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# Unused funds surface in audit

#### **Elizabeth Rudd** Argonaut

An audit of all departments receiving funds from the dedicated student fee has made it possible for ASUI President Samantha Perez to recommend a zero percent increase to the fee for the next academic year.

The dedicated student fee, or student activity fee, is one portion of student fees paid each year, and is allocated for student organization and department use. Through the auditing process, Perez said the student activity fee committee found \$9 of each student's payment that could be reallocated, including the loss of a \$3 Wheatland Express fee.

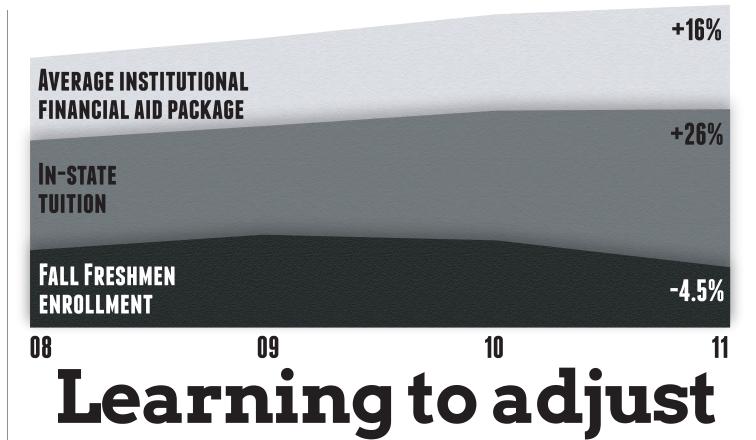
"For the most part the majority of the departments were using the money and they were using it for what it had originally been allocated for," Perez said. "A lot of the funding was going either to programs that were directly benefitting students or it was going to student salaries."

Perez said one department was not using the funds it had been receiving, and had almost \$100,000 in reserves.

"There was one department that, honestly it started out as a really awesome idea and it was an amazing thing that they were doing, but the process that they were using was broken, and so they just had been kind of sitting on their student activity fee money," Perez said.

The department has not been notified yet, but Perez said it will not receive the funding -a \$6 fee -nextyear, and will likely return its reserve funds to ASUI for reallocation. She said the problem was apparent in templates, and the department was given the remainder of fall semester and

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First-year student enrollment decreases, financial aid increases while probation, honors numbers remain

#### Lindsey Treffry Argonaut

The spring 2012 semester offers a clean slate and a challenge to 73 new University of Idaho freshmen with a 90 percent retention rate from fall.

"Most first-year students do not truly understand how much more rigorous the University of Idaho curriculum is than the high school curriculum," said Andrew Brewick, director of academic advising.

By most, he means the 336 first-year, non-transfer, straight-from-high-school students who earned below a 2.0 GPA in fall - some whoeven received a 0.0 GPA and never attended classes and were then put on academic probation.

Alex Rodriguez, freshman general studies major, decided to return for the semester.

Rodriquez, who suffers from an adjustment disorder and anxiety and depression, said the amount of freshmen on academic probation does not surprise him.

"Homework is harder than it should be and there's too much," Rodriquez said.

Rodriquez was enrolled in the Virtual Technology and Design program before he realized it was too complicated and technical. He expected to learn the skills hands-on. So with his expectations unmet, he said he mismanaged homework and time.

"Very often (freshmen) just have no idea how high the stakes are for certain assignments, (and) they are unable to get up for class," Brewick said. "They have just not yet developed the behaviors that it takes to be a successful college student."

When Rodriquez returned for the spring semester, he met with an academic adviser, changed his major and changed his schedule to allow two hours for homework each day. He said he is just trying to come back next year.

"Now I know when to do homework and when not to do it," Rodriquez said.

Brewick said the Student Options Advising Retreat is offered to students like



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Ron Paul to speak at UI

**Diversity training** divides college

Katy Sword Argonaut Ron Paul will make an unexpected stop at

**Event** info Ron Paul speech



Mandatory dialogues spark debate in College of Law

#### Amy Asanuma Argonaut

Students, faculty and staff of the University of Idaho College of Law were required to attend a mandatory diversity program Tuesday, which controversy created within the college.

The training was held in response to the American Bar Association's suggestions to improve focus on professionalism toward diversity in particular, Don Burnett said.

Burnett, dean of the UI College of Law, said he and the law faculty took the suggestion seriously and created an obligatory program titled "Dialogues on Professionalism and Diversity."

Dean Blake D. Morant



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Blake D. Morant, dean of the School of Law at Wakefield University, presents a seminar entitled "Dialogues on Professionalism and Diversity." All students, faculty and staff of the University of Idaho law program were required to attend.

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the University of Idaho Friday as part of his Pacific Northwest campaign tour.

This will be Paul's fifth stop in the Pacific Northwest where he is focusing on his main issues, including his "plan to restore America," according to the candidate's website. Other specifics of his speech were unavailable.

The UI student group Youth for Ron Raul 2012 will volunteer at the event, and pass out flyers to spread word of the last-minute event according to its Facebook group.

Location: SUB ballroom Time: 4 p.m.

Students can register for the event at ronpaulatidaho.eventbrite.com. Those who register can go to the event at 3 p.m., otherwise doors open at 3:30 for the public.

Paul is scheduled to speak at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building ballroom.

Paul added a second unscheduled stop in Spokane Friday night after the UI rally.

# State Board omits 'flagship'

#### Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

The term "flagship" was removed from the University of Idaho's mission statement after a unanimous vote by the State Board of Education Thursday.

"I thought there would be some considerable debate," said UI President M. Duane Nellis. "It was led by Regent Terrell. He's the one that proposed the change, and others seemed to be supportive after he made his statement. I tried to counter that but in the end ... when you're at the top, I think you become a target for other institutions. That's the reality."

The proposal to remove the term "flagship" came from board member Milford Terrell during the meeting Wednesday, and was countered by Nellis and ASUI President Samantha Perez. The motion to remove the term passed unanimously with one board member, Emma Atchley, absent.

'Whether you look at graduation rates, retention rates, research productivity, the outreach that our students do through servicelearning — in every way we are providing leadership and 'flagship' is a very common connotation to the lead university," Nellis said. "We have 123 years of that here in Idaho and it's disappointing to me that the board is not willing to recognize that any

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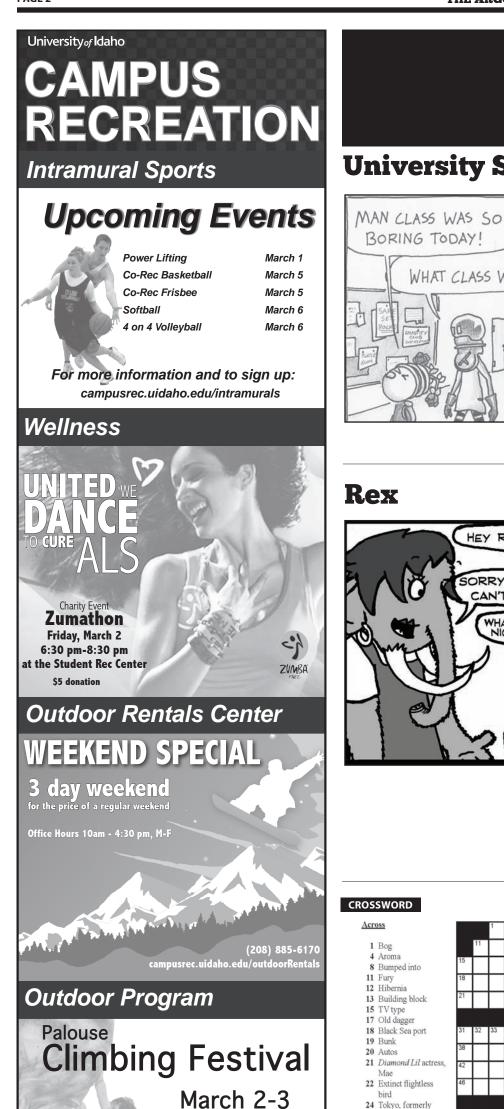
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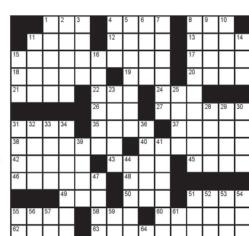
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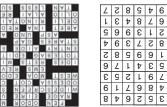
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# Water study earns scholarship

#### Katy Sword Argonaut

North Idaho water rights are on their way to being resolved, and University of Idaho graduate student Hedden-Nicely Dylan formulated a plan to help move things along that won him a \$5,000 scholarship.

Last year, Avista and the UI Water Resources Program connected to create the Avista-Waters of the West scholarship.

"It was established to support graduate student research in the watersheds that comprise Avista's service territory, which includes 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon," said Alecia Hoene, communications coordinator for the water resource program.

Hoene said the scholarship requires the students' project to benefit some, or all, of Avista market watersheds. Students must also be in good standing and have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Hoene said the decision takes about a month, and students do not have to do anything in the process.

"Waters of the West is a relatively new program that has already gained some success, prominence and credibility," said Paul Kimmel, Palouse area regional business manager for Avista. "I have first-hand experience and respect for the program, its faculty and the research it's conducting so I am confident that this is a great program to invest Avista dollars in."

Kimmel said Avista sees long-term value in the program.

WoW is using the capacity of the regional flagship research institution to do work that is truly relevant - to help manage and solve issues around water and understand it more," he said.

Hoene said students are nominated by professors, and then letters of recommendation are reviewed by the program's faculty committee who selects the winner. "I found out (about the scholarship) through the email grapevine which solicited nominations and my adviser, Fritz Fiedler, nominated me," Hedden-Nicely said Hedden-Nicely said he was nominated because of his research that developed a water-balance model for Lake Coeur d'Alene. "Simply put, this research has proceeded in two steps,' Hedden-Nicely said. "First I conducted a water balance, which is done by estimating the various flows in and out of the lake using publically available data. Once these flows are estimated and balanced, the analyzed data are put into a model that estimates how lake level changes on a monthly basis in an average year." Hedden-Nicely said it is his hope that when the model has been created, it can be used to estimate how the lake level might be affected by different management scenarios developed through dialogue with stakeholders in the region. "The goal is to attempt to provide a communication tool that could potentially be used by the stakeholders in the basin to start from a place of common understanding in their attempt to negotiate the various water rights interests that exist," Hedden-Nicely said.



Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Samantha Schwartz-Oscar discusses eating disorders with Ryan Mutch as part of the National Eating Disorders Awareness Day Thursday in the Idaho Commons. The Counseling and Testing Center offered the survey to raise awareness about eating disorders and offers free support to students on topics ranging from eating disorders to relationships.

# Foundation gives \$20,000 to Jazz Fest

Private donation will be used to bring in national talent for the festival starting Feb. 22

#### Joanna Wilson Argonaut

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation donated \$20,000 to the University of Idaho Foundation in support of the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival for the second consecutive year.

"The grant covers a small part of the jazz festival budget," said James Brownson, jazz festival director of development and marketing. "It's very important to have that money. We couldn't get by without funding from our sponsors and organizations like the Paul Allen foundation.'

The foundation was started in 1988 by the cofounder of Microsoft and his sister. The arts and culture grants support professional artists in

Canada, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska and Washington, said Jim McDonald, foundation director of arts and culture grants.

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James Brownson,

Jazz festival director

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"So bringing professional artists to any community, especially outside of the large urban cores," McDonald said. "So for this festival, what we really like is how John Clayton, the artistic director.

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The money donated by the PGAF Foundation is allocated to the festival's budget for artists, Brownson said.



McDonald said the foundation started communicating with UI several years notch talent to Moscow before awarding the festival

> money in 2011. "People like myself, the

going on out in the community, that fits our criteria and our priorities," McDonald said. "And we invite people to bring proposals to us."

McDonald said the foundation appreciated how the jazz festival connected students and community with high-level artists.

"Within the arts, and throughout the region, we look at supporting a variety of disciplines," McDonald said. "All based really around supporting contemporary work that's really addressing today's issues and climates and anything related to today's community."

McDonald said he met with representatives from the jazz festival and the UI Foundation, seeking to create a partnership between the organizations.

criteria," McDonald said. "We then put our recommendations forward to the board of the foundation and ultimately, the board is the one that supports the recommendations.3

The jazz festival brings national attention to UI, which the PGAF Foundation also appreciates, Mc-Donald said.

"It's just a really positive and high-profile program for the University of Idaho," McDonald said.

McDonald said he will visit the jazz festival for the first time this year Saturday night.

"We always try to do that with our grant (recipients)," McDonald said. "Go out and see the work ourselves."

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of Wakefield University School of Law was asked to hold dialogue sessions for each law class in Moscow and Boise.

Burnett said he was optimistic about bringing Morant to the UI Law School. He emphasized the importance in the "global marketplace" of being educated in professionalism and diversity. Burnett informed students the training was mandatory. This obligation was met with resistance by some of the law student body.

According to the letter Burnett sent to his students, "In order to assure that all voices and viewpoints are represented, the law faculty voted unanimously to make the sessions mandatory for students, staff, and faculty alike ... Attending students will have a certificate of participation placed in their student record files. Any student who does not participate, and has not been excused, will have a memorandum to that effect placed in his or her student record file.'

Some students interpreted this letter as threatening, said first-year student Stacey Haase. After the dean's declaration, a group of students contacted legislators in hopes of reversing the decision to place a letter in an absent student's file.

Senator Monty J. Pearce wrote in a letter to the dean, "Though this is an event of importance to the ... College of Law... using the threat of a memo suggesting clearly that a student is unprofessional, bigoted, or both for not attending an extracurricular activity not part of the university's course catalog is simply unacceptable.'

After receiving attention from legislators, Burnett wrote a response that said," ... I have apologized in two open forums with students with the seemingly harsh tone ... My intent was to simply be open and transparent, but I could have chosen my words more carefully."

Though apologetic, Burnett cited several sections of the UI Law Student Handbook that allow him to keep the program mandatory. He clarified that the memo would not affect graduation or raise a bar admission issue.

'The privacy of student files is protected by university policies and federal law," he said.

Morant also wrote to UI law students to clarify his intentions.

"Sessions... do not constitute training with any political agenda," he said.

Morant said students may stay or leave during the dialogue.

"It was truly surprising to see the amount of negativity that came from students," Haase said. "It's just a little blip in reality. Experienced students understand that it's a part of life. Opposing feedback overshadows the good intentions of the program."

The law school, Haase said, has been an unpleasant environment since the creation of the dialogue program.

"The student body is literally divided in half," Haase said. "Some students believe that we as law students should be well-versed in the matter and support the dean. Others agree with the sentiments of learning diversity and professionalism, but don't agree that it should be mandatory."

The exchange between Burnett and members of the state legislature was reported on by the Spokane KREM news station, Moscow-Pullman Daily News, Lewiston Tribune and abovethelaw. com, a blog.

"This ordeal reflects poorly on our law school," Haase said. "Attention from the media has been alerting the legal population of our division."

Each class attended a 75-minute session throughout the day of the dialogue event. Morant shared his personal experience with professionalism and how it impacted his career. After his presentation, he opened the forum to discussion among the students.

"I saw 'Dialogues...' as a vital tool for upcoming attorneys," said Kendra Lotstein, a first-year student. "With education on professionalism, we will be able to recognize strengths regardless of race, gender or religion. I could not imagine seeing an attorney that could not communicate with their clients because of diverse views'

While students like Haase and Lotstein feel optimistic about the influence the dialogues had on the college, others remain skeptical.

"Morant was a great person to listen to," said True Pearce, a first-year student. "But I wasn't aware of any hostility before the dean sent out his initial letter. Hostility arose as a result of the disagreements of the dialogues' mandatory nature."

According to Helen Albertson, Associate Dean of the College of Law, 10 students obtained excused absences and five were absent from the program out of the 360 law students. Morant held a final optional session from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday for students who were not able to speak because of time constraints during the dialogues.

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some spring to fix the problem, but it didn't happen. Perez said the audit and unused \$9 has given ASUI enough flexibility to give high-priority departments an increase next year without requiring an increase from student pockets.

Funds will be distributed to the athletic department will also change next year. Previously, the Idaho State Board of Education rule stipulated that athletics receive a percentage increase parallel to the student activity fee.

"So last year the student activity fee went

up 0.5 percent, so athletics automatically got a 0.5 percent increase in their fee," Perez said. "... We didn't have a choice, we couldn't say no, they always get the funding no matter what.'

The rule was changed to cap at the student

activity fee percent of increase, Perez said, making it possible to give the department that much or nothing at all.

"I think that students are sick of seeing that fee go up - we are sick of paying for it, and so we're trying to be responsible stewards of those dollars," she said, "... And so we're going to try to keep it as close to zero as possible ..."

Perez said nothing has been set because the proposal will need to be approved by the SBOE, but she has sent the recommendation to UI President M. Duane Nellis.

"That's something that the state board always looks at is how much athletics gets from the student activity fee and I think it's something that we take very seriously," Perez said.

She said 11 departments requested increases that totaled \$27 for next year. Last year, only five departments presented with a total request of \$6 to 8.

"I think there's a lot of

things that we either will fund or we won't fund, or we'll partially fund," Perez said. "I doubt that anybody will really get their full increase."

Perez said she thinks keeping the student activity fee low sends a good message to the SBOE that students are trying to be fiscally responsible. Keith Ickes, UI executive director for Planning and Budget, said not increasing the student activity fee allows increases in other areas.

Ickes said the SBOE looks at the student activity fee, technology fee, facility fee and tuition as a single number and gives an increase on the whole amount.

> nology and facility fee will stay the same, making tuition the only proposed increase.

tuition, we ask for tuition and the state board has to agree to what tuition increase we give," Ickes said. "So I think this helps make

a strong case for the board that what we're asking for is really driven by key university needs."

Ickes said there has been positive relationship with а ASUI because students understand tuition dollars apply to the whole university and give more flexibility in spending.

"I think it's a much different relationship here and it's very positive," Ickes said. "We're very open about what we're trying to get and what we're trying to solve."

Perez and Ickes said the level of involvement Perez has had in fee setting and other areas of the budget does not always occur at other institutions.

"It's just really exciting here at the University of Idaho that it's seven students that represent every single student graduate, undergraduate and law — and we come together and we decide as students what is best going to benefit our peers," Perez said.

Ickes said last year he, Pres-

ident Nellis and former ASUI President Stephen Parrott traveled together to talk and present budget needs to the SBOE. He said he expects to see a similar approach with Perez this year.

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"I think it's a positive for the board because it helps the board understand that we've been very open with the student body about what's going to happen," Ickes said.

Perez had experience with student fees as a senator last year, and said she knew she needed to start the auditing process early to accomplish the task.

"For me, I was just really excited to hear from every department and we didn't go in thinking that we were going to cut anyone, we just really wanted to verify that they were still using the funding,' she said.

Perez said the auditing process involved a 15-minute presentation based on two templates. One template asked qualitative questions about the department, how the money was being used and the benefit and impact on students. The second was a financial template that showed salaries, capital outlay and a reserve fund.

"I think it went really well," she said. "It was really interesting just to learn where all that money is going."

Although her presidency will end in May, Perez said she believes this process should be repeated at least every three years.

To help track where and how the money is spent, if goals are being met and if departments are moving forward, Perez said she is working to compile a binder that lists each fee. She said she understands it is a big commitment for those involved, but it needs to happen.

"But I think it's really important, too, that we have some accountability and that we take action for the fee that students oversee," Perez said. "I think it's really irresponsible that in the past ASUI has just let this money continuously rollover with no checks and balances."

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Rodriquez who are on academic probation.

SOAR allows students to meet with a UI faculty member or staff

fall short, will have more leniency from the associate dean if they attend SOAR. "At SOAR we focus very spe-

cifically on helping students to develop a plan to get the behaviors and habits that they need to be successful," Brewick said.

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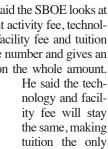
3.33 according to UI Fast Facts.

"Relatively few students leave UI who are first-year students, after their first semester who are in honors," Flores said. " ... On the other hand, we may have students who participate who come out of high school and take at least three honors credits, to maintain membership. If those students are not enrolled in an additional three honors credits in spring semester, they are no longer (enrolled)." Flores said from his experience, Honors Program students have few difficulties with their GPAs and tend to have more substantial financial aid standings than some students do.

new freshmen last fall - 7 percent less than that of 2010 as well as a 10 percent decrease in out-of-state freshmen.

Washington native and freshman Craig Woodruff said this is probably due to the removal of the

number of financial aid packages awarded as well as the amount awarded. But tuition increased by 8.1 percent for outof-state students and 8.4 percent for in-state students according to the National Center for Edu-



"We don't set



We are sick of

paying for it, and

so we're trying to

advisers, complete an academic plan, take tours of student support units and participate in study skill workshops.

Brewick said students on academic probation are generally freshmen.

"Primarily it is because firstyear students are coming into a brand new environment," he said. "We are expecting them to transition into being away from the home and to be responsible for all of their own basic needs, as well as academics."

Of the 336 on probation from fall, the advising program removed all students who weren't registered for spring semester and invited 254 students to SOAR Jan. 10.

Brewick said 136 attended. He said those students who follow up on meetings and try to change

Freshman architecture major, Andrea Bachman, said she had a smooth transition between semesters.

"(This spring) I had set higher expectations," Bachman said.

Bachman is one of 107 firstyear students entering into the UI Honors Program. Application criteria for the program is based on ACT or SAT scores and a requirement of a 3.77 unweighted, accredited high school GPA.

According to the Director of the University Honors Program Stephan Flores, freshmen in the UI Honors Program have an average high school unweighted GPA of 3.91 this year. In comparison, the average GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who submitted a GPA in fall was

"... I get to know the honors professors more than (I would in a) larger lecture hall," Bachman said. "I learn better in smaller classes."

Flores said despite a 10.8 percent decrease in Honors Program freshmen, 32 percent of freshmen were from out of state, which ranks higher than the university.

Overall, UI experienced a drop in freshmen too. There were 1,631 Western Undergraduate Exchange.

The ecohydrological engineering major said the WUE waived a lot of out-of-state tuition and without it, people were probably discouraged from applying.

Woodruff was awarded \$2,000 per semester, due to the Discover Idaho scholarship program.

"I didn't even know about Discover Idaho until I got it," Woodruff said. "It was a nice surprise."

Flores related the drop of nonresidents in the Honors Program to the drop of the WUE as well.

"In general the Honors Program tends to do better than the general student population in terms of enrollment," Flores said. " ... In the past instead of 32 percent nonresidents, that number would have been higher."

Even without the WUE, there was a slight increase in the cation Statistics.

According to Common Data Sets provided by UI Institutional Research and Assessment, the average financial aid package for 1,123 freshmen was \$12,148 during the 2010 to 2011 academic year. This year, 1,165 freshmen were awarded \$12,225.

On average the 2011-2012 CDS said 79.2 percent of freshman financial need was met.

Woodruff said even without the Discover Idaho scholarship, he probably would have attended UI.

"Now I'm in the groove of things," Woodruff said. "It was a nice break in between (semesters) and I was able to re-focus before coming back."

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## FLAGSHIP

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longer through our mission statement."

Terrell expressed concern regarding use of the term "flagship" in the university's mission statement. Idaho State University President Arthur Vailas said he believes the term has a negative connotation for other universities in Idaho, and Boise State University President Bob Kustra told Perez and Nellis he supported the change to take out flagship.

"I thought it was really interesting for them to get involved in this matter that doesn't really involve them," Perez said. "I think that it's just because if they take 'flagship' away from us then maybe we'll all be on an equal playing ground or something.' Perez said she spoke to

Terrell in an effort to understand his perspective.

"He said that he thinks it's a politically incorrect term and he thinks that it has a negative connotation," Perez said.

Perez said she told Terrell it was the board's responsibility to change flagship's connotation because the term is used nationally.

"It's not like we were favored and the governor declared that we were 'flagship,"" Perez said. "It's just a term that means that we were first."

Nellis said the vote to remove "flagship" is a disappointing statement from the board about the university's many recent successes, and he had hoped the

board would show support by allowing the university to continue to use the term in its mission statement.

"We have offices in 42 of 44 counties and we have 70 locations around the state," Nellis said. "No other institution in our state has that type of breadth of impact, not just in agriculture, but in community vibrancy and quality of life, and forestry, and many others - engineering."

Perez said she was disappointed in the board because she doesn't feel it is looking out for students' best interests.

"It's just political, it's all political," Perez said. "Removing the word 'flagship' doesn't benefit anyone in any way. It doesn't benefit students. That's for sure."

Perez said she looks to

the board for leadership, and the decision is more political than practical.

'They are not a fact-driven board," she said. "It's a fact that we're a flagship and we should be able to use that in our mission statement."

Nellis said he thinks students will understand some of the political dynamics that went into the decision, but will be disappointed in the outcome.

"Maybe it's a learning moment for some of the students about the politics we're facing in our state right now." Nellis said.

Although the term has been removed from the mission statement, Nellis said the university will continue to use it in marketing.

"I think it's a reflection of the changing tone of the board and I worry about the unwillingness to recognize what I feel we are, which is being the lead institution in our state," Nellis said.

Perez said she thinks it is important to market the university as a flagship institution because a lot of students are interested in flagship programs.

"I think as students we just think of it as a term that says that we were first, and we led the field. We led the way for higher education in the state of Idaho," Perez said.

Nellis said he was disappointed that the board publicly made an effort to remove that term from the university's mission statement.

"I think that was driven by some of our other institutions in our state and I think that's unfortunate because

the board should be supporting," Nellis said. "They should celebrate the fact that we're the flagship university in our state and celebrate our success and I think that's what that term reflects."

Nellis said he was told late Tuesday that the issue would likely come up at the meeting, but he was surprised at how much support it had from board members.

Perez said the state board should be proud of its flagship institution.

'We'll still be listed as Idaho's flagship," Perez said. "They can't take the title away from us. It's a national thing. They can just make us take it out of our mission statement."

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For post-game coverage of SPORTS Idaho's game against Portland State Saturday visit Vandal Nation. uiargonaut.com/VandalNation TRACK AND FIELD Nearing the finish line



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Emma Goode finishes a workout Wednesday in preparation for the Vandal Collegiate meet Saturday in the Kibbe Dome. Goode has a career best time of 25.77 in the 200 meter and 59.32 in the 400 meter.

Idaho hosts final home meet

#### Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

After breaking three school records in Seattle last weekend, the Vandal track and field team is back in Moscow for the Vandal Collegiate today and Saturday.

The Vandal Collegiate is the third indoor meet hosted by Idaho this season.

Idaho will face familiar opponents this weekend since most teams don't travel far right before conference championship meets. Washington State will compete against Idaho for the fifth time this season. The Vandals have faced the Cougars in every meet so far this season. Teams making the trip to the Palouse include Gonzaga, Whitworth, Spokane Community College, Eastern Washington and several Oregon schools. The Vandal Collegiate draws a variety of schools because it is one of the only meets in the area this weekend.

Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said some members of the team who already have solid marks or times won't compete this weekend in order to rest and recover for the WAC Indoor Championships Feb. 23 to 25 in Boise. Still, many Vandals

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# By the numbers

WAC Men's **Field Athlete** of the Week honors

Jeremy Klas 3-time recipient **Andrew Blaser** 



No. 6 – Hannah Kiser (women's 3000m) No. 7 – Jeremy Klas (men's pole vault) No. 35 – **Liga Velvere** (women's 800m) No. 43 – Hannah Kiser (women's mile)

> WAC Men's Track

**Ben Ayesu-Attah Barry Britt** 



women's 3000m: Hannah Kiser (9:07.23)

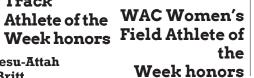
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women's 800m: Liga Velvere (2:07.63) women's 3000m: Hannah Kiser (9:07.23) men's 3000m: **Barry Britt** (8:07.02)

m pole vault: Jeremy Klas (17-9.75)

WAC Women's **Track Athlete** of the Week honors





**Kristine Leonard** 



women's 3000m: Hannah Kiser (9:07.23) Third woman in Idaho history to achieve NCAA auto standard

# Idaho athletic scholarships could see change

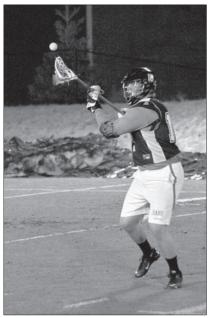
#### Sean Kramer Argonaut

The University of Idaho athletic department will abstain from an online vote that will decide the fate of proposed four-year guaranteed scholarships for student-athletes, according to

Spear expressed concerns about the NCAA proposal's flexibility. He said institutions would be limited in their ability to grant four-year awards to athletes, and the proposal could affect recruiting.

this proposal would make it mandatory. Idaho, for instance, only offered one-year renewable scholarships to the 2012 football recruiting class.

The University of Illinois, on the other "We need to have the flexibility to termi- hand, offered four-year guarantees at



Athletic Director Rob Spear.

The vote opened Monday to all Division I institutions, but is not mandatory. If 222 of 355 D-1 institutions vote in favor of the override petition, they would overturn NCAA legislation allowing schools to offer more than one-year renewable scholarships that are the current standard.

nate multi-year awards if the students don't live up, academically or off the field," Spear said. "If there is coaching turnover and the student-athlete doesn't fit the system, that also (presents complications)."

Since the legislation passed in October 2011, schools have been able to offer multi-year scholarships to athletes, but the behest of Big Ten commissioner Jim Delaney.

"We felt like it wasn't really any different from the practical application of what we have always done," said Ryan Squire, Illinois' compliance director.

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Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Idaho lacrosse defender Ryan Erstad controls a pass from a teammate during practice Wednesday night on the SprinTurf. The Vandal lacrosse team opens its season this weekend with back-to-back road games against UC Davis and San Jose State.

# Ready for the road

#### **Nick Groff** Argonaut

Anything but a two-game road sweep this weekend would be a disappointment for the Idaho lacrosse team.

Idaho (0-0) will make the 18-hour road trip to the California Bay Area to open its season against UC Davis (1-1, 0-1 WCLL) Saturday and San Jose State (0-0) Sunday. Coach John Andrysiak said the goal for the backto-back season-opener is to return to Moscow with two wins.

"We've prepared ourselves well enough to be able to go 2-0 this weekend. I think we're in the right position to do so," Andrysiak said. "Anything less than that, I think, is a failure."

Goalie Blake Uphus agreed with his coach and said he believes a road sweep is realistic.

"Hopefully we'll focus on what we've done in practice and then execute that in the games," Uphus said. "If we can get some solid team

# Vandals, Vikings clash on senior night

#### Theo Lawson Argonaut

Whether they find themselves in a bracket when March Madness arrives, the Vandals' Sears BracketBuster match-up against the Portland State Vikings Saturday may have a significant influence on their momentum going into the final stretch of the season.

Tipoff against the Vikings (13-12, 7-6 Big Sky) is at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in Cowan Spectrum.

rounding the Vandal scouting report for faces and I thought basketball men's team and its potential NCAA Tournament berth may seem premature, especially considering

the fact that a once-promising Idaho team fell to San Jose State in the second round of the 2011 WAC Tournament.

The Vandals busted open the WAC scene and beat the conference's top two teams in Nevada and New Mexico State. Idaho spent the week preparing for an unfamiliar Portland State team.

The Vandals and Vikings haven't met since 2005, when Portland State University swept Idaho in a home-and-home

series that saw the Vikings outscore Idaho 142-107. While the red-hot Vandals are likely favorites Saturday, Portland State brings a three-game win streak to Moscow.

Vikings coach Tyler Geving has embraced the improvements he's seen in his squad, which is still suffering the wrath of two

lost scholarships.

"With guys leaving from last year getting the two scholarships back, we

The hype sur- To watch a video have a bunch of new we were a team that Saturday's game, would start peaking visit us online. kind of like end of uiargonaut.com/ January, first of Feb-VandalNation ruary," Geving said. "I feel like we've

been playing a bit better lately and kind of like the way we've been playing and hopefully we can continue to play well down the stretch as we head into the Big Sky Tournament."

Like the Vandals saw in New Mexico State's Wendell McKines, Nevada's Deonte Burton and Seattle's Aaron Broussard, the Vikings pack star power in senior guard Charles Odum.

Odum's 18.5 points-per-



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Idaho forward Wendell Faines drives to the basket past Djim Bandoumel during practice Thursday in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals take a four game winning streak into Saturdays game against Portland State in Cowan Spectrum.

game is No. 2 in the Big Sky, behind the nation's leading scorer Damien Lillard of Weber State.

Odum and senior forward Chehales Tapscott make one of the Big Sky's most lethal combinations, according to Geving.

"Chehales Tapscott does a little bit of everything. He leads our league in rebounding, he's our second-leading scorer," Geving said.

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# **Finishing strong**

#### Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

The WAC tournament looms on the horizon and the Idaho women's basketball team knows it needs wins. The Vandals will have the opportunity to move up in the standings Saturday when they play a struggling Nevada team.

The Wolf Pack sits in last place in the conference with a WAC record of 1-7. They're one win came against Idaho Jan. 23 when they beat the Vandals 76-70 in Cowan Spectrum. While Nevada's record isn't impressive, Idaho coach Jon Newlee said it's a team to watch out for.

"They've been in a lot of games too and have been hit with a lot of injuries," Newlee said. "I think they're kind of in the same position we are."

The Vandals are in No. 6 in the conference, but are in striking distance of both Hawaii and San Jose State. The Vandals had a three-game winning streak going, but it ended with a loss to Fresno State Feb. 11. Freshman guard Taylor Weiks said the team is focused and ready for this week.

"One game doesn't determine who we are as a team," Weiks said. "...We know exactly what we need to do and change things and fix things and go get them this round."

Last time out the Wolf Pack's leading rebounder, Kayla Williams, didn't play against the Vandals due to injury. Despite her absence, Nevada out-rebounded 46-38. Newlee said getting the boards is going to be a big key to the game.

"We're going to have to get on the glass," Newlee said. "Kayla Williams didn't even play the last time we played them and she is an absolute rebounding machine, so we're going to have to rebound."

Nevada favors running the floor. The Wolf Pack like to push the pace of the game. Newlee said another key to the game will be his team's hustle in transition.

"We're going to have to get back in transition," Newlee said. "We're going to have to stop them. They do a good job of running that transition offense."

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Vandal guard Alyssa Charlston, right, attempts a lay up against Maren Austgulen during practice Tuesday in Cowan Spectrum. Idaho lost to Fresno State on the road 76-68 Thursday. To read more on this game visit uiargonaut.com.

the game as well. When the Vandals were on their three-game winning streak they took care of the ball, allowing fewer turnovers than the team's average. Last time against Nevada, Idaho turned the ball over 19 times. Idaho assistant coach Jordan Green said the game will come down to individuals making good decisions on both sides of the ball.

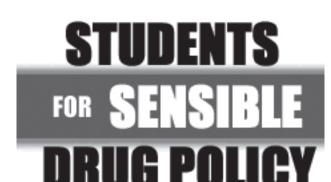
"Offensively, as an individual, we have to take better care of the ball," Green said. "We have to make good passes, and then defensively we have to play good team defense, but part of that is playing good one-on-one

defense as individuals."

The young Idaho squad is familiar with ups and downs and has struggled to put all the pieces together, but with the season's end coming soon, the time to step up starts at Nevada.

"Definitely hustle and transition are the two main keys," Weiks said. "As a team we lack some of those things, but if we pull those together like we did in the games against Hawaii and San Jose, we'll definitely come out with a win."

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Jordan Green, assistant coach for the women's basketball team, works on offensive drills with Idaho Tuesday during practice in Cowan Spectrum.

# Love of the game

#### Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

Jordan Green worked under Idaho women's basketball coach Jon Newlee at Idaho State for four years, and now he's back after joining the Idaho staff in fall 2011.

Green was an assistant coach at Idaho State since 2004, but now wears the Vandal silver and gold and there was one thing that influenced his decision the most.

"The big reason was to work for Jon (Newlee) again," Green said. "I had a chance to work with him at Idaho State and had a great experience with him. Ilike his style of basketball, his vision for the basketball program and that's a big reason why I made the choice."

Green played college basketball at George Fox University where he was a three-time captain. Green said he fell in love with the game has been surrounded by good coaches throughout his playing career. After playing he decided he didn't want to leave the game and went into coaching.

"I had great coaches growing up through middle school, into high school and into college," Green said. "I was still playing, but I knew I wanted to be around basketball basically my whole life because I enjoy it so much. It was just a natural progression." At the end of last season, former Idaho assistant coach Gavin Petersen took a job at Hawaii, leaving a void in the Vandals' staff. Newlee said it was ideal to be able to bring in Green. "It's great being able to bring someone in who's familiar with me and the system," Newlee said. "The transition has been seamless, which was huge for us. There's no learning curve for Jordan. He knows what he's doing. He's very experienced."

Since Idaho is a smaller program, Green has a variety of responsibilities that go beyond coaching. Newlee said it's a hard job, but Green does it well.

"He's done a great job with our defense, our man defense this year," Newlee said. "He handles all the travel stuff. He wears a lot of hats in our program because we're not a fully staffed program. He's had to do a lot of things like that. It's been great having him here."

The Vandals are a young team this year with five freshman and two sophomores on the roster. Part of Green's job is to help develop the younger players. Freshman guard Taylor Weiks said Green's been a large help in getting her used to the Idaho system.

"He brings a great sense of humor," Weiks said. "He's a great motivator and he's really there for us when we don't understand. He's really good at breaking things down."

Green said he's enjoyed his time at Idaho so far. Green said when he combined the location with working for Newlee again, he knew he found the right fit.

"Once I visited the University of Idaho on my job interview I was really impressed with the people here in the athletic department, the student body and how much support they have for the university," Green said. Green said he foresees a long future at Idaho. While he said he is not in a hurry, he would like to run his own program one day. "My ultimate goal is to be a head coach," Green said. "I don't know if that'll be Division I, II, III, NAIA — I'm not sure, but I would definitely like to be a head coach in the future." Kevin Bingaman can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu.



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# Men's tennis to face 'lights out' Nebraska

#### Theo Lawson Argonaut

Another rigorous weekend awaits the Idaho men's tennis team, which travels to Nebraska this weekend to face No. 38 University of Nebraska, No. 73 Drake and Creighton, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

If the spring schedule hadn't presented enough daunting opposition already, the Vandals will play the No. 5 and 6 most challenging opponents yet.

Idaho begins in Lincoln Saturday against Nebraska, which is 3-2 on the season. Its match against the Vandals will be the finale of a fivegame home stand for the Cornhuskers, which saw them win three straight matches, against Denver, Creighton and East Tennessee State.

A perennial powerhouse in the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska concluded the 2011 spring campaign with a loss in the Big 12 Championships, where it faced No. 14 Texas. However, the Cornhuskers' top-40 ranking earned them an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships in Gainesville, Fla. A 4-3 loss at the

hands of Miami concluded the season for Nebraska.

Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said he recognizes the upcoming challenge as one of the toughest his team has faced this year.

"Nebraska's lights out. They're tough to play at home," Beaman said. "They've had four players nationally ranked in singles, they have two doubles teams ranked in the top 30 and it's going to be a tough match."

Like Idaho, Nebraska has a heavy international presence, with six of its 10 players hailing from Germany.

Coming off a 7-0 loss to a Boise State team Beaman believes will sneak into the top 25 by the end of the season, Idaho remains confident despite an oncoming slew of tough opposition.

"I think we're ready to play stronger teams," sophomore Jose Bendeck said. "We know we have to do better this time in order to get a better ranking."

Though a match against Drake Sunday in Lincoln proves to be less demanding, the 7-1 Bulldogs haven't lost since Jan. 28 when they fell to Harvard. In addition,

they've swept four of their eight matches and lost just one match in two others.

Though Creighton isn't ranked, the Blue Jays are 3-1, with their only loss coming to Nebraska Feb.12.

Beaman said the transition from playing one match in a weekend to three, can take a toll on players, both mentally and physically.

"It's physically grueling, not a lot of teams play more than one match at a time but I think we're in a developmental year and it just makes the guys tough," Beaman said. "Go out and play a bunch of good teams and in terms of being at your peak performance during your second and third match, you're going to be physically drained but it makes you a lot mentally tougher."

Idaho's three-match road-trip precedes a 13-day stretch that doesn't have the Vandals back in action until March 3, when they take on Eastern Washington and Lewis-Clark State in a double-header hosted in Lewiston.

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Abid Akbar, junior, returns a ball to teammate Marius Cirstea during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. The men's tennis team will play three matches in Nebraska this weekend.



# High altitude hitting

### Women's tennis playing at elevation in Colorado, Wyoming

#### **Charles Crowley** Argonaut

The last time the Vandals women's tennis team faced three schools in one weekend it went 2-1, and Idaho hopes to at least match that this weekend. Idaho will play at Colorado State Friday, Northern Colorado Saturday and Wyoming Sunday.

Coach Daniel Pollock said busy weekends are brutal but he knew from the beginning of the season the team had a few to prepare for.

"That's why we did all the strength and conditioning during the off-season and that's why we did all the preparation so we should be good to go," Pollock said.

The first test for Idaho will be Colorado State Friday evening. Pollock said the Rams are a lot like Montana, Gonzaga and Boise State — of which Gonzaga was Idaho's only win — and that Idaho will have to play well to win it.

After Colorado State, the Vandals won't have much time before they face Northern Colorado Saturday afternoon. Pollock feels this is a match Idaho should be a favorite in.

"We expect to beat them but playing in Colorado is not that easy so we will have to be on our game," Pollock said.

He said the altitude in Colorado makes for a different game, but the team specifically prepared during practice this week.

Colorado is going to be different. I have played there and the ball travels a lot faster through the air, it doesn't come down as quick," Pollock said. "You miss a few balls long and you have to get used to it and adjust your game a bit.'

He said the Colorado matches at 5,000 feet will help the Vandals transition to Sunday's match against Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., where the elevation is high altitude would have made the Colorado matches seem like nothing. Pollock doesn't think the altitude will matter much to Idaho though, because its playing style should counteract it.

"Honestly, the way our game is structured I think it could be beneficial to us playing at altitude as opposed to detrimental," Pollock said. "We get to the ball, and we hit the ball great so it should be fine."

Sophomore Alejandra Lozano said she feels Idaho is prepared for a tough weekend. She said the match-up against BSU last weekend prepared the Vandals for the big crowds they are sure to see this weekend.

"Against Boise state we were kind of nervous because we were playing there but I think we can do much better this weekend," Lozano said.

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Alejandra Lozano returns a ball to teammate Bety Flores during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. The women's tennis team will play at Colorado State today, the girls are ready to give it a hundred Northern Colorado Saturday and Wyoming Sunday.

Colorado State also understands this match will not be an easy win.

"We saw some of their girls at regionals and they are just a real solid team from top to bottom," Colorado State coach Jon Messick said. "We're going to have to play real well against them to do well and were hoping for a very competitive match."

He said his team performed well against Northern Arizona Feb. 12 and confidence rose after the match and the team has had a good week at practice.

'We're relatively healthy so I think percent," Messick said.

even higher.

"Laramie sits over 7,000 feet," Pollock said. "That's like lightning fast and the ball is going to sail on us so we just have to be ready for that."

He said Wyoming has a solid doubles pair that won regional's, went to nationals and won one of the matches. He said Wyoming will be the toughest test of the weekend.

"I think the Wyoming match is going to be extremely difficult, they are a very good team and they are nationally ranked for a reason," Pollock said.

He said ideally the team would have liked to get the Wyoming match out of the way first. Pollock said Wyoming is the least important match-up and the

Pollock said it wasn't the size of the crowd at BSU that hurt the team, rather the type of crowd - screaming and yelling during points. He said he doesn't see the crowd being an issue at all for the team this weekend.

Pollock would like to win all three matches but said a 2-1 result would do. He said it's a great experience for Idaho to travel and play matches that are outside the WAC, but still regional.

"Having a good weekend will be great," Pollock said. "I just want them to go out and give it their all and try their best to win ... the results should take care of themselves if they do that."

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## SHRALPIN' THE GNAR POW BRAH



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Ashley Anderson, sophomore on the University of Idaho Ski Team, practices slalom Jan. 6 at Schweitzer Mountain Resort during the team's week-long training camp. Anderson is seeded second on the women's team and will be skiing that seed at regionals this coming week.

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play and play two really good teams close, it would be a good weekend."

Uphus said the team hasn't scouted UC Davis or San Jose State much, instead the team is focusing on what it needs to do from within to be successful. Andrysiak and attackman John Kopke said while the majority of the preparation is focused executing the Idaho's play, they understand the strengths of UC Davis.

"We've looked up the guys who are their scorers and who are going to make the plays on their team," Kopke said.

Andrysiak and the team are preparing for the attack UC Davis will employ on the shoulders of Aggie attackman Marshall Bowden and midfielder Brett Zeolla.

"There's a couple good players on their team we're going to key in on," Andrysiak said. "They tend to not to come off the field ... the entire game. They switch back from middy (midfielder) and attack(man) during the game ... they're really practice ... there's nothing we can do when it snows 17 inches."

He said it is simply what the team deals with each semester and there isn't much anyone can do about it. Kopke and Uphus, both seniors, are accustomed to long road trips and adverse practice conditions.

"We switched over to a new offense this season and as long as we work together as a whole, I think that's going to be the key to our success," Kopke said.

Uphus agreed and said he is working to improve technically.

"I'm trying to get my footwork a lot better," Uphus said. "Quicker feet, quicker hands as well. One of my weaknesses has been my footwork."

Andrysiak said correctly executed team play and solid individual play can make the team successful, but Idaho's weakness lies in its youth. He said UC Davis and San Jose State will likely exploit Idaho's inexperience throughout the midfield.

Conversely, Andrysiak said Idaho's attack can be successful against both squads with the help of Kopke and 6-foot-6-inch attackman Deric Wilson. "Our biggest threat is our attackmen," Andrysiak said. "We have a 6-6 guy who has a lefty shot at 95 miles an hour. And again our senior attackman John Kopke ... basically like the general leading the troops." Idaho will return from the non-conference contests and have two weeks to prepare for its next game March 3 at Portland State. Idaho will not play its first conference game until March 24 at Montana and will not play at home until April 21 against Boise State.

#### SCHOLARSHIP FROM PAGE 5

Four-year guarantees protect student-athletes from being released from scholarship based on on-field performance.

Squire said Illinois included stipulations in the scholarship agreements that allowed the institution to terminate the scholarships for academic and behavioral reasons.

"I think it sends a good message to our student-athletes and our general public about the regard that we have for our student-athletes. That's kind of the intent," Squire said.

Washington State University's Ken Casavant, who will cast WSU's override vote, said language regarding behavior and academic obligations in the NCAA's proposal is essential for this kind of scholarship process to work.

"For us to have to an athlete who is awful in academics, awful in lifestyle, but we cannot move him along, makes no sense at all," Casavant said. perspective is that it's better for the studentathlete," he said.

Spear said for Idaho, a four-year scholarship that holds student-athletes accountable would be no different than what is offered now, but that the department still needs to sit down with all of the coaches to get the right input.

"There is a desire to make it happen, but it is hard to predict what it will look like if and when it goes through, and if it will be right for Idaho," Spear said.

If the override vote is successful, the proposal will go back to the NCAA which will address why it was vetoed by institutions before it is potentially re-instituted.

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will vie for last-minute spots in the WAC or NCAA meets.

"There are still some things we can work on," Phipps said. "Some people sill competing in events that's been maybe a relatively new event for them this year. Any chance that they can get to compete is going be a benefit to them as well."

Washington State is coming into the Vandal Collegiate with the same mindset. The Cougars will rest some players this weekend but still have athletes with something to prove.

"There will be some people who need to show us a little something over at the Vandal Collegiate meet in order to be included on that championship team," Washington State coach Rick Sloan said. "Others have already shown us..."

One Vandal with something yet to prove is senior Andrew Blaser. The multievent athlete will compete in his last indoor track meet in Moscow.

"It's kind of that confidence meet," Blaser said. "As a team, we want to work out those last couple of glitches.

#### We are really trying to chase down that team title indoor on the men's side especially and the women have a great shot at (a title too)."

Phipps said other Vandals competing for particularly great marks and times this weekend include pole-vaulters, throwers and some sprinters.

Phipps and Blaser said there are several advantages to competing at home for the last regular indoor meet of the season. The time saved by staying at home lets the athletes focus on resting up for the conference meet as well as focusing on academics. Phipps said the time is nice for the athletes since they will be competing over a four-day period during the WAC Indoor Championships.

"We're gone for a while during the conference championships," Blaser said. "We have a lot of all-WAC academic honors on the team. It's good to be at home and get to go to class and make sure that we are still taking care of our student part of our student-athlete."

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#### SENIOR FROM PAGE 5

Geving will attempt to contain Idaho's senior trifecta, which will potentially see its last action in the Spectrum Saturday. The only opportunity for another home game is if Idaho hosts a game in one of a few post-season tournament possibilities.

Deremy Geiger, Landon Tatum and Djim Bandoumel have provided the senior leadership essential to Idaho's 15-11, 7-4 WAC record, and despite the emotions of senior night the trio understands this final stretch could be crucial to the team's success come conference tournament time.

"We have the momentum with us and with the huge games we won back-to-back against number one and number two so we're pretty confident right now," Bandoumel said.

Geiger said it will be essential to start Saturday's game on the right foot and stick to the game plan.

"We just try to come in with the same game plan and mindset, play defense and start with that end of the floor," Geiger said. "Pretty much sticking with our same things game to game with just a couple of adjustments."

After the non-conference contest, Idaho takes to the road for a three-game road trip at Utah State, Hawaii and San Jose State.

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their only two big players."

Preparation for the road has been difficult for a number of reasons, Andrysiak said. He said Idaho will be San Jose State's first opponent of the season, so understanding the weaknesses and strengths of the Spartans is almost impossible.

"Mostly we prepare for UC Davis just because we know they're the better of the two squads," Andrysiak said. "If we can play up to their level, then we know that we should be able to play the same way against San Jose State."

Uphus said traveling long distances is rough on the team especially because everything is different — weather, location and even sleeping in a different bed.

The more than 900-mile trip will undoubtedly tax the Vandals, but Andrysiak said travel will not affect Idaho as much as the sporadic practice schedule and temperature changes his team will face this semester for some road games. The team typically practices late in the evening — sometimes as late as 10 p.m. on the SprinTurf.

"These guys are in sweatshirts and pants in their pads ... to go down there (California) ... you're shedding all your layers and you're sweating more than you would here just because it's 60 degrees," Andrysiak said. "And not only that but the snow has kind of hurt us a little with the first week of Nick Groff can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu Casavant said he anticipates that Washington State will offer multi-year awards on a case-by-case basis and that competitive pressure will make other schools do the same.

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# OPINION OUR VIEW

# Still a flagship

Once again the state of Idaho has played to the ego of Boise State President Bob Kustra using the State Board of Education as the vessel to push petty agendas.

Milford Terrell, a Boise State alumnus and member of the SBOE, proposed to omit "flagship" from the University of Idaho's mission statement. The SBOE unanimously and foolishly approved the change Thursday - a change that was not presented to the public for feedback.

Removal of the term from our mission statement is

purely political, as evidenced by not obtaining input from the public and minimal conversation among board members prior to the vote.

UI is the flagship institution of Idaho, and that will never change. We were the first in the state and under the Morrill Act of 1862, which established UI as a land-grant institution, we will always hold that title. To remove it from our mission statement is a trivial plea from a president whose school will never be recognized as the flagship of Idaho.

Terrell said the proposal was made because the term has a negative connota-



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tion toward other institutions in the state and is politically incorrect. This is not the first time BSU's ego has been bruised — it seems the institution has a touch of little man syndrome.

But the SBOE's to support sets a new low for the importance of education in the state. Its apparent members do not care about issues sur-

rounding education that truly matter, such as the complete lack of funding and dismal state of public schools, when they waste their time on petty terminology.

Members of the SBOE need to re-evaluate their positions, and remember what role they are supposed to play for all educational programs in the entire state of Idaho. Eliminating bullshit conversations about political correctness is a good place to start.

— ER

# andal oices

OPINIONS FROM OUR READERS ON FACEBOOK Opinion question: Are you going to watch presidential candidate Ron Paul speak today?

"No, I don't need to hear the same information spoken over and over again. If I want information on a political candidate I can easily search his name and learn more about him, rather than hearing him in person."

Beau Chisholm Date posted: Feb. 15

"I'd like to make an effort to. Although I don't agree with all his ideas, I do support many of his points. Even if one is not a fan of Ron Paul, or any politician for that matter, it's still a worthwhile idea to go sit down and listen to what they have to say. It can change your political opinion or strengthen it,

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## Pay it forward

If you've been waking up on the wrong side of the bed too often, make an effort to turn your day around. Buy a stranger's coffee, call in a company vehicle to praise their employee's driving skills or make your roommates breakfast. I guarantee you'll feel better. — Britt

## Paying it more forward

If you've been waking up on the wrong side of the bed too often, then watch someone puke out a third-story window, eat your roommate's food and play loud music when the neighbors are trying to sleep. Trust me, you will feel better. #myvalentinesday — Jens

## To Hell with paying it forward

Sometimes positivity is a struggle.

-Vicky

### Guilty consciences?

Why do my classmates defend Apple for their callous use of Foxconn manufacturing? The billionaires have enough lawyers and PR flack and I am not telling you to destroy your iPhone. Or are we feeling guilty? — Dylan

## **Unusual weather**

It's amazing how the smallest of showers can quickly turn into the largest of downpours. Make sure to carry a storm-worthy umbrella, figuratively and literally.

-Nick

## **Road trip**

Headed to Seattle this weekend and I couldn't be happier. A break is definitely needed before next week. Also, welcome to the Sounders Women, Hope Solo. - Madison

# **Idaho** matters

Presidential candidates visit Idaho, present platforms to voters

The Idaho presidential party caucus was rescheduled in March for a reason — and it worked.

Idaho will have more say in the Republican presidential nomination than ever before.

In the past, Idaho held its primary elections in May when the presidential nomination is already essentially locked down. Idaho

has 32 delegates, more than states with earlier primaries like Iowa and New Hampshire, but has less influence because candidates take Idaho voters for granted and the primary is too late in the race to matter.

Presidential nominees don't often come to Idaho, unless they need some spare change to fund their campaigns. But it's been an election year of upsets and close contests, and three presidential candidates are visiting the potato state: Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Ron Paul. Ron Paul will speak this afternoon in the University of Idaho Student Union Building ballroom. It's an opportunity to be face-toface with a presidential nominee and ask questions regarding his platform. It's an opportunity to

listen to someone you might only see on the front page of a newspaper or the TV screen.



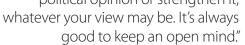
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litical experience, and a hand in influencing legislation and our country. He serves on the Committee on Financial

has also previously run for president.

State politicians and officials moved the Idaho caucus to Super Tuesday in the best interest of voters. Candidates shouldn't be able to treat Idaho like it doesn't matter and walk away with free votes. But now that the candidates are here, they shouldn't speak to empty rooms. Regardless of your political affiliation it is important to be an educated citizen and listen to candidates so when it comes time to vote Mar. 6, you can vote for the candidate who not only represents your personal beliefs, but is also who you believe will best serve our country. Three presidential candidates in one election year is a historic moment for Idaho — be part of it. Elisa Eiguren can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu

Paul has years of po-Services and Committee on Foreign Affairs. He



Shannon Kelly Date posted: Feb. 15



"I think everybody on campus should go. When will another opportunity present itself like this, to hear a presidential candidate speak on our campus? I think it is a historic day for UI, and I believe no matter what your political orientation you should attend because of the significance of the event."

Parker Haymans Date posted: Feb. 15



Anthony Kanago Date posted: Feb. 16



"Definitely, all views aside he is an accomplished politician and a well-spoken individual. To have him guest speak at our university is a privilege. I am sure there are many other places that would also love to have him."

Delfino Osorio Garcia Date posted: Feb. 16

# Mail Box

### **UI CAMP** program helps students

Leaving home for the first time is always filled with angst and fear for any 18-year-old. For children of migrant workers, it can be more problematic because of the high expectations from their families and the unfamiliar demands of college life.

This is where the College Assistance Migrant Program comes in. Also known as CAMP, this program is designed to create a home away from home for freshmen students. CAMP offers so much to its carefully chosen students. Together, leaders and students guide more than 35 freshmen through their first year. CAMP is a five-year grant funded under the U.S. Department of Education to provide academic support services to freshmen students from seasonal/migrant working backgrounds. CAMP provides monthly grade checks, study

tables and tutoring services to CAMPers.

Besides the academic interest in the program, there is also help needed to further them. Because of this all freshmen are required to apply for three scholarships and two internships. Many students who had internships this year discussed their experiences and the benefits of CAMP during their freshman year. Hugo Garcia, a senior at the University of Idaho who still works with the program, expressed what CAMP has done for him during his college years, "The CAMP program is more of a support system, from day one you're here to get an education.'

The support system is evident among the class of 2011. This program has helped many students gain higher education, while setting them on the right path for success.

For more information, please contact me, CAMP director Yolanda Bisbee, at yobiz@ uidaho.edu.

> Sincerely, Yolanda Bisbee University of Idaho CAMP director

## **Plan B: Teens Need Access Too**

I am very disappointed that the Health and Human Services Secretary rejected the FDA's recommendation to offer Plan B to teens over the counter.

Emergency contraceptives are safe, effective forms of birth control and are supported by every major medical institution as a way to prevent pregnancy. It does not work if a woman is already pregnant — meaning misleading arguments by anti-choice activists that Plan B induces abortion are factually inaccurate.

I understand parents want to guide their teens toward responsible decisions, including delaying sex until they are prepared. In a perfect world, that would be all we needed. However, the reality is 750,000 pregnancies will occur among 15 to 19-year-olds and I would rather teens have the option for Plan B, than face a decision about an unwanted pregnancy.

Sincerely, **Alex Barnes** Moscow, Idaho

### Appearances

If you always walk with a purpose, no one will ever know you don't have one. — Elizabeth

### Procrastination

The state of mind when one really needs to do something where anything and everything will distract you and become the most fascinating thing in the world. -Rhiannon

### Hooray

Test week is over "!!!" Three day weekend, too "!!!" See you all out on the town "!!!"

-Amrah

## All creatures great and small

Teensy-weensy chameleons off the island of Madagascar are so small they can perch on the head of a match. Not only are they completely adorable, but I think the existence of such a tiny, perfect, living, breathing creature proves we live in a beautiful world. — Elisa

## Lebromination > Linsanity

Yo Jeremy Lin, Imma let you score another 30, but Lebron is still the best player in the NBA, period. -Theo



Birth control battle out of control

turned what was meant to be a simple

House Speaker John

Boehner, along with other

islation attacking not only

birth control, but heath care

The legislation is titled

Conscience Act." The bill is co-sponsored by Rep. Randy

Neugebauer who explained

the "Respect for Rights of

Republicans, signed leg-

reform as a whole.

act into a large, complicated mess -

something Republicans do well.

The recent birth control battle has stimulated constant conversation. President Barack Obama recently revised his law, putting the responsibility for providing birth control on insurance companies instead of employers.

Obama said, "If a woman's employer is a charity or a hospital that has a religious objection to providing contraceptive services as part of their health plan, the insurance company — not the hospital, not the

charity — will be required to reach out and offer the woman contraceptive care free of charge."

Compromise might not have been the best solution in this situation. While the president conceded with good intentions, this metaphorical olive branch has backfired.

After the revisions were announced, Republicans banded together and



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his reasoning for sponsorship in the Texas Insider.

Neugebauer said the revisions did "nothing to lift the mandate on religious-affiliated hospitals, colleges, and charities to contract with an insurer that provides free contraception, sterilization, and abortificatients to their employees." He must have been reading something different than everyone else, and ignored what Obama said when he made it clear the

revisions remove all responsibility from the employer.

Nevertheless, H.R. 1179 is catching the attention of confused Republicans and those who oppose Obama in general.

Neugebauer said the act would overturn Obama's law, and protect First Amendment rights that are being infringed upon. But this means any group that has an objection to birth control could refuse services, not just religious institutions and affiliates.

He added, "The sooner we repeal this mandate, and Obamacare as a whole, the sooner we can restore freedom and liberty to Americans."

Compromising on a fair and needed law may seem like a bright idea, but it has initiated a firestorm of counterattacks that overpower any good intentions.

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# Unisex clothing: A lie

Cross-dressers. Freaks. Transvestites. Most of us have heard these words. For most people, these words are bad, weird and

an identity we almost never attribute to ourselves, even when most of us are guilty of this "crime."

What defines unisex clothing? A majority consensus would say it's clothing

anyone can wear – clothing that is not for men or women exclusively. Some of these pieces of clothing include V-necks, collared shirts, pants and big, warm, ugly winter sweaters. These pieces of clothing are fantastic and anyone should be able to wear them without social repercussion.

However, it seems very clear that these unisex clothing options are almost exclusively embracing traditional male tailoring and styles. A man in a collared shirt and pants is seen as wearing men's clothing. However, if a woman was in the same collared shirt and pants we would be more likely to label wardrobe as unisex.

Most women who would wear this pantsuit are considered strong, independent, career-oriented businesswomen. However, most of these values are attributed to her based on her clothing. Would most people consider her strong and independent if she were wearing a miniskirt? What about a floor-length dress? What does this

say if we aren't attributing positive attitudes toward traditional feminine clothing? More evidence as to why unisex clothing is androcen-

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tric is that it contains almost no exclusively feminine clothing. Even most unisex shoe choices are flats or Chucks. Six-inch heels are rarely considered unisex. Skirts are in the same boat. If traditional masculine

Jakelyne Finan Sociology major

> clothing can be considered unisex, why can't traditional feminine clothing?

Men cannot wear skirts or embrace traditionally feminine expressions without social repercussion. In fact, a lot of men who do this find alternative words to describe these feminine expressions: Man bag instead of purse, "guy"liner instead of eyeliner, kilts instead of skirts, action figures instead of dolls. What does this say about these traditionally feminine expressions if we have to define new words for them? Weren't they good enough to begin with?

Most of us own a pair of pants. By definition, most of us are cross-dressers embracing traditionally male styles of clothing. However, that is OK.

The only thing I'm saying is all clothing should be unisex, as I am frequently a target of such fundamentalist clothing hate. A red sequined ball gown is fabulous and I just want someone to wear it, even if ze has hairy legs and a beard.

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