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The search is on



Jake Barber/Argonaut

D. Ray Reutzel speaks with faculty members and students in the Student Union Building Monday. Reutzel is one of four finalists in University of Idaho's College of Education dean search.

College of Education dean candidates visit UI

Jennifer Schlake
Argonaut

The number of candidates for the position of dean of the College of Education has been narrowed down to four, and on Monday, candidate D. Ray Reutzel addressed a small number of faculty and staff in the Silver Room of the Student Union Building.

Currently, Reutzel is the Emma Eccles Jones endowed chair and distinguished professor at Utah State University, but Reutzel has acquired a plethora of experience that could make him well prepared as a possible dean of education.

Starting out in several positions of elementary education, Reutzel climbed the ladder, obtaining positions as assistant professor at Weber State University and later at Brigham Young University. During his 13 years at BYU, Reutzel moved up as the associate dean for Teacher Education and Planning. After BYU, he moved to Southern Utah University and took a position as the provost and vice president for academic affairs. In this position, Reutzel managed a budget as much as \$150 million, explaining to his audience that

he was well-educated in the subject and was determined to keep such a topic as transparent as possible.

Reutzel praised the current education's vision statement, but said he would like to make sure the vision is current with today's economic situations and looking ahead to the future.

According to U.S. News and World Report, UI's College of Education is Idaho's flagship leading the other colleges in the right direction.

"I think that's very important, and perhaps a continued aspiration to be ranked," Reutzel said. "I like to be at places leading the field."

Among his teaching and administration experience, Reutzel also carried on several grant research projects, including a \$3.3 million grant that brought literacy education to 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in Puerto Rico.

He stressed, if chosen as dean, that he would be collaborative, consulting and action-oriented. Reutzel said he wanted to focus on spending time to learn about the college and its future.

"I don't know everything, and it's important I spend time to learn about (the students) and this college

d. ray reutzel's RESUME

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and where (they) want to go," Reutzel said.

He added that he'd also move toward ways of increasing student enrollment and decrease the time it takes for students to graduate.

The committee will present the second candidate, Corinne Mantle-Bromley, the current interim associate dean in the College of Education at Washington State University, on Wednesday, and Rosalyn Anstine Templeton, the executive dean for the College of Education at Marshall University, on Thursday.

healthcareBILL

National issue, local impact

Michelle Gregg
Special to The Argonaut

The House of Representatives all the way in Washington, D.C., approved President Barack Obama's Health Care Reform Bill on Sunday, residents of the Moscow community and Idaho as a whole may see affects from the bill.

The bill centers on creating more affordable health care, mainly for lower and middle class citizens using the treatment of Medicaid, and regulating health care insurance companies so everyone is able to be insured no matter how much money they make.

"Most people know the generalized idea, but it really does have a lot of benefits that would help people," said Janice M. Boughton, M.D. in internal medicine, at Palouse Medical in Moscow.

It will improve the quality of health care, including health-in-homes and early childhood home visits, which would also be beneficial, Boughton said.

"Most uninsured people wait until the last minute to get help, and their sickness has worsened into something that requires more treatment," she said. "This would improve the availability of care, especially in Idaho, and more specifically Moscow, because we are a low-insured area."

It would save doctors money in their practices in Moscow, as well as practices around the state because people are not insured and doctors see them for free or at a heavily discounted price, Boughton said.

"Congress needed to do it the right way, using less politics and more key elements, making sure insurance is at its highest quality," said Darryl-Lynn Oaks, director of communications and executive assistant for the Idaho Hospitals Association.

The bill has many elements: reform of the clinical side, procedures and policies, changes to insurance and state and federal

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CLING TO SPRING



Ilya Pinchuk/Argonaut

A green hairstreak butterfly rests on a leaf in Northern California. Also known as the Bramble Streak butterfly, this species is common in Northern California forests. See more photos in a spring break photo essay on page 7.

UI bans Southwestern

Independent contracting company not allowed to recruit on campus

Jennifer Schlake
and Kelsey Samuels
Argonaut

After several complaints from faculty, students and parents, Southwestern Company has been banned from recruiting at the University of Idaho, the Career Center Director Suzanne Billington announced in an e-mail to faculty March 12.

Billington said a no trespassing order was issued on March 10 because the recruiters violated UI recruiting policies by using classrooms for their purposes without permission. The company received a warning in January.

Complaints over the past few weeks regarded the company entering classrooms, speaking to students and collecting student phone numbers. Upon investigation, the recruiters misled faculty into believing the Career Center had given them permission to enter the classrooms, Billington said.

The Career Center does not have the authority to grant permission to enter classrooms, but complaints indicate the company implied they had such permission. However, the approval is the decision of the faculty teaching the class.

Billington explained in the e-mail

the Career Center expects all employers to provide instructors with accurate information about their company and their purpose so the instructors can make an informed decision about the interruption of their class.

She said Southwestern is not like a normal employee company because they work on independent contracts. "The company really has no obligation of the students' success or failure," Billington said. "I really don't think students understand the implications of an independent contractor."

Southwestern representative Brandon Devlin has been coming to UI for four years. He said he has had a tremendous response from students and that the company has mostly had a positive response on campus.

"We're disappointed, but we still have a large number of students this summer," he said.

He said the surveys were never handed out during class, and while the surveys requested phone numbers, completing any part of the survey was voluntary.

"We feel grateful to have spo-

ken to students at the University of Idaho," Devlin said. "We hold no resentment toward the University of Idaho for their decision ... I would love the opportunity to earn the right (to be back on campus) in the future."

"The complaints that were made were valid complaints."

suzanne BILLINGTON
Career Center director

a disservice to students by not supporting those who are interested in Southwestern employment.

"The complaints that were made were valid complaints," Billington said. She said if students want to continue work with the company, they should do their research before committing. Along with the banning of Southwestern Company on campus, the Career Center is tightening the recruitment policies to avoid future problems. Billington said it is the first time they have had to ban recruiters from campus.

UI students will no longer pay for overload credits

Ross Bingham
Argonaut

Senior public relations major Whitney Rodriguez wanted to register for more credits last semester to graduate early, but after a credit overload fee was implemented, Rodriguez decided to cut back.

The fee, which came with a price tag of \$251 per credit, was implemented in 2009 for students taking over 18 credits.

"The policy is unfair to students who can't afford to take 12 credits a semester and want to challenge themselves or accelerate their rate of education," she said.

Rodriguez is one of many students affected by the policy, and she said this

policy change was only implemented as an additional revenue source to help offset the economic downturn at University of Idaho.

After concerns from faculty and students, UI President Duane Nellis has given approval for the policy to be changed. Effective this fall, an overload fee will be charged after 21 credits.

Once a student exceeds the 20th credit load, a dean's signature is required where the student will then be notified of the fee.

In a memo written last fall to Douglas Baker, University of Idaho provost, administrators

addressed concerns of faculty and students alike

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whitney RODRIGUEZ
Senior

Discover Life

at the Idaho Commons & Student Union

Idaho Commons & Student Union

This week's ASUI Vandal Entertainment Films...

Foreign Films Series:

Stoning of Soraya

Tuesday
March 22nd & 23rd
7 & 9:30pm

SUB Borah Theater
\$2 Students/\$3 Public

Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Indie Film Series:

Brothers

Wednesday & Thursday
March 24th & 25th
7 & 9:30pm

SUB Borah Theater
\$2 Students/\$3 Public

Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Blockbuster Series:

The Blindside

Friday & Saturday
March 26th & 27th
7 & 9:30pm

SUB Borah Theater
\$2 Students/\$3 Public

Tickets sold at the SUB Info Desk

Free Small Concert:

Preston Pugmire

Tuesday
March 23rd
8pm

SUB Ballroom

LEADS

Rock Climbing

Tuesday, March 23rd 3:30-4:30
Location: SRC Rock Wall

Food Evokes Memories of Home; An International Perspective

Wednesday, March 24th 11:30-12:30 pm
Aurora Room - 4th Floor Idaho Commons

Student Organization Software Demonstration

Wednesday, March 31st 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Horizon Room, 4th Floor Idaho Commons
RSVP to asuileads@gmail.com

Leads Workshop

Wednesday, March 24th
11:30-12:30 in the Aurora room
Food Evokes Memories of Home, an International Perspective
Vegetarian Pizza will be served
RSVP denisek@uidaho.edu

Idaho Commons Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7am-12am
Friday: 7am-8pm
Saturday: 9am-8pm
Sunday: 12pm-12am

Student Union Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7am-12am
Friday: 7am-8pm
Saturday: 9am-8pm (will stay open later for programming)
Sunday: 12pm-12am

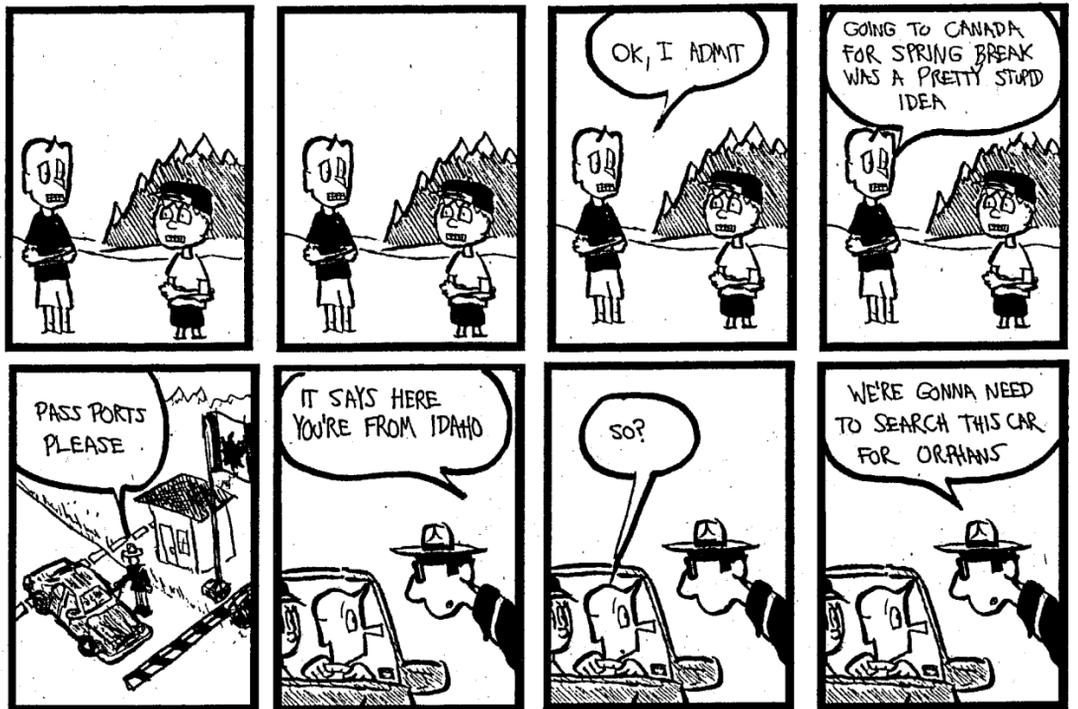
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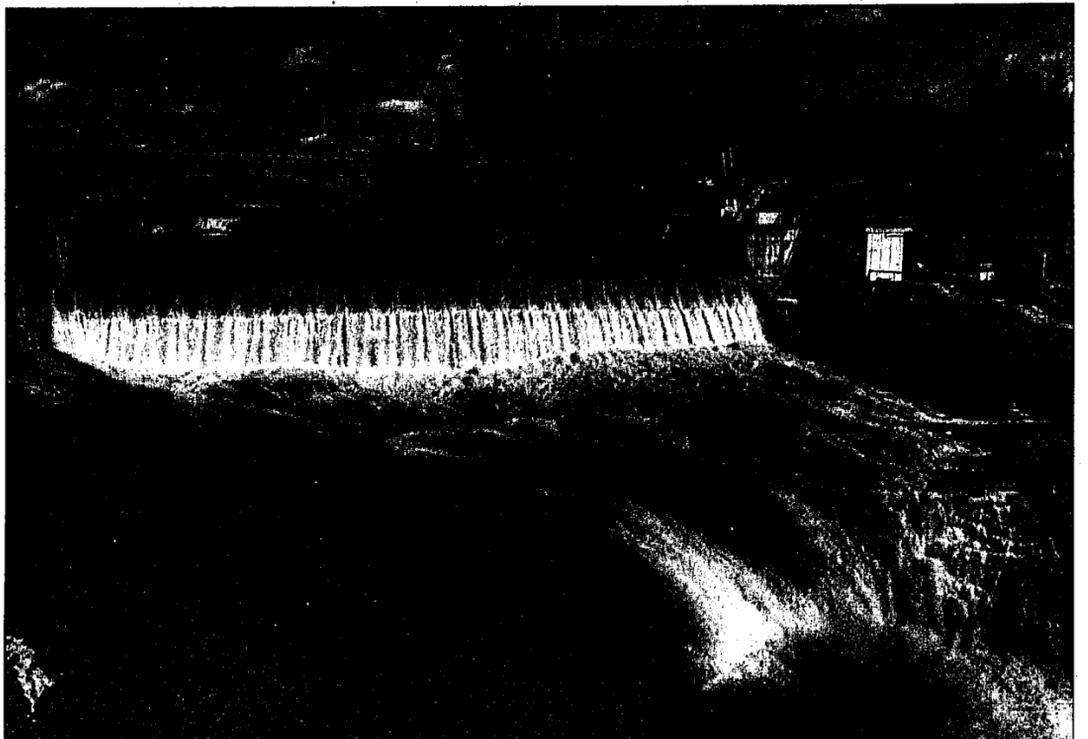
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Paul Tong/Argonaut



FALLING IN SPOKANE



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Water spills down Spokane Falls in this high dynamic range photo taken Thursday.

crossword

- Across**
- 1 French friends
 - 5 Female sib
 - 8 Happen again
 - 13 Mascara site
 - 14 Exploits
 - 16 Muse of poetry
 - 17 Winglike
 - 18 Orderly
 - 19 Coincide
 - 20 Elevator alternative
 - 22 Game fish
 - 24 Zenith
 - 25 *Hunchback of Notre Dame* novelist
 - 26 Rascal
 - 29 Fireplace tool
 - 31 Mile-High City
 - 34 Summer in France
 - 37 Dander
 - 38 Sierra
 - 39 Cancel
 - 42 Allows for
 - 44 Colorado resort
 - 45 King topper
 - 46 Twisty curve
 - 47 Golf shot
 - 49 Wooded
 - 52 Potato feature
 - 53 Carry
 - 55 Music of India
 - 58 1943 Bogart film
 - 61 Sand dollar
 - 63 Rodeo rope
 - 65 Bleacher feature
 - 67 Aesop's also-ran
 - 68 Woodwinds
 - 69 Glitch
 - 70 From square one
 - 71 Tablelands
 - 72 Seek damages
 - 73 Impudence
- Down**
- 1 "C'est la vie"
 - 2 Mediterranean island
 - 3 Writer Asimov
 - 4 Cocktail forerunner
 - 5 Without (Fr.)
 - 6 Swelling reducer
 - 7 Height
 - 8 Gather
 - 9 Hence
 - 10 Bear or wolf, e.g.
 - 11 Colorado native
 - 12 Fish eggs
 - 15 Hart
 - 21 Early auto
 - 23 Staff
 - 25 Animal group
 - 27 Patches up
 - 28 Newspapers, e.g.
 - 30 Relative
 - 32 *The Lord of the Rings* figure
 - 33 Newcomer, briefly
 - 34 Wipe clean
 - 35 Ill-tempered
 - 36 Strong black coffee
 - 40 Boardroom bigwig
 - 41 Squid's squirt
 - 42 Farm measure
 - 43 Honorarium
 - 45 Achieves
 - 48 Fraternity letter
 - 50 Stumble
 - 51 Russian country houses
 - 54 Table scraps
 - 56 Lake Volta locale
 - 57 Buenos
 - 59 Between ports
 - 60 *Bonanza* brother
 - 61 Exhort
 - 62 Tidings
 - 63 *Pink Panther* actor Herbert
 - 64 White House nickname
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sudoku

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FREE pizza

Society of Professional Journalists invites you to a night of Texas Hold 'Em

5:30 p.m. Today in The Argonaut newsroom (third floor of the SUB)

Make a difference

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

Spring break is a time when most students find themselves traveling to exotic places for the week—but 132 students from the University of Idaho traveled across the country to help a family or community in need.

The Alternative Service Break (ASB) program sent students to Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas for the week.

Ali Lopez, an intern for ASB, said the amount of people who applied for ASB increased by 50 students.

"One-hundred and eighty-four students applied for the trips, but because of money we only had enough of our budget to fund 12 trips, which only allowed us to select 132 students," Lopez said.

The ASB program looked for students who hadn't gone on the trip in previous years, and for students who could bring their experiences back to the university for the upcoming fall and spring.

Kelsey Paul, a freshman studying architecture and interior design, and Ben Schile, a sophomore studying digital media production went to Rushville, La., with seven other students and two group leaders to build and frame a house for a woman named "Mama Black."

"Originally we were going to be building and framing a house, however when we got down there we came to find that there was not even a foundation poured where

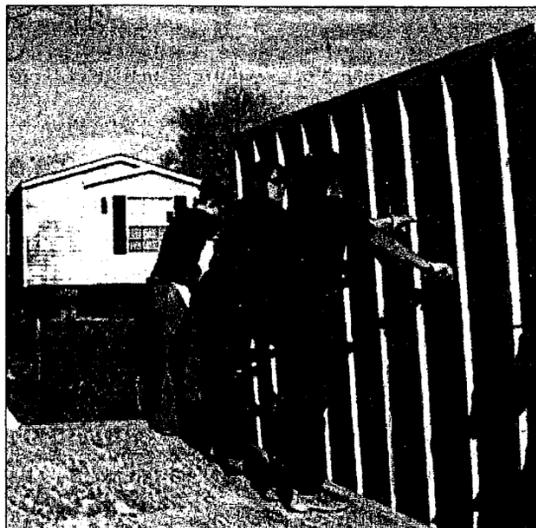


Photo Courtesy of Kelsey Paul

UI students Tirtza Dibble, left, and Mallory Triplett, right, erect a wall with Sharon Fritz, a psychologist from the UI Counseling and Testing Center, during Alternate Spring Break trip to Rushville, La.

the house was going to go, so we ended up beautifying the neighborhood," Schile said. "Our group picked up thousands of pounds of trash, planted flowers, cleared dead trees, built a basketball hoop, dug out a foundation and built a shed."

Paul said the experience was rewarding, and she learned it doesn't matter how much you have, but what matters is the relationships and friendships you create and the faith that keeps you strong.

"The community always had a smile on their faces and a good attitude and knew how to have a good time," Paul said. "Despite all the tragedy that they faced throughout Katrina

and the recovery in the past five years, they never lost faith and relied on their beliefs to get them through their struggles."

Danielle Green, a junior studying microbiology, traveled to Sabine Pass, Texas, to help locals rebuild their houses.

"We mainly did odd jobs for the locals. For example, since all of the houses are now required to be lifted at least 12 feet off the ground, the ramps and staircases leading up to the front doors needed painting," Green said. "The best thing about the trip was getting to experience a very unique part of the country, and the friendships I made with members in my group."

Plan has potential

Students create cutting edge tech for next generation

Ashley Centers
Argonaut

Michele Vachon, a UI graduate student, just returned from Texas, where she and two fellow students had the chance to show off a two-time local champion business plan. The plan was developed for investors, capitalists and experts in various fields at the World's Best Technology Showcase in Arlington, and the University of Texas at Austin's IC2 Institute business plan competition.

The business plan, Lucid Diagnostics, is based on research and technology developed over the last several years in the lab of Larry Forney, professor of biological sciences. Forney's research focuses on women's reproductive health.

Forney said as a microbiologist, he studies the bacteria present in the woman's vagina to try and understand the differences in these microbial communities in every woman. He said he and his research team want to understand conditions in these communities to promote good vaginal health and what happens to make things go awry.

"We hope that our technology will catapult the development of individualized medicine, making it easier for doc-

tors to diagnosis and treat Bacterial Vaginosis," Vachon said. "Our second product line involves categorizing women based on their microbial communities to help identify and assess other health risks. At LDI, we call this typing technology. This will be incredibly valuable for preventative medicine and the development of specialized products based on a woman's unique type."

Forney said although no two people have the same microbial communities, they can be grouped into eight different categories based on similar composition.

"This business plan has the potential to change the lives of women everywhere," said Gaylene Anderson, the licensing associate for UI's Technology Transfer Office. "A woman will be able to buy feminine products that are tailored specifically to her body type. A woman is going to better understand what she's at risk for, and because of that she'll be able to manage her health."

Lucid Diagnostics was developed by Vachon, who has a master's degree in environmental science, UI law students Jacob Pierson and Brandon Holbrook, and Washington State University Masters of Business Administration students Brad Hansen and Siris

Silva in conjunction with Anderson and Forney.

"The majority of the business plan was written as part of the MBA coursework at WSU about a year or so ago," Vachon said. "The UI students consulted and contributed to the business plan content, although we did this outside of our normal class work. We had many late night meetings after work and school in order to get this done."

According to Anderson, the UI technology team made it to the semifinals in both competitions in Texas. This is the first time students from UI and WSU have partnered on a business plan and a business plan team from UI has competed outside the state.

"Our technology was well received in all the forums that we presented in. We even held focus groups with women to help develop some of our marketing materials and slogan," Vachon said. "The advice we received from the judges was priceless—normally people would pay thousands of dollars for the expert advice we received. It will only help us improve our plan and help the university improve this plan in the future. I doubt that this is the last time that this technology goes out to competitions. It's only the beginning."

Targeting Native Americans

Mattea York
Special to The Argonaut

Native American students have been targeted in recruiting and retention efforts at the University of Idaho in order to increase their exposure to education.

About 150 Native Americans were enrolled at UI last fall, Native American Student Center Director Steven Martin said. Most of this number, which accounts for about 1 percent of the entire student population, are self-identified Natives, he said.

Martin said recruiting Native Americans is important partly because they are the population that lacks exposure to higher education. Native Americans made up about 1.1 percent of total enrollment in colleges and universities in 2006, according to a report by the National Center for Education Statistics. This is the lowest of any ethnic group to date.

The University of Idaho has a relationship with 10 area tribes, and Martin said these connections are important to their recruiting process.

"We don't want those tribes to be forgotten," he said.

Martin said he is not the first at UI to be involved in efforts to recruit more Natives.

"Prior to my arrival, there has been a voice—a push for the recruitment of Native American students," he said.

Martin and Native American Tribal Liaison Arthur Taylor arrived in 2007, one year after the Native American Student Center opened.

"We hit the ground running," Martin said. Martin said one of his goals is to create exposure to what the University of Idaho has to offer Native American students.

The Native American Student Center is a resource that has helped attract Native students to campus, but not all have used it. Martin said he sees about 25 to 35 of the 150 at the center.

Shoshone-Paiute student Kenneth Pete, a freshman from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, said he decided to come to UI after listening to recruiters talk in his high school classes in Owyhee, Nev., about what UI has to offer Native Americans.

"A big part was the Native Center," he said.

Martin said he and Taylor visit many tribal schools and state and regional high schools with high concentrations of Native students, but they have also started recruiting on a national level.

Martin said many programs such as Upward Bound and Helping Orient Indian Students and Teachers, or HOIST, are useful recruiting tools. HOIST is a five-week math and science residential summer camp for Native students.

"Our goal is to develop a pipeline through HOIST," Martin said.

The University of Idaho, Washington State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College and the Northwest Indian College work together to reach Native American students, primarily through the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the school and the tribes in 2007.

Seeking All Voices

"A Peculiar Evil: Silencing Expression in America"
Directed by: Dr. Jim Zeiger

Auditions Held:

**Thursday March 25,
5:30-7 p.m. Kiva Theater**

**Friday March 26,
5:30-7 p.m. Kiva Theater**

(Kiva Theater Located on the University of Idaho Campus)

Seeking a range of voices,
male and female, any age.

*A script will be available at
the audition or in advance via
email*

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ENVIRONMENT
At the University of Idaho we recognize that a positive living, learning and working environment is healthy and desirable for everyone, and it is essential to achieving our vision and fulfilling our highest goals.

CULTURE
The University is a place of excellence where the culture reflects trust, respect, fairness, inclusiveness, openness, and consistency. It is supportive and characterized by integrity and accountability.

RESULTS
At the University, employees, processes and organizational goals produce high quality results, where all members of the university community make a meaningful contribution, are recognized, and feel a sense of pride and accomplishment.

POTENTIAL
The University of Idaho is a learning environment where each individual can reach his or her highest potential and where a spirit of inquiry, understanding, transformational learning and knowledge creation is encouraged through the formal and informal exchange of ideas.

POSITIVE
The University is a nurturing place to learn and work, where people are engaged, friendly and helpful. We are committed to ongoing, honest self-examination of our current organization, culture and climate, and to continuous improvement in each these areas.

This statement was articulated by the Strategic Action Plan Goal Four Implementation Team, 2009. This statement reflects our aspiration as we work to foster a university environment that is academically, culturally, socially and environmentally sustainable. The goal set forth by the Implementation Team, has been adopted and endorsed by the President of the University of Idaho, M. Duane Nellis.

newsBRIEFS

Dance performance starts Thursday

University of Idaho's Dancers Drummers Dreamers group will perform "Look Sharp!" The performance is modeled off of a radio and television program called "The Gillette Cavalcade of Sports," which originally ran from 1944 to 1960 and discussed a variety of sports. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Hartung Theatre, with a 2 p.m. performance on Saturday. Tickets are \$11 general admission, with a \$8 student/youth ticket and a \$9 senior ticket also available. Tickets can be purchased at the UI Ticket Office or by calling 885-7212.

Silver and Gold Award to go to Christian I. Nyby

The UI Silver and Gold Award will be given to Christian I. Nyby, film and television director from 1959 to 1961. He has been nominated for a Director's Guild Award and has directed numerous episodes of television programs including, "Hill Street Blues" and "Moonlighting." He will be presented with the award at an April 21 luncheon in the Student Union Building Silver and Gold room from 12 to 2 p.m. The event will be hosted by the UI Alumni Association and the School of Journalism and Mass Media.

calendar

Today

Student Recital:
Jamie Karlson
7:30 p.m.
Admin. Auditorium

Thursday

Teaching Innovation Series: Librarians in Blackboard?
12:30 p.m.
Idaho Commons Horizon Room
Dian Prorak and Kristin Henrich will discuss methods to collaborate with students doing research.

VIEW/Wells Fargo Entrepreneurship Series: David Alexander
6 p.m.
Admin. Auditorium
University of Idaho alumnus David Alexander, CEO of IVUS Energy Innovations, will talk about his company.

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Last stand against health care bill

Associated Press

In a last stand against a newly passed health care overhaul, opponents are trying everything they can to stop it from becoming the law of the land.

Republicans in the Senate are planning parliamentary maneuvers to keep a companion bill from reaching the president's desk. And lawmakers in at least 30 states are working to prevent what they say is an unconstitutional mandate forcing Americans to have health insurance.

Experts say none of it is likely to work, but it will keep the issue, and the outrage, alive until Election Day.

"I am surprised by the mobilization of the states. It does strike me as a kind of civil disobedience, a declaration that we're not going to follow the law of the land," said Mark Hall, a professor of law and public health at Wake Forest University.

"It doesn't make sense. The federal Constitution couldn't be any clearer that federal law is su-

preme," Hall added.

The House passed the plan late Sunday, sparking a variety of protests and threats less than a day later.

By Monday, at least 10 state attorneys general had promised to file suit against the federal government when President Barack Obama signs the bill. The states were Alabama, Colorado, Florida, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Michigan, Nebraska, Washington. Officials in North Dakota were weighing whether to join the case.

Virginia and Idaho have passed legislation aimed at blocking the bill's insurance requirement from taking effect in their states.

In Michigan, a petition drive was launched to put a measure on the ballot asking voters if they want to exempt the state from the overhaul.

In Arizona, lawmakers approved a constitutional amendment that will be put on the ballot in November. And in Colorado, a citizens' group was preparing to collect signatures to put a comparable amendment on the ballot.

Regardless of whether such

measures are enacted, they will give opponents of the federal bill a chance to keep the issue in front of voters until the fall.

For the states, it's a question of individual rights. Many say Congress does not have the authority to require citizens to buy goods or services they may not want.

"Just by virtue of being a resident of the United States, never before in history have we been required to purchase something," said Brian Gottstein, a spokesman for Republican Virginia Attorney General Kenneth Cuccinelli II.

In Washington, Obama's health care overhaul isn't completely finished. Although the main bill has passed both houses of Congress, a series of changes sought by House Democrats was headed to the Senate, where debate is expected to begin as early

as Tuesday.

Senate Democrats hope to approve the revisions and send the complete bill directly to Obama, but Republicans are determined to drag out the process by offering scores of amendments.

Republican Sen. John McCain told KTVK in Phoenix that the Senate maneuvering is only the first line in the battle against a measure passed in an "unsavory, sausage-making, Chicago-style process."

"We will fight in the courts, and we will fight in the rallies and the tea parties and the town hall meetings. And we will fight in the ballot booth, and we will prevail. And we will defeat

this because the United States of America and Arizona can't afford this," McCain said.

"People are mad, and they're more angry than I've ever seen them, and they should be."

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john
McCain
Republican senator

policeLOG

March 15

2:14 a.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer responded to Steam Plant reporting an employee set off the alarm when he entered the building, no report.

5:32 a.m. 1000 block of Stadium Drive: Caller reported someone outside trying to get in but no visual. Officers contacted subject, no report.

8:45 a.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer responded for a gun check, no report.

8:57 p.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer responded for a gun check, no report.

11:54 p.m. 900 block of Nez Perce Drive: Caller reported a domestic disturbance. Officers responded, no report.

Tuesday

9:07 a.m. Stadium Drive, Kibbie Dome West parking lot: Officer requested case number for malicious mischief, report taken.

9:16 a.m. Stadium Drive, Kibbie ASUI Activity Center: Officer requested case number for a citizen assist, no report.

5:42 p.m. Rayburn Street, Lot 25: extra patrol

5:47 p.m. Sweet Avenue, Lot 60: extra patrol

Wednesday

11:40 a.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer requested a case number for a found ID card, no report.

2:48 p.m. West Third Street, MPD Sub Station: Officer responded for a gun check, no report.

8:58 p.m. Paradise Creek Street, Living

Learning Center: Caller reported that she lost her camera, possibly in the LLC parking lot. She was there about 3 p.m. and would like the area checked for the camera.

Thursday

7:54 p.m. Elm Street, Kappa Kappa Gamma: Moscow Police and Fire responded for a fire alarm. Officer advised it was due to paint fumes, no report.

10:47 p.m. Sweet Avenue, Lot 60: Officer arrested male for driving while license suspended or revoked, report taken.

Friday

9:49 a.m. Seventh and Ash, Gold Lot: Caller reported abandoned vehicle left at the location for over a week. Vehicle was chalked, tagged and held until Monday morning at 8 a.m.

Saturday

2:29 a.m. Sweet Avenue and South Main Street: Officers arrested male for DUI, report taken.

11:28 p.m. Deakin Avenue, Student Union Building: 911 open line, nothing heard. On call back the line was busy. Officers responded, no problem and no report.

Sunday

11:44 a.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer responded for a gun check, no report.

4:52 p.m. West Third Street, MPD Substation: Officer responded for a gun check, no report.

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Idaho newspaper carrier makes Guinness World Record history

Sharon Strauss
Idaho Press Tribune

If it's the fastest, tallest, smallest or largest, you'll find it in the Guinness Book of World Records. And now a long-time Idaho Press-Tribune carrier holds the title for the longest-running newspaper route — in the world.

A job that started in June 1958 culminated this week with recognition from the famous reference book of extreme achievements.

Darlyne Markus, 80, of Nampa received a certificate recently officially naming her "the longest-serving paper girl." She applied for a chance at the title a little over a year ago. The former record holder was a newspaper carrier from Canada who delivered papers for 44 years.

For 51 years and through all sorts of weather, Markus has tossed countless Idaho Free Press and Idaho Press-Tribune newspapers onto driveways and front porches on her 42-mile route along Airport Road, Garrity Boulevard and Robinson Boulevard and East Victory Road.

Markus was 29 when she first got the job. The paper was smaller and a month's subscription only cost \$1.25. Gas cost a quarter a gallon. There was a lot less traffic and Markus knew every customer on her route — which was during the day in the

early years — by name.

"The route is really good and bad," said the mother of three grown children who all grew up on the route.

The good?

"I need to do something to keep lively. It keeps you healthy."

The bad?

"You get tired of getting up at night," said Markus, who credits vitamins, exercise, good health and good genes for giving her the energy to keep up with the job. She has no plans to quit.

When Markus first started, she got two days off a week from her daytime route. Nowadays, it's a seven-day-a-week commitment during the middle of the night.

"I haven't really gotten tired of it much at all," she said, although "lately it would be nice to sleep through the night, as I get older."

Come blizzards or car trouble — she got stuck in snow once and a couple of Good Samaritans simply lifted and carried her Volkswagen Beetle back onto the road — she keeps on delivering.

Markus has been through nine cars since she started the route and if her vehicle breaks down, she rents one instead of handing her route over to somebody else.

"I've never missed a day," she said, "and when I have a problem I don't expect the bosses to come out and fix it."

women'sCENTER

The University of Idaho Women's Center is conducting safe zone ally training this week, starting on Wednesday.

Once trained, allies can help the campus become an increasingly welcome environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students, faculty and staff. Anyone who has taken the course before can take it as a refresher.

In the training, participants will learn about the difference between sex and gender, what makes up individual identities, how to identify and address bias privilege and tools for creating safe places.

The training will be conducted by Mo Hendrickson from the UI Human Rights Access and Inclusion Office, and Rebecca Rod from the UI LGBTQQA Office.

Training begins at noon Wednesday in the Commons Crest Room, with another option for training at 4:00 p.m. Thursday in the SUB Appaloosa Room. Space for the training will be limited to 25 people per session.

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about the impact of the additional fees, especially for students with curricula that require them to register for 19 and 20 credits to complete degrees in a four-year time frame. They also mentioned students who enrolled in engaged learning and service-related activities that moved them into the 19 and 20 credit range and for top students seeking to enrich and/or accelerate their degree completion.

The financial resource from this added fee generated \$120,000 from fall 2009, but the effective impact on departments and programs across the university and student access to learning opportunities far exceeded the amount of revenue generated, and administrators felt the need to turn the policy over.

ASUI President Kelby Wilson said Congressman Tom Trail wrote legislation in February that would prohibit all higher education institutions from charging overload fees.

Wilson said ASUI wanted to change the overload fee structure, but said that legislation being passed directly impacts the operations of our schools and was the best precedent to set.

The number of students affected by the overload fee is small in comparison to the student body as a whole, he said.

"In fall 2009, there were 161 students taking 19 credit hours and 75 students taking 20 credit hours. Those students will no longer be paying overload fees," Wilson said. "There were 10 students taking 21 credits and four students taking 22 credits," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, 20 students were taking 25 credits, and he assumes those at 25 credit hours are the medical students in WWAMI. Only 34 students will still be paying overload fees, Wilson said.

The repeal of this policy is welcoming news to Rodriguez and many other students across campus.

"I think this is a win-win solution. I only see positives," Wilson said. "There is a bit of revenue loss for the university, but that amount is less than a quarter million dollars annually."

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programs. Oaks said it is all very broad.

"As far as the university goes, faculty and staff won't be affected because all the employees are insured," said Donald Crowley, chairman for the political science

department at the University of Idaho.

Idaho is ranked 14th from the bottom in states that are uninsured, and seventh from the bottom in children who are uninsured, and the bill will help them, Crowley said. It would give them access to health insurance that they are not able to have now.

"Overall, it will make slow, but good changes to Idaho and help many people," Crowley said.

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Texas move affects us all

Board of Education's history re-write is a disaster

Thomas Jefferson is not an important 18th century thinker, according to the Texas Board of Education.

Every 10 years, the group discusses curriculum, and they recently decided to de-emphasize his contributions to humanity. The phrase he coined, "separation of church and state" is one of many items targeted by the conservative board members. They also decided textbooks should cast a more positive light on great contributors to the United States such

as Joseph McCarthy.

It's also apparent they think the First Amendment isn't too important, as they've decided to downplay the notion teachers should examine why the Founding Fathers strove to ensure freedom of religion. Apparently that would interfere with their warped notion of U.S. history.

There is a Christian majority in this country, maybe a supermajority, but it's the duty of public schools to remain secular institutions, not turn into religious

indoctrination centers.

The people who run the Texas Board of Education are not qualified in the slightest to determine what children should be exposed to. One prominent member is a dentist who fancies himself a history buff. How anyone could consider a dentist more qualified to determine the content of primary curriculum for students than educators, academics and similar professionals is one of the great questions of our time.

When you get to the

heart of this, it's nothing more than zealots trying to re-write U.S. history so it conforms to their value system. To make matters even worse, since Texas is such a major purchaser of textbooks, they have influence in what content makes it into the books — meaning other states could be affected by their decisions.

It really is unbelievable something like this could happen. Hopefully Texas voters see it that way, or we may be in real trouble.

— GC

off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

Thanks, Democrats

What the health care bill means to me: I no longer have to worry about being turned away from insurance companies due to my serious back injuries as a child and young adult that are considered pre-existing conditions. Why didn't this bill pass sooner?

— Kelsey

Tests

I have three tests on Friday. Somebody shoot me.

— Jeffrey

D.C.-bound

Anyone remember when I talked about applying for an internship with Rep. Walt Minnick? Probably not, but I did, and guess what? I was accepted. Which is super exciting, but then I started looking at what it costs to live there for two months ... yikes. Would anyone like to give me about \$3,000?

— Kelcie

Spring break

I had more work than break last week, so I'm well prepared to power through these last seven weeks of my college career. I am woman, hear me roar.

— Jennifer

Time flies

It's hard to believe that May is only a little more than a month away. My fourth year of school is almost over. It may not be my last year here, but I am certainly staggered by how fast my time here has gone by.

— Jake

Enjoying break

Was I the only person that spent spring break sleeping and playing video games? All my friends seem more tired now than they were when they left.

— Jens

Darn you, spring break

After an epic road trip that included soaking in the rays on a sunny beach in 80-degree weather, coming back to Moscow just isn't as glamorous as it sounds.

— Ilya

Boring

I never have anything of value to say, so it seems.

— Greg

Insubordinate employees

Well, the health care bill passed, albeit barely — but the majority, as it should, rules. In the final vote on the bill, every Republican and 34 Democrats opposed the bill for a final count of 219-212.

There is a growing problem in America concerning our attitude toward members of Congress. Many people believe members of the house who voted against the bill only did so because they were afraid of the people and were spineless instead of standing up for what is right.

This is simply not right. Members of Congress should always be striving to be re-elected.

The reason a representative democracy works is because representatives working toward their own self-interest of being re-elected simultaneously represent their constituents. Likewise, an employee of a business keeps his or her job when he or she does what the boss wants.

"I voted no today because I was elected to listen to my constituents."

walt
MINNICK
U.S. Congressmen

boss money — then he or she would be fired. No one would applaud that hamburger flipper for standing up to the threat of termination.

Certainly there is more room for personal judgment in the Senate and the presidency, but the House of Representatives is supposed to be the people's house. The reason the members are elected every two years is because that was the shortest time logistically possible in the 18th century. They are supposed to be held directly responsible to the people.

No doubt most of the votes

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No more 'Monologues'

Apparently empowering women is frowned upon at Gonzaga University.

Administration officials at the Catholic university in Spokane recently voted to continue to ban of the play, "The Vagina Monologues," made by the Board of Trustees and former president in 2002.

Throughout the semester, a group of student leaders have been working with administration to create an approval process. Students said they believed it would ultimately lead to the production being shown on campus.

Protestors organized a sit-in outside of a campus building. They chanted, "Go vaginas, V-A-G-I-N-A-S," and held signs such as, "Vaginas need to talk too."

It's unbelievable that any institution of higher learning would ban such an educational performance. What's worse is GU will allow a production of "Lysistrata," a comedy by Aristophanes originally performed in 411 B.C.

"Lysistrata" tells of a woman's way to

end the Peloponnesian War — by convincing Grecian women to withhold sex from their husbands and lovers to force them to compromise and create peace — and GU's production includes erect phaluses and sex jokes.

Why is this any different?

GU professors also spoke out on the issue.

"Let me be clear," Women's and Gender Studies Chair Patsy Fowler wrote in an e-mail, "I support and applaud the production of 'Lysistrata,' it is an important piece of classical drama that I often teach. But to censor 'The Vagina Monologues' because of inappropriate content is nothing less than absurd."

"The Vagina Monologues" is about allowing women's sexuality to become an open discussion. It's about empowering women and reversing the idea that their sex lives should be taboo. The production focuses on true sex experiences the playwright collected

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Paperless is not always green

Being "green" has become the social norm. City trash pickup now includes recycling bins, the university has added composting to its already eco-conscious campus, and everywhere you look there are advertisements and merchandise that say being earth-friendly is cool. Even individuals who used to look down on the "reuse, recycle" crowd as meat-hating hippies have joined the fight to save the planet. But as the University of Idaho gets greener, people seem to produce more waste and the



Erin HARTY
Argonaut

system for recycling is often insufficient. Every semester students at the University of Idaho are allotted 250 print pages. Any unused pages are rolled over to the next semester. As early as two years ago, students would use a minimal amount of their pages printing research papers and other items for class. Today, students may not have any pages to spare. Using the new paperless technology available to them, instructors send students e-reserve attachments of readings and other things that may

be covered in their classes. At first this seems to be a way to avoid the hassle of bringing piles of handouts to class and get around all the paper waste, but instructors often ask their students to bring these readings with them to class. These aren't usually two or three page articles, but whole chapters of books instructors have "saved" their students from having to purchase by providing an online version for download. Students, in order to take advantage of the printing allotment, then go to the computer labs on campus or the printing kiosk in the Teaching and Learning Center to print their pages. Problems with the com-

puters and printers, or students tired of waiting for their pages to print to one printer being used by ten students, often leads to piles of unclaimed papers that sit and await recycling. This leads to another problem — finding a place to recycle. If students are in the TLC or the Student Union Building it is not hard to find an available recycling bin. These are marked for trash, newspaper, printing papers, cans and plastic waste. Bins (isguised as pebble-covered trashcans) are scattered at random intervals around campus as well, but what about other buildings on campus? It is not as easy to find a recy-

cling bin when you need one in buildings including Renfrew Hall or Art and Architecture North. Don't art and chemistry students have a desire to recycle? Are the recycling bins placed strategically to ensure visitors to campus see the effort being made or are there just not enough to go around? Most can appreciate and admire the university's response to waste management and reduction, but until the system is refined and both students and staff recognize the amount of waste being produced, being "green" and going "paperless" has little meaning. Send letters to arg-opinion@uidaho.edu.

Out with the old

The latest round of protests over health care reform are a perfect example why some of those against it should not be heard. There are some voices so counterproductive to society that perhaps they do not deserve to be aired.

I am not promoting health care reform in America. That is an issue to be debated and ultimately decided by the American public through their elected officials.



Cheyenne HOLLIS
Argonaut

But those who do debate it should refrain from using racial slurs, slippery slope arguments and good-old-fashioned stupidity. Not only is no solution being reached, but America is slowly falling into disrepute.

For a start, those seeking to persuade others should probably not resort to using racial slurs against those who are against a specific cause. If the reports are true and the president — along with members of Congress — were abused, society needs to hold them accountable.

Most people who are against a state-supported health care plan are not racists. However, if they want to be taken seriously, a purge of those who are racist is needed. Negative attention and a lack of progress is all that will result from the presence of these individuals.

It is not just racists that should be purged from the debate. Extremists and radicals on both sides have made it difficult for headway to be made. Problems are only exacerbated when they add their two cents.

The problem with the Tea Party protestors is that most of their ideals are reflective of the Amer-

ican Cold War tradition. They argue that health care reform will somehow lead to communism overtaking America.

This argument against health care is thoroughly illegitimate. If one's fear is an outbreak of communism, he or she should move elsewhere. Perhaps these people would feel a bit more comfortable in 1958. If one needs to relive the 1950s, watching an episode of "Leave It to Beaver" and a trip to a classic Denny's should suffice.

Why stop with racism and the threat of communism? Surely women are easy targets, just like minorities. American history is filled with plenty of threats to fear mongering. A call for internment camps and a deep-rooted hatred of housing British soldiers could be around the corner.

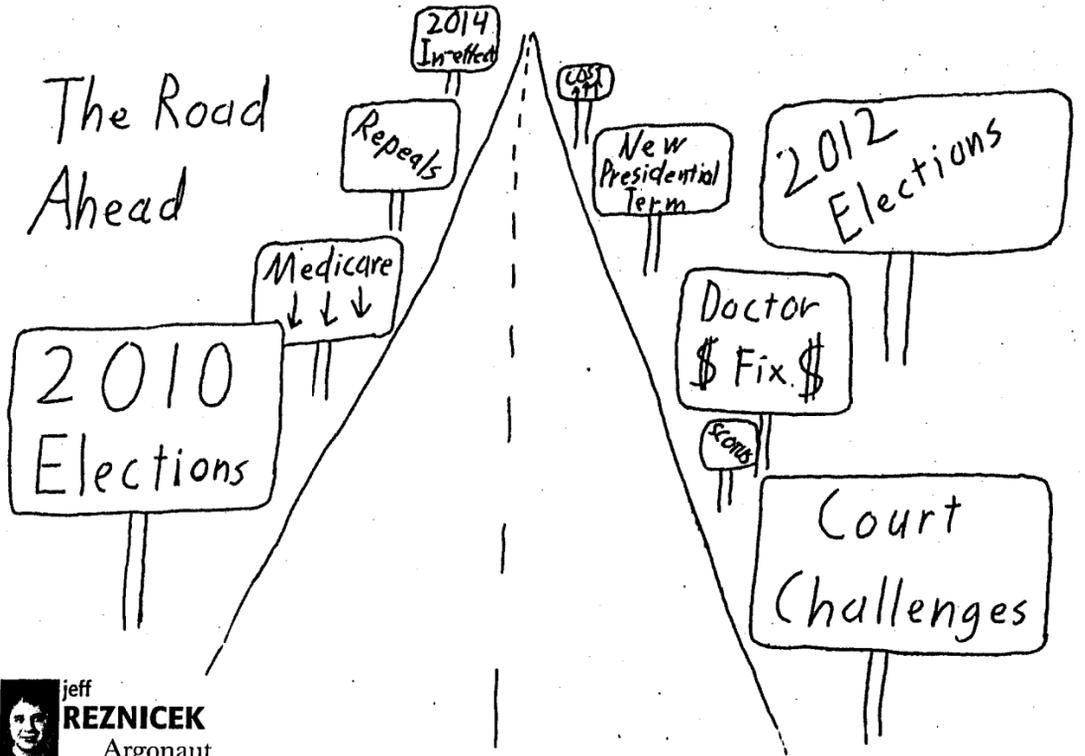
The majority of people who are against the health care bill are probably concerned about the future of America. Unfortunately, the craziest group of people who associated themselves with this cause will always be at the forefront in the media.

This means the health care debate played out in the media is between racist morons and pretentious socialists. It is certainly not the most ideal portrayal of the issue, but it is the reality.

A person has every right to fight for something he or she believes, but using racism and preventing progress because of irrational fears are low blows that should not be tolerated in any debate.

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The Road Ahead



Jeff REZNICEK
Argonaut

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represented the will of each district's constituents. I doubt there was a sizable opposition to the bill in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's district in San Francisco, or overwhelming support in Idaho's First Congressional District, whose Democratic representative Walt Minnick voted against the bill. In a release statement, the Idaho Democrat defended his vote, saying, "I voted no today because I was elected to listen to my constituents."

The problem lies in the fact that all recent major polls show Americans disapprove of the bill, with some by as much as 20 points. This means quite a few members of Congress voted against the wishes of their constituents. With elections around the corner, it will be interesting to see how many of them stick around. I don't think that boss would keep those employees around if they were this insubordinate.

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in interviews, masturbation and menstrual cycle stories, as well as more serious topics — female genital mutilation and monologues about women's rights in Afghanistan.

"To be denied the venue to speak about women's issues in a phallogentric university is disrespectful, it's discrimination," said GU senior Libby Villa.

GU students aren't who they used to be. If they want to talk about sex, they should be able to. They should be able to have a dialogue-opening production come to campus to bring an everyday issue to light.

Catholics have sex too, and GU is doing students a disservice by banning such an enlightening production.

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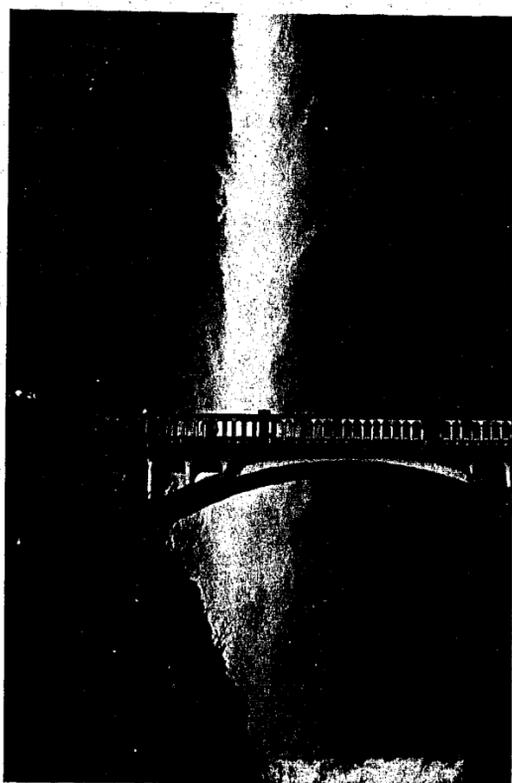
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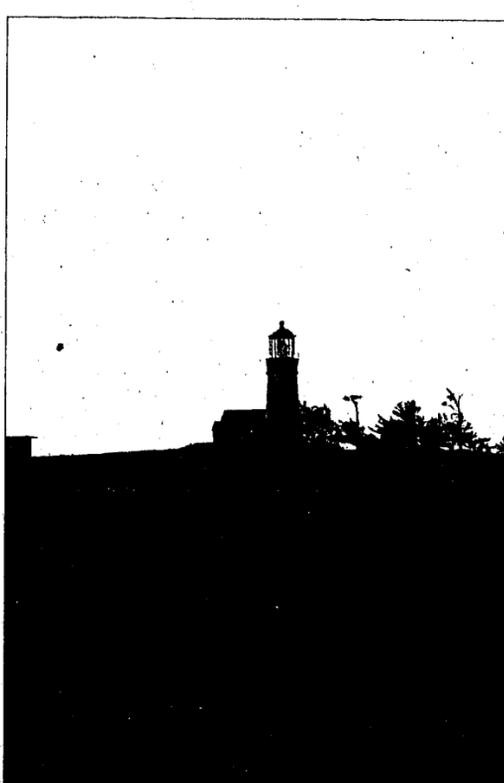
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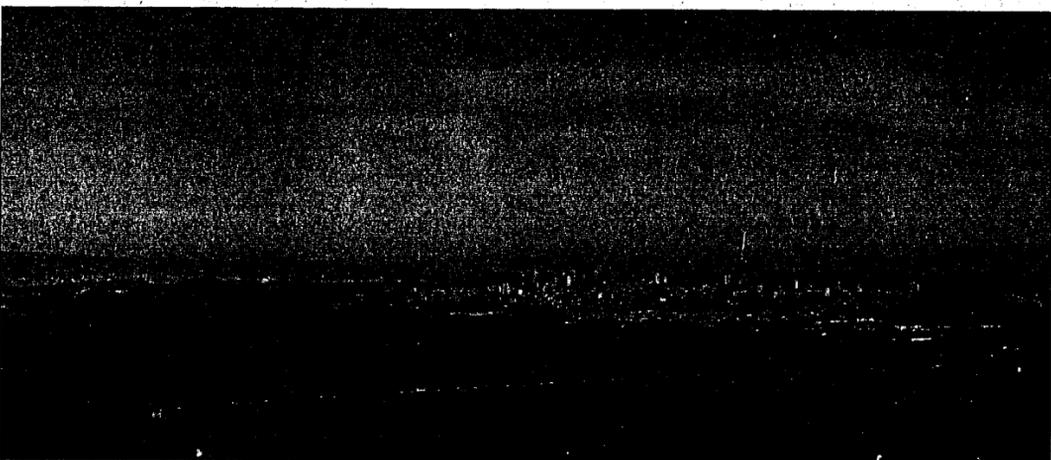
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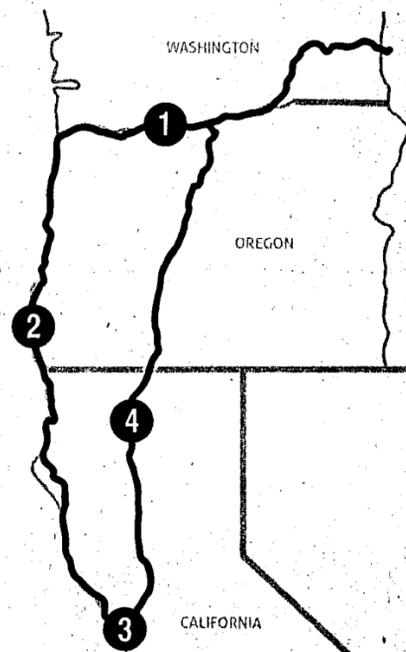
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Illness poses barriers to quitting

In August of 2008, I stayed in a psychiatric hospital in Boise after a suicide attempt. I had struggled with depression and anxiety for the past year, and it bubbled over. Before I was admitted, I had started smoking casually. My parents refused to give me cigarettes. I woke up the second day there with a craving so bad it hurt.

I went to the nurses station with the hope of finding cigarettes. The glass door separated me from the busling work center. I knocked, and an older nurse came to the door. She knew the look in my eye. I was tired. I felt sick. I was aggravated. She nodded and gave me a pack of Gold Coasts.

"Parents won't buy you cigarettes, huh?" she said. I nodded.

"I quit smoking when the price of cigarettes went from \$0.25 per pack to \$0.50. I don't want you to go through that in here."

That nurse kept me going through one of the worst experiences of my life.

A year and a half later, I'm kept stable with medication, and I'm ready to discard my crutch. As I

write this, I've been off cigarettes for 23 days.

I have other friends with mental health problems. Quite a few of them smoke. I talked to one of my old psychiatrists, Dr. Richard Montgomery of Boise, about why this is.

"Smoking is a way to cope with stress," he said. "It's self-medication."

I certainly used nicotine to cope with stress. Every time I got into an argument with my family, I would run outside to suck down a cigarette. About 80 percent of all smokers use smoking as a stress reliever, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Montgomery said smoking is also linked to socio-economic status and education. People with lower education levels who are mentally ill are more likely to smoke, he said. Montgomery said mental illness could cause people to withdraw from society, which could explain the link between homelessness and mental illness. Smoking is also an activity that is looked down upon by much of society.

Montgomery said smoking could also interfere with serum

levels of medication. The tar from smoking can build up in the body and prevent absorption of the chemicals.

"There's a lot of evidence with that in psychiatric medication," he said.

Though smoking did help me relieve my anxiety, I also noticed that I needed higher doses of medication to achieve the same effects when I was smoking.

The American Lung Association recommends finding other ways of dealing with stress when quitting smoking. Since exercise can reduce cravings, and is beneficial to the cardiovascular system, it can often be helpful to go on a walk or go to the gym.

Ask friends and family to support you in the difficult time of quitting smoking. Just as people with mental illness deserve support and love in trying times, so do ex-smokers.

Look for a report next week on the stop-smoking drug Chantix and its side effects.

What's missing here from the Midwest

If you're like me, you went home during spring break. Also if you're like me, you suffered from a debilitating stomach virus while you were home — hopefully you skipped that part. But when I wasn't suffering from the colon-depleting effects of whatever maniacal bug I managed to catch, I enjoyed getting back to some of the sights and sounds that the Midwest has to offer. For those of you who aren't savvy, here are my top five things I like about the Midwest.

5. Steak n' Shake

We have a chain of greasy spoons out in this neck of the woods called Steak n' Shake. I don't know where they technically stop, but I know no one around here seems to have heard of them. They have a nice big menu of greasy steakburgers and

delicious milkshakes, and they're always just a little dirty. I miss that. Oh, and they're 24 hours, so I can always get a big, gross frisco melt (a delicious hamburger and melt cross) at midnight if I wanted.

4. Everything's closer

I don't know if you native members of the Inland and Pacific Northwest are aware of this, but places aren't so far apart in other parts of the country. The population density just kind of goes down as you go west, till you get to Moscow and everything is two hours away. I know that's not technically true. But how long does it take to drive from one end of Moscow to the other? And then it's like a big trip to go to Pullman. I had to drive 15 minutes to pick up my mom from work today, and I was in town the whole time. And Peoria, Ill., is no massive metropolis.

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matt ADAMS-WENGER
Argonaut

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Musical A.D.D.

When reading a review, many do not get further than the first paragraph, or maybe even the first line because there is no attention-getter, a concept that has been driven into our brains since the first time we were assigned persuasive essays in high school English. In fact, most of those born in the 21st century have such short attention spans that they regularly turn their focus elsewhere if not immediately grabbed. Music is often subject to this lack of concentration.

Perhaps this is why The Audition's fourth full-length album, 2010's *Great Danger*, clocks in at 32 minutes. The longest track is a grand four minutes and nine seconds, which seems to be a marketing ploy toward the class of 2010 — those with miniscule attention spans. That's right, we're talking about middle school children here. In retrospect, that might be a bit

harsh. The Audition has released a few halfway decent songs, sprinkled with the ultra catchy, "My Temperature's Rising," from 2009's self-titled album. The Chicago band is marginally known in the pop and punk genre, though by definition they are a "lower level" band demoted to endless slots opening for other bands on tour, and are considered annoying and trite by anyone who listened to contemporaries Taking Back Sunday, New Found Glory and others from their time.

Great Danger does not have a single track that stands out, from the Cartel rip-off opener, "Let Me Know," to the all too generic power chord closer, "Final Adventure," that even has the trademark last song title name. Throughout the album,

listeners will hear the same poor vocal range as well as the same chord progression. Furthermore, the album utilizes the repetitive, bland — but not horrible — production as well as the identical verbally deficient lyrics.

There is not a single praiseworthy song on the album. Fortunately, for some listeners this also means there is not a single song that is worse than the other. Listening to *Great Danger* is kind of like playing the game of finding 10 differences between two pictures, commonly found in coloring books. To be honest, finding 10, let alone five, might be a hard task if you have been trained by this century to be music A.D.D. Many will most likely indulge their inclinations and will not make it past the first song or two on this album. Fortunately they will not be missing out on anything spectacular.



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First impressions of 'Final Fantasy XIII'

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Stalwart fans of old school Final Fantasy games will probably dislike "Final Fantasy XIII."

That said, fans who can adapt and change with a series and allow it to blossom with some variety may find FFXIII refreshing.

Gamers who have played even one recent title from the Final Fantasy franchise know the extensive amount of play time needed to complete one game. FFXVII, FFXVIII and FFXIX each clock in at about 40 to 50 hours, not including side quests and other activities playable throughout the game. FFXIII is no exception, but gamers will find that the extended length of play is devoted to storyline rather than side missions or puzzles. Since this title has only been available for a couple of weeks, it would be next to impossible to finish the game without forfeiting all aspects of social life and vast amounts of sleep (which some people do). As I am more of a casual fan, here are some first impressions of the newest addition to the Final Fantasy series.

It must be mentioned first how beautiful the graphics are. This fact is not surprising, since the game has been in development since 2006 and was estimated to cost around \$40 million. The world of Cocoon (which looks eerily similar to Pandora with some similar looking creatures ... is James Cameron an anime fan?) is stunningly crafted down to minute details on stairs and the sides of buildings. The characters are all wonderfully done as well, and the in-game graphics are incredible. The game makes nearly seamless transitions between in-game graphics and cinema, which is a big advancement for the series.

One major complaint of first reviewers of the game focused on the battle system. Rather than controlling the actions of each character in battle, the system is more automated. One character is in charge, and the player controls only that character's action. The rest of the system is dependent on paradigms, which are similar to FFX's sphere grid, only easier to maneuver with more variety.

While it is different from most FF games and certainly takes a little getting used to, the battle system adds much needed diversity to the kinds of attacks characters can perform. It also requires more strategy from the player, rather than just tapping attack — magic — item over and over. In-game tutorials help guide the player through the changes, and with a little bit of exploration and experimentation, it should be easy to pick up the nuances of the system.

One negative about starting FFXIII is its slow beginning. The first two hours or so of the game are devoted to establishment of the six main characters and their relation to the core plot, which takes a big chunk of time and can bore the player. But there are occasional moments of action revolving around character development to ease the tedium. Most of the first few hours of development are given to Lightning — the game's main character and Squall Leonhart of FFXVIII's twin female counterpart — and Snow, Lightning's sister's fiancé.

It would be pointless to try to explain the plot, as it makes much more sense when it's actually played, but suffice it to say the storyline is intricate and intriguing. The player is taken down a road with the main characters to save a family member and a world that has turned its back to them. FFXIII is certainly worth picking up and trying out.



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ON THE SCENE

Here's a look at the top singles lighting up the charts on iTunes this week.

5. "Baby"- Justin Bieber

The name is only fitting, since it's roughly the age of this "hottie" who's about the age of someone you would babysit.

4. "Rude Boy"- Rihanna

Now that she's over Chris Brown, Rihanna isn't being shy about what she wants. Her lyrics are pretty rude, but at least she's letting boys know who the boss is.

3. "Hey, Soul Sister"- Train

Train is belting out a melodious tune that's simply irresistible. There's no doubt that the ukulele makes everything better.

2. "Nothin' On You"- B.O.B (featuring Bruno Mars)

"They got nothing on you, baby" B.O.B. belts with a voice sounding strangely similar to John Legend.

1. "Break Your Heart"- Taio Cruz (featuring Ludacris)

At least Taio is shooting it straight with the ladies by letting them know not to get their hopes up — maybe they'll meet a decent guy when they're clubbing to it.

—Lauren Paterson

Harpist has one on fans

Chava Thomas
Argonaut

Joanna Newsom is a polarizing artist. People either love her wordy lyrics and lush arrangements or eschew her squeaky voice and impenetrable subject matter.

Newsom's voice is often the deal breaker for listeners. A trained harpist, her instrumental skill far outpaces her vocal style, and her voice has been compared to a duck's squawk, an air horn and nails on a chalkboard.

Her new album, *Have One On Me*, is a triple album.

This, combined with lyrical complexity and an abrasive voice, should be enough to scare away even the most seasoned music aficionado. However, the new album is the most accessible one Newsom has recorded.

The first track, "Easy," shows Newsom's progression since her last album. Gone is the quack-like screech, replaced by a lilting soprano that is ready for adult contemporary radio but still retains Newsom's character. The layers of orchestral instrumentation add to the innovative sound and create an immersive atmosphere of sophistication.

Newsom's skill on the harp is showcased in "81," with little other instrumentation to distract from the beautiful plucking. The song, which references a garden party, would sound

at home in an "Alice in Wonderland" adaptation or a contemporary ballet. "Baby Birch" incorporates chimes into a sparse harp arrangement that puts the focus on Newsom's newly matured voice.

"Have One On Me" and "Good Intentions Paving Company" are more upbeat tracks, and are reminiscent of Newsom's first album, *The Milk-Eyed Mender*.

Her voice is squeakier and more abrasive in these songs, but it works well with the heavier instrumentation and is not overshadowed by banjo and orchestral strings.

Have One On Me is far more mainstream than Newsom's previous albums, but it is by no means a pop album. The average song runs about six minutes long, topping out at about 11 minutes. The lyrical content is dense, with many \$10 words, and could be intimidating to the casual listener. Additionally, the tempo and excitement level greatly slows down toward the last few songs, which could repel some listeners who want more stimulation.

Have One On Me will not disappoint long-time Newsom fans, and may convert a few of those who previously found her style repugnant. It shows Newsom's growth, but retains her distinctive style.



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MIDWEST

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3. Air pressure

The air pressure is just so much thicker here. There's a hardness to it that's lacking in the higher altitudes. Some might say that's "oxygen," but I imagine there's more science to it than that. There's more homogeneity in the Midwest, too, due to the:

2. Flatness

Let me tell you, I don't miss anything as much as I miss the flatness of the Great Plains. Hoo boy, there is nothing plain about them!

Get it? Plain? But seriously, everything's way too flat.

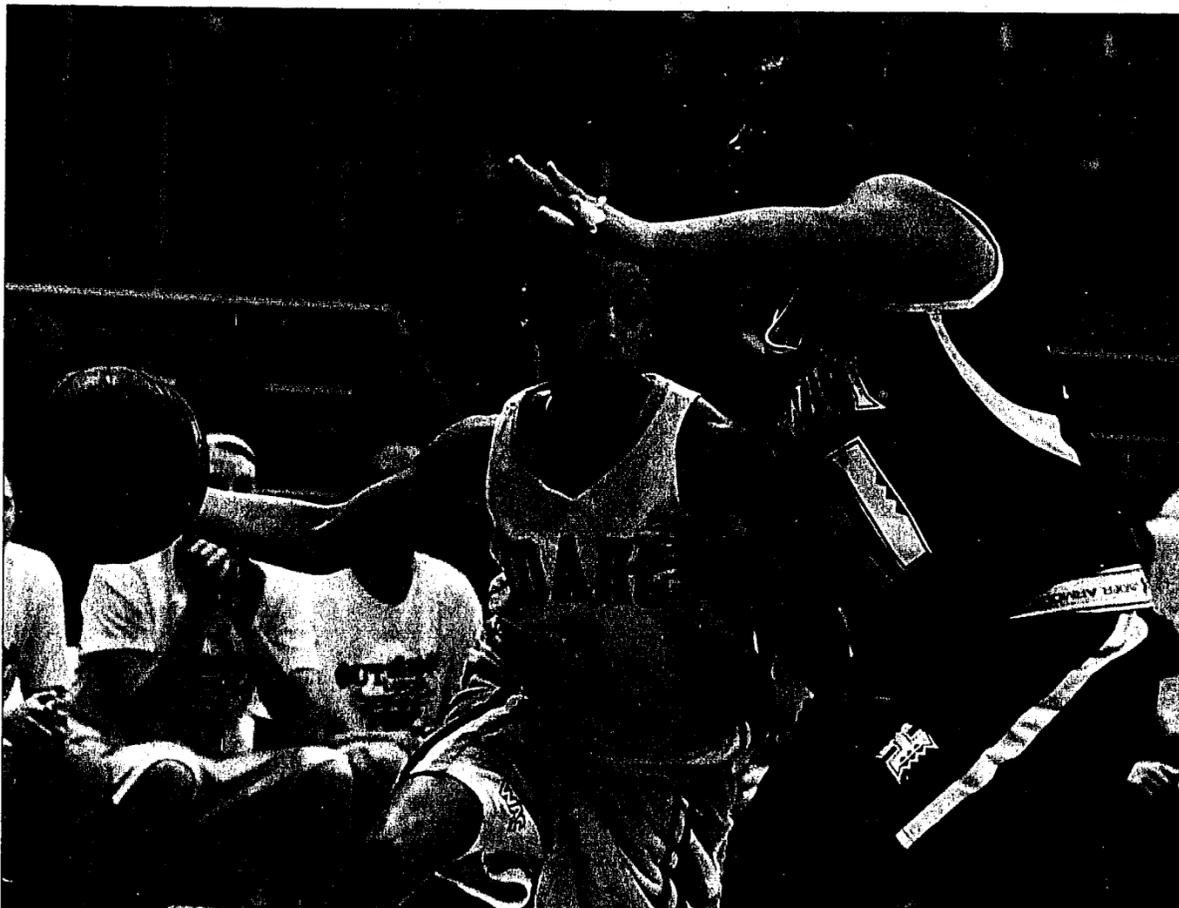
1. Haddad's

This is actually a specific Peoria attribute — Haddad's is a Lebanese restaurant, family-owned and operated for a long time. There is also a family-owned Haddad's grocery store here, and I didn't think family-owned grocery stores existed anymore. But the restaurant is amazing. For all of my dining options in Moscow, I really miss being able to get some good home-cooked Lebanese whenever I want. Like right now — except right now they're closed and I need to go be sick some more. Lame.

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Making history



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Idaho's Charlotte Otero drives to the net against Hawaii on Feb. 13. The Idaho women's basketball team made school history by advancing past the first round of the WAC tournament. Otero is one of the graduating seniors who helped Idaho turn their season around and finish with a fourth seed in the WAC.

Idaho has historic season — advances past first round of the WAC tournament

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

Ask an observer three months ago if the women's basketball team would make history and advance past the first round of the WAC tournament, and they probably would have called you crazy.

Had anyone asked Idaho head coach Jon Newlee the same question, he would have said there was no doubt.

"I felt we had it in us," Newlee said. "We had a great finish — injuries took their toll, but once we found our

groove we played extremely well in the conference season."

Newlee and the entire Idaho team never gave up hope, and they were rewarded by a stunning turnaround season, which saw the first ever Idaho WAC tournament victory.

"Our entire staff feels great about it," Newlee said. "It's a huge step forward for the program."

Idaho's season started off on a bad foot, as Idaho lost Derisa Taleni for the entire season to an ACL injury and won only two of its first

13 games.

Idaho then lost Jessica Graham to a knee injury. It soon looked like a throw-away season for Idaho.

"Injuries are something you can't control," Newlee said. "We just had to keep pushing forward."

The team never bowed out, and as the conference season rolled along the team began to string together conference wins.

Idaho saved its best game of the season for the WAC tournament, giving New Mexico all it could handle in the

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Verlin, Vandals look to the future past disappointing season

Pierce Beigh
Argonaut

This year, the University of Idaho men's basketball team has been through it all — from defeating nationally ranked teams and seeming to be a top contender to losing six straight and almost not making the conference tournament. With all the trials and obstacles, the Idaho men produced a fine basketball year worthy of acknowledgement.

"I thought we had a good year," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "It's always hard when it comes to an end though."

The Vandals finished the year with a 15-16 overall record and 6-10 in the WAC. Not a winning season for the Vandals, but another learning season. The Vandals have not produced these numbers in the past — usually they are much lower on the winning side.

Looking at this season and last season, Idaho has improved its basketball program dramatically. This season was rough and tough for both players and fans, but it was a good one for the future improvement of Idaho basketball.

"We would have liked to win more games, but I'm very happy with where our program is headed right now," Verlin said.

Vandal fans were stoked for a great year of basketball as the Vandals came

out winning their first five games. The Vandals continued their winning record by beating nationally ranked Portland State by 20 points.

The season's future looked to be an unbelievable one for Idaho and the Vandal nation as a whole.

Once conference play started, things went sour for the Vandals. Nothing went well, as teams that were well on their way to defeat ended up coming back and winning. With 3-point buzzer beater shots haunting Idaho, along with late season explosions of emotions on Twitter, the Vandals had a hard season to fight through.

The Vandals will be losing starting seniors Marvin Jefferson, guard Mac Hopson, guard Steffan Johnson, forward Luciano de Souza and guard Kashif Watson to graduation.

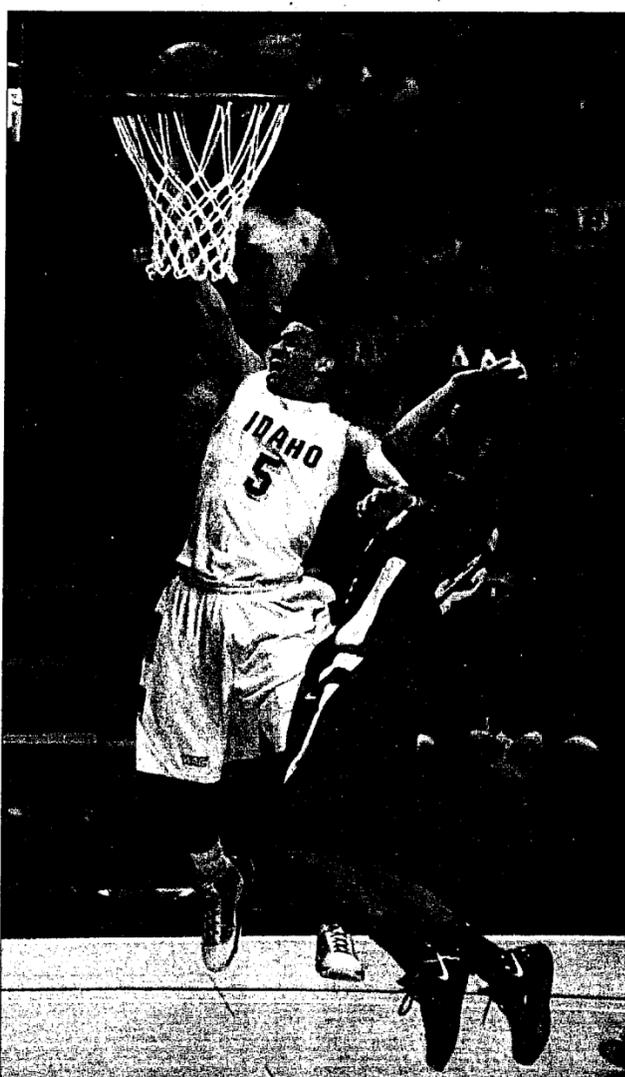
Idaho has picked up some good recruits and will be looking to be a top contender in the WAC next season.

"The recruits look good for next year," Verlin said. "I am really excited about the guys we have signed."

Although Idaho basketball is over for this year, the NCAA tournament still goes on.

When asked about his preference for the winner of the tournament, Verlin did have a pick.

"St. Mary's. I like to see the underdog win," Verlin said.



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Vandal guard Steffan Johnson drives to the hoop and is fouled by Fresno State Bulldog Joh-Teeha Filipe Jan. 28 in Cowan Spectrum. Idaho finished the season with a 15-16 overall record, giving Don Verlin his first losing season as a 17-year coach at the Division 1 NCAA level.



File Photo by Kate Kucharzyk/Argonaut
University of Idaho senior Maria Perevoshchikova returns a volley from a teammate this spring in the Kibbie Dome. After losing their first match, the Vandals have won every match since, tallying an impressive 15-1 overall re-

Idaho shows its depth

Women's tennis defeats four opponents over spring break, earns three sweeps

Lisa Short
The Argonaut

The Idaho women's tennis team earned four victories over spring break on the East Coast. The team showed the depth of its talent with victories over LaSalle, Temple, Delaware State and Georgetown.

Idaho started in Washington, D.C., where it beat Georgetown 6-0 in a singles-only match. The team moved indoors due to rain, but doubles were canceled because of the delayed start.

The players were all able to notch their individual victories over the Georgetown Hoyas, including a close three-set victory for Alexandra Ulesanu.

Coach Tyler Neill said the team contributed from the first to sixth positions to clinch the matches. He noted the strength at the top positions, but also the depth all the way through the lineup. Neill said he was impressed with Silvia Irimescu's week, as she walked away with four victories and has become a solid player.

Idaho moved on to defeat Delaware State, who was recently in the rankings with a 7-0 sweep. The team started strong and continued through the rest of the match. Neill said he was impressed with the top positions, as Georgetown has some very good players.

In the No. 1 spot for Georgetown was Gabriela Niculescu, who recently broke into the national rankings. Neill said he expects to see Niculescu continue to move up in the rankings.

Idaho hit a rough patch playing Temple University, but was still able to pull out the close 4-3 victory. Neill said it was a tough match, but also not one of the team's best matches.

"I don't think we played our best, but it was enough to win, which is important," Neill said. "We lost focus towards the bottom and let some leads slip away."

After a rocky time at Temple, the team was able to come out the next day and defeat LaSalle in a clean 7-0 sweep. Neill said LaSalle was a nice way to end the trip, and he was impressed that his team could stay focused through five matches in six days.

Neill said overall it was a good trip and it shows what the team can do. The team returned to Moscow with a 4-0 record to put them at 15-1 in their season. The team now has two weeks off to rest some injuries and prepare for tough competition at the beginning of April.

"I think it shows that we are consistent and we are going to be tough for anyone to beat," Neill said, "even if we aren't playing our best."

The Vandals have an extended break for the next few weeks before seeing three straight days of action on April 2, 3, and 4.

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Stop messing with Madness

The first weekend of the NCAA tournament has been a pretty compelling affair. The upsets, thrilling finishes and the unexpected is what makes the tournament so popular, and this year's incarnation has been no different.

With 65 teams playing 63 games over three weeks, it really is as close to the perfect format as a person will get. There are issues with the regular college basketball season, but the tournament itself should not be messed with.

Yet every year the first round of the tournament rolls around, pundits, fans and coaches bitter about not making it to the big dance start drinking the "expand the NCAA tournament" Kool-Aid.

Expanding the tournament could quite possibly be one of the worst ideas ever. It is the equivalent to putting some designer clothes on Michelangelo's David in order to make it more festive.

It is more likely the addition of more teams would take away from the tournament than add anything better than what already exists. Proponents of tournament expansion are trying to extend the first weekend feeling instead of enjoying it and letting it go.

The claim that more teams will equal more upsets and excitement is false. If anything, the inclusion of more teams

into the tournament will eliminate a lot of chances for upsets to happen.

Either lower seeded teams capable of an upset will be forced to play an extra match, giving higher seeded teams an advantage, or middle of the road teams will be given a chance to win a match against an inferior team.

Those options do not seem particularly exciting.

Some have championed 128 or 256 teams being allowed in the tournament, but that is ridiculous. Every season there are at least three or four teams left out of the NCAA tournament that probably deserved to be invited.

That is perfectly fine. Just because a team deserves to get into the tournament does not mean it is a right. Those teams had plenty of chances during the regular season to make a case for inclusion.

It is better to exclude a handful of good teams than include a large amount of undeserving teams to accommodate the teams that were left out. The tournament is

a special occasion, and reaching it should be an honor.

There is also a problem with the notion that making something longer automatically makes it better. If this were the case, people would be in love with the Major League Baseball regular season and the Super Bowl would have 50-minute quarters.

People would probably not get excited about a Seton Hall-Princeton game with the winner advancing to play Baylor. Eight teams attend the Pac-10 tournament, and a few more attend National Invitational Tournament games so the demand for more postseason college basketball is not as great as some would think.

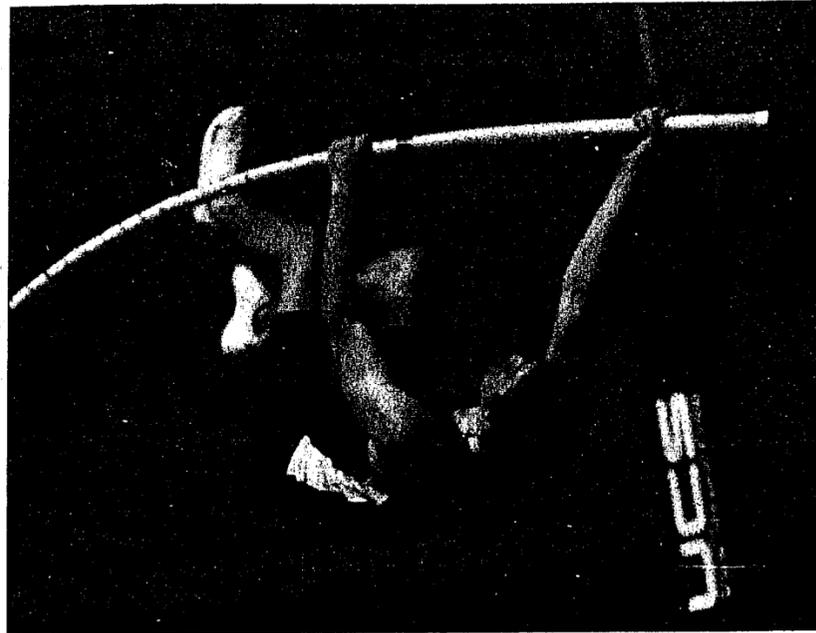
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The opening weekend of the NCAA tournament should be treated much like Thanksgiving dinner. It is great to have that meal once a year, but Thanksgiving would become meaningless if a person started having that meal on a monthly basis.

First and second round games in the NCAA tournament are great and come close to a national holiday. Expanding the tournament would only serve to dilute what the event has become.



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Vandal vaulter Jeremy Klas vaults at the Vandal Collegiate in the Kibbie Dome Feb. 19. Klas qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships and finished tied for ninth place.

All-American track stars

Lisa Short Argonaut

Both Vandal track athletes that went to the NCAA national meet returned to Moscow as All-Americans. Senior Mykael Bothum and sophomore Jeremy Klas earned the honors in Fayetteville, Ark.

Bothum was an All-American last year and was able to return to nationals victorious again. Bothum finished in sixth place in the shot put with a throw of 54 feet, 3.75 inches.

In her last two indoor seasons, Bothum has only finished behind collegiate competition twice, both at NCAA. For an athlete like Bothum, her field of comfort is in the nation's top collegiate athletes and into the professional athletes.

The NCAA rewards the top eight finishers in each event with the title of All-Americans, and Bothum secured her spot in that category for the second year in a row.

Klas qualified for nationals in the last week of com-

petition and was able to go and earn a great honor. Klas pole-vaulted 17 feet, 2.75 inches to tie for ninth in his first national meet.

Klas has been improving all season, neck-and-neck with teammate Lucas Pope, and finally reached the national level.

The top eight finishers receive All-American honors as well as the top eight Americans in each event. Although in ninth place, Klas received the honor as being one of the top eight Americans in the pole vault.

Twins lock up Mauer

It isn't hard to picture Joe Mauer strolling up to the plate in Yankee Stadium or Fenway Park with the home crowd cheering his name. You can almost see him at the plate, sunken into his stance, wearing vibrant blue pinstripes or Boston's red and white when — wait, that won't happen for at least eight years, because the best catcher in the game took less than he probably could have made on the free agent market to stay with his hometown team.

It's not as if this move is unprecedented. Minnesota has kept superstars Kent Hrbek and Kirby Puckett in the past, and now they'll get Joe, too. They'll get the Mauer who won the American League MVP award in 2009, the Mauer who will in all likelihood play well for several seasons, and probably the Mauer who is broken down and has to be moved to a different position by the fifth or sixth year of his new eight-year contract.

There is no position on a baseball field more taxing to the player than pitcher or catcher. Pitchers are hitting the disabled list all the time because of the unnatural movement that comes with throwing a baseball at 90 mph.

Catching is brutal on the knees — you don't see catchers stealing bases for exactly that reason, and you usually don't see catchers make it past their mid 30s while remaining at the position.

It's impossible to know what the Twins will look like in 2015, but chances are Mauer will need to switch positions around that time. The Twins are paying

him more than \$20 million a year, and they will likely want his bat in the lineup at all times for that reason alone. But make no mistake — Mauer is the best catcher in the game, and will continue to be the best for a good while.

Injury is a concern with Mauer though. He missed all of April last year and only played in 109 games in 2007. In fact, 146 games is the most he's played in a season, which is not all that many for a position player making as much money as he does.

Those concerns aside, this is a wonderful move for the Twins to make. They're moving into a new stadium to begin the 2010 season, and it will no doubt help attendance knowing that the team's best player isn't going anywhere until 2019. Mauer is a St. Paul native who grew up rooting for the team. He has deep ties to the Twin Cities and is one of the leaders in the Minnesota clubhouse. He's dealt with the rotation staples of Nick Blackburn and Scott Baker for multiple seasons. On top of all that, he has a reputation as one of the game's great personalities, the nice guys that get featured in hour long specials with Bob Costas on the MLB Network one day.

This move will likely push Minnesota's payroll close to \$100 million. That's the highest it has ever been, which makes the shrewd Twins even more dangerous. They're the team that always seems to find a way to win, to get the most out of whatever players they have on their roster. They do amazing things when it matters most — just look at game 163 against the Detroit Tigers last season.



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Mortellaro Wins Northern Migration

University of Idaho sophomore Kayla Mortellaro won the Northern Migration Invitational after a closing round 73 gave her a 211 and a three-stroke victory over Texas-San Antonio's Summer Batiste.

The Vandals were runners-up to Texas-San Antonio after a three-day, 54-hole event that started with Texas-San Antonio building a one-stroke lead over Idaho and holding it for the duration of the tournament. Both teams finished Wednesday's rounds at 301, which gave Texas-San Antonio 895 for the tournament and the Vandals 896. Minnesota was third at 898.

Also for Idaho, Frida Nilsson tied for 16th at 226, Amanda Jacobs tied for 29th at 231, Teo Poplawski was 38th at 232 and Annika Karlsson tied for 70th at 240.

This week's title was Mortellaro's second of the season and third in her career.



Basketball Tournament at Reno, Nev.

The third-year post player became the second Idaho women's basketball player to be named to the WAC All-Tournament Team after averaging 23 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2 steals and 1.5 assists while shooting 18-of-25 (.720) overall and 6-of-10 (.600) from 3-point range in the team's two games of the week.

Olorunnife helped lead the Vandals to a 75-63 win over New Mexico State in the first round to advance to the team's first semifinal round since joining the WAC, before Idaho fell to Fresno State by an 80-66 margin on Friday.

Leilani Mitchell was the first Vandal to earn WAC All-Tournament honors in the team's inaugural WAC season in 2005-06.

Also on the All-Tournament team were Jaleesa Ross and Hayley Munro of Fresno State and Adrienne Johnson and Shanavia Dowdell of Louisiana Tech. Dowdell was named MVP of the tournament.



the women's shot put, repeated as sixth-place finisher. She capped off her indoor career in strong fashion as repeat WAC indoor champion and WAC Indoor Field Performer of the Year. Her in last two indoor seasons, she has only finished behind collegiate competition twice - both times at the NCAA Championships.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association awards All-America certificates to the top eight overall finishers in each event, as well as the top eight



American finishers. Bothum earns All-America honors by virtue of her top-eight finish, while Klas earns his by being one of the top eight Americans in his event.

Since 2000, Idaho has sent 12 different athletes to the NCAA Indoor Championships and 11 of those earned at least one All-America honor. Vandal track and field athletes have earned 13 All-America certificates in indoor track and field since 2005.



Vandals Take Philadelphia By Storm

For the University of Idaho Women's Tennis team, Philadelphia felt like home as the Vandals ended their road with victories over Temple and La Salle.



The wins took Idaho's winning streak to 15 matches and ended its east-coast road trip with a perfect 4-0 record.

Idaho struggled but ultimately had enough to overcome Temple 4-3.

"I don't think we played our best, but Temple is a good team and we were very solid at the top of our lineup," Women's Tennis Head Coach Tyler Neill said. "We had some leads that we let slip away, especially toward the bottom of the time. We need to be able to close out those matches when we win the first set."

Things were smoother the following day as the Vandals swept La Salle 7-0 to close out a positive road trip for the team.

"We played well today. We were focused and we took it to them," Neill said. "It was a good first match to play outdoors this season. It was nice to get some experience playing outside since most of our remaining matches will be outside. This was a good way to end our road trip."

The Vandals now get a chance to rest as the team is idle until April 2.

Olorunnife Earns All-Tournament

Idaho junior Yinka Olorunnife was named to the Western Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team on Saturday at the conclusion of the WAC

All-Americans

Idaho's Jeremy Klas and Mykael Bothum left the 2010 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships as All-Americans on Saturday after a pair of strong performances at the national meet over the weekend.

Klas, a sophomore from Moscow, Idaho (Moscow HS), cleared 5.25m (17-2.75) in the men's pole vault to tie for ninth in his first career national meet. Bothum, a senior from Hermiston, Ore. (Hermiston HS), finished sixth in the women's shot put for the second year in a row with a toss of 16.55m (54-3.75).

Klas was a trend-setter for the Idaho men all year long. In the team's opening meet, he and teammates Lucas Pope and Mike Carpenter broke the former 25-year-old school record in the event. Klas and Pope steadily pushed the record up until Klas went 5.38m (17-7.75) at last weekend's Husky Last Chance meet to take hold of the record.

Klas out-did Pope on attempts to take the Western Athletic Conference title in the event two weekends ago to give the Vandal men their third-straight WAC indoor pole vault title. When Klas clinched his NCAA spot last weekend, he became the first Idaho indoor qualifier and first men's vaulter, indoor or outdoor, since Dave Martindale's NCAA champion performance in 1952.

Bothum, a 2009 All-American in

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This statement was articulated by the Strategic Action Plan Goal Four Implementation Team, 2009. This statement reflects our aspiration as we work to foster a university environment that is academically, culturally, fiscally and environmentally sustainable. The goal set forth by the Implementation Team, has been adopted and endorsed by the President of the University of Idaho, M. Duane Neffis.