law," he said.

Topics to be discussed by panelists at the symposium include intellectual property rights, copyright law, online buying and selling, privacy and security and the new tools for seeking

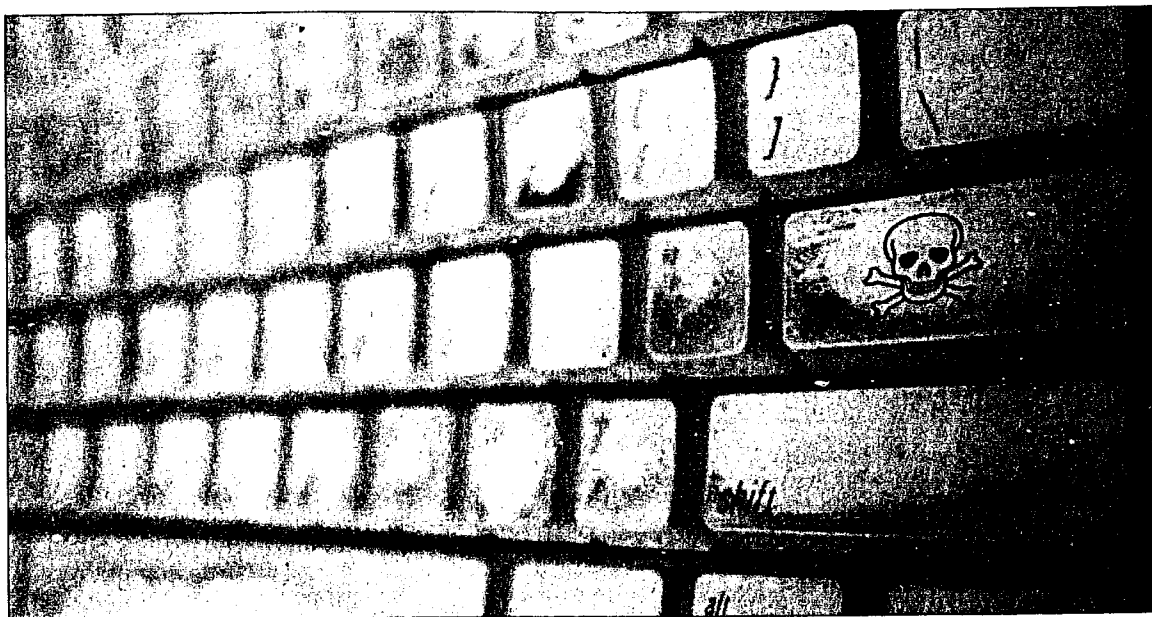


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This year's University of Idaho College of Law Idaho Law Review Symposium will be "Internet Law: Challenges and Opportunities." The event will focus on how the legal system can face Internet issues like illegal downloading and personal privacy, and it will be held April 10 in Boise.

electronic documents that can be used for legal litigation.

Bridy specializes in intellectual property law. Her presentation for the upcoming symposium is titled: "Why Pirates (Still) Won't Behave — regulating P2P Ten Years After Napster."

"The Internet created a lot of challenges," she said. "The creation and duplication of intellectual property is incredibly easy and incredibly cheap ... The genie's out of the bottle as far as rapid production and distribution."

Content creators, such as TV giant Viacom, are fighting for control over online distributors,

such as YouTube. Bridy said this represents a major shift, because media companies had previously tried to go after the individuals illegally downloading copyrighted content. Still, casual users are not immune.

"You can get into trouble for uploading content that does not belong to you," she said. "Content should be as much as possible a product of your own creativity."

Social networking sites are also creating new challenges.

Bridy mentioned a current case involving a 14-year-old girl who uploaded nude photos of herself onto MySpace and now

faces charges of child pornography. If convicted, she may have to register as a sex offender.

"That has huge implications," Bridy said, adding the girl would have difficulty attending school or getting certain jobs.

The future of these Internet laws will be discussed by panelists at the symposium. Pellant and Sinks said the event — free to UI students — would be a great opportunity for prospective law students to meet professional contacts.

"I'd recommend it for anyone wanting to attend law school," Sinks said.

# Moscow police offer free course for citizens

Erin Hartly  
Argonaut

With emergency lights flashing and sirens blaring, Officer Rick Whitmore took Citizen's Police Academy students, one by one, on a ride through an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course Saturday.

The Moscow Police Department is in its ninth year of offering this free academy to the public. This year, 20 students are participating. The class is split relatively evenly between men and women.

Whitmore said three-quarters of the participants are University of Idaho students.

"They are here because they have the time and want to see what the police department does," Whitmore said.

UI students can receive six upper-division credits for finishing the eleven-week academy, and the majority of the UI students attending are justice studies majors.

Kelly Stout, a junior majoring in justice stud-

ies, said the information is helpful to her because she plans to enter the police academy after graduation.

"It's a lot of good information, really a lot of stuff we don't normally learn in the classroom," Stout said. "Having the firearms training and the EVOC is definitely more hands on."

Brett Jenkins, a senior wildlife major at UI, said he is attending the academy because he is interested in possibly becoming a game warden.

While the majority of students at the academy are from UI, some of them are Moscow citizens who want to understand what the police department does.

Mike Stewart, a 58-year-old letter carrier and UI alum, said he signed up for the academy because he has always had an interest in law enforcement.

"If I hadn't been a mailman, I would've been a policeman," he said.

Stewart has family members and friends who have been in law enforcement and he has gone on ride-alongs before.

"I've ridden with gang

specialists in Greeley, Colo.," Stewart said. "I had to wear a bulletproof vest — hiding behind the car all night long."

Stewart said he really admires what police officers do and believes they are "under paid and under appreciated."

The Citizen's Police Academy students spend three hours every Tuesday in a classroom at the Moscow Police Department and two Saturdays doing hands-on training.

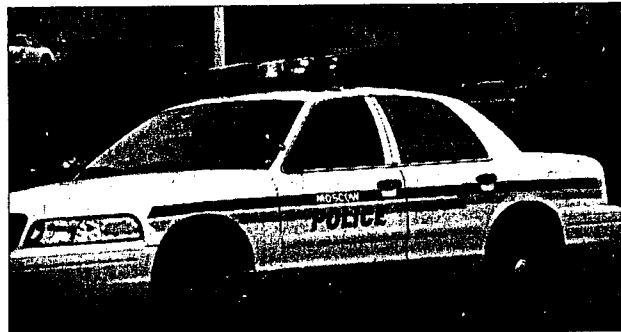
Saturday's EVOC training took place in the parking lot of the old Tidyman's, where orange cones were set up for Whitmore to maneuver through. Whitmore took each student for a ride around the course, speeding down a straightaway before making several sharp turns in and out of the cones.

"I have never wrecked a car during this," Whitmore said. "The speeds aren't very high but the turns are very sharp."

Other subjects discussed in the 11-week course include history of law enforcement, investigations, patrol procedure and policy.

Whitmore said at least three past academy students had been hired on by the Moscow Police Department. Officers who are hired attend an 11-week academy in Boise and then train 16 weeks in the department with four different field officers before they're released on their own.

Whitmore is a crime prevention and school resource officer and spends summers doing traffic enforcement on a motorcycle. He was assigned to the Citizen's



Steven Devine/Argonaut

Officer Whitmore of the Moscow Police Department drives senior wildlife resources student Brett Jenkins through the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course during the Citizen's Police Academy on Saturday.

Police Academy, which is a three-year assignment. For information on the

Citizen's Police Academy, contact the Moscow Police Department at 883-7054.

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## ASUI from page 1

Wilson's running mate and ASUI's promotions coordinator.

### Olivia Chinchinian

Chinchinian is a junior history major from Clarkston, Wash., who lives in the Delta Gamma sorority. Chinchinian is Lund's running mate and is an ASUI senator.

### Senate

#### Erik Akert

Akert is a freshman business major from Idaho Falls who lives in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He said he wants to communicate with students with polls and questionnaires, and can represent both the residence halls and Greek living.

#### Marc Boisvert

Boisvert is a senior business major from Meridian who lives in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He said he wants to improve communication between ASUI and the general student population. He said the budget cuts need to be addressed, and better communication would help keep students informed.

#### Patrick Bradbury

Bradbury is a senior business and psychology major from Boise who lives in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is currently an ASUI senator and is chair of the Senate Finance Committee. He said he wants to develop stronger lines of communication between ASUI and the general student body and accurately represent UI students.

#### Esme Busch

Busch is a junior accounting

major from Lewiston who lives off-campus. She said she wants to represent the student body and become more involved in clubs and intramurals. She said she wants to make sure the administration doesn't forget the role of the students when determining budget cuts. Busch served a previous term in the Senate.

#### Laura Ann Clark

Clark is a freshman business major from Menan, Idaho, who lives in the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is an FFA State Officer, and serves as the ASUI Parliamentarian. Clark said she wants to improve communication between ASUI and the student body, as well as make campus safer.

She said she comes from a rural background, which she said gives her a different perspective than other senators, and wants to make her opinions heard.

#### Aaron Johnson

Johnson is a sophomore biology major from Fairbanks, Alaska, who lives in the Delta Chi fraternity. He is involved with Brotherhood

Empowerment Against Rape, Alternative Service Breaks and the Commons and Unions board. He said he wants to improve communication between ASUI and the UI student body.

#### Chris Doman

Doman is a freshman general studies major from St. Maries, Idaho, who lives in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His brother, Sen. Loren Doman, is running for ASUI president.

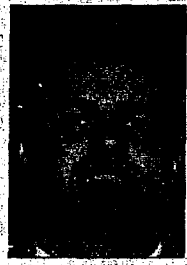
#### Sean Erickson

Erickson is a sophomore business major from Issaquah, Wash., who lives in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He said he wants to work with the Student Alumni Relations Board to revive old traditions and work on smaller projects, rather than the big ideas brought up every year.

#### Dru Law

Law is a sophomore political science major from Moscow who lives in the Farm House fraternity. He said he wants to improve parking and accountability.

## ASUI presidential tickets president, vice



Loren Doman



Zach Arama



Casey Lund



Olivia Chinchinian



Kelby Wilson



Ashley Cochran

#### Narciso Lopez

Lopez is a freshman political science and Spanish major from Weiser, Idaho, who lives in the residence halls.

#### Bobby Myers

Myers is a junior business major from Powell, Wyo., who lives off-campus. He said he wants to improve student attendance at sporting events and communication between ASUI and the UI student body.

#### Delfino Osorio Garcia

Osorio Garcia is a sophomore agriculture education major from Bridgeport, Wash., who lives in the Farm House fraternity.

#### Stephen Parrott

Parrott is a freshman agricultural business major from Buhl, Idaho, who lives in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He has served as an FFA State Officer. Parrott said he wants to improve communication between ASUI and the student body and make sure student fees are spent in a responsible manner.

#### Samantha Perez

Perez is a freshman agricultural business and political science major from Rigby, Idaho, who lives in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She said she wants to improve the advising process and create campus-wide unity.

#### Bryan Stafford

Stafford is a senior chemical engineering major who lives in the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

#### Grayson Stone

Stone is a freshman majoring in history, political science and sociology. He's from Twin Falls and lives in the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity. Stone said he wants to develop a crisis plan for UI to deal with tragedies, like school shootings. He said he wants to improve communication between ASUI and the student body.

#### Sophia Tsai

Tsai is a sophomore political science major from Tainan, Taiwan, who lives in the residence halls. She is currently an ASUI Senator.

## Local/BRIEFS

### Latah County magistrate judge to speak at series

Latah County Magistrate Judge John Judge will speak at the Moscow League of Women Voters Noon Speaker Series at noon on Wednesday in the Fiske Room of the 1912 Center.

His discussion will deal with the responsibilities of his office as well as the local judicial system.

The public is welcome to attend.

### Come get rooted

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center is looking for volunteers for its "Get Rooted" program, which is an effort to increase native plant species on campus.

The program features around 160 students from CORE classes who will plant 700 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

Volunteers are needed for several different events. If interested, contact Stephanie McNelis at mcne6764@vandals.uidaho.edu.

### Festival held this weekend

The Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre is hosting the Kenworthy Film Festival this weekend.

The festival showcases the work of student filmmakers and features films by UI students as well as students from Washington State University. There will also be

discussion and commentary.

The audience will vote for their favorite films, which will be shown during Moscow's Downtown Artwalk on June 12.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students with an ID.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

### Wellness art benefit coming soon to Moscow

Gritman Medical Center is hosting an art auction to help support the Gritman Community Wellness Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 16 at the University Inn Best Western.

### Saxophone enthusiasts coming to university

Saxophone enthusiasts are coming to the UI's Lionel Hampton School of Music for a concert about the instrument.

The conference will also feature several concerts. Tickets are available for \$5 to the general public in limited numbers at the ticket booth in the lobby of the School of Music from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the day of the concert.

At 7:30 p.m. April 9 in the School of Music Recital Hall, Dick Oatts will be featured with the UI Jazz Band

Eugene Rousseau and the UI Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. on April 10 at the Auditorium in the Administration Building.

## Motive sought in murders

Terry Collins  
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — An apparent murder-suicide in an upscale neighborhood of Silicon Valley that left three children and three adults dead had police searching Monday for a possible motive and sorting out the relationships between the suspected gunman and his victims.

A woman in her mid-30s managed to escape from the house where officers later found five bodies in a "very horrific" scene, police Capt. Mike Sellers. She was hospitalized in critical condition with multiple gunshot wounds, Sellers said.

Authorities said a neighbor called police around 8:30 p.m. Sunday after hearing a noise outside and finding the woman bleeding on a sidewalk in the Santa Clara community of Rivermark, about seven miles northwest of San Jose, said Lt. Phil Cooke.

Officers discovered the bodies of a 10-year-old boy, a 4-year-old girl, a man in his 30s and a woman in her early 20s scat-

tered inside the three-story town house — all of them shot dead, Sellers said. The suspected gunman, a man in his 40s, was found on the top floor, dead from a self-inflicted wound, he said.

A toddler was still alive when paramedics arrived but died overnight at a hospital, Sellers said.

Police said they did not expect to disclose the victim's identities until Tuesday, saying they still needed to notify family members.

"We want to be 150 percent sure we get the identities right, but that is a challenge right now," Cooke said.

Investigators also were working to confirm the relationship between the victims and a possible motive for the rampage. Cooke said two handguns were recovered at the scene.

"It looks like it was family on family murder-suicide and that all the people were connected," Cooke said.

He said police were doing interviews to find out "how it all fits together and try to get some indication why this happened."

## PoliceLog

### Monday

10:55 a.m. Elm Street: Officer requested a case number for a burglary.

2:35 p.m. Campus Drive: Officers received a report of two people smoking marijuana.

7:52 p.m. West Sixth Street: Caller said her ex-boyfriend is calling and threatening to hurt her.

### Tuesday

1:47 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller said she has received two death threats over the phone.

9 a.m. Perimeter Drive: Caller said they need a vehicle identification numbers inspection of four vehicles.

4:27 p.m. West Third

Street: Caller reported a traffic offense.

11:10 p.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller reported a two-vehicle accident that happened earlier Tuesday.

11:40 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officer cited someone for an alcohol offense.

### Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers requested a cover unit while serving a warrant.

5:57 p.m. West Third Street: Caller reported a dog running around in the street.

6:24 p.m. Blake Avenue: Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident without injuries.

11:07 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported a suspicious male.

### Thursday

2:47 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers found a stopped station wagon in the middle of the road. The driver said it had ran out of gas.

3:21 p.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a hit and run at the Wallace complex.

4:25 p.m. West Third Street: Caller said a woman ran over a fire hydrant and fled the scene.

9:38 p.m. Stadium Drive: Officers found people with open bottles.

10:50 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers responded to noise complaint.

11:09 p.m. Nez Perce Drive: One male arrested for DUI.

### Friday

4:15 p.m. Rayburn Street: Officers responded to a report of 10-15 skateboarders near the library.

5:26 p.m. Idaho Avenue: Caller reported loud bass coming from a residence nearby.

### Saturday

7:09 a.m. Deakin Avenue: Caller reported that a truck had run a red light.

3:03 p.m. Deakin Avenue: One patient transported to Gritman because of breathing problems.

### Sunday

12:15 a.m. Paradise Creek Street: Caller said that someone threw a rock at their window and damaged it.

12:28 a.m. West Sixth Street: Officers responded to a report of someone beating a golf cart with a chain.

9:27 a.m. Perimeter Drive: Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident.



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# LOST

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last year," he said. "Things just keep getting stronger and stronger. And in an economic situation where people might have trouble giving money, they can still give time."

He said he felt the projects have improved the quality of the stream, but it's difficult to know yet.

"We may have had 15 years of experience on it, but it could take a couple decades to really know," he said.

More projects are lined up for the creek, he said.

"We're going to do at least one this year, and we are working on designs for two more," he said. "There's more vegetation that needs to go in and a lot of shading that needs to happen — and bank stability. I think for at least the next 20 years, we've got a lot of work cut out for us."

## Rerouting the creek

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District created a detailed project plan and environmental assessment of the creek in January 2007. The plan includes a process for rerouting the creek back to its original location in the 1800s.

According to the plan, one reason the creek needs to be relocated is to remedy flooding concerns. The creek last flooded in 1996, said Raymond Pankopf, director of Architecture and Engineering Services.

"It flooded the tower, the park across from the recreation center and up to the (West Park) Elementary School," Pankopf said. "The old facilities building was where the recreation center is now, and it flooded that, too."

The creek currently flows under Paradise Creek Street on the UI campus. An overflow swale was built on the channel to help prevent flooding, but it's a temporary measure. Once the creek is rerouted, the channel will remain to help handle flooding, but the swale will be filled in, Pankopf said.

"The channel also collects a lot of water from the core of campus," he said. "Water off the dome, Line Street and Rayburn Street drains into the channel."

The creek will be diverted by creating approximately 2,000 feet of new channel. The channel will flow north along the east side of Line Street until Third Street, where it will flow under Third Street and west near State Route 8, where it will tie back into the

current channel. Channel reshaping and re-vegetation will also be performed upstream and downstream in sections of the stream on university property.

The new channel segment will be constructed with riparian vegetation and gentle meanders, which will improve habitat, aesthetics and water quality treatment, according to the 2007 project plan. To achieve these goals, Rayburn Street will be demolished, and two pedestrian bridges and a street bridge at Line Street will also be installed, among other procedures.

The project is 65 percent funded by the government, and the university funds the other 35 percent, he said.

"The value of the land is incorporated into the percentage, and that filled the university's 35 percent," Pankopf said.

He said they are in the process of requesting more government funding for the project.

Construction will take place from December 2009 to February 2011, according to the plan.

## The future of a damaged ecosystem

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality identified Paradise Creek in 1994 as "water quality limited from its headwaters to the Washington State line." In the "Paradise Creek Total Maximum Daily Load Water Body Assessment," the department cited ammonia, nutrients, sediment, habitat modification, pathogens, flow alteration and temperature as the cause of the designation.

Section 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires states develop a plan for water bodies that meet this designation. The TMDL implementation plan was completed in 1999 by the Paradise Creek Watershed Advisory Group. It indicates how much pollution the creek can contain without crossing the state's water quality standards. This load capacity is compared to point and nonpoint sources that affect the body of water. Bodies of water are also analyzed for their beneficial uses and must be able to support these uses.

Since Paradise Creek flows out of state, it is required by the CWA to meet Washington's water quality standards. The state's standards dictate the creek must be protected "for salmonid spawning, primary contact recreation and domestic uses along with uses such as water supply, wildlife and aesthetics," according to the TMDL plan. In Idaho, the creek must support cold water aquatic

life, secondary contact recreation and agricultural water supply.

A U.S. Geological Survey study conducted in the 1990s titled, "Biodiversity and Land-use History of the Palouse Bioregion: Pre-European to Present," found the Palouse region has one of the highest soil erosion problems in the country.

"Breaking of the original perennial grass cover left the soil vulnerable to erosion by wind and water," the study found. The study stated commercial farming practices exacerbated these problems. It also stated summer fallow leaves the soils with poor surface protection during the winter; burning straw and pea crop residues leave the soil with less organic binding material; and heavier, more powerful farming equipment pulverizes the soil, leaving it more vulnerable to wind and water erosion.

The study concluded that, "At some point in time, if soil erosion is not curtailed, the physical capacity of this area to produce food will diminish — then we can expect a dramatic shift in both social and ecological systems."

## Restoration

The Palouse is one of the most endangered ecosystems in the U.S.

"Historical land use practices have severely impacted the creek. It's really endangered as a functional ecosystem," said Sara Robson Cucksey, watershed project manager for the PCEI.

PCEI formed in 1986 and functioned as an environmental watchdog. The organization now takes a more proactive role in environmental issues in the Palouse. PCEI is funded by section 319 of the Clean Water Act. Restoration proposals are written to the IDEQ.

"In the Palouse region and locally, creeks are farmed to the bank," she said. "The creeks become exposed with no shade to keep the water cool."

Temperature control is necessary to support aquatic life and limit the growth of algae, according to the TMDL.

The creek is not used as a water source or a recreation source, she said.

"There's no need to irrigate because of the luscious soil and the long wet season," she said.

Pollutants targeted in the area include: sediments, nutrients, nitrogen, phosphorus, bacteria and temperature. Habitat alterations, storm water management and flooding are also concerns, she said.

"Paradise Creek was listed in the top 10 of impaired waterways in the nation," she said. "Nitrogen-based fertilizers end up in the creek without the vegetative buffer."

PCEI has performed 49 separate restoration projects on Paradise Creek since its first project in 1996, the Carol Ryrice Brink Park

### Terminology:

**Point source:** pollution from an identifiable point. The creek's point sources include UI's aquaculture facility and the Moscow Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both facilities have permits from the EPA.

**Nonpoint source:** pollution in areas that isn't necessarily from an exact source. The creek's nonpoint sources include agriculture, urban runoff and forestry.

### Creek statistics:

Paradise Creek flows through Moscow and merges into the South Fork of the Palouse River in Pullman before combining into the Snake River. The Snake River feeds into the Columbia River, which leads to the Pacific Ocean.

Paradise Creek's watershed is 23,038 acres, with 13,888 in Idaho (TMDLWBA).

The creek splits into 55 segments — 49 of which flow through agricultural fields.

The creek supports several cold-water fish species: reidside shiner, northern squaw fish, large-scale sucker, speckled dace and longnose and bridgelip suckers. It should support trout, but none have been found (TMDLWBA).

According to "Biodiversity and Land-use History of the Palouse Bioregion: Pre-European to Present," an average of 358 tons of soil was lost from every cropland acre in the (Palouse River) basin from 1939 to 1972.

The same study found that in the Palouse region, "since 1900, 94 percent of the grasslands and 97 percent of the wetlands in the Palouse bioregion have been converted to crop, hay or pasture lands." The study also found that less than 1 percent of the native prairie remains. This elimination has also reduced or eliminated species dependant on grassland ecosystems.

## "Paradise Creek was listed in the top 10 of impaired waterways in the nation."

Sara Robson CUCKSEY  
PCEI project manager

off Mountain View Road.

"It finally looks like it's supposed to now," she said. "You can't look for an immediate fix — nature just takes a long time. It's impossible to get the creek back to a pre-human condition since we are here."

Some of the goals of the projects were rural and urban riparian restoration, wetland restoration, animal waste prevention and stream bank re-sloping and stabilization, she said.

PCEI finished restoration projects on the creek in 2004 and is now in a monitoring and evaluation stage to check the effectiveness of each project. UI Professor Jan Boll of the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department runs four monitoring stations in the creek that test water quality and clarity.

"It is not possible to give a quick assessment of the stream's improvement," he said. "Typically, right after restoration activities, the conditions worsen because of the disturbance created during installation. After that, it depends on the sequence of climate events how quickly the stream stabilizes."

He said the stream and upland areas also contribute sediment. "The stream sometimes stores that sediment for some time and other times releases it during big-

ger climate events," he said.

There has been a significant downward trend in sediment loading in the creek over the past 18 years, he said.

Flooding is also a natural occurrence in Paradise Creek.

"There are 10, 50 and 100-year floods, but they don't always occur in those increments," Cucksey said. "With restoration, vertical banks would lay back down. It slows the water down and allows for the planting of vegetation, which helps prevent permanent erosion."

The muddy condition of the stream is indicative of too much sediment loss, but the planting of natural vegetation helps cool the river and slow erosion. Reed canary grass is not native and shouldn't be there, either, she said.

PCEI will host the 19th annual Paradise Creek Stream cleanup April 25.

"We've had great turnout for our cleanup events," she said. "People want the creek to be better. We hope to have the yearly cleanup indefinitely."

She said the creek is also an underutilized source of information.

"It could be studied so much more than it is," she said. "There are all sorts of wildlife, and we have a great opportunity to make it so much more."

# FUTURE

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has great writing skills could work in a completely different industry, as a tech writer, for example."

Employers are also focusing on people with solid writing and communication skills, Berwick said.

"Employers say new graduates lack face-to-face communication skills, especially writing skills," the outlook said.

Aside from the decline in hiring on college campuses, the number of employers planning on raising their starting salary

offers had dropped from 78.5 percent in 2008 to 59.1 percent in 2009, according to the outlook.

Employers are also looking at grade point averages. More than half of employers won't bother with someone that has a GPA below 3.0, the outlook said.

Internships are also feeling the squeeze, as hiring is down across the board for those as well, Berwick said. Both Berwick and the outlook said it's important to begin the job search as early as possible. The outlook referenced a survey that found more than half of students beginning the job search before March 1 had secured a job by April 30.

Berwick said graduating students

should weigh their options carefully.

"For some students, it's easier to take out student loans for graduate school because they'll start at a higher pay scale," Berwick said. "For other students, sometimes it's better to enter the workforce."

She said costs are rising in education, and students should remember if they wait to go to graduate school, there's no telling what it will cost two or three years from now.

"The right answer is different for everyone," she said. "Certain fields require an advanced degree."

## Going back to graduate school

The inclement economy has left many unsure of their future, which may prompt them to return to graduate school to appear more appealing to prospective employers.

"We have noticed a minor increase in graduate admissions," said Erick Larson, director of Graduate Admissions. "We're up about 22 percent for fall."

Larson said throughout history, recessions tend to be good for higher education, as more people return to school in hopes a better degree will land a well-paying job.

"We're seeing a lot of non-traditional graduate students coming in," Larson said. "There are a lot of baby boomers who want to further their education (and we're also seeing) layoff victims."

While UI is experiencing an increase in

graduate applications, there's a different trend at work nationwide.

There has been a definite decline in the number of examinees taking the Graduate Record Examination subject tests over the last five years. In nearly all of the subjects, there has been a decline in test takers, with the exception of chemistry and physics, according to data from the Educational Testing Service.

The decline in people taking the GRE as well as other graduate admissions tests has left people in higher education curious, Larson said.


"There's a lot of speculation that it's because people are nervous about the funding," Larson said. "All higher education is now more expensive than at any other point in history."

While any attempt to gauge why numbers are down nationwide is speculative at best, Larson has identified some other areas that may have had influence.

"With the housing market the way it is, people aren't taking out a second mortgage to go back to school," he said.

Another reason for the declining graduate school numbers may be the proliferation of graduate programs overseas, where often times a graduate degree can be earned in less time than in the United States.

Larson said it often takes seven to eight years to go through the undergraduate years to a master's degree in the United States, while it can be done in five years at certain international schools.



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a job at the University of California-Riverside. The UC regents approved a compensation package that will pay White an annual base salary of \$325,000. At UI, White was paid \$291,000 annually.

Nellis told The Associated Press that in negotiations with the board he asked for less money than he and his wife, a Kansas State University employee,

make together at the school. The couple earn a combined base salary of \$370,354 a year.

SBOE President Milford Terrell said the search will continue.

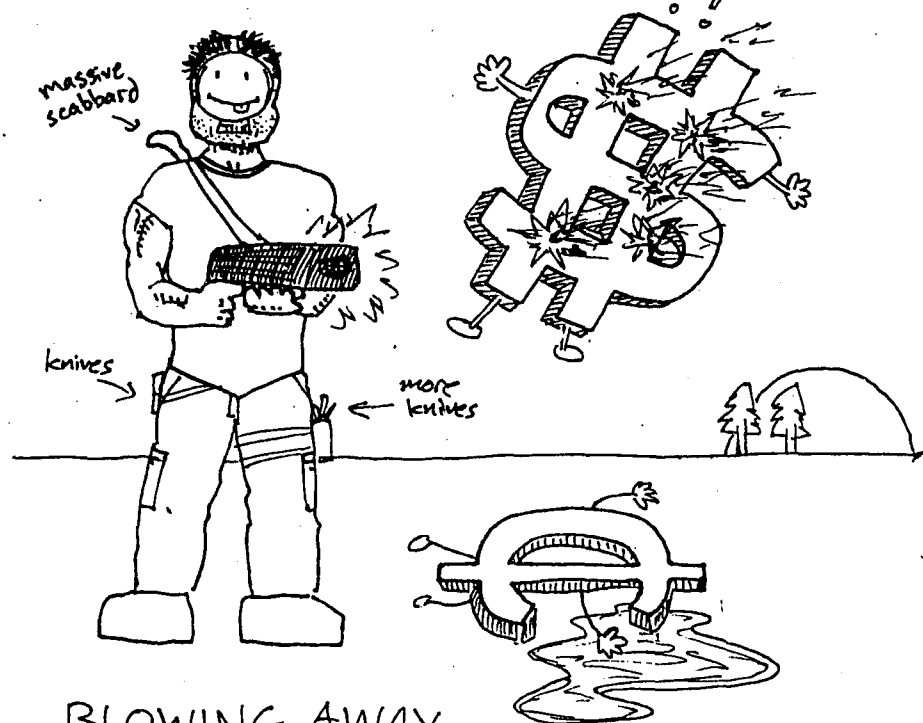
Two of the original five finalists remain, including Don Burnett, dean of the UI Law School, and Larry Penley, former president of Colorado State University.

"Our intent from the very beginning remains the same: We will find the very best person possible to lead the University of Idaho now and in the future," Terrell said in a statement.



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OurVIEW

## Desperate measures

Students enter grad school to avoid job market

This spring's graduating seniors have a tough choice to make — finish school and weather the anemic job market or postpone entering the real world and head to graduate school.

With employers recruiting 22 percent fewer new graduates than last year and the University of Idaho seeing about a 22 percent increase in graduate program applications for the fall, it looks like many students are choosing the latter option.

It's sad that when this year's graduating seniors were in high school, they were told even a four-year degree would give them a distinct advantage over their peers who decided to stop their education after high school.

Now, those students who did go to college are scrambling to find what few professional, entry-level jobs are available, while many of their high school friends who entered the workforce right away have accrued four solid years of practical working experience. Not only are university graduates competing with newly laid-off, experienced baby boomers — they're now being forced to, out of desperation, fight for lower-paying jobs that hold little or no relevance to their advanced degrees.

Even positions that require advanced degrees are declining in pay. Meanwhile, prices of consumer goods and energy continue to rise.

Soon enough, a bachelor's degree could become the base requisite for employment, just like a high school diploma or GED is the minimum today. As technology's capabilities increase exponentially, it will become harder and harder to maintain the skills needed to successfully perform and keep a job, making additional years of training a necessity. Students of the future will be versed in the new skills those who are graduating this year didn't even begin to consider.

Graduating high school seniors who are considering college and students who have already made it to their freshman or sophomore years of higher education have slightly more flexibility in the choices they make. Those individuals should research which career fields are growing, which are shrinking and which ones might not even be around in four years. Choosing a major has always been important, but now it is important to choose the right one or risk being left behind.

— HB

## Voting: the real free choice

Congress is currently considering a bill hailed by many as a way to strengthen the middle class. The bill — ironically named the Employee Free Choice Act — eliminates the option for workers to use a closed ballot election to determine whether or not to form a union.

This leaves the option of card check. A glorified petition, a card check means union organizers can know exactly who has agreed to unionize or who opposes forming a union. While this may seem OK, it allows for union organizers and management to intimidate workers for their choice.

This bullying came to life in the town of Albion, Ind. The workers at the Dana Corporation Auto Parts plant were torn apart by representatives of the United Auto Workers. Using the card check system, the union representatives began to petition the workers into joining the behemoth labor union. However, the process did not go that smoothly.

"When they approach you every day — every day, every day," said Dana employee Jamie Oliver, "after a while, it's like, OK. Fine. I'll sign the card."

When the UAW collected enough signatures, the employees appealed to the National Labor Relations Board. After a secret ballot, the workers

rejected the union.

If Congress wants to give employees free choice, they should let them choose without fear of intimidation. For the same reason the government uses a secret ballot, unions should as well.

A more unsettling aspect of this struggle is the assumption that what is good for the union is good for all. I'm sure someone will read this and conclude that I am anti-worker. Nothing can be further from the truth. Unions can do much good, and in many circumstances, they greatly help the workers.

When labor unions first rose to prominence, industry barons exploited their workers. Many people worked 12-hour days and could still barely afford to keep food on the table. However, in this modern age, many companies treat their employees well, and the workers do not need a union. If the workers still want to unionize despite the drawbacks of high union dues and the possibility of job cuts from the company if the union demands are too much, they can do that.

Although, whenever a group of workers wishes to do so, it should be a fair, democratic choice without any intimidations from union organizers, company management or fellow workers.



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MailBOX

### One person's outrage

I am pleased to announce that after brief deliberation, I have come up with a solution to our current "economic crisis" in the great state of Idaho. We sell tickets for \$10 a pop. Now, before you jump to conclusions, these are not lottery tickets. These make every buyer a guaranteed and equal winner. For just \$10, each ticket would entitle the bearer to one opportunity to kick "Gov." C.L. "Butch" Otter in the balls.

I keep hearing that one key to economic recovery is to get people spending money again, and I can't help but think that anyone in our state who goes to school (kindergarten through

college), anyone who works in education, anyone who has a child in school and anyone who is married to or has a parent who works in education would jump at this chance. With the impending 3 percent salary reduction, I suppose there are thousands of other hard-working state employees who would gladly participate as well.

It may be easy for the former son-in-law of J.R. Simplot to sit back and take hard-earned wages and educational opportunities away from people, as Gov. Otter has not had to worry about such things himself for quite some time. Unfortunately, that is not a luxury many people in this state or this country enjoy.

Let's you think my worldview is too narrow, let me be perfectly clear in stating that I know Gov. Otter is not the only cause of our state's troubles, but he is the "leading" cause,

and leaders have to make sacrifices. Besides, the fact that he is not alone in his tyranny only adds to the genius of this idea.

It could be used to solve financial difficulties around the country, as I'm sure there are many other figures around which similar events could be centered. Bernie Madoff, the AIG executives and the CEOs of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors come readily to mind.

The so-called representatives in our government have been given a free ride too long, and they've been given too much leeway to give these types of people a free ride as well. Therefore, I am offering this suggestion as a way for proud Americans to stand up and take back our nation. I, for one, would be sorely tempted to spring for two tickets.

Murphy Rockwell  
Class of 2005

### Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Vegetarian?

I don't really have a point to make today — I just wanted to say that I passed the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile on the freeway near Post Falls this weekend, and it was awesome.

— Holly

#### Cute, but not cuddly

Why does everyone think living with an animal capable of murdering them is an idea of a fun time? Is it like a high? Like stealing from the supermarket? Let's lay it out here: Timothy Treadwell, the Grizzly Man: dead. The Crocodile Hunter: dead. That woman with the monkey: mauled. And now there's some dude who loves to hug lions. C'mon, I know you wrasse and give each other noogies, but those things can eat your face.

— Alexis

#### Oh, the humanity

Oh, sandwich that I made with care, setting aside the tomatoes in their own bag to keep my sandwich from being soggy. Oh, perfect sandwich that was layered with delicious things, only to be made soggy by lettuce. Oh, lettuce, you ruined me. Lettuce, you and I will meet again, but I will be wiser, and you will be in a separate bag, too.

— Sydney

#### Full season

I learned that "Psych," one of the shows I am currently addicted to, ended its season after 16 episodes. Sixteen episodes is just stupid — why can't they just stick it out and make a normal 21-episode season?

— Jens

#### Oh, burn

Some people are experts at turning any situation from "oh, yeah" to "oh, Jesus." Like the guy in Michigan who was arrested

this week for lighting his buddy's crotch on fire when he passed out at a party. Come on. Just draw genitals on his face like a normal person. There's no need to set the bar any higher.

— Kevin

#### Vigilante parking services

I came out of my house this morning to find a truck parked directly in front of it. It was so close to my car, I had to play bumper cars just to get out, and I had to park elsewhere when I came back. I understand the desire to park somewhere close to campus, but if people keep doing it at my house, I'll be forced to start sticking potatoes in tailpipes.

— Jake

#### Fun at first?

With graduation quickly approaching, I wonder if being homeless is like camping at first. You know, having a few adult beverages, searching for foodstuffs, sleeping under the stars next to a campfire. But then after the first week, it sets in, and you're like, "Oh, shit, I live out here."

— Levi

#### The livin's easy

I've been compiling this summer's reading list. So far, I've promised myself a date with "High Fidelity," "Atlas Shrugged," "The Time Traveler's Wife," "Choke" and "Animal Farm." Oh, and all seven books required for my history class that I've only half gotten through because, well, we were required to read all seven books.

— Christina

#### I really want a pet

I've decided to get a pet after I graduate — I'll probably get a cat. I'm not particularly fond of cats, but fish are like furniture, and a dog doesn't seem fair without a yard. Maybe I'll get lucky and find one of those cool cats that acts more like a dog.

— Lianna

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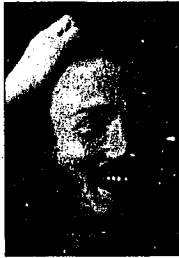
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BEYOND THE SHEETS

# Keep up the goods

Condom-induced erectile dysfunction is a real situation occurring in men all across the world. There are different aspects to this syndrome. Sometimes a man will lose his erection or fail to achieve one just by the sheer thought of wearing a condom. It is important to not overlook the impact the brain can have over the penis, as with most anything else related to the body. Unfortunately, having such a mental block can result in the inability to have protected sex. A man can be adamant about not using a condom to maintain an erection.



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The other way COINED can be induced is the actual physical aspect. If the condom is too snug or the man has had prior bad experiences with condoms, his body can be "trained" to lose his erection while wearing a condom. While this may seem primarily a physiological reaction to the situation, there is also a fair amount of psychological influence. A man's body can teach the mind to react in such a way.

Now, the truly important thing to keep in mind when dealing with a man who has such a situation is to not allow COINED to be used as an excuse to have unprotected sex, because this will put you at increased risk for disease transmission. The condition can be dealt with and even eliminated.

Teach the body and mind to react differently to condoms. The best way to achieve this is to masturbate while wearing a condom. This may seem a bit silly, but it really will work. What is happening is the mind is associating pleasure and happiness with the penis and the condom en lieu of prior negative associations. Another benefit to masturbation in this instance is the man will be able to avoid the embarrassment of losing his erection in front of his partner. Having the penis go flaccid in private is going to be preferable.

The man can also engage in being masturbated by another person while wearing a condom. Again, this is asso-

ciating pleasure with condom use with the added stimulation and sensation of being sexually excited with a partner.

Now, if COINED is being experienced due to a "loss of sensation," try a different condom. They are not all the same. Thinner condoms are manufactured, with the same efficacy rate, that allow more sensation to be felt. If this syndrome is occurring due to the condom fit, there are, again, many options. There are condoms with a larger girth to avoid being too tight at the base. There are also condoms with interesting shapes. There is one in particular with a seashell-shaped tip. The function of this is the tip will twist during intercourse, creating additional sensation at the head of the penis.

The overall point: there are options, and COINED is not the end of the world. There are various non-pharmaceutical ways of dealing with the situation. The mind and body can be retrained, and this situation is not an excuse to put anyone at higher risk for disease or pregnancy.

Have fun, be safe and masturbate. Have a question for Chris? Send it to [arg-opinion@uidaho.edu](mailto:arg-opinion@uidaho.edu).

## Why do we have laws for everything?

As one of the most freedom loving people in the world, Americans conceive of their personal liberties in a way almost no one else does. The view of personal liberty as being left alone to do what one wants is something I have only really encountered here.

But a corollary to this love of freedom is an equally strong desire to rein in people's desires, become a moralizing force and regulate absolutely every aspect of people's lives that is seen as impacting the moral environment of a community. I guess it might be the battle within us between a puritan in one ear and a pioneering frontiersman in the other.

The weight of tradition and different conceptions of the state's role in everyday life mean people in other countries see the state regulating everything as the proper way to run things. When they have a problem, they often look to the state to do something about it.

In America, however, we look at the state with a lot more suspicion. Government, especially when it's "big," is bad. It's part of the problem, not part of the solution. It is best that governs least. Take your pick, but when people want a solution to a problem or a new service provided, Americans are much more hesitant to turn to government for help.

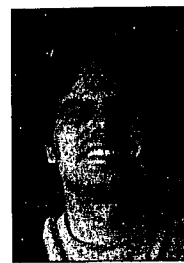
But it seems this great liberalizing urge also boomerangs in the form of wanting to regulate any aspect of our lives that enters the realm of morality. We'd die before letting the government "nationalize" an industry (that is, until 2008), but we have no problem with cops entering a home to bust kids with alcohol or making teenagers go through drawn-out drug prevention programs, complete with urine tests, after being caught smoking a cigarette.

This desire to block people from doing what they want if it's considered "sinful" is something that is seen as ridiculous in Europe and many other places. Europeans absolutely want their utility company nationalized — they wouldn't dream of some capitalist pig taking over such an essential service — but think not allowing people to drink before they're 21 is the most preposterous thing they've ever heard of.

In 17th-century Salem, the Puritan conception of the community required the faithful to remain close-knit physically and spiritually so that church fathers could keep an eye on them. But the allure of cheap land out west, where savageness and sin reigned, was irresistible. Americans have continued this push and pull battle ever since. But this phenomenon has real consequences, and the minutiae of many of the countless regulations and laws, diligently enforced, can make our lives miserable.

Take the recent bike parking regulations. Although this doesn't fit the mold of limiting sinful behavior, it is representative of the regulatory urge. I can't objectively argue with the parking czars — their concern about the overall aesthetics of the campus override my desire to park my bike somewhere convenient.

The only defense I can come up with is this: just let me park wherever I want. I realize it doesn't look as tidy, but for goodness sake, just let me tie it to the tree. In Europe, this wouldn't be an issue. The administration would be bullied into relenting, and students would continue parking bikes wherever they felt like it. But that's not likely to be the case here in the land of the free and the home of the controlling.



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## Legal pot not on Obama's agenda

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Stoners everywhere have been getting mixed signals lately thanks to the Obama administration's stance on legalizing marijuana.

Last week, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited Mexico for her first diplomatic tour of the country that has been rocked by more than 7,300 deaths in the Mexican government's war on drugs. Clinton alluded to a change in U.S. drug policy after conceding that America's voracious appetite for drugs only fuels the problem.

Not so fast, said President Barack Obama when answering an online question during a town hall forum last week. Legalizing marijuana is off the table in his administration.

It really is silly, the pot question, to be brought up during this time of crisis.

But if there's ever been a time to re-examine our war on drugs, Mexico's growing drug problem and our burgeoning prison bills couldn't be stronger signs that the time for some introspection is upon us.

The classical argument against legalizing marijuana doesn't focus on the drug itself but rather the supposed slippery slope the legalization would promote. How could the government legalize one drug but ignore the others?

For many, the answer is paradoxically clear. Alcohol, a drug that claims thousands, if not millions of addicts, and kills more than 70,000 people per year, according to the Center for Disease Control, is perfectly legal for adults 21 and older. There are currently more than 40 million Americans who smoke tobacco, all of whom will only burden our health care system years down the road.

Florida's Medical Examiners Commission released a report last year that found prescription drugs had claimed three times as many lives as all illegal drugs combined in 2007 — a statistic Rush Limbaugh and middle-aged conservative women with back problems aren't helping. The same report found that marijuana use had caused zero deaths in the state.

I cannot condone smoking pot. The recreational user is most likely to inhale some amount of smoke, which can't be beneficial to any person's lungs.

It is inconceivable, though, to condone the criminalization of marijuana when it has fostered the very drug culture where anti-marijuana activists derive their arguments. Want to talk about a gateway drug? Ask your friendly neighborhood drug dealer what he thinks about free

samples of crack cocaine. Worried about increasing gun battles over drug deals gone wrong? No need for exceptional violence when you can simply pick up some weed from your local convenience store.

The total money saved and raked in through taxes could go toward education programs for students, as similar tobacco and alcohol programs have shown success in curbing use of these products in recent years among teenagers. The industry created by legalization could put thousands back to work and would take away much of the power enjoyed by cartels and other unsavory figures of our government-perpetuated drug culture.

Once marijuana is taken off the forbidden shelf, our inner Adam and Eve complex won't fall to temptation — creating an environment where marijuana use declines.

### Corrections

The Argonaut apologizes to ASUI President Garrett Holbrook and Vice President Trisha Crump for incorrectly stating, in the story "ASUI presidential candidates want fair race," that they took a laptop into living groups during the last election and watched people vote. We understand the implications of this statement and offer our deepest apology.

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## Pow wow pride

Annual event celebrates Native American cultures

Jordan Gray  
Argonaut

Sometimes the best way to get a feel for another culture is simply to see what its celebrations are like.

The University of Idaho Native American Pow Wow Celebration Week brings a variety of performers and participants to campus to celebrate Native American cultures and traditions, with the week culminating in the 10th annual Tutxinmepu Pow Wow.

"Tutxinmepu refers to the band of Nez Perce who first lived here on the Palouse," said David Velarde, the program service coordinator for the Native American Student Center. "This is traditionally Nez Perce land so we're really trying to incorporate a lot of their traditions and their names and getting some of their tribal members to speak about things."

In keeping with this, Nez Perce storyteller Angel Sobotta will perform tonight in the Idaho Commons Whitewater Room at 7 p.m. All events throughout the week are free.

"I would highly encourage anyone who is interested in helping native causes or ... anyone who's a fan of music, comedy or traditional stories (to) really come out," Velarde said. "We're inviting everyone, so it's not just (Native Americans) who can come to this, it's everybody. Everyone's invited."

At 7 p.m. Wednesday Spider Moccasin, a musician and cartoonist, will perform in the Student Union Building Gold room. Also at 7 p.m. Friday comedian Mitch Factor will perform in the Admin-

istration Building Auditorium.

Velarde said he sees the event as a learning opportunity for people not familiar with current Native American culture.

"Some of them are ignorant enough to think that natives still live in teepees and hunt buffalo, and that's not true," he said. "We're just as normal, modern-day as anyone else."

Velarde said many Native Americans firmly hold onto their traditional language and stories.

"It kind of shows people that Natives live in normal-day society," he said, "but at the same time can remember their past and their fore-bearers."

The celebration will cap off with the Tutxinmepu Pow Wow Saturday and Sunday with the Grand Entry parade occurring at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday in the Memorial Gym.

Rubell Dingman has attended the Pow wow for four years and will volunteer her services this year to register groups for the dance and drum competitions.

"We have people come in from all over the Northwest to either dance ... or drum," Dingman said. "A lot of the dances and stuff revolve around certain ceremonies."

Saturday will also feature a dinner provided by the Native American Student Association.

"It's a way to experience different cultures," Dingman said. "It's our way of celebrating our past and where we come from. For non-natives, it's a way for them to get a peek at that ... take a look into what our lives are."

**"It's our way of celebrating our past and where we come from."**

Rubell  
**DINGMAN**  
Pow wow volunteer



Participants at the 2008 Tutxinmepu Pow wow perform the Owl Dance in Memorial Gym. The event, which features dancing, drumming and traditional costumes, will be held at noon Saturday in Memorial Gym.

## Festival sets stage for art students

Master of Fine Arts candidates produce short plays, readings



Theater student Jenna Giguere rehearses for "The One," part of the last year's New Works Play Festival March 24, 2008. The festival features new plays from University of Idaho students, and it started last week. It will continue this week with David Eames-Harlan's "Variations on a Theme" on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and Mattie Rydalch's "Strange Attractors" on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Jordan Gray  
Argonaut

To hear the word playwright may conjure up images of William Shakespeare and Arthur Miller. But for a few weeks on campus, it should bring up the image of a University of Idaho student.

The New Works Festival features new plays from UI students that are either performed or read in their premieres. Last week featured two one-act plays in one performance, and this week will feature the chamber readings of two different plays on alternating days.

All of the plays are being directed by Master of Fine Arts candidates. One of these is David Eames-Harlan, who directed Rose Kinne's "Angels" last week and will have his own play, "Variations on a Theme," performed this week.

"The point of this festival is to give a chance for audiences to see and respond to new plays," Eames-Harlan said. "Audiences will see new plays that are sometimes a bit rough around the edges. The point of a first production or first staged reading is to help the playwright see what might be improved in his or her script."

The chamber or staged readings that will occur this week won't have the full setup of a normal play and will require audience members to imagine the set from the playwright's description of it.

"Although the plays aren't fully produced, audiences get a chance to hear these scripts that — due to budget and production constraints — might not otherwise have ever heard," Eames-Harlan said. "Both of these plays are big plays,

and I think it will be interesting for audiences to see how the development process works and how you show big production values in a reading."

Mattie Rydalch, an M.F.A. in dramatic writing candidate, got involved with the New Works Festival after submitting her play to the Play Selection Committee last semester. Her play, "Strange Attractors," will be part of the chamber readings as well and has already been accepted to a theater conference in Alaska.

"Having its first public reading here at UI will be good for it because it's such a critical step, and the actors and directors here are so open and creative," Rydalch said.

For theater fans and people who've never been to an event like the readings, Rydalch said the format allows audience members to pay closer attention to the script structure and the character outlines that the playwright originally intended, something that can change with subsequent productions.

"The performances last week were excellent, and the actors and directors of the readings in the coming week have put their all into it," Rydalch said, "so it all should be exciting and well worth seeing."

Eames-Harlan's "Variations on a Theme" will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday. Rydalch's "Strange Attractors" will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and April Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for general admission and can be purchased at TicketsWest. The chamber readings will be in the Kiva Theatre.

## Ratatat concert is ratatawesome

Music scenes are temporal, strange things. The whole notion of bands, in fact, is a little strange to think about. Most every band that's come together has come together due to proximity — four guys from Liverpool happened to come together and become The Beatles, and five guys from Stockton, Calif. became Pavement.

In the same way, it's a little strange places get reputations or distinctive sounds, whether Seattle its circa '91 or L.A. a few years ago. Portland was a great hope and a great source for new music, but for a few years now, it's been in a struggle with Brooklyn, in my opinion, a battle Brooklyn has now won.

Among the borough's, another band standing tall is Ratatat, an instrumental hip-hop duo of Evan Mast and Mike Stroud. They played Boise's Knitting Factory Saturday, formerly Boise's Big Easy. Despite a name change, the venue still hosts Tech N9ne nearly weekly and has floors as sticky as the former University 4 Cinema.

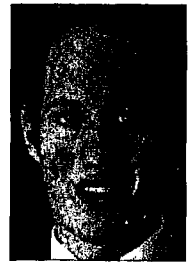
I don't know who told Boise about Ratatat, but the show seemed to be at capacity. It wasn't sold out before the night of the show, but it may well have been by the time the headliner took the stage.



Despot and Think About Life opened. Despot, a rapper from Queens, was clearly talented but clearly limited by his DJ (an iPod on a music stand). Think About Life was a little boring, and its lead singer had some self-esteem issues, the group didn't get the crowd excited, and their set faded away instead of burned out.

One gripe I had with the show was the crowd's terrible tendency, also observed at the Girl Talk show in Missoula, to push forward toward the stage. As a 22-year-old, I like to blame the teenagers, but it might be instead symptomatic of the dance genre. It wasn't for myself that I was very worried (more, annoyed), but my 4 foot, 10 inch girlfriend was in a precarious position.

Like Despot, Ratatat was in sort of a bind: the songs on their album have more than 20 layered guitar tracks and there are only two fellows on stage, the drum tracks necessarily have to be automated, some guitar has to be pre-recorded and



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Ratatat  
Live performance  
The Knitting  
Factory, Boise

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# As usual, the book is better

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For those looking to experience "Watchmen," look no farther than the pages of the graphic novel.

The movie is nothing more than a disappointment. The runtime seemed horrendously long, the casting was mediocre at best and the spark that made Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' comic book series so great was missing all together.

Who watches the Watchmen? Well, it seems like a bunch of naive moviegoers and let-down comic book fans.

The thing about "Watchmen" is the story never really seemed like one that could be appropriately translated to the silver screen. Set in an alternate universe and containing several revolving plotlines, the story is just easier to comprehend and enjoy in comic book form.

Miss something important? Flip back a few pages and re-acquaint yourself with the story. It's a murder mystery-conspiracy thriller-batched romance-superhero action story. There's fighting and death, scandal and sex, all the elements that should make a movie great but in the end bored me to tears, tears because it was, well, boring, and something so

epic and fantastic seemed completely ruined.

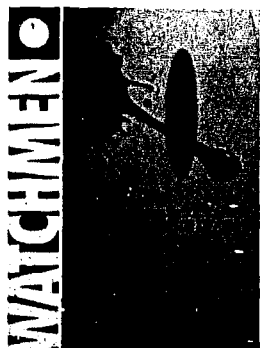
CGI characters and scenes don't make movies fantastic, and watching Dr. Manhattan (the big, blue naked guy) act all emo just doesn't work outside of a little drawing in a box.

Malin Akerman will never be Laurie Jupiter/Silk Spectre II in my eyes. The girl who played Ben Stiller's wife in "The Heartbreak Kid" is not masked crime fighter material. Akerman wasn't the only bad actor, as all of them, with the exception of Jackie Earle Haley (Rorschach, dear Rorschach), were some kind of terrible. Maybe he stands above

the rest because he spends 90 percent of the movie wearing a mask.

But on a much lighter note, the award for best comic to film translation goes to the Owl Ship. That thing looked better in real life than it could in any drawing.

Zack Snyder's cinematic adaptation of the illustrated classic ended up being months and months worth of hype. The trailer itself was more exciting than the movie, and in the end "Watchmen" proves maybe some things, especially good things, should just be left the way they are. "Watchmen" is out in theaters now.



"Watchmen"

Malin Akerman, Billy Crudup  
Now playing

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# A WORLD AWAY



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

Students perform on stage during India Night Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. India Night is an annual event that gives insight into Indian culture, fashion and cuisine.

# New twist on fairy tales

**Megan Broyles**  
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Books for women about how they are wrong or have been wronged in relationships are nearing a dime a dozen.

Authors approach solutions for brokenhearted females in a variety of ways. "He's Just Not That Into You," the 2005 book made into a 2009 movie, came from a "why didn't you see this coming?" standpoint. Other paperbacks tell readers to be smarter about the mates they choose. Deborah Dunn's "Stupid About Men: 10 Rules for Getting Romance Right" does both of these by challenging feminine ideals. Dunn takes on the princesses and fairy tale maidens of pre-school days and Disney fantasies.



"Stupid about Men: 10 Rules for Getting Romance Right" Deborah Dunn  
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Walt Disney creations Cinderella, Snow White, Tinkerbell, Wendy

and Ariel sit side by side with the Princess and the Pea, the Gold-Spinning Maiden from Rumpelstiltskin, the Princess who kissed the frog, Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood to illustrate how women create unrealistic expectations for themselves in romantic relationships in "Stupid About Men."

With each female image comes an important relationship rule. This is where Dunn receives the majority of her positive review. Using the very stories and characters that give many women worldwide their images of femininity and romantic mentalities and explaining how these don't work outside of the celluloid world, Dunn reaches readers on a level they weren't

same information any other dating book would carry, but the presentation is key. Dunn makes it simple for readers to glean the information they need and remember what they've read. Tinkerbell needs to remember being smart is more important than being sexy, and Rapunzel needs to find a guy that suits her, not just the first one who asks her to let down her hair.

Dunn, a marriage and family therapist, inserts real life cases from her clients, boosting credibility but also inserting unnecessary commentary about spirituality and higher powers into her instructions about living happily. These God-related comments may be applicable for those interested or involved with religious or theological pursuits, but act as a repellent for those who are not.

Those details can go unnoticed for most and the purpose of Dunn's book remains the same regardless: wake up, realize what examples you're holding yourself to and change your mind about how you act instead of dawdling in the doldrums of aching hearts.

# RATATAT

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few synth lines are played live.

Shroud and Mast thus spend most of their time with guitars, whether bass, six-string, synthesizers or percussion. Now might be a good time to note not one of their songs had live vocals. Ratatat is undoubtedly a hip-hop group, but it's a live, beat-oriented hip-hop.

To compensate a little for the backing tracks and so forth, Ratatat puts on a beautiful, strange show. The duo are not exceptional dancers, but both know how to work the crowd. Shroud has played guitar for many well-known bands, including Dashboard Confessional.

Besides the impressive instrumental work, Ratatat has extravagant, synchronized lighting and a projector showing accompanying music videos for all the songs. "Flynn" remixes Paul Simon's "You Can Call Me Al" video, as if one's watching it high on cough syrup.

"Mirando" compiles violent clips from the film "Predator," even more bizarre absent context.

Three albums in, Ratatat has finally moved from their bread-and-butter of tracks like "Wildcat" and "Crips" to more detailed, surprising arrangements on their last album "LP3." They performed a mix of all their material (including some unknown to me - maybe previews of "LP4" if I'm not mistaken), concluding a two-song encore with their most well-known track "Seventeen Years."

The crowd went wild, as crowds tend to do when bands play songs that people know. During the last track more than any other it was easy to look past asholes in the crowd, people who show up to shows apparently just to get drunk and be jerks, and appreciate Ratatat for what they are, and be glad they made the trip from Brooklyn for us.

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## QuickHITS

### Vandals in action

**Today**  
**Women's golf** — The team will travel to the Dove Canyon Country Club to compete in the Anteater Invitational. Play started Monday and will continue through Wednesday.

**Football** — After two days off, spring football practices resume today at the SpinTurf. Starting time is to be determined.

**Wednesday**  
**Men's tennis** — The team will continue its season when it plays Gonzaga University at 3 p.m. in Moscow.

**Track and field** — Some athletes will travel to participate in the Texas Relays Wednesday. Starting time is to be announced and will take place in Austin.

### Vandals to watch

**Evan Ruud**  
 Track and field

Ruud, a transfer from Central Washington University, set a personal best in the hammer throw with a heave of 193 feet, 2 inches. It was Ruud's first time competing in an Idaho uniform, and he managed to hit a regional qualifying mark in the event. Ruud and fellow transfer Eugenio Mannucci are two throwers who are expected to help fill the gap left by the graduation of all-American Russ Winger.

**Kyle Hook**  
 Track and field



Hook, a senior, threw a career-best 208-11 in the javelin at the Stanford Invitational. His effort was good enough to earn him second place in the event. The toss was good enough for a regional qualifying mark, and the team will look to Hook to provide points at the Western Athletic Conference Championships down the road.

### Did you know ...

The University of Idaho women's basketball team has signed two new players for next season. One being Kanisha Bello, who was the Gatorade Player of the Year for Hawai'i, as well as a McDonald's All-American Team nominee. As a senior, she led Waiakea High School to a 13-11 record and second-place finish in the Big Island Interscholastic Federation Division I. She earned her second-straight first-team all-BIIF honor after averaging 14.4 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.7 steals per game for the Warriors.

### Vandals by the numbers

**6** The University of Idaho volleyball team will play in at least six matches this spring.

**57** Shot put thrower Eugenio Mannucci threw the shot put just more than 57 feet over the weekend.

### Obscure stat of the day

From 1929-32 Vandal running back Willis Smith averaged 8.73 yards per carry, nearly two yards more than the next closest athlete, Russell Davis. Smith also finds himself in third place on the all time rushing list at 3,029 yards.

# Football spring training begins

**Scott Stone**  
 Argonaut

The Idaho Vandal football squad hit the practice field last week with some unfamiliar faces, both on the roster and the coaching staff.

Thursday was the first official day of spring practice, and for two new coaches, it was their first opportunity to get to know their new family and see what kind of team they'll be working with.

Eti Ena, defensive line coach, joined the Vandals this winter, and linebacker coach, Rob Christoff joined the staff just a week before spring training. The two are still getting used to their new home, but Idaho coach Robb Akey said so far they're fitting in nicely and he's excited about what they're bringing to the team.

Ena joins the Vandals after spending three years with Eastern Oregon, where he held numerous coaching positions. It will be Ena's first time coaching in the Football Bowl Subdivision, but Akey believes he has the experience needed to be qualified for the position.

"I like what I see in him," Akey said. "He's been a coordinator before. He's done it at the high school level, (and) he's done it at the college level. He's been a position coach, and he's been a coordinator, so he's made decisions. He brings good experience in that fashion."

Christoff has similar coaching experience, but does have one season's experience in the FBS as a graduate assistant at Boise State during the 2008 season.

"He's another one who's got some coaching under his belt," Akey said. "He's done it at three or four different



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal defensive line coach, Eti Ena, a graduate from Eastern Washington University, gives instructions to the Vandal defense last Thursday on the SpinTurf. Ena brings a great deal of experience to the Vandals, having positions as a defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator, strength and conditioning coordinator, linebacker coach, and assistant head coach over his past three seasons at Eastern Oregon University.

schools. He's been in the decision making position as well. He proved to me in the interview process he was a very strong teacher, and that's an important thing."

Akey said Christoff had a lot of fans who were pulling for him during the interview process.

"I got a ton of calls from people all throughout the west telling me what kind of a coach I'd

be getting if I hired him," Akey said.

Both coaches are familiar with the area, and both have spent time coaching nearby. Christoff has even lived in Moscow when he was young while his dad coached at UI. Before coaching the Vandals, Christoff's dad, A.J., played as a Vandal, and is excited to see his son back in Moscow.

"He's fired up. He's

excited," Christoff said. "He's got pride in this place, and he's excited about me coming here."

He said between his connection to IU, and because his wife is from Spokane he really wanted to be a part of the Moscow community.

"I actually lived in Moscow from the time I was about three to the

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# Vandals hit four regional marks

**Kayla Desjarlais**  
 Argonaut

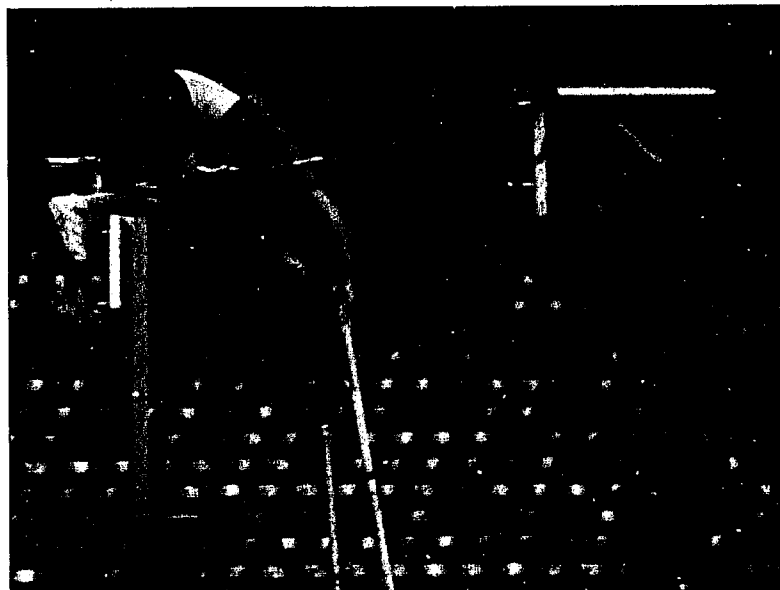
Four University of Idaho track and field team throwers earned NCAA Regional qualification in Palo Alto, Calif. at the first outdoor meet of the year Friday and Saturday.

The four regional qualifying marks set at the Stanford Invitational fall short of the seven achieved last year. The team will look to improve as performances from last weekend will determine season goals.

With two newcomers in tow, UI throwers swept the ranks both days of the competition where the meet featured the talents of the throwers and two distance athletes.

Senior Kyle Hook launched the javelin to a career-best 208 feet, 11 inches to place second in the men's collegiate section of the event.

Not to be outdone by his veteran teammate, Eugenio Mannucci, a transfer from Viterbo, Italy, hefted the shot put 57-5.5 to take third in the men's invitational section in his first competition as a Vandal. His throw is the best in the Western Athletic Conference this season by a four-foot



Kayla Desjarlais/Argonaut

Three-time Western Athletic Conference Champion, Lucas Pope, practices the pole vault Monday. Pope cleared 16 feet, 0.75 inches to tie for eighth in the men's pole vault Saturday at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif.

margin.

Both throws by Hook and Mannucci achieved the NCAA regional qualifying standard. This is the second consecutive season Hook's throws have earned regional qualification.

"It's great to get regional qualifiers this early in the year for us with the way our preparation is going," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "It's early for everyone right now, so for Kyle to throw a huge PR was outstanding, and also for Eugenio to throw as well as he did in his first official competition was really cool."

Representing the women and men in the 1,500 meter event, sophomore Erica Digby hit a personal-best 4 minute, 40.74 second time, while freshman James Clark took fourth

in his section in the event setting the WAC second-best time of 3:54.61.

"I thought the day went very well," Phipps said. "We had a couple regional qualifiers and a number of personal bests, so I thought it was a pretty good opening day."

Throwers continued to impress day two as Matt Wauters and Evan Ruud unleashed the hammer to deliver first and second ranked throws, respectively, in the WAC.

Wauters threw the hammer 198-10 in the men's invitational section of the event to place fifth.

Ruud, a transfer from Central Washington University, showcased his talents as he donned the Idaho jersey for the first time to win the

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# Finding sanity in madness

I am tired of people complaining about how boring this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament has been because there have been no upsets.

The tournament this year has been just as bad as the tournaments that have come before it but not because there have been a distinct lack of upsets. Simply put, there are

too many undeserving teams playing for a shot at a national championship.

Every year, for two weeks, people get swept up in this craze many of them know nothing

about. If America cared so much about college basketball, why didn't anyone fill out their Great Alaska Shootout or Maui Invitational brackets during non-conference play?

The popularity of the NCAA tournament has nothing to do with the action that takes place on the court but solely on the whimsical notions of brackets, upsets and Cinderella stories.

The largest farce out of all of the NCAA tournament riff-raff has to be President Barack Obama's bracket. This has to be the biggest non-story ever, yet news outlets keep telling me how many picks he has correctly selected.

This is where the sham comes into play. Despite watching little to no college basketball this season, Obama has managed to select 14 of the final 16 teams in the tournament.

Maybe he was up late breaking down game tape to see how Purdue would overcome Washington's scrappy guard play, but maybe just maybe, it takes no discernible talent or knowledge of the college basketball season to predict how the NCAA tournament will play out.

If it happens to be the former, than it was no surprise to see those at AIG receiving undeserved bonuses because the president was too busy doing research to fill out his bracket. If it is the latter, as I suspect, it proves the college basketball regular season is pointless.

For major conferences this may not be the case, as it can expect anywhere from three to six at large bids thrown their way. Winning in the regular season can actually lead to a tournament berth despite a failure to emerge as conference champions for those schools in power conferences.

Mid-major schools, as St. Mary's, San Diego State and a handful of other small schools will attest to, basically play their regular season for nothing other than meaningless wins. The vast majority of conferences will only receive one bid to the NCAA tournament and that will be decided by the crapshoot that is conference tournaments.

Since higher seeds do not receive home court advantage in conference tournaments there is no real advantage to being a three seed or a six seed, just ask the Idaho men's basketball team. Regular season conference play might as well be a bunch of over-elaborate scrimmages in preparation for the conference tournament.

It seems rather unfair to determine a champion, national or conference, based on winning a certain number of games in a row. It may be exciting, but it is also criminally unjust.

If people are so desperate

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# Do not fear Black Widows

If the old adage "everyone loves a winner" is true, then nobody could fault the women on the University of Idaho Black Widows women's rugby team for feeling like Jacob's youngest child.

Despite not having lost a game since last spring, captain Courtney Brockett said the team still has yet to be fully embraced by the community.

"There are a few misconceptions about rugby and rugby players here at Idaho that are not entirely true," Black Widow President Emily Howard said. "Our team is much more conservative than other teams — it is about the game and not the party afterwards."

Howard said drinking is a big part of some rugby teams, but it is not something they want to focus on.

"Our team is open to all types of players including those who may not be interested in the partying," Brockett said. "It is important to make all the girls on the

team feel welcomed and not exclude anyone."

Instead of going to bars after practices, the team will hold social events to watch tapes of the previous matches, Brockett said.

"Everyone is happy to sit around, eat food and talk about the game," Social Chair Josie Morris said. "Plus, since everything is on tape we get to watch awesome tackles over and over again."

Howard said the club is not allowed to promote drinking and sought an alternative way to socialize with one another and opponents after games.

"What we do now is an awesome way to bond with other teams after we play them," Howard said. "To be able to sit around with each other and laugh and

talk after you just tried to crush them is unbelievably fun."

The team practices twice a week and is preparing for a busy conclusion to the season. The Black Widows will participate in two major tournaments and host three home games to end the semester.

"We hope to win the rest of games leading up to MaggotFest in Montana at the beginning of May," Brockett said. "This will be the first time we have sent a full team there so we have high expectations after only being able to send a few players that last couple of seasons."

Brockett joined the squad two years ago and said she has seen the team grow a lot in that time.

"I remember only having four

**"We hope to win the rest of games leading up to MaggotFest in Montana at the beginning of May."**

Courtney BROCKETT

Black Widows Captain

## Club sports results

**Women's Rugby** - The Black Widows rugby team shutout the University of Gonzaga 33-0 at home Saturday. The Black Widows scored four tries and drilled four out of five conversions.

**Boxing** - The boxing team had one fighter in action this weekend. Justin Nigg lost his first competitive fight by split decision in Spokane Saturday. Nigg competed at 152 lbs.

**Men's Soccer** - The University of Idaho men's soccer team lost 7-1 to Washington State in Pullman Saturday. Andres Vasquez scored the lone goal for the Vandals.

or five girls show up to practice and not being able to work on anything," Brockett said. "Now we have a full squad with a bunch of girls who are committed to the sport."

One of the biggest misnomers about rugby is the idea one has to be big and strong to play the sport, Howard said.

"I tell new girls who want to play that your size does not matter, you just have to be tenacious out on the field," Howard said. "There (are positions) in rugby for everyone so long as they are willing to get out there and get after it."

The Black Widows recently won the WarriorFest tournament in Lewiston, to continue their good form.

"Our goal is to just make Moscow aware that there is a women's rugby team in the region," Howard said. "Not only that, but we are successful and have a lot of fun."

The Black Widows travel to Spokane for the Fools Fest tournament next weekend.

## Person with knowledge: talks delay Burress hearing

Colleen Long  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Plaxico Burress will return to court Tuesday in his gun possession case as his lawyers and prosecutors haggle over a plea deal and what punishment the New York Giants star should face for accidentally shooting himself in a crowded nightclub last year.

A law enforcement official with knowledge of the case said that Burress and prosecutors have been in active discussions about a plea deal, but remain at odds over the terms, with the District Attorney's office pushing for a stiffer punishment than what defense lawyers believe Burress deserves. The individual spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are ongoing.

Burress, who fired a bullet into his thigh at a Manhattan nightclub in November with a gun he'd stuffed in his waistband, has been charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a felony that carries a minimum prison sentence of 3 1/2 years in prison and a maximum of 15 years upon conviction.

His attorney Ben Brafman said Burress will appear in court Tuesday but the hearing will be adjourned. He wouldn't comment on a possible plea deal.

"I'm not going to get into that," he said.

Statistics show that more than eight out of 10 people arrested in the city last year on the same charge Bur-

ress faces received reduced charges, though some plea deals included jail time.

Former prosecutor Randy M. Mastro, a deputy mayor under Rudy Giuliani, said Burress' case was going to be "a close call."

"He's got a pretty compelling story to tell," Mastro said. "But, at the same time, there's been a tremendous public outcry, particularly by some politicians, about this famous figure having a weapon."

Prosecutors, in offering reduced charges in gun possession cases, consider past criminal history, arrest circumstances and the reason for having the weapon.

The 31-year-old wide receiver, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the Giants' 2008 Super Bowl victory over the previously undefeated New England Patriots, has no criminal record. The gun he was carrying had a Florida license that only recently expired; it wasn't licensed in New York.

Burress has not spoken publicly about why he was carrying a gun, but some have speculated it was for safety reasons after teammate Steve Smith was robbed at gunpoint three days earlier.

Mastro said that would make for a "compelling story."

"He has a story to tell the courts that is more sympathetic than the typical gun possession charge," Mastro said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has waged a long campaign against illegal guns, has publicly cas-

tigated Burress for carrying the .40-caliber weapon. And there was talk of a cover-up by the Giants and the NFL after the Nov. 28 incident at the Latin Quarter after it took police nearly 12 hours to figure out Burress had shot himself and was hospitalized; the player turned himself in three days later.

Precedent is on Burress' side. Only about 14 percent of the people charged last year with the same charge that Burress faces were ultimately convicted of it, said John Caher, a spokesman for the state Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Of the 1,248 people in New York City initially arrested on second-degree criminal weapons possession in 2008, 184 were convicted of the charge. About half were convicted of a misdemeanor or violation, and the remaining convictions were usually lesser felonies with some jail time.

Burress' Giants teammates have been supportive about his return, but they're concerned about the future of the team without him. The Giants lost four of their final five games after Burress was suspended, fined and placed on the non-football injury list, meaning he also could not appear in the playoffs.

The Giants finished 12-5, losing at home in the playoffs to the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Giants, who signed Burress to a five-year, \$35 million contract extension in September, have left the door open for him to return once his legal issues are resolved.

## Moats accepts cop's apology for traffic stop

Associated Press

DALLAS — NFL player Ryan Moats said Monday he accepts the apology offered by a Dallas police officer who stopped him with a drawn gun in a hospital parking lot as his mother-in-law was dying.

The Houston Texans running back said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he hopes Officer Robert Powell was sincere in his apology.

Powell stopped Moats' SUV outside Baylor Regional Medical Center in suburban Plano on March 18 after the vehicle rolled through

a red light. Moats' wife, Tamishia, and other relatives were also in the car.

The officer pulled out his gun and threatened Moats with jail as the player pleaded to be allowed to go inside the hospital. Moats' mother-in-law, 45-year-old Jonetta Collinsworth, died while Powell wrote Moats a ticket and lectured him.

"I loved Jo ... my mother-in-law. We call her Jo. She was just like my mom basically," Ryan Moats said.

Powell, who has been placed on paid leave pending an investigation,

issued a statement Friday through his attorneys.

"I wish to publicly and sincerely apologize to the Moats family, my colleagues in the Dallas Police Department, and to all those who have been rightfully angered by my actions on March 18, 2009. After stopping Mr. Moats' vehicle, I showed poor judgment and insensitivity to Mr. Moats and his family by my words and actions," Powell's statement said.

Tamishia Moats said she'd like to hear the apology personally, but that she, too, would definitely accept it.

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time I was about six, so I've lived here before, and my wife being from here was a huge part of me wanting to come here," Christoff said. "In addition to this being a place that's on its way back."

Most of his coaching experience comes from a seven-year stint at Montana State, where he served as the linebacker coach for six years, and defensive coordinator for one.

Ena doesn't have the same Idaho ties as Christoff, but he played college football just up the road at Eastern Washington University, where he graduated and spent three years on the coaching staff.

After his time at EWU, Ena moved on to Eastern Oregon for three years. During the 2006 and 2007 seasons, Ena served as the defensive coordinator, linebacker coach and strength and conditioning coordinator.

Before coming to Idaho, he was serving as the assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

Ena said he believes the Idaho football program is on the rise, and he's excited to be a part of it.

"It was a great opportunity," Ena said. "I was excited to work with coach Akey and his staff because I know that one, they're good people, and two, that it's going to be a great opportunity for us to come to a program that's in the stage of turning a corner."

As the defensive line coach, Ena knows his importance on the field and wants his players to understand their importance as well.

"What I'm hoping to bring to the team is a little bit of energy, as well as some fundamentals to be better up front," Ena said. "There's a lot weighing on the front, and I want the front to understand they're accountable for this football team."

Although it's time to get to work, Ena said he has really enjoyed Moscow, and it's the kind of place he wants to raise his family.

"I really am enjoying my time," he said. "If I could pick my place, it's going to be a small college town, and that brings to the table a great place to raise my family and a great university to be a part of."

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men's collegiate section of the hammer throw with a personal-best 193-2 effort.

"I set mental goals, and one was to get regional (qualifying mark), and I thought, '190 was a reasonable mark, won't be totally excited but it will show I'm ready to throw well this season,'" Ruud said. "Then every throw in the series was over that mark. Which means A, I'm throwing that far and B, I'm having the consistency to stay that far for the first meet. So I'd like to improve little things to throw a lot farther, that's the main goal of the year."

Both Wauters and Ruud achieved regional qualification with their throws, which rank 10th and 15th in the NCAA respectively according to the most recent descending lists. Matt Wauters and Evan Ruud unleashed the hammer to deliver the first and second ranked throws, respectively, in the WAC.

"I definitely felt that there were some kids who competed well," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "I think that was a good start for Matt, and I was really happy with how Evan stepped up today."

On the men's side, sophomore Josh Dalton ran a personal-best 1:53.18 in the collegiate section of the 800 meter while Lucas Pope, building on indoor success in the pole vault, cleared 16-0.75 to tie for eighth in the event.

Senior Heather Bergland led the women, placing sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.41, while freshmen Ellen Rouse and Keli Hall finished 21st and 22nd, respectively, in the women's 200 meter with times of 25.80 and 25.88.

The track and field team will travel to Spokane for the Sam Adams Classic at Whitworth University, which starts Saturday.

# Fans blame police for deadly stampede

**Benoit Hill**  
Associated Press

**ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast** — Fans who survived a deadly stadium stampede in the Ivory Coast blamed police Monday for the tragedy, saying security forces provoked the panic by tear gassing people who had nowhere to run.

World soccer body FIFA called for a prompt investigation into the stampede Sunday at Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny arena that left 19 people dead and injured more than 130. The president of Ivory Coast declared a three-day period of mourning.

Tens of thousands of fans turned out to see Chelsea striker Didier Drogba — a native of Ivory Coast — as the home team squared off against Malawi at a World Cup qualifying match. Interior Minister Desire Tagro said on state TV that fans outside the stadium began pushing and shoving before the game began, setting off the panic. But witnesses said that as fans tried

to get into the stadium, police fired tear gas into the crowd, setting off the stampede.

The weight of the fans pushing forward caused a wall to come crashing down, according to an AP photographer and other witnesses. An Abidjan morgue listed 19 dead, and Tagro gave the number of injured as 132.

Members of the Ivorian Football Federation denounced the police. Senior federation member Anzouan Kacou told Radio France Internationale that security forces had been "negligent" and had violated safety procedures by using teargas inside the stadium.

"We saw people falling from the top bleachers," said Diarassouba Adama, who was inside the stadium. "The stampede was provoked by the security forces who

threw tear gas canisters at us. I don't know why they fired on us."

Relatives of the dead outside one of the capital's morgues agreed. "My brother left to go to the stadium with his friends. At the entrance, they were attacked by security forces. That's

what set off the stampede," Modou Kamara said after identifying the body of his brother.

Women fainted with grief outside the morgue Monday and others sobbed

as they held each other. Fathers and brothers stood, their eyes red with sorrow.

Morgue officials released the names of the 19 dead — including two children, one of whom was age 10. There was no immediate word Monday on the condition of the injured.

**"We saw people falling from the top bleachers."**

**Diarassouba ADAMA**

Soccer fan

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for random results then they should saddle up to a roulette table and watch the ball spin around. The NCAA should reward the best teams not the least consistent.

The current format of the NCAA tournament is inherently archaic. It is based upon a time when teams had to take trains to get games and the tourna-

ment was played in the span of a week — not over the course of a month.

For a start, all conference tournaments should be abolished. These tournaments are simply a cash grab by conferences that demean the accomplishments of the regular season. It is one thing to have a playoff if there are two teams tied with the same record but to allow every team a chance to represent the conference in the NCAA tournament is unfair.

The NCAA tournament itself could use a complete overhaul

in format. If a team cannot win its conference championship, it has no business competing for a national championship.

Instead of a single-elimination tournament, you seed the teams and have them play a best two out of three series, except for the final which is a one game playoff at a neutral venue. There are currently 31 conferences in Division I men's basketball so either a new conference can be created or first round byes can be handed out to certain top seeds.

It is just a suggestion, but at

this point something, anything should be done to help level the playing field in college basketball, which is unforgiving to any team that has a single misstep.

The NCAA tournament has featured a distinct lack of upsets the past two seasons but there is still something unsatisfying about the end result. Just because higher seeded teams have advanced the past two seasons does not mean the current system is working.

A change in format may be unpopular, but the tournament

should be about crowning a deserving national champion in men's basketball, not creating a system that allows Peggy in accounts payable to earn a quick 100 bucks for filling out some paper her co-worker told her about.

If people are so desperate to gamble at work, they should bring some dice and set up a back alley craps game because the NCAA tournament should be about basketball and nothing else, no matter how popular it may be.

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