

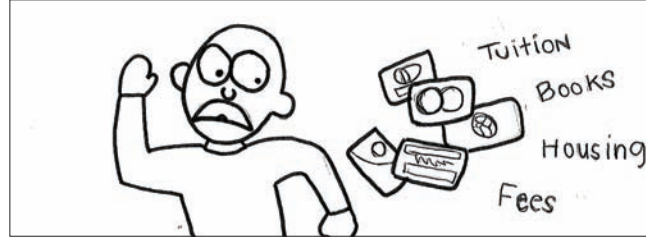
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Seniors gear up for graduation

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

As spring semester begins to wrap up and commencement approaches, seniors who are graduating should make sure they have their regalia before the big day.

A majority of students picked up their cap and gown, announcements and other information pertaining to graduation during Grad Fest last week.

However, students who didn't get a chance to pick up any of their items have until April 29 to get things ordered so that it will be available for distribution May 9, said Tim Helmke, the associate alumni director.

"Students can order their cap and gowns online and everything will be shipped to our office and then we contact students to pick it up," Helmke said. "They can also purchase their items the day before commencement at the Vandal Store, and in the morning of commencement as well."

Caps and gowns are the same as the regalia that were used in December, and are made out of recycled water bottles.

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FOOD COURT FIESTA



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Mariachi Huenachi performs in the University of Idaho Commons food court on Thursday as part of the Cesar Chavez Celebration. The group also performed in the Student Union Building ballroom along with keynote speaker U. Roberto "Robin" Romano.

Feeling the pinch

Fee increase, WAC restructure hurts athletics

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Athletics Department is stuck in a budget hard spot between the proposed student fee increase and the restructure of the Western Athletic Conference.

Athletic Director Rob Spear said in years like this one, where the university asks the State Board of Education for an 8.4 percent student fee increase, it is a "huge expenditure increase" for athletics, especially since most of the money generated will be distributed into the matriculation, or tuition, portion of student fees.

"For every percent of increase in student fees that's about an \$11,000 expense for us because of the scholarship costs that we have," Spear said. "So

if the State Board approves the 8.4 percent, we're looking at about an \$88,000 expenditure increase in our budget that goes back to the university because we pay for scholarships for our student athletes."

Spear said the department is a revenue source for the institution, and has always participated in any holdback from the state. The Athletics Department is fully-funded with 207 scholarships across the board to all of its athletic programs, as well as paying for housing. Spear said if UI were to cut any of the scholarships it would put the program at a competitive disadvantage, and there isn't a school in the WAC that does not fully fund its respective sports.

"If you're an athlete -- you're on scholarship here," Spear said. "I have to pay the institution for

that expense. A scholarship is an expense to me."

Activity fee for athletics

A policy put in place by the SBOE does require a certain percentage of student fees to be distributed to the athletics department at any Idaho university or college. At UI there are four portions of overall student fees, which include: facility, technology, student activity and tuition.

"What the policy says is not that a certain percentage of the total fee has to go to athletics, but what it does say is that if the student activity fee goes up, then the athletic portion of the activity fee has to go up by the same percent," said Keith Ickes, executive director of Planning and Budget.

Spear said the student activity fee contribution

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Roll-over crash

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

At about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, a roll-over, two car accident occurred between a '97 silver Jeep Cherokee and a green '99 Honda Accord, Moscow Police Officer David Lehmitz said.

Officer Paul Kwiatkowski said the Accord was pulling out of the Stinker Station, on the West Pullman Road, and the driver's view was obstructed.

"The driver didn't see the Cherokee," Kwiatkowski said. "They collided, knocking the Cherokee over on its side."

Lehmitz said the police report has not yet been filed, but there were two Moscow ambulances recorded to be on their way to Gritman Medical Center.

"That makes me believe there were a minimum of two people transported," Lehmitz said.

Graduate dean announced

Kelcie Moseley
Argonaut

Jie Chen, who currently serves as a professor of political science at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., was chosen Thursday as the dean of College Graduate Students at the University of Idaho.

Chen's research and articles have been published in numerous journals and scholarly publications, including the Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies,

and Public Opinion Quarterly. He is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Association of Chinese Political Studies and the Association of Asian Studies.

Chen recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support survey studies of the middle class and private entrepreneurs in China. Chen succeeds interim dean Nilsa Bosque-Perez and previous dean Margrit von Braun, who stepped down to focus on international research opportunities.

What do you stand for?

ASUI candidates discuss their platforms

Sam Perez and Juan Corona

Juan and I have three main goals we would like to accomplish if elected to be your ASUI president and vice president. Our first goal is to engage students in ASUI. In order to achieve this, first we must find out what the students want. We plan on doing this by putting out a campus-wide survey to get feedback about events and programs. To get more in-depth feedback, we will host small focus groups consisting of students from different parts of campus that concentrate on specific problems or concerns with ASUI. Another way we will get student opinion is by tabling the first Wednesday of each month so that students can voice their concerns directly in a convenient location. After collecting this feedback, we will implement changes that the students want.

Our next goal is to create more transparency within ASUI. We plan on achieving this by creating an ASUI newsletter or continuing the bi-weekly student emails. Our main

goal is to keep students informed about budget changes and the student fee process. We will create open forums that update students on the process of setting student fees. We would also like to work with The Argonaut to create an "ASUI update page" that will highlight the weekly events put on by ASUI.

Another priority we have is to improve ASUI by enhancing student involvement. We want a more diverse group of students from all backgrounds and all living group affiliations to be a part of ASUI. We strongly support the bill that will district the ASUI Senate and encourage students to vote for this amendment to the ASUI constitution. Another goal is to hire executive staff before summer and implement a more effective training system so they can hit the ground running in the fall.

Joe Heiner

As an ASUI senator, I want to focus on three goals. First, I want to get direct input from students about what ASUI is doing well, what they

are doing poorly and what students would like to see from ASUI. Second, I want to make ASUI open and informative so students know exactly what their senators are doing and why it matters. Third, I want to use technology to bring ASUI to students instead of making students come to ASUI. These changes will help ASUI serve students better and increase students' voice in how their money is spent.

Matt Cook

As an ASUI senator, I plan to work on three major goals. I plan to bring ASUI as an organization together internally, having senate and the executive branch work closely and utilize each other like it is supposed to be, as well as communicate better with the ASUI student body. My second goal is to transform the senate into a more fiscally responsible body and to really consider what we are giving money to. My third goal is to make advising better and work with the vice provost to have new expecta-

tions for advising sessions.

J. Jacob Marsh

My name is Jacob Marsh, and I won't make you a promise I can't keep. The one guarantee I will make you is that I will be the most hardcore and dedicated senator if you elect me to ASUI.

I know that it takes intense work to make things happen with ASUI. I will bring to the senate a steady hustle. Maybe not Lil' Wayne levels of hustle, but definitely pretty close. I will serve you with the dedication and persistence you need in a senator.

I will always, always be straight-up with you. If I didn't intend to be completely up-front with you, I'd have already promised you a whole list of great things — how about a gold statue of Robb Akey, for starters? In the senate, I will make sure you get the straight facts and nothing less.

As a senator, my role will be that

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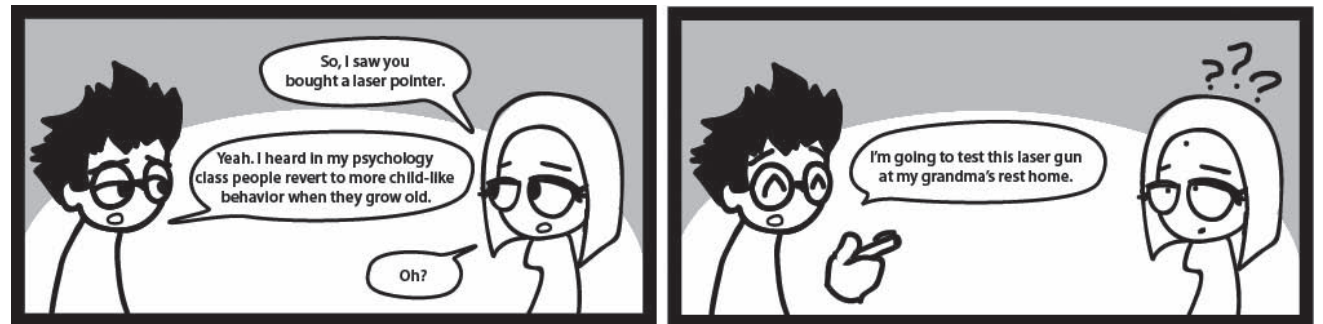
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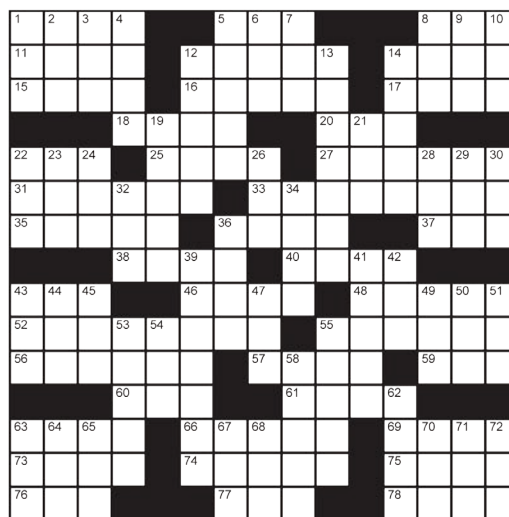
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- Kind of package
- Hankerings
- Like some suspects
- Battery fluid
- Apiece
- Hooter
- Road curve
- Speaker's platform
- Overnight bag
- Humans, e.g.
- Makes like a surgeon
- Courageous
- Incorporate
- Feedbag morsel
- Gaelic tongue
- Bone (Prefix)
- Physicians' org.
- Potpie ingredients
- Caribbean cruise stop
- Questions after a space flight
- Wave runner
- Seinfeld regular
- Quickly, in memos
- Giant slugger Mel
- Preceded
- Level
- Firewood, e.g.
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- Sandwich shop

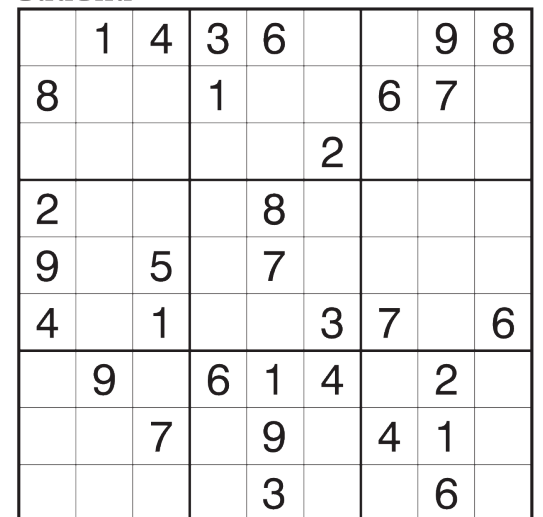


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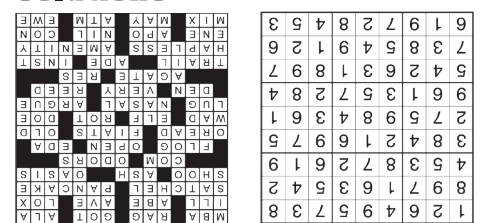
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- Seat of Allen County, Kan.
- Compass dir.
- Wife of Saturn
- Sandwich shop
- Subside
- Round Table title
- Hot springs
- Old French coin
- Four-time
- Japanese prime minister
- Yellow, for one
- N.Y. minutes?
- First lady
- Major-leaguers
- Burger meat
- Accelerate
- Brownish gray
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- Fruit drink
- Funnyman
- Brooks
- Attorneys' org.
- Botanist Gray
- Tabloid topic
- Put on the line
- It may be framed
- Small streams
- Chemical suffix
- Cruises
- Mixes up
- Police action
- Antagonist
- Still-life subject
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Climate change in Idaho

Laura Kross
Argonaut

The mountain pine beetle is native to western North America and has recently been under scrutiny in Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest, as well as other locations, for its link to tree mortality and fire hazard as a result of warmer temperatures associated with global climate change. Although a direct correlation between warmer temperatures on the mountain pine beetle's activity and increased fire hazard because of that activity remain unclear, many experts agree that precautions should still be taken.

Jesse Logan, retired research entomologist for the Interior West Bark Beetle Project, and James Powell, professor of statistics and math at Utah State University, said in their 2001 research paper, Ghost Forests, Global Warming, and the Mountain Pine Beetles, that the mountain pine beetle spends most of its life cycle as larvae feeding on the inner tissue of trees, which leads to the host tree's eventual death.

The beetle's presence in Stanley, Idaho, is not unusual. Jeffrey Hicke, professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Idaho, said they attack mostly lodgepole pine forests that cover most of Stanley and the Sawtooth's lower elevations. He also said this area of lodgepole pine draws much attention from the media and residents because of the noticeable change from green to red forest as the trees die.

Cathy Whitlock, professor of earth sciences at Montana State University, researches and collects sediment cores from lakebeds and analyzes the fossil pollen and charcoal in order to learn about past vegetation and frequency of fires. She has found evidence of past fires in core samples from a small lake in the Sawtooth Mountains, and these events are associated with periods of high fuel accumulation and drought.

"Pine beetles are native to Idaho forests, and the remains of beetles in lakes suggest outbreaks in the past," Whitlock said. "It happens. The forests survive and recover. I think what impresses people now is the scale of the current infestation. People want to know if the dead and dying trees will increase fire hazard or not, especially if the climate continues to warm."

Hicke is currently conducting research on mountain pine beetle activity in the Sawtooth region, and said the recent outbreaks suggest there is a climate change influence. These aspects are related to epidemics at high elevations that affect whitebark pine and limber pine. He said these tree species have been attacked in the Stanley area in the past, for example in the 1930s, but this period was a time of warming and temperatures decreased, indicating that the conditions in the whitebark pine forest were too cold to support outbreaks.

"But now we're seeing outbreaks with the warming conditions and we expect that the warming conditions are not going to switch to colder temperatures, but that they will continue on," Hicke said. "So that's pretty strong evidence for the impact of climate change at these high elevation sights."

The evidence for this relationship is solid, according to Hicke. "We do know, based on biological studies, that outbreaks are more likely in warmer conditions," Hicke said. "This isn't just correlation, there's good evidence."

However, the beetle's dependence on temperature is more subtle than originally thought, according to James Powell, professor in the statistics, mathematics, and biology departments at Utah State University. Powell has been involved with mountain pine beetles through the USDA Rocky Mountain Research Station since 1994, when he used mathematical models to predict how infestations progress in a forest environment.

"Things can be too warm for them. There are definitely areas where they are less successful because it is so much warmer that the beetles have a difficult time with getting their life cycles organized," Powell said. "They can develop too rapidly or come out (of the host tree) too early."

As far as a correlation between beetle activity and fire outbreaks, Powell said the relationship is still subject to speculation and further research.

Penny Morgan, professor of forest resources at the Univer-



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A ground beetle is photographed in the undergrowth along Paradise Path on Wednesday.

sity of Idaho, said people are already seeing many large fires and areas of bark beetle activity. She said the Sawtooth region is just one example.

"People look at all those red trees on the landscape and ask, 'Well, are they going to burn more intensely? Should I be more worried about fire hazards?'" Morgan said.

Morgan and Hicke said the infected trees go through a set of stages where their potential as a fire hazard is higher.

Trees start in the "green" phase when the beetles initially bore into them, and then enter the "red" phase when they have died and their needles turn the recognizable red color. In the red stage, the needles are especially dry and, coupled with hot, dry, and windy conditions, increase the potential for a crown fire. Crown fires travel from tree to tree through the upper branches. This also contributes to increased burning intensities. Morgan said needles attached to the trees in the red phase do not stay there very long. They eventually fall off the tree, followed by the fall of the tree itself. The fallen tree enters the gray phase, where there is less of a crown fire hazard than when the tree was in the green or red phase. The tree becomes a "ladder" fuel source, connecting with other biomass on the ground in a domino effect of sorts.

"The worry is that fire, and other disturbances like pine beetles, are going to be the agents of climate change," Morgan said.

People living in areas close to the beetle infestations in Stanley can take precautions by following guidelines from the National Fire Protection Association's and the Firewise Communities program, according to Morgan.

"If they do that, they increase the chances of their house surviving, although it may be surrounded by burned forest or red forest," Morgan said.

Ultimately, the consequences of warmer temperatures and beetle activity are large enough that, even though it is not the highest probability event, it is certainly worth worrying about, Powell said.

"Another problem now because of forest demographics, you know, it's not a pre-Columbian era forest. There are a lot of vulnerable trees all at the same time because of fire management practices and just unforeseen consequences," Powell said. "If you're in a place where a whole bunch of trees have been killed and it's a place where people are or that is prone to lightning and if the trees burn, it'll be really hot."

Powell also said that it is clear that beetles could facilitate these fires in the short term, given the spatial extent of impacted forest.

"So what do you do? I think we have to find a way to live with fire and disturbance," Morgan said. "They have always happened and they are always going to happen and the more we try to prevent fire, the more likely the next fire will burn more intensely. The choices aren't easy."

'Not Even Once'

Brittany Kiser
Argonaut

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spends half a million dollars per month on treatment for the top drug of choice in Idaho — methamphetamine — according to the Idaho Meth Project's website.

Idaho Meth Project Executive Director Megan Ronk said meth problems exist in pockets throughout Idaho.

"Unfortunately, I have yet to find a county or community — whereas we talk with law enforcement and other stakeholders — that they have indicated it's not a problem," Ronk said.

Ronk said meth abuse has been a phenomenon in Western rural states like Idaho, as opposed to larger, more urban types of settings.

"... Because of the way the drug is made, it can be produced in domestic labs, people's homes, RVs and trailers. That lends itself to more rural environments where neighbors are further and further apart, so that's one of the reasons it started here on the West Coast."

According to its website, the purpose of the Idaho Meth Project is to dramatically reduce the number of first-time methamphetamine users in Idaho. Its goal is to "ensure that the next generation is equipped with information to make the choice to remain meth-free." The project plans to achieve this goal through research-based public service messaging, public policy and community action.

"We have a statewide saturation level advertising campaign that includes television, radio, print, billboard and online advertisements that are really intended to spur discussion," Ronk said. "I mean the ads are graphic, they're hard hitting — no doubt about it, anybody who's seen one remembers them, because they really try to get at the point of what this drug is and how destructive it is."

Ronk said members of the project then take the interest generated through the media campaign and apply it to the second component of their program.

"This component is an aggressive grassroots outreach and community education campaign, where we do school presentations and community events that are really designed to take the initial interest and information that's garnered through the media campaign and take that to the next level," Ronk said.

She said this gives teens,

young adults and parents the opportunity to ask more about what the drug is, its side effects, and how to tell if somebody may be using it.

Ronk said the Idaho Meth Project began in January 2008, and was launched because, at the time, Idaho was ranked fifth in the nation for meth abuse.

"The governor and first lady Otter really felt it was important that we launch a coordinated statewide prevention and awareness campaign to educate young people about the dangers of meth," Ronk said.

David Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department said meth is a larger problem in the Moscow community than on UI's campus specifically.

He said the drug of choice on campus is marijuana.

"We don't see a lot of methamphetamine on campus," Lehmitz said. "We may come across it once a year — maybe twice a year — but very rarely do we ever see it on campus."

Lehmitz said a lot of the reason meth is such a large problem in Idaho is because it's highly addictive, and kids are starting to use drugs at a younger age.

"You've got kids that are 14, 15 and 16 years old that are experimenting more with controlled substances, and that's sad," Lehmitz said.

Ronk said anecdotally, the Idaho Meth Project's campaign is making an impact.

According to the project's website, results from the National Risk Behavior Survey, administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, prove Idaho's efforts to fight meth abuse are working. The YRBS results show that in the past two years, Idaho has seen the largest decline in teen meth use of any state.

Ronk said the Idaho Meth Project is always looking for volunteers who are willing to help with community outreach efforts.

"We especially look for young adults — college-age students — who can give presentations in junior high and high schools... It's important to have someone relatively close to that age range that can relate a little bit better," Ronk said.

Ronk said there is not a certain commitment of hours, but that people volunteer on an as-available basis.

Students interested in getting involved with the Idaho Meth Project can fill out the volunteer application on their website, at www.idahomethproject.org/Take_Action/volunteer.php.

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"Sustainability is important to the university, so we tried to follow the new green trend with the new caps and gowns," Helmke said.

Frances Hall, president of the Student Foundation, also encourages graduating

seniors to donate to their senior class gift and give back to the university.

"Instead of donating money to getting a tree planted on campus or a bench, students can make a donation of \$20.11, which correlates with 2011, their graduating year," Hall said. "Students can donate to any club or program of their choice and all of the money goes directly to that. Each person who donates receives a spirit tassel as a gift."

Currently the Student Foundation has received 60 donations and hopes to get more before graduation.

The group will have booths in the Idaho Commons and will be available throughout the rest of the semester.

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to the athletics budget really does not help to grow the program, because the money just goes back to the institution in the form of scholarships for the athletes.

"The only way we would benefit is if the activity fee went up in a greater proportion," Spear said.

Ickes said the policy makes it impossible for athletics to grow faster than the student fees, so if the increase for athletics is 10 percent, then the increase for the rest of the student activity fee is also 10 percent. He said not many institutions have a policy that links the two, and because of that, athletic funding becomes a "significant debating point" in student fees each year.

"...The athletic department would have to make a major case for how their fee was going to go up and how much they wanted their fee to go up," Ickes said, "and the student body might be making a very strong case about why they wanted it to go up even more or if they wanted it to go up less, so it became a significant debating point. At the University of Idaho, there is no debate."

ASUI President Stephen Parrott said after the ticket situation for the Boise State football game, he talked with Spear to become more educated on the SBOE policy. Parrott said from his interpretation it was in place to help with scholarships funding.

"I think the reasoning behind it was that over the years athletics was having to, of course, come up with this money and they may not have always gotten an increase from the students to help support it, so they were hurt for cash really..." Parrott said.

WAC restructured

As part of a strategic plan developed for the WAC, UI was encouraged to grow its revenue by 6.5 percent each year, Spear said, but it hasn't been held to a strict standard.

Spear said one part of the growth is supposed to be generated by programmatic revenue, or money generated from ticket sales, annual giving or game guarantees. He said the program has been successful in that area, but they have taken a hit from reductions in support from state

and institutional funding.

"So we haven't really made the progress we need to get to that 6.5 percent annual increase in the budget, which was designed to try to get everybody where we were comparable in our revenues across the board," Spear said, "because right now, in the existing WAC with the nine schools, we are probably the lowest funded program in the WAC."

He said the intent was to make each school's program grow closer to the WAC average, but with the whole conference changing he doesn't think the strategic plan will be relevant anymore.

"Well it's evolving now with the membership change, we know that four schools are leaving and so we'll have a newly configured WAC in 2012," Spear said, "and we're, at this point in time, prepared to play as an eight team league with seven football members."

The newly configured WAC would include UI, Utah State, La.Tech, New Mexico State, University of Texas-San Antonio, Texas State, San Jose State and the University of Denver, the only non-football member. Despite the preparation for the new conference, Spear said Idaho will feel it.

"It is going to impact our budget significantly," he said. "We've already seen where our TV rights fee is going to be reduced ... there's going to be a reduction in conference revenue."

Spear said conference revenue is a programmatic piece that varies each year based on the school's success, whether it is the NCAA basketball tournament or a chance for the football team to make it to a Bowl Championship Series game. He said in years past, the football team has made it to a bowl game revenue has exceed a million dollars, but when it doesn't it is usually around \$600,000.

Programmatic revenue

The Vandal Scholarship Fund, ticket sales and game guarantees are the three ways they are going to try to compensate for funding, Spear said.

"The only way that we can offset that is we have to generate more program revenue," he said. "We have to raise more money for our Vandal Scholarship Fund program ... we have to sell more season tickets, we'll just have to find other areas where we can

grow revenue."

Game guarantees, non-conference games that Idaho is paid to play in, are one possibility, Spear said.

"In the past we have structured our schedule to play just one of those big money games every year," he said. "Now, we're probably going to have to do two. Coach (Robb) Akey doesn't like it because now that's impacting the competitiveness of his program, but we have to balance the budget. We have to go find the revenue to offset the increase in cost that we're seeing."

The Vandal Scholarship Fund, an annual fund drive for athlete scholarship money, is organized by a group outside of the department, and each year has a goal of \$2 million. Spear said they are currently at about \$1.5-1.6 million, and it would help to get up to the goal. He said the renovations to the Kibbie Dome and the premier seating will hopefully increase ticket sales.

"What we've done is we've raised privately all the money to build it, and then ... depending on if you have a Club Seat, then you need to donate \$1,250 per seat back to the institution that goes to the Vandal Scholarship Fund, so that's part of that Vandal Scholarship Fund drive," Spear said. "If you have one of the suites, the cost to have that suite on an annual basis is \$20,000 a year, that money comes back into the Vandal Scholarship Fund. If you have a loge box, the cost to have that loge box for a year is \$10,000 and there are eight of those, so there's another \$80,000..."

Spear said while he knows not every loge box or seat will be filled, they are hoping to generate about \$200,000 from the upgraded seating. He said part of the cost to attend an event comes from the ticket cost, but part is also a seat-back requirement that also supports the Vandal Scholarship Fund.

"The point is, the increase in the student fees this year ... I have mixed emotions because, one, I understand the need of the entire university to grow its revenue, but it's going to impact my bottom line because it's a cost to me," Spear said. "I don't want students to think, 'Well, my fees are going up 8.4 percent and athletics is getting all this extra money.' That is not true, that's not factual."

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of an advocate for students. Whether in allocating funds or passing a resolution regarding school policy, I will always come down hard on the side of student rights and student voice.

You should expect no less.

Mikal Wright

My main goals if elected as ASUI senator will be to inform the students more about what ASUI has to offer as well as being able to educate them on certain situations that are going on around our campus. If I am elected senator I will do my best to try to hear out my fellow students, that is one of the main reasons why I chose to run for senate. I want everyone on this campus to have a say in things that go on around here and if I can get more students involved, it only just makes our campus that much better. There are a few things that I do want to fix & one of those things is the parking fees, which I know many of you have a problem with and those fees are caused by the way our parking lots are set up all over campus. I want to be able to find a way to lower parking fees & improve parking for on-campus living groups. This has been an ongoing battle between us students and the university but hopefully as senator I can find a cheaper medium that makes both the students & the university happy.

Matthew Shaw Jr.

My main goals if elected as ASUI Senator will be to inform the students about what ASUI has to offer, bring more entertainment to our campus, lower parking fees and improve parking for on-campus living groups.

There are many services that ASUI has to offer students, and as Senator I will make sure that everyone is well informed of these and know how to utilize them to their full extent. I want to bring students closer to the on-campus security to hopefully make a comfortable re-

lationship with them avoiding unneeded situations and issues with the Moscow police department.

Our campus has potential to have a wider showcase of entertainment. As Senator I will do all I can to have concerts that are bigger, better, and more contemporary than the concerts we have had in the past.

I want to be able to find a way to lower parking fees and improve parking on-campus. This has been an ongoing battle between students and the university but hopefully as senator I can find a cheaper medium that makes both the students and university happy.

Michael Vanlydegraf

As a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and as executive president of the Residence Hall Association, I've seen both "sides" of campus living. This has allowed me to come up with ideas that benefit the student body as a whole.

First, I would like to see ASUI become more accessible, requiring that all senators serve a portion of their mandatory office hours in the Commons, answering questions, gathering feedback, and giving out important information.

Next, I'd like to promote more campus unity by connecting leaders from RHA, IFC, Panhellenic and off-campus students.

Sustainability is also an important initiative in both the economic and environmental sense. We should eliminate wasteful spending throughout campus and ASUI, and we should provide more support to the UI Sustainability Center.

Finally, I'd like to make it easier for students to get involved on and off campus by creating a volunteer pool that organizations would use to find people interested in donating their time for various causes, as well as a student involvement survey to match students with like-minded people and groups to make college a more enjoyable experience. I think that my

broad range of involvement from my work with SARb, RHA, LXA, Engineers Without Borders, Global Water Brigade and other student groups makes me the perfect candidate for ASUI Senate.

Ethan Waite

My goal in the ASUI Senate is to simplify and condense the information given to students on and off campus, and also to enhance the students' ability access and understand the information it is the ASUI's responsibility to provide.

The majority of students at the University of Idaho are unaware how their tuition money is spent by the university. What percentage of the money given to UI students is spent on the salaries of our professors, what percentage is used for upkeep and maintenance of the campus facilities and grounds? This is information that all students need to be aware of as they spend their hard-earned money on a higher education.

I believe this information is available, however students do not have the time to actively seek it. ASUI's main responsibility is and should always be to keep the students connected to the campus. This cannot happen if they are not informed. I plan on finding information essential to students of all types at UI. I will simplify it for all students to be able to comprehend, and discover and take advantage of new opportunities to provide students with this information.

Chris Behrens

My platform in my campaign for a senate seat is "Change You Can See." I want to bring tradition back to the university and the students. I think that connecting the students to the university through tradition is an extremely important aspect of the college experience. Big changes happen through small changes that we make every day, and I am determined to work with the student body to make this happen. The small changes often have the biggest impact. It's all about what the student body wants.

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UI football goes international

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Idaho football team's lone international recruit has much love for the sport that has taken his athletic career to a new level. As a former member of the German military, Marius Burgsmueller has experienced far more than the majority of Idaho freshmen.

The 6'5", 266-pound walk-on's passion for football derives from the sport's violence, something Burgsmueller experienced on a daily basis during his year in the military.

Hailing from Dortmund, Germany, Burgsmueller's outstanding work ethic has played a large part in not only his move to the U.S. but also to his recent success on the gridiron. This same work ethic hasn't gone unnoticed by the Idaho coaching staff.

"He's explosive, he's big, he can move and is very motivated and a serious hard worker," defensive line coach Eti Ena said. "Just hard work and intangibles as far as being a hard, hard worker in the weight room and everywhere else."

Rarely do overseas players come to the U.S. for football, but through determination and assistance from a close friend, Burgsmueller made the most of what has turned out to be a golden opportunity.

Former Vandal and NFL offensive lineman Patrick Venzke contacted his alma mater with information about Burgsmueller. Venzke, who was the first German-born player to make an active NFL roster, provided Idaho coaches with game film and tuned up Burgsmueller's game through the Speed Agility Sport Specific training program in Jacksonville, Fla.

The 22-year-old freshman has been grateful for the opportunity to play football at a more competitive level.

"Everybody is pretty nice to me. I have awesome teammates, awesome coaches," said Burgsmueller, who said adjusting from life in Germany to life in the U.S. hasn't been too difficult.

"It's a little bit different, I like both but I really love the U.S. and Idaho especially," he said. "We don't have the same kind of facilities in Germany and the



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Marius Burgsmueller practices on the SprinTurf Thursday afternoon. Burgsmueller is a former member of the German military and a 22-year-old freshman walk-on at UI

speed of the game is different."

Burgsmueller played soccer, his country's national sport, until the age of 13 when he discovered football.

"I started playing soccer before my third birthday but football's just amazing," he said. "The violence, the team, everything."

Now a water/soil manage-

ment major and defensive end for the Vandals, Moscow's German giant has dedicated himself to working hard in the weight room and developing fundamentals on the field.

Ena said big steps have already been taken in both areas.

"I think the things he needs to work on are just some of the fundamentals of football," Ena

said. "Just the basics as well as the scheme and being able to communicate in the scheme that we're doing, and he's been doing a great job with that. He fits the build of what you're looking for in a defensive end, height and size-wise, and now it's just the addition of being able to play the

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Nick Groff | Argonaut

Angel Sigman works out in the Student Recreation Center Tuesday evening. Sigman is training six days a week in preparation for a bikini contest.

Buff, tough and feminine: Women's body building

Kristen Whitney
Argonaut

Months of dieting, countless hours in the gym and weekends spent at home to avoid drinking temptations are sacrifices University of Idaho senior Angel Sigman has to endure for a few minutes of competitive-fitness fame.

In less than a month Sigman will compete in her first National Gym Association fitness competition in the bikini division. As it is her first competition, she said it can be difficult to balance all the while in college.

"It's hard as a college student because there's not a lot of students who watch what they eat or work out like I do ... I really don't have much (of) a social life. I stay home on the weekends to avoid the temptation of the bars and drinking," Sigman said.

Sigman said it's hard because her friends normally have free time on the weekends and they want to go out to the bars, but said she still goes to movies with them or has gym dates to get in social time. The temptations of beer, pizza and other college staples aren't the end of the struggles Sigman faces. The price of competing without sponsorship is high and difficult for a college student to afford.

"It's hard in college because it's hard to afford rent without working your butt off, but to balance it out with school, work and everything else, that's tough," Sigman said.

The price of women's bodybuilding competitions vary depending on entrance fees, lodging and travel, but some of the essentials necessary for catching the judges' eyes are also pricey. Spray tanning that will show under the bright stage lights is approximately \$100, and Sigman's custom-fit bikini cost \$200.

"I'm hoping that maybe someone will see me in the audience, like a supplement company or just a really nice, generous person that's like, 'I want to make your dream come true,'" Sigman said.

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How it's done

Throwing a long snap

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

A single person's name is easily lost among 100 others on the University of Idaho football roster, but for long snappers, coach Robb Akey said, anonymity is a sign of success.

"If nobody ever knows who the long snapper is, that's a great thing because that means he's doing a great job," Akey said. "When you're talking about a long snapper then you've got some issues."

Like kickers, long snappers are responsible for making punts and field goals fly smoothly through the uprights. A long snapper must throw the ball between his legs with speed and accuracy while protecting the line of scrimmage.

"Anybody could stand there and throw the ball like (normal), but if you can look between your legs, throw it and block somebody, you've got a chance," Akey said.

Most of Idaho's long snappers come from an offensive or defensive position, but some specialize and only come out for kicks.

"A few years back, we had a young man who, for four years was here as our long snapper, and that's all he did," Akey said. "He didn't play an offense or defense position, he just snapped."

At least two Vandals will be appointed as long snappers for the upcoming season, Akey said. One will snap the ball 14 yards for punts while the other will need to throw it only seven yards for field goals.



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Vandal redshirt freshman offensive lineman Mike Marboe prepares to snap the ball during practice Thursday afternoon.

"Ultimately, on the punt team, we'd like the long snapper to be a guy who can get the ball snapped there on target and quickly," Akey said. "We also like a guy that can run the field and make a tackle."

The added challenge for short snappers comes in stopping two defensive linemen immediately after releasing the ball.

"On the field goal team, that guy has got to be able to block a couple of 300-pound

defensive tackles," Akey said. "He doesn't need to run anywhere."

Before a field goal, the short snapper approached the line of scrimmage and all the other linemen match his position on the field. A holder sits seven yards behind him, waiting to catch the ball and place it for the kick, Akey said.

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Competition expense list

» Manicure & pedicure	75
» Teeth whitening	40
» Custom-fit bikini	200
» Five-inch clear heels	50
» Travel expenses	100
» Competition spray tan	100
» Hotel expenses	80
» Workout supplements	200
» Entrance fees	50
» Polygraph for drug testing	45
» Personal trainer	200
» NGA membership	100

Total | \$1,440

The Final Four

Butler Bulldogs vs. VCU Rams

The matchup of the two Cinderella stories in the tournament will meet in the Final Four Saturday, with the winner playing in the national championship game Monday night. Butler, who lost in last season's national championship game, will try to return to glory, while VCU is making its first Final Four appearance and trying to make it to its first ever title game.

Butler is led by Matt Howard and Shelvin Mack. In their second-round game against the top-seed Pitt, Mack scored 30 points and Howard scored 16 to combine for 46 of the team's 71 in a 71-70 victory. Butler is experienced and has been here before, but must get its two playmakers to have great games Saturday in order to win. The key for Butler will be to slow down the pace of the run and gun VCU offense. If the Bulldogs can slow down the Rams they have a chance, if not it will be a long night for Butler.

The Rams were not expected to make

the field of 68 but when they did, they did not disappoint. Every game VCU played in the tournament, they were the underdogs. The biggest surprise came Sunday afternoon when they played top-seed Kansas and wiped the floor with them, earning a 71-61 victory. Led by point guard Joey Rodriguez and center Jamie Skeen, the Rams have a chance to win the whole thing. The pace of which they play is different than any other team left in the field. If VCU plays its game Saturday, they will play in the national title game Monday night.

My call: VCU 72, Butler 60. VCU will come out and dominate from the beginning and never look back, as the team earns its first birth to the national title game.

Kentucky Wildcats vs. Connecticut Huskies

These two powerhouse programs take on one another in what is guaranteed to be a good one. Connecticut already beat Kentucky earlier this season 74-67 in Maui, and both teams came into tournament red-hot, as they both had won con-

ference tournaments.

Kentucky is overmatched in this one, but don't count it out as it beat both Ohio State and North Carolina just a week ago to advance to the Final Four. Kentucky is led by freshman Brandon Knight, who averages 17 points a game. Knight must play well, and Kentucky must stop Kemba Walker to have any chance in this one.

Connecticut is making its fourth Final Four appearance in 12 seasons under coach Jim Calhoun. The Huskies are led by Walker, who has averaged 23.5 points a game this season. The Huskies will have to pressure the young Kentucky team into turning the ball over. If Walker can have a good game then the Huskies will win and if not things could get interesting. This game could come down to another Walker buzzer-beater.

My call: Connecticut 80, Kentucky 73. Walker will score at least 25 points and Kentucky will not have an answer, and will be playing catch-up from the very beginning. If Connecticut wins this game it will win the national championship Monday night, regardless if it plays VCU or Butler.



Mike Greenway
Argonaut



R.J. Taylor
Argonaut

March Madness is maddening

What do North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and Florida have in common? They were my Final Four teams. It's a long way off from Kentucky, Connecticut, Butler and Virginia Commonwealth University.

My bracket is beyond busted — it's shattered. And I couldn't be happier about it.

Every year I tune into college basketball for three weeks of postseason play. Like so many other people, I take my best guess at filling out a bracket. Then I wait and look more stupid with each round.*

This is why March Madness is so maddening. What happens on the court defies expectation.

The Selection Committee spends hours going over a season's worth of work. Overall records, head-to-head matchups, conference season records, non-conference strength of

schedule and conference tournaments are all considered and teams are seeded and pitted against each other.

These people are experts. After 31 games, they should know what they are getting with each team. Teams are vetted, they are proven. There should be no surprises.

But there are, and that's why we fill out brackets and follow teams we've never heard of. We become fans of players whose name we'll forget in April. We want to see the little guys upset top-ranked teams. We want to see last-second, game-winning shots.

We root for North Carolina to win it all because that's who

we have winning it all on paper. We curse VCU for taking out our last Final Four team.

And that's what has made this March Classic so great. Because the more busted our brackets are, the better the tourney is. The more busted our brackets are, the more upsets there are, the more games there are decided by last-second foul shots and put-backs.

Anything can happen when two teams face off in a single-elimination tournament. Everything has happened in this tournament.**

No one saw VCU going from the First Four to the Final Four and possibly beyond. No one had Butler winning its region after losing its best player last season to the NBA draft.

After finishing ninth in its

conference, UCONN won five games in as many days, including four wins against Top 25-ranked teams. People had to figure the Huskies were bound to run out of gas at some point. Instead, they followed their conference tournament win up with four more victories to reach the national title semis. They still don't look tired yet.

John Calipari was supposed to take Kentucky to the promise land last year after recruiting an all-world freshman team. Those players are gone but today's Wildcats are still standing.

It's been a crazy tournament and it's not over yet. Either an overlooked, former college hoops power team will make its return to the top of the podium or a mid-major team will win a national title for the first time.

That kind of Madness is better than winning my Facebook bracket pool.

*One year a girlfriend beat my bracket by picking teams based on where she'd rather go on vacation. I was a sports editor at the time and more in tune with the sports landscape than I'll ever be again.

**And because of modern technology, we were able to watch it up to four times at once.

BLACK WIDOW RUGGERS



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

UI Black Widows women's rugby member Cora Barnes runs drills on the practice field north of the Kibbie Dome Thursday afternoon. The team meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Vandals land 5th

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Junior Kayla Mortellaro finished in a tie for second place and helped solidify the Vandals' fifth place finish in the Anteater Invitational golf tournament Monday and Tuesday in Dove Canyon, Calif.

Next up for the women's golf team is the WAC Championship tournament in Arizona, which the Vandals will host.

At a combined 62 above par, the Vandals finished in sole possession of fifth place, finishing the third and final, round of the tournament at just nine above par. Mortellaro said she was confident about the team's finish.

"Finishing fifth as a team was an improvement and a great confidence booster heading into the WAC event," Mortellaro said. "We were able to see some positive things happen on

the golf course and hopefully can ride that momentum into the WAC Tournament."

Mortellaro had other reasons to be excited as she finished the tournament in a tie with Nevada's Joyce Chong, for second place, at seven above par. Mortellaro struggled Monday night as she shot a 77, but was able to rebound Tuesday morning with a one-over-par-72.

"Tuesday was a better day because the conditions were ideal," Mortellaro said. "We also had time to sort out some of the mental issues that plagued us in the first two rounds."

Mortellaro's teammate and fellow junior, Teo Poplawski, struggled Monday with rounds of 82 and 75, but rebounded Tuesday to shoot a 70 and also make an impressive jump of 15 spots on the final day to move up to a tie for 13th place. Poplawski said she is excited about where this sets the team for the upcoming tournament.

"This finish is a very positive way to be heading into WAC where I believe we have set ourselves up to have a great chance at winning the WAC Championship," Poplawski said.

Freshman Rachel Choi bounced back from a difficult Monday and shot a 73 on Tuesday to move up to sole possession of 28th place. Freshman Julia Hitchins finished in a tie for 42nd, and sophomore Allyssa Nilsson finished in a tie for 45th.

Idaho women's golf coach Lisa Johnson was happy with how her team came back and played on Tuesday. She said the team showed better focus and execution Tuesday and is hopeful that they are now headed in the right direction.

"We improved as a team each round and our strong closing round showed toughness. This finish is a strong momentum builder heading into the WAC Championship," Johnson said.



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FOOTBALL

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game here at a higher level than what he played in the past.”

Burgsmueller will face tough competition at the DE position, and with the graduation of Idaho's 2009 Defensive Player of the Year and former DE starter Aaron Lavarias, the position has been avoided as of late, Ena said.

“We have some young ones that have been in the program and the addition of him to help compete and push for that position and as the spring folds out we'll find out who the best man is for the job,” he said.

In his first year, Burgsmueller has set high standards that in-

clude football after graduation.

“First I want to get my scholarship then I want to play in the league (NFL),” he said.

These dreams could turn into reality and Ena said Burgsmueller has already set himself up for success by making all of the necessary adjustments to play Division 1 football.

“There are overseas leagues and everything, but there's a lot of hoops and hurdles for some of them to get over here and even have an opportunity, so him being able to take that first step to be here right now shows you that he's a driven young man,” Ena said. “I would love to see him be able to stay here and keep on working, I think he could become a really good player, a productive player.”

SNAP

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“He's got to put it on that target, it's got to be perfect every time,” Akey said. “He's going to have at least 600 pounds over the top of him... and he's got to be able to hold his position.”

Generally that's a lineman body, Akey said, because as soon as that ball moves, these guys are attacking the line of scrimmage.

On field goals, the short snapper is the first defense against the opposing line. His primary job though is getting the ball to its target in less than a second. The perfect long snapper is a player with the ability to protect the line without sacrificing accuracy, Akey said.

“Sometimes you find a guy who's capable of throwing the ball between his legs, but you put linemen over the top of him and the snaps aren't so good anymore,” Akey said.

Bigger players, like linemen, typically make good short snappers because they are accustomed to holding their ground against giant defensive linemen, Akey said.

The Vandals' reliable long snapper, Chris Ramos, will graduate in May and the vital spot

is up for grabs. Akey said he has begun assessing offensive linemen and linebackers who might fit the bill for the 2011 season.

“We've got to find the guy that can get the snap back there, that's the first thing,” Akey said.

Redshirt freshman Mike Marboe (OL) is the top contender for short snapper, since he will probably play center for the rest of the game, Akey said. There are a number of players up for the long snapping position, and Akey named Robert Sivii (LB), Marius Burgsmueller (DE), Tyler Brooks (LB), and Homer Mauga (LB) as a few candidates.

The position comes with a lot of pressure and little recognition — messing up one time is enough to erase years of flawless snaps. A long snapper must throw the ball with both hands and then be ready to defend his position against more than twice his weight.

“It could be a big guy, a fast guy, it doesn't matter, the key is getting the ball back there. He's got to be on target every time and it's got to be quick,” Akey said. “The No. 1 thing is that he's got to be able to throw a football between his legs with somebody standing over the top of him that wants to rip his head off — that's kind of the deal.”

BUFF

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One of those dreams, Sigman said, is becoming a professional model for the International Federation of Body Building and to appear on the cover of Oxygen, a women's fitness magazine. Sigman said competing in events such as the Northwest Natural Pro-Atlas Bodybuilding and Figure Championships April 30 are opportunities to make her known in the fitness world.

“Competing opens so many door because if a photographer sees you, and maybe will go up to you later on about a shoot,” Sigman said.

Getting the attention of sponsors or photographers is always a goal for Sigman when competing because she said they would help her fitness career.

“It's who you know and who you meet, you have to pretty much be your own

agent when you start out in this sport,” Sigman said. “You have to sell yourself because in the fitness industry it's a very dog-eat-dog world.”

There are four different categories in the competition Sigman is entering: Women's body-building, figure, fitness and bikini.

“Figure is not as muscular as the women body building. They wear five-inch heels and have two-piece suites. They're symmetrical and you can see their muscles,” Sigman said.

The fitness category is almost exactly like figure but contestants do gymnastic routines on stage to music.

“Bikini is the last category and they're not as muscular as figure or fitness, but they still have that tone,” Sigman said. “They look like fitness models and it's pretty much like a fitness pageant.”

Sigman said the fitness and body building categories have poses to do in order to show

off their muscles where as the bikini contestants do a “model walk” across the stage.

In order to get ready for the stage Sigman said she works out two hours a day, six days a week. Sigman also eats a strict diet consisting of six to eight healthy meals a day. She said she prepares these meals on Sunday so they are packed and ready to go for her busy week. Currently Sigman is carbohydrate-cycling, which means she rotates between a day of high-carb intake, normally around 120 grams, and low-carb days, around 60 grams of carbs. Sigman said she will adjust her workouts to her diet so she has more energy for the days she works large muscle groups like legs.

“Today is a low-carb day and I feel sluggish, fatigued — well more than usual,” Sigman said. “Sometimes I'll get confused, just have slower thinking.”

High protein, low-carb diets are proven to shed fat, but Sigman said it alternates every day, and fluctuating between high and low carbs helps so the body doesn't get used to a certain way and hit a plateau.

Sigman encourages anyone who has a passion for fitness to give body building a try.

“If you have the drive, compassion dedication and discipline then go for it. Because not only will you be happy with how you look but you'll be so much more confident as an end result,” Sigman said.

Sigman said the change has to come from within, and no amount of nagging from a spouse, family or friends can change someone.

“It's your competing against yourself. It's being the best you can be,” Sigman said. “Husbands telling their wives, ‘You're fat, go work out’ won't work, you have to want it for yourself.”

‘Ultimate’ decisions in competitive club team

Lauren Meyer
Argonaut

Among the many competitive sports at the University of Idaho, the Ultimate Frisbee team differs in the aspect of self-officiating.

Kyle Oldemeyer, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, is one of UI's Ultimate Frisbee club team captains.

“There are no referees,” Oldemeyer said. “The players on the field are responsible for making their own foul and boundary calls.”

Played with two teams of seven, the no-contact sport is similar to football. Using a disc, the objective of the game is to throw the disc to open teammates in each end zone. However, after catching the disc, the player cannot run up field with the disc. Advancing forward is only allowed through passing. If the disc is intercepted, thrown out of bounds or dropped during play, the play counts as a turnover and becomes the opposing team's possession.

“Ultimate relies on what is called spirit of the game,” Oldemeyer said. “Basically this means that players are honest and show sportsmanship to other players during competition.”

With Washington State University as UI's main competition, the team has traveled to three tournaments in the Tri-Cities, Burlington and Tacoma so far. In the next three weekends the team plans on attending three more in Walla Walla, Cheney and Missoula.

Currently ranked 172 out of 289 Division I college teams, UI is a fairly new team ready for more players and tournaments.

“We're right in the middle of the pack,” Oldemeyer said, “and we have high expectations for conference and the next few years.”

With the conference tournament just around the corner, the team is expected to enter the tournament as the No. 1 seed, based on team rankings.

Sawyer Beddoes is also a club team captain for the Ultimate Frisbee team — both Oldemeyer and Beddoes started playing Ultimate five years ago in high school.

“Our biology teacher, Alex LaChance, started a school Ultimate team,” Oldemeyer said. “The first year there were only two high school teams in the Boise area. Now it has grown to about six to eight schools with a total of 15 to 16 teams.”

Starting his Ultimate career at Borah


High School in Boise as a sophomore, Oldemeyer brought his love for the sport to UI.

“I fell in love with the game immediately,” Oldemeyer said.

As captain, Oldemeyer lead his high school team to a 15-0 season, including a state championship. During the past two years, Oldemeyer has been to roughly 25 tournaments and played against some of the greatest players in the world. Last year, he applied and was chosen to try out for the U.S. Junior Worlds team that traveled to Germany and won.

Consisting of 12-13 players, the Ultimate Frisbee team comes ready to play hard. Practicing year-round through any weather, the team can often be found on the SprinTurf and the Guy Wicks fields. The team prepares for competitions held in both the spring and fall with various throwing and catching drills similar to any other team sport.

“Everyone on the team brings a different aspect to the game,” Oldemeyer said. “We have some players who have great throws, we have some players who are great at getting open, and then we have some players who bring a big defensive part of the game. We're a team.”



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The fall football season is a great time. It's the season of tailgating, bowl games, rivalries and cheering in the crowd at the Kibbie Dome. The first part of spring brings basketball games and more rivalries, and then ...

Then what? What's left? Well, there's track and field, which has a world-class jumper named Jeremy Klas on its team. There's also women's soccer, which just won games against Washington State University and Gonzaga. The men's

tennis team is ranked No. 57 in the nation, and the women's golf team just took fifth at the Anteater Invitational.

Success can be found all across campus, not just in football and basketball. Although they might be the more popular sports, other fields deserve just as much support and recognition, if not more.

There is nothing more disappointing than practicing for hours over two or three months for a choir concert and then having no one

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show up to hear it. It's disheartening to put

heart and soul into a creative piece like a painting or a video and have no one buy or see it.

Sports at the University of Idaho are filled with exceptional athletes and solid programs. That doesn't mean you have to attend every sports event on campus, but look beyond what might draw the biggest crowd and support other areas of athletics as well.

—KM

A silent apartheid in Bahrain

The South African apartheid between 1948 and 1993 is a segment of our global history that will probably never be forgotten. Racial segregation was enforced by the white-ruled National Party government of South Africa, stripping the rights of and discriminating against the majority "non-white" inhabitants.

Fast forward to 2011. The global media is teeming with stories of revolution — of oppression, human rights and democratic freedoms. However, one of the nations that have not received so much coverage has been the small gulf state of Bahrain.

Over the past week, huge protests have been occurring within the country, mostly from Shiite Muslims who have suffered since Sunni elite rule began in 1783

under the oppressive regime of the ruling family, the Khalifas.

The Khalifas, conveniently ignoring and now silencing the Shiite population by force, are proud of the nation. Bahrain is relatively modern, moderate and well educated, and has more of the forms of democracy by Gulf standards. King Hamad therefore was said to have expected the democratic wave of revolutions to pass by the small country.

Bahrain is one of three countries in the world that has Shiite Muslim majority populations. Iran and Iraq are now ruled mostly by Shiite governments after the toppling of the Sunni rule of Saddam Hussein. Bahrain now remains the only

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After too long, time to close Guantanamo Bay

On his second day in office, President Barack Obama issued an executive order that the American detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, be closed within a year. It has been more than two years since that issue was ordered. Guantanamo Bay remains operational.

The prisoners detained at Guantanamo Bay — prisoners detained indefinitely without a warrant, a trial, a lawyer, without knowing the charges against them, without the right to confront their accuser, without habeas corpus, without any basic civil, constitutional, or human rights — are mainly accused al-Qaeda members and terrorists.

The Bush administration claimed that they could legally be detained indefinitely without trial or warrant, as they were "enemy combatants." Enemy combatants are not prisoners of war, and so are not entitled to the protections of the Geneva Conventions. Prisoners of war are enemies captured in combat during a war. Enemy combatants are enemies captured in combat, captured in combat during

the War on Terror, which was only a war when the Bush administration needed to justify invading oil-rich countries. But the War on Terror was not a war when it would mean our targets were covered under the Geneva Conventions.

This tangled legal logic means that it is legally, morally, and ethically okay to torture Guantanamo Bay prisoners. In fact, it's our patriotic duty. It's what Washington would have done.

Apart from the twisted justifications of Bush administration lawyers, there is no reason for the Guantanamo Bay detention facility to remain open.

Obama's attempt to close the prison was hindered by the fact that no prison on the American mainland would take the prisoners to be held for trial. Why? The cities said they would not hold terrorists.

This is post-Bush America in the War on Terror — accusation is proof. We cannot try terrorists because they are terrorists. Anyone who is accused of being a terrorist must be a terrorist,

and we cannot have a trial to determine if they are terrorists because they have been accused of terrorism.

Wow. That's some catch-22.

Are we afraid that our own justice system cannot handle crimes at this scale? Are we saying that there are some crimes too terrible for the courts?

It's time to close our overseas prisons and try these accused criminals in our courts.

Guantanamo Bay and other foreign detention facilities such as Bagram Prison are immoral, if not actually illegal. We cannot give up on our constitution simply because someone is accused of heinous crimes. We cannot give up our freedoms, the things that make us great, the things that make us America, simply because of a threat to our physical safety.

If there is truly a war on terror, then it is a war against an ideology, a way of thinking and fighting. And that means we must also fight for our own ideologies — freedom, human rights, a better world. We cannot abandon who we are for fear we might be attacked for who we are. That is the one way we can lose the War on Terror.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

Fine print

Dogs could make UI Law a better place

I was aware when I chose to come to law school at the University of Idaho that I would pass up certain amenities found at larger, more prestigious schools.

But I was OK with that decision. I chose to come to Idaho for a number of reasons, including because I'm a small-town Idaho man and wanted to stay in small-town Idaho.

In hindsight, if I had to do it over again, I would choose to go somewhere else, if for no other reason than to experience life outside of my giant comfort zone that is Moscow. But I don't regret choosing Idaho,

and the college compares favorably to other larger, more prestigious schools in a lot of ways.

Well, at least I thought it did — until I learned last week via the New York Times that Yale Law School students can now check out a dog from their law library.

The pilot program, which allows students to check out a dog for 30 minutes at a time, is to help law students "relieve stress." I wish Idaho had a program that allowed me to check out a dog for a half hour at a time.

I love dogs. I totally want

one.

Some days, I can barely take care of myself. I don't have time to take care of another living thing. I don't even have a pet-friendly apartment.

I've wanted a dog for a while, but I'm gone a lot with the National Guard and don't want to have to find someone every month or summer to take care of him for me. My imaginary dog is named Boston.

My solution for that is to wait until I have a live-in girlfriend before I get a dog, but my most committed relationship at the moment is with the law library. That's why it would be perfect if the law library had its own dog for students to play with

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

TGIF

'Nuff said.

— Elizabeth

Silly Republicans, you came out of those

Florida Republicans are mad at a state representative who said the word "uterus" on the House floor in a joking manner. Apparently, the word is inappropriate for young visitors to the government building. According to the St. Petersburg Times, state Rep. Scott Randolph, D-Orlando, is "not to discuss body parts on the House floor." How is talking about a uterus in a casual context any different from discussing the recent bill that would outlaw abortion? Florida Republicans need to stop acting like junior high students. "Uterus" is not a dirty word.

— Chava

Bahstan Red Sahx

Baseball season has officially started and I could not be more relieved. This whole basketball thing is fun, but it's time to throw another sport into the mix. Let's bring a championship to Boston, boys.

— Madison

Who needs a relationship ...

... when I have a brand-new iPhone 4? We can hang out all day long without getting sick of each other, it always has new things to show me and it provides hours of entertainment. It isn't frustrating, cheap or inconvenient. Basically, it was love at first sight.

— Kelli

The Japanese have courage

I am so impressed by workers in the nuclear plants in Japan. They have stepped up to deal with a stress that none of us can imagine. They are doing this to benefit the people of Japan and neighboring countries, though the risk is unimaginable for them. They do this because there is no choice. I can't help but wonder if I could find the strength it would take to do the same.

— Tanya

Wifi

AT&T, why doesn't the guy in your iPhone counter ad just use wifi in his office building? If he doesn't have wifi there, a router is \$40. Buy one.

— Jens

Messed up

NFL players and officials crying over how many billions of dollars they get make me sick. Sometimes it's hard for me to believe how backward the priorities are in this country right now. While people are being forced to leave their homes, you are fighting over money that could bring a third world country out of poverty for at least a year.

— Kelcie

The weekend

My mom, little brother and grandma will be in town this weekend, so all of the work I have to get done will be postponed indefinitely. Sorry Elizabeth Rudd, queen of Blot.

— Loren

The new Lombardi

I'm going to help "coach" a soccer team this spring. I've been working on pre-game speeches and half-time rallies to get the team ready to go. I think it will be something sort of like, "Boys, I'm sick and tired of being pushed around and hearing how good that other team is. Tonight is our night. And remember, you will be successful if you remember these three things, and these three things only: your family, your religion and the Green Bay Packers. Let's go." They are six, so I don't know if the references will hit home.

— Nick

Five words that changed my eating habits

Chicken head shaped fried meat. No thanks. Good thing my friends support me. "They gave her a grilled cheese because she's a hipster, my good friend, gingerly told The Argonaut staff.

— Dara

Classroom rapport goes a long way

How often have you sat in a class where the teacher will not say a word until the start of the lecture or spends the entire lecture talking without any input from students?

The classroom relationship between a teacher and his or her students is different for every person, but the difference is easily seen.

In the best circumstances, teachers are more social before and during class. They come in and, while separating papers, talk with their students, whether the topic is a recent homework assignment, an upcoming test or something outside the class like the weekend. They also usually



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know most, if not all, of the students' names. Once class begins, the topic is almost purely academic, but the mood in the room is different.

In these environments, students are more comfortable and inclined to provide feedback and ask questions during a lecture. The lecture becomes more of a discussion between an apprentice and a mentor instead of strictly between student and teacher.

The opposite situation carries its own tone in the classroom. Here, the teacher sits at his or her podium or stands at the board waiting for the clock to strike the exact starting time of class. They rarely know more than one or two

of the students' names in their class. The address that follows is almost entirely the teacher speaking with very little exchange. When the teacher asks if there are any questions — which seldom happens in this scenario — they are most often met with silence.

This is not an argument to advocate that teachers become best friends with their students. There does need to be a clear definition between teacher and student. This is similar in the work environment, where the definition of boss or supervisor can sometimes become clouded when a friendship develops. But as long as the roles remain understood and no bounds are overstepped, there should not be a problem.

Each teacher, supervisor, profes-

The classroom relationship between a teacher and his or her students is different for every person...

sional and boss should have defined bounds for the relationship to those that are under them. At the university level, an exchange of information and ideas is expected for well-developed students. If a classroom becomes nothing more than listening to someone speak a few times a week without any feedback or interaction, then why bother coming to college at all?

APARTHEID

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country in the world to be ruled by a Sunni minority. Shiites have become increasingly greatly dissatisfied with the regime of the Khalifas — who had promised democracy with independence only to impose a state of emergency in 1974. The regime cracked down further in 1979, arresting around 900 people. In 1981 and 1984, rumors of uprisings and coups coursed through the islands, and in 1984 arms caches were found. The mid-1990s were marked by further unrest. This February, following the Egyptian revolution, sporadic protests in Shiite villages nationwide attempted to create a "Tahrir Square movement" in the capital city, Manama.

This situation of oppression has been going on for decades. Why is it deemed any more appropriate for a minority Sunni population to rule over majority Shiite than it was in South Africa for a minority white population to rule over a majority black population?

Sure, in Bahrain there isn't "formal" separation. But neighborhoods are commonly either Sunni or Shiite. The system bars 70 percent of the population from serving in the army. And all leading cabinet positions are filled by one family. Somehow, this doesn't quite sound fair — yet the government talks about "unity" and complains that any opposition is encouraging sectarianism.

An American was on the roundabout last month when police attacked, but when they saw he was American they were friendly and said they were "hunting Shiite only." Riot police have attacked peaceful demonstrators with tear gas and rubber bullets. Dozens of protesters for democratic freedom have been wounded and two killed.

In South Africa, there was a marked physical difference between the ruling white colonialists and black indigenous people. It seems inhumane, but perhaps if there were a clear physical racial difference between the two groups in Bahrain, the international community would have paid more attention to the plight of the people. But as two sects of Islam, it has been categorized as an internal problem, and largely ignored.

In light of this, perhaps we should be asking: Has skin color acted as a determinant in the perceived right to democratic freedoms of a group? Are we still, in a way, maintaining this belief of color hierarchy in our actions and global awareness of the gulf region?

Homeless people deserve our kindness

I have an idealistic view of where our money should go — forgive me.

We walk past stores full of gadgets we can live without, pass extravagant looking cars and walk next to people with accessories that poor people are without.

It is our money and we work hard for it. It is a necessity, but our priorities with money can be shameful. Why do people in the entertainment business make more than the teachers who educate them? Where is the world putting its money?

What about people who cannot find jobs, or who find one that pays so little they see their house slip from their fingers?

It is sad that we call homeless people "bums." It is sad that our view on the homeless is so misconstrued.

The National Coalition for the Homeless advocates for the homeless in many ways, including researching the causes of homelessness to bring an end to it. The reasons so many people are homeless have nothing to do with problems people usually connect

the homeless with, which is mental disorders, drugs and laziness.

People who have mental disorders and are homeless account for about 26 percent, and only 5 to 7 percent of those would require institutionalization. According to the 2003 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Report, most homeless people with mental illness do not need to be institutionalized, but can live in the community with the appropriate supportive housing options.

In many cities, there are laws forbidding them to live on the streets, but these cities also do not offer an alternative option — out of sight, out of mind.

In terms of addiction, only 30 percent of homeless people have a problem with alcohol and 26 percent with other drugs. Drugs are not a factor, as many homeless people have jobs but cannot afford a home. Some have children to care for as well, as children are 39 percent of the nation's homeless population. Poverty, housing, and employment are the main reasons for homelessness.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, "most patients were released from mental hospitals in the 1950s and 1960s, but vast increases in homelessness did not occur until the 1980s, when incomes and housing options for those living on the margins began to diminish rapidly."

The real concern is the thing we call money — that buys us our third car, newest purse, 15th video game and foods that aid our taste buds — not our bodies.

Homeless people work jobs during the day and sleep in parks at night because it's the best they can do. "Federal support for low-income housing has fallen 49 percent from 1980 to 2003," according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Beyond money, the largest contributing factor of homelessness is what we teach them. Most homeless people view themselves as invisible. They see people walking by who ignore them — no smiles or hello, and forget about them once home. Soon, the homeless learn not to care about themselves either. We can give money or, at the very least, a smile of acknowledgement.



Casey Dail
Argonaut

Republicans should nominate Romney in 2012

Starting in January 2012, the Republican Party will nominate someone they believe is ready to lead this country.

As politicians begin to announce their candidacies, the party must be very selective about whom they nominate, as defeating President Barack Obama will be a difficult task.

The Republicans must find someone who is business oriented, as the 2012 election will more than likely be focused on the economy. Out of all the possible candidates, Mitt Romney is the right man for the job. Romney is one of very few candidates who has a chance of defeating Obama in November 2012.

Romney has not officially announced that he will be running for president, but it is very likely that he will run. Romney has a strong resume when it comes to the economy. He was named CEO of Bain.com in 1990. Romney also helped finance the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. Romney will keep the Bush tax cuts in place, and create an economic environment that will create jobs in the private sector.

Besides economics, Romney also has strong conservative values — which was lacking in the 2008 campaign with the moderate John McCain running. Romney has strong Christian conservative values that will excite conservatives, and a strong resume on economic issues that will help get the independent voters on his side. Romney will never apologize to the world for being an American — his foreign policy will be more aggressive than Obama, but less aggressive than

George W. Bush. Romney is also not Sarah Palin, which is always a positive, and will help him in the general election.

If the Republicans choose a candidate like Palin, Obama can pop open a bottle of Champagne and start celebrating immediately. The United States is a center-right country, not an extreme-right country.

Palin appeals to a lot of hardcore Christian conservatives — but the majority of Americans are not hardcore Christians. The majority of Americans are Christian, but not to the extent of Palin — and that's what would make her un-electable. Palin comes off as someone who follows the money — she is only concerned with serving her wallet and not the people.

She has earned this reputation ever since quitting her job as governor and then charging up to \$10,000 to give speeches across the country. This is not very appealing to voters, and, once again, makes her unelectable on a national scale.

Romney is conservative, but he is not going to shove a doctrine of religion down the throats of the American people that some fear Palin might do. Yes, Romney has money, but he earned that money by becoming a CEO of a successful business — not by quitting as governor and giving speeches. There are plenty of candidates who could win the Republican nomination, but there is probably only one candidate that could beat the president in the general election — and that candidate is Mitt Romney.



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