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Lightning and Thunder followed warm weather above the Palouse Sunday. Isolated thunderstorms are forecasted for tonight and Wednesday.

Galactic guppies



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Ingrid Kooda, design team leader for the Fishnauts project, assembles one of the capsules Wednesday in the team's construction room adjacent to the UI Steam Plant. Students enrolled in the Near Space Engineering course plan to launch unborn fish 90,000 feet above Eastern Washington.

UI undergrads to launch fish eggs

Victoria Hart
Argonaut

Twenty-five University of Idaho undergraduate students shoot experimental capsules 90,000 feet into the atmosphere each semester — no big deal. But the student-led class broke ground this semester with its plan for a live payload.

Students enrolled in Near Space Engineering II spent months designing, testing and building equipment to launch unborn fish toward the stratosphere. The student-run experiment, called Fishnauts, involves aspects of biology, physics, engineering and other sciences.

Joshua Egan, a recent graduate in fisheries resources, said he serves as a biological consultant, more commonly the "fish guy."

"Basically I tell them what they need to keep the fish alive," Egan said. "It's an exercise to get engineers to think about a biological component."

The capsule's 30 wriggling passengers may someday serve as a sustainable food source for astronauts living in space, Egan said. NASA and other research groups have been interested in flying fish into space for

some time.

Egan said the *Aulonocara jacobfreibergi*, commonly known as the peacock cichlid, originates in Malawi and is a 3.5-inch "little brother to tilapia" that would make a plausible food source. The thermal barrier designed by the science team is an 8-ounce thermos customized to house a tube of fish eggs.

"It's supposed to simulate the mouth of the female fish," Egan said.

Ed Galindo, of UI's Aquaculture Research Institute, is the project's sub adviser and said eggs are preferable to older fish because launching fish at the most fragile stage of life will test the most extreme case NASA could encounter. After they land, Egan said the fish will mature in an incubator, just as they would in a hypothetical moon lab. Galindo said the crucial part of the experiment may be recovery, when researchers determine whether the mature fish grow and reproduce normally.

Changing pressure and temperature present the two greatest challenges to unborn fish and the budding scientists out to support them. Galindo said UI has strict guidelines for live payloads

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Construction worker Anthony Tietge puts finishing touches on the wallpaper graphic for remodel of a wall in the Administration Building foyer dedicated to donors.

Moneywall

Admin wall dedicated to university donors

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

Ladders, plastic sheets and scaffolds that filled the Administration Building foyer for weeks were replaced by a completed donor recognition wall Saturday.

"There are two groups that are recognized on the wall," said Raymond Pankopf, project manager for the donor wall. "The first group is individuals who have given a cumulative \$100,000 to \$1 million in gifts or pledges over their lifetime, and the second, is firms or corporations who have given \$1 million or more in cumulative gifts or pledges."

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Remembering Karen Pohl

A memorial service for University of Idaho biology student Karen Pohl will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Augustine's Catholic Center.

Pohl died April 14 after suffering a stroke April 9. UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman, who is involved with organizing the service, said Catholic Priest Caleb Vogel will welcome guests, followed by a few words from Pitman. Bruce



Karen Pohl

Mann, UI volunteer center coordinator, and three of Pohl's friends will also speak.

"Students who went on ASB trips, EMTs, members of the women's rugby team and anybody else who's part of a group that Karen was in are encouraged to wear their shirts and uniforms to commemorate her," Pitman said. The memorial will include a slideshow and a reception to follow.

'Vandal'izing the town:

UI students to spend Saturday serving community with annual event

Kaitlyn Krassel
Argonaut

University of Idaho students have been giving up a Saturday morning for 11 years to make a difference in the Moscow community, and this year will be no different as 500 volunteers take to the streets for the 12th annual Saturday of Service.

UI students will serve their community at 30 sites this year that include Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, Orphan Acres, State-line Wetlands and the Salvation Army.

The event is organized by Laura Exley and Samantha Storms, outreach

and recruitment coordinators for the ASUI Center for Volunteerism.

"It really does make a big difference in the community," Exley said. "We get a lot of positive feedback afterwards from the community members saying how thankful they are that we do that for them, and although the projects may seem small, we're doing 30 (projects) so put together it makes a huge difference in the community."

The deadline to sign up for the event is 5 p.m. Tuesday and the first 450 volunteers to arrive on Saturday will receive a free T-shirt.

Exley said about 200 volunteers have signed up so far, but she hopes to reach 500 by the deadline. Exley said students are welcome to show up Saturday but signing up in advance makes the placement of volunteers easier.

Exley said students do not get to choose their site assignment, but if someone would be more comfortable at a certain site or has a special need that would be taken into consideration.

"It's hard work to place 500 volunteers, but if it's going to make

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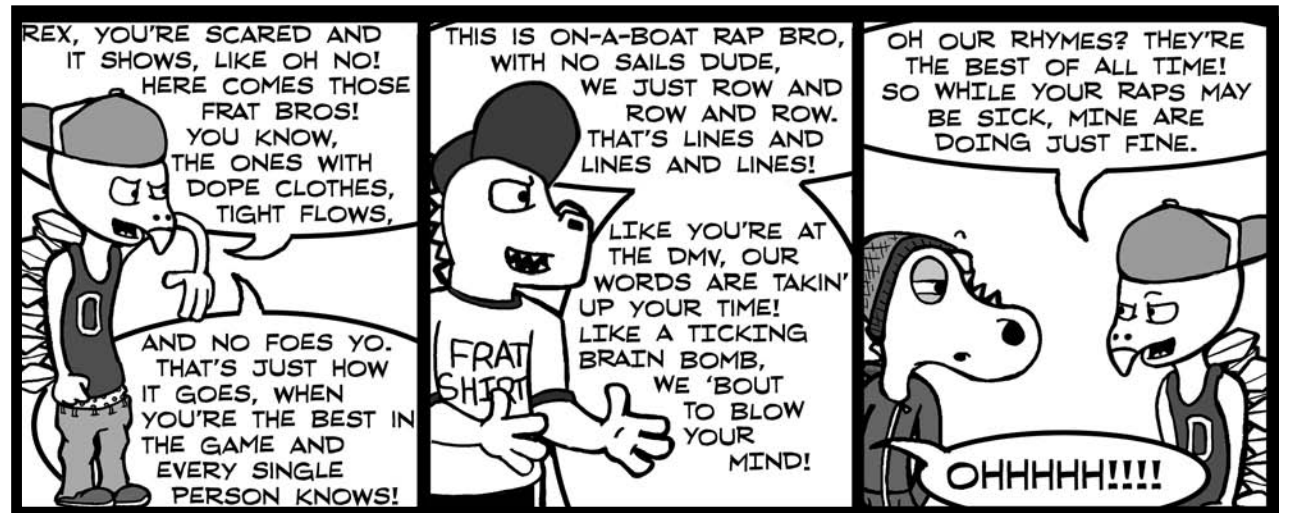
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues listed on the left and right sides.

- Across: 1 Goddess of the hunt, 6 Gaudy scarf, 9 Solar disk, 13 Xmas tree decor, 14 Web browser entry, 15 Late-night name, 16 Undecided, 18 Capture, as a fish, 19 Richard of "Primal Fear", 20 ___ of roses, 21 "C'est la vie", 22 Guadalajara gold, 23 Where St. Pete is, 24 Encouraging word, 26 Klutzes, 27 Cheer for a banderillero, 28 The second Mrs. Sinatra, 31 Mountain range, 34 Pilgrim, 36 First name in mystery, 37 Keep out, 38 Worker's demand, 39 Ignores, 41 Gem weights, 42 Prosecutors, for short, 43 ___ Island, Papua New Guinea, 44 Purple shade, 45 Devious, 46 Food scrap, 47 Actress Thurman, 50 Stalk, 53 Take place, 56 Stock page heading, 57 Sphere, 58 Pasta dish, 60 Songbird, 61 Compass pt., 62 Bedouins, e.g., 63 Ice sheet, 64 Put in stitches, 65 To-do list, 7 SeaWorld creature, 8 With mental acuity, 9 Put to rest, 10 Freshwater duck, 11 Sicilian resort, 12 Silent assents, 13 Gulf of Guinea republic, 17 Flight data, briefly, 23 Colin of Tigerland, 25 Bend a light beam, 26 Word-of-mouth, 27 Galley tool, 28 La Scala highlight, 29 Sleeveless garment, 30 Greek war god, 31 Fax button, 32 Inspiration, 33 Breakfast choice, 34 Used to be, 35 Bern's river, 37 Heat measurement units, 40 Rabbit chasers, 41 Up-to-date, 44 Sulk, 45 Investment, 47 Eskimo boat, 48 Patches up, 49 Line of rotation, 50 Simple fraction, 51 Caspian feeder, 52 Roman Emperor, 54 Ice cream treat, 55 Work party, 56 Donations, 59 Mauna follower

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Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

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Solutions for the crossword and sudoku puzzles.



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Governing Galapagos

UI professor takes on leadership position for Charles Darwin Foundation

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

University of Idaho geology professor and researcher Dennis Geist was named president of the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands, an organization that focuses on research and preservation in the Galapagos.

"It's a great challenge," Geist said. "I've never been the head of an organization as large and as important as the Darwin Foundation so it's a challenge and an honor to do it."

The international not-for-profit group provides scientific research and technical information to ensure the preservation of the Galapagos Islands. The foundation runs a research center in the Galapagos under a conservation research and guidance agreement with the Ecuadorian government. The foundation works closely with the Galapagos National Park Service to oversee the preservation of the islands.

Geist has been working in the Galapagos since the early 1980's while doing research for a thesis relating to his studies of volcanoes.

"My main research interest is in volca-

noes, that's how I got into the Galapagos because the Galapagos are volcanoes," Geist said. "My thesis research was successful so I've been able to make a career out of continuing studies in the Galapagos largely here at the University of Idaho."

Geist said he worked at the Darwin research station for several years and was asked to participate in the Darwin Foundation that runs the station 10 years ago. Geist worked on the board of directors before he was named president three months ago.



Dennis Geist

"Basically I'm the administrative head of the board of directors. I run the meetings and so forth but then to some degree I'm also one of the leaders of the institution in that I represent the Charles Darwin Foundation to external organizations," Geist said.

Geist said he hopes to continue the great work the station already does.

"There's very few institutions that can say they've saved species or saved ecosystems but the Darwin station has done just that, mostly in collaboration with the Galapagos national park," Geist said. "I hope that the Darwin station will continue to

work with the Ecuadorian government and preserve Galapagos because it is one of the most amazing environments on the planet and one of the most emblematic."

The Darwin Foundation and research center seek to preserve the native species of the island. Geist said most of the research on the island has to do with the control of invasive species because the biggest conservation challenge and ecological problem on ocean islands is when continental organisms get transported to the islands.

"Humans had changed a lot of the ecosystem and introduced things like dogs and cats and that severely reduced the numbers of a lot of the native organisms and so a lot of research is being done to help preserve the threatened and endangered species — things like the giant tortoise, the giant land iguanas, the flightless birds," Geist said.

The center employs more than 80 employees and works with an annual budget of approximately \$3 million in funding that is provided by private foundations and trusts that support conservation and research in the Galapagos.

Geist's research has been primarily focused on volcanoes. He has worked in Iceland, Antarctica and the Pacific Northwest to study the volcanic activity in these

areas. Geist received his bachelor's degree at Dartmouth University and his doctorate at the University of Oregon.

He has taught and done research at the University of Wyoming and Hamilton College in addition to his work at UI.

"I'm studying volcanoes, but more recently one of the things I've been studying is looking at the relationship between the formation of islands and the biodiversity on those islands," Geist said.

Geist has been working with biologists to determine the relationship and impact of native and foreign species on the formation and geology of the islands.

"It's been really rewarding. Even though it makes one a little bit less productive, it's a lot more fun to do new things," Geist said.

Geist said he is excited for his work in the Galapagos and the new challenges that await him as president of the Darwin foundation.

"I'm very grateful to be working in a place like the University of Idaho that is open minded enough to allow the faculty to not only pursue their own research interests but to pursue service opportunities that benefit both the university and the world in general," Geist said.

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Marketing solutions

Becky Davis
Argonaut

Vandal Solutions, a not-for-profit marketing organization through the College of Business and Economics, allows students to gain business experience while earning credit toward a degree.

The organization offers many services to businesses around the Palouse and donates all profits to the University of Idaho in scholarships.

Blake Wetzel, Manager of Human Resources, said it's beneficial to the students as well as the businesses they work with.

"The majority of us will be working with businesses in one way or another so if nothing else we learn some great business ethics and communication skills," Wetzel said.

Hailey Gosack, vice president of finance, said students do not have to be in CBE to join Vandal Solutions and it is beneficial to all students.

"I think it's great," Gosack said. "You actually get to apply classroom concepts that you learn. It's definitely been the best team experience I've had in school."

Nathan Essex, president of Vandal Solutions, said it is a great opportunity for students to use what they are actually learning in the classroom.

"It's actual work experience," Essex said.

"Students consistently have been able to put (it) on their resumes because it's more like an internship than a class in a lot of ways."

Yvette Yzaguirre, manager of public relations for Vandal Solutions, said Essex and Gosack have made a huge impact on the organization.

"They've contributed not only their opinions and their work but also how to improve Vandal Solutions as a whole," Yzaguirre said.

Essex received the Vandal Solutions Scholarship, only offered to CBE seniors, last week.

"Nathan always has an insightful thing to say about any part of the organization," Yzaguirre said. "He's always offering a different idea or a different perspective."

Gosack said Essex does well with the position because he is a go-getter and sets goals to reach for his vision.

"He has brought a lot of structure to Vandal Solutions just in the fact of teaching you how to make a proper sale and documenting procedures," Gosack said.

Vandal Solutions will induct 12 new members in the fall and accepts applications year round.

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Motivational Marine

High-ranking officer to speak at graduation

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

Gen. James F. Amos, this year's commencement speaker, graduated from the University of Idaho in 1970. Forty years later, he was made the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Amos was active in ROTC during his time at UI and later became a Marine aviator. He is the first aviator to become commandant of the Marine Corps.

Kevin Ketchie, presidential events manager for the university, said the faculty senate commencement committee recommends several names to the university president.

"We do have kind of a running list," Ketchie said.

Zaid Abdo, head of the committee, said things are a little different this year.

"The general is kind of a special case," Abdo said.

Apart from being the commencement speaker, Amos will also receive an honorary doctorate in Administration Science.

Ketchie said Amos was scheduled to receive the degree last year, but was unable to make it to Moscow.

An honorary doctorate is the highest honor a uni-

versity can give, Ketchie said, though it doesn't hold the same weight as a conventional doctorate.



James F. Amos

Amos has held command positions since the mid 1980's. He com-

manded a portion of

NATO's operation in Kosovo in 1998.

He also commanded the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing during Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II, from 2002 to 2004.

In 2008, Amos was ap-

pointed Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. Two years later, on Oct. 22, 2010, he became the commandant, responsible for more than 240,000 Marines around the world.

He is the highest-ranking Vandal in military history.

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Lavender Graduation showcases LGBTQA grads

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's 2012 Lavender Graduation celebrates the accomplishments of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally students, said Heather Maib, interim coordinator of the LGBTQA office and programs.

At the event, which takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Idaho Commons Clearwater/Whitewater rooms, students will receive a certificate of distinction and a rainbow tassel they have the option of wearing, Maib said. Cake and refreshments will follow the event. Family and friends of graduating students, as well as faculty and staff are invited to attend.

"I'm really excited to be able to honor graduating students who have worked unbelievably hard and are so deserving of recognition," Maib said.

The keynote speaker, Steve Martin, is the regional development organizer for the Price Foundation in Idaho.

The Pride Foundation's mission is to connect Northwest organizations, leaders and students that support LGBTQA equality.

Maib said Martin is a true Idahoan who graduated from Caldwell High School and earned a degree in English at Boise State University. Maib said she looks forward to a successful Idahoan who is working for social

change in Idaho to give inspiring words at the Lavender Graduation.

Ronni Sanlo, the director of the LGBT campus resource center at the University of Michigan, started the first Lavender Graduation in 1995, to recognize LGBT students for their accomplishments.

Micah Kehrein, a sociology major and graduating senior, will also speak at the Lavender Graduation. During her time at the University of Idaho, Kehrein said she has been very involved and feels her involvement is an important aspect in personal growth. Kehrein came out during her freshman year, and said the support of the LGBTQA office really helped her.

"It's really important to honor graduates and recognize the struggles they have faced," Kehrein said. "Personally, having the Lavender Graduation is my event, where I can invite close friends, since I won't be walking at graduation because my family won't be there. Graduates can be recognized for their perseverance and dedication."

There has been much improvement during recent years but there is still a lot to be done, Kehrein said.

"We can't become complacent," she said. "We need to continue to work in making the world a better and more equal place."

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Heather Maib,
LGBTQA interim
coordinator

HOOPING AT HEMP FEST



Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Megan Prusynski hula hoops on the main field at the 2012 Moscow Hemp Fest. Prusynski designs the official Hemp Fest posters and shirts for the festival and performs fire dancing each year.

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10:40 a.m. 600 Blk North Almon Street: Caller received a suspicious call from a male saying he was her grandson and he was in Spain with a broken nose and needed money. The caller said she knew it wasn't her grandson and didn't provide anything.

Wednesday, April 18

12:47 a.m. 1200 Blk South Main Street: Caller reported that he saw someone break into a house across from the Conoco station. An officer responded and arrested an adult male at the scene.

4:45 p.m. 1600 Blk Ridgeway Drive: Moose sighting.

Thursday, April 19

4:27 p.m. Tri State: Caller reported a vehicle that rolled out of gear in the parking lot as a safety hazard. No report was filed.

4:45 p.m. 1400 Blk Ridgeway Drive: Moose sighting.

Friday, April 20

5:08 a.m. 600 Blk South Harrison Street: Report of vehicle fire. A report was filed.

1:28 p.m. 1300 Blk Ridgeway Drive: Moose sighting.

6:48 p.m. 1600 Blk Ridgeway Drive: Report of the moose running through yards.

Saturday, April 21

3:46 a.m. Ross: Attempted break-in, alarm was activated.

6:52 p.m. Ash Street and West Sixth Street: Traffic accident with injuries. A report was filed.

9:47 p.m. Kappa Sigma: A female fell and was bleeding from the mouth. Officers responded but the female was not transported.

Sunday, April 22

2:21 a.m. Targhee Hall: Caller reported people drinking beer on the roof. A report was filed.

7:07 a.m. Gritman Medical Center: Patient with a possible stabbing. A report was filed.

3:56 p.m. Alpha Gamma Rho: Caller reported someone driving a motorcycle on the lawn.

11:44 p.m. Theophilus Tower: Possible gunshots reported.

Monday, April 23

4:40 a.m. Sunset Mart: Officers arrested a male for robbery.

GUPPIES

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and Fishnauts is careful to observe them. Egan said the rules and regulations are numerous, and he has been sure to obey them.

"We have a plan to monitor conditions, a system to record the conditions and permission to have the species to begin with," Egan said.

Kevin Ramus, a senior electrical engineering student and Fishnauts flight director, said the one-credit ENGR 206 is in its eighth or ninth year and has led a number of students to NASA internships. Even after so many years, Fishnauts presents unprecedented challenges this spring.

"This is the first time we've ever attempted to launch any living thing," Ramus said.

Previous classes have worked with technology called "Snowflake," designed to steer an apparatus to a specific landing point. The set-up for Fishnauts is similar, with a few custom tweaks, Ramus said.

A 7-foot, helium-filled latex balloon hovers above a foam- and duct tape-based capsule that houses GPS units, measurement devices, cameras and other technology monitored by a control and data handling team. A parachute deploys above the capsule toward the end of its two-and-a-half hour journey from Eastern Washington to farmland outside Colfax.

Powerful jet stream fluctuations canceled a launch scheduled for Saturday morning, Ramus announced to the class April 18 alongside co-leader Carlos Gonzalez. Near Space Engineering II students of varied age, major and interest agreed on a month-long postponement. The rescheduling also affected high school students enrolled in the course for dual credit at Genesee and Moscow high schools.

Galindo emphasized the value of an interdisciplinary science course.

"We blend fisheries and biology with engineering," Galindo said. "I find that really a good thing."

Fishnauts attracts an array of majors, and second-year architecture student Jacob Liddicoat said he values the hands-on aspect.

"We're bringing the south side of campus to the north side," Liddicoat said.

As a member of the imaging team, Liddicoat

More info

For more information about Fishnauts, Snowflake and other near space engineering at UI, visit the class website at idahorise.com.

tracks the five video and two still cameras aboard Fishnauts. He plans to team up with a graphic design student after the launch and display some of the high-altitude photos as art.

Physics senior Kevin Baker and his wife Kathryn, a senior studying anthropology, said they enrolled together and enjoy the chance to explore topics outside their majors.

"I like science a lot," Kathryn Baker said. "I wanted to try something outside anthropology that's really fun."

Kevin Baker said scientific fields overlap and Fishnauts allows students to practice working across disciplines.

"All aspects of it are pretty interesting," he said. "It's got biology, it's got physics ... of all levels."

The Bakers are members of the structures team, which is led by sophomore mechanical engineering student Ingrid Kooda.

The capsule's flat-topped-cone shape resembles NASA's Apollo modules and Kooda said the design is the most stable of several tested during March in the Kibbie Dome.

"We dropped them from really high up and this one landed on the bottom best," she said.

The capsule is designed around a gimbal system, which looks like a well-balanced gyroscope, and keeps the fish right-side up, Kooda said. The gimbal system is calibrated to keep the African cichlid eggs upright no matter how the hollow cone wobbles.

After months of Saturday work parties, students will rise before the sun to test fish, foam and fate against the atmosphere. High school, undergraduate and graduate students from across departments will find out hours later whether fish really can fly — and the answer may have interplanetary significance.

"It's not often that (the College of Natural Resources) works with engineering," Egan said. "... Today's problems require interdisciplinary solutions."

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Kathryn Baker, UI anthropology major

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Margo Gildner tinkers with gadgets on display at Moscow Hemp Fest 2012. The festival featured nearly 40 booths and musical performances from regional bands.

MONEYWALL

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During fiscal year 2011, the University of Idaho Foundation Inc.'s assets increased by more than \$21.4 million, reaching \$243 million in total assets. More than \$17.7 million supported students, faculty and educational programs at UI, according to the UI Foundation Inc.

Pankopf, UI's architecture and engineering director, said the Advancement

and Development Office has wanted a donor wall for a while, but negotiations got more serious during fall and winter 2011.

Anderson Krygier Inc., an environmental graphics company in Portland, Ore., designed the large plaques that hang opposite the main entrance, Pankopf said. The firm specializes in donor recognition and environmental graphic design for healthcare, education, civic and mixed-use buildings.

"I think it's important to say thank you and recognize these people in general," Pankopf said. "The Administration building was chosen to display the wall because it's a central part of the university (and) full of tradition, so placing it there seemed like the obvious choice to recognize the folks who have given significant amounts of money."

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'VANDAL'IZING

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someone's day better to go where they want to go then I'm going to try to make that happen," Exley said.

Students are encouraged to sign up individually or in groups.

"I've done it before and it's super fun, it's a great way to meet new people. It's a great way to get involved in the community," Exley said. "I think it's just a great experience. It's more than getting volunteer hours, it's getting involved in the community."

Storms said organizations eager to host UI volunteers have been contacting her since January.

"I've had to turn away sites this year because we've had such a demand because our volunteers and these events are really popular ... our students really do rise to the occasion and serve the community," Storms said. "We have a good reputation with our community partners — that's for sure."

Storms said there is no screening process for sites as long as a group is willing to host volunteers and the project is reasonable.

More info

Students can sign up for Saturday of Service at uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/asui.

"It's really dependent on who's willing to host things because it is a ton of work on our end logistically, but it's also work on their end," Storms said. "A lot of places don't work on Saturdays so (if) they're willing to work on Saturday, they don't have that big of staff and that kind of thing."

Saturday of Service begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and most projects will be done by 1 p.m., although Storms said students can volunteer for an all-day service project that is a new aspect of Saturday of Service this year. Storms said students should receive an email from their site leader Thursday or Friday before the event to learn more about the project they will be doing.

"It's been going on for a long time and the Moscow community really kind of depends on it. People reach out to us in January about having us serve at their site for Saturday of Service," Exley said.

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Soccer finished spring season with 7 vs. 7 Tournament in Spokane.

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Silver, gold equal in value

Taylor, Blackman show potential for fall season's starting roster

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Spring ball has come full circle and fans had a chance to see a preview of the 2012 Idaho football team Friday evening in the Kibbie Dome during the annual Silver and Gold Scrimmage.

Although a number of questions have been answered throughout the spring season, fans still await the one who will determine much for the 2012 team.

Coach Robb Akey would have liked to name his starting quarterback by the end of the spring season but said because both Dominique Blackman and Taylor Davis have displayed worthiness, the announcement will have to wait for the fall.

"They're both competing their tails off and I'm seeing both of those guys make plays," Akey said. "It hasn't

separated itself enough and I'm not going to lie to you, I had hoped that it would ... The fact that they're both doing good things is good, it's not because they're not doing things well."



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Robb Akey, Coach

Blackman however, separated himself from Davis and Logan Bushnell Friday. The Old Dominion transfer was 13-22 for 176 passing yards and one touchdown pass, a 69-yard heave to receiver Daniel Micheletti for the team's only touchdown of the scrimmage.

Bushnell was 4-8 for 56 yards while Davis was 4-10 for 33 yards. All three quarterbacks were picked off once.

Other than the Blackman-Micheletti connection, Idaho's offense was silent, while its defense thrived, proving its experience could be crucial this fall.

The spring camp's most

valuable player, according to Akey, is junior college transfer Sua Tuala. Tuala led all players in tackles Friday, finishing with nine. Dion Bass followed behind with five.

An offensive line that has been forced to cope with injury and inexperience allowed 10 sacks Friday. Tuala and defensive end Benson Mayowa combined for six of those, with three sacks apiece.

Considering the circumstances with the offensive line though, offensive coordinator Jason Gesser has been pleased with its progress.

"We've made huge strides this spring, huge strides. Our guys, more than anything have been mentally strong," Gesser said. "In the beginning something will go bad and they'll hang their heads and our body language will be all over the place. Overcoming situations that before, we would've been pointing fingers and looking at guys."

Though the rushing offense wasn't anything spectacular, senior-to-be

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Idaho quarterback Dominique Blackman scopes the field for a passing opportunity during the Silver and Gold scrimmage Friday at the Kibbie Dome. Blackman had the best play record out of him, Taylor Davis and Logan Bushnell with 13 of 22 for 176 yards, one touchdown and an interception.

Multiple meets, multiple successes

Track and field performs in six meets in four days

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Between Wednesday and Saturday Vandal track and field competed in six meets and put up several personal bests and all-time Idaho top 10 performances in California and Washington.

The Mt. SAC Relays, held all four days in Walnut, Calif., featured some of the best college and professional athletes in the nation. Senior Stephane Colle had the top performance for the Vandals when he ran the second-fastest 5,000-meter in Idaho history. His time of 14:05.03 placed him third among collegiate athletes in the A section of the event.

"Coming into today, (Colle) had two things he really wanted to do," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "First, he wanted to go under 14 minutes, and second, he wanted to break the school record — he didn't quite get there, but it's a 10-second personal best for him and it's second in school history, so if he's not happy, I certainly am."

In the throwing events, sophomore Kyle Rothwell finished fourth in the hammer throw with a toss of 196-9 feet. The mark improves his WAC lead in the event.



Ricky Scuderi | Argonaut

Sophomore Colton Hastings, left, and senior Jeff Osborn participate in the men's 1,500-meter at Washington State's Cougar Invitational.

"When we started this season, he put a long-term goal — kind of something to shoot for down the road — to throw 200 feet and he's almost got that with a lot of the season left," coach Julie Taylor said. "He's only been throwing the hammer since he's been in college and he has huge upside."

Freshman Ben Ayesu-Attah had a personal best in the 400-meter with his time of 47.89 seconds. It is the first sub-48 second 400-meter of his collegiate career and moves him into No. 2 in the WAC.

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Athletes of the week

Jarred Bossio,
men's golf

At last weekend's Winchester Classic senior Jarred Bossio picked up the individual title, shooting an even-par 216 through three rounds. Bossio's first-round 69 was tied for second among all competitors and after shooting a 73 in the second round, he took sole possession of second and only trailed Nevada's Kevin Lucas by one stroke. However, Lucas shot a third round 78 while Bossio remained consistent with a 74 that helped him avoid Fresno State's Nate Jessup and UC Davis' Matt Seramin who finished second and third. Bossio and Justin Kadin helped Idaho to second place, which it shared with UC Davis and Sacramento State.



Jarred Bossio

Almudena Sanz,
women's tennis

The Oviedo, Spain, native was flawless in Idaho's three final regular season matches, going 6-0 in singles and doubles against San Francisco, San Jose State and La. Tech. Fueled by Sanz, who didn't drop a singles set, Idaho picked up match wins against both WAC opponents and concluded the season 3-1 in conference play and 18-7 overall.

The sophomore teamed up with Vicky Lozano against USF to take down the Dons' No. 1 pair 8-4 and help the Vandals sweep the doubles point. Sanz then beat Marina Nikolic 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 singles. In San Jose, Sanz and Lozano were victorious at No. 1, beating Sebastiani Leon Chao and Erica Medlin 8-5 before Sanz defeated Chau Truong 7-5, 6-0 at the two singles spot. In their regular season finale against La. Tech, Sanz and Lozano picked up their third doubles win of the week. Sanz met fellow Spaniard Laura Fernandez at No. 2 singles and battled to another two set victory, this time winning 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).



Almudena Sanz

Final weekend nets two WAC wins

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Every team likes to end its regular season on a high note, and for the Vandal women's tennis team that came in the form of two consecutive WAC victories.

The Vandals played two of their four WAC matches during the final weekend, and beat San Jose (13-6, 3-2 WAC) and La. Tech (14-7, 0-3 WAC) 5-2.

The final weekend wasn't all positives for Idaho though, which got off to a rough start falling to the University of San Francisco Thursday.

"San Francisco was a tough team, they were deep all the way down just like we anticipated," Idaho coach Daniel Pollock said.

He said USF's (6-12) poor record is the result of playing the best teams in the country. Pollock said the first match of a road trip is never easy and the team lacked energy needed to get the win. Sophomore Ale Lozano said they were intimidated by USF.

"We were a little bit pressured because we heard they were really good so we didn't go as confident as we usually do but we were really close," Lozano said.

Pollock said the match was great preparation for Idaho's Friday match against the San Jose State Spartans — Idaho's third WAC match of the season.

Pollock said the Spartans' new coach has done great with the team and they came out strong and fired up.

"Our girls came out, they didn't get overwhelmed by the amount of noise coming at them, and the amount of intensity," Pollock said. "They just held their ground, they dug in, and we had some really good wins."

He said the way Idaho approached the game was much different than San Jose State, which is reflected in its WAC record.

The Vandals returned to Moscow Sunday and earned a victory against the La. Tech Bulldogs.

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Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Almudena Sanz returns a low volley against La. Tech Sunday morning at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The Vandals defeated La. Tech 5-2 in the final regular season match-up for Idaho.

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Midfielder Patrick Tunison runs past a defender during Saturday's game against Boise State on the SprinTurf. The Vandals were tied with Boise State 3-3 at half-time, but lost 11-7.

BSU downs UI LAX

Nick Groff
Argonaut

An estimated 1,200 fans showed up to the SprinTurf Saturday when Idaho men's club lacrosse (3-8, 1-2 PNCLL) faced off against rival Boise State. Unfortunately for the fans and the Vandals, Idaho lost 11-7 to the Broncos.

Coach John Andrysiak said mental errors plagued the team late in the fourth quarter. He said the game was clean and well played by both squads, but his team came out on the wrong side.

Attackman John Kopke led all Idaho scorers with three points on two goals and an assist. Kopke was followed by attackmen Kyle Morse and Deric Wilson with two points off a goal and an assist and two goals, respectively.

Andrysiak said Morse is out with a potentially season-ending injury to his clavicle he suffered Saturday.

Goalie Blake Uphus had 11 saves on the day.

The Vandals finish their regular season at 1 p.m. Saturday on the SprinTurf against the Washington Huskies (3-9, 2-2 PNCLL). If Idaho beats the Huskies, it will qualify for the PNCLL Final Four playoff game in Seattle the following weekend.

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Football players switch position to gain play time

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Getting recruited to play college football is a dream for many, but just being recruited doesn't mean a player will see the field, or stay at the same position he was recruited to play. In order to get playing time, a player has to make an impact on the practice field, and sometimes even adapt to a different position.

Position changes are common on a college foot-

ball team. Idaho coach Robb Akey said it all comes down to what fits a player best.

"Sometimes we recruit guys that are athletic enough that they might play different positions for us," Akey said. "... Sometimes that change takes place because it maybe fits them better. Sometimes it's because of a need that we may have as a football team."

Two Idaho players Henry Asuega and Justin Podrabsky play positions they

didn't know before coming to Moscow. Asuega was recruited out of Corona, Calif., as a defensive lineman, but moved to fullback last spring. Asuega said he likes the change.

"It's been up and down, but for the most part everything's been positive," Asuega said. "... I love the position. I could always go back to D-line if I wanted to, but for now it's fullback. I feel better at that."

Podrabsky was recruited out of Lewiston as a quarterback, but has since made the switch to tight end. Podrabsky said he made the decision to change because he thought it would yield more playing time.

"I just didn't feel like I was going to get much playing time at quarterback, so I made the switch to tight end," Podrabsky said. "I just wanted to help the team out somehow."

Getting more time on

the field is the main reason players switch positions and it's something Akey knows all about. Akey played college ball at Weber State and was originally recruited to play tight end. Akey said there was a great tight end ahead of him, so he made a switch to defense in order to see the field sooner.

"It was going to be another year before full-time playing time, whereas a move over to defense had a chance to fight for a starting job right away and I wanted to get my butt out on the field," Akey said.

While a switch is often the best thing for a player, he still has to learn all the elements of the new sport, which takes time.

It's a big adjustment," Podrabsky said. "At first it was pretty slow, but I feel like I'm progressing right now. I've had to learn blocking and it's the first time really getting big time

contact, so I'm just trying to adjust to it."

The adjustment can be difficult, but a player who changes positions has a unique perspective. A defensive player that moves to offense will have a unique knowledge of the defense and likewise for an offensive player moving to defense.

Both Asuega and Podrabsky said experience from their former positions make them better at their new ones.

"My translation from that to offense just helped me a lot," Asuega said. "Just knowing that I know what the linebackers are going to do. I know what the D-line is going to do because I played it before."

The decision to make a switch isn't easy. Players may have played the same position since junior high, so the thought of playing somewhere else can be tough to swallow. Akey said he'll never push a player into

making a change he doesn't want to make, but said most players will change if it means helping the team.

"We've got to make that decision together," Akey said. "The player has to play what he wants to play. He's going to be a better player if he's doing what he's happy about. Generally if it means they get to see the field sooner, they're going to be excited about it."

Podrabsky and Asuega said they weren't disappointed because the switch meant more playing time. In the end they said it's all about getting to play.

"They're different, but in the long run I'm here to play football and that's what I'm doing, playing football," Podrabsky said. "... It doesn't matter how, I doesn't matter where, I just want to get out there."

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Chelsea Small works past a defender during practice on the SprinTurf. Idaho concluded its spring season Saturday in Spokane for Gonzaga's 7 vs. 7 Tournament.

Split squad, full fun — Idaho ends spring strong

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

It's been a rollercoaster spring for Idaho soccer. Seven goals sandwiched between 270 minutes of being shutout highlight Idaho's scoring odyssey during the last five weeks.

Consider last weekend a breath of fresh air.

The team spent Saturday in Spokane competing in Gonzaga's third annual 7 vs. 7 tournament.

Players and coaches agreed that the ordinary yet fun tournament was a fitting end to the spring.

"It was nice," coach Pete Shower said. "Every game we got stronger. It took a while for the girls to get settled in, but we were excited."

Idaho split its squad into two competing teams, with position players being drawn at random and split between the teams — Caroline Towles and Liz Boyden goal kept for the respective teams.

Idaho sent one team to the semi-finals where Gonzaga came away with

the victory in a penalty shootout. The other Idaho team finished seventh.

Montana won the tournament on penalty kicks against Gonzaga.

The tournament turned out to be a high-scoring affair, with teams averaging five to seven goals a match. The offsides rule wasn't called and the dimensions of the field were significantly reduced for the tournament.

Nearly every Vandal scored, with players switching positions and having fun with the tournament trying to get everybody on the score sheet. Defenders played at forward, forwards played defense and even keepers took shots on goal.

Megan Lopez, Chelsea Small and Katie Baran were among the leading scorers.

Last season the Vandals competed in the finals after an all-Idaho semi-final.

The tournament caps a spring of

experimentation and experience for the Vandals, who return every starter from last season's team that made a run to the WAC tournament semi-finals.

"(You can see) the difference they brought in to every game," Shower said. "It's a complete different system but they've adapted well. No matter what happens with results we finished spring stronger than we started."

Showler said the new 4-3-3 formation the team played with during the spring will be by no means a lock to stick when they hit the pitch in the fall, but that it helps to be versatile.

"It's worked well. We like to be adaptable, with the different teams we will play in the fall it gives us a lot of options," he said.

The WAC will welcome Seattle, Denver and Texas State next season and Idaho will play power six conference teams like Texas Tech and Washington State.

The spring season's conclusion means Idaho will hit the pitch for fall practice in August.

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Every game we got stronger. It took a while for the girls to get settled in, but we were excited.

Pete Shower, Coach

GET OUT THERE

Hunting hooligans vs. true outdoorsman

Long gone are the days when a successful hunt dictated the evening meal. Replaced with the ease of the grocery store, hunting has been left to survive through supportive and understanding conservation groups and a dwindling population of hunters.

Several factors contribute to the downfall of my beloved pastime. A lack of necessity is an obvious factor. The constant evolution of the technological world has had a devastating impact on the survival of the hunting traditions. But the biggest danger to the continued survival of hunting is a problem that even the late Fred Bear had to deal with — misunderstandings of the hunting world and what it entails that still run rampant.

Recently, while enjoying a cold one, I had the opportunity to uphold the values of hunting and set a person straight on the facts.

I was sitting over my beer watching a baseball game when a hunting commercial flashed across the TV. I overheard a man say a rather abrasive and misinformed comment. "Screw hunting, man — bunch of drunks."

I spun in my seat so quickly the head of my beer slid to the floor. I found the source of the insult two seats down the bar. The man shot me a quizzical expression, certainly due to my party foul, as I asked him the source of his opinion.

"Well that's what they do," he said. "Drive around the

woods with guns and whiskey. It's ridiculous."

I think if he had physically punched me in the face it would have hurt less. Why would he think this? Who in their right mind would misconstrue the hard work and dedication involved with this historic tradition into such demeaning terms?

These are the big time issues. While I was happy to give this man a new perspective, the fact is he isn't the only person with skewed ideas of the hunting world. We as hunters need to understand that it's our duty not only to put an end to these stereotypes, but to refrain from reinforcing them.

While I like to think of myself and my fellow outdoorsmen as cut from a certain cloth, there is no denying that there are hunters in this world who play right into this inaccurate

perception. Swilling booze while they cruise the back roads to escape from their lives, these people give all of us a bad name and do serious damage to the future of the hunting industry.

Given these stereotypes exist, we as hunters and outdoorsmen will always be in a position to be looked down upon, but with the same hard work we put into each hunting season we need to work to change perceptions and ensure the future of our sport.

And if you are one of the drunken people giving the rest of us a bad name, please do me a favor and give up hunting for a sport like soccer, which has plenty of hooligans, so you will fit right in.

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"It's a long time coming for him," Phipps said. "He ran a bunch of races in high school in the low 48s and a bunch indoors in low 48s, so for him to finally break through is great. It's something that he's worked really hard for and I'm very happy to see him get it."

Sophomore Dylan Watts continued his improvement in the pole vault clearing 16-0.75 to move into a tie at No. 5 all-time at Idaho with freshman Matt Sullivan. Sullivan cleared the same height at the Bryan Clay Invitational during the weekend.

Junior Sarah Nutsch improved her hammer throw mark during the same meet with a 187-9 foot toss. Her mark was a 10-foot personal best and gave her a second-place finish behind senior Gabby Midles. Midles won the event with throw of 189 feet.

"Sarah is really starting to be able to build up some speed and be more comfortable with it," Taylor said. "Gabby has been kind of fighting an injury from indoors, so it's really nice seeing her getting back into hammer shape and getting a mark that is like the old Gabby."

Senior Rendel Jones finished eighth in the men's long jump with a mark of 47-3.75 feet. The jump improved his personal record by more than a foot.

Back on the track, junior Anna Kalbrener finished sixth in the women's 1,500-meter finishing in 4:30.11 minutes.

"They're going against kids from all over the country and most of them are doubling or tripling up against some great competition," Taylor said. "Any time you have great weather and great competition, it's going to bring out good marks for us."

The Vandals also had several highlights in the other four meets. In the California Invitational, freshman Johanna Hockett posted the sixth-best women's heptathlon score in Idaho history. In the Cal State Los Angeles Twilight Open, senior Jeremiah Dubie ran a career-best time of 14:59.90 in a second-place finish in the men's 5,000-meter. Idaho also had 15 total personal-bests between the Beach Invitational and Cougar Invitational. The Vandals travel to Spokane for the Duane Hartman Invite Saturday.

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SILVER

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Ryan Bass compiled 42 rushing yards on six carries, proving his return from illness could give the Vandal offense a major boost come August.

Bass, an Arizona State transfer, sat out during the 2010 season due to NCAA transfer regulations and saw limited action in seven games last season. Nevertheless, he could be primed to be Idaho's main back during his senior season, especially with the loss of graduating seniors Kama Bailey and Princeton McCarty.

"I want the load on my shoulders and that's what Gesser's doing, he's feeding me the ball a lot," Bass said. "It's probably my last year of football so I'm going to give it my all."

Gesser sees Bass' motivation a result of realization that he wants to succeed during his senior season.

"He's been working his tail off in the weight room, he's kind of had some kind of I don't know what it is if he understands that 'Hey it's my senior year,' last go around and he's getting a kick in the butt from that or you know what it's my time, I've only got so many opportunities left," Gesser said.

As a team, the spring scrimmage was Idaho's last opportunity to play together until August 1, when the Vandals report for fall camp. From then, they'll prepare for the season opener against Eastern Washington Aug. 30 in the Kibbie Dome.

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YOU GOT SERVED



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Ashley Christman, junior outside hitter for the women's volleyball team, returns the ball during practice Monday on the sand court by Wallace Residence Center.

WINS

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The Bulldogs came in with a record like the Spartans' but the Vandals were determined to keep their record on the winning side.

"It's huge for us going 3-1 in WAC matches and it should give us great confidence going into the WAC tournament this week," freshman Sophie Vickers said.

She said it was great playing at home and the supportive crowd made it even better.

"The atmosphere fires us up a little bit and gives us a bit more confidence so it's always good to have Vandal fans here supporting us," Vickers said.

The confidence was evident and Vickers said it was a great ending to an amazing

regular season.

"We have had a successful season that I don't think many were expecting, including ourselves, so we all should be really proud," Vickers said. "But its not over yet, we want to go in to the (WAC Championship) and play well and see what we can do there."

Sunday was also senior day for the team and seniors Molly Knox and Annamaria Gould were recognized for their contributions to the team. Lozano said time goes really fast and it's hard knowing two members of the team will soon be gone.

"Even though we have just had Annamaria for one semester, we had a great time and Molly, this is my second year with her, and I am so proud of her and I know she is going to be great in life, I'm so proud of them," Lozano said.

After the match, Pollock told the team they should all be confident and proud of themselves for what they have accomplished this year.

"18-7 overall for a team like this — so young, so inexperienced, so much traveling, so many matches on the road — they have done a wonderful job," Pollock said.

He said 3-1 in the WAC is a great record because it's a tough conference.

"Hopefully we get a good seed at the tournament and we will see what we can do down there," Pollock said. "Hopefully we can win a round or two."

The WAC Championship starts Thursday in Las Cruces, N.M., and Idaho should be the No. 3 or 4 seed.

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ATHLETES

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Andrey Levkiv, track and field

In Norwalk, Calif., Andrey Levkiv added a new entry to the Idaho track and field record book, as the sophomore found success in the shot put competition at this weekend's Beach Invitational. Levkiv's throw of 57-7.75 (17.57-meters) helped him into Idaho's all-time top 10 and a second-place finish in Norwalk. The Renton, Wash., native is now No. 9 on Idaho's all-time list and his throw built on the WAC lead he already holds. Levkiv is No. 50 in the NCAA and No. 25 in the West Region.



Andrey Levkiv

Sua Tuala, football

In Friday's annual Silver and Gold scrimmage, the junior college transfer equaled his tackle tally from the 2011 fall season with nine, while helping the Vandal defense prevent the offense from finding the end zone more than once.

Tuala's nine tackles led all defensive players in the scrimmage and his three sacks were two more than he recorded in eight games played last fall. Coach Robb Akey gave Tuala the title of spring season most valuable player after the San Francisco native led the team in its second scrimmage with seven tackles and added one sack while contributing four tackles and another sack in its first scrimmage.



Sua Tuala

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OUR VIEW

Debt-rimental

Future of financial aid not in best interest of students

Students at the University of Idaho will pay 6.1 percent more for their education next year, but the interest piling up from student loans is more concerning.

The trend of charging students more for higher education has not been unnoticed by national leaders, but their solutions are not suitable for the long road ahead.

Currently sitting at 3.4 percent, the interest rate for undergraduate subsidized Stafford loans is set to double to 6.8 percent July 1, a spike President Barack Obama deemed unacceptable.

Obama is pushing lawmakers to maintain the current rates. Republican candidate Mitt Romney said Monday he agrees with Obama's viewpoint and federal student loan interest rates need to stay where they are, or go down.

Although the headlines will read candidates from opposing parties took the same stance on an issue, the larger concern for students remains that financial resources for higher education are

flawed past the point of interest rates.

The average student debt upon graduation was \$25,250 for the class of 2011, according to a CNN report. Many loaners require repayment within six months of graduation, making it even more difficult for students to pay for higher education.

Adjusting interest rates is a small step toward coping with the cost of higher education and repayment of loans. If more federal grants were available to a larger demographic of students, it might lessen the strain that forces students to rely on private loans. Some students pay for college entirely out of their own pockets and the FAFSA should take a more realistic look at how students are going to finance their educations — not assuming there will be financial contributions from family could be a good start.

Students also need to be educated about smart decisions in financing their education. Just because a loan or grant shows up on Vandal-

Web, doesn't mean it is in their best interest to accept it. The Vandal Challenge Leadership Conference is an opportunity UI provides for high school students to help them find ways to finance their college education. More workshops, like Vandal Challenge should be provided to help all students make fiscally responsible decisions and curb future debt.

Students who make the decision to attend a higher education institution are being punished for their decision by the burden of student loans. Keeping interest rates low should be a priority of our lawmakers, but it cannot stop there.

Access to more resources that will help students pay for school needs to be in the front of state and national legislators' minds. Raising interest rates would be detrimental to new graduates, but continuing to force students into the flawed system will only lead to more students walking across the stage to accept their degree stalked by a cloud of debt.

—MM

Avoiding awkwardness

Be prepared to discuss post-graduation plans

As soon as you get into your senior year of college, people expect you to have an

idea about what you want to do after graduation. As a

matter of fact, the moment you enroll in your freshman year of college, people start asking what you will do with your education. While some people know what they want to do and stick to their plan, others are still clueless a few months before graduation.

There are different ways to stop people from asking you the same awkward question again and again. When having a conversation with someone you know will ask about your future, especially people you don't talk to every day who are just looking for something to say, bring it up before they do. By doing this, you are not caught unaware and left with nothing to say when someone suddenly asks you what your plans are. You will be the one initiating the conversation and will have the upper hand in the discussion.

In case you do not really have concrete plans for after graduation but don't want to appear unprepared for post-college life, write up a short paragraph and edit it until it is perfect so you have something to give people when the question comes up. Be creative and come up with an impressive array of ideas because that's what people are usually looking for when they ask you that question — something to keep them entertained.

To save people the trouble of asking in the first place, you can make various T-shirts with a short spiel on what you plan to do after graduation.

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Toluwani Adekunle
Argonaut

"What do you mean I'm not allowed to play for the troops?"



Shane Wellner
Argonaut

Students should rule academia

Professors need to respect views, potential of students in their field

Huddled in the depths of a tower in New York sat nine students from different corners of the country. Sneakers poked out from dress pants, each student draped in expressions of their individuality.

For two hours ideas of activism, equality, empathy and social action bounced back and forth. We discussed not only

the bill in Arizona banning ethnic studies and an entire body of books, but the teach-ins, protests and networks we are supporting and creating. We shared tales of everyday battles, personal failures and successes, and how to fight for what you stand for.

A few hours later in a room next door, top academics met for a double session. The room

was silent as one after the other they read their latest articles, 12-letter words melding together to squeeze into the allotted 15 minutes. With the "two minutes to go" sign, these words became an amalgamation of complex theoretical concepts.

Then my peer and I told a story. As the only undergraduates allowed to present at the conference, perhaps it was pushing the boundaries of academic legitimacy, coming from that little

potato-growing place called Idaho. But as we wove a story and engaged the audience of academics through drawing and asking questions, we noticed a strange thing. People started listening. In part it was an anthropological experiment, and partly a statement we do not wish to theorize — we wish to do, beginning now.

I sometimes feel guilty for criticizing the intricately constructed systems

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Bethany Lowe
Argonaut

Science about truth, not blind obedience

It takes longer for the American public to accept scientific theories than the scientific community. It has been suggested that the problem lies in America's supposed "long history" of "politicizing science," but there are a few problems with that argument.

The theories of evolution and global warming are called theories for a reason. In fact, they are called theories because they cannot be proven, scientifically or otherwise. No one — not even scientists — can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt evolution ever happened or that global climate change is actually occurring because of all the evidence that disproves both theories (i.e. the lack of evolutionary development as prescribed by Darwin and the fact that the global climate temperature

has only increased approximately one degree Fahrenheit in the past century due singularly to natural trends).

There always remains some doubt about these theories, and to continue to believe these theories are true without actual scientific evidence is to have a faith even Christians could envy.

Science is not politicized by Americans. Politicians politicize science to get re-elected or gain popularity. Americans respect the field of science for what it is: science. However, Americans are critical of science, just as we are critical of our government, elected officials, etc. It would be foolhardy to accept everything we hear as being true, so why should Americans be expected to believe theories like evolution and

global warming without question? As Americans we should be critical of everything we hear and seek to discover the facts. After all, true science is about skepticism and seeking the truth through what we can see, feel, hear, taste and touch — not through what we believe.

It is outrageous to suggest that many Americans and right-wingers are anti-science. How is it anti-science to question the theories of evolution and global warming? Is it also anti-science to question Albert Einstein's theory of relativity or Newton's laws of physics? Is science not to be questioned at all? Evolution and global warming are theories and meant to be questioned so that the truth may be found out. Again, that is what science is all about.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Just a tease

Being a San Jose Sharks fan is like going to a strip club — they'll please you for a little while (regular season, first few rounds of the playoffs), but you'll never get more than a lap dance (the Stanley Cup).

—Theo

Couldn't be better

I could not have asked for a more amazing Moms Weekend with my mom and my girlfriend's mom. Three days packed with stuff to do and places to go. Plus, Mom won a gift basket from the mall. Can't wait for next year's event.

—Madison

Heaven

The only thing better than a porch beer is a hammock beer.

—Jens

Heaven 2

The only place better to drink a beer than a hammock is a hammock on the beach.

—Nick

Heaven 3

The only thing better than talking about hammock beers on the beach is having them in Belize. See you in a week, suckers.

—Elizabeth

Sometimes ...

"... All you need you is 20 seconds of insane courage. Just literally 20 seconds of embarrassing bravery, and I promise you something great will come of it." Thanks, Matt Damon.

—Britt

Sunshine and green grass ...

... means shoes are totally optional.

—Chloe

Thoughts and prayers ...

... go out to everyone in Belize today in a time of national crisis. Hopefully the government will make all the right moves.

—Amrah

Meaningful things

I something try to say something of great social import here. Not today. I just want to go outside.

—Dylan

Summertime

There's something about sunglasses, shorts, sandals and sundresses that makes me feel more like me.

—Elisa

Late Night chicken wraps

Because eventually Bob's had to get something exactly right.

—Vicky

ACADEMIA

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and knowledge of my elders. I have great respect for their work, in the field and the classroom. However, I also feel confident in saying well respected professors should show support and solidarity for up-and-coming professionals. And, of course, some did and they were wonderful. Yet, there was something strange about the conversations I had with the panelists and keynote speakers.

The top professional

anthropologists did little to hide the feelings behind their eyes and messages of their body language. It's easy to tell when you're being dismissed. That glossy look appears in their eyes as they stop listening and look past you, their answers to questions are shallow, and responses to your professional concerns are non-existent.

When a prospective student applies to schools he or she generally prioritizes a selection of universities based on prestige, price, exclusivity and departmental focuses. Students often

make a wish list of schools they know they can't get into because of one reason or another, generally price or application requirements. I was nervous to present a paper in front of tenured professors from these wish list schools. That is, until I watched their presentations and asked them questions.

It is particularly disheartening when you hear the same professors complaining "we just don't have any (revolutionaries) in the field anymore." Of course this is just the opinionated bias of an undergraduate from a poor

school, but perhaps we could begin by mentoring the youth of today. Perhaps when young people ask questions about the field they are studying they shouldn't be avoided or transformed into a platform for a professor to talk about their own work.

I understand that everyone is caught up in this hierarchy, a pecking order I feel confident in assuming you are not at the top of. We understand that tenure is desirable, and that these rungs on the ladder mean more academic freedom and a more comfortable

life. But if an academic at the top level does not support students, the new generations will still mold their dreams. They will simply do it without the structure of the academy.

True engagement uses academia to support the needs, voices and dreams of people around the world — not to support the hegemonic cycle of perpetual publishing and profit. Our publicly funded mountains of knowledge can make a real difference through active civic engagement.

As a student, I choose to make the commitment

of tens of thousands of dollars to my field of study. I believe in what I study as a tool for change. I choose to invest years of my life to a scholastic journey and will gladly fly to New York to discuss my concerns with current professionals.

I just ask one thing of the academy: Listen to the voices of the majority you were created to serve. Universities were built for students and the greater good of society, not the other way around.

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AVOIDING

FROM PAGE 11

A better idea to save money on a T-shirt would be to have it written on your forehead with a sharpie.

The truth is that people will never stop asking about your plans after graduation, it's just

another phase in your life. It's up to you to patiently deal with it and feel confident that even though you don't have a blueprint for the rest of your life you are going to be just fine.

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SCIENCE

FROM PAGE 11

Science is about finding the truth about the world and universe around us, not blindly following people like Darwin without question. It is the people who believe in evolution and global warming without question who are anti-science.

It has been said we should encour-

age our children to become scientists to move this country forward, but the only way this can be achieved is through constant questioning of the status quo, which includes theories and beliefs that humankind holds to be true.

Teaching our children that the theories of evolution and global warming are true and not to question them is, in itself, an exercise in anti-

intellectualism. But, hey, isn't that better than having our children be like other extremists who also questioned the status quo? You know, extremists like Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington, Frederick Douglas, Albert Einstein, Galileo, Christopher Columbus, Martin Luther, Thomas Jefferson, Jesus Christ. . . .

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