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This week's ASUI Vandal Entertainment Films...

Indie Films Series:

## Bag It

Wednesday & Thursday  
April 20 & 21  
7 & 9:30pm  
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Saturday of Service – April 23

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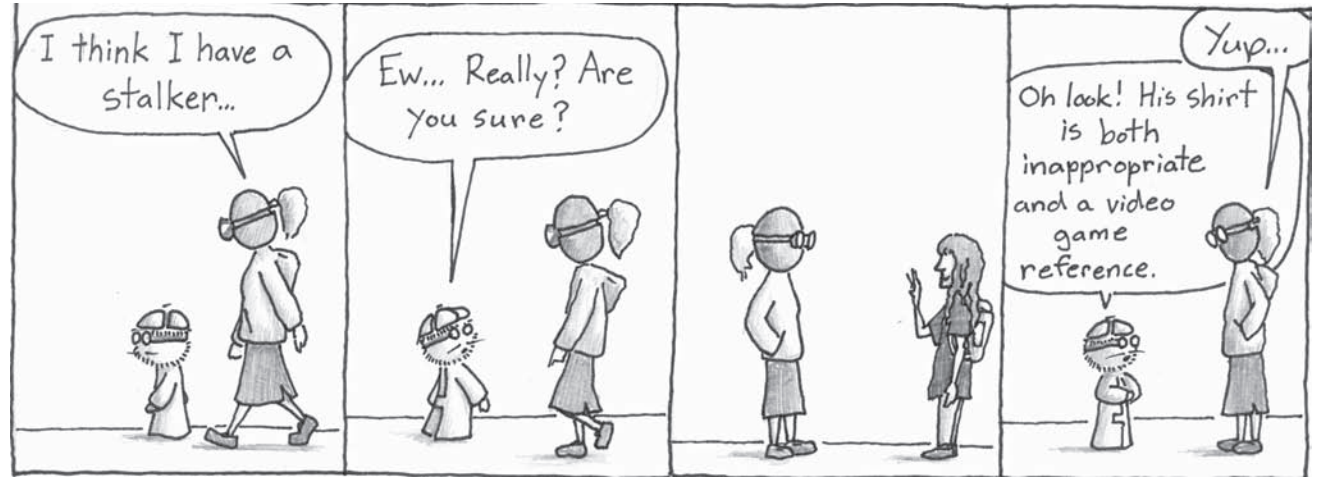
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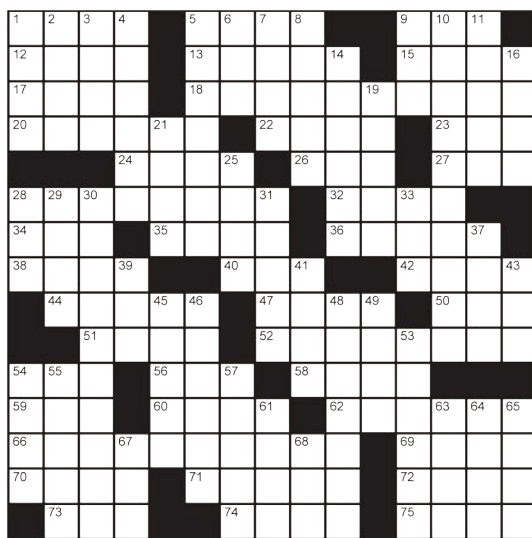
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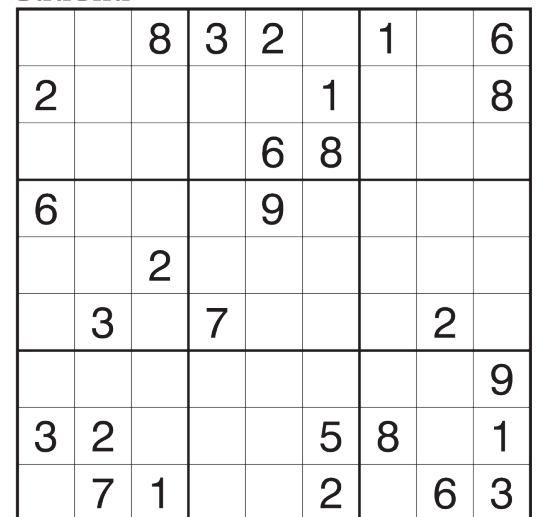
## crossword

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  - Order request
  - Frequently, in poetry
  - Fizzy drink
  - Rabin's successor
  - Meadow sounds
  - Form of ether
  - Indiscretion
  - Adulterate
  - Nimbus
  - Our sun
  - Castle defense
  - "... what?"
  - Call off
  - Seville, for one
  - Colorful salamander
  - Bonanza find
  - Capital on a fjord
  - Hibernate
  - Curved molding
  - Apprentice
  - Card game start
  - Met offering
  - Pen pals?
  - Angle type
  - Downhill racer
  - Made wealthy
  - Bio bit
  - Remote abbr.
  - Effrontery
  - Belfast grp.
  - Buffalo's lake
  - Fetor
  - Broken down vehicle
  - Prefix with dynamic
  - Battleship, Graf
  - Slow on the uptake
  - Math subject
  - Dutch city
- Down**
- Passed with flying colors
  - Unaccompanied
  - Amorphous mass
  - Deli offering
  - Kind of court
  - Get the picture
  - Flatfoot's lack
  - Ice cream flavor
  - Part of a geisha's attire
  - Dental plates
  - Eagle's claw
  - Beauty shops
  - Auction cry
  - Wooden pin
  - Star Wars name
  - Barber's supply
  - Dove's sound
  - Mythical watercraft
  - Ingrained
  - Two-door car
  - Amalgamate
  - Prune
  - Long fish
  - Cherry variety
  - Jar part
  - Party hearty
  - Beloved
  - Took hold
  - River deposit
  - Baseball shoes
  - Broadcasts
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  - River to Donegal Bay
  - Handel opera
  - Baby's bed
  - Squealers
  - Driving need
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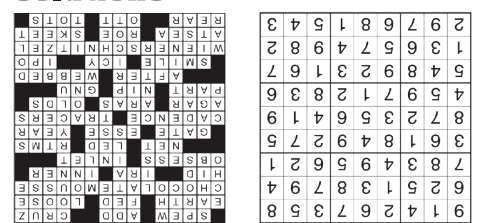


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### BRIEF FLURRIES



Students traverse Hello Walk during a brief flurry Monday afternoon.

Amrah Canul | Argonaut

### HONORED PROFESSORS



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The Faculty Excellence Awards were held last night in the Student Union Building ballroom. The event honored professors who have achieved excellence in teaching, advising, outreach, research and creativity in the classroom. Awards were presented by President Duane Nellis.

## Rain doesn't stop youth education efforts

Brittany Kiser  
Argonaut

Not only is the instruction of today's youth important, but providing children with a quality education is crucial, University of Idaho senior Kelsey Breeding said.

Raising awareness about the importance of children is exactly what the national Week of the Young Child April 10-16 was about.

Breeding, president of the Palouse Area Association for the Education of Young Children-Student Affiliate, said more than 800 paper handprints were hung in the Idaho Commons, Student Union Building, library, education and Nichols buildings throughout the week. Each handprint features a quote, fact or picture to raise awareness about youth education.

"We were also out in front of the Commons

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Friday) raising money for the Idaho association," Breeding said. "That money will go into furthering education . . . for the childcare providers and teachers. It's all for professional development and workshops, and training for the childcare providers."

Beth Price, UI assistant professor of Child Family and Consumer Studies and faculty adviser for PAAEYC-SA, said raising awareness and being advocates of young children is only half of what WOYC is about. The other half is dedicated to recognizing childcare providers in the area.

Price said members of the PAAEYC-SA created appreciation certificates for head start programs that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"That's a pretty intense program, but that is kind of like the 'good housekeeping' seal of

approval that we are committed to quality . . . they have to meet certain criteria to be able to earn and maintain that accreditation status," Price said.

Breeding said the week received positive feedback from students, parents and faculty.

"We had several people stop at the change drive and ask us what it was about, and if they didn't have change a lot of them would go buy something and come back," Breeding said. "Because of Vandal Friday, we also had parents donate money and tell us we were doing a good job."

Price said this year the group had one of the lowest fundraising days because of the rainy weather, but that in the past four years the PAAEYC-SA has raised more than \$1,000 for the Idaho Education of Young Children.

The PAAEYC-SA is a student branch of the

national organization, and is compiled of UI elementary education, psychology and early childhood development and education majors.

"We do a lot of professional meetings . . . basically we are all about young children," Breeding said. "We want to better their education — we want to get more funding to help them have better lives. So what we do in our meetings is we have professional speakers come talk to us . . . we've had child life-specialists come, we had someone come talk to us about the grief in loss of children — it's educational for the members as well."

Price said the organization is open to anybody that's interested in quality childcare, and there's not an application or fee.

The PAAEYC-SA's next meeting is scheduled for April 28, and will feature a guest speaker to talk about art with young children.

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## EXPERIMENTS

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"Ron Crawford, who was my adviser, my major professor, as one of the goals of my Ph.D said, 'We should try and figure out how to get native bacterial to do this, even if it's inefficient, let's just give it a try,'" Burbank said.

Burbank and others at UI decided to use the bacteria already present in the soil to hydrolyze urea, an organic compound. Hydrolyzes is a chemical reaction during which molecules of H<sub>2</sub>O are split into protons. It has taken almost three years from concept to being able to prove that it works in a large-scale experiment. Despite the time, the results are astounding.

In addition to reinforcing buildings, this discovery that has been patented by UI can be used in construction and civil engineering.

"From a perspective of not having to use cement or concrete ... If you think about the saving in emissions of carbon dioxide, the total global emission just from cement per year is 3.4 percent of the total global production of CO<sub>2</sub>," Burbank said.

Not only does using calcite produce less CO<sub>2</sub> than the current way

cement is produced, urea locks carbon dioxide in the soil.

"For every ton of urea you use, you lock up 1,440 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>. So it's carbon negative or carbon neutral at least and at lot more environmentally friendly," Burbank said.

Currently there are no known repercussions to leaving the CO<sub>2</sub> locked up underground.

Although still in its early stages, Burbank said he hopes this project will help prevent the major damage done by liquefaction during earthquakes.

### Optimizing the degradation of perchlorate

Perchlorate is an environmental contaminate that comes from various sources, natural and manufactured. In the United States, it's mostly from formulations of missiles fuels, but can also come from fireworks, batteries and road flares.

"Since it doesn't stick to soil, it travels well and it gets into water and shows up in water supplies. It's toxic and is hazardous because of its action in the human body..." Hess said.

The FDA said exposure to perchlorate in high dosages can interfere with iodide — a compound needed for proper thyroid function — uptake into

the thyroid gland. This can lead to a reduction in the production of thyroid hormones. For adults, thyroid plays a significant role in controlling the metabolism. In fetuses and children, thyroid hormones are vital for regular growth and development of the central nervous system. This is why the exposure of perchlorate in pregnant women and children is dangerous.

"There are three different risk groups that the EPA has developed," said Kate Kucharzyk, a doctoral student in environmental science who worked on the experiment. "These are pregnant mothers, fetuses and infants. It is because infants and developing fetuses are highly susceptible to neuro-developmental toxicity."

Kucharzyk also worked as a prominent photographer for Blot magazine and The Argonaut until December 2010.

In a grant funded by Strategic Environmental Research and Development Programs, Hess and colleagues set out to look for the molecular biology of the organism that degrades perchlorate. Hess said his part was looking at ways of accelerating degradation, or the breakdown of perchlorate.

"My grad student (Kucharzyk) and I looked at using a mathematical technique that could optimize environ-

mental conditions for degradation," Hess said.

With nine variables playing into the outcome of the experiment, a simple guess and check game wouldn't work. Kucharzyk used a genetic algorithm for the experiment. The process of genetic algorithm mimics natural evolution in the sense that the algorithm will say what to start out with and then change the constituents based on measurements taken.

"We measured degradation rate. We want to make that faster, so that was the optimization variable," Hess said. "It would go through its algorithm and return likely changes that would give a faster rate."

Kucharzyk went through 12 generations of algorithms, all stemming from the original batch.

In the first set of experiments, Kucharzyk and Hess were able to optimize degradation by 16 times. In the second batch of experiments, they optimized the first set even further and were able to achieve another five times better degradation.

"It's a little bit like playing God, because you decide when to stop," Kucharzyk said. "Our optimization in the very first experiment took 12 generations and we obtained 16 times

higher perchlorate degradation."

From beginning to end, the experiment increased degradation 90 fold.

The degradation of prochlorite is important because current restrictions on perchlorate are very relaxed. "The issue with perchlorate is that it was unregulated for years, and in 1998 it was added to an EPA list as common candidate contaminant," Kucharzyk said.

Kucharzyk said it took a long time for the EPA to establish a risk draft and risk dose in the water.

"In the beginning it was set up for 24 micrograms per liter, which is pretty high," Kucharzyk said. "Every single state has the ability to ... make their standards more stringent than federal regulations."

California and Massachusetts are the only two states that lowered standards down to 2 milligrams per liter.

"Over three weeks ago, there was a new announcement by EPA that they will now try regulate it on the level of PPB, that's parts per billion ...," Kucharzyk said.

Kucharzyk said individual states setting stricter regulations than the federal government will ensure less prochlorite in water, making her research beneficial to infants, pregnant women and the elderly.

## FUTURE

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Rostamian's work at UI has gained more notice in the weeks following the nuclear reactor safety issues in Japan. Rostamian is currently working on dust prediction modeling for nuclear reactors, research that may lead to important safety innovations in the next generation of nuclear power plants.

Rostamian works under the guidance of Akira Tokuhiko, a professor of nuclear engineering at UI based in Idaho Falls. However, Rostamian is based in Moscow and cannot work directly with Tokuhiko at Idaho National Laboratory.

Rostamian was born and raised in Iran and chose to come to the University of Idaho to continue his studies. Because Iran has been at odds with the U.N. Security Council's regulations regarding nuclear weaponry, Iranian citizens in the U.S. face harsher scrutiny than others.

"Because I am Iranian, I cannot go straight to Idaho Falls," Rostamian said. "I have to wait for six months while they do a background check, and even then I may not be allowed in."

Rostamian is not allowed to tour the facilities. Recently, the NSBE chapter at UI was invited to take a tour of INL, and all members except for Rostamian and two other Iranian students will be allowed to enter the U.S.'s premier nuclear research facility.

"In this situation it is understandable, but it is hard for someone like me who wants to work in nuclear engineering," Rostamian said.

While Rostamian waits for permission to move to Idaho Falls to continue his research, he stays involved with the NSBE Idaho chapter.

NSBE has a national outreach mission, one which members at UI take seriously. Mouhamadou Diop, president of the UI

NSBE chapter, said UI members regularly go to high schools and middle schools in Spokane and Moscow to teach students about engineering.

"We teach the students how to make robots or simple electrical circuits to show them what it could be like to be an engineer in the future. We want to give hope to students who want to be engineers," Diop said.

In addition to Rostamian's award, other members of NSBE at UI have also received major recognition. At the regional level, UI students recently won the Battle of the Engineers written competition at the annual Region VI conference, the largest NSBE region that includes such schools as Stanford, Cal Poly and University of Washington. Members of the winning UI team were Diop, Aaron Kitchen, Olivia Balemba and Oluwadamilola Ige.

"People usually don't expect to see much from students from Idaho, but we always do well," Diop said. "Our members are really dedicated here at UI. Everyone is really involved and our meetings have great attendance and everyone contributes."

Diop also received honors at the national NSBE convention this year, coming in second place in the business plan competition.

Other NSBE programs at UI include mentorships and retention efforts for freshmen and sophomore science students, as well as sponsoring the annual Dynamic Engineers lecture series. This year's lecture, which took place in February, featured Kambiz Vafai, a professor at University of California, Riverside. In addition, INL will sponsor the NSBE tour of their facilities in May.

Diop, unlike Rostamian, will be able to go on the tour next month.

"It's unfortunate because Maziar is one of our most active members and he's the one that could benefit the most by visiting INL," Diop said. "But it's a difficult situation that is out of our hands."

## EXPO

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Many UI projects help solve specific problems for a company, like the Fault Finders project that is helping Idaho Power find faults in its distribution system.

Stauffer said a lot of companies like Boeing, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories and Hewlett-Packard have been around the EXPO for a long-time, and their involvement is a prime opportunity for upcoming graduates to network and hopefully find a job.

Most of the students, Stauffer said, already have job offers from various companies, frequently the ones sponsoring their senior projects.

Judging for this year's EXPO filled up fast said Jeff Pilcher, constituent development coordinator for the College of Engineering.

"They represent a wide range of groups," Pilcher said.

He said judges include indus-

try members, alumni and friends of the event, who all prepare to evaluate the students' presentation and technical knowledge.

The EXPO is continuing its EXPO Innovators program as well, in which high school and elementary students get a chance to experience the projects up close and interact with the designers themselves. The College of Engineering plans to award 10 teachers \$200 each for "exciting classroom projects" if they are among the teachers with the most student participation in an online EXPO quiz sponsored by the engineering department.

"This is our first real attempt to do it online — it just makes sense," said Pilcher.

The prize money was donated by sponsors of the EXPO, as a way to encourage young students to come not only to "the signature event of our college" as Stauffer called it, but to pursue an education in engineering and technology when they get to college.

The events begin at 5:30 p.m. April 28 with the Dean's Reception at the University Inn in Moscow. The EXPO doors will open at 7:30 p.m. April 29 for registration. Showcase events will continue throughout the afternoon with Dean Donald Blacketter's State of the College address at 12:30 p.m. in the Silver and Gold rooms in the Student Union Building and conclude with the Academy of Engineers Ceremony in the Borah Theatre at 4:00 p.m. The EXPO is free and open to the public, but for those who are not able to attend, there will be a live webcast of the EXPO available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 29.



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## Track and Field

# Spring season running strong

### Newcomers thrive in women's track

Vicky Hart  
Argonaut

In their first month of outdoor track competition in Vandal uniforms, several women have already made lasting marks on school and conference record books.

True freshmen Hannah Kiser, Holly Stanton, Alycia Butterworth and Emily Paradis aren't waiting to take the lead in middle and long distance running events at Idaho.

Kiser ran her first-ever outdoor 5,000-meter race for Vandal track Friday, and her 16:36.12 finish landed the Wenatchee, Wash., native fourth all-time at Idaho and first in the conference by more than five seconds.

After a championship season in cross-country, Kiser experimented with distance events in track.

"She really enjoys the 1,500-meter, so we'll continue to run that, but knowing how easily she achieved a great deal of success in the 5K, it's hard not to think that if we put another one together down the road, she could knock off another big chunk from an already very good time," said Wayne Phipps, director of track and field.

Kiser won the women's 1,500-meter race in last week's WAR IV meet in Spokane, a performance that moved her to third in the WAC in the event. She took third in the 800 meter that same day, a time that put her 11th in the WAC.

Stanton set her focus on the 3,000-meter steeplechase, which she and Butterworth have competed in since the outset of the season. As of Saturday, Butterworth is third in the WAC for the event, and Stanton is 15 seconds behind her in eighth. Their most recent performances moved the two into seventh and eighth all-time at Idaho in the event.

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Freshmen long distance runners Holly Stanton, left, Alycia Butterworth, center, and Hannah Kiser, run at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex Monday afternoon.

Steven Devine | Argonaut

### Long and prosperous weekend for track and field

Vicky Hart  
Argonaut

The Vandals leapt, ran and tossed their way through California for four days as they competed in two of the nation's largest track and field meets of the season from Thursday to Saturday.

The men and women of Idaho's track and field team returned from the 53rd Annual Mt. SAC Relays and the Beach Invitational with 22 new top-10 conference performances. Mt. San Antonio College hosted the four-day meet in Walnut, Calif., while Azusa Pacific housed the decathlon and heptathlon about 10 miles away.

Last year, the Vandals took this same trip and found similar success in the choice weather conditions and top-notch competition.

Junior Andrew Blaser took full advantage of Mt. SAC's decathlon with a career-best score of 6,610 in the multi-event competition. He set personal bests in five of the 10 events and finished second.

"I was very impressed," Idaho director of track and field Wayne Phipps said. "He hasn't done a full decathlon in two years, so for him to go out and perform like he did was a great accomplishment. There's so many ups and downs that go on in that event, and he did a great job."

Junior Barry Britt competed in Vandal uniform for the first time since cross-country season Friday, and his 14:08.90 in the men's 5,000-meter race landed him second all-time at Idaho. His WAC-leading performance was the best Idaho has seen in 29 years.

"With all his successes on the Canadian national team this year, it's been a while since he really competed in an Idaho jersey, but he was just amazing today," Phipps said.

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Vandal forward and midfielder Megan Lopez fights for the ball against Fresno State defenders Oct. 31 at Guy Wicks Field. The 2012 schedule was released and includes BYU, Fresno State, Washington State and North Dakota.

## Soccer expects tough fall fixtures

Theo Lawson  
Argonaut

Days after concluding one of the most successful spring terms in program history, the Idaho women's soccer team has released its 2011 fall schedule, one that includes matchups with Brigham Young, Washington State, Fresno State and North Dakota State.

The Vandals will compete in three tournaments and face in-state rival Boise State once more despite the Broncos' recent departure from the WAC. Idaho will face three participants from the 2010 NCAA Tournament in NDSU, BYU

and defending WAC Champion Fresno State, but hopes to catch a break against 11 of teams it defeated last fall.

"We've got a nice balance this year, I mean scheduling tough teams, there's no easy teams, so we schedule the teams that we feel are going to benefit us the most," said coach Pete Showler. "There's two trains of thought, having games with teams you think you're going to have a good chance against, is that going to prepare you well enough for the conference? If you come up against some harder teams is that going to prepare you or is it going to dent your confidence?"

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## Zumbathon helps hearts

Kristen Whitney  
Argonaut

Party Hearty, a Zumbathon charity event held April 15, gave participants a chance to get their groove on while raising more than \$700 for the American Heart Association "por tu corazon movement."

Peg Hamlett, campus recreation fitness manager, said the Zumbathon gave people a chance to get together and have fun but also donate to a good cause.

"All the proceeds go to the American Heart Association," Hamlett said. "You're doing your heart good because you're working out, you're having fun and it's perfect for Moms Weekend because you can show up with your mom and kind of dance in a way you might not be able to do other places."

Main coordinator for the event and wellness instructor Jaime Gallup said the reason all proceeds from the event can go to the American Heart Association is because the instructors and the DJ volunteered their time for the cause. Space for the event was also donated by the University of Idaho Student Recreation Center.

"We've been really lucky to have this facility, so we're able to use the stage and the (multi-activity court) down there, because of the university," Gallup said.

This year's event featured a stage that adventurous dancers could get on to dance alongside the instructors and DJ Uniq, who kept heart levels up and participants dancing.

"It's upbeat, a lot of Latin music, a little Bollywood, but mostly Latin and world rhythms that are very quick and make you want to shake," Hamlett said.

Last October, the first ever Moscow Zumbathon was held to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a breast cancer awareness and research charity. Gallup said since the last event in October, many gym patrons asked when the next Zumbathon event would be.

"Last year we had over 130 peo-



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Debbie Capawana dances to the instructor's lead in Zumba on Feb. 24. The Zumbathon was Friday night and raised money for the American Heart Association.

ple that signed in ... we raised just under \$800 for it," Gallup said.

She said the \$5 donation was the same as this year, but some dancers gave as much as \$50 for a ticket.

Cain Sanchez, a Spanish and recreation major, did advertising for the event as part of a project in a class

called recreation programming, marketing and advertising, and said there were about 140 people at the event.

"I think it's pretty successful, especially with all the events going on for Moms Weekend, it's a great turnout," Sanchez said.

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Photo Illustration by Steven Devine | Argonaut

The University of Idaho logging club continues the outdoorsman tradition by competing in logging competitions around the Northwest. Competitions include sawing, chopping, axe throwing and choker races.

## Keeping tradition alive

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

Logging is a long-standing tradition in the Palouse — at the University of Idaho, the logging sports club is carrying on that tradition by competing in logging competitions all around the Northwest.

Logging sports were created to simulate what many people still do for a living — logging. A logging sports competition showcases a series of events like sawing, chopping, axe-throwing, power sawing and choker races, where competitors attach a 60-pound choker to a log and navigate an obstacle course. Team member J.B. Playfair compared it to a track meet, as there are many individual events going on at once but it all counts for the team in the end.

Because logging sports are not the most well recognized, the Idaho team has to travel to different locations to compete.

"It's all over the Northwest," Playfair said. "Earlier this semester there was a show at (Oregon State University). Last semester there was one in

Colorado and in Washington, so it's pretty spread out."

The club competes in about eight competitions each year during the course of both semesters. For the Idaho team it's all intercollegiate competitions, but Playfair said at some events there are pro shows, so they can witness true logging professionals in action.

Playfair said the team has about 25 members right now. Logging sports may seem like a male-dominated pastime, but Playfair said about a third of the team is women and that number is still growing.

Funds are important for a team that travels as much as the logging team does, and Playfair said fundraising is everything. "It's strictly fundraising," Playfair said. "That's where most of the funds come from, selling firewood and stuff like that."

Playfair joined the club in the fall 2010 semester. He said his father was on the logging sports team when he attended Washington State University, so when he heard about the club he jumped at the chance. Playfair said most people hear

about it because their major is connected with forestry.

"There's not a whole lot of people doing it that aren't tied to it somehow," Playfair said.

Although it relates to most members' majors, Playfair said it's not a requirement for the team and anyone interested is welcome to join.

"You don't have to be in forestry to do it," Playfair said. "I had no background in it and I picked it up pretty well."

Playfair said with many schools taking emphasis off logging and forestry, it's important to keep the team and tradition going at Idaho.

"I'd say it's important. This is a big forestry school, especially since WSU closed down their forestry program," Playfair said. "Several of the other colleges in the area have gotten rid of forestry and gotten rid of their logging sports team, and so I think it's a big thing to keep it going."

Playfair said the team is busy right now, and its next competition will be in Kalispell, Mont., followed by another in Missoula, Mont., the weekend of April 30.

## Spring football

# Still getting started

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

The Vandals wrapped up their third and final scrimmage before the annual Silver and Gold game, and Idaho coach Robb Akey said he's still liking the way the team is looking so far.

The Vandals' first scrimmage of the spring had less than desirable results, but they turned it around in their second and third spring games.

"We hit each other well," Akey said. "There are things I want(ed) to see come together better, and in a lot of ways they did."

Idaho's offense also showed improvement Saturday. The first touchdown came when offensive lineman Sam Tupua picked up a Princeton McCarty fumble and ran it in for a five-yard touchdown. Kicker

Trey Farquhar got a lot of work in, connecting on field goals from 32, 51, 41 and 45 yards. Troy Vital scored the only other touchdown for the Vandals with a one-yard rushing touchdown.

Quarterback Brian Reader showed improvement from last week, hitting eight of 17 attempts for 97 yards. Akey said he's happy with his team's improvement in all spectrums, especially on the offensive line.

"I'm seeing some young linemen getting a lot of reps," he said. "They're getting better. We're getting depth built up."

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Michael Cosgrove, anchor of the defensive line, continued to impress by racking up two sacks. Benson Mayowa also had a couple of sacks and totaled six tackles

**The Vandals will wrap up spring football next Saturday with the annual Silver and Gold game at 10 a.m. on the Sprinturf.**

on the day. Trey Williams got into the action with the scrimmage's lone interception.

Akey said despite positive scrimmages, there's still a lot of work to be done before the season starts.

"In spring practice, you pay attention to the parts within the whole," Akey said. "We're not a finished product yet, but we're getting better."

## Position battle

# Building the O-line

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

The offensive line is one of the most important units on a football team. They protect the quarterback and make room for runs, yet never seem to get the glory. Because of their importance, competition for the starting roles on the Vandal football team is tough, but the experience the squad brings to the table is invaluable.

The Vandals have three senior offensive linemen on this year's roster — Matt Cleveland, Tyrone Novikoff and Sam Tupua, who all bring experience to the table for the line. O-line coach John McDonell said the three seniors are the leaders of the line, and are showing it in the way they play.

"Those three guys are focused in," McDonell said. "They've played a lot of football and understand what it takes."

Cleveland and Novikoff make up the outside of the offensive line at the two tackle positions. Tupua played guard last season, but he has been getting reps at center this spring and could end up at either position. For the two remaining spots on the O-line, McDonell said the completion is open for a variety of players.

"I think for the rest of those positions it will really be a work in progress throughout spring and in to fall camp, but I'm very happy with the progress and what we're doing," McDonell said. "... We just have to continue to grow with the younger guys."

Cleveland said even

though he's a senior and appears to have a starting role secured, he still has to prove it every day in practice.

"There's competition everywhere," Cleveland said. "No spot is secured, even the veterans. We want to put the best people out there."

McDonell said his players compete hard against each other, but in the end they're all working for the same goal, and unity on the offensive line is extra important.

"I think the O-line is the most tight-knit group on the whole team," McDonell said. "They have to work together."

The Vandals have seen talented linemen in the past — two years ago Mike Iupati anchored the line on their way to a bowl victory, and became a first round draft pick. Cleveland said this crew has the potential to put their own mark on Idaho.

"I think we can be special," Cleveland said. "I think we have the potential, we just got to keep working to get there. It's not an easy road to travel."

The O-line is all about teamwork, and Cleveland said what this year's group needs to do is grow closer together to increase cohesiveness.

"We need to bond," Cleveland said. "That group two years ago was really close, they did just about everything together. We have to get there."

McDonell said he's impressed with the way his crew has responded and the effort they've put in this spring.

"It's been going great," McDonell said. "The kids have a great work ethic — they work



Matt Cleveland



Tyrone Novikoff



Sam Tupua

Senior offensive linemen

really hard at what they're going. So far their attitudes have been awesome and they've been doing a great job."

This is McDonell's first year as a Vandal, after taking over for Dan Finn, who left for San Diego State. McDonnell said he has a lot of connection with the area and couldn't be happier.

"I love this program, and to be part of the Idaho Vandals is awesome," McDonnell said.

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## BUMP, SET, SPIKE



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Freshman Jessica Tiffany jumps up for a spike during a game in Memorial Gym Saturday afternoon. The Vandals played Lewis-Clark State College, Montana and Gonzaga Saturday.

# A step back for the Vandals

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

The men's tennis team was in California for the weekend, where it lost two matches by a score of 1-6.

The Vandals were going up against 49th rank Santa Clara University and Saint Mary's College of California — both matches were originally scheduled in February, but because of weather the matches were rescheduled for April 16 and 17.

The Vandals started the weekend against Santa Clara, and it took a long tiebreak victory by sophomore Abid Akbar for the Vandals to escape a sweep. Akbar's final point total was 4-6, 7-6, 21-19.

It didn't get much better for the Vandals Saturday as only senior Lachlan Reed and sophomore Jose Bendeck were able to push their matches to three sets before they

were finally defeated. There was a victory by the double team of Akbar and Andrew Dobbs, who were able to win their match, but without another victory Idaho lost the doubles point for the day.

Sunday came and another opponent was on the plate for the Vandals, but they suffered the same fate as the day before as unranked Saint Mary's was able to dismantle Idaho.

Senior Alex Joitoui scored the one victory of the day for the Vandals as he defeated Sherif Hamdy by the score of 7-5, 6-4. Once again the team of Akbar and Dobbs came away with another victory that failed to lead to a point for the Vandals. Idaho men's tennis coach Jeff Beaman said that his players were just not in the right mind set this past weekend.

"We were competitive, but what I told the guys was...you get a feel-

ing going into a weekend where we were just a little off, and when you are playing teams that good, even if you have one or two guys who are just aren't there, it's very tough to win," Beaman said.

The closest match for the Vandals of the day came by way Bendeck in his match against Joakim Norstrom, where he lost 6-7 (3-7), 7-5, 1-0 (10-5), but that was just the kind of day it was for the Vandals as sophomore Marius Cirstea and Reed would both lose tightly contested matches where both competitors would win at least four games in each set.

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## Mortellaro wins the WAC Tournament

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

At the end of the weekend it was Kayla Mortellaro on top of the individual leader board at the WAC women's golf Championship.

The tournament, hosted by the Vandals, took place at the Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz. The Vandals finished in sixth place as a team, just three strokes ahead of Hawaii and only four behind fifth-place Nevada.

Not only did Mortellaro, a junior, win the tournament, but at the end of the par 71, three days and three rounds tournament, Mortellaro was the only golfer in the field to shoot under par at one under par.

It was more than just a victory for Mortellaro, as this win not only signified her first WAC title, but also was her seventh victory as a Vandal. That win total gives her the most individual victories for a Vandal female golfer in the history of the school. Idaho women's golf coach Lisa Johnson said Mortellaro is not the kind of person to let it get to her head.

"Kayla doesn't talk about that sort of stuff, she

doesn't talk about all the wins she has had, and all the trophies she has up in her dorm room," Johnson said. "She is more focused on improving and trying to get her game ready to play at the next level."

The key to Mortellaro's victory came in the first round, when she shot a 3 under 68 and allowed herself wiggle room for the rest of the weekend.

"Kayla played extremely well, she knew it was important for her to start off with a great round, and to make sure she kept herself near the top of the leader board early on in the tournament," Johnson said.

Mortellaro wasn't the only one who played well the past weekend, as her teammate and freshman Rachel Choi finished with sole possession of 13th place, when she fired an even par 71 in the second round and a 75 in the final round. Johnson said she was pleased with the progression Choi has been making.

"She really hit the ball well all week — which gave her the opportunities to sink birdies," Johnson said.

Johnson said Choi is an excellent striker of the golf ball, but struggled on the opening round because of problems with her putter, as she occasionally three putted and even four putted once.

## Vandal golf leaves Utah in 5th place

Jacob Dyer  
Argonaut

Damian Telles led the way for the Vandals as he finished in a tie for fourth place in Provo, Utah last weekend.

The Vandals finished in fifth place at the Ping Pong Cougar Classic during the weekend with a combined score of four under par. They are on the course again next weekend when they participate in the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Indiana.

The story of the weekend for the Vandals was Telles who finished with a score of eight

under par. Idaho men's golf coach John Means said he was impressed with the way the sophomore played.

"This golf tournament that he played at BYU, it was a total package tournament for him, he hit the ball extremely well, his course management skills were really good, his putting was really good, wedges were good—it was just fun to watch, very methodical," Means said.

The most impressive part of the weekend for Telles came in the first round, when he was sitting at four over par with three holes to go, and rebounded by birding the 16th and 17th, and finally eagled the 18th to finish the round at even.

That would be the worst round of the weekend for Telles as he shot consecutive 68s, and he said those three holes would turn the tournament around for him.

"I just kept telling myself, you know, put a good swing on it, focus on this one shot, and I didn't change anything, it helps to go birdie, birdie, eagle, and then that just boosts your confidence real fast, and built some momentum, and from there I just felt like I could make anything," Telles said.

The Vandals received another strong showing from sophomore Matt Rawitzer, who finished at one over par and in a tie for 19th place. Rawitzer

rebounded from his three over par performance in the second round Saturday when he shot two under par and solidified his finish.

"I really played similar (to the earlier rounds), I just didn't make a couple of unforced errors that I had, I threw away way too many shots both days, Saturday I just didn't make a couple of mistakes that cost me a few shots, was the only difference," Rawitzer said.

Also competing for the Vandals were junior Stefan Richardson who finished in a tie for 32nd, freshman Zach Wanderscheid in a tie for 55th, and Jarred Bossio in a tie for 68th.

## Vandals play five, win three in California

Kelli Hadley  
Argonaut

In one of its most endurance-challenging road trips this year, the Idaho women's tennis team endured a five-day, five-match trip to California, earning its 15th win of the season and bringing the overall score on the season to 15-7 and 4-3 in WAC play.

From Wednesday through Sunday of last week Idaho played five California teams, with its only losses coming from UC Riverside and WAC-opponent Fresno State. In the loss against Fresno, Idaho was shutout 7-0, failing to win the doubles point and losing every singles match.

Idaho coach Tyler Neill said the team didn't play as smart as it should have, though it started off well by winning a few doubles games.

"We competed hard, but we didn't play smart and we gave them too many easy points," Neill said. "We needed to find a way to make them play longer points and hit more balls each point, but we weren't able to do it."

The three wins for the Vandals came from matches against Cal State Fullerton, WAC-opponent San Jose State and Cal. State Bakersfield. In the matchup against Cal. State Bakersfield Sunday, the Vandals defeated them 5-2

with an easily-won doubles point and four singles wins, showcasing in particular the talents of freshman Victoria Lozano, who had a near-perfect singles match and beat her opponent 6-1, 6-0. Neill was happy with the day's results but thought some singles matches could have gone more smoothly.

"In singles, we definitely could have played smarter but overall I am happy with the results," Neill said. "Vicky played really well ... she played smart and aggressive tennis throughout her match, and never gave her opponent much of a chance."

The Vandals' last two

**"We competed hard, but we didn't play smart and we gave them too many easy points."**

Tyler Neill  
Women's tennis coach

regular-season games will take place today against Eastern Washington and Lewis-Clark State College April 23, before leaving for Boise from April 29-May 1 for the WAC Tournament.

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## WOMEN

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"It's been a very steep improvement curve for both those girls," Phipps said. "Both Alycia and Holly had very good races, and for them to be running those times as freshmen is just fantastic."

Butterworth is ranked in the 1,500-meter race behind Kiser and Paradis, is moving up conference records in the 800- and 1,500-meter races.

It's easy to find evidence of talent and success in the relatively short careers of these women, but the contributing factors to their rapidly accumulating awards are more difficult to pinpoint.

All four women ran cross-country in the fall, so they had some idea what to expect of track season at Idaho. The track and field roster is much larger so spring brought a long list of new teammates, many of whom they still haven't met.

"It's hard for the distance people to know everyone, like the throwers and jumpers, because we don't see them as often," Stanton said. "A lot of the distance runners stay together because they have the same workouts."

Although they regret not seeing athletes from other events, their focused training schedule strengthens relationships among distance runners.

Kiser said the young cross-country team bonded well and because the same athletes run track, the attitudes and friendships they'd already established followed.

Stanton and Kiser agreed that some of their most valuable connections were with coaches and trainers.

"We have really great staff and coaches," Kiser said. "Our athletic trainer, Tony (Pennuto), is the best thing that has happened in athletic training to the University of Idaho."

Phipps, who is also Idaho's cross-country coach, works primarily with distance runners and has made a significant impact on his young team.

"He's so nice, so laid back, and he just makes everyone feel really good about themselves. He's encouraging and confident," Stanton said. "No one ever questions Phipps."

Kiser said there's a lot of trust between Phipps and his team because he treats his athletes with respect, which they eagerly reciprocate.

Despite her proven ability to climb the ranks of Idaho and WAC achievements, Stanton said she focuses more on beating her personal record than knocking out school standings.

Kiser also thinks more about improving upon her personal record than earning regional acclaim.

"I want to keep getting better just for myself," Kiser said. "The goal is to get a PR, not to get on that list."

By graduation, though, both women have high goals. Kiser aims to make nationals and compete at the NCAA level. Four years from now, Stanton and Butterworth hope to be No. 1 and 2 in the WAC for the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

## HEARTS

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Jesse Tangen, psychology major and SRC employee, attended the Zumbathon with her mother.

"It gets you exercising without thinking about it. It's not, 'Oh I'm tired right now,' it's just kind of fun," Tangen said.

Tangen said she hadn't attended a Zumba class all semester, so was looking forward to the Zumbathon.

"It's a great thing, it raises money and is super fun," Tangen said. "Any of the songs I know how to do are the most fun because you can kind of anticipate the moves before they do them."

Tangen's mother said she had a great time at the event even though she had only done Zumba once before.

"One of the things we love about Zumba is it kind of attracts a different type of audience," Gallup said. "It's not like the diehard people who want the best workout, I mean they come ... but it also attracts the people who see people having fun and are dancing and smiling, so they come in and join the party."

## WEEKEND

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"From this point on, the goal will be for him to get that school record and to break 14 minutes, which he's certainly capable of doing."

Six Vandal women set top-10 school records in middle and long-distance races. Freshman Hannah Kiser added to her growing pile of achievements with a third-place finish that landed her fourth all-time at Idaho Friday.

Liga Velve, a sophomore from Latvia, competed in the Olympic development category and set a lifetime-best in the 400 meter hurdles with a 58.61, which also puts her second in Idaho history.

"It was a great opportunity for her," Phipps said. "There was great competition, and similar to last week, she's getting more and more comfortable in the first half of the race, which sets her up to finish strongly."

She also competed in the University/Open section for the 800 meter race and finished 12th. Fellow Vandal Lauren Schaffer won the event in 2:06.53, outdoing her previous time to

come within half a second of an Idaho record that has stood since 2005. Her time is 11th in the NCAA and sixth in the West region.

"You knew it was in her for sure," Phipps said of the 2010 indoor and outdoor champ. "She controlled the race early and ran a great time, and I think that school record is just around the corner for her."

Freshmen Alycia Butterworth and Holly Stanton moved up the record ladder in unison to 7th and 8th in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

"It's been a very steep improvement curve for both those girls," Phipps said. "Both Alycia and Holly had very good races, and for them to be running those times as freshmen is just fantastic."

Personal records are sometimes more significant than those that end up on time worn lists. Freshman Kyle Rothwell beat his personal record in the men's hammer throw by four feet with a toss of 177-5 (54.08 meters). Sophomore Karlene Hurrel posted a season-best 12.28 in the 100meter facing a negative wind, and then followed it up with a career-best 24.36 in the 200meter.

Hurrel ran in the Mt. SAC Invitational, and

then competed again in the Long Beach State's Beach Invitational in Cerritos, Calif.

"It was a breakthrough weekend for her and she ran with a lot of confidence," Phipps said. "I think in just another race or two, she's going to go under 24 (seconds)."

The men's team had several top performances from upperclassman athletes. Senior Eugenio Mannucci delivered a season-best in men's shot put to take second in the event. Lucas Pope, also a senior, leads the conference in men's pole vault after clearing 17-07.75 (5.08 meters) Saturday. Sprinter Sam Michener ran season-bests in the 100 and 200 meter, taking 20th with 10.84 and 26th with 21.92, respectively.

Phipps was unsurprised by the favorable outcome of the weekend's events and said he is ready to compete close to home at Washington State University's Cougar Invitational April 23.

"It seems like the last couple years we've done really well at this meet and it was no different this year," Phipps said. "Just about every person who ran came pretty close to either a personal best or a season best, so it's pretty hard to complain when something like that happens."

## SOCCER

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The 2011 slate will kick off in Las Vegas Aug. 19 for the UNLV Tournament, where Idaho will play University of California, Santa Barbara and University of California, Riverside, two Big West Conference sides who combined for only three conference wins during the 2010 fall campaign.

Two non-conference battles with Northwest opponents Seattle University and Portland State will be followed by an appearance in the annual Governor's Cup, between the state's three Division 1 squads: Idaho, Boise State and Idaho State.

The Vandals are the two-time defending champions of the Governor's Cup and will benefit from home-field advantage this fall

when they host Montana, Boise State and Idaho State for this year's tournament which will take place Sept. 2, 3 and 4 in Moscow.

Idaho will travel to Missoula, Mont., for the Montana Tournament, which will consist of games against North Dakota State and Utah Valley. The Bison won 13 games last fall and almost upset Texas A&M in the NCAA Tournament but fell 4-3 in a penalty shootout.

"The tournaments keep the costs down and we don't have to travel as much, we don't have to travel in between games so the girls can get a little more rest and have the opportunity to practice on the game field we'll be playing on," said Showler.

Prior to seven consecutive matches against WAC opponents Idaho will host Pac-10 side Washington State then travel to Provo,

Utah, for a contest with No. 25 BYU. The Vandals will make the short trip to Spokane to play Gonzaga and close up the non-conference portion of the season with a home game against Eastern Washington.

Idaho opens up WAC play Sept. 30 in Fresno, Calif., where it plays Fresno State, the 2010 WAC Tournament Champions. Almost a month later, Idaho will conclude the regular season in Boise, where it will attempt to avenge last year's 1-0 overtime loss to the Broncos, who are now in the Mountain West conference.

Friday, Nov. 4 marks the beginning of the 2011 WAC Tournament, which will be hosted in Fresno.

The 2011 season consists of eight home matches, including two in the Governor's Cup, three

in the WAC and three non-conference games.

Matching the 2010 team's 14-win season will prove to be a difficult task for a young Vandal team who will most likely see only one senior, goalkeeper Liz Boyden, in the starting lineup. Regardless, Showler's expectations have risen with the increasing success of the team.

"We want to win the WAC and qualify for the NCAA's for the first time ever and that hasn't changed since I've been here it's just were heightening our chances to be able to do that," he said. "We were close last year, we learned a lot there's a lot of experience to be gained from going to the WAC tournament for the first time so we'll be as well prepared as we can be and the girls will be chomping at the bit to go in and prove themselves again."

# Cubs win in 10th on pinch-hit double by Colvin

CHICAGO (AP) — With a first-pitch temperature barely above freezing, Monday was the kind of night Chicago Cubs catcher Geovany Soto could do without.

Good thing for him it ended on a high note — even if it took an extra inning.

Pinch-hitter Tyler Colvin doubled home Soto with two outs in the 10th inning to lift the Chicago Cubs to a 1-0 win over the San Diego Padres on Monday night.

Soto reached on a fielder's choice with two outs, then scored from first when Colvin lined a shot to right. The Cubs had an abbreviated celebration at home before bolting for the clubhouse for cover.

"The whole game you go out there and you're kind of miserable and it's so cold," Soto said. "We wanted to get out of there so badly. We were like, 'Man, all we need is one.' But it was tough to get that one."

Carlos Marmol (1-1) struck out two in 1 1/3 scoreless innings to pick up the win for the Cubs.

Chad Qualls (0-1) allowed a run while getting two outs for San Diego.

Tim Stauffer scattered four hits in seven scoreless innings, striking out four and walk-

ing one. He lowered his ERA from 4.80 to 3.27 before being replaced by pinch-hitter Brad Hawpe in the eighth after throwing just 95 pitches.

"I felt pretty good still," Stauffer said. "I felt like I had another one in me; it's just a matter of my spot coming up in the order. I felt just as good late in the game as at any other point."

Wearing no sleeves, Carlos Zambrano one-upped Stauffer, allowing three hits in eight scoreless innings for Chicago. He struck out 10 and walked one.

Zambrano struck out the side in the first, then got stronger as the game went on. He retired the last 13 batters he faced, lowering his ERA from 6.11 to 4.21.

Zambrano, who hasn't lost since being put on the suspended list for a dugout tirade during a loss to the White Sox on June 25, faced his only real trouble in the second.

He struck out Nick Hundley to lead off the inning before allowing a single to Ryan Ludwick. Cameron Maybin then reached base on a fielder's choice, and Jason Bartlett's single advanced Maybin to third.

But Zambrano stranded both runners by getting Stauffer to ground out to shortstop.

Zambrano allowed just one more hit a fourth-inning single by Hundley.

"Big Z has been here for almost 10 years so he can handle (the weather)," Soto said. "Plus seeing him pitch with no sleeves, I was even colder. But he's a veteran so he knows what to do and he brought it."

San Diego's 3-4-5 hitters — Orlando Hudson, Jorge Cantu and Hundley — went a combined 1 for 11 with eight strikeouts. Bartlett, who entered the game batting .167, led the Padres with two hits.

"It's Chicago. It's the windy city. It's a great place to play in the summertime," Hudson said. "But it's not summertime."

Chicago's 3-4-5 hitters — Marlon Byrd, Aramis Ramirez and Carlos Pena — also went a combined 1-for-11. The trio's only hit was a bunt single by Pena.

Pena just missed winning it with a left-field shot in the ninth, but the wind kept him from his first homer in a Cubs uniform.

"He crushed that ball," Cubs manager Mike Quade said. "Well guess what, maybe a bunt single is the way to go sometimes. On nights like this when we're scrapping for a run, why not?"



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## Our View

# Democracy means listening

It's time Idaho's politicians did a little less talking and a little more listening.

The past six months have included statewide debates about health care, the budget, education reform and the megaloads legislation. But rather than constituents fighting about issues among themselves and relaying those arguments to politicians, it seems politicians in Idaho have taken to arguing with constituents and voting however they see fit, regardless of public sentiment.

At the beginning of March, Idaho's Legislative Information Center released numbers of voice mails received regarding Superintendent of

Public Instruction Tom Luna's education reform bill. During a four-day period at the end of February, nearly 1,500 voice mails were received. Of those, 1,347 asked legislators to vote "no" on the bill. This didn't take into account the number of emails received, which came out to 95 percent negative. And those who say only union members are represented in those numbers are simply denying reality.

The bill still went through fairly easily. It would seem the voices of Idaho's constituents aren't taken into consideration. Or maybe they just don't matter if they're not contributing millions in campaign funds.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter signed a bill into law last week that requires anyone attempting to file lawsuits about megaloads to pay 5 percent of the load's insured value — a huge disincentive to those who might bring any potential disputes.

While some statewide public opinion polls leading up to the initial megaloads legislation supported the decision by 52 percent, environmental officials have consistently spoken out against the potential impacts of the loads. And one of the first test runs knocked out power to 1,300 homes last week.

Yet none of that seems to have fazed Otter. For a state supposedly so opposed to "big

government" and the attitude of "government knows best," its politicians are acting like a perfect example of what they so often condemn.

You have to take online classes in high school, but don't expect the government to provide you with health care. Don't expect us to pay for you to get higher education, but feel free to smoke as many packs a day as you want for a low price.

Standing against the idea of big government is a great idea — as long as it's actually practiced, not hidden behind while the opposite is carried out.

—KM

## Idaho legislature sacrifices citizens to corporate greed

It's official — megaloads have begun to cause problems for Idaho citizens.

When it was proposed that historical scenic Highway 12, which runs through several protected wilderness lands in Idaho, be used to ship thousands of tons of Exxon-Mobil oil refinery equipment through Idaho, we were promised that we'd barely notice the megaloads. They wouldn't even slow traffic, we heard, let alone do any damage to Idaho.

Idaho Republicans in support of the megaloads were given cause to reconsider their position April 13, when the first test megaload clipped a wire near Orofino and cut power to 1,300 Idaho homes. It wasn't even a real megaload. It was a practice truck sent up to ensure that none of the predicted problems — the ones we were assured wouldn't happen — would happen. Of course, one happened.

Now the Idaho Legislature and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter have finally stepped in to protect the citizens of Idaho by preventing Idaho residents from suing Exxon-Mobil for damage caused by the megaloads.

That's right. Idaho Republicans are finally stepping in to regulate private business. Unfortunately for those of us who do not make billions of dollars in profit every year, they've done so on the side of those who are already in power, rather than to protect the rights of their constituents.

The bill, which Otter signed into law last week, requires any Idaho resident seeking to sue Exxon-Mobil because of damages caused by a megaload to post a bond of 5 percent of the value of the megaload. Since the megaloads contain millions of dollars worth of refinery equipment, this makes it impossible for Idaho residents to use their right to civil trial to protect themselves.

How much longer are we going to let these corporations walk all over us? And how much longer are we going to vote into elect people who will help them do it?

The Republicans have shown their true colors. They have never been, as they claim, in favor of small government and deregulation. No, they are in favor of big government, but only when it helps multi-billion dollar corporations.

Exxon-Mobil paid \$0 in U.S. income taxes in 2009, thanks to corporate tax loopholes created by the far right.

Not that the left has helped. Democrats have consistently failed to step in and protect citizens from corporate greed. Corporate greed provides too many of their campaign contributions.

If the government won't protect us, we need to protect ourselves. Once, this would have meant lawsuits, both individual and class action, as a check against damage caused by corporate power. Now, as we see in Idaho, this may soon be impossible. This law is only the beginning. Like the national anti-union movement begun in states like Idaho and Wisconsin, we can soon expect to see bills across the country limiting individual ability to check corporate power.

It's time that Idaho residents recognized the true danger to their rights. For years, our state has been concerned about big government infringing on our constitutional rights. But big government isn't the threat anymore. It's big business that we need to worry about. The average citizen can't fight a multi-billion dollar corporation by himself.

And if the government is going to fight on the corporations' side, we don't stand a chance.



Max Bartlett  
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## WHAT NOW?

Juliana Ward  
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## Surveys say nothing about personality

Graduating means a time of limbo for many students. Until the perfect major-applicable job comes up, spending time in retail or food service is a good route to take. Even getting a part-time major-applicable job can boost your income and help you make more friends outside of school.

But after submitting work history, references and contact information, there is one more step before the application can be completed — the Unicru survey.

This survey is given as part of the process for many varieties of jobs, like Hastings, Safeway and Office Depot. It is a list of about 99 questions designed to weed out undesirable applicants. The person is supposed to answer with "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree," in response to questions like, "You have no big worries," or "People do a lot of annoying things." Should you answer a certain number "incorrectly," chances are you will not even be called to interview.

These questions are a ridiculous waste of time and resources. Any person who has a functioning role in society will find people do some annoying things. Does that mean being rude or mean to them is the automatic response? Yet there is no option for, "Yes they do, but so do

I. It's part of life and they deserve respect and kindness just as much as anyone else." You just have to strongly disagree, or you may be barred from a face-to-face meeting.

And how does having no big worries make someone a good candidate for a job? My big worries include making rent and being able to eat. I'm pretty sure that's a big incentive to perform well in my job. But if you disagree, you're wrong.

One of the main goals behind the use of the survey is to decrease turnover and make sure applicants are customer-service oriented people. A majority of Moscow's workforce is going to result in high turnover for nearly any business, so that argument is moot. So one can assume the survey is mostly to judge personality and character — judgments you cannot possibly make from a survey of this nature.

Such questions are not a substitute for in-person interviews. Looking at and talking to someone for 10-15 minutes will reveal more than a sterile, black-and-white survey will. Calling one reference can speak volumes as well. It doesn't take that



Kелcie Moseley  
Argonaut

## Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

### A reprieve

There is no substitute for having someone in your life who can empathize with what you're feeling, encourage you to keep going and then make you laugh and forget all about what made you upset in the first place. At this time of year, having that is vital.

—Kelcie

### Baseballin'

Is it bad that even in the heat of the NBA and NHL playoffs, all I care about is seeing the Red Sox get back on track? Short answer — no.

—Madison

### New machine

The closer it gets to graduation, the more often my laptop keeps crapping out on me. It only needs to make it three more weeks until I have the money for a new one. Come on Big Green. Hang in there, please.

—Kelli

### Rotter Otter

I'm a prejudiced person. The minute someone says they align with the Republican Party, I immediately lose all respect for them. This is mainly because of people like Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who recently made it all but impossible for Idahoans to sue megaload companies for damages. For all the Idaho politicians from the Republican Party who claim to be for the common man, a lot of them are siding with big business. Knock it off.

—Chava

### Open your mind

I have met many people during college who I disagree with. I enjoy meeting people who view the world a little differently than I do because it incites thought and inspires me to ask myself why I believe the way I do. I think we could all learn something from people of differing viewpoints, if we could be open to hearing it and open to amounts of truth the people in our daily lives present. The next time

someone promotes an idea that you think is ridiculous, refrain from judgment. We all have passions and pursue things that interest us, and isn't that what makes the world great?

—Tanya

### 'Friday Night Lights'

I'm not a fan of football or teen dramas, but "Friday Night Lights" is by far the best show on TV. Season five just started on NBC and if you've never seen it I recommend catching up on season one to four on Netflix. It's even better than "Lost."

—Loren

### Dead already

Payroll will be my demise.

—Nick

### iPhone apps

If you want to have a best selling app on the iTunes store, make sure the app is about little flying birds.

—Jens

### Sleep deprivation

Whoever made up the saying, "You can sleep when you are dead," was a dirty liar. I got 11 hours of sleep Friday and it was beautiful. That will be the last healthy dose of a full night of sleep I get before summer time. Caffeine will have to suffice. Bring it, next three weeks.

—Dara

### Gripes retracted

There have been times when I get annoyed because people will call me when I am really busy about something that is little and not really that important. Chava made a point about texting versus a phone call last week and at first I kind of brushed it off as, yes, she has a point, but whatever. I have decided she is absolutely right. I will take the annoying phone calls about unimportant topics instead of text messages about important life events any day.

—Elizabeth

## Definitive four

# Celebrities go to court

Nicolas Cage became the latest celebrity arrested during the weekend. His arrest is another in a long line of Hollywood royalty falling foul of the law.

The star of classics such as "Kick-Ass," "Con Air" and "National Treasure" was booked on suspension of domestic battery, public drunkenness and disturbing the peace in New Orleans.

It was not the first time a celebrity has been arrested, and most certainly will not be the last time, but there is a section of the public that is always surprised when a famous person is arrested.

Cage's alleged offenses are not particularly exciting or memorable when compared with other celebrity criminal mishaps. Stars continue to find ways to end up behind bars, but only four are definitively worthy of fame.

### Wesley Snipes

Snipes is currently sitting in a jail in Pennsylvania for tax fraud. Acting in "White Men Can't Jump" alongside of Woody Harrelson, a man who is no stranger to legal troubles himself, to sitting in a jail cell must have been a tough transition. Then again, Snipes did play a criminal in "Demolition Man," so perhaps he was prepared after all.

There has to be at least some explanation as to why he would fail to file income tax returns for a few years. No one likes paying taxes, but it is not as if Snipes was hurting for money. His greed got the best of him and he got caught because of it.

### R. Kelly

Sometimes being charged with a crime is just as good as being convicted. R. Kelly may have been acquitted of all charges for soliciting a minor for child pornography and producing child pornography, but doubts still remain about the jury's verdict.

The charges, however, inspired both R. Kelly and comedians across the country. The long period of time it took the case to get to trial meant it stayed in public consciousness for a while. R. Kelly was compelled to release several albums to try and get people to forget about the charges, and those songs would go on to be parodied by comedians, the most famous being Dave Chappelle's "Pee On You."

### O.J. Simpson

"The Juice" was the person who started the entire celebrity crimes trend



Cheyenne Hollis  
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# Troops will leave, but diplomats will stay

The U.S. is set to withdraw all but a few thousand troops from Iraq by the end of the year, which was one of President Barack Obama's promises from his campaign. While combat missions have ended and the only remaining military personnel will serve as advisers, diplomatic personnel traveling through Iraq will now be vulnerable.

As this year continues, fewer and fewer troops will rotate through Iraq. Every day, the U.S. is giving more and more responsibility to the Iraqi people, in accordance with our agreement. Despite this transition, many Iraqis are still speaking out against the U.S.

Last week, radical Islamic leader Muqtada al-Sadr said, "What if the U.S. forces and others stay in our beloved lands? What if their companies and embassy headquarters will continue to exist with the American flags hoisted on them? Will you be silent? Will you overlook this?"



Steve Carter  
Argonaut

Statements like this are common for al-Sadr. Even before the U.S.-led invasion, he was famous for denouncing any American involvement in his country. But now, as Iraq is nearly independent there are many Sadr loyal-

ists who serve in the Iraqi government.

While U.S. troops do not directly deal with the Iraqi government on a regular basis, diplomats and officials do so daily.

Under diplomatic conventions, U.S. diplomatic missions must entrust their overall security to the host country. They may keep a small contingent of U.S. Marines and active-duty military trainers, but these are unlikely to be any use against a determined mob. This was clearly demonstrated when the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was seized in 1979 and its diplomats became hostages.

When the U.S. military leaves Iraq later this year, diplomats will now be conducting business in an obviously

unsafe environment. But now, they will also have the added pressure of working with a potentially hostile government.

Most likely, the U.S. government will continue to employ private security contractors in Iraq. Companies such as Blackwater Security were labeled with a bad image during the last eight years, but they did their job. They made sure the safety of those entrusted to them was their priority.

Many American diplomats in Iraq will almost definitely not trust their safety to the Iraqis. Although our war is drawing to its conclusion, danger still remains for anyone traveling to that part of the world.

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much extra labor to conduct a more efficient hiring process that does not include the Uni-cru survey.

As long as this survey is in place, most applicants will not be able to answer honestly — with the way these questions are phrased, chances are you'll get them wrong.

## CELEBRITIES

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way back in 1994. It is hard to know if the world would be the same place without the white Bronco police chase and eventual trial that was made for TV. America got a taste for celebrity criminal cases — and they liked it.

Simpson would try and recapture some of this magic again a few years back with an incident in Las Vegas that involved armed robbery and kidnapping. That case did not garner the same level of interest as his original legal skirmish, but it did land him jail time.

### George Michael

Many people may be unaware of George Michael the solo artist or his exploits as one-half of the duo Wham!, but he was a popular musician. He is now openly gay, but prior to 1998 it was still a secret. In April of that year, he was charged with engaging in a lewd act in public.

He apparently went into a public bathroom with a male undercover police officer to play a game of "I'll show you mine if you show me yours." He pleaded no contest and would eventually make a music video mocking the incident. It would not be Michael's last run-in with the law, but the other crimes could not match his first effort.

## Not just about weed and bong

I had never been to Hemp Fest, but my expectations were sky high. I was told it was similar to the Hyde Park Street Fair in Boise, just on a smaller scale. Unfortunately for me, my expectations came crashing down quickly as I realized the true drive behind Hemp Fest.

I knew to expect wannabe hippies and was prepared to see a couple booths of pipes and bongs, but from what I had been told there would be many other interesting booths to see, based on previous years. Apparently this year everything changed. Not only were there a couple of smoking accessory booths, but that was what almost all the booths were. There was a severe minority of anything else, which was incredibly disappointing. I did not realize everyone and their mom (literally) were in such a desperate need for a new piece.

Hemp Fest is an opportunity for something

greater than getting high off brownies kept in coolers sold by a sketchy older man in the back. It could represent an all-natural culture, supplying a variety of products and produce from Moscow and area locals, instead of the limited all-natural focus it now possesses. While there were a couple of art booths, there could be so much more. The same can be said for the jewelry and crafts available. It seemed almost every booth offering smoking accessories also provided generic hemp necklaces and a multitude of glass beads. Some were unique, but most were so similar it all looked like a sea of knotted hemp.



Katy Sword  
Argonaut

Moscow has many stores that take pride in being local and original. Some even specialize in recycled goods. By focusing on the hemp aspect of Hemp Fest, we really are missing out. Hemp Fest could be something great, but for now it is just a place for college students to get high, buy cannabis memorabilia and advocate

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## Sports

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## Opinion

Five percent of the worth of a megaload? That's a lot of money. Read 'Our View,' page 9

# Leading by experiments

Professors and students collaborate in the lab

Kristen Whitney  
Argonaut

To some, science experiments brings back memories of exploding volcanoes at fourth grade science fairs or overflowing beakers because directions weren't followed appropriately. At the University of Idaho, science experiments bring on a whole new meaning and magnitude.

The contributions made to the world of science here are ones that someday may have a huge impact on how buildings are built and water is purified.

"Science is supposed to be lead by experiment, you're not supposed to have any apha conceptions of what's going on, you let the results of the experiment guide you," said Tom Hess, a professor of environmental engineering.

## Preventing liquefaction

Destruction from natural disasters, such as earthquakes, cost billions of dollars and countless lives each year. That destruction could be cut drastically by using the results of an experiment done at UI.

Malcolm Burbank, a postdoctoral fellow in the environmental biotechnology institute, has developed a process that cements soil together using insidious or native bacteria already found in the ground.

"It has a number of applications," Burbank said. "They we're most specifically looking at ways to cement soil together to prevent damage



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Postdoctoral fellow Malcolm Burbank uses a pipettor to inoculate medium with microorganisms April 5 in the Environmental Biotechnology Institute.

from earthquakes."

Burbank said when a seismic wave transmits through saturated soil, the soil loses cohesion and spreads apart the soil.

"Anything built on top of it fails, it's called liquefaction," Burbank said.

Burbank said there's currently numerous ways to reinforce already standing structures, however they are costly and time consuming. He said a few years ago, scientists attempted to discover a way to put bacteria in soil to cement it, but it was unsuccessful.

"The problem with putting bacteria in the soil is it isn't infinitely small, so it's hard to get them to go though soil," Burbank said.

The original grant for the project was to figure out how to distribute bacteria evenly in the soil.

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## College of Engineering

# Engineering for the future

ME student named Graduate Student of the Year

Anja Sundali  
Argonaut

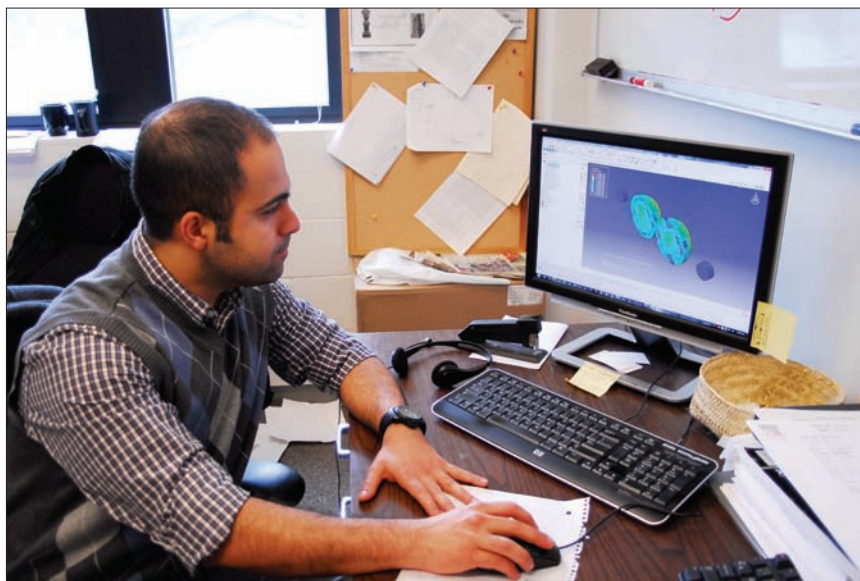
Maziar Rostamian has only been in the U.S. for 15 months, but already has made an impact on both the national and local levels.

Rostamian, a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering at the University of Idaho, received the National Society of Black Engineers' coveted Golden Torch Award for Graduate Student of the Year at NSBE's annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., March 26.

Graduate Student of the Year is awarded based on GPA, resume, published work and community involvement. NSBE is an organization that aims to increase the number of minority students excelling in engineering and the sciences.

Rostamian said when he first learned he had won the award, he was in shock.

"At the beginning I didn't believe it, I thought it was a fake email. But I found out it really was from NSBE and I was extremely excited," Rostamian said.



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Maziar Rostamian has been in the U.S. for 15 months and recieved the National Society of Black Engineers Golden Torch Award for Graduate Student of the Year. Rostamian has been working on dust prediction modeling for nuclear reactors and hopes to help prevent accidents in the future.

That excitement continued for the months leading up to the convention, which was sponsored by the U.S. Navy and company 3M. Actor LL Cool J was also featured as a special guest presenter.

"It felt like being at the Oscars. You go onstage, receive your award and give a short speech. It was great," Rostamian said.

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# EXPO gears up for 18th year

Dylan Brown  
Argonaut

A hybrid Formula 1 car, customized Harley motorcycle engine, clean-emissions snowmobile, robots, bridges and Miller-Coors barley tester are just a few projects that will be on display from the seniors in the University of Idaho College of Engineering.

To culminate a year of work, they will present final products April 29 in the Student Union Building ballroom at the College of Engineering's 18th annual Engineering Design EXPO — the Pacific Northwest's largest and longest-running exposition of engineering and technology.

"The intent is to have an exposition to show what you've learned," Associate Dean Larry Stauffer said. "It's a showcase of students and the projects they have been working on all year."

The EXPO showcase gives industry, faculty, alumni, the community and future engineers the chance to see what the teams of seniors have learned not only in the final year, but during the four years each has spent at the college as they prepare for the job market. The EXPO is the culmination of two years of basics, lab work, studying and problem solving, along with their capstone projects.

Using design posters, prototypes and models, the engineers will also get a chance to explain their designs to their corporate sponsors. Companies and organizations like Boeing, General Electric and Intel all sponsored UI projects, and government agencies like NASA, the State Board of Education and the Naval Sea Systems Command also backed the senior projects.

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# Olympic medalist and gender equality advocate to visit UI

Joanna Wilson  
Argonaut

Every woman attending college on a scholarship, athletic or academic, should thank Olympic swimmer and medalist Donna De Verona for the support she gave to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, Tom Jager said.

"Her legacy is that she positively effected every female who got a scholarship to go to college," said Jager, University of Idaho women's swim coach. "She spoke in front of Congress. She was right there in the beginning of making Civil Rights changes."

Title IX of the civil rights Act of 1964, later

amended in 1972, requires educational institutions receiving federal funds to spend equal amounts of money on men and women.

As a women's athletic coach, Jager's job comes from that law.

"I wanted her (De Verona) to come and talk to students on the campus and not for just my team," Jager said. "We wanted to share with the school."

Jager initially invited De Verona to speak to his team but decided it should be open to the public. She will speak Wednesday, at 7 p.m. April 27 at the Haddock Performance Hall, located in the Lionel Hampton School of Music. Her topic has not yet been announced.

The Women's Sports Foundation's first presi-

dent and chair, De Verona is currently the chair of Government Relations initiative.

Rebecca Jager, UI history professor and a sponsor of the event, said students should be aware of the battles won by their predecessors.

"She didn't gain anything from the battles she fought," Rebecca Jager said. "She did it for those behind her. It's a huge message for those in college or getting ready to leave."

Rebecca Jager has both a professional and personal interest in De Verona's accomplishments.

"I teach 20th century America and gender," Rebecca Jager said. "I was an athlete, I married an athlete, I'm raising athletes."

De Verona's fight began when, after winning

the gold, she learned she could not get a swimming scholarship for college. As a woman, she was ineligible, said Katherine Aiken, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences dean and a sponsor of the event.

"In terms of athletics, she's the George Washington of women's rights," Aiken said.

De Verona also worked for the network ABC as the first female sportscaster, where she realized she was paid less than her male peers.

Rebecca Jager said she decided to sue for equal payment for the sake of the women who would follow her.

"Our logo is 'Legacy of leading,'" Rebecca Jager said. "She is an excellent example of that."



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