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Making changes

Review panel suggests revisions to UI safety policies

Elisa Eiguren
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's campus safety and emergency management policies are "complete, comprehensive and technically strong," but not user-friendly, according to a report released Wednesday by an independent panel.

In response to UI graduate student Katy Benoit's death, President M. Duane Nellis asked the panel to review UI's safety and security policies and provide recommendations for improvements. Panel members included former Chief Justice of the Idaho State Supreme Court Linda Copple Trout, University of Montana Vice President of Administration and Finance Bob Durringer and Oregon State University Vice Provost for Student Affairs Larry Roper.

Ron Smith, UI vice pres-

ident of Finance and Administration, said the university is pleased with the findings of the panel, which he said were thoughtful and thorough. Essentially, UI needs to improve coordination and communication relating to campus security and emergency management, he said.

"We took a view that you need to be ready to address a number of different kinds of emergencies in a lot of different departments and responsibilities in different areas around the university," Smith said. "We need to somehow centralize all that and make it easier for students and staff to get to that information and understand what our policies are."

The report recommends that UI create a one-page synopsis of

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

The University of Idaho's Delta Chi fraternity will drop 19 of its members by the end of the semester. The members will be allowed to graduate as Delta Chis, but not be allowed to live in the house or participate in philanthropic services.

Evicted

19 Delta Chis removed by national board

David Humphreys
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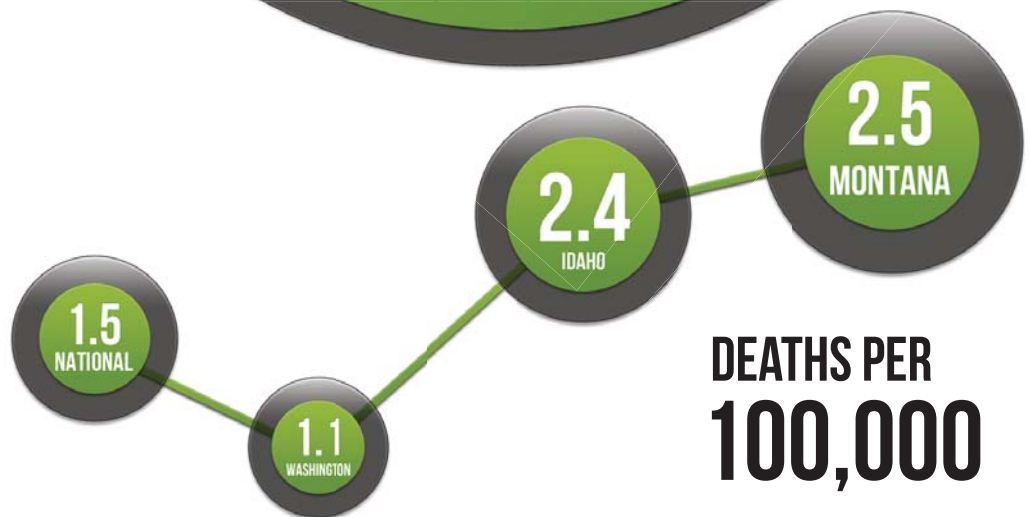
Nineteen members of Delta Chi became inactive after the fraternity's national board reviewed the house earlier this month. Five seniors, six juniors, five sophomores and three freshmen will be banned from living within the house by the end of fall semester, said Brandon Cary Delta Chi president.

"It has been a rough road for us," Cary said.

Cary said he was unprepared for the review conducted Nov. 9 and 10.

"I felt like I overlooked the warning gave earlier in the year," Cary said. "I didn't think (the review) was even close to necessary. I expected it to be an incident (that caused the review), not a decision."

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Lack of Idaho helmet law remains while preventative motorcycle crash concerns are considered

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

He was riding his motorcycle too fast. Perhaps it was inexperience. He went in to a corner in the road — a sharp turn — that caused the bike to flip. He landed face-first in a pile of rocks and came-to after he was knocked out, blood dripping from his mouth. He hit his head, broke his jaw and nose and suffered other facial injuries. He wore a helmet that day.

But 40 years later, Lane Triplett said he would never force someone to wear a helmet.

This motorcycle crash was one of three Triplett, the chairman of the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety, has had. The latter two he was not wearing a helmet, but did break nu-

merous bones.

"The standard for ICMS is that we do not support the helmet law," Triplett said. "We support freedom of choice."

The Idaho motorcycle helmet law only requires persons under 18 to wear helmets. All low-power cycles with engine displacement greater than 50cc, a brake horsepower greater than five, or a cycle that can attain speeds greater than 30 mph are covered by the motorcycle helmet law. Idaho has no law regulating bicycle helmet use.

"We want people to make good choices — a choice that is right for them," Triplett said.



I look at my helmet and think 'Is this a day I need it or not? And I just keep putting it on.'

Lane Triplett,
Chairman

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported in 2009 that the number of motorcycle fatalities in Idaho per capita was the highest it's been during the past decade and was double that of Washington, which requires helmet use.

In 2009, 37 motorcycle fatalities were reported in Idaho — a per capita rate of 2.4 persons per 100,000.

Washington, in comparison, reported a

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Jennifer Whitney, president of the Inland Oasis board, right, and vice president Liz Foster arrange confidentiality paperwork at the free HIV testing site Thursday in the Idaho Commons. Students, faculty and community members received free testing and counseling as part of World AIDS Day events.

Uniting against HIV/AIDS

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

World AIDS Day 2011 was recognized Thursday as an opportunity for communities worldwide to unite against, show support for people living with and to recognize those who have died in the struggle against HIV/AIDS, said Heather Maib, interim coordinator for the University of Idaho LGBTQA office and programs.

There are approximately 1,300 individuals throughout the state of Idaho who have accessed some sort of care for HIV or AIDS, said Chris Bidiman, program director for the Inland Oasis HIV program.

He said 90 of those individuals reside in the region — including Moscow — that consists of Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Clearwater and Idaho counties.

"People hear about AIDS in other parts of the

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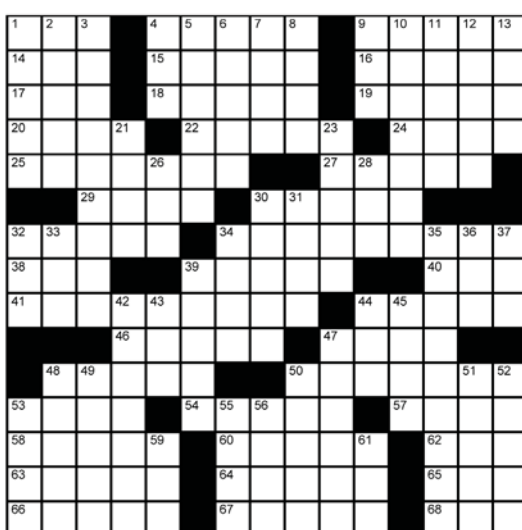


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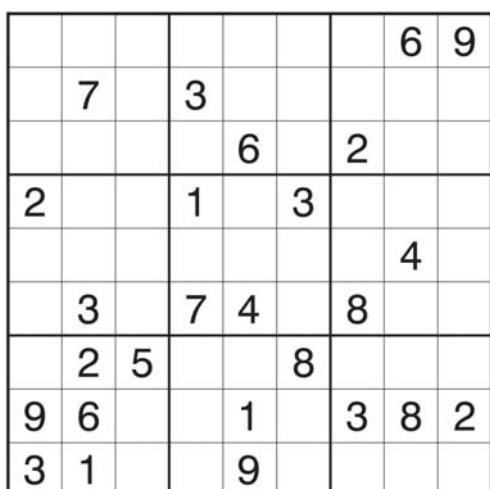
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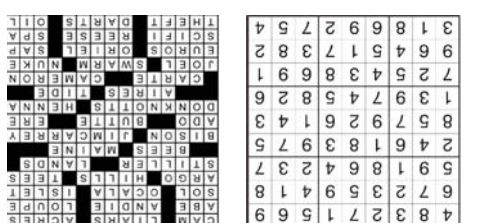
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Toys to two-step

UI students host toy drive dance for local charity

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

About one in nine Moscow children are considered in need each Christmas, said Faye Nagler, director of Christmas for Kids.

The local non-profit, volunteer-run organization provides Christmas gifts and warm clothing for children of low-income families in Latah County.

The Gamma Alpha Omega sorority and Lambda Theta Phi fraternity at the University of Idaho are hosting the third annual Gamma Lambda Toy Express Dance, an event to raise money and toys for Christmas for Kids from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building Gold and Silver rooms.

"There's so many students at the U of I," said Charito Morales, president of Gamma Alpha Omega. "If everybody could contribute something, it would be a great impact for those families."

Hugo Velazquez, Lambda Theta Phi president, said his fraternity had been working on the idea of a toy drive since the house was founded four years ago.

"The way we figured was a good approach was to have a dance," Velazquez said. "We figured we would attract more people, obviously, in cooperation with a sorority, so we approached them."

Morales said the toy drive for Christmas

for Kids worked well with her house's philanthropy focus on education and youth.

"(Christmas for Kids) are the ones who are going to deliver the toys to the kids," Velazquez said. "Then some of us are going to help them with the wrapping and stuff like that."

Nagler said the organization delivers toys and clothes to between 400 and 700 children living in Latah County each year.

Along with toy drives, Christmas for Kids also allows people to adopt children or families, and sets up "giving trees" around Moscow.

"There is a tree in the (Idaho) Commons in front of the book store," Nagler said. "Take a tag off the tree, and it has the name of a child and what is needed, such as boots, along with the size. Then you drop the boots off at the tree."

Schools, individuals, and churches identify the families, and then Christmas for Kids sends them an application, Nagler said.

"Our biggest distribution is in Moscow," Nagler said. "We do have a lot of university students who are single parents, or who are making below a certain amount in our program."

The entrance fee to the toy drive dance will be a new toy or a monetary donation.



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Daniel Urrutia helps advertise the Gamma Lambda Toy Express Dance in the Idaho Commons. The entrance fee for the charity dance, hosted by Lambda Theta Phi and Gamma Alpha Omega, is a toy or monetary donation that will go to local charity Christmas for Kids. The dance is Dec. 3 in the Student Union Building Gold and Silver rooms.

"In the past we've gotten books and different things like that, but we've also gotten game boards and stuffed animals," Morales said. "I think the first year, we took the money, and we went and bought new toys, and the next year, we actually just donated the money."

Velazquez said they are looking for different kinds of toys for all ages.

The informal dance is open to everyone

and will be DJed by Eric Martinez, aka "Uniq," Velazquez said.

The UI Photography Club will also be at the dance to take pictures.

Morales said she hopes this becomes a big event.

"There is a lot of people in the community who are in need," Morales said. "Poor as college students are, any kind of toy — any donation — would do."

Reserve fees spent for students

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

ASUI Senate passed three financial bills Wednesday at its weekly meeting.

The bills allocated funds to various projects and student organizations on campus and totaled \$66,000.

The largest of the bills dedicated \$50,000 to buy furniture for the ASUI offices following the remodel scheduled to take place during winter break. The funding for this bill comes directly from the ASUI gen-

eral reserve, which has more funds available because of salary savings from vacant positions in recent years.

"When we realized we had built up a reserve from those salary savings, we were brainstorming ideas that would benefit students, and the one thing we thought would be our space. That's the one thing that has really been under-utilized," said ASUI President, Samantha Perez.

Perez said she hopes students will utilize the space

once the remodel is complete.

"Student organizations, our interns, our executive branch, our senate, and the everyday student that just needs a place to study or wants a place to hang out or watch TV or whatever," Perez said.

The second bill passed at Wednesday's meeting allocated \$15,000 to Vandal Entertainment to finance proposed entertainment for the spring Finals Fest.

Perez said the money

given to Vandal Entertainment also comes from the general reserve — It is money that Vandal Entertainment had left over from previous years. They are now asking for that money to be returned to bring in comedian Dan Savage for Finals Fest 2012.

"The only way that we can get into the reserve is with a senate bill. There's a checks and balance system there," Perez said.

The final bill passed at Wednesday's meeting gave \$1,000 to an internship program funded through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"It's an internship that focuses around refugees in Boise," Perez said. "That \$1,000 is just to help cover the cost of this leadership opportunity."

Each bill was considered by the senate finance committee that took care to fully understand the bills and make it clear to students where their money is going.

"I really want students to know that we are being responsible with their money, we've just had an accumulation of lots of dollars and so we're trying to invest it in ways that will most benefit students," Perez said. "We want to spend dollars wisely and our goal is definitely to impact students and to make their student experience here better."

Perez said the committee works hard to make sure student funds are being used wisely.

"If that's an event that enriches their life in some way, or a space for them, or a leadership opportunity I think those are great ways to spend the student's money because it's going directly back to them," Perez said.

Not just another food drive

Palouse Cares gears up for the biggest food collection of the year

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

This December, food banks all over the Palouse are preparing to receive donations from the biggest food drive of the year.

Palouse Cares, a non-profit organization that rallies citizens of Moscow and Latah County to gather canned food, is gearing up for its sixth annual food drive this Saturday at 9 a.m. All participants will meet at Eastside Marketplace on South Blaine Street. Beginning at 10 a.m., volunteers have two hours to gather as much non-perishable food as possible.

"The creation of Palouse Cares was an accident," said Rick Minard, president of the organization. "It was originally a small food drive that local businesses participated in."

Palouse Cares food drive has grown sizably since its inception in 2006, Minard said.

"UI plays a huge role in the food drive. Without the university, we could never be operating this well or efficiently," Minard said.

The five major contributors in years past have been University of Idaho fraternities, sororities, residence halls, ROTC and UI athletics. Minard works closely with each organization to draw more participants to the program. Each year, more and more students

volunteer. Minard said he also believes this project is a learning experience. Foreign students unacquainted with food drives get a chance to learn about them and are encouraged to take part, he said.

The organization creates a detailed map of every street in Moscow. When volunteers arrive coordinators place them in groups of four, and each group is assigned a certain part of Moscow where they travel door-to-door to collect food. An auction to raise money for food banks such as Moscow Food Bank and Trinity Moscow Food Pantry follows the collection.

"Canned food is not sufficient enough by itself. People need money to buy perishable products, such as milk and eggs," Minard said.

Last year, 500 participants collected 20,000 pounds of food in Moscow alone. This year, Minard hopes that number will grow.

"I cannot convey how awesome it is to see a community come together for one cause. We all know that no child or adult should ever go hungry. It is incredible to see 20,000 pounds of food donated to one location in one morning. That amount will last for seven to eight months," Minard said. "It's not just another food drive."

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Granting wishes

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Zander, a 7-year old diagnosed with a blood disorder, is an avid Harry Potter fan and loves anything that correlates with the wizarding world. Lyla, 3, a histiocytosis (an autoimmune disorder) patient, has the same passion for Disney Princesses Cinderella, Snow White and Ariel. Zander and Lyla's dreams will soon come true because of donations raised by the University of Idaho Greek Community and the Idaho Make-A-Wish Foundation. A total of \$10,000 will be donated toward making Zander's and Lyla's theme park dreams come true in Orlando, Fla. Zander will attend the Harry Potter World of Wizardry Exhibit while Lyla visits Cinderella's Castle.



Zander and Lyla will have their wishes granted by the Greek community that's a guarantee.

Matt Kurz,
Greek Adviser

Make-A-Wish is a national organization that grants the wishes of children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions. This is the second year the Idaho Make-A-Wish Foundation has collaborated with Matt Kurz, director of fraternity and sorority life.

Even if the \$10,000 goal is not met through philanthropic services, Greek housing will cover the remaining amount. A large-scale fundraiser selling wristbands and T-shirts will begin next semester.

"Whether they raise \$10 or \$10,000, they are adopting these kids," Kurz said. "Zander and Lyla will have their wishes granted by the Greek community — that's a guarantee."

According to Kurz, the chapter that raises the most money for the adopted children will host a going-away party. Since Zander and Lyla have Florida wishes, the celebration will be Disney-themed.

"The wish party is sort of a send-off, but mostly a celebration that their wish was granted," Kurz said. "Sigma Chi hosted a disco party after raising the most money last year."

Last spring, Kurz was approached by the Idaho Make-A-Wish Foundation, then took that to the fraternities and sororities of UI. The Greek community voluntarily agreed to make the two local wishes come true.

"Last year we said 'Let's really get behind it' and they were absolutely all for it and agreed," Kurz said. "The vote was unanimous."

Fraternities and sororities are sparking a friendly rivalry in order to meet the \$10,000 goal. Fraternities have taken the liberty of raising funds for Zander while sororities are bringing in money for Lyla. They have raised \$900 with the help of Greek Value Week, which is held annually. Kurz stressed the importance of giving back to the community.

"This is a great chance for them to really give back to local Moscow members," Kurz said. "I hope we can keep this local involvement going."

A very Vandal holiday

Vandal Brand Meats offers local ham for sale during holidays

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

With the holidays just around the corner, University of Idaho's Vandal Brand Meats is preparing for festivities with its annual Christmas Ham Sale.

For the 40th year, UI Livestock, Meats Judging teams and the Block and Bridle Club have come together to sell, cure and smoke local ham.

Ron Richard, meat lab manager, said the curing process has taken place since he was an undergraduate. He also said Christmas ham funds support student travel and club projects.

"It depends on how much time they put in and processing of them," Richard said. "(Funds range) anywhere from 30 to 60 percent."

Last year, student employees and meat science lab students went to Las Vegas as part of the National Meats Association conference. Katie Robertson, animal science major, attended the conference and said the Christmas Ham Sale was a large contributor toward paying for travel and product development for the conference. The ham sale may also help students attend the Northwest Meat Processor Association Annual Meeting in March 2012.

This year Robertson assisted in curing, smoking and



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Senior Fred Hisaw skins a ham before putting it through processing Thursday at Vandal Brand Meats on West Sixth Street. The Vandal Brand Meats employees are currently preparing hams for the annual Christmas Ham Sale.

packaging all the hams. She said student employees do a little bit of everything.

Richard said the hams are cured with a salt and sugar mix and put into brine that composes 10 percent of the weight. It is then cooked back out during the cooking process, in which no water is added. He said the hams cure for seven to 10 days, prior to the smoking process.

"It's a really great sys-

tem," Robertson said. "We get to experience helping make the hams and then we also get to do product development and attend conferences in the meat industry."

Although the hams are made year-round, Richard said there is a big push during December.

"We do 200 to 250 (hams) normally," Richard said.

He said approximately 150 hams are sold to previous cus-

tomers while the rest are sold by student groups.

Bone-in ham, averaging 14 to 17 pounds is \$2.49 per pound, while semi-boneless, averaging 13 to 15 pounds is \$2.89. Completely boneless ham, averaging 8 to 12 pounds is \$3.39 per pound.

Christmas hams must be ordered by Dec. 7 for pickup on Dec. 15 to 23. Order forms are available at Vandal Brand Meats on West Sixth Street.

AIDS

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world, but we want to emphasize that it doesn't just happen to specific groups of people in certain countries," Maib said. "People are living with HIV/AIDS all over the world, all over the United States — in Idaho, in Moscow."

World AIDS Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the disease, activism around it and resources for treatment and testing, Maib said.

She said students all over the world may not understand that HIV/AIDS is still a reality.

"People see images of celebrities who are living well with AIDS, who have access to some really amazing treatment," she said. "But not everybody has that access, so we try to raise awareness about prevention and treatment, as well as the realities that surround the disease."

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) leaves the body vulnerable to life-threatening infections and cancers, as it attacks the immune system, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine. HIV

causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The virus can be contracted and transmitted through blood, sexual contact and from mother to child.

"There's a stigma based on medicine that it's curable," Bidiman said. "It's not. It's treatable, but it's a really difficult treatment."

He said the largest portion of the treatment consists of a series of pills and medication. Individuals undergoing treatment may take anywhere from three to a dozen pills multiple times a day, which can be expensive.

Some pharmaceutical companies have produced a once-a-day pill that can cost up to \$1,500 a month, Bidiman said.

"There are a lot of side effects to treatment too," he said. "Several people being treated say it's just as bad, if not worse, than the disease itself. So it's easier and more cost effective to do early detection and prevention than it is to try and treat it."

Maib said each year on World AIDS Day the U.S. president makes an official proclamation, and other national governments have followed suit with similar announcements.

The university puts on a number of events each year to honor World AIDS Day.

This year, "diva" living with HIV/AIDS Rae Lewis-Thornton spoke about her personal experience living well with AIDS Wednesday evening in the SUB ballroom. Lewis-Thornton received an Emmy Award for her commitment and efforts to raise awareness of the disease. Free and confidential HIV testing was offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday on the fourth floor of the Idaho Commons. A

free film, titled "HIV: Idaho" that follows several Idahoans sharing their personal battles with the disease, was shown Thursday afternoon in the Idaho Commons Food Court. A statewide candlelight vigil was also held Thursday evening in Friendship Square.

"Five or six different cities in Idaho will light candles at the exact same time," Bidiman said. "... To come together and be a symbol of solidarity for those we've lost against HIV/AIDS."

The last event to recognize World AIDS Day 2011 is a free film, "Pills, Profits, Protest," that will be shown today at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Diversity Center. Bidiman said the film documents the crisis of medication in different countries.

A number of local resources and ways to get involved are available when it comes to spreading awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Maib said interested students can get involved with several different clubs and organizations on campus, including Oxfam and UI VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood.

She said students may also get involved by contacting Inland Oasis HIV programs if they want to work specifically with HIV education and awareness.

Bidiman said Planned Parenthood is a good resource for those seeking help or treatment, and that he is personally the region's biggest point of contact when it comes to specific questions, concerns or testing regarding HIV/AIDS.

Bidiman can be contacted by office phone at 208.596.4449, or by email at hiv@inlandoasis.org.



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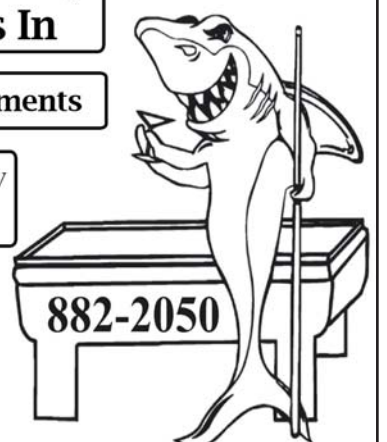
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EVICTED

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The decision to review the University of Idaho chapter was made after members of Delta Chi voted to allow alcohol in the fraternity, Cary said.

"The whole issue was that we had been dry ... then the house started to be allowed to have alcohol in the house again, do small social things with sororities," Cary said. "Our adviser notified our housing corporation (that we were no longer dry) and also our headquarters. (The national chapter) saw that we were one incident away from being kicked off campus."

Cary said he defined incidents as events such as underage drinking, rape accusations and drinking-related injuries.

Cary said members of the national chapter told Delta Chi that changes would occur within the fraternity corresponding to past incidents. During the national review, he said all in-house and out-of-house members were interviewed individually and asked to fill out surveys rating their fellow members on their ability to conform to the national chapter's standards.

"Basically, they were trying to get us to rat out our brothers," said Delta Chi sophomore Alex Booth. "They wanted us to name people specifically."

Every member from UI's Delta Chi, apart from Cary and six other house officials, were asked to fill out the surveys. Members were also required to submit academic and legal records for review, Cary said.

The review came before a final incident even had a chance to happen, he said.

After the 19 members who were deemed unfit and re-

moved by the national board, Booth said his fellow Delta Chi members were upset and angered by the situation.

Dan McCarthy, a Delta Chi sophomore, said the majority of the house pointed to Bruce Pitman, Dean of Students, as a cause of the national review. McCarthy said Pitman was the last to be consulted by the national board before the fraternity was reviewed.

"Dean Pitman has an unfair outlook and doesn't give Delta Chi a chance to be a part of this fully-functional campus," Booth said.

Pitman said he was not heavily involved with making the choice to review the chapter, and was not the one to solely make the call to the national chapter. As Dean of Students, Pitman said he worried about Delta Chi and its members before the 19 were made inactive.

"I, along with others, were concerned about the activities associated with Delta Chi," Pitman said. "I was involved with making the recommendation that they be reviewed. It (the decision) was a consensus made by several of us in Student Affairs."

Pitman said he was surprised by the number of members let go from the fraternity.

Cary said the only option for Delta Chi is to repair, re-focus and move forward.

"(Delta Chi's inactive members) can't be a part of the process to get back on track and move forward," Cary said. "We have some transfer students that we have been talking to so we can fill the house up."

Cary said he is preparing for spring recruitment and expects a substantial summer rush to fill the spaces left by the Delta Chi national board.

vigilant," Pitman said. "We are always trying to anticipate risks and do a better job. It is a matter that we take very, very seriously so it is a constant concern."

In response to the panel's report, UI will form a task force to review the recommendations and determine how they should be incorporated into existing policies and procedures.

"I think the president wanted to know if there were any glaring holes in our policies and procedures so we could fix those," Smith said. "As it turns out, we do have very good policies and procedures and just some communication issues that we need to work on."

Smith will chair the task force that will include faculty, staff and student representatives as well as representation from MPD. The task force will hold weekly meetings starting next week until Christmas break, and then design projects to execute necessary changes. Smith said President Nellis has given the task force until the end of the academic year to implement all of the recommended changes.

HELMET

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per capita rate of 1.1 fatalities per 100,000. Idaho also ranked higher than the national average in motorcycle fatalities in 2009.

In a similar report published by Triplett, he pointed out that 18 of the Idaho fatalities were by out-of-state riders. He also found through his own research only 34 fatalities in 2009, as opposed to 37 in the NHTSA report, and 28 fatalities in 2010.

"I did a biker's take on fatalities as opposed to a statisticians view," Triplett said. "Most of what I've been looking for is how crashes happen, who's at fault and why we die."

He found that of 62 motorcycle fatalities, 23 riders wore helmets, two wore novelty helmets, 36 wore no helmets at all and one report was unknown.

"(The reports) rarely (include) much about helmets," Triplett said. "What can't be done is law enforcement can't say a person died because of a helmet. Only an autopsy can do that."

Mike Capshaw has seen about four motorcycle collisions in the past 10 years as a volunteer firefighter in Plummer and Worley.

Capshaw said a fellow firefighter responded to a call for a motorcycle versus deer collision. The motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet and did not survive.

"It's hard to tell if there was head trauma that killed them or if it was other trauma," Capshaw said.

Brenda Bolton is the Twin Falls representative for ICMS and advocates against the helmet law.

"I think it should be our choice," Bolton said. "There are statistics that show that some helmets cause just as much injury

as not wearing one."

Bolton said younger people seem to wear helmets more, because they are required to until they turn 18.

"They get used to wearing them, and they keep on wearing them," Bolton said. "Just like seat belts — kids are raised with seat belts. I was not raised with seat belts. It's the first thing they do before they turn on the ignition."

For Triplett, wearing his helmet has become a habit.

"It's just like when you get in the car and put a seat belt on," Triplett said. "(I think) 'Sure it's hot, I really don't wanna wear this (helmet)' but I wind up doing it anyway."

He said he doesn't think about the issue of helmet use when he rides, but he made the decision to wear a helmet when he became chairman of ICMS.

"I wanted to show others that even though I supported their right to choose, I still wore a helmet," he said.

Virginia Galizia, the ombudsman for the Brain Injury Alliance of Idaho, does not keep her opinion on helmet use to herself.

"(Seven) weeks ago I saw a guy on his motorcycle and I rolled down my window," Galizia said. "I said 'I suffer from a brain injury. Wear a helmet. It will save your life.' He ignored me."

Galizia is a 13-year brain injury survivor of a car accident in New York, in which she also lost her leg.

"People don't think it's going to happen to them," Galizia said. "I was an associate dean. I lost my job and now I'm disabled too."

She said the risks are twofold when a helmet is not worn.

"You don't survive if you get in a (motorcycle)

accident, or you'll be a vegetable," Galizia said.

Galizia has been involved with BIAI since December 2010 and said in the past year she has met eight people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries due to motorcycle or bicycling collisions. She said she met a young motorcyclist from Pocatello who was recently in a motorcycle accident that crushed his skull. She said he has neurological as well as anger issues.

"I'm over 60 so I don't care (that I have a brain injury), but these young people have their lives to live," Galizia said.

Capshaw said during his time as a firefighter, his crew jokingly called motorcyclists "organ donors."

"A lot of the time, motorcyclists say 'If I get hit I'd rather be killed than have to live and be crippled,'" Capshaw said. "They may not be killed, and not only do they have to live maybe crippled, but they have to live mentally diminished."

Galizia said she was lucky as a brain injury survivor, because she was able to push herself to get better due to her doctorate degree in psychology. But she said not all brain injury survivors are as lucky, and some do not have the family support or the education to learn how to cope.

Capshaw said the struggle brain injury survivors endure can be just as difficult for the family.

"If you've been around anyone that's had a head injury, they're pretty hard to recover from," Capshaw said. "You might survive, but you won't be the same person that you were prior to it. If you got a brain injury you aren't going to be the person that your loved ones know."

Galizia stressed that

people can save their lives by simply purchasing a helmet for \$20 to \$30. However, most good quality motorcycle helmets range above \$150.

Justin Crawford, a member of the ICMS Board of Directors, was the previous head of Idaho motorcycle awareness rallies. He said concerns exist for and against wearing helmets.

"Amongst a number of motorcycle enthusiasts, helmets are distracting," Crawford said. "People complain about their neck hurting. One of the many concerns of helmets is with visual distraction or auditory impairment."

But Crawford said ICMS does not share that opinion.

"I'm for accident prevention instead of dealing with the accident through safer crashing," Crawford said. "If we can stop accidents from happening, we're better off than dealing with safer crashing."

ICMS prevention rallies, like the annual May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in conjunction with the Idaho Transportation Department, may be doing just that.

Triplett said fatalities in Idaho today are less than 50 percent of last year's.

"All vehicle fatalities are down statewide, but none are like motorcycles," Triplett said.

Although they cannot be sure of the cause, Triplett and Crawford said they hoped it was due to the work of ICMS. They both still think it is an individual's right to decide whether or not to wear a helmet.

"I look at my helmet and think 'Is this a day I need it or not?'" Triplett said. "And I just keep putting it on."

SAFETY

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to contact and what to do in case of an emergency and make it easily accessible for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The university also works closely with the Moscow Police Department and campus security, and Smith said the panel thought it might be confusing as to which body should take action in an emergency.

"The police force has worked very well with our security force in the past and we want to make sure they are coordinated in case an emergency happens," he said.

The review was not oriented specifically toward the Bustamante-Benoit incident and Smith said every incident is unique, which is why it was important for UI to have its emergency policies and procedures reviewed. UI is a very safe campus and university officials respond quickly and effectively to reported risks, said UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman.

"We have a very safe campus, yet we're always

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SPORTS



Follow Vandal football this Saturday in Reno through Vandal Nation.

VANDAL NATION

Last chance for seniors

Nick Groff
Argonaut

Idaho hasn't beaten Nevada since joining the WAC in 2005, but that doesn't seem to bother the Vandals.

Spirits have not dropped and the focus has not waned despite a disappointing 2011 campaign as the Vandals (2-9, WAC 1-5) head to "the biggest little city in the world" to face the Nevada Wolf Pack (6-5, WAC 4-2). Kickoff is set for 1:05 p.m. Saturday at Mackay Stadium in Reno.

"A win — that's all I want," senior line-

backer Tre'Shawn Robinson said. "I wanna win my last college game."

Fellow senior Brian Reader shared his teammate's sentiment.

"It's our last chance to do it," Reader said. "Huge game for me, huge game for the team, the university — it'd be a big win for us."

Reader will start against the Wolf Pack after a decent showing against Utah State, which beat Nevada two weeks ago.

"They're (Nevada) a good team and they've fallen short just a few games like a

lot of teams in the WAC," Reader said. "It's been a while since I won a game as a starting quarterback so it'd be nice to come out and kinda have a good taste in my mouth as I play my last game."

Nevada employs the No. 9 run offense in the country, averaging 254.2 yards per game.

Senior safety Quin Ashley said the offensive line is a large part of the success of the Wolf Pack running offense. He said controlling the line and shutting the receivers in the secondary will be key if the Van-

dals want to leave Reno with their third win of the season.

Idaho coach Robb Akey said Nevada is a sound team with offensive personnel worthy of a nationally ranked rushing offense.

"They've got a good offensive line, they've had two good quarterbacks that are executing it for them, and running backs, they got the option with it as well," Akey said.

Akey said Nevada doesn't do anything

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Eastern better team in loss

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Landon Tatum's second-half buzzer beater lit up Memorial Gym, but 1,057 Vandal fans had little else to smile about during the men's basketball team's 73-66 loss to Eastern Washington Wednesday night.

The Eagles found their hot hand from 3-point range

early in the contest and used multiple momentum boosts to propel them to their fourth win of the season, and second against WAC opponents.

It would've taken a flawless defensive performance to cool down the Eagles' 3-point shooting, which saw them convert 8 of 16 from behind the arc in the first-half. Tallying five more in the second half only added to the Vandals' downfall, which began shortly following tipoff.

"You've got to give Eastern a lot of credit, they did a great job executing their offense, they did a great job knocking down shots and we didn't do a good enough job getting to the 3-point shooters," coach Don Verlin

said. "I thought they came in here and beat us in every aspect of the game."

The Eagles dictated momentum early, winning the opening tipoff and scoring the game's first five points, all while holding Idaho to just four points after the first 10 minutes of play.

Although the Vandals obtained a scoring rhythm of their own, the Eastern Washington 3-point shooters were firing on all cylinders.

Idaho trailed by as many as 20 points in the first half but

hacked the deficit down to 14 before halftime.

A more determined Vandal squad earned some early second-half momentum when Deremy Geiger and Djim Bandoumel connected for a crowd-energizing alley-oop, which preceded a Stephen Madison 3-pointer that cut the Eagle lead to nine points.

Eastern Washington's first-year coach John Hayford was hasty in calling a timeout, after which the Vandals endured an ice cold five-minute stretch that saw them miss five consecutive

Men's basketball

EWU 73 - 66 UI

K. Barone 14 PTS
C. Colimon 6 AST
L. Griffin 10 REB



Lucia Sanchez | Argonaut

Matt Borton and Stephen Madison rebound a missed shoot against the Eastern Washington Eagles in Memorial Gym Wednesday. The Vandals lost 73-66.

attempts from the field and turn the ball over twice.

Verlin claimed that the early deficit was detrimental to his squad's performance, but praised a talented Eastern team.

"Any time you get off to a slow start, yeah it's tough to climb out of that hole es-

pecially with a team as well-coached as Eastern, with their ball control and the way they shoot threes," he said. "You've got to be tough to play basketball. You've got to be tough enough to fight through when you're down a little bit."

Idaho center Kyle Bar-

one proved to be an early threat to the Eagles and tallied 10 points in the first half before the defense clamped down, only allowing him four points in the second, all of which came from free throws.

The Eagles were led by the seniors Cliff Ed-

eraine and Cliff Colimon, who each finished with 13 points, while Ederaine grabbed eight boards and Colimon notched six assists. Junior forward Jordan Hickert knocked down four 3-pointers for 12 points

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Lack of confidence

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Idaho women's basketball threw everything they had at Washington, but the Huskies proved to be too much as the Vandals fell 66-49 in Memorial Gym Wednesday night.

The game put another tick in the Vandals' loss column leaving them 2-5 on the season. Even with the losses Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he likes the improvement his team has shown.

"They're learning, they're picking it up," Newlee said. "Our goal is to win the WAC. As long as we learn from every game and we get better every game and every practice, that's what I'm looking for, and that's what's happening."

While the Vandals executed plays on offense, they couldn't knock down shots. The Vandals shot 27.8 percent on the night and just seven of 31 from 3-point range. Newlee said he wanted to see his team shoot with more confidence.

"We didn't shoot the ball well from three, but we knew we were going to get our looks," Newlee said. "I'm disappointed we didn't shoot with confidence. We got a little hesitant shooting the basketball, and that's never been a trademark of my team."

The Vandals were able to hang with the Huskies for much of the first half, but Washington gained ground slowly and took a 10-point lead into halftime. After halftime Idaho cut the lead to six, but in the end Washington survived the surge and put Idaho away.

Washington's Regina Rogers took it to Idaho all night, putting up 27 points and 14 rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season. Idaho post Jessica Graham said the PAC-12 foe was a difficult team to handle.

"It's a lot different than a WAC team," Graham said. "They're definitely bigger, stronger, faster, but I think it's good for us to play a team like that. It's definitely tough playing people that big."

Idaho was out-rebounded 50-37 in the game and was dominated down low 34-14. Graham said it all went back to the Vandals' inability to knock down their shots.

"That game definitely should have been closer than it was," Graham said. "We didn't execute the way that we wanted to. It should have been a pretty good game."

The Vandals take on another PAC-12 foe, Colorado, at 11 a.m. Sunday in Boulder.



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Idaho freshman Krissy Karr drives the lane against Washington Huskie Mercedes Wetmore during Wednesday's game in Memorial Gym. The Vandals took their fifth loss 66-49, but have another chance at a win Dec. 4 when they travel to Boulder, Colo.

Women's basketball

UW 66 - 49 UI

R. Rogers 27 PTS
R. Rogers 14 AST
R. Rogers 3 REB

Washington State goes all in

Mike Leach moves to Pullman

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

When Washington State Athletic Director, Bill Moos, dismissed Paul Wulff as football coach earlier this week, he vowed his search would conclude with a coach who would not only bring excitement

to his fan base, but also have a high-octane offense to match.

Consider that promise kept.

Washington State announced its acquisition of former Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach Wednesday.

"This is an exciting day for Washington State University and Cougar football," Moos said. "I have spoken about the need to re-energize our fan base and take Cougar football to the next level. I believe the hiring of Mike Leach accomplishes both of those goals. His credentials speak for themselves."

The credentials Moos

speaks of includes Leach leading Texas Tech to a bowl game in every one of his 10 years as coach of the program, including an 11-win season in 2008 that concluded with a Cotton Bowl berth.

Leach will reportedly be paid more than \$2 million annually and his contract will stretch five years. For that kind of ransom, he will be asked to resurrect a program that hasn't had a winning record or bowl berth since 2003.

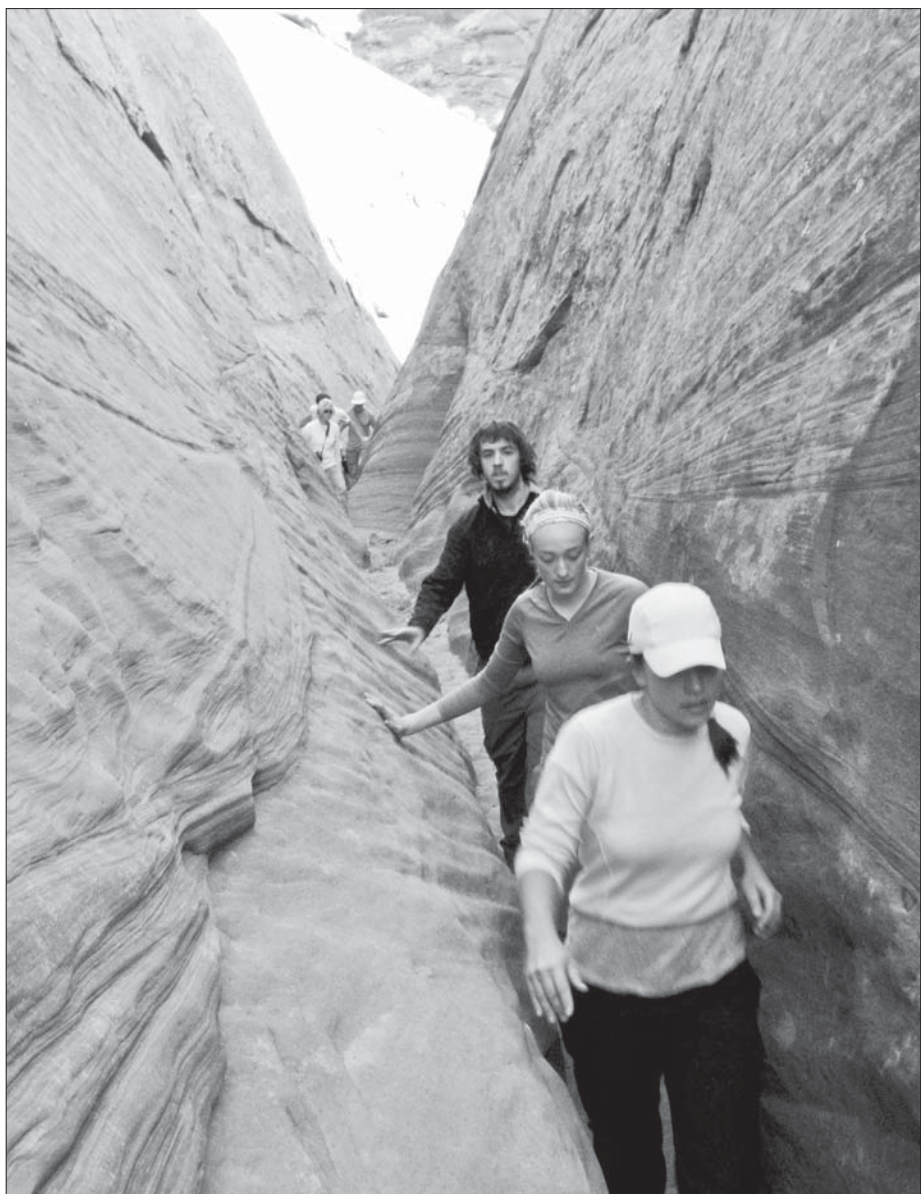
"I am excited to be a part of the future at Washington State," Leach said. "It's a university on the move that is experiencing growth. I'm excited about what they are doing with the facilities and it's a team that has battled through some hard times and shows great promise in the future."

Leach, who is well-regarded for his offensive prowess, will be given the

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Mike Leach



Trevor Fulton | Courtesy

Participants hike in the Utah desert during the UI Outdoor Programs Thanksgiving backpacking trip. The Outdoor Program traveled down to the Escalante country of southern Utah. Anyone looking for information about this trip can visit the Outdoor Program office in the Student Recreation Center.

Turkey and stuffing in the desert

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

During Thanksgiving week eight people from the Moscow area chose to avoid the hustle and bustle of the holiday, and spent the week backpacking in the Utah desert.

The group didn't miss out on all the traditions though said Trevor Fulton of the University of Idaho Outdoor Program.

"Having a potluck Thanksgiving dinner under a huge arch in the starlight was a definite highlight," Fulton said.

He said the group had a "big potluck, backpacker-style," including potatoes, turkey, stuffing and dessert. He said they like to keep Thanksgiving traditions alive for this trip.

The main goal of the trip is to cater to those who are not able to go home for break and would like an alternative.

"We have run variations of this trip many times in the past," Fulton said. "We like to vary the location but Thanksgiving in the Utah desert is kind of a tradition at the UI Outdoor Program."

This year the group went to the Escalante country in southern Utah. They hiked through canyons toward the Escalante River and explored slot canyons in the area.

"The geology and history is amazing in canyon country and there is abundant evidence of pre-history people using the area and lots of geologic wonders like arches and huge polished walls," Fulton said.

He said the mix of attendees made the trip even better.

"Undergrads, graduate students, staff, doctorate student, WSU student, community member — really neat mix, all in all a wonderful trip with everything you could ask for," Fulton said.

The long van ride gave the group plenty of time to get to know one another, and Fulton said everyone seemed to have a great trip.

"It's fun to get a good group who gets along and has a good time together," Fulton said.

While many were at home braving snow or other bad weather, Fulton said the elements weren't a factor this year in the desert.

"We had just a sprinkle one night, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s," Fulton said. "Most days were sunny and very comfortable in a T-shirt."

He said he has gone on this trip many times and plans to do it again because it is much better than the alternative.

"Definitely beats cooking turkey and Black Friday, any day," Fulton said.



"Having a potluck Thanksgiving dinner under a huge arch in the starlight was a definite highlight."

Trevor Fulton, UI Outdoor Program

Lose to improve?

Ever since Andrew Luck returned for one more season of college football, the Stanford quarterback has drawn attention among NFL recruiters and coaches. Luck's size, skill, and smarts make him a prized possession for NFL teams that are hurting at the quarterback position. He is expected to be the first pick of the 2012 NFL draft. This has sparked the ridiculous "Suck for Luck" campaign among NFL fans.



Stephen Wiebe
Argonaut

Some of the fans from the NFL's worst teams of 2011 want their teams to suck so they can earn the first pick of the 2012 draft and the right to have Luck on their team. Some of the teams in contention for the first pick this year are the St. Louis Rams, Carolina Panthers, Minnesota Vikings and the winless Indianapolis Colts.

The irony of having the Colts lead the way in the "Suck for Luck" campaign is that many of the draft experts consider Luck to be the best college recruit since current Colt quarterback Peyton Manning. The injured Manning hasn't played a game this season and his NFL future is uncertain. Manning has been dealing with a neck injury that has been bothering him since last spring. If the Colts continue to lose, Luck will probably be wearing a blue and white jersey next year. The four-time MVP is getting thrown under the bus in the wake of a

potential star.

Although the future isn't bright for Peyton Manning, it may be too soon to jump on the Andrew Luck bandwagon. The "Suck for Luck" campaign could quickly turn into the "Out of Luck" campaign if Luck struggles in the NFL. Recent history has shown that greatly hyped college players can become NFL busts in a hurry. JaMarcus Russell, the first pick of the 2007 NFL draft, is a perfect example. In 2007, Russell signed a deal with the Oakland Raiders worth more than \$61 million. Since then, Russell has only thrown for 18 touchdowns with 23 interceptions and 4,083 yards in three seasons. He has a career passer rating of 65.2 and was waived after playing three seasons in the NFL.

Luck may not become a huge NFL bust but that does not make the "Suck for Luck" campaign any less absurd. Teams should not lose games just to get him. Football is a team sport with the goal of winning games. A team will only improve if it focuses on getting better in the present and stops worrying about the future.

NFL fans and teams should take a lesson from the player they are idolizing. Luck stayed in school for an extra year to earn his degree and help his team try for a PAC 12 Championship.

Just keep swimming

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

After a historic competition in the Houston Cougar Classic during fall break, Vandal swimming and diving travels to California to take on conference rival Fresno State Saturday.

Coming off the break and preparing for finals that loom in the future, Vandal coach Mark Sowa said this meet presents its own challenges for his team.

"It's really important for us to stay focused," Sowa said. "We talk about focusing on one swim at a time and one event at a time."

The Bulldogs swim in an outdoor pool which will present another challenge for Idaho as it is the first outdoor pool the Vandals have competed in this season.

Idaho fell to Fresno State last year in the WAC Championships but Sowa said his team has a good chance to knock off the Bulldogs.

"If you look at the match-up, we are pretty evenly matched (with Fresno)," Sowa said. "I think we have a really good chance of being competitive."

Fresno State sprinter Dani Yoho has been consistently in the top eight in the WAC in both the 50 and 100 free.

"We don't give anybody a race before it's swam," Sowa said. "We'll go (to Fresno) and take



Lucia Sanchez | Argonaut

Kori Ungaretta, sophomore individual and backstroke swimmer, practices her freestyle in the Swim Center Thursday. The University of Idaho swim and diving team will travel to Fresno Saturday to compete against Fresno State.

care of business."

The Vandals placed seventh in the Houston Cougar Classic Invitational Nov. 17 and broke six school records in the process.

"By and large, people were swimming faster than they swam at the WAC Championship last year," Sowa said. "We had several lifetime best times and now we've put ourselves in a situation where if we perform in February, we could have someone scoring in every event in the WAC Championship."

Freshman Rachel Millet had a great day in Houston as she set school records in the 50, 100

and 200 free and 100 fly. She finished fourth in the 100 free in 50.46 seconds.

Junior diver Paige Hunt's 199 gave her a third-place finish in her event.

Sowa thinks that his team started feeding off mutual success once individuals started doing well and relaxed.

"Success breeds success," Sowa said. "That stuff becomes contagious."

The Vandals will take that success to Fresno as they hope to have a strong finish in the last meet of the semester.

"Our focus is to continue to improve throughout the year," Sowa said. "(Fresno) is our last chance to compete until the middle of January. We are going to get back to work and continue to improve."



"We don't give anybody a race before it's swam. We'll go (to Fresno) and take care of business."

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Graham posts up

Junior basketball player is stepping up and taking charge

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Junior women's basketball player Jessica Graham has been in an evolving role ever since she came to Idaho in 2008. She's battled through injuries and rose up the ranks to her spot in Idaho's starting five.

Like many athletes, Graham's journey to college athletics started with her parents, both of whom played college basketball at Cal. State - Stanislaus. Graham's brother also plays at San Jose State. She said basketball is a family tradition and her personal passion.

"I played volleyball, I played soccer for a little bit, but basketball was the one I wanted to take to the next level," Graham said.

Graham's college career got off to a rocky start as she suffered a knee injury her first year and was forced to redshirt. She came back to play 13 games the next season, only to suffer a season-ending knee injury. She remained healthy throughout last season

and is in the starting five.

Last year Idaho said goodbye to all-time WAC rebounder, Yinka Olorunnife who was a staple in the post position for four years for the Vandals. Graham has had the tough task of taking over that position and admits it hasn't been easy.

"Those are pretty big shoes to fill, but I have other teammates around me to help me fill those shoes," Graham said. "I don't feel I need to live up to Yinka (Olorunnife)."

Graham said her favorite part of being a student-athlete is visiting a variety of places.

While traveling is a benefit, it comes at a cost. Graham said she loves to play the game and travel, but misses a lot of class that she has to makeup.

"The hours we put in and the traveling is the downside," Graham said. "You miss a lot of class and have to catch up. Not to mention the workouts are really hard, but it's all worth it."

Graham is majoring in English and wants to be a history professor in the future.



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Jessica Graham,
Forward



Steven Devine | Argonaut

University of Idaho junior Jessica Graham attempts to get past two Washington Huskies as she shoots the ball during Wednesday's game in Memorial Gym. The Vandals experienced their fifth loss as the Huskies won 49-66. The Vandals will travel to Boulder Colo., Dec. 4 for another shot at a win as they go up against the Buffalos.

Get to know Jessica Graham

- Pre-game ritual — Graham has to have her hair curly
- Favorite movie — The Hangover
- Goal for the season — Increase rebounding statistics

She aims to improve quality of life for cancer survivors.

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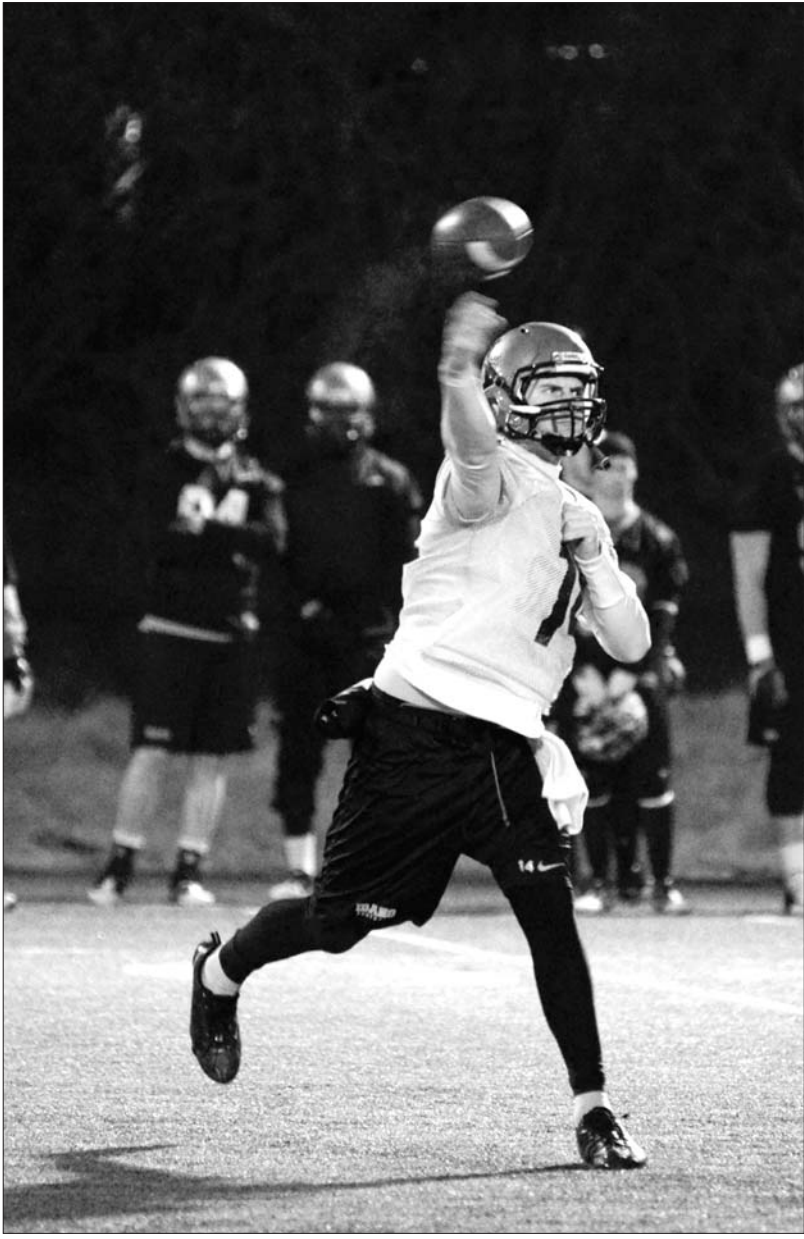
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Idaho quarterback Brian Reader falls back to make a pass at practice Wednesday on the SprinTurf. The Vandals face their final opponent of the season, the University of Nevada Wolf Pack, at 1:50 p.m. Saturday.

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special, but the addition of its option offense is enough to confuse defenses. "They've made it simple for themselves," Akey said. "It's similar play, but they bring other actions that make it hard on guys' eyes that make it difficult."

Akey said preparation for the season-ending match-up has been full of energy and his message to his team has been the same all week — make every minute worth your time.

"This is our last chance to go do it," Akey said. "There has been a lot of life at practice and I think they've been excited about it. And you make it as much fun as you can as your last chance to play football and this will be our last game so we gotta enjoy every snap."

The game plan has not changed for the 12th game of the season as the Vandals will attempt to finish strong

going into the offseason and spring practice of 2012.

"Just to finish strong," Ashley said. "For us to finish this season off with a win would help the next class start off on a better boat."

Reader said he wants to be the quarterback who helped start the Vandals in the right direction.

"We didn't have the best year in the world, obviously," Reader said. "I think we've proved that we have the talent to win games — we just couldn't pull it off in the end."

The Vandals will not only attempt to end the season on a high note with a win, but could stifle Nevada's post-season chances if they hand Nevada a loss, ending its season at 6-6.

"This is the last one," Robinson said. "This is it. It's our last chance for our seniors."



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Coach Robb Akey

WASHINGTON

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keys to an already potent Cougar offense that averaged 29.8 points a game, even without quarterback Jeff Tuel. It will also return Pac-12 All-second team wide receiver Marquess Wilson, who hauled in 82 receptions for 1388 yards in his sophomore campaign.

In the hiring Moos acknowledged the Pac-12's new lucrative television deal had played a role in Washington State's ability to offer their new head man nearly quadruple what Wulff made in his final year as Washington State's coach. In shelling out the necessary dollars for

the big name in Leach, Moos expressed that he hoped it would encourage fans of Washington State to do the same for the program.

Washington State isn't the first Pac-12 program to fill its vacancy with a well known college football name. Last week the University of Arizona filled its vacancy left when it dismissed Mike Stoops with former West Virginia and Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez.

UCLA, in the wake of dismissing Rick Neuheisel, has been connected to Chris Peterson of Boise State, while Arizona State, after dismissing Dennis Erickson, is said to be in discussions with Kevin Sumlin of Houston.

EAGLES

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and senior Laron Griffin brought down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Barone led Idaho with 14 points, and Tatum, Madison and Mansa Habeeb trailed with 10 apiece. Habeeb was a perfect 4-4 from the field and knocked

down both of his three-point attempts.

Idaho travels to California for the second time this season for a match-up with UC Davis. The Aggies are 1-6 this season coming off a 20-point loss to the same Eastern Washington team Idaho played Wednesday. Tipoff is at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pavilion.

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OUR VIEW

Bypass bureaucracy

It only takes one person to initiate a response in an emergency or high-risk situation. At the University of Idaho there are multiple people who can and want to be that person. These people's intentions are good and kind — caring, even.

But when there are too many channels to go through and no clear path to follow about who should be allowed to know certain information, the unfortunate result is that often times no one is heard. It no longer matters that the right policies and procedures exist and are in place because if they are too convoluted to understand nothing will be accomplished anyway.

In many instances, these roadblocks are the result of an overly bureaucratic approach to communication within the university.

And it is this point the independent review panel President M. Duane Nellis convened to

review UI's policies and procedures for safety and security acknowledged most throughout its report released Wednesday.

The review panel did not discredit UI for failure to have the right systems in place, but instead said it limits the efficiency and effectiveness of those systems by preventing all parties involved in an emergency or high-risk situation from knowledge of all information.

And it is from this that the review panel made the recommendation that UI strengthen its exchange of information to give everyone involved — from the Moscow Police Department to UI administrators to parents and friends — a more comprehensive understanding of particular situations in order to better defer any potential harm to an individual or the community.

It seems that in many instances the University of Idaho, like many other universities across

the nation, is so afraid of violating government regulations, like FERPA, that it paralyzes administrators from acting with common sense. Instead, administrators are left with their hands tied feeling that they're doing all they can, even if it is not all they would do in a situation outside of a university setting.

There is a time and place for FERPA, but that time is not when a person's safety is at an alarming risk. And it's not fair to place an administrator who is trusted by a student in a situation where they feel like all they did still wasn't enough.

The review panel's report says it, the shooting our campus experienced this semester says it, now UI needs to say it — common sense trumps superficial government regulations when it comes to campus safety.

—ER

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

More than a snapshot

CNN laid off about 50 people this week, and about a dozen were photojournalists. One of their reasons was the rise of citizen journalism and the accessibility of smaller cameras. I'm not a photojournalist, but this is still incredibly disappointing to hear about the industry I plan to work in.

—Elizabeth

Dinner ...

... is better when served with bacon and beer.

—Jens

Instrument wanted

Apparently I'm really fond of playing something called a baritone ukulele. If anyone has one I'd like to buy it from you.

—Anja

Gimping around

Climbing walls are not fun for people who can't climb. My left ankle now knows that. Here's to a speedy recovery.

—Madison

Keep on rocking the field

Last Vandals band banquet. It's sad to realize that I won't be marching with the Vandal marching band again next fall. The banquet was fun but sad and even though I said I wasn't going to cry, I totally did.

—Rhianon

I think I can

I'm feeling like the Little Engine That Could at this point in the semester — so close and yet so far away (shakes head).

—Jacob

Finish strong

It's the last nine yards of the semester. Good luck to everyone with finishing the semester strong. Oh, and can anyone spare me some money for coffee? I'll be needing it.

—Amrah

Awkward

That awkward moment when you realize Kim Kardashian's wedding, which led to a very brief failed marriage, could have paid your entire college tuition — and probably your friend's too — and then some. #pinning

—Britt

It could be worse

You could be a science major with hellenologophobia — the fear of complex scientific terms and Greek terminology — now that would suck.

—Vicky

Swish

I forgot how much I loved watching and playing basketball until I went to the men's game Wednesday, the first game I have been to in about two years since I am the worst Vandal fan ever. However, I am now inspired to ignite my school spirit and attend as many games this season as I can as well as head to the SRC to shoot some hoops in my spare time. Go Vandals.

—Elisa

More, more, more

Men should campaign to make the Victorias Secret Fashion Show a seasonal event. I would like to see Alessandra Ambrosio on TV more than once a year.

—Theo

Happy days

Keep your head up to make sure life doesn't pass you by.

—Jake

It's not over 'til it's over

Iraq withdrawal of troops is needed

In late October the media spotlight was on President Barack Obama as he announced the Dec. 31 withdrawal of U.S. military from Iraq — a spotlight that is perhaps premature.

The date to pull out was originally set under the Bush Administration as part of the Status of Forces Agreement between Iraq and the



Eric Czirr
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U.S. The agreement was noted to be a tentative one with room for postponement by Condoleezza Rice and others in the Bush Administration. Call it skepticism, but it's not finished until the last troops are sent home.

You might recall a trend from the start of the war when President George W. Bush made statements that major combat operations were complete and that it would all be finished in May 2003.

Or maybe you remember in May 2005 when Dick Cheney said the insurgency was in its "last throes." Or maybe you remember that instance when Donald Rumsfeld said the war was not going to be a long one in February 2006. And then there was the time in March 2006 when President Bush said we would finish the war with "complete victory," and then a few days later said we would remain in Iraq until at least 2009. While President Obama may have the best intentions of shutting down our military operations in Iraq, he'd be breaking a long-established cycle if he actually does.

Now it is true that President Obama has been vigilant about sticking to the deadlines set out in SOFA. He pulled troops out of cities in 2009, as was decided in the agreement, and has made statements claiming that troops will be home in time for the holidays. But it is still important that we don't forget the cost of war on our nation and our world.

The moral capital of the U.S. has been degraded with torture and blatant lies about connections to 9/11 and weapons of mass destruction. We have spent roughly \$1 trillion in the Iraq war — about 7 percent of our total national deficit. We have also lost more than 4,000 troops in Iraq and 32,000 troops have been gravely injured. We

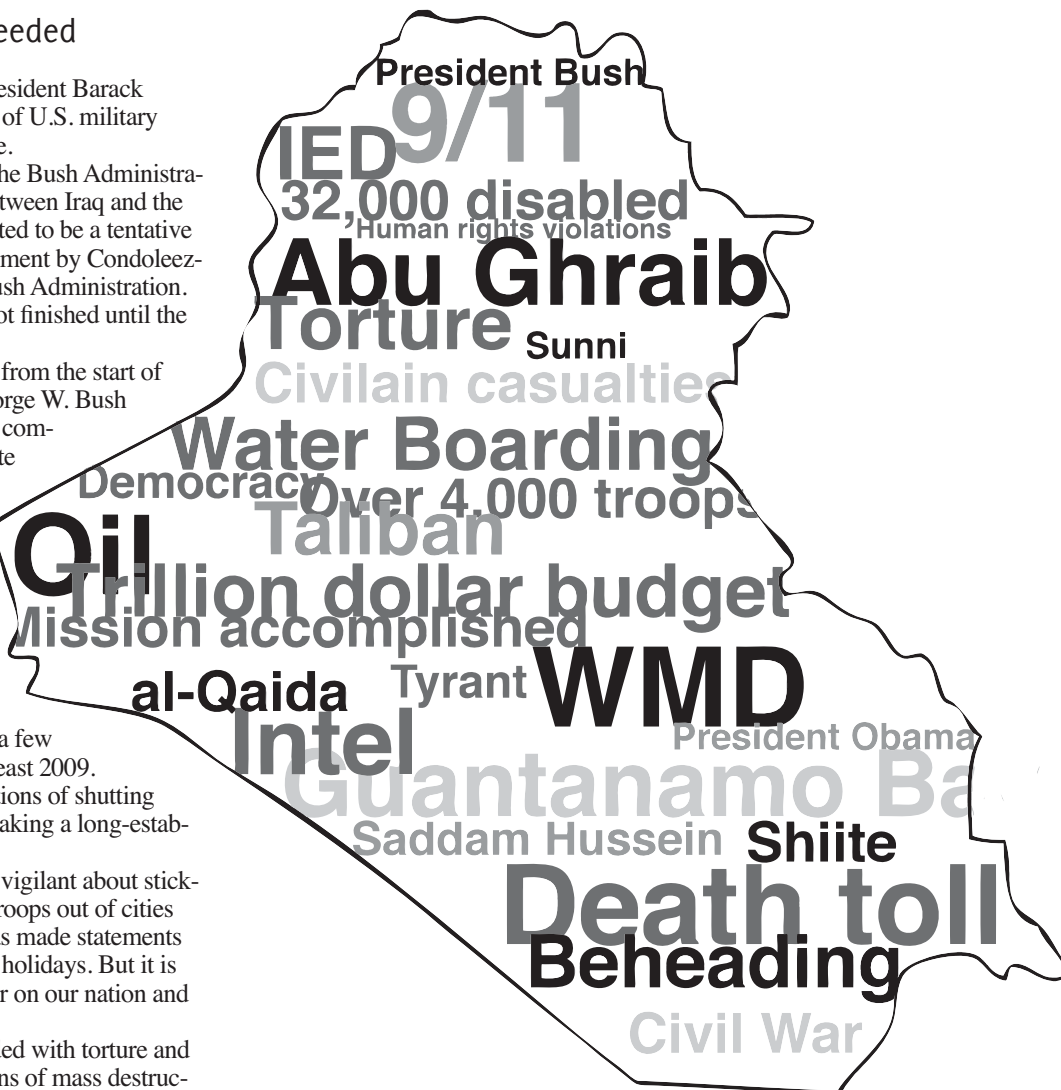


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The myth of a monocultural 'western' civilization

When I traveled to India for the first time, I initially found it puzzling that the newspapers called the Middle East "Western" Asia. Distinguishing cultures by the cardinal directions is obviously quite arbitrary. To avoid confusion I now tell people that I taught Euro-American and Asian philosophy and religion.

But even here the term "American" must include the rich and sophisticated cultures of the indigenous peoples of the "Western" Hemisphere (which, of course, to Asians is East). For example, the Iroquois Confederation had a profound effect on the founding of American democracy, and Iroquois women had more rights than their European counterparts.

What is really amazing about some who clamor for a return to Western Civilization is that they define it narrowly as "Anglo-Saxon" culture. Former Congressman Tom Tancredo, a second-generation Italian-American, once declared "people who are not white Anglo-Saxon have become American by adopting a white Anglo-saxon culture."

This is really odd: All the Italian Americans I know celebrate their Southern European

heritage and their cuisine is one of the most popular in America.

Even more ironic is that Hispanic Americans, some whose families were on American soil long before Northern Europeans came, also have a Southern European heritage and speak a European language.

Along with Catholic Poles, French and Italians, Hispanic Americans are also "European Christians," another term our nativists are fond of.

In his most recent book "Suicide of a Superpower," Pat Buchanan predicts that "historians will look back in stupefaction at 20th and 21st century Americans who believed the magnificent republic they inherited would be enriched by bringing in scores of millions from the failed states of the Third World."

Due primarily to Anglo-Saxon oppression and a belief that the Irish were not full human beings, Ireland was a failed "Third World" state. But no one would now say that Irish Americans, especially after building the transcontinental railroads along with

GUEST VOICE

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The threat of big business

The Bill of Rights guarantees certain rights that cannot be infringed upon — speech, privacy and a fair trial, to name a few — but who does the Constitution protect us from?

The Constitution was written to protect the American people from the threat of totalitarian government. The framers sought to ensure that the government could not take away our inalienable rights. But they may not have predicted the modern-day threats to our Constitutional rights. These threats come not from big government, but from big business.

Take the Fourth Amendment for example. It reads in part, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..." This amendment has long been interpreted as protecting the privacy rights of the American people. But what violations of privacy have been in the news recently? Cell phones that record your location without your knowledge. Facebook violating their own policy and selling user's identifying information to advertisers. The founders of our nation could not have predicted cell phones or the Internet, but new technology represents the greatest challenge to our Constitutional rights.

Where do we draw the line when it comes to protecting our rights from big businesses? After all, we're not forced to use these technologies. And the government is not infringing on our rights at all. Should the govern-

ment step in and tell private businesses what they can and cannot do with their technology? In the coming decade, America will have to answer these questions and more.

Allowing big businesses limitless access to our private lives has its consequences. It is time to rethink how we view our Constitutional rights. They should not just protect us from big government. Government no longer has the monopoly of power that it had at the time of the Constitution's writing. It must guarantee the rights of ordinary citizens from any entity that has the power to take those rights away. And right now that entity is not the government in Washington, but the corporations we deal with every day.

Part of the problem is that corporations have been defined by decades as persons, a definition reinforced by Supreme Court decisions. But the Constitution protects "the right of the people to be secure... against unreasonable searches and seizures." The Constitution has been interpreted to protect Americans only from the government. It is time to think about how it should protect us from other private actors, especially when those actors have so much more power than ordinary citizens.

We need government regulation of technologies and business practices that infringe upon our Constitutional rights. Facebook has agreed to be monitored by the Federal Trade Com-



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Holiday cheer all year

The holiday season is upon us, and so is the holiday spirit. Many people may have the attitude that because it is the holidays, others should be treated with a little more kindness than usual. Extra kindness seems to be a seasonal trend, but after this Thanksgiving break it became absolutely clear that this attitude should be maintained year round.



Katy Sword
Argonaut

Although many have probably thought about or been lectured about showing kindness toward others time and again, the concept does not seem to stick. During Thanksgiving break, I traveled to Denmark

and Ireland, where I finally accepted how much simple kindness can affect someone.

In the Copenhagen train station, despite that most people speak English, I was utterly lost and confused unable to figure out how to get my ticket for the train I needed to take. After wandering around trying to find a friendly face, I met an employee who was more helpful than any other service worker I have come into contact with. Even though she was busy with others, she walked me through the process step by step and answered my millions of questions with a smile.

From personal experience, I know how hard it can be to maintain a pleasant demeanor when serving others, but this woman exceeded my expectations. I had just arrived in Denmark, which is something I had been looking forward to for two months, yet her simple act of kindness completely made my day.

Being kind to others is easier said than done and may not always be in the forefront of our minds, but it benefits everyone.

A study conducted by the Department of Psychology at Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan confirmed that acts of kindness toward others increases the happiness of both parties, which can decrease depression

and stress. Mutual rewards should not be necessary, but it certainly doesn't hurt. The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation is devoted to promoting this concept, as well as providing educational tools and daily suggestions to promote acts of kindness.

At some time or another we've all heard this ideology and just brushed it off. People do not need to be as devoted as the kindness foundation, but should remember that even the smallest acts can have great effects.

The moral of this column may be light-hearted, but it is one that everyone should consider. Think about how you treat other people — it could make their day.

Let the jolly days roll in

The horrible shrill beeping of my alarm woke me up — it was 7 a.m. I told myself that I still had more time, hit the snooze button and went back to bed. After what felt like five minutes, my not-so-pleasant alarm went off again. This time it was 7:15. I lied to myself that school did not start until the next day and that it was only the Sunday morning after Thanksgiving break. At 7:30 my alarm was ringing for the third time and I finally started getting ready for my 8:30 a.m. class.



Toluwani Adekunle
Argonaut

After Thanksgiving break, there are only three weeks left in the semester but it feels like three months. These three weeks are indeed going to be the longest and most painful of the semester. But knowing that afterward we will have all the time in the world to relax with friends and family can be the fuel we need to keep going.

After one whole week of no school, it is difficult to get back into the groove of things. We wake up reluctantly and grudgingly come back to school. Although only three weeks are left, they seem like forever. Everyone is looking forward to the end of the semester. It's like a form of torture when you get a taste of freedom during break and suddenly are thrown back into schoolwork.

During the break, most people take time to say what they are thankful for. At the Thanksgiving dinners I attended, I almost got tired of people constantly saying the same things: "I'm thankful for the break and for family and friends."

Now that school is back in full swing, it's difficult to think about even one thing to be thankful for in the midst of all the assignments, papers and projects that are due (considering that you probably got virtually nothing done during the break). However, there is still that feeling of excitement for the end of the break, of impending freedom just around the corner and the joy of knowing that very soon you will be reunited with family and friends once again.

Regardless of their religious views, everyone looks forward to the holiday season. Whether you are going to spend it in a mosque, church, temple or just on your couch watching your favorite TV show, the excitement floating around during the holiday season is contagious. A festive spirit is in the air as people set up decorations and prepare to celebrate the season in the way they know best.

Although the next three weeks might seem like the longest of the semester, one way to survive is to look forward to the end. As you walk through the Idaho Commons, don't forget to appreciate the beauty of the Christmas tree and brightly glowing lights. Release your stress, embrace the happy mood and feel the holiday excitement.

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have contributed to the deaths of countless Iraqi civilians. And most importantly, we have degraded our credibility and image across the globe.

But soon it will all be done, and we can go back to our other decade-old war in Afghanistan and listen to the news commentary on CNN, FOX and MSNBC about the impact of the war and the American heroes who fought it. So let's hold our president to his word, but more importantly let's remember the road that brought us here. There is no need for more death in Iraq.

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mission for the next two decades to ensure it does not violate its user agreement, but we cannot expect every corporation to be so open.

The Constitution is a living document, one that has been reinterpreted throughout America's history to ensure our rights remain guaranteed. As the world becomes one the framers never imagined we must be vigilant in ensuring those rights remain safe, from the government and from private actors.

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their despised Chinese co-workers, are not welcome in this nation.

Interestingly enough, some American nativists give backhand compliments to Asian Americans for their hard-working, entrepreneurial spirit, but they condemn Hispanic workers who turned American fields and orchards into the most productive in the world.

Muslim Americans have the highest average income of any ethnic group and their women have earned more college degrees than their men, but Buchanan, Tancredo, and many others want them deported as well.

Christian Europe was in the Dark Ages until Islamic scholars brought Arabic translations of

Greek literature, medicine, and philosophy to medieval Spain. Adding their own contributions in these areas, Muslim scholars played a vital role in the foundations of "Western" civilization.

Muslims have lived in America since the importation of slaves from West Africa. Thomas Jefferson once defended the sacrifice of lambs, which indicated that some of his slaves were Muslims celebrating the feast of Eid. Jefferson celebrated Eid at the White House, a tradition that Presidents Bush and Obama have continued.

Contrary to popular belief, 63 percent of Arabs living in the U.S., with roots in this country going back more than a century, are Christian. Steve Jobs, Ralph Nader, Gen. John

Abizaid and former Senator George Mitchell are all from Christian Arabic families.

Well above the national average, 36 percent of these good citizens have a bachelor's degree or higher. According to the Prejudice Institute, "Fewer than 11 percent of Arab Americans live below the poverty level (national average is now 16 percent). On average, the Arab American income is 22 percent higher than the U.S. national average."

The U.S. has been a multi-cultural nation since its inception, and no culture, except remote isolated tribes, can claim to be pure. We now live in a "fact averse" climate, so too many people accept as truth Tancredo's and Buchanan's bigoted statements.

This is a national tragedy.

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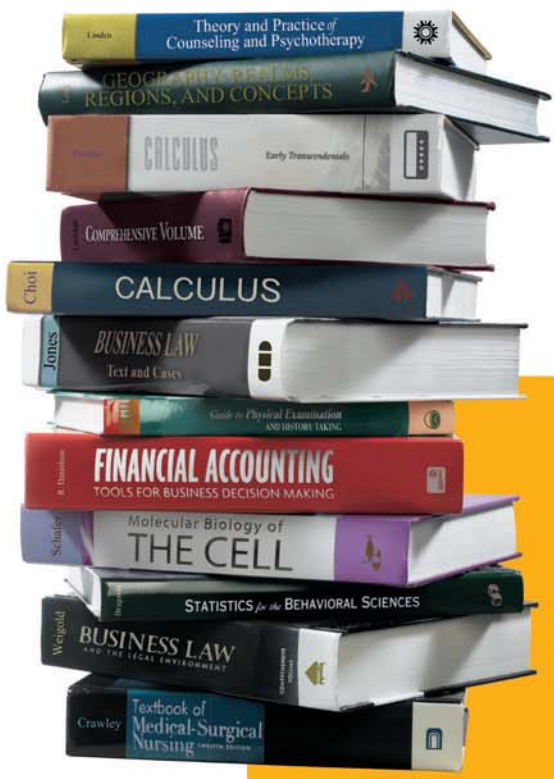
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