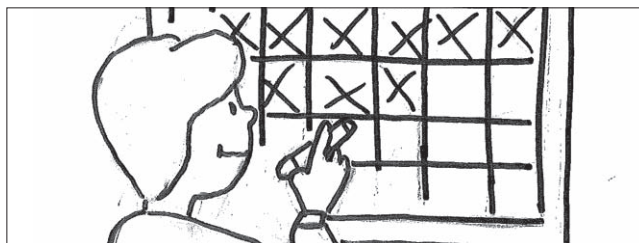




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# Celebrating 100 years with an expert

Historian visits campus to share expertise on Theodore Roosevelt's conservation

**Elizabeth Rudd**  
 Argonaut

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt visiting the University of Idaho campus, McClure Center Director David Adler said they could not think of a better way to celebrate than by bringing in someone who could speak with authority about the man.

Historian and author Douglas Brinkley wrote the biography, "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America" in 2009, which talked about Roosevelt's conservation efforts in America. Given Idaho's history with Roosevelt and interest in conservation, Brinkley was a good choice, Adler said.

"Students will come away not only with a better understanding of Theodore Roosevelt, but also a better understanding of Roosevelt's critical role in helping to preserve the public lands of America, and of course, that's absolutely a critical part of Idaho's rich history," Adler said.

Brinkley's presentation, "Wild America from Theodore Roosevelt to Dwight Eisenhower," will begin at 7:30 tonight in the Student Union Building ballroom, which will last about an hour with an opportunity for questions, and a reception and book signing will follow.

During Roosevelt's presidency, more than 230 million acres of land were set aside for national parks and forests. Kenton Bird, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media, said Roosevelt's efforts protected some of the country's best-known national forests from logging, and the legacy of public lands and Roosevelt intertwine.

"I think people in Idaho who have grown up with the outdoors ... can relate to that part of Roosevelt's personality," Bird said.

Roosevelt visited UI's campus two years after he left office. He spoke in front of the Administration Building April 9, 1911, and also planted a tree in the Presidential Grove, that is still there now.

Bird said for him it is a personal thrill because he works in the Administration Building, and to walk through the arch and think Roosevelt was there 100 years ago is "sort of like walking in the footsteps of a historical person."

Bird, who has helped organize the event, said as part of Brinkley's visit they plan to take him on a walk about

in and around the Administration Building, so he can see where Roosevelt was and the planted tree.

Bri Gordon, a McClure Center intern, said she had not heard of Brinkley before, but after doing some research learned he is a highly successful historian for his age. She said it is

amazing to learn what he's done and thinks the presentation will be interesting for students to learn about history that can be tied back to UI.

"It's kind of commemorating an important historical event that happened on the University of Idaho," Gordon said, "and especially since agriculture and natural resources are a prominent aspect of this campus, I think that learning more about the conservation efforts that were begun by Teddy Roosevelt is important for students to know."

Adler said Brinkley has lectured across the nation and in different countries, and the crowds have loved him. He said he believes students will thoroughly enjoy his presentation.

"The reality is, he's a highly respected scholar, writes for the public ... his writings are very accessible, he's very personable," Adler said, "and the idea to bring him in was really, I think, the opportunity to bring to the UI a prominent speaker."

Adler said attendees will not only be able to enjoy a good lecture, but will also see a master at work. Brinkley has written a book about the effects of Hurricane Katrina, and has taught at three universities including Princeton and the U.S. Naval Academy. He is

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## Students send well wishes to Japan

**Kelli Hadley**  
 Argonaut

Folding 1,000 paper cranes may seem impossible to some, but for University of Idaho students like Shoichi Yoshida, it's how he helps the people of his home country who have been impacted by the recent natural disasters.

Yoshida is an exchange student from Osaka, the third biggest city in Japan. Osaka is located in the middle of the country so his family was safe from the earthquake and tsunami, but still wants to help the rest of those affected in his country.

"I (really) worry about people living up in the north ... so I'm working here," Yoshida said. "...To collect donations ... make the paper crane, tell the people who cared about Japan — that's what I'm doing here ... all these Japanese people are trying to do this, but sometimes they (students) don't have enough time to."

Japan was hit by another earthquake Thursday, one with a 7.4 magnitude. Though no injuries or additional damage have been reported, students are still sending positive vibes to the country by folding paper cranes. The custom of making 1,000 cranes is part of Japanese custom, doing so will promote peace, health and/or luck.

Austin Becker, a senior in the International Affairs club, said they were contacted about tabling and holding an event to fold cranes, accept donations and boost student involvement, which they did Wednesday.

"It was to get people thinking about the disaster again because ... the tremors and aftershocks for the most part are over but ... the problems are just beginning in a sense," Becker said.

Becker said the cranes are a symbolic gesture that is tangible — he said these small actions will have some effect on those affected by the natural disaster.

"The hope is that these will go to somebody ... and have like, the warm feeling that 'somebody in America thought of us,'" Becker said.

Reina Hagstrom has been the president of the UI Japanese Student Association for

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## Tension at Borah Symposium

**Sarah Yama**  
 Argonaut

There was tension in the Student Union Building ballroom Monday.

People attending the Borah Symposium event may not have noticed the extra security and the specially structured question and answer format session, but those who stayed until the end of the speech became aware that not everyone agreed with Theogene Rudasingwa.

During the question and answer portion of the evening, a handful of Rwandans expressed their disagreement with Rudasingwa, former ambassador for the U.S. and former chief of staff to the Rwandan president, and their support for the current government in Rwanda.

The questions ranged from whether Rudasingwa thought he would see democracy in his

lifetime, to accusations of lying and denial. The opposition questions and opinions began when a Tanzanian man, holding a cell phone in the air throughout the entire speech, implied Rudasingwa was involved with a terrorist organization. More questions followed from Rwandans, some asking why Rudasingwa did not recognize the good the government has done and statements implying Rudasingwa was just wrong about the government.

"Because I am a sentenced, opposition leader, the government does not like me and my colleagues speaking," Rudasingwa said. "They show up to wherever I go."

Rudasingwa and Bill Smith, director of the Martin Institute, said the dissenters were more than likely from the same

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## Ticket runs unopposed for ASUI elections

**Molly Spencer**  
 Argonaut



**Nick Groff | Argonaut**  
 Samantha Perez and Juan Corona pose for a photo on Hello Walk. Perez and Corona are running for ASUI president and vice president, respectively, but are running unopposed.

Former ASUI adviser Steve Janowiak said he doesn't remember an unopposed election from his 10 years at the University of Idaho before he became vice president at Briar Cliff University, but there might be different reasons this year's candidates are running unopposed.

"... it may mean there's a very strong ticket already running, and the other possibility is some of the other leaders around the university are just developing and just don't feel like they're ready at this point to run for ASUI president and vice president," Janowiak said.

He said the role is one that consumes the people's lives and they might not want to take on that kind of a commitment.

"Essentially, in a lot of ways, you become almost working a schedule like a staff person at the university, and maybe there are students who want to remain students and not do that," he said.

Janowiak said it's important for this year's candidates, Samantha Perez and Juan Corona, to campaign as if they were running opposed, because at this point, there is nothing compelling anyone to

vote for them. He said it is their responsibility to explain who they are and what they stand for to the student body.

"Hopefully they will win over students who may not have voted or who are unsure about them as candidates," Janowiak said. "Not only is it the responsible thing to do, I think it's also a smart thing to do."

Jennifer Fountain, director of Student Engagement, said the organization needs to do a better job of communicating who they are, what they do and how they serve the students.

"I think that it's ambiguous and it's this unknown, and so if I don't understand that why in the world would I want to stand up and learn it? So I don't think it's apathy at all. Maybe I choose to believe it's just the fear of the unknown," she said.

Fountain said she thinks the single ticket might have to deal with the human dynamics of the situation as well.

"You've got a strong ticket and so you've got two individuals that have great experience, leadership within ASUI, leadership without ASUI who are very well connected and plugged into campus," Fountain said. "I could see looking at it going, 'I don't know

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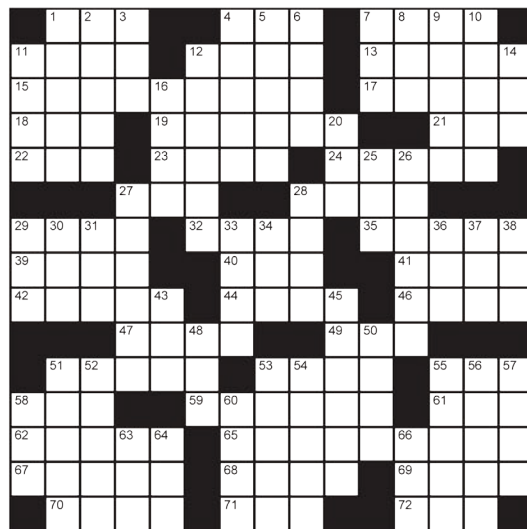
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- 7 Criticizes
- 11 Domesticated ox of India
- 12 No angel
- 13 Fatuous
- 15 Acquit
- 17 Single-celled microorganism
- 18 Bluejacket
- 19 Japanese mat
- 21 Fury
- 22 Boric acid target
- 23 Quotation notation
- 24 Family girl
- 27 Antediluvian
- 28 Magnani of *The Rose Tattoo*
- 29 "Rubāiyāt" poet
- 32 Tall tale
- 35 Icelandic money
- 39 Tibetan monk
- 40 Cricket club
- 41 Hammer's target
- 42 Departures
- 44 Flock members
- 46 Feminine suffix
- 47 Dethrone
- 49 Spread, as hay
- 51 1988 Olympics locale
- 53 Den denizen
- 55 Broke bread
- 58 Sis, e.g.
- 59 St. Polycarp, for one
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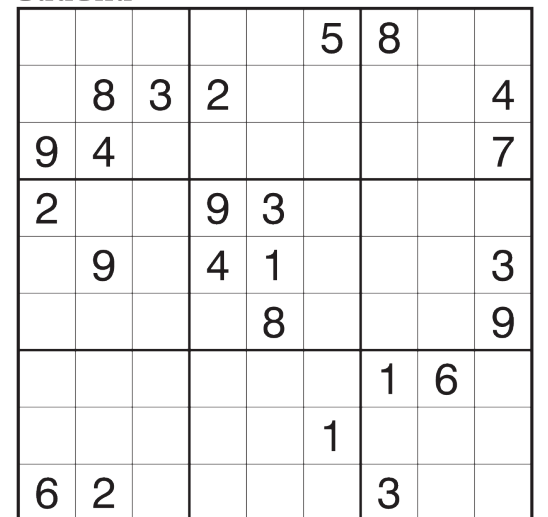
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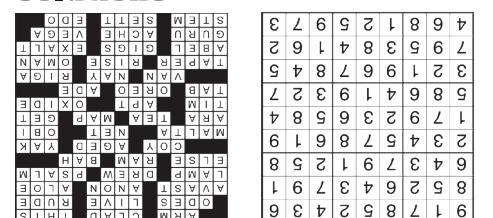
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- 5 Tempter
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- 7 Cup part
- 8 Year abroad
- 9 Go to pieces
- 10 Booby trap
- 11 Epsilon follower
- 12 Cognac
- 14 Dutch city
- 16 Catchall abbr.
- 20 Bed-and-breakfast
- 25 It's kept in a pen
- 26 Deserved
- 27 Loud speaker
- 28 meridiem
- 29 Corrida call
- 30 Nth degree
- 31 Brest friend
- 33 Assist illegally
- 34 Inexperienced
- 36 Cereal grain
- 37 Louse-to-be
- 38 Brewed drink
- 43 Petition
- 45 Hung around
- 48 Friend of Frodo
- 50 Bungles
- 51 Sales booth
- 52 Way too weighty
- 53 Cleaning equipment
- 54 Spirit of a people
- 55 Cherish
- 56 Basic belief
- 57 "So what \_\_\_ is new?"
- 58 Health resort
- 60 Crowning point
- 63 Listening device
- 64 Dog command
- 66 Frigid

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# Republican majority casts out tobacco tax increase

**Erin Gibbons**  
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Idaho House Tax Chairman Dennis Lake said the policy proposal to raise the state tax on cigarettes was never introduced into the legislative session this year because of a lack of support among Republicans on the House Tax Committee.

The proposal could have raised about \$50 million by hiking state tax on each pack of cigarettes from 57 cents to \$1.25, and Lake, R-Blackfoot, said the money raised would have helped the Medicaid program pay for health problems caused by the use of tobacco.

Rep. Brian Cronin, D-Boise, said the tobacco tax increase was not given a chance because some legislators never support tax reform, even if it is widely supported by the public.

"It's frustrating for what we think is a worthy policy idea to never be put on the table," Cronin said. "We have referred to this as a perversion of the process."

Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Ririe, said she never saw the proposition, but is against taking too much money from people and their families.

"I rarely vote for tax increases. I am opposed to raising any taxes at all until we see what our financial situation is going to be," Wood said.

The proposal was not brought on as a tax increase but rather as a health problem, Lake said.

"The proposition showed that every family in Idaho is paying over \$500 a year to pay for the health issues that tobacco users have developed," Lake said. "Do you like to be paying for the problems that someone else who smokes now has?"

Lake said the proposition never went on the table because there was not enough support to move it out of committee,



**Photo Illustration by Zach Edwards**  
A proposed tax on tobacco has been proposed and could raise \$50 million by increasing the tax per pack from 57 cents to \$1.25

but Cronin did not agree.

"They are using that they don't have enough votes as an excuse, but that's not how we make policy in this country," Cronin said. "We typically examine an idea, solicit input from different parties and then make a decision rather than shutting down the idea before it can ever see the light of day to be brought up for a real vote."

Lake said an unofficial hearing held Monday in the Capitol Building had a majority turnout of supportive Idahoans, and little opposition from distributors and tobacco users.

Lake said a poll conducted last fall by the anti-smoking coalition reported nearly 73 percent of Idaho's public supported the tax hike, while more than 50 percent of current smokers also supported the increase simply because they didn't want other people to start smoking.

Statistics show 19 percent of

young people would never start using if there was a tax increase and 9 percent of present users would stop smoking altogether, Lake said.

Wood said the strongest point of the proposition was to stop children from smoking.

Cronin said he believes every legislator agrees they want fewer children to smoke.

"We are in the business of keeping Idahoans safe and healthy. I don't think you would find a single legislator that would say they want to see fewer children smoke," Cronin said.

Another reason Cronin said he supported the proposition was because the \$50 million generated by the tax increase could free up funds elsewhere for budgets like higher education, K-12 schools and human services.

Cronin said this session they have been cutting budgets in those areas, and those cuts are making people realize how important the extra money from a

tobacco tax increase could be.

He said hundreds of postcards and emails have come in supporting a tobacco tax increase, but most of those supporters don't realize that there isn't a printed bill that could even be voted on for this proposition.

Lake said a smoker emailed his support for the increase with confidence that it could help him quit smoking.

"I received an email from a guy saying that he supported the tobacco tax increase because it would be just what he needs to be motivated to quit," Lake said.

He said although the anti-smoking coalition worked hard to get the proposition heard this year, he is doubtful it will come back next year unless there is an extreme need for funds. He said legislators that don't like tax reform of any kind, and that will stop the bill from moving again.

"Most people around the legislature will tell you the extremist majority will never go near a tax increase. We have legislators that never want to reform tax at any time or measure for any policy. Those in leadership seem to be of that mindset," Cronin said.

He said he believes these decisions are being made by only a handful of people, and the Idaho House of Representatives has an agenda, which is driven by an extreme political policy that is restricting any tax increases.

"It seems strange and disturbing to us that they didn't even give it a chance. Who knows what would have happened if we could have had a hearing. We might have had an interesting debate," Cronin said. "We debate all sorts of issues that never become the law, but agree that they are at least worth talking about. There is something broken with this process — its integrity is not being honored."

# Same challenges for a new grad dean

**Dylan Brown**  
Argonaut

Political scientist Jie Chen plans to expand the College of Graduate Studies, in size and status, when he takes his seat as Dean in August.

Chen, who chairs the Department of Political Science at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., will replace interim dean Nilsa Bosque-Perez, who was one of three candidates for the permanent position along with Chen and University of Miami-Ohio professor John Kiss. Bosque-Perez had filled the position left by previous Dean Margrit von Braun, who left her post to pursue international research opportunities.

Chen said he inherits a growing college with a number of excellent programs and would like to see the growth and success continue, but first he needs to familiarize himself with the program.

"The first thing I need to do is confer with all the stakeholders — to identify the specific challenges at (the University of Idaho)," Chen said.

Increasing enrollment, a fixture of UI President Duane Nellis's vision for UI's future, will top the priority list for Chen when he arrives in Moscow.

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Jerry McMurtry said graduate students currently constitute some 7.2 percent of the total student population, around 900 students. The new dean wants to see the college continue to grow like as it has during the past three years, up 2.5 percent from 2007, Bosque-Perez said. Chen said he plans to nurture relationships with feeder institutions to ensure a larger pool of quality applicants.

Not only does Chen want to see more students, but he said he wants to see more students complete their degrees and have more students and faculty participating in interdisciplinary research projects, like the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program in Costa Rica, a \$3.2 million grant project from the National Science Foundation.

More collaborative efforts across numerous disciplines, like the IGERT project in Costa Rica, and are a goal of Chen and President Nellis alike, and both have said they would like to see more UI students working abroad on such projects.

The budget, however, will decide how much the new dean is able to accomplish.

"There is going to be a

crunch for sure," McMurtry said, "(but) we are not as bad off as last year's cuts."

Despite what McMurtry said was a "fantastic job" by Keith Ickes, director of Planning and Budget, times will still be tough financially for the College of Graduate Studies, along with the rest of the university.

The problem within Graduate Studies is with the relatively small number of professors in the college, most of the funding dollars are wrapped up with students, meaning cuts hit them hardest.

"Unfortunately, we have fewer dollars to provide to students," McMurtry said, but called for calm as programs face further fiscal constraints.

"Some (programs) may grow, some may shrink, but that's good."

Adjusting programs, McMurtry said, will allow the college to maintain the quality of courses and teaching.

Incoming Dean Chen said he is searching for new revenue streams to mitigate the budget crunch.

"It's a very challenging, but very important task," he said.

Chen will start by reaching out to alumni for help and focus on grant writing, both state and federal, with real-world applications, especially interdisciplinary projects.

Internally, while Chen said he is still unfamiliar with it, strategic adjustments in the budget could also help free up funding to help expand the UI graduate program at home and abroad.

President Nellis cited Chen's "superb" work in the international arena in making Chen the choice to pursue Nellis's goal of connecting academic studies to the world.

"He models global citizenship and civic involvement. Inquiry, analysis and discovery, and linking research and academics across disciplines," Nellis said.

Chen said he plans to use his international ties to connect UI to growing markets throughout the planet, especially in China and India.

Chen's own research is based in China. Another National Science Foundation grant, Chen is examining political opinions in China, namely within private entrepreneurs and the middle class. He has published five books on the subject and been published in numerous journals.

Chen is currently a professor at both Old Dominion and Shanghai Jiaotong universities. He did undergraduate work in at the Institute of International Politics in Beijing and received a master's degree at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, before getting a Ph.D. from Washington State University. Chen was also a Fulbright scholar and fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.



**Jie Chen**

# Wildlife chapter brings home awards

**Brittany Kiser**  
Argonaut

Students from the University of Idaho's chapter of The Wildlife Society recently beat eight teams from other wildlife programs throughout the West, and received second place in the Western Division Wildlife Student Conclave's quiz bowl competition.

The conclave was held at Humboldt University in Arcata, Calif., this year, and included a series of speakers, student presentations and fieldtrips, said Kerry Reese, UI professor and head of the Fish and Wildlife Department.

"The students on this trip went out with some researchers who were working on spotted owls," Reese said. "They went to the coast to look at tidal sort of areas — they actually had to be evacuated because of the tsunami warnings on the west coast ... which added a little excitement."

UI junior and Wildlife Resources major Cody Bear said the conclave serves as an opportunity for college students from different wildlife organizations throughout the West to get together and network.

Bear said students also have the opportunity to participate in competitions

including the quiz bowl, triathlon and poster competition.

He said UI's student chapter took part in the quiz bowl and triathlon.

Reese said the quiz bowl serves as one of the main focuses of the conclave, and is a double elimination competition. UI's quiz bowl team won second place. They initially lost to Utah State, came back to beat them and finally fell to them in the championship round.

"The quiz bowl is not just on wildlife," Bear said. "It covers all different aspects of wildlife, ecology — everything from soils to geology — pretty much every part of science."

Bear said the Student Wildlife Society is a student organization, and is part of the national organization that consists of more than 10,000 professionals.

"There's two main focuses of the group itself," Reese said. "One is for professional sorts of activities. They do a variety of things with Idaho Fish and Game, they work with the wildlife refuge ... and then it's also a social kind of thing."

Reese said they go on a winter camping trip with the University of Montana's student chapter up on Lolo Pass every year,

and also clean up sections of the highway.

Bear said all members of UI's student chapter of The Wildlife Society take a class taught by Reese, the team adviser, in the spring to prepare for the conclave.

"I assign the students lists of things to learn like the scientific names of all the ducks, the scientific names of the trees," Reese said. "... Things like the number of teeth that animals have — just trivial sorts of things that wildlife people often know."

Reese said he also sets up a buzzer system so the students can practice competing against each other.

"We just practice for the competition," Bear said. "It's kind of a fun class — it's pretty much like playing Jeopardy the whole time."

The club will host the Student Conclave at UI in 2012, and will bring more than 100 wildlife students from the region to the university.

"It's one of those things that the students decided to do, I didn't have anything to do with it," Reese said. "In Humboldt, they actually sort of came around and said that they could host it ... it was a good group of students that went, I'm really proud of them."

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group of people sponsored by an embassy in Washington, D.C. There are also cases, Rudasingwa said, where Rwanda Intelligence will send people to speak out against him and his colleagues.

"We knew this would happen," Smith said. "Anytime you have an ex-patriot living abroad and speaking out, the regime will react to it. They will have someone present to make accusations."

Rudasingwa said this is a small minority group, but they appear wherever he and his colleagues speak. He even went as far to give one of the members a message to send to their organizers.

"Some of them are young people, and it's kind of sad. Youth should not be used by the government, in my opinion," Rudasingwa said. "I have nothing against these young people."

North Idaho College student Natasha Uwimanzu was one Rwandan in strong disagreement with Rudasingwa.

Uwimanzu said she was insulted when Rudasingwa implied someone sent her.

"What? Does he think I can't think for myself?" Uwimanzu said. "Hon-

estly he was giving false information. His whole speech was bias and his perspective (was) not credible."

Uwimanzu said she thinks the Rwandan economy has improved immensely and Rudasingwa's speech was focused more about him and "dissing" the government than about human security.

"I go back to Rwanda on breaks," Uwimanzu said. "We have good roads, private businesses and had the basic necessities. It is just a developing country."

Uwimanzu also said she was hurt the way Rudasingwa was speaking about the country.

"If he has a personal problem with the president he should take it up with him, not claim the whole country is doing poorly," Uwimanzu said. "I lived through the genocides, I was three, but we had water and the basic necessities. It is unfair to compare a developing country like Rwanda to the United States. I'm not saying it is perfect, I'm saying it's developing."

Another attendee of the speech had a much different perspective about Rudasingwa's speech. Jacqueline Maximillian, part time lecturer for environmental science and UI alumni, is the wife of a Hutu refugee. Maximillian said she and her family struggled for years with the Rwandan govern-

ment while her innocent husband was being tried for the genocides. Maximillian had mixed feelings about Rudasingwa, because he was in power when she and her family were victims.

"This topic was very personal to me," Maximillian said. "The speech did give me assurance, that maybe we could get the Hutu and the Tutsi talking again. When Theogene started talking about it, it gave me hope."

As for the opposition, Maximillian said most of the people commenting might be slightly ignorant to the situation due to the generational gap.

"Most of them were probably three or four during the genocides," Maximillian said. "The girl that stood up and said refugees were being welcomed back, all I was thinking was my husband is a refugee and he can't go back."

While the opposing viewpoints seemed rooted in the topic of human security, Smith said he felt it might have taken away from Rudasingwa's message.

"Were we even talking about human security toward the end? No," Smith said.

Rudasingwa, however, said he still felt people understood his message, despite the opposing, vocalized viewpoints.

# ASUI

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if I have a chance. How could I compete with that? While that's not OK, I think it's just part of our reality. It shows me in the organization, we need to work harder to break down barriers."

Student government is one of many types of involvement, not the only involvement, she said.

Fountain said she is excited, but not satisfied, with the current state of ASUI.

"Definitely what resonates with me is that it truly is a year of transition and what I see around me is young leadership, but who are eager for change and ready for change," she said.

Fountain said she's ready for ASUI to become a more representative body and to improve its internal as well as external communication, as well as collaborative development and fundraising with other departments.

"I mean we could really be seen as a hub of student involvement. So with the right outreach and the right communication we can build those powerful partnerships," Fountain said.

Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said it is rare for a ticket to run unopposed. The staff of Student Affairs and university administration is careful to stay out of student elections, Pitman said.

"This is fundamentally student government at its best, and students' voices have to determine the course of these events," he said. "I have the highest regard for Samantha and for Juan, and I know them both quite well. I think they will serve our students and work with university administration very well over time."

Pitman said, in essence, this situation is not Perez and Corona's fault.

"It is simply a circumstance that they find themselves in as well," he said. "It is generally true that if you have more candidates, there's more of a spirited debate about the campus issues that affect students."

Pitman said he presumes having others in the field would create an environment for a better and more robust dialogue, but that's no judgment on Perez and Corona as candidates.

"Elections and election forums create that opportunity for at least a large annual conversation about those issues," Pitman said.

Former ASUI President Kelby Wilson said when he ran, it was the craziest three weeks of his life.

"It was a lot of fun," Wilson said. "I learned a lot about the university very

quickly, I knew quite a bit but there's always more to learn," Wilson said. "It is a challenge and it's a real commitment to run for president."

Wilson said it's disappointing not to see competition. He said he is not sure it indicates an apathetic student body, but believes students are involved with activities and groups they are passionate about, which may not be student government.

"There's discussion and there's debate on this campus, and even though there's only one team running, I don't necessarily think it's a dire indicator that student engagement and student involvement is severely lacking on this campus," Wilson said. "It takes a real time commitment — it added an extra year for me at the U of I, so I can understand why people wouldn't want to do it. But I also see the benefits and personal growth that can come and the ability to improve your university in small ways behind the scenes that people may never know."

Perez and Corona, even though only being in and around ASUI for a short time, have never seen a ticket run unopposed.

"I kind of wish there was competition, it'd be nice. I think it's always great to earn it," Perez said. "However, we're still working really hard — we're still going out and campaigning, we still have flyers, we've worked really hard on our platform, and we really do have great ideas that we are passionate about."

She said she believes the reason the two are running unopposed is because ASUI is in a transition period right now. All of the older senators who have been in ASUI for so long are graduating and the new senators are not ready to run yet.

"It's a little disappointing that people are not running just because I want to see people challenge each other, but I can also see why no one is running, like Sam said, it is a transition period where people are leaving and not coming back to ASUI," Corona said. "It kind of makes us feel old that we are still in ASUI ... and we're going to keep going."

Corona said he believes it's important for a person to have experience in ASUI under their belt if they plan on running for president or vice president, otherwise, running would be more difficult.

"I think it was really hard because we have to run as a ticket, president and vice president together, and so I think it was hard for some of the other ASUI members to find a ticket that fit for them," Perez said. "Me and Juan were able to run together. I think we have a really exciting opportunity to make changes."

# JAPAN

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three years and is originally from Japan. The club has also been folding cranes for Japanese relief support, and has made at least 1,000.

"It means hope and peace," Hagstrom said. "If someone gets sick, we usually make 1,000 to show our support, usually send it to them and make them feel comfortable."

She said the club usually has a big event twice a year — one is "Cruise the World" and the other is a collaboration with the Washington State University Japanese club to create a big Japanese festival. She said during the past week the club has also had booths in the Idaho Commons to make origami and accept donations, and she encourages students to contact the Japanese Student Association if they'd like to help with relief efforts as well.

"We appreciate as (much) support as we can get, some people weren't that supportive when we had the booths, so positive thinking might help us more to get our hopes up," Hagstrom said. "...My family's area (is) fine ... but I think it's devastating still. (It's) kind of hard like, 'why is this happening to my country,' this natural disaster."

# EXPERT

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currently a history professor at Rice University, CBS News' history commentator and a contributing editor to Vanity Fair magazine.

"I thought it was really neat he was the official biographer of Rosa Parks. I didn't even know you could be an official biographer of a certain person, but I think that's something important to be noted," Gordon said.

The event is sponsored by the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research, the University of Idaho Office of the President and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

In addition to the lecture, UI is also featuring a photo exhibition from Roosevelt's visit on the first floor of the library. The photos are from the Special Collections and Archives Department of the library, and have also been made available online in a digital gallery by the Digital Historical Photographic Collection.



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## How it's done

# Stepping up to the charity stripe

Vicky Hart  
Argonaut

The most intense moments of basketball games are often during free throws. Senior guard Bianca Cheever is familiar with the pressure, and said she has developed a routine that instills confidence no matter the situation.

Free throws can make or break a game, and the Vandal women's basketball team practices them with this in mind.

"We practice two shots at a time like it's a game situation," Cheever said. "You've got to make sure you're focusing on every shot like it's a game-winning shot."

Cheever made three of six free throw attempts in games this season, and the team shot .741 from the line as a whole. Cheever said confidence is key to a successful free throw, as well as technique and practice.

When she started playing basketball as a 12-year-old in Geelong, Australia, Cheever said she wasn't great at free throws, but coaches helped her improve.

"I've become a more accurate shooter because coaches have taught me ... the correct technique," Cheever said.

For her, correct technique means standing to the side of the basket so her right arm lines up with it, rather than starting from right in

front like most other players. She said the straight line makes her shot more accurate and consistent.

Cheever also stressed that every player takes a unique approach to free throws, and it's common for players to have a personal routine they go through before each shot. Cheever said she follows her own set of rituals before releasing the ball.

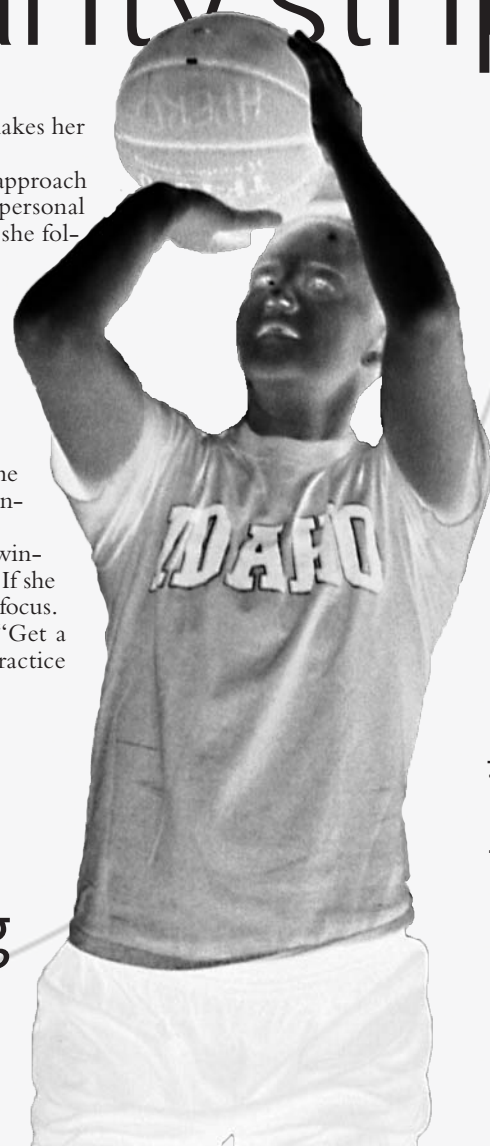
"It's just muscle memory," Cheever said. "I spin the ball, and then I bounce it three times, I look at the rim, kind of bend my knees a little, then just shoot and follow through."

A lifetime of repetition and fine-tuning has made free throws natural for Cheever, but many beginners struggle with the high-pressure shots.

Cheever acknowledged the stress of shooting from the line in a game, but said she feels practice is the secret to gaining the confidence to buoy players through any situation.

Countless practice shots may precede a single game-winning free throw, and they all begin with proper technique. If she were to start from scratch, Cheever said that would be the focus.

"I would teach the technique first," Cheever said. "Get a focal point somewhere on the rim to shoot at, then practice over and over again."



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Bianca Cheever demonstrates how to shoot a free throw in Memorial Gym Thursday.



Visit [uiargonaut.com](http://uiargonaut.com) to see Cheever shooting and explaining how to hit a free throw

# Post-college hoop dreams

## Seniors prepare for next level

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

Months after contributing to one of the biggest winning seasons in school history, three members of the Idaho men's basketball team have started preparing for what could be another chance to play the sport they love.

Jeff Ledbetter, Shawn Henderson and Brandon Wiley will leave Moscow following the conclusion of the spring semester, but the trio won't retire from basketball completely, as they each have hopes to play professionally in some way.

Although Idaho's three seniors have, for the most part, put a career in the NBA out of their heads, the success of a few former teammates has proven they too are capable of playing professionally.

Ledbetter broke Idaho's record for 3-pointers in a season with 99 in 32 games, and said a professional career

would be preferable if the opportunity arose, but he won't rely on basketball to provide him a job post-graduation.

"I'm just going back home, obviously looking into playing a little longer. Otherwise, just going into the business world — I've got some things set up with some different people," he said. "I've played ball since the day I started walking so I don't know what I'd do if it was over for good. That's every little hooper's dream, to get paid playing ball."

A fan favorite among Vandals, Ledbetter ranked No. 31 in the nation in 3-point percentage and topped Idaho's scoring chart with 12.5 points per game. Despite playing only two years of Division 1 basketball, the Southern California native can attribute much of what he's learned at Idaho to coach Don Verlin.

"Just working every day, you need to know that you can't take days off in order to make it, and with the structure around here, you learn a lot of skills to get along with people and communicate with people," Ledbetter said. "It's been a roller-coaster ride, it was different with situations last year, but overall it was a lot of fun and I don't regret anything about coming here. It was a great decision to play here and a lot of fun to play with this group of guys."

Henderson's career-high 17 points helped Idaho conquer No. 17/21 Utah State in February, and the 6'3" guard has been recently considering a basketball career overseas.

This route isn't unfamiliar to Idaho graduates — three seniors from the 2009-10 season are currently residing overseas with professional contracts. Luciano De Souza averages 9.48 points per game for Assis Basket of the Liga Nacional de Basquete in his home country of Brazil. Marvin Jefferson ranks second in rebounding and third in scoring for Quimper UJAG of the Ligue Nationale de Basket in France. Mac Hopson stars for the Sendai 89'ers of the Professional Basketball League in Japan.

Henderson hopes to attend European basketball camps where agents scout players



File Photo by Nick Groff | Argonaut

Vandal forward Brandon Wiley attempts a hook shot over Fresno State Bulldog defenders during the second half of play in the Cowan Spectrum March 3.

with potential to play professional ball in Europe. The Renton, Wash., native understands the importance of being patient when it comes to getting a professional contract.

"You really can't be too picky, you have to just go with the flow, it's wherever you get a shot," he said. "I know a few of my friends last year ended up getting picked up."

Like Ledbetter, Henderson only experienced two years of action as a Vandal but relishes the time he's spent in Moscow.

"It's a different environment, especially with me being from Seattle where it's fast-paced and everything. Here, everything's so much slower and calm but I like it especially 'cause Seattle's only five hours away," he said.

"This year nobody thought we were going to do anything in the WAC ... but playing with these guys every day on the court we've had a lot of fun, not too many teams have fun and we were winning while we were doing it."

Wiley, the most experienced senior of the pack, was forced to sit out the majority of last season because of a back injury. The center recovered this past season — he led the team in blocked shots posted a career-high five blocks in a 69-65 win at Oregon.

Having already graduated, Wiley is also taking time to prepare for a professional career.

"He's doing the same thing, planning on playing ball if he has the opportunity to, he's been working out too," Ledbetter said.

## SPEAK OUT

Thoughts on this year's NCAA Men's Basketball Championship game

Kristen Whitney  
Argonaut



**Ian Higginson**  
M.S. electrical engineering  
Grad student sixth year

"I was sitting at The Alehouse watching the game and I looked up after half time, Butler was up by five or something, looked up maybe 15 minutes later and they were down by 20. Not that impressive to me."



**Kasondra Cross**  
English creative writing  
Senior

"What I saw of it was fine, except for my power cut out during the half time show ... It really sucked but I was told later it was a blessing our power went out."



**Josh Bigler**  
Finance/ operations  
management  
Junior

"I thought it was the worst game I've probably ever seen in the Final Four. That was terrible shooting — they shot what, 18 percent? That's the worst shooting wise a team's ever done that far in the tournament. I thought they (Butler) could have won if they didn't shoot so poorly."



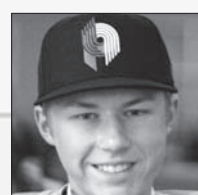
**Aubree Winkles**  
Public relations  
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"I was definitely hoping for Butler to win, it was a big disappointment."



**Adam Kappmeyer**  
Biology/Biology chemistry  
Sophomore

"It was kind of boring because it was all defense and not much action. It was low-scoring, plus I don't really care about either team."



**Tanner Clarke**  
Professional Golf  
Management  
Sophomore

"I thought it was pretty sloppy in the first half, but then UCONN ultimately pulled it off in the second half where it really counted."

## Quick hits:

2010-11 senior stats

### Jeff Ledbetter (G)

- 29 minutes per game
- 12.8 points per game
- 99 3-pointers made

### Shawn Henderson (G)

- 28 minutes per game
- 8.9 points per game
- 2.8 assists per game

### Brandon Wiley (F)

- 26 minutes per game
- 7.9 points per game
- 1.2 blocks per game

## MEET YOU AT THE TOP



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Christian Jol climbs a route at the Student Recreation Center Climbing Wall. From 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Central American high school students climbed as part of the Central American Youth Ambassadors Program. The students were here for one week to learn special programming at UI, and the climbing event was meant to promote cultural sharing and leadership.

## Men's club volleyball takes 3rd in PIVA

Lauren Meyer  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's club volleyball team placed third in the home-hosted Pacific Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Championships April 3.

The PIVA conference is made up of roughly one dozen men's volleyball teams. At this year's championship tournament there were six teams, including Gonzaga, Eastern Washington and Walla Walla.

Following the tournament, players Brady McNall and Ian Kelsey were named to the all-conference team.

"Our team did outstanding," Kelsey said.

McNall is the club team's current vice president and setter, and Kelsey is the president and right side hitter. They started playing together with the UI team three years ago.

With no more than a couple intramural volleyball games under their belt, they jumped right into the competitive club team.

"The level of experience on our team ranges from people who have been playing with us for two weeks to players who have been playing for three or four years now," Kelsey said. "Some people have only played volleyball once or twice before coming out and some have been playing since they were young at home with their family."

Kelsey and McNall take their job seriously — both players schedule tournaments, set up travel, design uniforms and run the practices.

"We travel to tournaments all around the Northwest," Kelsey said.

During the years, the UI team has participated in tournaments in Spokane, Bellingham, Seattle, Walla Walla, Utah, Oregon and Canada.

"We aren't the best team," player Jay

Zimmerman said, "but we have improved significantly over the years."

Zimmerman has played outside hitter for the volleyball team on and off since his freshman year.

"It's a good time to get together with some people and play competitive volleyball," Zimmerman said.

With 11 active players and some graduating, the UI men's club volleyball team is always looking for more players. Although this year's season has come to an end, the club team still plans on getting together every now and then for practice. The club is open and welcoming of anyone interested in joining.

"The ... team is a sport club welcome to anyone with the desire to play competitive volleyball," Kelsey said. "This is a great group of guys that all realize how much fun the game can be."

## Red Sox slip to 0-6, lose 1-0 to Indians on bunt

CLEVELAND (AP) — In a season where nothing has gone right, the winless Boston Red Sox found a new way to lose Thursday.

A couple of them, in fact. The Red Sox lost their sixth in a row when the Cleveland Indians squeezed home the only run in the eighth inning, then trapped pinch-runner Darnell McDonald off second base for the final out in a 1-0 victory.

"It can't get any worse than this and there's only one way to go," third baseman Kevin Youkilis said. "That's up."

At 0-6, the Red Sox are off their worst start since 1945,

when they lost a team-record eight straight. Boston, favored by many to win the World Series, returns to Fenway Park for its home opener Friday against the New York Yankees.

"The slate's not really clean," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "The record is what it is, but I don't want us to have a hangover. We need to pick it up. We're going to play a good team now. We haven't done a very good job to this point. I don't want us to be trying to win for this week because we can't do that."

Asked what type of reception he anticipates Friday in

front of the Boston fans, Francona said, "I don't know. I've got more important things to worry about than how the hell they're going to clap."

Asdrubal Cabrera's suicide-squeeze bunt put the Indians ahead in their fourth straight win.

"We did beat a very good ballclub — regardless if they're struggling or not," manager Manny Acta said. "We won and it was a very well-played series. It wasn't like they were sloppy and we got lucky. We played good baseball."

After Cabrera's bunt, the game took another unusual twist for the Red Sox.

David Ortiz drew a two-out walk in the Boston ninth off Chris Perez and McDonald ran for him. J.D. Drew bounced a single that ricocheted off Perez and went to third baseman Adam Everett.

McDonald rounded second base too far, fell down and tried to scramble back to the bag. Everett, who had come in to field the carom, made a snap throw to second baseman Orlando Cabrera that barely nailed McDonald.

"I'm not even sure, it might have been wet," McDonald said. "I lost my footing and tried to get back. I felt I might have got in there, but I guess I didn't. I was trying to make something happen and it didn't work out."

Replays showed second-base umpire Dan Iassogna's call was correct.

"He lost his footing and couldn't get back," Francona said. "He didn't try to do that. He just slipped."

Cleveland swept the three-game series, which came after Texas swept the Red Sox to open the year.

Starting pitchers Fausto Carmona of the Indians and Jon Lester each bounced back from rocky outings on opening day to pitch seven shutout innings.

Lester gave up three hits, walked three and struck out nine. He allowed five runs, including a career-high three homers, in 5 1-3 innings

against Texas.

"I was executing pitches and keeping the ball down," Lester said. "With the exception of a couple of pitches I feel I threw the ball well on opening day, but I'll keep making adjustments and keep moving on."

"He did a tremendous job," Francona said.

Carmona held Boston to two singles. The right-hander struck out four and walked two. Carmona allowed 10 runs on 11 hits in three innings against Chicago last week.

Everett drew a walk from Daniel Bard (0-2) to start the eighth. Everett stole second and took on Orlando Cabrera's sacrifice bunt. On a 2-1 count, Asdrubal Cabrera bunted down the third-base line, scoring Everett.

While Francona wasn't surprised about the squeeze play, Bard was caught off-guard.

"I didn't see it coming at all," Bard said. "No one told me anything. He didn't square around the first three pitches, I don't know why he would there."

Rafael Perez (2-0) retired two batters in the eighth. Chris Perez pitched the ninth for his second save.

The Red Sox, who have been outscored 38-16 this season, managed only four hits against four Cleveland pitchers. The Indians won with just three hits.

This is the third time the Red Sox have started out 0-6 — it also happened in 1927 and 1905.

"It doesn't matter who's hitting, right now we're not catching any breaks," said Youkilis, who jammed his left thumb fielding a line drive in the third inning but stayed in the game "Look at the last play of the game, we're not catching any breaks. A lot of times it spirals out of control so we've got to put a halt to it, go home and luckily we'll have our fans."

## Vandals overcome their wedges

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

The Idaho men's golf team was led by Jarred Bossio Monday and Tuesday with two rounds of under par to finish in a tie for ninth place in the Wyoming Cowboy Classic.

The Vandals competed in the par 70 tournament, where they accumulated a score of 15 above par for the three rounds. Leading the way for Idaho was Bossio, who finished the week at one under par.

As a team, the Vandals struggled in the first two rounds. Idaho men's golf coach John Means said the course had been a little misleading in the practice round when he noticed the fairways were 60 yards long and there was not any rough to deal with.

"When the tournament showed up and I started watching — what I noticed was that all the fairways were crowned — what I mean is that like a football field, they were high in the center and they all rolled to the sides. In effect they made the fairways much narrower."

Means said the players were able to adapt to the course from playing it, but the Vandals' biggest problem was the lack of ability to use their wedges. Means said part of the reason for their poor wedge play Monday was because poor weather in the Palouse stopped the team from being able to put

in the time required to practice their wedge play.

"They would try and hit an 80-yard shot and they would hit it 90 yards, it would kick over the green and go in a bunker, then the next hole they would have an 80-yard shot and they would hit it 70 yards and be short of the green and the bunker, or they would leave themselves a 30 or 40 foot putt, up over a knoll," Means said.

Despite their problems on the first day the Vandals were able to put down some low scores as Bossio shot a 2 under par in the first round, and junior Stefan Richardson shot even par in the second round.

The Vandals came out Tuesday and rebounded as a team from a disappointing first day. Bossio came back from his second round-73 and scored another 68 to finish in a tie for ninth. Freshman Zach Wanderscheid and sophomore Damian Telles both shot a one under, 69, to end their tournament on a high note. Means said because they struggled so much on their wedges Monday and found themselves in that position so often, it was a contributor to them turning it around Tuesday.

"They didn't shoot the ball any different on the second day, they just putted it better and wedged it better the second day," Means said.

## MLB projections by division

Opening weekend of baseball is over, and that means it's time to make projections about which teams will make it to the playoffs in the National and American leagues.

### National League

N.L. East: Philadelphia Phillies — The Phillies will win their division for the fifth consecutive year. Although the Braves, and maybe the Mets, will make a run at the Phillies, they will hang on with their pitching staff playing a huge role. The Phillies may have the best pitching staff in baseball with Cole Hamels, Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, and Roy Oswalt. With

a pitching staff as dominant as this, the Phillies could make it back to the World Series for the third time in four years.

N.L. Central: Cincinnati Reds — The Reds will make their second straight playoff appearance under manager Dusty Baker. The Reds have decent pitching and can hit the ball. The Cardinals will give the Reds some trouble, but in the end it should be the Reds who win the division with ease.

N.L. West: San Francisco Giants — The Giants, who are coming off a World Series championship, should win the division again this year. The Dodgers and the Giants will be running neck and neck all season, but it will be the Giants who will pull out the division.

N.L. Wildcard: Los Angeles Dodgers — The Dodgers will win the wildcard and be back in the playoffs for their third time in four attempts. The Dodgers have a stronger bullpen this season and will beat out the Braves for the final playoff spot.

### American League

A.L. East: New York Yankees — The Yankees, as usual, will win the East. Once again the Yankees have the most talent in the division and could have it won by late August or early September. Boston and Tampa Bay won't have the talent to get past New York this season.

A.L. Central: Minnesota Twins — With the White Sox and Indians down this year, the Twins should win the division. The White Sox and Indians will hang on early in the season, but by October games won't be too interesting in the A.L. Central.

A.L. West: Los Angeles Angels — The Angels will come back this year and take back the A.L. West. The Angels have a good pitching staff and brought in some bats this season. It will be a yearlong race with the Texas Rangers, but the Angels will clinch the division in the last week of the season.

A.L. Wildcard: Boston Red Sox — The Red Sox will win the wild card and beat out the Rangers for the final spot. Pitching will be the difference for the Red Sox to hang on to the final playoff spot down the stretch.



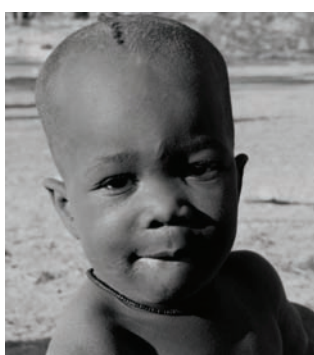
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# America is America again

Summer is just on the horizon as school is winding down, and signs of summer are starting to show, but the biggest sign is baseball.

Baseball is summer. Opening Day ushers it in, and the World Series in October takes it out. When and wherever the sun is shining in America, baseball is surely being played, and anyone who loves the game looks forward to those afternoons spent throwing a ball around.

Opening Day of the MLB season was last week, which always ignites a wave of excitement in the sports world as fans look at the newest edition of their favorite team and hope this is the year their team goes all the way. Being a

Mariners fan, I felt a wave of optimism crash over me when they rattled off two quick wins to start the season, but as a Mariners fan I also know optimism will soon fade as Seattle will inevitably blow it. But baseball is still baseball and there's nothing else like it.



Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

It's the simple things in the game that truly make it special. The sound of the ball hitting the glove, a freshly chalked field, the smell of the grass and the taste of a hotdog make it unique. There's nothing like a day at the ballpark, watching players at any level chasing dreams.

Every year on Opening Day fans have the privilege to watch rookies take the major league field for the first time, the pinnacle of a dream they have been chasing since childhood. It reminds us all of the dreams most

of us had at one point, and brings us back to the glory days of little league.

During the next six months fans will witness a story of drama that cannot be duplicated anywhere. Early favorites will fall, new superstars will rise, shocking trades will happen, records will be broken and it will all end with a champion being crowned. Baseball is more entertaining and more dramatic than any reality TV show.

One thing that sets baseball apart from other sports is teams have to play the game out, no matter what the score is. A team could be up 10, but they can't just ice the game or run out the clock because the other team is coming up to bat, and in baseball no lead is safe — anything can happen.

Baseball is a sport that is engrained in

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American culture. From little league to the major leagues, it's an experience most people share at some point. It is one of America's deepest traditions. It predates football, basketball, or NASCAR. It's our heritage. Whether it's the president throwing out the first pitch on opening day, or a dad playing catch with his son, there's something uniquely American about baseball. The pennant races are on, baseball is back and America is America again.

## Wellness classes worth trying

As one of the 200 students enrolled in Personal Fitness this quarter (as the class only lasts 6 weeks), it feels as though a large portion of my time is dedicated to Wellness classes at the Student Recreation Center.

The guidelines of the class state that the student must purchase a Wellness pass and get an instructor's signature on each of the 18 empty spaces. Students aren't allowed to get more than two Wellness class signatures in one day, and no more than five a week. This makes planning and prioritizing time for the gym essential — this can be especially difficult if your friends in the class have different schedules than you, as going into an unknown class can be scary.

All the class instructors are knowledgeable and all the classes are beneficial, but the following are my top five favorite Wellness classes at the SRC:

### Zumba

You've probably already heard how great Zumba is — the dance craze is steadily growing in popularity, even among men. It's a fun, easy dance workout to upbeat music — what's not to love? The biggest hurdle of this class is getting over yourself and being willing to look a little silly

which, in all actuality, is probably something you should be doing every day anyway.

### Bellies, butts and thighs



Kelli Hadley  
Argonaut

This class killed me. If you're looking for a serious workout, this is a class to check out. What I really love about it is that it is exactly what the title says — after multiple different exercises and techniques, my entire lower body was sore

the next day. The class utilizes bosu balls, resistance bands, jump ropes, step risers, dumbbells and more for a nonstop cardio and strength workout.

### Gravity

If you want to get a spot at gravity you'll need to get there early, especially for the 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. classes. With only as much room for participants as there are gravity machines, it's first-come, first-serve. However, the battle is worth it, as this class has the ability to make you uncomfortably sore. You can make it as easy or difficult as you want, as the resistance comes from moving your own body weight, and once you figure out all the machine settings it's pretty easy to pick up.

### Cycling

Also known as spinning,

this class has a reputation for being a cardio killer. It's 50 minutes of nonstop peddling, going through variations of "hills" to moderate speeds to "sprints," but the instructors choose fun music to keep you motivated. I usually start going to cycling during the spring to get ready for mountain biking season, and though the stationary bike can never replace the feeling of zooming down a mountain trail, the cardio workout gets me more than ready for the season.

### Yoga

The SRC offers multiple types of yoga classes, from sunrise yoga to power vinyasa yoga. As someone at a beginner's level of yoga, I like going to the classes offered at 8 p.m. Wednesday nights because it helps me wind down after a stressful day, and the yoga pros aren't as intimidating. Yoga isn't the toughest workout cardio-wise, but the benefits associated with core strength and stretching are long-term, and it's easier going to sleep after spending 50 minutes focusing on breathing and focusing the mind.

This is not to say all the Wellness classes don't have something to offer — this list is just my own personal favorites. There are plenty of other classes I'd like to try — belly dancing, I'm coming for you next — but these are my go-to classes for a Wellness signature.

## Nishioka breaks leg; Twins lose to Yankees 4-3

Rachel Cohen

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tsuyoshi Nishioka needs to learn how to elude American baserunners trying to break up double plays. That will have to wait awhile after the Minnesota Twins' heralded Japanese import broke his left leg Thursday in a 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees.

Nick Swisher slid into Nishioka at second base in the seventh inning. Nishioka was placed on the 15-day disabled list, and he will be examined by Dr. John Steubs on Friday in Minnesota as the Twins determine how long he will be out.

"It was a good play, breaking up the double play," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "Not even an issue."

Nishioka, who signed a three-year, \$9.25 million deal in December, was 0 for 4 with a strikeout Thursday to drop his average to .208. Matt Tolbert replaced Nishioka at second, and the Twins called up infielder Luke Hughes from Triple-A Rochester.

Shortstop Alexi Casilla said Nishioka would have to learn how his new counterparts in America try to disrupt double plays — and to stay behind the bag while turning two.

"In Japan, they play clean," Casilla said. "They don't want to hurt anybody."

Swisher sought Nishioka out in the X-ray room after the game to apologize.

"He definitely eased my mind," Swisher said. "He told me, 'Hey, it's not your fault. Don't feel bad.' I know I play hard, but you never want to go in there trying to hurt anybody."

Derek Jeter passed Rogers Hornsby for 33rd place on baseball's all-time list with two hits, and the Yankees' relievers held off the Twins in their first game since blowing a big lead.

A.J. Burnett (2-0) improved to 7-0 in 12 April starts for the Yankees, allowing two runs on five hits in six innings. With the Yankees up 4-3, Rafael Soriano pitched a scoreless eighth two days after he surrendered a 4-0 lead in a game Minnesota won in extra innings.

New York won two out of three in the rain-shortened series. After Wednesday's rainout, manager Joe Girardi immediately gave Soriano another chance in his eighth-inning slot. Soriano allowed a leadoff single to Joe Mauer, then retired the Twins' 4-5-6 hitters to get the ball to Mariano Rivera. Rivera pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

With Minnesota down 1-0, Justin Morneau and Jim Thome led off the top of the fourth with back-to-back doubles. Thome was a few feet from career home run No. 590 — and his first of this season — on a drive to straightaway center that was carried by the wind on a chilly afternoon at Yankee Stadium.

Minnesota took the lead two batters later when Gold Glover Mark Teixeira couldn't knock down Jason Kubel's sizzling ground ball down the first base line. The Twins' third double of the inning put them up 2-1.

But Francisco Liriano (0-2) walked Alex Rodriguez to open the bottom of the fourth. After Robinson Cano singled, Andruw Jones drove in the tying run with a one-out double. The Yankees went back on top when Russell Martin's grounder to first scored Cano. Brett Gardner's bloop single to right with two outs put New York up 4-2.

Liriano allowed four runs on four hits and three walks in five innings, striking out five.

"Liriano had that one bad inning that did him in," Gardenhire said. "Sometimes he falls in love

## UMD beats Notre Dame, advances

Jon Krawczynski

AP Sports Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The game wasn't even 20 seconds old and Minnesota Duluth was already down 1-0 to Notre Dame.

It's been that way for the Bulldogs all season long, so why change in the semifinals of the Frozen Four?

J.T. Brown had a goal and an assist and Minnesota Duluth hung on through a tense third period to beat Notre Dame 4-3 on Thursday and advance to its second national title game in school history.

"Sometimes they're better when their backs are against the wall," coach Scott Sandelin said. "They've been that way all year long."

Mike Connolly, Jack Connolly and Kyle Schmidt also scored and the Bulldogs (25-10-6) survived being outshot 15-2 in the third period to get past Notre Dame (25-14-5). Ken Reiter overcame a shaky start to make 31 saves.

UMD will face either Michigan or North Dakota in the championship game Saturday night.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Jack Connolly said. "We're looking to make history in our program. This is something that's never been done, and I couldn't be more proud of the guys and our coaching staff. We've worked hard all year, and this is our ultimate goal is to get to this game on Saturday."

Jeff Costello, T.J. Tynan and Calle Ridderwall scored for the Fighting Irish, with Ridderwall connecting short-handed early in the third period to cut Duluth's lead to 4-3. But the Irish couldn't come up with the tying goal in a furious final 2 minutes and went 0 for 5 on the power play.

"That game was dictated by one thing," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "Special teams."

Duluth went 3 for 6 on the power play and held the Irish without a shot on goal for their final three power plays of the night.

Justin Faulk and Justin Fontaine each had three assists for slick-passing UMD, which lost a four-overtime thriller to Bowling Green in the 1984 final. Now the Bulldogs will look to join the UMD football team as national champions. The Bulldogs took their second Division II football title in three years last fall.

"You couldn't ask for a better location for it," Faulk said of Xcel Energy Center, located about 2½ hours south of Duluth's campus and in the backyard of several Bulldogs players who grew up in the Twin Cities.

The two semifinals were a stark contrast in tradition, with the Irish and Bulldogs both in search of their first national titles while Michigan and North Dakota have combined for 16.

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Scott Sandelin

UMD coach

Neither Notre Dame nor UMD won conference championships or tournaments, but got into the 16-team field with at-large bids.

Perhaps the gravity of the occasion was a little too much for the two goalies in the early going.

The game got off to a blistering start, with both goaltenders giving up fairly soft goals. Notre Dame was on the board in less than 20 seconds when Costello easily beat Reiter on the short side.

The Bulldogs got back in the game with superior puck movement on the power play, with Brown sweeping a pass from Faulk past Mike Johnson, who made 17 saves.

Tynan scored when the puck took a wicked bounce off the boards behind Reiter, but UMD scored the final two goals of the period — one by Schmidt and another by Mike Connolly on the power play — to take a 3-2 lead into the first break.

Reiter appeared to settle down a bit as the game went on, stopping Tynan on a breakaway at the end of the first period and then benefiting from smothering defense in the second.

The Bulldogs held Notre Dame to just four shots in the second period, including none on two power plays to keep the heat off their streaky goalie.

The bigger, younger Irish were having difficulty keeping the smaller, quicker Bulldogs in front of them, and they took six penalties while chasing them around the ice. Jack Connolly scored UMD's third power-play goal of the game on a beautiful cross-ice feed from Brown to make it 4-2.

"The second period killed us," Tynan said. Ridderwall's short-handed goal just over 2 minutes into the final period gave Notre Dame new life, and the Irish peppered Reiter for the rest of the game, but only at even strength. They had another power play with under 9 minutes to play, but once again failed to register a shot.

They used six skaters for the final minute, but Reiter came up with just enough to keep the puck out of the net.

"We had the momentum the whole period," Cadderwall said. "We just couldn't get the puck through."



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# Ceremonial shots, then Masters begins for real

Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — After ceremonial tee shots by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, the Masters is under way.

Jonathan Byrd, Ross Fisher and Sean O'Hair are in the first group Thursday, though most eyes are sure to be on two guys who start later: defending champ Phil Mickelson and struggling Tiger Woods.

Together, they've combined to win seven green jackets, including six of the last 10. That might be about their only similarity at the moment.

Mickelson is coming off a three-stroke win at Houston, a sign that his game is peaking at just the right time. Woods hasn't won since an ugly sex scandal ended his marriage and tarnished his image.

For the first time since 1999, Woods is NOT the Augusta favorite. Mickelson is the bookies' choice at 13-2.

Graeme McDowell skipped one off the famous pond at the 16th hole, the ball dancing along the surface until it rammed the bank on the far side.

Back into the water it went. "Ohhhhhhh!" the crowd groaned collectively.

The U.S. Open champion started to walk toward the flag, until the pleas of the Augusta National patrons stopped him in his tracks. He dropped another ball, took another whack. This time, it skidded one, two, three, four times — and hopped onto the green.

The gallery roared. McDowell pumped his right fist. Everyone had a glorious time on a magnificent spring day.

Now, though, it's time to get serious.

The Masters was set to begin Thursday morning with one more unique tradition — Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus hitting ceremonial shots shortly after sunrise — before the opening threesome teed it up for real.

"I was able to kind of see the shot a little bit better and hold that picture in my mind throughout the swing and pull it off," he said.

Woods, on the other hand, hasn't won since an ugly sex scandal ended his marriage and tarnished his image. He's in the midst of another complex swing change, still searching for the dominance that used to make him an automatic favorite at every event he entered.

For the first time since 1998, Woods is NOT the Augusta favorite. Mickelson is the bookies' choice at 13-2, while his longtime rival is

the second pick at 10-1.

"It doesn't matter," said Woods, mired in the longest winless streak of his career — 20 events over the past 17 months. "You still have to play the golf tournament, right? We all have an opportunity. Everyone has the same opportunity as I do."

Indeed, this is far from a two-man show.

PGA champion Martin Kaymer is the world's top-ranked player. Though he's yet to make it to the weekend at Augusta, missing the cut in all three of his previous appearances, he comes in this time as the last guy to win a major.

"The biggest part from the PGA is the confidence that you get," said Kaymer, who beat Bubba Watson in a playoff at Whistling Straits. "If you become one of the best players in the world, if you win tournaments like that, that gives you the motivation and the self-belief that you can win any tournament."

Lee Westwood is a former No. 1 now in the second spot behind Kaymer. The Englishman is regarded as the best player never to win a major, an unwanted distinction he'd sure like to erase from his record.

That's what they used to say about Mickelson, who now has four major titles in all. He reminded Westwood of that in the scoring cabin after beating him by three strokes a year

ago.

"Just keep doing what you're doing," Mickelson told Westwood, "and it will happen for you sooner or later."

In all, six of the top seven players have a shot at leaving Augusta in the No. 1 spot if they win, including third-ranked Mickelson, who squandered a dozen chances last year to take it. The next two — No. 4 Luke Donald and fifth-ranked McDowell — also are in the running.

Even Woods, who has slipped all the way to seventh with his slump, isn't out of the chase for No. 1. He's got a slim shot to reclaim it, while sixth-ranked Paul Casey doesn't because Woods has played fewer tournaments.

Or this could be the place where a talented young player breaks through to win his first major, someone such as Watson or Dustin Johnson or Rory McIlroy.

Wednesday provided a final chance to practice and there wasn't a cloud in the sky, the temperature climbing into the low 70s for a fitting prelude to the warm, dry weather expected through the weekend.

While serious work was being done — jotting down yardages, studying all the dips and bends of those tricky greens — there was still plenty of time for frivolity amid the towering pines and dazzling azaleas.

Every golfer who came through No. 16 was required to take at least one attempt at skipping one across the water. The afternoon was reserved for the Par 3 Contest, where fans cheered on the legends group — Nicklaus, Palmer and Gary Player — and chuckled as everyone from caddies to just-learned-to-walk kids tried their hand with the putter.

"We didn't play well," the 81-year-old Palmer said, "but we had fun."

Donald won the nine-hole event at 5 under. Not a good sign for the Englishman, since no one has ever followed a Par 3 triumph with a green jacket.

Mickelson played the Par 3 with his young children in tow, then had plenty of time to rest up for the real thing. He was scheduled to tee off in the next-to-last group, playing with Geoff Ogilvy and U.S. Amateur champ Peter Uihlein.

That suited Lefty just fine. "I like the latest tee time possible," he said. "About 5 o'clock, it just seems to calm down here. It seems like any wind that might be out there just seems to subside. It seems very peaceful. I would love nothing more than to have the last tee time every day."

Mickelson smiled. He'd sure like to be in the last group Sunday.

## Mets lose to Phillies, head home for opener

Rob Maaddi  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The New York Mets had the bases loaded and the guy they wanted at the plate against Roy Halladay.

They missed a chance to jump ahead early, and never recovered.

Halladay pitched seven sharp innings for his first win of the season, Wilson Valdez had a career-high four hits, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Mets 11-0 Thursday.

Even in a rout, one at-bat can make a difference. For the Mets, that came in the third inning when David Wright stepped to the plate in a scoreless game.

New York had loaded the bases with one out on three singles. But Halladay pitched out of the jam by striking Wright out swinging at a 91 mph cutter, then retiring Ike Davis on a grounder to second.

"We had a chance early, but he's the type of guy if you don't get to him, he's going to get stronger and stronger," Wright said.

Halladay (1-0) allowed six hits and struck out seven. The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner gave up one run in six innings in the opener against Houston, and avoided a loss when the Phillies rallied in the ninth for a 5-4 win.

"He probably wasn't as sharp as he wanted to be, but still effective," Wright said. "That's what makes him so good."

The four-time NL East champions are off to a 5-1 start in a season where nothing less than a second World Series title in four years will be considered a success.

New York starter Jonathon Niese (0-1) got roughed up by an offense that's averaging 7.2 runs and 12.7 hits. The left-hander allowed six runs and eight hits in four innings.

The Mets head to Citi Field for their home opener Friday against Washington after splitting a six-game road trip.

"We'll go home, regroup and have the people cheering us instead of booing us," Mets manager Terry Collins said.

Valdez, filling in for injured five-time All-Star Chase Utley, finished 4 for 4 with three RBIs, two doubles and two infield singles. He's one of six regulars hitting above .300 in the first six games.

Placido Polanco drove in four runs and Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer.

The Phillies got going with a pair of runs in the third. Valdez reached on an infield single up the middle to start the inning. After Halladay sacrificed, Shane Victorino lined an RBI single to center. Victorino advanced to second on center fielder Angel Pagan's throwing error, and scored when Polanco drove a double to deep left.

Ben Francisco started Philadelphia's fourth with a single and Ibanez was hit by a pitch. Carlos Ruiz hit an RBI single and Valdez followed with an RBI double down the first-base line to make it 4-0.

Niese nearly escaped further damage by striking out Halladay and Victorino. But Polanco lined a two-run single, putting Philadelphia up 6-0.

Valdez hit a two-run double in the fifth off Pedro Beato. Ibanez went deep off Tim Lincecum in the seventh.

## Orioles rally to beat Tigers 9-5

David Ginsburg  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Adam Jones homered and drove in three runs, Mark Reynolds also had three RBIs, and the Baltimore Orioles used a five-run seventh inning to beat the Detroit Tigers 9-5 Thursday night.

Vladimir Guerrero hit his first home run with the Orioles, who rebounded from deficits of 2-0, 4-2 and 5-4.

Baltimore took two of three from the Tigers after opening the season with a three-game sweep in Tampa Bay. The Orioles didn't win their second series last year until May 13.

Alex Avila homered for the Tigers, who host Kansas City on Friday after going 2-4 on the road to open the season.

Baltimore sent 10 batters to the plate in the seventh. After Brian Roberts and Nick Markakis reached against Brad Thomas (0-1), Guerrero singled in a run off Enrique Gonzalez and Jones hit a sacrifice fly for a 6-5 lead. Reynolds followed with a two-run double and Cesar Izturis capped the uprising with an RBI single.

Jim Johnson (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings

of one-hit relief for Baltimore.

Avila, who had a homer and four RBIs on Wednesday night, again played a starring role for the Tigers. Besides hitting a fifth-inning homer, he began the seventh with a walk off Jeremy Accardo and scored on Austin Jackson's double to left to put Detroit up 5-4.

The lead quickly vanished in the bottom half.

After throwing six innings of no-hit ball on Saturday at Tampa Bay, Orioles starter Chris Tillman gave up four runs and six hits over 4 2-3 innings in his follow-up performance. The contrast was evident at the outset, when Jackson, Detroit's leadoff hitter, got the first of four singles in a two-run first.

Baltimore pulled even in the second. After Guerrero homered to straightaway center, Jones beat out a bunt, stole second and scored on a single by Reynolds.

The Tigers went up 4-2 with a two-run fifth. Avila got it started with a drive over the right-field wall, Will Rhymes walked with two outs and Brennan Boesch chased Tillman with a double to right-center.

In the Baltimore sixth, Luke Scott doubled with one out and Jones followed with his first home run of the season to chase starter Brad Penny.



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## Reality check: Increased taxes equal more money

It seems more money does not appeal to the Idaho House of Representatives.

A bill proposed to increase the tobacco tax in Idaho could have generated about \$50 million of additional revenue from the cigarette tax increase alone, but it reached a dead end.

The reasons for why it wasn't passed has morphed into a blame game — Republicans on the House Tax Committee didn't support it enough, Idaho never raises taxes at all, or raising taxes put too much stress on residents and

their families. Each point is valid and it makes sense people cringe at the idea of more taxes, but it's time to face reality — the budget is not getting any better and Idaho needs to make some money.

Increasing the tobacco tax could generate millions of dollars just from cigarettes. Add in smokeless tobacco, and Idaho might actually have a solution to ending the continuous budget cuts. These are the same budget cuts that year after year put a dent in college students' pockets

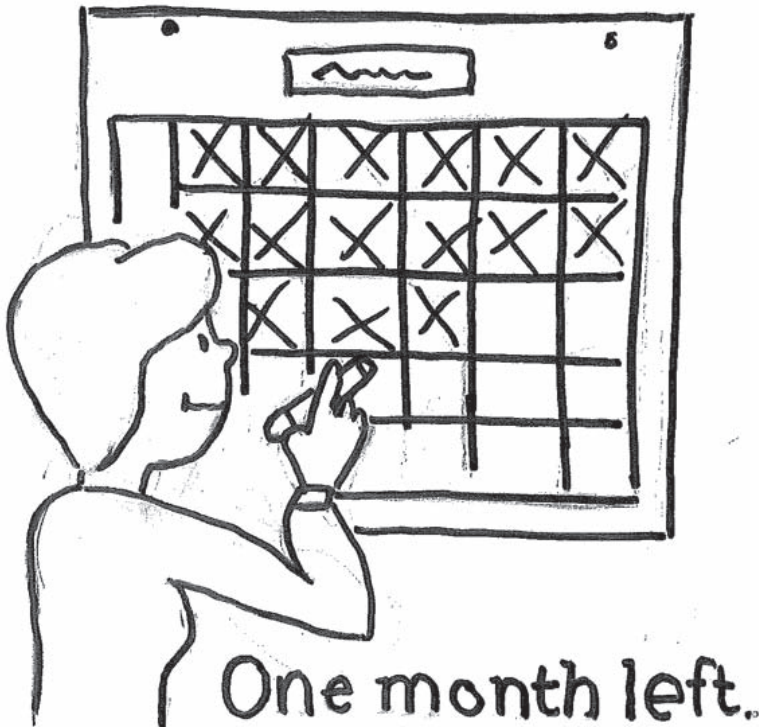
while at the same time reducing the quality of education offered at in-state institutions. These are the same budget cuts that hurt students in the public education system and make it more difficult for them to pursue higher education — or even have the desire.

It is a smart, proactive decision to increase the tobacco tax. Idaho needs to do something to put a little change into the bank, and back into education. The focus should not be solely on how the immediate monetary value will affect tobac-

co customers — it should be on the whole state and future generations.

Legislators can debate and point fingers all they want, but until Idaho comes to the realization that times aren't getting any better, the discussion will continue to be an endless circle of blame games. It's time for the state to grow up, be proactive and stop ignoring the budget issues.

— ER



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### Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### So hard to be hip

Oh em gee. I don't eat processed meat and I don't have a Facebook. Yes, I have glasses that resemble Buddy Holly's. No, I am not trying to not be hip in efforts to be hip. I just don't like not knowing what I'm eating, creeping on exes to see if they have gotten fat and I also like being able to see. So, if that makes me a hipster, I'm OK with that.

— Dara

#### Dumb

The Idaho Legislature just passed a bill to outlaw abortions if the fetus is older than 20 weeks, because this is when some feel that the fetus can experience pain. The main problem with this bill is it does not provide an exception for rape or incest victims. Carrying a reminder of a painful experience for nine months is brutal. Rep. Brent Crane, R-Nampa, sponsored the bill and said rape is the "hand of the Almighty." If there is a God (and I'm pretty sure there isn't), I don't think he would will women to undergo such a painful experience and make them bring a baby to term.

— Chava

#### Oh, sweet memories

I will apologize in advance for being a sap. The end of the year is approaching, and we have only five issues of rawr left to be printed. It has been such a phenomenal year and I work with the most creative, amazing people. I will truly miss my time as editor. I hope rawr has done its job — entertaining the student body. Thanks for reading.

— Tanya

#### In it to win it

Both The Argonaut and Blot's websites are up for SPJ Mark of Excellence awards this weekend. What does that mean? One — we hopefully will bring home some hardware, and two — I get to spend a delightful day with Kelcie Moseley in Richland. Score.

— Madison

#### Just a note

The gym isn't a place for talking on your cell phone. Some people like to have real workouts, and I don't want to sit and wait for three people idly walking on the treadmill while they text or talk on the phone. You aren't burning calories. You're just pissing people off.

— Kelli

#### In search of sleep

I fell asleep during an anthropology video Thursday and dreamt my friends were yelling and singing in tribal languages and I wanted them to be quiet. This is a whole new level of tired.

— Kelcie

#### The XX

I want to thank the band that got me through another issue of Blot and rawr as well as a brochure project for Moscow City Hall. I couldn't have done it without you.

— Loren

#### IOU

If the government is writing IOUs, I think I am going to start writing them too.

— Jens

#### Sports

It is hard to imagine the Boston Red Sox not making the playoffs this year, but their record tells a different story. The Sox are 0-6 as of Thursday. Only two teams have made the playoffs starting the season 0-5. Let's just hope they don't break the seemingly impossible record of the '88 Baltimore Orioles, who started 0-21.

— Nick

#### Last (maybe) Blot promo

We just sent the last edition of Blot Wednesday night, and I think it will be the best one this year. It took a lot of patience and joint effort, so for that I want to thank all the writers, photographers, designers and editors — you're all amazing. Now for the readers, it will be on stands in a matter of days, so pick it up. It will be epic.

— Elizabeth

two people and not the rest of the world.

So with that in mind, I don't want to know what your sexual orientation is, because, quite frankly, it's none of my business. Likewise, I don't want you throwing it in my face either, because I'm not going to pin mine onto the point of your nose. This isn't a call to return to the closet. However, it is a call for discretion. To reiterate an old proverb: Discretion can be the better part of valor.

So exercise a little discretion. It goes a long way toward the difference of being accepted or reviled. The choice is still yours, so make a wise one.

Mike Coey  
Forest products,  
senior

## Time for compromise in budget fight

There are few more effective ways to reduce the size of government than to shut it down. So, Washington's budget paralysis would seem to be a major victory for the far-right and other anti-government crusaders.

Since Congress has been unable to agree on a budget for fiscal year 2011, the government would shut down, unable to perform many of its vital functions. Neither side is willing to compromise on budget cuts. Apparently, it is better to completely break the system than attempt to work together to fix it.

Republicans seem to believe they can blackmail Democrats into agreeing to conservative budget cuts by threatening a government shutdown. In fact, they have even larger cuts planned for next year. And it would certainly seem that the right has an advantage here — a government shutdown fits into the small-government ideology. But they may find it backfires.

Once it becomes apparent how economically destructive this shutdown will be, Americans will hold the Republicans responsible for the damage.

A government shutdown

would mean the IRS stops processing tax returns. The Federal Housing Association will stop guaranteeing home mortgage loans, freezing the already weakened housing market.



Max Bartlett  
Argonaut

And here's something the Republican base won't like: American soldiers won't receive their paychecks. Not only would the checks stop coming, soldiers simply wouldn't receive pay for the period of the shutdown. Students of American history may find this scenario familiar — Revolutionary War troops rioted after President George Washington failed to deliver their back pay.

Apparently we've managed to miss a 230-year-old lesson.

The possibility of a government shutdown shouldn't mean the Democrats simply fold on their budget positions. We need to compromise to keep the government working, but that doesn't mean either party simply goes along with the other side. The Republicans will soon realize how essential compromise is. Nothing will get Americans to support big government faster than losing all the services the government provides.

Much of the budget debate has been wasted on ideology and symbolic cuts. NPR and Planned Parenthood account for a tiny fraction of a percent of government spending, yet the Republicans spent much of their time and political capital trying to shut them down. One might even think the Republicans weren't serious about cutting government spending. We didn't see any proposals to cut defense spending. And we spend a bit more on defense than we do on public radio.

Most of all, we need to raise the money needed to actually govern the country. This means both parties have to be willing to talk about taxes, and not just with the word "cuts" in the same sentence. We need to stop giving money to corporations like Exxon-Mobil, who paid no federal income tax in 2009. We need to close the tax loopholes that place the tax burden on the lower and middle classes while allowing corporations and the economic elite to pay nothing. They are the real cause of America's budget problems, and it's time they gave back to the country that supports them.

And we need to do it before the ideology of small government becomes the ideology of no government.

## Peaceful media coverage product of Al-Jazeera

Qatar: A small, oil-rich Persian Gulf state, with the second highest development in the Middle East after the United Arab Emirates.

While many nearby nations are undergoing protests and civil unrest, the global news on Qatar is not only void of anything of the sort — it is almost non-existent. A Google News search on the nation revealed nothing but a couple of peaceful meetings being held.

Since 1995, Emir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani has ruled Qatar, seizing control of the country from his father Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani while he was on vacation in Switzerland. The state has seen unquestionable socio-economic growth, one of the main investments of the government being the now-international news organization, Al-Jazeera.

Al-Jazeera is a favorite among Westerners trying to expand their world-news reading horizons. After beginning as a TV station in Doha, Qatar, it now reaches the entire world online and in multiple languages. It gained much of this recognition nearly 10 years ago, as it was the only news agency to broadcast the war in Afghanistan live.

After initially struggling against Saudi persecutions under Shariah law, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa, provided a loan of \$137 million to pay for Al-Jazeera through its first five years. It has been a major success in spreading news in the Middle East to other states and to the rest of the world, challenging the predominant Western media with new perspectives. A book has been published about it called "Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel That Is Challenging the West."

When traveling to the Middle East, pride of Al-Jazeera was expected in the gulf, particularly in nearby Emirates. Interestingly,

this was not the case, and negative sentiments seemed to run deep within locals about the apparently "Western" driven media agency.

Someone from Bahrain told me the government there allies with Al-Jazeera and Qatar, and uses this to justify violence against peaceful protestors. Al-Jazeera, he said, is influenced by sectarian staff who see events based on the denomination they belong to, Sunni Islam.

People will often find reasons to critique the media. However, a pattern of control by means of media is emerging. He said instead of shutting down the Internet like Egypt, they simply hire people to comment on any articles outside of their regime and control media.

Rula Salameh, producer of the film "Budrus" and speaker at this year's Borah Symposium who recently lived in Qatar, said there have been recent protests in the state against the absolute monarchy they have been ruled under for the past 16 years. However, there is not a chance anyone will hear about it, because half of the country is Al-Jazeera, and is controlled by the government.

It was my assumption after hearing about the suppression of Shiite Muslims in Bahrain — in which Al-Jazeera refuses to clearly support the plight of the Shiites — that the Sunni-controlled media was reporting conflicts simply biased toward the Sunni sect of Islam. However, Salameh said otherwise: That it really is representing the interests of the state who truly holds the power — the U.S.

The government of Qatar is dependent on its relationship with the United States. It is in their best interests to keep the U.S. happy. This fact blows in the face of many American conservatives, who still like to label the Middle Eastern news agency as a

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### Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

#### Keep it to yourself

The endless debate about gay rights seems to miss the point completely. No, it's not about moral values or about social decay. The issue is a little deeper — it's more about choices we make.

It would be fair to color me a conservative, but I don't have anything against gay people. It is, after all, their life, and they should be able to do with it as they please. My personal preference is just that — personal and mine. And I'm not going to go out in public to broadcast what it is I like to do behind closed doors. That's something that should be left in the intimate realm between

# Chicken dunking and steering don't mix

Texting while driving, no matter how savvy the user is, can lead to dangerous consequences. It does fall under the category of "distracted driving," so why is it so hard to pass a bill that makes the act of being distracted while at the wheel in Idaho illegal?

House Bill 141 deemed "distractive driving" an infraction if the driver was distracted by using a "handheld electronic device," meaning other distractions or devices didn't specifically apply to this proposed bill.

It wasn't specific enough, because 48 legislators voted against it Tuesday, with only 21 supporting it. Rep. Marv Hagedorn, R-Meridian, proposed the bill and said, "I never thought solving our texting problem could be so hard," in the House debate.

What about talking on a cell phone, applying eye shadow, eating, feeding children in the back seat, styling hair, or any other activity that distracts from the actual act of driving? All of these activities should qualify as distracted driving, and as of now, will only be considered misdemeanors if charged with "inattentive" or "reckless" driving by an officer.

Also, since a laptop could be argued as not included in the handheld category, maybe everyone should have mobile office stations in their cars, because devoting that kind of attention to a screen is different than a cell phone.

The judgment call lies in the officer's hands, and right now they can only give a ticket for the extremity of obvious dangerous driving.

A specific bill needs to be passed, mak-

ing any sort of distractions while driving illegal. No matter how good the driver is at applying mascara or dunking their chicken strips in sauce, it puts them and everyone else on the road in danger.

The bill needs to define what a distraction while driving is, which should be anything that deters away from the actual act of driving. If it is obvious enough to a police officer, it should be enough to be pulled over and ticketed. There should be a system of consequences that become stricter as the number of times the individual driver has been pulled over increases as well.

That text message, email or shrimp fried rice can wait. The anticipation may seem to kill, whether it is the annoying notification of a new message or salty smell of grease wafting through the car, but distraction while driving could have real consequences, including injuries or death in an accident.



Dara Barney  
Argonaut



Cheyenne Hollis  
Argonaut

to rest once and for all. Generalizations should be considered a bad thing — but let's face it, without them politics in America would come to a complete standstill. Gun rights versus gay rights unfortunately boils down to the cliché conservative versus liberal battle just like every other issue.

In this case, conservatives staunchly defend the right of citizens to bear arms while insisting LGBT rights, specifically same-sex marriage, should not be recognized. The liberal viewpoint is for increased regulation on guns and full legal standing for the LGBT community.

Both sides, however, seem committed to having their cake and eating it too. There is an obvious compromise where both sides win a little, both sides lose a little and time can be spent focusing on other issues.

Taking away a person's right to bear arms can be seen as infringing on the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If a person wants to bring a gun on campus, fine. Armor-piercing bullets? That is cool too as long as there are no complaints about what comes next.

Full rights and benefits should be granted to anyone who identifies him or herself as LGBT because not doing so prevents a person's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The only caveat is that the Second Amendment cannot be challenged.

Both sides need the same crucial American political idea in order to make a just claim for their stance. Infringing on the other side harms their own claims of legitimacy. Besides, there is nothing quite as American as a political decision in which no one is fully satisfied.

## Gun rights for gay rights

It is odd people insist the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution be followed to the same standards as when it was first ratified. More than 200 years have passed, and it is safe to say society is a little different now than it was in the late 18th century.

The Second Amendment in full reads: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Gun enthusiasts claim this single, somewhat convoluted, sentence guarantees their right to own and carry a gun in the United States. Fair enough.

Another document vital to the foundation of America is the Declaration of Independence. It contains arguably the one sentence that best describes the political ideology of this country.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These words are eloquent, inspiring and undeniably American.

Native Americans, African Americans, women and, most recently, the LGBT community are just some of the groups that can claim this ideal is not embraced without a fight.

The Bill of Rights is derived from the Declaration of Independence, especially the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The right to bear arms and rights of the LGBT community, including same-sex marriage, are covered by the same ideological principle. It is time for a political compromise to put both of these issues

## What Abby really advocates

Abby Johnson is known as the woman who resigned — she was not fired — from Planned Parenthood after being a clinic director for eight years. Upon reading her book and telling others of her story, it is clearly encircled all around Planned Parenthood.

I traveled to Spokane to hear her talk a few weeks ago, ready to hear more about her experiences with Planned Parenthood. To my surprise, there was minimal attention focused directly on Planned Parenthood, but rather on abortion. It makes sense why she would talk about Planned Parenthood, as her focus on Planned Parenthood was so strong in her book because it was her life in college as well as eight years after. How could her story not be around, within and about Planned Parenthood?

Johnson began her talk with a pro-Planned Parenthood commercial to reveal why she had been drawn there, following with a clip from "Blood Money" to show why she had left. After Johnson debriefed a bit on her past speaking of Planned Parenthood, the next 80 percent of the speech focused on her new chosen path in life — ending abortion. The notion that Johnson is just out to get revenge on Planned Parenthood became silly. If people thought she is just getting revenge, viewing her current work would change their minds.

If Johnson did questionable things within Planned Parenthood or currently, then Planned Parenthood would have sued her. It leads me to wonder why they would have awarded her such a prestigious award as 2008 Employee of the Year, one year before she left, recognizing her as a model employee for their business.

In fact, the only negative performance comment issued to Johnson was a reprimand for "directly challenging her (boss) and her authority," when Johnson was angry that the business's abortion goals were being asked to increase. They already went to court a few years ago, but "none of their three witnesses had offered any evidence that she had taken any confidential information from Planned Parenthood." If anything, Planned Parenthood should be rooting for Johnson because she is attempting to reduce abortions, which is believed to be their goal.

In truth, the group Johnson pointed her fingers at the majority of her discussion was Christians and the leaders. She raised questions, asking why hadn't she learned the truth of abortion growing up in her church and why are there so many Christians undergoing abortions?

I thought I would have left hearing her past story once more, but instead she left us with her current one, which includes meeting with Christians of all churches to encourage education within on the ills of abortion. When Johnson finished for the night, Planned Parenthood was far from the listener's mind, as Johnson's conviction to end abortion and to focus on what each one of us can do in this goal burned stronger in my memory than anything else.

Johnson speaks of her experiences in Planned Parenthood, giving them respect but telling it how it is. I can trust Abby Johnson because in listening to her words in Spokane, I did not hear anger toward Planned Parenthood, but anger toward the abortions she previously assisted women to undergo and her desire for Christians to be the hands in ending abortion.



Casey Dail  
Argonaut

## Insulate yourself for just a little while

My weekend was not monumental. I did not accomplish some great feat, and it did not lead to some fundamental self-discovery. It was just a great way to end a particularly stressful week, and it was something definitely needed.

Too often are we consumed by outside distractions that influence our actions and moods. We are in the middle of another conflict. Japan is struggling to recover despite international assistance. Gas prices are spiraling out of control again. Combining these with school, work and trying to maintain any kind of social life can drive a person nuts.

To start my weekend, I had a take-home exam in one of my graduate civil engineering courses. The topic is very interesting, and I thought my understanding of it was decent. Having spent a good part of Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the test raised the feelings of both pride and hesitation. Pride first, because of finishing the exam with a set of answers that made sense, but also hesitation because I'm not

an expert on the subject and a few hours after finishing my work I found myself still trying to reconcile a few rationalities.

The weather this weekend was the first sign of good times to come. So far this spring, the only occasion I've had to throw on shorts has been spring break in Las Vegas, so the warm weather was cause for celebration, despite sporadic hailstorms and hurricane-force winds Saturday afternoon.

Friday night was opening night for major league baseball, and I was not going to miss it. Admittedly, the occasion did take precedence over my exam. Heading downtown, nearly every bar and restaurant I passed looked extremely crowded, most likely because of Vandal Friday No. 2. That was not the case at Champions though, until later that night.

I was able to grab a seat and enjoy a few tubs while the Mariners exploded in the seventh inning to beat the A's in their 2011 season opener. It put me in almost as good of a mood as when Nevada beat Boise State this last season in college foot-

ball — almost.

I barely saw any news headlines this weekend, aside from baseball highlights. Aside from working on my exam, the weekend was purely recreational, in a bubble that was unaware of the rest of the world.

Saturday was dedicated to further work on the take-home exam and experimenting with a new Indian recipe I had come across. No matter what else was going on, chicken tikka masala was on the menu. A friend decided to join me to sample my new concoction, and it was a hit. I dare say it was almost restaurant quality.

During the entire weekend, I never watched the news to hear more stories about Japan, Libya, politics, economic crisis or rising gas prices. I locked myself away in my own little world and took care of me. Outside distractions, other than the Mariners, did not factor into my weekend.

Sometimes that is exactly what is needed. It is OK to be selfish once in a while and worry about yourself. The next day will still have all the problems and concerns of the outside world.



Steve Carter  
Argonaut

## AL-JAZEERA from page 9

"terrorist organization," and is a dramatic shift from the 2005 accusations that George W. Bush was plotting to bomb the Doha headquarters.

We must remember when reading the news that not only is the large news corporations shaping our own worldviews, they are actually impacting

the support and security of thousands of civilians worldwide. Westerners may think they are being culturally aware and unbiased reading Al-Jazeera, but they will never hear the voice of regular Qatar residents. These citizens are examples of a tragic situation of many people throughout the globe — one of being completely subservient to big media giants who can say, or do not say, whatever they want.



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