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Saturday of Service



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UI students get their hands dirty with yard work and various other activities at the Saturday of Service event, which occurred on April 26. The students pictured above were assisting senior citizens to complete physically taxing labor on behalf of the My Own Home organization, based in Moscow, ID.

An open invitation

UI Economics Club in opposition of tobacco ban, wants more discussion

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The proposed tobacco-free policy would prohibit the use of all tobacco products on the University of Idaho campus.

The UI economics club has taken a stance against the proposed tobacco ban and wants the campus community to hear why in a public panel discussion with both sides of the issue present.

"Consider this an open invitation," said Steve Peterson, the economics club adviser. "Our club specializes in debates and panel discussions and we think before the implementation of tobacco-free policy moves any further, there needs to be a panel discussion

where both sides — ideally including members of the tobacco task force — should discuss the issue and open it up to the campus."

The economics club arranged such an event last year when tobacco first became a hot topic on campus and nearly 300 people showed up, Peterson said. But, there was no representation on the pro tobacco-free side, due to disagreements on how the event was advertised.

After learning of the economics club intention and consulting with other members of the tobacco task force, Daniel Trautvetter, interim health education coordinator, said the task force would now be happy to participate in the panel.

"The taskforce would be interested in joining a panel discussion with the economics club," Trautvetter said. "As long as we planned it together and had equal representation on both sides with adequate

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We should learn lessons from our history. Prohibition did not work.

Nick Meixler,
economics club president

notice and both parties would agree on the marketing materials for the event."

Peterson said one of the reasons his students are against the anticipated change of the tobacco policy is because it may have unexpected outcomes.

"Our concern is multifold in that laws that feel good — basically feel-good laws like this that are trendy and popular — often down the road have unintended consequences that will have adverse effect on people

in the future," Peterson said.

Nick Meixler, economics club president, agreed with Peterson and used an example to describe possible outcomes — he compared a university tobacco ban to alcohol prohibition in the 1920s.

"We should learn lessons from our history," Meixler said. "Prohibition did not work. It's one thing to try to eliminate the second-hand health effects of smoking, but it's a whole other thing if your goal is to try to basically coerce people into not smoking. Eventually if you clamp down too much on that, it will backfire much like the war on drugs has and prohibition did."

In a joint statement, the task force said while some people may not agree with a university-wide tobacco ban, it would be

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Finals Fest tickets free for students

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

ASUI Vandal Entertainment has made the decision that student tickets for Finals Fest will now be free.

The event, which will feature the indie-pop dance band Grouplove, in addition to three opening acts, will take place May 8. Music is anticipated to start at 8 p.m.

"Watching ticket sales in the 20-odd days since the release, they just weren't happening," said Vandal Entertainment Board Chair Sammi Gunning. "We realized students just weren't able to and didn't want to pay for tickets — especially in light of last year being free."

Students will still be able to pick up their tickets at the ticket office in the Kibbie Dome. Gunning said they are making efforts to have tickets available in the Idaho Commons as well. Students who already purchased tickets can visit the ticket office for a refund.

Non-student tickets will remain \$25 and

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Idaho sanctioned by NCAA for APR violation

Football program ineligible for 2014 postseason

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Idaho football is ineligible for the 2014 postseason after facing penalties from the NCAA due to unsatisfactory APR scores, Idaho announced this morning. The program will also have to cut four hours of practice per week.

The Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores in question encompassed 2009 through 2012, when Robb Akey was in charge of the program. The penalties do not include APR scores from when Paul Petrino took over the program in 2013.

Athletic director Rob Spear said he was approached in November by the NCAA about the potential of penalties.

"It wasn't a surprise, we knew we had an uphill battle. When you look at the quality of the program and what coach Petrino has done, we are well positioned for the future," Spear said.

Schools with an APR under a four-year average of

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Safety for Greeks

UI student lobbies for safety in Greek houses, Steel House

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

There are three Greek house fires every week in the United States, according to University of Idaho Lambda Chi Alpha member Alec Akin.

Many of these fires are easily preventable with sprinkler systems and fire alarms, Akin said. These systems are standard today, but many fraternities and sororities nationwide were built long before this was the

case, Akin said. According to him, 50 percent of Greek houses across the country don't have sprinkler systems.

Lambda Chi Alpha is one such house. Built in 1927, the fraternity lacks the basic security systems that could protect Akin and his brothers from potential harm.

Akin said he hopes that within the next few years, things will begin to change. Next week, he will travel to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of Lambda Chi Alpha for H.R. 1449, more commonly known as the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act of 2013

(CHIA).

"A sprinkler system costs \$400,000 to put in," Akin said. "For me, there's a need for it. That's where most injuries are incurred, and it seems kind of basic to me to put in a fire extinguishing system. Residence halls have them, and if we could get them too, it would be great."

In a resolution passed earlier this month, the ASUI senate declared their support for CHIA. According to ASUI President Max Cowan, the policy would make it so that charitable donations to

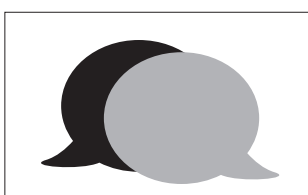
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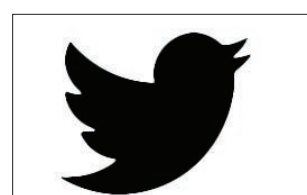
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Hummingbird cake

Claire Whitley
Crumbs

An old fashioned Southern dessert, hummingbird cake has been around since 1978. It originated in Alabama, and legend is that the cake tastes so good you'll hum when you eat it.

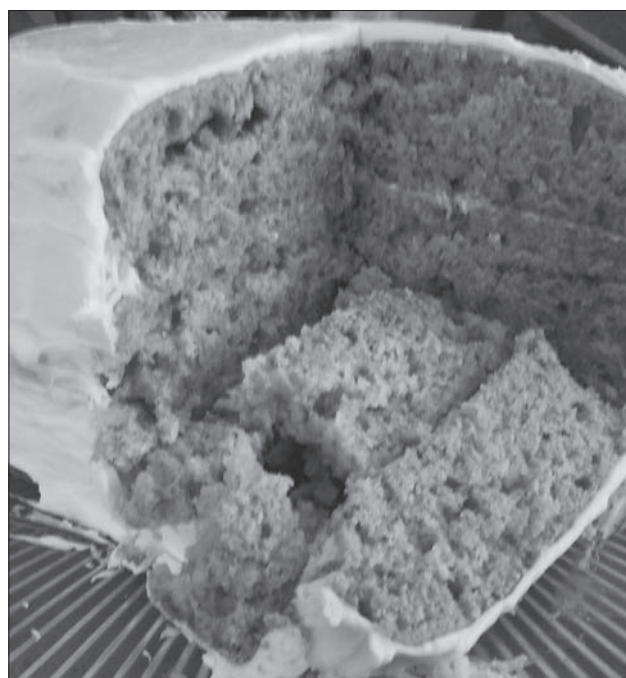
Ingredients:

- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 8 ounce can of crushed pineapple, not drained
- 1 3/4 cups mashed ripe bananas, about 3 bananas
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- For cream cheese frosting:
1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 8 ounces cream cheese at room temperature

- 1 pound powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Preheat oven at 350 degrees F.
Coat three 9-inch cake pans with vegetable cooking spray and flour.
In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Add eggs and oil and stir until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat.
Stir in vanilla, pineapple, juice, pecans and mashed bananas.
Pour batter into prepared pans and bake on the middle rack for about 25 minutes or when toothpick is poked, it comes out clean.
Cool in pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then invert onto the wire racks and cool completely.
To make the frosting,



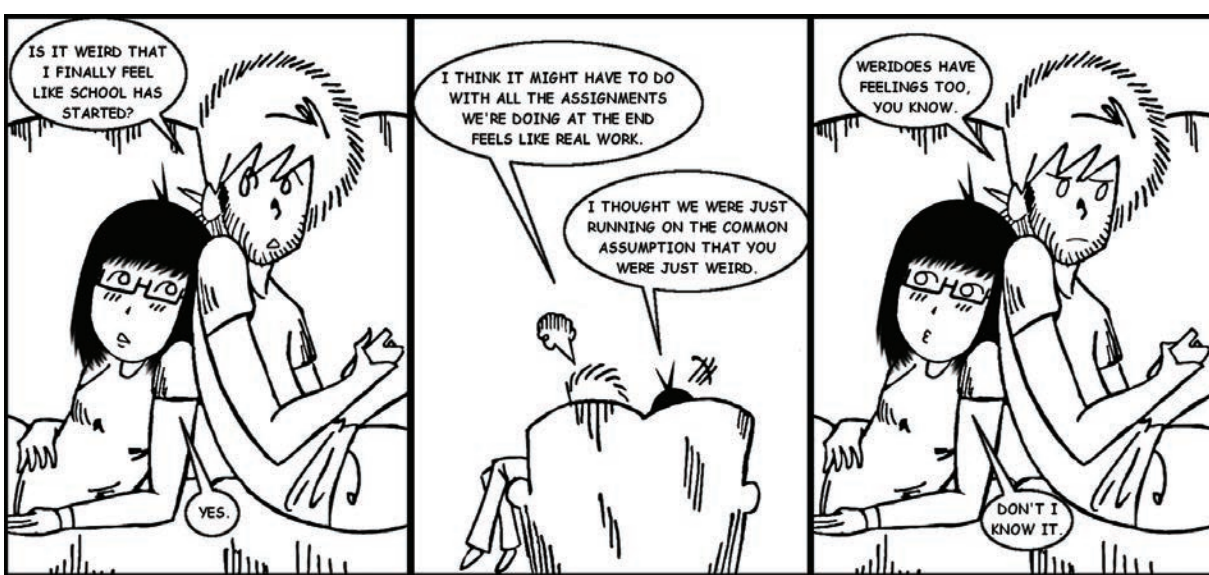
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beat together butter with cream cheese on medium speed for 2 minutes. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating on a low speed until light and fluffy. Stir vanilla and pecans.

Assemble the cake, spreading the frosting between the layers on the top and sides.

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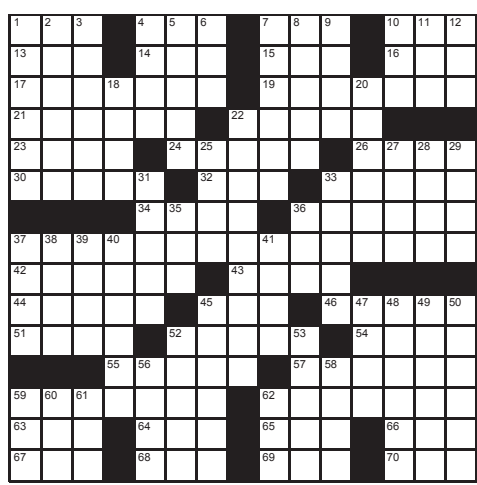


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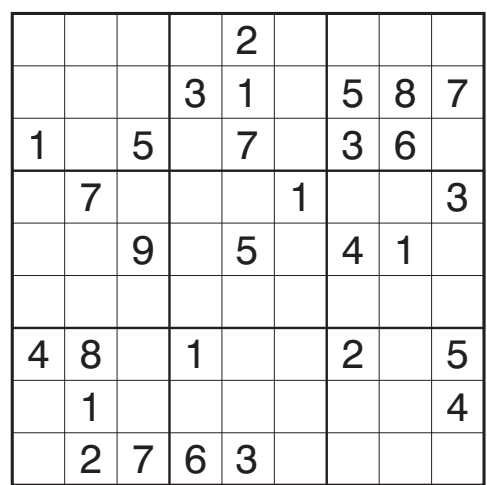
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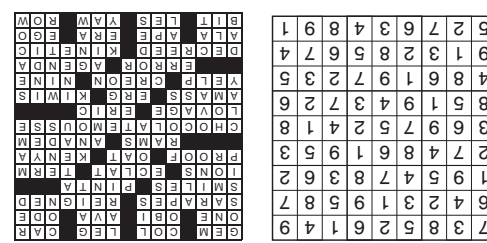


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Nancy Chaney, former mayor of the City of Moscow, sits on a bench built in her honor in East City Park in Moscow Saturday. Chaney served two terms as mayor.

Memories of Minidoka

Photojournalist Teresa Tamura visits campus, presents stories of Japanese internment

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

Robert "Bob" Sato was 16 when Pearl Harbor was bombed, and shortly thereafter, Executive Order 9066 was signed into action.

For Sato and his family, this meant abandoning their home, their jobs and normal lives for Camp Minidoka — a Japanese-American internment camp located between Twin Falls and Jerome, Idaho. As they packed their most valuable possessions, Sato's father tried to explain the situation as best as he could to his family.

"I don't know where they're taking us," his father said. "I don't know how long we're going to be. I don't know if we'll ever be able to come back. Just remember this is your country, and you have to act accordingly."

When Sato turned 19, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army. While Sato put his life on the line for his native country, his family still remained incarcerated behind Minidoka's barbed wire fences in Block 19, Barrack 7, Apartment B.

Sato's story is just one featured in the book of photojournalist Teresa Tamura who visited Moscow last Saturday to tell the stories of many Japanese-Americans who were imprisoned in Minidoka, and to promote her book "Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp." The book features essays, stories and interviews with camp survivors, and 180 black-and-white photographs documenting the Minidoka experiences for residents.

"I asked people who were at Minidoka, 'What do you want people to know about this experience?'" Tamura said. "To others I asked, 'Why do they think it is important to remember this?' I wanted people to think about these things."

Minidoka was one of 10 concentration camps established in the U.S., following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. Tamura said the attack led to national paranoia toward the loyalties of Japanese-Americans, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. This allowed around 120,000 Japanese-Americans to be taken away from their homes and businesses to be housed in tarpaper barracks constantly watched by guard towers.

"At 5 years old I started my schooling, I learned to put my hand over my heart and pledge allegiance to the American flag with liberty and justice for all," Minidoka prisoner Mako Nakagawa said. "I learned liberty and justice for all when I was a 5-year-old prisoner behind barbed wire fences in an American concentration camp."

Tamura described the con-

ditions inside the camp barracks as Spartan living — rooms were furnished with a coal burning stove, metal cots and little else. However, some residents worked to make situations better for the community.

One prisoner, George Nakashima, met a carpenter who taught him to be a carpenter while he was imprisoned. At Minidoka, he would create furniture with objects he found in the camp, and he continued to hone his craft even after he was freed from his imprisonment.

The experience also dramatically altered the life courses of many inmates, Tamura said. She told the story of one inmate who had plans to study art in Hiroshima, Japan, prior to being forced into the Minidoka internment camp. The experience impacted him so much that he abandoned his dream and worked at a lottery company for the rest of his life, in order to support his family.

Tamura shared many other stories during her presentation, and then had a question and answer period with the audience, before signing copies of her book. The event was hosted in the 1912 Center, and was sponsored by the Moscow Public Library, the Palouse Asian American Association and Friends of the Moscow Library.

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BPA exposure affects fetal heart

Monkeys used in UI study of BPA testing

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

A University of Idaho researcher reported bisphenol A or BPA, induced changes in the fetal heart development of rhesus monkeys.

Gordon Murdoch, associate professor of physiology in animal and veterinary science, led the study funded by the Passport Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Murdoch collaborated with the University of California, Davis where the rhesus monkeys were housed. The tissues were then sent to UI to be tested, he said.

"Rhesus monkeys have similar developmental stages in utero as humans, making them the best model," he said. "They are the best experimental model to simulate what maybe going on in another primate, which humans are."

The objective of this research was to find out if maternal exposure to BPA had any effects on a primate monkey in a developing fetus, he said.

Mothers dosed orally with BPA in a supplemental fruit they received daily were observed having a change in their offspring's gene expression, compared to the mothers receiving the fruit with no BPA in it, he said.

During pregnancy, the fetus is not pushing any blood with its heart because it is utilizing the mother's heart, he said. Around the time of birth, the fetus's heart will begin to be functional. This research showed BPA disrupted this change.

Another gene that was changed is similar to when an adult has cardiovascular disease, which is an enlargement of the heart.

Both cardiovascular disease and metabolic syndrome are on the rise, along with the use of BPA. The possibility of these two things being connected needed to be looked at, he said.

"BPA is used as an additive for many

plastic materials such as water bottles, it is used to line canned foods and it is coated on receipts," he said. "It is a commonly used chemical humans are exposed to on a daily basis."

Tests have been given on humans to see how much BPA exposure they receive, he said. During the trial, the research team found out the dosage of BPA they were giving the primates never reached the levels normally seen in most humans — even though there was still a change in heart development.

A follow-up study has been conducted using silastic implants — a tube implanted under the skin that leaches BPA — and reaching doses commonly seen in human exposure, Murdoch said. This trial received higher serum levels. The research from the follow-up study will be published later this year.

"This is just one study and it was anecdotal and we didn't study it long term, so we didn't track to see if these (offspring) from these mothers would end up developing cardiovascular disease symptoms earlier or if they had any performance deficits," he said. "There is still room for more study."

Research on BPA is expanding to more than just fetal heart development, he said. Other researchers are examining brain, placenta, liver and kidney tissues to see the affect BPA has on the rest of the body.

If there is compelling evidence that this substance is harmful, agencies like the FDA can ban it or request for it to be reduced, he said.

"People can do things that can physically limit their BPA exposure," Murdoch said. "In my own household, my children don't microwave plastic and eat out of it. We try to select more fresh fruit and vegetables instead of canned and at the gas pump I choose not to get the receipt. Little things you can do to reduce your BPA exposure."

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Police Log

Monday, April 21

7:24 p.m. University Avenue, Perch
Perch employee reported a fake ID.

Tuesday, April 22

7:19 a.m. East Third Street, East City Park

Cp. Art Lindquist with the Moscow Police Department said an unknown individual wrote an explicative in white nail polish on a soldier statue in East City Park.

6:38 p.m. South Main Street, Gritman Medical

Lindquist said a patient was arguing with her boyfriend and requested that he be escorted out.

Wednesday, April 23

1:02 a.m. Veatch Street, Troy Road

Female arrested for driving under the influence. A report was taken.

1:11 p.m. 400 block East Fifth Street
Complaint of drugs. A report was taken.

11:45 p.m. 1000 block Paradise Creek St.

Complaint of odor or marijuana. A report was not taken.

Thursday, April 24

2:02 a.m. 1300 block Blake Ave.
Complaint of suicide attempt. A report was taken.

5:14 p.m. 600 block West Pullman Road

Complaint of suicidal subject. A report was taken.

Saturday, April 26

10:18 p.m. 700 block Brent Drive
Officer arrested male for battery. A report was taken.

DANCING IN THE STREETS



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The UI Swing Dance Club in collaboration with CJ's roped off a section of downtown Moscow in order to attempt to break the world record for Largest Swing Dance of 756 dancers in one event. Natalie Hardin, co-president of the Swing Dance, said attendance fell short of the world record.

Earthquakes rock Challis

Recent 'swarm' of earthquakes a concern for Challis residents

Karter Krassel
Argonaut

Is the Yellowstone super volcano about to blow and wipe out the United States?

Probably not, according to Bill Phillips, a research geologist at the University of Idaho. Regardless, Idaho has been the target location of hundreds of small earthquakes in the past couple of weeks near the small town of Challis. Phillips said the quakes garnered a small amount of national media attention due to their relativity to the super volcano that is Yellowstone, as well as significantly large nearby faults. The quakes seem to be dying down, however, and Moscow residents shouldn't start moving away quite yet, Phillips said, as the Northern Idaho area isn't of much concern.

"People think, and we can't tell that this is not true, that maybe these are foreshocks of a much larger earthquake," Phillips said. "It's pretty close to Yellowstone, so that has people wondering if there is

some sort of connection, but I don't see that as very likely."

With Yellowstone not being an immediate concern, he said the small earthquakes are not a threat for most Idahoans.

"We have these things called swarms, like insect swarms," Phillips said. "They are earthquakes occurring randomly around the same spot, or almost randomly. The swarm is what's unusual."

Being somewhat isolated incidents, the concern is more in the immediate area where the quakes are occurring.

"It's been a little unsettling for the people who live there," Phillips said. "The earthquakes are generally being called the 'Challis Swarm.'"

The largest of the swarm occurred near Challis on April 12. According to Phillips, it was a 4.9 on the Richter scale. While this isn't particularly large, it could be indicative of larger earthquakes to come, Phillips said.

On an Internet application called "Did



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Professor Bill Phillips uses computer software to track a cluster of small earthquakes in the Challis, Idaho, area. Phillips said the earthquakes began in March.

you feel it?" anyone can report whether they feel an earthquake in a certain area. On the day of the April 12 quake, 104 people went to the site to report they had felt it.

However, as a 4.9 is still a fairly small earthquake, Phillips stressed that the concern is more about the frequency of the recent quakes than the scale of the April 12 quake.

The earthquake was one of the largest in Idaho since 1983. This means the earthquake was significant for our area, but

nationally, the concern comes from the possible foreshadowing, as opposed to the quake itself.

So when is the big one coming? That's another story, Phillips said, who handles most questions for the university involving geological hazards. He said the bottom line is that the people of Moscow need not worry — at least not yet.

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One video at a time

Online campaign encourages individuals to share random acts of kindness

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

The Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is trying to encourage the University of Idaho community to be kind through a campaign called Nice Nominations.

The idea for the campaign came from an online drinking game called Nekonomination, in which "nominees" upload videos of themselves consuming an alcoholic drink — frequently, a pint of beer — as quickly as possible.

Nice Nomination participants are asked to upload a picture or video of themselves doing a random act of kindness within a set time limit, and nominate others to do the same. Uploads are marked with the hashtag #nicenominations.

Natalie Magnus, the center's coordinator, said this movement started at UI around the time of National Random Acts of Kindness Week, because the center wanted to get students' attention and participation in random acts of kindness. She said they decided to use the name Nice Nominations, because several other organizations are already participating under that name, and it was an op-

portunity to draw attention through the rebranding of something that many students already know about.

"It was definitely stemmed from the idea of doing something nice for each other, and something healthy instead of doing something that can be more or less destructive," Magnus said.

Andrew Blake, a student working at the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, said the Nice Nomination project intends to offer a positive alternative to Nekonomination.

"I think the idea was kind of to rebrand that program, or put a different value behind it, where it was people doing a spontaneous act of kindness, instead of a spontaneous beer chug," he said.

Blake said workers in the center hope university community members can take control of the movement, and help it spread.

"It definitely originated in our office, but I think the beauty of it is that people who do the random acts of niceness are then able to nominate others to follow up on that, and hopefully those others nominate others, and it kind of perpetuates itself," Blake said.

Magnus said she thinks there are people who have participated, but have been unable to send a picture or video because they didn't have one. She said it's difficult to tell how many re-

sponses there have been — or if people are still participating — because not everyone who participates will send their evidence to the center's email address, which is what the initial participants did. Magnus said she thinks it's fun to have pictures or video to help increase the interest in the program, but that it is not necessary.

"The point of the program — is to do random acts of kindness, and random acts of kindness don't need to be posted on Facebook, they just need to be done," she said.

Micaela Iveson, outreach coordinator for the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, said she thinks Nice Nomination is twofold, because it both encourages people to spread positivity and helps people recognize ways in which they already have a positive impact.

"I think that people tend to go around their daily lives doing kind things for people, without necessarily even realizing it," she said.

Iveson said she liked the idea that it was possible to change something silly into something positive for the community, and she hopes the campaign makes people's days a little brighter.

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Masculine culture

New men's group forming to discuss issues surrounding masculinity

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As coordinator for Violence Prevention Programs at the University of Idaho, Virginia Solan said her work puts her in contact with a lot of women, and consequently, female issues.

As a change of pace, Solan is currently working with Speaker's Bureau member, Andrew Schaffer, to create a new men's group for UI by the next school year.

The Speaker's Bureau is a group of students, faculty and community members connected with interpersonal violence. Unlike many members of the Speaker's Bureau, Schaffer said he isn't a survivor of sexual assault, but his girlfriend is.

Schaffer said his girlfriend was assaulted by multiple people until she was 16 years old, when her parents sent her

to a treatment center for two and a half years. He said the treatment helped her in many ways, but because the center was heavily Catholic, most of the treatment centered around religion.

Schaffer said moved to Idaho from Ohio in 2011 and lived with his girlfriend's uncle. Schaffer said he and Monica hit it off fairly quickly and before they started dating, she opened up to him about some of the stuff she had gone through.

Schaffer said he was educated on the impact of sexual violence through his relationship.

"Before I met her, I wasn't really aware of rape culture, like, what it was or anything like that," Schaffer said. "I was one of those people that made the occasional rape jokes, that kind of thing. But once I met her, she really opened up about how that affects people."

Despite Schaffer's experience with the subject, the new men's group will not be solely focused on the issue of sexual assault, but more about the views on masculinity in culture. Schaffer said a focus on sexual violence was

an original idea, but once the group began developing further, he and Solan decided to broaden the scope.

"It's about providing a space for men to explore how they are as men," Solan said.

Solan said there have been multiple men's groups against sexual violence in UI's history. The V-Men Workshop, for example, is a current group on campus. This group started during "The Vagina Monologues," hosted by the Women's Center. Another past example was the Brotherhood Empowerment Against Rape (BEAR).

Schaffer said he is planning to run a few activities for the new men's group inspired by some events BEAR did.

Solan said organizations at UI and across the U.S. have done a lot of good in regard to female empowerment, but there hasn't been much attention on the culture of masculinity. She pointed out that while activists are on the right track in encouraging women to break the glass ceiling, somehow the choice of being a househusband for men is

still looked down upon. This is the direction Solan and Schaffer plan to take the group.

Solan said most male culture indirectly promotes men to be sexist, by showing "tough guys" in a positive light in movies and other media outlets, and discouraging "wimpy" men.

"I don't ever get upset about guys on campus saying problematic things, and I never get offended really," Solan said. "Because I really don't think people are aware. It's like that whole thing about, 'fish don't know they're in water until they're out.'"

Schaffer said this male culture can negatively affect women too. He said in his research on the subject, he saw that as women became more powerful during the 20th century, men felt pressure to become more powerful in the only way they knew, by bulking up and increasing violence. Schaffer said with groups like these promoting conversation about the subject, men can explore how they can prevent the current standards.

Schaffer plans on being a

counselor once he graduates. Along with his work at the Speaker's Bureau, he is also scheduled to work with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse next year. Schaffer said he feels qualified to direct this group, due to his interest in the cause.

"I have a lot of passion for this topic," Schaffer said. "I certainly have a lot to learn in this area, but it's an area I'm very passionate about. I think that ... a lot of men don't know about this, like hyper-masculinity ... how often women and other men experience consequences of that ... I think that I'm fairly aware of that already."

Schaffer and Solan are still figuring out the details regarding the group. Their goal is to have everything settled by this fall. Schaffer said if people are interested in being a part of this group, they can contact him through his email, aschaffer@uidaho.edu.

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best for all students, staff, faculty and visitors — health-wise and financially.

"Besides the obvious health reasons for needing to go tobacco free there are financial reasons involved as well. A tobacco free campus will decrease costs and personnel resources related to tobacco litter. For example, several granting agencies such as the CDC and the NIH are adding stipulations to which university they award grant money to. One of those stipulations is that the universities have a comprehensive tobacco-free policy in place. In the future the University of Idaho, which receives millions of dollars from these agencies each year, could lose this funding due to a lack of tobacco-free policy in place."

Representatives of both the task force and the economics club said a main priority of theirs is including the campus community in policy changes that affect the university. Each group also said there's still room for discussion.

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FREE

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Non-student tickets will remain \$25 and can be purchased online, over the phone or in person at the ticket office.

To cover the cost of student tickets, Vandal Entertainment will draw from the ASUI general reserve with the support of Student Affairs administration and ASUI President Max Cowan.

Gunning said only 71 tickets had been purchased since the initial announcement of this year's Finals Fest. She said about 50 of those purchased were student tickets.

"The overarching goal of Finals Fest is to bring a fantastic entertainment and college experience," Gunning said. "We decided that cost was the issue, so we addressed it as needed. We still expect it to be a fantastic event. It's basically going to be the biggest dance party of the year."

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"It wasn't a surprise, we knew we had an uphill battle. When you look at the quality of the program and what coach Petrino has done, we are well positioned for the future," Spear said.

Schools with an APR under a four-year average of 930 are subject to penalties, which could include a loss of scholarships. Idaho was penalized with an average APR of 903: 971 in 2009, 921 in 2010, 881 in 2011 and 838 in 2012.

Idaho attempted to appeal, stating mitigating factors such as the potential loss of conference revenue and the volatility of its conference situation, but the NCAA denied, instead handing out the penalties on Thursday which Idaho accepted.

"We accepted the penalties and we're moving forward and quite proud of the aggressive corrective actions we've put in place," Spear said.

The four hours of lost practice time each week will turn into study hours, a penalty which may hurt more than the bowl ban.

Petrino said those hours will most likely take away from Idaho's 'Get Better Sunday' scrimmages in which freshmen and underclassmen get most of the scrimmage reps.

"It'll be something that, that is a hard penalty. It'll take away Sunday, is going to be the big thing where we're going to add a two-hour study hall," Petrino said. "We'll take three hours away on Sunday, then we'll just take a half hour away on Wednesday and Thursday."

The penalties allow seniors with up-to-standard APR scores to transfer without having to sit out a year, something Petrino said he doesn't anticipate.

In addition to a team meeting, he held additional one-on-one meetings with seniors to gauge their interest in transferring.

In naming Maxx Forde, Mike Marboe and Dezmon Epps, Petrino said "they're all Vandals."

Petrino anticipates the 2013 team APR to be 960.

"Coming in we knew that we had to improve, we had to have an academic plan from day one," Petrino said. "We've done a great job of it. We've improved every semester with our grades."

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SAFETY

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According to ASUI President Max Cowan, the policy would make it so that charitable donations to nonprofit, non-university affiliated student housing would be tax deductible. This monetary incentive would ensure these houses — meaning Greek houses and student co-ops, such as Steel House — have the funds to install necessary safety systems.

"There are a number of Greek houses and non-university, nonprofit student housing on the UI campus that are in need of repairs and renovations," Cowan said. "It's really important that these students have adequate living facilities and that they be affordable. The alternative to donating is charging students more — keeping college costs under control is so much more than just tuition. This is one way we can hopefully maintain an affordable cost."

Akin said 197 representatives and 32 senators have sponsored the bill, making it the most popular tax reform in the last several sessions of Congress. He also said that it came at a low cost and benefited all parties involved, and with so

many Greeks on both sides of the aisle, it's supported by both sides of Congress.

Even so, Akin said he thinks nothing will come of the bill for about four years.

"With current events like Ukraine, I don't see it coming up fairly quickly," Akin said. "I do see increased support with the persistence of people who support it, since university communities as a whole and student senates have made it clear that it's something to work towards. Once global issues settle down a little bit, it'll be easier to push it through."

Some Greek houses are on the National Register of Historic Places, meaning no new infrastructure can be installed that would alter the original architecture.

Another issue that could potentially block the bill, Akin said, is the issue of hazing. While CHIA and hazing are not directly related, Akin said he worries that in any conversation about Greek life, the focus will inevitably turn to their bad reputation. While he said it's not a major concern, Akin thinks it will be important to keep the conversation centralized on what's important — the safety of university students.

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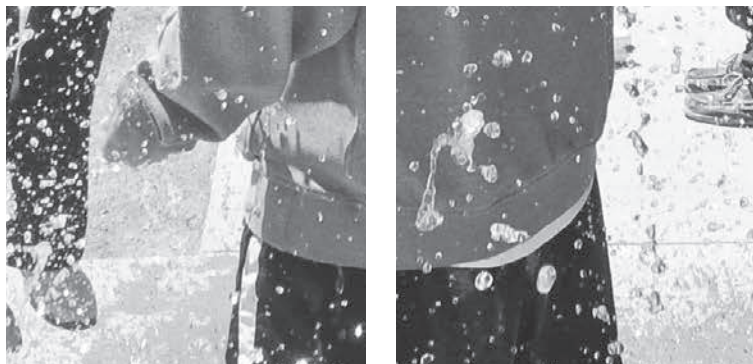
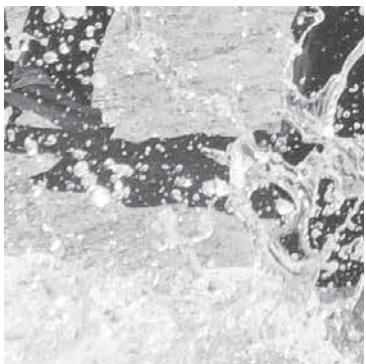


Idaho football finishes spring practice Friday evening with the Silver and Gold game.

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GAME. SET. WAC CHAMPS

Men's and women's tennis triumph over New Mexico State in Las Cruces



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Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman gets doused with water following the men's team championship victory which capped Idaho's dual-championship day.

Conor Gleason
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The Idaho women's tennis team wasn't going to let the weather advisory warning ruin an improbable season.

The Vandals swept Kansas City 4-0 Saturday, and beat rival New Mexico State 4-1 on its home court Sunday to earn an automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA tournament on May 9, 10 and 11.

"We had strong performances both days," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "We played New Mexico State recently, basically to prepare for this conference tournament. We lost the first time we played them during the regular season, but it really motivated the team and we learned what we needed to do and they did it today."

The Vandals lost their match to NMSU on April 13, but Beaman said the difference Sunday was that they learned from their mistakes.

The doubles matches weren't played Sunday due to the weather, and would have only been played for tiebreaking purposes.

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Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Despite an inconsistent season, the Vandal men's tennis team ended on a high note as they defeated top-seeded New Mexico State Aggies in the finals of the WAC Championships 4-2.

"It was a grinding season. We are not used to having losing seasons," coach Jeff Beaman said. "It really showed the perseverance of the guys. The guys stepped up and played their best tennis at the time it matters most."

This was the Vandals' second trip to Las Cruces, N.M., this spring, with the first ending in a demoralizing 4-0 loss on Feb. 16. However, the experience that the team gained in its first go-around with the Aggies and the New Mexican desert proved vital, as they were able to avenge that loss and claim its first WAC championship win.

"We were waking up at 4 a.m. Moscow time to go and eat breakfast and hit the facility," Beaman said of the time difference. "Having an off day and practicing with the bye definitely gave us an advantage that we may not have had without the bye."

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Epps arrested for DUI

Staff report
Argonaut

Idaho wide receiver Dezmon Epps was arrested for driving under the influence early Sunday morning in Pullman, according to Pullman police.

The incident, which occurred at 800 NE Ruby St., adjacent to Stubblefields bar and grill, was cited by Pullman Police at 1:23 a.m. Epps was pulled over for driving the wrong direction on a one-way street, Pullman police said.



Dezmon Epps

The officer suspected that Epps was driving under the influence and gave him a sobriety test, which he failed. He was arrested and taken to Whitman County jail. He is currently not in custody.

Epps led the Vandals in receiving during the 2013 season and the junior college transfer, who will be a senior in 2014, caught 79 passes for 980 yards and four

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Kim collects individual WAC title

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

In Idaho's last WAC Championships before moving to the Big Sky Conference next year, Idaho finished in second place — just six shots behind the winner New Mexico State.

Not all was lost at the WAC Championships. Idaho's Leilanie Kim won the individual championship. The junior from Canada finished with an eight-over-par 224.

"She really stepped up and showed her talent this week," coach Lisa Johnson said. "She is the best player in the WAC.

She played awesome. I couldn't be prouder of her."

Unfortunately, winning the individual championship doesn't earn an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, only a team championship win would have.

Idaho led after two rounds of play, but New Mexico State fired a tournament low in round three with a collective 295 to edge out Idaho by six strokes and win the championship.

"We didn't play well enough and New Mexico State played great," Johnson said. "The

nerves kind of showed up in putting. We had tons of birdie opportunities. We just didn't convert. We hadn't been in this position (to win a tournament on the last day) all year."

As for the rest of the Vandals, sophomore Cassie McKinley tied for third with 13-over-par 229, freshman Amy Hasenoehrl tied for eighth with 20-over-par 236, junior Kaitlyn Oster tied for 12th with 21-over-par 237 and sophomore Kristin Strankman tied for 18th with 29-over-par 245.

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Different story in second spring

First team offense and defense roll in spring game

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

It didn't take long for the "gold" team — which was wearing black jerseys — to get on the scoreboard during last Friday's Silver and Gold spring game.

Just two plays in, redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan connected with the speedy sophomore running back and wide receiver hybrid Richard Montgomery for a 61-yard touchdown reception. It was the first of many touchdowns for gold, en route to its 61-7 victory over "silver" — which was wearing white jerseys.

The gold team was put together primarily of first-string players, and the silver team with the second-string — hence the lopsided numbers on the scoreboard.

"We're just a way better football team, and it's exciting," coach Paul Petrino said. "I think the attitude, the effort and just the feeling we have as a team is awesome."

Not to be outdone by Linehan's 61-yard touchdown pass, quarterback Chad Chalich had a 69-yard touchdown strike of his own.

On his third series, the redshirt sophomore from Coeur d'Alene showed no sign of his nagging shoulder injury, which he brought into spring from last season. With pressure building, Chalich stepped in the pocket and connected with the tightly covered sophomore receiver Jacob Sannon, who would jog in for six.

"They both had good springs and it's going to be a battle," Petrino said of the quarterback competition. "I think it's good going into summer to have that. I think it will make them work that much harder."

Linehan finished the game completing 30 of 46 passes for 373 yards and two touchdowns. Chalich ended with completing 16 of 27 passes for 306 yards and two touchdowns.

The reason for the air-raid display when Linehan is under center, then the conservative approach with Chalich, remains to be seen — but through the four scrimmages this spring, the numbers are substantially different.

This spring, Linehan completed 130 of 201 passes for 1,622 yards, 19 touchdowns and five interceptions. Chalich, on the other hand, completed 69 of 122 passes for 1,199 yards, 13 touchdowns and two interceptions.



Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan gathers his offense for a huddle in the first quarter of the Silver and Gold spring game that took place on Friday night in the Kibbie Dome. Linehan threw for two touchdowns during the two-hour long scrimmage.

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A big reason for the offensive explosion is the emergence of some new weapons. Last season Idaho only had one receiver finish with more than 450 receiving yards, which was Dezmon Epps with 980 yards.

In only four spring scrimmages, Idaho has three receivers over the 450-yard mark — Epps, Deon Watson and Joshua McCain. The three combined for 22 touchdowns, which was seven more than the 15 touchdowns Idaho had as a team last season.

"It's pretty great," Watson said of the receiver depth. "We're not solely dependent on just one person, the depth is crazy. It's great when you have depth, not only fatigue wise, but you know you can rely on each other."

The offense didn't completely steal the show — the defense had its fun, too. More specifically, the defensive line.

The defensive line received an extra boost when Quayshawne Buckley was found to have an extra year of eligibility. The senior from Ontario, Calif., could have been mistaken for an offensive player based on how much he was in the backfield. Buckley finished with two sacks, three tackles-for-loss and seven tackles overall. More importantly, he had no penalties, which has been a problem for him in recent seasons.

Along with Buckley, the defensive line reeked havoc all night, finishing with six sacks and 10 tackles for a loss.

"I think the first team defensive line has a chance to be pretty darn special," Petrino said. "They just got to keep working hard and keep improving."

Despite the defensive line's impressive showing, the first team offensive line

showed signs of improvement, too. Petrino said the competition is wide open on the offensive line right now with three of the five spots up for grabs.

"Quarterback, O-line, D-line — if you want to win championships, that's kind of where it all starts," Petrino said.

With spring officially done, the team will be turned loose and it will be on them to improve over the summer.

The message from Petrino was simple: "Win the day."

"That's what we talk about all the time," he said. "Is win every day. Let's win every day in the weight room, let's win every day when we go out on that field."

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Petrino inherited program in APR mess

Problems can be pointed to Akey

Talk about bad news for the football program after a really great set of spring practices.

After the spring game on Friday, the athletic department sent out an email at 9 a.m. Saturday announcing that athletic director Rob Spear and football coach Paul Petrino were going to hold a press conference.

Before going into the press conference, members of the media had no clue what was going to be announced until another email was sent out shortly before the press conference began.

The email announced the team would not be eligible to participate in the postseason — a bowl ban. The reason behind this was that the team's Academic Progress Rate

(APR) scores had dipped below the required number.

For those who don't know how the APR system works, it works like this. The system is a series of points. All athletes who earn athletically related financial aid have a chance to score two points towards the APR score for the team.

One point is a retention point earned for staying in school. The other is an eligibility point for remaining academically eligible. All of the points are added up and then divided by the total points that a team can earn. After that, the total is multiplied by 1,000.

If a program's APR for a four-year average is under 930, they are subject to penalties including

losing scholarships — up to 10 percent of a sport's scholarships for the year. That penalty can be immediately enforced by the NCAA.

Any average under 900 can be subject to stricter penalties. This includes the penalties that the football team was just handed, including a loss of practice time and loss of postseason competition. The most severe penalty is the NCAA restricting membership status of the school and that penalizes the entire athletic department. With that, Idaho can lose its Division I status.

Luckily, that penalty was not handed out.

The penalties that have been handed out though are still a huge blow to the team. This team had postseason aspirations this season with the Sun Belt Conference schedule that they were

handed. Now, those are gone for the season. They don't have a bowl game to play towards.

When asked, Spear said they tried to appeal the ruling, but with how the numbers had decreased from 2009-2012, they lost the appeal.

Many of the years that were part of the four-year average came during the Robb Akey era at Idaho. This is just another mess that Petrino and the athletic department have to clean up from his tenure here.

A little shining light that comes from this news is that, so far, none of the seniors have decided to transfer. With the current rules, any senior that has an up-to-standard APR score would be able to transfer and play immediately at the school they transfer to.

Petrino said that he talked with the seniors, including individual meetings with senior leaders Maxx Forde, Dezmon Epps and Mike Marboe and he said "they're all Vandals."

While it may not be fair to them that they are going to miss the postseason, they can all help improve the APR score for future teams to compete in bowl games and postseason play.

Petrino knew coming into the job that academics were going to have to improve and he has helped implement a good academic plan. He expects the team APR to be at 960 for 2013.

Which again demonstrates that Petrino might just be the right guy for the job.

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Idaho soccer ready for return to Big Sky

Spring Season concluded Saturday

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

The Vandal soccer team wrapped up its first spring under coach Derek Pittman Saturday in Spokane in a 7-on-7 tournament. The Vandals ended the day 1-3.

"The team went out and played very hard, which is a mark of who we are," Pittman said. "We didn't play as sharp as we needed to necessarily get the results we really wanted."

Idaho's first spring season under Pittman saw a young team learn and embrace new strategies that emphasized attacking on offense and swarming on defense. Pittman said the Vandals have really bought into these schemes.

"When we go out and play hard, and play together, we can compete with anyone," Pittman said. "If we have even a few individuals that don't, then we can get beat by anyone."

The Vandals had a great showing overall, he said. The team was able to put some good shots on goal and continues to improve at defending in swarms and creating havoc for the opposition, Pittman said.

Pittman said the Vandals were up and down in the spring finale, but with the format it was to be expected. He saw his team having fun, which was the hope when it was scheduled. Although the team only won one of its games, Pittman said he saw good performances from his team and it is another building block for the team moving into the summer and fall.

"They've not only improved themselves individually but as a group as well," Pittman said. "It's definitely a different style and level of expectations, but they've done a great job."

With the majority of the team consisting of underclassmen, Pittman felt that getting them all to buy into his system immediately was huge, as the Vandals prepare to bring in a few new players in the fall.

"They're going to be able to set the example and lay the foundation

for players to come in the future. We expect this fall for that to happen," Pittman said.

The Vandals will be adding eight incoming freshmen, along with Kimberly Gerkin — who enrolled in January. Pittman expects team leaders Elexis Schlossarek, Emily Ngan, Reagan Quigley, Madison Moore and Alyssa and Amanda Pease to help the incoming freshmen class learn Pittman's system and his expectations.

"They are going to show the incoming freshmen how we train, how we play and just what it means to slip on the Vandal soccer jersey and take pride in who we are and what we want to do and accomplish every time we take that field," Pittman said.

Pittman said he has also been able to learn his team's personality in how they interact and support each other both on the field and off.

The Vandals will join the Big Sky Conference in the fall after competing in the WAC for the past nine seasons.

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Athletes of the week



Artemiy Nikitin - Men's tennis

Both the Idaho men's and women's teams were on edge when Nikitin and his doubles partner, Cesar Torres, were competing in the final event of the day at the WAC Championships. Gridlocked at 3-3,

the WAC Championship between Idaho and New Mexico State would be determined by the No. 3 doubles match, where Nikitin and Torres won 8-6. Nikitin also won his No. 2 singles match, beating Paul Denele 6-3, 7-5, putting himself in position to win the tournament with his doubles match.



Vicky Lozano - Women's tennis

Lozano dominated for the women's tennis program all season, and the WAC Championships in Las Cruces, N.M., were no different. She had a clean sweep, winning both of her No. 1 singles matches

6-2, 6-2, against Kansas City and 6-3, 6-2, against New Mexico State. Her No. 1 singles wins set the tone for the Vandals, who only dropped one match the entire tournament. The performance was so overwhelming, Idaho didn't even have to play any doubles matches to clinch victories.



Leilanie Kim - Women's golf

The Idaho women's golf team wasn't able to get it done, even with a lead heading into the final day, but it didn't leave Arizona empty handed. Junior Leilanie Kim took home the individual

WAC Championship. She shot an even-par 72 during the final day to win her individual championship with a 54-hole total 224. She has consistently been one of Idaho's best players this season and will be a team leader with the Vandals entering the Big Sky Conference next season.



Richard Montgomery - Football

The speedy running back and wide receiver hybrid gave Idaho fans a preview of what could come on Saturdays in the fall, when he totaled three touchdowns

during the Silver and Gold spring game on Friday night. Montgomery took two draw-plays up the middle, making cuts and making defenders miss rushing touchdowns of 15 yards and 61 yards. He also scored the first touchdown of the spring game when he took a Matt Linehan pass 61 yards for the score on a wheel route. Idaho coach Paul Petrino stated after the game how important it's going to be for the program to get the ball in his hands in 2014, because of his speed. Montgomery ended the scrimmage with 80 yards receiving and 83 yards rushing.



Karlene Hurrel - Track and Field

Hurrel set the tone for Idaho's 10 individual wins during the Cougar Invitational this weekend with two wins in the 100m and the 200m sprints with times of 12.23 seconds and 24.65, respectively.

The senior from Canada is competing in her final outdoor season for the Vandals and will look to repeat her 100 individual win at the Vandal Jamboree May 10.

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GO, GO, SILVER AND GOLD



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Sophomore running back Richard Montgomery attempts to make a cut on linebacker Daniel Peterson. Montgomery rushed for two touchdowns during the Silver and Gold scrimmage.

WOMEN

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Senior Vicky Lozano won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 1 singles and Galina Bykova defeated NMSU's Denise Van Der Ben, 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3.

Lozano won her match in the face of 35-60 mph winds in Las Cruces, N.M.

"I used the wind to my favor," Lozano said. "In a way, I think I intimidated the other girl. I did what I had to do. I just did my game — volleys, slices, good serves, and that work perfectly."

Beaman, who oversees both the women's and men's programs as the Director of Tennis, was coaching both teams at the same time Sunday. The women will join the men's team, as they both qualified for the NCAA tournament.

"I was running around all over the place," Beaman said. "To coach two matches at the same time in a very large facility is hard. Our assistants really did a good job."

"I almost lost my voice, because I was cheering so much for the girls and guys," Lozano said. "I was screaming too loud, the whole day we've been celebrating."

The winds forced Sunday's matches to be played earlier than originally scheduled.

"Normally, we cannot

play if the winds are 20 or more sustained for college tennis," Beaman said. "But due to there being no indoor backup, the matches happened to be played for a team to qualify for the NCAA (Championships), so they moved the matches earlier where the winds are generally lighter here."

Beaman said the seniors on the team have helped changed the face of the program at Idaho, especially after losing its coach two days before the season started — when Myriam Sopol left to take the coaching job at UTEP.

"It really shows the character of the team, persevering after losing their coach two days before the season started," Beaman said. "Vicky, Ale, Almu are our seniors and have really been a huge part of this team continuing to take a step to the next level every year. They've put in a lot hard work and continued effort. It's great to see them go out on top."

From here, the Vandals will wait until Tuesday morning to see where they'll play in the NCAA Championship. Beaman said Idaho will likely be matched up against a top six ranked school.

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MEN

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The Aggies and Vandals went back and forth on the singles side, with Artemiy Nikitin, Andrew Zedde and Cristobal Ramos Salazar notching wins. Ramos Salazar fought out of an early 2-5 deficit in the first set to win his match and force the doubles to be played. The match came down to the doubles point with both squads tied at 3-3.

The doubles lineup that the Vandals used late in the season proved to be key in their late season success.

"We got to the point where we felt that we had something that was working and we've won a few matches, why change it?" Beaman said. "We always knew that Jose (Bendeck) and Cristobal (Ramos Salazar) were our No. 1. It was just finding those other two that took time."

The Vandals won the crucial doubles point as well, despite standout No. 1 pairing Ramos Salazar and Bendeck falling for only the second time this spring. But the Vandals picked up victories at No. 2 and No. 3 from Odon Barta and Zedde at No. 2 and Nikitin and Cesar Torres at No. 3.

Torres dealt with cramping between his singles and doubles matches. Had he not been able to work the cramp out between the two contests, he would have had to sit out the match. Torres had a few other minor injuries that he dealt with throughout the spring. Luckily for Idaho, he didn't have to sit out as he and Nikitin were able to clinch the win at No. 3 doubles in a come-from-

behind effort.

Had the Vandals not secured a first-round bye, Beaman said there could have been a possibility of cramping in their 4-2 semifinal victory over Texas-Pan American on Saturday as opposed to in the finals against NMSU.

The Vandals came away with victories by Bendeck, Nikitin, Ramos-Salazar and Zedde against UTPA on the singles side. Due to weather, they didn't play the doubles on account of the Vandals having already clinched the victory.

This was the Vandals' first WAC championship and they dealt with Beaman coaching both the men's and women's teams this spring. Former women's coach Myriam Sopol left Idaho for the UTEP coaching job before the season started.

Beaman credited his staff and players for stepping up and being able to travel and practice without their coach at times.

The Vandals aren't done yet, however. Beaman said the team hopes to go out and surprise some people in the NCAA tournament, which could only help the Vandal program grow further.

The two victories in the WAC Tournament improved the Vandals to 11-13 on the season and per NCAA rules, the tournament championship grants them an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. They will find out who and where they play when the brackets are unveiled on April 29.

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EPSS

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touchdowns during his first season with the program. The Sacramento, Calif., native was named to the Biletnikoff Award Watch List in 2013 and had the fourth-best season by a Vandal receiver since 2000.

Epps caught 11 passes for 121 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Idaho's Silver and Gold spring game Friday in the Kibbie Dome.

The report comes 16 hours after Idaho was hit with NCAA penalties due to low APR scores for the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 seasons that resulted in a 2014 postseason ban and reduced practice time.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino has released this

statement on the matter: "I am aware of the situation involving Dezmon Epps and I am disappointed in his actions. I will review the matter and it will be handled swiftly and decisively. Our student-athletes will understand that there will be discipline in our program. They will learn the responsibility they have in representing themselves, the football program, and the University of Idaho in the right manner. We will hold our student-athlete's accountable for their actions at all times as character and integrity will always be a priority in our program. We will learn just as many life lessons through our failures as we will through our successes."

GOLF

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Idaho may not have won the tournament, but they still earned a few trophies. Kim and Oster earned first team

All-WAC for their play this season, and McKinley earned second team All-WAC. Kim also won WAC Player of the Year.

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OUR VIEW

Needless drama surrounds FFF

The University of Idaho released a list of proposed academic changes Wednesday, which included eliminating five undergraduate programs and consolidating all music programs into one degree. The announcement signaled the near-end of a university-wide program prioritization process mandated by the Idaho State Board of Education, titled Focus For the Future by Interim Provost Katherine Aiken.

A re-evaluation of UI programs is a healthy process that many universities go through to make sure they are operating efficiently. To comply with SBOE's mandate, UI must find places to save money, which will likely result in the elimination and consolidation of some programs.

In classic University of Idaho communication style, this announcement blindsided faculty and staff on campus, after they were

assured by Aiken last October that the Focus For the Future evaluation would likely not result in the elimination of academic programs.

Instead of making this an open campus-wide dialogue regarding changes our university could and should make, the administration continues to make processes such as this one and package them in ways that cause panic and disruption.

Did the university learn anything from the "Classification and Compensation" fiasco in the fall? Or does it enjoy such episodes? It seems like unnecessary drama that could be easily avoided by simple clear communication.

In fairness to the university, Aiken has said she is unclear about the state board's expectations for the process. That alone could be causing the gap in information.

Whatever the reason, overall

communication about this entire process has been vague and unclear, with many people confused about where this program prioritization is heading. Whenever large-scale procedures like this take place, UI administration ends up focusing their efforts on allaying fears of the campus community, instead of having open discussion and communication from the get-go.

Was the idea to avoid anger in the fall and delay it until spring? The memo released stated there would be a two-week period for feedback for all concerned parties. The input will then be considered by the Provost Council and other groups prior to making recommendations to President Chuck Staben.

The memo scheduled meetings for specific departments and colleges at UI. Aiken stated at last week's Faculty Senate meeting her desire to

receive input on these proposed changes and take them into consideration in the final proposal she will submit to Staben.

However, the intent of these meetings was not clearly stated on the memo and some of the meetings were scheduled on the same day the memo was released or the day immediately following. It is unrealistic to expect departments to coordinate and attend a meeting the same day or one day after it is announced, let alone gather enough information to comment on the proposals.

If UI administrators expect a well informed, organized process, they need to stop taking the university by surprise. Bottom line, this is not the communication faculty and staff at UI deserve.

-RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

T-one month

One month! One month! One month! Until I move to the other side of the country and embark on my greatest adventure yet.

-Kaitlyn

TWO TITLES

While I understand my racquet stringing has very, very little to do with the WAC tennis titles Idaho picked up on Sunday, you better believe I'm going to act like it did for the next week.

-Theo

My summer

Is going to be a hectic, crazy, excited, nerve-racking experience of my life so far. It's not just a sales job, it's a life learning experience. And my main goal? Is to be more confident with myself and the things I can do.

-Rainy

My kids

I can't wait to be back at Kidz Zone Learning Center to spend the summer with my awesome kids — a good excuse to act like a kid all the time.

-Emily

The jitters,

A symptom of drinking way too many energy drinks in an attempt to survive the next two weeks of classes. Followed by bags under the eyes, grumpy mood and a short amount of patience.

-Danielle

Nice nominations in a nutshell

A hashtag inspired by a drinking game that encourages people to do kind things as long as others are watching.

-Aleya

Three more weeks

And then I'm free at last! These weeks need to hurry up and go by fast.

-Ricky

Doors close

And others open. Sometimes it's okay to let go and embrace new paths in life.

-Kaitlin

No more focus

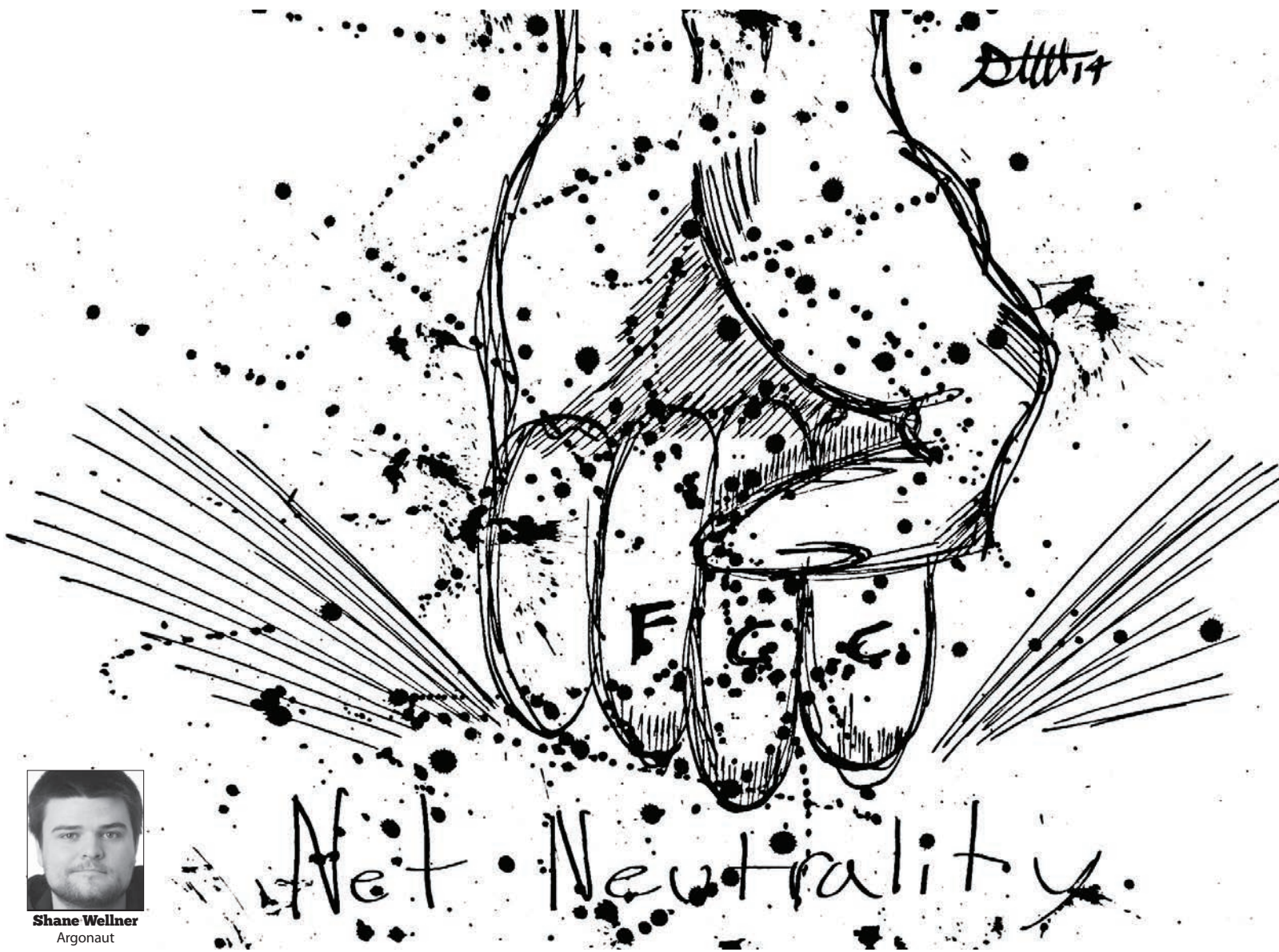
The one time in the semester when I really should be focusing on school projects, assignments and tests is the one week I hit the most exciting season of "Dexter" yet. Netflix, you are my kryptonite.

-Jessica

Welp

Everybody is finding post-graduation jobs, and I'm over here like, I got Wendy's to fall back on.

-Sean



Shane Wellner
Argonaut

Palcohol sparks debate

Powdered alcohol unfairly demonized

The U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) temporarily approved the sale of a powdered alcohol, known as Palcohol, earlier this month.

Unfortunately for college students everywhere, the TTB announced that the approval was an error, because of discrepancies in the amount of powdered alcohol per package. This strange series of events garnered Palcohol plenty of media attention, which answered many questions about the product — mainly why and how it was created.

Despite the short history and lack of research behind the product, Palcohol always seems to be associated with the dangers of alcohol, even though the company took precautions and added volume to the product to ward off nasal consumption.

Yet, the new concern over powdered alcohol abuse does not make sense given that alcohol is the most abused drug society has.



Justin Ackerman
Argonaut

According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 87.6 percent of people over the age of 18 admit to drinking at least once in their life.

Of all these drinkers, the NIAAA reports that 16 million of them will develop an alcohol-use disorder, which is classified as harmful drinking or alcoholism, but doesn't necessarily have to reach the point of physical dependence. According to the Center for Disease Control, not including accidents and homicides, 25,692 people suffered an alcohol-induced death in 2010. Those are mainly cases of alcohol poisoning, disorders such as cirrhosis of the liver account for another 15,990 deaths.

These numbers aren't inconsequential, they represent thousands of dollars

By the numbers

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spent and lives lost.

Combine all that with numbers regarding drunk driving by the CDC and a gruesome picture is painted. These problems are not just national ones. The University of Idaho employs

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Are the proposed cuts beneficial to UI?



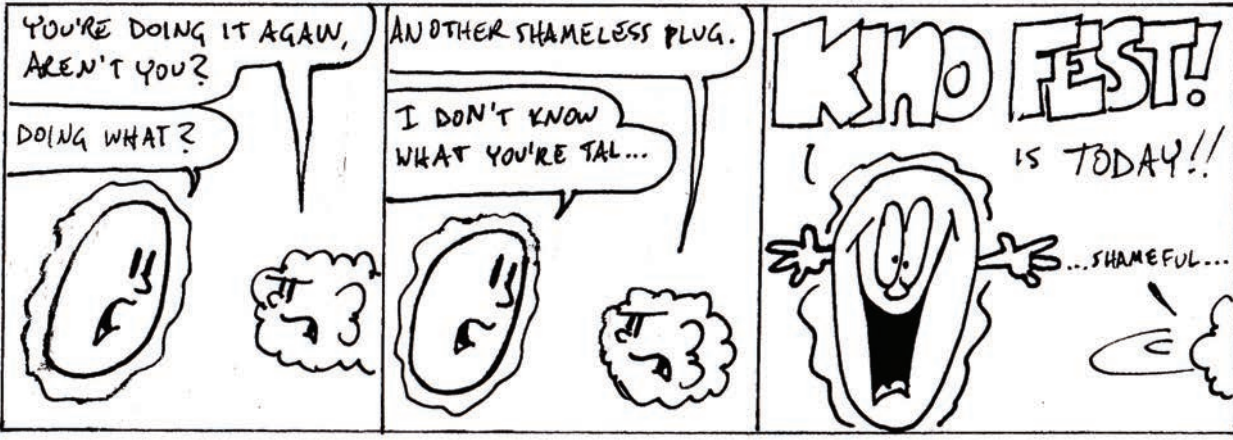
The idea of cutting anything in a way that is cutting knowledge sounds bad plain and simple. I'm not just saying this because my studies are all in the liberal arts, but because I believe you balance in university studies. Students can't help it if one department receives more donations from alumni than another. The state of Idaho in general is already having to combat a negative education image. Actions like these, if taken, will only escalate that.

Shannon Kelly

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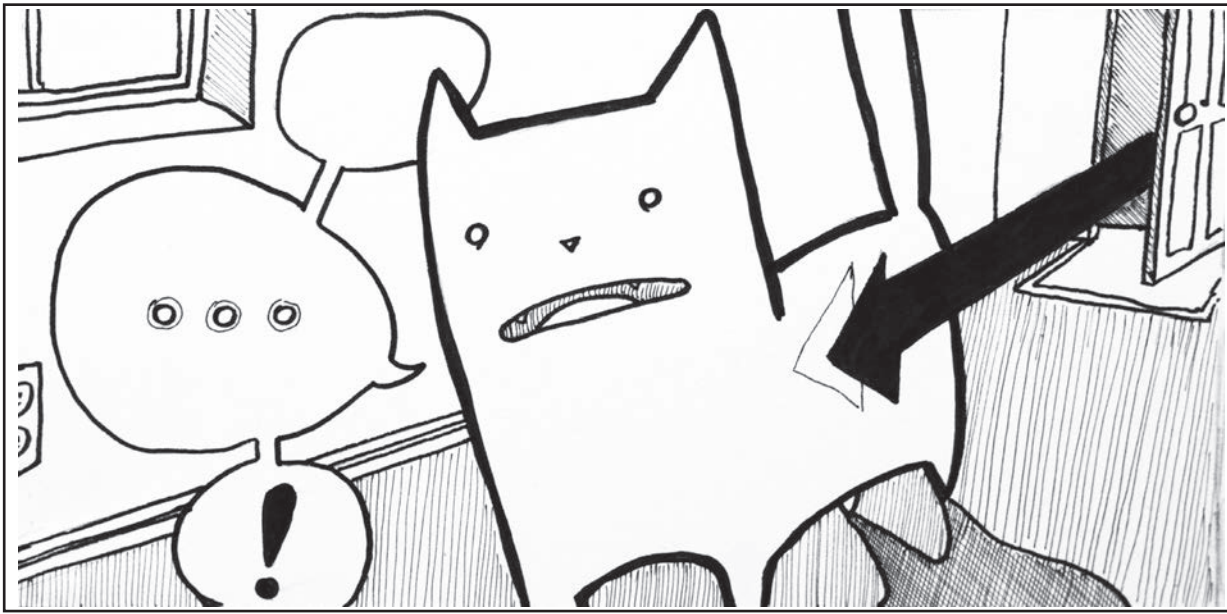
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PALCOHOL

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numerous education and prevention programs to reduce dangerous drug and alcohol use. The eCheckup To Go program allows students to analyze their drinking habits and assess whether they are healthy or not.

Drinking With the Cops is another example of a resource provided by UI to help curb unhealthy drinking habits.

When these programs do not prevent drinking, students caught drinking on campus must enter Choices, a two-part session, which provides alcohol education and tries to help students act responsibly.

Despite these horrible statistics, fairly steep sentencing and prevention programs galore, these numbers have remained fairly consistent and alcohol still poses a huge problem for many. The negative effects of alcohol use can easily outweigh the fun it provides.

If an average weekend at any number of apart-

ment complexes in Moscow, Greek Row or the Bagel Shop at 3 a.m. are any indication, alcohol use is alive and well and these negative consequences are of minor concern to many people.

Which is fine, alcohol is a major part of the college experience, but people need to respect just how bad it can get sometimes.

Alcohol may be a massive flop, it may be the next big thing, but if nothing else it has shown just how easily the ill effects of alcohol are to ignore. Despite the incredible abuse potential and negative impact alcohol can have on one's life, it's powdered imitators have been demonized it as if the problems they may create are something new.

When dealing with potentially life ruining substances, it's important to tread lightly. But rose colored glasses and ignorance to facts aren't helping anyone, and powdered alcohol isn't inherently worse than one of the most abused drugs in the modern world.

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OTCS

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Good things come

To those who hustle. Hello from the future Production Manager!

-Hannah

Sweet gig

Getting to play "Get Lucky" for a crowd full of dancing intoxicated people is quite the experience. I also found out that triple encores are awesome.

-Ryan

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