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## furlough**PLANS**

## Time is money

Furlough will be determined by salary, action will save UI \$1.2 million

#### **Marcus Kellis** Argonaut

The president of the University of Idaho announced Tuesday he will order a graduated furlough for about 2,600 employees statewide.

The move from Duane Nellis had been anticipated since Idaho university presidents were given unilateral authority to do so at the State Board of Education's February meeting. Nellis exercised those powers in

ordering the furlough, though Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes said the authority was not necessary to order the furloughs.

The plan is similar to that dis-cussed at recent UI faculty senate meetings, wherein furlough hours correlate with salary. Four hours is the minimum furlough, increasing in one-hour increments along with wages.

The administration has positioned the furloughs as a temporary costreduction measure, which they hope

"In taking a conservative look, (the Legislature reduced) the likelihood as much as possible on their

part for additional midyear budget cuts next year," Ickes said.

Nellis said in his message that classes will not be canceled "unless other mitigating or extreme circumstances require it," and the frequently asked questions on the furlough Web site addressed the question by calling class cancella-tion a last resort which must have the dean's approval.

Employees may begin furlough hours next Monday and must take them by June 25 for 12-month employees or May 15 for faculty with nine-month contracts. Furloughs may be taken one hour at a time, and faculty and exempt staff may request a voluntary temporary reduction in salary until the end of the fiscal year

in lieu of taking a furlough. A 30-day window will begin Monday to allow those affected to appeals their furloughs.

Employees making less than \$22,500 annually are exempt, as are those on an H1B visa (including certain foreign workers) and those paid entirely by grant funds or certain

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## 'This is the absolute last thing we wanted to do'

### **Amanda Smith** Argonaut

Many questions about furloughs were answered at the faculty senate meeting Tuesday, after University of Idaho President Duane Nellis addressed students and staff through e-mail about the furlough plan.

Lloyd Mues, vide president for finance and admin-

istration, and Keith Ickes, executive director of plan-ning and budget, both of-fered information about the upcoming furloughs at the

Tuesday meeting. "We have been working on this potential furlough idea for at least a year and discussed it," Mues said. "This is the absolute last thing we would want to do short of laying people off. At a time when we see that student demand and potential revenue generation are showing signs of recovery, one of the worst things to do is lay people off."

Mues said salaries go through a chart to determine furlough time, which shows the amount of furloughs needed per annual salary besides any income received from grants and funding. Those who are paid through grants and

funding are still furloughed, but the reduction in salary is only taken from income received from the state.

There is also an option available besides partici-pating in furloughs — on UI's furlough Web site, it is noted that people have the option to skip furloughs and simply take a voluntary salary reduc-tion. However, if neither option is taken, then the

last paycheck received will be reduced accordingly and the faculty or staff member must be absent the last few days of the semester. Absences taken during finals week may become a messy situation: to avoid such an occasion, it is asked that faculty and staff designate what op-tion they have chosen by April 1. It was also noted at the

meeting that classes will not be canceled. According to Ickes, class cancellations will only occur unless there are extreme cases and must be approved by a dean.

"We are asking the facul-ty to, if at all possible, avoid class cancellations," Ickes said. "We know issues may arise and if they do, we ask that it not just be an individual (decision) but a joint (decision)."

Gamma Phi Beta celebrates 100 years



Moscow Mardi Gras more than a party

## Hundreds of alum gather on campus to commemorate founding

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#### Kayla Herrmann Argonaut

Gamma Phi Beta, a sorority established at the University of Idaho in 1910, will celebrate its anniversary with 500 alumnae and active members this weekend.

Erin Jessup, chairwoman of the centennials committee, said alumnae as far Cambridge, as

England are attending the celebration this weekend.

"I know that the women are excited to see their families, tell stories, and see old friends," Jessup said. Jessup 'Several current students are second- or thirdgeneration legacy members.'

Registration LIMBAUGH starts at 3 p.m. today at the Student Union

Building, and events continue through Sunday.

A banquet dinner Saturday at the Eastside Marketplace is expected to be the highlight of the weekend, gathering all alumnae and active members.

"International President Linda Maloney will be speaking at the banquet, and there will also be many awards, a video and slideshow," said Nancy Ruth Peterson, a member of the

centennial committee.

The committee has been planning Gamma Phi Beta's centennial for two years. All the living women from the pledge class of 1937 are expected to attend.

House tours and campus tours conducted by the active members will be available for the attendees throughout Saturday

morning. The Gamma

Phi Beta house is at 709 Elm St., and has been occupied since 1958 with several renovations throughout the years.

"All the active members are the hostesses for the campus, and every active member I have talked to is looking forward to do-GPB member ing as much as they can," Pe-

terson said. Anna Marie Limbaugh, a senior Gamma Phi Beta studying political science, said she is excited to see all the alumnae come up this

weekend. "It is going to be cool to see how much the university and the sorority has changed," she said. "I am curious to know how different the social events they used to do are compared to now, and how the



Nick Groff/Argonaut University of Idaho junior and Gamma Phi Beta President Melinda Lewis poses with mannequins she designed for the Gamma Phi Beta Centennial and her clothing textiles and design internship. The 10 mannequins, representing every decade the Gamma Phi sorority has been on campus, will be on display in the Student Union Building ballroom today and 4-9 p.m. Saturday at Eastside Marketplace.

women used to wear long dresses, because now it is more casual."

The celebration concludes Sunday with a farewell champagne brunch.

Janet Key, an alumna of pledge class '74, is driving from Twin Falls with her sister to attend the centennial.

"While I look forward to walking down memory lane as far as Gamma Phi Beta

traditions go," Key said, what I am truly looking forward to is to reconnect with women, some who may have just briefly passed through my life and others who made a significant impression on my life."

"I am also looking forward to meeting the young women who will continue to carry on our legacy and the future of our sorority.'

### Tanya Eddins Argonaut

Before complaining about the price of a Moscow Mardi Gras ticket, think of the children.

Moscow Mardi Gras is an annual event headed by volunteers from the com-Roger munity. Crozier, presi-dent of the Mospresi-"... but the **bottom line** cow Mardi Gras committee and owner of Guiis that we tar's Friend, has are giving been in charge of events for the past four years. kids." Crozier said all proceeds from Mardi Gras will roger benefit local CROZIER youth. Moscow Mardi Gras

Money is distributed through a grant applica-

tion process. Members of the Mardi Gras committee review the applications and distribute funds based on need and benefit to local youth. Crozier said the organizations most likely to receive funds are those that are specific about precise ways the funding will be used.

"Moscow Mardi Gras is for local kids organiza-tions," Crozier said. "It is a great party, but the bottom line is that we are giving money to the kids."

Eric Newell, recreation supervisor for youth programs and aquatics at the City of Moscow Parks and Recreation Department, said kids in the community

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are in need of the youth scholarships, which they provide.

"In these hard economic times, parents in the community may need financial aid to help kids stay active," Newell said.

Parks and Recreation has received funds from

Moscow Mardi Gras for the last two years. These funds provide parents with financial challenges opportunities to give their kids money to the swimming lessons, soccer lessons and other extra-curricular activities. The proceeds · from Mardi Gras this committee president year will go directly to the youth scholarship fund the city provides.

"The money we get from Mardi Gras helps kids to simply be kids," Newell said.

Cindy Barnhart, director of Festival Dance, which is the largest arts non-profit in the area, said their mission statement is to bring arts to the people and people to the arts. Barnhart said the contributions from Mardi Gras are essential to bringing the arts to local children. Barnhart said grant funding for all non-profits has been down due to economic circumstances, so the money from Mardi Gras is greatly needed.

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## Friday, March 5, 2010





# The Idaho Argonaut

## Stories from Friday, March. 4, 1960 **The Golden Fleece**

March came roaring in like a lion in more ways than one. To wit:

-Idaho's fighting five easily beat Portland University by 32 points and the Pilots walked off the maple court at Memorial Gymnasium as if a frost covered mist had enveloped them.

---Campus politicians jumped feet first into the ASUI election campaign with Pin the Tail on the Donkey tactics. A number of the candidates have been nailed to the wall with sharp-cutting questions. —A troupe of 40 players turned in a fine open-

ing night performance of the musical-comedy "Li'l Abner" and are ready for two more shows to sellout crowds before striking set.

The month's calendar began to swell with multi activities, including the Religion In Life ses-sion, Campus Chest, Frosh Week, and the Engineers' Ball

And, as usual, the unpredictable Palouse weather has turned the tables on those hopeful of an early spring. A cold, white mantle of snow covered the landscape yesterday, not only here, but around the country.

But with all the approaching events, Jason only wonders which comes first—academics or activities.

The latter are fine, but as spring draws nearer and nearer, they become emphasized so much it's a wonder many of us make it through the gauntlet of academics.

Perhaps the solution is in a balance between first and second semester calendar planning. A good project for the incoming Executive Board might be to construct a well-balanced diet of events instead of continuing to jam them down student throats in big lumps at a time.

#### LEAVE FOR DEBATE

Eight students representing the University left Wednesday for the annual forensic debate tournament at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore., March 3-5. PREXY CHOSEN

Dr. Donald R. Theophilus, University president, will be the commencement speaker at graduation exercises for Idaho State College, May 29.

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## **ASUI lobbyist pushes JFAC in Boise**

#### Sarah Yama Argonaut

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee of the Idaho Legislature will set higher education budgets Monday. Zack Arama, a representative of University of Idaho undergraduates, will attend to ensure that higher education is a priority.

"It's a waiting game right now," Arama, ASUI lobbyist for this year, said. "We are just waiting to see what comes up and react to what the legislature does."

JFAC has approved projected figures for fiscal year 2010 and 2011 budgets. The projections are \$69 million less for FY2010 and \$59 million less for FY2011 than Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter originally announced in his State of the State address.

Arama has been meeting with members of JFAC, and said higher education faces a 7.5 percent holdback. In September, Otter had reserved that level of holdback for certain commissions, public broadcasting and the agriculture, labor and lands departments.

"Qverall, they are divvying up the money for each budget item," Arama said. The recession has completely dominated the budget. It will be a straight, bare-bones budget.

Arama also reported on House Bill 544, Higher Education Stabilization Bill Fund I. The bill was passed by the House unanimously and awaits action by the Senate. If the bill is passed, it will create three funds, one of which is for four-year universities. Legislators hope to put money in the fund whenever Idaho next has a surplus.

Arama, originally from London, is majoring in political science and communications at UI. He began working in Boise as the ASUI lobbyist at the beginning of the year.

Arama was selected for the lobbyist position based on his experience working in Washington, D.C., with Sen. Jim Risch, R-ID, last summer.

'While he's been there he's worked with Rep. Tom Trail in sn attempt to do away with overload fees at the university, big picture sort of things," said Kelby Wilson, ASUI president.

Arama said he is serving as a bridge between students and legislature, and will be doing so until the end of the session, which he predicts could be as early as the end of March. Arama earns \$1,600 monthly in his position.

Arama has been attending meetings and meeting with legislators. He reports updates to ASUI and UI President Duane Nellis.

'A typical day for me is a morning House Education Committee meeting, an afternoon floor ses-sion, then individual meetings with legislature," Arama said. "There is also a Senate Education Committee in the afternoons and then various events.'

'Zack's main mission is a pretty big task — it's a bad time in Boise ARAMA

and higher education has taken a whipping," Wilson said. "They cut our budgets to fill other budgets. There isn't a whole lot he can do except push legislators to focus on higher education.'

Arama said the experience has given him a deeper understanding of politics at the state level.

"State legislature is a whole different ballgame," Arama said. "It's a lot more personal here. These guys are farmers and ranchers who do this for three months out of the year. They're average Joes and they really care."

As far as challenges, Arama said the biggest one he has faced is getting people to take him seriously as a student lobbyist.

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"Sometimes they have this 'you're just a student' attitude. It's patronizing," Arama said. "But it's refreshing for them that you are there as a student and not from a corporation, a paid mouthpiece.

Though UI has plenty of alumni in the Treasure Valley and the Leg-

islature, Arama expressed some difficulty about being so close to Idaho's largest university.

'It's bloody awful, I'll tell you that," Arama said. "UI is leaps and bounds ahead of Boise State University academically. It's barely tolerable."

## asui**SENATE**

### **Open forum**

Will Back, from the College of Natural Resources, is the recipient of the Craig Leadership Endowment Award. A luncheon will be held in his honor from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. March 29 in the Idaho Commons Clearwater Room. Former U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, UI President Duane Nellis and other high-ranking University of Idaho faculty are scheduled to attend.

Garrett Lamm, director of the Sustainability Center, announced there will be several events held during Earth Week, April 19-23, culminating with a barbecue and concert on the Theophilus Tower lawn with a T-shirt giveaway

and games for students. The Greek recycling and energy conservation prowith participants gram, from eight sororities and 12 fraternities, has been very successful.

"From what I hear, the recycling center has been overloaded weighing recyclables everyday," Lamm said. "It is going really well. We will have the results the second week in April."

Tree plantings will begin March 27 and continue until the last weekend of April. The goal is to plant 1,000 trees. Some volunteers have been confirmed but more are needed.

Wilson, ASUI Kelbv president, explained the furloughs for UI faculty.

"The furloughs follow the

pay grade scale with less time being taken by faculty whose salary is smaller and more time being taken by faculty whose sala-ry is larger," Wilson said. "The time that is taken off is up to the faculty member, and are being implemented to minimize impact on students as much as possible."

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Wilson also spoke about the ASUI-requested student fee increases that will be sent to the state board for approval in the coming weeks. The increase is spread over four sections that total approximately 12 percent. This figure is higher in comparison to Idaho State University and Boise State University, who both requested a 9.9 percent increase. The state board meeting to review this proposal will be held April 5 in Boise.

A change to the overload credit fee will also be implemented, Wilson said. Instead of paying extra for taking more than 18 credits, students will now only pay the overload fee at 20 credits or more, which was the policy until last fall.

#### New business

Bill S10-18, amending ASUI rules and regulations, was proposed and will be considered next week.

- Ross Bingham

## AP writer addresses water pollution

## Sarah Sakai Argonaut

About 500 people crowded the Student Union Building International Ballroom Monday night to hear a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist talk about the misuse of the earth's water at the Runstad Discovery Lecture.

Martha Mendoza, a nationally-acclaimed investigative journalist, drew`a larger crowd than was expected. Numerous chairs were added to the ballroom to accommodate all those

standing in the back. Mendoza began her lec-ture with news from around the world. She spoke of flash floods in Indonesia, drought in Kenya, water shortages in Pakistan, sewage water in Mexico and contaminated ground water in Idaho. She immediately began to drive one point home.

"We are connected in all our actions in all our days," Mendoza said. "It's affecting you here and will continue to affect you here."

Her first point was wa-ter pollution. Mendoza said water shortages aren't chiefly the problem, but the non-potable nature of the available water. China is worst off, with more than 300 million people without access to safe water.

"It was part of their industrial revolution," Men-doza said. "Now they are having a pollution revolution. The next problem was the overuse of water. The Nile Delta began to shrink in the 1950s. Lake Chad lost 90 percent of its surface area in the last 30 years due to all the diversions for irrigation. The Mekong River in Southeast Asia is now brackish. 'It used to be Vietnam's rice bowl," Mendoza said. The United States is not immune to water issues.

## The average person in the U.S. uses 123 gallons of water daily, but only needs to drink about half a gallon,

doza said.

Mendoza said. Mendoza's last point, mismanagement, water dealt with the amount of pharmaceuticals that enter the water system. Many medications are flushed down the toilet, Mendoza said, which goes into the rivers, then to consumers as drinking water. The trouble is that treatment filter out drugs. plants aren't designed to

million pounds of drugs are discarded into the nation's water system, Mendoza said. This can lead to even greater problems, namely drug-resistant strains in diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and HIV.

Greg Moller, an environmental chemistry and toxology professor, was instrumental in getting Mendoza to the University of Idaho. Moller said he had a "curious first meeting" with her.

Moller was studying the human impact on Lake Mead, about 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas, Nev., when he and his colleagues heard the press was coming.

"It was a bit troubling for us," Moller said.

But Mendoza was not what they expected, he said, and they were impressed with her ability to interpret scientific information for public consumption. For that, he nominated Mendoza for the lecture. "He liked the way she writes, the way she talks and what she has to say, said Jean Henscheid, Ul's Core Curriculum director.

fering ways to make a difference, such as utilizing reusable grocery bags, rid-ing a bike or defrosting fro-zen food in the refrigerator instead of under flowing tap water.

There are solutions for all of us," Mendoza said. 'Everyone goes after making a difference in their own way

The Judith M. Runstad Discovery Lecture Series is funded by an endowment by Judith Runstad and the Office of the Core Curriculum.

'The endowment was because created Judith and other people believe

that students who come to UI don't check out of the world for four or five years," "They Henscheid said. check completely and deeply into the world while they're here."

To encourage attendance from freshmen, many core classes require attendance, while others offer it as extra credit.

"I hope students get two things out of (the lecture)," Henscheid said, "that we are all connected even if we think we're not. And I hope students see (Mendoza) as a role model — using what your passion is for: to impact the world."





## Brown to run for Calif. governor

### **Juliet Williams Associated Press**

Democrat Jerry Brown officially entered the California governor's race Tuesday, giving the party an iconic candidate in a contest expected to be the most costly in state history.

A January poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found Brown had 41 percent to 36 percent for Whitman in a theoretical matchup; his lead over Poizner was 44 percent to 29 percent.

Poizner and Whitman both criticized Brown Tuesday as a stale candidate who supports big government and is too friendly with public employee unions.

His experience in statewide office dates to 1970, when he was elected secretary of state. He won the first of his two terms as governor four years later, Čalifornia's becoming youngest chief executive at age 36.

He ran three times for the Democratic Party's nomination for president and once for U.S. Senate, then served as the state party chairman in the early 1990s before reinventing himself as the tough-oncrime, pro-development

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mayor of Oakland. He served two terms before returning to statewide office as attorney general in 2006.

Outside California, Brown is best known for his unorthodox style.

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all this warrants paranoia. "Not paranoid," Men-doza said, "but I think outraged is reasonable."

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# Choir off to Europe ID may pay early grads

Vandaleers continue to raise money for concert tour

#### **Britnee Packwood** Argonaut

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Despite not being as close to their financial goal as they would like, members of the Vandaleers concert choir continue with preparations for their upcoming May 15 departure to Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Michael Murphy, the group's director, said the group is halfway to its fundraising goal, but donations are still needed to ensure the goal is met.

"If we do not raise the money, it will be difficult for us to .make this once-ina-lifetime trip possible," Murphy said.

Teresa Tully, the trip coordinator, said collecting money has proved to be a chal-lenge in the down economy, leading some students to leading have to pay for some or most of their trip.

"The initial goal was to have all the trips paid for," Tully said.

Even though the spirit of the group has been dampened by these tough times, it has pushed them to fundraise right up to the time they set foot on the bus. Murphy stressed the importance of how the trip would affect mem-

bers of the group. "The cultural experience and understanding that stu-dents gain from such a trip is immeasur-able," Murphy said. "The Vandaleers will never look at the world the same way and they will have this positive context to draw from."

Members are continuing with their chocolate bar sales, working concession stands at athletic

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develop understanding," Barnhart said. "This opens the minds of kids to cultural diversity and awareness." er said the kids are



## Jessie L. Bonner **Associated Press**

Every high school has at least a handful of them, gifted students who blow through Faulkner as if it were a comic book, teenagers who catch on to calculus as if it were checkers.

These students are often just marking time in high school and typically become bored and withdrawn as they long for a bigger academic challenge. States are responding

to the problem by making it easier for gifted stu-dents to head

"I think off to college sooner. Idaho lawmakers have

proposed giving scholar-ships to high school students to keep them who enroll in college early. Eight other steve states are participating in a **THAYN** 

program that | Idaho representative ticipating. would allow The federal would allow high school sophomores to pass a series of tests and graduate early. A Utah lawmaker earlier went so far this year as to propose

letting students skip the senior year. "There's a fair amount of wasted time," said Rep. Steve Thayn, a Republican from the small Idaho farming town of Emmett. "I think there's a way to keep them engaged and to keep them learning."

Idaho's plan goes fur-ther than other programs around the country because it would allow students to graduate from high school up to three years early, and then receive taxpayer money to enroll at a state university or community college. Students would receive approximately \$1,600 in scholarship money for each year they graduate early.

About half the states encourage juniors and seniors to take community college courses, with some of them picking up the tab, said Mike Griffith, a policy analyst at the Education Commission on the States in Denver. But those students stay in high school while taking college credit, not moving onto a university campus like the Idaho plan. Idaho Rep. Branden Durst sees the idea as a way to focus on higherachieving students in-stead of the struggling kids who usually draw the most attention from education officials. "We spend a lot of time talking about the bot-tom third and we should, but we do that to the detriment to our higherachieving students," said Durst, a Democrat from Boise who co-sponsored the measure. The plan has passed the House and still needs approval from the Senate. In Utah, a state lawmaker pushed a plan earlier this year that would have let some students skip the 12th grade if they've earned enough high school credits.

Sen. Chris Buttars decided to abandon the effort in late February, but he plans to bring revamped legislation back in 2011, calling accelerated graduation the future of public education.

From New Mexico to Pennsylvania, eight states nationwide are participating in a pilot program that would allow high school sophomores to graduate early, getting a head start on community college. The program, spearheaded by the National Center

on Education and the Econthere's a way omy, would include 10 to to keep them <sup>20</sup> high schools in each state engaged and and start in 2011. Connecti-cut, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont are also par-

Department of Education in 2001 spearheaded a national effort by several groups to create a system where students could more easily graduate in the 11th grade. It didn't get much traction as many teenagers were reluctant to miss big events such as senior proms, Griffith said.

But the idea of early graduation has been gaining momentum lately, and Idaho could potentially take the lead if the legislation is approved.

"No one's really tried this," Griffith said. "If (students are) ready to go to college in the 11th grade they should be allowed to go to college, states need to start think-ing about that."

Early graduation would not only help the smart kids, but also open doors for those who are simply driven, said Emma Roemhildt, an 18-year-old from Cordova, Alaska, who started earning college credit when she was still in high school.

"High school was too easy and it is for many students," Roemhildt said.

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Photo illustration by Jake Barber/Argonaut

Vandaleers member Maggie Rodriguez holds a box of the chocolates that the group is selling in order to help fund their tour in Europe. They have also been performing locally and working con-cessions at athletic events. They will leave May 15 for Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic.

events and singing for organizations in the area.

made a pretty big dent in the trip's overall cost," Tim Dillon, a member of Vandaleers, said.

a spaghetti feed and auction March 10 at the Moose Lodge on Main Street. No charge

will be enforced, but "I feel like we've

The next big event for the Vandaleers is

cash donations are highly encouraged. Auction items will include donations from businesses such as Camas Prairie Winery, who is donating a wine basket, Skeeterbuggins Productions, who is donating a wedding video package valued at \$1,500,

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vinyl signage. "We will be accepting (auction items) up until that Wednesday," Tully said.

Financial factors aside, the Vandaleers are preparing to visit Europe to see the places they have learned about and where famous com-

the fact all the people going are musicians," Tully said. "So we're hitting up all the musical hot spots.'

Anyone interested in donating to the Vandaleers Europe trip, who would like to purchase candy bars or book the Vandaleers for an event should contact Tully 208-310-0345, or e-mail at cydtravel@gmail.com.

learning."

Barnhart said 18 communities on the Palouse are impacted by the contributions to Festival Dance. The contributions allow Festival Dance to either bring children to a venue where they view cultural performances and dance, or bring a down-scaled version of the event to schools. Barnhart said Festival Dance supports one festival youth dance outreach program annually and said this allows children to have a cultural experience once a year from 3rd to 6th grade.

"When you see cultural differences firsthand you



the exact reasons he has stayed on the committee as president.

'You distribute the checks and when you get a thank you in return, you know that you did something important," Crozier said.

Crozier said Mardi Gras is always a good time and can get a little wild — he declined a chance to elaborate on particular memories, saying they may not be suitable for publication.

This year, Moscow Mardi Gras will be a "Black and White" event, which Crozier said was implemented to take the festivities to a classier level.

Each participating ven-ue has a band, including Too Slim and the Taildraggers, Micheal Shrieve's Spellbinder, The Fabulous Kingpins, Bare Wires and Douglas Cameron.

Crozier reminded partygoers to be safe and to

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File photo by Perry Hanson/Argonaut Melissa Piekarski poses during the 2008 Moscow Mardi Gras with brightly colored face paint and strands of beads. The proceeds from the event go to local children's organizations. Saturday's event has a black and white theme.

bring beads. Moscow Mardi Gras will be held Saturday. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, and are on sale at Mingles, The Garden Lounge, John's Alley, Bookpeople, Safari Pearl

and at Ric O'Shay in Pullman. The participating local bars and clubs are the Moose Lodge, John's Alley, The Garden Lounge, Mingles and the Eagles Lodge. Live music will begin at 9 p.m. at all venues.

"There needs to be something for the students who aren't geniuses, but are above average enough to go beyond their peers."

Lori Shewmaker among parents in Idaho backing the plan to pay kids in scholarships to graduate early. She believes her son, a sixthgrader who reads at a 10th-grade level, could be among those to benefit.

"He can be a messaround or he can be an as-trophysicist," said Shew-maker. "I feel like he is being held back."

Some critics of the Idaho plan have voiced concerns about the social implications of enticing kids to graduate early. Are universities and colleges ready for an influx of 17-year-olds? Do they want 16-year-olds living in dorms with 20 yearolds?

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The salary calculation is "the employee's full institutional salary from all sources (eligible and non-eligible)," according to UI's human resources Web site.

Nellis, who began as president in July 2009, sent an e-mail to students and one to faculty and staff. In his message to faculty and staff, he acknowledged furloughs require "a sacrifice of almost every individual employed" by UI, but that the alternative is significant layoffs.

In his e-mail to students, Nellis said the "top priority"

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in designing the furlough plan was ensuring minimal impact on students.

Jack Miller, chair of the faculty senate, had signified support for canceling classes to ensure the furloughs were bona fide and not simply unpaid labor.

Ickes said pay cuts, layoffs and vacancies left unfilled are still on the table for the university to deal with continuing financial difficulty.

'We have done hiring freezes, we've held vacancies available and not filled them, consolidated positions, eliminated positions," he said. "Those

are all still tools of the trade.

Nellis's own furlough, the most of any employee at six days, will return \$7,730.88 to UI. Altogether, the estimated savings from the furloughs is \$1.2 million.

Nellis noted that universities and higher education systems across the nation, including California, Mary-land and Utah, are taking furloughs as well, in some cases without any discrimination to salary.

More information is available at UI's Web site, at http://www.uidaho.edu/ furlough.

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Friday, March 5, 2010

# OPINION

## **Furloughs necessary**

## Nellis' plan reduces deficit with limited impact on students and faculty

The University of Idaho is in a bad position. The state has less money to work with, meaning the university, along with the rest of the state govern-ment, has to make every dollar stretch a bit further.

To accomplish this, UI President Duane Nellis has announced a new furlough policy for most faculty members. Under the plan, most employees making over \$22,500 a year will

be required to take some unpaid vacation time. The amount of time depends on the salary of the individual. Those at the bottom of the pay scale will have to take four hours off of work, with the amount increasing along with pay. Nellis will take the most off — six days, which equates to a \$7,730.88 cut

in salary. The entire plan should shave \$1.2 million off of the

budget — a significant part of the deficit.

These are difficult times. Nobody wants to see a smaller paycheck, but as Nellis pointed out in a recent e-mail to faculty and staff, the alternative is significant layoffs. Certainly UI employees can take a moderate furlough in these tough times to avoid seeing their colleagues and perhaps themselves unemployed. Other uni-,

versities around the country are implementing multiple-day furloughs without consideration for low salaries.

A few hours off in the span of a year will not throw anyone into bankruptcy, and it will save many jobs at UI. Let's hope this will have a minimum impact on students and employees and a maximum impact on the budget. -JR

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## Company offers experience

## Special to The Argonaut

The University of Idaho Career Center has received many questions regard-ing the Southwestern

Company, which has been recruiting at UI this semester. This is intended to address some of the questions and concerns many of you have raised. Is the Southwestern

**Company a scam?** No. The Southwestern Company is a legitimate business. They are headquartered in

Nashville, Tenn., and have been in business since 1855. Their primary focus is selling educational books

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to families with schoolaged children. They are an old company and still use old-school sales practices. Books are sold door-to-door, a practice which many companies no longer use. However, it's a sales strategy that still works for Southwestern. They recruit students from universities across the country for their summer sales experience.

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mail**BOX** Correspondence with our readers



Giggles

## Apartment hunting

off the**CUFF** 

Quick takes on life from our editors

Pomp and circumstance I just got an e-mail from the reg-

istrar's office confirming the name (Marcus Jonathan Kellis), academic degree (B.A., history and political

science) and address for my di-

ploma. Between that and sending

out my announcements - wow,

graduation feels pretty real.

Just when you have your heart set on an apartment, you find a different one that's better.

— Jeffrey

- Greg

— Marcus

## Good days

I hate to sound like Pollyanna, but I have been having one of the best days. The weather is great, I got a 90 percent on one of my political science papers, got confirmation I'm doing my job right and had a great interview for my semester project. For today, life is beautiful. - Kelcie

## **Dear CS Department**

I'm in CS 112. The CSAC lab saves my life on a weekly basis. Please never get rid of it. I promise I'd fail without it.

- Kelsey

## Idaho out of it

A California movement protesting \$1 billion in budget cuts to the state's university system caused uproar across the nation Thursday. More than 31 states have joined in the protest, including student walkouts in Oregon and a rally in Alabama. One of the states not involved is Idaho. Normally I don't think student protests offer much help, but when it spreads across the nation, maybe people will wake up.

- Jennifer

— Jake

## Geared up

Usually I regard television shows about cars like fishing shows. I like to fish now and then, but watching it on television puts me to sleep instantly. I like cars, but I could care less about some gearhead's favorite paint job. Recently, however, I've gotten addicted to the British television show "Top Gear." It combines interesting car testing with the reckless abandon of "Mythbusters." Like when they raced a Bugatti Vyron against a Typhoon fighter jet and lost ... barely.

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## Don't resurrect classics

Hollywood's at it again. Not content with rolling out driveling crap such as "Cop Out" or "The Bounty Hunter," Hollywood's proverbial cash cow has set its sights on an old classic - the "Ghostbusters" series.

**Director Ivan Reitman recently** agreed to direct this third sequel in the insanely popular franchise that was conceived in the '80s. Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Bill Murray will be making their return as the ghost-bashing trio, along with a group of familiar characters rumored to include Sigourney Weaver and Ernie Hudson.

Supposedly, the story will feature some newer, younger faces — let's not forget that Bill Murray is pushing 60 taking over the 'bustin business' and will include the usual ghoulish baddies, with

the lovable Stay Puff Marshmallow Man rumored to be making a cameo.

Oh, and Murray's character dies — or he is going to be a ghost

himself — no one is quite sure. Really, Hollywood?

There is a reason some movies are called classics. Perhaps they capture the essence of the time period so perfectly — think "Pulp Fiction" or "Fight Club," or perhaps they showcase once-in-a-lifetime acting, such as "Silence of the Lambs" or "Goodfellas."

Other times, it's simply a cha-PINCHUK otic combination of a drop-dead Argonaut hilarious script supplemented

by a couple of actors who are into the project which features some great gags.

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## **Response hurts argument**

After reading the guest column, "Commons poster misinterpreted," by Adrian Martin and Kyle O'Brien supporting the red/blue state map in the Idaho Commons, it seems your issue would have been much better off without your published commentary. Your "defense" of your display is nothing more than a red herring, fraught with logical inconsistencies and self-contradictions.

"The other overwhelming problem with those states is that people don't question their beliefs." Is it possible for a "blue" voter to vote based on something other than reason? No, according to this argument, that is reserved for "red" voters.

...while the blue states are far from perfect, there is at least some reason in their ideology." By reducing a "red" voter to a lack of any reason whatsoever, you are being both close-minded and unreasonable. Is it

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## Powerade

Why does Powerade make the blue Powerade so darn good, yet they can't figure out how to make any of the other flavors as good? -Jens

## BLOT

The first issue of the BLOT hit stands this week, and it is everywhere. If you haven't grabbed a copy, you should. They're free, so take them off the tables and tell your friends. Also, check out our Web site, http://www.blot.uidaho. edu. Let us know what you think! - Elizabeth

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## No reason to hate ACORN so much

New developments in ACORN "scandal" deserve more attention

If you read the word ACORN, what do you think?

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By now you probably think something negative. May-be you think of that group that's committing voter fraud. Maybe you think of a group that helped President Obama steal the election. Perhaps still you think of the group that was videotaped giving advice to a "pimp" and "prostitute" — a video that ultimately led to their federal funding being revoked and has since put their national infrastructure in jeopardy.

ACÓRN stands for Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. There is a national structure with federally funded employees, but it

devoted to ensuring that all the rights of the democratic process are enjoyed by as many people as possible. I doubt most of us knew anything about them before conservative activists started trying to tear them down, and it's a shame that theirs is the message that's gotten out. Of course, the most famous and destructive messaging in recent hismatt



the country and posed as a pimp and prostitute seeking financial aid and advice. They wore hidden cameras to these

is largely a volunteer organization

encounters, and in a few of them, the ACORN employees dispensed aid that they should not have. This was enough to send all of the hyperventilating over the organization's supposed criminality into overdrive. ACORN had been attacked in the past for allegations of voter fraud, but nothing ever came to light. (Before you write a letter to the editor, check the difference between voter fraud and voter registration fraud. Two very different things.)

And yet despite being ripped apart in the press, there are so many facts in ACORN's favor. The man responsible for the tapes, O'Keefe, was recently arrested while trying to illegally gain access to a senator's office. Both he and Giles have said on record that they did what they did in an attempt to bring down

aren't into the project?

ACORN. It makes sense, then, that the video they released was heavily edited in such a way to make as negative of an impact as possible. They have yet to release unedited videos of their experiences. Why would they? Only in a few of the offices they visited were they helped in any way. Usually, they were turned away.

One office even called the police. And now the most specifically damning evidence against the case against ACORN is revealed. It has become apparent under scrutiny that, while O'Keefe and Giles made it appear as though they went into ACORN offices dressed outlandishly as a pimp and prostitute, they did no such thing. Much of the deal made out of the videos in the first place was that ACORN must have been really stupid to fall for such a trick in the first place. Andrew Breitbart, the founder of several Web sites including BigGovernment.com and the man who posted and has defended the ACORN video since its release, now admits he has never seen the unedited tapes himself.

Finally, the Brooklyn District Attorney's office recently concluded a probe into sup-posed wrongdoing on the part of ACORN and decided that, after viewing the unedited tapes, no criminality had taken place.

Taken individually, the evidence against O'Keefe's work merely casts doubt. But altogether, there can be no doubt that what has been done to ACORN was nothing more than partisan witch hunting.

Send letters to arg-opinion@ uidaho.edu.

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"Ghostbusters" falls into this category.

Sometimes, all the CGI in the world can't recreate that magical feeling classical movies have. It's an indefinable quality that can't be replicated. Hollywood found this out the hard way with mega-flops like

## "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull." Was there a single person who enjoyed that movie? The originals of these movies had flare and magic of their own that simply can't be recreated 10 or 20

years later. "Ghostbusters 3" is destined for a similar fate. Even its principal actor Bill Murray called the project "my nightmare" on national televi-

sion last week. How can the movie

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possible for someone to come to a reasoned, thoughtful decision in favor of a "red" policy?

'All we want is for people to use reason and be open-minded." Your very argument writes off many perspectives simply because they do not necessarily conform with your ungrounded, elementary understanding of reason.

'This really isn't about Republicans or Democrats..." Then why equate reason to party status? The assertion remains throughout your entire argument.

If you truly want to make an educated, lasting point about reason in America, then there are countless other indicators you could use that would hold more weight (and make your position seem



capture the magic and charm it had

20 years ago when its main actors

less laughably inconsistent) than simple party

affiliation. Adam Johnson junior, mathematics

## **Parking solution**

I want to suggest a way to improve the park-ing situation on campus. The university should convert all of the lots and most of the roads that are in the center of campus into green space (or skate parks or vegetable gardens – you get the idea), and make all parking west of the Kibbie Dome free. This would beautify the campus, eliminate the need for most parking lot maintenance and enforcement, and would insert about 15-20 minutes walking per day into the lives of faculty, staff and administrators. Those are all good things.

John Byers Professor of Zoology



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Why does Southwestern approach students around campus rather than host information sessions like other employers?

Southwestern's recruiting strategy is more proactive than other companies that recruit at UI. Their approach is much like a personal sales pitch. Some students find their aggressive recruiting style intimidating, while others are OK with this approach, and some were unsure how to respond to this in-yourface style of recruiting. Southwestern's goal is to find students who are interested in door-to-door sales experience and have the personality, characteristics and tenacity to be successful at this type of work. Not all students are interested in such an experience, so to find the right people, they must talk with a lot of students. Typically, employer information sessions attract five to 40 students, depending on the company hosting the session. By the time Southwestern's recruiters leave Moscow, they will have spoken with over 400 UI students. Why does UI allow

Southwestern on campus?

We try not to limit oportunities for students. Different employers offer different experiences for students. Some students would benefit greatly from such a sales experience. Like other companies who recruit at UI, Southwestern has worked closely with the Career Center throughout their recruiting season. As long as Southwestern, or any employer for that matter, abides by UI and Career Center policies and offers legitimate employment, they can recruit at UI.

allows students to learn about industry professions, develop skills needed for that profession or aid in clarifying academic and career goals. Although few students end up in door-to-door sales careers, this experience does give students the opportunity to strengthen communication skills, learn sales strategies and gain financial management experience.

Southwestern is wasting my educational time by speaking in my class.

Southwestern has been instructed to only speak in classes where they were invited by the professor in advance. If Southwestern representatives do not seek prior permission from the professor, please let us know.

Are other companies recruiting on campus and hiring for the summer?

This semester, more than 90 companies were on campus hiring for summer jobs, career positions and internships. Although spring recruiting is winding down, employers still post job vacancies on Vandal CareerConnection, UI's job/ internship database. If you need assistance with your job or internship search, please visit the Career Center. Our services are free to students and alumni. We can be reached at (208) 885-6121 and http://www. uidaho.edu/careercenter

Advice from the

Career Center It is important to get as much information about a company and job as possible. As a potential candidate, to make informed employment decisions. Just as employers will be checking your credentials, you should check theirs. Employment is a two-way street. If you get a bad vibe from any company, it's OK to tell an employer you're not interested.

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Southwestern calls it an internship, but it's door-to-door sales! What's up with that?

The Career Center defines an internship as a short-term position that

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Nick Groff/Argonaut Left: Reckless Kelly member Cody Braun plays the fiddle during their concert Tuesday evening in the Student Union Building ballroom. Right: Willy Braun is the lead vocalist and guitarist of the band. Reckless Kelly is a country-rock band native to the Northwest that is based in the Texas area. Visit uiargonaut.com to read the review.

## college**COOK**



Turn bananas into sweet concoctions

## Top 5 ridiculous 'popular' songs

1. "Telephone" by Lady minutes and 48 seconds of painful

chava THOMAS Argonaut Bananas are easy to eat and peel, and they are nutritionally sound. The fruit contains high levels of potassium, an electrolyte necessary to regulate muscle movement in the body. But it can become boring

to simply eat raw ba-

to nanas in order to get ey enough of this impord. tant mineral. Try difgh ferent banana dishes to an liven up the fruit.

Banana bread is easily made, and works well to use up overripe bananas that may have been forgotten about or neglected. Some sliced

bananas

fry until crispy. Serve

with chocolate syrup,

ice cream or whipped

cream for dessert. Deep

fried bananas are even better. If you have a

deep fryer, use neutral

oil and dip the sliced

bananas in pancake or

waffle batter, then fry until crispy. It may not

be as healthy as eating

a banana plain, but it

adds a touch of variety

and is an elegant way to jazz up this fruit.

one step farther by

making Bananas Foster.

When frying the bananas, add a little rum

to the frying pan and ignite. The alcohol will

burn off, but the rich

flavor will sweeten the

bananas and add a new

a classic, usually made

with a graham cracker crust and pudding.

While instant pudding

is convenient, pudding

from scratch tastes bet-

ter and doesn't require much extra effort. Va-

nilla pudding is creamy

and just as good as banana pudding with-

out the usual fake fla-

vor. Top with fresh whipped cream for an

authentic taste.

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Banana cream pie is

taste dimension.

Take fried bananas

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people buy bananas just to wait for them to turn black and use in banana bread.

B a n a n a bread is great plain, but can be tastier with a few mix-ins. Walnuts are commonly added and add a little p r o t e i n and crunch. Chocolate

chips give a touch of sweetness to this quick bread, and can entice children into eating it. Try giving the bread a swirl of maple glaze and letting the sugar harden to create a sweet, crunchy topping.

Bananas are also great fried. Melt some unsalted butter in a pan, then add

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GaGa and Beyoncé

I realize most of you probably love that "Telephone" is a perfect little ringer for your actual telephone. How fitting. But let me share a few lyrics with you.

"Boy, the way you blowin' up my phone Won't make me leave no faster,

Put my coat on faster.

I should left my phone at home,

Cuz this is a disaster" It reminds me of that Backstreet Boys song, "The Call" that was popular but had the exact same message, "I'm singing this song about how I don't want to hang out with you because I'd rather have sexy time with this girl and probably contract something incurable. Text me tomorrow, though."

## 2. "BedRock" by Young Money and Lloyd

Just for kicks, let's analyze a few lines of this romantic little tune.

"I knock her lights out, but she still shine"

She's still pretty after you beat the crap out of her?

"I hate to see her go, but I love to watch her leave"

How original. "And I got her n\*\*\*a

Grocery bag."

What? Your n\*\*\*a is a grocery

bag? Or he's bagging her groceries? "My room is the G-spot

Call me Mr. Flintstone

I can make your bed rock"

Oh Lloyd, you're so clever using a familiar figure from our childhood to get us into bed with you. Overall, this song is four

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pop-culture references. Good beat, though.

## 3. "Blah Blah Blah" by Ke\$ha

Before anyone gets pissed at me for bashing their beloved Ke\$ha, let me preface with this: give me a few wine coolers and I<sup>a</sup>am all about "TiK-ToK." But Ke\$ha, your whiney voice prohibits me from actually being able to tell what you're saying in this song, and nobody wants to put their love in your glove box.

P.S.: Any singer who feels it necessary to spell their name with a dollar sign in the place of an 's' deserves to be exiled from the music world for the rest of their God-given life.

## 4. "According to You" by Orianthi

My 5-year-old cousin loves this song. She sings along to it with her plastic Hannah Montana microphone. What makes this a bummer is that Orianthi is actually a sick guitarist. Too bad it was wasted on a teeny-bopper beat filled with pseudo-women empowerment.

Basically she's got some guy who thinks she's a useless bag of skin and a guy who thinks she's perfect. Orianthi, let me tell you something revolutionary — your significant other is always perfect at the beginning of a relationship, but a year down the road he's entitled to think you're difficult and moody.

## 5. "So Hard" by Rihanna

Call me immature, but every time Rihanna says, "I'm so hard," (which is 33, by the way), I can only picture an image that is anatomically incorrect — and weird.

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## Birds on a Wire folk festival bound to rock the region

#### Carlos Arenz Argonaut

Sasquatch is coming to the Palouse — or at least a smaller version of something similar.

The Birds on a Wire Festival, March 26-27, will feature up-and-coming artists in the indie-folk music scene. The event will take place in Pullman at both the Bell Tower and the Gladish Auditorium, and Stereopathic Music, a concert promotion and talent managing business based in Moscow, will host it. The festival will feature more than 30 groups from all across the country, including Northwest-

ern and local artists. The headliners of the festival include Justin Townes Earle, Damien Jurado, Joe Pug and Rocky Votolato. These artists and more will be featured on three stages all functioning simultaneously for two days. This will give attendees the option of skipping from venue

to venue to see acts of their choosing. "I always hear people say, 'I wish I could have

gone to Southwest by Southwest or Sasquatch before it became so commercial,' and that is what we want — to create something people get to go to while it is still pure," Larson Hicks, head of Stereopathic and festival architect, said. "It is the riskiest thing we have ever done, the scariest thing we have ever done.'

If the festival is a success, Hicks has big plans to construct an even bigger festival in the fall, and this festival is a test with indie folk music, a popular genre for the Northwest region.

Stereopathic actually started out as a radio show at KUOI-FM, and Hicks, along with his wife and close friends, started the business to hopefully one day make the Moscow-Pullman region a hot spot for musicians to come and play. Hicks said he was pleased with the turnout of artists for the festival.

'(Stereopathic's) focus is emerging hot artists — we are bringing them right before they are about to break," Hicks said. He mentioned Stereopathic's main goal is the quality of their shows. Hicks turned down more than 20 other groups to play at the festival that wanted to tag their name to the festival for recognition.

The taste we want to leave in customers' mouths is that you can go to one of our shows whether or not you know the artist and have a pleasurable experience," Hicks said. The Birds on a Wire Festival was attempted last

spring with success, although it was a different format and a much smaller scale. Horse Feathers, a group that played last year, is returning.

This year's festival will have bands play at 900 seat theaters and 2,100 tickets can be sold. Stereopathic has already found 30 volunteers to help out at the festival. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 in advance at Empyrean in Spokane, Atom Heart in Pullman and the Storm Cellar in Moscow. Tickets will be sold for \$45 the day of the show. For information, go to the festival Web site at http:// birdsonawirefest.com.

"It is the riskiest thing we have ever done, the scariest thing we have ever done."

larson HICKS Head of Stereopathic

## **Music:**

## Gorillaz

Plastic Beach

It has been five years since Gorillaz released their album Demon Days. Now, after such a long hiatus, this animated musical group is back to show listeners who they really are and that they aren't just another gimmick. Broken Bells

Broken Bells

Broken Bells is: The Shins' James Mercer & Danger Mouse. Including "The High Road" and "The Ghost Inside," Broken Bells features Mercer on vocals, guitars and bass while Brian Burton, a.k.a Danger Mouse, plays organ, drums, piano, synths and bass. The pair played all the instruments on the album with the exception of a full string section arranged by Daniele Luppi. Broken Bells was recorded at Mondo Studio in Los Angeles and produced

by Danger Mouse. Jimi Hendrix

Valleys of Neptune

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This brand new, completely unreleased

studio album features 12 previously unreleased studio recordings totaling more than 60 minutes of unheard Jimi Hendrix. Ten of these recordings were made between February and May 1969 as The Jimi Hendrix Experience set out to create the sequel to their groundbreaking 1968 double-album *Electric Ladyland*. The album features "Valleys of Neptune," one of Hendrix's most sought, commercially unavailable recordings.

## **Movies:**

"Up in the Air"

George Clooney stars as a character who is essentially Edward Norton's character in the movie "Fight Club," except for the fact that he is not crazy. He is about the single-serving lifestyle and not about to get himself attached. Obviously Hollywood will spin this so that he falls in love, and of course he does. He meets a woman that is exactly like him. The rest is pretty predictable.

**Boondock Saints II:** 

All Saint's Day"

You will either love this sequel, or ab-

solutely love it. The film starts out a little bit slow and some may immediately feel the making of the film was a mistake. After some plot development, murder starts to happen as well as some jokes that made the first film so popular. It is worth the rent, especially for the gratuitous violence.

"Old Dogs"

John Travolta and Robin Williams star in "Old Dogs," the hilarious fam-ily comedy that will have you howling. Two best friends have their lives turned upside down when they're unexpectedly charged with the care of 7-year-old twins while on the verge of the biggest business deal of their lives. The clueless bachelors stumble in their efforts to take care of the children, leading to one debacle after an-other, with a gorilla and some pecking penguins — and perhaps to a newfound understanding of what's really important in life. Check it out if you are looking for a feel-good film.

## **Books:**

"Burning Bright: Stories" by Ron Rash Published by Ecco

The latest from Rash is a collection of stories that are worth your time and attention. From a story about a farmer living in the Great Depression to present day stories about small towns that are riddled with meth addiction, this collection of short stories will be interesting to say the least.

"Cheever: A Life" by Blake Bailey Published by Vintage

A historical novel following the trends of books about the Depression as of late, "Cheever" tells a story that piques the interest of most as it follows Cheever, a closeted bisexual who allows himself to simmer in self-loathing. With an interesting look at Cheever's life, this literary work is a great read and won't disappoint if the daunting number of pages does not scare you.

## Video Games:

"Final Fantasy XIII"

Playstation 3 and Xbox 360

This game has been highly anticipated by those who are true to the "Final Fantasy" series. It will be interesting to see how the game was put together and how the battle system will function. For those of you who are shocked that Square Enix, the game's developer, released this title on Xbox 360, have no fear — the game will still hopefully be completely awesome.

"Yakuza 3"

**Playstation 3** 

Making its first appearance exclusively on the PlayStation 3 platform, the rich story and vibrant world of Yakuza 3 lets players engage in intense brutal clashes within the streets of Okinawa, and the pulsating and often dangerous city of Tokyo where only the strongest survive. Following the events of the previous game, Kazuma and Haruka (his adopted daughter) have left Kamurochoto to seek a new life in Okinawa, where they manage an orphanage for children. Their peaceful life is soon interrupted when a series of events unfold that pull Kazuma back into the shadowy past he thought he had left behind. - Anthony Saia

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## Friday, March 5, 2010

## LA Tech spoils senior night

## Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

This isn't how Charlotte Otero hoped her senior night would be.

"It felt good to break my career high and knowing that I went out and gave it my all," Otero said. "Of course, it would have been a lot better to have won

it was our first time on national television and we know what we are capable of, we just didn't take it all the way."

The Idaho women's bas ketball team fell

behind early to Louisiana Tech Wednesday night and couldn't pull out a win despite drawing within seven points during a 20-5 run late in the game, dropping the contest 63-56.

"Our shot selection was horrendous," Idaho coach

Jon Newlee said. "We are not a team that can play one-on-one basketball.

The game was the last home game for seniors Otero, volleyball player Debbie Pederson, Amy Eisses and soccer player Anna Sandman. Pederson walked onto the team in the middle of the season and has been a steady contributor for the Vandals, while Sandman came to help with practice.

Otero, who has been the heart and soul of the Vandals in her four years at Idaho, dropped a ca-reer-high 18 points, dishing out six assists and grabbing four rebounds in her

final home game. "She was the best player

on the floor on both teams," Newlee said. "She played with a lot of heart, a lot of energy, made her shots.

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## MOVING CLOSER TO THE WAC

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Nick Groff/Argonaut Vandal guard and post Rachele Kloke is blocked by Lousiana Tech forward Adrienne Johnson during the second half of play in Cowan Spectrum Wednesday evening. Despite a late surge and a career-high night for Vandal Charlotte Otero with 18 points, six assists, four rebounds and two steals, the Vandals lost their last home game of the season, 63-56.

## **Climbers** come to UI

Vandal guard Kashif Watson drives to the hoop during the first half of play against San Jose State in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals were able to pull off a victory against the Spartans, 86-76, bringing their WAC record to 5-10.

Palouse Climbing Festival held at Idaho for the first time in eight years

### Rob Todeschi Argonaut

Climbers from the Northwest will compete in the eighth annual Palouse Climbing Festival today and Saturday.

The event is the fourth meet in the Northwest Collegiate Climbing Competition series that includes competition at Eastern Washington, Western Washington, Oregon State, Central Washington and the University of Washington.

This year's festival is the first University of Idaho climbing event to be included in a Northwest collegiate climbing competition. The festival is also the only twoday climbing event in the series.

"The series was designed to keep the local flavor of the competition," said Trevor Fulton, organizer of this year's festival. "The last three months of my focus have been putting this together and making it fun."

Fulton and UI Outdoor Program Coordinator Mike see CLIMBERS, page 12

Beiser said the. NC3 series has been in the works since participating . universities built climbing walls. This summer, the coordinators met and organized the series and went to work gathering

ing, climbers must be university students and must compete in at least three of the six competitions in the series.

The connection among the climbing event series has increased competition and numbers. Fulton said his biggest obstacles are re-routing roughly 2,500 holds on the wall and preparing for a competition that's bigger than anything in the past.

The other competitions in the series have had their biggest turnouts to date and are close to doubling numbers.

"It ramps it up to a whole

sponsorships. Fulton said the organizers had to formulate a scoring system that could rank the climbers because each host school scores differently. In order to be eligible for rank-

Jake Barber/Argonaut Spencer Jacobs climbs the Student Recreation Center rock wall with the help of his belaying partner Andrew Tietjen Thursday. The SRC will host the eigth Annual Palouse Climbing Festival March 5-6.

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## Non-traditional rugby student

## 40-year-old will play first rugby match in Saturday tournament

### **Cheyenne Hollis** Argonaut

On the eve of Widows Fest, Idaho women's rugby's first home tournament in program history, Heather Dorr will be making her debut for the team. Dorr's journey to that moment, much like her student status, is nontraditional.

Dorr, 40, joined the team two weeks ago and only watched her first rugby match last weekend.

"I have played sports all my life but I thought I should give rugby a shot," Dorr said. "I wanted a sport with contact and that gave me chance to be aggressive - rugby definitely offers both.

Dorr, an anthropology major, said some people may not understand her decision to play given her age, but the team has done everything possible to welcome her.

"As a non-traditional student, there can be a stigma around you, but I have definitely not felt that with the girls on the team," Dorr said. "I am just part of the team and that feels awesome."

While being part of the Black Widows is important, Dorr said she is doing all she can to learn the game in order to contribute.

"I have only been practicing for a couple of weeks and there is a lot that goes into playing the game for rugby," Dorr said. "I am looking forward to getting out and playing, but it is somewhat overwhelming.

Dorr joined a team with a winning tradition — the Black Widows have only lost once in the past year.

Senior Natalie Strong said the tournament is a good

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

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New play style

## Vandals close out season on the road against Nevada

### Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

With the disappointment of a senior night loss to Louisiana Tech behind them, the Vandals are preparing for the WAC tournament in Reno.

the conference season, the Vandals can secure a No. 4 seed in the WAC tournament with a win.

More importantly than seeding, a win against Nevada going into the WAC tournament would give the team momentum and

a chance to refine their play following a shallow performance for parts of the game against LA Tech.

"We can't play like this and expect to win the WAC championship," Newlee said. "We'll watch some film and see where we are at.

The Vandals sit in a threeway tie for the No. 4 spot in the convoluted WAC standings, tied with Boise State and New Mexico State with a 7-8 record.

The Vandals can finish no higher than a No. 4 seed, but a loss to Nevada could potentially drop Idaho to as low as a No. 6 seed in the tournament, depending on the outcome of the other final-day games. Newlee said he is confi-

dent in the team's ability to respond to the loss. "We've done a good job of

With one game left to play in playing poorly and bounc-

ing back and playing better," Newlee "They (the said. understand team) what things go bad and why they went bad - I'm expecting a bounce back and a much better result on Saturday."

Nevada enters its final game of the conference season in firm grasp of the No. 3 seed in the tournament after requiring a buzzer-beating shot by Shavon Moore to defeat New Mexico State and avoid its third straight loss.

Nevada had previously consecutive double-digit losses to Fresno State and LA Tech.

The Wolfpack can finish no lower than No. 3, but a win over Idaho has the potential to draw even against LA Tech for the No, 2 seed in the WAC.

Idaho's defense will need to keep a sharp eye on Tahnee Robinson and Moore, who lead the Wolfpack with 15 and 11 points per game, respectively.

The two teams met earlier in the season, with Idaho coming out on top in a gritty, down-to-the-wire win in Cowan Spectrum, Newlee can only hope for a similar game, as the last contest featured near-flawless play by Idaho and a strong defensive presence down low, which denied Nevada any breathing room.

Saturday's game will be the final tune-up for Rachele Kloke, who has been having foul trouble and was largely ineffective in Wednesday night's game, despite leading the Vandals in scoring for the majority of the season.

Newlee also hopes the back-to-back 3-pointers by Bianca Cheever in Wednesday's game were a sign of 'revival from the perimeter shooter, who has been going through a slump as of late.

Regardless of what hap-pens, Newlee said the team is going to Reno to play its best. 'We will get after Reno

and stay out there and be ready next Wednesday for whomever we have to play," Newlee said.



Vandal post and guard Natasha Helsham goes up to the basket through Louisiana Tech guard Tarkeisha Wysinger during the game Wednesday evening in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals women's team lost 63-56 on Senior Night.

## Run for the hills tourney must-win

### Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

Runners and walkers, big and small, of all skill level and age, will converge on the Snake River Canyon Saturday to officially ring in the start of a brand new season for the Palouse Road Runners with a half-marathon.

31st annual The Snake River Canyon half-marathon is one of the oldest-running events in the history of the Palouse Road Runners. The event draws runners from all walks of life and the surrounding region.

Last year, the Snake

River Canyon run drew a record-breaking 423 runners, joggers and walkers, with participants from as far away as Boise and Spokane and even a few runners from Vermont.

The 13.1-mile race, which is held on the first Saturday of every March to welcome the spring running season, winds down the Snake River Canyon. The route fully paved and flat and offers a spectacular view of the Snake River.

The Palouse Road Runners have set up water stations every few miles along the course to help runners and walkers rejuvenate

on their journey weather in the canyon typically ranges from 50 to 65 degrees during this time of the year.

For competitive participants, the Palouse Road Runners offers a \$250 prize for breaking the course record. In addition, the top three finishers in each age group and runner category will receive a pint glass, which features an intricate race logo.

Race day is drawing closer, but there is still time to register by visiting www.bluecirclesports. com. The cost is \$20.

The half-marathon kicks off bright and early at 8 a.m., Saturday.

## **Pierce Beigh** Argonaut

On Saturday night the Idaho men's basketball team will compete in its last conference game of the 2009-10 season. The Vandals finish off their season at home against Hawaii, not only senior night, but an important game for the Vandals.

Idaho has a record of 14-15 overall and a WAC record of 5-10. With just-five wins within the conference, Saturday's game will decide just when and where the Vandals finish their season.

Hawaii has a conference record of 3-12, and can change its entire season if it wins this weekend.

After defeating Hawaii, Boise State has a conference record of 4-11, just one win

behind the Vandals. These three teams, Idaho, Hawaii and Boise State, will be fighting for spots into the tournament next weekend. Right now Idaho is seated to be in, but the only way for Idaho to clench the spot is to finish the weekend with a win.

'Hawaii just beat Nevada — it's going to be a good game when they come here," Idaho coach Don Verlin said.

Hawaii has been the team for everybody to defeat this year, but many of the games have been tough losses that could have gone either way, much like the Vandals.

Hawaii has only three wins so far in the season against Boise State, San Jose State and a huge upset win against Nevada.

The win against Nevada was major for the Hawaii

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Warriors as its last home game of the season and senior night. The team came out to play and ended up defeating a big WAC contender.

The Warriors had a ninegame-losing streak going, but with the win against Nevada, Hawaii finally has momentum and a chance to completely turn its season around.

Hawaii looked as if it would finish last place in the WAC and end up not going to the tournament. Although its huge win against Nevada, the team lost to Boise State Thursday, falling further behind the Vandals.

"I hope all the seniors play well," Verlin said. "We just have to execute better on offense and get our defensive rebounds.



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File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut Vandal pole vaulter Jeremy Klas attempts a vault of 17 feet, 8 inches Feb. 19 in the Kibbie Dome at the Vandal Collegiate. Klas recently won gold in the pole vault at the WAC Indoor Championships in Boise last week.

# Pushing to qualify

### Lisa Short Argonaut

The regular track and field season is over, but for a few Idaho track and field athletes, the indoor season is not.

Mykael Bothum has automatically qualified for the NCAA indoor championship meet, but Idaho holds a few other athletes that are close, and this weekend those athletes will get another shot at qualifying.

The Husky Last Chance Qualifier in Seattle gives athletes a last chance to go to the NCAA meet. For Idaho pole vaulters, including Lucas Pope, Jeremy Klas and KC Dahlgren, one more chance might be just what they need.

Pope, Klas and Dahlgren are all what coach

Wayne Phipps calls, "right on the bubble." Phipps said the pole vaulters are comfortable with the facility because they have vaulted there before, putting up great marks. This is an opportunity for those athletes to step up and clear the next height.

For Pope and Klas, the vault is within reach. Pope has vaulted 17 feet, 6 1/2 inches, Klas has vaulted 17 feet, 5 1/2 inches. The men will need to reach a height of 17 feet, 7 3/4 inches to qualify for the NCAA meet. The men have showed continued improvement each week and at each meet, breaking the Idaho record then battling back and forth to break their own records.

Dahlgren's height is also close to being in the top percent of athletes invited to nationals. She has vaulted at the provisional qualifying height of 13 feet, 4.1/4 inches and needs to add just a little more. Dahlgren would possibly qualify with a vault around 13 feet, 11 1/4 inches.

If athletes don't meet the automat-

ic qualifying mark, they will have to battle for the top 18 to 25 spots. It isn't always a set speed, height or distance that will get them to nationals — sometimes it is a completion that can beat out their opponents.

that can beat out their opponents. Eugenio Mannucci, Josh Dalton, James Clark, Steve Potrazt, Kevin Merkling and Barry Britt are also going to the Last Chance meet. These men are pushing for a great event to finish out their season in a better fashion than they did at conference.

Phipps said the Seattle track is great for the distance runners and hopes the mile and 3K runners can get in some good races.

Coaches Yogi Teevens and Phipps agree that its finish at conference doesn't reflect all the team is capable of, and hopes it will give some athletes another chance to show what they can do.

Aside from the Seattle meet, junior Paul Dittmer is traveling to Virginia Tech to race against top hurdlers in an attempt to get to nationals. Phipps said that is where some of the best hurdlers will be.

Dittmer has been close to qualifying all season and wasn't able to put it all together at conference. Now he can get next to some tough competition and hopefully push himself to the NCAA mark.

Dittmer is ranked No. 21 in the nation and will need better than his 7.85 second race to secure his spot at nationals.

The Virginia Tech meet also features a preliminary, a semi-final and a finals race. If Dittmer does well, it gives him three chances to run the time he needs for nationals.

While a few athletes are giving themselves one last push for the indoor season, the rest of the team is going back into training mode with outdoor season on the mind.

## Tooth for a tooth

## Intramural refs redeem themselves

More than a year ago I wrote a scathing column about the uselessness of intramural referees. While some officials may still be utter rubbish, perhaps some of

those in charge of intramurals Even if I did somehow manage to commit a foul in the process of being shouldered in the face, losing my tooth was punishment

enough. The foul call was simply overkill. Despite the disdain of being called still treated with concern and respect.

The second is based upon the expedient process. There was no half-heartedness from any of the referees and staff on hand. There was a genuine duty to do his or her job. This is something



are not so bad after all.

Unfortunately it took a tooth, technically a crown, for me to come to this conclusion. The joys of competitive intramural basketball hit me

square in the face. In a rather routine play, I got a shoulder to the mouth while guarding another player in the post. The impact was severe enough to break my crown off and chip the top of one of my bottom teeth — not exactly an ideal outcome for a meaningless basketball contest.

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If there is one thing that needs to be mentioned, it is the fact I was dinged with a foul despite losing my tooth. It is hard to believe someone who lost his or her tooth committed a foul unless it involved an attempt to bite someone. I was guilty of no such action. dain of being called for a foul while having my dental work redone, the rest of the experience was a fairly positive one given the other runins I have had with intramural staff.

intramural staff. After the incident

Argonaut process in place for

handling the situation. Everything was done in an efficient and professional manner, which is rather surprising given some of the other incidents I have witnessed.

Early in the semester, I was perplexed when I observed a head indoor soccer official so enamored with his cell phone he failed to witness multiple goals being scored. The situation was corrected but could have easily been avoided.

The impressive nature of the care I received was on two levels. The first has to be the fact that even though I mercilessly ripped intramural referees, I was that cannot be said for student employees in numerous other departments.

It was not just intramural staff who displayed a positivity not normally seen in intramurals. The other team also displayed a willingness to partake in good sportsmanship. They willingly played with four players a side since I was unable to continue and our team had no substitutes.

It is hard to lose a crown — it is even harder to admit when one is wrong. I was wrong in my early assessment of intramural officials. This is not to say they are all amazing, far from it, but a majority of them are seemingly competent.

The pain of my own mistake is nothing compared to the pain of being an uninsured college student needing dental work. At least there are always sports for me to immerse myself in, since I will be broke and not participating in intramurals for a few weeks. FRIDAY. MARCH 5

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The women's rugby team, the Black Widows, prepare for its tournament which takes place at 9:30 a.m., Saturday on the SprinTurf.

## **Back in the swing**

## Women's golf starts new season

#### Lisa Short Argonaut

The Idaho women's golf team is back on the green and ready to pick up where it left off last fall. The wom-

en's team is ranked No. 39 in the nation and is excited for the spring sea-

son to start. The team will head to Vegas to face Nevada-Las Vegas and other schools in an 18-team field in UNLV Spring In-

vitational. The team finished its fall season winning three out of five tournaments and is ready to try for some spring success.

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The team's accomplishments in the fall moved it from No. 72 in the NCAA to No. 39. Helping lead that shift was sophomore Kayla Mortellaro, who is ranked No. 33 in the nation.

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Idaho can focus in on its biggest goal — winning the WAC championship. It is a goal the team has had all year and an accomplishment senior Amanda Jacobs has had in her Idaho career.

Jacobs boasted about her experience of winning the WAC tournament her freshman year and said it was definitely an experience she'd like to

have again. And this is a great year for Idaho golf to be able to step up and take another WAC championship. Coach Lisa Johnson said it is a goal well within reach.

"We're very talented," Johnson said. "We have a strong five, where everyone can contribute every round."

Consistent contributions by everyone are what the team will need to get to the championships, but it also has four tournaments before that to get where it needs to be.

First in line is next week's trip to the familiar UNLV course. Truly picking up right where they left off, the course is the same course where the team had its last fall tournament.

Boulder Creek Golf Course favors short game and a lot of mental focus, Johnson said. The team will need to overcome the "mental hurdle" of needing to shoot below par, but it is an obstacle the Idaho team has handled well.

"With the weather we've been able to practice a lot," Johnson said, "and now we're just really excited and ready to get going."

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handled the ball and got assists, got some steals --- she was all over the place."

The Vandals got a scare early in the game when sophomore Shaena-Lyn Kuehu was knocked down, hitting her head hard on the court. Kuehu remained lying on the court for half a minute as the crowd watched in muted dismay before erupting in cheers as she got up and walked to the bench by her own power but clearly in distress.

She was forced to sit out the remainder of the first half and much of the second before making a late-game comeback.

"I didn't figure she would be back tonight — I thought 'Oh man, please, please let her be ready to go in the WAC tournament,'" Newlee said. "She has a huge knot on the back of her head, but luckily no concussion symptoms.

Kuehu's injury was followed by flat play from the Vandals, which opened the door for a 15-2 LA Tech run in the middle

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chance for the team to impress the community and toughen some of the new players coming through the ranks.

"Our goals for the tournament are to win it and raise awareness about the team," Strong' said. "We want to expand our profile in the community and the rugby scene in the Northwest."

The Black Widows will compete against teams from Cheney, Boise and Spokane on Saturday.

"It is always nice to play at home and we are really starting to get some good crowds at our games, which is an extra boost," Strong said. "We are constantly looking to play strong competition and find new challenges.'

One of those challenges will not be the NCAA tournament because the Black Widows do not meet all of the qualifications, Strong said.

"We have girls who have been playing with the team for six years and some other things which prevent us from qualifying for the NCAA tournament," Strong said. "We play rugby because we have a passion for the sport, so not being in a league is not an issue for us.

Strong said the team competes on a high level and has knocked off teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament.

For Dorr, this weekend gives her a chance to prove herself against women half her age.

"When I first joined the team I did it for fun and to stay in shape, but now I realize I have the chance to prove that age doesn't matter," Dorr said. "I just can't wait to get out there and hit 'someone this weekend." The Widows Fest starts at 9:30 a.m. on the

SprinTurf Saturday and continues all day. It is free to attend.

of the first and set the stage for a 22-point lead, which was simply too big for the Vandals to overcome.

The bitter loss was partially redeemed by strong play from Bianca Cheever. Cheever played a strong defensive game, but it was back-to-back 3-point shots which had Newlee excited.

"It was nice to see her make a couple of shots," Newlee said. "There was the Cheever we saw earlier in the year — hopefully that Cheever gets on the bus and the airplane to Reno with us."

Otero said while the loss stings, she is proud to have gone out in such style and been a part of the Vandal tradition.

"I'm really thankful that I had the op-portunity to stay here," Otero said. "When the coaches came in, they still stuck with me and gave me a chance — I'm just really glad to be a part of the Idaho history."

For Newlee, the feeling is mutual. "I've never had a kid practice and play as hard for as long as she has. She has done everything I've asked her to do and more — we are going to miss her, "Newlee said. "I wish we had one more year with her."



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other level," Beiser said. He said he anticipates Idaho's numbers to double as well with outside universities registering and sending vans of competitors to Moscow.

"(It's a) rendezvous for folks with a shared interest in the sport," he said.

Many of Idaho's climbers have competed in the previous series' events and Fulton said the experience has al-

ties. "They come back with ideas and ways to make our facilities better or they learn to climb better," Fulton said. Climbing has traditional-ly been an individual sport, but the competitive series is

lowed climbers to compare

and contrast their skills and

programs to other universi-

creating changes. "In the past few years

there's been a drive to make it a more competitive sport against other individuals, not just yourselves," Fulton said.

Jesse Elliott, Idaho senior

on training and preparation for the next meet.

and climbing club treasurer,

said the series focuses people

"Definitely being in a series, like any other team sport, I've got three more meets to look forward to and do better," Elliott said. "It gives a purpose to training." Beiser said the event

comes down to bringing people together for the sport.

"And you're able to represent your university," he said. "It doesn't matter if it's traditional athletics or a sport club. Everyone's got a little Vandal pride in them."





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