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goal weight | 165 lbs



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Decision of a lifetime
Becoming a parent

An unintentional pregnancy led to parenthood

Sarah Yama
 Argonaut

He was in the kitchen when she said she was pregnant, and wanted to keep the baby. Jessyka Williams, a senior in children and family relations, was 25 years old when she found out she was pregnant.

Williams had visited the Student Health Clinic once because she was late. The first test was negative, but the second test, taken a week later, explained why she had been feeling sick.

"I was terrified," Williams said. "I just started bawling."

The walk home brought clarity to her situation.

"I wanted to be a parent," Williams said. "I was walking home, and kind of talking myself into that, I was just in denial."

Williams' boyfriend, Taylor Williams, knew she was pregnant from the look on her face.

"He told me he loved me and he would support me in any decision I wanted to make," Williams said. "I'm really lucky, not all women in my situation have that support."

The rest of the day was spent dealing with the news.

"I waited a few weeks before I told my parents," Williams said. "When I first told her (Williams's mother) she was really concerned because neither one of us were finished with college."

Williams's mother was 20 years old when she became pregnant with her and quit college, and she said her mother is just now going back to school.

"I think it took her three days, she called back and was really excited," Williams said.

Williams said she was excited as well, but when she and her boyfriend began telling their friends, they got what she said was an unordinary response.

"You would figure people would know,

"It's so hard, but I know I'm doing the right thing and it's worth it."

Jessyka Williams
 Senior

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Clever bacteria



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Gail Deckert works on diluting a strain of bacteria while looking at how different plasmids adapt to new bacteria hosts. Eva Top and Zaid Abdo are heading up the research, and along with help from graduate students, are studying antibiotic resistance.

Study aims to test antibiotic resistant bacteria

Joe Heiner
 Argonaut

Gonorrhea and MRSA have at least one thing in common.

They are antibiotic resistant bacteria which have harmful, sometimes deadly, effects on humans.

Eva Top, University of Idaho professor of biology, and Zaid Abdo, UI assistant professor of mathematics and statistics, said they wanted to know how these bacteria developed a resistance to antibiotics.

Top and Abdo received a five-year, \$1.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study what types of bacteria are provided with antibiotic resistance from plasmids and how that change occurs.

"Big picture: We're concerned with pathogenic bacteria," Top said.

Pathogenic bacteria are bacteria which are harmful to humans and could be dangerous if they became resistant to antibiotics. Plasmids are pieces of DNA within a bacterial cell which can contain, among other things, information allowing a bacterium to develop a resistance to antibiotics.

Top said when a bacterium comes into contact with another bacterium, the two form a bridge which plasmids can use to migrate between the two bacteria.

Top and Abdo's five-year study has three goals.

The first goal focuses on what happens after

the antibiotic resistant plasmid has migrated into a new bacterium. Top and her research team will grow the antibiotic resistant bacterium by giving it the nutrients it needs combined with antibiotics to test the new resistance apply selection pressure. Top and her researchers will remove the antibiotic once the bacterium is stable and study how the bacterium reacts without the antibiotic present.

"Big picture: We're concerned with pathogenic bacteria."

Eva Top
 UI professor of biology

Abdo explained that selection pressure, growing the bacterium with antibiotics, is similar to a student going to school. The student carries books in their backpack, which they need to pass tests and graduate.

"Selection pressure is equal to the cost for you to carry the bag, or the energy burned," Abdo said. "You need the knowledge in the bag to go through school."

The student graduating is equivalent to researchers removing the antibiotic from the bacterium's nutrients. Some students choose to keep all the books in their backpack, despite the extra energy they burn. Other students will discard only the books they think they won't need, but still other students can't wait to take off the entire backpack.

"Some people carry some (books), like mutations in bacteria allow them to carry some (antibiotic resistance), and some students throw all the books out," Abdo said.

Top and her researchers will measure how many "books" the different types of bacteria decide to keep once they are no longer under

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The Danish connection

New business program connects UI to Denmark

Dylan Brown
 Argonaut

Rick Edgeman holds a deep appreciation for Denmark and its people.

"I consider it my second home," Edgeman said, the chair of the Department of Statistics for the University of Idaho.

While a professor at Colorado State University, Edgeman spent the 1997-98 school year at the School of Business at Aarhus University in Denmark. He taught students from all across Europe as part of elite group devoted to improving business quality and innovation.

Edgeman and business professors John Lawrence and Scott Metlen will spearhead an unprecedented, international certificate program in business process and performance excellence. The collaboration with Aarhus, one of the world's best universities for business, will be the first of its kind in the world and is scheduled to begin with Danish students in the spring of 2012.

Edgeman said he has continued to return to Denmark since then, teaching summer courses and conducting research all while enjoying the temperate Danish climes.

He has maintained his personal and professional connection to Aarhus after coming to Idaho in 2004 and that rapport may pay dividends for UI and its College of Business and Economics.

Executive masters of business administration-level students will learn new strategies and tactics to better improve, design and manage business processes used throughout the corporate world.

The program will be divided into sections, with two weeks in Denmark during the spring, two weeks in the Pacific Northwest during the summer, and a final week at Aarhus in the fall.

For 10-12 hours a day and up to 60 hours a week, students will cover classroom material, gain practical experience working with Danish and American companies and debrief each night. The program will also include a final project designed to encapsulate the goals of the course.

"You are looking at something that is very intense," Edgeman said.

Edgeman said the demanding program will be geared toward students already with middle to upper management experience. Most will be employed at significant companies, requiring those companies to give their student-employees two weeks leave.

Lawrence said he hopes with some success, an increasing number of companies will be able to commit employees to the unique program.

"We are preparing students to be successful in their company while deepening their world perspective," Lawrence said.

Lawrence is already involved with the Executive MBA program UI initiated four years ago in Coeur d'Alene. The Coeur d'Alene program is a one weekend a month program designed for full time employees from corporations in the Pacific Northwest.

The program attracts a competitive group of student from a diverse set of companies, such as Coldwater Creek, Tamarack LLC, and Esterline Technologies.

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Get Involved Fair!

This is your opportunity to meet some of the members and leaders of the over 200 student organizations on campus.

Tuesday, February 15th 11:00 - 1:00 pm in the Clearwater/Whitewater Rooms of the Idaho Commons

Activities Board - Recognized Student Organizations Opportunity to be reimbursed up to \$2,000.00

Spring Semester Funding Training Meeting Dates

The organization's treasurer/financial officer must attend this meeting before the club is able to apply for reimbursement and attend a hearing.

Tuesday, February 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*

Spring Semester Funding Hearing Dates

** The sign up sheet will be placed outside the room at 4:00 p.m. (clubs sign up for 7-minute slots beginning at 5:30pm)**

Tuesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*
 Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*

Located on the 4th Floor of the Idaho Commons building

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A collection of programs centered upon the belief that leadership is a learned skill accessible to all students, and that developing our students into capable leaders is essential both to their development as individuals and to the continued betterment of human life.

Clarifying your Values - Do you walk your talk?

Tuesday, February 1
 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Aurora Room
 4th Floor Idaho Commons

Social Change Model in Athletic Administration, with Rob Spear

Wednesday, February 2
 11:30 - 12:30 pm, Aurora Room
 4th Floor Idaho Commons

Leading by Example, with Melinda Lewis

Wednesday, February 8
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Leadership Through Character, with Robb Akey

Wednesday, February 9
 11:30 - 12:30 pm, Aurora Room
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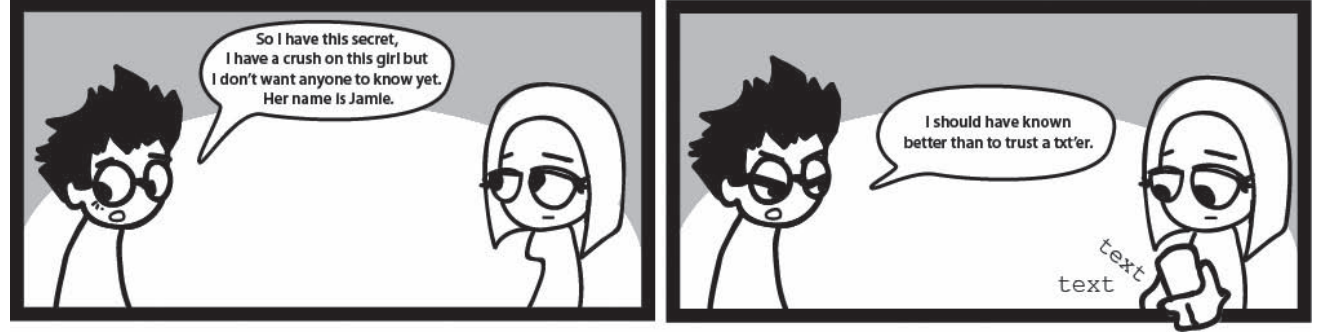
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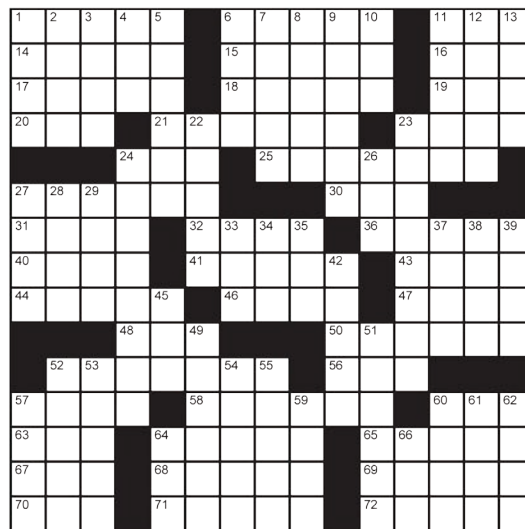
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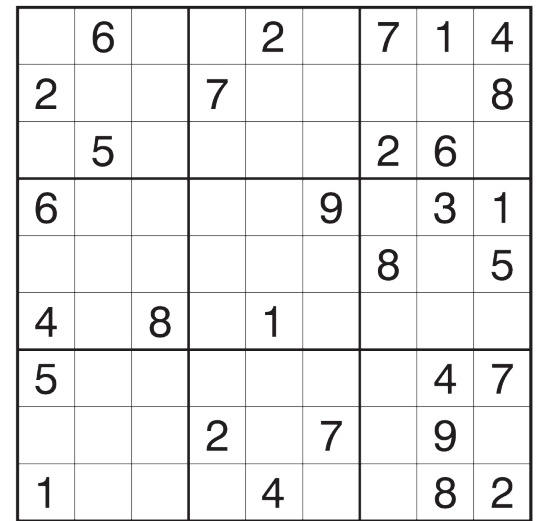


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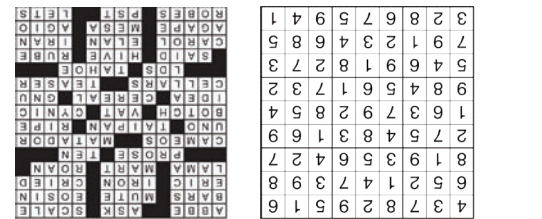
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Green Community

Think compost instead of trash

Brittany Kiser
Argonaut

Lunch trash that can be composted, instead of just tossed out, could be used to help cows.

Paper Starbuck's coffee cups, sushi containers and utensils used by University of Idaho at the Idaho Commons are all compostable, and could be made into bedding for cows.

"Ninety percent of all the containers and materials used at the Commons food court are actually compostable," said Katie Tribley, UI Sustainability Center volunteer coordinator.

The UISC recently began a new volunteer opportunity for students to assist others eating at the Commons. Student volunteers help people to sort their leftovers into three bins: Compost, recyclable plastics and landfill containers.

The waste from Campus Dining, including Bob's Place and the residence hall cafeterias, will now be composted. This will amount to between 70 and 100 tons of food waste being composted, rather than thrown away.

"It's really straightforward and we try to be as flexible as we can," Tribley said. "We've got volunteers who help consistently on a weekly basis. We also have people who come once, try it, and never do it again."

Tribley said the shifts are in one-hour increments. There are approximately 60

volunteers during the course of the year, and about 20 repeat volunteers. Students who help receive a free meal when they're done.

"Truth be known, the free meal incentive was pretty much what got me there," said Micah Wilson, sophomore and volunteer. "We can eat anything in the food court that's not pre-packaged. It's a free meal and it's for a good cause, so it's a double bonus."

Wilson said the program has been beneficial, as less waste is going to the landfill, and students learn to compost.

"For the most part students have been responsive to composting," Wilson said. "When I first started, there would be students who just stared at the graphic charts — you could almost see the question mark on their face. . . . But comparing the end of last semester to this one, there are actually a lot of people who know what they're doing now."

Tribley said this is a great example of a sustainable volunteer program.

"We try to teach the volunteers to teach their patrons," she said. "There's just been an effort to reduce waste all over campus . . . it's provided a way for students to really help out."

The finished composting goes to the Palouse Research, Extension and Education Center (PREEC), located behind Winco. There the finished composting is used for soil amendment and bedding for the cows.



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Wesley Green assists Kaitie Ballester in placing trash into the right bins at the Idaho Commons Oct 21. Green said people's attitudes toward sorting their trash have been mixed, "Some people want to learn... other people don't care. I realize I have to help less since I've started (volunteering)... people are starting to understand," Green said. There are still plenty of time slots available for students willing to take an hour and volunteer for the cause.

Gardens on campus help students get local



Photo Courtesy of UI Environmental Science Club
Students are able to grow their own produce in the UI Community Garden. The garden is located in the LLC courtyard.

Laura Kross
Argonaut

The Vandal Community Gardens was started by the University of Idaho Environmental Science Club to give students to grow their own food and find a connection to what they eat.

"A lot of people have a disconnect of where their food comes from and we wanted to renew the connection between the land and person by putting the Vandal Community Gardens together," said Steph DeMay, a senior environmental science student and coordinator of the Vandal Community Gardens.

DeMay said the project began in early 2009.

"We had a brainstorming session where we threw around some ideas and we wrote a grant application to the UI Sustainability Center," DeMay said. "We had a lot of focus on food last year and this seemed like it would have the most impact on the student body."

The Vandal Community Gardens occupy eight 4-by-3 feet. plots in the Living and Learning Center courtyard. Garden-

ers sign up with the UI Environmental Science Club and pay a \$20 deposit that is returned to them at the end of their growing period. Gardeners bring their own seeds and check out whatever gardening tools they might need from the LLC's front desk free of charge.

Aaron Malgren, a member of the club and junior in environmental science, said the rest is simple.

"Gardening is really easy," Malgren said. "Pretty much you just throw the seed in the ground and it grows for you. Give it some water and some sun and basically nature does its work for you. Anybody who really doesn't know anything about it would be able to pick it up in a matter of minutes really. I'm sure everyone's played in the dirt before."

Tybee Wall, a graduate student in the Department of Water Resources, said she heard about the Vandal Community Gardens through the UI Environmental Science Club's e-mail list. She said she had some experience gardening at home in Maryland and while living off campus, and thought this would be a nice opportunity to garden without having a full backyard.

"It's always nice, you know, to have free produce so to speak," Wall said. "I didn't have to go to Winco to get produce as much."

Wall managed her plot during the summer of 2010 and grew tomatoes, broccoli, cilantro, red peppers and lettuce.

"I think it's kind of healthier, you know, if you do it (grow food) on your own," Wall said.

Malgren agreed with DeMay in that growing one's own food is important because many people don't know the where food comes from.

"It's extremely important. I'm a big food fanatic. I like to know about my food," Malgren said. "It's really about knowing what you put in your body for me pretty much."

Malgren was involved in the construction of the garden plots, and said he would like to see more gardens on campus in the future as students become more aware of the project.

"It's kind of a lifestyle (gardening and being outdoors). It really can just put people in good moods," Malgren said. "It really can just kind of change their lives."

Changes in climate affect plant species

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

Climate change across the Western U.S. has caused various plant species to relocate in regards to changing temperatures and precipitation.

John Abatzoglou, University of Idaho assistant professor of geography, and his colleagues have found that temperatures have gone up about a degree in Celsius, in California and surrounding states.

"All of this is based off studies of observations and a big evaluation of species," Abatzoglou said. "People went out and collected species in California and did a survey in the early 2000s, which showed plants moving upward. The basic hypoth-

esis was that warming temperatures was forcing plants up hill."

In the early part of the 20th century the Western U.S. experienced a drought and currently, California and the West has had a 10 percent increase in precipitation.

The increase of the precipitation has showed signs of plants moving downhill from the lack of water they were limited to previously, Abatzoglou said.

Idaho, at this point, does not have long term data regarding climate change and plant species.

"Idaho doesn't have any long-term data, however it is fortunate for this comprehensive survey follow-up because we are able to notice changes in the West from the 1950s till today," Abatzoglou said.

Amanda Langenheim, a senior studying environmental science, said she believes the increase of precipitation may not ultimately produce a better outcome.

"When looking at the Greenhouse Effect, water vapor plays a dominant role and I understand that in the short term it could have some benefits to the plants that need water due to the increase in temperatures," Langenheim said. "However, we will still see the effects of the rapid rate of climate change, and that will undoubtedly have unchangeable effects on our plant life."

Although Idaho doesn't have data regarding changes in plant species, there has been observed changes in Idaho's climate and in mountain spring snow pack during

the last 50 years.

Long-term studies show snow pack has declined and snowmelt occurs earlier in the year.

"Some of these changes may not be meaningful to an individual in their backyard, but climate change and the increase in temperature does lead to disturbances, such as wildfires and bark beetle," Abatzoglou said. "Connections in climate change can certainly load the dice for these types of things to occur."

Right: Steven Devine | Argonaut
With climate changes many plants, trees and other foliage have been studied to see if weather has affected the growing locations of certain species.



Police Log

Monday, Jan. 24

5:19 p.m. — Someone reported seeing a male trying to open the doors of cars in a parking lot.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

5:53 a.m. — Someone's red Chevy Blazer was parked the night before with the keys in it and was gone in the morning.

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. — There were 24 reports of vehicle prowls.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

5:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. — There were seven more re-

ports of vehicle prowls.

12:49 p.m. — The reporting person's car rolled out of his driveway and into his neighbor's yard.

Thursday, Jan. 27

10:15 a.m. — Someone reported seeing a van parked near Main Street with a sign on the back saying "Free Candy Inside."

1:21 p.m. — Someone reported her two-year old was locked inside the car.

Friday, Jan. 28

8:25 a.m. — A female reported a piece of equipment fell on her car and damaged it at the University Car Wash.

3:56 p.m. — Someone re-

ported a man with a shovel yelling and threatening him.

11:51 p.m. — Someone reported seeing a man wearing only boxers walking down Main Street.

Saturday, Jan. 29

2:23 a.m. — A female was assaulted near CJ's.

11:59 p.m. — A female reported her friend was battered in his apartment and that the subjects were still fighting when she left.

Sunday, Jan. 30

5:26 p.m. — A female reported someone stole her medication. She was given a courtesy transport to Gritman Hospital.

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PARENT

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when you start telling people, that you are excited about the pregnancy," Williams said. "We would tell people, and they would be like, 'Congratulations?'"

Williams said she knew it would be hard to become a parent while attending college, but she could handle it. She signed up for Medicaid and went to Moscow Family Medicine.

"We weren't living a family friendly lifestyle at the time and I knew everything had to change," Williams said.

The lifestyle Williams was living was, as she described, the typical college life. She said she and Taylor would get up at 9 a.m., maybe go to class, work, watch T.V., drink and go to bed.

"We were living a typical college life," Williams said. "Drinking all night, not really going to class, crappy part-time jobs..."

In the fall of 2007, Williams ended up withdrawing from her classes.

"I wish I had graduated at 22 like everyone else," Williams said. "But I went back in the spring."

Williams recalled being pregnant and attending class.

"I had one class in the Jensen Building, then one right after at the TLC and only 10 minutes," she said. "As I got closer to my due date, I would be later and later to class."

Williams said she was lucky because her due date was just after finals, but she ended up being 10 days past when she was due. Williams' family was in town and she wanted them to be there when she had the baby. She called the hospital that night and scheduled to be induced.

"I crawled into bed that same night and my water broke," Williams said.

Williams' daughter, Madeline, was born that day in May, after 23 hours of labor, and she married her boyfriend in 2009.

Williams will be graduating in May. She said her family has the essentials for surviving but she takes help where she can get it.

"We really had to swallow our pride," Williams said. "We get food stamps, Medicaid, we get help from the government as well as from family — they help a lot."

This semester has slowed down for Williams, but last semester was difficult. Williams was doing her practicum preschool teaching and trying to balance seeing her daughter and school.

"It's hard to be away from your child, especially when you're taking care of other people's children," Williams said. "You feel guilty."

Now, as Williams approaches graduation, her schedule has slowed, and she has more time to spend with her daughter.

"I get up, go to school, come home and spend time with Taylor and Maddie," Williams said. "We try to go on walks and just keep her entertained."

As for other women who get unintentionally pregnant in college, Williams said based on her experience it's worth it.

"There are so many times I wanted to quit and get a job, but it wouldn't make anything any easier," Williams said. "It's so hard, but I know I'm doing the right thing and it's worth it."

Williams said she is pro-choice, and the topic of unplanned pregnancy and the choices involved should be open for discussion.

"It's hard after having a baby to not want people to keep their baby, but you can't project your experience onto everyone else," Williams said. "I think it's a really important, tough topic to talk about. Let's open it up for discussion and debate and stop feeling ashamed because people use that as ammo against you."

Local and federal organizations in Moscow can help aid pregnant women and men who are choosing to become parents.

One of these organizations is Care Net, a non-profit Christian-based organization that offers medical, as well as spiritual support.

"Some women can feel really afraid and really alone when they find out they are pregnant," said Brenda Saltzer, CEO of Care Net of the Palouse. "Women in college are usually very accomplished and competent, but with an unplanned pregnancy, it can be a tough and lonely place to find oneself."

Women seeking counseling from Care Net can call or make an online appointment.

"If someone comes in and believes they are pregnant and says they have taken a home test, we will retest them," Saltzer said. "While the urine is being tested, we have a trained client advocate talk them through their options, what stresses they have and how we can support them."

Saltzer said a second appointment is usually scheduled that includes an ultrasound.

"We also encourage them to report anything such as drinking, whether they were taken advantage of, and if that's the case to go directly to the police," Saltzer said. "We also try to address problems such as not having a place to live, wherever they are feeling pressure, we follow up on it."

Care Net provides women in need with new baby items such as clothes and bottles. They have also partnered with the Moscow Police Department to provide car seats.

"We are committed to medical accuracy, and while we do give information about all options, we do not refer or provide abortions," Saltzer said.

Women who are looking for strictly medical counseling can visit Planned Parenthood in Pullman.

"When a woman comes to the decision to keep the baby, we refer her to agencies that will offer the best prenatal care," said Megan Cuilla, Planned Parenthood community organizer. "We make sure she will have community

support as well as financial support."

One of the agencies Planned Parenthood refers women to is the Women, Infant and Children Program.

WIC is a federal organization administered by the Department of Agriculture with a goal to support low income women and children up to five.

"Women who are pregnant, breast feeding a child under one year of age or an infant or child under the age of five and fit the income guidelines, qualify to be on the program," said Diane Waldermarson, director of Family Health Services.

Waldermarson said that WIC's program is for children with nutritional needs and the food they provide is meant to be supplemental.

"We bring women in, weigh them and educate them on what they should be eating," Waldermarson said. "Women who come here will usually tell you that if they got anything from here it was an education."

While what each person is allowed varies, foods that can be offered include special formula, cereals, and vouchers for fruits and vegetables.

"Women will definitely leave knowing a little more than they did before," Waldermarson said.

An additional organization, the Lavender House, offers client centered resources for pregnant women.

"We offer help for girls who keep their babies," said Rusty Olps, administrator at Lavender House. "We have been operational for one year and have had our first client in the last six months or so."

Olps said the Lavender House is not an institutional approach and each client is individually interviewed and provided with the resources they may need.

"Some clients might need shelter, money or transportation," Olps said. "We don't like to list the services because they vary and are all client centered and custom done."

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The program attracts a competitive group of students from a diverse set of companies, such as Coldwater Creek, Tamarack LLC, and Esterline Technologies.

American and Danish companies have already expressed interest in the new collaborative program with Aarhus, most notably Boeing (a company UI already has strong relations with), Microsoft and Danish energy company, Vestas.

Scott Metlen, a UI quality management professor, said he sees the program as an opportunity for ambitious employees to climb the corporate ladder. He said understanding different cultures is paramount to understanding

and surviving in the modern business world, and the program will be designed to provide that insight.

"It's going through birth pains, but it will be a very strong and unique curriculum to help people to advance in their future businesses," Metlen said.

The Aarhus and UI certificate program will also generate some added revenue for UI, but the real gain, Edgeman said, will be the new connections worldwide. He said he wants to see UI's international relationships expand, and his second home seemed like just the starting place for this new avenue into the international community.

"You are known by the company you keep," Edgeman said, "and one of the top 60 universities in the world is exceptional company."

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First, it may cost state coffers as much as \$70 million over two years to conform Idaho's state tax code to new federal rules. Lawmakers usually follow the federal rules to make it easier for residents and businesses to do their taxes, but they could opt out, potentially reducing the amount Idaho stands to give up.

And sales tax rebates for alternative energy projects, including big wind farms now going up across Idaho's blustery southern plain, also could drain Idaho of nearly \$50 million, split between 2011 and 2012.

What's more, lawmakers aren't convinced the state will collect \$33 million in tax revenue above the current fiscal year forecast, something Otter built into his original 2012 budget. That's after December, when tax revenue missed targets by \$10 million.

Bedke, R-Oakley, said Otter's original budget proposal responsibly reflected the economic reality in late 2010, when the Republican governor finalized his recommendations.

If the new \$185 million deficit figure holds, lawmakers who were already struggling with how to cut \$25 million from state Med-

icaid spending could be faced with the added prospect of targeting public education — or else opting to raise more tax revenue, hardly an easy solution in conservative, tax-leery Idaho.

"Everyone hits the wall at a different point when they're running a marathon," Bedke said.

A health coalition that's pushing a bill to boost Idaho's cigarette tax to \$1.25 per pack, from 57 cents now, said it likely won't introduce the measure until late February — for strategic reasons.

By then, lawmakers struggling with a dire budget situation might be more willing to go along with an increase to help fill what otherwise would be gaping holes in Medicaid. The insurance program faces an estimated \$83 million in annual costs from tobacco-related illnesses, so an extra \$50 million from cigarette taxes could help ease the pain.

"As a coalition, we are concerned about the public health aspects we've talked about, including preventing youth from beginning smoking and encouraging cessation," said Heidi Low, a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. "In working toward that ultimate goal, we're going to be as strategic as possible in moving good public policy forward."

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modeling systems, one using math and the other using statistics. The math model will mimic the evolutionary process and allow Abdo to generate hypotheses on how the plasmids will affect bacteria and how that bacteria will grow.

"It's like a video game. You play the game and each time you play, you get dif-

ferent results," Abdo said.

The statistics model will find the best parameters and generate results to the entire population. The statistics side works backward from the math model, using the data to figure out the best parameters instead of setting the parameters to find which best matches the data. The two complement each other and allow for more thorough research.

"They can try all sorts of experiments that would take forever in a lab," Top said.

The third goal of the study is to understand the process, which causes the changes. Top and her team will study the molecular chemical changes that occur in the DNA which create big changes at the basic level of the bacteria.

Top said bacteria's development of resistance antibiotics parallels human evolution.

"It's how the human population evolved too," Top said. "We found clever ways to survive."

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'Virtual varsity' lacrosse at UI

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

University of Idaho lacrosse coach John Andrysiak doesn't like the term "club sport," and said his team is more like a "virtual varsity sport" because of how competitive it has become.

Though it is not NCAA affiliated, Idaho lacrosse is part of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association, an intercollegiate league that spans the U.S. and Canada — it also has a national championship televised each year.

Andrysiak recruits players from all around the Northwest, a process that can be difficult since there are no scholarships offered, but Idaho still attracts quality players. Andrysiak said his players have to be dedicated because he runs his team like an official university sport.

"We try to mirror what the athletic department does because we want to get our program to that level," Andrysiak said. "We run our team as if it were a varsity sport."

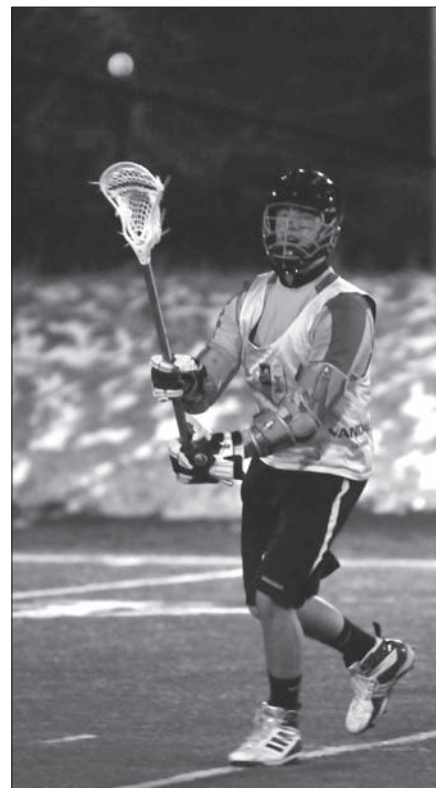
Lacrosse combines qualities of different sports, making it a unique experience for spectators.

"It's a mesh of other sports," Andrysiak said. "It's physical like hockey, and fast-paced. Half the people who come out and watch it fall in love with it because it's something they haven't seen before."

Last year the Vandals had one of the most successful seasons in their history, winning their division but falling short in the playoffs against Oregon State.

"We lost in the playoffs in double overtime last year, so we want to get past that this year," team captain Sean Harington said. Andrysiak said his team has the talent to do so.

"I see us in the finals in our division," Andry-



Photos by | Nick Groff

Idaho lacrosse players Kyle Morse, left, and Carl Coppert run through line drills during practice Monday evening on the SprinTurf. The team is not a NCAA D-1 sport at UI, but coach John Andrysiak and players treat it as a varsity sport.

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Turnovers, free throws cost men on the road

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball (12-9, 5-4 WAC) team had a tough week on the road. After a close contest, the Vandals couldn't hold on to the lead and fell to New Mexico State (12-11, 6-3 WAC) 73-65.

"We really competed tonight. I feel bad for those guys in the locker room. We're just young and inexperienced," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I told them in the locker room that we just have to learn from this trip."

The young Vandal team lost 25 points in turnovers alone, losing the ball a season-high 24 times. In most areas the teams were evenly matched. Both shot 49 percent from the floor, put up six 3-pointers and pulled down 29 rebounds, but free throws and turnovers late in the game ended Idaho's chance at breaking its 11-game losing streak in the Pan American Center.

While Idaho went 9-of-11 from the free throw line, the Aggies made 19-of-27, 10 of which were in the last two minutes of play.

"Basically, they win this game at the free throw line scoring 10 more points than us," Verlin said. "That's the difference in the game."

The Vandals came out strong and quickly gained a 19-12 lead in the first half. As turnovers added up and New Mexico State's big scorers came off the bench, Idaho's lead evaporated. In the second half, the Vandals held the lead at 44-42 with 11:38 left, but a 12-3 run from the Aggies brought them up by seven with 7:56 to go. Idaho tied it up at 54-54 with a 7-0 run and 6:23 remaining. The game was tied again at 56-56 with five minutes to go, but



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Vandal guard Landon Tatum attempts to drive past Boise State Broncos guard La'Shard Anderson Jan. 22 in the Cowan Spectrum. After the loss to the Broncos, the Vandals did not recover on roadtrips to Ruston, La. and Las Cruces, N.M. The Vandals face the San Jose State Spartans at 7:05 p.m. Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum to attempt to snap their three-game losing streak.

the Vandals fell apart at the very end by losing the ball three times, missing three of their final five shots and fouling out sophomore center Kyle Barone.

"Tonight, we were ready to go, and we played extremely hard," Verlin said. "We did a lot of really, really good things, we just didn't

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Conference competition continues Thursday as the Vandals return home to face San Jose State (10-10, 2-7 WAC) at 7:05p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Take the fitness challenge

Ladies out there understand the importance of weddings and bridal parties. When a woman is asked to be part of a friend or family member's wedding party as a maid of honor or bridesmaid, it is a sacred task that must be respected. There is no room for complaining or criticizing, because every decision is the bride's to make, and making her happy is the No. 1 priority.

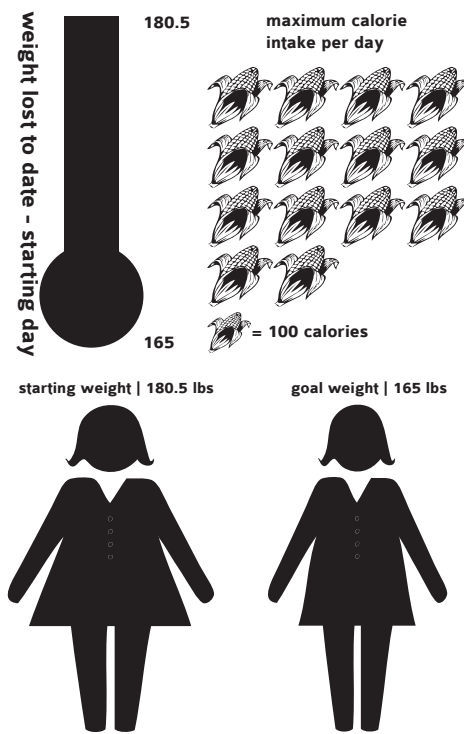
That's why if the bride can only get a size 12 bridesmaid's dress and the bridesmaid is actually closer to a size 14 dress, it's a serious issue that she is responsible for fixing. And the solution isn't shape wear — inability to breathe during the ceremony or constantly having to adjust an undergarment is just as bad as not fitting into the dress at all.

Which is why when the Vandal Fitness Challenge was announced, I had to get on board. My sister's wedding is May 22, and if I don't fit into my dress, I may get kicked out of the bridal party.

OK that may be a bit extreme, but it will be a problem. So I went for the initial testing Friday afternoon and through that discovered just how out of shape I am. After that I signed a few forms and marked an official start to the challenge.

While it is required to keep food and activity logs for six weeks of the challenge, a more detailed, structured option can be found at <http://www.myfitnesspal.com>. Users can enter their goal weight, then track calories and exercise day-by-day. At the end of any given day, a report will tell the user how much weight they will lose if they continue on their current path, and how much time it will take. It's a great motivational tool to see hard numbers.

Those who plan to use the Student Recreation



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Center for their exercise should utilize a mixture of machines. The treadmills are high tech and the ellipticals are easy to use, and those looking for a serious workout should try the Gazelle. In 30 minutes, a person can easily burn 300 calories. It doesn't mess around.

During the next 10 weeks, I will be exercising as much as possible and staying within a

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Women's basketball back on track

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandals shook off a tough loss to LA Tech by overcoming New Mexico State 64-51 in the Cowan Spectrum Saturday afternoon.

It wasn't the prettiest game Idaho has played this season, but coach Jon Newlee said he likes the fact his team was able to work through the problems and get the win.

"It's nice to be able to win when you're not just hot, and really filling it up," Newlee

said. "To be able to kind of work for it — I thought that's what we did tonight, we just stuck with it. We did a great job of attacking the rim and getting to the free throw line, and converting at the free throw line."

The Vandals (11-8, 4-3 WAC) started the first half stone cold, giving up a 7-0 run to New Mexico (10-11, 4-4 WAC) to start the game. Idaho didn't stay down long — freshman Alyssa Charlston led the charge with 13 points in the half to help the Vandals head

for the locker room up 35-28. Charlston said it was nice to see hard work pay off.

"It was a lot of fun, and it was finally starting to click in the system, and it's something I've been working on for a long time," Charlston said. "To incorporate the wing position and the post position, I switched midway through the season ... it's a great system, so it's a lot of fun."

Senior Yinka Olorunnife was dominant in the game,

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Scuba class students learn how to blow the water out of their snorkels after going completely underwater Thursday evening in the swim center. Some students take the scuba class to help them get certified, while one architecture senior, Katelyn Dillon, said she is taking the class to conquer her fear of the water.

Dive into a UI scuba class

Kelsey Nash
Argonaut

Press, roll and blow. These are the three steps in removing water from goggles while snorkeling above or underneath water.

This is one of the many techniques University of Idaho students learn in the PEB scuba diving class.

Introduced to UI by Barry Moore, an associate professor at Washington State University, the scuba class provides an opportunity for students that they may never get the chance to do again.

"We picked up the University of Idaho about three and a half years ago,"

said Moore, who has managed the WSU scuba program for 28 years.

The class is split into two parts: A lecture taught by Moore, and a lab. Both of which are full of information and experiences students claim to enjoy, even if it can be intimidating at times.

Senior Katelyn Dillon is one who understands the intimidation of scuba.

"This is my semester of conquering fears," Dillon said. "I'm scared of water, so I'm taking scuba."

Dillon's brother is a certified diver, which she said helps her to face her fear.

"It's kind of like a sibling rivalry. I just gotta muscle through it," Dillon said.

Sibling influence was inspiration for other students in the class as well — part of the reason freshman Ian Hayman decided to take the class was because of his brother.

"My brother did diving," Hayman said. "So I want to dive with him."

Lab instructor Garrett Myren was recently a scuba student himself and is only in his second semester teaching. Despite only having three years of scuba experience, Myren said diving is one of the coolest sports he's ever done.

"It's just crazy being down at 120 feet deep," Myren said. "Getting out and doing everything in the ocean is the

best part."

UI students won't make it to the ocean during the scuba class, but they will receive the classroom and pool training they need to someday become certified in scuba diving.

"We can write them a note that says they've done the class portion, the pool portion and they can get certified at another shop," Myren said.

Even though certification isn't part of the program at UI, Moore said students may not easily find a cheaper opportunity.

"I think they're (the classes) very economical compared to other venues," Moore said.

Myren agreed, and said they're a good trial run for those completely new to the concept.

"Scuba's not for everyone. This is a really good setting to learn in that, instead of having to pay ... \$1,500 at a dive shop and figure out the hard way," Myren said.

Though the students have yet to actually scuba dive, they have snorkeled and are learning the steps to diving to greater depths.

"I think it will be better when we have tanks and we don't have to learn how to breathe underwater," Dillon said. "It's a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to it."



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Idaho junior Jeff Osborn cuts off Montana's Max Hardy and Michael Fisher in the men's one mile race at the Cougar Indoor in Pullman, Wash. Saturday. Vandal sophomore Hannah Kiser took third for Idaho in the women's one mile race with a time of 5:01.09, which is second in the WAC for the event.

Vandal track in high gear

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

Until Saturday's University of Washington Invitational, the Idaho track and field runners were largely absent from competition, but the Vandals returned to Moscow with three conference-topping performances and 10 personal bests.

"We're backing off a little bit in the weight room so we're seeing fresher legs and better technique," Idaho throwing coach Julie Taylor said. "Kids throwing farther and jumping higher — this is what we've been expecting."

Senior Eugenio Mannucci won the men's shot put title for the third time in as many competitions. His 56-1 (17.09m) mark is the best he — or the WAC — has seen this season.

In middle distance events, the Vandal women set several personal and conference bests. Freshman Hannah Kiser finished the women's 800m race in 2:16.37, her career best and the second fastest time in the WAC so far. Sophomore Keli Hall finished the 800m in 2:18.19, placing her right behind Kiser at third in the conference.

"Keli is coming off an injury from last year and moving from the quarter mile up to the 800," Taylor said.

Kiser went on to shave more than three seconds off her best mile time, landing her at 4:55.78, the WAC's second-best time.

"Hannah had a wonderful cross-country season and has continued to improve," Taylor said. "Her mile time was No. 5 in all time for Idaho, so she's putting up some good numbers."

Coach Wayne Phipps said Kiser "definitely has a chance to be conference champion as a freshman."

Long distance runners also set records in Seattle. Junior Jeremiah Dubie ran the men's 5000m in 14:57.60, coming out ahead of all conference competition and setting a new career best. Dubie's cross country teammate, junior Markus Geiger, set a personal best for the second consecutive week with an 8:28.58 in the men's 3000m run.

The women also contributed for the Vandals, bringing home the team's top finishes. Sophomore Liga Velvere led Idaho track, taking eighth in the women's 400m with a time of 56.62. In the field, sophomore Gabby Midles' led the Vandals with a toss of 57-1 (17.40m) in the 20-lb. weight throw, earning her seventh place at the meet. Sophomore Kristin Leonard took 10th in

women's shot put with a season-best 44-0.75 (13.43m).

"There was some really good competition in shot this weekend," Taylor said. "(Leonard) came through for us... she's not super competitive yet in shot, but she has a great future."

Sophomore Jeff Aronson set personal records in the 60m dash and the men's long jump. Aronson redshirted last year for the indoor season, but qualified for second-team all-WAC in outdoor competition. At Saturday's meet, Aronson took seventh in the long jump with 22-3.

The Vandals left Seattle with one title and widespread improvement. They take a week off of competition before returning on Feb. 12 for the Husky Classic.

"Our plan is to not compete as many kids," Taylor said. "We're trying to get great marks to get ready for the WAC championship."

As the Vandals wind down their training and get ready to compete against conference rivals, they will spend more time on technique and less on weight lifting.

"I'm hoping we'll compete even better than we did this weekend," Phipps said. "Hopefully we'll see even more PRs next time."

Lim makes NCAA B-cut in narrow loss

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The dominant backstroking efforts of freshman Shana Lim weren't enough to secure a road win for Idaho's swimming and diving team against Oregon State Saturday afternoon. The team found themselves only four points behind the Beavers prior to the final two events of the meet, but couldn't hold on as Oregon State came out on top with a

final score of 111.50-93.50.

Despite the team's loss to its competitive Pac-10 opponent, Saturday was a historic day for Idaho swimming and diving as Lim became the school's first ever NCAA B-cut qualifier with her time of 55.11 in the 100 backstroke, which quickly became a school record.

Lim's 200 backstroke time of 2:01.89 also made its way into the Idaho record books as the Singapore native defeated Oregon State's Jenni Dole,

the Beavers' record holder in both the 100 and 200 backstroke events.

"One individual's drive can uplift the whole rest of the team," said senior Alyson O'Brien of Lim's achievements. "We were down a little bit during the middle of the year and races like that get everyone ready to go again."

Lim's success was complimented by wins from fellow Singaporean Si Jia Pang and another freshman, Lindsay Williams. Pang anchored the victorious 400-yard medley relay team consisting of herself, Lim, sophomore Kelsie Saxe and junior Calleigh Brown. In addition, Pang conquered the 100-yard freestyle race, defeating O'Brien by .18 of a second. Williams beat out a number of Beavers in the 400-yard individual medley, winning the race by almost two seconds.

"It was a great day in the pool," Idaho coach Tom Jager said. "They rebounded well from last weekend. It came

down to the last two events."

Throughout the first four events the Beavers held a two point lead but extended it to four with wins in the next two races.

"We definitely got off to a really good start from the beginning and that just kind of got the ball rolling for the rest of the meet," O'Brien said. "Everyone was really energized and positive and excited so that increased the intensity throughout the whole place." The Vandals let the 200 breaststroke and 200 medley relay slip away as the hosts clinched the win.

"It was a competitive meet," Jager said. "We just came up short. ... I'm proud of my team. They swam great."

The Idaho swimming and diving team will head to Pullman Saturday to take on the Washington State Cougars.

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University of Idaho freshman Victoria Lozano of Guadalajara, Mexico returns the ball as her teammate Lauren Simpson stands ready during a doubles match against Lewis-Clark State College Saturday in Lewiston. The Vandals defeated the Warriors 7-0 and scored another flawless 7-0 victory against Seattle University Saturday morning.

Wash. State ends brief winning streak

Kelli Hadley
Argonaut

After dominating the competition in its first two matches of the season, the Idaho women's tennis team wasn't able to rack up their third win as the team was defeated 6-1 Saturday by the Washington State Cougars.

Coach Tyler Neill said he had expected Saturday's match to be harder than the first two, though he doesn't feel his team made as many shots as they could have.

"Washington State is a very tough team — they're nationally ranked and in order to beat them we had to have played really well, and I don't feel like we did," Neill said. "I felt like we played hard but weren't very consistent."

The only win for the women came from senior Yvette Ly, who took the opportunity to redeem herself by defeating Marina Nicolas, a girl she lost to only months ago.

"Yvette played really well and beat a girl she lost to in the fall, who is a very tough player," Neill said. "She went out and took control of the match and put the girl on the defensive, which was really good."

Ly beat Nicolas 4-6, 6-2, 10-3 and almost secured a win

in doubles with partner Molly Knox, but the two eventually fell 8-6 to WSU players Ksenia Googe and Andjela Kankaras.

With two impending matches against Portland and Eastern Washington this weekend, Neill said the Vandals will spend this week getting used to the pairings and working on doubles, while also preparing themselves for big serves that a few of the Portland players are known for.

The Vandals will head to Richland, Wash. Saturday to compete against Portland and then will move on to Cheney, Wash. Sunday for a match up against Eastern Washington. Neill said even though neither of the teams is nationally ranked, they both are still likely to put up a fight against the Vandals.

"They're still tough teams," Neill said. "Portland gives us a pretty good match every time we've played them, and as long as I've been here we've been pretty back and forth with them. Eastern Washington we usually play twice a year and we've beat them at least the last few years, but they're always really tough and always make it close, so I would expect tough matches, maybe not quite as tough but still tough."

Men's tennis hits a bump

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

The men's tennis team suffered its first defeat of the season as strong performances by sophomore Abid Akbar and the doubles teams weren't enough to overcome the Oregon Ducks.

Friday night was a case of déjà vu for the Vandals as they were beat by the Ducks 5-2, the exact score they lost to them with last year. Sophomore Marius Cirstea lost in straight sets at the No. 1 spot to Alex Rovello 6-3, 6-0, and No. 2 spot, senior Lachlan Reed, also lost a set against Baptiste Faynot 6-1, 6-4.

Senior Alex Joitoiu and freshman Jose Bendeck both lost tightly contested matches that would both go down to a third set, with Bendeck losing to Jose Izquierdo in a 9-7 tie-breaker. Coach Jeff Beaman said he's hopeful that this loss will be a learning experience.

"We were potentially a few points from the match, but Oregon came up really big under pressure and held off our charge and won the match," Beaman said. "The team will hopefully learn from this early year experience and rebound in

"I wasn't sure about my double teams coming into the year, but I am pretty confident in the doubles teams we have right now."

Jeff Beaman
Coach

a strong way."

The lone singles victory of the night came from Akbar, who defeated Duncan MacDonald-Korth in a tightly contested match 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. The men's doubles teams also walked away with two of the three doubles matches.

"I wasn't sure about my double teams coming into the year, but I am pretty confident in the doubles teams we have right now," Beaman said.

Saturday, the Vandals faced Portland State and swept their

matches 7-0. Junior Alan Shin defeated Matt Erickson without losing a game 6-0, 6-0 and Cirstea won his game 3-6, 6-1, 10-4.

Doubles went just as well as the Vandals won all three of their matches, particularly with a victory by Cirstea and Joitoiu over Rice and Roman Margoulis 8-2.

After bouncing back from their earlier defeat the Vandals went to bed late Saturday night, only to wake up early the next morning to play against Weber State. Idaho came away with a 5-1 win.

Shin continued his weekend with another flawless singles victory and Akbar extended his 2011 season single record to 5-0 with his win over Oliver Good 6-2, 6-2.

Once again the doubles team handled its competition and obtained another three victories. Akbar and sophomore Jake Knox had a signature victory as they defeated Peter Ramstromer Pello and Ciao Poitena 8-1.

The Vandals left Oregon early Sunday morning, but won't be gone for long as they head to Portland Friday for three more matches in two days.



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Vandal tennis player Abid Akbar returns a shot from a Gonzaga Bulldog player last spring on the courts behind Memorial Gym. The Vandals are 4-1 this spring and face Portland, UC Davis and Seattle University this weekend in Portland.

Thompson leads WSU over No. 18

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Klay Thompson scored 25 points and Washington State upset No. 18 Washington 87-80 on Sunday to pick up a signature win in its quest for an NCAA tournament bid.

Reggie Moore added 18 points and five assists for Washington State (15-6, 5-4 Pac-10), which held high-scoring Washington to 37 percent shooting, and broke a four-game losing streak to its rival.

Isaiah Thomas scored 19 points for Washington (15-5, 7-2), which fell into a tie with Arizona for first in the Pac-10. Justin Holiday added 16 points for the Huskies, who were trying to open 8-1 in the Pac-10 for the first time since 1984.

Washington's Matthew Bryan-Amaning, who came in averaging 16 points per game, was held to six points.

Thompson, the leading scorer in the Pac-10, made 9 of 18 shots and added four assists and five steals for the Cougars. Faisal Aden scored 15, and the Cougars shot 48 percent.

Leading by two at halftime, Washington State opened the second half with a 10-1 run, including a 3-pointer and spectacular alley-oop dunk by Moore, for a 55-44 lead.

Washington missed its first five shots of the second half and did not make a field goal until Holiday's 3-pointer with 14:33 left. But the Huskies did make seven of eight free throws to close to 57-53 with 13 minutes left.

Thompson hit a lay-up and 3-pointer as WSU built a 63-55 lead.

Washington did not make its second field goal of the second half until Scott Suggs scored with 9:39 left, cutting WSU's lead to 66-60. The Huskies were 2 of 11 from the field in the second half at that point, but had made 12 of 13 free throws to stay close.

Thomas, the third-leading scorer in the Pac-10, did not make his first field goal until just 6:13 was left in the game, a 3-pointer that cut WSU's lead to 75-69.

Thompson replied with a

basket and a 3-pointer for an 80-69 lead. But Thomas made another 3-pointer and a jumper to pull the Huskies within 80-74 with less than five minutes left. But they were scoreless for nearly four minutes.

Aden hit a 3-pointer to give WSU an 83-74 lead with two minutes left.

In the first half, Washington State built a 15-10 lead. Washington replied with a 12-2 run, and Terrence Ross hit a 3-pointer for a 22-17 lead. Holiday and Darnell Gant hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Washington up 32-26.

Brock Motum made a basket and then completed a 3-point play for WSU to tie the score at 37.

Thompson scored five of the Cougars' final eight points for a 45-43 halftime lead.

Washington State coach Ken Bone, a former UW assistant, won his first game in six tries against the Huskies.

Husky reserve C.J. Wilcox did not play because of a concussion.

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The Vandals will wrap up their home stand Wednesday when they attempt to avenge their earlier loss to San Jose State. The Spartans broke a 20 regular season-game losing streak when they defeated Idaho 63-61 Jan. 20. Idaho will then go on the road for six of its last eight games.

we believe in ourselves, we're as good as any team in the conference."

Two Vandals also hit career milestones in this game. Olorunnife captured her 27th double-double of her career, and moved into fourth place in WAC history with 936 career rebounds. Kloke also scored the 1,000th point of her career with her game-high 17 points.

snatching 12 rebounds in the half on her way to her tenth double-double of the season, while senior Rachele Kloke pitched in with 11 points.

The second half was more of a battle, but the Vandals never give up the lead on their way to victory. Idaho was able to keep its composure every time the Aggies threatened, and answered with solid play of its own.

The Aggies showed signs of frustration toward the end of the game, allowing the Vandals to extend their lead to double digits and cruise to the victory. Charlston said it was big win for her team's morale.

"We had to bounce back to stay at the top of the conference," Charlston said. "This game showed that if



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut
Vandal post Yinka Olorunnife drives past two Boise State Bronco defenders in the top of the key Jan. 22 in the Cowan Spectrum. Olorunnife and the Vandals take on the San Jose State Spartans Wednesday in the Cowan Spectrum at 6 p.m.

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play smart. We got a little sloppy with the ball a few times and had a few defensive lapses."

New Mexico's final 8-1 run at 2:03 gave them an eight-point lead, the largest margin of the game, and decided the outcome of the match. Barone had 12 points, two blocks and four rebounds before fouling out with two minutes left. Senior guard Jeff Ledbetter led Idaho in scoring with 17 points, five from 3-pointers. Junior guard Derymy Geiger followed him with 15 points.

Idaho held the WAC's top conference play scorer, Troy Gillenwater, to 16 points, but

couldn't control Gordo Castillo, who led the game with 19 points and five 3-pointers. The Vandals' three-game losing streak hasn't dampened the spirit of their coach.

"I'm proud of my guys. They came out and battled as hard as they possibly could battle," Verlin said. "We're right in the middle of this thing, and I don't know if any of us — New Mexico State, Boise State, ourselves and Nevada — are going to be able to catch Utah State, but second place is still up for grabs ... what we've got to do is get back home, get rested after this long trip, and get ourselves mentally focused. We've got a good San Jose State team and a good Hawaii team coming next week."

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siak said. "I could potentially see us going to nationals. It takes a lot of dedication to get to a place like that — and time and hard work — but the guys on this team want to see this team succeed and get that far."

Fundraising is vital to the Idaho lacrosse team. The team gets some funding from the club sports program, but two-thirds of its budget comes from team fundraising. Andrysiak said without the funding, his team wouldn't exist.

The Vandals will play their first game Feb. 26 against Gonzaga in

Spokane, Wash., which will be followed by a home game March 5 at the SprinTurf. The team wants to get more fans involved, and introduce more people to lacrosse.

"We exist," Harrington said. "We have a pretty big fan base but nowhere near other sports. We want people to come out and watch, because once you come out and watch one game, you'll come out for all of them."

Idaho played in two tournaments last fall and took second on both occasions. Andrysiak said he wants everyone to give his team and lacrosse a chance.

"We want to expand our fan base," Andrysiak said. "Just come to one game and you'll see what it's all about."

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reasonable calorie range. My eating habits will not change in a dramatic way — I'm not swearing off sugar or going all meat. But I will be practicing portion control, moderation of sweets and limited, healthy snacking.

The goal is to reach 165 pounds by the end of 10 weeks, and 160 pounds by graduation.

Here goes nothing — see you at the gym.

Editor's note: This is the first part of a bi-weekly series following participation in the University of Idaho Student Recreation Center's Vandal Fitness Challenge.

Celtics beat Lakers 109-96 in NBA finals rematch

Greg Beacham, AP
Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paul Pierce says the Boston Celtics had no reason to discuss their heartbreaking loss in Game 7 of the NBA finals last summer before they returned to Staples Center on Sunday.

With a spectacularly fluid performance on offense against the outclassed Lakers, Pierce and the Celtics showed some things just don't need to be said out loud.

Pierce scored 32 points, Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 13 rebounds with a large bandage over a five-stitch cut on his head, and the Celtics overcame Kobe Bryant's 41 points in a 109-96 victory over Los Angeles.

Ray Allen scored 21 points for the Celtics in the long-time rivals' first meeting since Los Angeles rallied from a late 13-point deficit for an 83-79 win in the deciding game last

June, ending an exhausting series in dramatic fashion.

"It's another game, but it was definitely an emotional game, especially because we lost Game 7 here," said Pierce, who dueling down the second-half stretch with Bryant. "It feels good to come back in this building and get a win."

The Celtics overwhelmed the Lakers in the rematch, with Rajon Rondo catalyzing the offense by racking up 15 of his 16 assists after halftime. Boston showed off its enviably complete game, outrebounding the Lakers 43-30 — a big problem for Boston in last season's finale — while hitting nine 3-pointers and getting 34 assists to Los Angeles' 10.

With his every assist against the defense of Bryant and Derek Fisher, Rondo also made a matter-of-fact statement about the Celtics' prowess in areas the Lakers can't match right now.

"We knew we could run on L.A.," Rondo said. "L.A., given

the personnel that we have, we thought we could outrun them."

This victory also put the Eastern Conference-leading Celtics (36-11) well ahead of the Lakers (33-15) in the overall NBA standings.

You know, just in case. "If we had home court last year, who knows maybe what happens in Game 7?" Pierce asked. "We're not looking ahead, but maybe if it comes down to another Game 7, maybe we'll have it at home."

Bryant scored his 27,000th career point but couldn't spark his Lakers teammates, who followed up their Christmas home loss to Miami with another flop against the best of the East, disappointing a home crowd pulsing with energy for the annual rivalry game.

"I think guys are upset, and they should be," Bryant said. "We're not playing very well against these top teams, so we need to elevate our level and

need to get better if we're to defend our throne. There's no other option but that."

Pau Gasol had 12 points in a quiet game for Los Angeles, which has lost four of seven. The two-time champions are doing nothing to counter the perception they don't get excited about anything until the playoffs.

Bryant became the youngest player to reach 27,000 points on a 3-pointer late in the third quarter, but he frequently was a one-man show on offense. Ron Artest went 1 for 10, Andrew Bynum had 11 points while struggling with soreness in his left knee, and Lamar Odom had 15 points and five rebounds.

"Is it the playoffs yet?" Lakers coach Phil Jackson asked. "No. We're still playing regular-season games. We'll get there in time."

Boston led throughout the final 21 minutes, but a flurry of points from Bryant pulled the Lakers to 91-87 with 5:20

to play. The Celtics responded with seven consecutive points to start a game-ending 18-9 run, highlighted by Rondo's smooth alley-oop lob to Garnett for a layup in traffic.

"I told Rondo, in front of the team, that I thought it was one of his best games of the year," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "I think he called an absolutely perfect game. He's our pitcher. ... (We) lost our senses in the second quarter for a stretch. We got into complaining about everything except for playing basketball, and I told them at halftime just keep playing through anything."

Two nights after an embarrassing 71-point performance in a loss at Phoenix, Boston earned its eighth win in 10 games — and the Celtics' star big man even showed his grit through a little blood.

Garnett had a gaping cut near his left temple midway through the second quarter after Gasol hurt him while fighting for the

ball. No foul was called, infuriating Rivers and Garnett, who went to the locker room and returned with a large tan bandage on his head.

"I got elbowed in the head, and it didn't change anything," Garnett said. "If anything, it woke me up to be a lot more aggressive to the basket."

Los Angeles' fans didn't love Garnett's campaigning for a foul on the play, chanting "Wheelchair!" — a reference to Pierce curiously leaving the court in a wheelchair after hurting his knee during Game 1 in the 2008 finals.

Shaquille O'Neal didn't score and received mostly boos when introduced as the Celtics' starting center. Shaq won three titles and three NBA finals MVP awards during eight seasons with Los Angeles, but he has returned to Staples Center since with four teams — although this choice stung a bit to the isolated fans who shouted "Traitor!"

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Our View

Budget cuts may not be over yet

ASUI senators who signed their names on a resolution thanking Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter for only cutting 1.2 percent from the budget for higher education shouldn't lick the stamp just yet — more cuts may be on the way.

Otter announced an approximate \$35 million deficit in his State of the State address given in early January, but House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke said Friday the deficit may be as large as \$185 million.

That's right — five times larger than

Otter's projected amount. As much as \$150 million more.

Why is that a problem? A deficit is undesirable under any conditions, but a balanced budget is a constitutional requirement in Idaho.

The disparity is brought on by decreased tax revenue, which means further cuts to schools and programs like Medicaid. Rather than examining an increase in taxes, legislators are looking into lowering personal and business income taxes.

Putting aside the fact that raising taxes is not necessarily a horrible act and should be considered by Idaho lawmakers, how is it possible to overlook this kind of gaping hole? Who is giving Otter his numbers? Did they forget to carry the one?

Regardless, it is unfair to residents of Idaho depending on the outcome of the budget to determine their future and the future of their respective institutions to seemingly take the "fly by the seat of your pants" approach to

Quality education and health care are not just desired by Democrats.

budgetary concerns.

By the same token, it's unfair to ask college students making \$10,000 or less per year to pay more in tuition and fees, while taxes for the wealthy stay at

the same level.

Quality education and health care are not just desired by Democrats. Reasonable individuals can agree these are inherently good things that increase quality of life and create growth for the state. This is not about Republican versus Democrat ideals. This is about funding vital portions of the economy in common sense ways and preserving a sound government and state.

— KM

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Who found \$150 million?

Not Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter. Apparently Otter didn't realize the state deficit might be actually about \$185 million instead of the \$35 million he announced in his State of the State address. Either that, or Scott Bedke was off his rocker Friday when he announced the drastically different number. Can we say more cuts to education? I think so. Awesome.

— Elizabeth

Kenworthy

I was reminded why I don't go see movies at the Kenworthy Theater Sunday. It has bad seats and bad seat incline, so I watched the back of heads, and the projector is old. Not good.

— Jens

Beauty

After seeing a dangerously thin girl working out at the gym Sunday, I have a message for all women: You do not need to be stick thin to be beautiful. Healthy is beautiful. Smiles are beautiful. Personalities are beautiful. Don't let any person, magazine or person on TV convince you otherwise.

— Kelcie

A plea to legislators

Some members of Congress are trying to pass a bill that will redefine when government medical funding can be used for abortion and restrict it to "forcible rape." This could shut out victims of date rape and statutory rape. I'd like those legislators to think about how they would feel if their daughter were raped and had to carry a reminder of that for nine months — or raise the baby for 18 years.

— Chava

Technologic

On Thursday morning, I will be the proud pre-owner of a Verizon iPhone 4. The bad part is that I will have to wait another week after that to get this thing. Waiting sucks.

— Madison

Wear a writer's cap

My classes this semester promise to be challenging and interesting. I get to write stories about personal style and hula-hoopers, practice perfecting my radio voice and interview gay individuals about their experiences growing up. Who wouldn't major in journalism?

— Tanya

Gotcha

I guess my Off the Cuff from last week spoke too soon. I wrote it when it was 55 degrees, wondering if winter ended. I walked to my first class of the day Monday at 3:30 p.m., typically the warmest part of the day. It was 23 degrees. Winter is back.

— Nick

Note to self:

Wearing shoes made of hemp when it's bitter cold outside was not my brightest move.

— Kelli

Potholes

The bottom of my car will be trashed by the end of this season. It doesn't matter how slow I go — my car still bottoms out.

— Loren

Dreaded Day

For a holiday that seems to be built around merchandise and ugly expensive jewelry, it has taken over stores nearest you everywhere. It literally makes me sick to my stomach. I look forward to this day every year — Happy Valentine's Day.

— Dara



Juliana Ward

Argonaut

Traffic in Moscow

Naive reflection

Classes with freshmen can be insightful for seniors

Freshmen are dumb. Seniors are geniuses. Everyone in the middle is insignificant.

OK not really, but there are certainly times when it feels like this.

As a freshman, many people come to college believing they know everything, their perspectives and views are the right ones and college is just meant to be a fun time between high school and the real world. And why shouldn't they feel that way?

When people leave high school, they are on top of the world. They are the smartest fish in the pond, even though the pond they came from is only two feet deep. They come to college with the same mindset, and forget they are again at the bottom of the food chain. This is not to say they cannot park in a designated parking spot — it is not that juvenile — but simply that they are not necessarily the smartest people in their

classes anymore.

It is interesting to be in classes with freshmen and sophomores and to hear the different perspectives they bring to the conversation. Initially it can be frustrating to listen to them speak — in the mindset of someone who has been in college for about four years, they can sound rather ignorant.

Ignorant might be a bit harsh. To put it into a better perspective, they are naive, and it really is not their fault.

Freshmen are just beginning their college careers. They haven't had the same experiences as seniors and juniors, or taken advanced classes, or become involved in as many campus organizations. They have not had the opportunity to become more knowledgeable, diverse or be exposed to different perspectives.

Seniors are not immune to having a sense of superiority in thought

process or intelligence either — there are definitely some out there who believe they know everything as well and never change, and it is really a shame. There should be a distinguishable change in mindset from entering and exiting college — if there isn't, then college is a waste of time.

This is why the middle years are not by any means insignificant. Those are the years students actually grow, change, learn and dive into a pond that is progressively becoming deeper. The middle years are the ones that are crucial, when many realize they don't know everything and there is a lot more to life than high school. It is the time when new friends will be made, minds will be changed, campus organizations and clubs become homes and lessons are learned.

Being an upperclassman in classes with freshmen and sophomores can also be a form of reflection. It can also be comical at the same time, because most seniors

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Elizabeth Rudd

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Chase making wrong move

There's not a whole lot of trust in America's financial system right now. The economy is in sorry shape years after the stock market crash of 2008, and a good portion of Americans are going through foreclosure and bankruptcy. It would make sense for one of the nation's largest banks to reach out to its customers and make life easier.

That's not what Chase is doing.

Chase recently announced that it is taking away free checking for former Washington Mutual customers, and putting in a \$12 monthly fee for people who don't meet a minimum balance requirement or other stipulations. Chase isn't the only one — Wells Fargo now charges a \$5 monthly fee unless customers meet a minimum balance or make direct deposits of \$250 or more every month, and other banks require that

customers make at least five transactions per month or set up direct deposit if they do not want to pay a fee.

The new policy requires a minimum balance of \$1,500 in customers' checking accounts to avoid the fee, or monthly direct deposits of at least \$500. If customers incur \$25 in fees every month, the charge is waived.

Many Washington Mutual customers jumped ship after Chase acquired the bank. Even more will probably leave with this new policy. It's not good for business.

Chase is making the wrong move. Its customers do not want or need a fee. Though Chase is trying to make more money by charging the fee, it will only serve to drive customers away.

Chase has done little to distinguish itself from other banks. The free checking that former Washington

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Chava Thomas

Argonaut

What college students are really interested in

College students care about doing well in all their classes. At least, that is the general misconception that parents, teachers and universities tend to advertise regarding their students' interests and behaviors.

In reality, the average college student is mainly concerned with five things: Sleep, sex, entertainment, money and food. There are some students who have a firm grasp of responsibility early in life,

sticking to rigorous sleep and study patterns, but they are a slim minority.

College students have always had bad sleeping habits. Studying will often be pushed until the day or two before a test. When this happens, students will not hesitate to spend all night in the library's "Fishbowl" reading their notes. Last-minute essays for a creative writing class are accompanied by gallons of coffee until the sun rises. These same students will go to class

half asleep, not regretting staying up too late, but wondering why the university had to schedule their classes so damn early.

College is all about fun and exploration, and that is exactly where sex comes into play. Why else would people go to parties packed full of annoying drunk people whom they have never met? Guys go out every weekend to see if they can bring some lucky stranger back to their place. Girls do the exact same thing. College towns did not invent ladies night to encourage social responsibility.

Entertainment, money and food

are all interconnected. At one point or another, every person who attended college has used the phrase "I'm just a poor college student" — except those who came to school with a convenient trust fund. Most students receive a bit of residual money from their financial aid. At first, this is spent on whatever sounds like a good idea at the time, whether that is a new LCD-TV or a pair of rims for their car. After a few weeks, their checking account gets smaller and smaller. Then, the college student is faced

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Steve Carter

Argonaut

Definitive Four

Better than matches

Students living on campus have become so bored they have resorted to playing with matches. They were not particularly good at it, as Theophilus Tower had to be evacuated and the Moscow Fire Department was called to the scene.

Most people go through a “playing with matches” phase in their life — however, it is something normally worked out of the system well before reaching college. It is easy to blame the guilty parties for being dumb, but the problem is bigger than that.

Students living on campus are turning away from Xbox, the Internet and having awkward sex while their roommates are in the room. These students need to have something more productive or entertaining, or they may continue to practice destructive behavior.

Playing with matches is a definitively bad idea, and here are four far better uses of students' time.

The SRC

The Student Recreation Center is a close walk away from the three major residence halls, so it is quite convenient. It is also the perfect place to burn off all the calories from the Doritos and Mountain Dew most students who live on campus seem to constantly eat.

Going to the SRC does not even have to involve working out. There are plenty of activities and games that are more fun than throwing a flaming cloth down a stairwell. Students are better off putting down the matches and

picking up a dumbbell.

Schoolwork

A large portion of freshmen struggle with their grades each year, and the blame for this used to fall on distractions such as Facebook and watching movies, and while that may still be the case for some, others have decided disobeying Smokey the Bear is more to their liking.

Doing things such as homework and studying are not particularly exciting, but students could learn valuable lessons — lessons like fire is bad, and neighbors get annoyed when they are forced to evacuate their room. Even if these lessons do not come up, doing schoolwork rarely hurts anyone.

More importantly, parents would prefer it if their son or daughter were on the Dean's List, rather than a pyromaniac college dropout on a wanted poster in the post office.

Find a fireplace

If students must play with matches and light things on fire, then find a friend who owns a fireplace. In fact, this could be turned into a constructive adventure. Research would need to be done on who has the best fireplace, and there will also be the time needed to see if the person who has the fireplace is cool enough.

A person should not settle for mediocrity with a friend, especially when playing with matches is involved. Take the time to get to know the person and fireplace before

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Craigslist Rants and Raves

Craigslist Rants and Raves is nothing but a giant forest fire that torches intelligent debate. Reading the section, while not particularly productive, is highly entertaining. There is also still the ability to play with matches — of the intellectual variety.

All a person needs to do is pick an issue or business he or she really dislikes, and post disparaging remarks about it on Craigslist rants and raves. Before long, others will post on the rant, and things will eventually devolve into a giant Internet insult showdown.

It may be completely juvenile, but at least the fire department will not have to be called. The next time boredom strikes in the dorms, put the matches down and torch the Rants and Raves section like so many other bored individuals.



Cheyenne Hollis
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Obama living up to expectations

The U.S. is at the halfway mark of its four-year contract with President Barack Obama. He's had high points and low points — but it's quite a switch up from the usual relationship.

Let's count his three biggest victories first. Health care reform, financial reform and repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Health care reform will be the mark of his presidency for being a genuine departure from the way things are usually done in Washington. Health care reform and financial reform were pipe dreams. Then, there's the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. It's astonishing and embarrassing that, here in 2011, the supposed “last superpower” is still debating whether its military is disciplined enough in a firefight to withstand the psychological trauma of whether a soldier finds his comrade attractive.

And then, there are the little victories. There was the Goldman Sachs fraud lawsuit. Fining a national bank \$550 million is like asking King Midas to spare change for coffee, but would this have happened under McCain's watch? Even health insurers and mortgage giants are getting investigated — it's true. Google it.

And now, the three biggest failures.

The first one cut progressives deep. Obama refused to stop tax cuts for people making more than a quarter million dollars per year. The Bush tax cuts were more than just a few percentage points. They were a message to Obama to let the working class know whose side he was really on after those AIG directors got so many millions of taxpayer dollars. It's true he'd lost his house majority — maybe he could have done more, maybe he couldn't — either way it's increased the income tax burden on the bottom 99 percent of earners for another two years.

There was the true breaking of trust between Obama and liberals, when he dropped the health care public option after campaigning openly for it during the primaries. Ironically, the bill was still described as a “government takeover” by many opponents. Watching him turn another 30 million Americans over to the private market was a stinger to progressives. And yet Speaker of the House John Boehner accused Obama of going too far, of “not listening to the American people.” He accused the president and democratic majority of not representing the will of the people who voted for them based on an issue they openly campaigned about. Even Bill O'Reilly endorsed the public option, and yet Obama still chose to neuter his own bill. Strike two here.

The third failure is another symbolic, glaring one. The “detainment facility” at Guantanamo Bay is still open after Obama filed an executive order to close it more than a year ago. It's an embarrassment to our country with its lack of due process and waterboarding, something avowed Iraq War supporter and journalist Christopher Hitchens experienced and admitted was “torture.” And then, Bush said “Yes, we waterboarded Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, I'd do it again to save lives.” This is the example the U.S. is setting for the world — that it's acceptable to torture soldiers — by keeping Guantanamo active.

So, Obama's kept some promises, and broken some. It's standard for a politician. He's done remarkably bipartisan work, though Newt Gingrich labeled him as “far and away the most radical president in American history.” America's problems aren't going away anytime soon, and the U.S. can only hope Obama's plan has set us on the path to recovery. In Obama we should continue to trust.

CHASE

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Mutual customers enjoyed was one of the only reasons keeping the company from losing clients. Without this,

it's hard to see how the bank will keep customers.

Chase should be trying to endear itself to customers in the tough economy. This will only give the bank a bad reputation, and drive people away.

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have all been there. Upperclassmen should embrace the freshmen's

thoughts and use it as a time to reflect on where they started and acknowledge how far they have come — it is truly fascinating and creates a sense of accomplishment.

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with an impossible task — creating a budget. The remaining cash must be spent wisely. That usually includes getting other people to pay for your expenses. Perhaps someone will pay for a concert ticket, with the promise of eventually being paid back.

Food, although required for survival, is only a necessity. Students can spend all year eating at Bob's Place in the Wallace Residence Center. When that runs out, Winco is a worthy substitute. It would be a safe bet to say that more than half of the students on the University of Idaho campus can tell you exactly how much a week's worth of ramen noodles

costs (about \$3).

Most of these stereotypes apply to non-seniors. Seniors have been in school long enough they know exactly how little sleep they can operate on, how long it takes to walk from their apartment to campus, how much per week they can afford to spend on food and alcohol, what grades they need to graduate and who to call if they get lonely or bored.

Everyone has different priorities. But in the college environment, most of those priorities are predictable. The ultimate goal of college is to graduate with good enough grades to land the job of their choice. But while we are here, most for the first time on our own, we may not have everything figured out quite yet.

Be prepared for higher food prices

If you haven't heard yet, fuel prices are expected to rise in the coming months, and stay high through the summer. The price of oil is on a continual rise, and when oil rises, so does the cost of fuel. Almost 2 years ago, oil was at a low price of \$36.51. This increase is going to affect the areas of

agricultural that use fuel. Many times, producers take this extra cost, and the consumer doesn't see the affects. However, if these issues are as longstanding as predicted, consumers will have to pay the cost. It seems like it would be easy to just increase the amount of land used for corn production, but as agricultural land is shrinking, it will become more important to keep crops diversified.

If more corn is planted, other crops like wheat and soybeans will experience a dip and other foods such as bread will increase. It is a never-ending vicious cycle. Pimental also said, “if all the automobiles in the United States were fueled with 100 percent ethanol, a total of about 97 percent of U.S. land area would be needed to grow the corn feedstock. Corn would cover nearly the total land area of the United States.”

If that doesn't show the issues we face, I'm not sure what does. So what does the future of food look like? There is no doubt consumers will have to pay more. According to a New York Times article from October 2010, “the federal government forecasts that food prices will rise as much as 1.5 percent this year and 2 to 3 percent next year. The average annual increase in food prices over the last 10 years was 2.9 percent.”

This issue isn't over, and the recession isn't over either. Be prepared, but also be thankful we have a constant food supply here and won't experience the food prices that will be seen in other parts of the world.

Guest Voice

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Ethanol happens to be made from one of the staples of livestock production: field corn.

Second chance for America in democratic struggle

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a people subject to the British Empire. They worked hard to sustain their livelihoods, but tensions led to British officers firing upon crudely armed villagers. Eventually, this spark was fanned into widespread discontent of British rule; the people shucked the colonial yoke in favor of a new republic.

Over the course of decades, investment reformed the economy. The population exploded on both sides of the great river that divided the nation. And in

2011, protests against the autocratic president were met with water cannons, rubber bullets, and tear gas. Then on January 28, in the midst of these protests, the Internet was disabled (probably at the government's demand) nationwide.

America and Egypt have so much in common, from money to innovation to founding history. Thus, it is most surprising to learn that President Barack Obama and the United States Federal Government continue to speak support for the Egyptian autocratic president,

Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, who clearly disregards the liberties of his citizens, even as they clamor for self-rule, for changes, for freedom.

Over the past two months, the Middle East has been in perhaps the greatest state of internal unrest since World War II. From the collapse of Lebanon's pro-western coalition government to the night flight of Tunisia's pro-western dictator from his post to the ever-more-forceful protests in other countries, especially pro-western Egypt and Yemen, the region may be headed towards an era of greater individual freedoms and less acquiescence on U.S. political interests.

In his June 2009 speech in Cairo, Obama extended a hand of friendship to the Muslim world — “A New Beginning,” to use the words of the speech title. He noted that America and Islam share the common higher principles of “justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings.” He commended Morocco for being the first nation to recognize the fledgling U.S.

Why, then, would Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stress just days before Ben Ali's flight that “we are not taking sides” in this fight for [Tunisian] democracy? Even after a July 2009 State Department cable (classified, but released by Wikileaks) cited that Tunisia had “serious human rights problems” and that “major change in Tunisia will have to wait for Ben Ali's departure,” the U.S. continued to insist on supporting Ben Ali until the day he fled the country.

The State Department, had it been more astute, would have enjoined support for the Tunisian people; its own cable stated that “most still admire ... the American dream.” Instead, we're likely viewed now at best as self-interested imbeciles without moral consciences.

The great news is that we have been given a second chance, an opportunity to form a lasting relationship with a people that will, whether tomorrow or in ten years, get rid of President Mubarak and install a truly democratic leader.

Second chances rarely come around, and when they do, it's often at great cost. It took an attack on Pearl Harbor for us to reconsider entering World War II, despite the danger the Axis powers posed. Let's not demand a second Pearl Harbor to learn our lesson this time.

The U.S. has long shared a special relationship with Egypt. From the Camp David Accords to the nearly \$2 billion annual aid sent to support Egypt's economic and military might, the two countries have a complex history of support.

Does the U.S. have the guts to make that support dependent upon reform? Is freedom worth risking a friendly relationship with a dictator?

That relationship should not hinder us from pushing unabashedly for much greater democratization in Egypt; it certainly didn't hinder President Mubarak from unabashedly ordering crackdowns on nonviolent protests.

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