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Grieving differently

UI community joins together for support after accident

Dara Barney
Argonaut

Two weeks and two days ago, student Michelle Bonasera died and passenger Andree' Maxwell was in critical condition after a car accident on their way back to Moscow from Coeur d'Alene.

Both members of the Kappa Delta sorority, people who knew her and members of the University of Idaho community alike were overtaken with grief.

Maxwell is expected to have a six to eight-month recovery, and has been moved to rehabilitation, said Georgia

Powell, Kappa Delta President.

"She is starting to walk around and retain things. She remembered the sisters who came to visit, and is improving every day," she said.

Powell said the response from UI students was almost instantaneous.

"We have a place in our front hall that shows all the cards we have gotten. It is really neat to see the Greek letters, and know the Greek system and UI are there for us," she said.

Bonasera's funeral was held Friday, and a memorial service was held for the people who didn't have a chance

to attend the funeral, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said.

"Michelle's family is very appreciative of the support they have received," Pitman said. "Often people agonize over questioning what they can do. There are two things that they can do. Take the time to write the families a card — they are more important than the author will ever know. It is like salve on a wound. The other is to take care of each other, and not judge how each other grieves."

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Zach Edwards | Argonaut

A banner hangs in the front window of the Kappa Delta sorority in memory of Michelle Bonasera, who died in a car accident Feb. 13. Kappa Delta President Georgia Powell said it was nice to see cards and letters sent to the house in support of the women of Kappa Delta.

PERCUSSIONISTS WIND DOWN THE FEST



Jake Barber | Argonaut

A member of the Legacy Percussion Orchestra performs during the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival's "Feel the Rhythm" concert, Saturday evening in the Kibbie Dome. The orchestra, from Alma College in Alma, Mich., was comprised of about 20 performers and led by David Zerbe.

Two down, one to go

Two out of three 'Students Come First' reform bills pass in Senate

Dylan Brown
Argonaut

One thousand demonstrators on the statehouse steps could not stop the Idaho Senate's passage of the first two parts of the "Students Come First" education reform package in Boise Thursday.

Public Schools Superintendent Tom Luna called it, "a great day for Idaho," as bills 1108 and 1110 were passed onto the House, despite a close 20 to 15 vote in the Senate that saw eight Republicans join Democrats in opposition of the plan. The last bill, 1113, was sent back to the Senate Education Committee Feb. 23, but will be back before the Senate this week.

Luna's three-part education reform package has awoken tensions between the teacher's union and system reformers, but even usually party lines have been crossed as Republicans and Democrats alike have come out in opposition of the controversial legislation.

Latah County's Republican state representative Tom Trail said he sees few positives in Luna's plan, and from the 800 e-mails he has received in the past few weeks, a majority of Latah County residents agree with him.

"The entire decision-making process was terribly flawed with no part participation of the School Boards' Association, PTA, School Administrators, the State Board of Education, or any of the Idaho universities and colleges," Trail said.

He called the reform effort "a top-down, heavy handed" process that undermines local districts and he believes the majority of Idahoans

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Senate Bill 1108

» Removes collective bargaining rights for teachers on all issues except salaries and benefits.

» Eliminates tenure for new teachers, seniority no longer the only criteria for teacher firings.

» Instates one to two year renewable contracts for all new teachers.

» Student achievement will be connected to teacher and administrators evaluations.

» Parents will be allowed to give their input on teacher performance evaluations.

Senate Bill 1110

» Pay-for-performance: Teachers can earn up to \$8,000 in bonuses. (The average teacher will make \$2,000 a year in bonuses.)

Senate Bill 1113

» Increases minimum teacher salary to \$30,000, up from a little more than \$29,000.

» \$50 million will be invested in classroom technology.

» Laptops will be given to every student.

» Every student will be required to pass four credits of online courses before graduating.

WUE: Who is affected?

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Sean Kramer, a student at Green River Community College near Seattle, was looking forward to attending and working at the University of Idaho this fall.

"I loved the environment, I loved the town, and I thought it was a great place for me," Kramer said.

Though he had originally applied and been accepted under the Western Undergraduate Exchange tuition rate in 2009, Kramer decided to delay attending in favor of working through the year. When he applied and was accepted again in 2010, his tuition came to about \$8,000 instead.

Under UI's changes to the WUE program, Kramer missed the new scholarship GPA requirements by .04 percent.

Members of Student Financial Aid Services, the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management formed a task force appointed by the provost about a year ago. Steve Neiheisel, assistant vice president for enrollment management, said it was decided that the discount rate for WUE was abnormally high.

"We were in effect waiving too many of our fees in general, so we weren't receiving the necessary revenue we needed for the number of students we were enrolling," Neiheisel said. "That triggered

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A strong, independent voice

Conflict at ISU results in impasse

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

A conflict between Idaho State University's president and its faculty senate has created a stalemate between the two entities.

"They were originally planning to go into mediation, which is, hire somebody to mediate the controversy between faculty senate and the president, and apparently that stalled," said Dan Eveleth, the University of Idaho Faculty Senate

chairman. "So, they said there was an impasse between the president and faculty senate."

The State Board of Education decided to step in and make the decision to suspend the existing senate and tell the president he needs to come back to them with a plan going forward on how the senate will run, with new bylaws and reconstruction, Eveleth said.

"When we develop curriculum, or decide on new programs and those kinds of things, you'll look

and say, 'What's the make-up of the committee?' or 'What's the process it goes through?'" Eveleth said. "In addition to the make-up of things, it's also about the process."

The thing that makes universities run well is something called "shared governance." Eveleth said if people look at UI's campus there are committees found with people like the ASUI president, Stephen Parrott, along with someone from

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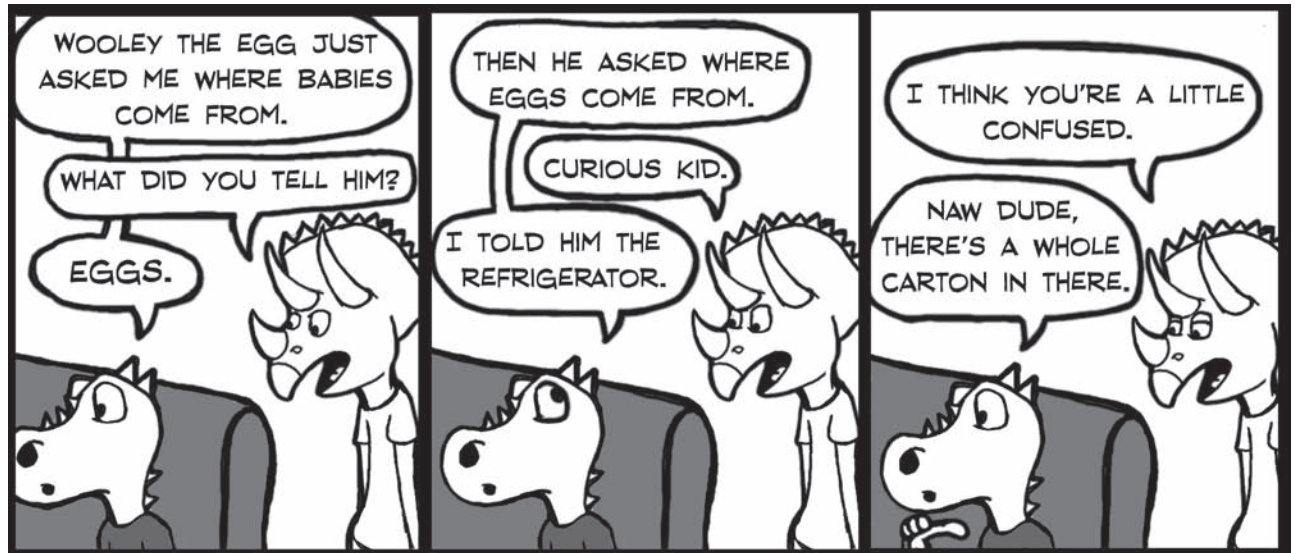
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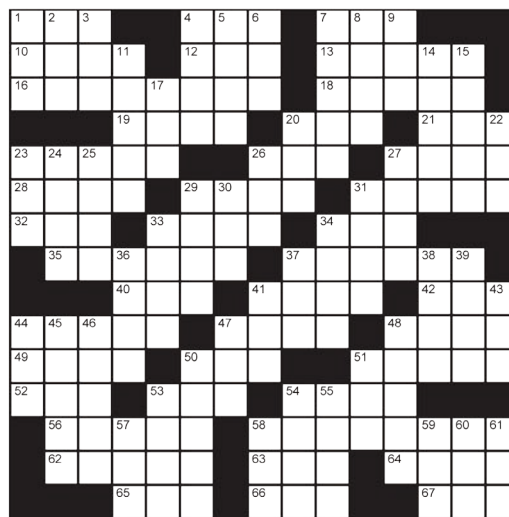
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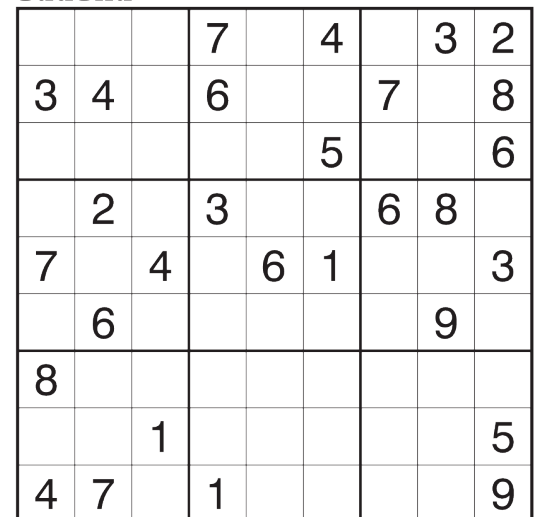
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 - Mouse catcher
 - Surrounded by
 - "To Autumn," e.g.
 - Searches
 - Guardianship
 - Like draft beer
 - Very small
 - Appropriate
 - Varnish ingredient
 - Be in harmony
 - Psyches
 - Faux pas
 - Kind of jet
 - Winter woe
 - Pool shots
 - "The Lord of the Rings" figure
 - Lady's man
 - Drunk
 - Paper clip alternative
 - Exit
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 - Crones
 - Lulu
 - Laughable
 - International money
 - Kind of jerk
 - "Tristia" poet
 - Quick punch
 - Kind of closet
 - Lacking value
 - Obstacle
 - Black, to poets
 - Appointed
 - Contraband mover
 - Related maternally
 - German resort
 - Emerald Isle
 - High degree
 - Islet
- Down**
- Blubber
 - Down Under bird
 - Humor
 - Student aid
 - Jittery
 - Driving need
 - Hacks
 - Em, to Dorothy
 - Blast maker
 - Inhibit
 - Eagle's claw
 - Paddle
 - Fanciful story
 - Recipe word
 - Romaine lettuce
 - Brewed drink
 - Salon supply
 - Huck Finn's conveyance
 - Feverish
 - Defense acronym
 - Serene
 - Bonanza find
 - Dad's lads
 - Cast-of-thousands film
 - Kind of palm
 - Bone-dry
 - Children's card game
 - Fairy tale's second word
 - Daily riser
 - Busy airport
 - Goat god
 - Debate side
 - Sheeplike
 - Italian city
 - Corn serving
 - Burn slightly
 - Without interest
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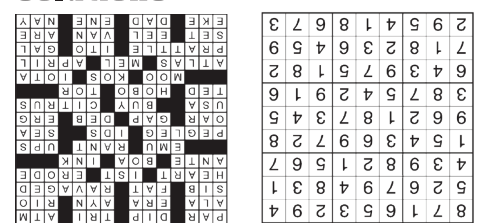


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Corrections

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The importance of body image

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

When Shay Driver, coordinator of The Heavy Burdened Bear, asked people what they thought about eating disorders, many responded, "Oh, that's when you throw up." But she said it's more than that — it's a mental disorder.

"It's very emotionally based. For binge eaters, they eat when they're really sad, depressed or they just don't want to show that side of them," she said.

National Eating Disorder Awareness week involved a screening hosted by the University of Idaho Counseling and Testing Center Feb. 17, "Body Revolution," in collaboration with the CTC and the Women's Center, and various other events.

"We screened 81 people, that's about what we do with eating disorders, and about 18 percent screened positive. So that means we're reaching some of the students we need to be reaching," Sharon Fritz said, psychologist for the Counseling and Testing Center.

Fritz said they had some of the Women's Center's material on their table and the Women's Center advertised the screening in their announcements.

"One of our interns is working with the eating disorders class to facilitate outreach activities and things like that," she said.

The Women's Center and CTC have a long history of collaboration, said Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center, and National Eating Disorder Awareness week is one of several events they work together on. Gasser said she was particularly excited about "Body Revolution."

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Sharon Fritz
Psychologist for the
Counseling and Testing
Center

program designed to help shape and change how people perceive body image, said Jennifer Koch, pre-doctoral intern at the CTC.

"So we developed an internship that has about 16 undergrad students and they developed this presentation that's called 'Body Revolution,'" Koch said. "We talked about eating disorders, healthy body image, where does the negative image come from, all kinds of stuff related to the way that women and men see their bodies"

About 50 people showed up to the "Body Revolution" presentation.

"We're actually going to be continuing this presentation throughout the semester, hoping it's going to be an ongoing event that we can keep doing to fraternity houses, sorority houses, residence halls, classrooms, all kinds of stuff," Koch said.

Koch said she hopes the event to turn into a revolution.

Gasser said Lysa Salisbury, program coordinator for the

Women's Center, and she have done a lot of these presentations together, but she feels as though peers making the statement can be a lot more effective.

"It's one thing to have somebody your own age that's dealing with the same issues and kind of grown up in the same social factor," Gasser said. "We're really looking for living groups, student organizations, and classes to contact the Women's Center and the set up presentations so we can get two to three members of the Body Revolution group to go into these different groups, present and lead the revolution."

Fritz said she knows only a small percent of UI's students are dealing with eating disorders.

"It's not like depression or alcohol where more students struggle with that," she said. "I think it's important for us to go out there, get the message out that we're concerned about this issue, that we have resources to help people who are struggling."

Fritz said she believes the screening gives the CTC more visibility than anything. The fact that not too many people were screened wasn't a concern for Fritz.

"I mean, sure, we would like to screen more students. But we also will have the opportunity in the next couple of weeks to go to living groups to do screening," she said. "To me it's about getting the word out and bringing that exposure and bringing that issue to the forefront."

Driver said it has been an interesting week, considering the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival was during the same time. Although she had plenty of interaction with people, she said in some ways

Eating Disorder Awareness week almost takes a back seat. "But that's how our society treats eating disorders. They don't want to acknowledge that they exist," Driver said.

Driver created bears for the week to represent eating disorders and grasp the attention of people walking around campus. Inside the bears were cards with do's and don'ts for eating disorders, along with resources for where one should go if concerned about an eating disorder.

"Whenever I took one of the bears out, I know that people would look at them, but immediately look away," Driver said. "That's how a lot of people treat eating disorders or any mental disorders. It's just kind of shoveled underneath the rug."

She came up with three different patterns for the bears that were "bulimic." It was originally based on a pattern that was not even a foot tall, and now the bears come up a little above her waist, she said.

"It's part of my Bachelors of Fine Arts degree. Whenever I was coming up with ideas, I really wanted to integrate my studio art and psychology degree, but I also wanted to integrate my experiences abroad in Australia," Driver said.

"Yes we do want to think about happier times, happier things, but there are underbelly to everything. If you don't acknowledge them, how do you expect them to get better? They can't," Driver said. "And that's part of why I created these bears, I really did want to draw attention and give people tools, which is what the cards were for."

Driver said a part of the secret compartment in the bears was to illustrate how everyone



Amrah Canul | Argonaut
Shay Driver stuffs bears for Eating Disorder Awareness Week in the Art & Architecture South studio on Monday. Driver, a fine arts major said the bears are supposed to represent a sense of security for people with eating disorders.

has secrets. For people with eating disorders, they have the secret food and a secret life they don't want anyone to know about because there's so much shame involved with eating disorders, she said.

Gasser said she feels too much time is spent worrying about looks and body image.

"If we're spending so much time about how we look, what

are (we) not spending time thinking about?" Gasser said. "How are we not engaging our brains in either our academic interests, or our relationships or our passions outside of school? I mean, that's a real waste of energy. It's a waste of our time and our resources. We should really be doing more with what we were given rather than just thinking about how we look."

PI KAPPA ALPHA RETURNS



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

The University of Idaho Greek community attended the Pi Kappa Alpha meet-and-greet in the University of Idaho Commons Clearwater room on Sunday. The reception was held to introduce the community to the 60 potential "Pike" initiates.

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Pitman said people go through events like this differently, and not to judge the wide range of how people deal with it.

"Take care of one another, because this isn't the kind of grieving process that will be over in 10 days," he said.

Powell said she receives letters every day, and donations are coming in as well.

"So far we have raised about \$7,500. It is amazing how much we have raised with the help of Greeks and even people who just genuinely want to help," she said. "We even had a dorm floor at Washington State University donate \$20 hoping to help. Every dollar bill counts."

A Wells Fargo donation account was set up Monday, called the Andree' Maxwell and Michelle Bonasera Donation Fund so people can go online or to any branch and donate as well. They are hoping to raise \$10,000 and give half to each family.

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"We (the Kappa Deltas) are taking this day by day, and each day we find a memory to smile about, that's what is helping us get through this ordeal."

Georgia Powell
Kappa Delta president

ordeal," she said.

Multiple fundraisers are underway, as well as the tabling that occurred last week.

Charles Guthrie, a Delta Tau Delta member, will run the Snake River Half Marathon this weekend for the first time, and asks for \$1 sponsorship for each mile he runs, donated to the Andree' Maxwell donation account through Sterling Savings Bank.

He is also looking for volunteers, and can be contacted at guth6676@vandals.uidaho.edu.

Health care reform close to home

Sarah Sakai
Argonaut

In the urgent hum of healthcare ideas, reforms and complaints, one man sees an often overlooked and misunderstood system which is already in place as the solution for America's health care. Indian health care.

Mark Trahant, editor in residence in the School of Journalism and Mass Media at the University of Idaho, will talk about the Native American model and how he thinks it will improve America's health care system. His talk, followed by a panel discussion, will be at 7p.m. in the college of law courtroom.

"As we try and think about health care, we need to think about what it should look like," Trahant said. "We need to look at what works and what doesn't work and look at what has potential for success."

There are a lot of elements of Indian health care that ought to be incorporated into U.S.

health reform, Trahant said. One example he gave was the Alaskan Native Medical Center, which is partly federally funded and all community designed. Trahant will be talking about how this system deals with diabetes, for example, treating not only the patient, but also taking care of the families and following up to make sure diets have changed and things are getting better.



Mark Trahant

"This is very difficult to do in a health care system not designed around a specific community," Trahant said.

The U.S. healthcare system could learn a lot from the Native American system, Trahant said.

"The United States operates the most expensive system in the world and it does not get health care results that justify that kind of spending," Trahant said. "But the Indian health system does just the opposite. It is frugal and sustainable."

In Latah County there are

two tribes and they have great medical facilities, said Bri Gordon, one of the interns who is organizing the talk, but people just aren't exposed to it.

"People don't recognize the excellence of this (Indian) health care system," Gordon said. "It's a health care system that is actually sustainable in this economy."

Trahant said this is an important issue, especially to students, because they are the ones who have to live with the decisions being made at this time.

"The big thing is if we don't get healthcare right, young people will be paying for something that doesn't work," Trahant said. "They will have to pay for whatever we come up with."

Trahant spent the past 14 months at the Kaiser Foundation, has written a few books about general Native American affairs, and is currently teaching a couple classes at UI. This talk is something he feels is important and pertinent.

"Honestly, it's a talk that will open your eyes," Gordon said.



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don't support most of Luna's plan, echoing the statements of the Idaho Education Association.

"From the beginning, the Luna plan's fatal flaw has been the lack of stakeholder involvement," Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood said.

The IEA has billed the numerous demonstrations statewide as a proof of popular opposition. The union has attacked Luna's secretive formulation of the plan that even the State Board of Education, who should have been intimately involved in the process, was unaware of prior to its Jan. 12 public release. Trail and others have asked why Luna did not campaign on the plan if he thought the public would have supported it.

Luna's public information officer Melissa McGrath said anyone paying attention to Luna's previous campaign would recognize everything in the proposed legislation. The only new aspects were budgetary and the new numbers were dependent on the governor's proposed 2011 budget released in January.

McGrath points to Luna's landslide victory in last year's election as the only reliable poll to-date of public opinion on "Students Come First." The 21-point victory in November and a stream of positive e-mails put majority on Luna's side,

McGrath said.

Local concerns still abound for Rep. Trail. The first being the proposed removal of the financial safety net currently given to districts with declining enrollment called the "99 percent cap."

Schools receive state funding on a per-student basis, but since districts must formulate their budgets at the beginning of the fiscal year in July and not at the beginning of the school year in August, the 99 percent cap has allowed districts that lose students after the budget's release to keep all but one percent of the funding they planned on.

Small, rural districts like many in Latah County already stretched thin to providing the full state curriculum plus specialty and advanced classes will be the hardest hit, Trail said. The cap's removal will scratch off the books \$101,195 in Moscow, \$117,000 in Genesee and \$119,000 in Kendrick.

"It will widen the difference between the haves and the have-nots," Trail said.

McGrath said the supposed burden of lifting the 99 percent cap is a misnomer as the reform plan will ultimately give the districts and school boards the flexibility Trail wants.

"Students Come First" gives districts the option to eliminate teaching positions, the largest component of a school's budgets, to counter the loss of funding. The plan will allocate state funds to pay for severance packages given to purged teachers.

By removing the 99 percent cap,

the stay will save \$5.4 million, helping to pay for the rest of the package's reforms as education is sure to see a part \$92 million in cuts this state will make this upcoming year.

"Students Come First" is a comprehensive plan to educate students at a higher level with limited resources," McGrath said.

Paying for the reforms has been another contentious issue between the teacher's union and Luna. Increasing class sizes by a student and half and eliminating 770 teaching positions will provide most of the savings, but Luna also said districts could cut back teacher salaries if they did not want to increase class sizes.

McGrath said the power and flexibility the reforms give districts to balance their budgets will help the system as a whole better invest in students and teachers.

Critics like the parents, students and teachers on the Capitol steps see Idaho's students paying the price down the road.

"This is a plan that makes sense for accountants," Benjamin Merrill, superintendent of small, Boise-area district said. "It doesn't make sense to someone who has students in mind."

The original bill called for high school students to take eight credits online before graduating, but was cut back to four in the Senate Education Committee. Districts will have to pay private online course providers for the required materials and with funds already scarce, Merrill said he

worried schools, especially small districts, will go with a cheaper company to cut costs.

If the plan is passed, online courses will be administered to high school students at school by certified teachers, who will help students and supervise their behavior.

"Once (students) are used to working in an online environment, they will be better prepared for college," McGrath said.

The jury remains out on the effectiveness of online courses in Idaho. A 2009 U.S. Department of Education study of college students showed higher marks among those who took an online version of a class than those who took the traditional course. However, the report cautioned applying the results to K-12 students.

An Idaho Department of Education study compared the scores of online charter school students with conventionally-educated ones, and while it was a small sample size, the study "does not bode well for virtual schools, to be completely honest," said Michelle Clement-Taylor, school choice coordinator for the State Department of Education.

The IEA and others have also pointed to recent reporting tying \$23,891 from private education technology companies and \$25,000 in advertisements to Luna's 2010 reelection campaign as a reason the superintendent has so adamantly advocated for online education.

Rep. Trail saw the new online re-

quirements were one of the few bright spots in Luna's plan.

"I think we need to increase the availability of online courses," Trail said.

He has seen similar courses work at Lewis-Clark State College, but worries about a lack of quality assurance for parents and students as high schools expand their online use and teachers have to be trained to use the new technology. And once again, Trail worries small schools like those in his District 6 won't have the money to provide a decent online education to its students.

The debate and vitriol will likely continue as bills 1108, 1110 and 1113 make their way through Idaho's legislature.

"Frankly, I think all legislators have had some serious questions about the legislation," said Bart Davis, Senate majority leader. "There are still some genuine concerns that I believe make ultimate passage of the complete package more difficult and that's what we're trying to work on."

Despite this sentiment and the outpouring of outrage from teachers, students and legislators in both parties, Rep. Trail said the bills will inevitably be carried to the certain approval of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, an ardent proponent, by the Republican-controlled Senate.

The budget crunch has made change inevitable.

"We are at a funding cliff, and we cannot ignore it," Luna said.

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an analysis of, or an initial beginning to look at the overall financial aid program, the overall waiver program, and WUE was one component of that."

Neiheisel said the financial aid task force included campus representatives as well, and the group met more than a dozen times. Two campus workshops were also held to determine how funds were being used and distributed, and the task force made its recommendations to Enrollment Management.

"WUE was a part of that consideration, and it was by far the most expensive single waiver program we had," Neiheisel said. "It was not one that we could fiscally maintain at the level we were using it."

While some universities around the Northwest have completely severed the WUE program, Neiheisel said that is not the case at UI. Instead they developed the Discover Idaho program, which is more

strictly need and merit based.

Incoming non-resident freshmen from high school or home school must meet a 3.6 to 4.0 GPA, and can receive \$3,000 to \$5,000 for academic achievement. Students who meet need-based requirements are eligible for up to \$8,000. Neiheisel said with the previous WUE program, they were waiving fees for students who had no need, and the new program is a more efficient use of funds.

Non-resident transfer students must meet a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA on 14 or more transfer credits.

Kramer said he applied for a tuition waiver anyway, but the waiver was denied.

"I'm just disappointed that they didn't more personally look at my waiver request or try to get to know my situation," Kramer said. "I think they discarded my request pretty quickly."

Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services who also chaired the task force, said the current budget situation did not factor heavily into the decision to downsize

WUE.

"Finances always enter into decisions whether it's in good times or bad times ... even in a good economy I think institutions or businesses still look at what's the best thing financially for anyone involved, and that obviously keeps them going," Davenport said. "I think the economy has probably pushed us harder to look at providing financial assistance for lower income families."

Neiheisel said this decision likely brings the university an extra \$1-1.5 million per year. He said while they recognize how attractive the WUE was to students, especially given the disparity between tuition rates for students from California versus students in Idaho.

"But again, fiscally, it wasn't something that we could afford," Neiheisel said. "Academics is important, access is important, so we tried to find a solution that was affordable."

While Davenport said there hasn't been much response to the change yet, financial aid reports for the coming fall semester haven't

yet been disseminated, so difficult to determine the response. Neiheisel said he has received some response from students and parents.

"To be honest here, there are people who are incredibly disappointed and we have heard from some of those," he said. "As an institution that has a very broad alumni base and family members, it does make it a little awkward here for a while when a sibling may have received one and the next brother and sister are not eligible for one."

Though the change has been implemented, Neiheisel and Davenport said the program will be reviewed every year to see how it is working. For students like Kramer, other options will have to be explored until then.

"I preferred the UI because it's an environment away from Seattle," Kramer said. "I don't want to attend UW because I wanted to experience something new, I wanted to get out of the state. ... I would very much prefer the UI, but I can't afford it without private loans."

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student affairs, faculty and administrators.

"It's a committee made up of all the constituents and that principle is called 'sharing the governance,'" he said.

"The faculty senate meetings are open to the public meetings, so if you were to think about the CORE curriculum is changing. It has its origins back in these other committees but at some point it gets a public hearing, right? It gets this public forum," Eveleth said. "So in kind of a simple sense, the principle of shared governance is something that is a desirable thing, it leads to input by people who know more about the topics."

Eveleth said the state board is telling ISU's president he needs to come back with a shared governance plan.

"They each see the world as the other person's fault. I think the surprising thing about this whole situation is that the board decided to suspend the senate. It's a very unusual thing," he said.

Faculty senates and the idea of shared governance is something that works really well inside institutions and if one was to look at all of the universities around the country, it'd be hard to find one where having shared governance doesn't work, Eveleth said.

Paul Joyce, vice chairman of UI's faculty senate, said he thinks time will tell where this situation is going.

"I think the president is not very well served if he is kind of operating in an echo chamber where he's only hearing from people who have a vested interest in telling him what he wants to know," Joyce said.

Joyce said a faculty senate brings an independent voice to the table and don't make decisions, but rather recommendations for the university.

"If that wasn't the situation, it should be the situation at Idaho State. If they're going to re-do the structure, I think that's what they should keep in

mind," he said. "I'm not convinced it wasn't already that way, and so it's a little bit worrying if the plan is to develop a bunch of committees that the president appoints with faculty on them, then advise him on curriculum and matters... that's not the right structure in my view."

Joyce said the way to go is to have faculty around the university elect the faculty senate, and also have student representation in the senate.

"We have three students on the senate. And so that helps, we get the student voice, and we have staff on the senate now," he said. "That works in lots of places. Boise State has no problem with (its) faculty senate and the way it's working. LCSC has no problem, UI has no problem. So it's hard to understand the full dynamics of what the problem is at ISU, but I don't think the solution is to dissolve the faculty senate. You need to have that independent voice."

Joyce said he and Eveleth try to work closely, along with President Duane Nellis. He said he feels it works really well at UI.

"I'm happy that our president is for the faculty senate. I'm happy that our senate takes their jobs seriously, as do all the committees down the line, including the students on the committees," Joyce said. "We're pleased with the way it's working here. If there's anything we can do to help, we'd like to. The tricky thing is, we'd love to help, but we don't want to get in the middle."

Being a member of the senate is very term-limited organization and once in a while, people will have different views, Joyce said.

"Some line up with the administration, sometimes they're a little bit different than the administration," he said. "It's not always going to be exactly what the president, provost and the administration want but it's always going to be a thoughtful discussion. It will be a different voice at the table."

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WINNING THE WAC

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Vandal sophomore Hannah Kiser runs around the track in the women's one mile race at the Cougar Indoor track and field meet in Pullman Jan. 19. Kiser took third for Idaho with a time of 5:01.09.

Vandals run, jump and throw to victories during the WAC Indoor Championships

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

Six weeks of competition came to a climax in Nampa last week at the WAC Indoor Championships. The Idaho Vandals walked away with six gold medals, eight first-team all-WAC honors, and a title in Men's Track Performer of the Meet.

After four days of competition, the Vandals have only a week to rest before the Husky Last Chance meet in Seattle, where they will vie for spots at a national meet.

"I thought we had some really good individual performances," track and field coach Wayne Phipps said. "I was really impressed by the way we competed. I don't know if it could have gone much better for us."

For the underclassmen-heavy Vandals, individual titles were the focus of this season. After three of last year's five gold medal winners graduated and one redshirted, junior Jeremy Klas was left as Idaho's only returning champion.

"It's a different feel, different motivations and different goals," Phipps said. "This is more of a process meet, in that we're trying to work on some things and gain some experience for a lot of people. Our young people have been performing very well."

Despite their relative inexperience, the Vandal men finished fourth in the conference and the women took eighth for team points. As the outdoor season approaches, Phipps looks forward to competing with the rest of the Vandal lineup.

"If we compete like this when we have a full team there, we're going to be a pretty tough team to beat," Phipps said.

Distance

Toughness came into play during the women's distance medley relay when four Vandal women earned gold in a last-second victory. Junior Anna Kalbrener, sophomore Liga Velvere, sophomore Keli Hall and freshman Hannah Kiser won the event in 11:48.25.

"We were in third place, 40 meters behind, and Hannah Kiser was able to come all the way back and win by a couple seconds," Phipps said. "To have a freshman do that in her first collegiate championship meet is just amazing to see."

Kiser followed up the DMR title with a first place finish in the women's 3,000-meter race, her career-first individual WAC gold. Her 9:53.78 performance was the top freshman time of the meet and qualified her for two first-team all-WAC honors.

"It's hard for me to remember a more tenacious competitor, especially as a freshman," Phipps said of Kiser. "If we had wanted, we probably could have loaded her up in two or three events and she could have won them all. She just did everything you could ever ask, not just from a freshman, but from any runner."

Fellow newcomer to Vandal track, Velvere also brought an individual gold medal, winning the women's 800-meter race in 2:10.70.

"For only having run a couple 800s, she's doing amazingly well," Phipps said. "She ran very intelligently, she stayed on the leader until about 100 meters to go, then took off and really won quite easily."

On the men's side, juniors Markus Geiger and Jeremiah Dubie racked up points for the Vandals. Geiger won Friday's 5000-meter race and came back to take the 3000-meter Saturday.

"He wasn't ranked to be in the top two in the 3K or the 5K coming in," Phipps said. "He looked fantastic in the 5K and just battled the guy to the finish in the 3K."

Geiger's career-best time of 8:27.25 in the men's 3,000-meter combined with a 14:43.49 in the 5,000-meter earned him the Men's Track Performer of the Meet award. It is Geiger's third all-conference honor as a Vandal.

"He's not usually known for having a good finishing kick," Phipps said. "But that's how he won this one. He really kicked hard the last two hundred and won easily."

Dubie followed Geiger in both races, coming in fifth in the 3,000-meter and fourth in the 5,000-meter.

Jumping

Junior Jeremy Klas won the men's pole vault for the third time consecutively. His 17-1 (5.21m) vault beat out conference competitors by more than a foot, likely earning him a second trip to the NCAA Championships.

Sophomore Colin Briggs finished sixth in Friday's long jump, qualifying for second-team all-WAC with a jump of 21-11.75 (6.70m). Briggs came back strong in Saturday's triple jump. He posted a career-best 46-7.5

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Character in student athletes

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

High behavioral expectations are put on student athletes at the University of Idaho, and there are consequences with players who fail to meet those expectations, said UI Athletic Director Rob Spear.

Spear said the perception that athletes get away with more than other students is wrong, and that is something he and the coaches strongly emphasize.

"We take great pride in how our kids handle themselves on campus and in the community, and they have improved," Spear said. "When one kid gets in trouble, that's too many."

Discipline has been an area of emphasis since Spear and Idaho football coach Robb Akey came to UI. In Akey's first season in 2007 he dismissed 17 scholarship athletes from the team because of poor behavior. Akey said behavior has improved greatly since he took over.

"It's like night and day since I got here," Akey said. "Those guys terminated themselves and they weren't the guys I wanted to rely on. Those weren't the guys I wanted my sons in the locker room next to. They weren't guys I want representing my name."

Like all students, athletes have a code of conduct they must follow. But unlike the average student, athletes also deal with the administration, coaches and the community when an incident occurs. Quarterback Brian Reader said his coaches expect a lot out of everyone on the team.

"They expect first-class all the time," Reader said. "For scholarship athletes who are getting paid to go to school, they expect us to put in as much as they give us."

Akey said since the spotlight is always on his players, it creates even more pressure for players to toe the line. He said extra exposure is a big responsibility his players have to live up to.

"If one of our guys makes a mistake, it's probably going to wind up in the newspaper," Akey said. "If someone from the general student population does something, nobody's probably going to hear about it."

When incidents occur, the university reacts differently depending on the situation. In alcohol-related incidents, athletes are required to attend alcohol awareness classes sponsored by the university. They also face the possibility of suspension.

When laws are broken, the university stays out of the process, other than automatically suspending the player. Spear said athletes don't get special treatment during investigations.

"We do not get involved in any investigations that the

"If one of our guys makes a mistake, it's probably going to wind up in the newspaper."

Robb Akey
Idaho football coach

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Lim, relay teams shine at WAC

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

It didn't take long for freshman Shana Lim to solidify herself as the best swimmer in Idaho swimming and diving history.

During last week's WAC Championship in San Antonio, Tex., Lim shattered a 14-year-old WAC record in the 100 backstroke race with a time of 53.00 — .22 seconds faster than the previous record.

Lim defeated the defending champion, Fi Connell of Northern Arizona, by more than a second, giving the Singapore native her first WAC gold medal. Her time is an NCAA provisional qualifying time.

Despite a mediocre team performance from the mostly inexperienced Vandals, who collectively finished the race in eighth place, Idaho's relay teams proved its strengths with multiple NCAA qualifying times.

Wednesday, the 200 medley relay team set an Idaho record and earned an NCAA provisional time. The four member group consisting of



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University of Idaho and Northern Arizona University swimmers dive into the water from the board during the meet against Northern Arizona Fall 2010 at the University of Idaho Swim Center.

Lim, Kelsie Saxe, Calleagh Brown and Si Jia Pang finished in 1:42:55, almost two full seconds faster than the previous record of 1:44:51.

"That's a huge milestone for the Vandals," coach Tom Jager said. "Often times it's more difficult to make the B-cut as a relay team than as an

individual."

Seniors Staci Stratton and Alyson O'Brien ended their Idaho careers with a school record in the 200 freestyle relay race. Stratton, O'Brien, Lim and Pang completed the race in 1:32:63 and a fourth place finish was enough for another NCAA B-cut quali-

fying time.

"Our swimmers responded in the relays very well so far," Jager said. "They all swam great."

The 400 medley relay team of Pang, Lim, Saxe and Savannah Bettis broke

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Utah State gets revenge

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Utah State denied Idaho's hopes for a season sweep of the nation's No. 23 team Saturday night with an 84-68 win over the Vandals in Logan, Utah.

The Vandals head home for their final two games of the regular season, starting with their last WAC game of the season, a Thursday night matchup against Fresno State. The Bulldogs (13-15, 5-9 WAC), haven't won a WAC game since Feb. 5 against La. Tech. The Bulldogs fell to the Vandals mid-January 67-57 in California. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum.

Utah State shot 50 percent Saturday and Idaho couldn't win its third road contest in a row, as a packed Dee Glen Smith Spectrum saw former Aggie assistant coach Don Verlin fall to his longtime mentor Stew Morrill.

The Vandals couldn't perform a repeat performance of

their Feb. 8 triumph against the then No. 17 ranked Aggies and although Idaho shot 41 percent from the field, an overpowering second half from the hosts ruined any chances for an Idaho comeback.

The Aggies made 30 appearances at the free throw line and knocked down 26, compared to 15 attempts and 10 points from the Vandals.

Utah State forward Tai Wesley made the most of his final home game as an Aggie with his 22 total points leading all scorers. Ten of the 22 came from free throws as the senior was 83 percent on the night from the charity stripe. Aggie guard Brock Keith Pane added 18 points, three assists and two steals, and was 10-11 from the free throw line.

"We battled all game long, and you've got to give them (USU) the credit," Verlin said. "They're a high-powered, strong, physical team and they play with a tremendous amount of confidence in this building."

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Women hope to bounce back



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Vandal guard Keri Arendse drives under the hoop Jan. 22 in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals are on a three-game losing skid, but have time to right the ship with two conference games remaining on the road.

Women's basketball two games away from WAC Tournament

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Idaho women's basketball team came away from a tough game at Fresno State last Thursday where they lost 77-51, and will now face an uphill battle going into the WAC Tournament March 9 in Las Vegas.

Idaho (13-13, 6-8 WAC) has now lost three games straight, and five of their last six games. The Vandals have struggled with taking care of the ball, posting 57 turnovers in the past two games. Inconsistency has cost Idaho this year, and the Vandals will need to find the answers to these issues if they hope to get anywhere in the WAC Tournament.

The Vandal women's basketball team will need a win when they travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico Thursday, March 3 to take on the Aggies in their second-to-last game of the regular season.

Idaho beat the Aggies 64-51 Jan. 29 at home and will work for the season sweep when they travel to New Mexico State. The Vandals' chances for a top-four finish are no longer a possibility, and instead will have to compete with

New Mexico State for the fifth place seed. An Idaho loss would drop the Vandals to sixth, a big fall given the competition for third two weeks ago, but might have an advantage because of the earlier win against the Aggies.

The matchups won't get any easier for the Vandals when they play their last regular season game March 5 against No. 1 La. Tech. Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he hopes the tough scheduling will strengthen his teams resolve going into the WAC Tournament.

"Maybe it will be good because we won't be coming from the comforts of home into a different arena," Newlee said. "It'll be a different arena from here on out, so it's time to put up or shut up."

La. Tech will take the first place seed in the WAC Tournament, as they currently post a perfect 13-0 conference record. Fresno State holds the second place seed at a conference record of 11-2.

One of the big WAC surprises this season has been the meltdown of Boise State. The Broncos' loss to Idaho Jan. 22 started a nine-game skid that ended when Boise State pulled out a win against last-placed San Jose State.

Women's tennis defeated by Montana Grizzlies

Kelli Hadley
Argonaut

A lack of intensity and focus kept the Idaho women's tennis team from defeating Montana in Pullman Sunday, ending in a 4-3 loss to the Grizzlies.

The loss puts Idaho at 4-3 on the season. The Vandals have a short break from competition until March 11 when they head to El Paso, Tex., for a four-day, four-match road trip against the University of Texas-Pan

American, University of Texas-El Paso, University of Alabama-Birmingham and New Mexico State.

Coach Tyler Neill said the loss Sunday was "a step back" in the team's progress and he knows they are capable of playing at a higher level of intensity.

"We weren't very mentally tough out there. I think we are the more talented team but their team just competed better and fought harder than we did," Neill said. "And we just need to work on being

able to compete ... at a better level mentally."

Despite a doubles win 8-4 from Barbara Maciocha and Silvia Irimescu, Neill said the match showed some of the worst doubles his team has played all year. Montana won its singles matches at the No. 1, No. 3 and No. 5 spots and also won the doubles point by taking the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches. The three singles wins for the Vandals came from Vicky Lozano 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2, Maciocha 7-6, 6-2 at No. 4 and Yvette Ly 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

"I was happy with some individual performances," Neill said. "I thought Vicky and Yvette played really well in singles — they took control of their matches early on and didn't let up. I thought Basia (Maciocha) wasn't playing her best, but did fight really hard and found a way to win, which is kind of what we needed from the whole team yesterday. It was clear we weren't playing our best tennis and we can do much better."

Neill said his team has been dealing with injuries, and he would like to see his players' health improve before their road trip to Texas.

"Four matches in a row definitely takes a toll on a team and they're all solid matches that we're playing down there," Neill said. "Hopefully the team will be motivated after losing this one and we can bounce back ... I don't have too many positive things to say about (Sunday)."



File Photo by Katherine Brown | Argonaut
Vandal tennis player Jana Siwa hits the ball back to her teammate at the Memorial Gym courts last fall. After starting the season 4-1, the Vandals have dropped their last two matches, falling to 4-3 overall.

Get Out There

Adjusting to the snow for spring hunting

The cold and snow in Northern Idaho often seems like it will never end. Every day lately, the heavens dump a few more inches onto the already piling-up snow pack.

While the snow sports fanatics love to see every flake coming down, the spring turkey hunter is starting to get a little nervous. With the amount of snow that is threatening to stick around until the season-opener, locating a bird and putting it down could prove to be a little tricky. When hunting in these difficult conditions a hunter will have to work harder to cover ground, as well as take into consideration what gear will be needed to keep warm while hunting.

The starting point for the hunt is about the same as if there was no snow on the ground — find the bird's roost. Turkeys will choose a specific tree for the entire flock to spend the night in, and this is known as their roost. Turkeys will typically use the same tree every night they are in the area. If a hunter can find this tree without spooking the birds, they will be able to return the next morning to call the birds from the tree and into their decoy set.

Due to the amount of snow, finding this tree is going to be a more difficult challenge than usual. Most turkeys are spotted during the day while the birds are out of their roost, then trailed back to the tree. In this type of weather the birds are more likely to be roosting for a greater part of the day, which will give a hunter less time to actually find them. Once the birds are located, a hunter can be fairly certain they will still be there when it comes hunting time.

A tactic I use when trying to fill an early season tag in bad weather is to move where my decoys are set in relation to the roost. If there is no snow and the birds are being active, I will set up my decoys roughly 300 yards from the roost at least. This allows me to get into my setup, adjust how my decoys are positioned and get ready for the hunt

— all without any concern of spooking the sleeping birds from their tree and out of the area. When there are poor conditions that will impede the distance calls will travel and the ability of the birds to cover distance, set up much closer to the roost, roughly 100 yards away. This means being more cautious with the setup and limiting the amount of noise being made.

Some of the important gear to take includes warm winter weather clothing, several different calls that produce varying noise levels, a good weather-proof blind and decoys that will stay standing in the melting snow.

While lots of hunters take birds each year without the use of a ground blind, the added amount of comfort a hunter will experience will be a welcome addition in poor weather, and will help to keep a hunter in the field longer. When I know I will be hunting in deep snow I make sure to extend my decoy stands long enough to get the decoy up out of the snow. Turkeys don't sleep or lay down on the ground, so a bird buried halfway up in the snow just doesn't look right. To make stakes longer, all it takes is a two-foot wooden dowel and a roll of duct tape. Simply tape the dowel onto your original decoy stand to make it long enough. Don't worry about camouflaging the extension because it will be buried under the snow anyway.

Being successful during hunting season is all about being prepared for the hunt you're going on. Know what the difficulties are going to be and account for them. Weather can be one of the most challenging conflicts a hunter will have to deal with, but it should never be an excuse as to why the hunt didn't work out. Weather is just another factor in the long list of what can go wrong when in the woods — knowing what you're getting yourself into will mean a much more fruitful time this hunting season.



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Big East ballin'

Eastern schools rule the rankings

Those deemed worthy of college basketball's biggest prize have been looking forward to March 13 since late fall. Eleven teams in one particular conference wish selection Sunday could have been last weekend. The Big East will have to wait.

According to ESPN's Bracketology rankings, if selection Sunday was Feb. 27, a total of 11 Big East Conference teams would have gone dancing. The Associated Press Top-25 hosts eight of these teams in their rankings and USA Today predicts that six Big East teams will gain one of the top four seeds in their individual region. Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Villanova, Georgetown, Louisville, St. John's, Syracuse, Cincinnati, Marquette, West Virginia and Connecticut all boast winning conference and non-records, but a couple will have to grind out the next few weeks of the season in victorious fashion to earn a ticket to the 2011 tournament.

The Big East Conference holds the current record for most teams in a tournament with eight, something it achieved three times in the past six years. Following Wednesday's critical matchup between Marquette (18-11, 9-7 Big East) and Cincinnati (22-7, 9-7 Big East), 10 Big East

teams will have secured spots in the tournament, the winner of the game clinching the tenth spot.

With a Marquette win Cincinnati will be forced to beat No. 17 Georgetown (21-8, 10-7 Big East) to secure a spot, and the Big East's hopes of 11 teams are significantly decreased. A Marquette loss would be much more convenient for Big East fans as the Golden Eagles will have a better chance to secure what would be the 11th spot when they go to Seton Hall (11-17, 5-11 Big East) for the final game of the regular season.

When March Madness arrives, there's no doubt I will be riding the Georgetown bandwagon again, assuming my beloved Vandals do not pull another upset of Utah State in the WAC Tournament. The Hoyas have proven to be one of the Big East's top teams but have not cracked the Top 10 in the AP Top 25 since an early February loss at No. 16 Connecticut (21-7, 9-7 Big East), which was also the end of an eight game winning streak.

Pittsburgh, currently No. 5, is banking on earning the No. 1 seed at the end-of-the-year Big East Conference Tournament with a 25-4 overall record and 13-3 Big East tally. Pitt has lost two of its last three games despite an almost perfect Big East record where the Panthers 12-1 headed into their final six conference games. A one-point loss to St. Johns University (19-9, 11-5 Big East) at Madison Square Garden and three-point loss at Louisville (22-

7, 11-5 Big East) may affect Pitt's final two games, a road test at University of South Florida then home finale against No. 19 Villanova (21-8, 9-7 Big East).

The Fighting Irish will hope for the luck of the Irish in their final two regular season games. With help from South Florida and Villanova, Notre Dame (23-5, 12-4 Big East) could win the regular season title if they win out and Pitt drops its final two games. The Fighting Irish squared off against Villanova Monday night in South Bend and end the season on the road at Connecticut. Notre Dame has not lost to a ranked team since Jan. 1 at Syracuse (24-6, 11-6 Big East) and has not lost in South Bend since its Dec. 8 loss against Kentucky.

Both St. John's and Louisville have potential to take the regular season Big East title with wins in its final two games in addition to Pitt and Notre Dame losses in the final two. The likelihood of this happening may be very low but it once again proves the strength and balance of the country's premier basketball conference.

Syracuse, Georgetown and UConn have all been ranked inside the Top 10 at one point or another this season and have proved the ability to compete with the nation's elite. It wouldn't be a shocker to see any of these three teams or all three make the Elite Eight of this year's NCAA Tournament.

There's no doubt the Big East will break its own record, but we'll have to wait two weeks to find out whether all 11 Big East teams will qualify to compete for college basketball's holy grail.



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

UCLA makes Wooden proud

The UCLA Bruins hosted the Arizona Wildcats Saturday afternoon in a game dedicated to John Wooden. Wooden coached at UCLA from 1948-75 and during those years he ran off 10 straight national championships, four undefeated seasons and a record 88 straight wins. Wooden, who passed away at the age of 99 June 4, 2010 would have been proud of his Bruins as they went on to defeat the No. 10 Arizona Wildcats 71-49.



Michael Greenway
Argonaut

UCLA was 20-8 overall and 11-4 in conference, and Arizona was 23-5 overall and 12-3 in conference. Once the game started it was obvious UCLA was playing for more than first place in the Pac-10 — they were playing for John Wooden. The Bruins came in wearing throwback uniforms from the '70s and dominated from the very beginning with Arizona never really getting in the game. UCLA sealed the game in the late first half and into the first few minutes of the second half, going on a 22-2 run to take a 51-30 advantage. The Bruins never looked back and went on to win the game by 22 points.

At the end of the game, John Wooden's great-grandson Tyler Trapani, a senior walk-on at UCLA, scored the last basket ever to be scored at Pauley Pavilion before its renovation. With 25 seconds remaining, Trapani grabbed a rebound off an air ball and laid it in off the backboard for his first and only bucket as a Bruin. After the game current UCLA coach Ben Howland was brought to tears from the moment.

"It fell right into his hands — there's something going on there, I really believe that," Howland said.

It was a great moment during a great game that, in the end, celebrated not only John Wooden as a coach, but as a person. The 11,986 fans who came out to watch UCLA play a basketball game also saw a celebration of the man who put UCLA basketball on the map, and most likely left feeling as though it was how Wooden would have wanted to leave — on top.

Miguel Cabrera plays 1st game since arrest

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — After almost two weeks of turmoil, Miguel Cabrera returned to where he's most comfortable: a baseball field.

Cabrera played his first game following his arrest, going 0-for-2 with a walk as the Detroit Tigers' designated hitter Monday in a 6-2 win over the New York Yankees.

Cabrera batted cleanup, his first appearance since his arrest on Feb. 16 on suspicion of driving under the influence and resisting an officer without violence. He is to be arraigned on March 16.

After the game, he refused to answer any non-baseball questions. Cabrera said he is looking forward to playing the field, but manager Jim Leyland said he will DH again Tuesday against Toronto, then play the field Wednesday against Houston.

"It's kind of slow playing DH," Cabrera said. "I really prefer playing at first. I was starting to feel normal in batting practice, but I am looking forward to playing in the field."

Cabrera hit a sharp grounder down the third-base line in the first off CC Sabathia, but Alex Rodriguez made a backhand grab and threw out Cabrera out at first. Cabrera hit a similar ball in the third, but Rodriguez made another backhand stab and retired Cabrera at first. Cabrera drew a walk in his final at-bat and was removed for a pinch runner.

Leyland said Cabrera looked to be in spring training form. Cabrera hit .328 with 38 homers and 126 RBIs last season, finishing second in AL MVP voting to Texas' Josh Hamilton.

"It's going to take some time to get ready," Leyland

said. "He'll be fine."

Cabrera was greeted warmly by fans before each at-bat.

"I heard the applause," Cabrera said. "It was good to get the first game out of the way, but I can do better. I was thinking about seeing strikes, but I heard the fans supporting me."

The game itself provided a likely preview of opening day on March 31, when the teams meet at Yankee Stadium.

Sabathia allowed two hits and struck out two for the Yankees, and Justin Verlander gave up two hits in two scoreless innings for the Tigers. Sabathia said he felt fine following off-season to repair a minor tear in his right knee.

"My fastball command was good, away. I still got to do some work in to righties," he said. "Usually, it takes me a while to get it. To have it

pretty good this early, I can start working on my other pitches. I felt great. My knee, no problems."

One-time Chicago Cubs star Mark Prior pitched a 1-2-3 inning with a strikeout for New York. Prior, who hasn't pitched in the major leagues since 2006, is trying to earn a job with the Yankees as a long reliever.

"If I'm healthy, I know I

can compete at this level," Prior said.

Detroit scored two runs each against Daniel Turpen, Robert Fish, and D.J. Mitchell in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

Rick Porcello followed Verlander with two scoreless innings for the Tigers. New York took a 2-0 lead in the fifth against rookie Charlie Fur-

bush, ending Detroit's 22-inning scoreless streak.

With the score tied 2-2, Cale Iorg homered to give the Tigers a lead, and two batters later, Andy Dirks doubled home John Murrian. Dirks went 2-for-2 and is batting .667.

Mark Teixeira, Jorge Vasquez, and Francisco Cervelli each had two hits for the Yankees.

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WINNING

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(14.21m) and took fifth place in the conference.

Throwing

Idaho's Eugenio Mannucci won the men's shot put Friday by more than four feet after dominating the event throughout the season. His 59-0.25 (17.99m) toss was a career-best and the 27th best the NCAA has seen this season.

Sophomore Andrey Levkiv finished fourth in the event with a throw of 50-6.75 (15.41m) and redshirt freshman Kyle Rothwell followed in sixth with 49-7.25 (15.12m). Both men earned second-team all-WAC honors.

Rothwell competed in the men's weight throw Saturday and placed fifth, qualifying for second-team all-WAC yet again.

In women's throwing events, senior Gabby Midles and sophomore Kristine Leonard led the Vandals.

Midles came from behind to take third in the weight throw Friday. After the first two throws, Midles ranked ninth, then a final toss of 57-2.75 (17.44m) earned her first-team all-WAC honors.

"For Gabby to finish third in the weight throw, I think really bodes well for her for outdoors in the hammer throw," Phipps said.

Leonard was selected for second-team all-WAC for her sixth-place shot put of 44-7 (13.59m).

CHARACTER

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Moscow (Police Department) has," Spears said. "We do not talk to the students, so we don't get in the way of any investigations."

If a student athlete is involved in a misdemeanor, they are subject to a review process by the athletic director and the coach. The punishment is then decided by a number of factors such as the nature of the charge, prior behavior, self-disclosure, cooperation during the investigation, alcohol and drug use and consistency in how similar incidents have been handled.

If an athlete commits a felony, they are automatically dismissed from the team and do not have the option of an appeal.

"We have to be consistent with the application of this policy," Spear said. "We have to be consistent in our punishment. We have to let student athletes know that we don't tolerate poor behavior."

Akey said he and his staff take a number of steps to make sure their players represent Idaho positively, including having speakers talk to the athletes and having tutors to make sure athletes are getting the education they need. He tells each of his players to do the right thing, and if they have to think about it, it's probably not what they should do. Akey said more importantly than him coaching football, he gets to help develop character in his players.

"We all make mistakes, that's why we call it growing up," Akey said. "Part of my job as a football coach is to grow young men up. I have the opportunity as a football coach to teach life."

Spears and Akey said behavior is important to them, and they are prepared to do what it takes to make sure the Idaho's athletes are being role models. Akey said mistakes will happen, but he's pleased with his team's character.

"They're a good group of people, they're working hard, they have high expectations, and they're also human beings that are growing up," Akey said.

SHINE

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a month-old school record with a sixth place finish and time of 3:48.22.

Lyndsay Williams made it evident that Lim hasn't been Idaho's only freshman stand-out when she destroyed Vandal alum Cortnee Hanson's school record in the 400 individual medley. Williams, who hoisted the seventh fast-

est overall time, finished more than five seconds faster than Hanson did during the 2009-2010 season.

Boise State dominated the eight-team meet with an overall score of 835, followed by Hawaii with 577 and Northern Arizona with 535. The Vandals' eighth place finish earned them 213 points.

A last place finish in the final meet of the spring season didn't bother Jager, who has confidence in his

youthful squad.

"We're going to have to live through our inexperience," Jager said. "They're just freshmen and are learning."

Jager's 2010-2011 team was comprised of 16 freshmen and sophomores, with only eight juniors and seniors.

Considering the circumstances, Jager said he was pleased with his teams' efforts.

"We showed them tonight," he said. "There were a lot of Vandals there."

half but Utah State's 16-point halftime lead was the difference. The Aggies out-rebounded their opponents by six, but the Vandals grabbed two more offensive boards than their hosts.

Utah State's biggest lead came with 2:52 remaining in the second half when the Aggies led by 25. The score was tied twice and the lead changed only two times.

With the loss, Idaho (16-12, 8-7 WAC) now has sole possession of fourth place in the WAC standings. Utah State (26-3, 13-1 WAC) sits alone at the top of the WAC table and is guaranteed the top seed at the end of the year WAC Tournament in Las Vegas.

"If we can continue to grind and get to nine wins in conference, that's a heck of a year for us and I think that gets us into the top four (in the WAC standings)," Verlin said.

REVENGE

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Vandal guard Shawn Henderson led his side with 17 points and was 50 percent from the field. Jeff Ledbetter, who had a career night at Nevada, tacked on 16 points and was 3-7 from 3-point line.

Freshman Stephen Madison came off of the bench to add 10 points in only 13 minutes while guard Landon Tatum led the Vandals in assists with six.

"Shawn was energetic — he played extremely hard and shot the ball really well," Verlin said. "I thought Jeff kept his composure with the crowd on him."

Both teams managed 45 points in the second

Hawks take down Blazers, 90-83

Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Jamal Crawford had 23 points, including a key 3-pointer with 1:36 left, and the Atlanta Hawks held off a late rally by the Portland Trail Blazers for a 90-83 victory on Sunday night.

Joe Johnson added 22 points and Atlanta led by as many as 23 in the sixth of a seven-game road trip. The Hawks are 3-3 on the trip, which wraps up Monday night in Denver.

Johnson's 3-pointer gave the Hawks an 80-60 lead with 5:54 left in the

game, but the Blazers narrowed it to 82-74 after layups from LaMarcus Aldridge and Gerald Wallace.

Andre Miller's layup closed the gap further, capping a 16-2 run, the comeback stalled when Crawford's 3-pointer put the Hawks up 85-78. Miller's short jumper with 1:29 left was off, and Crawford hit a pair of free throws that all but sealed it.

Miller led the Blazers with 20 points, while Aldridge had 19.

Josh Smith added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks.

Kirk Hinrich had eight points off the bench in his second game with the Hawks. He was acquired along with

Hilton Armstrong from the Washington Wizards for guards Mike Bibby, Maurice Evans and Jordan Crawford before the NBA's trade deadline this week.

The Blazers saw the debut of Wallace, who was acquired from Charlotte seven minutes before Thursday's trade deadline in exchange for Portland centers Joel Przybilla and Sean Marks, forward Dante Cunningham and two conditional first-round draft picks.

A fan in the crowd held a sign that said "Welcome Crash," Wallace's nickname. He received a standing ovation when he came into the game with 4:44 left in the first half. He finished with nine points.

Wood doesn't want Cashner to be compared

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Kerry Wood understands the comparisons but thinks they are unfair.

Andrew Cashner, just 24, is a touted young pitcher from Texas — just like Wood was more than a decade ago.

"Don't do that to him," Wood said. "But that's what happens when you are from Texas and you throw hard."

Back with the Cubs this year, Wood got a standing ovation Monday when he made his spring training debut during a 5-3 loss to a Milwaukee Brewers' split squad.

After coming up to the majors as a reliever last season, Cashner is trying to earn a job as Chicago's fifth starter. The 6-foot-6 right-hander with a 98 mph was the loser, allowing two runs, three hits and a walk in two innings.

"I was kind of rushing it in there and pulling the ball a little bit, but overall I thought my stuff was really good," Cashner said.

"I threw some good curveballs today and that is something I have been working on. Some good changeups, too. It was the first time out and didn't want to try to do much. I was just trying to locate my fastball today, and I don't think I did a very good job of it."

After making nine starts in the minor leagues last year, Cashner compiled a 4.80 ERA in 53 games with the Cubs. Chicago manager Mike Quade said at the very least Cashner will return to the bullpen, but he wanted to give him a chance to start.

"We're going to find out," Quade said. "From the standpoint of the future of this organization, if he can be a high-end starter, if he can be a top-line starter and we don't find that out, it would probably be a mistake. There's no guarantees, but we think he has the stuff, the makeup and the willingness."

One of the other candidates for the fifth-starter spot is Randy Wells, who started the game and allowed two hits in two scoreless innings.

"Other than getting behind a couple of hitters I made some good pitches," said Wells, who

went 8-14 with a 4.26 ERA in 32 starts last season. "I stayed away from the walks, something I have been really focusing on, and I made them swing the bat."

Wood allowed two runs and three hits in one inning. He used a tight curveball to strike out two.

Milwaukee used a defensive shift on left-handed-hitting Carlos Pena in his two at-bats.

"I hit a bullet up the middle and I am running to first base, ready to make the turn and I was like, 'Where did that guy come from?'" Pena said. "I got shifted a lot, and you have to do what you do. When you start trying to go to left field instead of driving the ball to right field, you go away from your strength and they got you."

Ryan Braun doubled, made a nice running catch and threw out a runner at the plate. Carlos Gomez added a hit, run and stolen base in two plate appearances for the Brewers, and Mark Kotsay had a RBI single.

Winner Tim Lillard allowed one run and two hits in two innings. Reed Johnson had two singles for the Cubs, and Zealous Wheeler had two hits for Milwaukee.

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Our view

Odds are in Luna's favor

In the recent back-and-forth game of education revamping, the Idaho Senate has passed two out of three bills, and while Superintendent of Idaho Public Schools Tom Luna said it was "a great day for Idaho," many are in disagreement.

Many education departments were not involved in making these decisions, including Idaho colleges and the State Board of Education.

Latah County's Republican state representative Tom Trail pointed out the State Board of Education, along with other education agencies were not involved in the process, at all.

Protests are planned and have taken place, but the obvious question remains — what kind of state gives one person the power to ram these bills through without other relevant

agencies' participation?

These bills came on like a freight train, being passed through Senate like something never seen before, maybe in comparison to a lightning bolt, or the freaky-fast kid "Dash" from "The Incredibles."

Luna did not consult the board that specializes in what students need. How could the reform be titled "Students Come First" when the very people who work to try to make sure students get what they need were not involved?

Granted, Idaho lawmakers have spent a lot of time attempting to nullify the health care reform, but at least the health care reform writers "wasted" their time consulting doctors, and Idaho lawmakers spent more than a few milliseconds debating whether the bill should be passed.

Luna did get his degree in weights and measures, which must have helped him write the bill.

By decreasing class sizes by a student and a half and eliminating teacher positions, the reform is supposed to counteract funding loss.

First off, this will not cut any student, or human being for that matter, in half.

Secondly, that doesn't make sense. The teachers who were laid off will be provided with a severance package, but it seems a little counterproductive to raise student numbers and decrease teacher numbers.

But, we don't have a degree in weights and measures.

The one bill that still has to pass in Senate involves students being required to take four credits in online classes to graduate, originally

set at eight.

If the reform wasn't in place, we wouldn't need online classes to teach students, because we wouldn't have a lack of teachers.

Not to mention what it will cost to supply this online program.

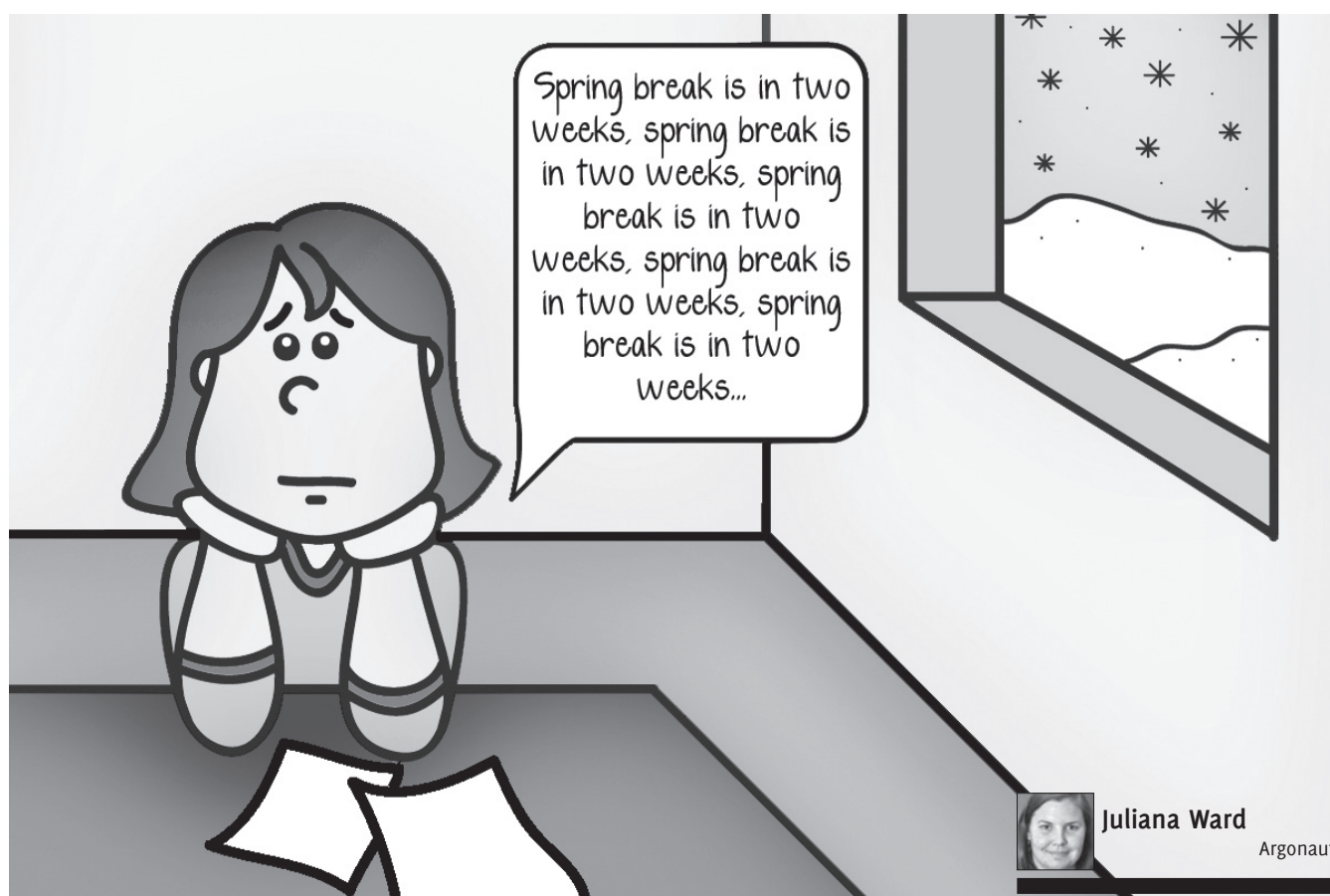
Also, the Idaho Education Association has brought up reports that private education technology companies have donated to Luna's re-election campaign. Weird.

Another shining piece of bill 1113 is students will each be given a laptop.

Not only can they learn from a screen but they can "Tweet," "post," or do whatever kids do these days on a mobile basis.

Thank you, Luna.

— DB



Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Dear James...

...guy who talked to me through the elevator in the Student Union Building while I was stuck for a half an hour in darkness Monday, thank you. I would have been stuck in there a lot longer had you not been there and told the information desk. You're a nice guy.

— Kelcie

Angry Birds

The Mighty Eagle is ready to fight again.

— Jens

I call BS

Part of Tom Luna's education reform bills have finally passed. Great, right? Wrong. I applaud those people who voted against it and stood in protest on the steps of the Capitol. This plan is stupid and will only lead to further damage on what Idaho calls a "public education system." Luna and his public information officer Melissa McGrath have no idea what they are doing to the students in Idaho. McGrath said once students are used to working in an online environment they will be better prepared for college. Right. I have taken three online classes and essentially learned nothing. Here's a novel idea — try actually educating them. Maybe then they will "be better prepared for college."

— Elizabeth

Listen up, Rep. Labrador

If Republicans want to stop people from having abortions, maybe they shouldn't take federal money from Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood isn't about providing abortions — it's about educating people on how to have safe sex, providing effective and affordable birth control and making sure people do not cause STI outbreaks. If Planned Parenthood were able to provide birth control to more people, fewer women would have abortions. I stand with Planned Parenthood because I was able to get birth control at a reasonable price with their help, which prevents me from having to get an abortion or raise an unwanted child.

— Chava

Triumphant

I managed to live through this weekend. Congratulations to everyone at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival for putting on a great event.

— Madison

Incentive

The halfway point is here, friends. It is almost time for me to head to Seattle, indulge in some super relaxation, spend dollars galore at record stores, eat a seafood feast and take in a glorious spectacle of entertainment. It is pulling me through.

— Tanya

Dear boy who found my ID,

Thank you for finding me and giving it back instead of giving it to one of your underage friends who looks like me. You saved me \$20, and now I don't have to go in and get a new one for the third time in six months.

— Kelli

Basketball

It is March. The absolute best part of March and the spring semester is March Madness. I'm hoping to enter the bracket at my dad's office and take them for all their money again. I'm keeping my eye on Notre Dame, Wisconsin and St. John's.

— Nick

Presentations

I took COMM 101 freshman year, but it in no way compares to the number of presentations I do in my design thinking class. Two this week, one next week and then I am done with this class.

— Loren

Tractionless

Although hilarious to others, I am suffering from some major non-traction issues in this snowstorm. If you see me lying on my back like a sad little turtle, laughing or pretending I am not there is not exactly what I want you to do. Also, it doesn't matter if I am wearing my North Face boots or high heels (not likely). Lack of balance in the weird winter elements is an attribute I have, like being short or having poor vision. Help a fellow balance suffering out and pick me up. Or walk me to class. I know I am not the only one.

— Dara

Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

Piano Man

I would just like to say thank you to the extremely talented students who play the piano in the Cedar Grove room of the Idaho Commons. At first I thought it was odd there was a piano in a place where most people quietly study. Now, I feel like sitting in the room is a hit-or-miss chance for a free mini-concert. For example, Thursday

a student came in at 2 p.m. and played an absolutely gorgeous piece. As he finished, I asked him what he was playing so I could find it for later listening. He mentioned that it was his creation. Wow. It was amazingly lovely and I'm glad he shared it with us.

— Leslie Lewis
Microbiology and Spanish major
Senior

Weapons on campus could save lives

Texas students and professors soon may have the right to carry guns on campus.

More than half of the Texas House members have signed the bill that allows concealed weapons on Texas campuses. First introduced and shortly dismissed in 2009, politicians are fighting for the bill to pass through the House again. Texas would become the second state, after Utah, to pass this law. This is a current trend with eight other states — Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Tennessee — awaiting "campus carry" legislation to take place.

Those for the bill acknowledge "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," written in the Bill of Rights. This is not only a written constitutional debate, but one that has been noted as a self-defense issue as well.

Some citizens are wary of allowing students with permitted weapons on campus, because of dangerous incidents occurring

in the past with guns use.

Permit holders should not be seen as a threat to students and faculty.

Abby Skubitz

Argonaut

When attempting to become a permit holder, a background check is completed, involving local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Fingerprints are usually taken and submitted for inspection. Permit holders spend a lot of money on training, equipment and the permit process. They also do not go looking for confrontation.

License holders identify that they are accountable for their actions, better than any other unarmed citizen, and take the responsibility of carrying a firearm seriously. They are not willing to risk their money and freedom by misbehaving with their permitted weapon. Furthermore, it is ridiculous to believe permit holders are criminals carrying a concealed weapon under the protection of the law. Criminals will not be any more intrigued to bring their firearms to campus — they will take action regardless of the permit of

Permit holders should not be seen as a threat to students and faculty.

concealed weapons because they intend to break the law anyway.

College campuses should allow concealed weapons, merely for protection. Past events, like the Virginia Tech shooting, could have been halted if this type of protection had been permitted to students and faculty. Thirty-two innocent people were killed and 25 were injured, until the shooter ended his life. Responsible permit holders need to be utilized for protection on campus, and not discouraged for the safety they can bring other students and faculty. Although many don't like to think about it, students and faculty need to be prepared for these types of situations because they can happen to anyone, anywhere, even at the University of Idaho.

Stand by workers, stand by unions

If you're not already following Wisconsin Gov. Scott

Walker's attempts to destroy unionism in his state, here's some background — in order to balance the Wisconsin state budget, Walker has proposed getting rid of public employees' collective bargaining rights. This would effectively mean that state employees would be unable to unionize, as they would no longer be able to bargain for benefits as a group.

The immediate problem with this is getting rid of collective bargaining doesn't have anything to do with balancing the budget. The various state employees' unions of Wisconsin, most notably the teachers' union, were more than willing to give up pay and benefits where necessary to balance the budget. It's apparent that Walker wants to end unionization in Wisconsin. Something similar has happened in Idaho — Tom

Luna's education proposal would end collective bargaining

for teachers for anything other than wages and benefits. So no bargaining for class materials, class size restrictions or other essentials.

This is a serious problem. Unions provide a number of benefits to workers — even state employees. They allow workers to ensure favorable wages and benefits, and even

basic workers' rights such as breaks, standard working hours and a safe working environment. So why do people like Walker and Luna want to end the collective bargaining rights of public employees' unions?

Anti-union sentiment has been a major part of conservative American politics for more than a century. Conservatives have consistently sided with capital holders, corporate CEOs, and the top 1 percent of income-holders instead of the lower and middle classes. Being

pro-union has been a liberal-exclusive position for decades. But people on all sides of the political spectrum should support their local unions.

Most liberals already support unions, a position consistent with liberal politics: Collective action, and benefits for the lower and middle classes. But, while conservatives don't seem to realize it, it's also consistent with conservative politics. American conservatism — or at least economic conservatism — is, at its most fundamental level, about small government and individual responsibility. So are unions. The purpose of a union is to put power not in the hands of the government or business, but in the hands of the workers acting together.

If conservatives really want to provide individuals with economic liberty, they can start by supporting unions. Through collective action, unions can negotiate directly with their employers. What better way to get government out of business than by making it so the government doesn't need to step in to



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

Manners are a lost concept

The Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival consumed my life. I am not a performer, volunteer or someone who bought tickets for the concerts — I went as a journalist and spent the week working on multimedia coverage for our website. But if I had been a performer, volunteer or paying attendee, I wouldn't have been a happy camper.

It wasn't because of the performances or the organization of Jazz Fest, but because of the way the majority of the students — whether college, high school or younger — conducted themselves at the concerts. It was offensive and embarrassing. If you don't like jazz or don't want to attend in the first place, don't. If you wanted to try it, but found you weren't a fan, that's OK — just don't leave loudly in the middle of a song.

There are some common courtesies that seem lost on many people, and it has little to do with the content during the performance and more with the manners we should have been taught when growing up. If my mom had seen me act the way some people were, I would have been in some serious trouble. I would bet many of those people's parents would not have been too impressed either.

While it would be easy to continue to go on lecturing about the poor behavior, instead here are a few points for improvement in future Jazz Fest, or other semi-formal, endeavors.

Arrival/departure

Chronically late? It happens. But

when it does, be respectful. Do not enter the concert hall until the song has completed and don't bust into an event.

People will already notice you're late — there's no need to make a production about it. Bored? That's fine. Just wait to quietly — emphasis on quietly — get up and leave in-between songs. Intermission is really best, but hey, if you're at least being respectful, it will be an improvement from Saturday night.

Dance floors

Jazz music is about having fun, dancing and letting loose, which is why the dance floors on each side are a great addition. However, that does not mean people get a free pass to yell and scream while the artists are playing. The people who paid for floor seats did not sign up for the added bonus of screaming in the background of their jazz. Dance, don't yell. There's a difference.

Talking

There is a time and place to talk. The middle of a jazz concert is not the place, and in the middle of a video tribute is certainly not the time. It is rude to talk when anyone is performing or giving any kind of a presentation or speech. It is especially rude to talk when the organizers of Jazz Fest are honoring three men who had contributed a lot of their time, knowledge and skills to make Jazz Fest possible for those of us still around. Oh, and two of the three men's wives were in the audience. Have respect for the deceased and allow them to be remembered.

Attire

Clothing depends on the event. Wearing sweats and Ugg boots or a baseball hat is fine for a girls' night in or grabbing a beer to watch a game, but if the event features some pretty big name jazz artists, this is not OK. Pull out the skirts or slacks, nice shirts and black shoes because the evening is intended to be classy. The performers and volunteers don't put in the amount of time and energy they do to put on a half-assed performance, so don't dress like it.

Walking space

Walking can be difficult at times — there is no judgment toward those lacking grace — but there's a difference between being a klutz and just not paying attention. Watch where you're going and don't walk on peoples belongings. There are only so many places people can place their personal items at a concert and it is courteous to be aware of the tight space.

Also — and this one is more of a personal pet peeve, but just as valid — do not walk in front of people who have cameras. There is a reason they set up with enough walking space behind them — it's so you can walk behind them and not mess up the shot. The press is intentionally designated to a certain area and restrictions so they do not interrupt the experience of the concert, so do them the same respect and don't interrupt their coverage. Not everyone is able to attend the concerts, so really it is out of respect for those experiencing Jazz Fest through media coverage as well.

No appreciation for veterans

Former Army Staff Sgt. Anthony Meschek spoke at Columbia University Feb. 15 about bringing a Reserve Officer Training Corps program back to the school. Columbia University has not allowed the military to have any ROTC programs on campus since 1969.

There have been several attempts in recent history to persuade the school and the student body to allow ROTC programs, but the town hall meeting about the issue was the most hard-hitting, as Meschek is a Purple Heart recipient for injuries sustained during his service in Iraq.

Although the audience was mostly supportive of the meeting, Meschek was booed and heckled by several Columbia students who opposed the idea of bringing back an ROTC program. Meschek was even called a racist by some audience members. At one point, the moderator of the forum had to insist the audience refrain from further heckling, as the environment was to remain one where people are not threatened.

Meschek, being a former Staff Sgt. and a combat veteran, can handle the taunts of a few anti-military activists. It is unthinkable to see this kind of behavior in this day and age when military service members are held in such high regards across the country.

The ban on ROTC programs at Columbia University was a result of the Vietnam War, when anyone associated with the military was extremely unpopular. Since then, the

U.S. has undergone tremendous changes, and service members now are in almost as high of regard as those who served during World War II.

The people who protested at Columbia University during Meschek's speech are the same kind of people who would spit on service members at airports and call them baby killers during the Vietnam War. They see someone

serving their country as an easy target rather than a symbol of their freedom. They are quick to forget that it is because of these men and women they are allowed to express their radical and offensive comments in the first place.

Despite the negative image, Columbia University does pride itself on being a military-friendly school, despite the still-current ban on ROTC programs. According to the Huffington Post, veterans who attend school are almost a protected group. The university has a fully functioning Veteran's Affairs office, and supports the Yellow Ribbon Program that allows veterans to attend school for free.

Being an ROTC graduate of the University of Idaho and having served two tours in Iraq does make me biased on the issue, which I cannot deny. Had I encountered a situation as Staff Sgt. Meschek did I would hope to compose myself as professionally as he did. There are always going to be people in the world who oppose a view, no matter the view. They should just remember that it is people like Meschek who allow them their freedom in the first place.



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Students encourage stereotypes

I have always tried to defend college students against the stereotypes we face. But after Friday night's concert at the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, my faith in students has been diminished.

We have always been portrayed as a group that lacks respect, maturity and self-control. There are many instances in which it could be argued college students break these stereotypes, but during The Manhattan Transfer's performance, every stereotype was emulated.

If you were fortunate enough to attend this concert, or any of the other performances offered, then you know

how amazing the experience is. Jazz Fest brings in outstanding artists to perform for the students and community, so common courtesy is something that should be a given. However, those in attendance Friday night were loud, obnoxious and engaging. I do not see the point of going to something — such as a jazz concert starring award winning artists — if your agenda consists of talking loudly throughout every piece boasting about how much you drank before the performance or how you wished you drank more.

I have always thought that stereotypes had to come from somewhere, but in this case I was hoping college

students, especially at UI, would be able to contain themselves and show respect to those performing and maintain some level of maturity. As the jazz festival brings in students as young as elementary age, some immaturity is to be expected, but not from UI students. We are supposed to set the example, but when some spend 15 minutes discussing how ugly a performer's outfit is rather than listening to the music, the example for younger students is lacking and they see they can act inappropriately as well.

This may be a free country, and students can act however they please. But in doing so, they are encouraging the stereotypes that should be broken, and wasting an incredible opportunity that may only occur once in a lifetime.

ASUI Letter Writing Campaign

Associated Students University of Idaho

Hello, my name is Stephen Parrott. I am your ASUI President. This year, higher education in Idaho is facing a possible 5.3 percent cut for 2012's budget. This is due to the state's budgetary shortfall of about \$90 million.

This cut could mean that the University of Idaho will have lost around a third of its state funding in the last three years alone. This could mean a tuition increase of several hundred dollars on top of what you are already paying for your public education, a potential financial burden to you and your families.

It is important to remember that there is no way to avoid cuts to higher education funding. The university is prepared to do its part to help balance the states budget, but the full weight of the state's financial crisis should not be placed on the backs of students.

According to a study done by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc., altogether, the average annual added income due to the activities of the University of Idaho and its alumni is nearly \$1 billion. This is equal to nearly 25,000 average-wage jobs, or a 9-to-1 return to Idaho's economy. For more specific information, please visit www.uidaho.edu/economic-impact/.

There are several creative ways in which the legislature could increase revenue. Right now Idaho taxes tobacco users \$0.57 per pack, while other neighboring states like Utah charges more than three times that at \$1.70 per pack and Washington charges more than \$3 per pack. Idaho legislators are considering a tobacco tax increase of \$1.25 and if passed, such a tax would raise an additional \$42 million in revenue a year. This is just one alternative source of income, with so many other possibilities.

You can join the fight for higher education in Idaho. As a student at the University of Idaho, you are entitled to have your opinion heard by your district's legislative representatives and senator. To find out who represents you and your home district, please visit www.legislature.idaho.gov and click the "Who's My Legislator" button. You can search for your district by entering your parent's address.

Call or e-mail your representatives and tell them that as a constituent of their district, you understand cuts will be made, but a 5.3 percent cut is too much.

Your ASUI representatives will have a table for you to sign a letter to your legislator in the Idaho Commons on March 2nd and 9th. A prewritten letter will outline the negative effects of a cut to the higher education budget. Once you have signed the letter, ASUI will send it to your respective representative.

So please, take the time to stop by and help protect the future of your education. It will only take a few seconds and your time could end up saving you hundreds of dollars.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact ASUI directly at 208-885-6331. Thank you for your time and efforts.

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