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Offering the hand of acceptance

Tanya Eddins
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Alex Barnes said many of his peers in high school called him a fag.

"I was a little bit more, I guess you could say, sensitive, so I got along much better with

girls and everything like that ... Even though I did sports and things like that, people were like, 'You're a fag, dude,' and I was like 'What?'" Barnes said.

Barnes, a sociology major, said he realized many people in his small home town of Kooskia, Idaho, didn't understand him.

"It was just the whole mentality of people who were there. People were just more traditional, they come from the backwoods, you

know, they don't really get out much," Barnes said. "Being gay is pretty serious."

Barnes said there were "jerks" in his school that would accuse him of being gay, but they ridiculed others with the same slur, so he was able to externalize it.

"Until I was getting into high school and I was figuring out that I was more attracted to boys than girls, and then it was like, 'OK.' I wasn't dating anybody and that obviously got noticed for the longest time," he said.

When it comes to situations of harassment, Barnes is not alone.

Thousands of gay or lesbian students in the nation have suffered the same derogatory insults as Barnes. The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network conducted a national survey in 2009 of 7,261 middle and high school students. The study reported that 86.4 percent of LGBT students had encountered verbal harassment in regard to their sexual orientation.

Joe Black has defended himself against derogatory slurs.

"There are a lot of people who have (been victims) and I think it could happen any day because I am very outspoken," said Black, a public relations major.

He said one experience he has had was in Boise when he stood on a downtown street and a passerby called him a "faggot." He said he is able to keep his composure in most situations but in this case, he responded. Black told the man how rude it was to make a comment like that to someone he didn't know. At that moment, a cab pulled up and Black offered to split the cab with the man who had insulted him moments before. They split the cab fare.

"It's just one of those things, I think, that you should always be what you say you are and I say I

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Members of the LGBTQA gather for Lavender Lunch Thursday in the Multicultural Affairs office in the Living and Learning Community. Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center, said the lunch is a weekly reminder to its participants that there is always a safe place to turn.



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Cars get the boot

Parking and Transportation Services announces new policies

Anja Sundali
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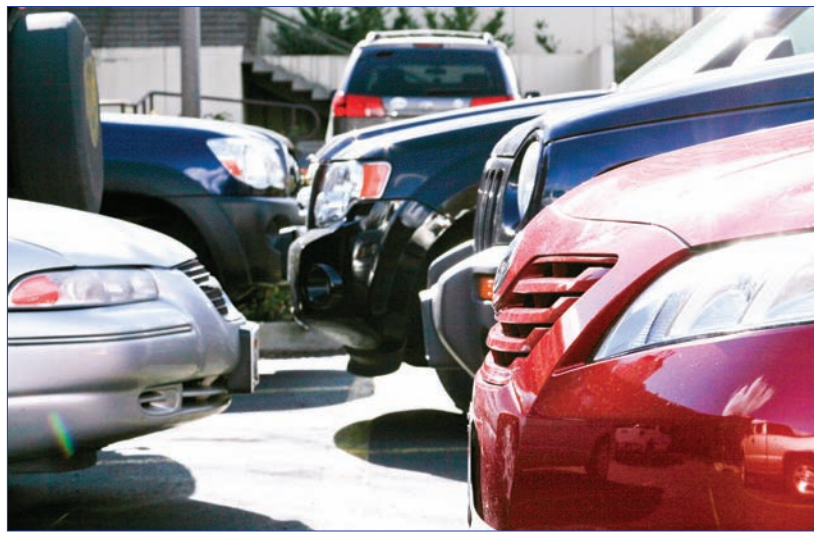
Students with unpaid parking permits may not be able to go home for the summer as quickly as they'd like.

Parking and Transportation Services at the University of Idaho recently announced the creation of new policies in its 2011-12 parking system, some of which have already gone into effect.

One such change is that any UI parking permit holder with three or more unpaid parking citations will be issued a 48-hour wheel-lock/impound notice. If the debt remains unpaid, the vehicle will be locked or towed if identified on campus. Permit holders must pay their outstanding fines in addition to a \$75 wheel-lock fee to have their vehicle restored.

Rebecca Couch, information specialist for Parking and Transportation services, said the new rules were created in an effort to collect an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000 in unpaid parking tickets.

"We've been facing a similar money problem for the past few years," Couch



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One change coming for the 2011-12 school year is if a parking permit holder has three or more unpaid citations, they will be issued a 48-hour wheel/lock impound notice. "But this is the first time we've ever put policies in place to do something about it."

Another major change to the parking system involves the purchasing of

permits for the 2011-12 academic year. Permit holders must have no outstanding fees or debt on their parking account

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Spear responds to Johnson case

Madison McCord and Elizabeth Rudd
 Argonaut

Former University of Idaho basketball player Steffan Johnson was awarded a full-ride scholarship to UI two months after being expelled from University of the Pacific under allegations of sexual assault. He was recruited by coach Don Verlin, and Athletic Director Rob Spear agreed with the decision, but had no direct contact with UOP, and said they were aware of all the facts surrounding Johnson's expulsion.

"You have to understand the facts behind the case, and I am not at liberty to discuss those facts, but if you knew the facts as we know them you would be making the decision that we did to bring him to this campus to participate as a student athlete and be a productive citizen here," Spear said.

Spear said it was alleged that Johnson had been associated with

the sexual assault of former UOP student-athlete Beckett Brennan in May 2008, which was featured on an episode of "60 Minutes" that aired April 17. Johnson was one of three men named in the incident, but the only to be expelled after an investigation by UOP's Judiciary Committee.

Brennan never brought legal charges against the three men. The Judiciary Committee was made of three students, one faculty member and one administrator who spent 25 hours deliberating, Brennan said. Johnson claimed he was not present during the alleged sexual assault.

Johnson was never charged with any crime in the court system.

At the time of his recruitment, Johnson had not been officially named as one of the students accused in the case, but had been removed from the 2008-09 team

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Pants protest: Denim Day raises awareness of sexual assault

Dylan Brown
 Argonaut

A young Italian woman put on a pair of form-fitting jeans before heading to what would be her first and last driving lesson with her 45-year-old male instructor.

After allegedly having "Rosa" drive out to an isolated spot, the instructor was accused of yanking her out of the car and then out of one leg of her jeans, proceeding to rape the young woman by the roadside.

Despite an initial conviction for his 1992 crime, the perpetrator would win his appeal in 1999 by using the "denim defense" to walk free. The Italian Supreme Court ruled in the man's

favor, stating, "without the collaboration of the person wearing them" it is impossible to rape someone wearing jeans.

In response to the controversial ruling, the women of the Italian Parliament donned their own denims in protest.

Inspired by Italian legislators' protest against the misconceptions of sexual assault, Los Angeles-based organization Peace Over Violence has brought "Denim Day" to the United States every year since the ruling in 1999.

The UI Dean of Students Office Violence Prevention Program and Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape sponsored this year's April 27 version of the pants protest in Moscow.

B.E.A.R. has been organizing "Denim Day"

almost every year since the group's inception in 2001, and current president Josh Reed, a sophomore in marketing and finance, sees a parallel between Italian and Idahoan attitudes toward sexual assault.

"Denim Day, when you read the story, really tries to bring out the injustice in the legal system," Reed said. "In our legal system in Idaho it's tough to get a conviction."

The difficulty, Reed said, is getting people to acknowledge that sexual assault is a problem, despite studies showing nearly one in five college age women will have been sexually assaulted by the time they leave school.

Denim Day is a way to spread awareness and inform the public, which Reed said is appreci-

ated by many within the community.

"People coming up and saying 'thank you' for doing this," said Reed, as B.E.A.R. distributed fliers, buttons and sexual assault education materials at their table in the Idaho Commons Wednesday.

Yet myths about sexual assault, continue to persist. Valerie Russo, director of UI's Violence Prevention Program, said this speaks to misconceptions about consent, dress and the perpetrators surrounding sexual assault. Denim Day is "a great awareness day" to start busting those myths, Russo said.

"I think it helps fuel the conversation about

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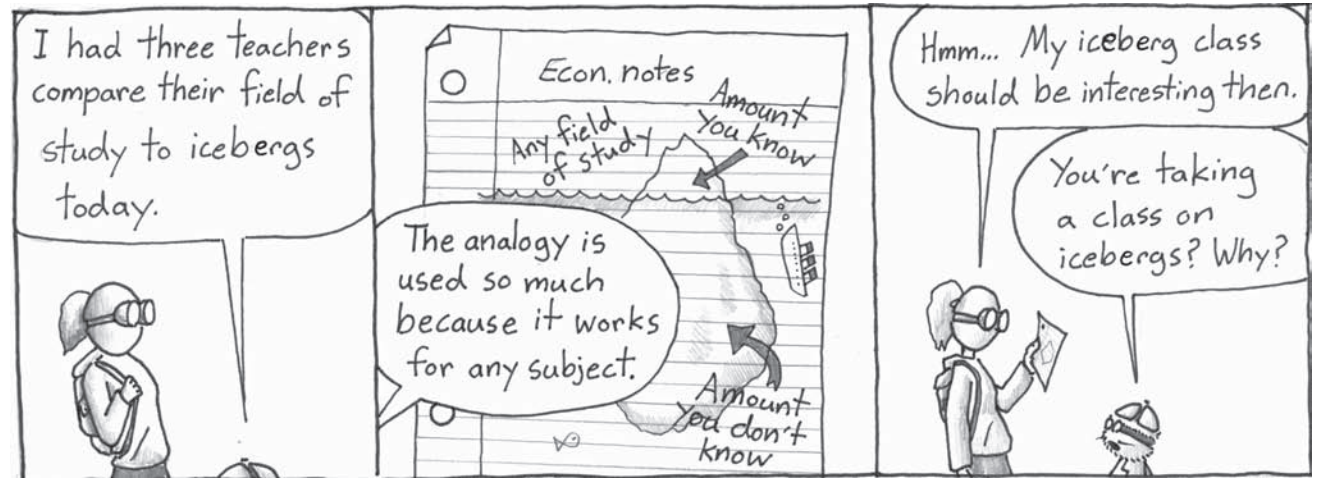


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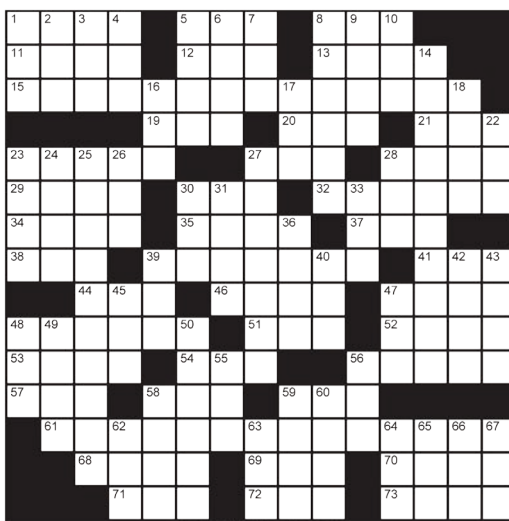
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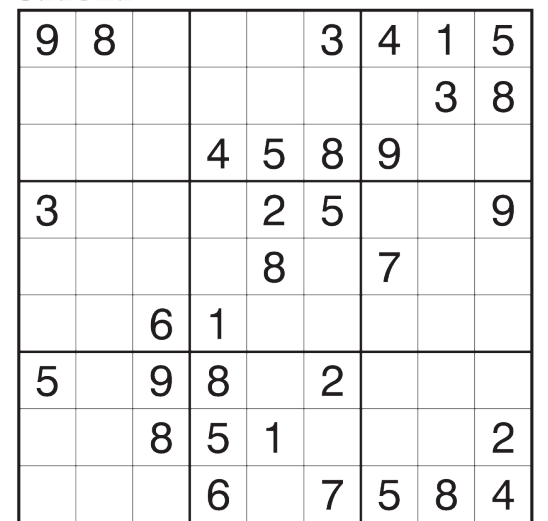
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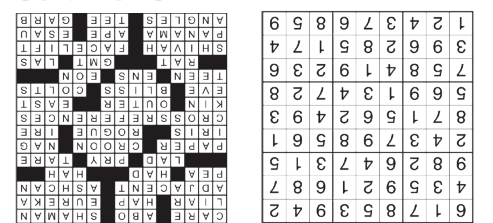
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Laughter at the Powwow

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

Dakota Kidder said laughter is important in Native American culture.

Kidder is one of the University of Idaho students who was able to witness that laughter at the Tutxinmepu Powwow held April 23 and 24 at the Bear Den in the Moscow Junior High School Gym.

One powwow event, the switch dance, provoked laughter from the crowd.

"It was so cute," UI student Stella Penney said. "The Switch Dance is a fun special. It's where the men take the women's regalia, and try to dance like a woman, and the girls do the same."

Penney said the performers in the Switch Dance were excellent.

"There were some little boys dressed as little girls, and they were really great too. I was surprised," Penney said.

The powwow started at 8 a.m. Saturday and lasted until about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Penney said. About 100 dancers and 14 drum groups performed and competed in multiple categories during the two days.

"It was one of the bigger (powwows) I remember, 'cause I used to come here all the time, and it was at the Kibbie Dome, and just seemed really small," Penney said. "Not just 'cause it was in the Kibbie Dome, but 'cause it was just not that many dancers or drummers. But when I was in the gym, it just seemed like there was a lot of people. There were a lot of dancers — the whole arena was filled with dancers."

Penney said many of the Native American students invited their families this year, bringing Navajos, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Sioux and others to the UI student-run powwow.

Each day started with grand entry, a traditional ceremony that marks the beginning of a powwow. The tribal flags enter the arena first, followed by members the powwow committee chose to honor, and finally by the powwow royalty. On Sunday, UI President Duane Nellis joined the grand entry with the royalty and the Native American Student Association.

After the flags and royalty, the dancers en-



Katherine Brown | Argonaut

Native Americans dance in a circle around a collection of flags for the 12th Annual Tutxinmepu Powwow Sunday afternoon, April 24. The University of Idaho Native American Student Association hosted the even to support the local Native American community.

tered — first the men, then the women.

"The men are usually on the outside, because, in traditional ways the men would be on the outside to protect the women," Kidder said. "Like the men walking on the outside of the street and women walking on the inside. Kind of that protective thing."

If the powwow is running on time, the master of ceremonies will announce fun activities be-

tween sessions. On Sunday, the people were asked to share their favorite lines from Native films, one of Kidder's favorite moments in the powwow.

"Most of the memorable lines were from 'Smoke Signals,'" Kidder said. "This one little girl came up and said, 'Hey Victor, where's your dad?' It's just funny when you hear it, because there's a certain way that Native Americans talk when they're on the reservation, they kind of

have what they call a 'rez accent.' That's why it's funny to most of us."

Kidder said the powwow is about meeting old friends, getting together and laughing.

"Sometimes we don't see each other and ... when you go along the powwow trail, you get to see people you haven't seen in a long time," Kidder said. "So you like to have a good time, laugh with them. Liven it up."

CORE students give back to the community

'Art, Artists and Madness' class volunteers in Moscow as the program comes to an end

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

After a long academic year of deciding whether or not CORE Discovery should remain a requirement for first-year students, the decision was made to cut the program.

Kelsey Anderson, a CORE peer mentor for Sayantani Dasgupta's "Sacred Journey" class, said she is disappointed to see the program go. Before Anderson was a teaching assistant, she was enrolled in the class during her sophomore year.

"I think it's an awesome program. I think it's really good for incoming freshman just because it's kind of hard to get used to switching up classes each semester and not knowing anyone with each new class that you take," Anderson said. "With CORE Discovery, you usually stay with the same group of people for the whole year. I met a lot of friends that I still talk to that I probably wouldn't have met or at least had the chance to really get to know without that class."

Anderson said she thinks it's important for students to take classes outside of their major curriculum. She also said it's imperative for students to graduate with a "well-diversified" background.

"CORE definitely offers something that not any other sects of classes do," she said. "It's going to be a bummer to see it go. I'm glad I had the opportunity to take it while I was here."

Some CORE classes offer students the opportunity to get involved in the Moscow community as well as through service learning opportunities. The Art, Artists and Madness CORE class, taught by UI professor Elizabeth Sloan, is putting together a mural for a Moscow Safe Routes to School event "Fill the Racks" with the theme of active travel.

Brooke Lowry, coordinator of Moscow Safe Routes to School, said she thinks service learning has a lot of power because it brings extra hands into the community, along with new ideas, insights and expertise.

"Fill the Racks" is one of the service learning events Lowry coordinated, which will take place May 4 at Moscow Junior High and all of the elementary schools.

"It is for ... junior high and the elementary schools. That's like nine schools and 2,150 students. It's promoting kids biking, but also just if they walk or if they scooter or if they take the bus, that also counts because it's less cars being around the schools," Lowry said.

At each school there will be parent and teacher volunteers as well as volunteers from the UI who will be giving out incentives (pencils, stickers, bike reflectors) to the junior high and elementary students who participate.

Lowry said there will be live music, and the UI cycling team will talk to the students about bike safety.

"The idea behind all of our Safe Routes to School events is that we just want people to be aware that the more cars mean more traffic, which means more congestion, more danger for accidents, and so by getting more kids walking and biking, it decreases the chances," Lowry said.

The mural will be drawn on the junior high tennis courts in chalk, Lowry said.

"That's going to be really neat for them. They're designing it. They've worked for the art students here and the junior high and got ideas from the junior high students," Lowry said.

She said May is national bike month and in Moscow May is called "Bike for Life."

Lowry said information is available on the Moscow Safe Routes to School website, www.sr2moscow.com.



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Peer Mentor Kelsey Anderson talks with students in the CORE Discovery class, "Sacred Journey."

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"The idea with that is that there are a lot of resources like links for parents and teachers and students to know how to do active travel better. The mayor will be there, the school district superintendent will be there, newspapers will be there. We're going to be featuring it on our website as well," she said.

As for the mural, Lowry said they hope to eventually put the mural in a permanent location.

The intersection near Mountain View Road and D Street is the ideal place for the mural, she said.

"If it does happen, the idea is that the "Art, Artist and Madness" students are working on it as it will be when we put on the pavement, hopefully in a year or two," Lowry said. "You guys, even as undergrads, there's a lot that you're learning in school. It's really great to have you do these service learning projects, and I think it's so valuable."

Vandal alumnus to speak to senior business students

Kayla Herrmann
Argonaut

As the year wraps up and seniors prepare to graduate and enter the workforce, the College of Business and Economics invites Scott Green, executive director of Wilmerhale law firm, to speak and inspire business seniors about the next step in their lives.

Green graduated from the University of Idaho in 1985 with a degree in accounting, and is currently a member of the CBE Advisory Board.

After his time at UI Green went on to receive his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1989.

This weekend Green will meet with the advisory board, judging the annual Vandal In-

novation and Enterprise Workshop Saturday and will wrap up CBE's 2011 Spring Executive Speaker Series by speaking to 490 business students May 2.

Toni Broyles, CBE director of development, said he thinks Green is a great speaker for the college to end the semester with because he can focus on both business and ethics.

"We're so honored to have him. Wilmerhale law firm is one of the largest law firms globally, so to have a speaker with business law background and is able to speak on both business and ethics is wonderful," Broyles said.

Unlike other speakers this semester, Broyles said Green spends a significant amount of time giving back to UI.

"Scott really exemplifies

our model alumni, especially because he is miles away running a huge global business, but still prioritizes a lot of his time to the university," Broyles said. "He takes care of all of his traveling costs and is volunteering to be both a judge and guest speaker. I think that Scott is an example of someone who is successful and powerful, but is still taking the time to give back."

Green was inducted into the UI Alumni Association Hall of Fame in May 2009 and is a member of the UI Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Association.

"He has such a busy schedule this weekend, but will be bringing a lot of insight when he comes to campus," said Mario Reyes, associate dean of CBE. "The fact that he is traveling from New York City to give his time is exciting and we are extremely grateful for that."



Scott Green

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am accepting of everybody, and that is why I don't mind sharing a cab with someone that has different views from mine, or thinks I am a bad person because of this or that," Black said. "Because I don't think he's a bad person, he is just confused."

Black said he felt as if he changed one person's mind that night.

"And I think all it takes is to kind of react to something with kindness and maybe you can change a mind," he said.

Jerica Haley said tolerance is the best policy when dealing with those who don't understand her sexuality. When she attended Moscow High School, she longed for the camaraderie of the University of Idaho's Gay Straight Alliance. She attended a human rights meeting where the president of the club announced local space available for high school students to form a Gay Straight Alliance for high school students, and she decided to start it. Haley, a freshman in sociology, said immediately after its formation the group had a membership of about 25 students.

"We had a lot more people than I would have expected," Haley said. "And it was weird for me because I was put into this leadership role, where people would come and talk to me and I felt like, 'Wait, you are coming and asking me questions as if I know the answer.'"

Haley said she learned a lot about herself through operating the group, and she initially started the alliance to have questions of her own answered and felt thrown into her leadership role.

"We all learned so much from each other, and to my knowledge, it's still going on today at the high school," Haley said.

She said with each influx of sophomores, derogatory terms were often cast at the group. Once the group asserted themselves by announcing support for all people, gay or straight, as well as intolerance for discrimination, students seemed to back off.

"I think it's the first couple weeks of school and with the first couple of events we do that we meet with new students that are a little sketchy, but then they realize we are not out to get you, a common misconception."

Barnes said he also had a strong support network.

"I had an amazing group of friends. I had such a great base and if I would have come out back then I totally would have been fine, well, at least with them," he said. "But they all stuck up for me no matter what."

Haley said her advice to LGBT students seeking friendship is to utilize campus resources. She said it is possible to do this by talking to other gay people or to those who are gay-friendly. She said she often attends Lavender Lunches, events sponsored by the

LGBTQA office, and socialization is the main purpose.

Rebecca Rod, coordinator of the LG-BTQA Office, said at the core is the issue of being able to be yourself, being able to express who you are and not have people bullying or pressing down on you. She said it affects people who are not gay but are perceived as being gay, as well.

"I think the environment is being created where people feel safer and that in turn is making the population come out," Rod said. "When I first came there were like six members of the GSA, and that group really grew ... because they had a venue where they were supported and people got more and more bold."

She said when students come to college, it is a crucial time in adult development because they are away from families and communities and free to explore who they are — for some, maybe for the first time.

"The chances of self-disclosure are higher when they are in an environment that is supportive," Rod said.

Barnes said he loves visiting the Women's Center, where the LGBTQA Office is located, because he always feels welcome there.

"If you go in the (LGBTQA office), you are going to find an ally all over the place. It is just so cool, I am really proud that we have the resources on campus that we do," he said.

Black said he doesn't often utilize the resources available at the LGBTQA Office, but does attend some of the events.

"I'm kind of a lone wolf, in that aspect," he said. "But I do think it's good because they provide that area of acceptance. I don't really know Rebecca Rod, but I do know if I was on the verge of something serious I could just go into her office, and that is my advice to other gay students here, to utilize that."

Black said students who have faced demeaning comments or slurs may feel reluctant to come out as gay, but he said life is short and shouldn't be wasted by being unhappy.

"Don't waste your life by not being honest with yourself and by not respecting yourself," he said.

Barnes said if a student were struggling to define what sexuality means for them, he would tell them life gets easier.

"Find something you are good at, the things you value, the things inside of you that are good, stuff like that, and then focus on those things. That can get people through really hard times," Barnes said.

Haley said it may never feel like the perfect time to come out, but the burden is eased when shared.

"If you have one person you can tell the honest truth to, even if you can't tell anybody else, that weight is going to be lifted and they can be your asylum, or somebody to go to," she said.

SPEAR

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roster along with the two other players who were suspended from school and the team after the incident. Johnson had been connected to the incident in various media reports.

"Coach Verlin and I had several discussions about this. Coach Verlin did his due diligence with this in recruiting Johnson as in recruiting any student athlete," Spear said. "Verlin talked with administration down at the UOP, he talked with the investigating police officer and talked with his twin brother, who is an assistant basketball coach at UOP."

Verlin, who declined to comment, relayed the information from UOP to Spear during Johnson's recruitment process, according to Spear. Spear also said Verlin spoke extensively with his brother, someone Spear said was a reliable source of information.

"I would think that if your brother was telling you that there was a kid who played at the UOP who was a model citizen for three years and never caused them any trouble, was never involved in any type of situation, that you would trust your brother on that recommendation," Spear said.

Spear said the facts they had

gathered from this communication told them Johnson would come to campus, be a good citizen, contribute to the basketball program and leave with a degree. Johnson graduated from UI in May 2010 with a bachelor's in communication studies.

"If you look at our history here, we have made the right decision regarding the behavior of student athletes," Spear said. "If you look back, it wasn't too long ago that coach (Robb) Akey dismissed 17 scholarship football players for not being good citizens, so we have a history of doing the right thing, and that history tells us that we are not going to bring in kids that are a risk to our campus."

UI released a statement after the episode of "60 Minutes" aired, which stated they were aware of Johnson's past.

"The circumstances that led to the student's expulsion from Pacific were disclosed to the University of Idaho, which considered them before accepting his transfer," according to the release. "The University of Idaho takes seriously its commitment to creating a safe environment for all of its students and does review its student applications with care."

Spear echoed the sentiments of UI by relating the situation to his daughter.

"I have a daughter who is a col-

lege student on this campus, and I am the last person who would bring an alleged ... well, a sexual predator on this campus," he said.

He said the Athletic Department has received emails questioning how they could bring a person who was connected to a sexual assault allegation to campus, and said the facts don't back up the allegation. He said if the facts had supported the allegations, then Johnson would have been charged, tried and probably convicted, which would have prevented Johnson from enrolling as a UI student.

"People are assuming that because Johnson was expelled that he has automatically played a larger role in this incident than the other two students, and I will tell you that there are facts that we gathered that allowed us to make an informed decision on his admittance to the UI," Spear said.

Spear emphasized that the university did its "due diligence," and said he believes they made the right decision at the time. But after the "bad publicity" generated from "60 Minutes," Spear said he might not make the same decision today.

"Well hindsight is always 20/20," Spear said, "and if I had known that UI was going to be placed in a bad light because of a '60 Minutes' story, we might not have done this."

ASSAULT

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what is consent," she said.

While many students wore the jeans out of habit, Russo said the increasing willingness of administration to let staff break the dress code to promote awareness on campus has helped further the efforts

of her office and B.E.A.R. on Denim Day.

The Italian court overturned its previous ruling in 2008, but the fight will continue to be an uphill one for Russo and groups like B.E.A.R. because acknowledging what one conservative, female Italian politician called "an obvious fact," what a woman wears doesn't determine if she was raped, took nearly 10 years.

PARKING

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in order to purchase a new permit.

In addition, students may no longer post permit purchases to their student accounts.

"The university doesn't want students using financial aid to pay for parking, which has been a problem in the past," Couch said. "But students can still pay online or in person with cash, credit card, check, Vandal Card or payroll deduction."

Couch said in the wake of all these changes, Parking and Transportation's main goal is to communicate with the

campus and inform permit holders of the new policies.

"We're really trying to get the word out right now," Couch said. "We're trying to give permit holders every opportunity to pay before their car has a wheel lock. Everyone with three or more outstanding parking citations should receive an email from us to warn them."

Parking and Transport services will start selling 2011-12 permits starting in July. Most of the permits will remain the same in price, except for gold lot permits, which will increase by \$12. In addition, there will be few changes to current lot locations.

There are some changes in policy

for next year that will benefit students living on campus or in Greek housing. Silver and purple lots, designated for on-campus students or Greek housing, respectively, will not require permits until Sept. 5, or the second Monday of the 2011-12 school year.

"We're doing this because we want to help students avoid fees as much as possible, this way they have more time to get organized," Couch said.

Couch said one goal of these new policies was to help students not accumulate as much debt.

"We really are here to help," Couch said.

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Get wet

Take it to the river

Rafting in Idaho

Kristen Whitney
Argonaut

With summer vacation right around the bend, white water rafting is a thrilling and affordable activity even a river rookie can enjoy.

Mike Beiser, coordinator for the University of Idaho Outdoor Program, said rafting tends to attract two different groups of people.

"With one group it's the challenge, the excitement, the here and now... It's the immediate outcome, if you screw up, you only have yourself and your team or group to blame," Beiser said. "And another segment is that it can be a family activity ... as mild as you want it to be, or as challenging."

Rivers are graded from Class I, meaning small waves and minimal maneuvering, to Class VI, which are rarely run rivers that pose a large hazard to one's safety. Beiser said it's important people take their skill level into account when picking a river to raft down.

"Don't get in over your head right off the bat. A lot of folks that get into white water rafting hear the Lochsa ... because it's big and thumping and high water, so it's important if you don't have the skills to go with someone who does and transfer and learn some of those skills," Beiser said.

Beiser said falling out of the raft in a Class VI could end in the serious injury or death of a rafter.

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Clearwater River

60-90 minute drive
Class I-II
No major rapids

Palouse River

30 minute drive
Class II
Take out at the bridge 1M before Colfax because of a concrete sluice

Lower Main Salmon

3 hour drive
Class I-III
Great camping and big rapids. Good in the fall.



Top: The University of Idaho Outdoor Program plans to take a trip to the San Juan Islands for kayaking and the Washington coast for backpacking trips. Bottom: With summer quickly approaching, many people take the time to hire river guides for white water rafting trips. The difficulty of rivers are ranked by class, ranging from I or II, which are more leisurely, to V and VI, which are dangerous even for seasoned rafters.

Paddling the Puget Sound

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

In two weeks, the semester will end and many students will leave Moscow for the summer. For those who stick around, however, the University of Idaho Outdoor Program plans to offer two extended trips to Western Washington's coast.

Trevor Fulton, an Outdoor Program employee, will lead a six-day backpacking trip through the Olympic Peninsula while his coworker, Mike Beiser, guides up to eight sea kayakers through the San Juan Islands.

Beiser said the mid-May events are a recent addition to the Outdoor Program's offerings.

"This is new for our program," Beiser said. "For the last couple of years, there's been a dead space between graduation and mid-June ... so we decided to do a couple of long expedition trips."

The required pre-trip meeting for the San Juan Islands kayaking trip is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. May 10 in the Student Recreation Center.

Beiser said participants need to be acquainted with navigation, paddling and rescue techniques before the trip. He said the meeting will cover details regarding food, equipment and supplies.

Although previous kayaking experience isn't required, Beiser said all six of the committed participants claim to have paddled before.

"The San Juan Islands can be a dangerous place to paddle," Beiser said. "They're like a plug of islands in the middle of the sound ... tides and currents just swirl around the islands."

Located in the middle of the Puget Sound, south of the Strait of Georgia, Beiser said the cluster of islands sits in a tumultuous zone where tides rise and fall by as much as 12 feet and currents can flow as fast as 10 mph.

Aside from turbulent ocean conditions, the San Juan Islands enjoy a relatively mild climate.

"They are north and east of the rain shadow, so it's not too wet," Beiser said. "They claim to have the most sunny days in the Northwest."

The water in the Puget Sound stays at about 58 degrees throughout the year, which Beiser said is too cold to swim in comfortably.

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How it's done

Breaking down the shot

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

Eric Fletcher has been playing lacrosse since middle school and is third in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League for points per game, averaging 4.778 this season.

The senior is an attackman for Idaho's club lacrosse team. He and assistant coach Krieg Shaw walked through a single shot, breaking it down into three steps.

First, Fletcher said he turns his back to the goal so the shot gains momentum as he twists toward the goal and follows through with his arms.

"The first step always makes it so my hips are 180 degrees away from where I'm going to finish," Fletcher said. "When I step through and drive my hips, my arms are going to follow through and snap my stick over my shoulder."

Next, a player takes a second step and starts turning his hips toward the cage.

"When you come through and take that step, you're bringing the stick through the zone in front of your body as fast as you can so that the ball has this big, torquing action toward the cage," Shaw said.

Finally, Fletcher said he drives off his back foot, pulls his hands



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

UI lacrosse senior attackman Eric Fletcher takes warm-up shots Wednesday on the SprinTurf. The team is a part of the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League and its championships are this weekend.

above his shoulder and whips the ball out of the stick with his wrists. Shaw said it's really important to keep your elbows up as you swing the stick forward.

Over-the-shoulder is one of three ways a player can attempt to score — Fletcher said mastery of all three is important because the ball is rarely passed in the same location twice.

He said side-arm shots are a quick

way to get a shot off from either side and submarine shots fling the ball from low beside a player to high in the cage. Fletcher said bounce shots are also useful because goalies have trouble tracking the ball off of the ground. He said if it bounces off the crease, the white fly-circle around the goal, it usually flies into an upper corner of the cage.

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It's a battle of pitchers in Beantown

Working hard to get to .500, the Seattle Mariners come sliding into Fenway Park today with the first pitch coming from the hand of rough-starting Jason Vargas.

He's been having a difficult time with lefties, allowing a batting average of .333 and an on-base percentage of .375.

This might prove difficult because the Boston Red Sox have the opportunity to send a minimum of five left-handed batters to face Vargas.

As long as Vargas keeps his pitch count down against right-handed batters like Boston's Kevin Youkilis, he should make it through to the later innings.

With four homers on the season for Youkilis, we may see his bat light up Fenway, or sometimes-sluggier David Ortiz might have that shot.

Having this Boston lineup facing a pitcher they've only seen a few times is definitely going to be their largest challenge, at least from an offensive standpoint.

Coming from the Bean Town, bullpen Daisuke Matsuzaka will get the start.

Despite his two-inning meltdown versus Tampa Bay a couple of weeks ago, Matsuzaka is starting to look like he's found his stride.

This right-hander has the potential to cause some real damage against the Ms lineup as long as he can stay calm against Chone Figgins.



Anthony Saia
Argonaut

Figgins has been struggling lately at the dish but if there is anyone that he can get a hit off of it is likely to be Daisuke, who has failed to strike out Figgins in five of 12 tries.

The ill-looking David Fister will get the start for the Ms Saturday. Fister has also been struggling lately, allowing 31 hits in his first five games. His ERA of 3.19 would be a more acceptable average during the latter part of the season.

Fister will be matched up against John Lackey, who had a long outing versus the Angels, tallying a shutout and some immense help from the bench.

Felix Hernandez will also make an appearance at Fenway, stepping out on the mound Sunday. Hernandez is coming off of a two-game winning streak following his 0-7 shutout against Kansas City.

Clay Buchholz will face Hernandez in the series-closer in Fenway — with the way Buchholz is performing lately, Boston's bats have to light up Hernandez, which is a possibility since the Sox have a .259 batting average against him.



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Former UI graduate and student-athlete Jason Graham was appointed to a full-time coaching position after years of volunteering in the Idaho track and field program.

Track and field coaches switch it up

Vicky Hart
Argonaut

Jason Graham, a University of Idaho graduate and former student-athlete, became a full-time coach Tuesday after years of volunteering with the track and field program.

"It's an honor to be given this opportunity," Graham said. "I look forward to the new challenges this job brings, and being around this program for as long as I have, I know about our strong tradition of success, and hope I can continue to make it even better."

Graham's appointment to assistant coach finalized a staffing reorganization that began early this year and included the creation of a few new positions.

Wayne Phipps, former co-coach of track and field, took up the newly created post of director of track and field and cross country. Julie Taylor, who has acted as assistant coach and focused on throwers for more than 17 seasons, was promoted to track and field coach.

"It's an awesome feeling to have everything finalized and have everyone know what to expect and what their duties are," Phipps said. "It's really good for all of us, and for our athletes."

Graham graduated in 1994 and began helping coach pole vaulters and jumping events, eventually building a legacy of conference champions. Under Graham's guidance, Vandal pole vaulters have won

nine women's and seven (consecutive) men's WAC Championships. His new position places him in charge of all jumps and multi-events.

"Jason had a lot of experience with the jumps and coaching the multis, so I know he'll have equal success in all those events, too," Phipps said. "He's experienced all the events personally and ... I think his experience, not only as a coach, but as an athlete, will bring a lot to our program."

Phipps arrived a year after Graham graduated as an assistant coach, where he served until 2000, when he became co-coach alongside Taylor. He has been named WAC Coach of the Year on three occasions and led the Vandals to 12 track and field and cross country conference titles. He will continue to focus primarily on sprints, hurdles and distance runners.

Taylor's coaching career at Idaho spans 21 years, one of the longest in Idaho athletics history. Taylor graduated as a record-holding student-athlete in both shot put and discus. The record books have been entirely rewritten since then, due mostly to Taylor's expert coaching. She has overseen 26 all-American athletes and two NCAA champions.

The Vandals also have the services of a host of assistants and volunteers. Allix Potratz-Lee is a paid assistant while Tim Taylor, Angela Whyte, Chris Campbell, KC Dahlgren and Christie Gordon volunteer their time to help the program.

Stanley Cup in full swing

It's playoff season for hockey and basketball right now, as well as the beginning stages of baseball, so sports fans have a variety of options to choose from.



Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

This is the time of year when many viewers miss football because of its physicality, but they don't have to go without a physical sport if they turn to the NHL and the Stanley Cup playoffs.

I like baseball and basketball as much as the next guy, but they don't even compare to the energy and excitement that comes from playoff hockey. Being a Mariners fan, watching baseball has quickly become a painful ordeal. I like some of the NBA playoffs but let's face it, half the time the first three-quarters of the game don't even matter. That's why each spring I'm glued to the NHL playoffs. It offers deep tradition, plenty of hitting and a unique atmosphere.

One thing that makes hockey special is its trophy, the Stanley Cup. The cup is the oldest trophy in North America, first awarded in 1893. What makes the trophy unique is that a new one is not made every year. It's the same trophy year after year and bears the name of every player and coach that has won the NHL championship.

Unlike basketball and baseball, hockey is purely physical. Between the pushing, shoving and checking into the boards there's more than enough to keep any fan interested.

The pace of hockey is unbelievable — it's pure, nonstop action. There's no slow down in hockey. Every player is going 100 percent every second he's in. That's why the average shift an NHL player takes is no more than two minutes, because they're exhausted after just a short time on the ice.

If that's not enough, there's always the fighting. Hockey is the only sport where fighting is just part of the tradition of the game. It's not that these guys are angry at each other, it's an honor code. In every other sport fighting results in suspension and a huge fine from the league. In hockey it's just five minutes in a box, and then back to the game.

This year the NHL playoffs have already been exciting. Several first round series have been pushed to game seven. Upsets have taken place, goals have been scored and punches have been thrown.

Any sports fan who wants to see non-stop action, hard hits and some fighting would do well to watch the Stanley Cup playoffs. The atmosphere is unlike anything else in the sports world. Check out the NHL and watch as this year's champion is crowned and the cup is hoisted.

Hillis completes Madden NFL '12 upset

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Once again, the term "upset" has found its way into the world of sports, but this time it doesn't involve VCU basketball or the Boston Red Sox. After more than a month of voting, ESPN.com users elected the 6'1", 240 lb. frame of Cleveland Browns running back Peyton Hillis to grace the cover of Madden NFL '12. Hillis claimed the honor in a shocking series of events, upsetting favorite Michael Vick in the final round of voting.

Hillis' cover appearance will mark the Browns' debut on the front of the world-famous video game, which was first produced in 1988 by EA Sports.

As the 10th seeded candidate on the left side of the bracket, Hillis defeated the higher seed in each round of voting and astonished fans nationwide after receiving 61 percent of votes to oust Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in the semifinals.

Almost 13 million votes were cast — 1,095,332 of those coming in the final round. Hillis received about 723,000 votes in the final round and earned 60 percent of votes in four of five rounds.

Vick, the 3rd seed on the right side of the bracket, appeared on the cover of Madden NFL '04 when he played for the Atlanta Falcons. PETA requested the removal of Vick from voting but the four-time pro bowler told the Inquirer he was thankful for the opportunity.

"I appreciate EA sports standing tall and sticking up for me," he said. "I will continue to be positive. Let other people be negative. That's their view. They're entitled to their opinion. I won't try to change it."

Hillis is optimistic about avoiding the Madden curse, a belief that the featured player will perform poorly subsequent to their cover appearance. History proves why players have become leery of the Madden curse. After Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu appeared on the '10 cover, the two-time Super Bowl champion suffered a knee injury that forced him to miss the majority of the 2010 season. Former Packers quarterback Brett Favre earned the rights to the '09 cover in which he

wore a Green Bay uniform. Shortly after, Favre was traded to be starting quarterback for the New York Jets, who lost four of their last five games.

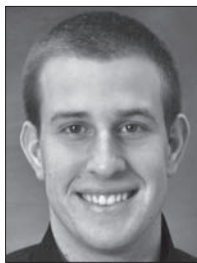
"For people to believe in this so-called curse, I can't wait to prove people wrong," Hillis told ESPN.com. "From what I believe and where I am in my spiritual life, it would be good to prove them wrong in that sense."

Despite the fact that his team only managed five wins during the 2010 season, Willis rushed for more than 1,000 yards and ranked sixth in the NFL for rushing touchdowns with 11.

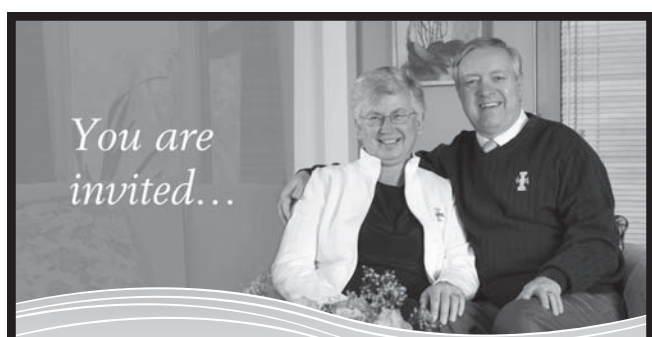
EA Sports and ESPN teamed up to generate the idea of fan-voting for the Madden NFL cover, which premiered this spring. Other than the Seattle Seahawks, a player from each NFL team was picked to make up the 32-player bracket.

The Seahawks opted for a different approach, selecting the "12th man" as their representative. The 10th seeded 12th man fell to San Francisco's Patrick Willis in the first round.

EA Sports' first installment of the game, named John Madden Football after the Oakland Raiders coaching legend, was released in 1988. The name was slightly altered in 1994 when it became Madden NFL '94. The Madden NFL series has produced 22 versions of the game, Madden NFL '12 being the 23rd. John Madden appeared on every cover of the game until 2001 when Tennessee Titans running back Eddie George kicked off the player cover era. Gamers will be able to purchase Madden NFL '12 this August.



Theo Lawson
Argonaut



President M. Duane and Ruthie Nellis invite faculty and staff to an end of the year reception at the President's Residence (1026 Nez Perce Drive) Friday, May 6, 2011 4:30-7:00 p.m.

RSVP to uipresssvp@uidaho.edu by Tuesday May 3rd.

The Operation Education Golf Cart will run on Nez Perce Drive to the Residence for those needing assistance.

Parking on Nez Perce Drive and the UI golf course lot. Casual Attire

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Ohio State in trouble with NCAA

Mike Greenway
Argonaut

The Ohio State football team is being investigated by the NCAA. Jim Tressel, head coach at Ohio State, is also under investigation for withholding information from the NCAA. It is reported that a few Ohio State football players received improper benefits from a tattoo parlor. When Tressel found out, it is alleged that he did not tell the NCAA about it, in order to keep his star quarterback Terrelle Pryor on the field. If the NCAA was told about the benefits received last year, Pryor would not have been eligible to play for five games last season.

Some believe Jim Tressel may have coached his final game for Ohio State, but others close to the program don't believe it. Former Ohio State quar-

terback and ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit said, "The Ohio State fan base blindly is supporting Ohio State and Jim Tressel. It's almost gotten to the point that he beats Michigan, he wins 10 games, he goes to BCS bowl games, they'll support him no matter what he does as far



Mike Greenway
Argonaut

as the fan base. If this would have happened to John Cooper (Herbstreit's coach) not only would they have fired him, they would have actually lined it up and had a firing squad and fired him." Herbstreit said he thinks people are being a little unfair to Tressel's character, but added "I think it would be very difficult moving forward with Tressel."

Ohio State is in a very difficult position, especially if they keep Tressel. The program is probably looking at two or three years of bowl probation. The fact that Tressel knew what was going on, is what will get

the football program in trouble. If, however, Ohio State fires Jim Tressel the NCAA may not be as harsh. In recent history the NCAA has not been kind to teams whose players received improper benefits. The University of Southern California is on two years of bowl probation because of something Reggie Bush did, and there is no evidence that coach Pete Carroll had knowledge of what was going on. Ohio State would need to remove Tressel in order to have any chance of avoiding bowl probation, and even then it remains unlikely that the Buckeyes would be able to save their postseason lives.

Although as Herbstreit said it would be difficult to move on if Tressel remained on as head coach, Ohio State will not fire him. The fan base in Columbus loves Tressel and as long as the horseshoe remains to be sold every home game and the team continues to win, Tressel's job is safe. The only way Tressel will not coach the Buckeyes next season is if he resigns.

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Texas wraps up 5-5 home-stand with loss to Toronto

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers reliever Darren Oliver was surprised he even got to the ball. Chris Davis knew it was a nearly perfect bunt on which there was little chance of getting anybody out.

Corey Patterson bunted home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning when he dragged the ball on a safety squeeze for Toronto in a 5-2 victory over the AL West-leading Rangers on Thursday.

"He bunted it into no man's land," the 40-year-old Oliver said.

When Oliver (1-2) fielded the ball, nobody was covering the bag with first baseman Davis charging in and thinking about trying to throw home if he got the ball.

Patterson got credited with a single and John McDonald, who held at third base until the ball was safely in play, scored the go-ahead run.

Then the Blue Jays, who took three of four games in the series, added two more runs when Texas made two errors on the same play.

"We'll just wash it down the drain and move on," manager Ron Washington said.

After a 5-5 homestand, and still holding a one-game division lead over the Los Angeles Angels, the Rangers head to the West Coast for seven games in seven days against AL West opponents. They play four games in Oakland and three in Seattle before returning home to play the New York Yankees.

The defending AL champion Rangers have lost nine of 15 games since a 9-1 start.

"We need to play better obviously," Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler said. "Right now, we don't like the way we're playing. ... Offensively, we need to get better and take it on the road and try and improve."

McDonald and pinch-hitter Yunel Escobar had consecutive one-out singles before Patterson's bunt. After Jose Bautista drew his majors-best 26th walk and Adam Lind struck out, third baseman Adrian Beltre made his first error of the season and Oliver had a throwing error allowing another run.

"Put it behind us," Oliver said. "That's all we can do."

Frank Francisco (1-0), who played his first six major league seasons in Texas before being traded in January, got the final four outs. The right-hander struck out Mitch Moreland after taking over with two on and two outs in the eighth before a perfect ninth.

"I don't really look who's in there. I just face who I got to face," he said. "I feel great."

Rangers starter Alexi Ogando struck out seven with three walks while allowing two runs and four hits over six innings. The right-hander had strikeouts for six of the first eight outs he got.

Brandon Morrow, making only his second start of the season for Toronto, struck out six in six innings with one walk.

"Good pitching battle, both Alexi and Morrow," Washington said. "We had some opportunities, and we didn't cash any of them in, and it just came back and got us."

Bautista walked after Ogando struck out the first two batters in the game. Lind then hit a 411-foot shot into the second deck of seats in right field that ricocheted back onto the field for his third homer of the series. He has 10 homers in his last 14 games at Rangers Ballpark.

Pedro Strop struck out Lind on a 10-pitch at-bat to end the seventh with the bases loaded.

Texas got a run in the first when Elvis Andrus had a one-out walk, stole second and scored on a single by Beltre.

Andrus had another stolen base in the eighth, after his single and 10 pickoff attempts and a pitchout. But he and Nelson Cruz were stranded when Moreland, who hit a game-winning homer Wednesday night, struck out.

Kinsler had a single and stolen base before scoring on Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the third to tie the game at 2. Kinsler added a lead-off double in the fifth before being picked off by catcher Jose Molina on a close play a few pitches later when he dived back into second base.

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Don't run into a wall

Running hurts.

I can't actually explain why I do it. Maybe it's to stay in shape, maybe it's because it feels good afterward. To be honest, it's probably because my older sister keeps pushing me into running marathons with her and I'm too spineless to say no.

Whatever the reason, I'm currently training and always sore — overall I'm not sure it's worth the T-shirt and cheap medal. In the end though it's a great feeling of accomplishment, and I've learned a few things about how to make the journey there suck less.

Stop eating junk

When I first started running it occurred to me that when combined with a meager diet, training could supply me with a pretty rockin' bod. This train of thought lasted about a day, until I realized that long distance running is virtually impossible without eating, and a lot. I'm not going to tell you what to eat because I'm no nutritionist, but you know the rules — carbs, proteins, lots of water, and steer clear of pizza and other junk food before a run. It'll end badly — trust me.

Stretch it out

It's boring, and it seems counterproductive. Your legs are aching as it is, why would you want to bring added discomfort that will leave you even sorer?

Because after awhile you'll stop being sore and start being able to walk down stairs again. It really does make a difference when you stretch before and after a run, because your muscles have a chance to warm up and work more efficiently. Starting a run without warming up can end in injury, which to be honest sounds like a pretty tempting excuse sometimes. Just do it for five minutes, or check out a yoga class if it sounds

more enticing than touching your toes while sitting on a sweaty gym mat.



Kelli Hadley
Argonaut

Get pumped

In my first half marathon I stopped around mile 10 to eat a Gatorade gel pack. It tasted like lemon Pine-Sol and had the texture of loogies, but the next three miles were suddenly much more accomplishable. There's a large chance it's completely psychological, but I'll take whatever help I can get.

Similarly, a product called Power Balance has people contemplating the benefits of a similar sense of pseudo-energy. The bands have a polyester film hologram that supposedly distributes a holistic-type of boost for balance and strength. There's a lot of skepticism about these products, but many professional athletes have been spotted wearing them and I have friends who swear by them.

Modern-day miracles

I'm too much of a wuss to download free music so I buy it from iTunes. Every weekend after my long run I reward myself with new songs to get me motivated for the next week of torture. Even better, I use Nike+ which uses a sensor to track your run and keeps a record of your pace, calories burned and progress. For those who have an iPhone or iPod Touch you can use the built-in Nike+ GPS app, which syncs your run with your music and provides you with encouragement and feedback. It even updates your Facebook status after each run with your pace, distance and time, though I haven't used this feature — I don't need that extra pressure.

Three more new faces for Idaho soccer

Kelli Hadley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho soccer team has added a few new names to its roster, and three more players will hit the field this fall in Vandal uniform.

The current team will be joined by transfers Bailey Hewitt from Clark Fork, Idaho and Morgan Sullivan from Pasco, Wash., and freshman Morgan Porter from Seattle.

Hewitt is already enrolled at Idaho this semester, having joined the team prematurely for spring season. The forward transferred from Oregon State and soccer coach Pete Showler said she brings "a wealth of knowledge and experience from the Pac-10 level."

"Competing at that level brings a steely-eyed determination, which I'm sure will transfer into

her performances in practice and on the pitch," Showler said.

Sullivan is another forward transfer to the team, coming from Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. The soon-to-be junior was named as a Midwest Collegiate Conference first-team all-MCC pick last year and claims the record for fifth-most points scored in Clark University history. Showler said she brings a "goal-scoring mentality" to the group. The only freshman of the group, Porter is also a forward who led the Metro Division in scoring when playing for the Washington 3A South Puget Sound League. "I was fortunate to see Morgan at a clinic and she excelled in possession and forward movement," Showler said of Porter. "She linked up with mids and forwards well, and she'll be a strong addition to the attacking side of the ball."

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"Class IV or V is sort of pushing the limits, you have to do multiple maneuvers within rapids to avoid the hazards. But Class I to III means that you could almost get in a boat and run down it, bounce off rocks and you probably aren't going to get yourself into a whole lot of trouble," Beiser said.

Rob Strobe, an alumnus of UI with a degree in resource recreation and tourism, has been a rafting guide for six seasons. He said injury is rare and people shouldn't be afraid to try white water rafting.

"White water rafting, or anything involving water, can be potentially dangerous, but perceived danger and actual danger are two different things. I think there's probably more perceived danger in white water rafting than actual danger," Strobe said.

Beiser said doing research on a river, either by Internet or in a rafting guidebook, is vital before rafting because no two rivers are alike.

"Every river has its own level... each have their own characteristics, like how fast does the gradient drop," Beiser said.

The Lochsa, a class IV rapid, drops at 40 feet per mile, which is considered fast, whereas the Salmon has a drop of 10 feet per mile, which Beiser said is rather mild.

More than 30 different white water rafts are available for rent at the Outdoor Program office in the Student Recreation Center. The large variety covers every size and price range.

"You can rent a paddle raft with all the life jackets, and paddles can easily be \$10,000 worth of equipment for a \$100 a day," Beiser said. "If that's for 10 people, \$10 can get you thousands of dollars worth of equipment."

If the challenge of renting equipment and venturing off alone sounds too daunting, the Outdoor Program offers two one-day paddle raft trips this summer that are open to all levels of skill and ability.

"If somebody went on one of our trips and watched how we did things ... asked a few questions ... Without a doubt they could run their own trip," Beiser said.

Strobe said if cost is an issue, it's possible to try asking for a better rate with the raft companies on the rivers.

"People don't realize that they can bargain with different outfitters and get a better rate, especially if they're college students or groups," Strobe said. "That or become friends with more raft guides, they'll take you for free."

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On the first day, the adventurers will leave Moscow and drive the nine hours to the Puget Sound, where they will take a ferry to Gueme's Island and camp overnight. Beiser said they will use the first night to get familiar with the equipment and learn how to pack their boats.

The next three days will be spent paddling around Cyprus Island, and stopping to camp in different coves at night. They will make a trip to Strawberry Island for lunch on day three and cover 12 miles of seawater the next day.

On the fifth day, Beiser said the group will reach Sinclair Island, where Western Washington University owns property and a cabin.

"We're trying to use that as the destination," Beiser said. "If it's rainy, that will give participants something to look forward to."

They'll spend two nights in the cabin while exploring the waters around Sinclair Island before returning to their original launch site and starting the long journey back to Moscow.

Beiser doesn't anticipate running into many sailboats or motorized vessels because the area doesn't hit its peak popularity until later in the summer.

"I fully expect to ... maybe see another paddle group or two but the idea is that this is a low traffic time," Beiser said.

Beiser and his followers will encounter what few others have seen in the Outdoor Program's initial effort to serve students in the gap between spring and summer.

"There are ... not very many people who have done stuff in a saltwater environment," Beiser said.

He mentioned the Pacific's renowned wealth of tide pools and a comment allegedly made by Jacques Cousteau that the San Juan Islands are one of the richest aquatic bodies of water in the world.

LACROSSE

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Shaw said the different styles also help mix it up with the goalie so he's not expecting the same shot each time.

Fooling the goalie is another key element to scoring in lacrosse. Shaw and Fletcher covered a few basic strategies for throwing off the opposing goalie.

"It's really important to change planes," Fletcher said.

Changing planes means that while doing an over-hand shot, the stick comes up high above the

player's shoulder and they want to put the ball low. And adversely, for submarine shots the player wants to go from low to high.

Changing planes makes it difficult for the goalie to follow the ball and get to it in time, Fletcher said. Players can trick the goalie by faking one shot and taking another.

"A lot of times goalies will read your eyes so it's good to play mind games," Fletcher said. "Look high and shoot low."

Before releasing the ball, a player with proper form will hide the ball from the goalie to gain an advantage.

"You're winding your shoulders

as well and hiding the stick from the goalie so it's a lot harder for him to find the ball," Shaw said.

A team can work together on offense, passing the ball back and forth to pull the goalie to one side of the goal, leaving an open shot.

"As the goalie's moving, usually he has a five-step arc around the crease," Shaw said. "If you bring him one way, it's very easy to shoot to the side where he just came from, and it's hard for him to change momentum."

Fletcher uses an array of tactics to baffle goalies and score for the Vandals.

"You want to hide the ball as

long as you can, then misdirect, change your plane and hopefully sneak it past him," Fletcher said.

Sneakiness is a learned skill that has paid off in time for Fletcher. Eleven years of practicing fundamentals and improving his lacrosse IQ have made him fourth in PNCLL for goals scored with 29.

He said lacrosse combines the challenges of a wide array of sports into one game.

"There are lots of picks and rolls like basketball, and the field's kind of like hockey — you run like soccer and you hit like football," Fletcher said.

Patterson's bunt pushes Jays to 5-2 win at Texas

Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Corey Patterson dragged the ball into the perfect spot for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Patterson, who two days earlier took a big swing and homered on an 0-2 pitch at his shoulders, bunted home the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning Thursday as Toronto won its first series in three weeks with a 5-2 victory over the AL West-leading Texas Rangers.

"It definitely worked out for us. I wanted to put the bunt in the right location," Patterson said. "I would have been fine even if they would have thrown me out."

Darren Oliver (1-2) fielded the ball but nobody was covering the bag with first baseman Chris Davis charging to also try to get it.

"He bunted it into no man's land," the 40-year-old Oliver said. "I was surprised I got to it."

Patterson got credited with a single and John McDonald, who held at third base until the ball was safely in play, scored the go-ahead run.

"Safety squeeze. (Patterson) did an excellent job. It's one of the things we worked on extensively in spring training," manager John Farrell said. "In that situation, left on left, first and third, good pitcher on the mound who's good on left-handers, Corey did an excellent job with the execution and the placement and a good read by McDonald to score."

The Blue Jays, who took three of four games in the series, then added two more runs when Texas made two errors on the same play.

Adam Lind homered again for Toronto, his

third in the series and fourth of the season.

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"I don't really look who's in there. I just face who I got to face," he said. "I feel great."

Toronto had lost four series and split another since winning two of three against Oakland from April 5-7. The Rangers, who still have a one-game division lead over the Los Angeles Angels, finished 5-5 on their homestand and have lost nine of 15 since a 9-1 start.

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Lind, who had his third career multihomer game at Texas on Tuesday night, has 10 homers his last 14 games at Rangers Ballpark.

The Blue Jays had the bases loaded in the seventh with Lind batting after Bautista was hit by a pitch near the right wrist while bailing out of the way of a fastball from Pedro Strop coming toward his head.

Lind struck out swinging on the 10th pitch of the at-bat after fouling off five pitches.

Bautista, the AL batting leader at .360, also had two nice defensive plays in right field, catching a slicing liner in the fifth and then making a lunging catch near the line in the eighth. He fell over and twisted his body against the wall after making the second catch.

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Cover all the bases

A recent piece featured on “60 Minutes” told a story from the perspective of Beckett Brennan, a former University of the Pacific student who accused three men of sexually assaulting her at a party in 2008.

One of those accused was expelled from UOP and then recruited by the University of Idaho on a full-ride scholarship to play basketball for the Vandals.

Don Verlin, men’s basketball coach, was put in contact with the recruit by his twin brother, an assistant basketball coach at UOP. UI Athletic Director Rob Spear said the university investigated the allegations before admitting him, yet Spear said he never talked to anyone from UOP himself before admitting Johnson. While Spear said the Athletic Department did “due diligence” in vetting Steffan Johnson before he was

admitted, it’s hard to imagine how a person with Johnson’s alleged past would be allowed onto the team without heavy amounts of conversation on the part of the director.

There is no formal UI policy surrounding the admittance of persons connected to an alleged sexual crime. Johnson was never formally charged, so there would be no reason to decline him admission to the university on legal grounds. But the expectation of a higher standard for scholarship recipients still applies. The discretion of the Athletic Department is the deciding factor in who receives athletic scholarships, and perhaps the only factor.

So much as this might seem like it’s about a basketball player, it’s not. And it’s not about the alleged rape, or a story on “60 Minutes.” It’s about how a person who was deemed un-

fit to walk on campus at one university was so quickly deemed worthy of walking on campus at another.

It’s about the process that brought him to UI’s campus. Spear points out that as the father of a Vandal, he is the last person who would want to bring a dangerous person on campus. There’s no reason to doubt that assertion. Spear says “other facts” were present that led them to believe Johnson deserved admission.

He just can’t tell us what they are.

Verlin is said to have spoken with the investigating officer in the case, UOP administrators, and his twin brother, and relayed his information to Spear. Regardless of his talent, bringing Johnson on campus should have been a more laborious process on the part of the athletic administration. Accepting a student on full-ride scholarship

who has been expelled from another institution under suspicion of a sexual crime should have required a much more extensive vetting process.

Maybe Johnson was never a danger. He’s innocent until proven guilty, despite the fact that UOP booted him from school. But the current process and the process used in this case is not enough to determine whether he was fit to attend this university.

Spear could have called UOP’s athletic director, or any number of people at the university to determine the severity of the case. Much as he can’t investigate every athletic scholarship recipient to UI, he certainly could have spent a little more time and scrutiny on this one. Johnson’s history was obviously more complex than most.

Make the calls.

— KM

Who says experience is required?

There was quite a bit of talk about Donald Trump running for president on the weekly political talk shows April 24. There was little thought of Trump running for president until February, when a gay rights Republican group, GOProud, invited him to speak at this year’s annual Conservation Political Action Conference, which was intended to stir the melting pot.

Since then, Trump has been on the minds of nearly every political analyst as a real potential for the Republican nomination as president of the United States next year.



Steve Carter
Argonaut

Really, who would have ever thought Trump would be a consideration as a presidential candidate? His name has been famous for decades as a real estate tycoon, the face of NBC’s “The Apprentice” and the guy who owns the Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City. Besides that, there has never been earnest political ambition from Trump.

As of last week, Trump was leading the Republican Party’s presidential contender polls as much as nine points ahead of Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney, two individuals who have more than five decades of political experience combined.

That is roughly five decades of political experience more than Trump.

But look at the argument. Many people are quick to attack Trump with regard to political interest, saying he has no political experience, no real campaign platform and no real idea of what the 2012 presidential campaign scene is going to be like.



Democrats are especially quick to label Trump as unqualified for the job, specifically pointing out his lack of political involvement. But look back throughout the decades and we find that sometimes the best people for political offices are those who come from other backgrounds.

When Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California in 1967, people only saw him as an actor without experience, not as someone who was able to bring real change. He went on to prove himself in California, and later became our 40th president.

Realistically, Trump has years

of experience in management, financial responsibility, international relations and public speaking. Obama only had the experience of public speaking to carry him into office. It would be hard to imagine Trump doing any worse than our current president, so why not give

him a chance?

Maybe someone without any experience is just what America needs. Trump may want to look at a gubernatorial or Senate position first before moving up to the White House, but his presence in the political landscape is causing a stir.

Juliana Ward
Argonaut

Off the Cuff

Quick takes on life from our editors

Like a super power, only less awesome

I can control the weather. Every time I wash my car on a sunny day, it will, inevitably, without fail, turn to a torrential downpour within two hours. Now all I need to do is figure out how to weaponize it and turn my enemies soggy.

— Anja

Denial

I can’t believe graduation day is almost here. I’ve been pretending it doesn’t exist, but the truth is finally hitting me, and my feelings about it couldn’t be more conflicting.

— Kelli

Angry birds

Mr. Crow outside my window Thursday morning. I would like it if you would either find somewhere else to caw, or shut the eff up. Many thanks.

— Keltie

Getting Old

I feel like I am getting old. Wednesday, after 16 holes of golf with Madison McCord and Anthony Saia, I was really sore.

— Jens

UEFA

Real Madrid is in one “Messi” situation after the first leg of the UEFA Champions League semi-finals against the eventual champs, Barcelona.

— Madison

Screw you, FAFSA

I really hate the way financial aid works. My parents make a lot of money, but they don’t support me much and instead choose to outfit their house with hardwood floors and chande-

liers. According to the FAFSA, my parents are supposed to be contributing \$30,000 per year to my education. Naturally, it all falls on me, which is why I have to work two jobs while in school full-time and will graduate with scads o’ debt. Parental information isn’t required if you’re married, though. I should have done that sham marriage with my best friend when I had the chance.

— Chava

Whine

I guess I know what it’s like to be a real senior now. This is my third senior year, but the first with 18 credits and a part time job. #drained #tired #stressed #burnedout #etc.

— Nick

YAY

A person’s life has to involve fun. At least, mine does. All work and no play doesn’t make me dull. I am still expanding my mind and intellect, thanks to professors and peers, but it does make me grumpy. I am about to live it up this weekend, you can bet.

— Tanya

Special thanks

Thanks to the campus bus driver for offering rides to students avoiding the wind. I appreciate your kindness.

— Loren

So excited

This week has been pretty much amazing. I was surprised by a package from my mom — I am still high off that one. I learned Blot’s website was nominated for a Pacemaker — one of only four — and today I am doing most of my interviews for editor positions next year. For one of the last weeks of the year, and a week that is supposed to be crazy busy, I could not feel better about life.

— Elizabeth

Tipping: A broken concept

Tipping in the service industry is a lost concept — it is pointless.

What? Giving additional money to someone who is being paid to do a job is pointless?

All right, it is not completely pointless, but the concept has morphed throughout time and is now dangerously dancing on the edge.

Tipping is supposed to be an added bonus, something special to let a person know they did a fantastic job — they went above and beyond. A tip should not be expected. It has become customary for many people in the service industry to just expect a 20 percent tip, regardless of the service they provide.

Having worked at a restaurant for about two years, this attitude and thought process was demonstrated several times. Co-workers would complain they were not tipped what they thought they should have been, or not at all. They just expected it, even if it wasn’t deserved — they would spend more time gossiping and badmouthing other servers than tending to

their tables.

This should not be the case. If you don’t do your job better than average, why should you receive additional compensation? It’s like any other job. The employees who do not exceed requirements do not receive bonuses.

This does not mean people in the service industry don’t deserve a tip. There are plenty of people who exceed typical

service expectations, and they do deserve one. They should know they did an excellent job. The idea is old, but it is one of value — a value that should still hold true today.

With quality service generally comes honest service. Not honest as in they won’t spit in your food, but honest in the sense that they will “claim” their tips. This means an employer will tell the employer how much money they made for a pay period in tips so it can be added to their paychecks, and then utilized for taxes.

OK, fair enough. People need to pay taxes. It is how we support our country. But the

government is taking advantage of some members of the service industry.

In Idaho, restaurant servers are paid just little more than \$3 per hour. That is terrible. It is not even regular minimum wage. And even if the server has zero tables during their three-hour shift, the government still expects them to have made some kind of tip.

This is where “claiming” becomes an issue. An employee can honestly claim every credit card and cash tip they have made for that year, and the government can look at the number of hours worked and tips claimed and if they do not think the two line up, they can then “allocate” a person. Allocation means the government thinks the server made more money than they claimed, which means they have to pay additional taxes.

The government is abusing this absurd expectation that tipping is a mandatory act. The way society has morphed the idea of tipping is giving the government cause to make it legal for servers to be paid less than minimum wage, and then as a way to potentially earn more tax money. It is a dirty

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Death's cost is higher

There are 34 states that accept the death penalty.

Last week, the question of capital punishment's morality was brought up. Morality may not influence some, but the financial and crime rate aspects of it might.

In any topic, it is first important to understand the other side. Why would someone be pro-death penalty besides the argument for Hammurabi's eye for an eye? Both sides have interesting theories. Let's take it further in studying these ideas.

One reason some may be pro-death penalty is because of the deterrent theory, or the fear capital punishment gives to people that in turn deters them from murder. In looking at states in America with and without capital punishment, you will find the occurrence of murder is lower in the states without the death penalty. A study titled "The Death Penalty: A World-wide Perspective" for the United Nations concluded "it is not prudent" to accept the deterrent argument.



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This argument transitions to the second argument for pro-death penalty. In the deterrent argument, there is a theory the murder rate would decrease. While it is true executed individuals would have a zero percent chance of committing murder again, keep in mind generations to come for the overall crime occurrence. Canada, for example, in 1975 had a homicide rate (per 100,000 persons) of 3.09, and after capital punishment was abolished in 1976, homicide rates decreased in 1980 to 2.41, and 2003 to 1.73. In 2006, the Texas homicide rate was 5.9 (executing 405 people since 1982) versus New Jersey's 4.9 (executing no one in that time).

The margin of difference is not large, but to declare capital punishment decreases the rate of homicide is contrary to evidence. In the study for United Nations, they concluded "that countries need not fear sudden and serious changes in the curve of crime if they reduce their reliance upon the death penalty."

One last reason of argument pro-death penalty is the expense of prisoners, and how we are spending too much money on incarcerated individuals. Why are we not putting the money toward our children and better programs? We might as well put the people to death who wronged society so we can spend our money elsewhere. However, in New York, one death penalty trial costs \$1.4 million as opposed to \$602,000 for life in prison. The total cost of the death penalty in New York is \$3 million for each person executed. In Florida, the death penalty is six times more expensive than life in prison.

What about Hammurabi's eye for an eye, and the victims' families? New Jersey evaluated the death penalty through the bipartisan New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission, and interviewed victims' families. Most of the individuals encouraged abolishing capital punishment. They questioned the morality of taking another person's life, and the grief that follows through the trials.

In the end, it may be that we need a better rehabilitation program.

Birthers use twisted logic

About one in three Republican voters believe Barack Obama was born outside of America and is now illegitimately in charge of the most powerful country in the world. Overall, only 38 percent of Americans "definitely" say he was born in America, while another 15 percent agree he "probably" was.

It's not some outlier poll. Ask Gallup and Pew. They have measured the laughable statistic dozens of times in dozens of districts. It's accurate. You can either laugh or cry. It even shows up in Congress — never mind the fact there's photographic proof of his mother living in Hawaii while pregnant with him.

It's become such a distracting issue that Obama actually went to the trouble of releasing his long-form birth certificate Wednesday to make everyone shut up about it.

Of course, it won't be enough for some people. Nothing ever will be. But consider what the "Birthers" are asking — what if they were actually right?

It wouldn't prove he's a bad leader. It wouldn't prove he wasn't a professor of constitutional law for 10 years. The only thing it could possibly prove is that he was born on some slightly more distant dirt before coming to America and living the next 40 years of his life here.

While this issue seems silly to some, our Founding Fathers considered it such an important idea that the time they added it into the

supreme document of the land. Although we live in what's described as a globalist society today, some people refuse to let go of that traditional xenophobia the Framers were so quick to embrace.

But wait. McCain was born in the Panama Canal. Doesn't that make him deserving of the same level of scrutiny? Where are the cries for McCain's long-form certificate?

There's something different about Obama. Something that makes people suspicious that he might not be on the home team.

Jimmy Carter blames these statistics on racism, having grown up in the South himself. Being shrewd and old, Carter is just saying what people are thinking, and what Obama must certainly be thinking but can't say out loud.

The hardcore Birther crowd is another example of language being used as a weapon. In the same way "states' rights" was the euphemism used for abusing the legal system to deny privileges to African-Americans, people shout for the birth certificate today to signal to each other what team they're on. As Nobel winner Paul Krugman wrote, they "speak to the group in a way that only the targeted group can hear." That's why so many people are bewildered, scratching their heads, wondering, "Who really cares about the birth certificate?"

It's because they don't understand the language. They don't understand that these groups are forced to disguise their views with these code words to maintain a socially acceptable appearance.

Carter is right. Racism hasn't gone away. It's just changed form.



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Too many surveys, not enough time

University administration tends to pick the most inopportune occasions to ask the student body for a moment of time. The past month has seen various departments bombard students with emails asking them to take a quick survey.

With finals rapidly approaching, students trying to find summer jobs and a select few getting ready to graduate, perhaps the university could hold back asking everyone about their thoughts on campus dining or university sustainability.

Students tend to be extremely grouchy this time of year since the pressure is mounting, so it's not like answers are going to be particularly helpful. Then again, the chance to be entered into a drawing to win a \$5 gift card may offset this inconvenience.

In reality, however, it will simply inspire most people to bomb through the survey without paying attention to any of the questions in hopes of landing a prize. It is doubtful any useful information is gained in that process.

The course evaluation is the only survey that actually matters and it is run in a decidedly poor fashion. Nothing beats asking a

student to take a survey on how he or she felt a class went before the class is actually completed.

It is not like finals are a big deal or anything. Surely a course evaluation should mean entire course and not just the first 17 weeks, minus the one important bit at the end.

Teachers desperately plea with students to fill out this evaluation for various reasons, but a course evaluation during the semester or in the immediate aftermath offers little useful insight.

What it does offer is instant feedback that is too fraught with emotion to reflect the classroom experience. A person who stubs their toe can be fairly upset with inanimate objects, but as more time passes they come to realize it was actually their fault.

The same can be said for college classes. A person does not realize how much impact a class has had until at least two months after it ends. It is during this time students can analyze what knowledge was ex-

tracted from the class and why those methods were successful.

The argument against this is students would be unlikely to fill out a course evaluation months after the class had ended. This is probably true, but do teachers want a lot of unhelpful feedback or a small amount of good feedback?

Age-old debates about quality versus quantity are at play, but hopefully most teachers would choose the former.

Cajoling students who never really cared about a class in the first place to give their feedback about it only warps the results of the course evaluation.

The University of Idaho sells the grades of students to companies who display grade statistics to show what classes are the easiest to receive an A in, but the university is clamoring for feedback on the performance of teachers. This is somewhat confusing.

Easy classes will receive positive feedback, hard classes will receive negative feedback and

those students who wish to give constructive feedback will do so regardless. The first two sets of feedback are useless, and people who actually cared about the class in the first place contribute the third set of feedback.

Pushing course evaluations back two months means students who want to help make the class better, or hold a grudge for a really long time, can contribute, and those students whose feedback was not pertinent enough to remember is weeded out.

Enough with the course evaluations and the other random surveys. It is hard enough to find time to come up with new university computer passwords, let alone take numerous surveys. Too bad no one will ever make a survey about that.



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Free zones limit free speech

On Wednesday, North Idaho College enacted a "free speech zone" policy, allowing the school administration to limit where and when protests, speeches and student demonstrations can happen. Like most policies with Orwellian doublespeak names, a "free speech zone" does the opposite of what it implies. Rather than protect free speech, it limits it.

Free speech zones are designated areas where students can go to protest, hold speeches, hand out pamphlets and so forth. There are good intentions behind a free speech zone. Schools are meant to be places of learning, and free speech zones are designed to prevent disruptions to students' educations. In fact, North Idaho College's free speech zone was proposed not in response to student

activities, but as a response to protests held on their campus by the homophobic Westboro Baptist Church. Free speech zones seek to protect students from disruptive speech.

These are good intentions, but there are several problems with the free speech zone idea. First, universities need to recognize students are adults. They can't be protected from hearing opinions they disagree with, or offend them.

Next, free speech zones inevitably lead to limitations on student speech. Once the administration has decreed where students can speak, what stops them from further restricting student speech? If students wish to protest the university's actions, or speak out against the administration, the administration can easily use the free speech zones to prevent the students' voices from being heard.

Creating free speech zones also means every other part of the university campus is a

restricted speech zone. If a university is really to be a place for education, then they cannot restrict student speech. Without the ability to freely discuss, debate, assemble and protest, one cannot have a complete education. The college experience is more than just memorizing lists of facts and figures.

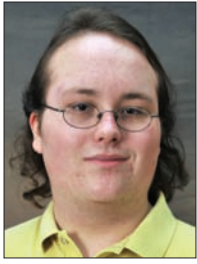
What about classrooms? If they are not free speech zones, then that means there are certain things that cannot be taught or discussed in the classroom. The obvious solution would be to hand out lists of approved topics and ideas to every professor, instructor and student.

The problem is that free speech zones cannot be applied fairly or consistently. Where is the line drawn between speech that is allowed outside a free speech zone and inside it? Protests, speeches and assemblies must all take place in the free speech zone. So how many students can be in a group outside the free speech zone? What can be said in free speech zones that cannot be said outside them?

These aren't rhetorical questions. These questions are central to the heart of the free speech zone issue. There is no way to draw a line between speech acceptable only in free speech zones, and acceptable outside them. The line is whatever the university administration draws it.

This policy serves only as a way for the administration to limit student speech. It will not be, and can not be, consistent and fair to various student organizations. The university will allow those they agree with to speak, and others will be decreed too disruptive, or simply too free, to speak outside the free speech zones.

Free speech cannot be limited by physical boundaries.



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loophole and the way society plays into only helps to keep it going strong.

The government needs to take responsibility and not abuse a broken courtesy. Tipping should only happen when a person has exceed service expectations, and even then the amount should be an at-will decision by the person — not a dictated 20 percent.