

# THE ARGONAUT

## Safety on wheels

### Staying on the good side of the Dean of Students

Marcus Kellis  
Argonaut

Part one of a two-part series.

Bicycles are superlatively efficient vehicles, besides aesthetic value and comparatively beneficial costs of ownership. Little wonder, then, that so many bicycles are seen in Moscow, by any stretch a small city and one friendly to such transport.

But bicycles are not the only non-automobile transportation one sees on campus, merely one part of a rainbow of wheeled assistance: longboards and skateboards make up another significant demographic.

"I can get from the commons to my dorm in less than two minutes," said Niko Salinas, a freshman in marketing and a longboarder.

On campus, bicycling has rules, as do skateboarding and longboarding. Both the University of Idaho and Moscow regulate bicycle use, while UI and state laws affect skateboarding, longboarding and rollerskating.

#### Campus and state rules

Three different rules, the UI Administrative Procedure Manual, Moscow city ordinances and state law, regulate cycling and boarding on campus.

On campus walkways, bicycles are required to go only walking speed. Skateboards and rollerblades are explicitly permitted only on walkways at least 8 feet wide.

Tricks are prohibited, and the UIAPM gently suggests that those who wish to ollie and grind can use the Moscow Skate Park at 1515 East D St.

"We typically try to do a cease and desist before we start throwing community service hours at folks," said Laura Hutchinson, UI's assistant dean of students. "Skateboarding in and of itself is not a violation of the code of conduct."

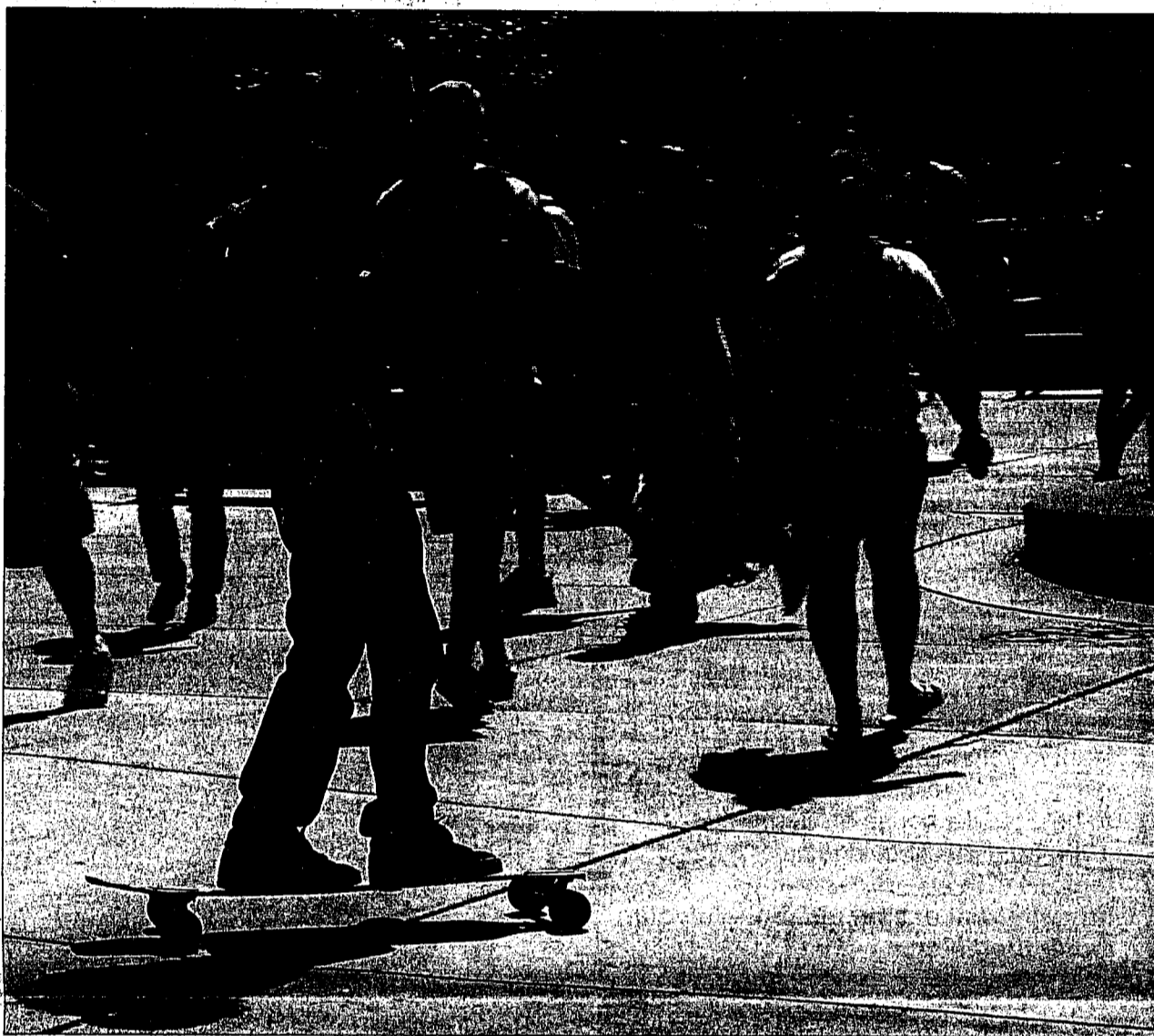
Hutchinson said students would have to be obstinate in refusing to comply with orders or otherwise reckless to be cited.

"I've seen people longboarding or skateboarding, but they're faster than I am," she said. Hutchinson said she's overseen no cycling or boarding offenses to date.

"There was a kid hurt pretty badly in the spring, who ran into a truck ... We're not going to adjudicate that," Hutchinson said. "There are pretty clear consequences, and that would sort of be kicking them while they're down."

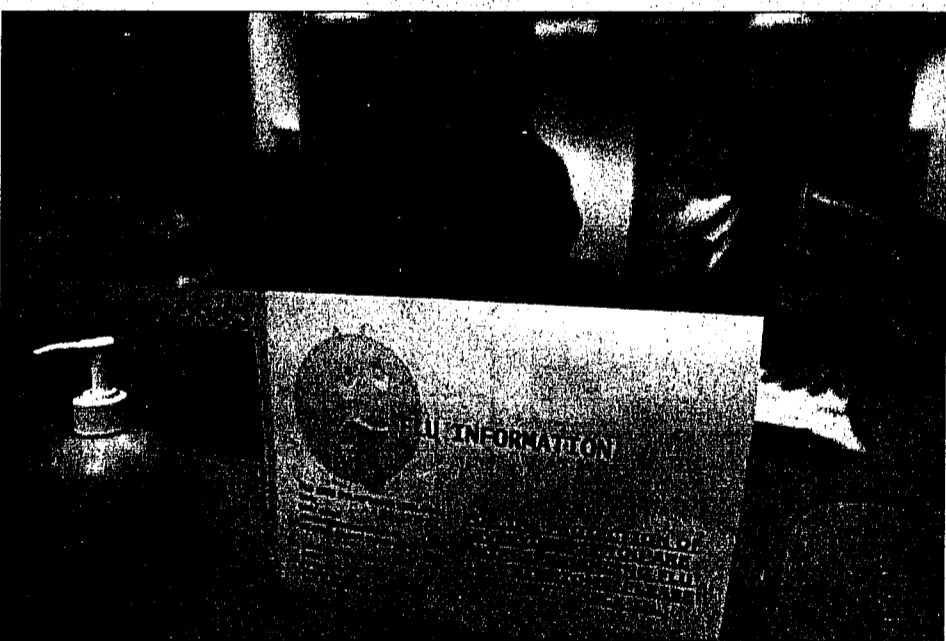
Campus rules diverge with Moscow city code on one important case: though

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Jake Barber/Argonaut

A student longboards through the campus mall on Monday. The University of Idaho, Moscow and Idaho all have rules regulating bicycling, skateboarding and longboarding — in Moscow, bicycles have to be registered with the police department, and on campus, skateboarders and longboarders aren't allowed to perform tricks.



Mike Fuentes/Associated Press

An Aug. 25, 2009 photo shows a bottle of hand sanitizer and a sign about swine flu on a window in front of Marilyn Hallam at the health center at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Colleges across the country are seeing spikes in the number of students with flu-like symptoms as dorms fill up and classes begin for the fall semester.

## H1N1 hits the Palouse

Mark Runsvold  
Argonaut

In what may presage a long flu season to come, seven Washington State University students have been diagnosed with what is assumed to be H1N1 influenza.

Almost 200 students have reported to WSU Health and Wellness Services with flu-like symptoms in the past week, 32 have been tested, and seven have come back positive for type A influenza. Though further testing to confirm the presence of H1N1 has been halted, all cases of type A influenza are now being treated as the strain known commonly as swine flu, according to an official update.

"It's very difficult to put hard and fast numbers on it because not everyone is being tested and apparently false negatives are quite common," said WSU spokesman James Tinney. "What we can say is swine flu has been confirmed here. Fortunately, most of the cases appear to be fairly mild."

Estimates from an Aug. 7 report by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology predict up to 50 percent of the U.S. population could be infected with H1N1 this fall and winter. Eighty percent of those infected could experience symptoms, and over half of those with symptoms would be expected to seek medical attention.

"This isn't the flu that we're used to," said Kathleen Sebelius, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services secretary, at a press conference held at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The 2009 H1N1 virus will cause a more serious threat this fall. We won't know until we're in the middle of the flu season how serious the threat is, but because it's a new strain, it's likely to infect more people than usual."

The timing of the epidemic could be of special importance, according to the council's

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## Massage school closes doors

Stephanie Hale  
Argonaut

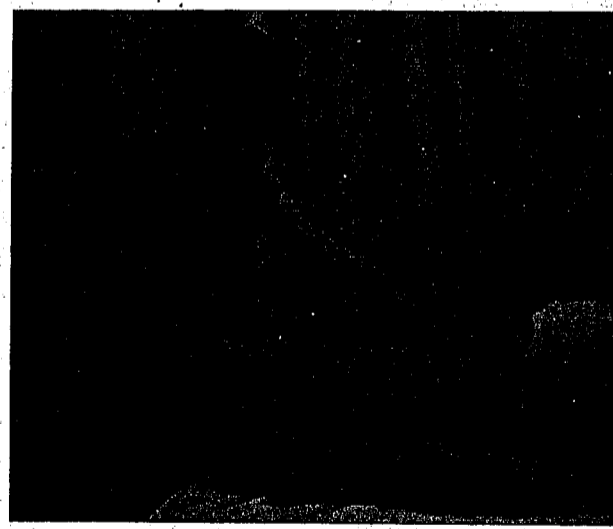
After 15 years of massage education, the Moscow School of Massage has seen its last August.

Jim Roberts, co-director of the Moscow School of Massage, says the institution was unable to recruit a fall class successfully. The school closed Monday.

"This year I believe that because of the economy, we couldn't get enough students," said Roberts.

There were 21 students enrolled in the last class. Program sessions were held twice yearly, one in the fall and one in the spring. The maximum number of students that MSM accepts in each of their programs is 24.

"This is going to affect the students and teachers," Roberts said. "We had 21 students in the last class



File photo

The Moscow School of Massage closed Monday after the institution was unable to successfully recruit a fall class. The school offered massage education in Moscow for 15 years.

with 18 faculty members." One of the instructors at MSM and a graduate of the school, Teresa Baker, said the institution offered

more than just vocational education — they introduced massage therapists

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## Winger's reopens after fire

Stephanie Hale  
Argonaut

Moscow and Pullman residents have been anticipating the re-opening of the Original Winger's Grill and Bar, which was held on Monday, Aug. 31, after a fire forced the restaurant to close its doors last November.

Wes Hassard, owner of the Winger's chain in Moscow, says the public can expect to see a whole new restaurant.

After a microwave fire destroyed the interior of the restaurant, nine months were spent restoring and improving the facility.

Officials ruled out both arson and negligence, but the cause of the fire is still unknown. The incident, however, caused close to \$1 million in damage.

"The kitchen was destroyed, the dining room had to be stripped due to smoke damage and the roof had to be replaced as well," Hassard said.

The fire sparked some new adjustments to the restaurant and Hassard said new precautions are being taken.

"We have a new code which requires us to have a fire suppressant system and a new smoke alarm," Hassard said. "The likelihood of this happening again is close to zero."

But a complete makeover isn't the only new upgrade to this Moscow restaurant. Diners can expect to see 17 new 50-inch plasma TVs, with some being placed behind the bar for better viewing purposes.

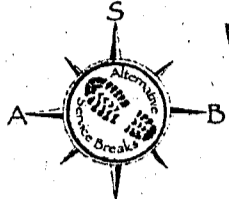
"It has a much more festive atmosphere

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# Discover Life

at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

## Interested in volunteering?



Alternative Service Break Winter Trips

Want to go to Romania, Cambodia or the Dominican Republic and make a difference in the lives of others and yourself? Consider an Alternative Service Break. Applications are available on our web site at <http://volunteer.asui.uidaho.edu/> They are due **September 14th at 5pm** to the ASUI Center for Volunteerism & Social Action.

### First Year Build

Freshman looking to volunteer? Come meet other students at our first year build with Habitat for Humanity **September 25-27**. Students can register at <http://volunteer.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer/firstyearbuild> by **September 4th**. The weekend is **free** and everything is included.

### International Student?

If you are an international student and want to volunteer in the community, a good way to get started is by registering to help build a house on **September 19th**. Students should register by **September 12th** at <http://volunteer.asui.uidaho.edu/volunteer/intregister> Students will get a **free t-shirt** and lunch.



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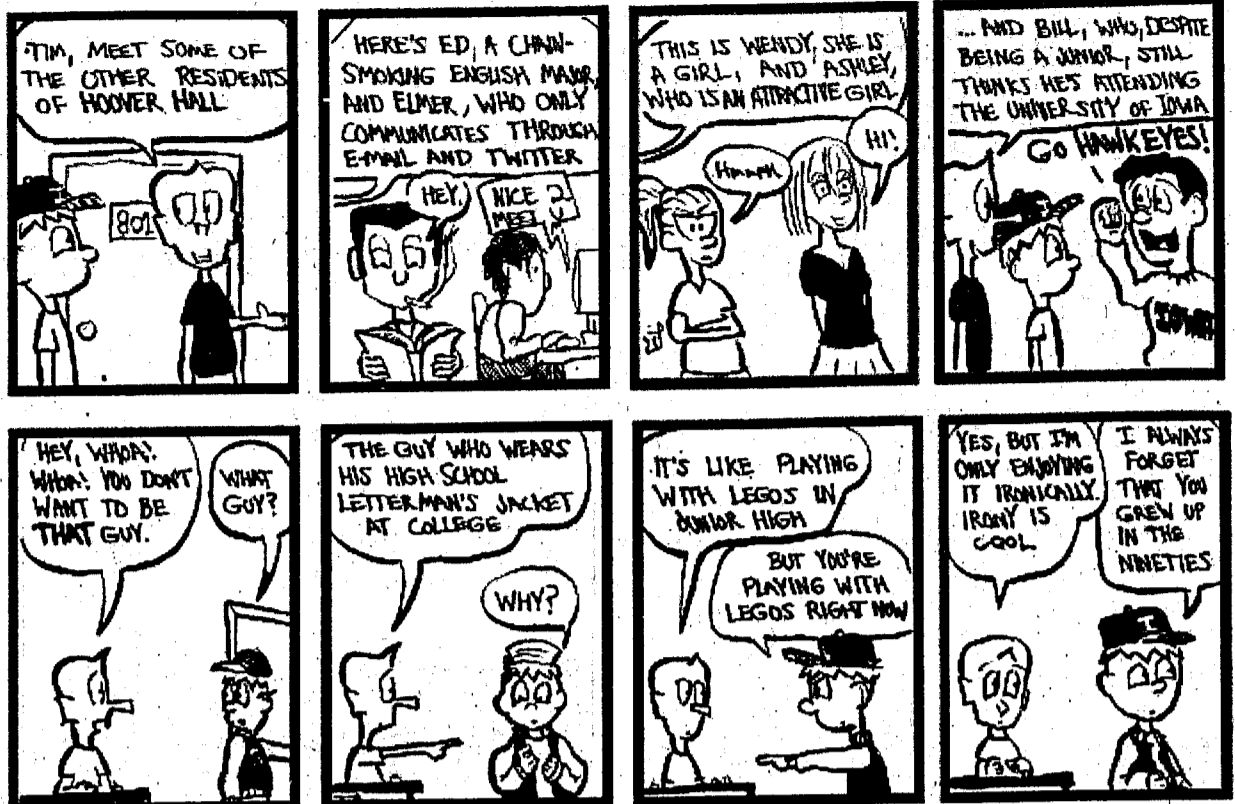
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## Hoover Hall

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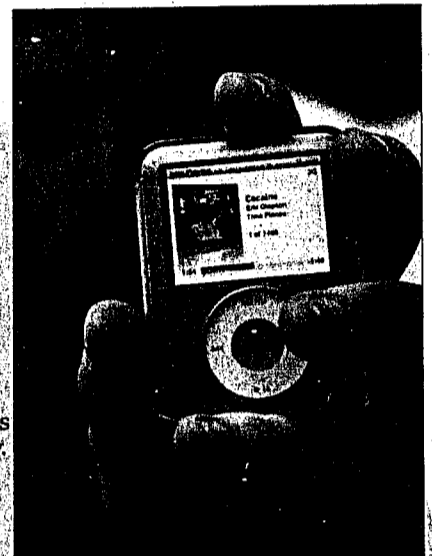


## iPodWARS

Two iPods, shuffled and battling in The Argonaut's page 2. Defend your music. Look for this new feature every so often in The Argonaut.

### Greg Connolly, Argonaut Editor-in-Chief Eric Clapton, "Cocaine" (from the album Time Pieces)

*Why is it on your iPod?*  
Because I don't mind that it's on there.  
*How would you defend it?*  
Very easily — there are few songs, few things in life really, that resonate in such a lovely way as this song's catchy guitar riff and questionable yet classic rock radio-friendly refrain.  
*Do you think your song or "The Collector" is better?*  
"The Collector" is a fine song, but Eric Clapton's visionary cover of J.J. Cale's masterpiece is one of the greatest artistic achievements of the twentieth century.



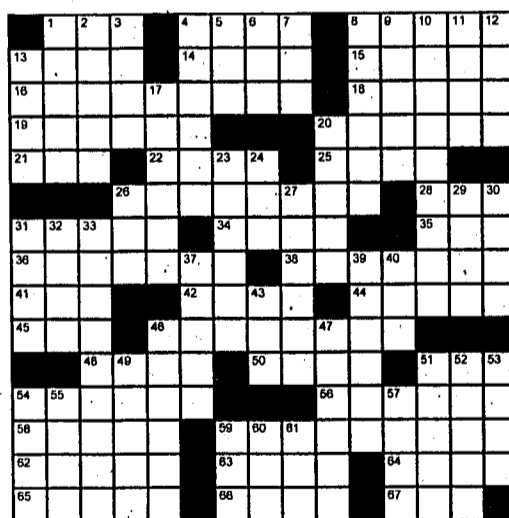
### Eric Czirr, Argonaut Page Designer Nine Inch Nails, "The Collector" (from the album With Teeth)

*Why is it on your iPod?* Nine Inch Nails has been a favorite of mine since ninth grade.  
*How would you defend it?* "The Collector" is pure rock and roll with solid vocals.

*Do you think your song or "Cocaine" is better?* The collector has a heavier sound that Clapton just can't compete with.

## Crossword

- Across
- Jokester
  - Ticket part
  - Mechanical man
  - Auction off
  - Grinder
  - Compadre
  - By definition
  - Bouncy dessert
  - Pressed
  - Young raptor
  - Hospital VIP's
  - American Gigolo star
  - Open carriage
  - Unfounded
  - Acquire
  - To no (fruitlessly)
  - Scrabble piece
  - Poetic tribute
  - Cheap restaurant
  - Jones
  - Miscalculate
  - Culminating point
  - Vow exchange site
  - Wee bit
  - Movie opening
  - Gully
  - Arduous journey
  - Poetic contraction
  - Chieflain, e.g.
  - Complain
  - Courtyards
  - Enviably
  - Certain soft drinks
  - Medicinal plant
  - Bank claim
  - Come after
  - Smudge
  - Grab a bite



- Down
- Bizarre
  - Choir voices
  - Hidden valley
  - Sunglasses
  - Address book abbr.
  - WW address
  - Entertainer George
  - East Indian aristocrats
  - Greek letter
  - Bearded animal
  - Gawk at
  - Tugboat sound
  - Meager
  - Wine and dine
  - City north of Cologne
  - Forget to use cut and paste
  - Yale student
  - Container
  - Magical drink
  - Author Ferber
  - Eye drop
  - Assist in crime
  - Actress Miles or Ralston
  - Anteaters
  - Less common
  - Gloomier
  - de-France
  - Ambulance VIP
  - Request sweetener
  - More spicetangling
  - Parting word
  - Leg bone
  - Cove
  - Viewed
  - Shoestring
  - Thames town
  - Blanched
  - Apply gently
  - Annex
  - Old French coin

## Sudoku

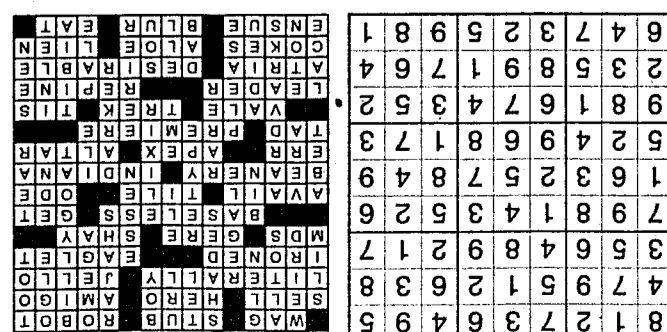
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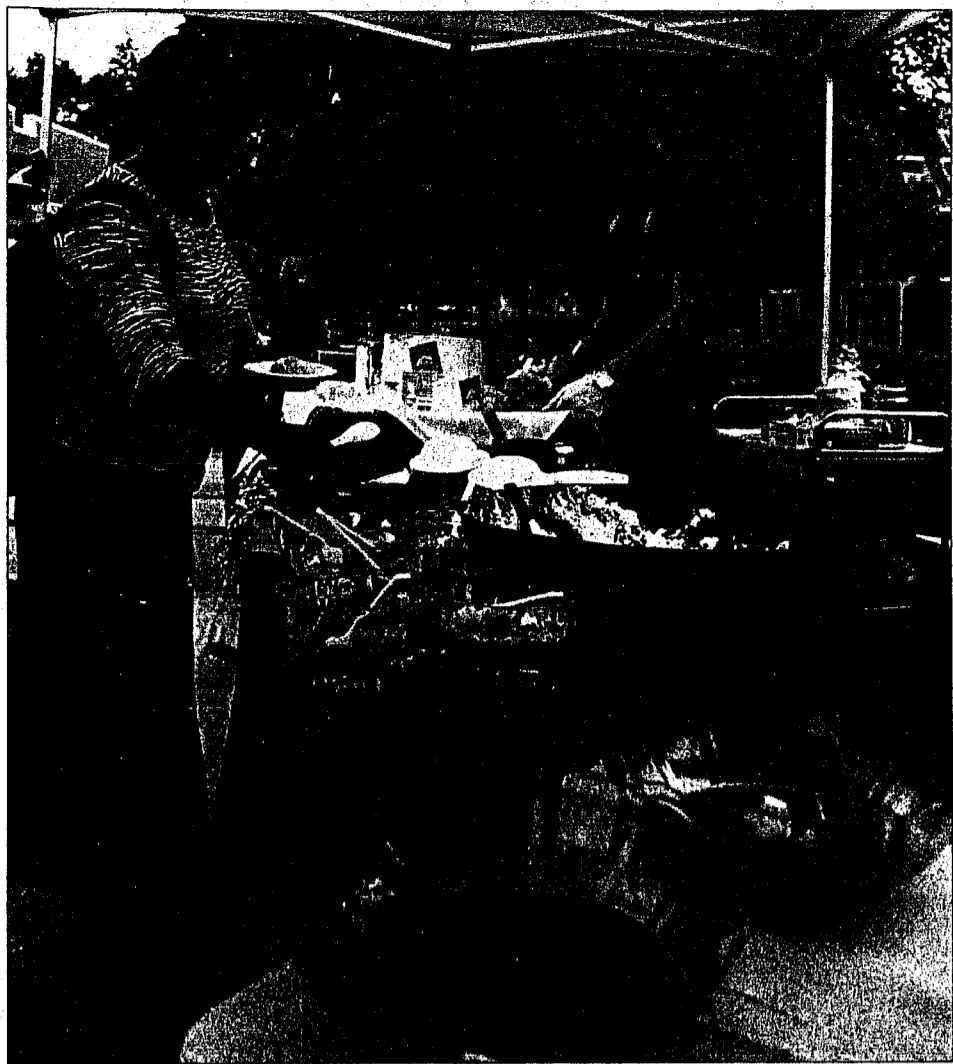
In the August 28 edition of The Argonaut, Stephanie Major's name was misspelled in the article titled "Bukvich shines in music department." Her name is spelled Major, not Majors.

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

## Solutions



I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM



Jumy Afolabi, left, puts some toppings on her ice cream dished up by Doug Hoover in front of the University of Idaho Bookstore Friday. The free treats were hosted by the Presidents Office for Vandal Spirit Friday.

Researchers receive STD grant

Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

Larry Forney said he wants his research to help women feel comfortable when talking about a taboo subject.

"You don't talk about vaginal yeast infections at the dinner table," he said.

Forney, along with Zaid Abdo of the University of Idaho mathematics department and colleagues at the University of Maryland, received a \$12.5 million grant to study the bacterial communities in the human vagina as they relate to chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases. Forney is a professor of biology at UI.

Forney has researched women's health in the past, and he said it carries a stigma.

"In the years that I've worked on this, I get teased all the time," Forney said.

Forney said women are often embarrassed to talk to their doctors about their vaginal health.

"A lot of women rely on

other women and magazines, which may not be wholly accurate," he said.

Forney said young people are at risk for chlamydia and other STDs because they often engage in risky sexual behaviors, and people of lower socioeconomic status are at risk for the same reason.

If left untreated, chlamydia can cause pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility.

Forney said the natural bacteria in the vagina work the same way as the bacteria in the digestive system, and are affected by antibiotics.

"It's no longer a stable, well-functioning community," he said. "When you take an antibiotic, it doesn't just target the organism."

Forney said this was why some people who take antibiotics experience digestive upset and yeast infections.

Forney said competitive exclusion from the natural bacteria in the vagina helps to combat infection.

"In order for any kind of invasive organism to succeed, it needs those resources," he said.

Forney and his fellow researchers will be investigating bacteria communities in humans and in guinea pigs.

"They're representative of the human system," Abdo said.

Forney said assembling the group of researchers was like picking a baseball team.

"You get a friend and then you become a friend of a friend," he said. "Off it goes."

The grant is funded by the Cooperative Research Centers on STIs by the National Institutes of Health.

Abdo said computer analysis was vital to this kind of research project.

"If I didn't have the computation, I would have spent eight years doing one part of my Ph.D.," he said.

Abdo said he was eager to help make a difference with the project.

"Biology comes in with a story, math and statistics does the modeling, and computer science implements it," he said. "The four disciplines intertwine to create a story."

Taking guesswork out of emergencies

Mark Runsvold  
Argonaut

Since January, the way in which the University of Idaho community learns about emergencies has been dramatically different. A new Emergency Notification System (ENS), rolled out for the spring 2009 semester will automatically notify all students, faculty, and staff, via e-mail or phone, in the event of an active shooter or other emergency situation.

"You can be in Teton, or you can be in Bonners Ferry, and either way the ENS will currently reach (you)," said Emergency and Security Services Officer Ryan Beralotto.

Nationally, the need for effective emergency notification was brought into sharp relief in April 2007, when 33 Virginia Tech students were slain on the university's Blacksburg, Va., campus. An investigating panel blamed a two-hour delay in notifying students for at least some of the lives lost.

Though the university had a notification system in place, it could only reach students by e-mail, and many were away from the computers while the incident unfolded. With 95 percent of college students owning a cell phone, the ability to reach them with a call or text message is critical.

The same company, Everbridge (formerly 3n), in charge of UI's new system, now runs Virginia Tech's ENS and those at many other institutions. According to the company's Web site, the system, known as Everbridge Alert, "cycles through every contact path available for each person you want to contact."

"If you get the e-mail first and you reply to (it), it will not continue to con-

tact you by phone and fax. If you don't acknowledge it, it will try those other methods," Beralotto said. Risk Management decides whether the system will attempt to reach students at their e-mail addresses or phone numbers first. Students may enter three phone numbers and e-mail addresses or opt out of the system altogether.

Though successful, the first test of the ENS in January was not without its problems. Beralotto said in addition to some minor technical glitches, most of the issues involved students having outdated contact information on file or simply ignoring the alerts. Since the alerts came from 3n Online, rather than the University of Idaho, many assumed they were fraudulent.

To counter these problems, Risk Management has presented information on the ENS at residence halls and Palousafest. More presentations, stressing the need for students to provide accurate and up-to-date contact information, are planned for the coming weeks and months.

"It's imperative you check your information and ensure it's accurate, because that's how we're going to reach people," Beralotto said.

To update their ENS information, students can log into VandalWeb, click on the "Emergency Notification System" link, and follow the instructions from there.

In the future, Risk Management would like to calibrate the system to send alerts only to relevant geographic groups. That way, students in Moscow will not be alerted of a weather closure in Idaho Falls. There are also efforts underway to connect the ENS with the LCD televisions in campus buildings as a third way of reaching students during emergencies.

**"You can be in Teton, or you can be in Bonners Ferry, and either way the ENS will currently reach (you)."**

Ryan  
**BERALOTTO**  
Emergency and Security  
Services Officer

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CampusCALENDAR

Women's Center/LGBTQA open house and ice cream social

Noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday  
The University of Idaho Women's Center and LGBTQA office will hold an open house and ice cream social at the lawn north of the Memorial Gym, between the Teaching and Learning Center and the Library. The organizations will feature upcoming programs, events, staff and volunteer opportunities. A free sundae bar will be provided.

College Democrats meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday  
The Idaho College Democrats will meet

in the Chiefs room on the second floor of the SUB.

LGBTQA Lavender Lunch

12:30 p.m., Thursday  
The LGBTQA office will provide lunch to all interested students, who are encouraged to find out more about LGBTQA programs and events this semester.

Study Abroad Fair

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday  
UI Study Abroad staff, UI faculty in charge of summer programs and representatives from international programs including USAC, ISA, AustraLearn, IFSA-Butler, Semester at Sea, AIU and CIEE will be present at the Idaho Commons, as will the UI Martin Institute. Cadenza Collective will play live music between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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**PoliceLOG****Monday**

7:19 p.m. South Home Street: Caller reported smoke. It was determined to be dust from the grain elevators near South Main Street.

10:29 p.m. Art & Architecture Building: Caller reported two vehicles being parked.

**Tuesday**

3:34 p.m. Sweet Avenue: Caller reported two dogs locked inside a vehicle.

7:49 p.m. Nez Perce Street: Caller reported seven juveniles having a food fight in the park. An officer warned them.

**Wednesday**

10:13 p.m. UI Arboretum: Caller found a credit card and wanted to turn it in.

**Thursday**

1:08 a.m. Blake Avenue: Caller reported about 20 people fighting. Officers responded.

7:14 a.m. Nez Perce Drive: Caller asked officers to warn skateboarders riding in the streets down hills on campus.

10:42 a.m. Sweet Avenue: Caller reported two German shepherds in a

pickup truck. The windows were slightly open and the dogs were barking at people going by. Dogs were impounded and taken to the shelter.

4:53 p.m. Perimeter Drive: Ambulance, Fire and Law responded to a three-vehicle accident. No fatal injuries.

**Friday**

3:44 a.m. Stadium Drive: Caller reported two subjects on the scaffolding. Subjects were arrested for trespassing. One cited for MIP.

1:41 p.m. UI Commons: Female reported a male who was not supposed to be within 50 feet of her was only three tables away.

10:13 p.m. Elm Street: Subject was cut by a broken bottle and transported to Gritman Medical Center.

11:01 p.m. Deakin Avenue: Officers responded to a male yelling obscenities behind the church by the Bookstore.

11:27 p.m. Deakin Avenue & West Sixth Street: Caller reported an intoxicated female being assisted to find her way home.

**Saturday**

12:28 a.m. Idaho Avenue: Male subject fell and was transported to Gritman Medical Center.

**Provost plans mergers**

Argonaut staff

A memo by Provost Doug Baker last week announced departments with fewer than nine tenure-track faculty members will be merged, and undergraduate courses with fewer than 15 students will be merged or cancelled.

The memo specifies that departmental mergers will be submitted as Notices of Intent, no later than Nov. 1.

According to the memo, courses exempt from closure or merging include those specifically in accor-

dance with accreditation requirements, those co-taught with Washington State University, those based on external funding and those with specialized laboratory requirements. Other exceptions will be "infrequent." Graduate courses with fewer than eight students are affected in the same way.

The memo also states that UI's travel freeze remains in effect, but the review process has reverted to the college or unit level. Previously travel required approval from administration officials.

**Student falls from fraternity window**

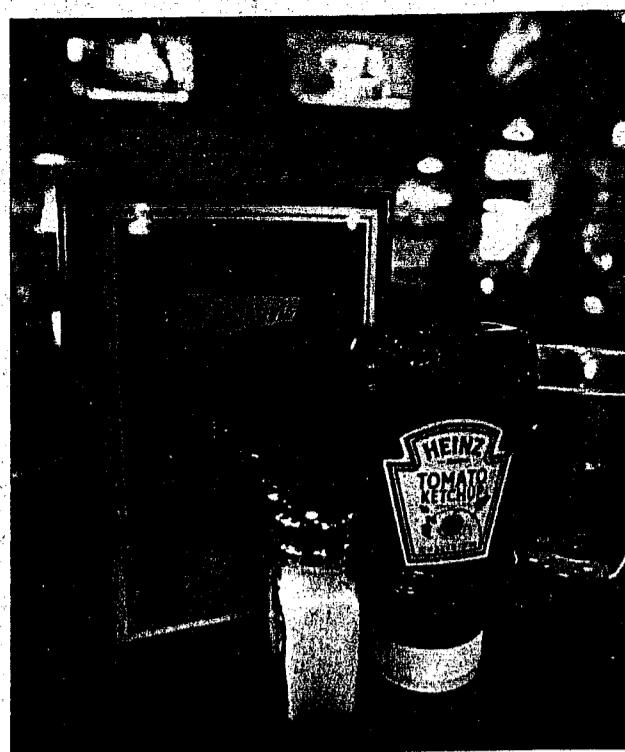
Associated Press

Moscow police said a University of Idaho student was seriously injured when he fell from a window or the roof of a fraternity Saturday morning.

Police said the student, Shane Meyer of Boise, fell around midnight Saturday. He was airlifted to Kootenai Medical Center in Co-

eur d'Alene before being transferred to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Moscow Police Lt. Dave Lehmitz said he may have fallen from a third-story window of the Delta Tau Delta house on the University of Idaho campus. Police said there did not appear to be a party in the house at the time. The case is under investigation.



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
Winger's, a casual dining restaurant in the Palouse Mall, reopened this Monday following an extended closure.

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because of all the new TVs," said Adrian Kramar, a senior at UI and frequent Winger's patron who made it to the grand opening. "I like the new look. It's definitely an improvement from the old Winger's."

An all-new menu can also be anticipated. The original signature dishes will still be available, along with the signature sauces, but new items will be introduced.

"We have some really

friendly people here," said Elizabeth Eisen, a 21-year-old hostess who is new to the Winger's staff. "The atmosphere is great, the food is great, it's my first day and I'm happy to be here."

Hassard said he appreciates all of the support he has received and is surprised by the anticipation for the re-opening of the restaurant. Winger's has become so much of a local favorite that Hassard says another Winger's location will be opened in Lewiston in about a year.

"We're just happy to be back and part of the community," Hassard said.

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report. If the incidence of H1N1 peaks in mid-October, just as vaccines are becoming widely available, many could be infected before they have the chance to develop protective immunity. If it peaks later, infection rates may stay in the 30 percent range — near the council's low-end estimate.

**flu prevention TIPS**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and dispose of the tissue afterward.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water, or with alcohol-based solution — especially after sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

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locking your bike to signs or trees may be tolerated on Main Street, it's specifically forbidden at UI — as is bringing bicycles into classroom buildings. With 119 bike rack locations across campus, however, finding a place to park a bike properly shouldn't be hard.

The Idaho State Code endows bicycles and other human-powered methods of transportation with the same rights and responsibilities as cars, but Title 49 has specific rules regard-

ing bicycles, too.

One state rule perhaps more frequently violated in Moscow than other cities is a requirement that bicycles be used by only as many people as there are seats. Two people, in other words, require a tandem bike. Infant children, securely fastened, are exempt.

Bicyclists riding together on a street can only do so two abreast per lane, also by state code, except on dedicated bicycle paths.

Additionally, both skateboarders and bicyclists must yield to pedestrians, every time — and by state code must

announce whenever they overtake and pass pedestrians.

One state rule, ISC 49-716, precludes reenactment of Marty McFly's ride in "Back to the Future" — both clinging to vehicles and following too closely is prohibited. One area in which Idaho is more generous than other states is in its "stop as yield" law: according to ISC 49-720, bicyclists have to slow down for stop signs, but if the roadway is clear, they don't have to stop.

**Bike registration**

Perhaps the most im-

portant of Moscow's regulations cites that any bicycle owned or operated in town, including those used by students, must be registered. Registration is \$7, handled by the Moscow Police Department.

With registration comes a permanent license plate, with a unique number, in effect as long as the bicycle lasts. The registration is principally to aid in the recovery of stolen bicycles — any bicycles impounded without registration are simply auctioned off, and any recovered bicycles found to be stolen may be left to the same fate if an owner is unknown.

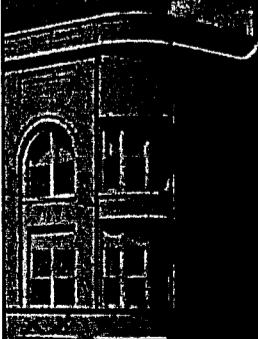
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OurVIEW

## Walkers beware

Bikers, boarders need to slow down

Warm weather continues to linger in Moscow. Before the inevitable winter comes, many University of Idaho students are taking advantage of the comfortable conditions by riding bikes to class.

The weather allows many to forgo the hassles of parking and enjoy the outdoors. Others choose skateboards and longboards as smaller and easier to carry alternatives to bicycles.

As the nation continues to debate health care reform, it is important to promote healthy lifestyle choices such as bike riding and skateboarding. In addition to being a fun way to get from A to B, these alternative forms of transportation takes cars off the road, lowering traffic and pollution.

The City of Moscow has promoted these activities by installing bike routes across the city, and UI has installed 119 different locations with bike racks.

Students who choose to ride bikes, skateboards or longboards are encouraged to continue these efficient

and healthy forms of transportation, but riders have to respect walkers.

All around campus, students fly by, weaving in and out of pedestrians. Pedestrians have to wonder if they are visible or risk being hit.

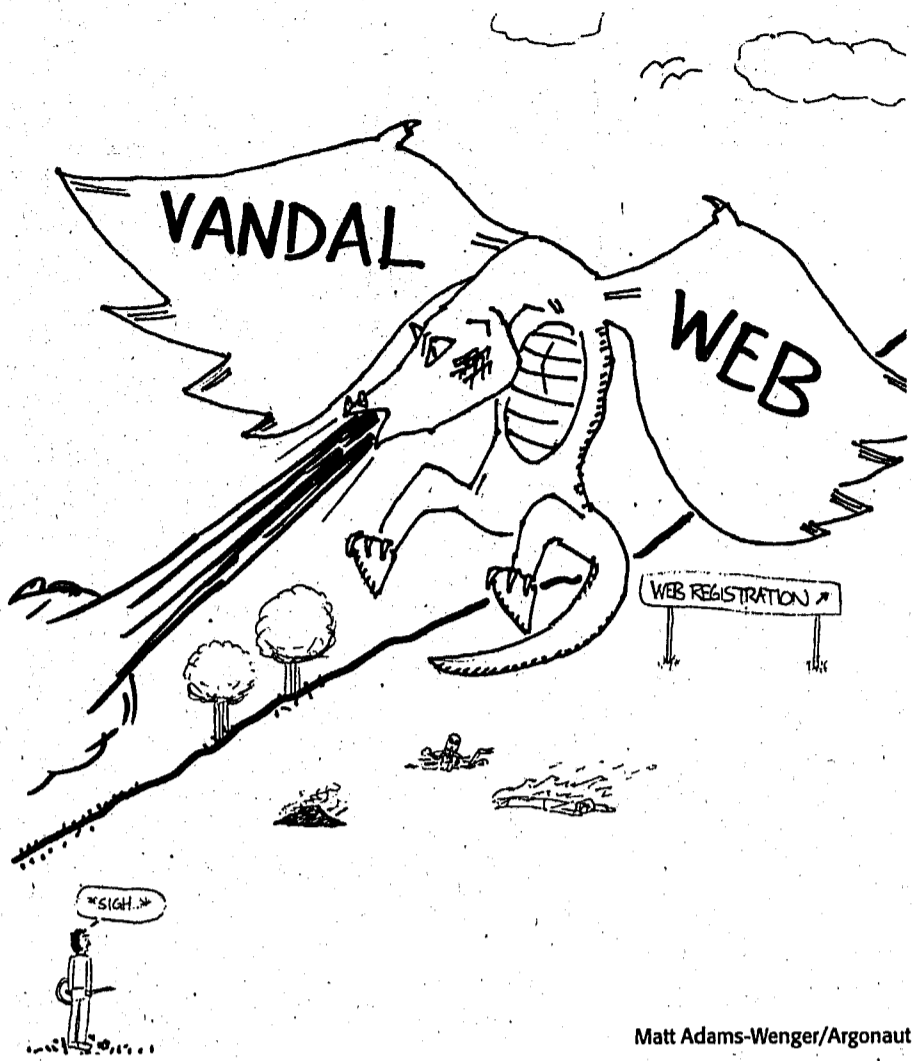
Last year, a longboarder struck a car while crossing Sixth Street and was hospitalized. His negligence only injured himself, but that doesn't make it all right. At the end of last semester, another longboarder struck a student who was walking on campus.

Riders should feel free to travel at a brisk pace on bike routes, but while on campus walkways, campus regulations say they must travel at walking speed, which doesn't always seem to be what happens.

There's no reason to go fast in a crowd. It's dangerous and eventually, someone will get hurt.

A list of rules and regulations concerning bicycles and longboards can be found on the UI's website, or on the front page of this issue of The Argonaut.

- JR



Matt Adams-Wenger/Argonaut

## Save three lives in an hour

Every two seconds, someone needs blood.

It could be a friend living in the LLCs, a relative in another state, or, God forbid, it could be you that needs blood. According to the American Red Cross, over 38,000 blood donors are needed every day, but only five percent of eligible blood donors actually donate.

I went to my first blood drive when I was 18 and a senior in high school, and I've tried to do it as much as I can ever since.

At first it was a little scary, I have to admit, but once I realized it didn't really hurt and I didn't feel anything afterward, it was pretty easy. I also found out that my blood

type is O-, which is one of the universal blood types. I never would have known had I not started donating.

Another little known fact is that cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy need blood sometimes daily while they're being treated. Think of all the people you've ever known with cancer or who've undergone chemotherapy. If you could've helped them in any way, wouldn't you jump at the chance?

There are three American Red Cross blood drives going on this week in the TLC Lounge as part of the Battle of the Palouse blood drive. The University of Idaho is actually the first university

to host a blood drive in 1950, and is now competing with Washington State to see who can gather the most donors in three days.

The drives run today from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's in the TLC during prime class time. It'd be easy to eat a healthy lunch and go right in during a break between classes, and it can save up to three lives. I don't think there's anything quite as fulfilling as knowing for one hour out of your life, you can save someone else's.

The idea of beating WSU is a pretty fulfilling notion in itself. Not to mention when you donate a pint of blood, you lose a pound. What's a better deal than that?

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## Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Not exactly "Roadhouse"

I got my first experience working as a bouncer this weekend. It was fun. I'm not sure if I'm big enough or enough of a hard-ass to make a living off of it, but now I can check it off my "I worked as a (insert fun/unique job here) once" list.

- Jake

### Neverending cycle

This weekend in an effort to reduce the miserable feeling that is the flu, I went to the drugstore to get medicine. The pharmacist recommended one that would reduce fever and make my cough more productive. She also gave me a bottle of cough syrup with both a throat soother and a suppressant. I took them both, but now that I am more lucid, I wonder if the two weren't just working against each other. Could this be why I still feel like crap and drug companies are making bank?

- Erin

### Flexibility lacking

This semester I am taking a yoga class, and it has been a lot of fun. It's relaxing and intense at the same time. It has been a challenge, more so than I even thought. You have to remember about 10 different elements to complete one exercise successfully, and the exercises are intense. Yesterday we worked on abs and glutes, and holy nuts my joints hurt. I am seriously lacking in flexibility. Hopefully that will change by the end of the semester.

- Elizabeth

### Expiration date

I bought a Mountain Dew from a Campus Dining Services store yesterday. One drink and I knew something was wrong. It expired last fall. I tried to bring it up to one of the workers, but the line was too long. Plus I was late for class. I hope

it was an honest mistake and someone didn't try to sell the old drink to an unsuspecting student.

- Jeffrey

### Go Vandals

I'm so thankful I survived the first week of school. Unfortunately, I have homework every night and my weekends are filled with more reading. I can't wait for football to start so I can actually get out of my house on Saturday.

- Jennifer

### A remembrance of Moscow past

The freshmen, and probably plenty of more-advanced students, don't remember having to use either checks or cash at WinCo, and they never knew Lefty's, a hamburger restaurant where Smokey Mountain Pizza now stands. I am feeling old. I don't miss having to use checks at WinCo, but Lefty's: never forget.

- Marcus

### Fear

I'd be pretty freaked out if I woke up and there was a giant monolith at the foot of my bed.

- Greg

### WebAssign

After my experience with Blackboard last year, I thought it could not get any worse. Then my Math 170 course proved me wrong. WebAssign proved me wrong. It's horrible; it turned a 30-minute assignment into a two hour-long assignment.

- Jens

### Hard water

Moscow's water is undoubtedly disgusting. While getting my last haircut, the stylist said, "You must have hard water." I asked her how she knew and she informed me water rolls right off my hair without even getting it wet. I should've taken the yellowing nature of my often-cleaned shower as a hint.

- Kelsey

## Quit taking cheap shots at China

In the 111th Congress, as in most other congresses in my lifetime, statements were made chiding China for mistreatment of political prisoners including, in one case, democracy activist Liu Xiaobo. Mistreatment of prisoners is inhumane and objectionable in all situations, as is curtailing of reasonable free speech. However, before making grandiose statements, our politicians should remember first, the United States probably needs to clean up in its own backyard before it starts to preach, and irritating important partners on issues often (and rightly) considered internal, with which we have no business snooping around, is ill-advised.

It goes without saying that this country's record on mistreatment of prisoners is appalling: new accounts of waterboarding and other torture (to say nothing of the inherent injustice of denying those held basic rights as guaranteed in our Constitution) at Guantanamo and other out-

sourced locations worldwide continue to rattle the U.S. and its allies. Worse, knowing the U.S. is not above taking a whole slew of extrajudicial measures to illegally try people with little to no regard for their well-being does no service to our credibility and image as protector of human rights.

These actions make our criticism of a government and culture that we know little about quite hollow. I don't know much about civic culture in China myself, but I do know it has a very long and rich history of civil service, being one of the first civilizations in the ancient world to create examinations to appoint candidates to government posts based on merit, not patronage, for more efficiency. I also know that Confucian values, still very influential throughout China despite repudiation by Mao, teach a certain measure of deference to authority.

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# Wonderful mistakes

Throughout time people have been given the opportunity to erase their mistakes.

In medieval times it was a wax tablet — a stone tablet inlaid with wax that could be written on and then melted smooth again. Toy companies built on this idea by giving children and the world Etch-A-Sketch, magnetic doodle boards and even Lite Brite. With the more current advent of erasable pens, white-out and the delete button on computer keyboards no one has to be privy to the mistakes made on a daily basis.

The problem with this is not all mistakes are bad

mistakes. Sure, there is an advantage to being able to correct misspellings in essays, clean up messy

handwriting and rearrange ideas, but some of those ideas that get back-spaced may have had value.

Without such mistakes the world would be a sadder place. There would be no Silly Putty, no chocolate chip cookies, no Velcro and no sticky notes. Mistakes invented vulcanized rubber for tires, Coca-Cola, ready-made bandages and some vaccines. All these inventions were the result of happy accidents.

Every day students are

pushed to look at things from different angles, examine ideas and question outcomes. Through hard work, mistakes are made. The equation isn't solved. The perfect story isn't written, and music compositions include bad notes. But what if in the middle of all those mistakes there were some answers? Perhaps not the answers we were originally searching for, but new, exciting and unexpected answers to questions that hadn't even been asked yet?

Not every "mistake" needs to be erased. While some see mistakes as simply that — every mistake, if not a revolutionary way to change the world — can all be learned from. Mistakes are how people learn, how

they strive to do better. Mistakes are an opportunity to excel.

Author Elbert G. Hubbard said, "The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."

If students are so afraid of making mistakes they tip toe around an idea and treat it with kid gloves, then in fact, nothing will ever get done. No right answers, no beautiful prose, no unblemished performance and no mistakes. Without mistakes there can't be happy accidents. Without mistakes there are no creative ideas, no opportunities to learn and grow and no reason to try to do better.

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## BEYOND THE SHEETS New beginnings

I marveled not long ago to discover Nina Hartley in a new pornographic movie, modeled after the classic television show, "Bewitched." For those unfamiliar with this particular actress, Hartley has worked in the adult industry for many years and



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has produced more educational adult movies than can be counted on both hands and feet. Her recent appearance as my favorite character, Endora, has motivated me to try some new things with this column. You will find a majority of education and new ways of enjoying your sexual experience and then there will be a "Position of the Week."

Let us talk about penis issues today, specifically erectile dysfunctions. Despite popular belief and misconception, it is quite normal for every male to

experience some erectile difficulties. It is important to individually work on negating the stigma about not being able to obtain an erection or maintaining it. Several things can contribute to this situation.

Performance anxiety is often the factor. It is common enough for a man to be so excited and nervous about a sexual encounter the mind can overrule the physiological effects of blood flow to the penis. This does not mean the man is not attracted to his partner, but rather the attraction may be causing overstimulation. Do not be misled into believing this only occurs with a new partner, as it can occur with a long-term partner. Special occasions — anniversaries for example — can cause enough mental distress in a man (overwhelming desire to provide extra pleasure to the partner) as to counteract erection achievement.

Rescheduling the experience can help. Taking sometime to alleviate the anxiety can produce the desired results. I am not suggesting rescheduling for one week later, but rather a twenty minute break. A lot of other activities can take place during that interval.

Condoms can cause a man to lose his erection. This may sound contradictory for me to say as I am a big fan of condom use; however, there are always special circumstances. This is yet again a prime example of the mind being stronger than the penis. Quite often a man has convinced himself condoms eliminate all feelings and pleasure during penetrative activities. This mental state can be so strong as to make the application of a condom cause the erection to immediately be lost. Fortunately, this too can be counteracted quite easily.

First, it is important to note while some sensation may be lost while using condoms (this depends on the man, of course), condom use helps them last longer. Very often, not using a condom causes male ejaculation quite quickly, while wearing a condom allows enjoying penetrative acts for much longer, something everyone tends to enjoy.

Now, as far as negating this mental state, it is quite easy and involves an activity every man does (and more women should): masturbation. Not only is it pleasurable, but masturbating can be quite therapeutic if done correctly. Wearing a condom while masturbating allows the mind to realize pleasure can still be obtained and will help "re-wire" the brain.

Other causes of erectile loss include stress, fatigue and intoxication. All of these are very normal parts of daily life but should not be discredited. It is important to note erections and sex do not always need to happen. Just because there may be intense feelings of desire does not mean sex is in the cards for the day. If there is determination for sex, just remember there are so many different types and activities available. Sex is not always about the penis.

### Position of the Week:

**The Fortuitous Faint**  
This position requires the use of a chair firmly situated on a flat surface. The man lays across the chair from the butt up leaving the legs on the floor. The partner to be penetrated will lie down face-to-face and needs to place their feet near the man's for added stability. This allows penetration while also allowing a lot of contact, as this position has the penetrated partner lying rather than sitting. Also, do not overlook the ability to kiss, not only mouths but ears, necks and so forth.

Have fun, be safe, and good erection luck. Do you have a question for Chris? Send it to [arg-opinion@uidaho.edu](mailto:arg-opinion@uidaho.edu).

## Use different news outlets to overcome bias

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Media bias on both sides of the political spectrum was highlighted most recently during the 2008 election, with accusations of favoritism and leniency toward both parties. With the inception of the Obama health care plan, it has reached a fever pitch. Left and right, the news media are failing to fulfill their duties as neutral informational resources to Americans as our so-called "fourth branch" of government.

The sensationalism news media use to gain viewers has left many Americans motivated more by pathos than by the reasoning that is necessary to make any sort of informed decision. Audiences must modify their approach to accessing news to gain a wider array of information on a topic. With an inability to modify the current news environment, we must modify past habits to guarantee that our democracy is truly controlled by a responsible citizenry.

Looking through the Web sites of MSNBC and Fox News last week, I couldn't help but notice the discrepancies between their respective articles on the issue of the Obama health care plan.

Fox News' coverage read "The 'Public Option' Dance: President insists the government-run option is still part of his health care reform plan — but, he tells radio show listeners he'd consider alternatives."

MSNBC's headline read, "On radio, Obama stands by health care plan: 'Our position hasn't changed,' the president says of public option possibility."

Regardless of your views on the health care debate, the necessity for balanced information on both sides

is crucial, yet many times, difficult to attain. A 2005 UCLA-led study, the lead author of which was UCLA Professor Timothy Groseclose, is believed to be the first successful objective study of media bias, according to UCLA Newsroom. The study, which received no funding from outside groups, found that such bias is a measurable phenomenon that covers most media outlets, including radio, print and television.

Among the findings were that though the editorial pages of the Wall Street Journal lean to the right, its news pages are even more liberal than that of The New York Times. In addition, public radio and television lean right in comparison with the rest of the mainstream media, with nearly all major media outlets more liberal.

Viewership is a driving factor in media bias. With the renewed O'Reilly-Olbermann debate over health care increasing the numbers for their respective networks, polarization has become a successful means to draw the public to their camps. What results for many is the assumption that their host or network of choice is an infallible source of information, with "opposition" networks merely feeding off of public dislike for the other. It is not difficult to see how such an environment would be more conducive to discrediting competitors by focusing on a single viewpoint than to accurate information.

Though some sources are undeniably on more extreme ends of the spectrum than others, immersion in a wider array of news sources, including those typically deemed as "liberal" or "conservative," is a must. Too many people, myself included, tend to find a single television network or newspaper and stick to it. What can result is exposure to merely one side of the debate with

no knowledge of the other.

Bias in the media is likely here to stay, necessitating a new viewer approach when it comes to educating ourselves on current events. This means more than merely skimming the Los Angeles Times or spending a few minutes watching Fox News. Open-mindedness is key if we are to accurately gauge all angles on a debate as complicated as the one surrounding the recent health care proposals.

Key information and world events are oftentimes given a backseat to the news that can get a network ratings. The death of Michael Jackson in June was perhaps the best example of this, dominating all media coverage, which, only days before, had been closely following the postelection protests in Iran.

Researching Obama's health care plan in its entirety is simply not practical. However, making an effort to look at different media, newspapers and public radio included, increases the likelihood of well-rounded knowledge on the issue.

A recent Gallup poll that measured the amount of trust and confidence in the mass media — newspapers, radio and television included — found that 56 percent of Americans had "Not very much/None at all" compared with 43 percent who had a "Great deal/Fair amount" of confidence. With public confidence at such a low, news media need to re-evaluate whether increased ratings are an agreeable alternative to public trust.

Walter Cronkite, hailed as "the most honest man in news," once said, "In seeking truth you have to get both sides of a story." If the media are to truly retain their role as a public asset, it is the public that must demand neutrality if any sort of authentic change is to come.

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As a result, government officials, theoretically appointed through a meritocracy and expected to serve the people (a system surely rife with red tape and corruption, like most others of its kind) are treated with respect and form a kind of elite. An elite is something we find repulsive in this country, but it's an accepted way to run public affairs

in many parts of the world, not just China.

Now some of the grievances of Chinese democracy activists are doubtless completely legitimate, but are many of their demands (such as the introduction of a democratic form of government) unreasonable in a country like China given its cultural heritage and realities of governance? Are they possibly idolizing our form of government too much, needing to be reminded the grass isn't always greener on the other

side and our democracy is probably not all it's cracked up to be?

Moreover, is it possible that many of the Chinese authorities' repressive actions are seen as legitimate by many Chinese? We think such activists are brave, but their fellow citizens may see them as at best silly and at worst a threat to order. For all we know, the average Chinese might think democracy activists deserve to be locked up. This might be the result of thinking deviated by years of Com-

munist rule, or it might simply be the way it is and has always been in China. Either way, it probably isn't our place to judge.

We would do well to hold our tongues before unfairly criticizing the dragon. Physical mistreatment and excessive repression should of course be denounced no matter what, but let's have a little restraint when pointing fingers. China always being the big bad wolf is starting to sound pretty lame.

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## Les films français

Alumnus to show French films on campus Friday

Kelcie Moseley  
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John Pool may have come from a French family and background, but it wasn't until last year, in his second year of retirement, that he started learning the language.

While there is a French film festival at the University in the spring at the Borah Theater, Pool shows films he buys himself from Amazon.com. Starting Sept. 4, a selected film will be shown every other Friday until December on a big-screen TV in the Campus Christian Center.

Pool, who graduated from and worked for many years at UI, said he took French 101 in spring of 2008 just to start learning the language, then 102 later on.

In both classes, students are required to watch the French films "My Mother's Castle" and "Kirikou and the Sorceress." Pool said watching the films helps him learn the language, and it can help others too.

"They give you a sense of the way people speak fluent French," Pool said. "They give you exposure to the way French is spoken by real people in real situations."

Seven films are planned for this fall, including the two required films for French classes. The first film will be "Le Cercle Rouge," followed by others in-

cluding "Pierrot Le Fou" and "Scene of the Crime." Pool said he tries to schedule the two required films around the times when the classes will be watching them, which is in November.

Admission to the films is free, and coffee, tea and cookies are provided each night. Pool said in the past they've had a single-digit number of people at the showings, but he doesn't expect large amounts of attendance.

Pool said he is hoping French students and international students will attend the films.

"What I'm mostly focused on is French 101 and 102 students," Pool said. "Maybe third year, fourth year students, and if there are any French-Canadians who might enjoy hearing French, or seeing something in French, but it's not really directed at a wide audience, it's pretty selective."

Choosing the films is simply a process of scanning Amazon.com for the latest DVD releases. Pool said he reads the synopsis of a film and orders it, but he doesn't open them until the day he shows them, so he is watching the movie for the first time as well.

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## Saturday night rock 'n' roll

Nickelback's live performance surged energy through the Gorge

Clear skies, a warm summer night, comedic drunks, hanging out with my best friend and of course the rock I went to listen to — all in all it was an awesome Saturday night.

After driving for about four hours, standing in line for another hour, I finally made it inside the Gorge Amphitheater for a concert I had been planning on attending since May. Although it was not my first concert, it was the first I had been to at the Gorge, and I think I planned it just right.

Nestled in a canyon, in the middle of nowhere — or so it seemed — with a beautiful view of the Columbia River, the location was a natural amphitheater. The music amplified throughout the entire canyon with each set played, giving every band amazing sound.

The crowd was full of a variety of people, ranging in appearance, age and level of intoxication. Everyone smelled of beer, cigarettes, flavored and regular cigars, and another smokeable substance — that shall remain unnamed. Even though the stench lingered in the air and was not particularly enjoyable, it added to the rock 'n' roll atmosphere.

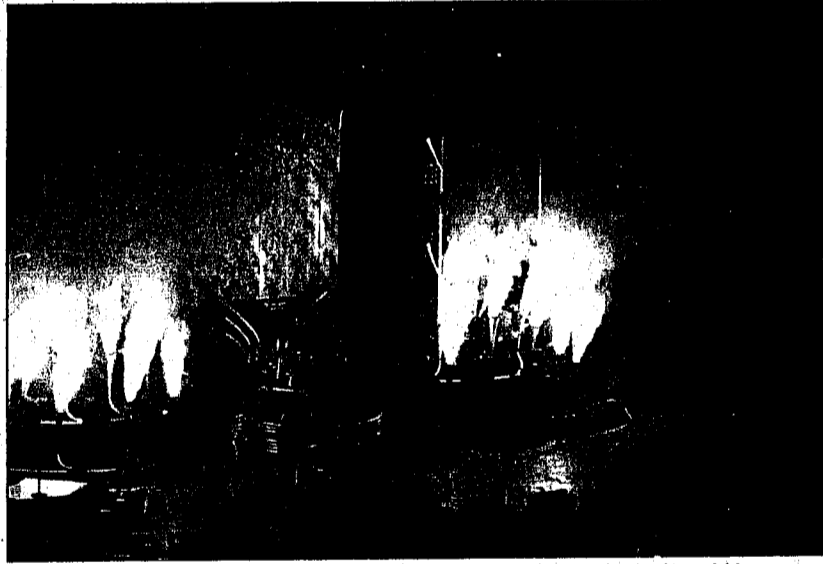
The concert began at 6 p.m. with a short set from Saving Abel, including their hit "Addicted." Their sound was strong with quality vocals and chords. After a 15-minute intermission, Papa Roach came on the stage fully ready to pump the crowd up.

With a harsher sound than Saving Abel, Papa Roach encouraged the audience to stand up, jump up and down and rock the classic rock 'n' roll devil horns. Their intoxicating songs, slight humor and blunt attitudes — they referred to everyone in the crowd as either mother f\*\*\*\*s, or just the latter — caused crowd participation and set the tone for what came later.

Hinder took the stage after another intermission, playing about seven or eight songs. Although their performance was not as energetic as Papa Roach, the music was still



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Flames shoot up from the stage, smoke fills the air and crazy colored lights dance across the stage while Nickelback performs their most popular songs from their two latest albums at the Gorge Amphitheater Saturday.

enjoyable and the crowd sung along. They closed their performance with their hit, "Lips of an Angel."

When Hinder finished their set, the stage was prepped for the reason I had traveled all day. Forty minutes later, Nickelback woke the crowd back up with loud explosions and a dynamic performance of "Something in Your Mouth," a newer release from their *Dark Horse* album. The crowd immediately jumped to their feet, screaming the whole time. Once Nickelback started, they played for almost two hours and the crowd continued to scream and sing — or shout — the words to every song.

Nickelback mixed their playlist with songs from their 2005 album, *All the Right Reasons*, and their newest, *Dark*

*Horse*, including songs "Far Away," "Rockstar," "Gotta be Somebody" and "If Today Was Your Last Day." Their vocals and instrumentals sounded fantastic as they echoed throughout the canyon and up the hills. The energy and humor they used kept the crowd thirsty for more all night long.

In the middle of the stage hung a large screen that displayed a different graphic with each song, and also showed the band playing for people on the hill — me and the best friend included — and spanned the crowd. When they played "Photograph," a slide show of photos

correlating with the lyrics ran, including actual photos of the band members in high school.

Some songs included fireball explosions and flames shooting up from the stage. Strobe lights flickered and colored lights alternated lighting the center of the stage. Sparks flew and the crowd just cheered louder.

Along with superbly playing their major hits and most popular songs, Nickelback also provided comedy throughout the performance, whether it was intentional or not. Lead singer Chad Kroeger, showed a relaxed, joking personality as he made the crowd laugh with sly comments or interesting ideas.

At one point, Kroeger announced to the audience his idea for pipes to run from the stage above the crowd and rain tequila on them. He referred to them as trickling shots and everyone's "good" present from Mexico. Although the tequila shower was not installed for this performance, he and the other band members sprayed water, threw beer and shot free concert memorabilia into the crowd.

The night also included specialty songs. Nickelback welcomed back the lead singer of Saving Abel, Jared Weeks, and Papa Roach for a performance of AC/DC's "Highway to Hell." Bringing alcohol back to the topic of discussion, Kroeger said — before playing a short clip of Garth Brooks' song, "Friends in Low Places" — the song always played at the bars and made him want to crack open a

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GEEK IS SEXY

## Get your meek on

There's a long tradition of nerdism in rock music. Led Zeppelin chronicled Tolkien in "The Battle of Evermore," and Neil Peart of Rush has written science fiction songs for as long as the band has been around. Music in general is about as nerdy as rolling 20-sided dice or tapping mana on a Friday night.

Mastodon, my favorite metal band, wrote a whole album about Melville's "Moby Dick." "Leviathan" is a hard-hitting punch to the face about whales and sailors and will resonate with any English major. There's no better way to learn about Captain Ahab than listening to this album. Well, you can always try reading the book.

They Might Be Giants let their nerd flag fly. "James K. Polk," about the 11th and, in my opinion, greatest president, is a staple of high school history classrooms.

Every time I listen to a song by The Decemberists, my vocabulary grows. I never knew what "arrears" — debts — meant until I listened to "The Mariner's Revenge Song," or that their name comes from revolutionist Russia. Their latest album, *The Hazards of Love*, is a progressive concept piece based on a wild

folktale. What's nerdier than that?

The Wu-Tang Clan is one of the toughest groups in hip-hop, but their ringleader, RZA, is pretty freaking nerdy. He invented chessboxing, a sport where a round of boxing is followed by a game of chess, and endorses chess as a way to teach kids life skills. It's amusing to imagine Ghostface Killah, Inspectah Deck and Method Man in horn-

rims glasses while asking to smell girls' hair.

Jonathan Coulton wrote the theme song for "Portal," and has done many other nerdy songs. "Code Monkey" is one of his best, and it chronicles the daily life of a computer programmer. His song "Re: Your Brains" is a great piece about zombies, and manages to be humorous as well as terrifying.

Joanna Newsom is one of my favorite singer and songwriter. She plays the harp, and often writes songs about odd subjects. Her song "Emily" is nine minutes long and written about her sister, who works as an astrophysicist in Oceania. I've never heard anyone correctly use "hydrocephalytic" and explain the difference between meteorites, meteors and meteoroids in the same song.



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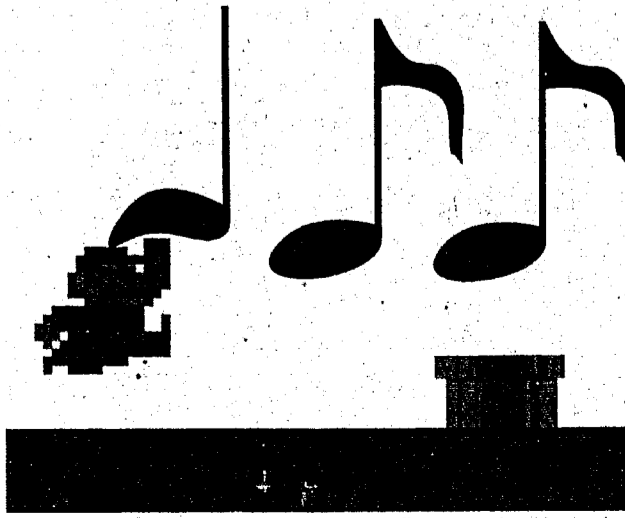
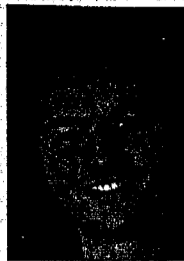


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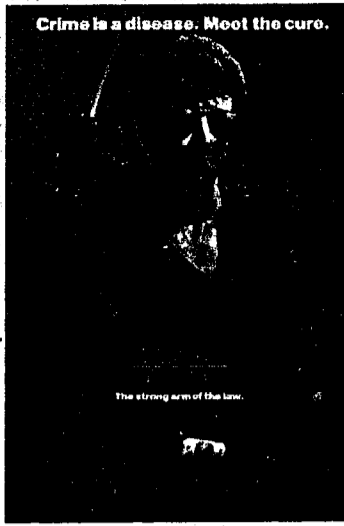
# Top five bad Stallone movies



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DeNiro, Pacino, Redford, Hoffman ... scrubs. You want to talk guaranteed quality performance 100 percent of the time? You want to talk Stallone? Not to say the man's always been in the best movies, because he most certainly hasn't, but his natural charisma, rippling muscles and ability to know exactly how awesome to be all the time has made him a personal and fan favorite for a long time. So, as a tribute to the man and his life's work, I present my Top Five Bad Stallone Movies.

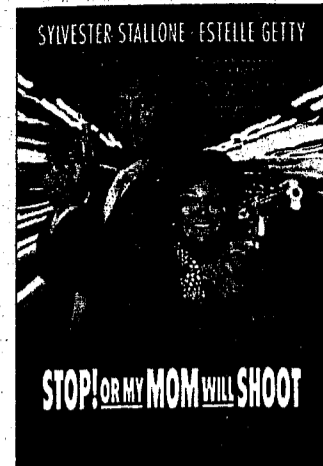
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## "Cobra" (1991)

Imagine Rocky. Now take away all the impish heart-and-soul that made Rocky loveable and replace it with thick, dripping cop machismo. Add every action movie cliché and a ridiculous super-villain to fight, plus thirty or forty one-liners, and you've got "Cobra." It's like a Steven Seagal movie, except without Steven Seagal, which is good, because no one likes Steven Seagal. Everyone likes Stallone. And if you don't, see this movie. Then you'll be afraid not to.

2



## "Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot" (1992)

Off the top of your head, how many comedies has Stallone (purposefully) starred in? This is why. Estelle Getty, the "oldest" Golden Girl (she was actually younger than Bea Arthur and Betty White) plays his mother in this cop comedy. That makes it pretty awesome right there. Bonus points for being Stallone's least favorite movie. He hates it, and has clearly said so. This from the man who starred in "Rocky V." That was a terrible, terrible movie, and he hates this one more. It's worth one viewing — with drinks.

3



## "Lock Up" (1989)

In this one, co-starring the always pleasant Donald Sutherland as the villain, Stallone plays an inmate close to getting released when a new warden ... ah, you know what? This plot's convoluted enough that I can't possibly summarize it effectively. Just know that it all takes place in a prison, and Stallone's the inmate. What more do you need? Evidently they did something right, as this movie received three nominations for the prestigious Razzie award, including Worst Actor and Worst Picture. And you know when they say worst ... they mean best.

4



## "Over the Top" (1987)

"Over the Top" is about a truck-driving Sly Stallone arm wrestling for custody of his kid. No, really. Now look at that movie art. I love a poster that says everything you need to know about the film. There's Stallone, there's his arm, there's the truck he drives. His character's name is Lincoln Hawk, so there's a hawk too. All they needed was his son in the foreground cheering him on and you wouldn't even need to see the movie. When he arm wrestles, he turns his cap around backwards. That's where he gets his power, and that is why white kids for decades have been doing the same thing.

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## "Death Race 2000" (1975)

"Death Race 2000" automatically makes it on the list, as this is generally recognized as the movie to introduce Sly Stallone to the masses. Now, you can't go wrong when the movie title has words like "Death" or "Race" in it, and slapping "2000" on the end of anything makes it that much better. Surprisingly though, no movie with any of those words has ever won or been nominated for Best Picture (that's actually true). All you need to know about the movie is people drive cross-country and hit pedestrians.



## Good food, charm in "Julie & Julia"

**Kelcie Moseley**  
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Even those who never watched Julia Child or hardly knew who she was will find something to love in Nora Ephron's film version of "Julie & Julia."

Based on two true stories, the movie follows Child's rise to fame in the 1960s and Julie Powell's rise to prominence in 2002. The stories are told in fairly large chunks, making it easy to follow the two women.

They begin Child's story when she first arrives in Paris with her husband and starts looking for a fulfilling career. On the other side, Powell needs something to help her forget about her career as a government worker dealing with the

aftermath of 9/11.

At her husband's encouragement, she decides to challenge herself to making every one of the 524 recipes in Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" in 365 days.

Both women's stories are, at their core, about self-discovery and dreams that are tested and realized.

Their stories are almost equally parallel and contrasting. Both women love cooking and what it adds to their lives, and both have supportive, devoted husbands, but Child is much more sweet and loving than Powell.

Powell still manages to be a likeable character by the end, but her actions and reactions feel much more self-absorbed and

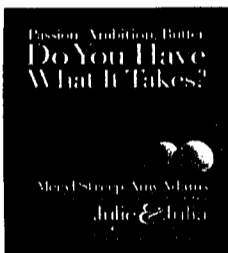
immature than Child's. Both women experience personal failings and times when they feel lost or unsure, but where Child picks herself up with grace, Powell tends to throw a fit and start fights with her husband.

She seems to learn from her invisible mentor throughout the course of her project how to be more like an adult.

The best part about "Julie & Julia" is the believability of the characters and how they are portrayed. Amy Adams mixes the balance of sweetness and selfishness well with Powell, but every character is outshone by Meryl Streep's version of Child.

Her voice inflection and movements are spot-on, and it's nearly impossible not to love her.

The movie does run long, at a little over two hours, but the whole film is peppered with humor and lessons about relationships, making it plenty entertaining to watch.



"Julie and Julia"  
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## NICKELBACK

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cold beer. The songs were big crowd pleasers, even though they were not recorded by Nickelback.

The crowd also prompted comedy, as a couple of girls flashed the stage, and another made underwear for members of Nickelback's crew. Kroeger decided the crew should put the underwear on, which included strategically placed pictures of their faces, and take a picture. It provided the band and crowd with a laugh. Ryan Vekedal, Nickelback's drummer, also played about a 15 minute solo piece.

After the solo drum piece, the band came back out and played a couple more songs with the crowd belting "Rockstar."

At the end of "Rockstar" the lights shut off and the music stopped as the band exited the stage.

The crowd continued to scream for an encore and after what seemed like forever, the band returned to the stage. Teasing the crowd, they played a couple of chords before playing "Animals" in full throttle. The crowd went wild and again shouted the song lyrics from the top of their lungs. The final performance included fireballs, red and white flames shooting from the stage and a finale of fireworks. Although the encore seemed planned, it was still a fantastic way to conclude the show. It left the crowd on a high from more than what they were smoking.

Turning to leave, hoarse from screaming and singing, I claimed it to be the best concert I had ever been to — the best friend agreed.

## Heap ends four year hiatus with 'Ellipse'

**Kelcie Moseley**  
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After Imogen Heap's 2005 release, *Speak for Yourself* — an intricate, sweeping album with thousands of different sounds — expectations were high for her third album. Not only was "Speak for Yourself" full of unique sounds, but the lyrics on some of the tracks were poetic, dramatic and sometimes heart wrenching. It was obvious the album's content was deeply personal to Heap's life and relationships, making it easy to connect with and listen to.

*Ellipse*, her newest release, is also full of unique sounds and melodies, but the lyrical content is slightly drab. Instead of singing about personal relationships or introspective thoughts, she turns to more normal, everyday events and abstract ideas that don't connect as well.

Her first single from the album, "First Train Home," is about desperately needing to leave a place she's visiting because she doesn't belong there. The music creates an interesting effect with a chugging sort of sound, making the listener feel like they're waiting in

anticipation for a train.

Other highlights include her second track, "Wait it Out," which is about waiting for time to heal wounds and feelings of frustration, "Tidal," which has a distinct neon lights sound and some great instrumentals and "Half-Life," a song about loneliness and an unfulfilling feeling.

One of the best songs on the album is "2-1," which is much more reminiscent of her previous album. The lyrics are still more abstract, but it is more intriguing than many of the other tracks.

But all the elements fans love about Heap are certainly still present on this album. The care and craft she puts into every single beat and chord is incredible, and her talent with synthesizers and layering never ceases to give the listener something new to find in a song.

While the album doesn't necessarily tell a story, it does give a window into Heap's everyday life and self-image. There is also a variety in the background music of each song that keeps it from getting boring, even if the lyrical content isn't quite up to par. *Ellipse* is still worth a listen.



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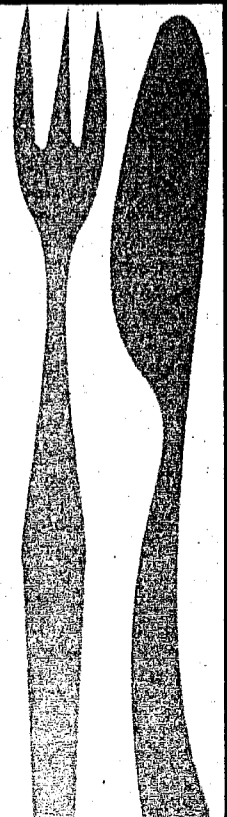
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## Heading south

Vandals to play season opener on road against New Mexico State

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One thing coach Robb Akey wants for the Vandals more than anything Saturday, is to remember the way it felt when they beat New Mexico State last season.

"The last time the two of us got together in a stadium, we won the game and I want that in those kids' heads," Akey said. "That should bring a little extra confidence going into the game."

Using that confidence, Akey has been preparing his team for its season opener and first conference game.

Last season, the Aggies were dependent on their passing game but now with new coach DeWayne Walker, Akey expects the team's running game to become more dominant.

"It'd be more like playing against our offense," Akey said. "Defensively they'll be a little different and that's the one thing you don't like about this being the first game is this (is) a team that's never played a football game before — there's no video on them. But this way we just pay attention to what we're going to do."

Over the past week since school has started, Akey has done nothing but pay attention to what his team is doing.

"I feel like we've been able to get through a lot of things," Akey said. "I want to get their bodies back feeling good so they are ready to hit and run come Saturday."

Akey has already set the quarterback position but is happy with the backup.

Nathan Enderle will continue as the Vandals' starting quarterback with Brian Reader as his backup.

With both players competing for the starting position, Akey said the position would be played better.

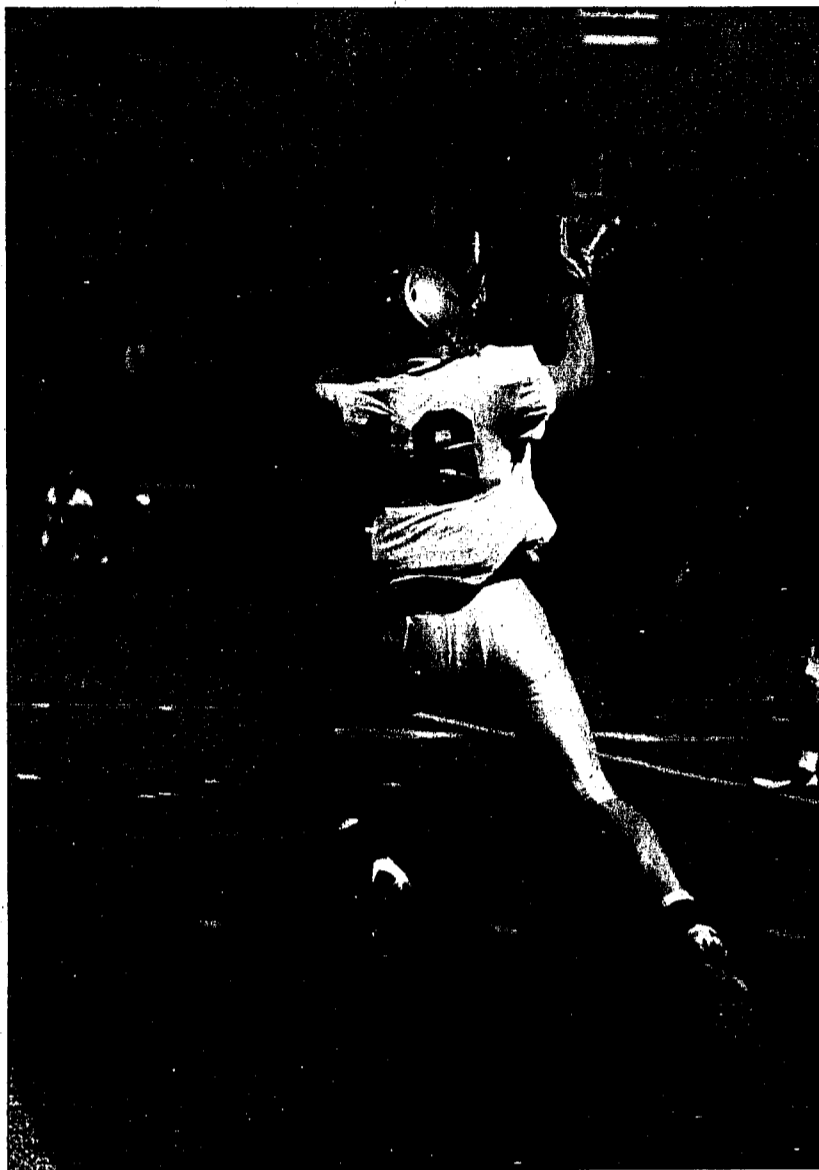
Along with the offensive game, Akey has plenty of talent in the running back position.

But at this point, Akey said the players were operating very well together.

"It's a tough scenario that there is only one football to go around," Akey said. "I see them working well together. They all want the ball and they are also fans of each other."

Since the last scrimmage, the defense has been working hard to prepare for the game, Akey said.

"I think we've got some guys on the defensive front that are in a little better position to be prepared than



File photo  
Freshman Zach Ingraham catches the ball during the Aug. 23 football scrimmage on the SprinTurf. The Vandals will take on New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. Saturday.

we have been in the past," Akey said. "They need to prove that, that needs to be a step right now that we get started."

Akey also added that the veteran leadership from the defense would also help the team to perform at a level of his expectations.

Players key to the defensive line that have stood out to Akey are middle linebackers Tre'Shawn Robinson and Paul Senescall.

"Tre'Shawn was playing at a high level last year and Paul also has a tremendous amount of experience," Akey said. "You'd see Tre'Shawn

starting and Paul would be the one coming in to help."

Among the freshman, there are some that Akey said would definitely be redshirting, but others who Akey is finding ways for them to play.

"Some of them have a little more need potentially as backups in their position and were still trying to get as many to play as we can to work that out," Akey said.

Jared Heston, a freshman linebacker, has caught Akey's eye and has earned a position on the special teams.

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## Soccer dominates Utah Valley 3-1

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Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
University of Idaho freshman forward Chelsea Small steals the ball from Utah Valley Kendra Buchanan during the soccer game on Sunday afternoon. The Vandals won 3-1 in NCAA women's soccer and will play next in Boise Friday.

A strong defensive effort and a dominating, blitzing offense helped the Vandals defeat the Utah Valley Wolverines by a 3-1 margin on Sunday, the first home game of the season.

After failing to convert on far and few chances in their first two games, the Vandals' offensive prowess was on full display with crisp, clean passes and strong shots. The Vandals fired off 23 shots, while yet another strong defensive effort from their back line held the Wolverines to only 12.

"We played with a lot of composure and speed," coach Peter Showler said. "We wanted to take what we learned from the first two games and build on it."

And build they did. Unlike previous games, the Vandals came out ready to play from the start. From the drop of the ball, the Vandals' offense put the pressure on the Wolverines, repeatedly driving deep into the Wolverines' zone and picking their defense apart with phenomenal passing plays.

Their effort was rewarded early when junior Jennifer Hull dove into the zone and fired a shot wide; instead of giving up on the play, Ashley Perez beat out her defender for the rebound and fired a shot past Wolverines goaltender Tasha Bell to give the Vandals the early lead.

Hull wasn't done yet; less than five minutes later she again broke into the Wolverine zone, deftly beat out her defender and drew another, leaving Chelsea Small open in front of the goal. With a flick of her foot, Hull planted the ball perfectly in front of Small, who tapped it in the back of the net for her first career goal.

The Vandals' third goal came in the middle of the second half, when the Wolverines were whistled for a foul in front of the net.

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## VOLLEYBALL

### A successful start Won 2 of 3 tournament matches

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The volleyball team is returning from the Crowne Plaza Titan Classic Tournament in Fullerton, Calif. with great success.

The team opened its season with two victories over Appalachian State and Lamar University before a loss to Cal State Fullerton.

"It was nice to come out and be focused and strong in our first match," said coach Debbie Buchanan in a press release after their first match against Appalachian State. "The players kept their composure throughout the entire match and I saw some really promising things."

Although Buchanan saw some things the team needed to work on, she said it was a good first match for the team.

The Vandals continued strong for the remainder of the tournament.

A sweep of Appalachian State and Lamar with 3-0 victories, makes it the first season since 2004 the Vandals have had two consecutive opening wins.

Playing Cal State Fullerton, the Vandals started off competing for a win with 25-23, 23-25, and 25-14 before fading off to lose in the

fourth match. The hosting team played strong and the Vandals really contested their strength with a final set score of 14-16.

"It came down to a few careless errors at the end of a long match," Buchanan said in a press release. "Although I'm never happy with a loss, I loved how our team competed."

Senior Anna McKinney and junior Kelsey Taylor were selected for the Crowne Plaza Titan Classic All-Tournament team. McKinney and Taylor finished the tournament with a combined 33 blocks and 24 kills.

Great additions were added offensively by senior Sarah Conwell and sophomore Alicia Milo who came off the bench and finished with 26 kills.

Defensively there was starting senior Meredith Rice and freshmen Janelle Chow who contributed three aces and seven digs in her collegiate debut.

The Vandals mixed it up with a 6-2 offense and it proved very successful with Katie Tribble earning 15 assists and Jennifer Feicht with 19 assists.

Vandals hit the road again next weekend, starting Friday against Loyola Marymount to start the Alexis Park Classic.

### Making a better name

Last season, the Idaho volleyball team finished third in the Western Athletic Conference and as May rolled around, the team also lost four seniors.

This season, the WAC coaches predicted Idaho would finish fourth.

Why? Because those seniors were good.

Not just good—they were WAC leaders in hits and assists.

Statistically, it looks as if the volleyball team might have some catching up to do to fill the shoes of such great seniors.

But after the weekend of their first competitive play in California, the team proved it wasn't just the seniors who earned the third finish last season—it was also the players who are still here and the seven new freshmen.

Holding up the outside position is senior Sarah Conwell. She has the largest shoes to fill, but last season she racked up 249 kills.

Although Conwell was a margin of kills behind last year's leader, Haley Larsen, she started off the tournament with 12 kills against Appalachian State giving a glimpse she will become the offensive force the Vandals need.

In the end, Conwell finished with 30 kills.

And it isn't just the offensive force the team is gaining strength on.

Senior Anna McKinney totaled 20 blocks in the tournament showing fans her dominating play from last season was going to continue.

At the end of last season, the team also lost its setter, Kelsey James, who was another leader in the WAC.

But junior Katie Tribble proved in the tournament she improved enormously from last season and was ready to take James' place.

James totaled 1,124 assists in 2008, far ahead of Tribble who totaled

42 assists.

The end of the tournament, however, left Tribble with a total of 34 assists, leaving her almost 80 percent closer to last season's record and the team hasn't even officially started the season yet.

Of the seven new freshmen, a few are already finding their place on the team and adding to the winning scores.

Setter Jennifer Feicht finished the

tournament with 26 assists, 13 digs and 2 service aces adding herself as a great backup for Tribble. Another freshman who saw playing time was defensive specialist Janelle Chow who totaled 20 digs and 3 service aces.

The last match of the tournament, Idaho fell to Cal State Fullerton, 3-2.

But the set scores of 25-23, 23-25, 25-14, 14-25, 14-16, show the Vandals put up a fight.

Coach Debbie Buchanan admitted the loss was due to a "few careless errors at the end of a long match."

Next weekend holds another tournament for the Vandals against an equally competitive team.

This only means another opportunity for them to learn how to execute on long matches.

With outstanding players who are determined to be as great as they were last year, these tournaments will only be better for them—whether they win or lose.

While fans are wondering how the team will recover from the loss of seniors, they should instead watch the team closely over the next couple weeks and see for themselves how this team is recovering.

In fact, they might find there is really nothing to recover from.

They are still just as good—and perhaps even better.



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# Soriano blues, farewell Kazmir

## Soriano's contract is worst in MLB

When Chicago GM Jim Hendry signed Alfonso Soriano to an eight-year, \$136 million contract, it must have felt like throwing money at Bernie Madoff during his prime! The initial returns were positive; a home run here or there, good news on the recap at the end of the night, but inevitably the ugly truth comes seeping out as the years progress.

At the beginning of his career, Soriano was Rickey Henderson like — he hit home runs and stole bases like Henderson, but unlike the hall-of-famer, he struck out all the time and the idea of taking a base on balls was as foreign as hopscotch at senior bingo night.

He came up with the Yankees, got dealt to Texas for Alex Rodriguez and was then sent to Washington for Brad Wilkerson, Termel Sledge and Armando Galarraga. After a year in Washington, he became a free agent and the Cubs nabbed the 30-year-old outfielder.

In his three years as a Cub, he's yet to play in 145 games in a season, something he did every year from when he was a rookie to the layover with the Nationals. The stolen bases have withered away too — he's stolen 47 bases as a Cub since the beginning of the contract after stealing 41 during one year in Washington.

The strikeouts are still there, though. So is the occasional home run. The Cubs are committed to Soriano through 2014. They're committed to his fading skills, mediocre defense and injury prone body.

At this point in his career he'd be better suited to DH duty, but even that's questionable. His career .278 batting average dips to .252 with runners in scoring position, and falls all the way to .221 with

runners in scoring position and two outs. Soriano isn't Yuniesky Betancourt or Jeff Francoeur bad, but he will be in a year or two when his skills have faded even more.

## Goodbye Scott Kazmir



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Well, that's it for Scott Kazmir in Tampa Bay. He's the Rays' all-time leader in about every meaningful pitching category and was the game one starter in last year's World Series, but was shipped to Los Angeles for a pair of prospects and a player to be named later.

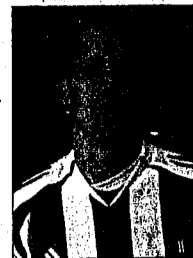
The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim is a perfect ballclub for a pitcher like Scott Kazmir, who often struggles to last past six innings and has been giving up hit after hit after hit as if the field turned into a driving range whenever he took the mound. With the Angels potent offense behind him — second in runs scored to only the Yankees — giving up three or four runs won't matter so much. He's still serviceable enough to be of use to the Angels.

Kazmir signed a three-year, \$28.5 million deal in May 2008 that includes a club option for 2012, so the Angels have landed Kazmir for a couple of seasons. Still, Kazmir's fastball velocity has been dipping for the last few years, and he only has two other pitches — a changeup he's never thrown much and a slider that went from being his bread and butter to being put on the shelf in 2008 to seeing some use this season.

Kazmir's a capable pitcher with a large contract, the sort that makes him right at home on a team with a large payroll and gigantic market, but one thing is clear — don't expect to see Kazmir come out of the gates in Anaheim pitching like Cliff Lee has for the Phillies.

# Sporting arguments should be for sport

There are times when the habits of sports fans rub off on the general population. The best case for this can be found in arguments for things that are great. This form of debate used to be something solely for the sporting fan but has now unfortunately crept into everyday society.



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One issue people commonly debate is the issue of how great a place is to live. Whether it is Alaska, Spokane or Riggins, Idaho there are those who champion the greatness of each.

This makes no sense, however, because most people can disprove why certain places to live are not great. If Alaska was so great it would be connected to the continental 48 states, if Riggins were so great there would be a store open past 7 p.m. and Spokane can not be great because it is Spokane.

In the sports world, the greatness debates work because there is no real method or criteria to prove whether a team, player or coach was or was not great. It is all subjective and probably pointless, but that is why the arguments for greatness in sports are so, well, great.

The same can't be said for real life where tangible, valid arguments can be made for the arguments that are now being debated. Alaska may be a pleasant or downright enjoyable place to live, but would be immediately dismissed as great by a majority of the world for a multitude of understandable reasons.

In the sports world, arguments for greatness can't easily be rejected because it is steeped in ever changing sentiment. I have heard

arguments about the greatness of former California Angels and San Francisco Giants first baseman J.T. Snow. He was stellar on defensive but offensively he was rather underwhelming.

The difference in the two arguments is that sports argument cannot be as easily dismissed as the argument based in life experience. There is no evidence to show me J.T.

Snow's greatness, it is a conclusion I have to find on my own. On the other hand, there is plenty of evidence to lead me to believe Spokane is an extremely unpleasant place to reside.

The greatness of one's kid, dog or car is a topic that is constantly bickered about in society. These are all things that can be shot down with ease because there is evidence to the contrary. Every child wins student of the week in elementary school so the claim that somehow validates your child's greatness is just plain wrong.

There are more to sports arguments than the seeing eye-test that burden life experience arguments. Sports arguments are in nature endless. Every sports debate is to be continued with future debate over whether or not Chris Childs had any talent or was simply a product of a very weak pool of NBA caliber point guards at the time.

I remember one time there was a man who kept trying to convince me how great riding an ATV was. I really did not want any part of the discussion in the first place and after about five minutes I decided it was time for me to speak up.

I told the man that

I owned a hover pack and that if his ATV was great that it would not have needed the ground because I could go all the places he did without it. He was defeated because there is always something else in real life that is greater than what you think is great.

This simply can not be done in sports because the word great becomes a much more ambiguous term. There is no proverbial hover pack when one is debating about sports.

Maybe it is wrong for sports fans to classify certain aspects as great in the first place. If nothing can be gained or proven by doing it than what is the point in the first place? The only reason is to give sports fans another way to talk about what they enjoy.

Sports in general fall within a realm of absurdity where you can make quantitative statements about events that are meaningless in regards to one's life. Sports are an escape for most people where it becomes possible for one to forget about the issues in his or her daily life.

The fact is most people have not lived in a bunch of other places, raised a bunch of different children or owned a bunch of different dogs so there is no real basis to determine what greatness truly is. This is why it is extremely annoying when a person makes a claim of greatness in a real life context.

In the sporting world, making a claim of greatness does not require any context other than an understanding of the game and some of the history. It is the playground argument that is acceptable to hold on to into adulthood. Once those arguments leave the sporting realm however they become as asinine as debating whether or not my dad could beat up your dad.

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# Straight-faced beer pong

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

Music leaks under the garage door of a condo, blaring into a neighborhood in Moscow.

Cheers roar from inside as someone shoots a pingpong ball across a large board of plywood.

It hits the rim of a red cup, bounces to the cup next to it—the last cup—and falls in.

The whole garage shakes in excitement as the winning team awaits its next opponent and the losing team takes the left over cups of beer as their consolation prize.

For many college students, beer pong is merely a drinking game. Rules vary from house to house, but luck is the tie that binds.

In 2001, players took the game of beer pong and made it into a sport—creating the largest and longest running beer pong tournament in the world.

Throughout the years, the national beer pong tournament has been held all over the U.S., with small tournaments in various cities to find the beer pong champion. Thursday, the tournament comes to the Valhalla in Pullman, Wash.

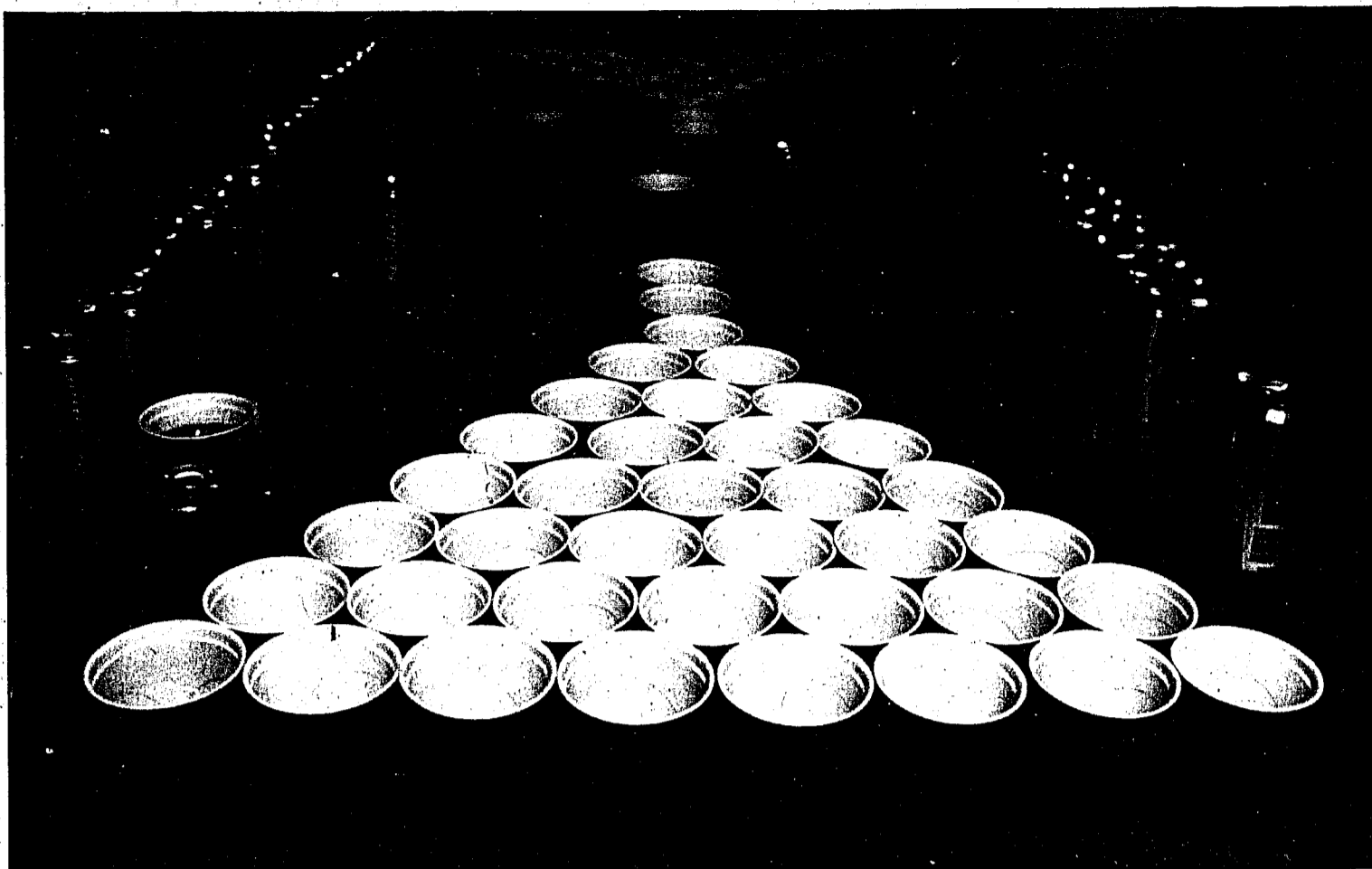
Peter Van Lunsen, a senior at Washington State University, coordinated for the tour to recognize Pullman. Although Van Lunsen is not affiliated with the beer pong national company, he participated in the Las Vegas event last year and suggested to one of the organizers the possibility of bringing it to Pullman.

A few phone calls later and the date was set, adding Pullman to the national satellite tour.

Van Lunsen anticipates excitement will rise when the event starts.

"The real excitement will be first realized when this event gets to Pullman," Van Lunsen said. "So far it is only being spread by word of mouth, at parties and through Facebook invites. It's easy to get people excited for the event when I tell them it could lead them up to the final event in Vegas."

From 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, people from all over the Northwest will have the opportunity to use the



Nick Groff/Argonaut

A beer pong tournament will be held at Valhalla in Pullman Thursday at 4 p.m. The winners of the tournament will travel to Las Vegas to compete in The World Series of Beer Pong Five.

skill they've learned over years of house parties to win a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. and play in The World Series of Beer Pong V.

The fun of playing beer pong isn't the only motive.

The winner of the championship will win \$50,000, which is the largest payout in the history of the tournament.

"What we're trying to do with this event is diminish the potential negative aspects of beer pong so we can focus on the positive characteristics of the game: the competition, the socialization, and having a good time," said co-founder Billy Gaines in a news release on their Web site.

"Besides, the growing popularity of beer pong necessitated a national event, which, as fanatical beer pong players ourselves, we are happy to provide."

Last year the World Series attracted over 500 players from 38 states and three Canadian provinces making it the largest tournament since the whole thing began. This year's event is expected to yield even more, Gaines said in a news release.

"Beer pong has been a long-running pick up game at parties," Van Lunsen said. "Actually going to a legitimate organized event, you know it's something that's

battling for more than at best the party rights."

Van Lunsen said the differences between beer pong at someone's home and beer pong through this tournament are subtle.

Players are still encouraged to have a good time and staff run the event in a professional and courteous manner to make sure participants are safe.

"I'm hoping the absolute best success for this tournament's return to Pullman and beyond," Van Lunsen said. "It's a great chance to meet new people, and if you are that No. 1 beer pong player, you make a sweet \$50,000 at the finals.

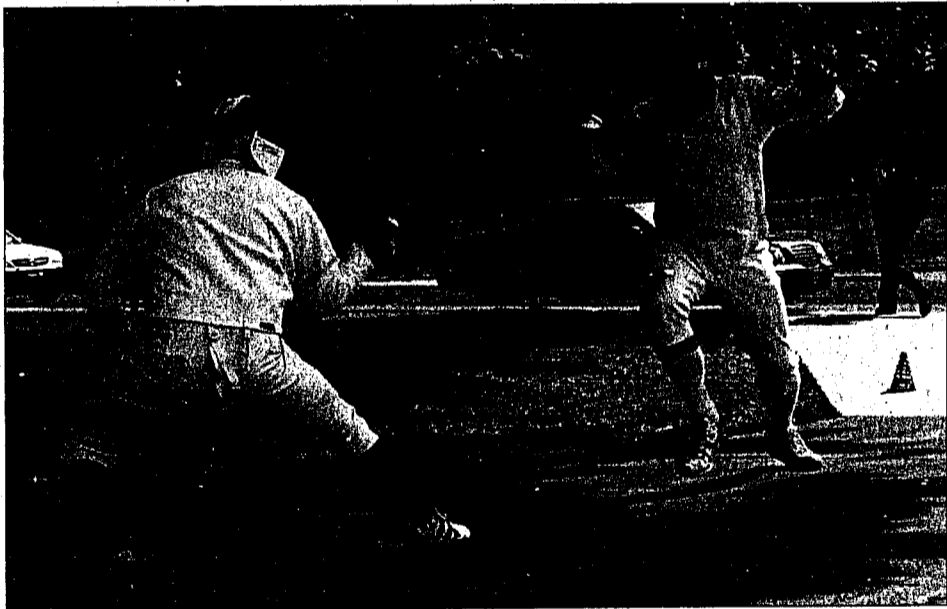
in Las Vegas over New Years."

In order to ensure clean, fun play, the game is designed so no person will consume more than one beer per hour as a direct result of the competition. Cups can also be filled with water at any time during the tournament.

Anyone interested in signing up for the event has until tomorrow. The cost is \$20 if you sign up online at [www.bpong.com](http://www.bpong.com) or \$25 if you show up at the door.

The winner of the tournament in Pullman will be given an entry voucher equal to a paid stay at the Flamingo and entry into the World Series tournament.

## FOILED AGAIN



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Vandal swordplay coaches John Porter, left, and Bob Behal fence outside the Idaho Commons Friday. The fencing club will have its first meeting of the semester today at 6 p.m. in Physical Education Building room 111.

## Tri Club: running since 2001

Jennifer Schlake  
Argonaut

Among the 30-some sport clubs is the Palouse Tri Club, a club whose purpose is to promote a healthy lifestyle through exercise.

Beginning in 2001, the Tri Club began what is now the Palouse Triathlon—a swimming, biking and running event for people all over the Northwest.

One man entered in the 70 to 74-year-old age group this year, came all the way from Grants, New Mexico.

This year beginning at 8 a.m., Sept. 12, participants are required to swim 500 yards in the Hamilton Lowe Aquatic Center, bike 10 miles, and finish off with a three mile run.

Because of the facilities

the Tri Club has available only 120 individuals and five teams are able to sign up.

"The limits are completely physical," said Jessica Smith, Tri Club president. "The Hamilton Lowe Aquatic Center lap pool only has six lanes. If we had a bigger pool, we'd love to be able to have a bigger race."

Each year, the club has to turn some runners away.

"We filled up (with participants) a full week out," Smith said. "This year we've filled up more than two weeks out."

There are still a couple team slots left open for this year's race.

Registration for the event will end Sept. 9 or when all participant slots are full.

After all the hard work of the Tri Club and the partici-

pants, club members hope new runners are opened to the world of triathlons—one that is fun and low-cost.

Also on Sept. 12, the Tri Club will be holding its Fall Into Wellness Fitness and Recreation Expo in the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center.

Although registration for new runners will be closed at the time, people are invited to volunteer to help eliminate the pressures of racing.

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# Tedy Bruschi retires

Howard Ulman  
Associated Press

Tedy Bruschi retired Monday after a 13-year NFL career in which he won three Super Bowl titles with the New England Patriots and made a gallant return from a stroke.

The inside linebacker played for no other team and leaves football with only one unachieved goal — a fourth championship.

"I'm 36 years old," Bruschi said at a news conference. "Your body doesn't heal as quickly."

He came back from a mild stroke in February 2005 to play eight months later.

"I was retired," he said. "I didn't think it was possible" to play again.

Bruschi's performance declined last year. He missed much of training camp with an undisclosed injury but played in two of the team's last three exhibition games.

Coach Bill Belichick, usually stoic, choked up as he discussed Bruschi.

"How do I feel about Tedy Bruschi?" Belichick said. "He's a perfect player."

Bruschi's reaction? "That's something you'll

never hear during your career," he said as he and Belichick laughed. "To have him say that to me is probably the best compliment he could ever give me."

But Bruschi was listed with the second unit this summer behind second-year pros Jerrod Mayo and Gary Guyton. Even before Bruschi's retirement, Mayo had taken over the defensive signal-calling. A first-round draft choice out of Tennessee, he was the Defensive Player of the Year last season.

"I wouldn't specifically say the torch has been passed to me, but it's been passed to this whole defense," Mayo said. "It's just going to take a group effort to really pick up the slack for his absence."

Bruschi's retirement leaves running back Kevin Faulk, drafted by the Patriots in 1999, as the longest tenured member of the team. Quarterback Tom Brady, drafted in 2000, is the second most senior Patriot.

On defense, 2001 first-round pick, defensive end Richard Seymour, has been with the team the longest. In the offseason, the Patriots lost two other defensive leaders — safety Rodney Harrison

to retirement and linebacker Mike Vrabel in a trade with Kansas City.

"I don't think you can fill that (leadership) void with one person," outside linebacker Adalius Thomas said. "(Bruschi) has been here. He's seen so much, been through so many things."

Cleveland Browns coach Eric Mangini was New England's defensive coordinator in 2005 after spending five seasons as the team's defensive backs coach.

"Tedy is an unbelievable guy, a special guy," Mangini said Monday. "He moved to inside linebacker my first year there and there was some growing pains. I swear he is made out of elastic the way he can get around blockers and torque his body."

U.S. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts issued a statement calling Bruschi "the heart and soul of the New England Patriots, a leader, a motivator and a role model."

Bruschi played on all three Super Bowl-winning Patriots teams. The last championship game was Feb. 6, 2005, against the Philadelphia Eagles. He played in his only Pro Bowl on Feb. 13.

## BUMP. SET. SPIKE.



Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut  
A student spikes the volleyball during the sand volleyball tournament Saturday afternoon next to the Wallace Residence Center. The tournament was open to any current University of Idaho student.

## GAME from page 9

"You sign them for a reason, 'cause you believe in them," Akey said. "That was an important one to me getting the best player out of the state of Idaho, coming from one of the best programs in the state."

Since Heston has been showing success on the field, Akey said he feels even better about recruiting Heston.

"He's a worker and he's tough," Akey said. "That's going to be a great thing for him in our development."

What Akey said he keeps thinking about is the basics—the team is not getting ready for a scrimmage, it's a game "that's going to count forever."

Akey said the team is anxious to get out on the field and see what their hard work was for.

## UTAH from page 9

Senior Sari Morrison was awarded a penalty kick and drove it home past Hailey Brown, who replaced Bell in the Wolverines' goal at the start of the second half.

"We've been working on getting numbers in the box and connecting," Hull said. "It was nice to see both things coming together."

Not to be outdone, the Vandals' defensive line held steady and never gave the Wolverines a chance to set up. The Vandals repeatedly picked off errant passes and turned them

into scoring chances thanks to with 2 assists, giving her a total of 5 for her career and tying her for ninth all-time at the University of Idaho.

With less than five minutes to go, the Wolverines pulled off a late surge, ruining goalkeeper Anna Sandman's bid for a shutout by scoring in the 87th minute. The surge came as too little too late for Utah Valley, and despite the late goal, the Vandals got their first home win of the season.

Hull finished the game with 2 assists, giving her a total of 5 for her career and tying her for ninth all-time at the University of Idaho. Nine different Vandals registered shots in front of a crowd of 541, one of the largest for a home soccer game. Sunday's game was youth soccer appreciation day, featuring Moscow United club teams scrimmaging at halftime. Showler, who was extremely happy

**"We've been working on getting numbers in the box and connecting."**

Jennifer HULL  
Forward

for Moscow United's help and support, as well as everyone else who came out to support the Vandals.

"I want to thank every one of them because it makes our job a lot better," Showler said. "Moscow is a tremendous community and if we can keep winning, we're going to keep dragging out crowds like that."

The Vandals have a week of rest before heading down to Boise for the Governors Cup, where they will play Idaho State on Friday and the Montana on Sunday. The Vandals shut out Idaho State 2-0, their lone win last season, and lost to Montana 2-0 in last year's Governors Cup.

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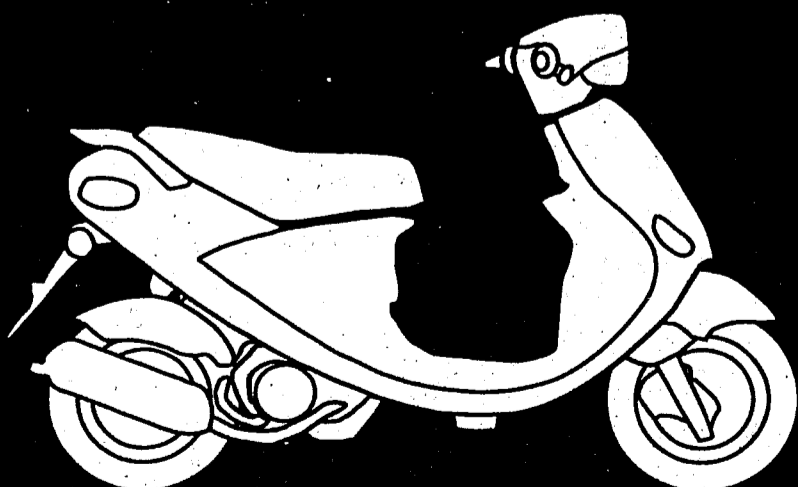
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