

Gun bill failed

Students not surprised

Kayla Herrmann
 Argonaut

After weeks of debate and controversy regarding weapons on campus, Idaho Senate rejected the bill, which left ASUI and many students across Idaho content.

ASUI President Stephen Parrott said he is relieved the bill failed because of ASUI's opposition to it.

The bill passed through the Idaho House last week, which would have allowed for people with concealed weapon permits to carry their guns everywhere on campus with the exception of undergrad student dorms.

When the bill reached the state Senate, it failed in a 6-3 vote.

Justin Elliot, a UI junior studying exercise science and health, said he wasn't surprised the bill didn't pass.

"I was kind of for this bill because I felt that people would be able to defend them-

selves easier. However, I did see that some students would feel uncomfortable going to school where people can carry guns everywhere," Elliot said. "Overall I figured this bill would fail and I wasn't surprised."

Elliot said he believes no one should feel uncomfortable enough on this campus to feel the need to carry a gun.

Boise State University student Gavin Whitney said he is conservative when it comes to Second Amendment rights.

"I just thought that by proposing this bill in the first place was a political statement rather than an attempt to keep everyone safe," Whitney said. "I think that it's kind of silly and that the bill was never necessary. I don't see why anyone would need to tote a gun on campus. Boise is a very safe place and we have of-

ficers on foot, bike and motorized vehicles constantly patrolling campus."

ASUI didn't take a stance on whether they believed there should or shouldn't be guns on campus, and now plan to put out a survey to see how students feel, Parrott said.

"This is a great opportunity for ASUI to move forward and put together a survey about a variety of different questions concerning concealed weapons and having guns on campus," Parrott said. "We can really point to this data and have a better understanding."

As of right now Idaho legislature allows for university and col-

lege presidents to be able to prohibit firearms on campus, and allows for the State Board

of Education to approve what each individual university submits through them, Parrott said.

ASUI lobbyist Joe Black said he has made his cell phone number available on the ASUI Facebook page for students who want to talk about the failed bill.

"We try and work with students about various issues, and those interested in the gun bill are a small localized special interest group within the university," Black said. "They are an overwhelming minority and don't

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Campus safety is unanimous

ASUI, Dean of Students against Idaho House Bill 222

Molly Spencer
 Argonaut

Dan Eveleth, University of Idaho's faculty senate chairman, said House Bill 222 about carrying guns on campus, has no real empirical evidence one way or another to prove points, but what everyone can agree on is safety.

The bill passed to the Idaho Senate, and was killed in a 6-3 vote.

"It's not a 'for or against firearms,' it's about the one size fits all policy, or customized to fit the unique characteristics. We passed a motion unanimously saying, we move in opposition of the bill, in support of local decision making," Eveleth said. "The university has come out against it, ASUI has come out against it, the senate of

course, and the Dean of Students has come out against it."

Eveleth said there are plenty of places firearms are restricted — court houses, federal buildings, airports, but there are also places where it's free to carry a firearm, such as downtown Moscow.

"Currently in the state of Idaho for authority to (put) restrictions on college campuses and university campuses lies with our state board," he said. "They have the authority to decide what kind of restrictions and they've chosen over the years to delegate that authority to each university."

The colleges in this area, by law, don't have the authority to make the decision, it comes from the state board, Eveleth said.

"Moscow is different than

Boise, is different from Pocatello, is different from Coeur d' Alene. NIC's campus is small, ours is large and residential, BSU is urban," he said. "So in any case, the authority and the law currently are with the state board. So this is proposing to remove that authority and move it back to the state."

ASUI President Stephen Parrott said he decided to come out and say ASUI opposes the bill because they felt it would impede on the students' rights and ability to express opinion on the bill. Parrott said he had been asked what students thought about the bill and their reactions to it.

"So far, this is why we didn't

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 A UI student holds a fake model M-16 rifle near the "I" Tower Monday afternoon. House Bill 222 passed through the House but did not pass the Senate by a vote of 6-3.

DANCING BOLLYWOOD STYLE



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Dancers perform a Bollywood scene Sunday night in the Student Union Building ballroom for India Night.

More than just letters and cards

Written words help Andréé Maxwell in her recovery

Joanna Wilson
 Argonaut

It was thoughts of kindness expressed through the cards sent to Andréé Maxwell that her mother said helped the most.

"The cards, the letters, all the Valentines everyone made — they were incredibly helpful in her recovery," Laura Aughenbaugh said. "We would go through the cards — something to do with her that let her know everyone was thinking of her."

During Maxwell's stay at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, she could recognize names, Aughenbaugh said.

"It let us know she knew — yes, she recognizes these people," Aughenbaugh said. "They made her spirits high. And then she wouldn't remember (the cards) so we could use them over again. Those little kindnesses she was incredibly helpful."

Maxwell said she does not remember her stay in Sacred Heart, or the first half of her time at St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute. Nor does she remember the Feb. 13 accident in which her best friend and Kappa Delta sister, Michelle Bonasera, died.

But she does know that she wasn't supposed to survive, and certainly not

supposed to be home in Boise in less than six weeks, she said

"The whole thing, the way it happened," Maxwell said. "When the car rolled, I got thrown out, they think it rolled over me. They don't know how I survived."

Maxwell was taken to Gritman Medical Center, then life-flighted to Sacred Heart for brain surgery on the right side. She also had a lacerated kidney and numerous broken bones.

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'Blueberry muffin'

UI senior recovers from brain tumor

Dara Barney
 Argonaut

When 24-year-old University of Idaho "once again" senior Michael McManus had a tingling in his left arm, his (then) girlfriend, UI senior Holly Tillman, pushed him to see a doctor.

"I will be forever thankful to her," he said.

Originally doctors told him he had a shoulder injury, but therapy didn't help, McManus said. He had to go through a

series of tests he described as, "terrible," including a nerve-conduction study where electricity was sent through his body to find any sort of blockages. After the tests proved inconclusive, a lower cervical MRI was performed, and McManus said a miracle occurred. His MRI technician decided to get a whole picture of the cervical area,

as they usually do, which McManus said he is thankful for.

The night of his first shift of the year as a resident firefighter/EMT with the Moscow Fire Department, McManus said he got a phone call pushing him to come in as soon as possible.

"With Holly by my side the doctor didn't sugarcoat much and said 'You have a brain tumor.' I about passed out. I asked to see the MRI and the tumor was easily seen," he said.

McManus was sent to University of Washington Harborview Medical Center, which specializes in basal skull, mini-

mally invasive surgeries by a Lewiston brain surgeon because the tumor was in such a "high-real estate area," which was the next miracle, McManus said.

"Dr. Manuel Ferriera was to be my surgeon. My mom likes to say he is our 'angel on Earth.' He is one of only a handful of doctors on Earth that could have done the surgery. I met with him on a Tuesday for the first time with my mom, dad, Holly and her mom by my side," he said.

The surgeon believed McManus had a hemangioblastoma, usually known as von Hippel-Lindau disease, McManus said.

"In short, a condition where the patient has a genetic mutation that allows the growth of chronic benign tumors throughout the body, most commonly in the brain, eyes, spinal cord and organs," he said.

Surrounded by family and friends, McManus under-

went a 14-hour surgery completed by a group of doctors, and woke up intubated.

"They removed the top half of my first vertebrae as well as a section of my skull with some titanium mesh," he said.

McManus said after he was set for discharge Sept. 20, 2010, the same day as his birthday, he there was leaking from the 45 staples in his head.

"I don't remember much of the next few days but I contracted a severe and very lethal

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Michael McManus
 UI senior



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with Matt Cook
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With Nigel Davey
Wednesday, March 30
11:30 - 12:30 pm, Aurora Room
4th Floor Idaho Commons

Student Achievement Awards

All nominees will be recognized at a reception on Thursday, April 7
In the Clearwater/Whitewater Rooms of the Idaho Commons 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Student Achievement Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Administration Auditorium

Activities Board

Recognized Student Organizations opportunity to be reimbursed up to \$2,000.00
Spring Semester Funding Training Meeting Dates
The organization's treasurer/financial officer must attend this meeting before the club is able to apply for reimbursement and attend a hearing.
Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*
Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Crest*

Spring Semester Funding Hearing Dates
The sign up sheet will be placed outside the room at 4:00 p.m. (clubs sign up for 7-minute slots beginning at 5:30pm)
Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*
Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. - Crest*
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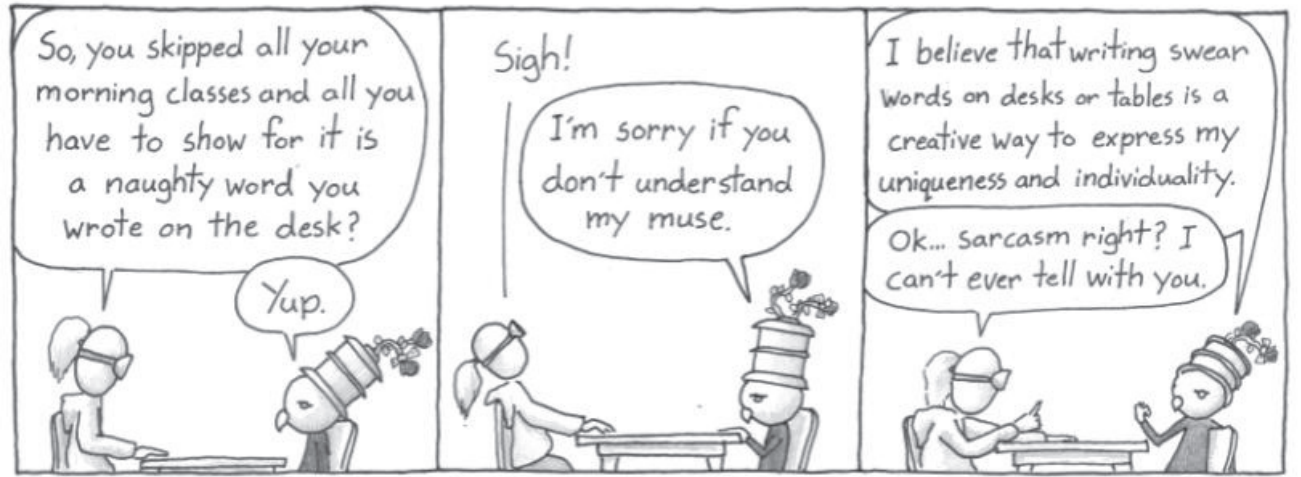
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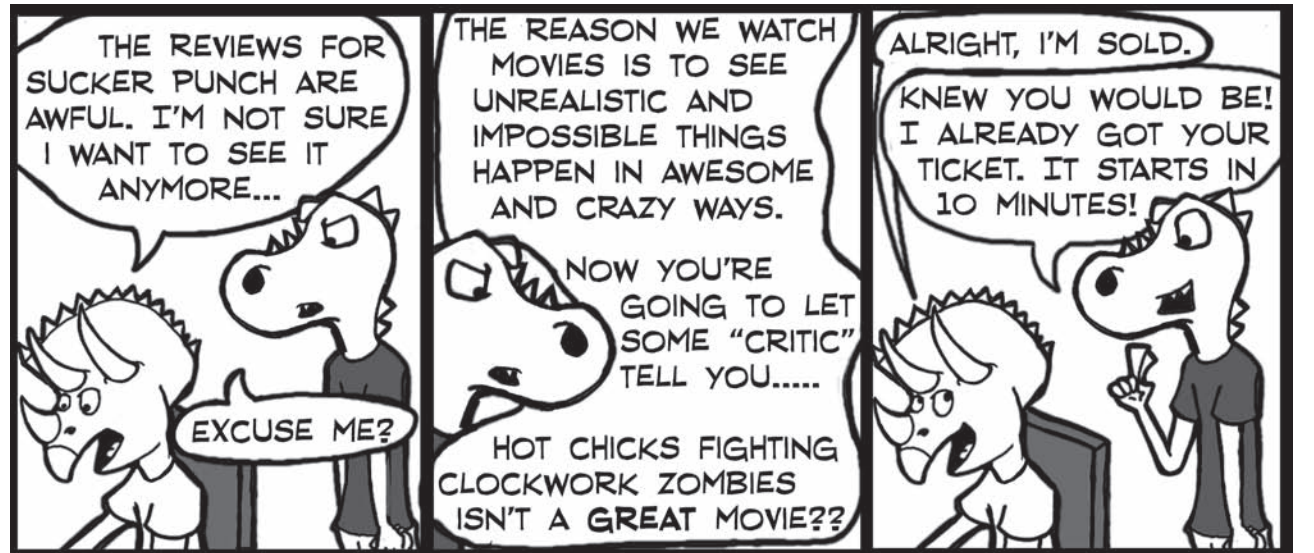
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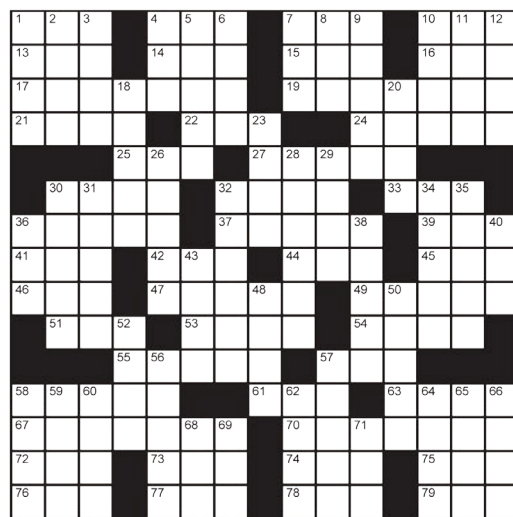
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- 14 Honest one
- 15 Hail, to Caesar
- 16 Bagel topper
- 17 Small bag
- 19 Crêpe
- 21 "Scram!"
- 22 Cigar residue
- 24 Haven
- 25 URL ender
- 27 Smells
- 30 Whip
- 32 Exposed
- 33 Harbor posting
- 36 Companion of Artemis
- 37 Decrees
- 39 Dated
- 41 Roll of bills
- 42 Grimm character
- 44 Decompose
- 45 Female rabbit
- 46 Car nut
- 47 Kind of spray
- 49 Lock horns
- 51 Easy chair site
- 53 Exceedingly
- 54 Marsh growth
- 55 Quartz variety
- 57 ___ judicata
- 58 Hiker's path
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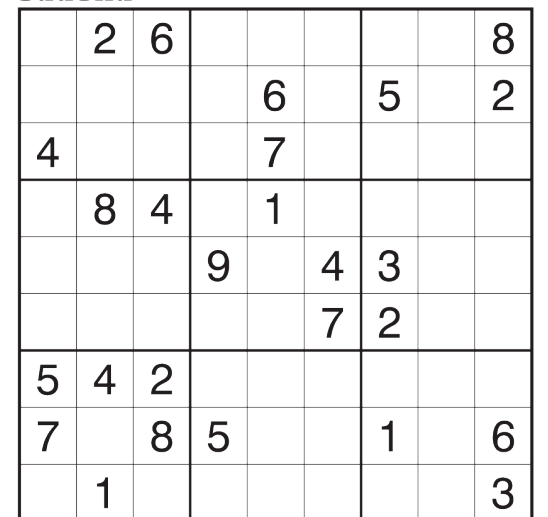
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- 29 Savvy about
- 30 Deception
- 31 Pigeon's perch
- 32 Printer type
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- 35 Vocally
- 36 Mouse catcher
- 38 Rubberneck
- 40 Irish Sea feeder
- 43 Kind of lamp
- 48 Atlas stat
- 50 Pine product
- 52 Hammer's target
- 56 Twinkle
- 57 Invoice word
- 58 Not us
- 59 Indian princess
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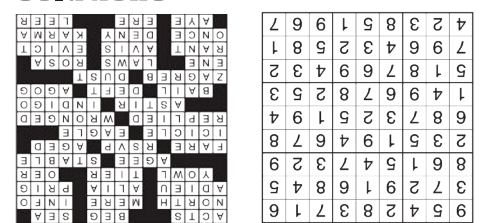
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- 7 Breach
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- 9 Pavarotti, e.g.
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Money Trail

Critics question Luna's connections

Dylan Brown
Argonaut

Some \$72,581 in campaign donations from private educational technology companies has landed Superintendent of Public Schools Tom Luna in hot water with education reform critics.

The Idaho Statesman reported the money came from company employees, family of employees and the companies themselves, as questions were raised about the influence of private companies on "Students Come First," which outlines future online course requirements and incorporation of more classroom technology. "When you follow the money on all this, you see the continuance," Idaho Education President Sherri Wood said.

A vocal critic of the Luna plan, Wood said she sees Luna paying back his corporate donors with his continuing call for introducing online course requirements and more technology into K-12 education despite an imminent budget shortfall predicted at around \$62 million.

"Why is technology so important when we can barely support our public schools?" Wood said.

Idaho Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said technology is vital for preparing students for the future and denied any sort of payback to private education companies.

"They have not had any influence on this legislation," McGrath said.

The newly reworked version of SB 1113, now 1184, still requires districts to begin incorporating technology into classrooms, but by localizing control within each district, McGrath said the Department of Education cannot dictate which companies schools use, nullifying Luna's ties to private corporations.

The \$1.5 million cut to the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, an Idaho-based company, has also drawn the ire of critics. Critics like Morgan Hill, manager of the Committee to Recall Tom Luna, have said the \$37,331 from out-of-state campaign donors is putting the priorities of powerful national companies ahead of local ones.

For-profit education companies have also donated to dozens of other public officials in the state, including "Students Come First" co-sponsor Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, Joint Finance-Appropriations chairman John Goedde and House Education chairman Bob Nonini.

The IEA donated \$40,000 to

legislative campaigns in 2012.

Businesses that have come out in favor of the Luna plan have also been met with criticism because of connections to private education companies, most notably the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The Albertson Foundation, which has published full-page newspaper spreads supporting the Luna plan, has contributed around \$400 million to Idaho's education system and is part of the Education Alliance of Idaho along with the IEA.

Albertson Foundation CEO Thomas Wilford, a former board member at educational technology company K12 Inc., is also the president of Albertson heir Joe Scott's Alscott Investments, a major stakeholder in K12. K12 donated \$25,000 to Luna's campaign just for independent advertisements.

McGrath dismissed the connections, citing again the new localized control letting districts choose. Businesses like Albertsons, McGrath said, have been integrally involved in creating the direction of education reform in Idaho and will continue to be at the table. Education and the economy are just too intertwined, McGrath said.

SB 1184 approved by Senate

The final installment of Superintendent Tom Luna's sweeping reform of Idaho's education system, "Students Come First," looks set to join the first two as Idaho law with its passage in the Idaho Senate.

The Republican controlled House has always, according to Moscow Republican and plan critic Tom Trail, been supportive of "Students Come First."

Gov. Otter, a co-sponsor of the legislation, will likely sign the bills, despite the referendum effort on the first two bills and a recall campaign of Superintendent Luna, leaving the decision to local districts to make teaching cuts or raise levy rates to find the missing funds.

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statute the funding formula for technology, and it takes it from salary-based apportionment," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "And I don't support that."

Advocates see added flexibility for local districts, giving them the control to make the decisions best in individual situations. Opponents see a localized choice to cut contract days, cut teacher salaries or cut teaching positions, increasing class sizes.

"I don't see that it gives the districts any more flexibility. It promotes the same priorities Superintendent Luna has always had," Boise School Board head AJ Balukoff said. "It's going to have the same net effect as before."

The state's largest districts, Boise and Meridian, have opposed the measure along with the Idaho Education Association, Idaho School Boards Association, Idaho Parent Teacher Association, and Idaho's administrators.

This comes despite possible "consequences" for publically opposing the bill.

In an email from ISBA Executive Director Karen Echeverria, she warned districts. "There are many legislators and others who are supportive of the bill. While we are not trying to change your opinion of the bill or discourage you from taking any action you feel is necessary, we want you to know that we have been warned that school districts will face some consequences should we work to kill this bill."

While Echeverria would not call it a threat or reveal her sources, but opposition districts could prospectively lose funding, flexibility, or be consolidated. A district's funds retained under the loosening of "use it or lose it clause," in which the money given to the district for teachers remains the same even if they are forced to cut a position to reallocate funds, could also be jeopardized by public criticism of SB 1184.

Superintendent Luna denied coercing support for his reform package.

"If there's pressure and threats, it's definitely not coming from us," he said.

With further budget cuts looming, proponents see change as the only option.

"We have to adapt. We have to change. Our economy demands it and our students deserve it," Senate Education Committee chair John Goedde, R-Coeur d'Alene, said.



Zach Edwards | Argonaut
Assistant Professor in the Virtual Technology and Design department, John Anderson (right) listens to student presentations during a class period Monday.

The economic flow of Moscow

Kristen Whitney
Argonaut

Students in the virtual technology and design junior studio class are working to display elements of Moscow the average citizen never puts much thought into.

Elements the town needs to function, such as sewage, cell phone reception and transportation are being mapped and tracked by VTD students. The project will teach them how to collect data and display it in an easy to follow manner.

University of Idaho VTD lecturer Kelly Anderson said this learning experience is important for students because it helps them focus on aspects of Moscow that are often overlooked.

"I want them to take away a better understanding for the city of Moscow," Anderson said. "A better understanding of the systems and of doing their own research, and of actually trying to impress upon other people what they have found."

Although the project is for learning purposes, Anderson said he would love for the city of Moscow to find a use for the project later on and Mayor Nancy Chaney has displayed enthusiasm for the project.

Anderson said students in the class have been placed into various groups that focus on different aspects of land, city and business development.

"They're each unique in the information that they are looking at and they're all holistic ... If there's a component that I think is the neatest about it - it's that they all split off and did their own projects, but that ultimately the end product will be one sort of collective way of looking at the city," Anderson said.

Dan Wilkinson, junior, is focusing on UI demographics, such as how many students attend, what fields they are majoring in and graduation rates.

Wilkinson said he hopes to address other topics, including what factors play into graduation rates and why students change their majors.

"I'm still trying to decide how I ultimately want to display that but... we want to show the general cycling of students through the university," Wilkinson said.

Junior Jasper Dodson is working on mapping out radio waves in town, measure how far they reach, which ones come from in town and elsewhere.

Dodson said the goal of the project is to determine ways Moscow is autonomous versus what it is dependent on from the outside world.

Dodson's section of the project breaks down the locations of radio stations in the Moscow area and maps how far radio waves reach. Data such as this could be used to measure spots that lack reception or where new stations should go.

"We need to find data along those lines and represent it visually," Dodson said. "We need to approach Moscow as if it's a living breathing system and find ways to show things that aren't so apparent on the surface."

Using a program called The Brain, VTD students are able to draw a map to show how things in Moscow are interrelated.

"My favorite part about the project is the encouragement to get out and understand where you live, because it's kind of amazing how many students never get a feel for Moscow," Dodson said.

He said he enjoys working on a project with like-minded students.

"They're all nerds like me. They all really dig space, like the feel and scale of things, how tall and wide a doorway is," Dodson said. "We pay attention to the details of a room ... and we're thinking about it and how to replicate it in our designs."

Cookies, wheelbarrows and CALS Olympics offer competition

Matt Maw
Argonaut

Katie Robertson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Olympics 2011 chair, said it's never dull to watch contestants swallow excessive amounts of milk and cookies.

"All the events were really fun, I thought," she said.

The CALS Olympics was sponsored by the Academic Programs Office and held Saturday. It featured an array of competitions including a three-legged race, throwing "cow pies," chugging milk, bucking hay bales and more. Teams of four were required to include at least two members from CALS student organizations.

Represented organizations, Robertson said, were Block and Bridle, Student Idaho Cattle Association, Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha Greek communities, Collegiate FFA and others. She said the event helps students in the college get to know people in different clubs and have some fun before schedules get busy again. She said it also helps develop team-building, strategic and organizational skills, and it fosters a friendly and supporting environment.

CALS Assistant Director of Retention Katie Strittmatter said the event had good attendance and everyone enjoyed it. She said it benefits students in professional and social networking for the future, as they exchange phone numbers, interact and establish alliances.

"They're all going to eventually be in a related field, so they should get involved with each other," she said.

Michelle Gustafson, senior, said this was her first time as a participant and the event was fun and she regretted being unable to get involved after graduation. There were only four teams, and she

said she would have liked more participation despite the numerous spectators. Her favorite event was the swing dance competition, a new addition to the Olympics. She won second place and was invited with the first and third teams to attend the CALS Banquet April 25 as part of the entertainment.

"It was pretty exciting," Gustafson said. "There weren't very many people, but (it's great to) get people out there who aren't afraid to swing dance."

Collegiate FFA member Don Curry said he was active in all the games, but his favorite involved chugging milk with a mouth full of Oreos and "wheelbarrowing" to the finish line. He said the hardest part was eating the four required cookies.

This was his second year with the event and though the turnout was better last year, its most important people got involved and had fun. He said CALS has a good environment of agriculture students with similar backgrounds, and it's nice to interact with each other.

The college has a noteworthy reputation for leadership and good agricultural study and practice, he said, and the focus of the college should entail a balance of academic diligence, fun fellowship and compassionate morality. The Olympics helps cultivate this attitude, he said, and the students involved with the event represented the best in CALS. These people are the leaders of their clubs, and are passionate about agriculture, he said.

"It's a good time to build (friendships), meet old acquaintances and catch up on years passed," Curry said. "I know several people in there right now who would give me a helping hand whenever I needed it."

Strittmatter said the event is a significant recruitment tool, and four Vandal Friday prospective students attended.

Robertson said it would be helpful to get more prospective students next year, so they can see how much fun the college, its student clubs and the university at large can be.

"We appreciate everybody (who contributed), the faculty who supported and judged ... (the) students who participated ... and took leadership roles," Strittmatter said. "I think it went off really well."

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really take a stance on the gun rights portion of the bill and come out support guns on campus or not," Parrott said. "Because truly we don't have good judgments of the way students feel."

ASUI plans to put together a survey, available for every student to take part in, for ASUI to hear the opinions of students. Parrott said both sides have decent arguments.

"I think the people that are in favor of having guns — evidence shows that people who have a

concealed weapon permit are very educated. But then there's also concerns on the other end, students are concerned that they wouldn't feel comfortable if there was somebody with a gun in a holster sitting right next to them in class, Parrott said. "They feel like that" would affect their ability to be educated and to learn in the class. So those are valuable arguments we need to take into consideration."

Parrott said ASUI is glad the bill failed.

"We want to make sure and get a very good polling of the students on how they feel with a lot of issues related to guns on campus," he said.

SURPRISED

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represent the majority. We try and exercise discretion. I am willing to work and talk with anyone. I have only received six to 10 phone calls from students currently, and that is from all of

the student body."

Associated Students of BSU were unavailable to speak about this issue because of the university's scheduled spring break.

Associated Students of Idaho State University were unable to comment before this article was published.

LETTERS

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"I was supposed to die twice," Maxwell said.

When Cody Earl, a University of Idaho sophomore and close friend to Maxwell, visited her in the hospital a day after the accident, he said she did not look like herself.

"She had a ventilator — you just couldn't tell it was Andreé," Earl said. "I was there for four days. She wasn't in a coma, but she couldn't open her eyes. She wasn't really there."

When Earl returned after another four days, she was sitting up and awake.

"She went from them telling us she was going to die to sitting in a chair," Earl said.

The physical recovery of her body is not all Maxwell has had to cope with during the last few weeks.

"It's been really hard," Maxwell said. "Michelle and I were like glue. She was my best friend of all time."

Maxwell said she talks to Bonasera throughout the day as if her friend is still with her.

"This might sound kind of strange, but I think of Michelle as my guardian princess that is helping me do so well. ... I also just know she's in a better place."

Maxwell is now in outpatient therapy, which her family is able

to afford through the UI fundraising, she said.

"I want (the university) to know much I appreciate the support from the whole campus," Maxwell said. "How thankful I really am to the campus — not just Greek life — the way everyone pitched in."

Earl said Maxwell was visibly moved when he showed her pictures of the tables in the Idaho Commons.

"She showed the most emotion I've seen from her in all that time," he said.

Maxwell is working with a physical therapist, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist.

"What I hadn't realized is that speech therapy is more about memory," Maxwell said "It's about the brain. To make sure my memory is working. They told my mother I would have either short-term or long-term memory loss, which I don't. I will have an occupational therapist to make sure I can come back to school in the fall, and to tell me when I will be able to drive."

Maxwell said she intends to visit UI soon, but fears she will miss Bonasera most in Moscow.

"I feel like its going to be really hard," she said, "going back in the fall."

Earl said Maxwell worries the rest of the university will move on and forget about her friend.

"Just keep thinking about her and about Michelle," he said.

TUMOR

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strain of bacterial meningitis. They gave me a cocktail of antibiotics to kill whatever it was while they found out what strain the virus was," he said. "I underwent another surgery where they removed the mesh with the piece of my skull and cleaned the whole wound out. They also put in a lumbar drain to relieve pressure in my spinal column and brain."

Back on the recovery floor, McManus underwent intense therapy, learning how to retain basic motor skills and endurance.

After 45 days in the hospital, 100 shots in his stomach, seven spinal taps, eight or more MRIs, a few x-rays, a sonogram "and a partridge in a pear tree," he said he looked like a "blueberry muffin."

After multiple tests, the next miracle came when there was no evidence of any more tumors. McManus returned home to California to undergo more intensive therapy and antibiotics through an IV.

"I left the hospital with a walking crutch and little-to-no strength, but in high spirits. I now am off all but one medication, but working on coming off that too," McManus said. "I have stopped therapy due to funding, but I am now working with an awesome personal trainer at a local gym here in Temecula called P4L."

After overwhelming support from family and friends, McManus said he is very thankful.

"Some members of the residency program set up a memorial-type fund for me where money from members from the community, the fire department, the residency program and the university's department of natural resources all donated money. With this money I have helped pay for rehab and now training," he said.

Money wasn't the only means

of support.

"The support has come from friends, family, strangers, and some of the biggest thanks are owed to Nancy and Jamie Williams, whose daughter Kelsey Williams is a student at UI. The entire time I was in Seattle in the hospital they opened their home to my family and friends, even though I had met them but only one time previously," he said. "This saved my family and myself time, money and most of all stress during an already difficult time."

Tillman also played a huge part in helping McManus through the whole process, he said. "Through the whole process I have also gained a much stronger walk in my faith and a huge appreciation for everyday that I am given," McManus said.

He said he went from being a planner to being more patient in life.

"Going through an experience like that with someone is life-changing. You definitely find out who your friends are. I am so thankful for my family. They have been there through everything. And I wouldn't be who I am without going through this crazy, traumatic experience" Tillman said. "I am happy Mike has gotten so far. I know he will do great out here too. I wish him luck getting physically and emotionally back to where he was before the tumor."

McManus plans to return to UI in the fall and finish his wildland firefighter degree.

"I have resigned from the fire department, but have the ultimate goal of one day returning to the greatest job in the world. The doctors still give me a 100 percent recovery, but nerves heal slowly and I will not know where my full recovery level is for up to two years," he said.

As for after graduation, he said like many other seniors, he doesn't know what the future will entail, but graduate school is a potential plan.

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Mountain biking a growing sport for women

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

Bikes have the ability to tie people together. They are what one family has in common with another, whether they know each other or not, and bikes should not have gender specificity.

This is the outlook T. Jay Clevenger, owner of Paradise Creek Bicycles, has about the lifestyle and competition of cycling. Clevenger said biking takes two forms: Racing and riding, or the sport and lifestyle.

The percentage of males and females who participate in lifestyle cycling is about 50/50, but the

sport of mountain biking is about 80 percent males. Clevenger said almost all people who own bikes will never race them, and the majority of people will use bikes solely for commuting purposes, or to visit a mountain once or twice.

Despite the fact that the majority of mountain bikers are male, there are still women who choose to both race and ride for fun. Rachael Molsee, a mountain biker from Elk River, Idaho, has been biking since she was 19-years-old, and at age 30 continues to do it recreationally. She said her brother is the reason she became interested in the sport, and it stuck with her

even after he quit.

"It's what I love ... it fills your soul, so it's more just I am out there to have fun," Molsee said.

The sport

Clevenger said more women ride uphill on trails than participate in the extreme downhill riding, but there are still those out there who enjoy the speed of downhill biking. Clevenger said there is a period between the end of high school and end of college that women really "spread their wings" and want to try the speed-driven downhill cycling, and in the process also develop what can become a lifetime

sport. Molsee said bikers can't have one without the other, though.

"I always say that your downhill is not sweet unless you can climb. In the sense that downhill is good, but if you don't work for your downhill, it's just when you work for your downhill it makes it that much sweeter," Molsee said. "So if you put a good, hard climb in, your downhill is just beautiful."

Clevenger said women after the age of 25 tend to transition from the competitive aspect of mountain biking to the more lifestyle aspect. For Molsee, however, this was not the case. She said she did not start racing and riding competitively un-

til after her 20s because she wanted to focus on school, but now that she has almost completed her dual major in biology and secondary education from the University of Idaho, she has more time to focus on racing and other more extreme activities. Molsee said even though she is not the best at big jumps and tricks, she finds herself in the middle-range compared to other women, and enjoys the challenges of pushing herself to be better.

"There's a point in this that you either commit or you don't, and I commitment means maybe haven't

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Position Battle

Vandal linebackers

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

With spring football underway, the competition to earn a starting spot is on for every position, and competition for the Vandals' linebacking corps is no exception.

The only returning starting linebacker is senior Robert Siavii, but this year's crop of linebackers brings a lot of experience to the table with seven seniors on roster. Linebacker coach Rob Christoff said he wants to translate that into depth for the 2011 season.

"We want to get to a point where we feel comfortable putting six guys on the field and there's not much drop-off," Christoff said.

All three linebacker positions have plenty of competition entering spring ball. Siavii is out to defend his weak side position, but will face stiff competition from Korey Toomer. Siavii said the competition is intense and no one has a guaranteed spot.

"It's hard," Siavii said. "I got behind me Korey Toomer, he's awesome, he's a great

athlete. If he keeps working his butt off he might take my spot so my spot isn't permanent, everyone else's on the team isn't permanent. There's a lot of competition at stake, not just for our linebacking corps but for everyone on the team."

The most intense battle in the linebacking corps is for the strong-side position. Junior Conrad Scheidt and senior Homer Mauga split time last season, and once again they're battling each other for the starting role.

"Homer and Conrad have been an ongoing battle since last year and will continue to be through spring ball to find out who's going to be the starter, but they're both going to play a bunch," Christoff said.

Christoff said it's a hard battle between Scheidt and Mauga because they bring similar qualities to the field, but more importantly, the competition pushes them to another level.

"They're both real similar players," Christoff said. "Both those guys have really similar skill sets. They're both physical, they're both



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut

Vandal linebacker Rob Siavii participates in defensive drills on the Sprinturf in fall 2010. Siavii is the only returning starting linebacker for the 2011-12 season. The position of linebacker on the new Vandal squad will be one of the tightest position battles during spring practice.

athletic — it's healthy competition. I think both those guys feed off each other and make each other better."

The third battle is for the middle linebacker position, between seniors Tre'Shawn Robinson and Tyler Brooks. Robinson started the last six games of last season after Jojo Dickson's season-ending injury. Christoff said he's focusing on eliminating men-

tal errors this spring, and the guys who can do that will be the ones who earn the job.

"The guys who can come out of the scrimmage if they both play equally, for the most part athletically, with the least mental errors is probably the guy in the end who's going to win the job," Christoff said.

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Vandal Fitness Challenge

Coping with being on a diet during break

Students often take trips during breaks, especially spring break. I ventured to Seattle with my boyfriend for spring break, and with all the dining out and snacks along the way, it can quickly derail or even reverse progress you've made in the course of several weeks. While I didn't lose more weight on break, I also didn't gain any, thanks to a few steps taken to ensure minimal damage.

If traveling to a big city, do everything possible to take public transportation and walk to every destination. In total, we probably walked 10 miles in two days, and I could feel it in my calves for the next three or four. We walked to the bus station about half a mile away in the mornings, then around the city using a map and cell phones. Everything was fairly easy to find and we didn't have to deal with traffic, making it easier to enjoy the scenery while burning calories at the same time. It also saved us money on gas.

When eating out, try to steer clear of fast food joints just because it's on-the-go. If absolutely necessary, order junior-size items and get fruit instead of fries. Chances are you'll still feel just as full and cut out hundreds of calories.

While it's probably not plausible to find a gym on break that you'll be able to use, an evening walk is always a good option. If not as much walking can be done during the day and you're in a fairly safe city, walk around town in the evening and enjoy the nightlife. Do some sit-ups and crunches before bed, or a few yoga positions. Even 15 minutes of yoga can burn 50 calories, which could make all the difference in staying under a calorie goal.



Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Going home during spring break can be more difficult, especially if all Mom or Dad wants to do is feed you, but making time to walk, run or do at-home exercises is key. Eating the slice of pie they insisted you have for dessert is fine, so long as an extra 10-15 minutes is added to the list of exercise.

And if your family isn't exactly health conscious, try to go grocery shopping with them when they go. Making suggestions about what to buy and recipes to try will help everyone in the end and eradicate the chance of feeling guilty at every mealtime.

Next column: Weight training for men and women — how much will get you the results you want?

A look back at women's basketball

Successful season brings lessons and reflection

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Vandal women's basketball team just completed its most successful season since 2004-05, and topped it off with their first postseason game in 25 years. Now the team is looking to the future.

The Vandals won 15 games this season and received an invitation to the WBI Tournament, their first postseason appearance since 1986. Idaho lost in the first round of the tournament to South Dakota, but coach Jon Newlee said it's still a great accomplishment for the program.

"Anytime you get to the postseason it feels pretty good, because there's a lot of teams that can't say that, there's a lot of teams sitting at home while you're still playing," Newlee said. "Anytime you get a taste of the postseason, no matter what that taste is, I think it's a great accomplishment."

Newlee said his goal is always to get the NCAA Tournament, and said as great as getting a postseason berth was, it still wasn't the big dance.

"Getting to the postseason for the first time in 25 years is a great accomplishment for our team," Newlee said. "It leaves us a bit unsatisfied knowing what it could have been."

The Vandals started the season on fire but faltered down the stretch, losing six of their last eight games. Scheduling was an obstacle for Idaho, as six of the last eight were on the road, but Newlee said the biggest issues over the season were injury and sickness.

"I thought at times we were really playing pretty

well, but the injuries really took their toll on us," Newlee said. "I feel like if we would have been healthy all year we would have had a 20-win season. We would have been right in the mix for the WAC Championship. I feel like the injuries were just untimely."

Because of the hard end to the season, the Vandals took the fifth seed into the WAC Tournament and defeated San Jose State in the first round, but were unable to keep pace with Nevada and lost out in the second round, ending their dreams of a WAC Championship and NCAA Tournament bid.

The Vandals are losing five seniors to graduation this year, four of whom were starters. Among them is Yinka Olorunnife, who has been a staple of Vandal basketball for the past four years. Olorunnife led the team with 17 double-doubles this season and broke the all-time WAC rebounding record. Newlee said the departing seniors are leaving big shoes to fill, but he believes he has the players to do it.

"We're losing a lot of scoring, a lot of rebounding and just a lot of leadership," Newlee said. "It's a huge void when you lose that many seniors, but at the same time it's a great opportunity for our returners to step up and fill that void."

Newlee said this offseason will be all about getting his younger players ready to step up to the plate next season. He said he wants to concentrate on getting his players stronger so they won't get pushed around in the paint. Newlee also said he wants to improve the team's outside shooting to fill the void



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut
Vandal guard and post Yinka Olorunnife drives through the top of the key past a Nevada defender. The Vandals completed their most successful season since 2004-05, but lose five seniors this year.

Olorunnife, Bianca Cheever and Derisa Taleni will leave on the perimeter.

Newlee said losing seniors is always difficult, but he's optimistic for the future of the program with the players who will

be stepping up.

"Our future is shining bright," Newlee said. "I feel like we're in a place with the program now where we've turned the corner and changed the culture here."



Nick Groff | Argonaut

Vandal sophomore midfielder Andrew Fulcher attempts to control the ball while being pressured from Simon Fraser defensive midfielder Tom Newton Saturday afternoon on the Sprinturf. The Vandals have lost their last two games and dropped the contest to Simon Fraser 31-8.

Defense costly for Idaho lacrosse

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Idaho men's club lacrosse team failed to extend a two-game home winning streak Saturday when an offensive drought led it to the worst loss of the season, a 31-8 affair against Simon Fraser University. The Vandals' defense had no answer for SFU's Calvin Craig, who scored 12 goals and added three assists in the visitors' third win of the season.

Idaho, playing its first home game since March 6, was scoreless after the first quarter and found its first goal early in the second quarter when John Kopke and Eric Fletcher hooked up for Fletcher's 22nd of the season. Fletcher is currently the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League's third leading scorer.

Unfortunately, SFU's high-flying offense proved to be too much for Idaho, and the Canadian giants began to score at will, leading 17-4 at halftime. Fletcher played a part in each of his squad's first-half goals, assisting two and scoring two.

Our slides on our defense just weren't there and it became obvious that some of the guys still hadn't grasped what we were trying to achieve, coach John Andrysiak said. That really gave me some insight into fixing the problems so they don't resurface for the rest of the season.

Sophomore Charlie Cornforth scored his first goal of the season in the second half, but a pair of second-half goals from Fletcher became meaningless as SFU outscored the hosts 14-4, notching their first PNCLL victory of the season.

Andrysiak addressed the difficulties of preparing for a team whose 2-5 record proved to be misleading.

"It is always hard to read into a team that is 2-5 at the time, which SFU was because they had played a lot of top 25 teams," Andrysiak

said. "Looking at that, they are a young team and we hadn't faced most of their goal scorers before, which makes it hard to really know what they are going to look like on the field. I can attribute our loss to a lot of different things, but we didn't show up with our best game and that is going to hurt you as a team no matter who you play."

SFU, which has won eight PNCLL titles in 14 years, went on to beat Gonzaga in Spokane Sunday by a score of 32-5.

Idaho will try to clinch a win that would put them over the .500 mark again when they host rivals Washington State at 2 p.m. Saturday on the Sprinturf.

Andrysiak said he wants the team to improve defensively prior to this weekend's showdown, and expects a win in what will be Idaho's final home game of the 2011 spring season.

We are taking the time this week to make sure that everyone is on the same page so that we don't come into that situation again, he said. WSU can't be taken lightly, and if we plan to win on Saturday we need to take every second we have to prepare ourselves both physically and mentally."

The Cougars are 4-2 and riding a three-game winning streak that includes their most recent triumph, a 17-7 decision against Pacific Lutheran University. WSU's two losses have come to Oregon State and Montana. Idaho beat the Grizz 13-12, but isn't scheduled to play the Beavers this spring.

"I fully expect our guys to come together as a team and rise above our loss, the guys on this team put in a lot of time and effort to get to where we are and no one wants to fail," Andrysiak said. "That being said, we will prepare the best we can to take on a good WSU team and put ourselves in the best position to come away with the win."

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Men's tennis so close

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

The Idaho men's tennis team came into the championship Saturday, but despite excellent play from sophomore Marius Cirstea and senior Lachlan Reed, the Vandals fell just short against Boise State (4-3).

The Vandals left Boise knowing they wouldn't be back until the WAC Championship, but more importantly, for now they get to return to Moscow for the only four home matches of the year.

The Vandals entered into the Boise State Spring Tournament Friday against Marquette and came away victorious, 5-1. They followed up by defeating Saint Mary's 4-2 and earned themselves a spot in the championship the following day, and the opportunity to watch and see who would be joining them.

The Broncos would earn their way into the championship on Sunday with a defeat against Wichita State (4-2).

The match against the Broncos signified the second match against the two teams in a week. The Vandals scraped by with the score of 4-3. Coach Jeff Beaman said he was aware of the challenges that facing a difficult team twice in a short time span meant for the Vandals.

"It's tough to face a tough team again, especially in that short of time," Beaman said. "It's just they are a really good team, both teams played at a really

high level, it came down to a few points, and they came out on top this time."

Beaman said the team tried to prepare itself as much as possible by waking up early, eating well and trying to get some shots in, but with the cold conditions it was difficult to keep the team warmed up.

While the Broncos had a morning match, the Vandals were left to wait until 6 p.m., when the match would commence.

"It was tough to sit around all day, but we did have a chance to warm up," Beaman said.

Despite the conditions the Vandals faced, Beaman said his team isn't going to make any excuses for the loss.

Cirstea and Reed, the No. 1 and 2 spots, both came away with big victories for the Vandals, as they both only needed two sets to win their matches. Adding another win for the Vandals was freshman Jose Bendeck in the No. 5 spot over Jeff Mullen (6-1, 6-3).

In perhaps the twist of the weekend for the Vandals, the match would be decided by the doubles teams, which have been the true strong point for the Vandals all season. Instead, for the first time this year, the Vandals did not walk away with two out of three matches for the doubles point, and as a result were swept by the Broncos.

"They came out really fired up, they had a huge crowd, and another thing that

"It's tough to face a tough team again, especially in that short of time. It's just they are a really good team, both teams played at a really high level, it came down to a few points, and they came out on top this time."

Jeff Beaman
Men's tennis coach



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut
Vandal tennis player Abid Akbar returns a shot from a Gonzaga Bulldog player last spring on the courts behind Memorial Gym.

Will the NFL stumble from the lockout?

With the NFL Draft a mere month away, this is the time of year when young men await their football destinies and try to prepare for the challenges ahead.

This year brings an additional challenge for the future pros, as a pending lockout may put the upcoming season on hold. Future draftees, including Vandal players Nathan Enderle and Aaron Lavarias, also have to keep their dreams on hold, even if they are drafted.

The reason for the lockout, like any other lockout, is the almighty dollar, but what the league and the players are really risking may be much more detrimental than a simple loss of revenue.

When considering lockouts, it's hard not to think about the 1994-95 lockout of Major League Baseball. That strike led to a seven-month hiatus where they had to skip the World Series, and fans were ready to boycott the sport all together. When the teams finally did return to the field the following year, fans showed their disgust when attendance dropped 20 percent. Attendance numbers are only now starting to creep up to where they used to be.

While it is true that the fans finally chose to return, perhaps part of the reason for it was

that if you wanted baseball, this is about the only place to get it. Taking the family out to the park to watch triple-A baseball with \$6 beers and \$10 hotdogs didn't have the same ambiance that buying the same goods for twice the price did at Wrigley Field.



Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

This may be the crux of the NFL's dilemma — one that will harm the owners and the players. While baseball is a little diluted when you consider that you have college baseball, then the minors competing at the same time, the talent can never really mold like you find in the instance of football, where you have the college game and then the bigs. While some players choose to play in other leagues, currently the UFL, the best players are either going to be playing for the big schools like Michigan, USC and Florida, and then after three years we are watching them in the first round.

So if the NFL isn't on when September rolls around this year, what are fans going to do? The same reason Los Angeles doesn't need a professional team — they already have one. College football may not be played at the same speed as the pro game, but there is so much talent

and people are so attached to their teams that fans may be able to adjust to no NFL by simply spending their Saturdays on the couch watching college football.

TV ratings may indicate that football is the most-watched sport in the U.S., but college football isn't too far behind. Also, from purely an attendance stance, some college stadiums hold about 100,000 spectators, with the NFL stadiums falling far short of that.

Furthermore, college football can offer fans things the NFL never could: no overpaid prima donnas (at least in theory), forever changing divisions (bye bye, Boise) and with 120 Division 1 football programs, everyone should be able to find a horse in the race. The only problem is there isn't a playoff, but when you consider the travesty of the 7-9 Seahawks going to the playoffs last year when the 10-6 Giants and Bucs

went home, perhaps we are better off without one.

The NFL isn't the only one who is going to be facing this predicament. When the NBA finishes its season in the next couple of months, they are going to be in the same shoes, and it will be a question of whether fans will wait on them or if the college game and the WNBA will be enough to keep fans away when they do return.

In the end, fans will decide. If they can't live without their beloved games they will return and probably pay higher prices for tickets than they have ever paid before. Players' salaries and revenue from the leagues derive from the simple fact that people are willing to pay those prices — if all fans would say "We refuse to go until you make it affordable," then perhaps they would have to listen, but since fans won't, it's unlikely that owners will.

Women's soccer beats WSU, Gonzaga

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Christina Boddie's only game against Washington State came in fall 2010 in a 5-1 Cougar victory. Seven months later, a long-range stunner from the Idaho freshman quickly became the winning goal for the Vandals, who scraped out a 1-0 win against their rivals Saturday in Pullman. This came only hours after Bailey Hewitt's late second-half goal secured a 1-0 victory over Gonzaga to give Idaho its first win of the 2011 spring season.

The team will take a break from Division 1 competition and will host the Alumni Game at 4 p.m. Saturday on the SprinTurf practice field. Idaho concludes its spring season two weekends from now with a series of matches in Spokane, April 9 and one final home match against Oregon, April 10 at Guy Wicks Field.

Boddie, the Vandals' lone freshman attacker, received the ball on her right foot and shrugged off a Cougar defenseman to set up a shot from 20 yards out. Washington State goalkeeper Gurveen Clair dove out to meet the ball, which had already found the upper left corner of the net.

The Cougars hit the crossbar multiple times, and Idaho survived a late scare from its opponents with seconds remaining when Vandal goalkeeper Caroline Towles tipped a shot onto the post and the incoming Washington State player couldn't knock in the rebound, leaving the face of the goal completely unattended.

Idaho hadn't beaten Washington State in a fall match since 1999 and relied on the goalkeeping efforts of Liz Boyden and Towles, who split halves in each match to pre-



File Photo by Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

Vandal forward and midfielder Megan Lopez takes a shot on the goal during a match last fall at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals beat Gonzaga University and Washington State last weekend. The victories were the first of the spring.

serve the teams' first shutouts since October 15, 2010.

"It's nice when what you practice in the practice field comes out on the pitch and there were some very good parts to both games," said coach Pete Showler. "Exciting times when it comes to fruition and it shows the girls that the hard work does pay off."

Hewitt, who transferred to Idaho from Oregon State, scored in her Idaho debut and proved that with Boddie and WAC first-team honoree Chelsea Small, the Vandals' offensive depth could be a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming fall season.

It was the second time Idaho conquered Gonzaga in less than a year and a late breakaway save from Towles made the difference in the Vandals' fall and spring sweep of the Bulldogs.

Idaho senior Alison (Larry) Page, who was forced to miss the 2009 and 2010 seasons be-

cause of a torn ACL, made her first appearance since 2008.

"The spring season's great. It's exciting, you can try different things and you can try and reiterate what we've been working on in the fall previously and just work on those fundamentals within it," Showler said. "Everybody is getting game time and everyone's getting an opportunity to try those different things. The girls put out a hard effort, Washington State's a very good team and they made that second half difficult for us but we managed a way to cope and figure a way out. Anytime you play the Cougs they push us to our limits."

He said the team still has room for improvement.

"There's still some things we need to work on but we're playing some good soccer," said Showler. "It's nice to figure things out for a change, adapt and be adaptable."

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Vandals split for Stanford, Whitworth meets

Vicky Hart
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In the first weekend of outdoor track and field competition, the Vandals split their squad between the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., and Spokane's Whitworth Buc Scoring Invitational.

"It was kind of a typical opening meet where you've got a lot of ups and a lot of downs, but overall I thought we performed really well," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said.

Phipps said the weather in California felt more like Moscow than expected on Friday and Saturday.

"It was like springtime in the Palouse a little bit," Phipps joked. "It was rainy... a little chilly and a little windy. It wasn't too bad, but I think it affected a few of the performances."

Despite less-than-ideal conditions, three Vandals earned top-10 finishes at Friday's San Francisco State Distance Carnival. Junior Markus Geiger won the men's 5,000 meter in 14:21.83, the fastest time from a Vandal since 1997.

"A 20-second personal best in the very first meet of the season bodes pretty well for him for the rest of the year," Phipps said.

Julia Veseth, who helped the Vandal women to a WAC cross country championship earlier this year, ran a career-best 17:23.15 in her first 5,000-meter race of the sea-

son. Alex Brekke finished 10th in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase with 9:36.33.

Meanwhile in Palo Alto, two newcomers also finished in the top-10 for their events. Freshman Hannah Kiser and sophomore Liga Velvère earned two gold medals each at last month's WAC indoor championships, so their continued success came as little surprise to Phipps.

Kiser led her section of the women's 1,500-meter race and finished in 4:31.29, the best in the conference so far this season.

"It was great to watch Hannah run the exact same way she did indoor, despite the conditions for her race being windy and rainy," Phipps said. "She went straight to the front and led from start to finish."

Velvère's 1:01.70 in 400-meter hurdles stands as the third-fastest in the WAC and the best Idaho has had in a decade.

"We haven't been able to do a whole lot of 400-meter hurdles training, so it was nice to see where (Velvère) is at this point," Phipps said. "I'm really pleased with that as an opening time for her."

Saturday brought more success from the Vandal women as competition continued at Stanford and began in Spokane.

Junior Lauren Schaffer, two-time WAC champion in the women's 800

meter, redshirted the 2011 indoor season. She finished in 2:09.27, taking seventh in her section and moving to the top of the conference in the event.

"Our 800-meter runners did a good job," Phipps said. "Lauren and Liga opened up with 2:09 and 2:10, and then James Clark and Josh Dalton ran 1:53 and 1:54 in their first race back after redshirting indoors, so I thought that was pretty good as well."

Closer to home, six Vandals earned titles at the Whitworth Buc Invitational, five of them in women's events.

Freshman Emma Good doubled up on first-place awards Saturday, winning the women's 200-meter and 400-meter races in 26.50 and 1:01.14, respectively. Fellow newcomer Alycia Butterworth took home the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase title with a time of 11:06.32.

"I was really impressed with Alycia Butterworth and Holly Stanton," Phipps said. "It was Holly's first steeplechase ever, so I was definitely impressed with both those performances."

Freshman Holly Stanton followed Butterworth across the finish line with a second-place time of 11:19.21.

Morgan Dunning won the women's pole vault, clearing 11-5.75 (3.5 meters) and Ali Middleton led the triple jump with a leap of 35-3.25 (10.75 meters).

Jason Lorentz brought home the only



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Vandal jumper Colin Briggs practices the high jump Monday afternoon at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The track team heads to Spokane Saturday for the Sam Adams Classic track meet.

men's title with a 22-2.25 (6.76 meter) long jump. Five Idaho men earned runner-up spots in Spokane. Among them, first-year Vandal Kyle Rothwell finished second in the hammer throw with 173-11 (53.00 meters).

Phipps said doing well in local meets like Whitworth's will help Idaho ath-

letes get into some bigger meets around the nation.

"I was very pleased overall with both the Whitworth meet and the Stanford meet," Phipps said.

"It was nice having the opportunity to be a split squad and have so many people compete this weekend."

BIKING

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thought all the way through it, maybe I've messed up before, maybe I've gone over my bars before, maybe I'm going to hit this tree, but maybe I won't..." Molsee said. "There's that point where we have to say maybe the worst will happen, but maybe the worst won't, and we either go for it or we don't. And I just feel like, 'Why not go for it?'"

The lifestyle

Many women within those ages, however, are still not interested in the speed or extreme sport challenge, but there are options for everyone, Clevenger said.

"There are three fits on a bicycle. There's the comfort fit where your handlebars are higher than their saddle, and almost all of your weight is on the saddle. There is a sport fit where your handlebar and your saddle are about the same, and that's what most of your commuters use because they are concerned about time and also about comfort as well," Clevenger said. "Then there is the competition fit, and those are the ones where you see the handlebars are lower than the saddle and your chest is flat to the ground and you're tucked all the way down, but again — we're going for speed at this point, and that's not in the personality of most of the (women) coming in to ride."

Most women who ride do so for the leisure element, Clevenger said. He said there is group of women, led by Molsee, who come into his shop, meet, take a quick lesson on something bike related — like changing a flat tire — and then go out for a ride on Moscow Mountain. He said

they don't want men to go with them because it is an opportunity for them to chat and gossip without the competitive pressure. Molsee agreed that women should look for comfort in their company when riding.

"Find a friend of yours that you're close with and that you're comfortable with and encourage her to go with you, and go do it," she said. "Or find an all-women's mountain biking trip like they have at Paradise and do it. And go, and just try it, just try it a couple times."

She said she thinks sometimes women think they can't do something because they are in the presence of men who are hardcore riders and because of this they undermine themselves and think they aren't as good, so they can't do it. Molsee said when she hears women try to give reasons for not biking she likes to ask them the question of "Why not?" and then take little steps to get into it.

Clevenger said many of the women coming in to ride, he finds, are ones who have taken spinning classes during the winter months and decided they like the sport, but do not want to stay inside during the summer.

Warm all year

Clevenger said though this area has a small population for women mountain bikers, places in the Southwest region have a stronger presence of women.

"If you were to go down to San Francisco or something, where they have their population base with large groups of (women) that ride, it's a lot stronger down there, and when you look at the nationals and the races you will find that's where a lot of those (women) come from is from California or Seattle or places where they have populations that are big

enough to group women, that they can grow with the group..." Clevenger said. "Phoenix is one of the biggest, one of the hottest spots just in general for cycling because they can go year round."

He said the key to the Southwest is the year round element — they can ride in the winter. Molsee said she rode in Moab, Utah, and enjoyed the difference in terrain from the Northwest, and was interested in riding further south to see if there were similarities.

More for women

Molsee said she sees a lot for women in the sport of mountain biking in all regions and thinks there are possibilities many may not realize.

"I think that sometimes we cut ourselves really short because we see people who are so far ahead of us that we just automatically write it off, and so what do I see in it for women? I see a lot of secret strengths, a lot of secret abilities that maybe they don't even know that they have," Molsee said. "Mountain biking, to me personally, is an amazing avenue, but also it can maybe be a confident booster. They get out there and they rip it up... don't deny that."

Clevenger said he believes women are a target audience the industry is not paying enough attention to yet.

"The industry is not as big as you think," Clevenger said. "There (are) five or six key players, and then there's a whole bunch of little stuff, and the little stuff actually pays attention to the industry. The big stuff is super international and all over the place."

Clevenger said he was able to work with some of the smaller bike companies to get a product geared specifically toward women, and even though he

said he does not believe women are being addressed as much as needed, the industry is still making products for them.

"In the last five or so years, maybe even 10 years you could say, they (biking companies) have come out with women specific geometries. One of the things that they have done is they have shortened up the handlebars so the handlebars are skinner because (women) tend to have less broad shoulders than the men do," Clevenger said. "And then what they did is they made the steer tube... longer because that tends to be more stable, it's not as twitchy."

The top tubes are also shorter because women tend to have longer legs and shorter torsos, Clevenger said, and the cockpit is smaller so the seating position is more upright. He said women also tend to avoid aggressive seating for racing and like the more upright seating than their seat above the handlebars.

A few other differences include the step-through modification, formerly known as the "girl bike," which is when the top tube is angled down, Clevenger said. However, because of the hybridization of comfort, there are more men who are choosing to ride bikes with the step-through frame. He also said women's bikes start one size smaller (at 14 instead of 16) and stop one size smaller as well because there are few women who are more than six and a half feet tall.

Clevenger said the other way women can feel more comfortable when mountain biking is to know how to change a flat tire. He said people would be amazed how much of a comfort it is to by knowing they can fix what will most likely be their main and only problem when riding a bike.

"You need to have a tool, a tube, a dollar bill and a CO2 cartridge. The dollar bill — if you blow out the side wall of a tire, catch it on a rock or something, you put the dollar bill in there and you can put the tube in there, and the tube won't go out the hole, and a dollar bill can handle water."

He said he could show anyone how to fix a tire in 10 minutes because it is not hard, and people just need the confidence to know they can do it. Clevenger also recommended women take a class on how to build a bike so they can become familiar with their bike and also gain the confidence to work on them when they need minor maintenance. He said he wants women to feel comfortable when buying, riding and working on bikes and never like a "bike idiot."

Give it a try

Molsee said the best advice she has for women is to just "do it." She said one of the most important life lessons for her in regards to sports happened when she woke up one morning before running a marathon and realized all she had to do was take the next step. She said all she needed to do was put her feet on the floor, and then grab her bag, clothes and get in the car. Once at the race all she needed to do was take the next step.

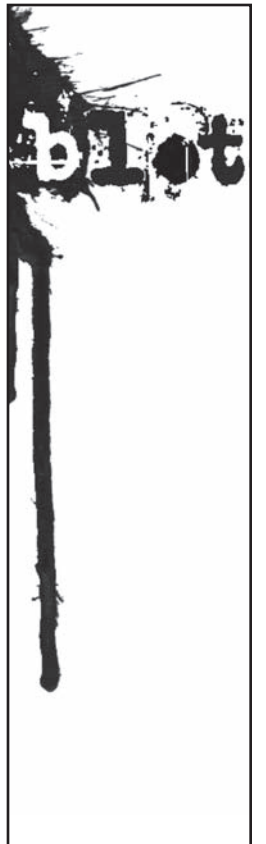
"I think sometimes we get so blown away or so scared of the big goal of, you see those amazing mountain bikers, you see those people that are so amazing, and think I could never be that, but we're not asked to," Molsee said. "We're just asked to take the next step... If that's what I could say to any woman in the world is just take the next step, you don't have to take the next 20, just take the next one."

BATTLE

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As tough as the battles are, Savaii said it was just nice to get back on the field and play, even if someone is pushing him for the starring role.

"It feels awesome," Siavii said. "It's been a long time since we've gotten to play football. It's nice to just have the football in your hand again and run around with it."



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Our View

Senate smart, shoots down gun bill

After much debate in the Idaho House, Senate and college campuses across the state, House Bill 222 was killed once it reached the Senate.

The Senate shot down the bill 6-3, which passed through the State House by a vote of 41-28 March 16 after a two-hour meeting.

The fact of the matter is allowing students to carry guns on a college campus would not have been a win for the Second Amendment, but a

loss of security and the right to feel safe in an academic setting.

Student's acceptance letters come from the University of Idaho with the understanding they will be able to direct their focus on academics, rather than be concerned with their peers carrying weapons.

There is debate on both sides of the bill, and both sides make points that are equally valid. But it is the voices of the nonsensical extremes

that are the loudest. Students carrying a firearm into class might not stop a potential shooter, but instead could turn a classroom into a shoot-out. On the flip side, there is no evidence that allowing students to carry a weapon would give anyone more incentive to shoot up half a class.

But why would we even want to take the risk?

The universities were against this bill, ASUI was against this bill

and, most importantly, those hired to serve and protect us were against this bill.

A university campus is no place for weapons, and the fact that our state government even let a bill allowing such an idea to go so far should raise a red flag in all of our heads and make us really think about those who are leading us.

— MM

The wrong time for involvement

Since the revolution in Egypt earlier this spring, revolts across the Middle East have been occurring in many countries. The violence in Libya has continued to capture the world's attention.

Not only has Libya's battle with rebel forces been documented, but also the airstrikes carried out by U.N. forces against Libya's government.

Here is the problem. The conflict in Libya is between its current President Colonel Muammar Gadhafi and well-armed rebel forces. Why does the international community see fit to get involved?

France has been the biggest supporter of intervention in Libya. That is ironic, considering it was France who was one of the largest opponents of military action in Iraq. When millions of people were living in tyranny under a murderous dictator, France did nothing. But now, it's all right to bomb a nation entrenched in an outright civil war.

A large problem with this involvement is our current administration. With Iraq, President George W. Bush made the decision

to invade Iraq because it was the right thing to do. The official reasons for the invasion have since been deemed as false, but at least Bush had the courage to do what he felt was right, despite international pressure to the contrary.

President Barack Obama does not have the same gusto as Bush. Obama, while a good speaker with good intentions, has no backbone. Instead of telling the international community "let them fight it out, it's their battle," he has decided to make everyone happy. He has leveraged this country's military assets in an uncalled for action in order to "play nice" with our friends. He is attempting to get everyone to like the U.S., rather than respect it.

President Obama gave Colonel Gadhafi an ultimatum March 18 — Libyan government forces must end their offensive against rebel-held towns and pull back, or face military action. While this ultimatum may sound similar to Bush's ultimatums to Saddam Hussein a decade ago, realistically it would take a long time for any ground forces to arrive in Libya from the U.S.

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Steve Carter
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God shouldn't be used as a scapegoat

The tragedies of the earthquake in Japan March 11 were, to most people, unimaginable. Yet with images of the disaster flooding in, disbelief was able to turn into compassion, and compassion into action.

Simultaneously, Russian Orthodox priest Alexandr Shumsky published an article titled "The end of the Japanese Miracle" March 14. In this, he wrote the earthquake and tsunamis were God's way of punishing Japan for offending Russia because some protesters had recently burned Russian flags and destroyed portraits of Russian president Dmitry Medvedev.

Among the support, unity and care of fellow human beings shown in wake of such a disaster, where exactly does the concept of God lie? An argument for "free will" as a necessity for an omniscient presence, and any other of the accompanying weak justifications for human suffering, simply fall flat in the face of reality.

So it is those who carry the name of God — religious figures and followers — that carry the God concept into situations of human pain and suffering.

"In the Judo-Christian tradition, the believers see the vengeful hand of God in any disaster, be it natural or social," said Father Konstantin Kravtsov, a priest of the Annunciation Church in Moscow, Russia.

Shintaro Ishihara, Tokyo's governor, said, "I think (the disaster in Japan) is tembatsu." Tembatsu is a

Japanese term that means "divine punishment." His remarks are reminiscent of the New Orleans' mayor in 2005, Ray Nagin, who said, "Surely God is mad at America. He sent us hurricane after hurricane after hurricane."

I am not an environmental science major. But I have enough education and common sense to see the stupidity in these comments. These people are using God as a scapegoat. If something positive occurred in Japan, or New Orleans, at these times, I think it is safe to say these leaders would not be giving the credit to, or passing all the responsibility to God.

A website gotquestions.org said bluntly, "such events shake our confidence in this life and force us to think about eternity. Churches are usually filled after disasters as people realize how tenuous their lives really are and how life can be taken away in an instant."

To say such a thing from a comfortable office far from devastation is both uncaring and disturbing. And now not only are earthquakes a divine punishment, they are a commodity. They can take advantage of people's insecurities to create converts.

This superstitious cop-out technique, which is scientifically absurd and humanely disrespectful, can still be seen in many areas of our society we like to consider developed. It is simply exacerbated by discomfort and pain, as people need someone or



Bethany Breeze
Argonaut

convey her message as the moral high ground in this situation, her methods leave us wondering if she has any morals at all. In her book and in conversations with journalists, Johnson shares physical descriptions of patients, their diagnosis and descriptive information about their family members, including occupation. In all, she breaches the private medical information of nine patients — two of whom were survivors of rape.

Does Johnson have no respect for patient privacy or common decency? She apparently has little respect for

the law either, as this breach is also a HIPAA violation.

In addition, Johnson admits to having used coercion to try to sway her former patients, an action that is strictly forbidden at Planned Parenthood health centers, and which likely led to her negative performance evaluation prior to her termination.

It sounds to me as if she is just bitter about being fired and trying to seek revenge.

Planned Parenthood takes patient confidentiality very seriously, and follows all state and federal laws, including HIPAA. Planned Parent-

Ignorance is easy from an armchair, but it's a little harder when you are actually faced with reality.

something to pass the responsibility to and blame. Hurricane Katrina had nothing to do with the climate we have damaged if God was just feeling a little grumpy.

This is seen tragically in the face of dire illness as well. As my beloved 18-year-old cousin is currently fighting cancer for the second time, she deserves more than an "I'm praying for you." This is the ultimate cop-out, and every time I see it I struggle to imagine how hearing this may feel when something as serious as cancer has a hold of your body. It is the ultimate denial of reality, passing of responsibility to actually help while building righteous pomposity.

If you are one to still seriously think a God created the tragedy in Japan like the disillusioned Shumsky, try going and telling that directly to a Japanese woman who has just had her entire life and family washed away. And if you think a God is controlling the illness of a loved one, try telling them straight to their face. Ignorance is easy from an armchair, but it's a little harder when you are actually faced with reality.

Lauretta Campbell
University of Idaho Alumna 2010

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Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Explain this to me

How do members of the Greek system manage to party three to four nights out of the week and still keep their grades up? I live in an apartment by Greek Row, and there were three different sources of loud music Friday night. Some people have jobs and responsibilities. For me, the weekend is for sleep and chores — not for unintentionally mashing up Lil' Wayne and Rihanna.

— Chava

Progress

Left foot in front of the right, and repeat. Sometimes it has to be as simple as that.

— Dara

Rest in peace

It seems this month is one of losing influential, pioneering women. It's sad. Geraldine Ferraro wasn't my favorite person in the world, but she did some great things for women, and she was the first major female candidate for America's vice president. She deserves respect and to be remembered as a voice for women that was rarely heard in that field during her time.

— Kelcie

Facebook polls

If you have visited Facebook during the past week, then you've probably been bombarded by a mess of useless polls. Thin Mints or Samoas? UI or BSU? Boxers or briefs? Windows or doors? It's nice to see Facebook add another feature I can waste more of my time on. If you're in the mood to waste time, head to Blot's Facebook page and vote on a color for the next issue. It's better than choosing which school mascot is better, right?

— Loren

You lost me at 'basketball'

The University of Richmond's basketball coach Chris Mooney signed a 10-year contract extension after his team reached the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship tournament. Mooney and the Spiders racked up 29 wins this season before being beaten by Kansas in the Big Dance. Mooney is only 112-87 during his six-year career at Richmond. An extension that large with that type of record is a bit hopeful, especially because the school is in the Atlantic 10 conference, which is hardly a power conference. Richmond Athletic Director Jim Miller might regret the decision in a half-decade when the team might only be .500.

— Nick

Entertain me

Can someone do something extremely stupid and get a video for me? I am bored.

— Jens

Mr. Weather,

I am addressing you directly. Your mood swings need to be checked. I long to lie in the sunny spot, hula hoop my days away and indulge in good books. Can you adjust winter's schedule accordingly? Thanks a million.

— Tanya

Shameless self-promotion

Someone please hire me in May. I work really well on very few hours of sleep, and sometimes people tell me I'm smart. Also, I can burp the ABCs. Not many people can do that.

— Kelli

Dear residents of Moscow and students,

Those big white stripes in the middle of the road are called crosswalks. When people are trying to walk across them, don't drive faster. Thanks.

— Madison

Whoa buddies

People keep talking about next school year and summer plans or even just this weekend, and all I can say is — whoa, slow down. I am just trying to get through this week. Monday first people, Monday first.

— Elizabeth

Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

Planned Parenthood is respectable

I have a few comments regarding Casey Dail's column March 21. While I respect that people's views on abortion change over time, I do not believe for one minute that Abby Johnson is a reliable source for the policies of Planned Parenthood.

Although Johnson attempts to

Definitive Four

Hollis for ASUI president

The candidates for ASUI president, vice president and student senate were announced last week amid little to no fanfare. Then again, there was little to be excited about.

Most of the candidates are alarmingly similar. All of the candidates, that is, except those running for president and vice president. They cannot really be compared to anyone — since they are running unopposed.

It is not the fault of Juan Corona or Samantha Perez that no one is challenging them, but it leaves something to be desired. If only there were someone else willing to run for president.

There is now. I may lack the qualifications or paperwork to run officially, but what my candidacy lacks in legality or legitimacy is made up for in other areas. There are plenty of reasons a person should vote for me in the upcoming ASUI elections, but only four definitive ones.

Full-time job

If I am elected ASUI president, I will take it on as a full-time job. I am graduating in May, so I will have all the time in the world to dedicate to being the best possible president I can be. Other candidates will be forced to split time between being president, a student and whatever other responsibilities they may have.

Sure, the constitution may say the president has to be an active student, but that rule can easily be amended. It makes more sense for the president to not be a student or have another job. It is more time for leading the student body, kissing babies or whatever it is the ASUI president does.

No more VP

One of my first acts as ASUI president will be to sack the vice president and leave the posi-

tion vacant. I am fully confident in my abilities to handle the job, and I do not need a vice president hanging around messing up everything.



Cheyenne Hollis
Argonaut

It will also free up some funds to put back into the ASUI coffers. It may not be a whole lot, but it is some extra money in hard times. I will also look to dissolve some of the other more superfluous ASUI positions people do not know or care about.

Standing army

It is time the university had an army — and no, the ROTC does not count. All successful governments either have an army or a superfluous amount of money in reserve. The University of Idaho does not have the latter, so it needs the former in order to be taken seriously.

Some people may claim a student government army would be a huge waste of money, but America has no money and a big army. If it works for this country, then it should work for ASUI as well. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and the rest of the state legislature would think twice about cutting the school's budget if a UI army marched upon Boise.

A relevant musical act

If my coup d'état were successful, then a relevant musical group would play at my inauguration as a thank you to the student body. No more Eve 6, New Found Glory or other rubbish would be brought to Idaho. It would be a big name act that has had a hit in the past two years.

It would be a lie to say I knew how I would make it possible, but politics are mostly people making hopelessly impossible to fulfill promises. A vote for me is a vote for popular music coming to Moscow. Do not worry about how — that will be my job.

Justice not a for-profit commodity

What is the purpose of the American criminal justice system?

Is its purpose punitive — to punish those who commit crimes, and thereby deter others? Is it rehabilitative — to reform criminals and give them a chance to be productive members of society?

While people may disagree about the goals of our criminal justice system, most would agree that it is not to simply fill up prisons.

Enter Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group, the two largest private prison operators in the United States. They don't see the justice system as a way to fight crime, help society or protect the innocent. They see criminal justice as the next great money-making venture.

These companies operate private prisons all across the country. They detain criminals convicted by state and local courts, and get paid based on how many prisoners they hold.

To these companies, criminals are not human beings. They're commodities to be bought and sold.

One such private prison is Mississippi's Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility, a juvenile prison that holds

prisoners from ages 13 to 22. GEO Group runs the detention center. Mississippi raised the maximum age for juvenile detention after lobbying by the private prison industry. Of course, GEO isn't concerned about reforming young criminals, whose whole lifetimes remain ahead of them. To private prison companies like GEO, juvenile offenders are just another source of quick cash.

A class-action lawsuit against the company alleges numerous violations and abuses at Walnut Grove. Violations include guards betting on fights between inmates, physical and sexual abuse by guards toward inmates and guards trading in contraband items such as drugs in the prison. Many of the guards are in the same gangs as some of the inmates.

Apparently, preventing corruption and providing prisoners with basic human needs like medical care cut too far into the profit margins. There is an obvious conclusion which has apparently evaded some of the privatize-everything types in the government today.

Justice is not a for-profit commodity.

But private prisons aren't

the cause of abuses like those in Walnut Grove. They're just a symptom of America's broken criminal justice system, and the warped societal attitudes that allow it.

The American justice system needs a complete overhaul from the bottom up. Minorities and the poor make up a disproportionate percentage of the criminal population. Prisoners, in state, federal and private prisons, are kept in sub-human conditions, subject to rampant physical and sexual abuse by guards and inmates. Those jokes about dropping the soap aren't just jokes — they're one of the ways we normalize human rights abuses like prison rape.

We can fix this. We need to stop treating criminals like objects and start treating them like human beings. Abuses by police and prison guards are not excused just because they're directed at criminals. We need to stop trading them like commodities and stop taking away basic civil rights from convicted felons.

We need to stop dehumanizing criminals.

We need to ask ourselves — what is our justice system really for? Because if it's just for vengeance, just to hurt those we think have hurt us, then the criminals aren't the ones who have lost their humanity. We are.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

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UI students not treated with respect

I have rarely read so much bigotry presented as fact. Let me give an example — armed students on campus would be a danger to students and faculty and staff. Furthermore, students from a large town might become uncomfortable with the knowledge that one of the students sitting next to them might be carrying a firearm.

Let's flip this statement on its

head. Homosexuals on campus would be a danger to faculty, staff and students. Furthermore, a student from a small town or a rural community might be uncomfortable in the knowledge that the student sitting next to them might be a homosexual.

Why isn't the student body completely outraged at being presented in such a negative light? From the coverage I've read, you believe that most students are drunk 24/7, completely irresponsible and one bad grade from going on a murderous spree, and that students are emotionally volatile five-year-olds who are incapable of handling the thought of their fellow students being armed. If these arguments had been made about

any other group of people such as blacks, homosexuals or Jews, to name a few, the outrage would be deafening. But in this case were just insulting college students.

If you're a college student, you need to grow a pair and call the Dean of Students and express your anger at being treated so badly. After all, what is he being paid for other than to fight bigotry? It's time the students were treated with respect as well. You should also express your anger to The Argonaut staff for treating you so badly.

David Klingenberg
2010 candidate for Republican nomination
for Idaho House Seat 6B

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or other U.N. nations. Most likely, the airstrikes would continue while Obama and the rest of his buddies in the U.N. draft a resolution for "peace keeping" forces to intervene. This would not turn into a U.S.-led invasion, but more like a U.N. occupation, much like Bosnia.

We should not be

involved in the conflict in Libya. Civil wars should be left as internal matters of a country. But once again, Obama, in an attempt to make friends, has opened his mouth and placed an unwarranted burden on our military. The U.S. doesn't need to be needlessly involved in other people's business, especially in a time when he has pledged to withdraw from Iraq and pullout of Afghanistan.

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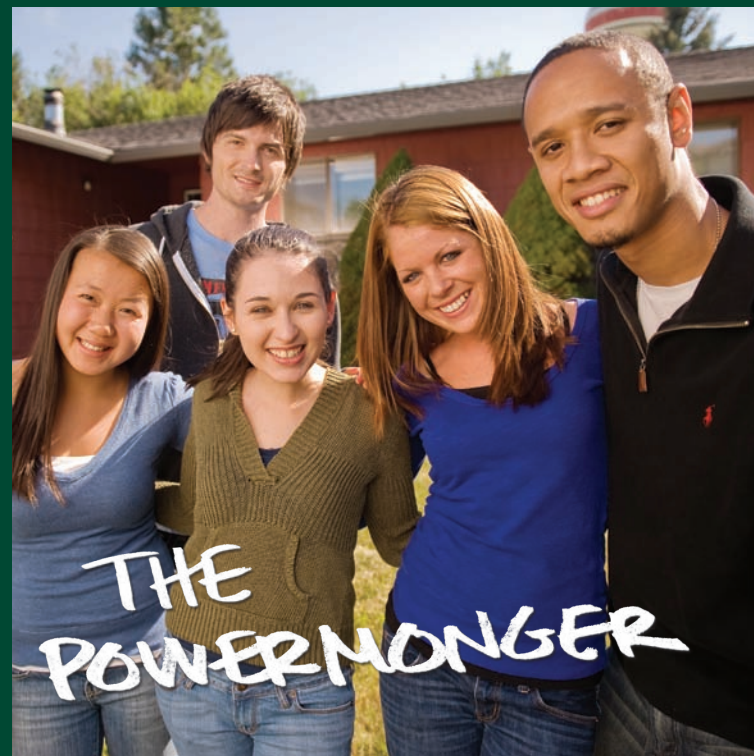


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WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING ENERGY IN THIS HOUSE, TENSIONS RUN HIGH.

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