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The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival will be from Feb. 23-26 and will feature such groups and artists as The Manhattan Transfer, The Lionel Hampton New York Big Band, Jimmy Heath and more. Volunteers are currently needed and can visit [www.jazz.uidaho.edu](http://www.jazz.uidaho.edu) to sign up.



**Nick Groff | Argonaut**  
Idaho Lt. Gov. Brad Little, center, and University of Idaho President Duane Nellis talk with representatives from Idaho INBRE Wednesday morning at the state capitol in Boise. Student representatives and university officials made the trip to Boise to talk about their experiences at UI.

## Jazz Fest needs more volunteers

more than **43** Jazz Fests  
**10,000** attendees  
**500** volunteers needed  
**200** volunteers signed up  
**Feb. 20** last day to sign up

**Kayla Herrmann**  
Argonaut

During the last 40 years, the sound of jazz music has brought people of all walks of life together to enjoy the music of well-known and inspiring musicians.

However, in order to host more than 10,000 people, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival team needs volunteers.

This year's jazz festival, "Explorations of the Heart," will take place Feb. 23-26. As of right now, 200 volunteers have signed up to help.

Tori Cook, volunteers program coordinator, said their goal in the next week is to have anywhere from 500 to 700 volunteers.

This year changes have been made to the volunteer programs, which include a new volunteer registration and scheduling program online.

"The new volunteer registration allows for volunteers to choose specific jobs that interest them and allows them to sign-up

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## Putting a face to education funding

**Dara Barney**  
Argonaut

Thirty-nine University of Idaho students sat on a bus for more than 12 hours in a matter of two days to and from Boise with one mission: to track down legislators from different districts at the Legislative Breakfast to speak to them about their experiences at UI.

Higher Education Week is next week, and the decision to raise education budget cuts will eventually be in the hands of those legislators.

"I found a common ground with my legislators. I was able to walk around the displays that we helped set up, talk about my experiences at UI, and what my (UI) education has done and will do for me," sophomore Sean Browning said.

Each student was assigned a district, and spent Wednesday morning trying to find and meet their legislators to talk to them.

"I talked about the university's emphasis on traditions, and what they mean to me as a college stu-

dent. One of the senators I talked to had a son that had just graduated from UI Law School, and we were able to talk about how great those traditions are and how they are a huge part of shaping my experiences here, along with getting my education," Nathan Miller said, Student Alumni Relations Board president.

Tim Helmke, associate director of Alumni Relations, was there to help out as a chaperone, along with Jennifer Fountain, director of Student Engagement.

"(UI President Duane) Nellis said he has been to West Virginia and Kansas because of past positions, and this turnout was by far the best turnout he had ever seen," Helmke said. "I think it went really well. The student engagement, matching students up with legislators turned out well. It is hard for legislators to say no to a student."

ASUI Legislative Correspondent Joseph Black worked in Boise to put the event together, also involving

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**Nick Groff | Argonaut**  
Joe Vandal stands next to a proclamation written by Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter that was read and presented to University of Idaho President Duane Nellis by Lt. Gov. Brad Little Jan. 26 at the state capitol in Boise.

## National Guardsman in Iraq requests UI flag

**Joanna Wilson**  
Argonaut

Today in Baghdad, Iraq, a U.S. Army National Guard motor-pool flies two flags: One from Boise State University, the other from the University of Idaho — but UI's is bigger.

"We have like two or three guys that are from Boise, so they're Boise fans," said Specialist Joel Eggert, B Company, 145th Brigade Support Battalion. "And our captain of our company is actually a Boise State fan as well. So I'm glad they decided, since they were talking about flying the Boise flag, they figured might as well let us fly a Vandal flag too."

Eggert, a former UI architecture student and a member of the National Guard, was deployed to Iraq shortly before Thanksgiving.

Eggert's company provides security escorts for high-ranking officials, but according to his wife, Kari Eggert, their job

changes on a daily basis as needs change.

"This is his first deployment," she said. "He's enjoying it. He's really getting to get some good experience — different culture. He enjoys what he does. The military is giving him the opportunities to see the world. He's really learning a lot about culture right now — visiting palaces, learning about the history."

Eggert, a Rathdrum, Idaho, resident and Lakeland High School graduate, was always a Vandal fan, his wife said.

"I met him and he already knew he was going to go to the U of I," Kari Eggert said.

Because of the deployment timing, Eggert and the rest of his company stationed out of Lewiston were unable to attend Idaho's game against BSU.

"Basically, me and my roommate are both Vandal fans," Eggert said. "And we've got a couple guys who are Boise fans, so we always have our little intersquad competition. And so we both

**"We actually have the Boise State flag and the Vandal flag flying right next to each other, and it ended up being that the flag we got was bigger than theirs."**

**Joel Eggert**  
145th Brigade Support Battalion

missed the Boise State game before we left, so we were always giving each other crap — just talking back to each other. So I decided I might as well support the Vandals and get a flag. Fly it over here.

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## Constitution invoked in health care fight

Associate Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Republican lawmakers in nearly a dozen states are reaching into the dusty annals of American history to fight President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

They are introducing measures that hinge on "nullification," Thomas Jefferson's late 18th-century doctrine that purported to give states the ultimate say in constitutional matters.

GOP lawmakers introduced such a measure Wednesday in the Idaho House, and Alabama, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Nebraska, Texas and Wyoming are also talking about the idea.

The efforts are completely unconstitutional in the eyes of most legal scholars because the U.S. Constitution deems federal laws "the supreme law of the land."

The Idaho attorney general has weighed in as well, branding nullification unconstitutional.

"There is no right to pick and choose which federal laws a state will follow," wrote Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General Brian Kane.

Regardless of the very dubious constitutional nature of the efforts, the nullification push has become a rallying cry in conservative states at a time when anti-government angst is running high and "state's rights" are a popular belief among the tea party crowd.

Delegates at Idaho's Republican convention last year urged seizure of federal lands and resurrection of the gold standard. Conservatives in Montana lined up the door of a legislative committee room last week to

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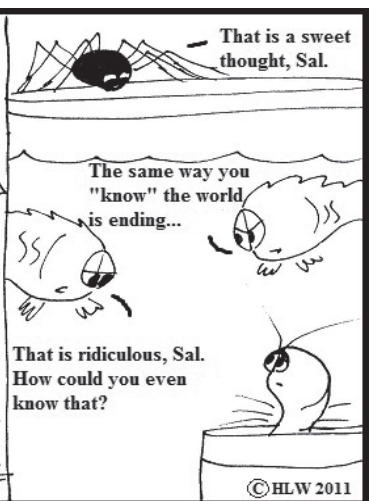
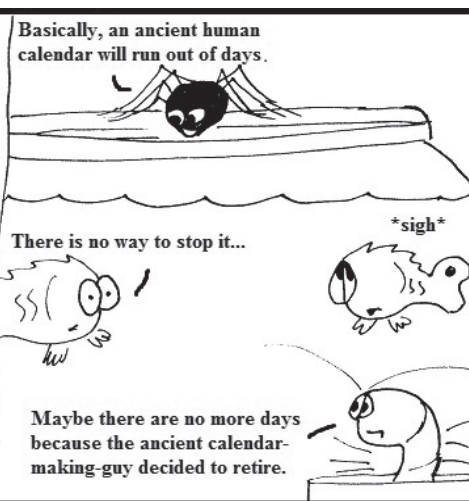
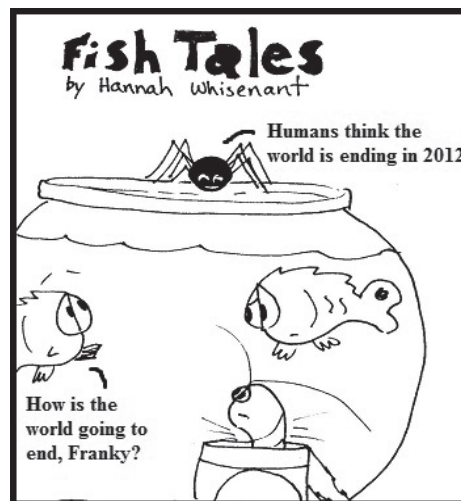
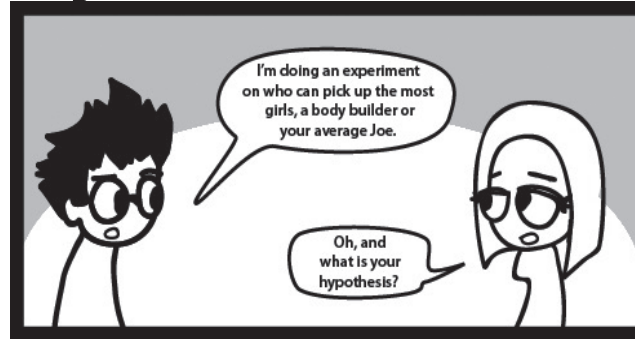


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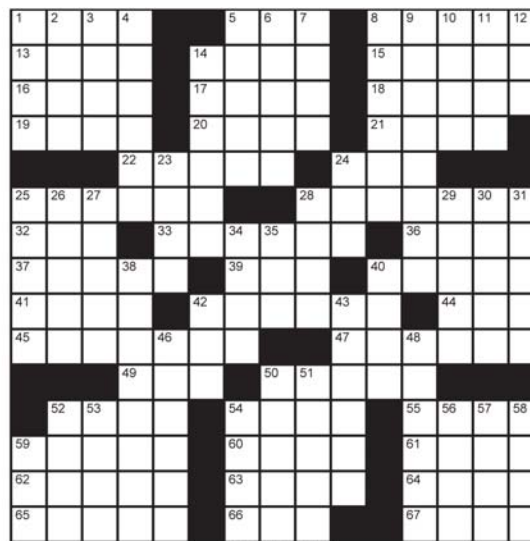
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  - 13 Cell phone items
  - 14 Remote button
  - 15 Red fluorescent dye
  - 16 Actor Stoltz
  - 17 Pressing need?
  - 18 Wept
  - 19 Tibetan monk
  - 20 Shopping place
  - 21 Horse color
  - 22 Plain writing
  - 24 Gymnast's goal
  - 25 Some movie roles
  - 28 Bullfighter
  - 32 Family card game
  - 33 Venomous Aussie snake
  - 36 Opportune
  - 37 Bungle
  - 39 Tank
  - 40 Sour sort
  - 41 Brainstorm
  - 42 Morning starter
  - 44 African antelope
  - 45 After root and wine
  - 47 Movie preview
  - 49 Mormons, initially
  - 50 Western resort lake
  - 52 Expressed
  - 54 Busy place
  - 55 Country bumpkin
  - 59 Yule melody
  - 60 Panache
  - 61 Persia, today
  - 62 Wide open
  - 63 Large butte
  - 64 Exchange premium
  - 65 Court wear
  - 66 LAX setting
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- 1 Biblical shepherd
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  - 5 Mystiques
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  - 24 Crayola color
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  - 26 Positive battery terminal
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  - 28 Chess ending
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  - 30 Offer one's two cents
  - 31 Happen again
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  - 35 Norm
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  - 40 Disney goldfish
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  - 43 Goddess of wisdom
  - 46 Confuses
  - 48 Forward pass
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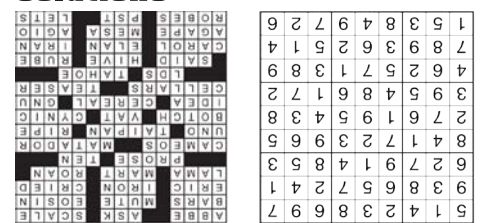


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Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Students in the Central American Ambassadors program give a small business presentation at the St. Augustine's Catholic Center on Monday. The main goal of the program, which took place from Jan. 19 - 25, was cultural sharing and to give students the opportunity to meet business leaders in the local community.

## South American students immerse in U.S. culture

Molly Spencer  
Argonaut

Twenty-three students from Central America traveled to Moscow for the Central American Youth Ambassadors Program to study entrepreneurship for one week, but learned about a new culture too.

"The U.S. Department of State has these big programs where they try and do cultural sharing around the world. They're big contracts they give out to universities around the country," said Jason Hess, interim housing coordinator. "A lot of the money from the Department of State goes to Georgetown University."

Hess said about 30 people from Georgetown administer these grant programs, such as CAYA. The Department of State subcontracted to Georgetown who sub-contracted to the University of Idaho.

"Part of the goal of the program is to kind of subvert this concept of the traditional 'A' model where we go, we build, we change something and we leave," Hess said. "The idea is to do sharing. We're learning by administering the program, they're learning by coming."

The students were ages 15 to 18. Hess said the goal of the program was to introduce the students to local business leaders whose main focus was to give back to the community.

In Moscow, the students were shown to local businesses including Wheatberries, Cowgirl Chocolates, the Co-Op, and Northwest River Supply, he said.

"What we told our students is, if you want to start a business or a community organization, you can do it, it can grow into something big, it's going to take you years of hard work," Hess said. "It's not going to happen overnight, but you can do it."

Landon C. Moore-Cone, an ambassador for CAYA, grew up in Ecuador and said it was nice speaking Spanish again and being around people who share a similar culture.

"It's been an absolute blessing. They're an amazing set of kids," Cone said. "They all have dreams, aspirations and really good values that they're holding forth and wanting to keep in their professional lives."

When Hess heard about the ambassador component for CAYA, which also included a part that was about getting Central American students engaged with UI students, he said he thought Cone would be perfect for the job.

"He has such a diverse background, he's has really good Spanish and he's really good with different types of people," Hess said.

The main module of CAYA was cultural sharing, but at the end of it, the students did

**"The idea is to do sharing. We're learning by administering the program, they're learning by coming."**

Jason Hess  
Interim housing coordinator

write a small business plan that was very base level and a fun project," Hess said. "The students spent most of their time with the host families. Some of them went sledding for the first time and probably never will again. We did meet and greet with high school students asking questions like, What's it like to date in America? And when do you move out of the house? We went rock climbing, we went ice skating, we went bowling...some of them had never bowled before."

Taya Carothers, international student adviser, hosted Rosa, a 16-year-old from Nicaragua.

"It was really interesting because I am single and living alone, which is totally bizarre for her culture. I could tell in

the beginning that she felt really strange about the fact that it was just me," Carothers said. "But I speak Spanish and I've been to her country so we started talking about everything. She started sharing pictures of her family and I showed her pictures of mine."

Carothers also said the students were grateful for everything because they came from underdeveloped communities.

"She's from Nicaragua which has two coasts, the Atlantic and the Pacific and has never been to a beach because her family just doesn't have the resources to travel," Carothers said. "You can imagine this experience would be overwhelming, but she really dealt with it well."

Carothers said the experience was exciting because she has traveled extensively in Central America along with studying abroad.

"I know what it feels like and I've had people be so generous to me in other countries and so I wanted to contribute my culture," Carothers said.

Hess said he wished they could spend more time with the students during the program.

"These kids were incredible. I mean, just inspiring. We put a lot of work into it, but what we got from these kids was so much more," Hess said. "In five days they gave us way more back than we put into it."

## Lost in junk mail

Sarah Yama  
Argonaut

Anna Thompson has prepared the same document, "As the Semester Begins," for 25 years for students, faculty and staff to remind them of the policies implemented by the University of Idaho.

"I'll have been here 26 years in July," said Thompson, assistant to the faculty secretary and policy coordinator. "When I got here they gave me a folder and I was instructed to send it out at the beginning of every semester."

"As the Semester Begins" was sent to students, faculty and staff by e-mail this year. The document contains information about policies found in the UI Catalog, the Faculty Staff Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct as well as other on campus information.

The compiled information is two pages and covers particular policies that range from class admittance to consensual romantic or sexual relationships.

Thompson said she first has to send the information to be approved and reviewed, makes any changes, then sends the information out.

"It's pulled information that would be most helpful to faculty and staff," Thompson said. "We could leave it to the student and say, 'Hey, sorry, it's in the catalog,' but it's helpful to have a short little thing to send out. Unfortunately, many faculty and staff don't read it." Thompson said people

get numerous e-mails daily, which could be one of the reasons many students fail to see the document.

Brennan Wright, junior, said he saw the e-mail, but only briefly glanced at it.

"It seems like it is more helpful to faculty and professors," Wright said. "There's a lot of information that students really wouldn't care about and some things that seem like common sense, like students have the right to know their professor's names."

Wright said there were some policies he didn't know about.

"I didn't know professors couldn't let waitlisted students into their classrooms because of space availability reasons," Wright said. "It seems like a lot of professors don't really care if you sit in."

Wright said he was also unaware of the absence policy that allows instructors to drop students for non-attendance through the sixth business day after the start of the course.

"I didn't know about the absence thing and that's good to know," Wright said.

Thompson said even if only a few people read it, it is still good some catch it.

"I had an employee call me and ask me for the risk management number because it was posted wrong somewhere," Thompson said. "I told him to pay attention to 'As the Semester Begins' because it had the most current or correct number. It's just one of the ways it can be beneficial."



File Photo by Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

Lil Thapa performs a folk dance during the "Taste of Nepal" event in Spring 2009 in the SUB Ballroom.

### News brief

"Taste of Nepal," will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building ballroom. The event is organized by the Nepali Student Association of the University of Idaho, and will showcase different aspects of Nepali culture. Part of the profits will be given to charity to help educate poor children in Nepal, and there will be authentic

Nepali food as well. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for non-students. Contact Susov at 208-596-9687 or Sweta at 208-596-9780 for tickets, or e-mail to nsa@uidaho.edu for tickets and more information.

The Inland Northwest Blood Drive will be hosting a drive at the University of Idaho will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday on the second floor of the Idaho Commons.

## Idaho waits to hear fate of wolf killing petition

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — State wildlife managers expect to hear back in the next six weeks on Idaho's petition to kill wolves in the upper Clearwater River Basin.

Idaho Fish and Game Commissioner Fred Trevey

told lawmakers Thursday the state is prepared to move "instantly" into the Lolo Zone in northern Idaho.

The state has petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to kill up to 50 wolves in the Lolo Zone, with the

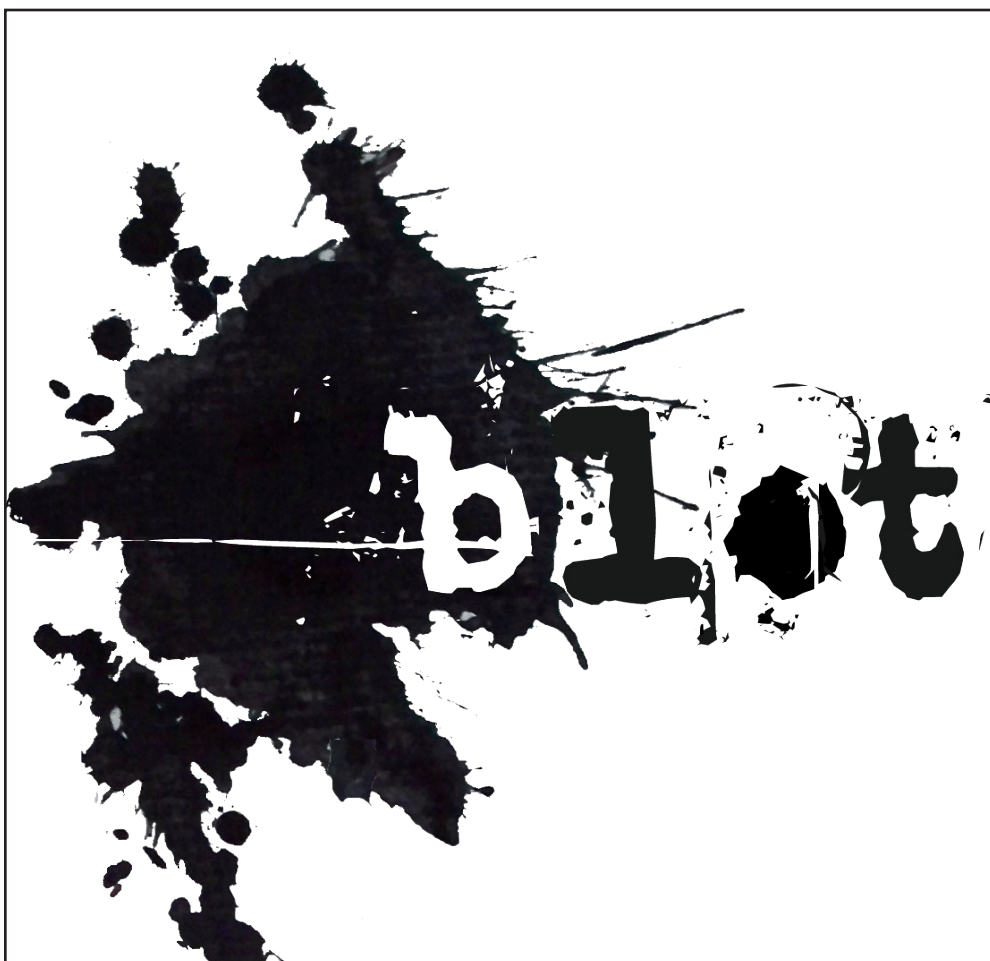
goal of boosting elk populations.

States are allowed to remove wolves if they are harming deer or elk herds.

Fewer than 2,000 elk live in the Lolo Zone, biologist say, and that population fell

after a steep drop in the mid-to late-1990s attributed to harsh winters, habitat changes, and predation by bears and mountain lions.

State officials contend the elk population would have rebounded if not for wolves.



# Guardian

by Adam Harrell  
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# VOLUNTEERS

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directly for their shifts," Cook said. "People have till Feb. 1 to sign up to volunteer to be guaranteed a free ticket to some of the concerts." Positions available for volunteers are mostly in the day, and require people to either help set up performance sites, drivers to help assist artists to and from destinations and people who are able to deliver food and water to different artists. There are also leaderships roles, in which volunteers can help manage a group of volunteers in each area, but

for these positions require more extensive training, Cook said. Cook said he expects Thurs. Feb. 24, in comparison to the years before, will be extremely busy. "In the past we normally had elementary performers on Wednesday, however this year we have combined elementary, middle school, jr. high and college all on Thursday," Cook said. "The artistic director felt that it would be more festival like to have it set up this way, and because of that tickets are limited, so we suggest that volunteers buy tickets for that night." Along with the opportunity of receiving free tickets for every four hours worked, volunteers are also presented

with other benefits. Nichel Kernin, Jazz and Schools coordinator, said the volunteer team has been working on several benefits. "Volunteers will receive free tickets, free things given out by the community, a tote bag in orientation and this year we are hoping to provide a catered event," Kernin said. Each set of volunteers is required to attend a mandatory general session orientation and a job-specific meeting. Volunteers have until Feb. 20 to either sign up or cancel their position in the festival. To sign up for a position visit [www.jazz.uidaho.edu](http://www.jazz.uidaho.edu).

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Lt. Governor Brad Little presented a UI proclamation from the Governor's office, which Nellis was present for. "I think that using students from each of the legislator's districts to reach out to them really helped them realize how education funding cuts effect their constituencies," Black said. "It gives higher education a face when these legislators have budgetary discussions." ASUI President Stephen Parrott and Vice President Samantha

Storms also attended the Legislative Breakfast. "Although some students weren't able to meet with their legislators, we can't meet with everyone," Parrott said. "Hopefully this will help when the state legislature makes their final decisions or the state budget and be able to keep education budget cuts at a minimum. I encourage the state legislator to adopt the governor's budget proposal." Joe Vandal was also there to make rounds around the Capitol Rotunda, and the trip wasn't complete without the Vandal Fight song echoing through the building, inside and out.

# FIGHT

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speak in favor of a bill that would make sheriffs the supreme local authorities, another measure widely believed to be unconstitutional. In Texas, a nullification proposal threatens state officials who don't comply with jail time and fines. Last year in Austin, an insurance salesman led a Texas State Capitol rally as protesters hoisted signs urging not just nullification, but "secession." In Alabama, a version of nullification sponsored last year by Republican Sen. Scott Beason passed the Senate, but died in a Democrat-led House committee. He'll resurrect it this year. "A lot people say, if the Supreme Court decides that it is constitutional, you have to live with it. My feeling is, the people should have the final say," Beason told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "Frankly, the only recourse people have is for the states to try to flex some sovereignty muscle." Idaho is already one of 27 states suing over health care reform and its provision to eventually require people to buy insurance, but Gov. C.L.

"Butch" Otter hinted in a Jan. 10 speech he may go further by pursuing nullification. For philosophical guidance, many proponents look to Jefferson's words 211 years ago in which he fought against the expansion of federal power during an undeclared naval war against France. In 1799, Jefferson wrote in the Kentucky Resolutions that "nullification ... is the rightful remedy." Jefferson created the doctrine to express his disgust with the Alien and Sedition Acts that were enacted by then-President John Adams during the war with France. Idaho Republican Sen. Monty Pearce said the then-future president's words underpin nullification advocates' chief contention: States never relinquished final say over federal matters. "He was at the Constitutional Convention," Pearce said. "He understood how this whole thing was going to be set up." Actually, Jefferson was far away, in France, as the framers met in 1787 in Philadelphia to replace the Articles of Confederation. And his beliefs on nullification were nothing more than his opinions — there's no such mention in the Constitution, said David Gray

Adler, a constitutional scholar who directs the University of Idaho's McClure Center for Public Policy Research. "There's nothing in the Constitution to suggest that the states are superior to the federal government," Adler said. "We have a long string of Supreme Court decisions that reject their theory." Nullification has been invoked several times over the years — to no avail. South Carolina wielded it in the 1830s to fight federal tariffs — and nearly provoked armed conflict. Historians see that state's "Nullification Crisis" in 1832 as a prelude to the Civil War. In the 1950s, Arkansas defied the federal government on desegregation, prompting a 9-0 Supreme Court ruling that states were bound by federal law. Abolitionist Wisconsin's efforts to nullify the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act also were shot down. And in a landmark 1819 case in Maryland, the Supreme Court underscored that states are subordinate to federal action. At the Idaho Legislature, however, GOP lawmakers brandish a 306-page book by Kansas-based author Thomas Woods Jr., promoting nullification that tells them otherwise.

As a college student in 1994, Woods helped found the League of the South, an Alabama group the Southern Poverty Law Center says has become a "neo-Confederate group" seeking a second Southern secession. Woods told the AP last week he thinks states have a right of secession, but he doesn't support the Confederacy's return. He's no longer a member. He argues in "Nullification: How to Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century" that Jefferson was right: States created the federal government, and remain the final check-and-balance should the president, Congress and Supreme Court all get it wrong. "I don't believe the Supreme Court or any body of fallible men are demigods," Woods said. Idaho Rep. Vito Barbieri, R-Coeur d'Alene, is a sponsor of the measure introduced in the House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday. He doesn't share the view of constitutional scholars that "nullification" is a non-starter. "If we decide it is settled law — that the federal government can do anything it wants against state priorities — we might as well just get rubber stamps," he said.

# FLAG

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That would be pretty cool." Eggert found an e-mail address for the president's office online, and sent an e-mail asking for a flag. Kay Maurin, assistant to the president, noticed the e-mail and responded, Eggert said. "He explained who he was — where he was — and he just wanted to see how to go about getting a Vandal flag that he and his colleagues in his unit could fly over their post in Baghdad," Maurin said. "It was something I wanted to make sure happened." The president's office purchased the flag from the UI Bookstore, who then offered to cover the shipping costs, Maurin said. The flag arrived about six or seven days after it was sent, Eggert said. "Then I carried (it) around with me in my pocket for a day," he said. "We were going on a mission — I took a picture with it. ... Right now, in our motor-

pool, where we have all our vehicles and stuff, we actually have the Boise State flag and the Vandal flag flying right next to each other and it ended up being that the flag we got was bigger than theirs, so we put it on a pole and put it up a little bit higher." Eggert also asked for a football and a jersey to hang on his wall, which coach Robb Akey sent him, arriving about a week ago, Eggert said. "We play a lot of different sports over here," Eggert said. "And so I thought it would be cool if we got a Vandals football to play with when we do play sports. I got the jersey to just kinda decorate my room a little bit 'cause there's brown walls." Kari Eggert said she didn't know what was going on until after the flag had arrived. "All of a sudden, he just calls me — or somebody calls me — and says Joel's got pictures up on Facebook of the Vandal flag," she said. "And that came right about Christmas, the holiday time. And I know from all the guys it was just a big moral booster. It was a little piece of home."

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## Vandal men lose second straight, 71-56

Vicky Hart  
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Two streaks ended Thursday night as the Idaho Vandals (5-3 WAC) lost to the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (1-7 WAC) 56-71. The Bulldogs broke an eight-game losing streak and maintained their perfect at-home record against the Vandals. The Vandals lost their first road game since last year's match-up against Louisiana Tech in Ruston, La.

"For whatever reason, we weren't mentally on our game," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "They... took us out behind the woodshed and whooped our tail."

The Vandals held their only lead of the game in the first minute of play when they led the Bulldogs 2-0, but Idaho never came back from behind. The deficit ranged from three points early in the second half, to 17 points with two minutes left.

"We weren't physically strong enough to get it done tonight," Verlin said.

When the halftime buzzer sounded, the Vandals had put up only 22 points, their second-slowest start of the season. LA Tech's young team gained confidence from the early lead and played aggressively up to the half. After a 7-0 and 8-0 run, the Bulldogs went into the locker room with a 22-36 lead, their largest of the half.

Idaho's biggest scorers didn't perform to its usual standards. Luiz Toledo and Landon Tatum were both scoreless at the half, an unusual situation for the Idaho juniors. Toledo's first basket came with 13:25 left in the game, and Tatum followed suit minutes later. Shooting improved dramatically after halftime from 28 percent to 61 percent for the Vandals.

"Our mental focus was not where it needs to be," Verlin said. "It was a disappointing effort tonight from a number of guys."

Jeff Ledbetter led the team with 11 points, nine of them from 3-pointers, at halftime. Going into the second half, the Vandals picked up momentum and went on an 11-1 run in the first two minutes. Ledbetter hit two 3-pointers in that time, which brought his total to 17 of the Vandals' 33 points. By the end of the game, Ledbetter had six threes, the third-most ever scored by a Vandal in a single game.

Eight 3-pointers throughout the game kept the Vandal offense alive and was the only area the Bulldogs didn't dominate. LA Tech's greatest asset, Olu Ashoalu, leads the WAC in rebounds and double-doubles. His consistent pressure and ability to take back possession contributed to the Bulldogs' 44-31 lead in rebounds.

The Vandals woke up too late

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Vandal women fall to La. Tech in the Cowan Spectrum 63-56. New Mexico State up next

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## HOW-TO



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Vandal pole vaulter Jeremy Klas vaults at the Vandal Collegiate in the Kibbie Dome February 2010.

# Falling with style

Vicky Hart  
Argonaut

Even before the days of Orville and Wilbur Wright, people have dreamed of flying. For University of Idaho student and All-American pole vaulter Jeremy Klas, this dream is a reality.

Klas, a junior, is currently eighth in the nation among collegiate pole vaulters. Not even a solid background in gymnastics prepared him for the thrill of inverted flight.

"It's a position that you aren't naturally accustomed to," Klas said. "There's nothing you can do outside of vaulting that really gives the same feeling."

The vault begins long before an athlete leaves the ground, with his or her approach down a long runway.

"If you don't have the runway

speed or the strength to carry pole properly, you're not going to be able to do a whole lot," Klas said. "A decent approach with consistent steps is really important."

Klas grips the top of the pole palm-up with his right hand, and places his left, palm-downward, about shoulder distance down the pole. He levels the pole like a medieval lance and sprints down the elevated runway.

Running 150 feet while carrying a 16-foot fiberglass pole requires a substantial amount of energy. When a vaulter reaches the end of the runway, he or she plants the end of the pole into an in-ground pit called the box. The pole bends almost 90 degrees and loads up with all of the athlete's momentum, spring him or her vertically into the air.

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For a step-by-step video piece about pole vaulting with Jeremy Klas, visit our website at [uiargonaut.com](http://uiargonaut.com)



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# Glory is forever

## UI student finishes Ironman

Theo Lawson  
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"Pain fades, but glory is forever" is etched into Jennifer Yearsley's mind as she remembers seeing the words on a sign two summers ago during her first Ironman Triathlon. Now, the 21-year-old said she still lives by the phrase and has used it as momentum to complete other Ironman competitions since.

Many believe the Ironman Triathlon to be one of the most physically demanding and grueling races in the world. For those unaware of the race's parameters, competitors must endure a 2.4 mile swim followed by a 112 mile bicycle ride, and concluded with a 26.2 mile run — a full marathon. Competitors are required to complete the course in 17 hours or less to be declared officially "fin-

ished" with the race.

Yearsley first completed the event in June 2009, prior to her sophomore year at Idaho, and was able to compete in her hometown of Coeur d'Alene, as it was one of the seven venues where the race was located that year. She said the extra support from the Coeur d'Alene community was especially appreciated.

"The experience was the hardest thing I've ever done, physically and mentally," she said. "It was about 56 degrees in pouring rain and there were crazy headwinds on the bike that forced me to ride a lot slower than I usually do."

Despite the weather and excruciating pain, Yearsley completed the course in 15 hours and 48 minutes, shattering the 17-hour limit by more than an hour. Yearsley was part of a select division of 19 total 18 to 24-year-olds who competed in the 2009 Ironman, and hopes to achieve the goals she set for the 2011 race.

"Most athletes just try to

finish their first one," Yearsley said. "I'm going to go out there and try to at least finish and strive to shed an hour off of my previous time."

In addition, she will attempt to qualify for the Ironman World Championships, which are held in Kona, Hawaii every October. To do so, Yearsley will need to finish above all her competitors in her 18-24 division. With an entrance fee of \$575, she said she doesn't expect an abundance of college students to sign up for this summer's race, which would increase her chances of qualifying for the World Championships.

Yearsley isn't solely focused on the training, either. She has to focus on one of the world's toughest races as an active four-year member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, instructor of multiple PEB courses at Idaho and full-time

student. She will get her degree in biology from UI next spring, along with a B.A. in nursing from Lewis-Clark State College in 2013.

Yearsley said although all her responsibilities can make life stressful at times, the support she receives from her sorority sisters at Gamma Phi is encouraging.

"I have 80 girls supporting me," Yearsley said. "Just the other day I was biking at the rec center and I had about seven girls lining up on the bikes taking shifts riding with me. A lot of times they'll ask me to go swimming with them or go running, so they're pretty good training buddies. I just tried to pick the house that had the most well-rounded girls that could put up with

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Jennifer Yearsley, senior at the University of Idaho, is in training for her second Ironman Triathlon. She said she hopes to cut an hour from her previous race time of 15 hours and 48 minutes.

# Vandals shine in Shrine Bowl

**Kevin Bingaman**  
Argonaut

Idaho quarterback Nathan Enderle and safety Shiloh Keo both had big plays in the Shrine Bowl Saturday, as both upcoming NFL prospects proudly represented the Vandals in the annual all-star game.

This year marked the first time in more than 50 years Idaho has had multiple representatives in the Shrine Bowl. In 1957, Jerry Kramer, Wayne Walker and Larry Aldrich represented Idaho in a West victory.

Enderle and Keo played on the West team that was defeated Saturday 25-8. One of the only highlights for the West came in the second quarter when Enderle found tight end Julius Thomas

(Portland State) in the back left corner of the end zone on a second and goal play in the second quarter, giving the West its first and only touchdown.

The West went for two on the next play in which Enderle once again found Thomas. Enderle finished the day six of 12, for 45 yards with one touchdown and no picks.

Keo was his usual self on the defensive side of the ball, seemingly everywhere on the field, filling holes and playing with passion. Keo also made the highlight reel when he blocked an extra point attempt in the fourth quarter. Keo had plays made during kickoff and punt returns, including one 20-yard return on kickoff.

The all-star game officially wrapped up the storied college careers of two Vandals that have had a notable impact on Vandal

football. Enderle ranks first in school history in pass attempts, second in completions, third in yards and fourth in touchdowns.

Keo is fifth in school history in tackles, and sixth in interceptions, as well as being a solid kickoff and punt returner. Keo showed a pattern of developing big plays when Idaho most needed them, a trait that is sure to attract NFL scouts.


Both Vandal players increased their NFL stock in their performances Saturday. Their performance showed that the WAC, and Idaho, is producing quality athletes, which is important with national signing day next week.

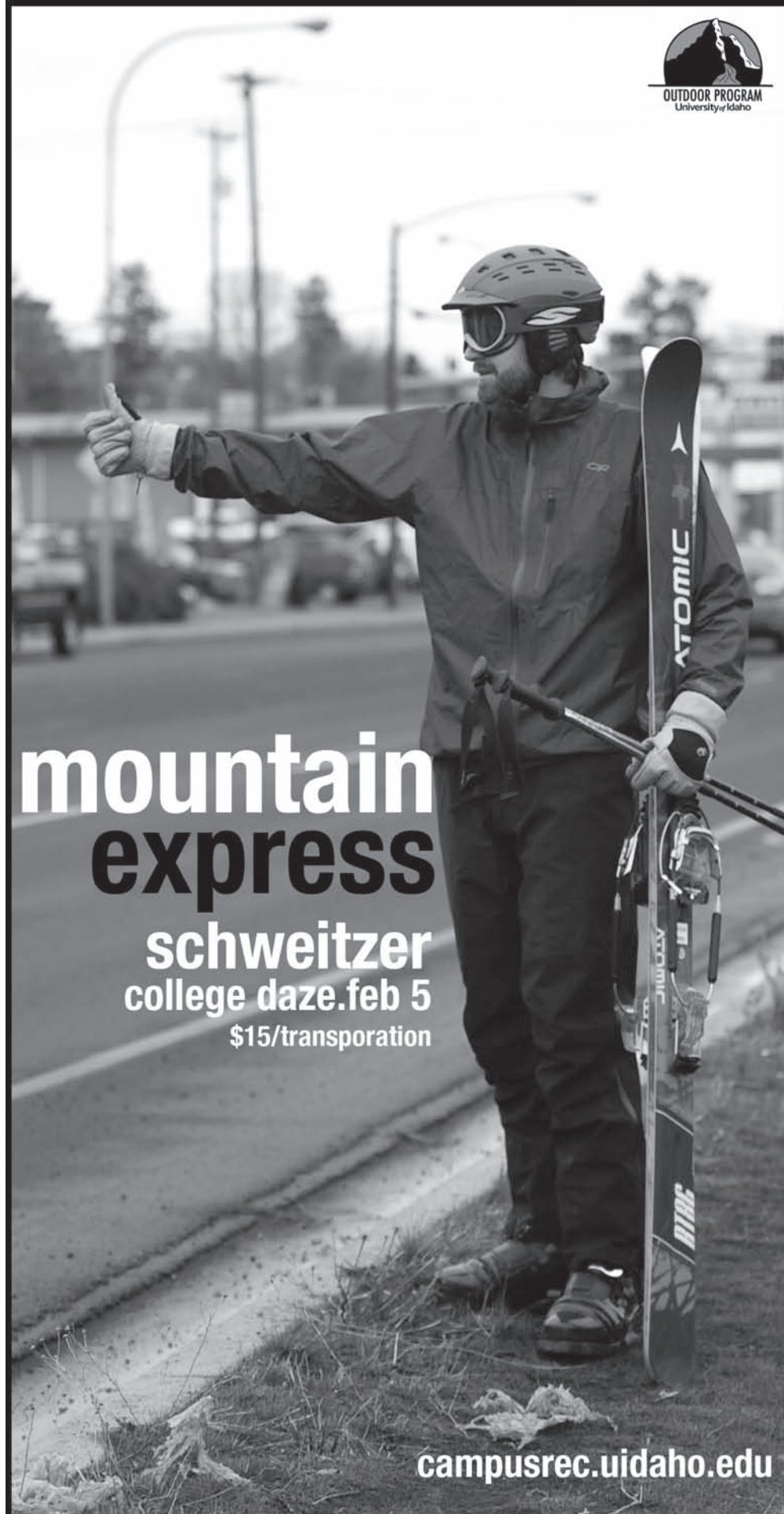
The Vandals have a tough task ahead of them to rebuild the defense that lost a lot of starters to graduation this year. Quarterback Brian Reader also has big shoes to fill as he will be replacing Enderle as starter next year.



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Former Vandal quarterback Nate Enderle, left, and former Vandal safety Shiloh Keo competed for the West side in the Shrine Bowl last weekend in Orlando. Both players made their mark on the game and it was the first time in more than 50 years the Vandals had multiple players compete in the bowl.





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## Game of the Week

### Huskies expected to beat Cougars

The Washington Huskies 15-4 (7-1 Pac-10) take on the Washington State Cougars 14-6 (4-4 Pac-10) in Pullman Sunday night. The game is expected to come down to the wire as two outstanding guards will battle it out — Clay Thompson for Washington State and Isaiah Thomas for Washington. Both teams want to improve their NCAA tourney resumes, but the Cougars need a key win that would help out their RPI ranking and put them in a good position to dance. Washington, on the other hand, would be able to improve its top-25 ranking with a win against the Cougars.

The Washington Huskies are coming off two wins this past week, an 85-68 win against Arizona and an 88-75 victory over Arizona State. The Washington Huskies want this game to be in high 70s to low 80s. Washington is averaging 87 points per game, which ranks third in the country. The Huskies will have to get out to a fast start against the Cougars since the game will be played in Pullman.

Thomas must play well for the Huskies to win Sunday night — Thomas is the playmaker

for the Huskies and without a great game from him it will be hard for Washington to win. Matthew Bryan-Amaning will be key defensively for the Huskies as he will need to stay out of foul trouble and crash the boards.

On the other side of the court, Washington State needs to play a near-perfect game to beat Washington, and that starts with Thompson, who will need to figure out a way to out play Thomas.

The Cougars could use a win against Washington to improve their chances to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Washington State needs to keep Washington under 80 points to have any chance to win Sunday night, the Huskies are 11-0 this season when scoring 80 or more points. The key for Washington State will be Thompson and defense. If Thompson can score the ball and the Cougar defense can stop the powerhouse offense at Washington, the Cougars could come away with an upset.

The game will be close Sunday night and Washington will be held below its season average of 87 points, but Washington will pull out a close one in the end. Thomas will prove to be too much for the Cougars and out-play Thompson.

Expect the game to be within five points with Huskies coming out on top in the end.



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# UI ski team is a united family

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When sisters Ashley and Lindsey Anderson decided to join their brothers, Eric and Drew, on the University of Idaho ski team they didn't realize they would find family bonds that extended past blood relations.

"It's like a family, you really bond a lot with these people," Lindsey Anderson said.

This "family" has come from far and wide with different backgrounds and interests to mesh into one unit. While Moscow is now their home, much of their time together is spent on the road headed to the mountains throughout the West and Canada.

The ski team is the oldest sports club on campus originating in 1937. The current 29 members keep the club alive with the help of money donors, some school assistance and fundraising. One such fundraising event is hosting movies in the Student Union Building ballroom — the next one Feb. 3.

Their longevity, however, has not made their existence on campus as well known as they would like. Graham Soderquist, a junior studying animal science and pre-vet, said he often has to try to convince

his professors he needs to miss school for ski club events.

"Not many people know about it in terms of students and faculty," Soderquist said. "You'll tell the teachers that you are going to be at a race for the ski team and they're like, 'What ski team?'"

These athletes haven't allowed their inconspicuous status to derail them from competing at a high level. Assistant coach Chris Currie is thrilled with how competitive the team is.

"When we go to nationals we race against big Division I schools — East Coast schools, Vermont, New Hampshire ... Ivy League Schools. So to come out from Po-dunk, Idaho and compete at that kind of level is something we're pretty proud of," Currie said.

While the goal is ultimately to walk away from the tournaments with victories, the team isn't all business. Casey Hayward, club vice-president, said the team is able to turn it on when its time, but prefers to have a good time when they can.

"When we hit the course — go racing — it's serious. The fun part of us goes out and we get serious about the racing, but once we cross the finish line it's all fun

from there on," Hayward said.

The ski team has continued to finish near the top at every tournament this year, with Lindsey Anderson winning at Brundage earlier this year and her siblings Drew and Ashley coming in with second place finishes.

Club President Dennis Heppner said from his experience witnessing the other groups on campus, his club's sense of community is not the norm.

"We are probably the most tight group on campus," Heppner said. "It's not normal, but it's amazing. We all come from different places, study different things — what brings us all together, week in and week out, semester in and semester out is skiing and having a passion for it."

Heppner said they may not always get along, but every family is going to have disagreement. Whether it's giving each other nicknames like "Road Kill" and "Chew Spit," or having a few pizzas during the weekly logistics meeting — they are a team and they feel like they are better off for it.

"We pick on each other, we get mad at each other, but at the end of the day we are a family and we have a ton of fun and we respect each other," Heppner said.

## Tactics for choosing a target

Hunting is a skill that requires practice. No one ever stepped into the woods and instantly became Daniel Boone.

In comparison, the practice needed for archery hunting could be compared to that of a professional athlete.

To be a proficient archer it takes hours of flinging arrows downrange to ensure that you will be able to take advantage when the shot presents itself.

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This being said, there are a few accessories the aspiring archer will need.

Other than bow and arrows, an archer needs to first have a good target. Targets available on the market today include types of every shape and size. Each is constructed of different materials, and all claim to stop the most shots and produce the easiest arrow pull.

When choosing a target a shooter must think of what they are going to be using it for. Is a hunter looking for a single target hat they can shoot both broad head and field point arrows into? Or a life-size animal target? Does the target need to be portable? All these questions should weigh heavily on the target buyer's mind.

For the average target shooter, the simple field point-only target will be a great bet. These targets last long and are affordable on almost any budget. The targets work great for hunters wanting to keep their skills in tune during the off-

season. The downside to these targets is a shooter will not be able to shoot broad head tips into it. This brings up the need for a second target come hunting season.

The broad head-only targets are a hunter's best friend. Having a large target for sighting in your broad heads, and a small portable target that you can take into camp will greatly help boost confidence after a bumpy trip to the hunting location. The nice thing about broad head targets is they will stop field points as well. Targets designed specifically for broad heads have to stop arrows with friction rather than a firm surface, so these targets are usually made of soft foam or an open layer design. This will cause field points to do more damage to the target and result in a shorter lifespan.

Combination targets are the best buy for the shooter who likes to practice year-round. These targets are designed to stop both broad heads and field points while maintaining a long lifespan. The downside of these targets is the cost — most combination targets will run a buyer almost double what the other designs will cost.

Determining which target you feel is best is simply about trying a lot of targets. The technology of targets today has made it so a buyer can feel confident that no matter which model or brand, they can be sure they are getting a quality target.

Whichever target a shooter decides the actual shooting is the important part. Practice makes perfect, and perfect is what every shooter is after.



Michael French  
Argonaut

## Swimming and diving face Pac-10 opponent

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

Idaho's swimming and diving team will try to erase last weekend's woes when they face Pacific-10 challenger Oregon State Saturday.

After falling to rival Boise State in their last home meet of the season, the Vandals plan to avenge past results when they travel to Corvallis, Ore. for a non-conference showdown with the Beavers.

Although the Broncos gave Idaho its first WAC loss of the year, the Vandals should be optimistic about the meet in Corvallis as the Beavers have only recorded one win this season, a 142-139 decision against Northern Arizona.

Idaho fell to the Beavers last winter in Moscow but was without sophomore standout Paige Hunt and freshman sensation Shana Lim. Lim and Hunt secured two individual wins each against the Broncos and will be key figures to the Vandals' potential success against the Beavers. The Vandals will anchor their young lineup with seniors

Alyson O'Brien and Staci Stratton who both hold university records in various freestyle events.

Originally from Singapore, Lim is accustomed to 29-hour plane rides for international competition, but said the eight-hour bus ride from Moscow to Corvallis will be the longest time she's ever spent in a vehicle and hopes it won't have an effect on her or her team's performance.

"It gets really tiring and it's definitely a part of competing on the road because you're not getting as much rest as you're supposed to," Lim said. "If you try not to think about being tired, you won't feel it when you swim — it's all mental."

Lim will face tough competition in the 200 backstroke when she goes up against Oregon State's Jenni Dole. A junior from Spokane, Wash., Dole holds school records in both the 100 and 200 backstroke events while her 200 medley relay team, consisting of Dole, Ashley Kerekianich, Ocean Trail and Keri Holmstrom, holds the school record for that event.

Coach Tom Jager said he is optimistic

about the team's chances against its Pac-10 opponent and emphasized staying as strong as he said the team did last year during its encounter with Oregon State.

"We're going to be competitive and I think we'll have a chance to beat them, but you never know," Jager said. "Obviously they're a Pac-10 school and the Pac-10 is one of the best swimming conferences in the country. If we keep our foot on the pedal then maybe they're a beatable team."

Jager said he hopes success in Corvallis can lead the Vandals in the right direction as they head into the final stretch of the season, which includes a meet at the hands of another Pac-10 foe, local rival Washington State.

"We just want to continue to swim well and finish off the season strong. When those things happen you have a great team dynamic and chemistry," he said. "The kids have worked hard and my goal for them is to see that hard work pay off with great swims at the end of the season and smiles on their faces and Rudy's Barbecue on Saturday night after we have a great meet."

Saturday's meet begins at 11:00 a.m. and takes place at the Dixon Recreation Center on the Oregon State campus.

**"We just want to continue to swim well and finish off the season strong."**

**Tom Jager**  
Swim and dive coach

## Woods starts year with a 69, trails by five strokes

Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods began his new season with no bogeys, no birdies on the par 5s and no drama.

Looking for a new start after a disastrous year on and off the golf course, Woods felt little stress Thursday in the Farmers Insurance Open with a 3-under 69 on the North Course that left him five shots behind South Korean rookie Sunghoon Kang.

If the setting was familiar for Woods, so was his middle-of-the-pack position. In four of his six wins at this tournaments, he has been at least five shots behind after the opening round.

"I'm happy with the way I played, absolutely," Woods said. "I could have been a lot better if I took care of the par 5s a little bit more, but obviously, I didn't do that."

Kang, a 24-year-old rookie, finished with back-to-back birdies on the North Course for an 8-under 64, giving him a one-shot lead over Alex Prugh and Rickie Fowler. Another rookie, Chris Kirk, was another shot back at 66.

Phil Mickelson shot 32 on the back nine for a 5-under 67 to match the best score on the tougher South Course, which hosted the 2008 U.S. Open that Woods won in a playoff. Also at 67 on the South was John Daly, whose last win came in 2004 at this tournament. He is the last player to win at Torrey Pines when Woods was in the field.

"This place means a lot

to me," Daly said. "The top golfers play here every year. That says something."

Woods no longer is No. 1 — he has slipped to No. 3 in the world ranking and can't improve on that this week — but he has not played the public course he has practically owned since that U.S. Open in 2008. He missed the next year because of knee surgery, and last year while in a Mississippi addiction clinic after being caught in extramarital affairs.

"Welcome back to Torrey," was a popular phrase from the gallery throughout his round, in which Woods played solidly except on the greens. He made only two putts longer than 3 feet — a 10-foot par save on No. 8, and a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 sixth that bounced along until catching the right corner of the cup.

"I didn't leave myself any putts," Woods said. "I kept leaving myself above the hole. And I didn't take advantage of the par 5s."

The North Course is not the pushover it has been in past years because of some new length, and not just in distance. Along with being some 90 yards longer, the rough was allowed to grow and is thicker than the grass found on the South Course.

"I didn't know the North was as long as the South," Ben Curtis said after a 70. He knows better, but it felt that way if tee shots did not stay in the narrow, canted fairways.

Woods was in shorter grass on half of his 14 tee

shots, although four of those misses came on the par 5s. He couldn't get to the green in two, and didn't make the birdie putts.

Even so, he looked more like the Woods who ended last year with a playoff loss at the Chevron World Challenge, not the guy who played so poorly for so much of the year that he didn't win on the PGA Tour for the first time in his career.

Even so, scoring on the North was lower, and Woods will need to pick up the pace on the South Course. He is playing the first two days with Anthony Kim and Rocco Mediate, whom Woods defeated in that epic U.S. Open playoff at Torrey Pines.

Mediate was chattering away, as usual, but there wasn't much conversation about that 19-hole playoff from 2008.

"We didn't play that golf course," Woods said.

Kim was among those at 68, a tribute to his great scrambling. He chipped in from 40 feet for par, holed a 30-foot par putt from the fringe and made two other par saves outside 10 feet.

The top of the leaderboard was filled with youth, starting with Kang, who earned his card through Q-school. Fowler was voted the PGA Tour rookie of the year in 2010 on a ballot that included Prugh. Kirk finished second on the Nationwide Tour last year, when he hurt his wrist and couldn't play the last two events.



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## VAULT

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Each pole is made with a slight bend in it, marked by the direction of the manufacturer's sticker. The UI Track and Field program began to purchase a wider range of pole vaulting equipment after NCAA qualifier Melinda Owen made their investment worthwhile in the early 2000s.

"Pole vaulting is a luxury event," Idaho jumping coach Jason Graham said. "It's an incredibly expensive thing to maintain. We have a whole series of poles for (each athlete)."

Klas said he warms up on five lengths of poles, while his teammate Lucas Pope has a separate set according to his height, weight and speed.

After a pole vaulter leaves the ground, he or she swings into a mid-air handstand balanced on the tip of the pole. Totally vertical and upside-down, the athlete must maintain body control. "You're putting a lot of energy into the pole when you're running and taking off," Klas said. "So, the goal is basically get upside-down fast enough to take advantage of the recoil."

The inversion has a literal twist at its highest point.

"You want to turn around so your stomach's toward the bar," Klas said.

As a pole vaulter turns, he or she pushes off of the pole to add as much as three or four feet of height.

After clearing the cross-bar, the crux of a successful vault lies in "finding ways to contort your body to prevent knocking it off," Klas said. The lightest brush of a finger can send the cross-bar clattering to the ground, along with the vaulter's dreams of gracefulness.

But not even Klas can sustain his flight indefinitely. Vaulters fall onto their backs and are caught by a meter-thick foam mat.

"You're falling for quite a ways," Klas said. "Every (facility) has really nice pads these days, though, so it's not a big deal."

Although athletes like Klas make pole vaulting look effortless, it is far from easy. Flight is considerably more technical than it appears, and success or failure is determined at every step. "There are little things that you always have to take into account," Klas said. "Every time you go to a meet, there are adjustments to make and differences to be aware of."

## GLORY

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a freshman training for Ironman 20 hours a week, and they seemed the most excited about it when I told them I wanted to do it."

Following her upcoming Ironman Triathlon, Yearsley said she plans to spread her name, set up sponsorships for Olympic distance triathlons and possibly qualify for a Gatorade Endurance sponsorship, which will sponsor one of the girls in her 18-24 division. With training, she hopes to move into a pro division for Olympic distance triathlons and "maybe throw in an Ironman here and there."

"It's a grueling process to train for but it's all worth it in the end," she said. "Being called an Ironman is worth every sacrifice I take to do it."

## MENS

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in the game to make a comeback, and LA Tech's perfect home record in the match-up is preserved for another year. Despite two consecutive losses, the Vandals still hold the best win-loss record in 12 years, and the best road record since 1993. Verlin's focus is already on the next game.

"We didn't play nearly to the level of basketball that we need to play," Verlin said. "We need to pick ourselves up by the bootstraps and get

ready for New Mexico."

Saturday, they travel to Las Cruces, N.M. to defend their second-place position in the WAC against New Mexico State (4-3 WAC). Idaho lost both games against the Aggies last season, but an on-the-road win against the conference's third-ranked team could solidify the Vandals' conference standing.

"It's a big game," Verlin said. "We've got to come out and... do a better job of being ready to play and compete on the road."



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Vandal guard Ganeaya Rogers drives past LA Tech guard Martina Holloway at the 3-point line during the first half of the game Thursday evening in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 63-56.

**Kevin Bingaman**  
Argonaut

Turnovers and missed opportunities plagued the Vandal women's basketball team, as they were defeated by Louisiana Tech 63-56 in the Cowan Spectrum Thursday night.

The Vandals (10-8, 3-3 WAC) were coming off one of the best games they've played all season, blowing out rival Boise State last Saturday, but they were unable to ride the momentum against first place LA Tech (14-5, 6-0 WAC) coach Jon Newlee said his team played like they were scared.

"I feel like our players were intimidated by them..." Newlee said. "That's disappointing to me to have our seniors intimidated by any team on our home court."

The first half was full of sloppy play and turnovers for both teams. LA Tech came out uncharacteristically cold for a team that has been on the verge of being ranked in the top 25, but Idaho was unable to capitalize on the Techsters' slow start and ended the half down 25-30.

Idaho needed to take advantage of the Techsters slow start — with a team of LA Tech's caliber, it's just a matter of time before the shots start falling. Newlee said he felt like an opportunity was missed.

"We needed to make some shots," Newlee said. "We needed to not turn it over. I feel like we should have gone

into halftime with a big lead, but we shot our selves in the foot by turning the ball over."

The Vandals took the lead early after LA Tech only hit three of its first 16 shots through the first 10 minutes of play. Idaho built the lead to nine, but 15 turnovers in the half would allow the Techsters to climb back in and eventually take the lead.

Neither offense looked crisp throughout the half. LA Tech only shot 33 percent in the half — low for a team as talented as the Techsters.

Through the first few minutes of the second half the Vandals looked like they were mounting a comeback, but the tides soon changed as the Techsters tightened up their defense and took a double-digit lead on Idaho. The Techsters went on a 22-4 run that would be the downfall of the Vandals. Turnovers were once again an issue for the Vandals, losing the ball more than 21 times throughout the game. Junior Keri Arendse said her team lacked energy.

"We lost energy and threw the ball away," Arendse said. "We lost confidence in ourselves and our team."

Despite being down, the Vandals did not relent, and were able to cut the lead to seven, but it was too little too late. Idaho missed many open shot opportunities, allowing the Techsters to claim the victory despite a poor performance. Newlee said he liked the way his team finished, but it wasn't enough.

"I'm glad we didn't quit, but I feel like we quit in the middle of the game," Newlee said. "If we played the whole game like we did the last three minutes, I think we'd have a different outcome."

Idaho will continue its home stand Saturday when they host New Mexico State. The Vandals will try to add to their overall series lead against the Aggies, who currently stand at 16-8. Idaho beat New Mexico State three times last season, twice in the regular season and once when they knocked the Aggies out of the WAC Tournament. The Vandals will wrap up their home stand Wednesday when they take on the Spartans of San Jose State, who upset Idaho Jan. 20 in San Jose. Idaho will then hit the road for six of their last eight games.

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## SOTU creates mixed emotions

### Our View

Listen to the president

Tuesday's State of the Union address was one of the most important speeches ever given for Idaho students. Yes, the speech was full of the normal interrupting applause, grumpy old white men and clear party lines drawn in the sand, but unlike previous addresses, the plans that will affect the majority of Americans and Idahoans were not buried in the speech, but placed up front.

The start of a new year is a busy time for those down in Boise, and even with budgets on the chopping block, education is finding a way to steal the spotlight. Tom Luna, superintendent of public instruction, has proposed a reform to Idaho education that is misguided and counterproductive. Luna's proposition would bring class sizes up, the number of teachers

down and transform public education into a world where the teacher is a MacBook.

People are still taught in a classroom with teachers — real teachers.

In Tuesday's address, President Barack Obama made clear that teachers are our nation's future. Obama brought up the point that in South Korea teachers are referred to as "nation builders." He emphasized that as a nation, "...we know what's possible for our children when reform isn't just a top-down mandate, but the work of local teachers and principals, school boards and communities."

Are you listening, Luna? Obama is pushing our youth toward careers in math, science and education.

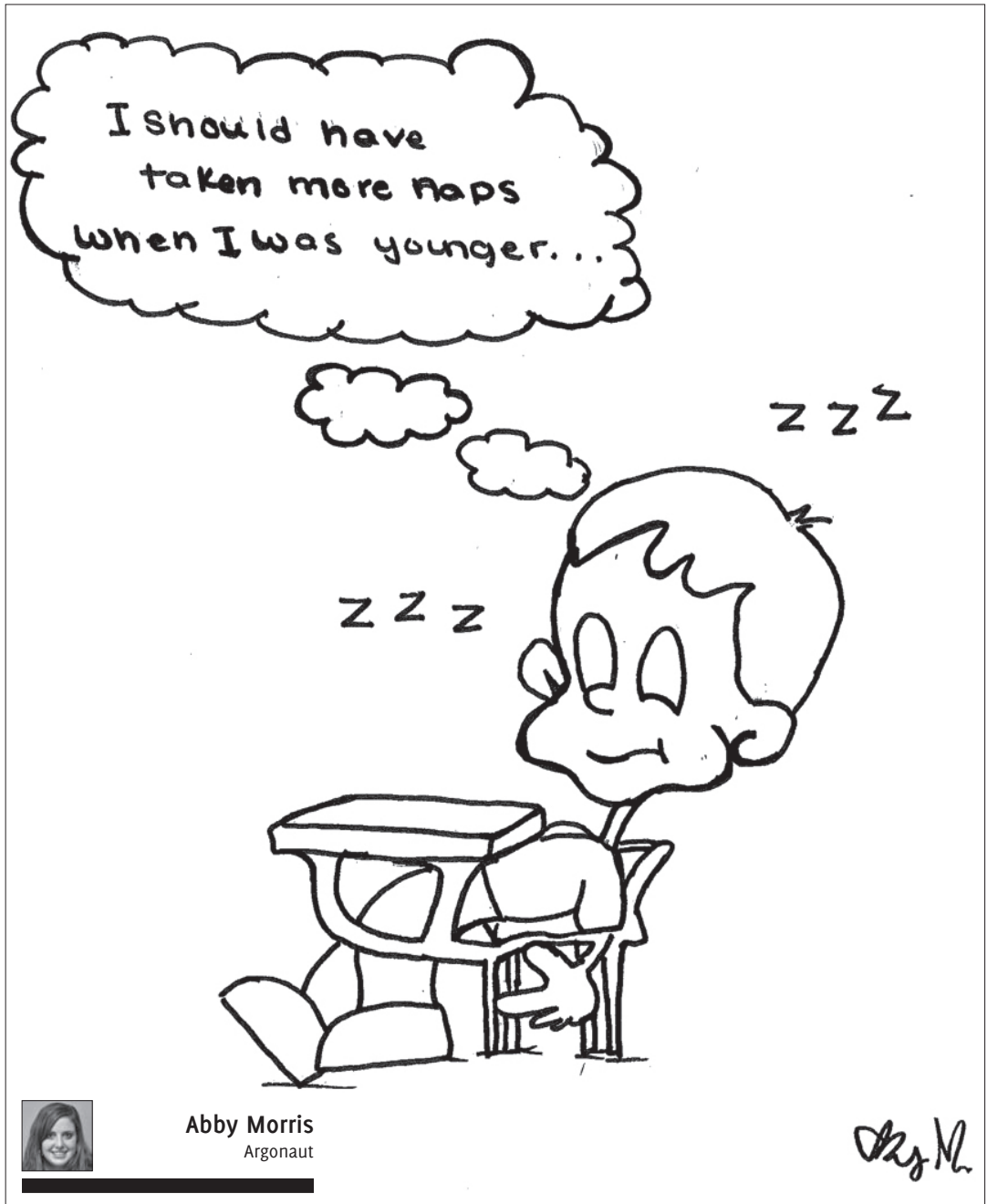
Obama also brought up an example of education at

its best when he talked about Bruce Randolph School in Denver. Obama alluded to the fact that it was considered one of the worst schools in the state of Colorado just three years ago, but after going through a transformation with more hands-on educators and classroom care, 97 percent of eligible students graduated last May.

How many of those students would have accomplished their goal under Luna's plan?

This year's State of the Union address needs to be replayed down in Boise a few times. Maybe then Luna and his supporters will realize that the direction in which they are trying to take the state's education is clearly marked with a big, yellow, dead end sign.

—MM



Abby Morris  
Argonaut

*Abby Morris*

### Point/Counterpoint

Obama's speech is needed

America needs a cheerleader right now. Though the economy has made some strides toward recovery, the U.S. has a long way to go before it can be back at the top of the heap. Civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people in America are getting better, but in many parts of the country, they live like second-class citizens. While the health care bill did pass, it faces great opposition from the new Republican majority. Millions of Americans still live without health insurance.



Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

President Barack Obama did the right thing by focusing on the positives in his State of the Union. Many people in the U.S. have a pessimistic attitude about what's going on, and they need to be reminded that things aren't so bad.

Seating Democrats and Republicans together is not a ploy to single out those who do not agree with Obama. It's simple bipartisanship, which all Congress members have been touting for years — but few follow through on it.

Republicans could use a little practice

reaching across the board. While Democrats have been accommodating to Republican demands, the minute Democrats try to pass legislation, the GOP throws a fit and starts a filibuster. Sitting next to members of the opposite party is the least Republicans can do for cohesiveness.

The repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is a big deal, and deserves a mention in the State of the Union. Making it possible for gay individuals to be open while they serve in the military is basic human equality. It's also one of the biggest achievements of the Obama administration.

Obama said a lot of things that make the situation in America look rosy — even though there's still a multitude of things wrong. Sometimes, a pep talk is all people need to make a step in the right direction. Obama's doing his best to send the U.S. into a new time of prosperity, and if Republicans are willing to reach across the aisle, it might happen.

Pep rally politics can't hide shortcomings

Tuesday evening, President Barack Obama delivered his 2011 State of the Union address from Washington, D.C. The speech was like that of previous State of the Union addresses — the president would speak proudly of America, both past and present. Every few minutes, he would include a remark that garnered yet another 20 seconds of applause from the bipartisan audience.



Steve Carter  
Argonaut

And, without fail, the president made sure to include dozens of notions that made everything sound OK.

Sunday morning on ABC's "This Week," George Will discussed how the address was going to be the political equivalent to a high school pep rally. He was not wrong. The address carried a theme of "winning the future" and included allusions, such as "this is our Sputnik moment." Obama said we need to do better, but again and again pointed to numerous achievements that had been accomplished during the last year. He seemed to go on forever about how green energy has made such a great impact, and how the U.S. has the best colleges and universities in the world.

The State of the Union address is supposed to be a real, honest assessment of the cur-

rent condition of our country. President Obama failed that aspect, presenting himself with a "go team" attitude, rather than a real, relevant measurement. The president made such comments as "the stock market came roaring back" and "America still has the most prosperous economy."

Perhaps he has forgotten how badly small businesses are still hurting, how the real estate market has made barely any improvement during the past two years and how bleak Detroit is.

One difference to this year's address was that Republicans and Democrats were interspersed in their seating arrangement, as opposed to the tradition of separating legislators by party. This was done for several reasons. First, U.S. citizens made it clear last November they are not satisfied with how our country has been run since Democrats took control. Republicans, who regained the majority, replaced many Democrat leaders. Having them sit with each other during the address would have presented a split audience, with only the minority applauding the president unconditionally. To make the audience response more uniform, the parties had to be broken up.

That way, individuals could be singled out if they did not respond the same as their neighbors. This is almost the same as a group of children being put into a room while their parents told them to play nice.

Obama made only brief mention of the military, and it was not until the end of his speech. He said to thank the men and women who serve this country, which was followed by the longest standing ovation of the evening. The president mentioned the fact that many service members now hold their heads high, and the war in Iraq is ending. That's a stark contradiction to his comments less than six months ago, when he said leaving Iraq was no victory, and our commitment has not ended. Obama also said our military would have the best equipment possible to accomplish its mission. However, he must have forgotten that early in his speech he said he was cutting military spending. And, of course, he had to mention "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is no longer in effect. The comment was brief, but was still a slight backhand at the Republican Party.

Iran and North Korea were also briefly mentioned. Obama said they were a threat, but being dealt with through economic sanctions. This is a typical Obama strategy — appear to be doing something about a problem, but realistically do

## Get back to work, legislators

It seems some members of the Idaho Legislature need a refresher on the Supremacy Clause, which made its first appearance in the United States Constitution in 1787.

"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof ... shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding."

In case Republican legislators sponsoring a bill to nullify parts of the health care bill don't understand, that clause means any attempts to block parts of a federally mandated bill will be unsuccessful and unconstitutional.

You know, the constitution they swore to uphold and defend when they took office.

Sarcasm aside, it's safe to assume legislators know this clause exists and are choosing to ignore the facts and pursue the bill anyway.

We should all move to Meridian, since everything must be so peachy that Sen. Russ Fulcher — one of the lawmakers supporting the bill — has time to focus on this issue.

These efforts go against the U.S. Constitution, against federal law, against the President of the

United States. But hey, it could get them a mention on Glenn Beck's show, or "The O'Reilly Factor." Maybe they dream big and hope to get Sarah Palin's attention.

Whether the government should be permitted to mandate health care or not isn't the point. It's understandable that

lawmakers hear from Idahoans everyday who are angry about the health care bill. But that is not for state officials to concern themselves with. Members of U.S. Congress, such as Rep. Raul Labrador and Sen. Mike Crapo, were elected to deal with legislation on a federal level. That is their job. That is their responsibility.

The responsibility of local lawmakers is to deal with the declining quality of Idaho's education.

Their responsibility is to lower unemployment rates. To increase agricultural output and support small businesses. To assist Idahoans with immediate problems — not something that will come to fruition in 2014 and that they can do nothing about on the state level.

So let's stop wasting the taxpayer dollars Idaho lawmakers so fiercely protect. Let's get back to real issues that have a real impact.

Let's get back to work.

### Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Dear everyone,

E-mail or call your senators to make sure Superintendent Tom Luna's education reform does not take effect.

—Jens

#### Oh crap

There are three months until graduation, and I still don't really know what my plan is after they hand me my diploma, besides one summer school class to finish off my degree. I am someone who likes to know exactly what my plan is and when it will go into place, and not having that is causing major anxiety and stress on top of the normal amounts of anxiety and stress. Being a senior is not all it's cracked up to be.

—Kelcie

#### More football

Maybe I am alone on this one, but I'm really excited for the NFL Pro Bowl this weekend. All the skills challenges are fun to watch, and the game isn't half-bad either.

—Madison

#### Flights of fancy

The best weekends are filled with camaraderie and celebration. For example, this weekend will feature a homemade pizza dinner followed by beers and fire hula hooping, a champagne breakfast with my girls Saturday morning and Sunday morning cartoons. Life is so good.

—Tanya

#### I heart Toto

I bless the rains down in Africa.

—Kelli

#### Sweater weather

Today felt like April, not January. At the beginning of winter, the rumor was it was going to be full of snow. Initially, that looked like it was going to happen. Am I jinxing it or is winter just not going to be a pain this year? I hope a little that I'm jinxing it. I like driving in snow.

—Nick

#### AcidPits

I'm finding a lot of sweat stains and holes in the underarms of my T-shirts. I think I might have mutant sweat that eats through matter. If I ever get in a robbery, I'll just rub my pits all over the bad guy. If that guy is Wolverine, though, I'm screwed.

—Chava

#### Catch-up

Still playing catch-up. It really isn't a fun game, but slowly and surely I will get there and punch the enemy (procrastination) in the face. For now, I will watch from the bleachers.

—Dara

#### Big day

Happy birthday, Chris Kelmel. Your seed has created quite the individual.

—Loren

#### Pure content

I love the content kind of sleep — where my bed is the perfect temperature, when I'm snuggled under my comforter and the sheets feel soft, and then, to make it even better, the sun is showing through the blinds, but not in a glaring manner. It's the kind of sleep that isn't deep, but light and comfortable. I hate being forced to wake up when I'm enjoying content sleep.

—Elizabeth

## Fine Print

# Just looking for a reason to smile

There's a lot of nonsense that goes into writing a column about being a first-year law student.

This is in part because there's a lot of nonsense that goes into the first year of law school, and because there's a lot more nonsense that goes into me being me.

Not of all this nonsense can make it into my column. For example, I posted 110 photos on Facebook last semester in an album titled, "Things I do to keep from going insane at law school." I had more quotes from my professors than I had room to share last semester.

Not every idea I have for a column can be developed into 400 words, and I'm too lazy to develop all the ones that could be. Some of the things I do write can't be published. I'm involved in way too many shenanigans.

So last week I decided to keep all my column overflow junk in one online place: Twitter.

This isn't my first attempt at managing a Twitter account. I opened up an account about 18 months ago before deciding I didn't have a big enough ego to think the free world needed to be notified of my every thought. That and I already share most of my thoughts with 644 of my closest Facebook friends.

I took my account, @bobbyidaho, and went to work tweeting. I also decided to follow a few peo-

ple. The hard thing about wanting people to follow you is most people also want you to follow them. I try not to add people I'm already Facebook friends with and see three times a day because I feel like I know what they are going to say before they say it.

Twitter should be for giving me information I can't get elsewhere. So I added shitmydadsays, Post Secret and Lady Antebellum. I noticed a short time later Lady Antebellum started following me.

This caused me to log into my account every three hours to see if I was still one of the 24,874 people they were following, or if they had realized their mistake.

So far, they haven't, which is awesome because I love Lady Antebellum. I love Lady A so much, when I saw them in concert this summer my bestie and I got to move from the back of the stadium to the stage because we were the only ones rocking out in our section to their music. Once there, we got to high five the band and were close enough to catch guitar picks as they threw them into the audience.

I totally would have caught one too, if some girl hadn't shoved me out of the way to get to it first. At this point, I became irrational and offered her \$20 for it. When she said no, I offered her \$100, since it was the only other

bill in my pocket. This story is the exact reason I never carry cash on me anymore and have to use my debit card to buy \$0.80 worth of stuff at Winco.

And now, they are following me on Twitter, where there's a small chance one of them might read something I wrote.

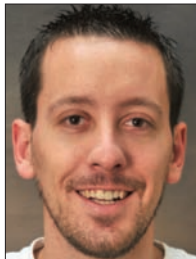
I thought maybe my new-found Twitter logic would work on my biggest celebrity crush, Jennifer Nettles, and added her band, Sugarland, to my feed, but so far, no such luck.

Lady A's not the only interesting follower I have. Someone named "@AnonymousLuv" is following me, and I'm the only person she is following. Her first tweet was "head in the clouds dreaming of my prince." I've never been stalked online before. I'm not sure how I feel about it yet.

After about four days of updating my account, I became bored with it. And then, I realized the challenge behind updating it daily is finding one bright moment of the day to share, rather it be something funny I saw, heard or read or just something that made me think. Finding such a moment means I have to constantly look for one.

Looking for a reason to smile every day isn't a bad way to go through life. The world would be a much better place if everyone tried to find and share such a moment with their friends.

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# Olbermann held to wrong standard

Suspension raises bigger questions

It may come as a surprise to some that Keith Olbermann, a pundit famous for liberal commentary, is a liberal. I know what you're thinking: "Keith Olbermann? Liberal? How unexpected." Don't worry — you're not alone. His employers at NBC also seemed surprised to discover Olbermann's secret liberal bias as well. He was suspended back in November when he donated to Democratic congressmen.

On Jan. 21, Olbermann announced he was leaving his MSNBC political show, "Countdown." Olbermann did not renew his contract with MSNBC. While there has been no official announcement as to the cause of the contract dispute, Olbermann's earlier suspension was almost certainly a factor. Olbermann left out his employers when thanking his team during his last show. He is a notoriously difficult employee, and left several news and sports positions because of his outspoken political views.

Olbermann was suspended for violating NBC's rules of journalistic integrity. Their journalists are not allowed to donate to political campaigns. Olbermann, under NBC's rules, is considered a journalist. Why is that? What Olbermann did certainly was not journalism. He was a political pundit presenting a particular point of view.

Many people cannot tell the difference. NBC couldn't. More and more now, punditry is treated as journalism. People do not get their news from objective sources or sound reporting, but from political commentary that matches their existing viewpoints. Viewers prefer a custom-tailored reality, in which the only facts they are exposed to are the

ones that reinforce their opinions.

The most popular news channel on TV is Fox News. Fox News presents news that could better be described in quotation marks. Their "news" and commentary are often indistinguishable. They have a ready-made audience in those Americans who want to receive only news that matches their conservative viewpoint. MSNBC offers something similar on the left, although this is something of a false equivalency, as MSNBC does not have the reach, organization or connection to the Republican (or Democratic) political apparatus that Fox News does.

But the audience is not the only problem. The popularity of punditry-as-news stems from a fundamental misunderstanding of journalism. Many Americans see no difference between regular reporting and punditry because the lines have blurred. This is not because of a decline in objective reporting, but because modern media has the wrong standards of objectivity.

Objectivity, in modern parlance, means presenting the side of the left, then the right, and calling it a day. But objectivity means presenting the truth, not simply two sides of a story. And sometimes, a well-researched, objective news story will support one side, because the facts support that side. Objective reporting doesn't just mean two talking heads shouting at each other until the truth turns up in the middle.

We need to hold journalists to their own standards and pundits to theirs. This will let journalism and political commentary remain distinct.



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# Sarah Palin goes steampunk

Call it poetic justice or call it irony, but Sarah Palin is now officially a comic book heroine. Whether you are Republican or Democrat, admit it — she is hilarious in a twisted sort of way, as is the latest piece of her propaganda.

Hannah Whisenant

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It is "Steampunk Palin," and she, within its graphic pages is a half-robot, half-human kicking political butt in a future hypothetical universe where Al Gore is the evil mastermind she is fighting for a solution to clean energy after all natural resources are destroyed in a terrible war. Oh, and President Barack Obama goes by the name "Robama."

Russia is also waging war with Alaska's border. In the comic, Russia, the U.S.'s cold-blooded enemy, is back to wreak some revenge on that dastardly nature reserve.

The comic book is truly the work of a demented media genius. This is not a practical joke arranged by the Democrats. But what is funnier is "Steampunk Palin" depicts Palin, along with her pair of amazing breasts, as the hero of the day.

Sometimes there just isn't enough barf in the world.

"Steampunk Palin" is the epitome of political ploys playing dirty. Political comic book heroes like Palin are trying to reach out to young voters by appealing to their tastes. There are more palatable tastes to appeal to, and better ways to get attention.

Some might find it an insult to their intelligence.

But is it really stupid? "Steampunk Palin" reflects a trend in popular culture to turn political figures, Republican and Democrat, into comic-book-style superheroes, and action figures — you can get a John McCain or Obama action figure for roughly \$15.00 online. The comics and action figures blur an already fuzzy line between product consumerism and the politician, cultivating an idea political power can be bought. These toy ploys do little to cultivate respect for the politicians or bring attention to their plans for the country, but instead reduce them to fetishes, talking heads and plastic parts.

These fetishes are encour-

aged with the eight pages of "Steampunk Palin" devoted to robo-human Palin in pin-up style. It's a puzzling interpretation of Palin, which is difficult to stomach. Even for staunch Palin supporters, this must seem a bit out of line, and it is doubtful the majority of Republicans will point out what a great testament it is to their political party.

One cannot correctly judge an entire party on the antics of one member — if that were so, everyone who knew Sarah Palin graduated from the University of Idaho would think all of us attending the university to be conservative Republicans — but we judge anyway.

And that is what political cartoons are for: Judgment. They set up scenarios that lend us to judge political events in a certain light. They appeal to our sense of morality and, sometimes, our vanity. But whatever moral high ground "Steampunk Palin" is trying to appeal to, it has the repugnant smell of the incredibly strong hubris of the person it romanticizes. As a cartoon, it is simply selling to the fetishes sur-

rounding Palin and her sexual appeal. As a political cartoon, it is worthless since it does not actually follow any sensible line of political commentary and has no valuable input for current political issues. "Steampunk Palin" places Palin at a new, exciting level of bare-faced self-righteousness.

But more than that, it blatantly tells its readers the collective "you" of America needs to be saved from the bad guys. "Steampunk Palin" paints her out to be a sort of vigilante savior, rather than a politician. While it is hilarious, it makes the innards churn with shame for whoever thought of it. So, thank you, "Steampunk Palin" for playing to our insecurities about the safety of our country, completely insulting our intelligence, embarrassing Sarah Palin by selling her image as a pin-up and trying to squeeze a few dollars from us while offering no practical advice to solve any problem because all the problems presented in the comic are imaginary. But most of all, thank you for making us laugh.

## POLITICS

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next to nothing. In contrast, during one of President George W. Bush's State of the Union addresses, he specifically named Iran and North Korea as part of an "axis of evil." The comment was initially received with mixed emotions, but ultimately a bold move. At least President Bush had the courage to point to those who posed a threat and say, "We are not afraid."

There were several propositions discussed on how to proceed in the future. President Obama obviously wants to increase green energy. That is not bad, but Republicans had a more negative response when he said he was going to cut spending on oil companies. Obama also said there will be a freeze in domestic spending, but at the same time also plans to double construction efforts across the country. On the other hand, his plan to create a consolidated government is a sound idea. He pointed out several agencies that deal with the same thing. He wants to consolidate agencies and offices to run this country more efficiently. Whether or not that happens or if the plan gets tossed on his list of broken campaign promises is yet to be seen.

Early in the address, the president said the government is now a "shared responsibility." He then said America has made it clear the parties will either work together, or not at all. Again, he is wrong. President Obama is a skilled speaker, which is what got him elected. He was trying to make it sound as if he was happy to work with Republicans, who have already vowed to completely undo the new health care reform. Obama should know he is in for a fight during the remainder of his term.

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