



Outbreak update
 "Captain Xavier," whose given name is Chaylo Laurino, left, and the Black Knights carry out an escort mission Tuesday near the Student Union Building. Laurino is a non-player character, a unit who cannot be turned into a zombie, a new element to Human vs. Zombies this year.

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Steve Appleton's legacy lives on

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

With the death of Micron Technology, Inc.'s CEO Steve Appleton, the University of Idaho and state as a whole have lost a champion for education, said UI Vice President of Advancement Chris Murray.

Murray said Appleton was an innovative industry leader and forward-thinking individual.

"Under his leadership, Micron

became an economic leader for the state," Murray said. "He really believed in private industry partnerships like the one we've enjoyed with Micron for many years, where universities have benefited from the investment from companies relative to shared values like education."

Although he wasn't a UI graduate,



Steve Appleton

Murray said Appleton was a beacon of what the university stands for.

"We really hold as our flame — our torch — all the things he represented," Murray said. "... We want to produce graduates who are skilled and innovative and visionary and go off

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Ricky Scuderi | Argonaut

The Moscow Co-op held the first of its many regular meetings Wednesday at the 1912 Center. The meeting was filled with mixed emotions between attendees and the board of directors. The board listened and provided feedback for some of the members who expressed concerns about recent changes.

Co-op board causes controversy

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Recent actions by the Moscow Food Co-op Board of Directors and general manager have initiated a campaign to "save" the Co-op.

In December, board members announced a new policy that would restrict eligibility of potential board members. The policy stated that anyone who has worked for or applied to work for the Co-op in the past two years is ineligible to run for a position. According to Moscow Food Co-op Board President Andrika Kuhle, the new regulation was intended to avoid conflicts of interest.

"The eligibility requirement is not a policy, it is

based on the fact that our bylaws state anyone with an overriding conflict is not eligible," Kuhle said. "Over the last few years we have struggled with what that means."

Kuhle said the board has been trying to define the ambiguous language during the past few years, and prompted by the hiring of a new general manager, the board finally set the definition in stone.

The community did not respond well to this change and Bill London, former editor of the Co-op newsletter, is no exception.

"This began last fall with the board of directors trying

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Prep for the future

Students utilize job, internship fair opportunities

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

It's the time of year when many students perfect their resumes, pull out business garb and put their communication skills to the test.

The University of Idaho's job, internship and grad school fair, organized by the Career Center was from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom.

Jessica Berwick, the Career Center's manager for employee relations, said the fair is a great opportunity for all students to be exposed to different job and internship opportunities.

"This is an important opportunity for all students — not just graduating seniors — to go and practice their communication skills," Berwick said. "It's also helpful to learn about the different industries that are available and what employers are looking for, so students can prepare for future jobs or internships."

The job and internship fair isn't major-specific because a lot of the companies recruit for all types of jobs, Berwick said.

"We have a lot of local and regional companies that visit our fair, but we always are looking to bring in new companies from around the



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Chris Anderson, junior in agricultural engineering, speaks with a representative from Syngenta, a global agricultural business which markets seeds and pesticides. Dozens of employers came to the job and internship fair held Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom.

country," Berwick said. "This year we had a couple different companies we haven't had before."

Bailey Woods, who will graduate this spring in public relations, said this was her first job fair and she didn't know so many students participated.

"It is a great opportunity to be able to be exposed to a variety of companies," Woods said. "It's a little overwhelming at first, but there is something at the job fair that everyone can

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Motorcycle accident by Administration Building

Moscow police and fire departments responded to a motorcycle accident around 6:20 p.m. Tuesday outside the University of Idaho Administration Building.

Lt. Dave Lehmitz said the cyclist was driving between 5 and 10 mph and slid on gravel. Lehmitz said the cyclist laid the bike on the ground, walked away and the bike caught fire.

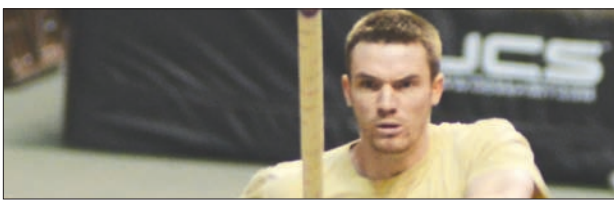
"We're not exactly sure how the fire started, but somehow a fire started after the bike was laid down," Lehmitz said.

He said the fire was put

out with an extinguisher and MFD responded to ensure the fire was completely out.

The cyclist left the accident with a minor abrasion to his hand.

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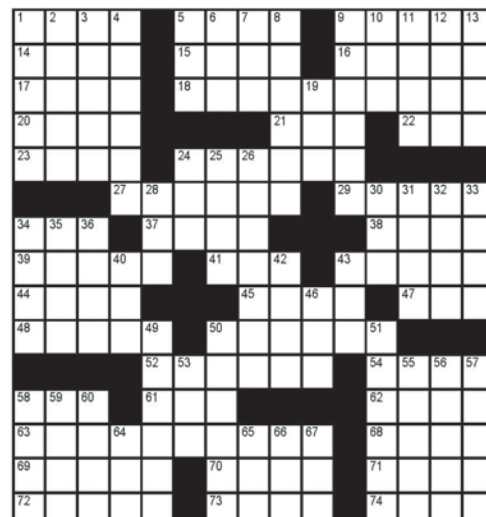
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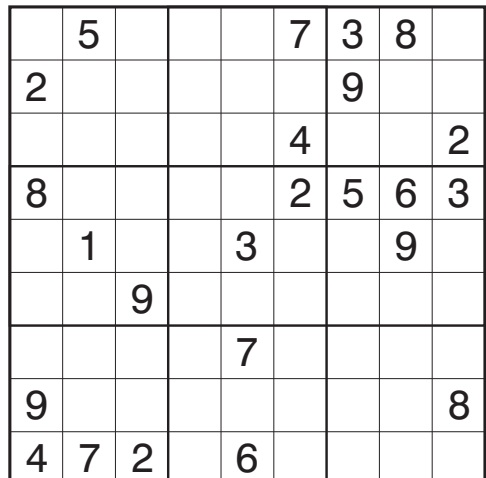
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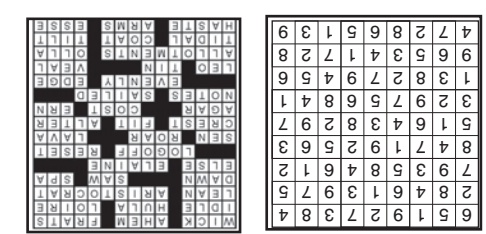


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New design for new recruits

University launches new web design to help navigate, bring in prospective students

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's website may perform better, look better and be easier to maintain and update it after its renovation is launched Friday, according to the UI Director of Web Communications Josh Paulsen.

Paulsen said the process of redesigning uidaho.edu began a year and a half ago.

"We developed a web strategy and worked with an outside company to come and assist us with this," he said. "That strategy actually translated into messaging for the new site — that will be up — and the best practices for how the information on the site should be organized. That really led us to these new designs."

Paulsen said hopefully people will notice the visuals of the new website, and the way information is reorganized for easier navigation.

He said technologies and features used in e-commerce and private industries were employed to better reach the website's target audience.

"We used that as an opportunity to improve and add some of that functionality into the site," Paulsen said. "Some of that functionality in launching the site will really come online in the next six months or so."

He said university websites are extremely large with diverse audiences.

"Rather than having a particular demographic that's between (ages) 20 and 30, we really have everyone from about 16 to 80 (years old)," Paulsen said. "They have different web skills and purposes for going there, so a lot of the changes we're making are meant to better accommodate those different types of audiences."

He said the update will help determine what type of visitor is coming to the site and to meet that specific audience's needs.

Paulsen said the renovation serves partly as a recruitment tool, and that efforts are underway to in-

More info

To learn more about the website's new features or to provide feedback, visit uidaho.edu/newdesign.

crease enrollment at UI.

"This was just really our contribution, I think, to ensuring that the university was presented in the best possible light for student recruitment," he said.

Feedback from on-campus users about the website also contributed to the renovation, Paulsen said.

"We really wanted to address some of those usability issues that had kind of been plaguing us for a few years," he said. "Our site was really good but we felt it could be improved upon."

Paulsen said the university generally redesigns or renovates its website about every three years.

He said people will hopefully respond well to the website's more contemporary and sophisticated presentation.

Paulsen said a bit of resistance at the beginning of the launch is to be anticipated, as with any new design of this magnitude.

"You may think back to Facebook when they launched their timeline, how up in arms people were," Paulsen said. "After about two months people kind of died down and went 'Oh, this works much better.'"

Students are strongly encouraged to provide feedback on the website's renovation, Paulsen said.

He said responses have been mixed so far.

"We've got people who think it's so much better," he said. "And then there are other people who — change is inherently hard — so they're initially really resistant to change, and if that resistance continues for several months, we know we need to make some corrections."

SIGNING UP FOR INVOLVEMENT



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

James McCall, senior in anthropology, signs up for the photography club at the Get Involved Fair Thursday in the Idaho Commons Clearwater room. McCall is a portrait and wedding photographer, which he said is the source for his interest in the club.

Victorian Valentine's Day celebrates local history

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Victorian Valentine's Day has thrived for more than 25 years in a mansion celebrating its 125th anniversary.

The celebration uses the holiday to commemorate the Victorian era and local history in the McConnell Mansion on First and Adams streets in Moscow.

"What better time than Valentine's Day to do a day of focus on the Victorian era and the house," curator Ann Catt said. "We do things for most holidays — Mother's Day tea, we used to do Halloween, and Victorian Christmas where we had over 700 people."

This event markets Latah County history to children

"They get to have a cookie and make a valentine," Catt said.

The valentines are created using traditional lace doilies, Catt said, to remind people of the way it used to be.

The event hosts an average of 200 people, who listen to live music and witness lace-making. This year will feature John Elwood and Sally Burkhart. Catt said the music is always old fashioned on a piano, harpsichord, or something similar. She said Elwood and Burkhart will be playing Old English love songs. Music will be accompanied by the Appaloosa Lace Guild, whose members will demonstrate the art of lace making.

A volunteer-based events committee organizes all of the events.

"The Valentine's event is a long-standing tradition with the mansion," committee member Nancy Peterson said. "It takes a lot of work but it is easier because of the tradition behind it. Whereas when we get into the Victorian tea and things that are new and different it makes it more complicated."

Peterson said planning began in November with the help of the museum's curator, museum assistant and director.

But Catt said the goal is to bring attention to Latah County history.

"The mansion is our big artifact," Catt said. "The mansion is the center of what we do. And we want to get the word out that Latah County has a wonderful history."

Catt said the historical society accomplishes

More info

For more information about McConnell Mansion, visit <http://users.moscow.com/lchs/mansion.html>

this through all of the little events they do to remind the community of how things used to be. The Valentine's event may not be as factual, but Catt said they host other events including a cemetery tour where participants learn about the individuals, and an ice cream social that mimics socials Louisa McConnell used to throw.

Victorian Valentine's Day is free to the public, and will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the McConnell Mansion.

Getting to know ASUI

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Members of the residence halls will have the opportunity to meet their ASUI senators in a less formal setting Monday at "Meet Your Senators Night."

"We always encourage residence halls to come to us and come to the third floor (of the Idaho Commons) for open houses and things like that, but we've never reached out to them," said ASUI Vice President Juan Corona, who has been organizing the event. "We kind of want to change that — we want to go to them this time, instead of them coming to us."

Corona said the goal is to increase communication between the residence halls and ASUI.

"There's always kind of mislead communication, so we wanted a chance for senators to meet the residence halls outside of meetings and things like that," Corona said. "We're just hoping to increase communication."

Corona said it is an opportunity for students to ask questions in a casual setting, as well as an opportunity for senators to get additional contact information for their residence hall living groups.

"We met last semester with RHA. We talked about ways we could increase (communication)," Corona said. "This was one of the

ways they said, to kind of have an informal meeting where they can meet their senators, so that's what we came up with."

Corona said the event will include free pizza and door prizes throughout the night.

ASUI President Samantha Perez, Corona, and all of the senators will be attending the event.

"It's kind of the same concept (as ASUI at Bob's), but it's not related," Corona said. "This is more for senators to get to know the residence halls."

Corona said senators will be discussing anything the students want to know about ASUI.

"A lot of the information we're hoping to present to them is like what committees the senators sit in, what do they do, what they represent. And then encourage them — since elections are coming up — encourage them to apply for ASUI. Inform them what ASUI is and everything that they do and how they can get involved," Corona said.

Meet Your Senators Night will begin at 9:30 Monday in the Wallace Complex Basement.

"I just really, really encourage people to come and show up," Corona said. "Have a good time, get to know your senators, bring questions if they have any, and don't be afraid to ask them."

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Common Read is found to be uncommon

Joanna Wilson
Argonaut

The Common Read program, currently in the nomination process for fall 2012, is a chance for students to come to the University of Idaho and have at least one piece of knowledge in common, Rochelle Smith said.

Common Read is a program that requires all incoming freshmen to read the same book, which is then used for group discussion events during New Student Orientation. But the program needs to be reworked, said Smith, a member of the selection committee.

"The ways we tie into the curriculum, the ways that we do other things, and how the book we choose reflects on that," Smith said.

Patricia Hart, a UI professor who has taught previous CORE classes for four years and an ISEM class this year, said the problem is the books were generally not broad enough in topic to fit into her classes.

"The question is how would the Common Read fit into a common theme," Hart said.

If the students were all reading and discussing the book, they would have a great chance to connect a person with a textbook, she said.

Hart said with change from the year-long CORE classes to the single semester ISEM classes, there is even less time to talk about a book outside the class focus.

Psychology and communications lecturer Elizabeth Sloan said she has heard from students that the book is rarely used in their classes.

"I think the majority of the students coming into the classrooms have not read the book, and so those who have read it feel like, 'What's the point if we all didn't read it?'" Sloan said. "If five of us read it, it's not really a common read."

Sloan said more students read the book when it was more incorporated in the curriculums of their classes.

"I feel like the rigor for that has kind of lost its focus," Sloan said.

Bruce Pitman, UI dean of students, said the program started five years ago to give the incoming freshmen a common intellectual experience.

"Important social issues of the day, or a particular theme that we wanted to address during the course of the academic year," Pitman said. "We chose to connect this program with new student orientation, and at that time, the Core Discovery classes."

Pitman said the university leadership, to ensure the program is relevant, has asked a group of faculty and staff to generate some suggestions about how the program could be improved.

"That the Common Read be more directly connected to curricular offerings, so that when students come, they'll perhaps be writing about the themes, or giving speeches about the themes," Pitman said. "They'll be asked in some of their other classes to have some critical conversations about the themes in the book."

Hart said the nominated books are mostly identified by the faculty through lists of books other universities have used for their common read programs.

"I'm not sure you are connecting with students by talking to faculty," Hart said. "Students should be able to say 'this book changed my life.'"

Hart said books that were about issues directly affecting the students would also be more appealing.

Smith said the books should also be easy to read and engaging enough to keep reading in the summer between high school and college.

"That's a really busy summer, when you know you are about to go away to college," Smith said. "You're buying sheets — you're saying good bye to your family — you're figuring out all these ways to live on your own."

Smith said she would welcome emails from students about what books they think would be beneficial.

"I think that would be wonderful to have more student input," Smith said.



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Elizabeth Sloan,
UI faculty



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Lauren Naughton, business economics major, speaks to a MassMutual Financial Group representative Wednesday in the Student Union Building ballroom at the bi-annual Career Fair.

Greeks go green

Houses participate in sustainability challenge

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Residents of the Greek community go house-to-house in an on-going sustainability competition to encourage recycling and other eco-friendly habits.

Danie Merriman, ASUI director of sustainability, said 20 of the 27 Greek houses on campus are participating in the competition, which began in November.

Merriman said 20 of the 27 Greek houses on campus are participating in the competition, which requires them to recycle as well as become more energy-conscious.

"We're doing it over the semester, and over the year, so it's supposed to get them in the habit of doing that all the time, so after the competition is finished their house will continue to recycle and improve their efficiency and help out overall," Merriman said.

The program is divided into two parts, one that focuses on recycling and another on energy efficiency within the houses.

"We're asking houses to collect their recycling and

take it to the Moscow Recycling Center and weigh their recycling, and then they get a little receipt to record their weight. At the end of the semester we'll add all that up," Merriman said. "The second part has to do with energy efficiency. We have the records of the houses from the past year and how efficient they were, and then we're also going to record how efficient the houses have been this semester."

Merriman said to determine the winner the number of pounds of recycled materials will be added to the difference in energy savings for each house.

"The house with the biggest number wins," Merriman said.

Merriman said the first place fraternity and sorority will each receive a \$200 monetary prize, and the second place houses in each category will receive a \$100 prize.

Merriman said students can do things like turn off their lights whenever possible, and use energy-efficient electronics to become more sustainable.

Houses can recycle a number of materials at the center in Moscow, except for glass because of the expenses associated with the equipment.

"They're collecting plastics, mixed plastics, different kinds of plastics, as well as paper and aluminum — because they have a lot of cans, and cardboard which is one of the biggest weight items," Merriman said.

Merriman said the Greek recycling program is not associated with Recyclemania, and the residence halls have already taken the initiative to become more sustainable.

"At the dorms they're doing a really good job of documenting how much recycling they already have, so they've kind of made their own program by themselves," Merriman said. "So they're doing a nice job of doing it themselves and they haven't needed that extra boost."

The competition will end at the beginning of April and the winner will be determined then, Merriman said.



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CO-OP
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to figure out a way by which they can control the people who run for the board of directors," London said. "They are worried, as I understand it, that the voters will not be able to decide for themselves — that they need assistance from the board to limit candidates."

London said the board looked at national models, and was told it would be in their interest to re-evaluate candidates who had worked at the Co-op and lost their job, or applied and were not hired.

"They were concerned these people would have negative ideas," London said.

Kuhle confirmed that the board talked with national co-ops and was concerned about negativity after an incident a few years ago with an ex-employee.

"We felt it was (a) reasonable thing to do, especially knowing we have responsibility for

the Co-op," Kuhle said. "When we realized we had an election it was better to be prepared, so we decided to define what an overriding conflict of interest is."

Because of the new policy, London said, about 200 people who are otherwise capable are unable to run for a position.

"Several people I know wanted to run but could not," London said. "A lot of people, myself included, were very angry."

This was not the first time the board made an attempt to define candidacy restrictions. According to Kuhle, a similar guideline that lacked the specificity of the new requirement was released last year.

Kuhle said advanced notice of the regulation wasn't given the previous year either, so the board didn't think it was an issue.

London said neglecting to inform members before finalizing the defini-

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tion was in violation of Co-op rules.

"One of the basic rules of the Co-op is democratic governance. Members of the organization are expected to have active participation in decision making," London said. "They completely ignored this with the ruling."

Many members tried to protest the requirement, but were shot down when Seth Marcantonio — the Co-op's recently dismissed general manager — opted not to print discontented or negative letters to the editor in the Co-op's newsletter and posted them on a bulletin board inside the Co-op instead. Marcantonio told the Moscow-Pullman Daily News he felt the board of directors

wouldn't be able to respond to the letters before they were printed.

London said he could not believe the newsletter was being censored.

"It was the first time in 26 years," London said. "To violate the trust and censor that way should not stand. I protested. He would not change his mind so I had to resign, I just couldn't do it."

Theresa Nuhn, member of the general management team, said in the future the newsletter will return to the old format, and letters to the editor of all opinions are welcome.

London said not printing the letters not only led him to resign as newsletter editor, but caused him to start running for a board

position, along with Kurt (Sam) Obermayr, and organize a website, saveourfoodcoop.com.

"We put together the website to share info and more recently added the platforms to bring democratic governance back to the government," London said.

Although recent actions by the board, and ex-general manager sparked action by community members, Kuhle said the decision was not made lightly and was required by the bylaws to be made.

"We were not trying to be underhanded and shady," Kuhle said.

A member meeting was held Wednesday to start a discussion and answer any questions members had, Kuhle said.

Kuhle said the board is also dedicating its upcoming spring retreat to the re-evaluation of its election process and assuring a healthy functioning board.

Nuhn said the general management team is welcoming of opinions and discussion.

"The way the Co-op is structured is very diverse with a community with many opinions," Nuhn said. "But that is what makes us rich. It helps us grow."



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Theresa Nuhn, General management team

FUTURE
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relate to."

Berwick said she knows students who attend the fair get hired because a lot of employers continually revisit the career fair to recruit students. Following the fair, various employers have scheduled interview times on Thursday.

"Each company has their own screening process. There is always that initial kick-off, which happens at the job fair," Berwick said. "Some employers have open interviews, but most of their interview choices are for students that came to the fair and were narrowed down based on their skills for the position."

Berwick said employers are willing to train for the positions they offer.

"Students who have fundamental skill sets, (are) great communicator(s), who learn

quickly and (have) a good attitude will be wanted by employers," she said.

Molly Stinson, an intern with the Career Center's employee relations and marketing department, said she thought the job fair had a good student turnout.

"There were a lot of employers for students to be exposed to, and get set up with interviews," Stinson said. "This semester, the fair was at a different time, which I think made for a better student turnout."

Stinson reaffirmed the opportunities the job fair offered students.

"It's a good chance for students to meet with employers, improve their communication skills, apply for internships and create networks," Stinson said.

To get ready for next year's job, internship and grad school fair, Berwick said students should dress professionally and bring their confidence, along with copies of their resumes.



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LEGACY
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and change their communities and their world. (Appleton) shared so many of the same values we do as far as business success, giving back to the community and making a difference."

Bill Goesling, of the State Board of Education, said Appleton directly and indirectly influenced statewide education by choosing Idaho as the headquarters for his company.

"He put his heart and soul into improving the lot of all of us," Goesling said. "He's directly supported K-20 — you know, we talk about K-12 being important — but he's also gone beyond that because he has a need for employees, so he looks toward undergraduate and graduate schools for quality employees."

Through the Micron Foundation and Micron directly, Appleton contributed money and support to several of Idaho's educational organizations.

Murray said UI has been a recipient of several different types of support through the foundation, including support for the Albertson's building and disciplines like engineering and physics.

"They also put money into the business school in something called the Business Process Center because they're always looking at how to make their own business processes efficient and how to look at issues on that front," Murray said. "And just recently they gave \$1.2 million to the STEM research project."

The disciplines that make up STEM include science, technology, engineering and math. Murray said the project funded

More info

To learn more about Micron Technology, Inc. or to read Appleton's biography, visit the Micron Innovations Blog at micron-blogs.com.

by Micron consists of a study to figure out why more students don't go into STEM disciplines. He said the results would be used to devise a plan that would create changes across the state to encourage more students to pursue STEM degrees.

"(Micron) understands that folks coming through K-12 and then going on to the STEM disciplines are very important, not just for industries like theirs, but for American competitiveness," Murray said.

At 51, Appleton died in a small plane accident Feb. 3 in Boise, according to Micron's website.

A memorial service will be held in his honor at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Goesling said the state board tries to bring all the institutions of Idaho together to create a seamless process, or system, across campus activity, programs and research. He said the building blocks of that system include not only school systems, but students, parents, teachers, community and industry

"Unfortunately we have lost one part of that system, or it's been made less available to us," he said. "...It's going to take a while to develop and it's going to be successful, but unfortunately he won't be able to be part of that success. But his legacy will be."

Idaho House approves bill on early college graduation

Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A program aimed at helping students complete one or two years of college by the time they graduate high school advanced Thursday in the Idaho Legislature.

Students who participate in the "8 in 6 Program" would take summer courses — with the state picking up a large portion of the tab — to finish their junior high and high school coursework early and then get started on college through dual enrollment courses.

The program aims to help students complete up to two years of college by the time they leave high school.

"It really depends on the willingness of students to take extra classes and do the extra work," said Republican Rep. Steve Thayne, of Emmett.

The idea is students could complete junior high, high school and two years of college in six years not eight, hence the name of the program. The

Idaho House voted 58-12 on Thursday to approve legislation that would create Thayne's program.

Thayne predicts savings in the long run, with Idaho funding fewer students for four years of college, but some lawmakers voiced concerns over how the state will come up with the initial funding for the summer courses.

The program would be limited to 10 percent of students in grades 7-12, with each participant to take up to eight courses, estimated at \$300 apiece. The state would pick up \$225 of the cost, while students would pay the remaining \$75.

Thayne estimates students would take between 10,000 and 13,000 courses during the first year of the program, which would cost the state \$2.2 million to \$2.9 million in the next fiscal year. The program is not included in a proposed public schools budget for 2013.

Thayne is working with the state Department of Education to secure funding

for the program, he said.

Students would have to maintain at least a C grade average in each course they take as part of the 8 in 6 program, according to the bill. Students who get a D or F can continue taking classes the following year, but they would have to pay for it out of their own pocket, Thayne said.

"So there's some incentive for them to do a good job," said Thayne, who spearheaded a program in 2010 to reward kids who graduate from high school with scholarship money to an Idaho university or college.

Thayne's latest venture, to help students get a leg up on college coursework before they leave high school, would also be set up within state Department of Education, which has testified in support of the plan.

The program relies on thinking outside the box, said Republican Rep. Mack Shirley, a Rexburg lawmaker who vice chairs the House Education Committee.

"It's a little unusual, but the concept is good," Shirley said.

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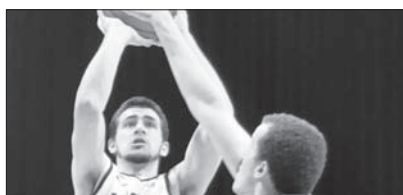
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TC Clash in the Cowan

Revenge state of mind for La. Tech

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Revenge has to be the only thing on the mind of Louisiana Tech coach Michael White.

Almost exactly one month ago the Vandals stole a 90-88 overtime victory from the Bulldogs in Ruston, and for the first time in six tries Idaho tasted victory at the Thomas Assembly Center. The Bulldogs, however, are experiencing a two-game skid that could reach three when they visit Utah State Thursday in Logan.

La. Tech played Nevada close at home, losing by two to the Wolfpack. The Bulldogs then missed opportunities to capitalize in Las Cruces, N.M., where they played the Aggies tight, but lost.

Idaho and La. Tech tipoff at 8:05 p.m. Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum and the Vandals will need to consider these four keys to the game if they plan on sending four seniors out victoriously in what will be their final home WAC game.

Lock down the perimeter

The Bulldogs aren't huge but they can catch fire from 3-point range if allotted the time and space. The last time these two met, the hosts knocked down 13 threes and went 53 percent from beyond the arch. Trevor Gaskins came off the bench to notch five threes for the Bulldogs, who are No. 2 in the conference in 3-point makes.

"We've got to do a really good job of keeping them in front of us. They're quick and athletic," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "Unlike New Mexico State, who play big, they play small so

we've got to do a really good job with our help defense."

Collect the boards

Verlin has stressed this throughout the season and with four players at 6-feet, 6-inches or taller, it's imperative the Vandals use their size as a major advantage against a much smaller La. Tech squad. Their tallest man is Romario Souza, a forward who stands at 6-feet, 10-inches.

Souza grabbed just one board during the teams' last meeting and center Kyle Barone should have no trouble posting another double-double.

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Men's stats

Idaho

National ranks

Scoring offense – 140th
Scoring defense – 194th
Assists per game – 66th at 14.4 per game
Field goal percentage – 32nd at 47.6 percent

Leading scorer

Deremy Geiger - 13 ppg

Leading rebounder

Kyle Barone – 8 rpg

Assist leader

Landon Tatum – 4.6 apg

Steals per game

Deremy Geiger – 1 spg

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Deremy Geiger



Landon Tatum



Kyle Barone

Women's stats



Alyssa Charlston



Krissy Karr

Women prep for Techsters battle

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Following its recent road-sweep, and overtime with Thursday over New Mexico State, Idaho women's basketball is back in contention for the WAC, but will face a tough test at 5:30 p.m. Saturday when La. Tech comes to the Cowan Spectrum.

Idaho's wins ended an eight-game losing streak. Senior captain Keri Arendse said the team came together and played with chemistry.

"I think we just have more confidence," Arendse said. "We had a lot of fun with each other in Hawaii. I think everyone is just confident now and we know we can win."

The Vandals will attempt revenge for their loss to the Lady Techsters 66-54 in Ruston, La., earlier this season. Idaho coach Jon Newlee said his team will have to rebound, cut down on turnovers and start with energy to come away with a win.

Rebounding

The Vandals aren't gifted in the size department and have given up too many boards as a result. Newlee said he's emphasizing the importance of rebounds coming into this contest.

"We're going to have to rebound, there's no question," Newlee said. "They did a pretty good job of beating us up on the glass I think, and we're going to have to do a much better job of getting up on the glass with them if we want to compete."

The Lady Techsters grabbed 17 offensive boards against the Vandals last time they met. Idaho will have to be physical on the glass and minimize second-chance opportunities for La. Tech.

Turnovers

Turnovers have been an issue for the Vandals all season. In their last meeting Idaho gave up 23 to the Lady Techsters.

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Idaho

National rankings

Scoring offense – 216th
Scoring defense – 269th
Assist per game – 235th at 11.5 per game
Field goal percentage – 205th at 38 percent

Leading scorer

Alyssa Charlston – 14.5 ppg

Leading rebounder

Alyssa Charlston – 8.5 rpg

Assist leader

Krissy Karr – 4.1 apg

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TRACK AND FIELD | PG 8

Idaho travels to the most competitive meet in the nation in Seattle today through Sunday



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Vandals stun Aggies in OT



Zach Edwards | Argonaut
Idaho guard Ganeaya Rogers drives to the basket during Thursday's game against New Mexico State in the Cowan Spectrum. The Women won 62-59, and will take on La. Tech. Saturday.

It took an overtime period and
Theo Lawson
Argonaut

a few melodramatic 3-pointers, but Vandal women's basketball pulled out a third-consecutive WAC victory and its first home WAC victory of the season, beating New Mexico State 62-59 in a Thursday evening Cowan Spectrum thriller.

After allowing a 10-point first-half lead slip, the Aggies snapped back late in the second, taking advantage of a sluggish and turnover-prone Vandal team. A Kelsie Rozendaal 3-pointer silenced the Cowan Spectrum but Vandal fans rejoiced when Alyssa Charlston's 3-point attempt found its way into the hoop, tying it up 58-58. The buzzer sounded seconds later and when overtime came, forward Keri Arendse found her time to shine. The senior's 3-pointer gave Idaho a 3-point lead and ultimately a victory for the team that endured an eight-game losing streak just weeks ago.

"We're playing with more enthusiasm and more emotion, we talked about that and we talked about having more fun, playing with more emotion," coach Jon Newlee said.

A quick start for the Vandals helped them jump to a hasty 6-0 lead but the Aggies responded with consecutive buckets and the majority of the first half saw the teams trade baskets until Idaho benefited from a technical foul called on the Aggies' Erica Sanchez.

The cause of the foul was unclear, although it appeared Sanchez exchanged words with an official. Aggie coach Mark Trakh exchanged some harsher words with Sanchez, who sat out for the remainder of the game.

Arendse converted two free throws and Adrie Shiels drove the lane for a lay-up to help Idaho to a 10-point lead with less than two minutes remaining in the half.

Despite playing just 15 minutes in the first half, College Sports Madness WAC Player of the Week Alyssa Charlston became an offensive sparkplug for the Vandals, and nine of her 10 first-half points were within the first ten minutes of the game.

The sophomore said the team's defensive changes made it more difficult for opponents to get to the basket.

"Staying low, getting our hands up, boxing out, we've begun to limit other teams' offensive boards and that's huge," Charlston said. "You know, one and done and we go take ours on the offensive end."

A much-improved Aggie squad came out of the gates hot in the second half and Idaho's 10-point lead quickly dissolved to a two-point lead with less than 10 minutes remaining.

Freshman Stacey Barr made a few crucial shots down the stretch but the Werrabee, Australia native was called for a blocking foul that helped New Mexico State get within one.

Not more than five minutes later Tabytha Wampler's jumper tied the game at 55-55 with 1:52 remaining in the game.

Rozendaal's three with 22 seconds left gave New Mexico State its first lead of the game and left the Vandals minimal time to attempt a shot. Charlston wasted no time when she received the ball and fired a three from the left wing to send it into overtime.

An Arendse three-ball would be the only field goal recorded in overtime, but was all the Vandals needed to seal the win.

"We just wanted to play with the same energy and intensity that we did on the road," Arendse said. "We're a totally different team, just our energy and mindset so I think we wanted to come out the same and we definitely wanted to redeem ourselves from the last time we played New Mexico State."

Charlston's 17 points were a game-high, while Arendse and Graham grabbed seven rebounds apiece.

Idaho shot better from 3-point range than it has all season, converting 47.1 percent of its attempts.

The Vandals' two-game home stand concludes Saturday when they take on La. Tech at 5:30 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum. A traditional powerhouse in the WAC, La. Tech hasn't seen the success this year they're accustomed to. The Lady Techsters stand at 11-11 and 4-3 in the WAC, good enough for No. 3. Hawaii and San Jose State both trail La. Tech

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Idaho pole vaulter Jeremy Klas practices in the indoor track facility inside the Kibbie Dome Thursday. The Vandal track and field team will be in Seattle competing at the Husky Classic Friday through Sunday.

On the road

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the first time this season, the Idaho track and field team will travel more than 10 miles for a meet. After competing in Pullman for the first two meets and in Moscow most recently, the Vandals travel to Seattle for the Husky Classic and UW Indoor Friday through Sunday.

"It's going to be a great meet," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "I'm going to say (it's) the top meet in the nation this weekend, bringing schools from all over the country."

Not only will the Vandals face their first true road test, but they enter into competition against some of the nation's top programs.

The teams travelling across the country to compete in Seattle this weekend include Florida, Clemson, Ohio State and Kansas along with nine Pac-12 schools.

Phipps said several world-class, post-collegiate athletes will be among the competitors.

"Especially in the distance races, (the Husky Classic) is where everybody goes to try to qualify for nationals," Phipps said. "From a distance standpoint, this is probably the best meet in the nation all year long."

For Idaho sophomore Cait Rowland, the Husky Classic will be like another home meet. Rowland is from Gig Harbor, Wash., near the Seattle area.

"(There will be) great competition for all of us because there's going to be some really good runners there," Rowland said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how everyone's going to do when we actually get put up against some of the bigger teams."

One of the team goals for the meet is to qualify runners for the

NCAA National Tournament. In addition to the distance runners, Phipps thinks senior pole-vaulter Jeremy Klas has a chance to improve his national ranking. Phipps said he also wants to see the team stay healthy and improve as a whole.

"We've had a great start to the season," Phipps said. "I wouldn't change too much other than we need to make sure we are continuing to be healthy. This is the time of year where there's a tendency to be a little banged up."

The Husky Classic and UW Indoor is Idaho's last chance to compete before the WAC Championships Feb. 23-25 in Boise.

"It'll just be another competition and I hope that the athletes realize that," sprints and hurdles coach Angela Whyte said. "I think it will be a good set up ... for the WAC Championships."



Ricky Scuderi | Argonaut

Sophie Vickers practices with teammates Thursday at Washington State's Hollingbery Fieldhouse. The team will face Boise State in its upcoming match.

Vandals look to bust Broncos

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

If there is one school every Vandal team wants to punish each year, it's Boise State. The Idaho women's tennis team will get its chance when the Broncos host the Eastern Washington Eagles and the Vandals Saturday.

Coach Daniel Pollock said he would love to win both matches this weekend but BSU takes priority.

"If we had to go 1-24, I would pick this match to be our one win," Pollock said.

He said it's nice to play in front of Idaho alumni who live in the Boise area and with the huge crowd BSU brings in, it's always exciting.

The Vandals have no chance at being 1-24 this year as they hold a 4-2 record and are on a two-game win streak, but will not take either match lightly.

Pollock said if Idaho plays like he knows it can the Eastern match should be a definite victory, but he said the Eagles are a different team.

"Eastern actually brought in three pretty solid girls," Pollock said. "I think they will be stronger this time around than in the past."

Boise State is almost the opposite of what it has been in the past, Pollock said, but is still a well-coached team.

"I think they are not as strong and as deep as they have been previous years, but they are definitely a solid team," Pollock said.

While the rivalry is evident, respect between the two teams is clear. Boise State coach Beck Roghaar had only positive things to say about the Vandals.

"Idaho is a great team, a well-coached team, and we always look forward

to playing them," Roghaar said. "It's always a fun rivalry match and I really have a lot of respect for the players and the coaches and what they have done."

He said the Broncos are excited and this is a match both teams look forward to each year.

"We are going to prepare as if it's a match against anybody else but at the same time it's hard to not get excited about it knowing it's a rivalry match," Roghaar said.

He said there is always some added excitement when the players know fans are interested in the result and the long-time rivalry brings attention to the outcome.

Idaho sophomore and No. 1 player Vicky Lozano said she does not let the pressure of the rivalry get to her.

"It's just another player," Lozano said. "They play good, but we can win because we have good players too."

She said Idaho spent the week preparing and the time has come to simply perform well.

"We will have to be very confident and not feel nervous and pressured, and if everything goes well then we're going to win," Lozano said.

Pollock said his goal for the weekend is simple — beat the Broncos and Eagles.

"If you had told me that we were going to play Gonzaga, BSU and Eastern Washington and we were going to go 3-0, at the start of the season, I would have taken it in a heartbeat," Pollock said.

The action starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with the rivalry match, and then Idaho meets Eastern at 2 p.m., both at the Boas Indoor Tennis Center in Boise.



We will have to be very confident and not feel nervous and pressured, and if everything goes well then we're going to win.

Vicky Lozano, Idaho sophomore

Olympic athlete returns as volunteer coach

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Two-time Olympian, Idaho alumni and Idaho assistant coach Angela Whyte volunteers her time to coach UI track and field athletes as she continues her career as a professional athlete.

Whyte said she has been racing for as long as she can remember.

"I really enjoyed racing people when I was younger," she said. "Like just in the field — you want to race — and I'd beat the boys."

Whyte continued to run through junior high and high school. She also played volleyball and basketball, but chose to take her passion for running to the next level.

Whyte, who is from Edmonton, Alberta, chose to attend the University of New Mexico on a track scholarship.

After a coaching change midway through

her college career, Whyte transferred to UI. Jackie Richards, a close friend of Whyte's, came to Idaho for her master's degree.

After seeing the Idaho track team compete, Whyte asked her friend about the team and decided to transfer.

"I'd always see the University of Idaho at track meets — I liked the way the team dynamic was," Whyte said.

Since then, Whyte said she has never regretted her decision.

With the help of Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps and other coaches, Whyte placed in the NCAA Championship and set 13 Idaho school records. Whyte competed primarily as a hurdler for Idaho and continues to compete as a professional athlete.

"As soon as I stepped foot on this campus, coach Phipps just took me to a new level," Whyte said. "The sky was the limit."

Phipps said Whyte's accomplishments make her one of the most decorated athletes in school history.

"From combining both what (others) did as a collegiate and post-collegiate, it would be hard to compare it to what (Whyte) has done," Phipps said. "The number of records, the number of NCAA All-Americans, the number of team titles, individual titles at the conference level, and then to go on to compete in four world championships, two Olympic Games, be a Olympic Game finalist, be ranked No. 1 in the world at one point in the 55-meter hurdles indoors — I mean there's nothing really she hasn't done."

After all this, Whyte is still seeking to accomplish more. As she continues to coach Vandal sprinters and hurdlers, Whyte is also training for her third Olympic Games in which she will represent Canada as a hurdler.

Whyte relates well to the Idaho athletes

she coaches because of her status as a professional. Her athletes are also grateful to be coached by person of her caliber.

"Last year when I found out (Whyte) was an Olympian, I was a little excited about that," Idaho sophomore Cait Rowland said. "She is definitely great at coaching, especially when it comes to me because we are both hurdlers. Sometimes I get the opportunity to actually practice with her at the same time."

Whyte said she enjoys volunteering to coach Idaho athletes after everything the university and coaches have done for her. She said she enjoys sharing her knowledge of the sport with younger athletes. Her personality and caliber as an athlete bring a unique dynamic to the team.

"I can be very, very fun," Whyte said. "But at the same time, when it's business — it's on. That's the way I approach my own career and that's just kind of the way it carries over into coaching."



Angela Whyte

BATTLE
FROM PAGE 6

Taking care of the basketball was a big factor in Idaho's road victories. Against Hawaii the Vandals only turned it over seven times. Newlee said minimizing turnovers is going to be key.

"We're going to have to take good care of the basketball like we have, certainly like we did on the road, and get more shot attempts," Newlee said. "That has been a problem for us, turning it over, but decision making was much better in the two road games than it has been."

Energy

During the Vandals' eight-game skid, their intensity drooped — especially at the start of games. Multiple times the Vandals fell behind in the first half and would surge in the second to come up just short. Newlee said his team showed energy and intensity on the road last week and will need to do the same to keep the wins coming.

"I think the big key on the road was our energy," Newlee said. "The team really came together and did a good job of supporting each other and it kept our energy and enthusiasm up, even when we got down. We had no quit in us and I thought we showed a lot of heart and desire."

This year's young Vandals squad has had an uphill battle, but has shown improvement. La. Tech is a perennially tough opponent and will test Idaho.

Arendse said the team needs to keep working on the keys for the week and favorable results will follow.

"We just focused on coming out hard and we did take care of the ball which helped us," Arendse said. "We focus a lot on rebounding so as long as we do those things, take care of the ball and rebound we'll start winning some more games."

REVENGE

FROM PAGE 6

Make the free throws

Idaho shot 91 percent from the charity stripe in Ruston but a lack of concentration from the line against Seattle could've cost the Vandals Tuesday — where Idaho only went 12-24. Barone was an impressive 7-8 from the free but the rest of the team combined for a horrid 5-17.

On the season Idaho is 67 percent from the free throw line, good enough for No. 5 in the WAC but not good enough in games that could come down to the wire — like this one did last time around.

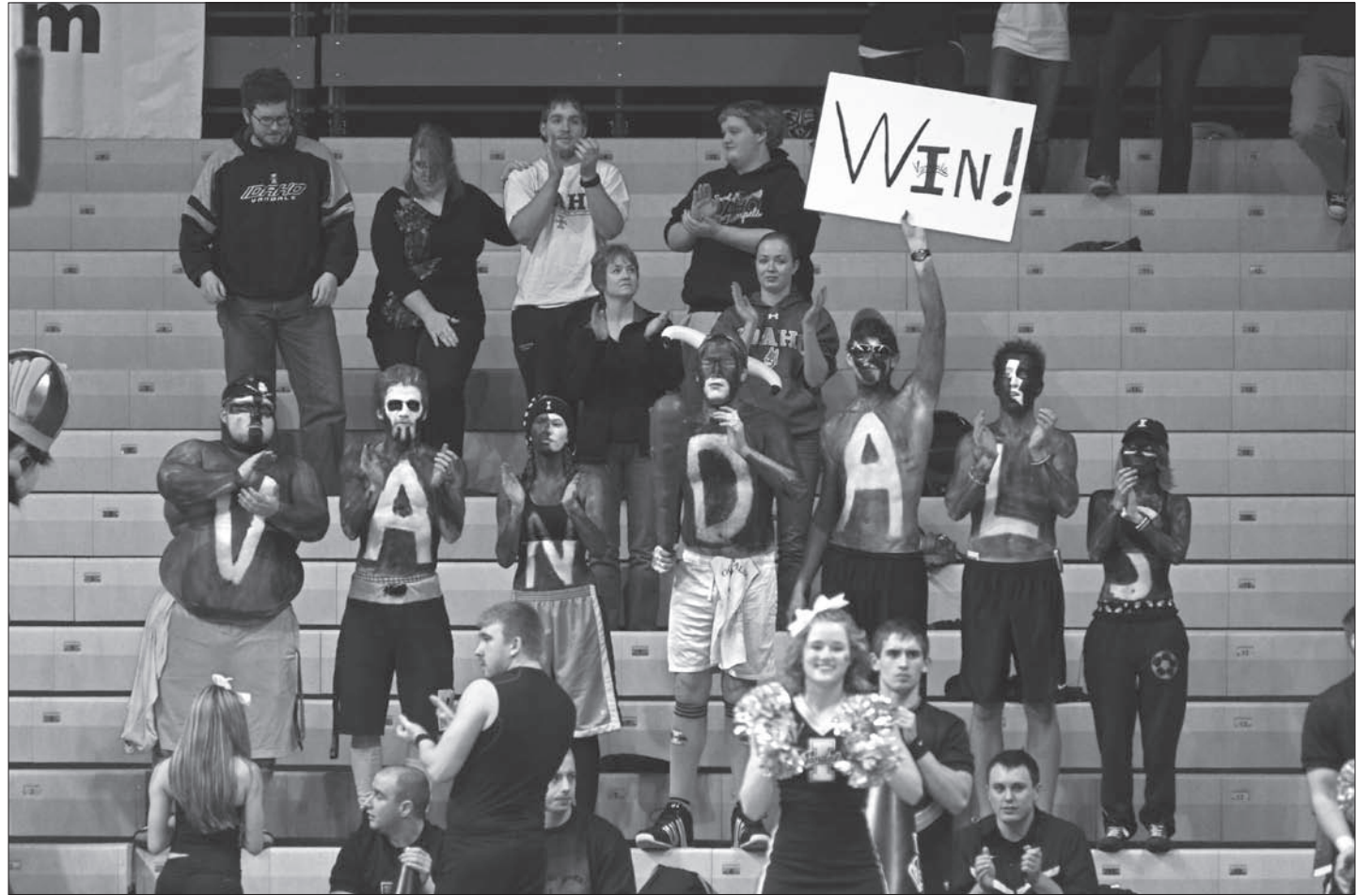
"You know last time we played them down there we should have closed it out sooner instead of going into overtime. They're a very athletic team" Djim Bandoumel said.

Adapt to the press

The Vandals expect a full-court press similar to the one Seattle applied Tuesday. Idaho became flustered early but dissected the press as the game progressed making it a non-factor eventually. Idaho's major height advantage should make lobbing balls to twin towers in Barone and Djim Bandoumel a no-brainer, and the agility that Deremy Geiger and Landon Tatum bring should force La. Tech to stray from the full-court press by halftime.

"You have to take care of your ball, they're going to press us all game long," Verlin said. "You've got to make sure you play the game at your tempo — you don't get going too fast. We scored 90 points there which is a lot of points ... Like in all games, that game will be a game where we have to take care of our ball and dominate the possessions."

FAN-DALISM



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Vandal fans support the women's basketball team Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals were victorious against New Mexico State, 62-59, counting this as their third win in a row.

THREE UP, THREE DOWN

Soccer city USA taking over world

Seattle sports fans are in a slump and have been for a while now. The Sonics are still gone, the Mariners are still at the bottom of the AL West, the Seahawks are the worst team in the NFL's worst division and half the city still doesn't know that the Storm still play in the WNBA.



Madison McCord
Argonaut

If the world really does end in 2012, Washingtonians will die never knowing what the Lombardi trophy looks like. They will have forgotten the sound of an NBA basketball bouncing off the court. They would die with no hope.

But as with every great — or really bad — action movie ever made, there will be a hero to swoop in and save the day. Now that this year's unbearable NFL season is over, the Hawks

can make way for Seattle's best hope at a title — the Seattle Sounders FC.

With first kick less than one month away, the Sounders are already three weeks into training and coach Sigi Schmidt said the team looks better than ever.

Want to watch something exciting? Give the Sounders a look.

Here are three reasons to be excited for this season's 11 in the Rave Green.

No. 1: The return of Steve Zakuani

It was a darker day than normal in the Pacific Northwest April 22, 2010 when Colorado Rapids midfielder Brian Mullan recklessly slid into Zak and shattered his leg. The injury ended the young midfielder's season after a promising start with two goals and two assists

in the first six games.

Since then Zakuani has been working hard on and off the field and looks ready to get back onto the pitch for Seattle within the first month of the season.

No. 2: New faces in, tired ones out

By the looks of this year's training camp roster, Europe has invaded Seattle. New goal keeper Michael Gspurning from Austria, left back Adam Johansson from Sweden and forward Christian Sivebæk from Denmark are all fighting for a starting spot, and this new crop of talent could prove useful for the squad's depth. Gspurning will be the man between the pipes for Seattle, replacing American legend Kasey Keller who retired at the end of last season.

The Sounders have also dumped a lot of waste during the offseason in forwards Nate Jaqua

and Pat Noonan, and defenders Taylor Graham and Tyson What. Other offseason losses include James Riley and Erik Friberg.

No. 3: A winning mindset and atmosphere

This season will be the fourth in the MLS for the Sounders and already the organization has proved it will do anything to win. The quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Champions League against Santos Laguna from Mexico open the season with a bang. After going out of this competition in the group stage last season, the Sounders finished second this time around with their best roster yet. Starting the season with that competition, kicking off the MLS campaign and readying the pursuit of a fourth straight US Open Cup, the Sounders are in full trophy-hunting mode.

WOMENS

FROM PAGE 6

La. Tech

National rankings

Scoring offense — 91st
Scoring defense — 254th
Assists per game — 39th at 15.2 per game
Field goal percentage —

73rd at 41.4 per game

Leading scorer
Shantale Bramble-Donaldson — 10.9 ppg

Leading rebounder
Shantale Bramble-Donaldson — 7.2 rpg

Assist leader
Jasmine Bendolph — 1.97 apg

MENS

FROM PAGE 6

La. Tech

National ranks

Scoring offense — 163rd
Scoring defense — 238th
Assists per game — 185th at 12.7 per game
Field goal percentage — 283rd at 40.8 percent

Leading scorer

Raheem Appleby — 14.2 ppg

Leading rebounder

Cordarius Johnson — 4.2 rpg
J.L. Lewis — 4.2 rpg

Assist leader

Kenneth Smith — 3.9 apg

Steals per game

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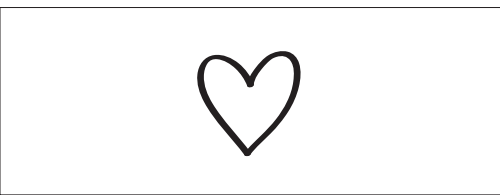


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OUR VIEW

Super hyPACrisy

Obama changes campaign funding philosophy

Individual, small organization and grassroots funding — that's what President Barack

Obama does best. But the 2012 election cycle is bursting into fifth gear, and the president has decided small funding won't be enough.

In an announcement earlier this week, the Obama campaign said it would work with an independent super PAC to raise additional funds from large corporations because it was not receiving enough high-level funds to compete with GOP candidates.

What's the problem with this move?

Obama has spent his entire term chastising this practice. This is the man we elected to bring change, and now he's changing his values to get back into office.

Obama won his last election using campaign techniques that were fair and honest. Now he looks to be whimpering behind Priorities USA Action, the organization he hopes will turn into a cash cow.

The reason for Obama's change of heart toward the corporate juggernaut approach is that he can't afford to have his hard work in small communities be destroyed by hundreds

of millions of dollars in negative advertising, according to campaign manager Jim Messina. But what will the Democratic Party do with all of its new funds? A negative ad campaign against whichever monkey breaks out of the GOP circus tent first and decides he wants to be president.

Four years ago, Obama won our country over by running an honest campaign that spoke to his morals and those of his voters. He won the 2008 election against a more difficult opponent than he will face in November. Nothing needs to change.

More American voters are becoming less influenced by negative ads or slanderous attacks on

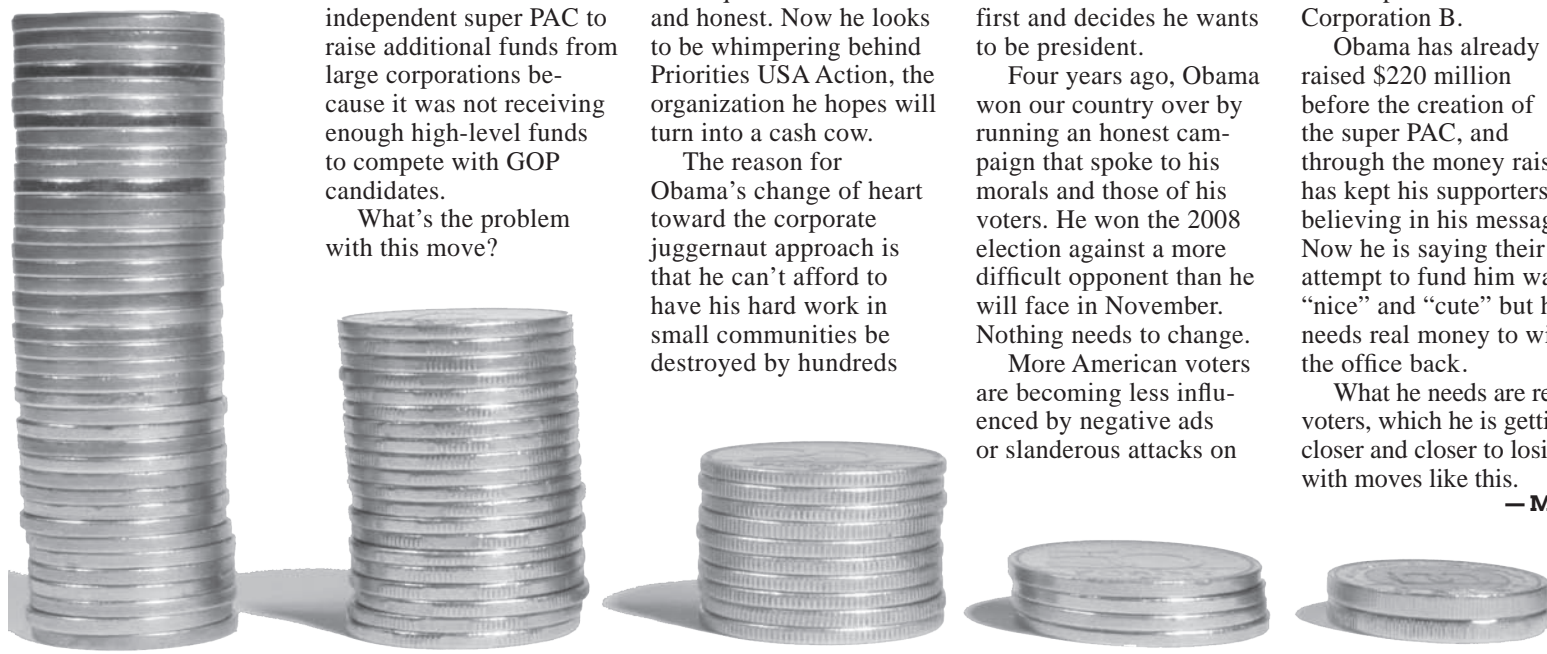
politicians. Most of us are educated. We know the difference between lies and truth.

Obama said super PACs are "a threat to our democracy," and he is right. It is no longer Obama versus the GOP, but Corporation A versus Corporation B.

Obama has already raised \$220 million before the creation of the super PAC, and through the money raised has kept his supporters believing in his message. Now he is saying their attempt to fund him was "nice" and "cute" but he needs real money to win the office back.

What he needs are real voters, which he is getting closer and closer to losing with moves like this.

—MM



Rick Santorum won the Colorado & Minnesota Caucuses, as well as the Missouri Primary in February of 2012.

Unfortunately, he ate a combination of Pop-Rocks and cola to celebrate, leaving him once again to tweak out over how America has advanced since the 1950s.



Shane Wellner
Argonaut



Holding ourselves accountable: ASUI clarifies impeachment rules

Rules exist for a reason. When rules are allegedly broken, individuals must be held accountable. It is not always easy, but it is the right thing to do.

As President Pro-Tempore of the ASUI Senate, I am responsible for enforcing the ASUI governing documents. Usually these governing documents are easy to follow and enforce. Sometimes the process can be more difficult, which was the case with the recent articles of impeachment filed in the ASUI Senate. The rules can be confusing and have multiple interpretations.

The Argonaut has published three articles on the impeachment process, and has done a good job of covering the facts. However, some articles have missed key points along the way and I feel it is my responsibility to clarify.

In the recent editorial piece, "Leave the drama out," the author stated that the cause for impeachment was the fact that the senator had campaigned throughout the

days that voting occurred. While this was an element of the causes for impeachment, the full list of allegations included defacing opponents' campaign materials, posting written materials within 100 visible feet of polling stations, influencing voters, campaigning verbally and distributing written materials in and around university computer labs.

All of these acts are prohibited by the ASUI Rules and Regulations. When students repeatedly brought concerns about this campaigning behavior to their student representatives, it left senators a choice: Look the other way or hold the senator involved responsible. A few of us determined that we owed it to the students who contacted us to start the investigation process.

"Leave the drama out" also stated rules and regulations had been violated in crafting the impeachment papers because the articles did not name specific offenses. The article also reported

the senator named in the articles of impeachment "should have been informed in a memo from the accusing senator of the accusations against him," but was not.

Neither of these statements are true. The articles of impeachment listed specific sections of the rules and regulations that were violated, sections which correspond directly to the allegations listed above. These articles were confirmed with the ASUI attorney general to be appropriate in format and content.

In addition, the senator accused was sent a specific memo with dates and locations of alleged misconduct and the rules that were violated in each instance.

There were also a few inaccuracies in the article, "ASUI Senate heats up." The article states that the senator in question had no fine presented to him, but the ASUI elections coordinator provided the information for a fine to his student account Nov. 30. There is no way to check whether that fine has been paid yet without accessing the senator's student account information.

In addition, "ASUI Sen-

ate heats up" cites the ASUI rules and regulations as allowing impeachment "only after a reprimand." While this is an interpretation taken by the accused senator, the rule itself is ambiguous as to whether impeachment is "still" allowed after a reprimand has been submitted or "only" allowed after a reprimand has been submitted. The vote in senate on proceeding to a hearing was a 5-5 tie, reflecting the confusion and differences in interpretation.

The rules can be difficult to follow. It is clear from this process that the rules can have several interpretations, which makes agreeing on one path difficult.

More difficult still is enforcing the rules on your peers. However, it is ASUI's responsibility to hold its members responsible when the rules are allegedly broken. Our election rules embody ethical ideals, ideals of clean campaigning and fair, legitimate elections. When students come to us with concerns, we must follow through. It is the right thing to do.

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Fruit:

Controlling the masses since day one.

—Jens

If all the raindrops

... Were lemon drops and gum drops, oh what a rain that would be.

—Vicky

Attention poker players

Participate in Alpha Phi's red dress poker tournament from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday at the Eastside Marketplace for an evening of Texas hold 'em, prizes, food and a cash bar. Proceeds support research and spreading awareness about women's cardiac care. Tickets are \$15. A red dress is not required to participate.

—Britt

Bad news

What I learned from my most recent paper: Whoever is clubbing Hawaiian monk seals to death should really knock it off.

—Dylan

Ballin'

Basketball, basketball, basketball. That's all that will consume my life for the next week. Did I mention there are a few basketball games?

—Madison

Finally Friday

Time for a whole weekend of homework ... or a whole lot of procrastination.

—Rhannon

Bring your wallet

My daddy is coming to town, my daddy is coming to town. Free food, free food.

—Theo

So it begins

Hell week No. 1 starts today. See you on the other side, Mech-Es.

—Amrah

Words from a senior

Make a sweet resume and don't lose it. Oh, and make sure you always have access to it — you never know when your adviser is going to bust into your office and say you need to talk to someone about a job. Lesson learned.

—Elizabeth

Don't look a dead whale ...

... in the mouth. Pakistani fishermen reeled in a dead whale shark the size of a school bus Tuesday. It was then sold for 1.7 million Rupees, which is about \$18,750. Check out the pictures online if you don't believe me.

—Elisa

Getting old

Sometimes, most of the time, I wish I could do all the things I used to. I guess when things change, you just have to roll with the punches — or get hit in the face.

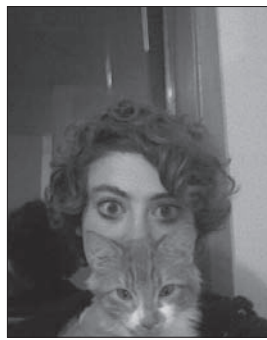
—Nick



Voices

Opinions from our readers on Facebook

Opinion question: Is the Career Fair a good opportunity to find internships and jobs?



Chava Thomas
Posted Thursday

"I went to the Career Fair and I think that it is a good place to find internships and jobs if you're an engineering, business or ag. major. All other majors are hit and miss at the Career Fair. But then again, it's what you bring to it that matters most."

Sydney Penner
Posted Thursday



Loren Morris
Posted Thursday

"I'm an Art & Design student, there were very few opportunities at the Career Fair for me."

Tampons, condoms and now Plan B

Snacks, stickers, condoms, tampons, decongestants and pregnancy tests aren't the only items in vending machines available for students at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. Now they can purchase Plan B One-Step, an emergency contraceptive, for \$25.

Some are offended by the idea and oppose this method of purchasing the morning after Plan B pill almost as much as they oppose the pill, but making it available is a good idea. The pill can be legally sold over-the-counter to anyone 17 and older, and to those under 17 with a prescription. It is used to prevent ovulation, fertilization or implantation, but only in the event that unprotected sex has occurred. It will not abort a pre-existing pregnancy.

Access to the morning after pill through the privacy of a vending machine is a move in the right direction, especially when it comes to victims of sexual assault. Sexual assault goes unreported 60 percent of the time, 15 of 16 rapists never spend time in jail and one in four college women have been a victim of rape.

Taking Plan B within 72 hours

of a condom breaking, forgetting regular contraceptives or rape prevents the chance of pregnancy by nearly 90 percent. It works best if taken within 24 hours.

Shippensburg University's vending machine is located in the Etter Health Center, which is only accessible to faculty and students. Roger Serr, vice president of Student Affairs, said the vending machine is about student privacy.

Fear of embarrassment or repercussions can prevent students from going to pharmacies or doctors after unprotected sex, so private access to this pill could help prevent unplanned pregnancies.

Sexual assault is one of the most unreported crimes. The shame of being a victim of sexual assault prevents women from reporting and seeking medical attention. Providing students with access to the morning after pill in a private location, such as a vending machine, could help prevent unplanned pregnancies due to sexual assault.

The steep price and unpleasant side effects of Plan B may also discourage students from misusing it as birth control, and only using it in the case of an emergency.

Side effects include changes in one's period, nausea, lower abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, dizziness and breast tenderness.

Students at Shippensburg University said they think it is great the school is providing the option because some people have said they would be too embarrassed to go to town for the contraceptive. Shippensburg has a permanent population of about 6,000.

The machine in question has been in place for nearly two years, but is just now gaining attention from the FDA after an official resigned from the nation's largest breast cancer charity over funding for Planned Parenthood, and after the Obama administration was attacked for requiring church-affiliated employers to provide birth control.

The worry is that it's taking personalized medicine too far in making too many drugs available without the consult of a doctor or pharmacy.

What Shippensburg University has done by making Plan B available is in the best interest of its students. Access to birth control, morning-after pills and other contraceptives shouldn't be difficult — or embarrassing — for students to obtain. Accidents happen, but they shouldn't define the rest of your life.



Rhiannon Rinas
Argonaut

Gay rights move forward in U.S.

Every so often a piece of inspiring news reminds the public that gay rights are on the way to acceptance. This happened Tuesday when the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the ban on gay marriage in California unconstitutional.

This event is not unique, but is nevertheless important. Activists and supportive citizens across the states rejoiced in this news, but across the globe a step in the opposite direction was announced.

Uganda brought an anti-homosexuality bill back to the forefront Tuesday, after revisions removed the death penalty from the bill.

Homosexuality is condemned in Uganda and there are legal repercussions for those who partake or fail to report a known homosexual person to authorities. The new bill would replace the death penalty for "aggravated homosexuality" with life in prison.

"Aggravated homosexuality" is defined as when someone is a serial offender, HIV-positive or if one of the

contributors is a minor. Perhaps these beliefs stem from a disturbed misunderstanding, but we should be outraged because of what many are fighting for in America.

In the past this bill was ridiculed internationally, which led to its shelving for two years after threats to cut aid. After a brief bout of outrage the issue dropped from relevant news, as did a similar bill passed in Nigeria.

Nigeria's bill mandates a 14-year sentence for those caught participating in homosexual acts, but was still passed in November despite similar threats to cut off foreign aid.

Threats may seem like enough to halt the current bill on the slate, but as Nigeria proved, they are insufficient.

There may not be much any single person can do to fight global injustice, but speaking up and never backing down is a place to start.

We may be moving forward at home, but other parts of the world haven't even begun the journey. Be aware of what is happening internationally — the world isn't as perfect as you may think.



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Two-headed fish, dead cows

Poor mine regulations hurt Idaho environment, workers

They say art imitates life. Occasionally it's the other way around. But sometimes, life imitates ... "The Simpsons."

In an early episode "Two Cars in Every Garage and Three Eyes on Every Fish," a three-eyed fish shows up in a Springfield river next to the town's nuclear power plant, despite assurances that the plant is perfectly safe for the environment. Now something similar is happening in Idaho.

The J.R. Simplot Company, a big agribusiness that mines phosphate for fertilizer, has been pushing Idaho to ease water quality standards and allow for increased levels of selenium pollution, which results from phosphate mining. Simplot said the increased pollution would have a "marginal impact" on Idaho fish. The company even commissioned a

report to prove it. However, a Wyoming newspaper said the report shows photographs of two-headed fish found in the Sage and Crow creeks in southeast Idaho, near Simplot's Smoky Canyon phosphate mine. Those creeks flow into the Salt River, which in turn flows into a Snake River reservoir.

What did Simplot representatives have to say about the photos found in a report commissioned by the J.R. Simplot Company and bearing the name "J.R. Simplot Company?" That they had no idea the photos existed.

A spokesman for the company said company officials were not aware of the photos or two-headed fish near the mine. Apparently nobody in the company bothers to read its own reports. It might be for the best

that they didn't: A U.S. Fish and Wildlife researcher said the report was highly questionable, and underestimated the number of deformed fish due to selenium pollution from the mine.

In other words, the situation is even worse than the report believed — two-headed fish photos and all.

On one of their websites, Simplot said selenium isn't hazardous to humans. But it has been blamed for hundreds of livestock deaths near phosphate mines. And if any higher-ups at Simplot had read the company's own report, they'd know it can also result in two-headed fish.

Idaho has long been willing to deregulate big business in hopes of attracting corporate money. And Idaho politicians hope to attract big corporate campaign donations. The Idaho legislature's conservative ideology also makes it difficult to pass essential regu-

lations. Sometimes that means public lands are turned over to private use. Sometimes it means public waterways are polluted for private profits. Sometimes it means people die.

The federal government recently shut down north Idaho's Lucky Friday silver mine after workers there died in a shaft collapse caused by unsafe mining practices. It's expected to be shut down for at least a year, and many Idaho miners and contractors have lost their jobs. In their effort to bring jobs to Idaho through low taxes and deregulation, conservative legislators hurt workers and the economy.

It's time for Idaho to have better environmental protection legislation and stronger regulations to protect workers from being exploited. And it's time for Idaho citizens to set aside their conservative ideologies and recognize the truth. Deregulation has hurt the nation — and it's hurting Idaho.



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