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Lack of Idaho helmet law likely to stay

Lindsey Treffry
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Despite one of the highest motorcycle fatality rates in the nation, Idaho does not have a law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets.

Throughout the U.S. there are 20 states, including Washington D.C., that require motorcycle helmet use for all riders. Idaho is one of 30 states that does not.

Shirley Ringo, the District 6 representative for the Idaho House of Representatives and member of the Transportation and Defense committee, said it is due to the "extreme conservatism" apparent in the state.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported in Washington, a state that requires motorcycle helmet use, a per capita rate of 1.1 motorcycle fatalities per 100,000 people in 2009. In comparison, Idaho reported a per capita rate of 2.4 — higher than the national average of 1.5.

"The legislatures in Washington tend to be much more progressive," Ringo said. "Idaho is quite unique in the extreme conservatism in the people who serve in the legislature and those that elect them."

Idaho requires people under 18 to wear a helmet while operating motorcycles and ATVs, but does not have a universal bicycle helmet law. In 1990, Washington passed a state-wide motorcycle helmet law. As for bicycle helmets, requirements are up to individual cities or counties.

Spokane passed a citywide bicycle helmet law six years ago. Lynn Drake, the program manager of bicycle and pedestrian safety for the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, said the Spokane health district originally proposed the bicycle law to city council.

"The first turn around, they were told not to bring it to council," Drake said.

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Faces of graduation

A 'good goodbye'

UI graduates more than 800 students Saturday

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

Of the 814 University of Idaho candidates for graduation this fall, approximately 450 are expected to participate in the winter commencement ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome, said Dave Putensen, UI assistant registrar.

The graduating students will earn a total of 841 degrees — 529 undergraduate, 249 master's, 43 doctoral, 12 law and eight specialist degrees. This is an increase from last fall's projected 745 graduates earning 782 degrees, Putensen said.

This brings the grand total of UI graduates since the university was founded to 103,264 and degrees to 110,880.

Putensen said the Registrar's Office is in charge

of checking requirements for graduating students to ensure they've actually earned the degree they're walking for.

"There's an important distinction to make," Putensen said. "There's commencement and walking in the ceremony versus actually graduating, which are two separate things. We play somewhat of the policing role."

It's possible for students to walk in commencement, and figure out afterward they didn't actually graduate, Putensen said.

"We have the commencement ceremony a week before finals, so it's possible for students to fail a class that they needed to graduate," he said. "Grades don't come in until right

Molly Spencer and Katy Sword
Argonaut

December graduation is a young tradition that started in 1998. On Dec. 10, 814 students are expected to graduate from the University of Idaho with 841 degrees.

Each college had students who stood out as being exceptional or having gone above and beyond the average students' goals.

Curtis James - College of Business

Curtis James came to UI for the College of Business, specifically the Integrated Business Curriculum (IBC) program. He soon discovered he would get much more than a program.

"The College of Business was a very unique experience," James said. "I had the chance to learn tools and skills to transform into a business professional."

In January, James will make a cross-country move to Atlanta, where he will work for Fast Enterprises configuring tax software.

James will graduate with degrees in information systems, marketing and operations management, which he said allowed him to gain real-world experience, especially the operations management courses, he can take to his job and the field.

He also said he found his future job through experiences in his courses.

"One of my IBC teammates signed with this company and said he loved the job, and that we were prepared from our (Information Systems) classes," James said. "So I looked into the company, applied and then they flew me out to Denver and I was signed on the spot."

Although James' academic

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New email causes problems

ITS forced to change system, students respond negatively

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

Leah Knibbe, University of Idaho senior, uses her Vandal email account daily to communicate with the students she tutors.

"I have found Outlook to be incredibly hard to use," Knibbe said. "It's incredibly difficult in this program to email multiple people. Hotmail has memorized my email contacts for me and would automatically type in the names"

The University of Idaho Information Technology Services announced in November that students Windows Live email accounts would all be transferred to the Outlook Live system.

Knibbe said the Outlook Live system's contact book is not a good replacement.

"There is no option to copy and paste your address list, so sending a mass email out to my students can take

20 minutes," Knibbe said.

Outlook opens the top email as the home page, which Knibbe said also bothered her.

"I don't want it choosing my email to open, and then that first email is listed as read," Knibbe said. "And if it is not unread I will forget about it. The only solution I found was to set it to not automatically mark anything as read."

The Vandal Mail change process began in October when Microsoft Corp. informed ITS that they were transferring all university accounts to Outlook, said Chuck Lanham, ITS senior director of enterprise applications.

"If we hadn't started the migration process prior to December, they were going to move us regardless," Lanham said. "And so we were not pleased with this."

Lanham said they had tried to

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Tragedies impact campus

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

Four is not a big number. But when there are student names and deaths associated with it, the impact on a small community and the University of Idaho is larger than many may realize.

In one semester the UI community has experienced four student deaths, and Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said the incidents have impacted the campus community.

The first incident occurred Aug. 22 when graduate student Katy Benoit was shot outside her home. Pitman said this situation was a concrete example of how the echoes of one tragedy can change the whole semester.

Meghan Walker, a friend and roommate of Benoit, said she was a genuinely nice person who was a lot of fun. Walker said the two shared an interest in psychology, and spent time cooking, catching up on the "Harry Potter" series and looking for furniture left near dumpsters.

"That was a morning routine," Walker said. "We would have our morning coffee and then

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Ruling in favor of UI in gun law suit

Staff Report
Argonaut

Latah County District Court Judge John Stegner ruled in favor of the University of Idaho Thursday in a lawsuit brought against the university by a student regarding his right to keep firearms on campus.

Law student Aaron Tribble filed a lawsuit against UI in January for not allowing him to keep a handgun in his university housing unit on campus, claiming regulations interfered with his Second Amendment rights.

The lawsuit was heard this summer and on July 25 the UI asked the Latah County District Court to dismiss the lawsuit.

The university released the following statement Thursday in response to the ruling:

"The University of Idaho is pleased with Judge Stegner's ruling in this case; it affirms our position that the university does have the legal authority to regulate firearms on campus, including in university-owned student

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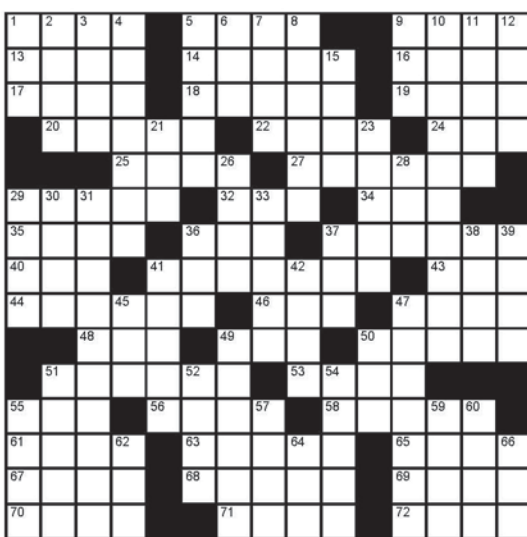


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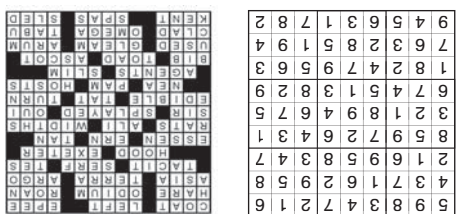
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Seeing through a different lens

Matt Maw
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Matt Dolkas is a graduate student at the University of Idaho, and is using his final graduate project as an opportunity to educate people on the conservation needs of the Palouse prairie, a vanishing ecosystem with myriad native plant and animal species.

Dolkas' project, a photography book about the prairie's conservation, is being released at the Palouse Prairie Foundation fundraiser from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 15 at the 1912 Center. The Palouse Prairie Foundation promotes preservation and restoration of native Palouse Prairie ecosystems in Latah and Whitman Counties, according to their website. Dolkas said the idea isn't to bore people.

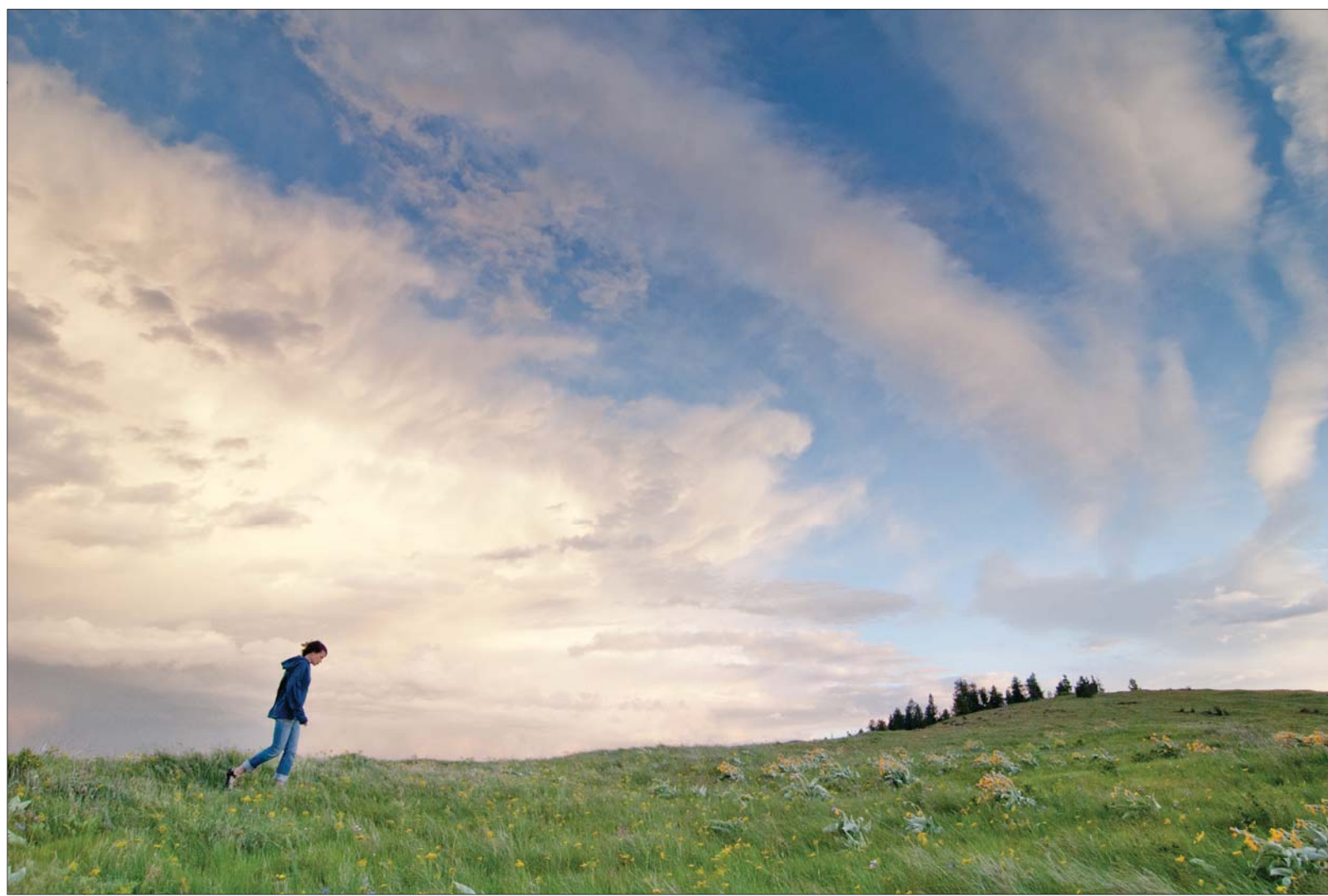
"I kind of wanted to make it more of a party than a fundraiser," he said.

The fundraiser falls on the closing day of his installation in the Idaho Commons Reflection Gallery that displays photos from the book.

Dolkas said the gallery display is intended to introduce his book and communicate the prairie's needs to the campus community.

Palouse Prairie is currently segmented by urbanization, agriculture and weeds, and is one of the most endangered ecological areas in the nation. Dolkas said whether people view conservation as a matter of inherent value or economic utility there are plenty of reasons to support the prairie.

Species here help maintain clean air and water and assist crop pollination. Native plants also don't require significant amounts of fertilizer, water, pesticide or



Matt Dolkas | Courtesy

Kate Mankoff, graduate student at the University of Idaho, walks through the spring bloom in Paradise Ridge, Idaho. This is one of many photos that will appear in a photography book for the Palouse Prairie Foundation.

upkeep, and they help prevent soil erosion from water and wind, Dolkas said.

Dolkas said native species might provide medicinal benefits not yet understood. He said it's important to preserve "our genetic library."

"You don't want to throw out books just because you can't read them," he said. "You have to save them because one day you might be able to use them."

David Hall, PPF presi-

dent, said everything in the ecosystem is connected, and the loss of one species could have significant effects. He said the prairie is also part of "our neighborhood," and should be preserved. Pitting agriculture against ecological management misses the point of Dolkas' project, he said.

"It's not 'enviros' against farmers," he said. "Farmers love their land too ... It's not trying to shut them down at all."

Dolkas said the primary

argument of his book is that ecological and agricultural methods need to work together, and fighting for a single species is near-sighted. Farming is valuable and unavoidable, he said, and he'd like to see people work together with less argument and more efficiency.

Dolkas said photography conveys his message well. Many haven't seen diminishing prairies, and photos can illuminate the land and its potential.

"(You) can show people places that they otherwise wouldn't see, and you can do so in a way that's persuasive,"

he said. "You can also show people very familiar things in a way that might change their understanding of them."

The book, "Finding the Palouse Prairie: Images of a Vanishing Grassland," can be purchased online at www.dolkas.com, and all proceeds benefit PPF.

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UI Provost nominated for presidency of UNM

Anja Sundali
Argonaut

University of Idaho Provost and Executive Vice President Doug Baker was named one of five finalists for the presidency at the University of New Mexico Monday.

Baker said he wasn't looking for a new job when UNM began recruiting him this fall.

"It looked like a potentially interesting job with a lot of assets — a lot of good faculty, staff and students. There's a lot of opportunities to move the university forward," Baker said.

Baker said he was officially named a candidate over Thanksgiving break, and interviewed two weeks ago with a search committee in New Mexico.

"I think the attractive factor is the opportunity to make a difference at the university of New Mexico," Baker said. "There's also a lot of potential in the university and a lot of opportunity around the state for the university to make a difference in peoples' lives."

Baker said if he was offered the job he would like to work with "big picture" issues on the UNM campus to move both the university and the state forward.

"I think there's great opportunity to build a strategic vision for the university, and to build a culture of collaboration within the university and with its stakeholders," he said.



Doug Baker

Baker said his current position at UI is more internally oriented than a president's position. Taking the job at UNM would give Baker the chance to guide a strategic direction for UNM and build "critical partnerships" between the university and the community, he said. However, Baker said he would miss UI.

"I do greatly enjoy the staff, faculty and students at (UI)," Baker said. "There's just a real Vandal culture here that's really supportive. I would miss that if I were to leave."

UNM will announce its choice for president in the next month, Baker said. Whoever fills the position would likely start this summer, he said.

Baker said whatever the decision, he would be happy to remain at UI or move on to UNM.

"This was not a position I was out seeking ... (so to be nominated) was a nice recognition and a good opportunity, but there's a lot of great stuff that we're doing at Idaho," he said.

The other finalists for the presidency of UNM are Robert G. Frank, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Kent State University; Meredith Hay, special advisor to the chair for strategic initiatives at the Arizona Board of Regents; Elizabeth Hoffman, executive vice president and provost at Iowa State University and Elsa A. Murano, professor and president emerita at Texas A & M University.

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Zach Edwards | Argonaut

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UI loses valuable resource

Assistant Dean of Students Val Russo resigns

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Valerie Russo, assistant dean of students for training and resources and director of Violence Prevention Programs, has resigned from the University of Idaho.

Russo has accepted a new position with Alliance Family Services in Moscow where she will be a full-time counselor.

"It's time to do what I've been working toward doing, which is the counseling piece," Russo said. "I'm excited to be able to stay in the community and still work in the community and service and be able to provide counseling. It's a good move. I'll miss the university but I'm very excited about my new journey."

Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said the Dean of Students office will lose a "highly respected colleague" in Russo.

"We're going to lose a person who has many years of experience in a very difficult area," Pitman said.

Russo's work with UI has included the development and expansion of the Violence Prevention Program, as well as the implementation of alcohol programming, advocacy, and the Brotherhood Empowered Against Rape (BEAR).

"Much of what I do is responding and coordinating service and resources for students that come forward that are dealing with issues of sexual violence, or dating violence — stalking, harassment, those kinds of issues," Russo said.

Russo joined the university 16 years ago as a part-time sexual assault program coordinator.

"I moved here because I just loved the area, and I actually didn't even have a job," Russo said. "I saw the job in the paper one day and it should have just said 'Dear Val, we have a job for you at the university' because it was perfect."

Russo obtained her bachelor's degree from Evergreen College in Olympia, Wash., in human development. She then earned her master's in clinical psychology from Antioch in Santa Barbara, Calif., and finally her doctorate in higher education administration with an emphasis in counseling and health and wellness from the University of Idaho.

"It feels very special to me to be able to sit with people in their dark moments," Russo said. "I'm looking for-

ward to working one-on-one with folks. The idea of doing counseling and having that role appeals to me. It's what I've been working toward."

Russo finished her doctoral degree in 2008, earned her counseling license in 2009, and became certified as a life coach in 2010.

Russo said it's time to use her education to pursue her passion — counsel-

ing. "I'm happy. I'm sad that I'm leaving, but it's all good. It's personal growth and professional development," Russo said. "I think it'll be interactive and energizing. I feel excited, it's truly my passion."

Russo's experience in counseling and violence prevention was valuable for the university this fall and helped many students understand the violence that occurred, Pitman said.

"It's been an incredibly unusual year for the kind of violence that we saw," Pitman said. "She provided an incredibly valuable support to some students who were grieving, some students who were trying to make sense of the violence and trying to make sense of the life that was lost."

Pitman said Russo will be

greatly missed by the university as they begin the search to fill her position. He said it will be difficult to find someone who has the same level of expertise as Russo.

"One of the realities of people in the helping profession is that they ultimately use up all of their emotional resources and they need a change," Pitman said. "She's provided a great service, and I understand that desire and need to make a change."

Russo will not be far from the university, her new office will be located on Sixth Street.

"Valerie has been very innovative in creating education strategies and prevention strategies. We'll be losing someone who has a lot of experience helping victims and their families. She'll be difficult to replace," Pitman said.

Russo said she will still keep an eye on the university, and will be willing to keep in contact with students who have connected with her on campus.

"I'll miss the students, I love the students. My favorite part of being here on campus was the students," Russo said. "Anyone who knows me knows I always said the students are my boss."



Valerie Russo

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drive around to see if anyone left anything nice out by their dumpsters."

She said Benoit liked to do her own thing, which made others not worry about what other people thought either.

"She really enjoyed dancing ..." Walker said. "She would dance in the car while at stop lights, like I laugh at people who dance in the car, but when you're sitting next to them it's different."

Pitman said an outcome of Benoit's death is a heightened sensitivity to people at risk.

Pitman said there has been an increase in use of Support Services, and the Counseling and Testing Center is much busier than last year. He said these departments had to adjust how they accommodated requests for urgent attention.

"They re-engineered their schedules and strategies for first-time contact with students," he said.

The three most recent deaths have continued to require the use of services provided by the Dean of Students office.

Freshmen Wyatt Smith and Benson Sternberg were killed in a rollover in Troy Nov. 12 when Smith lost control of his truck and went over a northbound embankment.

Michelle Aoi, a friend of Smith and Sternberg, said the two were a lot alike, always laughing and never stressed, and could almost always be found together.

"They were two boys that you really admired for their

outlook at life," she said. "No matter how bad it got, they always found something to laugh about."

Aoi said she met Smith because they lived on the same floor in the Wallace Residence Center, and that she met Benson through Smith and their involvement in high school FFA.

"Wyatt was very down to Earth," she said. "Quiet unless he had something to say, and it was always something pretty good."

Sternberg, she said, was the louder one of the two and what he said usually made people laugh.

"He took school seriously, but not so seriously where it was a stress," she said. "He was very intelligent, whether he liked to let people know or not."

Within a week of Smith and Sternberg's rollover, freshman Sarah Asmus was also killed in a car accident as she and her and Kappa Alpha Theta sister Katherine Bulcher were traveling home for Thanksgiving Break.

Bulcher and Asmus were traveling south of Smith's Ferry on slush-covered roads when Bulcher lost control, fishtailed and was hit by an oncoming truck. Asmus died the next day from her injuries, and Bulcher is recovering from the injuries she suffered.

A candlelight vigil was held for Asmus when students returned to campus Dec. 2, after a service in her hometown of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Pitman said the accidents occurred so close together that they seem more impactful than if they had been spread out over time.

"Broadly, I think, it's

touched many on campus in reminding us of lessons we've been taught and need to relearn every once in a while, like safety," Pitman said.

Pitman said he spoke at Asmus' vigil, which was well attended.

"I said death is a very harsh and sometimes unexpected intruder on a college campus," Pitman said. "It's a very youth oriented place, so when it does come to campus it's very painful and jarring."

Pitman said his staff had spent part of the summer re-designing how they respond to routine student concerns and situations, and it was a task they didn't realize would end up being so helpful.

He said routine concerns include medical withdrawals and family emergencies, and systemizing those processes involved creating short documents that outlined the information students need to know about what to do.

Pitman said in the past members of his staff met one-on-one with every student about repetitive and basic concerns that could be easily addressed. He said creating an easy way to hand out the information liberated his staff to focus on high-risk and urgent situations.

He said as a result of the deaths this semester they re-aligned services to better accommodate students. A team of individuals worked with the people affected by specific incidents.

"The staff in the Dean of Students office and the Counseling and Testing Center have worked to the limits of their energy and ability," Pitman said. "And are in need of winter break to get rested up a bit."

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Alex Aguirre | Argonaut

Diane Prorak of Friends of the Clearwater promotes protecting local wilderness at the Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse Wednesday at the Prichard Art Gallery. Prorak said she supports the Alternative Giving Market because it is a good way to learn about and support other local groups.

Shop local, buy local, give local

Katy Sword
Argonaut

This year students and community members made gift-giving a charitable affair, while keeping the benefit in the Palouse.

The Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse hosted its third annual event at the Prichard Art Gallery Wednesday featuring 27 local charities.

The market allows shoppers to browse charities, and select which they want to donate to. The donations are given in the form of a gift card that purchasers can give as gifts for the holiday season.

"The gift cards will say what they are for," said Mary Shook, a market volunteer. "For example, it might say 'a pound of nails,' for the Palouse Habitat for Hu-

manity, or 'book for new baby,' if it was for Gritman."

The event began three years ago when co-founders Dianne Laursen and Renae Hill shared the mutual idea for a giving market.

"We met through Tom Lamar, who knew we had both said we wanted to do an alternate market for non-profits," Laursen said.

Planning started in October 2009 and student volunteers pitched in to make it happen, Laursen said. Laursen and Hill hoped for eight non-profits in their first year — 55 applied Laursen said they picked 20.

"The core message is, 'what does it really mean to do something for the community?'" Laursen said. "Instead of doing something that leaves the community, (like Heifer International) do something

that stays. We say shop local, buy local, give local."

Laursen also said Moscow is a tight-knit community, so an event like the giving market fits the spirit of the community.

The first year it opened the Alternate Giving Market raised about \$8,000, and last year raised more than \$10,000.

Last year was also the first year the market had an online presence.

"We realized not everyone could attend the market in person, so we had a student set up a website, and another student group did the advertising plan," Laursen said.

The market is open online from Nov. 25 until Dec. 10, and provides a virtual market displaying all of the organizations that will be at the actual market.

"We wanted to make it as easy for the non-profits that are participating as we could, and as easy for the shopper as we could," Laursen said. "They get to shop in one place, write one check, get one tax receipt and leave."

Some of the organizations participating this year are First Book, which provides books to families with limited funds, Friends of the Clearwater, an organization that defends public lands and provides internships for students, The Palouse Choral Society and Christmas for Kids, a local charity that provides toys and coats to children.

"There are many opportunities, and we really encourage students to take the Palouse home at the holidays," Shook said.

Director of Campus Life says goodbye

Laura Hutchinson leaves UI, moves to Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

After being with the University of Idaho for four years, Laura Hutchinson left her position as Director of Campus Life and Student Conduct. Hutchinson will move on to work as associate dean to campus life at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind.

"I've worked very, very closely with Laura. She has been fundamentally important to our team," Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said.

In the short time Hutchinson was here, Pitman said she made a tremendous impact to the university by providing great care to help students and to assist faculty in helping students the best way they possibly can.

"Very specifically, she contributed to the department by bringing very compassionate care and expertise in helping students who were dealing with crisis situations — whether it was a family crisis or a mental health situation," Pitman said.

He said he feels Hutchinson took great care to be fair to students and find out what outcome was in the student's best interest. Because she worked at so many different places previously, she brought a wealth of knowledge from those experiences.

"We will miss her humor. We will miss her expertise," Pitman said. "And for short term, we will be trying to fill her various responsibilities by asking staff people (full-time and part-time) to take parts of what she was doing."

Pitman said the Dean of Student's office is fortunate to have Sharon Fritz from the Counseling and Testing Center

temporarily fill the position.

The university will initiate a hiring process, but they plan to take time to find someone with a similar set of skills as Hutchinson, Pitman said.

Fritz said she previously worked with Hutchinson on student concerns and issues, orientation and Vandal Fridays. "The university is missing a great person. She did an awesome job," Fritz said.

Fritz said she is in the middle of her work transition and is still doing most of her work at the CTC.

Fritz said she was fortunate to have time with Hutchinson before she left to learn what she was doing.

"It's just a different shift, a different focus. A little hectic trying to manage two different jobs at the same time, and they're both very busy at this time of year," she said.

Fritz said she hadn't thought about making this change until the opportunity presented itself. She said this temporary position feels like a really good compliment to her work at the CTC.

"This is kind of on the other side of the coin, so-to-speak," Fritz said.

She said she is looking forward to seeing the opposite side by working with students of concerns and dealing with safety issues.

"I'm here as an interim just so they can advertise. But this will give them time to do a good search and I think it's really important," Fritz said. "This is a key position in the university and I think it's important that they spend time and actually get someone who will really fit with the job."

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Just One Voice

Alexandra Teague reads to UI students, faculty

Kristen Koester-Smith
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Alexandra Teague, a faculty member of the University of Idaho English department who has won numerous awards for her writing, read from two of her collections Wednesday night.

Teague read several poems from her book "Mortal Geography," for which she won the 2010 California Book Award. Teague said the book contains poems that are partially autobiographical and some that are historical.

She said the book's theme is vaguely place and displacement. One of the poems she read from this collection was "Referral," a poem about going to the dermatologist on Halloween and having to discuss the possibility of cancer with nurses in Halloween costumes. The poem is a little "absurdist," Teague said.

She also read from her in-progress manuscript, which she's been working on for a year with the help of 2011 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. This manuscript centers around the Winchester family legend and their mansion in San Jose, Calif.

The mysterious house, built by the heir to the Winchester family fortune, contains secret passageways and staircases that lead to the ceiling. Supposedly, Sarah Winchester built the house this way to protect herself from the ghosts of people who had been killed by Winchester rifles.

From this collection Teague read "The Blueprint" and a crown of sonnets called "Plinky Topperwein, Champion Markswoman, Remembers," among others.

Doug Heckman, UI Master's of Fine Arts creative writing program director, said it is important for people to take the opportunity to go to readings like



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Award-winning poet and University of Idaho professor Alexandra Teague gives a reading Wednesday in the law school courtroom in the Menard Law Building. Teague held a book signing following the reading.

this to understand what is valued in art.

"She's been recognized as a significant poet in America. I think that for itself speaks that it would be behoove people to hear what she has to say," Heckman said.



You can get something special out of hearing a poet read their work, in the voice they intended (it to be in).

Alexandra Teague,
UI faculty member

first time they read or hear them.

Teague said people often enjoy her poems because they tell stories that are easy to follow. She said she believes it is natural for people to hear poetry spoken out loud in readings like this because poetry began as a spoken art.

"You can get something

special out of hearing a poet read their work, in the voice they intended (it to be in)," Teague said.

Teague said people who hear or read her work get a feeling of her preoccupations in life. Themes of language itself as a subject, visual art, music and women's history occur often in her poetry, she said. She also said one of her main interests in creating a work is the musicality of language, which comes through when the poems are read aloud.

Heckman said he loves Teague's attention to setting in her poems. Other stories or poems could be placed anywhere, but some of Teague's poems incorporate places that are significant to the poetry itself, Heckman said.

Although Teague has many praises and awards, she remains humble about her poetry, as she said, "A variety of poetry exists in the world ... I'm just one voice."

Transit center will connect university, community

Intermodal Transit Center construction set for this summer

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

Moscow and University of Idaho transportation systems will merge into one with the construction of an Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) this summer.

The project is in phase two, which focuses on finalizing designs and getting ready to start construction on UI's blue lot 60, said Bill Belknap, Moscow's director of city development.

"The ITC will be the central location for the Moscow Valley Transit (MVT) and UI parking and facilities offices," Belknap said. "It will also be home to bus parking for private and public operators and provide a covered, public waiting area with restrooms and lockers for passengers."

Belknap said this is a beneficial collaboration between UI and Moscow because all facilities will be located in one central hub. MVT's current offices are located in Lewiston and the buses park at the fairgrounds because there are no local designated parking areas.

"We wanted to provide the community with a greater sense of presence and better public transportation services," Belknap said. "The location offers a central place for the city, the university and the regional services to connect and deliver its passengers."

Funding for the project came from a \$1.5 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) grant. The project also received \$436,106 from

the Federal Transit Administration's transit capital investment program and \$182,560 from the city of Moscow, according to the Phase I final report document. Belknap said UI also contributed about \$200,000 in funding, totaling the project budget at around \$2.2 million.

Director of UI Parking and Transportation Carl Root said the installment of the ITC will eliminate 50 to 100 parking spaces from lot 60.

"This will be a positive addition to our campus," Root said. "With UI and the city working together on the ITC to provide a central location for the MVT, university transportation as well as provide a location for the regional services, it's beneficial for everyone."

Belknap said the partnership between the university and the city's transportation systems are one of the unique aspects about the project, and that it was an important collaboration of the two services.

"A lot of the riders are largely students, so with combining UI with the city's transportation it helps reduce the overlapping of the two services," he said. "Over long term this will be an important service to the students at UI and the city of Moscow."

The ITC was designed by Design West architecture in Pullman and will be completed by December 2012 or January 2013.

Belknap said the focus of the entire project was on the community and how the ITC can create a better connection and basis for public transportation.

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Artist J. Casey Doyle hangs his piece "Ribbon # 6 (Turquoise)" in the Prichard Art Gallery Thursday afternoon. The Prichard is hosting an exhibit of pieces from the College of Art and Architecture faculty from Dec. 10 to Feb. 5.

Part teacher, full-time artists

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Prichard Art Gallery will host the annual faculty art exhibit, introducing two new faculty artists to their list of talent.

Stacy Isenbarger and Casey Doyle joined the UI faculty this fall and will have their work displayed Dec. 9 through Jan. 22 along with 16 other faculty mem-

bers. An opening reception for the exhibit is today from 5 to 8 p.m.

"(The purpose of the exhibit is) to help both the community at large as well as the university know a little bit more about what the faculty in art and architecture do here," said Roger Rowley, director of the Prichard Art Gallery.

Rowley said the art contributions stem from all media, including sculpture, pho-

tography and other media. Faculty members volunteer to showcase their work and choose which pieces to share.

Doyle instructed the intermediate and advanced sculpture classes as well as the senior art studio for the first time this fall. His exhibit features curling ribbon and pieces include "Ribbon #6 (Turquoise)" and "Innie Outie."

Doyle said he looked at knitting as a process for the project, including the materials, connection of lines, repetition and the overall "act of making."

"Ribbon # 6 (Turquoise)," is a king-sized, ribbon-knitted quilt that took him approximately three months working every day to complete.

"I was just invited to show my work," Doyle said. "... It's nice to put my work out there. It's a means to get it out of the studio."

Elementary and art education instructor Sally Machlis has been contributing work to the exhibit for about 15 years.

"Everyone shows what they're doing for their research," Machlis said. "Architecture might show design and sketches ... painters might show paintings. It depends on what people are working on."

While Machlis usually showcases her painting, this year she is working in collaboration with art and graphic design instructor Delphine Keim-Campbell to complete an installation called "Road Stories." Their installation will include painting, graphic design, new media and projected images.

"Well, (the exhibit is) a great place to get a chance to view some new experimental work of my own," Machlis said. "In this case, in collaboration with some-




Doyle hangs his piece called Ribbon "# 6 (Turquoise)." The piece is a king-sized, ribbon-knitted quilt that took three months to complete while working daily.

one else, it's an opportunity to show our research to our students and to rest of university, so they understand what we do."

The Prichard Art Gallery is located on the corner of Fifth and Main streets and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

"Students should learn about what kind of creative activity their professors are involved in, just like a student in science would be interested in what science research their professors are involved in," Machlis said.




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A merry concert

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

Since its first occurrence in the Administration Building with one University of Idaho choir and one children's choir, the UI Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert has ballooned into a large-scale affair, said Dan Bukvich, jazz choir director.

The 22nd annual Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie ASUI Activity Center.

The concert will feature UI's Jazz I and Jazz II choirs, soloists and local schools such as St. Mary's School, Moscow Elementary School and Moscow High School.

"We have schools as far as Grangeville coming to perform for the concert," Bukvich said. "This entire event has shaped up to be a big deal in the community. It was an unforeseen tradition."

Bukvich said more than 900 orchestra and choir members will perform Saturday. The UI Jazz bands, flute choir and the Alpine Carillons handbell choir are among the instrumentalists slated to play.

Some faculty members will perform solo pieces during the show. James Reid, a

professor of guitar and music history, will play a classical guitar piece. Instructor Ferenc Cseszko will perform a violin solo.

Ranger Adams, UI junior, will participate in the Holiday Concert for the second time.

"This event is really a blast," Adams said. "Before joining Jazz I, I had never really been to a concert before. Just watching the entire thing come together was enough for me to get involved."

The large amount of performers, Adams said, poses a few challenges to directors and students.

"We do not get to have any dress rehearsals. Most of the time, we are just hoping for the best" Adams said. "These difficulties come into effect when multiple choirs join together to sing traditional Christmas songs."

"We have many people to thank," Bukvich said. "The president's office in particular supports the entire concert. We are grateful for everything they do for us."

Admission to UI's 22nd annual Jazz Choirs Holiday Concert is free. The president's office will be collecting donations of canned food at the door.

NEW VANDAL RECRUITS



Kyndall Elliot | Argonaut

The University of Idaho Palouse Alumni Chapter, The Moscow Chamber of Commerce and the University of Idaho Retirees Association held a gingerbread house banquet Thursday evening in the Student Union building. Guests were encouraged to build or make their own gingerbread houses.

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17 plays, three days

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The University of Idaho theater arts department still has 17 more plays to perform before the semester ends. The 10-Minute Play Festival started Thursday and runs through Saturday.

These short plays are written, produced, directed and acted by students. Starting at the beginning of fall semester, directors met with playwrights to begin planning the upcoming productions.

Senior Angela Super directed the play "Stage Fright" by Sarah Pappin. This was Super's third time directing a complete production. Super said she worked closely with Pappin during the writing process, and she is impressed at how the production has evolved in the past three months.

"The cast is extremely experienced. They have more experience on stage than I had directing," Super said. "It's exciting finding those new surprising places where the actors do something different. It's very exciting to see if it is going to work."

"Stage Fright" is about a couple who go ghost hunting in a theater and discover more than just a ghost.

"It's about their journey together to find themselves and at the same time to hide their pain from the world," Super said. "It's about bearing your soul."

Discovery plays a major role not just

in "Stage Fright," but in the other productions as well.

For Director Travis Gray, one such discovery came in understanding A, the main character of "Death in Comedy."

"We have kind of discovered that A is kind of a neurotic mess," Gray said.

A is a young woman who isn't dying, but is planning her own funeral. While the other character B is her lawyer. Gray said playwright Megan Thornton left a lot up to interpretation in her script, even down to the gender of the characters. It was so ambiguous that originally the production was depressing as opposed to funny, Gray said.

"Megan went back to revising the script and revised it until we rediscovered the comedy," Gray said. "We've made it funny again."

As with some of the other plays, "Death in Comedy" will play twice during the festival, both times with a different cast and under different direction. Gray's production will run Friday evening, while the other runs Saturday.

Gray said he has not seen the other take on the script, but is interested to find out how another director and cast portray it.

Ray Pritchard, director of the play "Alarm" also written by Megan Thornton, said working alongside the playwrights has been the most rewarding part of the experience.



Steven Devine | Argonaut

Hannah Page, left, and Zack Brink rehearse for "The Ski Trip" as part of the 10-Minute Play Festival that will include eight plays a night for three nights. The festival continues Dec. 9 and 10 at the Hartung Theatre in Moscow.

"It's a new opportunity for me, I've been directing for several years," Pritchard said. "It's been fantastic, getting to experience this new side of theater, working with the playwrights."

Pritchard said the most challenging part of the production was that, if anything, he and his cast had too much time to prepare.

"It's been a challenge in the rehearsal

to keep it fresh, because to the audience, this is supposed to be the first time this is happening to these characters, when in reality, we've been rehearsing it for three months," Pritchard said.

Despite problems, Pritchard said he was pleased with the final product.

"I love the characters, I really think the audience will be able to connect with them," Pritchard said.

There are two nights left to catch these 10-minute plays. The show starts at 7 p.m. at the UI Hartung Theater. Admission is free to UI students and general admission is \$5.

Friday

"Do You Love Me?" by Katie Medford. A newlywed couple's honeymoon camping trip will end in chaos when a rather large and secret obsession is revealed.

"Yellow Cake" by Megan Thornton.

"Coffee Talk" by Quinn Hatch. The relationship between two friends

changes forever with a cup of coffee.

"Death in Comedy" by Megan Thornton. What if this time was your last? This question haunts a young woman as she plans her funeral while attempting to skirt the issue of death.

"Scale" by John Remington.

"Ski Trip" by Adam Harrell. A romantic anni-

versary ski trip sours when a handsome ski pro is thrown in the mix.

"Blanket Primary" by Sandra Hosking. Does commitment force a loving woman to stay trapped under the blanket of a man? When everything is cold and covered, it's easy to think there's no way out.

"Drenched" by Sandra Hosking. When Lara and

Chet are caught in a rain-storm they have to deal with more than just the elements of an unfriendly storm. The rain reveals pent up emotions from the past still linger.

"Stage Fright" by Sarah Pappin. It's frightening to take risks, but it is that fear that drives us — sometimes to do astonishing things, even the unthinkable.

Saturday

"Todd Buys a Bagel" by Adam Harrell. Todd is having a difficult time forgetting his past. Even one word can trigger a relapse in this play about past relationships, new beginnings and, of course, bagels.

"Ski Trip" by Adam Harrell.

"Death in Comedy" by Megan Thornton.

"Coffee Talk" by Quinn Hatch.

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REGULATION

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She said the district then did "homework" on crash prevention, medical costs and special education costs of moving a child with a debilitating head injury through the public school district.

"They had to reassure the council that they made the correct decision," Drake said.

Drake said the Washington Highway Safety office gave \$5,000 to the district so they could provide properly fitting helmets for children who needed them. Local companies like McDonald's gave incentives for children wearing helmets, such as free coupons for ice cream. Drake said the district assured the court would waive helmet citations if the citizen brought a helmet to court.

When the health district returned to the council with the new plan, the helmet law was created. As of today, Drake said approximately 85 percent of Washington is covered by a bicycle helmet law.

However, such incentives may not convince the Idaho legislature so easily.

Ringo co-sponsored a law requiring people under 18 to wear helmets with the help of David Langhorst, a previous senator, who works for the Idaho Tax Commission. Ringo said the bill passed the State Senate fairly easily, but it was not a sure thing in the House. She said testimony helped highlight the need for a law.

"It just happened that, just prior to bringing that to the legislature, there had been a little 2-year-old boy who lost his life, who was on an ATV with his father and they crashed and he didn't have a helmet," Ringo said.

Langhorst said during a camping trip the father, who was involved in the legislative testimony, had taken the little boy with him to get firewood. They were driving up a grade and while the father looked to the side of the ATV, one of the tires went off the roadway, lodged in a rock and the little boy landed headfirst on a rock that killed him.

Langhorst said although the vote wasn't unanimous, it was easier for legislators to pass a regulation that affected minors.

"(Legislature) is responsible for (minors) in the eye of the law," Langhorst said.

Drake said while attempting to pass the bicycle law in Spokane, a spokesman for a family whose child was struck by a car, came to testify on behalf of the helmet law. She said it is more effective anytime you have a victim that comes forward.

Drake also said in order to enact a law, citizens have to align political powers with them. She said legislation moves much faster through government if a citizen activist or a victim advocates on behalf of a proposed law.

"...Or to have a fire chief or police chief have a real strong passion and have them take a lead on it," Drake said. "You have to cover all your bases."

Despite arguments in favor of a helmet law, there are reasons the legislature has not voted to have an Idaho helmet law in the past.

Langhorst once owned a Harley Davidson and said he is sympathetic to the riding community that does not want an adult riding bill mandated.

"You can see better without a helmet and you can hear better without a helmet," Langhorst said. "... I didn't hear an emergency vehicle intersecting right ahead of me until it was late ... It makes it easy for a libertarian legislature to make an argument that finds sympathy with (motorcyclists) to not want anymore regulation."

However, Ringo attributes the lack of a helmet law to the desire for personal rights.

"People that oppose (the helmet law) give the argument that if the person wants to take that risk, it's his or her right to do that," Ringo said. "That's pretty much how they justify opposing it. Personally I think that's a very narrow interpretation of the real situation."

Henry Houst, a Boise personal injury attorney, said the absence of a helmet law is due to the notion of laissez-faire, a French term that is used generally in economics.

"It's a notion about a pre-market economy and how you don't necessarily have to regulate economics," Houst said. "Things will take care of themselves. Let (the helmet law) alone, and it will regulate itself."

Houst said the problem with this notion is that if a fully reasoning adult decides to go bungee jumping off Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls, smashing onto the rocks below, legislature is probably not going to stop that person.

"We're kind of a conservative lot that likes less government than more," Houst said.

Langhorst said the only way the law would pass is if the federal government mandated it, much the way the seat belt law works. Idaho would have the right to ignore a helmet law, but the federal government would have the power to take away millions of dollars from funds, like highway or transportation programs, if such a law is not passed, Langhorst said.

"As long as the users' communities (motorcyclists) don't support it, it's going to be a real tough sell in the Idaho legislature," Langhorst said.

Even if a law were to pass, it may not be beneficial to the community, Drake said.

"The death toll (in Washington) is going up in motorcycles," Drake said. "We can't seem to get that one down, but so is the number of bikes being purchased and the number of ridership being increased. The helmet laws don't match."

Langhorst said even though the 18-and-under law passed, there has not been much change to helmet use.

"I've seen people totally flouting and ignoring that law with two, three or four people on an ATV at the same time, none of them wearing helmets," Langhorst said.

Ringo also said Idaho citizens will continue to argue that individuals have the right to take their own risks.

"I don't have a lot of hope that we'll be able to get such legislation through, at least not in the near future," Ringo said. "I think the prevailing attitude is that people have a right to make that decision."

ASUI spending sparks response

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

In an unusually long ASUI Senate meeting Wednesday, several students spoke out about the recent spending bill passed by the ASUI Senate.

"I think it's really great that students showed up tonight," said Samantha Perez, ASUI president.

Several students spoke at open forum during the meeting and expressed concerns about the recent senate bill, F11-59, allocating \$50,000 for furniture to remodel the ASUI offices.

The bill was on the senate agenda for three weeks prior to the Nov. 30 vote.

Perez said funding for the bill comes from a build-up of salary savings in the ASUI general reserve.

"Civic engagement is one of the most important parts of government," said Joe Black, ASUI policy advisor.

Perez said students are welcome at senate every week, and she encourages students to give feedback.

"I really enjoyed talking with students after the meeting. They had great feedback for ASUI," Perez said. "There are some things ASUI needs to do, and one is to find another medium to communicate with students."

Senate meetings are open to all students and take place at 7 p.m. each Wednesday of the semester in the Whitewater room of the Idaho Commons.

Perez said students with questions, concerns or suggestions for ASUI can email her at samanthap@uidaho.edu.



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SPORTS



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VANDAL NATION

Vandals win big

Women end two-game losing streak with 63-40 win

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

It was all Idaho Thursday as the Vandal women's basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak by beating Carroll College 63-40.

The Vandals, led by sophomore Alyssa Charlston's career-high 22 points, never trailed and dominated from start to finish over the NIAA Fighting Saints, thanks in part to some tough-nosed defense. Charlston said it was a good win, especially coming off Sunday's close loss to Colorado.

"We wanted to come off of Colorado and improve, and I think we did that in stretches," Charlston said. "We're still building. We're a young team."

After exchanging the first two baskets of the game the Vandals went on a 13-0 run to take a commanding lead. The Vandals' defense was in the Fighting Saints face for most of the first half and they struggled to get anything going offensively, but toward the end of the half Carroll came alive and went on a run of its own. They pulled within seven to 24-14, but the Vandals countered with a run of their own that was capped off by a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Alyssa Charlston to take a 37-22 lead into the locker room. Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he was happy with parts of the game but knows there are things to work on.

"I liked our start," New-



Post Ashley Walters shoots the ball during Thursday's game against Carroll College played in Memorial Gym. The women's team won 63-40 against Carroll, putting them at 3-6 so far this season.

Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

lee said. "We were all over them and then we let off the gas and I told them you can't afford to do that against anybody. You can't afford stretches like we had

tonight, but other than that I thought it was good."

The Vandals came out of the locker room firing on all cylinders. They established a commanding lead

and never relinquished it, cruising to the victory.

The Idaho defense has improved in recent weeks. The Vandals came into the

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Landon Tatum sinks a free throw during the game against Washington State Wednesday in the Cowan Spectrum.

Moore, WSU triumphant in stunner

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Emotions ran high for the more than 3,000 fans in the Cowan Spectrum who were seconds away from witnessing overtime in the oldest college basketball rivalry west of the Mississippi River.

Reggie Moore's baseline jumper with .9 seconds remaining put Idaho's hopes of snapping Washington State's eight-game winning streak to rest in the Cougars' 66-64 triumph Wednesday. After Moore knocked down the would-be game-winner, Vandal guard Landon Tatum could only watch his flailing half-court shot sail over the backboard into a jubilant crowd of WSU students, who had every reason to celebrate a well-earned win in Moscow.

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Bright spot to a dark season

Nick Groff
Argonaut

In a season of many lows, six Vandal football players end the campaign on a high note.

Punter Bobby Cowan, offensive lineman Matt Cleveland, tight end Michael LaGrone, cornerback Matt Harvey and linebackers Korey Toomer and Tre'Shawn Robinson were named second-team All-WAC.

Robinson said it's a great honor to be selected, but if the team's record had been better, more players would likely have been on the lists and some maybe even first team.

"A lot of times, guys that make a difference to have a winning record, those guys stand out more to the other coaches in the conference," Robinson said. "I'm sure coach (Robb) Akey petitioned for us to be first-team"

Robinson concluded his career as a Vandal leading the team with 117 total tackles and four forced fumbles, and was the heart of the Vandal defense.

Coaches from the WAC cast votes for players to determine first and second teams, Robinson said.

He said having a punter like Cowan is a huge advantage to the defense, especially when the Vandal offense struggles.

"He (Cowan) was averaging 47 yards a punt ... that's gonna put us in a good position to maybe force a turnover down on their side of the field," Robinson, the senior from Upland, Calif., said. "When other teams get down there close to their goal line, they get real cautious ... That helps us be able to attack them because their backs are against the wall. Having a punter like Bobby is tremendous."

Cowan is No. 2 in the nation averaging 46.41 yards per punt and will return as a four-year starter in 2012.

Toomer, a late-season staple to the Vandal defense and offense, is considered by Robinson as one of the best athletes he has seen.

"Korey Toomer is an amazing athlete. He does things I haven't seen in a long time from guys in college. He's so versatile," Robinson said. "We can put him at rush-end, you can have him as a nickel back covering receivers or playing linebacker or even playing running back."

Near the end of the season Toomer got carries as a short-yardage running back and punched it into the endzone three times including a two-point conversion. Toomer tallied a team-best 10.5 tackles for loss, and four sacks.



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Vandal tight end Michael LaGrone celebrates a touchdown reception against Bowling Green Sep. 8. The Vandals lost to the Falcons 32-15.

Robinson also spoke highly of cornerback Matt Harvey.

"That guy (Harvey) — he's really, really fast," Robinson said. "He has really good instincts breaking on the ball. (The all-WAC honors) are well deserved."

On the offensive side of the ball, LaGrone finished as Idaho's fourth-leading receiver and averaged 12.5 yards per catch. In the trenches, Cleveland started every game on the offensive line since 2009. Cleveland was also instrumental in the 2009 Idaho bowl victory.

Robinson said the honors the players earned helped end the season a little better. He said he is ready for whatever comes next for him.

"I'm gonna finish up school and get my degree in May," Robinson said. "I'll probably stay up here (in Moscow) and train and go from there. If I have a chance to play in the NFL — I hope I do — then I'll pursue that as well."

Same conference, different style

WAC getting a Texas football makeover in 2012

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Robb Akey and crew spent the final weekend of the 2011 football season in Reno — receiving a 50-point thumping from host Nevada Wolf Pack.

The regrettable season finale was the last time the Vandals will face the Wolf Pack in the foreseeable future.

The Wolf Pack, Fresno State and Hawaii have all committed to join the Mountain West for the 2012-2013 athletic calendars in all sports.

The WAC is replacing these programs with a two-step of Texas teams for football — Texas State, and Texas-San Antonio. The WAC also has commitments from Seattle University, the University of Denver, and Texas-Arlington to join the conference in all sports except football, giving the conference 10 teams with seven playing football. Boise State, in the midst of Big East expansion, will also bring all of its non-football sports back to the WAC for 2013-2014.

"The WAC is well-positioned for the future," Karl Benson, commissioner of the WAC, said. "We gotta realize there is a lot of unknown happening around us. It's pretty hard to speculate."

In the fluid, sometimes-confusing world of conference re-alignment, movement happens every day. Such as earlier this week when the Big East announced additions that included Boise State and San Diego State of the Mountain West, as well as potentially Air Force in the future. The MWC is already losing

Texas Christian to the Big 12.

The WAC's position is that departing WAC schools would be welcomed back should they choose not to join the Mountain West, considering the conference's uncertain future.

"I would say that they have not given us any indication that they are interested in returning," Jeff Hurd, senior assistant commissioner of the WAC, said. "I do not anticipate them returning to the WAC but the door is open if they choose to do so."

During the storm of movement throughout the last year and a half

all but one automatic BCS qualifying conference has had teams join or commit to doing so in the future.

The movement has a trickle-down effect on the rest of college football because in order to replenish teams lost, the BCS AQ conferences often dip into mid major conferences like the Mountain West and Conference USA.

"The unknown is what is going on around the WAC, until any of that happens you don't know," Benson said. "The focus is on what we have."

What the WAC will have, at the very least, is seven football-playing members with the addition of Texas State and Texas-San Antonio.

Texas State and Texas-San Antonio will bring two of the more well-known names in college football to the WAC. Texas State is coached by former Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione.

Texas-San Antonio is led by a former National Champion coach at Miami, Larry Coker.

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A family of speed skiers

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The Anderson family grew up skiing in Sandpoint and climbed the competitive ladder to ski-racing together for the University of Idaho Ski team.

Erik, Drew, Ashley and Lindsey Anderson are nationally ranked ski racers and four of the top skiers on UI's team.

"It's just like a family thing that we have done our whole lives," Erik said. "Growing up, I started racing and then everybody else started racing."

They have competed against countless skiers since the beginning of their racing careers, but the Andersons said sibling rivalries have been the most beneficial. Brothers Erik and Drew used intra-family competition to hone their skills, Drew said.

"We were competitive growing up," Drew said. "Skiing just became our biggest competition with each other and it made us better skiers."

Ashley and Lindsey said they don't have the big sister, little sister rivalry — being twins, but that does not make their rivalry any less competitive.

"It was always intense because you don't want to be the second person behind your sibling," Ashley said.

Ashley said she and Lindsey always tried to beat their older brothers and the sisters disagree on whether they ever actually beat them. Ashley said she wasn't really worried about beating the boys though.

"Lindsey was always my biggest competition and we switched off getting first and second quite often so it was pretty fun," Ashley said.

Erik said it is definitely a family rivalry for him, but one that he enjoys. He said they skied every day growing up and were always racing each other.



Anna Schwisow | Courtesy

Erik Anderson trains for the race season January, 2011 at Brundage. Anderson is the president of the ski club for the 2011-2012 school year and competes alongside his three siblings.

Erik, the eldest Anderson, led his siblings to choose UI for college. After a two-year break from school to try for the U.S. Ski Team, Erik said racing became full-time work and eventually burnt him out.

Erik said he told his dad he was ready to go to college and start a new chapter in his life.

"I didn't think I was going to race when I came here but Brett Bullard, who I met through rush, really pushed me to do it and I definitely wouldn't take that back," Erik said.

Erik is the president of the ski club this year. Ashley is vice president and said even though her brother gives her a lot of responsibility, it's fun. She said she is excited about getting more involved and learning about being a leader. She is also grateful for the people she gets to meet through participa-

tion in the club.

"It is so fun and you definitely connect with a lot of people," Ashley said. "It's like a family on the ski team, everyone bonds and since everyone has skiing in common everyone can just relate really well and I am just really glad I joined."

Lindsey said the team is really close-knit and it has been easy to relate with everyone on the club because they all have a desire to ski.

Both sisters said the brothers have done what most big brothers would and scared a few guys off but that they would not want it any other way.

"We always have someone there if we need someone to talk to or help with school because they already know the ropes since they are seniors and it's been great having them around,"

Lindsey said.

The Anderson siblings also all have a personal goal in common.

"The ultimate goal is to graduate, I'm here for an education and ski racing on the side," Erik said.

Coach McMurtry said he never imagined having four siblings on the same team at the collegiate level and that it has been really special having them on the team.

"They are nationally ranked competitors and so they are strong in the entire Northwest which is pretty remarkable to have four at the University of Idaho where we are a non-scholarship club sport," McMurtry said.

He said they have a great pedigree for racing and all four of them are capable of winning races and leading the team.

"It's just really fun to be around them and they are just really fun spirited kids," McMurtry said.

Goals on the pitch and classroom

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

A little more than a month removed from its most successful season in program history, Idaho soccer isn't done collecting accolades. The Vandals received the Women's Team Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America earlier this week.

"It's testament to the hard work the girls put in off the pitch and it complements what they do on the pitch," coach Pete Showler said. "Their studious habits are the reason that they get recognized at the national level as a team."

The program was one of 571 women's collegiate athletic programs across the country to win the award. The team's 3.46 collective GPA was the highest in the WAC. "They're a very supportive group as a team on the academic side," Showler said. "You're always proud as a coach when they match their endeavors off the pitch with those on, giving full testament to the term, 'student-athlete.'"

The Vandals ended their 2011 season with a run to the semi-finals of the WAC tournament, their deepest run in program history, falling 1-0 to eventual conference champions Utah State. Idaho will return every starter who played in the conference tournament, highlighted by leading goal scorer Chelsea Small, midfielder Jill Flockhart and the captain defender Lauren Layton, all of whom will be seniors. The women hit the pitch in the spring for an exhibition schedule, barring NCAA stipulations that will cancel such competitions.

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At play during the holidays

Five games to see the Vandals in action over the winter break

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Vandal men's basketball team plays 10 games during finals week and winter break. Here are five of the games to look the most forward to.



Dec. 9 at Oregon State University

The Beavers look to be one of the Pac-12 conference's driving forces this season and are led by one of the conference's most lethal players in Jared Cunningham. Coming off a season in which the junior was named to the All-Pac-10 second team and All-Pac-10 defensive team, Cunningham averages 19.9 points per game — No. 27 in the nation.

The Beavers' only loss was a two-point decision to then No. 22 Vanderbilt and the Beavers have a 100-point overtime win against the Texas Longhorns. Oregon State is coached by fourth-year coach Craig Robinson, brother of first lady Michelle Obama.



Dec. 11 at Seattle University

This will be a good test for the Redhawks, who join the WAC next season.

The teams played a home-away series last year, and the home team won each contest. Seattle University is 2-4 so far, the two wins coming against Evergreen State and Montana State, two teams the Vandals have squared up against and beaten this season.

Sophomore Sterling Carter posted 18 points in the teams' most recent clash, a 78-69 Vandal win last March. Carter is only averaging 12 minutes per game and 3.8 points per game this season and the Redhawks are coming off consecutive losses to Stanford and Harvard.

Seattle University has scheduled three other WAC opponents and will be itching to see where it stands among future conference foes.



Dec. 21 vs. Boise State at the Idaho Center in Nampa

The rivalry is back and better than ever. The Idaho Center, a neutral location, will host the former WAC rivals looking to steal the state's bragging rights for another year. The Broncos are 8-1 but with the exception of Long Beach State, have yet to face a quality opponent.

Expect to see a few more losses prior to the rivalry game though, as the Broncos will face Louisiana State in Baton Rouge, Pres-

no State at home and Iowa in Iowa City before meeting the Vandals. A road game at future WAC member University of Denver won't be a cakewalk either.

The Broncos have won two consecutive against their rivals from the north and Anthony Drmic, a freshman from Melbourne, Australia has been their most consistent scorer, averaging 15.4 points per game. Boise State is No. 9 in the nation with 84 points per game. Just one Bronco, guard Tre Nichols stands shorter than 6 feet. Nine Broncos are at least 6-feet-5-inches tall.



Jan. 5 vs. Nevada

Opening up WAC play at home against the pre-season conference champions — and Don Verlin isn't complaining. An upset here would reiterate the fact that the WAC title is vacant this season, and is something four or five teams may have the opportunity to claim come March.

Not only are the Wolf Pack picked to win the conference by the coaches, sophomore guard Deonte Burton is the coaches' pre-season player of the year. Nevertheless, Nevada has taken the steps necessary to prepare for another excruciating WAC campaign, having already beaten two Pac-12 teams: Washington and Arizona State. Losses to UNLV and Missouri

State opened the season for the Wolf Pack but have been excusable due to six wins in their past seven games, the only other loss coming from national powerhouse BYU.

Nevada will be favored to win the next four games and could be 10-3 prior to its Moscow visit. Idaho had Nevada's number last year though, coming out on top of both match-ups against the Wolf Pack.



Jan. 14 at New Mexico State

Coach Verlin had good reason to say the Aggies are playing in a league of their own and at this point in the season, may be the favorites to sweep the WAC off of their feet and take home the conference championship. New Mexico State, currently 5-3, won its first four before dropping a game to Southern Miss.

The Aggies then beat University of San Francisco and fell again to Southern Miss prior to a loss at the hands of Arizona. The



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Vandal forward Djim Bandoumel grabs an offensive rebound and lays it back in while getting fouled. Bandoumel scored nine points and pulled in four rebounds in 17 minutes of play.

Aggies however, will be favored in their next nine games before they open the WAC season against Utah State.

Wendell McKines leads the Aggies with 18.1 points per game and 9.1 rebounds per game followed by Christian Kabongo with

16.1 points per game. Idaho and the rest of the WAC will be fortunate to wait one more year to face 7-foot-4-inch recruit Sim Bhullar, who will walk on to the team next fall, but the Aggies are undoubtedly one of the league's top contenders.

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Guard Ganeaya Rogers is fouled as she shoots the ball during Thursday's game against Carroll College in Memorial Gym. The Vandals won 63-4.

Busy break for basketball

Kevin Bingaman
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The Vandal women's basketball team will be busy through winter break as the team looks to put some wins together before the conference season starts.

It has been a rocky start for the Vandals so far, but they have shown improvement recently. Shortly after most students leave Moscow, Idaho will compete against Wyoming at 2 p.m. Dec. 18 in Cowan Spectrum. The visiting Cowgirls own a 4-2 series advantage over Idaho and beat the Vandals in their only meeting last season, in which Wyoming went 24-9. The Cowgirls return one starter and have struggled so far this season.

The Vandals then travel to Cheney to take on the Eastern Washington Eagles. The Vandals hope to cut into the Eagles' all-time series lead, which currently stands at 33-27. Eastern Washington returns three starters from last

season in which the Vandals won 70-50.

The Vandals play North Dakota twice over the break, first at the Lady Griz Holiday Classic Dec. 29 in Missoula and again Jan. 3 at home. North Dakota blew out the Vandals 84-54 earlier in the year, so the Vandals will be looking for revenge.

While in Missoula, the Vandals will also face Southern Mississippi. The two teams have never met, and the Golden Eagles finished fifth in their conference last season with a 10-20 record.

The Vandals hit the road to face future WAC opponent, Seattle University. The Vandals own a 3-2 series lead over the Eagles, but lost to them last season 62-43 in Seattle. The Eagles finished 8-22 last season, and return three starters. The game against Seattle U will be the last game before the conference season starts.

The Vandals begin the conference season Jan. 12 on the road against Louisiana Tech.

Senior standout

Ganeaya Rogers brings toughness with an incredible season

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Senior Ganeaya Rogers, starting guard for the Idaho women's basketball team, has been playing basketball for as long as she can remember.

Rogers originally played football but said she decided to put all her efforts into a sport in which she showed more potential.

"I've been playing basketball since I was small," Rogers said. "My main sport was football but, you know, girls can't play football."

When she's not competing, Rogers enjoys listening to music and laughing with friends. Rogers said she wants to work in the juvenile system when she is done with college.

Prior to coming to the University of Idaho, Rogers spent three seasons at Ohlone Junior College in Fremont, Calif. Rogers attended Milpitas High School in Milpitas, Calif., not far from Ohlone.

At Ohlone, she made the all-conference team as a freshman during the 2007-2008 season. Rogers sat out the 2008-2009 season with an injury but came back strong for her final season at Ohlone.

In 2009-10, Rogers led her team to a perfect 12-0 record in league play and was co-MVP of the Coast Conference South Division. She was also named to the California All-State team in her final season with the Renegades.

After using up her junior college eligibility, Rogers decided to continue her basketball career in Moscow. Rogers said she had connections through friend

and former Idaho basketball player Derisa Taleni. Taleni, a 2010-2011 UI senior, knew Rogers and had played with her at the junior college level.

"(Taleni and Rogers) were in the same junior college league," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We got film on (Rogers) and really liked what we saw."

Rogers liked what she saw too.

After visiting campus and seeing the basketball program, she said she decided Idaho was where she wanted to play.

"When I came on my visit, I really liked the team and the coaching staff," Rogers said. "They made me feel welcome."

Newlee said Rogers brings energy and aggressiveness to the Idaho team. She is not afraid to play tight defense or take the ball to the rim.

"(Rogers) can be very explosive offensively and defensively," Newlee said. "This year she has increased her scoring. We really look to her also as a defensive stopper. I want to put her on the best player on the other team."

Rogers has started every game she has played this year and is averaging 9.4 points a game. She also leads the team in field goal percentage, free throw percentage and is second in assists per game.

Defensively, Rogers is tied for the team lead in steals with freshman Krissy Karr and senior Keri Arendse at 11.

"I've been really happy with (Rogers)," Newlee said. "I think her defense opens up her offensive game. She is going to battle on every possession, that's when (Rogers) is at her best."

Capping off a great year

Walker and teammates take home regional honors

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Volleyball season might be over, but Idaho is still racking up awards as sophomore outside hitter Allison Walker earned All-West Region honorable mention from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Walker was one of three sophomores representing the All-West Region team. The award is another addition to Walker's growing resume.

Walker was the first freshman in Idaho history to be named first-team All-WAC and followed it up with a standout sophomore season, in which she averaged a WAC-leading 4.31 kills per game and ranked second

on the team in digs. She finished the season with 13 double-doubles, including a run of 8 double-double games. She had six matches with 20 or more kills on the season.

She was named first-team All-WAC for the second consecutive year, and was named to the WAC All-Tournament Team. She was WAC player of the week three times this season, the most of anyone in the conference.

Walker is not the only member of Vandal volleyball bringing home awards this season. Coach Debbie Buchanan was named WAC coach of the year for the first time in her career. Buchanan led the Vandals to a 16-11 record that in-

cluded a 10-2 run to finish the season. She also passed Tom Hilbert to become Idaho's all-time wins leader. The Vandals went into the WAC tournament with the No. 2 seed, the highest seed for the program since joining the WAC in 2005.

Senior Alicia Milo was named first-team All-WAC while junior setter Jenny Feicht, senior libero Cassie Hamilton and junior middle blocker Alex Sele were named to the second team. Freshman middle blocker Alyssa Schultz received all-conference freshman recognition. The Vandals' five all-conference selections are the most the program has had in any conference.

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Ingredients of leadership

Landon Tatum is Vandal basketball's new leader

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Vandal men's basketball has a new leader on the court in senior guard Landon Tatum.

Tatum grew up playing basketball in San Antonio and has been shooting hoops for as long as he can remember. He credits more than teammates and coaches for his leadership skills on the court.

"Both my parents are teachers and then with my dad being a football coach he was always into athletics so I guess I just always grew up around it," Tatum said. "Then my mom — she has always been a supporter of it too but also of academics."

Tatum played basketball through the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and YMCA before becoming a star at O'Connor High School and later South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas. He helped lead the Texans to a NJCAA National Title.

Tatum played every game the year they went 27-4. He led the team in minutes played, averaged 6.1 points per game and 5.3 assists per game as a freshman, and earned a selection to the NJCAA All-Star Team.

"That was a real experience because when you go to a junior college you don't really know what to expect and going there just helped me to improve my game altogether," Tatum said.

He said the team never expected to win the national championship and that it was a blessing in

disguise for him.

Coach Don Verlin said Tatum is a positive addition to the team as a player and person.

"Landon Tatum is rock solid," Verlin said. "You look at his assist-to-turnover ratio and he is a senior leader. He's just a wonderful guy who comes to work every day ... what you see is what you get with him."

In Tatum's junior year he led the WAC with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2.20 — 97 assists and only 44 turnovers. He had 21 games with one or zero turnovers and four games with at least five assists and zero turnovers.

As for this year, Verlin said Tatum is helping run the offense.

"He really understands how we want to play," Verlin said. "He has really worked hard to improve his shooting and he is shooting a great percentage ... I couldn't be happier with his play and as a leader."

Tatum said he feels he brings some maturity to the team as well as the leadership that Verlin mentions. By being vocal and making sure he gets everybody involved.

Going into his senior season, Tatum said it would be special to leave on a high note.

"Being able to watch from my red shirt year — Mac, Steffen, Luciano, and Marvin — and last year with Jeff and Shawn, I mean, I came in with those guys and you always want to try and do well your last year and that's what I am trying to go out and do," Tatum said.



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Guard Landon Tatum runs the ball down the court during Wednesday's game against Washington State University at the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 66-64, when the cougar's Reggie Moore drained a last second jumper to give Washington State the win.

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Staying active during break

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

During winter break students have a chance to interact with the University of Idaho Outdoor Program.

Students can take advantage of the holiday break specials on outdoor rental gear including ski, snowboard and snowshoe equipment rented for the whole break for a seven-day price. The Outdoor Program will also tune and wax personal skis and boards for \$35. Discount lift tickets for Silver, Lookout and Brundage ski resorts are also available.

"Even if you're only going to use (the holiday break specials) a few times over break, it's a great deal for students," Outdoor Program Coordinator Trevor Fulton said. "That's the biggest thing we offer over break."

The Outdoor program finished its fall schedule last week with a course on avalanche safety. Twelve students participated in the course. Fulton said the weather was perfect for the event and it was a good way to end the semester.

Program coordinators are in the process of finalizing the spring schedule, which will be finalized during finals week. Students will be able to sign up for spring semester events as soon as second semester classes start.

"We are working on our spring schedule right now," Fulton said. "We are working on putting it all on paper and getting printed by next week."

Near the end of winter break, the Outdoor Program will provide a wilderness first responder course for students. The 80-hour course will take place Jan. 3 to 10 with a refresher portion beginning Jan. 8. The UI Outdoor Program teams up with Desert Mountain Medicine to put on the event. The course will be taught by three instructors and is almost full with close to 30 participants.

"(The wilderness first responder course) is the standard if you want to work in the outdoors anymore," Fulton said. "It's the first aid class that you need to take."

The full course costs \$550, and the 20 day refresher course is \$250. Students also have the option to take the course for college credit at \$50 per credit.

"If you're a student and you want to work in the outdoor field, it's a good way to kick something off the list and get credit for it," Fulton said. "It's pretty intensive for eight days but it's a lot of fun. (Students) get a chance to dive into the skills and really fine tune their abilities."

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Not such a dire situation

Sometimes it takes a 2-10 season to realize that football isn't everything, and in Moscow that message should have been ringing loud and clear all semester as Vandal athletes have performed well in a variety of arenas.

Instead of watching the football team drop four games by 7 points or less, you could have witnessed the men's golf team win the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate tournament in October, or senior Jared Bossio come home with victories from the Washington State Amateur in June and the Palouse Collegiate in September. On the women's side of the links you could have seen Kayla Mortellaro claim two tournaments for Idaho in her senior season.

That's just the beginning.

Tennis doubles teammates junior Marius Cirstea and senior Andrew Dobbs went to New York for the National Indoor Collegiate Championships in November. And they aren't the only Vandal student-athletes who did some extra traveling to represent Idaho, as sophomore Hannah Kiser found herself at the 2011 NCAA Cross-Country Championships. Kiser was the top performer of a

women's cross-country team that won its second consecutive WAC championship.

But because none of these teams were in Moscow, often Vandal fans trickled to the Kibbie Dome where the football team obtained one victory this year against the University of North Dakota.



Jake Dyer
Argonaut

Vandal fans saw live victories outside the dome on Guy Wicks Field, where the soccer team went 5-3 at home. Idaho soccer made its second appearance in the WAC championships in as many years and its first match victory in school history.

Vandal volleyball 2011 left its mark on the record books with a second place seeding into the WAC tournament after winning 10 of their last 12 matches.

Fall sports season should be about performances like these. Not the fact that the football team didn't qualify for a bowl, but that this school's athletes are performing on a high level and some of them don't wear helmets and shoulder pads.

There were murmurs near the end of football season that Vandal fans could not wait for football to be over so basketball would be upon us — but what then?

If the basketball teams struggle through the season and Cowan Spectrum empties earlier every night come January and February, will we be grateful that spring football is right around the corner?

When spring arrives who will we be rooting for? The offense struggled all year long and by now fingers have got to be pointed directly at Offensive Coordinator Steve Axman.

The defense, on the other hand, stepped up at times and scored more points than the offense. But does Mark Criner keep his job? And with a leader like Tre' Shawn Robinson graduating, if he does keep it, will it stay that way?

Then there is the issue of how long coach Robb Akey has to bring a winner to Moscow. That contract isn't going to last forever and when it is up are we still "gonna love it?"

If the football team wins, even in next year's watered-down WAC, this 2-10 year will be a distant memory. New faces — players and coaches alike — can remove some of the sting this tumultuous season left, but if even that doesn't happen Vandals will excel in other, less conspicuous venues.

Kentucky women beat Duke

Colin Fly
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A'dia Mathies scored 23 points, freshman Bria Goss added 18 and No. 10 Kentucky beat No. 6 Duke 72-65 on Thursday night in front of the largest home crowd for a women's game in Wildcats history.

Freshman Azia Bishop added 12 points as Kentucky (9-0) shook off a slow start with a second-half rally in front of 14,508 fans at Rupp Arena for its 29th straight non-conference home win. The Wildcats used their pressure defense to force the Blue Devils into a season-high 24 turnovers and made several clutch shots during an 8-0 run that sealed the victory.

Elizabeth Williams scored 17 for Duke (6-2), but the Blue Devils couldn't counter Kentucky after falling behind by 10 with just under 5 minutes to play.

Duke's only previous loss was by two points to Notre Dame.

Kentucky has feasted on lesser opponents, using its pressure to force an average of 34.5 turnovers per game. This game featured two top 10 opponents in Lexington for the first time since 1983, when No. 6 Tennessee beat No. 4 Kentucky.

The game was moved to Rupp Arena instead of cozy, 8,000-seat Memorial Coliseum, and tickets went on sale for a \$1. The move paid off with a raucous atmosphere in the 35-year-old facility.

With the Wildcats clinging to a two-point lead, Kastine Evans broke a double team in the corner with a pass underneath to Mathies for a layup. Goss followed with a 3-pointer from the left wing and Mathies added another 3 with time running short on the shot clock to give Kentucky a 62-52 lead with 4:54 left.

That was all the Wildcats needed against the two-time reigning ACC champions, who cut it to 64-58 with 1:59 left on two free throws by Chelsea Gray. They couldn't get any closer until Chloe Wells' layup with 14.5 seconds left made it 70-65.

Haley Peters scored 13 points and Tricia Liston added 11 for Duke.

This was a signature win for coach Matthew Mitchell following a 20-point beating of in-state rival and then-No. 10 Louisville on Sunday. The Wildcats have an even stiffer test ahead. They play Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sunday before facing No. 3 Notre Dame on the road Dec. 18.

No. 16 Alabama surprised in 74-62 loss at Dayton

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Alabama coach Anthony Grant knew what to expect when he brought his young, 16th-ranked Crimson Tide north to play at his alma mater Wednesday night.

Having played for the Flyers from 1983-8, he knew the crowd would be raucous, and he knew Dayton would play hard. Did his players think the same thing?

"Probably not," Grant said.

It may have cost them. Alabama lost its second straight, falling to the Flyers 74-62 on Wednesday night.

"The crowd tonight was really, really passionate and enthusiastic," Grant said. "I realize why we won so many games here when I played."

The Tide (7-2) struggled to find momentum for 30 minutes. Dayton led 38-27 at

halftime, by 17 early in the second half and 56-40 with 11:52 to play. Then the Tide got busy on defense and pressed and trapped their way into a 13-1 run. JaMychal Green's steal at half court as he came up to trap Dayton's Devin Oliver led to a layup for Trevor Releford that cut Dayton's lead to 57-53 with 7:43 to play.

Then Alabama was hit with more of the unexpected. Dayton point Kevin Dillard made consecutive 3-pointers 54 seconds apart and the Flyers were on their way to a 17-9 closing run.

"I think we had them," Alabama's Trevor Releford said. "We had the same five guys out there and they were gassed, but they knocked down some shots."

Dillard, who scored 14 points, thought his 3-pointers turned the tables on the Tide.

"When they went on their run and we were only up by four, the pressure was kind of on

us," Dillard said. "That was kind of like a pressure release because then the ball's in their court."

Grant was concerned about how his team would handle its first true road trip of the season after a 57-55 loss at home to unranked Georgetown.

"They came out with great passion," Grant said of Dayton. "When we were down 14-16 our pride and passion kicked in. It should have been that way for 40 minutes."

Alabama started strong with Green hitting three straight jump shots for a 6-4 lead. Then he was called for his second foul and went to the bench for the final 15:46 of the half. The foul was ruled intentional when Green shoved Dayton big man Matt Kavanaugh as they went after a loose ball near midcourt. Kavanaugh made both free throws for an 8-6 lead that sparked a 21-9 run.

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The Cougars, who led by as many as 10 points during the second half, allowed Idaho to claw its way back into the game and Tatum's jumper with 25 seconds remaining gave Vandal fans every reason to believe their team was on the verge of potentially the greatest comeback of the decade.

"I thought we played hard enough to win this basketball game no question about it, you've got to give WSU credit when it came time to make the winning plays they did," coach Don Verlin said. "I really thought them getting those extra possessions in the second half was the difference in the game and it comes down to a one-possession game."

It was a battle of the halves for the rival neighbors and although the Vandals outscored WSU 39-31 in the second half, the Cougars had the upper hand through the first half, outscoring the hosts 35-25.

Idaho fell victim to its second-worst shooting half of the season and converted just 31 percent of its first-half field goals. In addition to first-half shooting woes, the Vandals were 1-6 from the perimeter and missed three free throws — two of them from senior Deremy Geiger, who ironically leads the team in free throw percentage.

The game-changer came midway through the first half when the Cougars scrapped together an 8-0 run that saw the Vandals commit four fouls, two turnovers and three missed 3-point attempts in just four minutes.

Djim Bandoumel led a second-half momentum boost for the Vandals. Bandoumel, who didn't travel with the team last weekend and saw nothing but the bench in the first half, proved to be a necessity for the Vandals' second-half comeback. The 6-foot-7-inch senior dominated the paint with nine points and two offensive rebounds in 17 minutes of play.

"I haven't been happy with his effort in practice but I felt like tonight in the second half he gave us a tremendous lift," Verlin said. "I mean he gave us a lot of energy, was able to score the ball down there and did a lot of good things."

An inspired Vandal team overcame

the odds in the second half and cut the Cougar lead until the teams were tied 45-45 with 12 minutes remaining.

"Coach just focused on stopping the transition, containing them and not letting them get to the basket as easy as they did in the first half," junior college transfer Mansa Habeeb said.

Considering the loss, Habeeb soaked in every second of playing his first game in the Cowan Spectrum at the Division I level.

"It was different for me, being a junior college player last year, I loved it, I loved being out there," Habeeb said. "Next time I just hope we get the win."

Habeeb's seven points were complimented by three steals and three assists, both of which are career highs for the Buffalo, N.Y., native.

Guard Stephen Madison stole the show again, leading the Vandals' scoring efforts for the second consecutive game. The sophomore posted 18 points and was one point shy of tying his career-high.

Madison was the only Vandal to finish with at least 10 points and Bandoumel trailed with nine, while Kyle Barone and Geiger each had eight.

Moore led the visitors with 15 points and seven assists, Brock Motum tallied 12 and three players finished with eight.

The rivalry game drew 3,321 fans to Cowan Spectrum — the fourth-most under Verlin.

"It was awesome. I really believe for this program to take the next step we've got to establish a quality home court and we had that tonight," Verlin said. "That's probably what's more disappointing for us, selfishly as coaches and players is we want to reward those people when they come out."

The team's next home game during the academic year is set for Jan. 21 against Utah State. Between now and then the Vandals play 10 games, seven of them on the road.

Idaho will visit a second straight Pac-12 opponent today in Corvallis, Ore., when the Vandals face the Oregon State Beavers. The Beavers stand at 6-1, and have only lost, by two points, to No. 22 Vanderbilt. The Beavers are led by junior guard Jared Cunningham who averages just less than 20 points per game.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

WIN

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night leading the WAC in opponent shooting percentage and third in the WAC in points given up per game. The defense continued to shine against Carroll causing 14 turnovers and limiting the Fighting Saints to just 40 points — the fewest Idaho has given up all season. Only 18 of those points

came in the second half.

"I thought we did a really good job defensively, besides putting them at the foul line," Newlee said. "It's the secondary stuff we got to stop, but I was really happy with the defense tonight."

Turnovers, which have been a problem for the Vandals this season, showed up again in this one. The Vandals showed improvement in the past couple games,

but turned the ball over 17 times against Carroll.

"I thought we played well in stretches and horribly in others," Newlee said. "Offensively we didn't take care of the basketball very well and we gave up way too many offensive boards."

The Vandals will stay at home for two more games, against UC-Riverside Thursday and then Wyoming the following Sunday.

WAC

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The WAC's goal is to have at least nine football playing members by the beginning of the 2013-2014 athletic calendar. Although that could leave the conference with at least four

non-football institutions, and above the 12 originally intended before Boise State announced its intention to re-join in non-football sports.

"Nine football playing schools is still the goal," Hurd said. "If we have to go beyond 12 then we have to."

Until there are any more major tectonic shifts in the world of college football, the WAC anticipates no further immediate action in adjusting the schools for the 2012-2013 athletic calendar.

"The whole issue of conference re-alignment is still a

very fluid situation. I think its pre mature to establish a hard and fast rule about ultimately where the WAC will end up. We have to react about what happens around us," Hurd said. "We would be naive to assume that the issue is over."

No. 9 UConn beats No. 25 Harvard

Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

Storrs, Conn. — Tommy Amaker had coached teams that were ranked in the Top 25 before. Just not at Harvard.

The Crimson burst onto the national scene this season with a win over then-No. 24 Florida State in the Battle 4 Atlantis, a tournament Harvard went on to win by beating Central Florida, which had beaten Connecticut in the semifinals.

They became the first Ivy League team to reach the Top 25 since Princeton in 1998. Harvard was trying for its first 9-0 start to a season since winning the first 10 in 04-05, 1904-05. The last Ivy League team to start 9-0 was Columbia in 1969-70.

The perfect start may be over but Harvard still has some big ideas about the season.

"We could have played better. We didn't play the way we have been in the season," forward Keith Wright said. "We're definitely confident still. This doesn't kill our confidence."

Jeremy Lamb had 18 points and Andre Drummond added 12 on 6-for-7 shooting for

Connecticut.

"They're very talented, very big," Amaker said. "We didn't get much of anything easy around the basket which is probably going to happen to a lot of teams when they face this basketball team with their size and athleticism."

The Huskies (8-1) appeared ready to pull away twice, once in the first half when they went up nine points and again in the second when they went up by 16. But Harvard got back in the game by using its crisp passing attack and some solid work underneath.

Kyle Casey had 12 points to lead the Crimson (8-1).

"I thought we played a tremendous first half," Amaker said. "I thought the difference was the beginning of the second half, how they took control of the game."

The Huskies used a 9-0 run to go up 28-19 with 6:44 left in the first half, but Harvard closed the half on a 9-2 run to get within 30-28. The Huskies didn't score over the final 5:18 of the half, missing five shots and committing two turnovers.

Connecticut turned it around quickly, opening the second half on a 9-2 run to re-establish the

nine-point lead.

The run extended to 17-3 as the Huskies made seven of their first eight shots in the second half and a jumper in the lane by Lamb made it 47-31 with 12:18 to play.

Harvard, which missed 10 of its first 11 shots in the second half, went on an 8-0 run to get back in the game, but Drummond's fifth dunk of the game and a 3 by Lamb made it 52-39 with 8:44 to go. The Huskies managed to keep the lead to at least seven points the rest of the way.

"They are very disciplined and they don't take bad shots so we couldn't be relaxed," Lamb said of the Crimson. "We just had to try our hardest for us to get the win. They're a good team."

Drummond, who had five dunks in his six field goals, played for the first time this season without a protective mask he was forced to use after breaking his nose in practice.

"I was really excited to play without the mask," the 6-foot-11 freshman said. "I wasn't nervous at all. I just felt like I was home again. I could see out of the corners of my eyes. I felt a lot more aware."

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OUR VIEW

Don't dream — do

Graduation is an opportunity to make goals a reality

We live in a world where the concept of tomorrow is such a certainty that obligations and responsibilities are often swept to the wayside to wait for another day — until we wake up four years later on the day of our college graduation.

Graduation is a time for celebration and remembrance: To celebrate the accomplishment of earning a college degree and remember the dreams of the freshman you used to be.

Every freshman has goals for their future, along with a fervent desire to achieve those goals. But college can be a slap in the face as students face the harsh reality of hours of studying with little or no sleep, balancing a full-time job with classes and

pressure to be the best among their peers.

Many students are so focused on maintaining a high GPA or just being finished with school forever that they lose sight of the aspirations they had as freshman. College is a time to discover passions and acquire the knowledge necessary to be successful in life afterward — not memorize information like a robot only to forget it later.

The four (or five or six) years of college can quash many students' spirits, and with finals still looming ahead many graduates may not even be able to celebrate this weekend. But when the last test is taken and there

is nothing left to do but wait for that piece of paper in the mail, graduates are more than likely wondering what the next step in their life will be.

When you first arrived on the University of Idaho campus as a freshman, there was no telling what the future might hold and how your life would change. But now the future is here and it is time to approach the next phase

in life with the same enthusiasm every college freshman has when they leave home for the first time.

Remember the passion and creativity of your first few months on campus because as a UI graduate you are now equipped with the knowledge and life skills you need to make those dreams a reality.

—EE



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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

That's all folks

Last Off the Cuff in the last paper of the semester. It's been fun.

—Amrah

No more

Relieved this is the last Off the Cuff I have to do for more than a month.

—Theo

The end of dead week

Anybody still alive out there? Just finished my last fall semester, now that's a weird feeling.

—Rhiannon

Time flies

I just had the sudden epiphany that I'm halfway through my junior year of college. I feel like it was just yesterday I was a junior in high school, beginning my college search. It's been an incredible two-and-a-half years and I wouldn't take any of it back. I can't wait to see what the next three semesters have in store for me. Time sure does fly when you're having fun.

—Britt

Farewell

Here's to wishing everyone the happiest of holidays and enjoy your break.

—Jacob

Middle Ages

There was a lot of delimiting in that time period.

—Jens

Dear graduates,

Don't do drugs.

—Madison

So close

If you did not go to the Washington State versus Idaho game Wednesday night, you missed a good game. The Vandals came back in the second half to lose by only two points, which were scored in the last second of the game.

—Elizabeth

Dangerous driving

If you think driving while texting is dangerous, try driving with kids in the back seat. Now that is dangerous.

—Jake

Now is the time...

... To step on crunchy leaves. They're gloriously satisfying in these last stressful days.

—Vicky

Finding the words

I'd like to say something poignant and deep for my final Off the Cuff as news editor, but all I can say is this: Thank you.

—Anja

Love-hate relationship

Sometimes I despise The Argonaut, like when I get a jillion calls about a news story when I'm on a date with my boyfriend or have to tell my friends for the 1000th time that I can't hang out because of production. But working at The Arg has changed me in a profound way, mainly because of my coworkers. Every one of you has touched my heart and for those who are leaving I'm going to miss you. To those staying, I can't wait until next semester.

—Elisa

Lessons of unregulated big business forgotten

President Barack Obama quoted Teddy Roosevelt this week. Roosevelt was a Republican president, and some interpret President Obama's speech as an attempt to grab the populist portion of the Republican party. But in many ways (save perhaps foreign policy), Roosevelt was a far more liberal leader than many modern presidents.

Not everything Roosevelt said and did is worth emulating. One would hope, for instance, that President Obama would refrain from invading Cuba or the Philippines. But if there is one message of Roosevelt's that applies to the modern era, it is this: The job of government is to protect the people from big business.

Roosevelt came from an era of unregulated big business, of monopolies on essential goods and services like steel and railroads, of child labor, poor wages and few worker protections. Working class Americans worked long hours for little pay in dangerous conditions. Roosevelt didn't go picketing with the unions, but he did set out to bust the trusts, end unregulated monopolies on American businesses and fight against the special interests that dominated American politics.

We've seen the effects of deregulation and

special interests in modern society: The 2007 economic recession was a direct result of an unregulated mortgage market.

Why wasn't it regulated? Because the representatives who should have ensured oversight received campaign contributions from lobbyists, within a system that retired members of Congress leave to become lobbyists themselves.



Max Bartlett
Argonaut

Roosevelt said "The citizens of the United States must effectively control the mighty commercial forces which they have called into being."

That was more than one hundred years ago. Since then we have seen great strides in workers' rights and working conditions. In the past couple decades, though, we have also seen greater deregulation and less oversight of big business.

Republicans and Democrats have both tried to claim Roosevelt as their own. He was a Republican, but later ran as a Progressive. He had many progressive populist stances that both sides would like to say they emulate. But has either party really been the party of Roosevelt?

Roosevelt remains one of America's most beloved presidents. Have we forgotten the lessons of his presidency? Regulation has become a dirty word in modern politics. But it may be the one thing that can save our political and economic system.



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national corporations to ruin our air and our rivers, our coasts and our forests, without paying a dime in taxes, in the name of economic prosperity.

Who can claim to be the party of Roosevelt without furthering the cause of business regulation in the interests of America and its people?

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I want to be,
the very best,
the best that ever was!
-Don Dun DooDun-
♪
To catch them is my quest,
To train them is my cause!
♪



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Shane Wellner

Christmas is here

Celebrate the Holidays without materialism

It's no secret that materialism is a problem in our culture. Advertising is king and the economy relies on constant expansion. Christmas is a magical time once a year when we aren't in school and can gather with family and friends — and usually get a lot of presents that we don't need. While there is nothing wrong with celebrating Christmas, there is a wrong way to celebrate.

This year during the infamous Black Friday sales, a woman resorted to using mace on a fellow shopper to make sure she got an Xbox. Clearly this is in the spirit of giving and a great way to love your neighbor. Who doesn't love a good pepper-spraying every now and again? Of course, this incident is perhaps not as bad as the trampling that occurs every year.

But what does this have to do with Christmas? After all, we are not one of "those" people using pepper spray and trampling through the aisles of Walmart. But whether you were responsible for trampling, pepper-spraying or stealing on Black Friday is somewhat beside the point. The point is that it happened so people could get cheap Christmas presents. As a culture we have



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entirely missed the point of Christmas.

Christmas was originally intended as a celebration of the birth and life of Jesus Christ. And in case you haven't heard the story, he is the one who came on our behalf and died on the cross for the sins of the world — pepper spray or not. Hence the tradition of gift giving — Christ was a gift to the world, so we give gifts to one another.

Some might say this is an old-fashioned way

of looking at Christmas and in a secular culture the meaning of Christmas is subjective. But even if you don't believe in Christ Christmas should be celebrated in the "spirit of giving." It should be obvious that the present itself is not what the holiday is about. Christmas is about giving to others because we have already been given so much. And if you don't think you've been given a lot, open your eyes because you live in the most affluent

country ever.

So for Christmas this year let's celebrate redemption and move past the gifts. While we should live our lives generously, we don't always do so. Let's take this time to give to others who do have need. Donate blood, give food to a food bank or just love the people you are close to, and not just because they gave you a gift.

It's time we celebrate Christmas for the holiday it really is.

Cows are people too

Diverting waste from landfills has never been easier. Thanks to the Food and Farm composting program in the Idaho Commons food court, students can be an integral part of the University of Idaho's steps toward a

more sustainable future.

Sorting waste is important for countless reasons. First of all, diverting compostable material (food scraps, paper products and cutlery made from corn starch) creates room in landfills for other waste that cannot biodegrade (biodegradable means it will break down naturally through biological processes). The university has also created a closed-loop system on campus, which is pretty neat.

The compost collected in the Commons is transported to the composting facility behind WinCo where it decomposes, becomes nutritious and is fed to UI dairy cows. These are the same cows that provide campus dining with milk and meat, which will then be thrown into the composting bins and taken to the facility where the whole process starts again.

Some of the compost is also used on the Soil Stewards farm, which grows produce that is later sold to Sodexo and used in the food we eat on campus. This food waste also goes in the bins, the bins go to the farm and the food grown on the farm comes back to us. A sustainable, closed-loop system is being created right before our eyes.

Recyclable materials, such as PETE (polyethylene terephthalate) and HDPE (high density polyethylene) plastics and aluminum cans are also sorted, collected and transported to the Moscow Recycling facility. Just like compost, materials we recycle create more space in already crowded landfills for waste that cannot be placed elsewhere. Of

course, the best option is to avoid purchasing items that will end up in the landfill in the first place.

So, to cover some of the basics: Many students have seen the posters above the recycling bins in the Commons, and probably wondered what they're for. They're used for

sorting materials into the appropriate place so we can divert certain kinds of waste from entering the waste stream. Look at the trash you have in your hand, look at the poster in front of you and see where they match up. If you can't tell what goes where, here are a few helpful guidelines.

When in doubt, throw it out. Anything that looks like paper or feels like paper probably is paper and can be composted. If there's a lid on it throw it away, unless you have a Starbucks coffee cup in hand. Throw those cups and other generic ones like Einstein's in the landfill. Otherwise they can contaminate the compost and make the cows sick. And yes, it seems crazy but those sushi trays and lids are indeed compostable because they're made from corn starch — not plastic.

If you have a question about where to recycle your trash, just ask a Sustainability Center volunteer, located at each bin station. They'll be more than happy to show you how to sort everything and answer any questions you may have.

This year alone more than 75 percent of the waste in the Commons has been diverted from landfills, and more than 50 students have participated in the Food and Farm program this semester. Students who want to be involved in sustainability at UI receive a free meal for volunteering one hour of their time, and I don't know many college students who would pass up an opportunity for free food.

Good luck with finals, happy sorting and help feed the cows.

GUEST VOICE

Jen Emerson
UI Sustainability
center volunteer
coordinator

The luxury of leaving

In the movie "The Way," shown recently at the Kenworthy Theater, a broken-hearted father embarks on a pilgrimage across northern Spain, dispersing the ashes of his son who lost his life while on the trail.

"Most people don't have the luxury of leaving it all behind," the father said.

Although the trek was a difficult one, it was clear that the thing he struggled with was not the physical journey. Despite the breathtaking scenery and physical hardship, he remained numb following his son's death. Letting others get close to him and understand his pain helped the man face his real fears.

In reflection of similar journeys we all go through, the idea of a "pilgrimage" seems different from a journey someplace new. It is more like an uncovering of our "selves" that have been here all along, wherever we go and whatever we do.

I will admit the story of this man's journey got to me. In 10 days I will be

traveling home to New Zealand. Two years ago, I left everything I had ever known to come to Idaho. I "left it all behind" — the sand my toes were so used to digging into, the tree hut that had years of angst scribbled on it and the chicken that followed me up the drive each morning to get the paper. I took off to a country where I didn't know a soul and didn't look back.

Of course, this is not an uncommon story for a college student. The feeling of going back to the place of our childhood can feel a little like a pilgrimage. We experience a time of limbo — we're not sure where to call home and not sure where our alliances to people or places lie.

Leaving home, we expect a shift in mindset and a challenge to our perceptions. But often the real challenge is exposing the self behind those perceptions — the self who questions and searches. This is perhaps why after so many new experiences, facing the past can be the most difficult. It's often easier to run away and form new identities than it is

to look at why we have become who we are now.

Most students have already experienced the strange feeling of being around parents and high school friends who lack an understanding of who we have become. Friends have spoken of wondering whether they should be helping out around the house, being unsure about having a drink with their parents or about having others stay the night.

Yet however strange or frustrating this feels, these experiences are often ones of forced reflection about the person we are becoming. They are common experiences that despite different upbringings and situations, we all experience in some way. Perhaps it's something that with so many late teens and 20-somethings in Moscow should be discussed more rather than being private battles.

So it is time for me to join the rest of you: To take the pilgrimage home. I admit I am scared. Perhaps I did have the "luxury" of leaving it all behind — oceans behind. But it is now time to face the past.



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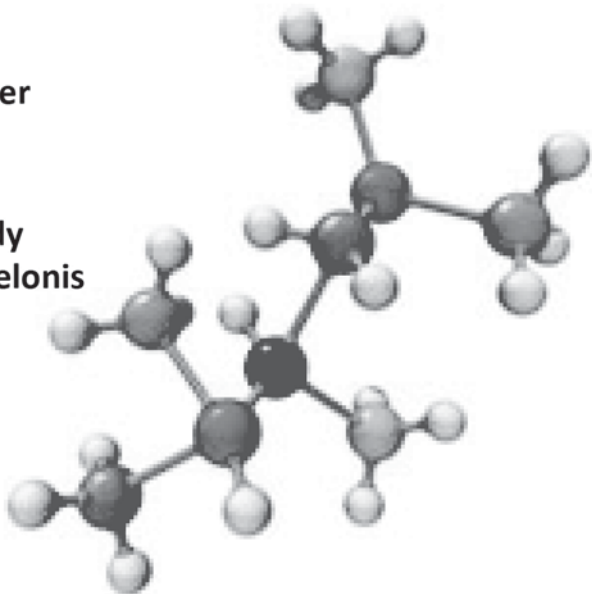
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The Pill and weight gain

The fear of gaining weight prevents many women from using birth control

What's the most common reason women give for discontinuing using the Pill: Acne, nausea or wanting to get pregnant? None of the above. It's because they think it's made them gain weight. Sometimes it's merely the fear of gaining weight. Most women who discontinue the Pill switch to something less effective or nothing at all.

According to a recent article by Dr. David Grimes, lead author of the article published in the journal "Contraception," there is "an elaborate mythology fueled by rumor, gossip, and poor-quality research." The fact is there's never been any convincing scientific evidence that the Pill causes weight gain.

If the Pill doesn't cause weight gain, then how did it get that reputation? Women who take the Pill do gain weight. But so do women who don't take the Pill. Basically, most

women continue to gain weight after they reach their full adult height. On average, women gain about a pound a year from age 20 to 50 for a total of 30 pounds. But we can't blame it on the Pill.

GUEST VOICE
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Many people may think, "Then why do the Pill packet labels list 'weight gain' among the side effects?" In clinical trials of drugs, participants are asked to report symptoms they notice. Those that turn up are often listed, even if there's no proof that they were caused by the drug.

These non-specific symptoms are the vague complaints of everyday life — things like headaches, moodiness and weight gain.

On a side note, there is a link between Depo-Provera (the shot) and weight gain. Some women may experience an increased appetite, which if not carefully managed

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could lead to increased weight.

But the sad result of this urban legend is that women fearful of weight gain may discontinue using birth control pills or be less diligent about taking them. One thing we can say with complete confidence is that women generally gain 25 to 35 pounds during the nine months of pregnancy. If you're trying to avoid pregnancy, don't let this myth about birth control pills cause "baby fat" for you.

Penn State scandal is a lesson for parents

For 30 years Jerry Sandusky worked as an assistant coach for the Penn State Nittany Lions, a position that made him an authority figure for thousands of athletes and earned him respect.

During his time there, people heard Sandusky's name quite a bit with the team's impressive seasons, including two National Championship titles.

In 1977, people also heard about the Second Mile program that Sandusky started, which began as a group foster home for troubled children and later turned into a charity dedicated to helping children with displaced families, but it's what people weren't hearing that was the problem.

Sandusky was arrested Wednesday and is charged with more than 50 counts of child molestation. According to a grand jury report, Sandusky sexually assaulted young men and boys during his time as an assistant coach at Penn State.

The parents of the children and the public may not have been hear-

ing about these alleged incidents, but some insiders did know and ultimately did nothing.

It took more than 10 years of allegations before Sandusky faced real punishment.

What does this mean for future college students or parents of students across the nation, let alone at Penn State? It has to instill a little fear and uncertainty in students and parents about safety on college campuses and officials who are supposed to be trustworthy.

Coaches are given a lot of power in relation to athletes and have regular contact with them.

The coaches of a team like Penn State that has such a strong football tradition are on an even higher pedestal. But that pedestal should never be outside the reach of the rules — and most importantly the law.

Parents, athletes and students put their trust in coaches often without considering that coaches could be dangerous. This case is sure to change that perspective.

People want to believe they can trust the people who run schools to take the actions needed to best protect student safety. Anytime there is a case where students' safety is compromised and it appears the school didn't do enough to prevent it, parents naturally worry more about sending their children to college.

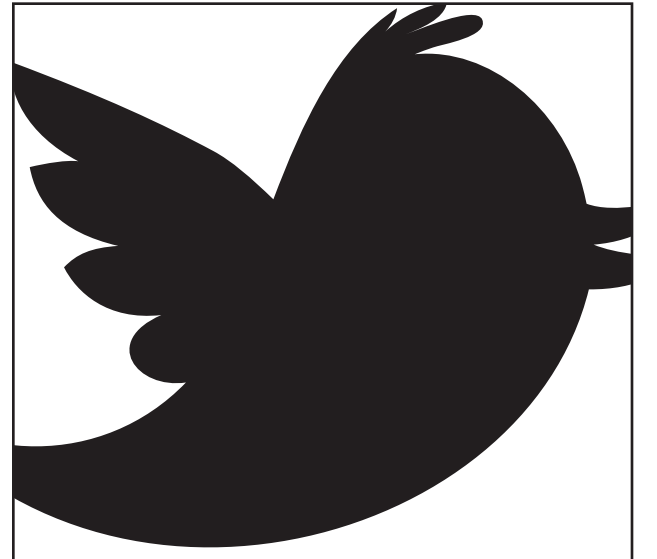
Nothing will change what allegedly happened to any of these victims and their families. But the situation Penn State is currently in can open the eyes of parents, students, faculty and the community.

People need to realize that situations like this can happen anywhere. It's time to take steps toward better protecting our children. It would be nice to think that Sandusky is the only coach that has ever done something like this, but aside from cases like Syracuse — which are now surfacing — chances are this happens more than many might think.

This doesn't mean coaches can never be trusted. It just means be aware and ask your children questions about the people they associate with, or even look up to.

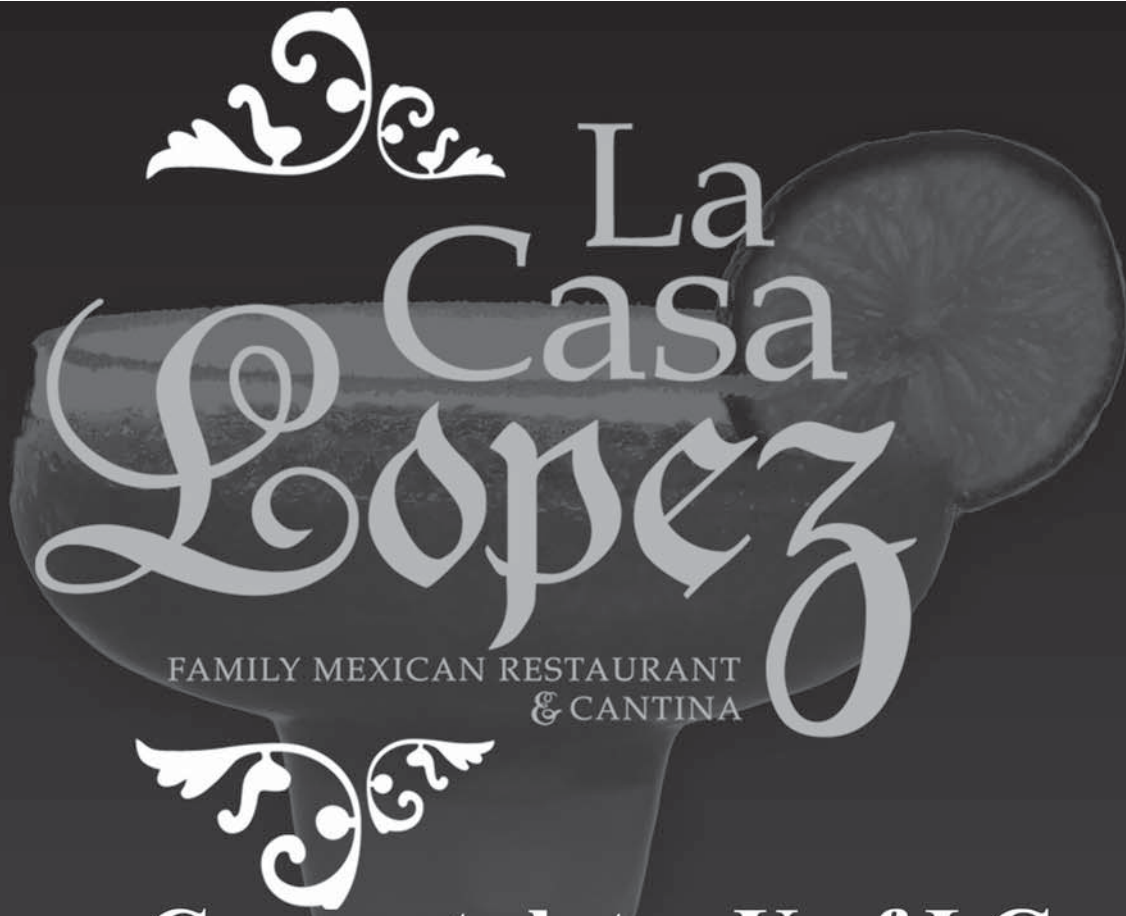


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Business should stay out

Legislatures and companies draft bills in American Legislative Exchange Council conferences

The issue of business in government is addressed often, and for good reason. There seems to be an intimate relationship between the two that stays hidden in the shadows. This does not always mean a conspiracy exists or that a government take-down is required, but it is a reason for constant supervision.

The American Legislative Exchange Council is an organization state legislators and private corporations can pay \$50 to join and subsequently attend three annual conferences where the companies work with legislators to write "model bills," which are then taken back to the legislators' home states for potential use.



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This happened somewhat recently in Arizona with its new immigration bill, which allows police to target anyone they suspect of being an illegal immigrant and detain them if those being questioned do not have documents on their person to prove their legality.

The kicker is that the bill came about from a meeting between former Sen. Russell Pearce and the Corrections Corporation of America, which was interested in creating a prison for children and women of illegal status.

The solution to both parties' problems: The CCA could build a new prison and Pearce could lock up more immigrants. All they had to do was bring the bill to the

ALEC conference and get it approved.

Although this happened more than a year ago and NPR covered the story in October, it resurfaced when a correction was printed in November.

The activities at these conferences are legal, but the question is — should they be? When NPR analyzed those involved in drafting SB 1070, it found that most of the legislators who co-sponsored the bill also received donations from the prison company or its lobbyists. This is in addition to the larger issue of legislators meeting with businesses three times a year and drafting model bills.

While these bills do not become laws during the conference, it seems clear that there is a conflict of interest.

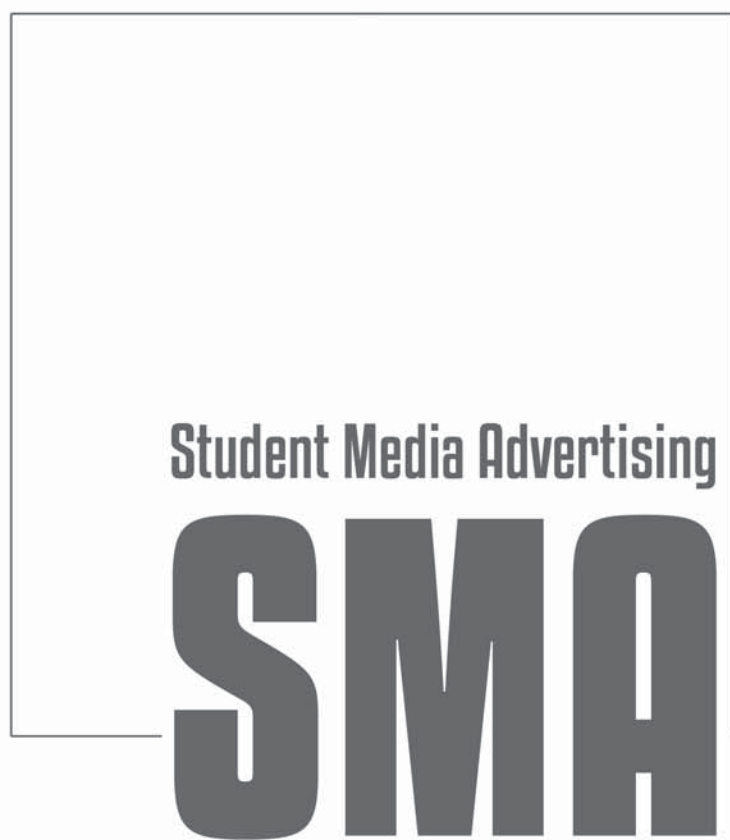
It does not matter how much someone, like Pearce, denies that legislators attend ALEC conferences to receive donations. It is impossible for the businesses in attendance to not have some sort of influence.

SB 1070 is the direct result of that influence. Who knows how many other misguided bills' true origins have been hidden from the weary public eye. This is why we need to be watchful, and put our First Amendment right to question authority to good use.



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