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VOTE TODAY



A different kind of midterms

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Those who have cable television are probably sick and tired of political ads by this point in the election cycle, and anyone who drives around town has likely seen more than enough election signs since August.

But it all ends today, and by midnight, Idaho and Latah County will have results about who stays in office and who will be packing their bags. Before heading out to the polls, those who haven't been paying attention or know nothing about candidates on the ballot should do a little research. While not every candidate can be listed, the most influential, large-scale positions in the race are as follows.



Idaho Governor



Keith Allred

Democrat

Raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, after moving from California at the age of six, Keith Allred went to Twin Falls High School and went on to earn a Ph.D in conflict resolution from the University of California in Los Angeles in 1995. He has taught as a professor at Columbia University and Harvard University, and founded a non-profit organization called The Common Interest in 2003 that works to create nonpartisan solutions to Idaho public policy.

According to Allred's campaign, his two priorities are creating jobs and emphasizing improvement of K-12 education. To do that, Allred wants to lower tax rates for Idahoans by closing special interest tax exemptions and investing in specific, cost-effective areas of education. He stresses an independent position and bipartisanship.



C.L. "Butch" Otter

Republican

Butch Otter has been Idaho's governor since 2007, and also held the position of lieutenant governor between 1987 and 2001. He was born in Caldwell, Idaho, went to Borah High School and received a bachelor's in political science from the College of Idaho in 1967.

As governor, Otter has placed high priority on Second Amendment rights, anti-abortion laws, a balanced budget and immigration laws. He has campaigned on economic and job growth through "Project 60," which is a plan to grow Idaho's Gross Domestic Product by \$60 billion. The plan includes efforts to bring more businesses to Idaho and more trade and investment opportunities.



Ted Dunlap

Libertarian

Ted Dunlap has a website of his views on many major issues, but his main priorities are to cut the influence and size of government. He lived in California until 2000, when he made the move to Idaho. He stresses that government in Idaho is too large and wasteful, and cutting spending and amenities would increase economic growth and stability. He is currently a supervisor for a Goodwill store in Idaho.



Jana M. Kemp

Independent

Jana Kemp has lived in Boise since 1994, and ran for an Idaho House of Representatives seat in 2004. She served one term before losing to a Democratic candidate. She is also a graduate of the Idaho State Police Academy, and wants to create a cold case unit in Idaho. Her other main priorities include job growth by lowering corporate taxes, emphasizing early childhood education, making Idaho more energy independent and creating a more open form of government.



Pro-Life

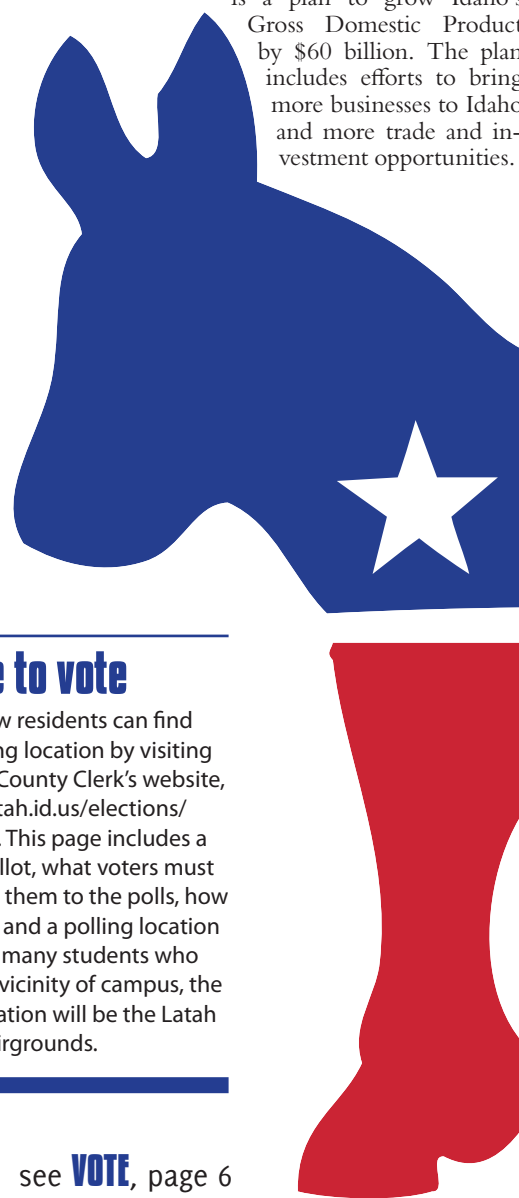
Independent

After legally changing his name in 2008 and making an unsuccessful bid for U.S. Senator, Pro-Life is running for governor this year. His website says he began at fertilization in November in Carbon County, Wyo., and was born the following August. He said he would promote legislation that would cut and eventually eliminate spending on education, health care, welfare and recreational programs, among other anti-government positions.

Where to vote

Moscow residents can find their polling location by visiting the Latah County Clerk's website, at www.latah.id.us/elections/index.php. This page includes a sample ballot, what voters must bring with them to the polls, how to register and a polling location finder. For many students who live in the vicinity of campus, the voting location will be the Latah County Fairgrounds.

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Veterans Day

UI honors those who served

Alumni Vietnam veterans plaque dedication ceremony

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

A class of 38 freshmen, in the Contemporary American Experience CORE class, have been working to acknowledge University of Idaho alumni who are Vietnam veterans.

This Friday at 11 a.m., there will be a dedication ceremony for a plaque honoring all alumni Vietnam War veterans in Memorial Gym.

In 2006, Col. Ken Hunt, of the UI Department of Military Science, asked the CORE Contemporary American Experience class if

they would be interested in fixing the two Vietnam War memorial plaques in Memorial Gym.

Some of the names on the plaque in Memorial Gym honoring Vietnam veterans were missing, so the class decided on creating a new plaque with specifically alumni Vietnam veterans' names, according to Dick Wilson, professor of the CORE class at that time, and a current history professor.

"The plaque lacked all the names of the Idaho graduates that were missing in action

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Veterans Day events

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

A student club, Veterans at University of Idaho, wants to widen its membership base and will give UI undergraduate, graduate, faculty and staff veterans and all ROTCs the opportunity to be on a poster titled, "We are the Veterans at the University of Idaho."

"This is our second semester as a student club, but people don't really know we're out there," said Beau Tanner, secretary of the Veterans at UI club. "We really want to expand our attendance and get our club out there."

All veterans who want their biography on the poster need to fill out an application Tanner sent through e-mail to all faculty and staff, or fill out a piece of paper with their affiliation with Idaho, their degree(s), description of service, what brought them, to UI and a 3x5 photo.



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Memorial Gym houses several plaques in honor of those who lost their lives in service. The University of Idaho will host Military Appreciation Day Saturday, Nov. 6. President M. Duane Nellis will welcome veterans and Idaho fans at Vandalville in the Idaho Commons at noon. Military personnel and veterans will also be honored during the football game against the University of Nevada-Reno.

This needs to be dropped off at the Dean of Students Office on the third floor of the Teaching and Learning Center by Friday.

The poster will be located on the Free

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Foreign Films Series: The Concert

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Indie Films Series: Waking Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday & Thursday
November 3 & 4
7 & 9:30pm
SUB Borah Theater
Free to Students and Public

Blockbuster Series: The Other Guys

Friday & Saturday
November 5 & 6
7 & 9:30pm
SUB Borah Theater
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Get Organized: The Importance of Planning with Shawn O'Neal
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3:30 - 4:30 pm, Aurora Room
4th Floor Idaho Commons

Working with the Media with Joni Kirk
Wednesday, November 3rd
11:30 - 12:30 pm, Aurora Room
4th Floor Idaho Commons

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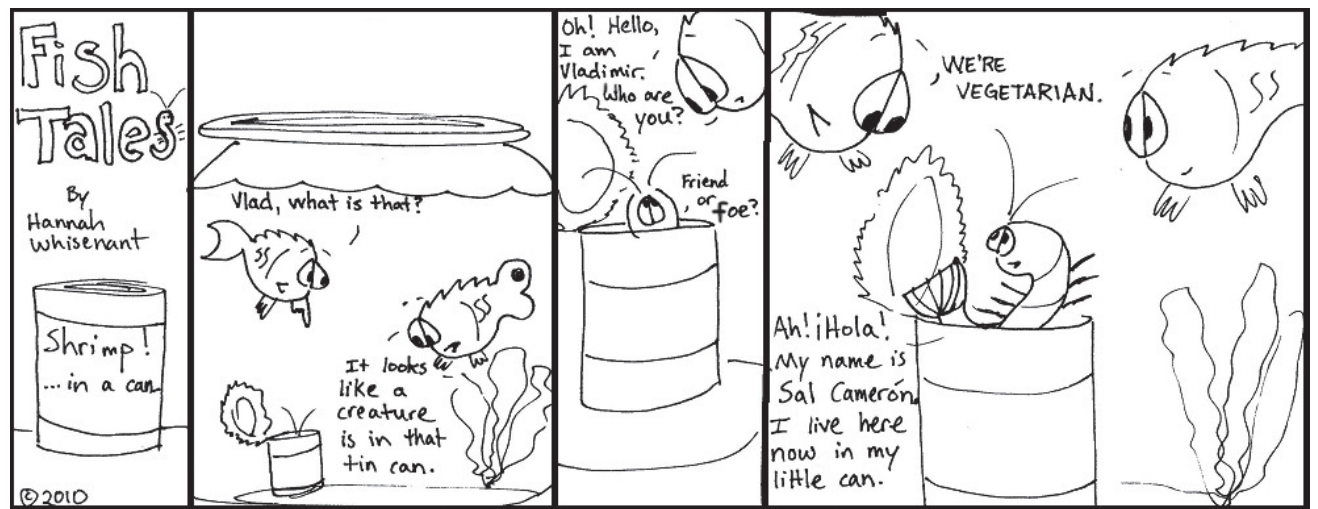
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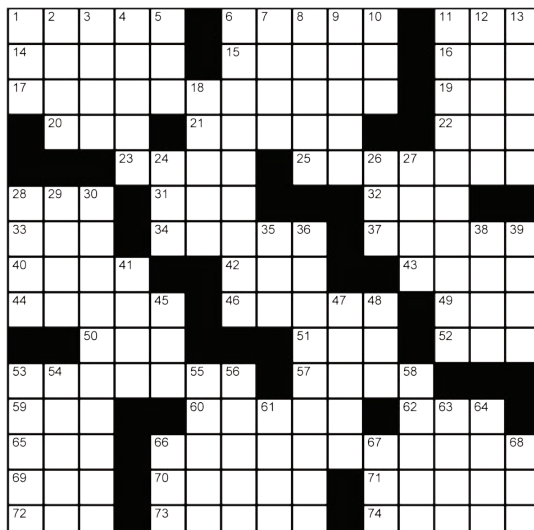
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- 19 Belief
- 20 Sphere
- 21 Pick up the tab
- 22 *Evita* role
- 23 __ gin fizz
- 25 Soft leather
- 28 Boy
- 31 Cockpit reading (Abbr.)
- 32 Honey maker
- 33 Self-image
- 34 Walk through wet snow
- 37 Wedding rings
- 40 Harbor boats
- 42 G.I. entertainers
- 43 Stir up
- 44 18-wheelers
- 46 __ cotta
- 49 Altdorf is its capital
- 50 Broke bread
- 51 Nurse a drink
- 52 Asian holiday
- 53 Medical image
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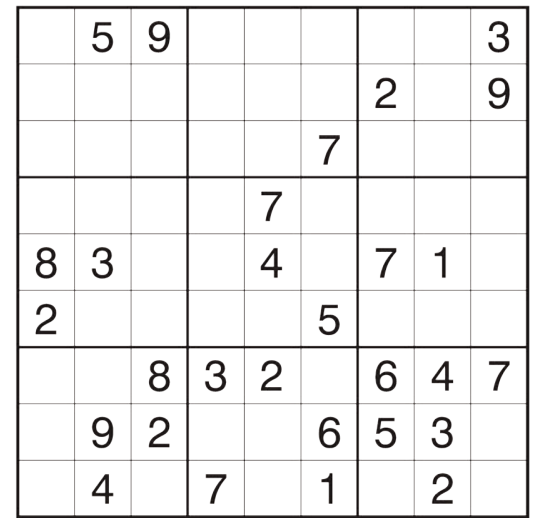
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- 18 Coral reef
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- 30 Zealots
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- 36 Roughhousing
- 38 Calamitous
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- 41 Grabs a chair
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- 47 Wash cycle
- 48 G.I.'s address
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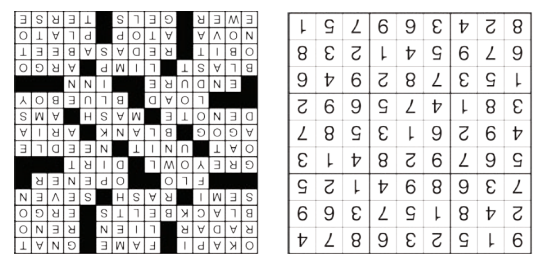
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- 3 Yarn spinner
- 4 Action words
- 5 Stately tree
- 6 Uncover
- 7 Gardening tool
- 8 Mountain nymph
- 9 Brawl

sudoku



Last week's solutions



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Police Log

Saturday, Oct. 23

1:51 a.m.—Police arrested a male for disturbing the peace.
3:00 a.m.—Someone reported four people on the top of the UI Food Research Center.

10:11 a.m.—A female reported that she hit another car while attempting to parallel park.

3:11 p.m.—Someone reported a female acting strangely and dancing around a light pole.

Sunday, Oct. 24

4:21 a.m.—There was a report of a male “freaking out” and fighting.

7:47 p.m.—Bartenders at Champions were trying to get a male to leave, but he was hiding out in the bathroom.

Monday, Oct. 25

9:43 p.m.—Someone reported that a male was outside yelling and then broke the reporting person’s window.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

2:10 p.m.—There was a report of a man in a bright orange rain coat cutting through a bike lock with a hacksaw.

11:41 p.m.—A female called to report that people were threatening to call the police and tell a lie about her.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

3:32 p.m.—There was a report of a male shoplifter getting rough with a female employee.

Thursday, Oct. 28

8:06 a.m.—There was a report of a vehicle fire when a Ford smelled like it was burning near the wheels. It was determined the emergency break was left on.

Friday, Oct. 29

2:35 a.m.—Someone reported two males about to fight near John’s Alley.

6:06 a.m.—Someone’s Halloween decorations were stolen from his/her yard.

11:30 a.m.—There was a report of a female grabbing stuff from Tye Dye Everything and running out the back door with it.

8:32 p.m.—There was a report of a subject showing up at the junior high dance intoxicated.

Saturday, Oct. 30

10:32 a.m.—There was a report of a person dressed in a full tiger outfit stumbling around and barely walking.

10:05 p.m.—There was a hemorrhage report because the patient self-inflicted a wound to add authenticity to his Halloween costume.

10:11 p.m.—Someone reported drunk subjects dancing in the middle of the of Jackson Street.

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:10 p.m.—The reporting person said a Golden Retriever trick-or-treated with him and then followed him home.

Voice to sexual education

Student organization promotes sexual health on campus

Kaylee Kosareff
Argonaut

When it comes to sexual education, a student may cringe, flee or turn to the ever popular “I obviously know all of this already” mentality.

However, when it comes to sexual education and health, the University of Idaho may be behind.

According to a study called, “Trojan Report Card,” the UI campus took last, falling almost 26 spots in two years.

While there are multiple resources available to promote students’ sexual health knowledge, students may not know about all the options.

One organization, “VOX at the

University of Idaho,” an associate with “Voices for Planned Parenthood,” has had a decade-long presence on campus.

“We never received attention on campus or got a lot of support, but after the Trojan study it is apparent that we have a really big problem here that we need to address,” said Lauretta Campbell, former VOX president.

VOX, the Latin word for “voice,” aims to promote the freedom of each individual to decide what is right for them when it comes to reproduction, by providing a medically oriented and comprehensive sexual education program that focuses on accurately tested facts rather than moral discussions, Campbell said.

“The biggest issue we face is that people think we are promoting sex. We have this stigma that our people are hanging around passing out condoms. That isn’t what we are about. We simply encourage everyone to make their own decision about when it’s the right time for them. Abstinence is just as much of a choice as having safe sex, but the reality in our world is that people on campus are having sex without having had accurate sex education before,” Campbell said.

VOX meets every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Wellspring Room of the UI Commons and is open to everyone, both students and faculty, Campbell said.

“We are a very close-knit group and we promote a safe environment. Our

meetings are generally focused around campus functions, current events, future plans and other student groups. We do a lot with other student organizations on campus,” said Dorothy Chorlton, VOX co-president.

Chorlton and co-president Alex Barnes say their future plans are focused on trying to get into the Greek system, where they would make presentations on both sexual wellbeing and healthy relationships.

VOX will have a table at Women’s Works 2010, which is Friday, Nov. 5, and Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom. There VOX will be available to answer any questions about their organization, Campbell said.

News calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 3
Denny’s Allnighter Grand Opening Event
Noon

Tournees French Film Festival
7 p.m.
Kenworthy Performing Arts Center
508 S. Main St. in Moscow

Since the 1950s, French cinema has been famous throughout the world for its creativity and quality. That is still true today, and the Kenworthy Theater in Moscow is partnering with the language departments at the University of Idaho and Washington State University to show five of the latest French films in October. For five Wednesday evenings, which began on Oct. 13, Moscow’s downtown theater will be presenting the 2010 Tournées Festival, sponsored by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of

Culture. Films will continue on Nov. 10. Films will have English subtitles. Festival passes for all five shows are just \$10 and are available at the Kenworthy Theater, the language departments at the universities, or at the door. Individual films are \$3 at the door. University of Idaho and Washington State University students with ID are free. Reviews of the films are available at www.kenworthy.org.

Thursday, Nov. 4
36th Annual Outdoor Equipment Sale and Swap 6-9 p.m.

Student Recreation Center, Mac Court
1000 Paradise Creek St. in Moscow
Bring in your new or used equipment to sell or come by to pick up some new gear or a season pass to local mountains.

Friday, Nov. 5

Swimming and Diving Meet: Vandals vs. Fresno

State
5 p.m.
Memorial Gym
840 University Ave. in Moscow

Come cheer on the Vandals as they take on Fresno State in a swimming and diving meet. For more information, visit www.govandals.com.

Saturday, Nov. 6
WomensWorks Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

10 a.m.
Student Union Building, International Ballroom
709 Deakin Ave. in Moscow
The Women’s Center’s 15th annual WomensWorks Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair will feature up to 50 women artists around the Pacific Northwest region selling Jewelry, handmade cards and prints, beadwork, fiber art, pottery, stained glass, candles, soaps, hand-blown glass, handmade paper journals, quilts and much more. Student groups and independent caterers will

host food booths offering international dishes, homemade desserts, and baked goods. Live instrumental holiday music will be provided by local musicians and University of Idaho music students, and there will be raffles of artist-donated items throughout the fair. Admission is by donation and all proceeds benefit the Betsy Thomas Gender Equity Scholarship and Women’s Center programming. For more information, contact the Women’s Center at (208) 885-6616 or wcenter@uidaho.edu, or visit www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter/womensworks.

Vandalville
Noon
Idaho Commons Building, Food Court
875 S. Line St. in Moscow
Celebrate Military Appreciation Day by attending Vandalville. A no-host food and bar will be available, along with games for the kids and give-aways. University of Idaho President Duane Nelis will welcome veterans and

Idaho fans. The Vandal Trolley will provide transportation from the Idaho Commons to the Kibbie Dome. Vandal fans are welcome to view the military vehicle display on the north field. This event is free and open to the public.

Idaho Football vs. Nevada
2 p.m.
ASUI-Kibbie Activity Center
1000 Stadium Way in Moscow

Come cheer on the Vandals as they take on Nevada in the dome on Military Appreciation Day. For more information, visit www.govandals.com.

Idaho Men’s Basketball vs. Lewis-Clark State College
7:05
Memorial Gym
1001 University Ave. in Moscow

Come cheer on the Vandals men’s basketball team in an exhibition game. For more information, visit www.govandals.com.

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(from October 29 issue)



Across

- The Idaho State Raptor is the **Peregrine** falcon.
- An adjective describing State Representative Shirley Ringo. **Dynamic**
- The Idaho State Dance is the **square** dance.
- Adjective used by BSU President Bob Kustra to describe Idaho fans. **Inebriated**
- Number of states in the United States. **Fifty**
- Last name of the state representative we will elect on November 2. **Ringo**
- Whom did President Obama overlook when selecting a nominee for the US Supreme Court? (two words) **Judge Judy**
- The Idaho State Bird is the mountain bluebird without a **left** wing.
- A fancy way to say “line up” is to say “form a **queue**.”

Down

- Which team will win the 2010 football game between the U of I and BSU? **Vandals**
- The Idaho Tax Commission busted two children for failure to pay the **pumpkin** tax.
- Adjective used by BSU President Bob Kustra to describe U of I fans. **Nasty**
- First name of a U of I football coach who has also coached at WSU. **Robb**
- Amendment to the US Constitution that lets you, not your state legislature, elect your US Senator. **Seventeenth** (Ringo’s opponent wants to repeal this amendment.)
- First name of the state representative who consistently supports education. **Shirley**
- We are going to vote for the Democrats’ outstanding candidate for governor, Keith **Allred**.
- If you are a senior, your parents are eager for you to get a **Job**.
- Your mother’s brother. **Uncle**
- BSU fans think grass is **blue**.

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New course focuses on sustainability

Laura Kross
Argonaut

It will not be a typical class. There will be no memorizing information for the sake of taking tests. In fact, there will be no exams at all.

The new senior capstone course Sustainability Management of Natural Systems will be offered the 2011 Spring semester for the first time and will provide an interdisciplinary approach to investigating how climate change is going to impact various systems in Idaho, said Daniel Hansson, a recent University of Idaho graduate in Environmental Science as well as the designer and one of two instructors for this course.

"It's a pretty non-traditional approach," Hansson said.

Hansson also said the focus of the course would ultimately depend on the students taking it.

"This (the focus) could be production systems... agricultural systems, ecosystems or production systems like forestry depending on students needs, on the interests the students have, the background that they have," Hansson said.

The course will be tailored to the interests of the students. If students have an interest in watershed restoration, they could look at this in Idaho, Hansson said.

"The whole idea is to look at how climate change is going to put these systems under strain and how they need to be managed in order for this to be

sustainable," Hansson said.

The course, Soil 404/504, will be divided into three parts: defining sustainability, looking at natural systems and using management methods to gain hands-on experience of these ideas, Hansson said.

Students will do research within interdisciplinary teams on certain natural systems.

"You will have students from various fields. The teams will be created so you get maximum breadth inside each team," Hansson said. "One student might have a little bit of knowledge of economics, and that one might be in charge of doing that piece, and another might be the ecosystem guy."

Jodi Johnson-Maynard, associate professor of soil and water management and the second instructor for the course, said working in these teams would give students a better understanding of their own discipline.

"Students, when they graduate now, really need to know how to work in groups very well with others from different disciplines," Johnson-Maynard said. "So one of our goals is to help people understand how to communicate the language of their own specific discipline to others outside of that."

Johnson-Maynard also said the course would be highly project-based.

"Students will be assigned a system and they will have to analyze how that system might be affected by something like climate change for example,

and then design management strategies to keep that system productive and functioning given the potential impacts due to climate change," Johnson-Maynard said.

Hansson said one of the overall goals of a senior level capstone course is to give students the integration and understanding they need to become empowered as either graduate students or professionals in their field.

The course will also allow students to gain hands-on experience in management.

"It's a different approach, you get to do a lot of hands-on work," said Jaime Orr, an environmental science student at the university and prospective student for this course. "One of my other classes now, we talked about earth systems science... so it (the course) seems like it'll be a lot more in-depth."

Orr also said the course's sustainability focus is important.

"I feel like it (sustainability) kinda goes with everything," Orr said.

Hansson said he wants the course to provide students with a big picture understanding of sustainability.

"If you look at what employers are looking for in new graduates, they want people who have a more contextual understanding of things and that are able to actually do things," Hansson said.

Johnson-Maynard agreed with this focus.

"We know by talking to the employers of our students that they are really looking for those

critical thinking and problem solving skills...we really need to teach that," Johnson-Maynard said. "And secondly, we use this term sustainability a lot and it's very broad and diffuse in some ways. So, we can teach about sustainable methods, but in terms of managing an overall system for sustainability, it's pretty daunting."

Johnson-Maynard also stressed the complexity of managing for sustainability.

"When we manage for sustainability you can't just manage for one little component of

the system," Johnson-Maynard said. "You have to understand how that affects the other pieces of the picture."

Johnson-Maynard also said that the course was designed to help students become the expert in their fields.

"I get the feeling that sometimes undergrads don't really see themselves as a soil scientist, as a horticulturist, as a journalist even," Johnson-Maynard said. "But all of a sudden you are going to be the expert in that group and you have to use the language of your discipline and use the knowledge

you've gained in your classes so far to make suggestions and to help develop those plans."

Sustainability will be a key focus in the course in regards to natural systems, and Hansson hopes the course will be successful at the university.

"The motto of Idaho, *Esto Perpetua*, loosely translated as 'let it be perpetual,' is a really good motto based on the idea of sustainability actually," Hansson said. "I think and hope that this kind of approach for a course is going to benefit higher education in Idaho."



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Students work on assignments in a wildlife resources class in the College of Natural Resources on Monday. During registration, students will be able to register for Soil 404/504 Sustainable Management of Natural Systems, a new course offered in Spring 2011.

Care Package Drive For Vandal Soldiers November 1-12

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Donated items will be sent to the more than 40 University of Idaho students that are currently deployed with the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team in support of operations in Iraq.



Online student mentoring program

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

Ashkon Jafari, co-founder of studentmentor.org, saw a window of opportunity to launch an online student mentoring program.

Student Mentor, the name of the program, is a non-profit organization that launched about a month ago. The program already has more than 200 members, Jafari said.

"We want to inform the students of this free service so they can take advantage — mentorships are an extension of professional networking which is extremely important in these times," Jafari said. "Our mission is to provide mentorship to any college student from any school or any major."

He said the student simply goes onto studentmentor.org, signs up and as soon as he or she presses submit they can see which mentors work best for their major.

"Other mentoring programs don't occur in real time, the student being mentored doesn't usually get to choose," Jafari said.

"You get to choose with student-mentor.org. There is no college mentorship like this one."

Stephanie Bravo, co-founder, and Jafari both realized there are so many students out there going through what they went through when in college, Jafari said. He said there are many mentoring programs for grades K-12, but the number of mentoring programs for college students is limited.

"We did this so any student that wanted a mentorship in the U.S. could have that mentorship," Jafari said.

Sara Stout, college advising specialist for College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, said this service has a great goal, but UI students have access to several resources and mentors on our campus.

"The Dean of Students Office can provide any student support with programs like Tutoring and Academic Assistance Programs, Career Center and the Counseling and Testing Center," Stout said.

Stout also said some campuses do not have a mandatory advising program like UI does, so

Student Mentor would be very valuable to those students.

"When I entered college I was very young and very lost compared to high school when you're being hand-held by the staff... when I got into college I had to choose all of my classes on my own and navigate everything on my own, which is tough," Jafari said.

Stout said academic programs such as business and psychology have peer mentors, peer advisers and clubs that offer this same kind of support. She also said there is academic advising through a student's department or college as well as the academic success team in the residence halls and Greek life.

"Many programs like the Women's Center, Multicultural Affairs and CAMP have mentor programs in place that are local and easy to access," Stout said. "If a student is looking for an outside resource, one that provides some level of anonymity, then this Student Mentor service would be a great option. I want our students to succeed and have positive relationships that can help them do that," Stout said.

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CALLING THE TOSS



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Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter flips the coin at the Vandals' Homecoming game Oct. 23 in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals won the toss and the game against New Mexico State, but lost to Hawaii at Aloha Stadium Oct. 30. The Vandals have an overall record of 4-4.

UI Women in Engineering Day to educate teens

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

"When you are really good at something, you want to do it more," said Valerie Barry, president of the student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and a junior in electrical engineering.

Barry said she chose engineering from her love of math and the reasoning skills her parents gave her.

"(Engineering has) a lot of math and a lot of problem solving and I love it," she said

Barry and women like her are the minority in their classes — UI has 1,250 students enrolled with engineering as a declared major, but only 186 are women, according to Sue Branting, College of Engineering administrative assistant.

Dean of the College of Engineering, Donald Blackketter said the percentage of women in the engineering field jumped from zero percent to 18 percent, but that percentage has not continued to grow.

The College of Engineering and the student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers will host the Women in Engineering Day Friday to inform young women about the profession. The event is free, but women who wish to participate must be in grades 11 or 12, and have a high school GPA of 3.0. The day will include a team design contest, a panel discussion by professionals in the field and a chance for the participants

"Some people are into computing numbers. Some people like to be out talking to people. There's a social side and a deep science side.."

Jennifer Hasenoehrl
Panelist

to meet women who are engineering majors, Branting said.

Last year, the design challenge was to build a roller coaster for marbles. They could "buy" extra loops. The coasters were judged on the total diameter of the loops, for the least amount of "money," Branting said.

Panelist Jennifer Hasenoehrl is a graduate student at UI in mechanical engineering. She said she wants young women to understand the range of jobs available to an engineer.

"Some people are into computing numbers," Hasenoehrl said. "Some people like to be out talking to people. There's a social side and a deep science side."

Hasenoehrl said she chose engineering after a family vacation to Disney World and thought how she would like to be the

person who designed the roller coasters.

"I'm more on the social side. Realizing someone designed it (the coaster) knowing some will think they are awesome and others will totally freak out," Hasenoehrl said. "(The coasters) captured my attention."

Another panelist, Cara Haley, is a UI graduate in civil engineering and works for Moscow company TerraGraphics. Her job is to go out to the field and collect soil samples, then analyze them for contamination.

"(For me) every day is different," Haley said. "You don't know what you are going to get when you come into the office."

The young women will be given tours of engineering labs and Erin Jessup, an electrical engineering graduate student, will show them the power lab.

Jessup said she might let them turn on a generator and change its speed to show them electrical engineering is not just about little things and computers.

"I think it's good for them to see you can be an engineer and not be really nerdy," Jessup said.

One of the goals of the day, Blackketter said, is to show the young women that they are not alone if they like math and science.

"We want the young women to get a chance to socialize with each other and with the women engineers on campus," Blackketter said.

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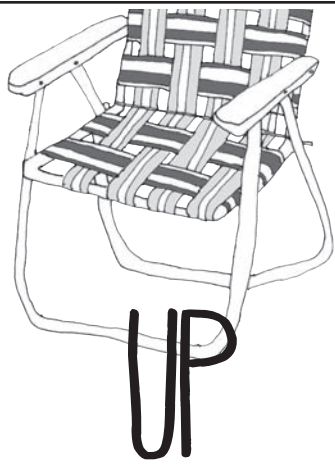
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VOTE

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United States Senator



Mike Crapo

Republican

Mike Crapo has been one of Idaho's two senators since 1999, and currently serves on several Senate Committees. Born in Idaho Falls, Crapo has a degree from Harvard Law School and worked as an attorney in Idaho Falls during the '80s. He primarily emphasizes the ideals of fiscal conservatism and transparent government, supporting public education efforts and "common sense" spending.



Randy Lynn Bergquist

Constitution

Born and raised in Weiser, Idaho, Randy Bergquist's website says he believes the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were inspired by God, and that the constitution has been largely ignored by both parties for many years. His priorities include repealing all legislation that does not match with the original intentions of the constitution, repealing "Obamacare," ending all welfare programs at the federal level, auditing or getting rid of the Federal Reserve and ending the Wars on Terror.



P. Tom Sullivan

Democrat

Originally from Iowa, Tom Sullivan has campaigned on ideals of self-reliance and entrepreneurship. He is a 20-year small business owner, and stresses the importance of job growth and an efficient, smaller form of government. He also believes in more education funding, he supports gun rights and is a pro-choice candidate.

U.S. House Representative First District



Walt Minnick

Democrat

Walt Minnick grew up in Walla Walla, Wash., and worked as a businessman in Idaho for 35 years, along with experience in the Nixon administration. He has served in the U.S. House of Representatives for the last two years, and has a reputation as a "Blue Dog Democrat." He is a strong self-professed fiscal conservative and social liberal, and focuses many legislation efforts on small business growth and limited government. He has also played a strong role in agricultural development and conservation. He is pro-choice and has advocated for the preservation of Second Amendment rights.



Raul R. Labrador

Republican

Currently living in Eagle, Idaho, but born in Puerto Rico, Raul Labrador was a surprise win during the primaries. He graduated from Brigham Young University and currently owns and manages a law firm in Boise and Nampa. He has emphasized broad-based tax cuts for Idaho businesses in an attempt to strengthen the economy, and is a strongly pro-life, anti-gay marriage candidate. He also touts his commitment to immigration control, the protection of Second Amendment rights and smaller government.



Dave Olson

Independent

Dave Olson has been in Idaho since 1973 after moving from California, and earned bachelors degrees in political science and justice studies from the University of Idaho. He says his priorities are reducing America's dependence on foreign oil through a 10-year plan of implementing hydrogen-powered vehicles, reducing illegal immigration and cutting the national debt.

Libertarian Mike Washburn

Mike Washburn's campaign site expresses a need for the smallest version of government and a reliance on business to grow economies, not government spending. He says he supports changing the tax system to a flat tax, making all local school districts autonomous, ending the drug war and a free market for health care.

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Speech Wall in the TLC, and will be up during the week of Nov. 8-12.

"Being in school is different for veterans. This isn't a political organization, it's just a club where veterans can come together and be with people who have shared the same experiences that they have," Tanner said.

Tanner said he hopes the poster can become an annual event, and that the Veterans at UI club will continue to build each year.

Saturday will be Military Appreciation Day at the football game against the University of Nevada. The game starts at 2 p.m., but pre-game activities begin at noon.

Vandalville includes a no-host food and bar, and will be in the Teaching Learning Center. It includes different organizations, games for kids and giveaways and welcomes anyone to attend. At the main program, starting at 12:45 p.m., UI President Duane Nellis will welcome military personnel and Vandal fans.

Donations for non-perishable food and care-package items to be sent to soldiers overseas will also be accepted at Vandalville. After Vandalville, donations are accepted at the Women's Center, Office of Alumni Relations, located at 1106 Blake St., or the UI Commons. Donations will be accepted until Nov.

12 at 5 p.m.

"This is a great day to honor military members, veterans and family members of military personnel," said Lt. Col. Shane P. Goodson, UI assistant professor of military science. There will be military vehicle displays around the north field for people to come and enjoy, Goodson said. There will also be representatives from the local veterans associations at the events.

Before the game, the joint color guard will present the unfurling of the nation's colors, performed by the cadets and midshipmen from the Army, Marines, Navy and Air-Force and the ROTC cadets will bring the game coin to the referees to flip, Goodson said.

Halftime activities include the enlistment of the future soldiers from the armed services. They will march out to mid-field and be read the oath of enlistment by Lt. Col. Jay Gardner, University of Idaho professor of military science, and swear to the service of their choice to the crowd.

Discounted tickets are available for military personal and families at the will-call area, Goodson said.

The tickets will cost \$8., according to a UI press release. For more information contact TicketsWest.

"This is done every year by the university and I think it's a good way to come out and show all your appreciation to our local military personal," Goodson said.



PLAQUE

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during the war, at the time the plaque was made," said Tricia Crump, a student in the CORE class and a 2009 UI graduate. "Our class was separated into different committees, and from there we researched all UI alumni that were war veterans."

Crump, along with her other group members, asked the then-UI president Tim White for permission, and the set up and prepared for the presentation.

"Everyone was really excited. We all had the same general feeling that the correct people should have their names on the plaque," Crump said. "Our timeline was

about six to nine months, I never thought it would take this long."

The finished plaque included 20 names, with an additional name of a veteran being casted and tentatively completed for the ceremony on Friday. It was put on the wall last spring, but they decided to wait for the dedication to be around Veterans Day, said Wilson.

"The students were the ones who did everything. They organized themselves, because it's a lot more work than you would think. We had a group who met with President White, a group who did grant proposals, research committees to find all the names that were going to be on the plaque, a group who did the design for the plaque, a group organizing the casting,

and we only occasionally met as a whole," Wilson said. "They did all this, along with the work from the class, which I didn't lighten up on."

The process took so long because the casting of the plaque didn't work the first time, so they decided on having a professional cast the plaque, Wilson said.

Along with all of the assigned "group" work, each student was assigned three people to do research on, making sure they had all the names right, Crump said.

"I'm glad our hard work is finally being paid off," Crump said. "It got us, as freshmen, out there and involved. It helped me in talking to employers and helped on internship applications, because it was such a good experience."

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Bringing home the title



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Vandal cross-country runner Lauren Schaffer runs the WAC Championship course outside Moscow at the Virgil Phillips Farm County Park. Schaffer was Idaho's top finisher, in fourth place, and helped the Vandals win their third WAC title in six years.

Vandal women take first in WAC, men finish fifth

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

The trophy case for Vandal cross-country has a shiny new addition after Saturday's WAC Championship meet, hosted by the University of Idaho for the first time in school history.

For the third time in six years, the Vandal women came away victorious from the conference-wide meet. Holding the giant championship trophy aloft and grinning for countless photos, they rejoiced in their win. Senior Erica Digby was a freshman on the women's team in 2007, when they last won the WAC title.

"All of us are so close together that if one of us is having a bad day, there are others right behind to fill that gap," Digby said. "Even the runners who don't score — six, seven, eight and nine — have a huge part in the team standings, because even if they don't score, they're pushing the other teams back."

Their closeness transferred directly into competition where the Vandal women packed seven runners into the top 22 finishes. Junior Lauren Schaffer led Idaho, finishing fourth overall behind New Mexico State University's Courtney and Camille Schultz, as well as Boise State's Emma Bates.

Schaffer was closely followed by freshman Hannah Kiser, who pulled in a sixth place finish on the 5000-meter course. Both Schaffer and Kiser were named First Team All-WAC, and seniors Maggie Miller and Erica Digby made Second Team All-WAC for finishes in the top 14. The victory extended to touch Idaho's coach Wayne Phipps, who was voted Women's Coach of the Year.

Phipps has spent the last several months preparing to host Idaho's first WAC Championship event, and its first cross-country championship in 26 years, and said he was happy to see the hard work pay off not only on the course, but in the smiles of the visiting teams.

"We've done a lot of work in the last couple weeks, but this has been months in the making, and we couldn't have gotten it done without the help of people in the community, our student athletes, administra-

tion and everyone who stepped up and got involved," Phipps said. "I'm so proud to be a Vandal and so proud to be from Moscow."

Vandal fans braved the wind and rain to support Idaho with cheers and signs. In addition to fans, Idaho's volleyball team, women's soccer team and tennis teams turned out in force to root for their fellow student-athletes.

"The crowd helped so much," Schaffer said. "They were so crazy and loud, everywhere you go, it was all you heard. I loved it."

The men's 8,000-meter race in particular kept the crowd engaged with multiple lead changes throughout the race. Idaho's Markus Geiger and Barry Britt remained at the head of the pack, battling for top spots. Geiger, a third-year runner, finished first for the Vandals and third overall. Teammate Britt was right on his heels in sixth place, and junior Jeremiah Dubie was the team's third finisher at 18th overall. Idaho's men's team score of 136 landed the Vandals in fifth place.

"It was really anyone's race," Phipps said. "Markus (Geiger) and Barry (Britt) stuck to the front the whole time and battled it out."

Both Britt and Geiger were named First Team All-WAC for finishing in the top seven. Boise State's men took first place overall, and freshman Olivier Bernard of New Mexico State was the first of the men to cross the finish line.

While they maintained a positive attitude, the Vandal men had been hoping for a more favorable outcome.

"We're a little disappointed, of course, but everyone did well," Geiger said. "Now it's time to focus on regionals. I think a few of the men could qualify individually for nationals."

Saturday's race gave the Vandals another boost in confidence for the upcoming NCAA West Regional meet in Eugene, Ore.

"We've just been getting better and better every weekend, and really, we didn't have a perfect race today," Phipps said. "I think if we put everything together, we have the ability to really surprise some people in Eugene."



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

The Vandal women's cross-country team showed off their trophy at the Idaho men's basketball game in Memorial Gym Saturday. The women won the WAC Cross-Country Championship in Moscow Saturday morning. It is the teams third championship in six years.

Warriors thrash Vandals

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

The wheels on the bus go round and round until they derail completely, which is exactly what happened Saturday night at Aloha Stadium as the Hawaii Warriors pounded the Vandals to win their homecoming, keep their six-game winning streak alive and secure a bowl bid.

"We dug ourselves a hole, and that had to do with turning the ball over," coach Robb Akey said. "Two interceptions and a fumble recovery are 21 points right there."

A combination of costly mistakes, personal fouls and spotty defense paved the way for a Hawaii blowout, as the Warriors burst out of the gate to a 31-3 halftime lead and never looked back. The Warriors picked up points on each Idaho turnover, including a fumble recovery Hawaii turned into a 57-yard touchdown return.

Sandwiched between turnovers off points was Hawaii quarterback Bryant Moniz, who threw for 326 yards and three touchdowns. The Warriors relied heavily on Moniz's arm, as well as the receiving ability of Greg Salas, who brought down 11 catches for 168 yards, adding to his jaw-dropping totals on the season.



Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

Vandal running back Logan Washington catches the ball and runs for the touchdown during practice Wednesday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. The University of Idaho football team lost 45-10 at Aloha Stadium in Hawaii Saturday, drop to 4-4 and 1-2 in the WAC, while Hawaii improve to 7-2 overall and 5-0 in the WAC.

Impact Players



Aaron Lavarius

defensive end

Idaho's defense took a shellacking against an overpowering Hawaii squad, but Lavarius made the most of his opportunities and led by example in attempting to stymie the Warriors high-powered offense.

Lavarius contributed five solo tackles, but more importantly, the bruising senior brought the pain train against Hawaii quarterback Bryant Moniz, recording two sacks for a 22-yard loss.

Lavarius also contributed on the offensive side of the ball by nabbing a key interception to stop a first-and-goal stand against the Warriors, rushing for 26 yards before being brought down.



Brian Reader

quarterback

It was Lavarius's first interception of his career, and the senior leads the Vandals with eight sacks on the season, proving he is a force to be reckoned with.

Idaho is looking to be in good hands in the post Nathan Enderle era, as backup quarterback Brian Reader is making all the right moves of late. Against Hawaii, Reader replaced Enderle near the tail end with the game well out of hand and had himself a fantastic night.

Reader connected with freshman tight end Taylor Elmo for Idaho's only touchdown of the game on an 18-yard beauty of a play. In seven passes Reader covered

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Headed to uncharted territory

Vandal soccer heads to Ruston, La., to compete in the WAC Soccer Tournament for first time in school history

Ilya Pinchuk
Argonaut

The Vandal soccer squad is packing their bags for Ruston, La., where in a week's time, Idaho will compete in the WAC Soccer Tournament for the first time in program history. It's yet another first in a season full of broken records, program firsts and triumphs as well as disappointments.

"If someone had turned around at the beginning of the year and said 'coach, you'll have 14 wins, a chance to battle for the WAC Championship, and we would have qualified for the WAC Tournament,' we would have snapped their hands off," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

Idaho's regular season closed with a heartbreaking loss to Fresno State in overtime. After a thrilling win over San Jose State, coupled with a Boise State tie, the Vandals held full control of their destiny going into Sunday's game against the Fresno State Bulldogs.

At stake — the overall WAC title, awarded to the top team in the conference.

In a season full of firsts, this one was not to be. Idaho outplayed the Bulldogs for the majority of the game but was unable to penetrate past Bulldogs goalkeeper Kaitlyn Revel.

"I thought we controlled the play for a lot of the game and played good, fluid soccer, but we just didn't do a good enough job of getting behind them," Showler said. "They (Fresno State) did a good job of clogging everything up and making it hard to break down, but we battled valiantly."

Idaho looked to have taken the decisive lead late in the second half when forward Megan Lopez drove the ball past Revel, but the goal was quickly waved off on an offside call. The Van-



Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

Vandal forward Chelsea Small attempts a shot through the defensive wall of Fresno State players Sunday afternoon at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals fell to Fresno State in overtime by a 1-0 score but wrapped up their best season in school history. Idaho won 14 games this year, an improvement from the one-win season two years ago. The Vandals travel to Ruston, La. this week to compete in the WAC Tournament and face Fresno State in the opening round.

dals continued to bring the heat but were unable to score the game winner.

Idaho goalkeeper Liz Boyden kept a clean streak, including several sprawling and diving saves, but was foiled by Fresno State's Bradlee DeShane, who crashed the net and picked up a loose ball to sneak the game-winning shot past Boyden and deny Idaho the overall WAC title.

"It was a heartbreaker yesterday, but the girls are resilient," Showler said. "It's the first time we've ever made the WAC Tournament and if we win three games, we're in the NCAA."

The loss capped off a stunning two-year turnaround for the program, which had captured just one win two years prior.

After one of the best turnaround records in the nation last year, going from one win to nine, the Vandals put together the pieces of the puzzle to compile a 14-win season, the best in school history.

The Vandals also broke school records in goals, game-winning goals, points, and a handful of other categories.

All those records aren't on the minds of the team, however. Showler said the squad is fully focused on the task at

hand, and the possibility of breaking yet another record by earning the first tournament win in school history, as well as having a chance to capture a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

"Our emphasis is on winning Thursday's game and preparing for Friday's game," Showler said.

The Vandals will have some slight motivation going into Thursday's game, as it is against the very same Fresno State squad that denied Idaho the regular season title. Showler said the squad is anxious to get out and take revenge.

"The nice thing is we get

another bite of the cherry at Fresno State," Showler said.

Weather and field conditions may not favor the Vandals, the tournament is held on a smaller turf field as opposed to the wide-open Guy Wicks Field, which the Vandals are used to playing and practicing on, but Showler said the squad is talented enough to adapt on the fly and make the best of every situation.

"It's tight dimensions and it suits some teams style of play, but we went down there last year and won, so we've proven we can do it," Showler said. "The weather forecast isn't great, but you know, the

girls have played in some torrential weather here as well."

With the regular season behind them, Idaho is focused solely on advancing further along into the post season. Showler said it's nice to know the season doesn't end with Senior Day and the last game of the regular season, and said the squad is apprehensive of what they have accomplished.

"We are ready for everything," Showler said. "The girls are well-prepared and very motivated — they are ready for this and it's what they've prepared for and what they deserve after the season they have had."

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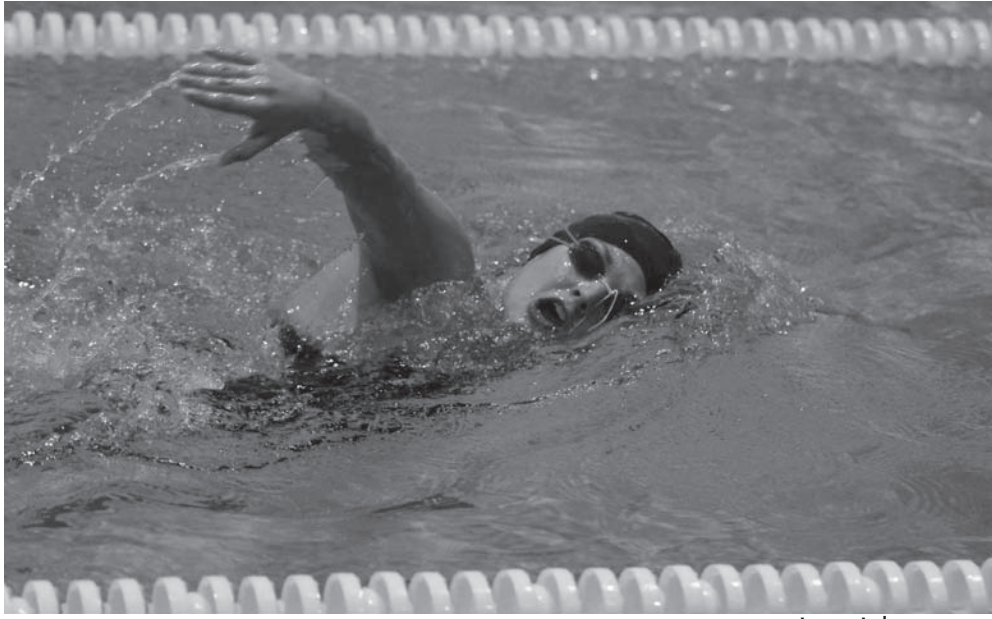




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Swimming wins two events



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Vandal swimmer Elizabeth Jagush warms up during practice Tuesday afternoon in University of Idaho swimming pool. University of Idaho freshmen Shana Lim and Sammi Mischkot led the Vandals at a double dual meet at UCLA winning one event a piece. The Vandals beat UC San Diego 130-107 and lost 138-93 to UCLA.

Vicky Hart Argonaut

Despite their underdog status, the Vandal swimming and diving team (2-3) delivered wins in the face of huge competition at their first outdoor meet this season in Southern California.

Idaho came home with both a win and a loss from their dual meet against the University of California, San Diego and the University of California, Los Angeles. The Vandals beat UC San Diego 130 - 107 but were defeated by UCLA 138 - 93. San Diego also lost to UCLA 140.5 - 88.5 in the same meet.

"We had a real great weekend," coach Tom Jager said. "We got a win against San Diego, which is one of our real big rivals."

The youth of Idaho's swimming and diving team held their own against nationally ranked opponents. Vandal victories included freshman Shana Lim's perfor-

mance in the 100 yard backstroke and Sammi Mischkot's win in the 500 yard freestyle race. Sophomore Kacla Pettit finished .39 seconds after Mischkot, giving the Vandals a 1-2 finish.

Lim finished second in the 50-yard freestyle race, behind UCLA's Cynthia Fascella by less than one second.

"This team is really developing and maturing quickly," Jager said. "Our athletes continue to turn well and swim in straight lines — which isn't as easy as it sounds."

The Vandals took second in the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Idaho's relay team, which consisted of Lim, Megan Venlos, Staci Stratton, and Si Jia Pang finished right behind UCLA with their best time of the season, an impressive feat for the young squad faced with two of the top teams in the nation as competition.

Kelsie Saxe took second place in the 100-yard butterfly behind

San Diego's Kelly Stone. Saxe also placed fifth in the 100 yard breaststroke, continuing to add to her impressive season thus far.

"Kelsie (Saxe) swam great all weekend," Jager said. "She's had the best weekend for a couple meets in a row now, and she's really becoming a great leader for this team."

Jager said he is pleased with the meet's outcome, but saw the team tire out on the second day of swimming.

"We swam better on Friday than Saturday," Jager said. "Saturday was good, but not great. We want to swim great back-to-back."

This weekend's home meet against WAC rivals Fresno State University and New Mexico State University will test the Vandals' ability to perform well in consecutive meets.

"We want people to come and watch," Jager said. "This is an exciting team to watch. They themselves want to swim better."

Long-range shooting: Awesome, but ethical?

A new trend has taken hold of the hunting industry. Stalking in close, taking careful consideration of the wind and being a true hunter is quickly becoming an outdated style of hunting.

The new trend is ultra long range hunting. This style is a glimpse into how military snipers fire on their targets. Find it, establish an exact range, take windage measurements, calibrate the scope to the distance and wind speed, fire several dry shots and then finally fire one kill shot.

This is great in theory. The ability to harvest game at extraordinary distances is and will be the future of the hunting sports, but is killing an animal from almost a mile away, when it has absolutely no chance to even know you're there, an ethical way of hunting?

Absolutely — but only if you have the skill to pull it off.

Shooting at distances further than 400 yards is never anything I would recommend to any hunter who hasn't practiced extensively. Extensive practice means more than 500 rounds on target in varying wind and weather conditions. This will allow the hunter to have the confidence and skill to be able to harvest an animal humanely. Even when a shooter has practiced, the adrenaline rush and the pressure to perform will always be a factor and may lead to mistakes.

Shooting accurately at extreme distances will require some special equipment.

Long range scopes, scopes with distance and windage adjustments, are available from several retailers. Long range specific rifles have become a new trend in the market place and provide sub-minute of angle precision. Even with this high tech gear the shot still comes down to the shooter. Being able to calm the nerves, slow your breathing and have a clean, crisp trigger pull will determine if your bullet finds

its target.

The big issue with long range shooting has surprisingly never been the ability of the hunter to harvest the animal cleanly. Instead, the conversation has turned to whether this is a fair way to hunt for game.

In some areas of the world there would be no way to harvest an animal without the use of long range shooting. Sometimes there is simply no way to get to the animal without it being spooked.

Being able to shoot from a distance, the animal feels safe and allows the hunter to take game

they would never have a chance at otherwise.

As far as the fairness of shooting animals from these extreme distances, the main point naysayers would use is that the animals have no chance at knowing the hunter is there. In rebuttal, there have been literally hundreds of times where game has been all around me, within 10 yards, and never had any clue there was any danger present. What difference does it make if game is unaware of danger, be it near or far?

It comes down to practicing and dedicating time and effort into making sure when you pull the trigger, your target is harvested quickly and humanely, close or far.



Michael French
Argonaut

Secret spots of the outdoors

If there's one thing many outdoorsmen have in common, it's that most of them have their secret spots that produce for them time and time again. Whether it is for hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking or just a nice hiking trail, having a go-to spot is a blessing.

Being able to find these spots does not happen early in one's outdoor adventures. Instead, most adventurers stumble on these spots through years of trial and error. Finding these spots is something someone has to do on their own, because not many outdoorsmen are willing to share their secret areas with anyone besides close friends and relatives.

It is easy to detect who has found their secret spot because they are the ones who always seem to come home with a trophy elk or a mess of fish. Outdoor sports many not seem competitive to outsiders but make no mistake — everyone wants to catch the biggest fish and shoot the biggest buck. Having a secret spot that produces is like having an ace in the hole — its value is not to be taken lightly.

Because having a go-to spot gives one the leg

up on the competition, keeping that spot safe is important. One will never reveal those secret hill-tops, ridges, wallows, or pools unless that person is completely trustworthy. Those who have secret spots need to know that their secret is safe with whomever they tell.

If one is lucky enough for a more experienced outdoorsman to take them out to their spot, there are several rules that person needs to follow. That outdoorsman is taking a leap of faith by telling where that spot is, and deserves consideration.

The first rule about secret spots is: don't talk about the secret spot, and it's the most cardinal rule of them all.

If you are told or taken to that spot by another outdoorsman, the spot still belongs to the first outdoorsman. Talking about the spot makes others curious and they will dig for information. The last thing anyone wants is for their spot to be full of people.

Just don't talk about it. Another rule is if one feels they absolutely have to share the secret with someone, like a



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Vandal quarterback Logan Bushnell runs the ball during practice Wednesday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals dropped a 45-10 decision against Hawaii at Aloha Stadium and are 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the WAC. Hawaii improved to 7-2 overall, is 5-0 in the WAC, Hawaii secured its bowl bid with the victory.

THRASH

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The Vandals started the game off on the right foot. On the first drive of the game, quarterback Nathan Enderle and the Vandals marched the ball the length of the field and set up a 35-yard field goal for kicker Trey Farquhar, who drilled the ball between the pipes.

Idaho's defense took over and limited the Warriors to a field goal of their own until the dying moments of the first half, in which the Vandals gave up a touch-down drive.

"It ends up being 10-3 at the end of the first quarter and I look at that and I saw two good football teams playing against each other," Akey said. "I felt like we need to finish better so that we can be the good football team on top."

Finish was not in the Vandals' vocabulary for the rest of the game, as Idaho repeatedly gave up passing and rushing yards to the Warriors. Two big interceptions and two fumble recoveries sealed Idaho's fate early, as the Warriors drove home three touchdowns in the second quarter alone.

"We were a couple blocks away from finishing some big runs and we were a couple of responsibilities away from making some big plays," Akey said. "We were really close in that first half, but when you have those turnovers, that makes a significant impact."

Idaho's lone touchdown came just before the two-minute warning. Replacing Enderle, Brian Reader hooked up with freshman receiver Taylor Elmo for a 18-yard touchdown play to give the Vandals a moral victory.

The win was Hawaii's sixth consecutive, keeping the Warriors unbeaten in

the WAC and setting up a clash of the titans with Boise State this week. The win also gave Hawaii its earliest bowl bid in school history as the Warriors accepted their invitation to the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl following the game.

Idaho enters a two-game home stand against two WAC powerhouses in Nevada and Boise State, but the contest against Hawaii put a bright spotlight on several areas the Vandals need to improve on.

For the second game in a row, Idaho was hobbled by personal fouls and penalties. Idaho was slammed with 14 penalties totaling 152 yards against Hawaii, a number that must drop significantly if the Vandals hope to stay competitive.

"I'm not real happy with the penalty situation," Akey said. "When it comes to false starts, we can get those things corrected. I'm not happy with it, but we'll clean those things up. The ones that concern me are the personal foul penalties."

Despite the high numbers, Akey was quick to stress that not every single personal foul penalty was warranted. Akey said the Vandals are a disciplined squad despite what the statistics say, and he would much rather have to tell his players to back off than to go harder and faster.

"We need to play the game aggressive but clean," Akey said. "And we are going to play it right and play it clean."

Idaho's running game was non-existent yet again, raising more concern about the one-dimensionality of the Vandal offense. For the first time all season, Enderle was unable to find the end zone, and the Warriors showed how easy it was to dismantle Idaho's offense.

The Vandals rushed for just 56 total yards, and averaged 2.8 yards per carry. With no running game to turn to,

Idaho was powerless to put up points as the Warriors honed in on Enderle and his receivers.

Idaho's running game was hobbled by the lacking of running back, Princeton McCarty, who did not take to the field against Hawaii for undisclosed reasons. McCarty is second on the Vandal roster with 298 total rushing yards, and his uncertain status against Nevada is a major blow to an already-stifled running game.

Several other players were injured against Hawaii, but Akey attributed it more to mid-season bumps and bruises than anything serious.

Tight ends Daniel Hardy and Taylor Elmo both hobbled off the field with apparent ankle injuries, and safety Shiloh Keo looked shaken up and did not finish the game against Hawaii, but Akey said the bumps and bruises are minor and expects all three to be back in action against Nevada.

"We're riding that horse pretty hard," Akey said of Keo. "He's playing safety, he's playing nickel, he's on our punt team as a protector and returning punts, and he is returning kick-offs. He's exhausting himself pretty well."

Akey expects ice baths and daily stretches to help with the wear and tear that most players experience in the middle of the season, and has no qualm about his team's ability to be ready come Saturday.

As it turns out, Akey has a special program in store for Keo.

"A lot of guys come in on Sunday and get in the cold tub and they put an ankle or knee in there," Akey said. "For Keo, we'll just give him a snorkel and let him put his whole body in there and hopefully we'll have him feeling good again by the time Saturday rolls around."

Key Stats

Total offense

Idaho — 368
Hawaii — 494

Rushing yards

Idaho — 56
Hawaii — 141

Passing yards

Idaho — 312
Hawaii — 353

Top receivers

Taylor Elmo — 5 catches, 49 yards, 1 touchdown
Kama Bailey — 4 catches, 62 yards, 0 touchdowns
Justin Veltung — 4 catches, 52 yards, 0 touchdowns

Top rushers

Deonte Jackson — 11 carries, 56 yards
Brian Reader — 2 carries, 14 yards
Troy Vital — 3 carries, 11 yards

Top passers

Nathan Enderle — 23-41 completions, 207 yards, 0 touchdowns, 2 interceptions
Brian Reader — 7-11 completions, 105, 1 touchdown, 0 interceptions

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ered 105 yards, nearly half the yards of Enderle, who finished the game with 207.

Reader also showed some quick moves with his feet, rushing twice for 14 yards and avoiding blitzes to finish with no sacks. A fun statistic — Reader actually led the Vandals in rushing average with 7 yards per attempt.



tight end

Taylor Elmo

The redshirt freshman is making a strong case for his future in Vandal uniform. After catching his first touchdown pass against Western Michigan, Elmo came up big again for the Vandals, pulling down Reader's 18-yard toss for Idaho's only touchdown of the game.

Elmo finished third on the team in receiving yards with 49 to his name, a career high.

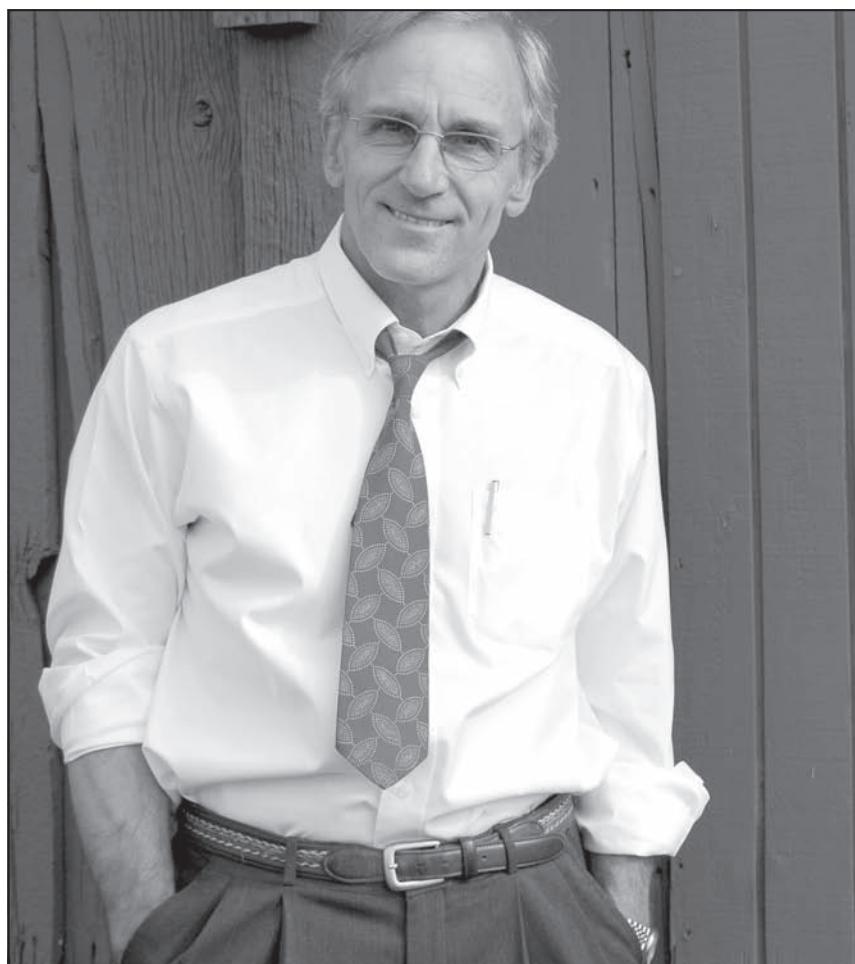
Elmo's athleticism and dexterity, including making not only big plays, but pulling down passes from all angles, some with one hand, have gotten the attention of coach Robb Akey, who has nothing but praise for the young tight end out of Yakima, Wash.

"I'm really excited about Taylor Elmo's future," Akey said. "As he continues to grow up, I think he has the chance to be a special player."

defensive back

Thaad Thompson

The junior defensive back made his first start in Vandal uniform against Hawaii, moving to the outside linebacker position, and provided dividends by leading the Vandals defense in total sacks with seven, a career best for the junior college transfer.



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To squander that right is selfish and irresponsible, even though it is understandable for a voter to have doubts about this election's significance.

The last two years have had some of the most divisive, extreme figures and political rhetoric

from both sides of the partisan line. Any hope of representation for the demographic of Americans who identify as Independents or otherwise have been drowned out by likes of Glenn Beck and Keith Olbermann, both of whom resort to extremes and name-calling when discussing political topics. The words "Hitler," "Nazis," "socialism," "Muslim" and "terrorist" have been used as common verbs, drowning out voices of reason and perpetuating false rumors. Those who fall somewhere in the middle — otherwise known as a wide margin of the voting population

— are left wondering if they should even bother with today's political process.

But this is precisely why the Independent demographic should turn out in droves today to vote. Staying silent allows the voice of the unreasonable to grow louder and louder, like the annoying drunk guy at a party who won't go home even though he's clearly done for the night.

If quieting the voices of the extreme is not a compelling enough reason, vote for the simple notion of taking advantage of the rights afforded

to this country. Take a few minutes to look at the list of candidates, make an informed decision and exercise the right to vote. People in other countries are engaged in civil war in hopes of winning that right.

University and college students are in a unique position of higher education and learning that arguably puts them in a position of social responsibility as active members of society. Put your education to good use and make things happen.

Go vote.

— KM

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Juliana Ward

Argonaut

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

How ya doin'?

One thing I learned on my trip back from Louisville: Minnesotan accents crack me up. Just hearin' the Delta Airlines worker talk like this made me giggle every few minutes. Call me immature — I am, you betcha.

— Kelcie

Kentucky in a graf

Here's what I learned during the last few days: Delta Airlines, I dislike you. Airport floors are incredibly comfortable if you are tired enough. I wish we had a Waffle House on the West Coast (an unexpected stay in Atlanta reminded me how awesome they are). Churchill Downs is amazing whether or not you watch horse racing or the Kentucky Derby. Oh yeah, and our websites, Blot and uirgonaut.com, were named third and fifth, respectively, best college media websites in the nation.

— Elizabeth

Sleep is good

This weekend, I slept. And I took some naps. And then I slept some more. I feel like a new person.

— Kelli

Red

Last night, I painted my fingernails red — the color of power. When I look down at my red nails punching away at the keyboard, I realize the color red is a metaphor for my life right now. I am facing challenges, reveling in the beauty of being a responsible and respectable woman and reminding myself how liberating it is to be alive. I will embody the symbolism associated with the color red until it is alive and well in me.

— Tanya

New slogan

Delta Airlines needs to work on a new slogan. Something like, "Fly with us, we'll make travel a nightmare," or maybe "Delta Airlines, we're out of care packages because every other flight was delayed too." Or my favorite, "Delta Airlines, sorry we don't care."

— Nick

Champions

I went to Champions for the first time ever this weekend, and I have to say, that place is seriously under-rated. I've never seen so many TVs in one room, the beer is reasonably priced and best of all, they had the Vandal game on. How can you go wrong?

— Ilya

Watch out

I really am ready to kick butt this week, but physically my body is telling me, "No way Jose. You are sick, go back to sleep and regroup." I wish I could listen, but I have to conquer this week like it didn't know I was coming.

— Dara

Sleep

It would be great to get some consistently.

— Jens

Travel tip

When traveling, pack a pair of clothes in your carry-on. Your friends and body will be thanking you when you're stuck in humid Atlanta without any fresh clothes.

— Loren

Placing high young

I have never been more proud of a group ever. After only one week, the new uirgonaut.com had been named the fifth best college website in the nation, and Blot magazine's one month old site has been named the third best. And it will only get better from here.

— Madison

Turn that frown upside down, no really, do it

Despite elementary teachers making it cliché, the practice of upside down frowning can go a long way.

Not just smiling, but having a positive regard for life.

Yes, we can all get bogged down with homework, school, work, catty friends (yes, men too) and irritable significant others.

But really, does the person you walk by deserve a scowl or a dirty look? Did they have anything to do with the fact you had a nasty burrito for lunch and now your stomach hurts?

In hopes the answer is no to that question, and any other instances in which you think someone is just out to get you on any given day, keep your

head up.

Tripping someone en route to class might make you feel better and entertain others around you for a second, but in the long run you have successfully pissed off someone else, and are still angry at life.

Tripping someone may seem extreme, but whether it is a quick contorted exchanged glance or yelling when unnecessary, it really can mess the person up on the other end who maybe wasn't necessarily involved in the first place.

But when you are handed a mondo-size amount of class work or encounter a situation that isn't all blueberry muffins and rainbows, instead of cursing the world, say to yourself, "I can do this.

I have a choice to handle this and get through it, or be negative and fight it every step of the way."

It might sound chock full of crazy pep talk but it really can work.

The other side is whatever mood you are in other people pick up on it — negative or positive.

Granted, many of us have been through a lot, or are going through some tough times, but have some pride in yourself when a time like that comes around. Pick yourself up and maintain a good attitude, it can make all the difference in your actions and interactions with others.

It also can get you far with other people, whether it is that grouch of a flight attendant, an employee anywhere for that matter, or an innocent passerby who shouldn't be victim of your bad day.



Dara Barney
Argonaut

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Correspondence with our readers

Re-elect Trail

I am writing to endorse District 6 Rep. Tom Trail for re-election. Rep. Trail came to my aide when no one else would even listen to me. I had been treated like a beggar because I was sick and needed a surgery to save my life at the time. I tried to get help and was told "no" everywhere I turned. I was told to divorce my husband or move to another state to get medical help. I called him one afternoon in May and within 24 hours he had people responding to me and treating me with dignity and respect. Within a week I was having the surgery I needed to save me, and now am able to care for my family and children.

I have lived in Idaho for 15 years and my husband was born here. Rep. Trail cares about Idaho, he cares about education and most of all he cares about the people who make up this state.

If you feel the same way, then re-elect Rep. Tom Trail and we can't fail.

Sly Amett
Kendrick, Idaho

Six-year olds ready for condoms?

"Hello class, today in first

grade we'll practice writing sentences while staying in the lines. Following will be recess, which is a great time for you little youngsters to grab some condoms in the office for the weekend."

Who knew one day society would be handing out condoms to first graders?

The day has come in Provincetown, Mass. A new policy makes condoms available to elementary students. Get this, a student desiring to obtain a condom simply walks to the counselor's office, hears a little spiel on abstinence, and then as if to say, "But since you can't control yourself," hands the child a condom.

Want to know the best part? The parents of the child are not contacted. Why not? Of course it's because these children are wise enough in their old age to be independent from their parents, and hey, parents shouldn't know what goes on in their children's lives, especially, heaven forbid, at school.

So we need permission slips for field trips but not for condoms? It's a genius plan, right? As we have encouraged "safe sex," we have grown in

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Electric cars can't be made fun of for being 'gay'

Ron Howard's decision to leave Vince Vaughn's gay joke in "The Dilemma" is inexcusable.

The joke first started gaining notice when it was referenced in trailers promoting the movie. The full line from the movie is, "Electric cars are gay. I mean, not homosexual gay, but my-parents-are-chaperoning-the-dance gay."

Howard and Vaughn are taking inanimate objects and giving them values associated with a group of people. They are saying, "Electric cars are like whatever your thoughts are about gay people."

They are also saying, "Electric cars are like that gay guy you know."

Really? Are electric cars just like all the other cars except they enjoy the companionship of same-sex electric cars?

Of course not, electric cars don't have feelings, they don't have a sex and they can't possibly enjoy anyone or anything else's companionship.

But you know who do have feelings and enjoy the companionship of same-sex people?

Gay people.

The emphasis in that sentence should be on the second word, people. Just because someone is gay, does not mean they are not people too, and it should not be acceptable for others to single out another group of people and harass them in the name of comedy. Would it have been OK for Howard and Vaughn to compare electric cars to African-Americans, Native Americans, short people, Muslims or any other group of people?

Whether or not it's OK, it wouldn't be as "funny." Gay jokes only work because people still have negative feelings about gay people. That's where the real problem lies. It isn't necessarily people making these types of jokes, it's that other people laugh at them.

While no one can control what is printed, broadcast or produced, everyone can control what he or she chooses to laugh at and what they find funny. It is time to stop laughing at gay jokes.

"Comedy and joking about our differences breaks



Robert J. Taylor
Argonaut

Definitive Four

Don't vote

Today is an important day for America, or at least that is what most people will tell you. If one does not vote, America will surely nosedive into a communist state.

That could not be further from the truth, however. In today's society, democracy equals a bloated bureaucratic government unable to make even the most minuscule of changes.

This makes voting as finicky as an individual keeping score while shooting hoops in the backyard by his or herself. Can a person do it? Absolutely. Does it matter? Absolutely not.

Voting is nothing more than a waste of valuable time. It is something akin to playing a game of computer solitaire or watching VH1. Nothing positive will be extracted from it regardless of what political science teachers might say.

A person is better off skipping past the polling place and heading somewhere that allows them to make a definitive contribution to one's life.

Change

Every year since I have been eligible to vote there has been a promise something somewhere would be changing. As enjoyable as it is to drive 70 miles per hour on the interstate or be carded to buy Nyquil, issues such as gay marriage, stem cell research, health care and illegal immigration seem to still bring the country into disrepute.

These are complex issues, but the people elected these officials to find a resolution to the important problems. Instead, the important and tough issues are given up on and the focus is placed on items that can be easily solved because no one really cares. It would be worthwhile to vote if the change that is continually being promised was actually delivered but that is not the case.

Preentious voters

Many voters are far too preentious, considering all one needs to do to be able to vote is to be over the age of 18 and fill out some paperwork. Voting requires no skill or intelligence, just the ability to fill in or poke out bubbles de-

pending on the voting system.

Yet some people insist voting is somehow special and will burden others with this ridiculous opinion. The most asinine aspect of their argument has to be the fact one should want to vote because people in other countries cannot. At least the people in those countries do not have to listen to pretentious fools explaining why a person should complete a superfluous exercise in governmental procedure.



Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

Candidates

Political candidates at nearly all levels of politics seem to be incredibly stuffy, downright crazy or too good to be true. It is baffling that most, if not all, people running for political office are either completely out of touch with his or her constituency, shout out insane ideas such as removing gun registration or have been/will be involved in some sort of sexual debauchery that will force him or her to resign from office in disgrace.

While all of these of choices are exciting, there is something left to be desired for those people who do not simply vote based on party affiliation. Between pathetic candidate choices and boring bond measures, voting hardly seems worth the effort.

Stickers

In America, time is money and times are hard. Giving a person an "I voted" sticker is hardly worth the time it takes to vote. Those who support voting can ramble on about civic duty, but the only concept more American than Democracy is capitalism. There is no direct capital to be gained from voting so it is not worth the bother.

Surely, the money spent by the government on those stickers would be better served helping the increasing number of impoverished families in America. If a person needs a sticker to remind them that he or she voted earlier in the day chances are most people would not have wanted them to vote in the first place.

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STD infections and new types of STDs. Good for us.

Compare handing out condoms to handing out steroids. In the locker room, you have the coach lecturing his athletes to abstain from taking steroids and as a last note mentions, "But just in case, there will be a box of clean syringes in the dugout."

Who wouldn't take that up? It's there, waiting. It can't be that bad since they're encouraging it in the slightest way. This might be OK if the aftermath wasn't ugly. Yet, STD rates have increased. The truth is we're digging ourselves into a deeper hole each day and soon the sides are going to collapse if we don't change.

Casey Dail
University of Idaho Sexual
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Changing fees to tuition

Will Idaho voters approve the amendment for charging tuition at the University of Idaho?

The change is worded so the money is discretionary not dedicated. It can be misused in Boise, if the administration desires. Remember the "Alfred plea" Dr. and Mrs. Renfrew placed more than \$1 million in a dedicated scholarship fund. This fund disappeared in Boise. Some students are being taught by Technical Assistants (TAs) now. Private colleges that charge tuition have teachers with Ph.Ds in the classrooms and labs, not TAs. In my opinion, private colleges are run by a Business (MBA+) person, not by educated-oriented people in layers. Where is the beef?

Other examples of dedicated money leaving the county: Forty-four County weed money being sent to Boise without voter approval. Pension endowment money dedicated to be placed in "Prudent Investments" by the contractors investing the money. Some ended up in stocks with PE ratios over 25 to over 50 with very little capital. Some in mortgage packages without being recently appraised by a certified appraiser. They have no oversight and are not taught, or required, to have any. In my opinion, any new pool of

money in Moscow will be too much temptation to help students. In my opinion, it is easier to pick pocket the parents of the students than to try to get funds from other sources.

The administration has not published a map that shows: (1) the 30,000 acres granted to UI, or (2) the acres granted to the Experiment Stations across Idaho. Has the Federal Government divvied up the amount of acres promised under the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890?

Respectfully,
Melvin Taggart
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Thanks helpers

I want to thank Marlene Wilson and the ASUI students who helped get the Troy Community Garden ready for winter on "Make a Difference Day." The nine students who came out to Troy from Moscow made the job go quickly and efficiently. They were eager to help, energetic with the tasks and I think they even had fun — I know I did. The garden looks peaceful, beautiful and is a haven for birds feeding on the sunflowers left standing.

Gardens get better with each passing year, and the Troy Community Garden, which was created by the Troy Horizons group in 2009, is no exception. Providing local food is a huge step toward self-sustainability for our rural communities. Backyard gardens, edible landscape gardening and community gardens are blossoming around the nation. We need to keep that trend going for a healthy future. Thanks again to the helpers who came out to Troy. Let's do it again in the spring when we put the community garden back into production.

Susan Westervelt
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Safer Sex is VOX's Motto

Ms. Dail's letter to the editor entitled "Safe Sex?" in the Oct. 15, 2010 edition of The Argonaut claims that abstinence is the only sure-fire way to protect against unintended

pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). But Ms. Dail's method is not fool proof, nor does it acknowledge that each person needs to choose the safer sex method that's best for him or her.

Unfortunately, the spread of STIs are not limited to sexual acts. They can spread from person to person through birth, medical procedures, drug use and kissing. Even in mutually monogamous relationships, cold sores, a type of herpes, can spread from the mouth to the genitals, and in the right conditions, sperm need only come near a woman's vagina for her to become pregnant, regardless of intercourse. Yes, engaging in sexual activity can involve risk, as can driving a car, that's why condoms and safety belts were invented. Condoms sold in the U.S. are inspected by manufacturers and the FDA, an average of 996 out of 1,000 condoms must pass inspection or they are not sold. When used correctly and consistently, condoms dramatically reduce the risk of pregnancy and STIs.

The reality is that most people aren't going to stop driving cars or having sex, instead they can learn how to reduce risk. This is what the University of Idaho student group, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, teaches on campus. If Ms. Dail had picked up one of our condom kits she'd know that our literature does, in fact, say "Safer Sex," and teaches people how to reduce risk if they choose to engage in sexual activity. Sorry Ms. Dail, ignorance, scare tactics and misinformation don't persuade people to give up sex. If that were true, Mississippi would have the lowest teen pregnancy rate in the country, instead of the highest. (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db46.pdf>)

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