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## SHED FIRE BURNS AT 4 A.M.



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

A fire on the corner of Asbury and A streets fully engulfed a shed around 4 a.m. Wednesday. Moscow Police Department Chief David Duke said the fire caused damage to a car port and some surrounding buildings and cars because of the heat. The Moscow Fire Department is still investigating the cause of the fire.

## Clayton to send off graduating class

Dylan Brown  
Argonaut

World-renowned jazz bassist John Clayton is used to being in front of a crowd, but usually it's with instrument in hand.

On May 14, Clayton, the artistic director of the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival since 2006, will try his hand at public speaking after being selected to give the commencement address at this year's graduation ceremony, slated to begin at 9:30 a.m.

He received a call from UI President Duane Nellis earlier this week giving him the news.

"It came as a big surprise," Clayton said.

While a crowd of college graduates is a change from one of jazz fans, the pleasant surprise Clayton said is an opportunity to do something new and different.

"I like to share my ideas with people who will listen," Clayton said. "Hopefully I can pass on something to people at an important part of their lives."

The speech is still a work in progress, but Clayton said he wants to impart that the freedom he has felt as a musician. The freedom of expression is something all students,

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## ASUI

## Redistricting Senate seats

Molly Spencer  
Argonaut

The ASUI bill proposed to redistrict the seats in the Senate was passed with one percent more votes than required, 68 instead of 67.

"Right now 14 out of 15 senators are Greek and only you know, 20 to 25 percent of the student population is Greek," ASUI Senator Zachary Arama said. "I think that to be more equally representative we need to have residence hall students sitting on there for, you know, RHA and to talk about those rights."

Arama said him and Senator

Sheldon Kernodle are really excited about it.

"Right now we have zero residence hall students sitting on Senate and now what the Senate will do is create districts," Arama said.

There will be five non-Greek students, five Greek students, and five at-large seats, which anyone can run for. The new districts make it possible for 10 Greek students to have a seat, Arama said.

"What it does is it allows residence hall students who constantly feel shut out by ASUI to finally have a tangible voice," he

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## Ready for change

ASUI senators, president and v.p. ready to work

Molly Spencer  
Argonaut

Samantha Perez and Juan Corona were officially elected ASUI president and vice president Thursday after having run unopposed during the campaign.

Election results for all of the ASUI 2011-12 academic year positions were announced Thursday.

"I'm very excited. I think it's an amazing opportunity that we've both been presented with and we are up to the challenge," Perez said.

Amanda, Niehenke, ASUI elections coordinator, said she was disappointed in the low number of people who voted.

"I've never seen this period before,

but I think it will run smoothly because Juan and Sam are both veterans and do a good job, and they seem to already have a plan," Niehenke said. "The senate transition went smoothly last time so I don't see why there would be a problem this time."

Regarding voter turnout, she said, "I understand that it's partially due to the fact we didn't have a polling station like we have in the past, and that was something I wasn't able to set up because of supplies, essentially we couldn't get computers."

Niehenke said she hopes in the future the computer situation can be resolved in order to have the polling stations

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## Winning Candidates

Juan Corona  
Samantha Perez  
Michael VanLydegraf  
Matt Cook  
Anthony Filicetti  
J. Jacob Marsh  
Joe Heiner  
Felicia Read  
Zachary Saleen  
Kenneth Hughes

## Wind affects Kibbie Dome renovation work

Kayla Herrmann  
Argonaut

During the course of the last year, rain or shine hasn't stopped the renovations of the Kibbie Dome. However, 25 mph winds this spring have caused the tower cranes to shut down at times, which has resulted in an irregular work schedule for the Dome's construction workers.

The Dome's second phase of renovations has consisted of two projects, the Life Safety Project that has been underway for the last few years, and Game Day upgrades.

Ray Pankopf, director of architecture and engineering services for the University of Idaho, said the renovations should be completed by late July or early August in time for football season.

"Generally the firms have been working four to 10 shifts, but the life safety guys have been working longer hours and are trying to get in as many hours as they can," Pankopf said. "They are concerned with the tightness of the schedule, and because of the wind in the spring there are some days that we have to shut down the

tower cranes. The guys will try and work odd hours and days that won't have wind, because once the wind kicks up they have to shut down."

Currently the Dome is undergoing phase three of the renovations, which is \$11 million worth of work funded by the university.

Phase three includes replacing the east wall, working on the east side half of the smoke evacuations system and the east half of the roof ballast work, Pankopf said.

"The Dome is a huge structure and the actual barrel arch can be deformed a lot under wind blow. The Dome will literally move. The arch structure is strong and maintains strength because of the arch, but wind can move the design," Pankopf said. "So we are adding weight ballasts to help it keep in place and reduce movement under the wind."

The second project that is taking place is Game Day upgrades, a \$5.3 million project funded by donations given to the university to create luxury seating in the dome.

It will include new club seats, new mini



Steven Devine | Argonaut

see **KIBBIE**, page 6 The Kibbie Dome is undergoing renovations this year which includes new windows on the east side.



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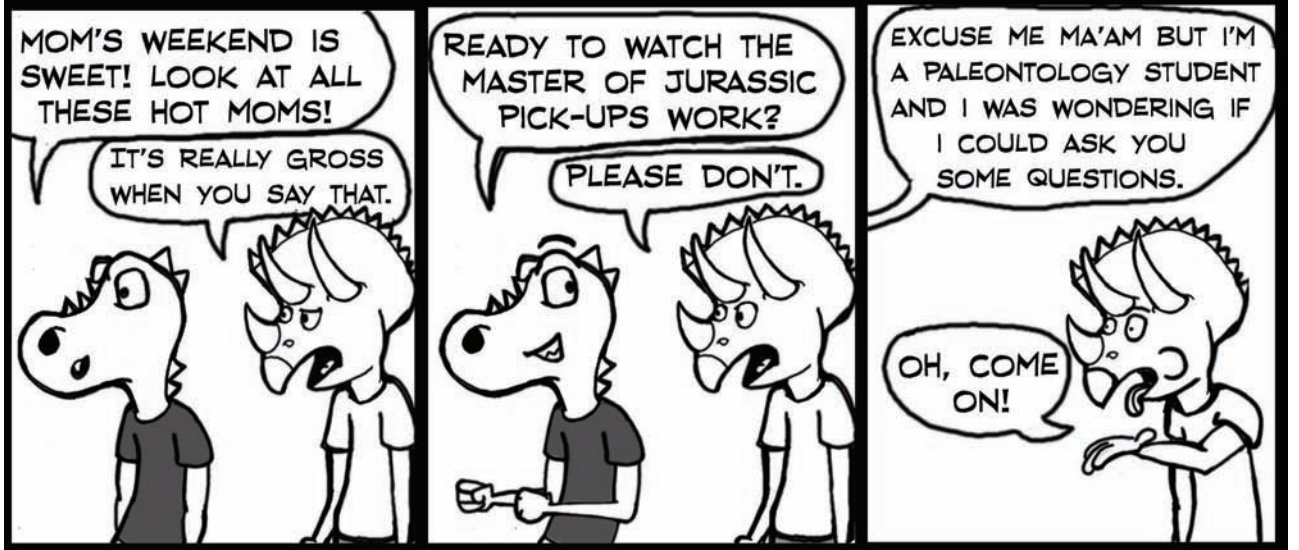
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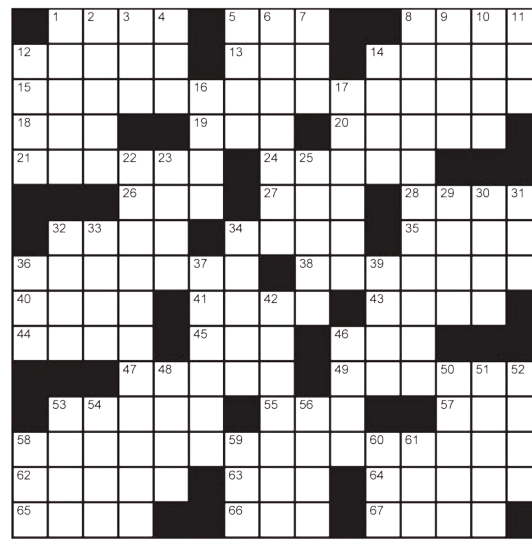
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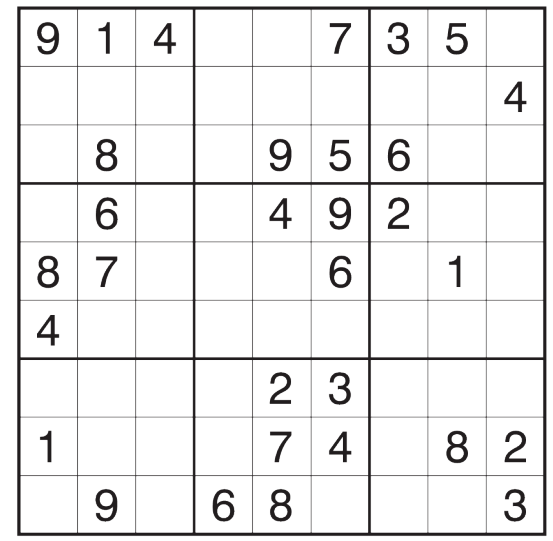
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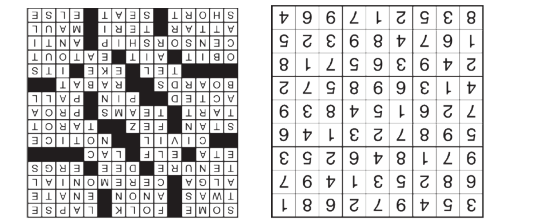
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- Like some wines
- Cold war units.
- Last of 26
- Canyon effect
- Kind of wolf
- Shopper's aid
- Balmier
- Singer, e.g.
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- Retreats
- Ticked (off)
- Red Planet
- A.A.R.P.
- Madly in love
- Jewish month
- Bone-chilling
- Spending limit
- Horseback riding pace
- Excellent
- Brandy flavor
- Celtic underworld god
- Dog pest
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- Fencing swords
- Blockhead
- Net-surfer's stop
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- Jazz trumpeter Baker
- Kind of cabinet
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TUM TUM PA



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Sisters Courtney and Katie Winzeler perform a cover of "Let's Get Ready to Rumble" at Red Bull's Tum Tum Pa competition in the College of Education Building Wednesday. Using only school supplies and cans, the sisters took first place and won a party sponsored by Red Bull.

# Breaking the mold: Asian club returns to campus

Anja Sundali  
Argonaut

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Association may have disappeared for a few years at University of Idaho, but now it's back and in full swing.

As part of Moms Weekend, AAPIA will host hypnotist Christopher Pemberton at 4:30 p.m. today in the Student Union Building ballroom.

Brian Vo, president of the UI chapter of AAPIA, said they decided to bring the hypnotist to campus to increase cul-

tural awareness and promote their club.

"The art of hypnotism actually originated in India, but mostly it's just a fun event that everyone can be interested in regardless of cultural background," Vo said.

Pemberton has performed at UI several times before, in addition to performing at colleges and universities all across the western U.S. for more than 10 years.

AAPIA only has a few members right now, so the event will also serve to recruit new ones. Delfino Osorio Garcia, a member of AAPIA, said the club

expects to double its membership by the end of the semester.

"We don't want to be stereotyped as only doing Asian events, we want break the mold and be accessible to all people on campus," Osorio Garcia said.

Crossing boundaries, both culturally and racially, is the primary mission of AAPIA.

Vo said people of all cultures are welcome to join the club, not just Asians and Pacific Islanders.

"Asia shares many cultural aspects with the rest of the world, and we really

want to showcase that," Vo said.

In addition to being active on campus, AAPIA also regularly works with the Washington State University chapter and other organizations in the area, especially during the club's "Culture Shock" show in the fall.

AAPIA is also planning a luau for next fall that will showcase the club's Pacific Islander influence. The luau will have traditional food, dancing and other events.

"This event will mix it up and show a different side to our organization," Vo said.

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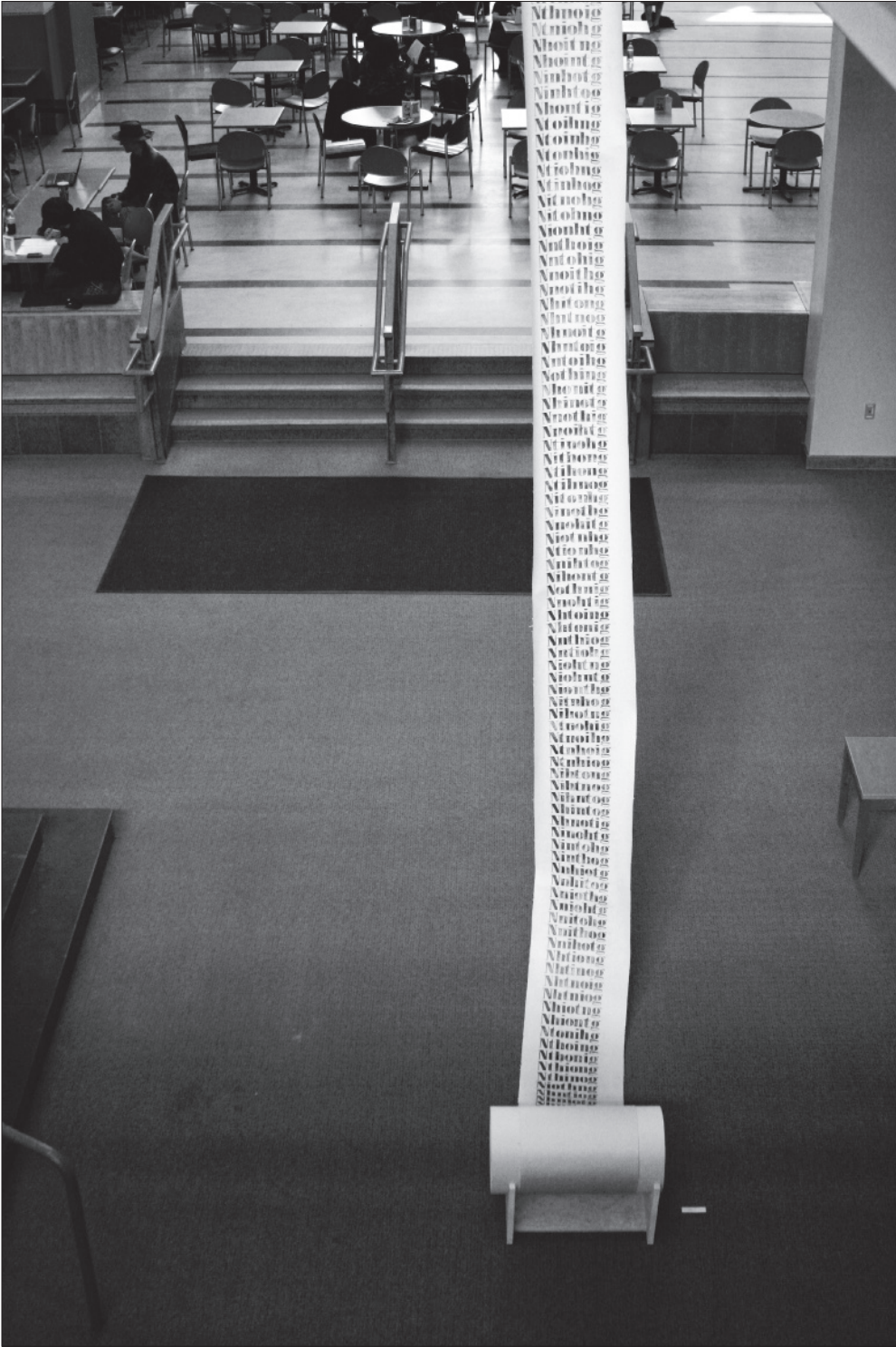
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# 'AVERNUS'



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Master's of Fine Arts Youdhi Maharjan's art collection "Avernus" is displayed in the University of Idaho Commons Reflections Gallery April 7. Maharjan said he considers himself a conceptual artist.

# Years of hard work and experience

## NASA administrator to visit UI

**Molly Spencer**  
Argonaut

Holding seven degrees varying from aerospace to civil engineering and having been the 11th administrator for NASA, Michael Griffin has been a success to say the least, Touraj Assefi said.

"He is a very multi-task oriented person. And in two years, maybe three, he became a group supervisor. It's like becoming a full professor in the university at the age of 29. He really is an amazing person with a lot of breath," said Assefi, director of the Microelectronics Research and Communications Institute.

When Assefi came to the University of Idaho, he used Griffin as a reference, just as Griffin did for him when applying for the position of NASA administrator. Assefi has been the head of microelectronics for 16 years. Assefi told Griffin it was time for him to wind down his career, but wanted Griffin to come lecture at UI before he stepped down.

"It's really hard to pin him down because he is so busy and so much in de-

mand," Assefi said.

"He said he wants to get together with students, question and answer. I have arranged that. He said if the faculty doesn't find it insulting, he would like to do the same thing for the faculty members who are interested in NASA and are technical."

Assefi said Griffin is a member of every Honor Society at the highest level.

"We don't have a single member in this university who's a member of National Academy of Engineers," Assefi said. "He's a member of anything that you can imagine in science, and he has won a lot of medals. He achieved all of those before he was the NASA administrator."

Griffin is also a commercial pilot and will fly his own plane here, which he has been doing for as long as Assefi has known him. "Whatever he does, he does very well. He's so focused, so driven and I really don't know anybody that is that close to me who's as talented," Assefi said. "It's very obvious that he's one of the top scientists

in the world."

Associate Director of the Martin Institute Ro Afatchao will be in charge of the event's logistics, which will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday. Assefi approached Afatchao with the idea of organizing something together.

"This is a very good opportunity for my department to cooperate with the engineering department. We always wanted to find ways to cooperate with other departments," Afatchao said.

Even though NASA works on a hi-tech level, they work with countries other than the United States, Afatchao said, and he would like to hear Griffin's perspective.

"At one point, we're going to have to cooperate because there is only one (outer) space. We all need to put our resources together at one point if we want to send mankind somewhere very far," Afatchao said. "U.S. is not the only giant super power anymore, we have China — they have the money, we are broke. If we could work with some of these other countries, it would be nice."



Michael Griffin

## ASUI Senate Update

### Approval of Agenda

Bill S11-22 and 23 were added to the agenda.

### Open Forum

Director of Sustainability Sally Ames has worked on the recycling competition. Ames said the Sustainability Center will host events with other clubs for Earth Week.

The Moscow City cleanup is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 22. "Take Back the Night" will be April 21. It will be based on social equity, Ames said.

### Presidential Communications

President Stephen Parrott said the State Board of Education will be at the University of Idaho Wednesday and Thursday. Parrott said the event will be open to the public.

On Wednesday, fees for the next academic year will be set up.

Parrott said they also plan to work on the doctorate degree in sports medicine Thursday.

### New Business

Bill S11-21, increase the Activities Board budget by \$5,000 to supplement the current budget of \$9,000 for the last funding hearing held April 26, passed. Bill S11-22, amending the ASUI Rules and Regulations, was sent to Rules and Regulations. Bill S11-23, amending the ASUI Rules and Regulations, was sent to Rules and Regulations.

### Vice Presidential Communications

Vice President Samantha Storms said she was excited to see results of the elections. She said she believes Parrott's changes to the budget are a step in the right direction.

### Communications

Senator Zachary Arama told the Senate to make sure and know what's in Bill S11-22 and 23. Senator Sheldon Kernodle encouraged the new senators to relay the budget proposal to students in a timely manner. Kernodle also thanked Parrott for talking about the budget situation during the pre-session. Senator Bruno Bennett thanked everyone for helping with Popcorn Friday.

## CRUISIN' CAMPUS



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Longboarding has grown to be a popular mode of transportation and a way to get outside. People should practice safety while riding on campus and around town.

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The University of Idaho's College of Law will be hosting the Idaho Law Review Symposium in the City Council Chambers in Boise City Hall. This year the topic is water law and about how surface and ground water affects us.

# Law concentrates on water focuses

Caitlin Stagg  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Law will host the Idaho Law Review Symposium today in the City Council Chambers in Boise City Hall.

The Idaho Law Review is a legal journal that the Idaho College of Law releases three times a year. There is a fall and spring edition and then a symposium.

The symposium editors, Emmi Blades and Dylan Hedden, invited a group of people to write on a certain topic and then they are invited to Boise to speak on the topic. The new journal edition will come out in early May.

"This year the topic is water law," Hedden

said "It deals with the interaction between surface and ground water and how it effects us."

The symposium is intended to address challenges people face regarding water management and will provide a forum for legal and scientific speakers to discuss this common topic.

The keynote speaker is David Getches, the College of Law Dean at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Getches has spent more than 20 years at the University of Colorado and has become an expert on natural resources law. Getches has published a number of books and articles on a variety of topics from water resources management to Native American law issues.

Getches will resign as dean of the college in June and will remain at the school as a law professor.

There will be many other events at the symposium in Boise today including panels of speakers covering topics such as science and law, conservation and evolution of water management in the West. There will also be many other participants from schools all across the nation attending the symposium.

The symposium is \$30 admission and for more information contact Dylan Hedden at [hedd1058@vandals.uidaho.edu](mailto:hedd1058@vandals.uidaho.edu).

## University researcher tests new wild sheep vaccine

BOISE(AP) — A Washington State University wildlife disease researcher produced an experimental vaccine that appears to have protected four bighorn sheep against deadly pneumonia.

WSU professor Subramaniam Srikumaran said his findings are a promising but concedes years of work remain to help safeguard wild bighorn herds from periodic die-offs that have plagued the species in Idaho.

His research comes at a time when domestic sheep that roam the same habitat as bighorns are blamed for spreading disease to their more vulnerable wild cousins. That's led federal managers to close sheep grazing allotments in Idaho's Payette National Forest to protect the wild sheep. That move has angered the region's ranchers, who see the federal government as protecting wildlife over their livelihoods.

Srikumaran told the Lewiston Tribune this week that he developed the vaccine in his laboratory, then gave it to four bighorn sheep. They all sur-

vived after being exposed to a pathogen that causes pneumonia. Sheep not given the vaccine died within days of exposure. He acknowledged the sample size of inoculated bighorns was small, but "100 percent is something convincing to me."

Idaho bighorn numbers have dwindled by half since 1990, to about 3,500. Die-offs such as ones where 300 sheep died in 1995 and 1996 in Hell's Canyon have contributed to the declines. And most scientists believe contact between the wild sheep and domestic sheep during the spring and summer has contributed to transmission of deadly pneumonia.

Last year the Payette National Forest approved a plan that will reduce domestic sheep grazing by nearly 70 percent.

Some see a vaccine along the lines of what Srikumaran is working on as a solution to allowing historic ranching activities and wild sheep to coexist in the high country — not just in Idaho but in other states including Washington and California, where similar

efforts to separate the animals are under consideration.

Wildlife biologists following the debate say a solution remains elusive, despite the positive rumblings from Srikumaran's lab. For instance, relying on a vaccine given to wild sheep can be problematic, because it probably would require capturing all the wild animals that live in steep and remote terrain.

Once they're captured, the questions continue, said Keith Lawrence, director of the Nez Perce Tribes wildlife program.

"How do you know who has got it? How do you control the dosage? (There) is lots of difficulty with that," Lawrence said. "That is why until we get all this stuff figured out, separation is the key."

That's one reason why Srikumaran is also working on a method that would treat the domestic sheep that are rounded up annually instead of the bighorns.

"We are trying to eliminate the disease-causing bacteria from the throats of domestic sheep," he said.

## News briefs

### Environmental teams earn awards

University of Idaho student teams won a fourth of the awards at the 21st International Environmental Design Contest in Las Cruces, N.M. New Mexico State University's Institute for Energy and the Environment hosted the event. The three teams won more than \$3,000 in awards at the April 6 closing banquet.

### Saturday

#### Pancake breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast hosted by Officer Newbill Kids' Safety Fair Committee from 8 to 10

a.m. at Applebee's in Moscow. The tickets are \$7 each and include pancakes, sausage and a drink. All proceeds will go to the Annual Officer Newbill Kids' Safety Fair, the first Saturday in June at Eastside Marketplace. Tickets are available at the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, Kimberling Insurance, NRS and Gritman Medical Center in the Community Relations Office, and at the door based on availability.

### Tuesday

#### Inside CSI

The guest speaker forum "CSI: Truth Behind Forensic Anthropology" will be from 7-8 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls. It will be presented by

Robert Karinen, who is a forensic supervisor at the Ada County Coroner's Office. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For more information contact (208) 522-1400 or visit [www.museumofidaho.org](http://www.museumofidaho.org).

#### Free movie

There will be a free advanced movie screening of "Bridesmaids" from Universal Pictures at 7:30p.m., doors open at 7, at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

The movie is produced by Judd Apatow ("Superbad," "Knocked Up" and "40-year-old Virgin") and stars Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Melissa McCarthy, Wendi-McLendon-Covey and Ellie Kemper. UI and Washington State University students get in free.

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# Making the perfect putt

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Without the windmills and dog legs of mini golf, real putting takes a new level of seriousness and skill.

"There's a thousand different ways to putt ... a lot of teachers think they have it figured out, but there's no perfect way," junior Jarred Bossio said.

Bossio golfs for the University of Idaho men's team and has been named WAC Golfer of the Week twice this year. He tied for ninth at last week's Wyoming Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bossio said his approach to putting is conventional, but there are a variety of other methods.

Every golfer, Bossio said, has a unique set of pre-putt rituals, like basketball players have before a foul shot.

"I'm more mechanical so I line up ... take two practice strokes, get over it and just hit it," Bossio said.

On one side of his golf ball, Bossio has drawn a straight black line that he uses to align his putter for each hit. He emphasized alignment as a key skill for beginning golfers to develop.

"If you're not aligned right, you're not going to make the putt," Bossio said.

He steps up to the ball with his feet shoulder-width apart and, keeping his head down, and taps the ball into the waiting cup.

Before approaching the ball, an experienced golfer has already interpreted the conditions and decided on the speed and direction of the perfect putt.

"First I'll read the putt and decide how far I think it's going to break," Bossio said.

In golf terms, that means he looks at the slope of the grass and decides how much to correct for the ball's down or uphill position relative to the hole. "Green reading," as Bossio calls it, is a common downfall for amateurs.

The real danger lies in over-thinking a shot and trying to correct technique mid-game. Bossio prefers to focus on each putt individually and make an effort to read his shots more accurately.

"You don't really want to think too much while you're over the putt," Bossio said. "Once you start thinking about your putting it's just going to get worse."

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University of Idaho junior and member of the men's golf team Jarred Bossio practices putting Thursday at the Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman. Bossio and UI junior Kayla Mortellaro are two of the leaders on the Idaho golf team.

# Great golfers think alike

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

Leading the way for the Vandal golf teams and regularly finding themselves near the top of the leader board are juniors Kayla Mortellaro for the women and Jarred Bossio for the men.

Mortellaro is the 10th ranked amateur women golfer in the world and Bossio has recently been named the WAC Golfer for the Week, for the second time. Bossio has found himself jumping around the rankings all year long.

Their success comes from their ability to control themselves on the course, and their mindsets. For this reason they approach facets of the game in similar ways, but there are differences to how they approach specific shots.

Off the tee the two golfers come in with the same approach — they have a yardage book, they plan on following what it says, and try to make last-minute adjustments to the elements. Bossio said the key is to keep it simple.

"When I step up to the tee I already know usually because of the practice round or our

yardage book, I already know what I am going to hit, and what my target's going to be, so it's pretty simple what club I am going to hit because I have already thought about it," Bossio said.

Bossio also said he prefers to hit a driver if he can because he finds he is much more accurate with it than he is with a 3 wood. Mortellaro, on the other hand, said she has no preference — she would always like to hit the ball as far down the fairway as she can, but the course dictates what happens.

"Based on the wind conditions, how I am feeling — that will determine what club I am going to hit, and I generally hit a straight ball, I don't try to do any fancy things with the ball," Mortellaro said.

There are a lot of dangers on the course when leaving the tee box and working toward the green, but both golfers said they don't change their swings whether they are in the rough or the center of the fairway.

Mortellaro said she finds herself going to her hybrids often in the fairway when she has to decide between clubs.

"For women it is easier to hit a hybrid than

a long iron — I do have a 4 iron in my bag, and that's as high an iron as I got," Mortellaro said.

Bossio said it just comes down to the situation for him. A long iron, hybrid, fairway wood — it is all about yardage and what gives him the best chance to advance the ball to where he wants to be.

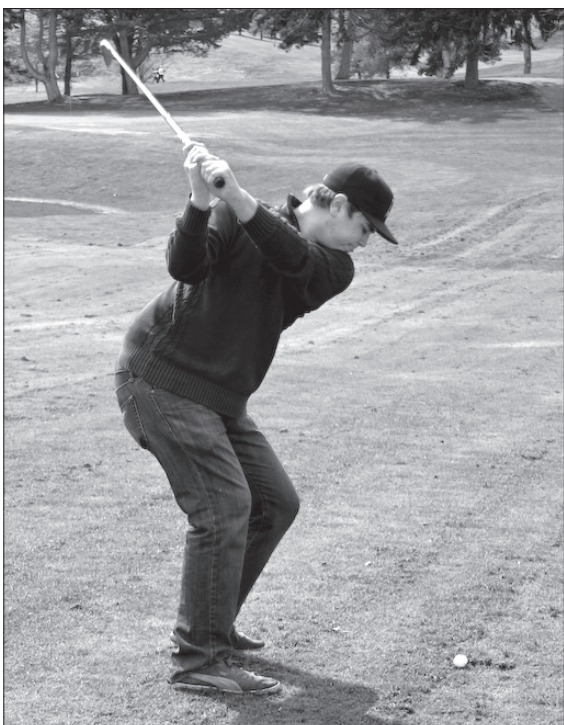
One problem all golfers face, especially the closer they get to the green, is dealing with the issue of being between clubs, and both golfers agree there is only one way to deal with the scenario: Practice. Mortellaro said she tries to get to the point where she has a swing for the situation, but Bossio takes a more visual approach.

"It's very rare that you ever have perfect yardage into a hole, especially with wedges ... For me I just kind of feel it on my practice swings and try to visualize, but it's just one of those things that you have to practice," Bossio said.

The ultimate goal of any golfer needs to be to get in the hole. Mortellaro starts by picking a line and determining break and speed.

"After that I take two practice strokes — one looking at the hole to see if that will give me the speed control I am after and then one like a normal putt ... take one deep breath to visualize the ball going in the hole, and then just step up and putt it, I don't spend too much time at the ball," Mortellaro said.

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Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Jacob Billman takes a swing on the University of Idaho golf course Tuesday.

# Women's volleyball ready for fall

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball team's spring season is already underway and Idaho has been pulling out wins as it prepares for the next fall season.

The Vandals won all three matches in their first action since fall, defeating Central Washington, Seattle Pacific and Portland April 2. Idaho will be home this weekend, hosting Montana, Gonzaga and Lewis Clark State College in Memorial Gym Saturday. Idaho volleyball coach Debbie Buchanan said more than anything she wants to see her team make improvements this spring.

"Our two goals for this spring were passing and serving," Buchanan said. "Can we become a tough serving team and can we pass the ball? I feel like in spring we've made progress, we're getting better at those things, but we're trying to get the young kids some experience at the same time."

A number of the younger Vandals are seeing a lot of action this spring, especially since injuries have plagued the Vandals' roster. Julia Church had back surgery in the offseason, setter Ryann Carter had shoulder surgery and setter Jennifer Feicht has a stress fracture.

The Vandals will bring back all of their starters from a year



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Vandal outside hitter Alicia Milo spikes the ball over the LA Tech middle back Kara Jones and setter Bianca Bin during a game in Memorial Gym.

**The Vandals' first match Saturday will be at 10 a.m. in Memorial Gym against Gonzaga. They will face LCSC at 11:15 a.m. and Montana at 1:45 p.m.**

ago except Kelsey Taylor, who graduated. Taylor leaves some big shoes to be filled, but Buchanan said the pieces are already in place and the experience this team brings to the table is vital to its success. She said it's always a

process of losing and gaining experience, and this year should be one of the up years.

"It's awesome," Buchanan said. "It's important to have experience. We have three seniors entering next year and we have a couple juniors, so it's going to start balancing out again with having some kids who have been here."

Idaho went 14-15 last season and made a run in the WAC Tournament. Buchanan said with the players' experience coming back, the team should play competitively.

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## Vandal Fitness Challenge

# And so it goes — the end of the challenge

When beginning the Vandal Fitness Challenge, I had no idea what the semester had in store. All I knew was I had a minimal amount of credits on my schedule, plenty of room during the days and a decent living wage to be able to buy healthy groceries. With my sister's wedding a month away, I had hoped to be in the clear when it came to fitting into the bridesmaid dress.

But guess what? Life happens, even with the best of intentions and organization.

Sometimes people think they can and should be able to do it all: School, social life, two or three jobs, health, and miscellaneous daily events that inevitably pop up. And maybe for a while it does. You get into a groove, fall into a routine, and it can go well for a certain amount of time. But eventually all those things will pile up, deadlines will fall all at once and you will be scrambling just to stay afloat.

After spring break, my efforts fell by the wayside. I was a victim of my own perfect storm, and the more stress that

piled up, the more the gym became an impossible idea. The less time I spent at home, the more time I spent getting food from restaurants. My efforts stagnated, even with the responsibility of having to report it to everyone who reads.

So is it embarrassing to say I've made no progress and seemingly have nothing to show for this venture? Yes. But does that mean it's time to give up? Hardly.

Attempting to lose weight while trying to build a resume, make rent and figure

out what to do with your life is a daunting task. But it's also daunting once you've left school and are searching for a job, or trying to make enough to pay back loans, planning your own wedding or preparing for a child in the future. Life is constantly moving, and there will never be a perfect or ideal time to tackle the issue. Something will always be stressful and it's not ever going to be easy, no matter what restraints you put in place trying to make it fail-proof.



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# Women 'rock' the SRC climbing wall

Erin Gibbons  
Argonaut

The climbing walls at the University of Idaho's Student Recreation Center look candy-covered to the inexperienced eye. Different hand-holds and colorful strips of tape dot the walls like sprinkles, but to climbers these are brainteasers that test their bodies and minds.

Every Wednesday night, women climbers have the opportunity to share their climbing techniques with other women, and enjoy a special camaraderie that the female climbing community has to offer.

From 9-11 p.m. the facility is specifically for the group of women, and some said the "women only" rule makes their climbing more enjoyable because the environment hosts no judgment.

"The other women are encouraging, and it's quieter. You can focus better on a problem you are trying to solve and you feel totally comfortable when you are with just other girls," said Christina Plaza, a liberal arts major at New Saint Andrews College.

Plaza, who is new to the sport, was hooked after some friends got her to go climbing with free tickets for her birthday. She said there is nothing like having a good day on the wall because it gives her a fulfilling sense of accomplishment.

There are different types of climbing — bouldering, sport climbing, traditional climbing and aid climbing are a few. At the SRC climbers can do bouldering and sport climbing. The other two types of climbing are practiced outside on a real rock face.

Bouldering is the art of climbing on boulders. The gear needed to enjoy this style includes chalk, to keep hands dry and a pair of climbing shoes.

Sport climbing is defined by the equipment required. There must be two people for this style. One person climbs while the other person acts as their catcher. They are connected by a rope system anchored to

the ceiling, and harnesses are worn to have something to tie the rope to the climber.

Jani Rounds, a wildlife resources major at UI, usually works the Wednesday women's climbs. She gives a clinic for women new to the wall, which only takes about 30 minutes.

Rounds said the clinic teaches new climbers how to use the gear, and makes climbing really easy to learn. She also said in order to be able to participate climbers must rent shoes if they do not have their own. Harnesses are available for rent to those who want them.

Rounds said the cost of renting the equipment is about \$7 for everything, and the one-time only clinic that is also \$7.

Rounds has been climbing for five years and said she likes to work the women's climb in order to bring her years of experience to new climbers.

"Women's night was started so women who are underrepresented in climbing can come and learn how to climb girl-style. I like being a part of it because I have knowledge to share, and it's fun," Rounds said.

She said her passion for climbing was born after she conquered a difficult route in Red Rocks, Nev., five years ago. During the climb she said her arm got stuck in a narrow hold.

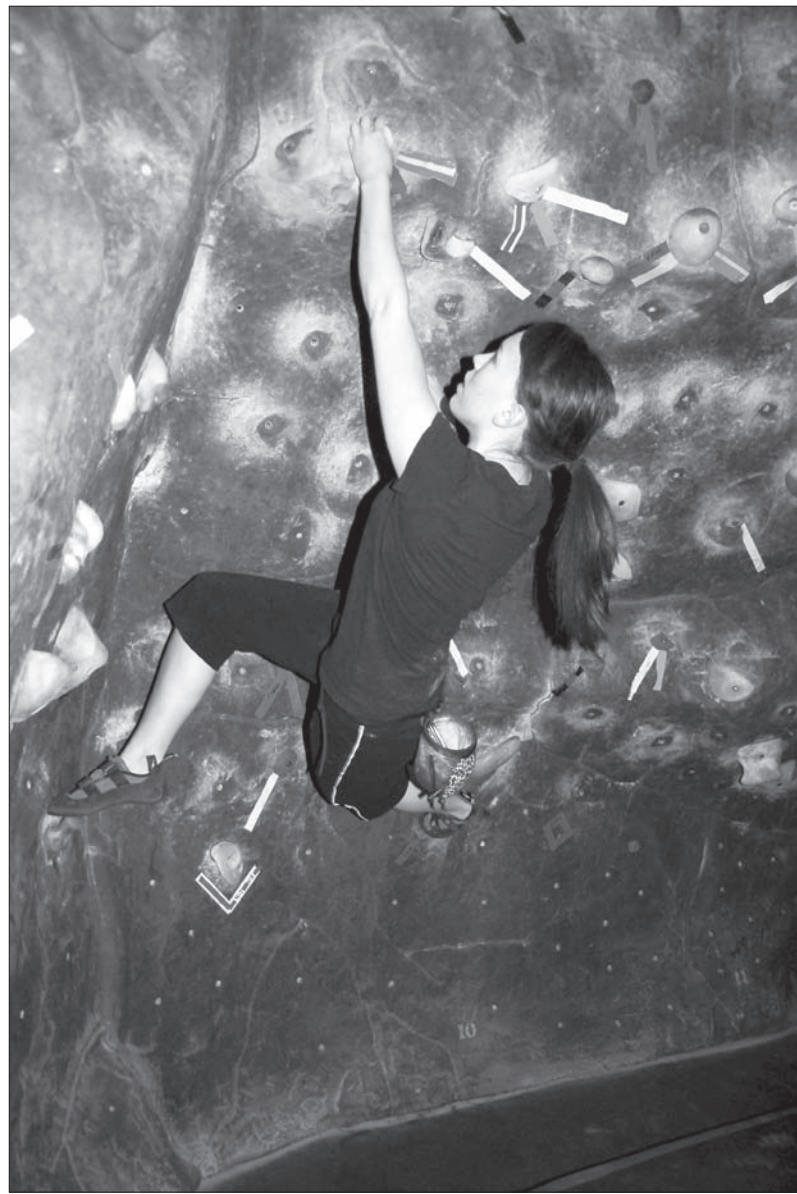
At first she was afraid, tensing her arm more so that it would not come free from the rock. She said she realized in order to finish she must breathe and relax her arm. As soon as she did she pulled her arm out and successfully finished the route.

Rounds described getting to the top as "the most amazing feeling." After that day she said she couldn't stay off the rocks.

"I like the movement, how it feels like dancing. It's the most beautiful thing I know how to do," Rounds said.

Rounds said being on a real rock face is incredible. She was once nearly 500 feet off the ground while climbing on Red Rocks, and said she could see so far that it almost felt like flying.

"Nothing can touch me up



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Cristina Plaza, a junior at New Saint Andrews College, uses a cross over move to try to solve a route in the cave at the University of Idaho Student Recreation Center. There is a women's climb night from 9-11 p.m. on Wednesdays.

there," Rounds said.

Rock climbing is different for everyone who tries it — those who love it are generally physically fit and

mentally awake. Climbers stretch and lift themselves up the rock gracefully as if they were choreographed in a vertical ballet to the top.

Despite the beauty of the sport, climbing can be difficult and dangerous. Rounds said the biggest dangers are human errors, such as someone walking under a climber being lowered down on their rope system, or a climber getting injured because their partner didn't lower them properly.

Rounds said it's important to always know and trust the person who is belaying, because if a climber falls and their partner doesn't have the rope in the lock position, they could fall a long way and be injured badly, or die.

"That's why we require the clinic before people can climb. It's to help them be aware and stay conscious of their actions," Rounds said.

Most of the injuries at the SRC climbing wall occur when climbers fall off bouldering problems, Rounds said. Sprained ankles, strained tendons and minor cuts or bruises are the most common occurrences, she said.

To minimize falling some women study a route before getting on the wall in order to have a mental map. Some women, like Patricia Stout, even find themselves obsessed with a problem until they solve it.

"When I solve a problem I get really excited. I feel like it's a huge accomplishment. It's almost to the point of obsession because I work a problem until I get it, but the feeling of reaching the end is really good," Stout said.

She said the most difficult problems are the ones in which she must rely on her upper body strength instead of her legs. But a more intense challenge for Stout is her terrifying fear of falling, which she said is slowly getting better with each visit to the rock wall.

"I still get scared and won't go for a move when I'm on the wall because of a mental roadblock that is created by my fear of falling," Stout said.

Stout started climbing in January, and said she was addicted almost immediately.

"I love it. I used to be a ballerina, and this is the only thing that is more challenging. It's something fun and I really enjoy it."

## Vandals prepare for WAC Championship

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

Freshman Rachel Choi had the best finish for the Vandal women's golf team April 9 in Liberty Lake.

The Vandals competed in the Gonzaga Spring Individual Tournament, in which they sent four of their golfers to Liberty Lake to compete in the one-day, 36-hole tournament where every participant played as an individual. The tournament was in preparation for the Vandals, as this weekend they will host the WAC Championship in Arizona.

Idaho women's golf coach Lisa Johnson said the point of playing in this tournament was to try to get her team to work on some of the problems they have been struggling with, and the tournament was a good experience

for the golfers she brought to it.

"It was valuable in the sense that we learned what we need to fix before we leave this week for the WAC Championship ... We need to tweak our approach to the mental game prior to going, and better learn how to shut out all the outside distractions while we are competing," Johnson said.

Choi had the best overall performance for the Vandals, as her two rounds of 76 were good enough for her to finish in sole possession of ninth place — eight strokes behind Darcie Richmond of Washington, who won the tournament.

Idaho sophomore Allyssa Nilsson and freshman Julia Hitchins finished in a tie for 23rd place and junior Gracie Schory finished in 26th.

Two Vandals who were absent from

the tournament were juniors Kayla Mortellaro and Teo Poplawski. Mortellaro is currently ranked as the 10th best women's amateur golfer in the world through the Royal and Ancient ranking. Johnson said the reason for their absence was as simple as following a guideline.

"If we play more than four players in an individual tournament we have to count it as a day of competition for the team ... and we didn't want to do that," Johnson said.

That won't be the case this Friday, as the Vandals begin play at the WAC Championship that lasts until Sunday at the Longbow golf course in Mesa, Ariz. The Vandals get the last five teetimes and are paired with players from San Jose State and Hawaii. Mortellaro will be in the final pairing of the day.

## Mariners need to get their bats going

It seemed the Mariners' bullpen had things down. They went 17 consecutive innings of scoreless work but the pen collapsed Wednesday after the Toronto Blue Jays steamrolled the Ms with an 8-3 victory April 13.

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista was the catalyst for the Blue Jay win, as he slammed a three-run homer off relief pitcher Chris Ray in the eighth taking control of a game Seattle was leading 2-1 before the pitch.

After Bautista's dinger the Blue Jay line-up sliced open the pen making quick work of Ray, Josh Lucke and Tom Wilhelmson, gaining nine of the 14 hits in the final two innings of the game.

This loss had to be tough for starter Jason Vargas since he started strong, pitching six and 2/3 innings, while only giving up one run and striking out seven. There is no doubt Vargas and the Ms hoped for a series sweep of the Jays at Safeco Field this series, but the breakdown behind left

field was apparent and harsh.

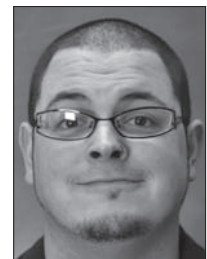
Bautista's homer should definitely be a wake-up call to Ms' skipper Eric Wedge, who needs to get some production out of the middle of the order.

The Ms are having some good luck so far with Justin Smoak but the key is to get their top of the order hitters to heat up their bats.

Although the 24-year-old has had some solid production improving his average to .275 with five ribbies and a homer this season, his predecessors in the batting order, Adam Kennedy, Milton Bradley and Jack Cust are going to have to work to get on base too.

Ultimately, in the next series against Kansas City, Wedge might want to switch up the order slightly to get more production out of his order and put the harsh loss to the Jays in the review mirror.

The Ms are sitting at a less than .500 record, but that's why pro-baseball teams play 162 games, right?



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# NBA Playoffs: first round preview

## Eastern Conference

### 1 Chicago Bulls vs. 8 Indiana Pacers

The Bulls have come out of nowhere to shock the NBA. At the beginning of the season no one would have projected the Bulls to be the top team out of the east, but here they are. The Pacers, on the other hand, have had a horrible season, but are still in the playoffs, for the first round at least. The Bulls will win this series easily.

Projection: Bulls 4-0

### 4 Orlando Magic vs. 5 Atlanta Hawks

The Magic have yet another chance to go to the NBA finals. First thing's first though — the Magic have to get past the Atlanta Hawks. The Hawks have a decent shot at winning the series, but they will have to slow down Dwight Howard to have any shot at all. The Hawks will do a decent job of slowing down Howard, but not good enough and the Magic will hang on and advance.

Projection: Magic 4-2

### 2 Miami Heat vs. 7 Philadelphia 76ers

The Miami Heat have underperformed at times this season but have done well enough to earn the No. 2 seed in the east. With LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh all on the same team, the Heat will be a tough out. The 76ers have had a decent season this year, but they don't have the players that Miami does. The 76ers will make this series closer than most people think, but in the end the Heat will take the series.

Projection: Heat 4-2

### 3 Boston Celtics vs. 6 New York Knicks

The Celtics will try to make their 3rd title game appearance in four years. The addition of Carmelo Anthony will help out the Knicks and will make the game interesting. The Celtics will be able to hold off

the feisty Knicks in seven, with both teams winning on their home courts.

Projection: Celtics 4-3

## Western Conference

### 1 San Antonio Spurs vs. 8 Memphis Grizzlies

The top seed in the west, the Spurs have struggled against Memphis this season. The two teams have split the season series winning two games each. Although it will be a tough challenge, the Spurs will take care of the Grizzlies. It's playoff time and the best teams show up to play — San Antonio is definitely one of the league's best teams.

Projection: Spurs 4-1

### 4 Oklahoma City Thunder vs. 5 Denver Nuggets

What a match-up this will be, two teams closely matched will square-off against one another. Oklahoma City has dominated the season series,

but Denver will be out for revenge. Denver will surprise the Thunder in the first game with a win and that will be the difference in this series as Denver will win the series in six.

Projection: Nuggets 4-2

### 2 Los Angeles Lakers vs. 7 New Orleans Hornets

The No. 2 seed Lakers have to be the favorites to win the west — after all, they are the two-time defending champions. New Orleans will not be a problem for L.A. as the Lakers will cruise to a first round series win.

Projection: Lakers 4-0

### 3 Dallas Mavericks vs. 6 Portland Trailblazers

Both Dallas and Portland have shown signs of greatness this season. Portland and Dallas have split the season series, which is what makes this match-up so exciting. Through the first four games of this series both teams will win on their home court. It will be Portland that wins game five in Dallas and takes the series in six.

Projection: Trailblazers 4-2



Mike Greenway  
Argonaut

# BYU is the center of attention, again

Controversy is one of the many words that could describe Brigham Young University's 2010-11 basketball season. Months after sophomore center Brandon Davies received a season ban for violating the school's honor code, drama in Provo, Utah, has unfolded yet again — this time at the expense of Naismith and Wooden Award-winner Jimmer Fredette.

"Jimmermania" has consumed Provo for the vast majority of the 2010-11 academic year, and Fredette's rising popularity has forced school officials to request the star's removal from all classes

After initially selecting to enter the 2010 NBA Draft, Fredette reconsidered, opting to earn his degree and spend one more term playing basketball for the Cougars. A current celebrity on the BYU campus, Fredette's presence in class was getting too "disruptive" and now the 6'2" superstar will earn his remaining credits online.

In February, BYU student Michelle Peralta wrote a letter to "Universe," BYU's student newspaper, claiming "Jimmermania" has transformed into idol worship. Peralta's statements received national attention and Cougar fans chastised her for her disapproval of BYU athletics and sports in general.

"Cut it out with the Jimmer worship. Last time I checked, idol worship was very much frowned upon in the scriptures," said Peralta in the letter.

Has this nonsense turned into "distracting" worship? Or, for the third time this year, has BYU overdramatized the situation in an effort

to gain the attention of sports fans?

Regardless of his status as a college basketball icon, Fredette is still a student at BYU and has taken what many may consider the "moral route" by earning a college degree, something most college athletes opt out of when a professional career is in their future.

Why should he be reprimanded for attending scheduled classes that require him to enter a classroom? An immature state of being has spread throughout the student body of BYU and the general population of Provo — as a result the Glens Falls, N.Y., native is being forced to live a sheltered life during his final year of college.

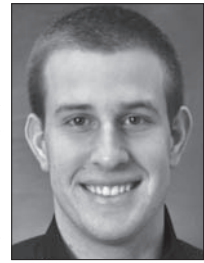
"I asked him what he does on campus when he goes out," his father, Al, told The Post-Star. "He said he wears a hoodie and tries not to make eye contact."

I won't deny the fact that I own a white Brigham Young No. 32 jersey tee and became an avid member of Jimmermania after witnessing Fredette's 30-point performance in the Mountain West Tournament final.

However, if Fredette and I shared a math class, I would never in a million years request an autograph from someone who is also a fellow classmate. Students that obsessed should be honoured that they attend the same school as Fredette.

Similar issues never arose with Tim Tebow at Florida, Cam Newton at Auburn, or Kemba Walker at UCONN. All three were college celebs at their respective colleges and shared a sense of freedom that didn't confine their class or clothing options.

Jimmermania has escalated since BYU was ousted from the NCAA Tournament, but fortunately for Fredette, the hooded sweatshirt will retire in a few months.



Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

# 'Too busy' hurts your body

## Rhiannon Rinas

Argonaut

University of Idaho Fitness Manager Peg Hamlett said it's important for students to exercise because their brains work better after physical activity.

"For students so many are trying to get through school so fast that they take so many classes that they just bog themselves down," Hamlett said. "They get less work done if they just go straight classes all the way through assignment, assignment, assignment."

Hamlett said if students take time during the day for exercise or a wellness class it gives them a chance to work in a different way. It also frees their minds to do something they enjoy.

"People who exercise are generally more active and feel better because ... once you've exercised you generally have more energy, and it's kind of a catch-22 because people say 'I'm too tired to exercise,' but if you did exercise you'd feel better and you'd have more energy," Hamlett said.

Exercise science and health major Caitie Pulver said the best result she sees in people who exercise is how happy it makes them.

"I see a lot of people when they exercise (and) it makes them feel better," Pulver said. "Then they hold themselves in a different manner they're up beat, their posture is (better), they have better confidence and stuff like that."

Pulver said working out also makes people more productive.

"It's the 'whole body in motion stays in motion' thing. The longer you stay active the longer you will stay active. The more you work at it, the more you're going to be to do whatever you want to do," Pulver said. "The more you sit on your bottom, the more likely you're going to stay sitting on your bottom."

Exercise science and health major Jaime Gallup said exercise isn't just in a gym.

"Deciding to start working out, a lot of people will pick like 'I'm going to run on the elliptical for an hour a day or I'm going to bike to all my classes this week,' and that's awesome, but at the same time those same people will drive somewhere that's two blocks away," Gallup said. "Active transportation is one of my favorite things."

Hamlett said one of the worst things students can do while trying to get physically fit is to depend on what the scale reads.

"We like you to think about how you fit into your clothes or what your body composition is (and) how much body fat you have,

because when you start working out, especially with women, they may gain weight because muscles weigh more than fat," Hamlett said. "So their clothes may be fitting better but their mind tells them something different because they get on that dang scale every day, and the scale (is) going up."

Hamlett said students should try to schedule exercise into their week.

"They actually have to schedule a time, then if it's scheduled other things wont overlap, so that adds some balance," Hamlett said.

Hamlett said the biggest issue with diet for college students is the time factor.

"(They say) 'I don't have time to eat breakfast' ... so they skip breakfast and then go somewhere crummy for lunch and get something that's over-priced and not good for them," Hamlett said.

When it comes to diet they need "to think about that rainbow of colors they need every day: Fruits and vegetables," she said.

"And they think pizza a rainbow of colors, and it is not," Hamlett said.

Nutritionist and UI instructor Helen Brown said the biggest challenge is balancing diet and exercise.

"You have to be very careful about your choices," Brown said. "You need to eat more fruits and vegetables. When you look at your plate, half should be fruits and vegetables, a fourth a good protein source and a fourth pasta, rice, a carbohydrate with fiber."

Brown said obesity in America has increased significantly since 1985.

"The most alarming trend is the increase in overweight and obesity among children," Brown said. "Along with high weight, diabetes rates continue to soar and it's estimated that one of three children will develop Type 2 diabetes in their lifetime."

She said one of her favorite websites to recommend to people is [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov).

"You put in your weight, your height, your activity level, your gender and your age and it will tell you how many servings approximately you should have in each food group and then it gives you all this information about what these foods are, how many servings and what servings mean," Brown said. Brown said exercise also increases bone strength, helping to prevent osteoporosis.

"I like to tell women this because a lot of women don't understand it. You're really in your peak bone building mass right now, after you're 25 you will never build as much bone as you can now," Brown said. "You're

building bone mass to help you as a 60, 70, 80 year-old woman and if you wait till you're 70 or 80, it's too late."

Brown said stress and lack of sleep can cause physical health problems.

"Not recognizing and getting help for your stress ... can cause health problems in the future," Brown said. "People that don't get enough sleep gain more weight, and that's a pretty new research finding."

UI exercise science and health major Staci Stratton said alcohol consumption can also lead to weight gain.

"I've been learning in my class that when you drink your body starts to burn the ethanol in the alcohol first and it ignores your fat oxidation, it ignores your carbohydrate oxidation," Stratton said. "So you're basically turning off your metabolism, while you get hungry because your drunk and you get the 'drunchies,' so you start eating things that you don't normally eat and those calories are going nowhere but your hips and your waist."

Hamlett said the worst idea for students is to focus solely on getting through the university as fast as possible and not taking time for themselves.

"They forget that a lot of employers out there want to hire someone that's well-rounded, someone's who's healthy (and) presents a good image," Hamlett said. "So some of those people do themselves a disservice just hurrying through trying to get the best grade." Stratton said students should exercise an hour a day at least four days a week, and that it should involve as many aspects of fitness they can, including flexibility and muscular endurance.

"Your first week always feels the best because you've just started and the next week you're totally dead (and) the soreness kicks in," Stratton said. "There's like three to six weeks where it's tough, and once you get past that your body can handle it."

Hamlett said students should avoid pushing themselves too hard when they first start exercising because it can cause injury and they end up with "instant pain" and not instant results.

"Within a week or so you usually start feeling better about your body and yourself and how you're feeling, and then you start developing those patterns," Hamlett said. "It's like you know, 'I'm not as tired doing this or I feel better when I exercise' and then after a few weeks ... it's like, 'Oh wow, these pants are little bigger now.'"

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## Our View

# Let us ask you a question

The terms “status update,” “wall posts,” “likes” and “pokes” have become part of our everyday vocabulary, but there is one new feature offered by social media giant Facebook that will drastically improve how we communicate.

In the newest update to Facebook profiles, users and pages can now ask a question using a poll-like feature to all of their friends or fans. The best part of this feature is that once one of your followers answers the question, it is then posted on their wall for all of their friends to see.

This means that questions are no longer limited to the confinements of your friends list, but the entire Facebook universe.

Although it does get annoying seeing nothing

but polls asking, “Which U.S. state have you been in?” posted on walls, the service has its uses, especially for media outlets like The Argonaut.

In this issue, you will see our Best of Moscow insert, which reflects the general consensus of people in and around Moscow, or even those who have just visited, on their favorite establishments. With Facebook, we were able to post the questions and answers for our fans to see, which in turn opened it up for more students and Moscow residents.

In the end, some categories totaled more than 1,000 votes and we were able to receive feedback on categories and businesses people would like to see included next year.

The application can be used for more than just polls about people’s favorite foods, coffee or places on campus. It can also be an efficient way to generate reader feedback for any business. It can be used to stimulate the conversation about a particular topic, or in the case of media outlets, a specific story.

Asking directed questions with a purpose and making it possible for people to answer with a simple click of a button is adding another dimension to communication. Facebook may seem catty at times, but in the right situation it is becoming a tool to help users interact with each other.

—MM

## Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Soccer vs. floor hockey

Student Media has now officially attempted two intramural sports: Floor hockey and soccer. Here’s my conclusion, even though the soccer season isn’t completed yet — floor hockey is a bust, soccer is a win. Speaking of a win, that’s exactly what we did Tuesday, and that’s a step up from floor hockey. Go team.

—Elizabeth

### Warning: Cheesy mom thanks you

Hey Mama, thank you for everything. I know you have that twinkle of pride in your eye when you see me writing about anti-online social networking and pro-medical pot smoking. Jokes aside, I hope you’re proud, because you and Daddio made me who I am today. I love you.

—Dara

### What’s wrong with calling?

I know that text messages are ubiquitous, but I feel like some things aren’t meant for a text message. This week, I had someone cut off all contact with me. Thursday, my dad told me that a family friend has cancer. Both of these were via text message. Some things are worth a phone call.

—Chava

### Family helps

My mom and sister are coming up this weekend, and I can’t wait to see them. Thank goodness for Moms Weekend — I think it might just revive my sanity a little bit.

—Kelli

### It was a joke

I sent my “Off the Cuff” telepathically like she said I could, but then she got upset because she didn’t get it. So then I had to write it.

—Nick

### Advocate for your beliefs

Sometimes, thinking about the problems of the world can be overwhelming. That is why it is important to select the issues that are most important to you to advocate for. You can’t just run into the world, firing a shotgun at anything that moves. You have to be focused — like a laser — to see tangible results of change. Today, I advocate in support of diversity and accept differences in my fellow humans without grasping for bias and without passing judgment. The fact that we are different people supporting different ideas is what makes our world as well as our campus, so unique and diverse. (P.S. Don’t forget to enter rawr’s coloring contest.)

—Tanya

### Portfolio

I’m heading to Seattle at the end of April for AIGA’s Portfolio Review. As of right now I do not have a portfolio to review, but after a couple late nights during this weekend with a few friends, it should blow people out of the water. Just saying.

—Loren

### Pull it together Boston

Dear my Boston Red Sox, please get your act together right now. It’s tough working in an office where everyone points out every game that you lose. And being the only Sox fan in Idaho, I already get enough smack talk from all the fake Yankee fans.

—Madison

### Donkey

Word to the wise — never stand behind a donkey and shoot it with a pellet gun.

—Jens

### Learning experience

I would like to say thank you to Theogene Rudasingwa, who taught a four-week long class I took while he was here for the Borah Symposium. He is an extremely intelligent, well-spoken man with many interesting ideas, and I enjoyed learning about human development from him. I hope he returns to the University of Idaho when he publishes his book so I can get a signed copy. Thank you for spending time with us. To pass along a quote from him, “Do not ever think you need power to do good in the world.”

—Kelcie



Juliana Ward  
Argonaut



## Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

### Couldn’t disagree more

I was not impressed with Max Bartlett’s article “Pro-life about controlling women.” His thoughts were extremely irrational and I couldn’t disagree more.

In reference to the Idaho Legislature’s vote to lower the term limit for abortions by four weeks, Bartlett argues this bill wrongly controls women’s reproductive systems and said “preventing 14 abortions a year just isn’t worth it.” Bartlett should realize that those are 14 unborn children, and each and every one is special. It’s an innocent human life — these babies have done nothing to deserve to be killed.

Bartlett attempted to take the potential selfish actions of individuals, both female and male, in having an abortion and pass it off as women’s health care. Killing innocent human lives does not qualify as women’s health care.

And Planned Parenthood is absolute garbage. They are a bunch of slimebags whose corruption is finally being exposed. They should have no government funding under any circumstances.

Nathan Wirtz  
Management — human resources option  
Freshman

### Thanks for the updates

Just wanted to say thank you for the fantastic football coverage this spring. Almost like clockwork, I can go on there and read a new article or report on how practice has gone, the progress of the team and the latest news. I, for one (and I know other alumni as well), really appreciate it. Keep it up.

Scott Marboe  
UI alumnus and former Vandal football player

## Fine print

# Law school meant to honor Mom

My mom does some things that annoy me.

I grew up in a town where the streets make a grid. I’ve lived in that town since I was 9 years old, but when I drive with my mom somewhere, she’ll attempt to give me directions. “I normally turn left here then right on 12th Street,” she’ll say. “Mom,” I think to myself, “these streets make a grid. Any combination of lefts and rights will get us there. I promise you, we’re going to make it.”

Or she’ll stand over my shoulder while I’m cooking and either asks if she can help or offers unsolicited advice. “Mom,” I think to myself, “you taught me how to cook when I was eight, I live by myself now. I got this.” But I never say those things to her. I just say “Yes, ma’am” or wait for her to leave the kitchen on her own. Then I smile to myself and think about how fortunate I am to have her in my life.

I know that there will eventually come a time where she’ll no longer be around to offer her unsolicited advice.

Or the advice I ask for. Or the encouragement only a mother can offer.

I’m not looking forward to that day.

For the past 27 years, she’s been the only parent I’ve known. She’s my hero — the person I look up to the most. She’s who I looked to last fall as I struggled with my first semester of law school.

In November, I found myself sitting in front of the law school’s Dean of Students, an experience not unlike that of being in front of the principal in high school.

At one point the Dean asked me, “What are you doing here?”

I sat there staring blankly at her, hoping she had asked a rhetorical question. Her next statement ended any hope of that.

“That’s not a rhetorical question, Robert. I really want an answer. What are you doing here?” she asked again.

I told her I didn’t have an answer, and I had been wondering the same thing lately. It seemed like a much better answer than the truth — I came to law school because

ably had similar lifestyles years ago, cannot afford such weekends. They are usually preoccupied with their careers, or may still be raising another son or daughter.

That is too much responsibility to ignore, even for a weekend.

Watching moms dance to live music with their children downtown during this event in years past has always been an amusing time. Every year it is always funny to see the different expression I get when offering to buy someone almost twice my age a drink. But the weekend should not just be about people acting younger than they are in an irresponsible manner.

For the most part, our parents are well into their careers. Their life is structured and full of responsibility. College is an artificial atmosphere, like being on vacation. For our parents, one weekend to break away from the rigors of their normal lives may be something they only get to experience once a year. So why not encourage them to have a good time?

Years from now, our generation will have moved on from college to other directions, most of which

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Steve Carter  
Argonaut

# Drug has medicinal properties

Pot. Marijuana. Dope. Mary Jane. Weed. Different names, but same end result — getting stoned, blazed, high out of your mind. Whatever.

The anti-marijuana people want to fight with the pro-marijuana people, the pro-marijuana people want to fight with the anti-marijuana people, and the people in between end up getting headaches hearing all about it.

This isn't about rolling joints or hitting bongos up to get stoned before class to make that geography map a little more entertaining, or having unstoppable laughter when the psychology professor brings up the stages of oral fixation.

When talking about legalizing marijuana, the thought should be directed toward grandmothers or grandfathers.

When people get older, they can

suffer from many types of diseases. Many can be so painful that waking up in the morning might seem like a feat within itself.

If the joints are aching, or pain is taking over their lives, why not let the elderly take a hit every now and then, or dip into the cannabis butter cookie jar?

If that pain can be soothed with a little THC, then why not consider making it a legalized medicinal option?

Elderly are not the only people who could benefit from the relief experienced after using marijuana.

Cancer patients suffering from chemotherapy nausea and people with real appetite issues all deserve a little relief.

Now, I'm not talking about the people who run into the doctor, and

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try to obtain the golden medical permit in hopes to smoke whenever they want so they can have the munchies or laugh at the lady walking her dog because she looks kind of like a tyrannosaurus rex.

I'm talking about the people who are in legitimate pain, who need a break from the hurt they are feeling because it is so bad they cannot bear it. They deserve some relief.



**Dara Barney**  
Argonaut



**Casey Dail**  
Argonaut

# Abortion bill seeks to protect life of fetus

The Idaho Senate Bill 1165 was recently approved by the Idaho House, which prohibits abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Some people are jumping up and down for the bill because it's when the child can feel pain, while others are stomping their feet in anger because it goes against women's rights.

In the state of Idaho, abortions after 20 weeks are a rare procedure, amounting to little more than 1 percent of all abortions. The point is this is not an attack on women's rights or ending abortion altogether, but a truth of the prenatal child, as one said supporting the bill, "It will recognize the humanity of the unborn in their capacity to feel pain."

Most are against a mother murdering her 1-year-old child — because we clearly see it is a child and can feel pain. Why is it different in the womb?

Since both anti-abortion and abortion rights advocates are for the woman understanding all of her options and the reasons behind them, let us explore why some choose to ban abortion in this later stage by exploring early childhood development.

In my freshman year, I took Early Childhood Development. We looked at many books, and "Ghosts from the Nursery" and "Developmental Profiles" were valuable in understanding what goes on in the womb. We learned while in the womb, we develop and experience all our senses, and the first one is touch.

By 17 weeks, the fetus can feel

everywhere except the top of the head and back, which develops by 20 weeks.

In the field of development, we learn all children develop at different rates, for some it may come later and for others, sooner. By about eight weeks the fetus will kick and jerk if poked. From 12 to 16 weeks, the fetus makes facial expressions and specifically will grimace if the scalp is tickled. The fetus will kick violently if the mother drinks cold water. Lastly, there is

an optional test during pregnancy called amniocentesis, which involves inserting a needle into the uterus to gain fluid, and studies through ultrasounds have revealed the "fetuses to respond fearfully — pulling away from the needle, defensively covering themselves — and sometimes aggressively by attempting to hit or kick at the needle."

Returning to my question at the beginning of the article of the mother killing her 1-year-old, what if this specific child was paralyzed at birth? Since he or she cannot feel the pain, can the mother get away with the act now? What would our justice system say if someone murders a grown person who is paralyzed head to toe?

Either the university needs to change what it is teaching students in Early Childhood Development, or we need to admit that if we choose to go through with an abortion, there is a person in the womb going through with it as well.

Want to hear more on medical marijuana? Check out opinion roundtable at [uiargonaut.com](http://uiargonaut.com) and listen to our podcast

# A call for action on Idaho education

Fee increases, tuition increases and mandatory campus housing for freshmen.

Larger class sizes, faculty furloughs and fewer classes offered.

Every student has noticed these. They're all the result of the University of Idaho's ongoing budget crisis.

Perhaps "crisis" isn't the right word. After years of perpetual crisis, maybe we should call it the budget situation. Or just the budget. But just because we've gotten used to it doesn't mean we have to accept it.

Every student should be outraged about the state of their education at UI. We are continually being charged more for less.

Outrage can't be directionless. Just being angry at everyone isn't going to achieve much. We need to know who is really responsible for the budget situation.

It's easy to blame the administration, or the athletic department, or student housing, or campus dining. And isn't it just so tempting to be able to blame Bob's Place for the budget crisis? I know I'd like to. But it isn't their fault. The responsibility lies with the Idaho Legislature.

As the state's sole land grant university, UI once received a majority of its funding from the state. Today, it receives only a tiny percentage of its total funding from the

state. Research grants, scholarship support, alumni support and student fees have tried to replace the losses. But it hasn't been enough.

The Legislature has cut education funding in Idaho year after year. Not just for UI, but for all Idaho public schools.

Why the constant cuts? Political convenience, of course.

Idaho has traditionally been a very Republican, low-tax state. Funding Idaho education would mean either raising taxes — political suicide in Idaho — or cutting funding to other services that

Idaho voters might actually care about. And, of course, support for private and charter schools has long been an important part of the Idaho Republican platform. That's right — they're not just anti-taxes, they're anti-public education. Explains a lot, doesn't it?

Idaho voters need to tell the Legislature we won't stand for it anymore. They need to know that education cuts will no longer be the politically convenient way to balance the budget. Some things are more important than lower taxes.

It's time for UI students to stand up to the Legislature. We need to protest these cuts to our education and the state's failure to support the education of all its citizens. The state government has few tasks more important and more essential to Idaho's future than

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education. As students, we cannot stand by while they throw away Idaho's future.

Student voices have been ignored by the state for decades. The time for words is has ended, and the time for political action is here. We need serious, organized political protest. The Legislature may have a harder time ignoring Idaho students when we're standing on their front lawn.

We won't just be standing up for ourselves. We'll be standing up for decades of future students. And if we don't stand up now, there might not be anything left to stand up for.



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# No Facebook? No problem

"Oh my goodness, that Dara girl deleted her Facebook."

"She is so crazy."  
"I wouldn't let her babysit my kids."

The comments run rampant as I try to make my way to class, everyone whispering behind my back. I try to fight back tears just to make it through my day.

All right — that is absolute crap. But the utter confusion and disbelief in reactions from this Facebook deletion has been more interesting than the online social network could ever be.

The truth is, folks, Facebook is ruining us.

Don't use the excuse it is great networking, and makes contact with people who aren't geographically close easier.



Dara Barney  
Argonaut

Employers, sometimes police and even some colleges are using Facebook as a means to investigate into profiles that may include the classic keg stand or costume mistake where someone let it all hang out.

Also, if real friends are interested in contact, there are other means to stay in touch, like the fancy cell phone, video chatting or email. Don't pretend like you don't know what these things are used for. Facebook is an excuse.

I won't even go into Farmville, Petville or whatever-ville imaginable. You all know who you are, and feeding a fake chicken should not be on anyone's priority list.

In efforts to keep up with the Joneses, status updates overflow the news feed with very important information like, "I'm eating dinner," or "I waited too long to study (insert gross sad

emoticon here)." Really?

The other concept Facebook has really started to intrude on is relationships.

Found someone that piques your interest socially or romantically?

Oh, don't worry about it. You don't even need to talk to them. The Facebook utilizer can creepily figure out their first and last name, lurk on their profile, and then decide based off of an Internet-generated program whether or not they're interested in becoming a "friend" of said person.

It is sometimes said first impression judgments are made between the first few seconds to half a minute you meet someone.

Although this impression is fairly critical of the other person, this whole amount of time and connection with someone could be completely altered because of substantial Facebook creeping.

Connections are deteriorating. Instead of

meeting up with someone or using time to call, drop a post on their wall or "poke" them (don't even get me started on this weird innuendo), or maybe creep on their profile.

Another great pastime of our generation is the classic action of "friending" an ex-significant other, or a friend from high school to see if maybe they are having a hard time, became significantly ugly or whatever. Don't pretend you haven't done it. This is disgusting.

A whole new social world is developing online, while real social world connections are suffering.

I think those 564,832 Facebook friends, 30 percent of them being actual friends, might begin to agree.

Facebook is a distraction from the real world. Taking a break from the real world every once in a while is great. But taking a break to feed the fake animals or spy on people you would never talk to in real life is creepy.

## Government shutdown averted

Both the Republicans and the Democrats found room to compromise to complete a last minute budget deal April 8. When President Barack Obama first sent the budget to Congress, the Republicans asked for \$61 billion in cuts, while the Democrats were only willing to cut \$11 billion. In the end both parties agreed to \$38.5 billion in cuts.

Besides Republicans and Democrats, Congress had to deal with members that consider themselves part of the Tea Party. The Tea Party stands for good morals and values, but in many ways is wrong.

The Republicans tried to hold the government hostage because of the funding of Planned Parenthood. The Republicans wanted to strip all federal funding from Planned Parenthood, and the Democrats were having nothing of it.

Republicans believed that by funding Planned Parenthood they were

funding abortions. First of all, that's not true. Secondly, who cares? Don't hold the government hostage because of a social issue.

Not to say abortion is a good thing, but the debate about abortion doesn't belong in the same debate as funding of the federal government. This was a policy rider attached to the budget that didn't go through.

The other issue besides the budget was the Environmental Protection Agency, and Republicans wanting to strip their funding as well. Again, President Obama and the Democrats denied them.

This issue is different than Planned Parenthood — the EPA is more of a political organization than a necessary program. Nevertheless, this program remained funded as well.

At the end of the day both parties came together under the leadership

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of President Obama and Speaker of the House John Boehner. In politics, nobody completely wins. Each side has to give a little, and sometimes a lot, in order to get the important things they want. The Republicans gave in and funded both Planned Parenthood and the EPA. The Democrats gave in and slashed \$38.5 billion from the original budget, which was a compromise of \$27.5 billion. In the end, none of the politicians win — the American people do and that's all that counts.



Michael Greenway  
Argonaut

## Don't tell us when to have sex

Nobody should be telling you when to have sex.

For some, it's a topic that carries heavy emotional influence. For others, it's not such a big deal. Some people make it habitual, while others are more selective — some abstain from it completely. None of these people are wrong in their choices — just different.

The way each of us views sex depends entirely on personal beliefs, upbringings and past life experiences. We are influenced by peers, friends, family, church members, media and other outside resources. Oftentimes, it's more comfortable to talk about abstaining from sex than having it.

Most reasons behind waiting for marriage are understandable and should be respected, but those in favor of having sex don't express their views as openly, or as often.

I'm not advocating random sex, but from a chemistry standpoint, having sex before marriage has its benefits. Relationships should never be solely based on attraction, but anybody in a healthy relationship will say that physical chemistry is necessary. That chemistry, whether we want to accept it or not, includes the

bond a couple shares during intercourse, and the strength of that bond can make or break a relationship. A couple may be perfect in every other aspect, but if there is no connection during sex, a

marriage is unlikely to work. Some couples just don't have that chemistry, and neither party is to blame.

Why are we afraid to discuss a topic that is so engrained in our daily lives? I grew up in a small town where a dominant percentage of the demographic is the same religion, which says premarital sex and intimacy are a one-way ticket to a fiery fate. I never had sex education, and my friends of that religion simply didn't talk about it. Last year, one of them called me before her wedding and, because she would be having sex for the first time, asked me how to use a condom. She's 23.

Having sex is a part of life and shouldn't be made out to be bad, shameful or

embarrassing. If we're going to talk about it like adults, then we should also treat it with maturity — know the person, know what you're getting yourself into and know how to use protection. Sex is a different level of connection for a couple, and, to be honest, is supposed to be fun. Being open to sharing intercourse in a healthy relationship doesn't directly equate to random hookups and STDs — for those who choose to do it, it can mean the difference between a successful and a failed lifelong commitment.



Kelli Hadley  
Argonaut

## Developing and developed countries share a period problem

Girls in developing countries face enough challenges when trying to get an education. Cultural gender standards may look down on girls becoming educated, and many female children have so many responsibilities to their family and work that education falls to the wayside.

Add another obstacle to the list.

Girls in South Africa are missing entire weeks of school because they cannot afford to buy pads and tampons, and would rather miss school than go without protection.

A package of pads costs about \$2 in South Africa.

Some teachers keep supplies for students, but only some are courageous enough to ask for them. The rest miss school or use newspaper.

Though it may seem unthinkable, it happens stateside, too. Pads and tampons are expensive, and can cost \$10 to last one menstrual cycle. For a family that plans their budget down to the last dollar, this can be too expensive.

So, women substitute, or sit on toilets for a week so that they do not make a mess.

This isn't in South Africa. This is happening in the U.S.

Much attention is paid to

food drives and food banks. Most people are willing to donate old clothes to people who need it. Even with this help, some women nationwide go without basic sanitary care.

This extends to other personal care products, too. Deodorant may be sidelined to buy a loaf of bread, and people may go without soap to buy a new pair of shoes. There are checks in place for this — people hold "soap drives" — but little attention is paid to the need for sanitary napkins.

This comes down to the fact that people are afraid to talk about the needs of women. People are willing to donate canned food, because buying canned food is not embarrassing. Many

women are nervous to buy tampons or pads, and may face silent ridicule when buying them in quantity. When it's this hard to purchase a necessity, it must be even more difficult when asking for others' assistance to obtain pads and tampons.

It's time to remove the stigma of menstruation, and make it OK for women to ask for help buying these items. South African girls shouldn't feel embarrassed when asking for pads from teachers, and American women shouldn't have to sacrifice important items for basic human sanitation. This is a basic human need, and women shouldn't have to feel embarrassed about something they can't prevent.



Chava Thomas  
Argonaut

## Merger could be bad for business

AT&T's acquisition of its competitor, T-Mobile, will give birth to a new juggernaut in the American telecommunications industry, producing a company which can supposedly better serve its customers by providing a faster and stronger network. But is it really worth risking consumer interests?

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, the second- and fourth-largest wireless service providers respectively, is expected to create a duopoly of AT&T and Verizon Wireless, which makes the market far more consolidated than necessary. The deal, which is expected to close in a year, makes AT&T by far the largest service provider in the nation with 130 million total subscribers. Various market analysts are raising concerns over the upcoming change in the market.

AT&T justified the acquisition in a statement on March 20, claiming that the acquisition will benefit the customers by "enhancing network capacity, output and quality in near term for both companies'

customers." This statement is realizable as AT&T and T-Mobile have similar technology, and their networks, which already cover large areas of the country, can contribute to each other to create an even stronger and faster wireless network.

However, it still seems that consumers have more to lose than to gain. The customers may enjoy enhanced services after the acquisition, but they have to expect a future increase in price when two or three behemoths dominate the market.

Concerns over future price hikes are well-founded. AT&T presents itself as the provider of the highest quality mobile services, which collides with T-Mobile's brand image as a provider of affordable services. Thus, some of T-Mobile's more price-efficient contracts may be terminated or altered to maintain AT&T's brand image and profit margins. In a recent media release by T-Mobile, the company suggested that future rate plans may be subject to a price increase. T-Mobile merely states "all customer contracts entered into before the change of ownership

will be honored (for their applicable period)," suggesting the looming possibility that prices may rise in the future.

Moreover, if this acquisition is approved by the regulators, it may encourage future mergers in the market. Mergers and acquisitions are very attractive options to businesses as they can take advantage of various economies of scales (various economic benefits made available by the increase in the size of a firm such as a stronger bargaining power in business deals and lower interest rates on loans). In addition, in the telecommunications industry, a bigger size usually means larger control over the market (in other words, more subscribers) and increased revenues as the companies deal directly with their customers. Once AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile is approved, it may encourage other mergers in the future, as they are highly profitable for telecommunications companies.

There are always banes and boons when economic decisions are made, and they have to be measured carefully. In this acquisition, at least for now, the banes seem to outweigh the boons.

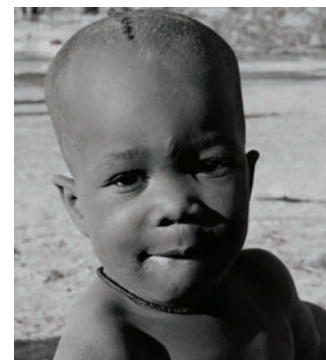
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# The drinking age must be reduced

In the U.S., it is illegal to drink alcohol if you're under 21.

However, so many people across the country are drinking when they first enter college at age 18 or 19. There needs to be some kind of reform that reduces the drinking age from 21 to 18.

The reasons behind the age limit is people believe that before taking in alcohol your brain should be fully developed, and studies have shown the brain doesn't fully develop until age 21. If this is true, how can an 18-year-old handle going off to war if they can't handle a shot of vodka?

It makes no sense.

If a person can go to war at 18, they should be able to drink at 18. Those who say alcohol

is more dangerous to an 18-year-old than war are wrong.



Michael Greenway  
Argonaut

How is a group of people shooting at you less dangerous than chugging a beer with a group of friends? If the drinking age is 21, then the age you can enlist in the military should at least be 21.

Another argument is that alcohol kills people and a 21-year-old is better fit to handle the responsibility of drinking than an 18-year-old. It is true that if you drink too much you can die, but why should a whole society of 18 to 20 year olds be oppressed because of the stupidity of a few? Once you turn 21, the risk is still there. People older than 21 still die because they drink too much.

There needs to be a bill that goes through Congress stating that if you're not old enough to drink, you're not old enough to go to war. To state that someone is responsible enough to go to war but is not responsible enough to have a drink is beyond lunacy and the law needs to be changed.

Most of the world allows 18-year-olds to drink, but the freest of the free restrict and ban drinking from those who are under 21. How is it that the majority of the world, which doesn't necessarily believe in the same types of freedom we have in the U.S., allows 18-year-olds to drink? When it comes to drinking, the U.S. is restrictive and oppressive toward those who are 18 to 20 years of age. It is time the U.S. government comes to the realization that alcohol is not more dangerous than war and changes the drinking age from 21 to 18.

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something I needed and most of what I wanted.

I also can't remember her eating seconds at dinner or going shopping for new clothes very often.

And so I thought about what it would be like to tell her that because I had allowed myself to become distracted outside of the classroom, I was giving up inside it. I thought about what it would be like to tell her that after years of sacrificing and struggling to give me the best of everything, I was pissing away her hard work because the first time I was challenged, I gave up and walked away.

I thought about how she fought with our dad for years about child support and what the extra money would have meant in all our lives. A single mother raising four

children doesn't have a lot of extra money to pay a lawyer, and lawsuits are hard to fight without one.

The irony of the situation is if she could have afforded a lawyer, she likely wouldn't have needed one. While she was able to eventually work out an agreement with him on her own, I know there are a lot of other single parents in the same position my mom was in and they aren't always as successful as she was.

I don't believe someone's ability to provide for their children should come down to their ability to afford a decent lawyer.

Someday, I'd like to provide a voice for single parents like my mother. I want my work to matter and to make a difference in someone's life.

Someday, I'd like her to know her hard work and sacrifices made all the difference in my life.

## High-five to France for military intervention

Before sitting down to write this column, I went online to check the latest news from Africa. I was going to write a column arguing passionately, and, I hope, convincingly, about the need for Western intervention in the African country of Cote d'Ivoire.

So, you can rightly assume that I was both surprised and delighted to read on the New York Times website that the United Nations and France have begun military strikes against the forces of former president Laurent Gbagbo.

Former president Gbagbo lost his campaign to remain president of Cote d'Ivoire, a former French colony, last November. The election, certified by several international agencies as fair and honest, awarded the presidency of this cocoa-rich nation to Alassane Ouattara. Unfortunately, Gbagbo refused to accept his loss, and held on to power. Since then, the situation in Cote d'Ivoire has only deteriorated.

Negotiations floundered, Ouattara set up his own government in his U.N.-protected hotel room, and, eventually, armed fighting began between forces loyal to each side.

Cote d'Ivoire descended into violence between pro-Ouattara supporters in the largely Muslim north and pro-Gbagbo supporters in the largely Christian south.

This violence culminated recently in the massacre of 1000 civilians in the town of Duekoue, a dangerous step towards genocide.

Both sides deny responsibility for this massacre, though it does look like the blame falls on Ouattara's forces.

So I am pleased that France and the United Nations have stepped in to do something about it. France and the United Nations have commenced air strikes against military and political targets in Cote d'Ivoire. I am glad that someone in the Western world realized they had a duty to do so.

Yes, I said a duty.

You see, I advocate Western intervention to prevent genocides not just because I believe those who can prevent genocide have a responsibility to do so, and not because I am some naive bleeding heart who does not understand the so-called "real world."

My insistence on aid and intervention for Cote d'Ivoire comes from my belief that the United States and Western Europe have a duty to help places like South America and Africa because our ability to do so, our wealth and all it buys for us, has been made at the expense of these places.

As a society, we often try to forget about the misdeeds of our past, to pretend things were not as bad as they truly were or to try to distance ourselves from what we claim to be the mistakes of our ancestors and therefore not our responsibility.

This is a fallacious argument.

Much of the wealth and power on which this country sits and uses to mold so much of the world into the shapes we find most pleasing has come to us because of what we and European imperial powers were able to

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take from places like Africa.

The Western world robbed Africa of its people and its resources, yet we assume that having given African countries their independence — a gift that we did not give but which we gave back — somehow absolves us of responsibility for the repercussions that African nations continue to suffer through.

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I hope, but do not expect, that we might see a greater response from the Western world toward the prevention of genocide and violence around the world, especially toward countries to which we owe so very much.

## YOUNG

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involve a family at some point. Careers and house payments will dominate our focus while our children enjoy the college

landscape in Moscow. And as the tradition is sure to last, our generation will congregate on the Palouse for the same occasion that is this weekend.

I welcome any mom who happens to find me downtown this weekend to say "hi."

## WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SAVING ENERGY COULD GET THIS DRAMATIC?

There's plenty of negative energy as five housemates try to reduce their use. Problem is one is secretly wasting energy. But who? Will they discover the Powermonger in time? Find out at [facebook.com/everylittlebit](http://facebook.com/everylittlebit).

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