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Fee increase may soften budget blow

Reid Wright
Argonaut

In a surprise move, the Idaho Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee voted to soften a proposed across-the-board 3 percent state employee salary cut and allow federal stimulus dollars to be used for personnel costs.

The original proposal called for a 5 percent across-the-board salary cut. The JFAC decision reduces that to 3 percent and removes the across-the-board requirement.

Idaho Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, joined Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, to provide the swing vote that allowed the measure to pass.

Ringo said the proposal would provide more flexibility for state institutions and reduce layoffs.

"There were some of us working behind the scenes to take it down to 3 percent," she said. "It will be much better for state employees ... definitely better for colleges and universities."

An across-the-board cut would be particularly challenging for higher education because many faculty are protected from salary cuts, Ringo said, which would result in more layoffs.

The proposal still has to be approved by the governor and the state legislator before being passed.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has spoken out against using stimulus dollars for personnel, suggesting one-time infrastructure improvements would be more appropriate for the funds.

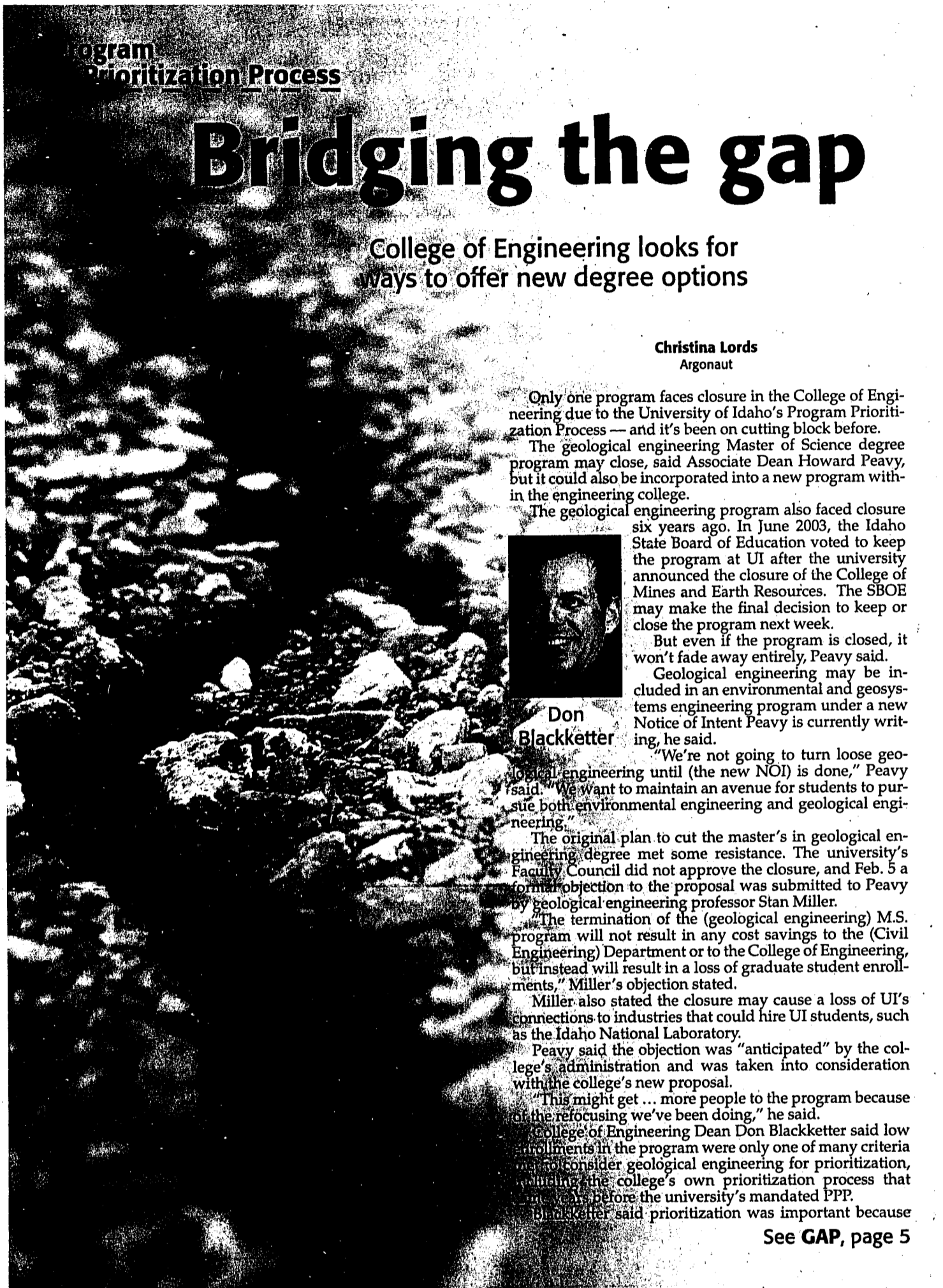
"We cannot cover long-term, ongoing expenses with one-time money," Otter stated in a March 13 statement. "Salaries and other personnel costs for state employees are a continuing expense. Once the stimulus money is gone, we will be left with the same budget dilemma we have now. The old saying 'penny wise and pound foolish' could not be more appropriate."

Ringo said the money would be better spent on salaries.

"I think the whole point of what the president is doing with the stimulus package is to get the economy going," she said, adding that higher salaries would allow state employees to spend more. "What actions we take to get the economy moving ... will help our economy recover."

John Hanian, press secretary to the governor, said Otter was pleased that JFAC listened to his arguments, but disappointed the committee chose to use stimulus funds to assuage salary cuts. Otter would prefer to have used the State's "rainy day" fund, Hanian said.

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Program
Prioritization Process

Bridging the gap

College of Engineering looks for ways to offer new degree options

Christina Lords
Argonaut

Only one program faces closure in the College of Engineering due to the University of Idaho's Program Prioritization Process — and it's been on cutting block before.

The geological engineering Master of Science degree program may close, said Associate Dean Howard Peavy, but it could also be incorporated into a new program within the engineering college.

The geological engineering program also faced closure six years ago. In June 2003, the Idaho State Board of Education voted to keep the program at UI after the university announced the closure of the College of Mines and Earth Resources. The SBOE may make the final decision to keep or close the program next week.

But even if the program is closed, it won't fade away entirely, Peavy said.

Geological engineering may be included in an environmental and geosystems engineering program under a new Notice of Intent Peavy is currently writing, he said.

"We're not going to turn loose geological engineering until (the new NOI) is done," Peavy said. "We want to maintain an avenue for students to pursue both environmental engineering and geological engineering."

The original plan to cut the master's in geological engineering degree met some resistance. The university's Faculty Council did not approve the closure, and Feb. 5 a formal objection to the proposal was submitted to Peavy by geological engineering professor Stan Miller.

"The termination of the (geological engineering) M.S. program will not result in any cost savings to the (Civil Engineering) Department or to the College of Engineering, but instead will result in a loss of graduate student enrollments," Miller's objection stated.

Miller also stated the closure may cause a loss of UI's connections to industries that could hire UI students, such as the Idaho National Laboratory.

Peavy said the objection was "anticipated" by the college's administration and was taken into consideration with the college's new proposal.

"This might get ... more people to the program because of the refocusing we've been doing," he said.

College of Engineering Dean Don Blackketter said low enrollments in the program were only one of many criteria used to consider geological engineering for prioritization, including the college's own prioritization process that began years before the university's mandated PPP.

Blackketter said prioritization was important because

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Don Blackketter

Courtesy photo

UI department to promote healthier vending

Dara Barney
Argonaut

There is no doubt the obesity epidemic in the United States is reaching dangerous proportions, especially when two-thirds of American adults are obese, stated a New England Journal of Medicine study conducted in 2005.

To help combat the health issues today, specifically at University of Idaho, the Health Physical Recreation and Dance department handed out healthy snacks Tuesday in the Idaho Commons.

Healthy snacks, along with surveys, were passed out to emphasize that they should be available in vending machines.

"Vending machines are all about convenience and spending less time picking out food items," said Michael Benner, who works on the project.

Benner said he felt it was important to have options with less fat and sugar.

"It is so students can have a variety of choices," said Jennifer Leavitt, who also works on the project.

The snacks and surveys handed out in the Commons were to gauge if the project was worthwhile and

to see what students want, Benner said. Many different kinds of healthy snacks were handed out, including granola bars and animal crackers.

"Bringing healthy snacks to the vending machines has been talked (about) for years. Now we are doing something about it."

Michael BENNER
Project contributor

"Different kinds of nuts, granola bars, dried fruit, etc. will be available in the vending machines," Benner said.

Benner said a snack need to meet certain standards in order to be deemed healthy. This includes being less than 250 calories — the calories from fat need to be 35 percent or below — and contains zero trans fat. Up to 10 percent of the snack weight can be calories from saturated fat unless it is fruit, which naturally contains more sugars. The sodium content needs to be 360 grams or less.

The fruit that will be distributed along with the snacks will either be packaged in water, or dried, he said.

"The vending machine company will keep track of issues regarding expiration, but every snack expires, not just the healthy ones," he said.

"Bringing healthy snacks to the vending machines has been talked (about) for years," he said. "Now we are doing something about it."

Washington State University has already put healthy snacks into vending machines.



Tyler Macy/Argonaut

For free healthy snacks, students fill out surveys on Tuesday in the Idaho Commons. The questionnaire asked participants what kinds of foods they would like to see in campus vending machines. More than 200 people filled out the survey.

"It was successful over there, so we are hoping for the same thing here," he said.

More than 200 people stopped by the table Tuesday to retrieve their free healthy snack and fill out the survey.

"It seems like people are really inter-

ested in this," he said.

Healthy snacks will be making a first appearance soon with a row in the vending machine dedicated to the nutritious treats.

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Percy the Barbarian

Stasia Burrington/Argonaut



THIS WEEK'S WEB POLL

Are you a Mac or are you a PC?

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CampusPROFILE

Scott Wood

Dean of the College of Science



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Beside Science, another field of study I am interested in is:

History.

I am really looking forward to: Making music with a group of friends

My least favorite word is: Quit

One word to describe your self: Upbeat

My favorite class in High School was: Geometry or Calculus

If I could live in any other time: I would have liked to be a science dean in the immediate aftermath of Sputnik

My favorite band: Bruce Springsteen or The E Street Band

My fondest Memory: My senior year at Hamilton College.

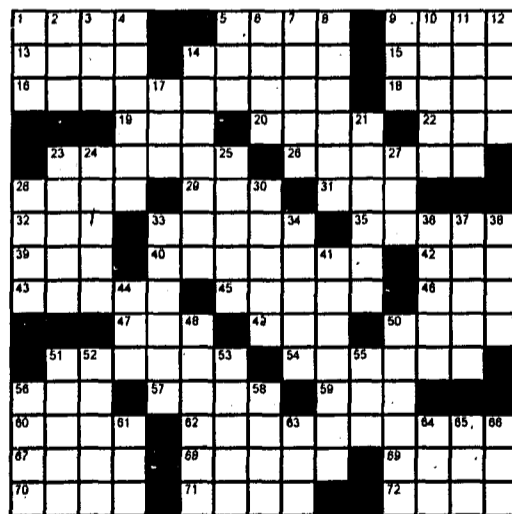
What would you do with a million dollars: I would pay off my house and car loans, go on a three-week Alaskan cruise and put my daughter through college

Best advice I ever received: Keep your nose to the grindstone and things will always work out

Crossword

Across

- 1 With 14 Across, Twister star
- 5 Direction finders
- 9 Aficionados
- 13 Bread spread
- 14 See 1 Across
- 15 Iridescent stone
- 16 Caribbean island
- 18 Malay canoe
- 19 Drunkard
- 20 Hawaiian tuber
- 22 Mischief-maker
- 23 Type of smile
- 26 Himalayan language
- 28 Barbecue entree
- 29 Corn serving
- 31 Comic Caesar
- 32 Actor Vigoda
- 33 Chocolate substitute
- 35 Blue hue
- 39 Thumbs-up word
- 40 Peculiarity
- 42 Decay
- 43 Puffer
- 45 Binge
- 46 Gazelle
- 47 Chop off
- 49 _____ Lanka
- 50 Clutter
- 51 Howled
- 54 Bear witness
- 56 Order's partner
- 57 Actress Gilbert of Roseanne
- 59 Strike
- 60 Earthen pot
- 62 Party device
- 67 Brews
- 68 Below
- 69 Singer Falana
- 70 Fable



- 14 Temper tantrum thrower
- 17 Moppet
- 21 Narcotic
- 23 Sherpa's domain
- 24 Corpulent
- 25 Cloth measure
- 27 Cutting tool
- 28 Beams
- 30 Frolics
- 33 Red, white and blue, e.g.
- 34 Baseball's Yogi
- 36 Impulses
- 37 Fowl pole
- 38 Gr. letters
- 41 Not either
- 44 _____ provençale
- 48 Goober
- 50 Alloys
- 51 Come from behind
- 52 Young hooter
- 53 Stingless bee
- 55 Tiny one from Dickens classic
- 56 Rich soil
- 58 Assistant
- 61 Fire remnant
- 63 Rep.'s counterpart
- 64 Colorful carp
- 65 Brownie
- 66 Rodent

Sudoku

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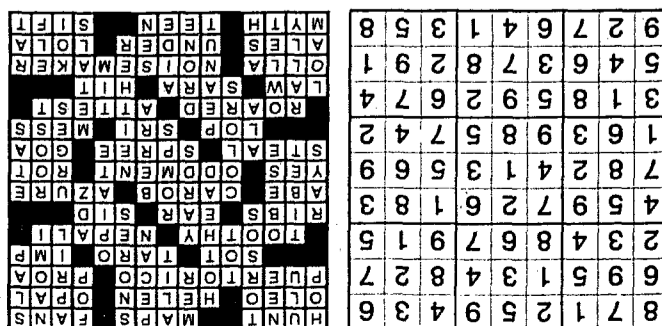
Corrections

In Tuesday's edition of The Argonaut, in the story "Longboarder hit by truck," the injured party hit the truck, he was not hit by the truck.

In the "Let the sunshine in" photo the caption stated that all renovations will be done by December, this statement is false. It will be finished as money comes in.

Find a mistake? Send an e-mail to the section editor. Contact information can be found on page 7.

Solutions



NPR ombudsman visits Lewiston

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

In a 2005 Harris Poll, National Public Radio was determined to be the most trusted American news producer.

That doesn't mean NPR doesn't make mistakes.

Northwest Public Radio, the public radio service at Washington State University, arranged for the national organization's ombudsman Alicia Shepard to appear in Lewiston at the Red Lion Hotel Monday.

"I want to explain how journalism works and why decisions are made," she said. "There's a tremendous amount of hand-wringing that goes on."

Shepard was appointed ombudsman for the organization in October 2007. As she describes it, her job is to explain the listener to NPR and NPR to the listener. The ombudsman position is independent of the news operation.

Northwest Public Radio —

discerned as NWPR — runs stations in both Pullman and Moscow, with translators in central and western Washington, including Walla Walla, Tri-Cities and Bellingham.

NWPR's membership director, Sarah McDaniel, was in attendance with much of the rest of the station's staff.

"I'm always fascinated by the stories (Shepard) covers," McDaniel said, referring to Shepard's blog and other writings detailing operational aspects of NPR's newsgathering.

"Having an ombudsman lends credibility to a news organization," Shepard said.

Her speech, "Why Public Radio Matters," was chiefly a discussion of journalistic ethics and the place of journalism in a democracy.

Shepard shared many anecdotes. Soon after starting her job, she received a call from someone upset that Bob Edwards, a long-time host of NPR's flagship pro-

gram "Morning Edition," had been fired.

At the time Shepard started, however, Edwards had been gone nearly three and a half years. Nevertheless, the departure was mired in controversy, one of NPR's most public bruises in recent memory.

"That wasn't pretty," Shepard said.

Shepard's own background is chiefly in print media — she spent 1982-1987 at the San Jose Mercury News and later spent four years at the New York Times. Notably, she's written two books, one about Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein and the other on how journalists covered the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

At the end of the audience question-and-answer period, Shepard called herself NPR's "hired conscience," and "the loneliest job in the newsroom." "I call someone, and the first thing they ask is 'am I in trouble?'" she said.



NWPR/Courtesy Photo

Ombudsman for Northwest Public Radio Alicia Shepard gives her speech "Why Public Radio Matters" in the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston Monday. Shepard became the ombudsman for NPR in 2007 and is known for her news story coverage. She has written two books about notable news coverage around the world.

Local Moscow churches get ready to celebrate Easter



Steven Devine/Argonaut
Campus Minister Katie Goodson poses in St. Augustine's Catholic Church. The church will have an Easter egg hunt 11 a.m. Saturday on the Administration Lawn.

Stephanie Hale
Argonaut

The Student Alumni Relations Board at the University of Idaho, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Augustine's Catholic Church all plan to celebrate Easter by interacting with local children through egg hunts.

"We're planning on filling around 2,000 eggs with candy for the children," said Melissa Obermeyer, SARb member. "We usually expect at least 80-200 kids every year."

SARb hosts this Easter egg hunt for alumni, family and friends annually with a budget given to them by the UI alumni association. This year, their budget was set at \$200.

"We'll probably hit up the bulk bins at Winco pretty hard," Obermeyer said. "We'll probably go over our budget

a little bit."

This year, the hunt will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday on the Administration Lawn and last until all eggs are found.

"This is an example of one of the great events that SARb does for UI," Obermeyer said. "We're grateful for all of the alumni support."

Easter is a Christian holiday, which marks the rebirth of Jesus Christ and the renewal of the Christian faith. Many Christians use the time to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

"The telling of the story (of Jesus Christ's resurrection) and the worship-

ping is the focus because that's where these events such as egg hunts and brunches come from," said Pastor Dean Stewart of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

"We're planning on filling around 2,000 eggs with candy ..."

Melissa OBERMEYER
SARb member

"It's the recognition of the reason why we do these things."

Both the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and St. Augustine's have been celebrating the coming of Easter since Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter.

"It's such a great joy after Lent," said Katie Goodson, campus minister for St. Augustine's. "If you think about it, the life and death of Jesus Christ is in us. It's a resurrection and celebration. It gives us hope and joy."

Both churches will be holding Easter egg hunts and brunches for community members and anyone interested in attending in between their morning and evening church services.

The egg hunt will begin after the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday.

Both churches also have events within their churches to celebrate Easter such as service trips and hosting college students who don't have a place to spend the holiday with families from the church.

"We have a group of 48 members going to New Orleans to help — it's serving through the community," Stewart said. "Where you live, where you work, where you interact with others, that's where the resurrection shows itself. In and among and through others people, that's Jesus Christ."

Storage unit burglaries become much bigger issue, drugs found

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

Two suspects were arrested Wednesday on suspicion of burglary and other charges in connection with an on-going investigation of burglaries to Moscow storage units.

Gabriel Ortiz, 44, was arrested on a felony warrant out of Washington and has been charged with one count of burglary. Chase McCubbins, 39, was arrested for violation of probation, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and suspicion of burglary.

Charges are currently pending.

While searching three men's residence Detective Scot Gleason said police found stolen property. They have also found several stolen items that were pawned.

"We were lucky just to be in the right place at the right time," Gleason said.

The case has "snow-balled" since the recovery of the first stolen items and has become much larger than what it started out as, Gleason said.

According to Gleason, the burglaries took place between a period of one and a half to two months.

The bulk of the five burglaries were of storage units located on South Mountain View.

Items such as tools and household items were among those stolen. Other more valuable items, including a wakeboard worth \$400 were stolen. Drugs were found along with the stolen items in

the suspect's residence.

"In most cases, items are usually stolen and pawned to use the money for drugs," Gleason said. "That is the driving factor."

The suspects are accused of using bolt cutters to break locks on the storage units.

To prevent the situation from happening in other areas, Gleason said people with storage units should take certain precautionary measures.

Gleason said that resi-

dents should check their units to make sure nothing has been stolen and invest in a secure lock. The most secure ones are more expensive but provide better security, Gleason said.

He added that residents should also check their units at least once a month. There are also storage units in Moscow that have extra gates around the property and security cameras.

"Little extra things help," Gleason said. "It helped us in this case."

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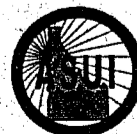
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**Associated Students
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Public art on campus

Lianna Shepherd
Argonaut

If the Washington Monument had a child with a birdhouse, it would look like "Stick built obelisk," the sculpture that stood outside of the College of Natural Resources this week. The sculpture is one of many that might pop up around campus this semester as students in the College of Art and Architecture begin to show their work.

James Pullen, the artist of "Obelisk," said he met a multitude of stares Saturday as he dragged a dolly cart across campus.

"It was a nice day, so I didn't mind too much that people thought I was crazy," he said.

The 14-foot structure is a commentary about art versus craft, Pullen said.

"Think of ceramics and potters," he said. "I think it's a hard leap to make from something from a simple vessel to hold things and something of artistic value."

"Obelisk" is an advanced sculpture project Pullen has been working on for the past few months. He said he had the idea over the summer while helping his family build a structure in Maine. A Maine native, Pullen said the area relies heavily on natural resources, and he wanted to translate that feeling into his work.

"Had it been in a gallery, it would look drastically different — I'm glad I was able to put it near the CNR."

James
PULLEN
Art student

"What I really want to do was something that dealt with really mundane methods and familiar materials, like shingles," Pullen said. "Had it been in a gallery, it would look drastically different — I'm glad I was able to put it near CNR."

Pullen said it isn't easy to put up a piece of public art on campus and theorized the daunting nature of the process might be responsible for the lack of outdoor art.

"There were a lot of concerns they wanted me to address, like how it would impact the landscape and did it propose a danger

... it was worth it, but it was a long process," Pullen said.

Charles Zillenger, director of Landscape and Exterior Services for facilities, said one reason the process is so involved is to ensure problems don't arise after the art is already in place.

"The last thing anyone wants is for someone to get hurt while they're walking past an art piece, and we also want to make sure it isn't competing with the landscape," Zillenger said. "It's not always stuff you think about, but everything should have flow, not random pieces here and there."

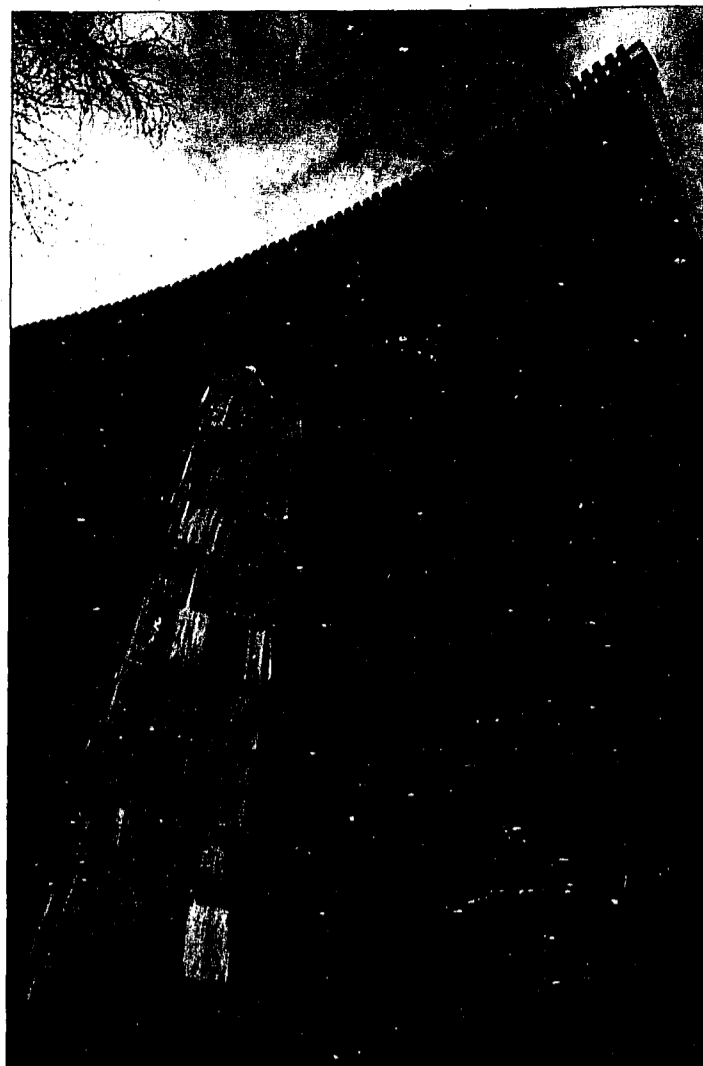
Zillenger said anyone who wants to put up a temporary art piece must go through this process, and permanent pieces have an even longer process.

"For that, you have to go through committee ... it doesn't happen very often," he said.

Spring semester is the common time for outdoor art displays, Zillenger said, but Pullen said he would like to see more public art throughout the year.

"Every time something like (public art) happens and works, it becomes less difficult for the next person," Pullen said. "This could become a part of campus culture if people would just commit to it."

"Stick built obelisk" will be removed Sunday.



Nick Groff/Argonaut
James Pullen's "Stick built obelisk" will be in front of the College of Natural Resources until Sunday. The sculpture is one of many pieces from the College of Art and Architecture that will be shown in the coming weeks.

SenateREPORT

Open Forum

Morgan Maiolie, chair of Focus the Nation, along with Garrett Lamm and James Dunn presented information on Bill S09-20. Focus the Nation is requesting \$750 from ASUI for a weeklong series of events on sustainability. Maiolie said Focus the Nation is a nationwide event, and University of Idaho's schedule of events will in-

clude a keynote speaker, panel discussion on sustainability and a public debate with Gonzaga's policy debate teams on renewable energy and policies. The money requested from ASUI would cover half of their budget, with the remainder being requested from the Activities Board. The funds would pay for facility rentals as well as promotions and travel for speakers. Lamm said this event is a good way to educate UI students on sustainability issues.

Presidential Communications

There were no presidential communications.

Unfinished Business

Bill S09-25, a bill providing \$1,000 to Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape to assist in updating and providing new information on rape and rape prevention, was considered and passed. Bill S09-27, a bill amend-

ing sections 4080.0213 and 40214 in the Rules and Regulations to simplify a previous update, was considered and passed.

New Business

Bill S09-28, a bill amending the ASUI Rules and Regulations with updates and revisions to section 2030.000 on nomination for election, was sent to the rules and regulations committee.

Bill S09-29, a bill to transfer \$750 to Focus the Nation for a weeklong event on sustainability, was immediately considered and passed.

Bill S09-30, a bill updating the ASUI Rules and Regulations to include the ASUI Radio Coordinator position under the ASUI Communications Department, was considered and passed.

-Erin Hartly

LocalBRIEFS

Sustainability added to GPSA

A bill was passed unanimously at Tuesday's GPSA Senate meeting, adding "campus sustainability" to the group's mission.

The goal is to help encourage graduate students to take a greater role in sustainability efforts campuswide.

"By this mission-statement amendment, the GPSA is now a more vital and relevant organization," said Daniel Hansson, GPSA Sustainability Committee chair.

Commencement speaker named

Idaho Congressman Walt Minnick will give the commencement address on Saturday, May 16.

Minnick is serving as the congressman from Idaho's 1st congressional district. This is his first term.

After earning a B.A. in economics from Whitman College, Minnick went on to earn his master's and doctorate from Harvard Business School. He's served in the U.S. Army as well as worked in the Pentagon and the White House.

New art gallery opens its doors

The Greymalkin Gallery, located on the east side of Troy where Highway 8 intersects Highway 99, opened April 1.

The first displays include fused glass, handcrafted jewelry, lamp

work glass beads and photography. The gallery also sells supplies and tools for jewelry artists.

The owners of the gallery, Josephine Brooks and Joy Nickles, are also displaying their work. Brooks is a lamp work bead artist and Nickles is an artisan of jewelry and hand painted jewelry boxes.

Any artist interested in having their work displayed should call Joy Nickles at 835-4019.

Fish and Game biologist speaks

Joel Sauder, a biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, will speak about the fisher, a relatively unknown mammal, at 7:30 p.m. April 15 in the 1912 Center.

Sauder's speech is part of his program, "Where the wild things are: Habits and habitats of the elusive fisher."

For more information, call Tina Deines of the Palouse Audubon Society at 785-317-2427.

HPERD renews accreditation

The Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance has been granted a five-year renewal by the National Recreation and Park Association.

The NRPA Council on Accreditation provides quality assurance and improvement work at accredited recreation, park resources and leisure services programs at colleges and universities across the country.

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	North American Saxophone Alliance 7:30 p.m. University Auditorium	Student recital 7:30 p.m. School of Music
Saturday	North American Saxophone Alliance 9 a.m. School of Music	Student recital 7:30 p.m. School of Music
	Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. Administration Lawn	Monday Study Abroad Advising 10:30 - 11:20 a.m. Idaho Commons, Horizon Room

BUDGET

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UI budget still up in the air

The recently approved student fee increase will reduce a possible \$12.1 million cut in state-allocated funds for next year's University of Idaho budget, but it will not be eliminated.

Lloyd Mues, UI vice president of finance and administration, said the 6.5 percent increase approved Monday by the State Board of Education would reduce the possible cut from \$12.1 million to about \$8.4 million, pending approval by the Idaho State Legislature.

The student fee increase won't likely be reduced by further action from the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee as previously believed, Mues said.

The university had originally requested an 8.5 percent increase in student fees.

"We feel that we had a good case for a somewhat higher fee," said Bruce Pitman, vice provost for student affairs. "But we will now look internally to reprioritize budget concerns. And we also must wait and see what the legislature does."

Mues, as well as UI Interim President Steven Daley-Laursen and ASUI President Garrett Holbrook, gave a presentation to the SBOE.

"The governing body listened," Mues said. "I think the presentations were very clear. Garrett Holbrook did a fabulous job in representing why the university student leadership was behind the 8.5 percent increase."

The SBOE's change will result in a reduction of about \$838,000 in revenue from the original proposal, based on flat enrollment.

"So now what we've got to do is figure out how 6.5 percent will work," Mues said, "Because we must."

Mues said the SBOE

members likely did not want to raise the cost of education too much for students.

"Times are tough, the economy is tough, the board could just not see it within themselves to give us (the student fee increase) we wanted," he said.

Federal stimulus dollars are also working to alleviate the possible state funding cut. \$4.7 million has been allocated to UI for both FY 2010 and 2011. Mues said it is not yet known what this money will be used for but emphasizes that this is likely a one-time deal.

"You can't put one-time dollars in a recurring expense program," he said. "Because in two years, guess what? You don't have it anymore."

Mues said he personally recommends putting part of the money in reserve for unforeseen challenges.

"A good use of one-time dollars is to put it in savings," he said, "(To) raise our ability to handle another unknown in the future."

UI returned 6 percent of its state funding this year.

"We used some of that this year, and it makes perfect sense to put some of that right back in because of the uncertainty of the economy," he said.

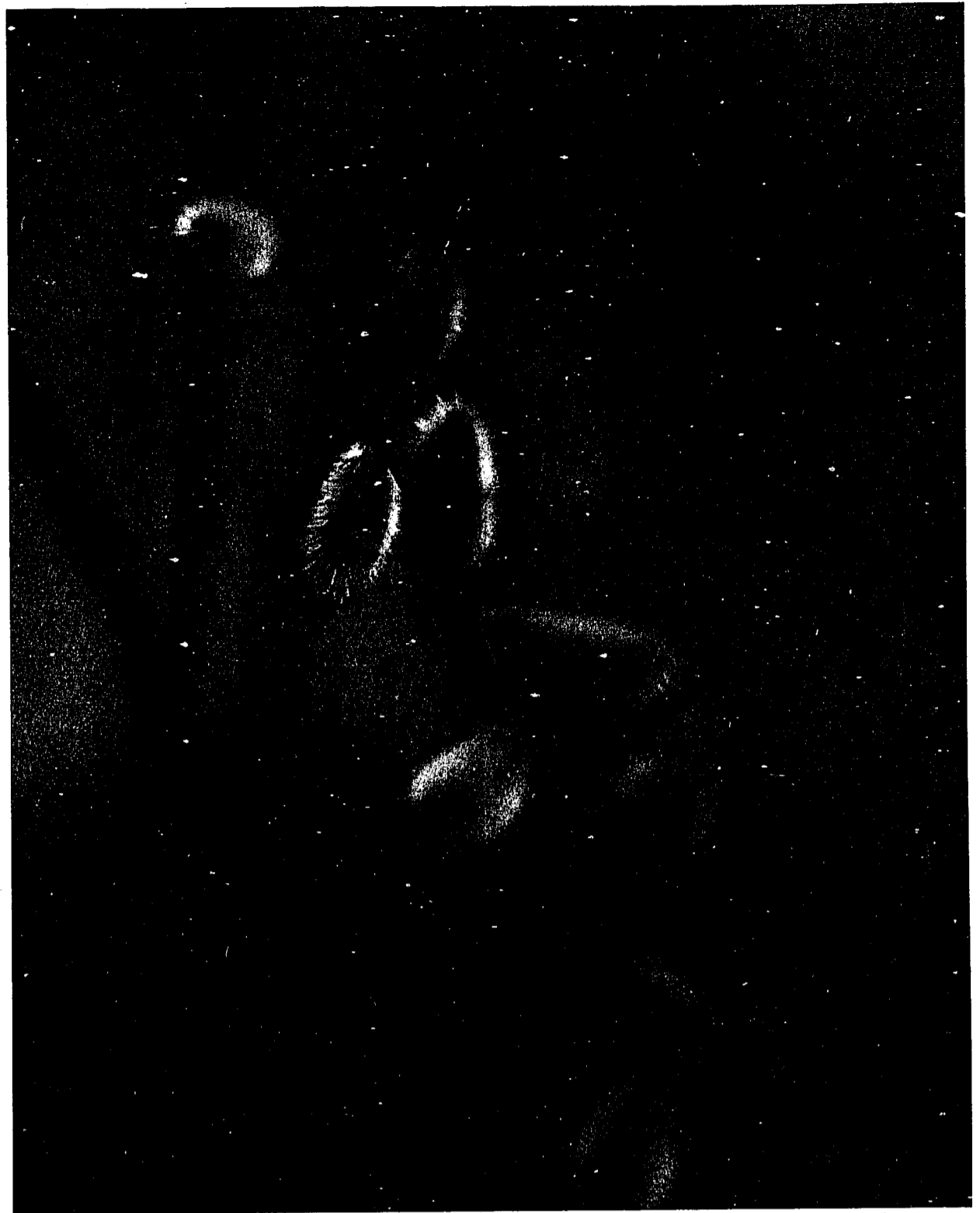
It remains unknown when possible faculty and staff layoffs will be announced.

"We are working our darndest to have minimal to no layoffs," Mues said. "That's what we've been doing all year."

The final fate of next year's budget is still up in the air, pending legislative approval.

"I think there are a lot of things that are coming over the horizon," he said. "What we've got to do is be anxious and be patient, because we are at that stage where we must take well-thought-out actions and what we don't want to start doing, is reaching out there and doing stuff on half-information ... There's a ton of stuff coming, but we are positioned — we've done our homework, and we are ready to go."

IN THE WILLOWS



Nick Groff/Argonaut

Warmer temperatures have helped flowers to bloom and trees to bud, just like this pussy willow tree in the south end of the University of Idaho Arboretum and Botanical Garden.



Debris is cleaned up after slope failure on Interstate I-90 outside of Seattle. A University of Idaho geological engineering graduate was responsible for the operation.

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there are many traditional disciplines found in the engineering field. The new proposal will allow for more options within the college, he said.

"The College of Engineering really needs a program that is a little broader to allow more graduate students (opportunities)," Blackketter said.

Peavy said the proposed program would not increase costs to the College of Engineering's programming.

"We have a small amount of resources in them, so we're not increasing resources by any means by doing this," he said.

Many students within the college's graduate programs are through engineering outreach programs, so very few of

those students are on the Moscow campus, Blackketter said. There are approximately five students currently in the Master of Science geological engineering program. Those students will be allowed to finish their degrees.

Peavy said the new proposal for the incorporation of geosystems and environmental engineering will have an interdisciplinary aspect and may focus on things like waste management, soil systems and water treatment.

"One thing I tell students is, it's almost like, 'relax,'" Blackketter said. "This is a good thing for the university to do."

Despite the tough decisions that come along with the PPP, Blackketter said students and faculty will benefit from the process.

"These are very traditional fields," he said. "Change comes difficultly and slowly."

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"The reason we are doing this is to follow health trends in America and recognize that there is a problem due to eating habits," Leavitt said.

With these healthy snack options becoming available, students will have a choice to eat better, she said.

"We also would like to put healthy choices in the beverage vending machines eventually," Benner said.

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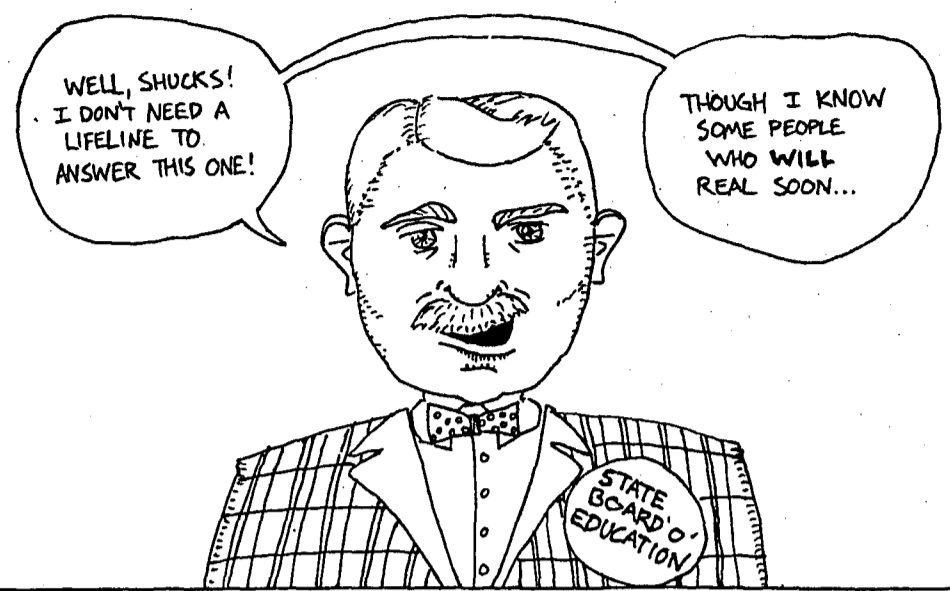
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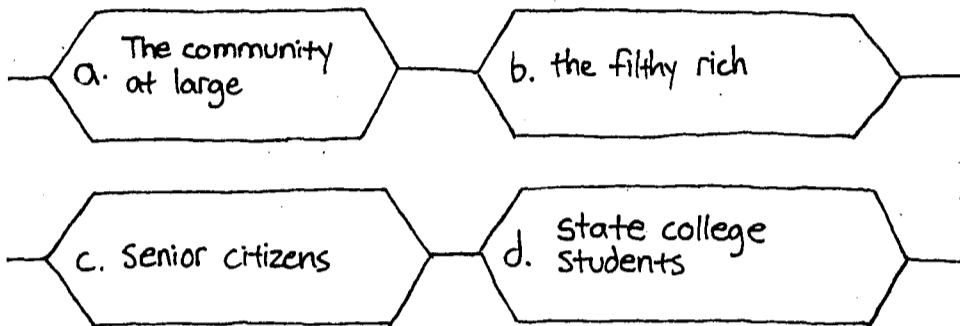
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OurVIEW

Vote now

or forever hold your peace

Next week will mark a transition for the University of Idaho — a transition every student will have a stake in. The student body will select a new ASUI president, vice president and Senate. Many students sit back and complain about the triviality of the organization. Some say it lacks true communication with its constituency, some say it doesn't reflect UI's diverse student body and some say it doesn't do much of anything at all. While these aspects can be improved, consider the things ASUI does for UI. Members of ASUI make a yearly visit to the Idaho Legislature to represent the needs of UI's student body, including an ASUI lobbyist who works in Boise for a semester every year. They help determine how much students will pay each semester by way of student fees and help facilitate volunteer projects locally and worldwide via the ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action. The ASUI president is the only representative — out of the 11,636 currently enrolled students — to chair the student fee committee, have a say in UI's presidential search, appoint committee seats for groups like the University

Curriculum Committee and sit on UI's President's Cabinet. These positions are far from trivial. In the ever-changing climate of this university, it is imperative students learn about the ASUI candidates and vote in next week's election. Issues like program and budget cuts, UI's presidential search and increasing student fees all affect students directly affect students. Members of ASUI are often the administration's ties to the student body's voice when it comes to these issues. Voting for the election begins Monday and concludes Wednesday. Candidate information can be found on the ASUI Web site at www.asui.uidaho.edu, and most candidates have created Facebook groups to explain their platforms. Students can cast their ballots online or at the Wallace Complex, the Student Recreation Center or the Idaho Commons. Without students taking the time to inform themselves of the positions of the Senate candidates and the ASUI presidential tickets, this student body will only have one thing left to complain about — themselves.

— CL

Shooting sprees set scary trend

Michael McLendon, 28, of Kinston, Ala., went on a shooting spree March 10 that left 10 people dead and six wounded. Among the dead, were his mother, aunt and uncle, as well as random people he drove past on the street or saw at the gas station. The thought some guy I don't know might snap and start shooting at me as he drives down Third Street is far more terrifying to me than the War on Terror.



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More than 24 times in the last two years has a crazed gunman gone on a killing spree in this country and murdered innocent people. In some cases, the murders were committed with legally purchased firearms by otherwise normal

people. But in the vast majority of cases, a person already on the edge was pushed off by some circumstance that forced him or her to take violent, deadly action, usually with illegal firearms. Now, just since March, there have been seven instances of gun-fueled rampage, leaving 56 people dead.

Fifty-six people dead in a month. That shouldn't be too bothersome, I suppose — according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 81 people a day die by gunfire. It's sickening to consider it takes a great national tragedy like Columbine or Virginia Tech to get us to notice gun violence. The media don't notice. They

can't be bothered to make a big deal about gun violence unless there's some magic number of people involved or if it happens on a campus. And then what happens? Of course, there is a period of grieving, and we take the time to assess the damage and mourn for the fallen.

It seems that, logically, the next step would be to assess what went wrong and see if we can prevent it from happening again.

Unfortunately, all that ever seems to mean is getting inside the head of the killer and trying to figure out what made him snap. That seems to me like dropping a match on a house soaked in gasoline, then trying to figure out how we could have stopped the match from touching the house.

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Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Bribery

If you're running for an elected office, and you give away pizza or other goodies to get people to vote for you, that shows me you aren't confident or skilled enough to get elected on your own merits. Just sayin'.

— Holly

Piano paper cut

To any music major preparing to take any portion of the Piano Proficiency Exam, my deepest sympathies. That thing is a beast, a thorn in the side and lemon juice on a paper cut.

— Sydney

Best wishes

Happy day-after-your-birthday, Bill McGovern. Look, I got your name in print. What did you get me for the day after my last birthday, huh? Oh, that's right. Nothing.

— Alexiss

Confessions of prioritization

I interviewed every dean on campus for my eight-story series on the Program Prioritization Process (except College of Law Dean Don Burnett because, well, law people are always kind of in their own world). Thank you to everyone who has been open and willing to talk to The Argonaut about these tough issues. And to Dean Kathy Aiken: you officially have the coolest office at UI. If your Bob Dylan poster ever goes missing, you know who stole it.

— Christina

Cheating

Is it cheating if you are paying to do it? I am a World

of Warcraft player, and I am wondering if it is cheating to get another account to level three times as fast.

— Jens

Just pile it on

My life has been reduced to a to-do list, but no matter what I do, it keeps getting longer.

— Lianna

Sad but true

I just got my first tattoo last weekend, and it really hurt. I think next time I will use colder water to put it on.

— Levi

One crazy world

Whenever I run out of ideas for my Off the Cuff, I take a look at the Odd News section of Yahoo! News. There are so many crazy people out there. There is always something interesting to find. Today I see that an old woman in Germany got into two car accidents, and then her ambulance got hit by a truck, a man was stabbed in the chest for being fatulent, a husband divorced his wife by text message and a Colorado woman was denied her license plate homage to tofu because it read, "ILVTOFU."

— Jake

Dancing in those shoes

It was my brother's wedding last weekend, and my clothes were picked out by the bride since she had an extra bridesmaid dress. This was awesome on one level because I didn't have to worry about that. On another level, this also meant I had to wear 4-and-a-half-inch shoes. After hours of dancing, my calves were screaming the next day. But it was well worth it. The ceremony was beautiful, and the reception was a ton of fun.

— Jordan

MailBOX

Support Nellis for prez

It is imperative we flood the State Board of Education with e-mails in support of Duane Nellis for the presidency of the University of Idaho. Many loyal alumni have been in contact with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter; Lt. Gov. Brad Little; Sen. John Goedde, chairman of the senate education committee; Rep. Bob Nonini, chairman of the house education committee; and last but not the least, SBOE Chairman Milford Terrell.

At this time, the stumbling blocks are:
1. Failure to provide a multi-year contract (how do they expect to get anyone with a restriction like this?).
2. Inability to use foundation money to supplement the salary (this can be accomplished with outside money and has been proposed — not a deal killing measure).
3. Nepotism — they state Nellis could not have his wife work for the university — even if it was in a fundraising capacity.

Nellis wants to come to UI. For those of you who are not totally up to speed on this selection, let me simply say, Nellis knows what a land grant university is. He has written numerous books as well as published more than 100 articles. His reputation in his present job at Kansas State University is, "Please

don't leave." That should tell us something. Let's give him a suitable opportunity.

Please e-mail today your support of Nellis as our next UI president to board@sboe.idaho.gov and our elected officials.

For further information, you may contact me at lbshellman@aol.com.

Lee C. Shellman

Kootenai County Vandal Booster board member

Thanks for ASB

I am writing to thank the Alternative Service Break program at the University of Idaho for one of the best weeks of my life. Call me crazy, but I loved every minute of sheet-rocking and insulating, because at the end of the day, I knew my team's contributions were making a difference.

This was my first ASB trip, and it truly took me out of my comfort zone. I left Moscow knowing hardly anything about the Gulf Coast or disaster relief. I returned amazed by the reconstruction efforts being made and by the Southern hospitality that is so often talked about. Teammates who started out as strangers turned into what I believe will be lifelong friends.

UI started participating in the ASB program in the

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FEMINIST FRIDAY

Can I be a feminist if...?

In case you missed it, we had a great opportunity this week to hear from two well-known activist writers and speakers on where the feminist movement is going.

For the last 15 years, Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner have been prominent voices for the women's movement, both collectively as well as individually.

They've co-authored two books and co-founded "Soapbox Inc. Speakers Who Speak Out," a feminist speakers' bureau representing feminist writers and activists such as Irshad Manji, Gloria Steinem and Rosalind Wiseman.

Their credentials are impressive, with their work having been featured anywhere from Harper's and Glamour magazine to Oprah.

Richards and Baumgardner visited the University of Idaho after having been invited by Lysa Salsbury of the Women's Center to be the featured keynote speakers at the Virginia Woolf Distinguished Service awards on Wednesday. In addition, the authors gave a special lecture titled "Bra-less Banshees vs. Brainless Barbies" Tuesday

evening, visited some Core classes and were featured at the Society of Professional Journalists' Fireside Chat.

Their crammed itinerary made this week Idaho's best feminist week ever ... or at least of the semester.

I say this not because of their stardom but because their visit brought visibility to feminism and showed the feminist movement is not something of the past, nor is it something we as young people should shy away from.

What their appearances did was get students — men and women alike — to start thinking about and discussing women's issues.

In their lecture Tuesday, Richards and Baumgardner said as third-wave feminists, we get to take advantage of what the other movements fought for, but we have to keep the movement going forward. Pointing out the inequalities we still see is not enough — we need to bring about change.

"Today, there's a general recognition that women and all people have the right to move anywhere in society," Baumgardner said, making today's movement an invitation for anyone to be themselves and to pursue dreams.



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Making themselves and the feminist movement visible probably also helped break down some stereotype images of feminist activists anyone may have had. Richards and Baumgardner — tall, lean, blonde and pregnant — are nothing like the unfounded stereotypes of feminist activists. Funny, well spoken and intelligent, the women focused on making feminism accessible.

My favorite comment during the question and answer session Tuesday came from a sorority member who thanked the women for reaffirming she can be a mini-skirt-wearing, feminine feminist.

The authors dismissed the notion of having to dress the part or conform to a vegan diet to be a feminist.

They said they are often asked the "Can I be a feminist if...?" question, and the authors pointed out that unlike some second-wave ideology, feminism today is vastly diverse and inclusive.

Feminism, by definition, is the belief women should have the same political, social, sexual, intellectual and economic rights as men have. And while you individually might disagree on some specific goals or point of views of some feminists, I think as far as political, social, sexual, intellectual and economic equality goes, we can all agree.

Ignoring all the evidence

The Persian Empire invaded Greece. The Council of Athens executed Socrates. Hannibal crossed the Alps. It would be difficult to find somebody willing to debate these points. No one would question a person's sanity or intelligence for believing them. Why? Because historical accounts record these events for us.

However, if we are going to believe in the reality of the events listed above based on historical testimony, there is one more we should add: Jesus came back to life after being crucified. This sounds like a random piece of doctrine thrown in with real historical facts, but it is not. The resurrection is as much a historical fact as any other event recorded by ancient historians.

The New Testament — a collection of 27 ancient documents written by nine authors — provides more verification of this event than any reasonable historian could hope for.

There are, of course, two major differences between the New Testament and other ancient documents. The first difference is the New Testament is much more reliable. Our earliest copies of the sources for the previously mentioned ancient events (Herodotus, Plato and Livy) are not found until 1,000 to 1,300 years after the authors actually wrote them. Even at that late date, we can only find a handful of copies (fewer than 40 between the three of them).

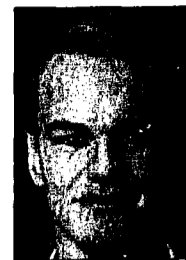
The earliest copies of the books of the New Testament, on the other hand, date from just 100 years after the authors wrote them, and we can find more than 5,300 copies on three continents. No other ancient manuscript comes close in quantity or consistency. They provide more independent accounts of the events they record, were written more recently after the events and relied more heavily on first-hand accounts than any other ancient history we can reference. If we were to base our belief in historical events on the reliability of the texts in question, the resurrection would be taught in history classes.

However, there is a second difference that makes many people uncomfortable accepting the gospels as history — the New Testament accounts include miracles. We say this is a reason not to trust them, because today, we know those things just don't happen. Lest we get too proud of our modern intelligence, we should remember the ancients knew that, too. They knew people didn't get healed supernaturally, virgins didn't have babies and dead people didn't come back to life. In fact, they thought these things were so unusual, they took the trouble to write them down, and many of them died rather than change their stories.

Some say we don't believe in miracles because we are scientific, and there is no evidence for miracles ever occurring. What about the gospels? Well, they are not considered reliable evidence because they contain miracles. Hmm, an interesting approach, to be sure. I suppose you will never find any evidence if you rule it all out ahead of time. Can't we just admit the difference between those who believe in the resurrection and those who don't is not that believers are ignoramuses, but that they are willing to accept the possibility of the supernatural?

We have to ask ourselves if we are really willing to follow the evidence where it leads. If the most reasonable explanation involves a supernatural event, will we accept that, or are we dogmatic that reasonable explanations never involve the supernatural? The evidence Jesus rose from the dead is compelling, unless you have decided you don't believe it before even looking at it. No one can force you to consider evidence objectively — you have to decide to do that on your own.

In this case, the stakes are exceedingly high. If the evidence is right and Jesus did rise from the dead, then we are going to have to decide what we will do about it. After all, the New Testament is not aimless history. As John says in his gospel, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." Isn't it reasonable that when God comes, he would satisfy not just our intellects, but our souls as well?



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Put an open mind over subjectivity

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I'm constantly inundated by members of religious zealots of one particular faith. I will leave the particular denomination anonymous. I will give you the hint that most of these zealots usually get their news from one particular cable news channel and from one particular talk-radio host.

These unnamed religious aficionados always have two things to say to me when they hear I am attending college.

The first is, "Don't let them liberal college professors try to tell you what to think."

The second is, "Don't let all them liberal college professors try to make you believe in evolution, because it's just a made up theory."

I always thank these people for their advice and attempt to keep the conversation amicable and inquire as to their own college experience that led them to giving me this advice.

The reply is always, "Oh, I never went."

How can someone without any college experience know that any or all college professors are liberals and tell students what to think?

How can someone without any college experience know these same liberal professors are trying to make students believe in evolution?

I think the answer is because of ignorance and one's inability to think for one's own self.

This is something that is amplified when one refuses to watch more than one source for news or listen to another point of view on AM radio.

How can one possibly gain an objective view of a situation when your information comes from a subjective source? I suppose doing this could be considered taking the easy way out, because some people would prefer not to think, but how does doing that advance your own knowledge of the world?

If you are one of these people who gain your knowledge of world events

from a subjective source, please try to keep an open mind.

Maybe listening to another viewpoint will strengthen your own view. Maybe your viewpoint will change, but there is no reason to fear change.

Keeping an open mind does not make you less patriotic, and it does not make you a socialist.

Keeping an open mind is liberating, because it puts you in control of your own mind and allows you to make your own decisions. Now, some readers will read this and understand my point.

Others will read it and say I'm ripping on anyone who watches Fox News or listens to Rush Limbaugh — which is completely not the case.

If you've come to that conclusion, you might think I'm a raging liberal, the product of the "liberal" college professors.

Come to whatever conclusion you wish — just know that I love the United States, and I change the channel frequently.

'Twilight' sucks fun from culture

Amy Hoover

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Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series is a force to be reckoned with. It is unstoppable, vomit-inducing, horribly executed and utterly addicting.

At first blush, this series is great for tweens and prepubescent girls alike, but when one investigates further, there is much to be found under the muck of obsessive romance and predictable plot turns. Along with a pretty face to front the film and plenty of propaganda, there seemed to be no stopping the "Twilight" hype.

I took the liberty of reading the book (after seeing the movie, which I watched

for entertainment value) and was even more irritated after reading it. This was a choice I made to better relate to most of my female friends. If they aren't uttering praise for Edward the vampire's suave air of romance, they are imagining themselves in the shoes of his love interest, Bella.

Once a week, I mentor high school girls, and they are addicted to the dashing Edward and helpless Bella. They fantasize about their own personal Edward who will ride in with his witty perfection to save the day. Somehow, though, I doubt they totally envision the army of pursuing vampires or werewolf neighbors that feed on human flesh.

The books left me completely distressed. It wasn't because I feared for the lack of reconciliation in Edward and Bella's relationship as it came close to crumbling several times, but because young girls are reading this books and becoming brain-washed by them. I know this happens all the time. Popular media have such a sway on everyday life, but, really, a book about family-friendly vampires that even has Bram Stoker rolling over in his grave? Is this really deserving of daylong discourses by girls all over the country?

There is some literary value to parts of the series, but once the basic storyline is laid out, the flat characters

and exhausted emotions are really nothing but a teenybopper's fantasy.

Hot Topic sells tubs of glitter labeled "vampire glitter," so anyone can look like the series' heartthrob. T-shirts, glow-in-the-dark fangs, fan clubs that meet like infamous live-action role players (aka LARPer) and YouTube renditions featuring puppets have infiltrated everyday culture.

True, this is a fact that may only live the course as long as the "Harry Potter" base has existed, but there are still three more movies to be made and more suffering for innocent bystanders to be had. People need to find something better to obsess over, fast.

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Sex trafficking a reality in U.S.

Christy Pelton

Mustang Daily, Cal Poly

As our car turned the corner of one of Washington, D.C.'s, busiest downtown streets, I was immediately confronted with the reality of its nighttime traffic: sex.

Cars circled the block of a well-known sector of the city, a popular business area by day. But the purpose for these many cars occupying the curbs at night was for a much different business: prostitution.

I witnessed scantily clad women, deprived of inches of skirt, walking along the side of the road on a freezing East Coast December night while their pimps stood 10 paces behind them, warmly dressed and auctioning their sexual chastity to strangers. It was one of the last nights of my fellowship program with one of the largest nongovernmental organizations working on the issue of domestic human trafficking, the Polaris Project.

I sat in a parked car, facing an Asian massage parlor, an active brothel, watching as men would self-consciously walk by the entrance again and again. Nervously, they would decide if they were to engage in the purchase of illegal sex acts, most likely ignorant of their involvement in a federal offense — domestic sex trafficking. I sat silent and uneasy, knowing what most people do not know, what exists behind closed doors.

These women rarely see the light of day or a cent of the money paid for their bodies. I briefly wondered if these men knew that pimp-controlled prostitution is modern-day slavery and that it is the predominant form of sex trafficking.

Prior to my fellowship, I was unfamiliar with the true definition of human trafficking and ignorant to its prevalence within the United States, particularly in the exploitation of the commercial sex industry.

So, what exactly is human trafficking?

Many of us have been exposed to the issue, or at least the term — perhaps you've noted its recurrence in world news headlines, or maybe you've learned of it in a political science course.

But with many of our first impressions, myself included, we vastly underscore its prevalence, misconstrue its definition and naïvely presume its occupation outside of our borders in the land of the "free."

Human trafficking is the second-largest and

fastest-growing criminal industry in the world. According to Free the Slaves, another prominent anti-trafficking NGO, "there are 27 million slaves in the world today." The documentary "Call+Response" reports that in 2007 alone, "slave traders made more money than Google, Nike and Starbucks combined."

Human trafficking victims in the United States are estimated in the hundreds of thousands. This includes the estimates of "Over 200,000 children are at high risk for sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation every year," according to the University of Pennsylvania.

Additionally, the U.S. State Department estimates 14,500-17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the country annually — which doesn't even account for internal trafficking. However, statistics are still inadequate, as the issue remains grossly unreported and unprosecuted.

It is important to identify a couple of common misconceptions about human trafficking: it does not require any forced movement across borders or even the use of any physical abuse or restraint.

Today's slave is not merely the naïve image of an iron-clad and shackled victim. In addition to psychological abuse, physical and sexual abuse continue to play a consistent role as a means of control.

Polaris Project, which has been fighting modern-day slavery since 2002, highlights some of the main forms of violence traffickers use on its Web site, which lists "brutal beatings, rape, lies and deception, threats of serious harm or familial harm and psychological abuse" among the common tactics of traffickers.

In recent years, trafficking cases emerging in the United States provide examples of the types of criminal networks and populations involved, including everything from strip clubs to restaurants to the agricultural industry.

Other forms of commercial sexual exploitation, in particular, thrive in the partially protected domain of illegal Internet activity through social networking sites such as Craigslist that are frequently used for the prostitution of minors.

Traffickers and trafficking victims have many faces — they come from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds, ages, races and genders. This heinous crime surpasses any one part of the country, existing in rural and urban communities alike. It is a diverse and prevalent issue, and it is

rapidly growing.

I was fortunate enough to work with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, a part of the Polaris project, during my fellowship. My time on their team was the most meaningful experience I have participated in during my undergraduate career.

In responding to calls through NHTRC hotline, I predominantly interacted and assisted various social service providers. However, the hotline was originally created to report tips of potential cases of human trafficking, and my involvement with these calls were typically more significant.

One in particular occurred during my first shift. I received a rather urgent call from a hospital social worker concerned with a new mother assigned to her ward of a hospital.

The woman admitted that she had come to America to have a child for a couple who were unable to have their own and that she primarily lives and works for this family, having no source of income or any social interactions.

The woman was unresponsive to questions about her happiness and details about her life when the father of her baby was present. After collaborating with members of our team, we were able to pass off the hotline number to the potential victim, recorded all relevant information and referred the social worker to a local area member of an anti-trafficking task force.

As that fateful night of witnessing human trafficking first hand came to a close, I was left with the vivid memories of both the issue and its slow but steady response. I will never forget the depth and weight by which my heart sunk the first time I watched a young woman approach a car curbside, acknowledging the probability of her situation and knowing the reality of the events to follow.

But as the night ended, the human trafficking task force of the the district police department intervened with flashes of blue light, scattering the many cars circling the block around the prostitution hub while transporting the arrested pimps that sat in their back seats.

I take heart in the hope more traffickers will be put behind bars, as well as in the fact each emergence of publicity on the issue will cause other members of the public to fight human trafficking and raise awareness of the issue.

TREND

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I'm sorry, Idaho, but the fact is, too many people get too many guns, too many ways to be safe. I am not disputing your Second Amendment right to bear arms, but criminals, terrorists and just plain people-who-shouldn't-have-guns are getting them and using them far too frequently in this country.

The National Education Association and Health Information Network has a great set of statistics compiled at its Web site, neahin.org. One such statistic is 1 percent of gun stores account for 57 percent of the guns sold in violent crime, this according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Look it up.

I'm not saying I think we should be letting the shooters go with a slap on the wrist while we go after their suppliers. Nor do I think this is any reason to devolve into a partisan gun-rights debate. The laws we have are good. I liked the assault weapons ban before it expired, and I hope we get it back. But regardless, a law-abiding citizen can get just about any gun he or she wants and get about as many as he or she wants. The problem is, the laws on record are not being enforced, and when guys like McLendon decide to go on a shooting spree, they're doing it armed with the best tools for the job.

MAIL

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2000-01 school year with only 12 students. Students from the university have been traveling to the Gulf Coast since March 2006, less than a year after Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005. The first team had only 63 students. This year, there were 142 students in more than a dozen different ASB locations spread across Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana. As the program expands, so does the opportunity for students to travel to more places and help more people.

ASB groups from UI have traveled to Peru, Romania and all across the U.S., lending a helping hand to those in need. I can't stress enough how great of an experience it was. I urge you to step out of your comfort zone, try something new and give back.

Kristen Whitney
junior, public relations

Beliefs can be harmful

Anne-Marije Rook's column on April 3 ("Pope sends dangerous message") touches upon an important topic: the consequences of specific religious beliefs and doctrines. The Pope's comment about condom usage is, sadly, just the tip of the iceberg, which is the marriage of our 21st century world and technology with Iron Age beliefs and superstition.

Take the Bible or Koran's opinion of graven images and recall the Muslims who rioted by the hundreds of thousands over cartoons. All that righteous mayhem: the killing of nuns, the burning of embassies, etc. Was that behavior a lovely flowering of ethical and spiritual intelligence or was it astounding, medieval stupidity? The belief about graven images had that barbaric consequence, and the picture only becomes more gruesome as we map other beliefs across the globe and society.

The belief condoms are evil and sinful does have something to do with the spread of AIDS in African villages where the only teachings of condoms come from religious missionaries. The belief in the metaphysics of martyrdom and paradise does have something to do with what happened on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the daily bomb blasts in the Middle East. The reason we were not funding stem cell research on the federal level (until recently) did have something to do with what Christians believe about the human soul and conception.

Religion's anxiety about sex and cultish obsession over virginity does have something to do with how sexual education is being taught to kids. The belief homosexuality is sinful and evil does have something to do with denying certain human beings equal rights and treatment. The blissful lives of women under the Taliban and in the Middle East do have something to do with what the Koran says the roles and behaviors of a woman should be.

The global community is taking a great step forward in openly criticizing comments such as the Pope's, and I can only hope we continue this trend of removing these 5th century goggles we insist upon wearing to view our 21st century world.

Dylan Ford
senior, virtual technology and design

Thank the founders

The Tuesday editorial, "Who has the power?", argues that in Iowa, "a small group of people" decided to "recognize marriage as a fundamental right." While this is true, the editor mistakes the Iowa Supreme Court as a "small group" of culprits, when in fact, this "small group" was the founding fathers, and the culprit is the equal protection clause of our Bill of Rights.

When outlining the principles that would guide our nation, the founders set out to protect minorities from exactly the kind of mob-rule "democracy" the editor would like to empower, where a large group could outvote a small group (in this case homosexuals) and thus deny that small group equal protection under the law.

Democracy means counting votes, but justice means protecting rights. Our constitution protects and balances both, occasionally conflicting, principles.

Congress represents the will of many in the power of the vote, but the courts serve to balance this power with the constitutional principle "that all men and women are created equal," meaning really, we are all treated as equal under the law. Fundamentally, this means one group cannot justly claim a right denied another group.

In contrast, the editor seems to evoke some other government, where many could vote away the rights of the few, one where, for example, a religious majority could deny equal rights to, say, Jews, or Muslims. Or we could deny Christ Church members or black people the right to marry who they choose if that's what most Americans wanted and voted into law.

That would be neither just nor constitutional.

So, thank the founders, rather than blaming the Iowa Supreme Court, for remembering that mob rule must be balanced with protecting the weak from the powerful or the few from the many.

Tom Drake
UI English department

Vote Wilson-Cochran

When I served as ASUI president in the 2007-08 school year, I had the honor of working with all six of this year's candidates for ASUI president and vice president. All three of this year's tickets are strong. One pair, however, has earned my complete support: Kelby Wilson and Ashley Cochran.

Kelby and Ashley's passion and drive are unmatched. Kelby is always ready to jump into any project, work extra hours and get the job done. He genuinely cares about the students, and I can't count how many conversations he and I had about whether what we were doing was best for the students — in many ways, Kelby kept me grounded to the student body during my presidency.

Ashley, too, stands out from those around her as hard working, caring and dedicated to making ASUI and the University of Idaho a better place. She is never afraid to speak her mind, even on controversial issues (much to my embarrassment when she called me out at several senate meetings), and she always stands up for what she believes is best for the students she represents.

To say merely that Kelby and Ashley can do the jobs they're running for is unfair. They are not only capable — they are exceptionally qualified and will bring skill, compassion and years of ASUI experience to their offices. They will listen to student voices, and they will faithfully and diligently represent the students' interests.

Vote next week to elect Wilson and Cochran ASUI president and vice president.

Jon Gaffney
ASUI president, 2007-08

Article was inaccurate

The article regarding the accident with the longboarder printed on The Argonaut's front page Tuesday is an inaccurate depiction of the situation. The article states several times the pickup struck the longboarder, when it was the longboarder who struck the pickup truck. By not heeding where he was going, the longboarder injured

himself and caused several thousand dollars' worth of damage to the pickup truck. According to the police, the pickup driver did nothing wrong and is absolutely not at fault. You are hurting an innocent man by printing this article and slandering the situation. The Argonaut should print a first-page apology to the pickup truck driver, as that is the least it can do to make this right. It is not fair to further victimize the real victim in this situation.

Lacey Weidner
UI Accounts Payable

Goodbye, film

I am a student at the University of Idaho. I should be more specific. I am a lucky student at UI. I will be escaping/graduating moments before the sky opens up, and the four horseman of the budgetocalypse arrive.

Like many students, the proposed budget cuts slash programs and departments I have grown to love. I will be receiving my film minor degree at the end of this semester. The film minor program holds a particularly special place in my heart.

I arrived at UI completely burned out from high school. Everything I was supposed to learn about critiquing a literary work, analyzing history, writing a strong essay and just generally being excited to learn had escaped me.

My first course here was a film class with Professor Dennis West. A spark was lit. That one film class turned into another film class, which turned into another and another. Before long I had 18 film credits under my belt, and I wanted more. That one film class became my gateway drug into the world of critical thinking, literary/film narrative critique and, most of all, effective essay writing.

I have taken more than 24 credits worth of film courses here. I have slept uncomfortably after an Alfred Hitchcock film, floated through Federico Fellini's imagination, fell asleep during a Lars Von Trier film, watched Ingmar Bergman cheat death and David Lynch cheat narrative storytelling. I have watched the world's great film artists display the world's great film art.

Through retirements and hiring freezes, this program will officially die this semester. It is with great sadness I witness the demise of this wonderful program and minor. I understand film theory courses are not curing diseases or inventing business models. But this department has played a significant part in fostering a learning atmosphere for my

peers and me.

I am now in the Journalism and Mass Media department. There has not been a single assignment, be it an essay or a test, I haven't effectively applied principles I learned in my film classes.

I consider myself extremely lucky to get out before the curtain falls on my beloved film courses. But I regret the thought no listless and bored freshman will be given the chance to ignite the spark of learning through a film minor. Here's looking at you, kid.

Martin McGreevy
junior, interdisciplinary studies

Vote for Doman, Arama

As an environmental science major, an employee of the University of Idaho Sustainability Center and as a concerned member of the student population at UI, I am asking all students to consider voting for Loren Doman and Zach Arama for ASUI president and vice president.

These two men have worked very hard in the Senate, having a combined experience of seven semesters. Doman was at one point the ASUI representative for my sorority, and he consistently came over to tell all of us what was going on in the Senate, what he was working on accomplishing and whether we had concerns for him to address. Arama has been very valuable in assisting the UISC with projects such as a fledgling Greek recycling project and supporting the RFI for Sustainability on campus.

Doman and Arama have concrete goals and plans to achieve these goals. They both have been working with UI administrators to open up communication lines between the students and the university regarding budget cuts, have plans to start a message board on the UI Web site to allow students to more effectively communicate with the Senate and hope to increase the budget for service trips to make them available to more students.

These are objectives that have been ignored for too long by the Senate, and Doman and Arama are a forward-thinking pair of individuals who genuinely care about the future of this university and not just about adding something to their resume.

I encourage students to research all the candidates, as should always be the case in any election, and to think about what they need from leaders on this campus. And, of course, to remember to vote next week.

Melissa Shumake
junior, environmental science

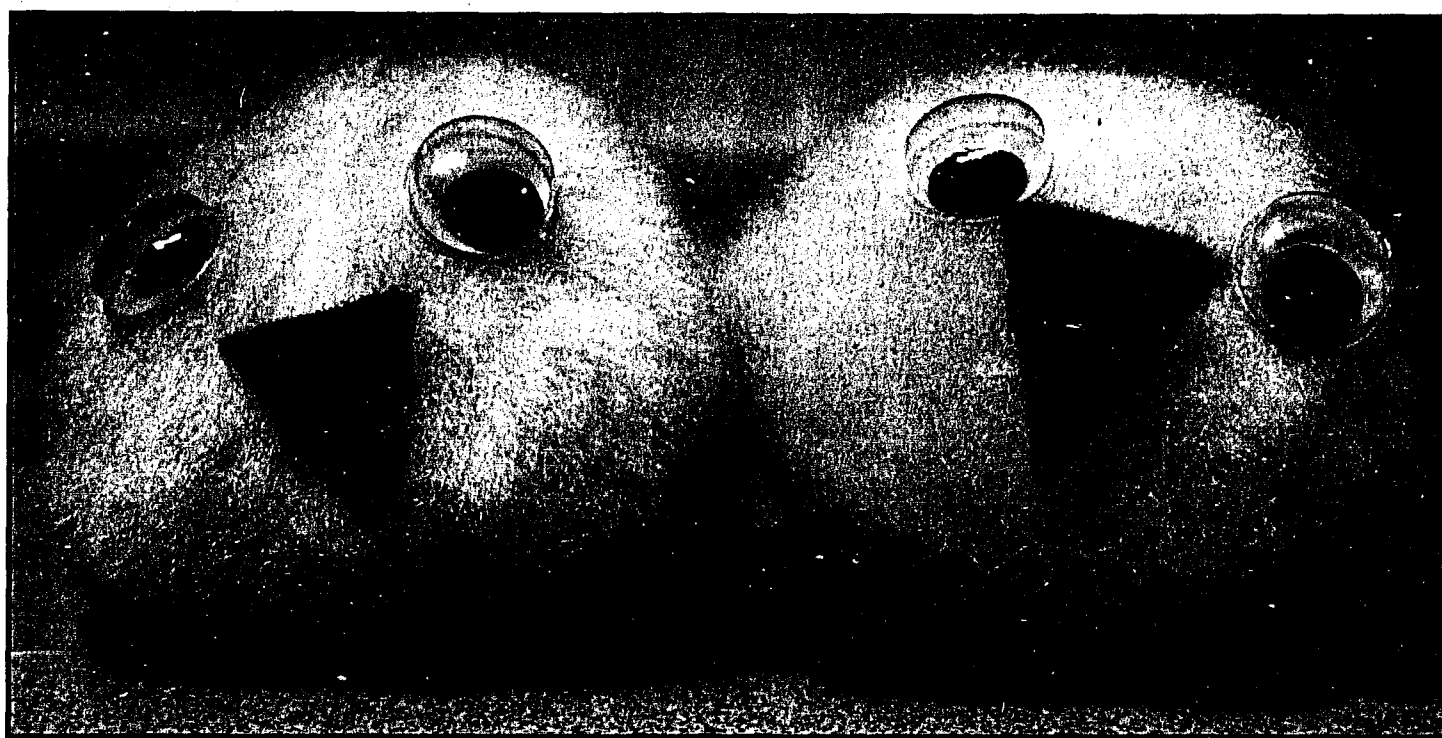
Pom-pom chicks make Easter fun



Meagan Robertson
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Easter is fun. Everything comes in exciting colors and cute patterns, and there are a ton of baby animals and other adorable little things plastered all over store aisles and candy bags.

For those looking for a fun, cheap way to fill plastic eggs or for a little something to make for their friends on Easter, this project is definitely for you. It's cheap, it's easy and it's precious.



What you'll need:

Orange felt, colored pompoms, hot glue gun, glue (not a glue stick), scissors and google eyes or small black beads



Step one:

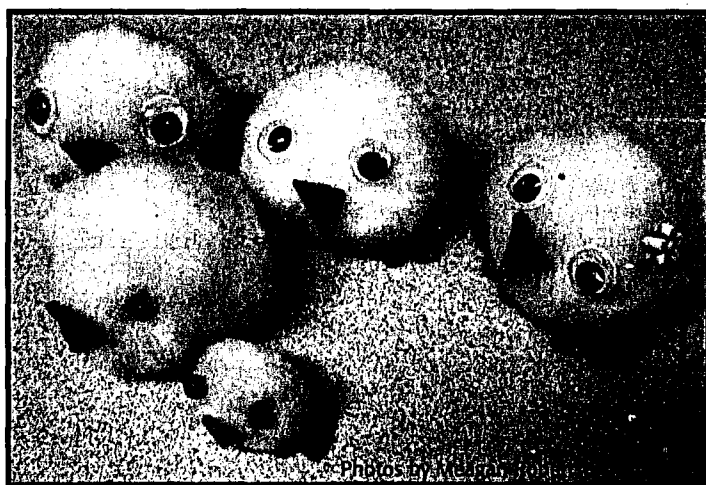
Take the orange felt and cut out a little triangle for the beak and then the feet.

For the feet, try making what looks like a stretched out and curvy "w" with a zig zag across the top for the chick's toes

(see picture).

Remember to cut them in a size that isn't too big or small for the chick.

The beak should look nice when centered on the pom-pom with room for the eyes. The feet should stick out from underneath the pom-pom a bit, especially in the front.



Step two:

Glue on the beak and the feet. Also, grab the google eyes or beads, and glue them onto the pom-pom. Getting them to stick to the pom-pom can be tricky, so patience is key.

I find the easiest method is to use a glue gun, but if you don't have access to one, just hold the glued beak, feet and eyes firmly to the pom-pom for about a minute before setting it down to dry. Once everything is dried, the

chick is finished.

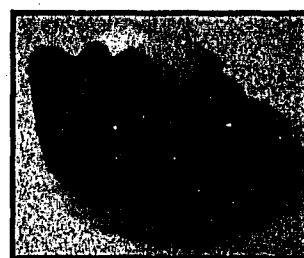
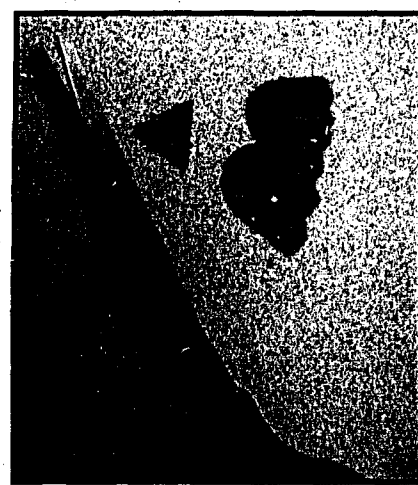
While this is quite possibly one of the easiest craft projects ever, there are many different things you can do with it. Add ears and a tail and make it a bunny instead of a chick.

Offset two different-sized pompoms and use pipe cleaners for the legs and feet. Add colored feathers to the back and make them into tails. They're so inexpensive and quick to make that you can make several for your friends and family and be

done in no time.

If you don't have access to little craft pompoms, you could always make your own using the yarn and cardboard technique. This technique is fantastic because you can make the pompoms as big and fluffy as you want.

If you're looking to make them into a decoration for around the house, or a centerpiece for the table, make them a nest. Just take some twigs or small branches and glue them together until you've achieved a bowl



shaped nest. Add some Easter eggs and the chicks, and you've got a one-of-a-kind decoration.

Happy crafting and happy Easter.

Speak out

Editor's note: The FrontRow staff decided to share its favorite Easter memories with readers. Some staff members had fond memories of the holiday, while others are still bitter about chocolate and the Moscow version of spring.

I was doing some reading about Easter. It turns out the Easter Bunny and his colored eggs are references to pre-Christian German fertility lore and have much more to do with springtime than Christianity. That makes sense. Warm weather makes us think "fertile," cold weather makes us think "f---." But unlike lower Germany, Moscow Easters are often miserably cold, and spring doesn't happen until early May (or late July).

If the tradition had been born here, it probably would have been the Easter Disgruntled Groundhog who would have hidden birth control pills in our yards.

- Kevin Otzenberger

Every Easter, my brother and I would roll out of our respective

FrontRow staff: What is your favorite Easter memory?

beds and saunter into the dining room where our Easter baskets were. They held the standard Easter fare — Cadbury eggs, chocolate bunnies with blue eyes, multi-colored cellophane grass, the works.

One thing, though, that my dad did independently of the rest of the Easter workings to find us one CD to slip in our baskets every year. I don't know how he did it, but Pops always seemed to find the very one I wanted without asking. In sixth grade, I found the Spice Girls, shiny and new, in with my spring-colored goods.

One year I found the first Snow Patrol album tucked away between a Hallmark card and Reese's eggs. I hadn't told him I was dying to hear it, he just knew. He's that good. I still look forward to Easter baskets every year, even though I am 23.

- Megan Broyles

Every year at my grandparent's place, we have dinner and then two Easter egg hunts. The first one is for the little kids and includes plastic eggs, candy and the like. The second one is for adults and includes fun trinkets such as lottery tickets and gift certificates. It was only a few

years ago that I finally graduated to the adult hunt, and I must say, there is nothing quite like hip-checking your relatives for that last Twix bar hidden in the bushes.

- Jordan Gray

I remember one year in high school, I had a tennis match on Easter morning. It was super early, so I headed straight to the courts without doing anything "Easterly" beforehand. All I could think about during the game was chocolate bunnies.

- Amberly Beckman

As Easter approaches, I am reminded of Jim Gaffigan's bit on holiday traditions:

"Easter, the day Jesus rose from the dead. What should we do?"

"How about eggs?"

"Oh, well what does that have to do with Jesus?"

"Alright, we'll hide 'em."

"I don't follow your logic..."

"Don't worry, there's a bunny."

- Gus Simpson

While the best part of Easter celebrations is definitely the candy, it is also the candy that genuinely pisses me off. Why

can't Reese's take it upon themselves to make a giant peanut butter-filled chocolate rabbit? The peanut butter to chocolate ratio in the Reese's eggs is near perfection, but in a rabbit it could be mind-blowing. Reese's, please quit taunting me with that commercial and just make me a damn peanut butter-filled chocolate bunny.

- Meagan Robertson

What I like about Easter is that Lent is over. I'm not Catholic, yet I participate in Lent every year. One year I gave up caffeine, which was really tough. Another year I gave up chocolate, so at Easter I ate all the chocolate I could get my hands on and was on a sugar high for two days. Last year, as well as this year's Lent sacrifice, was eating meat.

I have to say that this year's duration of being a temporary vegetarian was surprisingly easy, with very few meat cravings. I don't miss it all that much. I remember when I started eating meat after last year's Lent, I actually got sick. My stomach did not react well.

Maybe I should just become a vegetarian. I say this now, but I'm sure when the summer's here and the air fills with the smell of



Photo illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut

Easter treats and family festivities are among the favorite aspects of Easter for Front Row staff.

barbecues, I'm going to want a nice juicy steak or cheeseburger.

- Anne-Marije Rook

My girlfriend's Jewish, so when I recently bought a four-pack of Cadbury Creme Eggs I made her accept Jesus Christ as her personal savior before I shared one with her.

- Marcus Kellis

UI set to host sax conference

Marcus Kellis
Argonaut

For at least one week, the NASA of engineers will be overshadowed by a different organization sharing the acronym — the North American Saxophone Alliance.

The group, which is made up of saxophone players and enthusiasts, will have their regional conference on campus Thursday through Saturday. The attendees will be primarily from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska.

Vanessa Sielert, assistant professor of saxophone and jazz bands at the Lionel Hampton School of Music, was chosen by the organization to host this year's get-together.

"We have these conferences every two years," she said, "and I talked with the regional president right before the last one at Washington State University and told him that I was interested in hosting one."

Sielert's saxophone stu-

dents will be helping with the conference.

"I thought it'd be a great opportunity to bring some saxophonists from around the region," she said, "so that our students could learn from them and interact with them."

Thursday's program featured guest artist Dick Oatts with the University of Idaho Jazz Band I. Oatts, a professor of jazz studies at Temple University, played in the Grammy-winning Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra starting in 1977. Vern Sielert, Vanessa Sielert's husband, conducted UI Jazz Band I, the school of music's top auditioned jazz band.

"Vern Sielert's trumpet students are solid players," said Stu Jordan, a graduate student in music composition.

Today and tomorrow's programs will start at 9 a.m., running until the early evening both nights and will feature another 7:30 p.m. concert today.

The featured soloist today will be Eugene Rousseau, a faculty member at the University of Minneso-

ta and a professor emeritus at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He will be accompanied by the UI Wind Ensemble. Among other pieces, they will perform a medley from George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess," for which the well-known song "Summertime" was written.

Other ensembles from the region will perform in the daytime — the University of Washington Saxophone Quartet and WSU SaxBand are both scheduled for 3:45 p.m., Saturday in the music building's Room 116 and Recital Hall, respectively.

A University of Oregon quartet and a Lewis-Clark State College quartet will play at 1:30 p.m. today. The Portland ("PDX") Saxophone Quartet and the Quadraphones, an all-woman sax quartet also from Portland, are both scheduled for 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

In previous years, the region I conference has been held at locations including WSU, the University of Wyoming and Southern Oregon University.



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Guest artist Todd DelGiudice performs a saxophone solo during the Jazz Band I performance of "Everything I Love" Thursday in the Lionel Hampton School of Music. The performance was part of the kick-off jazz concert.

Quay brothers: stop-motion animation masters

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

A demon doll collects the tips from broken pencils. A doll searches through the maze of a playhouse. Bizarre creatures wander small streets while an insane woman writes the same letter over and over. Welcome to the world of the Quay Brothers.

The Quay Brothers are twin filmmakers who have been making films using puppetry and stop-motion animation since 1979. The films, a selection of 13, are currently being screened as part of the Prichard Art Gallery's Week Spot series, which focuses on film and new media.

"I've been aware of their work for some time,"

said Roger Rowley, the gallery director for the Prichard Art Gallery. "What they've been working on, to a greater or lesser extent throughout all of these, is sort of the stop-action animation using various dolls and figures of their own creation."

One of the films featured is the 2000 "In Absentia." The film combines fast cuts, eerie tonal music, moving objects just out of focus and stop-motion dolls and actions to tell the story of a woman in an insane asylum. There is no dialogue, and at times, the film is just plain confusing, but that only leads to the dark background of the story of the woman with pencil lead-stained fingers.

"There's a certain element of ... they aren't really scary by any means, but they are kind of dark," Rowley said. "There's some dark storytelling going on here."

Rowley said the Quay Brothers have been the inspiration for other famous stop-motion animators, like Tim Burton.

"It's amazing work," Rowley said.

The Prichard Art Gallery is darkened and sports six benches and a movie screen for the event, which patrons can come into at any point.

Two people who visited the exhibit were Emma Gustke and Bryce Pfeifle, who had never visited the Prichard Art Gallery and came in because they were

curious.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Gustke said.

The pair watched one and a half of the films, which range in time from about three to 20 minutes.

"It was kind of like haunting type images, almost like a horror movie, but it wasn't," Pfeifle said. "It was weird. It was somewhat abstract, with some sort of story plot behind it at the same time."

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THIS WEEK IN REVIEW

Say yes to 'Yes Man'

Jordan Gray
Argonaut

Carl Allen likes to say no. It doesn't even really matter what to his friends, clients asking for loans, his life - but that changes when he goes to an empowerment seminar.

"Yes Man" follows junior loan officer Carl Allen (Jim Carrey) as he worms his way out of doing anything besides sitting in his apartment moping and turning down loan requests at his job.

It's only after he misses his best friend's engagement party and is told he's going to end up alone that Allen gets spooked. He even has a nightmare where his friends come in and observe his corpse, his eyes still fixed on the TV screen.

When an old co-worker (John Michael Higgins) drags him to a "Yes" seminar, Allen decides to change his

ways and start agreeing to do things at every opportunity. This starts with him giving a homeless man a ride and all his cash. Allen quickly regrets his new lifestyle when all the extra driving leaves him stranded without gas in the middle of the woods.

When he finally reaches the gas station, it's to have a Polaroid picture of him taken by scooter-driving Allison (Zooey Deschanel). He accepts her ride back to his car, even though she nearly kills them both by weaving through traffic.

Allen is really starting to enjoy his new take on life, doing everything from guitar lessons and bungee jumping to taking Korean lessons. The guitar lessons

come in handy when he uses music to talk a suicidal man off a ledge with the song "Jumper" from Third Eye Blind.



"Yes Man"
Jim Carrey,
Warner Home
Video

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"Yes Man" is now available on DVD and Blu-ray.

'Dust': fourth time's a charm

Anne-Marije Rook
Argonaut

With seven years and three previous albums under their belt, The Benji Davis Project has firmly established itself as a solid folk-rock band.

On "Dust" (Rock Ridge Music 2008), the band performs as a strong cohesive unit making this their best album yet.

The Louisiana-based band sometimes sounds a little like John Mayer and carries a little southern-rock flavor reminiscent of bands like the Marshall Tucker Band.

Benji Davis Project was formed in 2001 and began as a simple folk-rock duo, eventually transforming into a six-piece unit and rising to become one of the most popular bands in Baton Rouge, La.

With Benji Davis both singing and playing acoustic guitar, he is the driving force in all the tracks. The other instruments - banjo, mandolin, Hammond b-3 organ, bass guitar and drums - serve to complement Davis' coarse tenor voice that easily switches octaves.

The band has been building a fan base at their live performances for the last seven years of touring but has yet to break through into national presence, though this day may not be far away.

"Dust" is a wonderful compilation to dance, head bob or lounge to.

Opening with the catchy and upbeat track "The Rain," the listener is hooked from the beginning. While the first track is arguably the best and most mainstream of the album, the whole record delivers all-around solid, feel-good music.

The album could use a little bit more diversity and variety throughout its tracks, but using mandolin and banjo mixed with a few rock power chords does a good job in setting the band apart from other bands.

The first 10 seconds of the intro to "Green and Blue" is easily mistaken with the intro to Jimmy Eat World's "May Angels Lead You In." But then, when the other instruments are introduced, the track morphs into the band's own style.

Maggie Brown guest stars on the album, lending her vocals to "Graves." "Graves" is one of two tracks that deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina with lyrics such as "I'll build the houses / if you dig the graves" and "And now you're standing on what just became your FEMA parking lot" in the leadoff track, "The Rain."

But the central subject of the album is all the good and bad about love and relationships. Dealing with a bitter breakup in "Still Sweet," sharing about the loss of his virginity in "Sweet Southern Moon" and celebrating intimacy in "Good Enough."

This is an all-around solid record well worth a listen.



The Benji
Davis Project
"Dust"
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'Observe and Report' should cease, desist

Christy Lemire
Associated Press

The most charitable thing we can say about the otherwise insufferable "Observe and Report" is that it shows Seth Rogen has some range.

He's not just the self-deprecating cutup, the stoner teddy bear we've come to know and love in movies like "Knocked Up," "Superbad" and "Pineapple Express." Apparently, he also has some pent-up rage in him, which he unleashes in spectacularly wild fashion as the head of security at a suburban shopping center.

(Don't call him a mall cop, although the superficial similarities to the PG-rated Paul Blart are unmistakable. Later on, though, as Rogen's character sinks deeply into his self-appointed role as vigilante, he will also resemble Travis Bickle. It's as odd a combination as it sounds.)

Like Blart, Rogen's Ron-

nie Barnhardt takes his job far too seriously, but he's forced to spring into actual action when a flasher starts antagonizing the shoppers - and, more importantly, blond bimbo Brandi (Anna Faris), the cosmetics clerk for whom he's long lusted. But there's little about Ronnie that makes you root for him to succeed personally or professionally; writer-director Jody Hill has created yet another singularly unlikable character, as he did in his debut last summer, "The Foot Fist Way."

On the one hand, you have to admire Hill for just going for it, for recklessly abandoning all semblance of what would be considered tasteful or appropriate in a comedy for mainstream audiences. Unlike Danny McBride's "Foot Fist" character, delusional tae kwon do instructor Fred Simmons, Ronnie has does have some vulnerability to him, which

shows in a few scenes with his alcoholic mother (Celia Weston), but those are played for awkward laughs. More often, the road Hill drags us down isn't a terribly funny one, especially as it becomes more startlingly obvious that Ronnie is a danger to himself and others.

Hill's script is just as erratic: a series of hit-and-miss non sequiturs in which his characters mostly humiliate and injure themselves and others. It's not terribly offensive (though women may be put off by the way Ronnie's date with Brandi ends); it's more like an onslaught, one that seems to drag on.

A sequence in which Ronnie and fellow security guard Dennis (a lisping Michael Pena) get high and cause mayhem in the mall after hours is a prime example: It comes out of nowhere, does nothing to further the plot and disap-

pears just as quickly.

Ray Liotta, as the police detective assigned to investigate the crimes, is one-note in his disdain of Ronnie's ineptitude. Similarly, Faris' comic charms go to waste: She's back in that ditz persona she's perfected, but there's no sweetness within the character, just bland self-adorption.

Hill's longtime friend McBride makes a brief appearance here, too, in one of the movie's many out-of-place moments. Come to think of it, "Observe and Report" is like a mall itself in many ways: it has a bunch of random stuff under one roof, and you can only hang out in it for so long without growing depressed about the future of humanity.

"Observe and Report," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated R for pervasive language, graphic nudity, drug use, sexual content and violence.

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QuickHITS

Vandals in action

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Women's tennis — The Vandals will travel for a match against Nevada. Play begins at noon in San Jose, Calif.

Football — The team will continue spring practices with the starting time to be announced. The practices will take place on the SprinTurf.

Saturday
Men's tennis — The Vandals will play a home match at 11 a.m. against Portland State University.

Vandals to watch

Brad Tensen
 Men's golf



Tensen played the finest golf of his Idaho career as the Vandals climbed to seventh at the annual Wyoming Cowboy Classic golf tournament. Tensen, a junior from Boise, was at even-par 70 Tuesday to finish at one-under 209 and tied for 11th.

Steve Potratz
 Track and field



Potratz showed his skills at one of the most unusual events in track and field at the Sam Adams Classic when he won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in nine minutes, 49.64 seconds. Potratz has competed in many distance races but began competing in the steeplechase last spring. The Vandals will look to Potratz to score points as the team heads to the Western Athletic Conference Championships later this spring.

Teo Poplawski
 Women's golf



Poplawski was honored as the Western Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week after her sixth-place finish at last week's Anteater Invitational. Poplawski (Williston, Vt.) had rounds of 78-70-74 for a nine-over total 222. Her one-under 70 during the second round of the tournament was her low score of the year. She is second in scoring for the Vandals and has posted three top-10 finishes in eight tournaments.

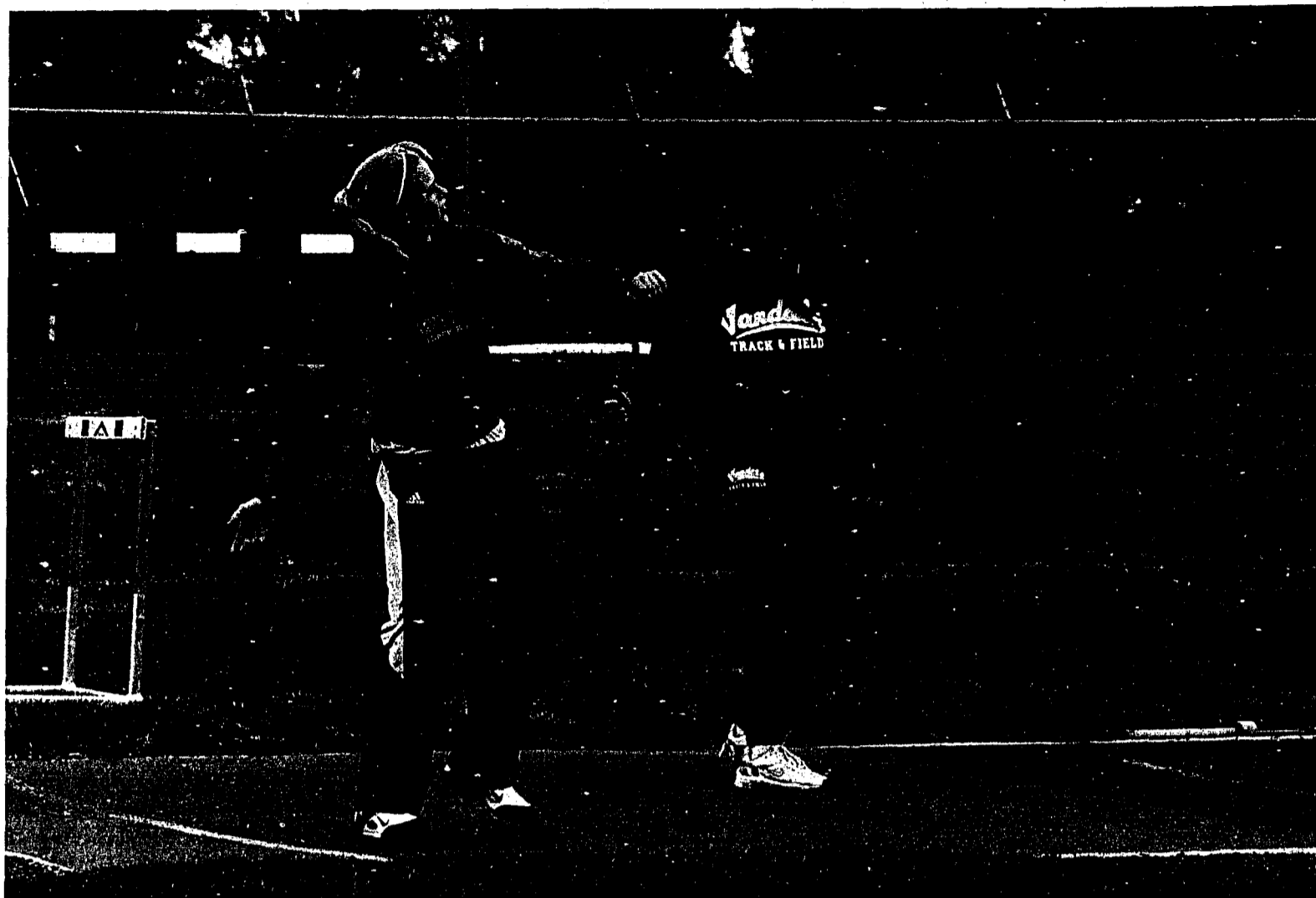
Did you know ...

The University of Idaho had 30 students make the All-Academic team.

Vandals by the numbers

17 The track and field team had 17 athletes make the All-Academic team.

5 The women's basketball team had five players make the All-Academic team.



Idaho coach Julie Taylor guides UI javelin thrower Darcy Collins during Wednesday afternoon's practice at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. *Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut*

Coaches fortify program

Kayla Desjarlais
 The Argonaut

They set their first records here as student athletes and now University of Idaho track and field coaches Julie and Tim Taylor have raised the bar as the longest standing assistants in the history of the school's athletics program.

For the last 18 and 19 years respectively, Julie and Tim Taylor have coached the track and field team they'd built their collegiate throwing careers with. The Taylors' athletes have broken and re-broken every UI indoor and outdoor men's and women's throws record multiple times to the expense of their own standings in the all-time ranks.

As UI student-athletes they were standout throwers during

the 1980s.

Julie Taylor broke the UI women's shot put and discus records while Tim Taylor took the 1985 Big Sky Conference men's shot put title and qualified for the NCAA Track and Field Championships where he finished 18th.

Neither had intended to stay in Moscow, nor pursue coaching, but after graduating with degrees in business management and marketing in 1985, Tim Taylor diverted from his educational path to pursue the sport professionally.

"I competed for a couple years after I was an athlete here (at UI) to see how I'd do on a national level," Tim Taylor said. "I stayed in town to train because it was where I was used to training."

Tim Taylor's then girlfriend,

Julie, a 1986 secondary education graduate, chose to stay with him and spent the next three years coaching high school track and field. They married in 1987 and had their first child, Kelsey, in 1988.

"It became like home," Tim Taylor said. "I got done throwing in the late '80s and was already helping out (with the UI track and field team). Then it just became normal to help, to volunteer."

Julie Taylor joined the UI staff as a part-time women's coach. With a second child, Alex in tow, she worked a couple other jobs then coached in the afternoons until she took over the entire throwing squad as a full-time assistant coach in 1994.

Tim Taylor remained as a volun-

teer and the husband-and-wife duo built a throwing team of unprecedented strength, racking up a laundry list of accomplishments.

"Our throwing program, because of Tim and Julie," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said, "It has just been amazing. It's really taken off to become one of the best collegiate throwing programs in the nation."

Julie and Tim Taylor are also responsible for developing the talents of some of the most successful athletes in the school's history.

Julie worked closely with Katja Schreiber as she became the 2001 NCAA women's discus champion and thus the only female individual NCAA champion in the school's history.

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Lacrosse practices with the rising sun

Cheyenne Hollis
 Argonaut

The sun rose at 6:13 a.m. Wednesday, a National Weather Service report stated. Thirteen minutes before sunrise, the University of Idaho men's lacrosse team started practice on the SprinTurf.

"I mean, it really sucks, but it is one of those things you have to deal with as a team," defenseman Ben Lavigne said. "It is definitely tough to wake up at 5:30 twice a week and then go to class right afterward."

The six a.m. practices became necessary when intramurals started on the SprinTurf after spring break, lacrosse team captain Krieg Shaw said.

"Surprisingly, attendance has been pretty good for the morning practices," Lavigne said. "There have been a couple guys who slept through their alarm or who were sick but for we have probably had better attendance in the morning than we get for our night practices."

The morning practices are helping the team prepare for the showdown against Boise State in Boise later this month.

"I refuse to lose to Boise State," freshman team member Ben Frey said. "I know some of the guys on that



Former Vandal lacrosse president and graduate architecture student John Andrysiak looks to pass the ball to a teammate during a Feb. 21, 2008 practice on the SprinTurf. *File Photo*

team, and I will have a bunch of buddies at that game and I am willing to do anything physically and mentally possible to crush them."

Last season, Idaho defeated Boise State for the first time in the program's history. Lavigne said he wants to prove to Boise

State this year's team is better than last season's.

"This is one of those games you find on the schedule right away without looking at who you play before it," Lavigne said. "We had a blast beating them at home

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Vandal golf team prepares for WAC Championships

Scott Stone
 Argonaut

The Vandal golf teams are well into the regular season and are now setting their sights on the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The men's team has played three tournaments this season and has just one tournament remaining, the Ping Cougar Classic in Provo, Utah, before it can prepare for the post-season matches in Las Vegas.

The men teed off the season in San Diego, Calif., where they competed in the Triumph at Pauma Valley men's collegiate golf tournament and finished the event tied for ninth with a score of 894.

Leading the Vandals was senior Russell Grove, who, after a rough start in the closing-round, finished the day with a score of 69 to finish fifth in the tournament.

"He got off to a little bit of a rocky start," said Idaho coach Jon Reehorn, "but he played really well on the back nine. He hit some great iron shots and made

some nice putts."

The next tournament on the schedule was the Duck Invitational in Eugene, Ore., and this time it was someone else's turn to lead the pack.

Freshman Jarred Bossio shot a final-round score of 71 to reach 12th place, giving the Vandals a final score of 899 — good enough to earn another ninth place finish.

The Vandals' most recent match took place in Scottsdale, Ariz., where they competed in the Wyoming Cowboy Classic and managed to increase their standings in the final round to earn the seventh-place spot.

"I'm excited that we were able to move up two spots," Reehorn said. "It is always nice to finish higher, but we have a lot of improving to do still."

The team will compete in its final regular season tournament April 24 and then will look ahead to the WAC Championships, which Reehorn said the team will work hard to prepare for.

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GOOD TEAMWORK



Good Vibrations team member Katelyn Foiles goes for a lay-up during a Thursday evening intramural basketball game against team Less Than Scottie in Memorial Gym. *Jake Barber/Argonaut*

Rookie dies in car crash

Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Los Angeles Angels pitcher Nick Adenhardt and two others were killed by a suspected drunk driver Thursday, a shocking end to the life of a rookie who had overcome major elbow surgery to realize his big league dreams.

The accident in neighboring Fullerton occurred hours after the 22-year-old pitcher made his season debut with his father in the stands, throwing six scoreless innings against the Oakland Athletics. The Angels ultimately lost the game, 6-4.

The team postponed Thursday night's game with Oakland, the final one of their season-opening series. Players planned to gather to remember their teammate, manager Mike Scioscia said.

"It is a tragedy that will never be forgotten," he said at an Angel Stadium news conference.

Adenhardt was a passenger in a silver Mitsubishi Eclipse that was broadsided in an intersection about 12:30 a.m. by a minivan that apparently ran a red light, police said.

The impact spun around both vehicles, and one then struck another car but that driver was not hurt, police said.

The minivan driver fled the crash on foot and was captured about 30 minutes later. Police identified him as Andrew Thomas Gallo, 22, of Riverside, and said he had a suspended license because of a previous drunken driving conviction.

Preliminary results indicated Gallo's blood-alcohol level was above the legal limit of .08 percent, police Lt. Kevin Hamilton said.

He said Gallo would be booked on charges of hit-and-run and driving under the influence, both felonies, along with vehicular manslaughter and possibly

murder. A spokeswoman for the Orange County district attorney's office said charges against Gallo likely wouldn't be filed Thursday because police were still investigating.

Adenhardt died in surgery at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center. Henry Nigel Pearson of Manhattan Beach, a 25-year-old passenger in the car, and the driver, 20-year-old Courtney Frances Stewart of Diamond Bar, were pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

Stewart was a student at nearby Cal State Fullerton, where she was a cheerleader in 2007-08.

Another passenger, 24-year-old Jon Wilhite of Manhattan Beach, was in critical condition at UC Irvine Medical Center, although he was expected to survive, a hospital spokesman said. Wilhite played baseball from 2004-08 at Cal State Fullerton.

Stewart's mother said her daughter and Adenhardt had known each other since last season, but were not dating as far as she knew, Hamilton said.

The mother said Adenhardt and the others had gone dancing at a club about a block away from the crash site, although the crash scene appeared to indicate the car was heading in the direction of the club, Hamilton said.

At the ballpark Wednesday night, Adenhardt did his job. He scattered seven hits over six scoreless innings and escaped twice after loading the bases in just his fourth major league start.

"I battled early and it felt good to get out of some jams," he said.

Adenhardt left with a 4-0 lead before the bullpen gave away what would have been his second major league victory.

"He lived his dream and was blessed to be part of an organization comprised of such warm, caring and compassionate people," his family said in a statement issued through the team.

Sacramento mayor to pay \$73K to settle case

Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Federal prosecutors on Thursday announced a settlement with Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson over allegations that a nonprofit founded by the former NBA star used federal money to pay volunteers for jobs including political activities, running personal errands and washing Johnson's car.

Johnson's St. HOPE Academy must repay nearly \$424,000 in return for the government lifting its suspension on future federal grants. Johnson will pay nearly \$73,000 of that amount, although the organization will reimburse him when it is able to do so. He also agreed to complete an online class on how to manage federal grants within four months.

Federal authorities last year put Johnson on a list of people forbidden from receiving federal money, and there were concerns that the case could jeopardize Sacramento's access to federal stimulus funds. Johnson's suspension from receiving federal money will be lifted under terms of the settlement.

The mayor, who took office in December, said Thursday he believed the terms of the settlement were excessive but added that it was more important to "put this issue behind us."

"I'm relieved that the cloud is gone and now we can get back to business," Johnson said during a news conference at City Hall. "We are not in jeopardy, moving forward, of not receiving federal dollars."

Acting U.S. Attorney Lawrence G. Brown said the allegations were so serious that a federal inspector general pushed unsuccessfully for criminal charges and suspending St. HOPE from future federal funding. Brown added that prosecutors determined there was no fraud, but rather a culture of "sloppiness" in St. HOPE's record-keeping.

Johnson, St. HOPE and the group's former executive director Dana Gonzalez admit no liability or fault but acknowledge St. HOPE "did not adequately document a portion of its expenditures," according to the settlement. Gonzalez agreed to pay \$1,000 of the settlement and, like the mayor, take an online class on federal grants.

St. HOPE has 10 years to pay its

\$350,000 share of the settlement, with 5 percent annual interest.

Johnson started St. HOPE in 1989 to revive the neighborhood where he was raised in Sacramento, one of the city's roughest. It has since grown from a modest after-school program to include charter schools, art and community development programs and an urban peace corps program called Hood Corps.

It is that program that was at the center of the federal investigation into spending of the nearly \$847,000 St. HOPE received between 2004 and 2007 from AmeriCorps, which gives college grants to people who volunteer for certain community service programs.

Investigators from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps grants, said Hood Corps volunteers were assigned cleaning duties and told to run personal errands for Johnson, including washing his car. Investigators said the volunteers also recruited students for St. HOPE Academy, engaged in political activities and went to New York to promote an academy Johnson opened in Harlem.

All those activities violated the terms of the federal grant, the investigators said.

Johnson, a three-time All-Star guard for the Phoenix Suns who retired from the NBA in 2000, was president and chief executive of St. HOPE during most of the period being investigated, according to the settlement.

His organization is credited with turning the failing Sacramento High School into a successful charter school and has helped bring businesses to the Oak Park neighborhood, where Johnson grew up.

During his news conference, Johnson denied personal wrongdoing, blamed unnamed political enemies for the investigation and criticized the federal government for having grant requirements he said are too difficult to follow.

A legal expert hired by the city had warned that the federal decision blocking Johnson from receiving federal funds could make Sacramento ineligible for money from the recently enacted federal stimulus program because Johnson influences city spending.

Johnson denied his status would harm the city. City spokeswoman Amy Williams said Sacramento has received \$48 million in federal money since Johnson took office.

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Tim Taylor was the personal coach of 2000 NCAA men's shot put champion and 2004 Olympic bronze medalist Joachim Olsen. Tim cultivated Olsen's talents to world record status.

"They both just love the sport and are always trying to learn more about it," daughter and UI junior Kelsey Taylor said. "It's so important for them to do every thing they can to make it better for the athletes. My mom, it's like a 24 hour job for her."

Julie Taylor sets up practices at all times of the day to work around class schedules providing athletes with as much individual attention as possible. Tim Taylor takes time off his

job in the spring to be available for athletes and compensates by working additional hours during the summer.

The two combine to form a balanced coaching style.

"Tim and Julie complement each other very well," UI alum Russ Winger said. "Julie is very good at pointing out things in throws that need improvement and Tim is very good at telling you how to make it better."

Under the Taylor's direction, Winger broke the school's outdoor discus record in 2008 and placed second in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships men's shot put event two consecutive years (2006, 2007).

Their dedication extends beyond the practice field to foster what athletes say is the family atmo-

sphere of the throwing team, inviting athletes to their home for barbecues and a throwers gathering at the beginning of each year.

"They're very easy to get along with," Winger said. "They're really great people and probably the most underrated coaches in the NCAA."

Athletes have noticed and many come here because of their reputation as they've overseen the improvement of so many athletes.

"The biggest thing is having a consistent program without a lot of coaching changes," Tim Taylor said. "It's hard for athletes to settle in and figure out what coaches want. Every coach has their own slant on things."

UI throwers will continue to enjoy the coaching talents of the Taylor's, but the fu-



Idaho track and field throws coach Tim Taylor assists University of Idaho senior Evan Ruud during Wednesday afternoon's practice at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. Since Taylor became a throws coach at Idaho, every men's throwing record has been broken multiple times.

Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut

ture is uncertain.

"My mom loves her job," Kelsey Taylor said. "She loves coaching and I

haven't heard of any other plans."

Tim will continue to help at practices, commuting from Pull-

man where he works as a Washington State

University employee. "I've been a volunteer all this time,

never really gotten paid," he said "My working job is at WSU. Coaching is my sanity job."

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"I feel like the whole team expected better and I know it is going to work hard the next couple of weeks to prepare for the WAC Championship," he said. "It was still all about the little details today ... if we can continue to limit our small mistakes and mental errors, we have the opportunity to do some special things."

The women's golf team already saw its regular season come to an end and are now preparing for the post-season.

The Vandals will be looking to true-freshman Kayla Mortellaro to help out at the WAC Championship. Mortellaro started the spring season with an

eighth place finish at the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational.

She shot a one-under-par 71 the final day of the tournament to finish with an overall four-over 220, helping the Vandals finish in 16th place.

"She beat several players who ranked in the top 50 in the country," said Idaho coach Lisa Johnson. "Kayla is just a very consistent player. She has exceptional distance control with her irons so she gives herself birdie opportunities."

Mortellaro didn't stop there either. She kept the momentum going into the Vandals' next stop in Hawai'i at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational where she won the tournament and helped her team finish second behind Texas A&M.

The Vandals began the final day in first place, but Johnson said the team got too excited and let it slip away.

"We will learn and grow from the experience of being in the lead going into the final round," Johnson said. "We wanted to win the tournament so badly, we made a lot of mental mistakes as a result of being too anxious or too tense — It's golf."

Following the win in Hawai'i, Mortellaro was honored as the WAC Player of the Week two weeks in a row.

The women's final tournament came in Irvine, Calif., at the Anteater Invitational. The Vandals' fourth-place finish was what Johnson said was the team's best effort of the year.

"This tournament was

extremely successful for us," Johnson said. "We beat one top 25 team (No. 23 UC Irvine). This was our best performance of the entire year as a team."

Although Mortellaro didn't lead the Vandals, she still managed to finish in the top 10. This time it was freshman Teo Poplawski who led it for the Vandals, finishing the tournament with a sixth-place finish.

"Teo played awesome," Johnson said. "For her to finish sixth in this field was a great performance. She's worked hard on her game all year, and she's starting to see the benefits of all that hard work."

The women are now preparing for the WAC Championship that will take place April 20 at the Wolf Run Golf Club in Nevada.

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last season, and now we want to go down to Boise and do it again."

The practices have picked up in intensity the last two weeks as the grudge match on April 19 approaches, Lavigne said.

"We are getting better as the season progresses, and you can see it out here at the practice," Lavigne said. "By the time we get down to Boise to play, we will have not played in six weeks but I do not think it will be too much of a problem."

Idaho's last match was a 16-5 thumping of Washington State on Feb. 28. It will have been 48 days in-between matches for the Vandals when they play the College of Idaho.

"We have been practicing regularly, and we have all been doing stuff outside of practice to make sure we stay sharp," Lavigne said. "It has also given us a chance to rest up ahead of some important games."

The Vandals are currently tied for fifth place in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League standings. Frey said the playoffs are still a realistic possibility for the team.

"I honestly think if we work hard enough as a team and individually we can make the playoffs," Frey said. "We should be able to pull off some upsets and reach the playoffs for the first time ever."

Idaho is 3-3 on the season and has four conference matches remaining. The team travels to Boise for showdowns against the College of Idaho on April 18 and Boise State on April 19.

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