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SUPER TUESDAY

Idaho holds GOP caucus for 1st time

John Miller
Associated Press

Republican Jerry Hoagland will leave his ranch outside tiny Wilson on Tuesday and drive north on State Highway 78 for the teeming metropolis of Marsing, population 1,031.

Like other GOP stalwarts across sprawling, sparsely-populated Owyhee County, Hoagland's destination will be the local high school, his venue for Idaho's first Republican presidential caucus. There, he'll help choose a challenger for Democratic President Barack Obama come November.

Though Idaho's biggest counties, urban Ada and Canyon, are expecting Republicans by the thousands to pack into big sports arenas, Hoagland's experience will be more typical of many rural GOP voters, who by virtue of geography must drive miles over lonely wintry country roads to participate. Owyhee County, with more cattle than humans, has a population density of just 1.4 people per square mile.

Hoagland's 20-mile

journey along the Snake River to Marsing will actually be relatively modest, compared to his compatriot Republicans down south near the Nevada border, who must drive an hour or more to another caucus site at a high school near Bruneau.

"We want to make it as accessible to the public as possible," said Hoagland, who helped organize Owyhee County's caucuses at five separate locations. "If we had one central location, there would be a lot of non-participation, people feeling like they had been left out."

Historically, Idaho held a May GOP presidential primary.

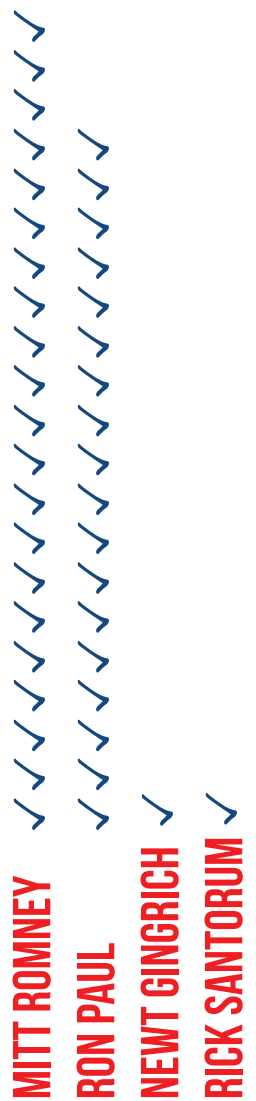
But the state Republican Party this year opted to move up its selection process two full months by joining nine other states holding "Super Tuesday" nominating contests: Alaska, Georgia, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia.

An earlier caucus — when the GOP nomination was still up for grabs — was designed to lure candidates

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut
Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul greets audience members Monday in the Kibbie Dome. Paul's second visit to the University of Idaho in three weeks was part of the Latah County Town Hall meeting and was open to the public.



ARGONAUT FACEBOOK POLL

Who do you think will win the Republican presidential nomination in Idaho's caucus on Super Tuesday?

Final steps of ASUI fee audit call for student feedback

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

An open forum will be held at 3:30 p.m. March 22 in the Idaho Commons Clearwater Room for students to ask questions and learn more about the allocation of their student fees.

The forum is the final step in an audit process started by ASUI President Samantha Perez to determine if student activity fees were being used appropriately.

"It just happened that one department, the Undergraduate Student Research Grant, wasn't

using their money anymore so we were able to reallocate \$10.25 to other departments," Perez said.

According to a breakdown of the student activity fee, students were paying \$6 each semester for Student Research Grants, \$3 for Wheatland transit service, and \$1.25 for the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (HPERD) locker services. Perez said the grants were not being used, the transit service contract ran out during the summer and ASUI determined the HPERD locker services should not be included in the

student activity fee.

This allowed ASUI to reallocate the money to other departments that requested an increase in funding for next year without recommending an overall increase in the student activity fee.

"We submitted our proposal to President Nellis, and then he will include that in his recommendation to the State Board of Education as a whole package," Perez said. "Included in that will be the student activity fee, the technology fee, the facilities fee and tuition. He'll present that whole package that

will then be approved or modified by the State Board of Education."

Perez said as far she knows, the University of Idaho hasn't had a zero percent increase in student fees in the last 10 years.

"I had no idea going into it what it would look like at the end or what our recommendation would look like but I'm really pleased that we did this process and I'm really excited that we have this flexibility," Perez said.

Perez said she thinks the audit process sends a good message to students and the SBOE because

the student activity fee is overseen by students.

"It shows we're being really responsible with that money and we're asking the questions that need to be asked and we're holding all of these departments accountable," Perez said.

Entities such as the Women's Center, Kibbie Dome, Intramural sports and Student Health receive funding from the student activity fee. Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center, said she

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HAND HENNA



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Amey Shigrekar, sophomore in mechanical engineering and material science, draws Mehndi, a temporary tattoo known as henna, on a University of Idaho student at Cruise the World Saturday in the Student Union Building ballroom. The art form is traditionally done in India for a bride on her wedding day or for special Hindu festivals.

Making the change

UI colleges opt to reduce credit requirements from 128 to 120

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

Colleges across the University of Idaho campus are reducing the number of required credits to graduate from 128 to 120.

Last November, the UI Faculty Senate created an opportunity for colleges to remove credits from graduation status.

"We observed that our peer institutions required only 120 credits," said Jeanne Christiansen, vice provost of academic affairs. "We realize that students are too busy now juggling an average of 16 credits a semester. With this reduced load, students will now have about 15 credits a semester."

The proposal to eliminate the eight credits surfaced during fall 2011. Faculty from each college met and voted to bring the motion to the College

Curriculum Committee. After approval from the group, the proposition went into review under the University Curriculum Committee. In the final step, the Faculty Senate approved the switch from 128 credits to 120 and sent the approval to President M. Duane Nellis.

"This decrease in credits is only optional for all colleges to do," Christiansen said.

Interested colleges submitted proposals to change graduation credits Feb. 13.

"We are not lowering our standards by any means," said Mark Nielsen, associate dean of the College of Science. "We are just eliminating the elective credits that we once required to graduate."

The College of Natural Resources also opted for the adjustment.

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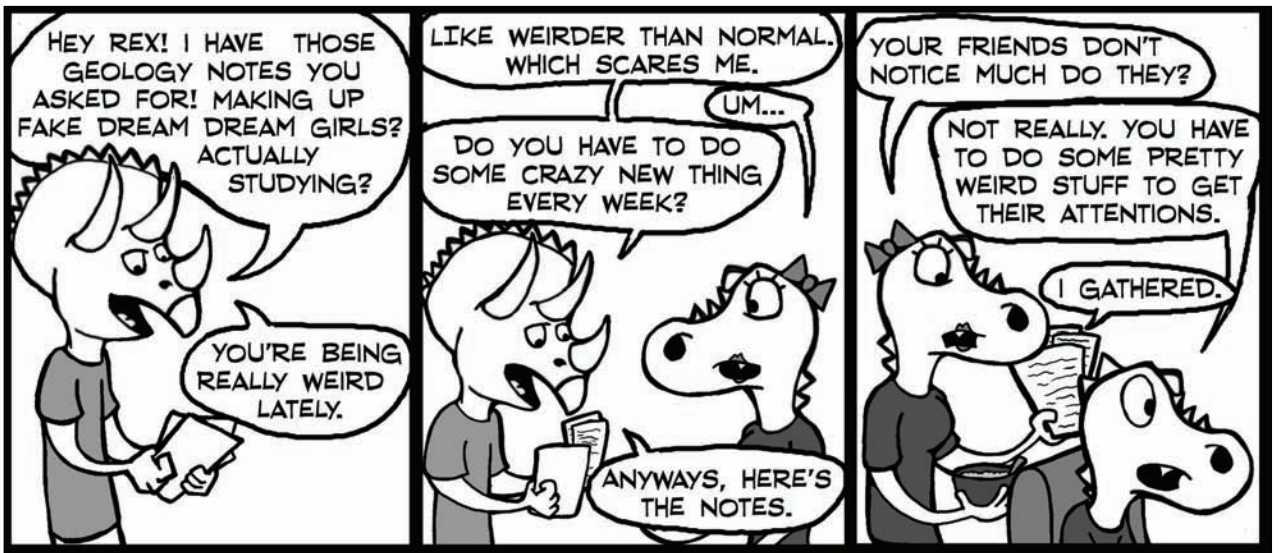
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- Japanese coin
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- Coffee order
- Kind of prize
- 1985 Eastwood epic
- Surrealist Max
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- Preserve
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- Big name in oil
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- Loathsome
- Make one's way through a crowd
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- The *Thin Man* canine
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- 2008 Steve Carell movie remake of TV series
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Women wanted

Women's Outdoor Program may cancel spring break backpacking trip while turnout sits at zero

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Limited involvement may force the Women's Outdoor Program to cancel its spring break backpacking trip.

"We've posted flyers across campus, sent out emails and have a Facebook page," TJ Beezley, coordinator for the Women's Outdoor Program said. "We've really been trying to promote the trip. We've got a lot of people from Facebook saying 'I want to' but there's that commitment issue or something getting in the way that's not letting them."

Beezley said it's a five-day trip hiking along the Washington coast in the Olympic National Park from March 11 to 16.

"We would be hiking the whole week, around 20 miles," Beezley said. "It's just a really beautiful part of the park, a beautiful part of the country."

The trip costs \$180, which includes transportation and fees, but no one is signed up so it may be cancelled.

Beezley said four or five participants need to sign up by Wednesday afternoon, as the pre-trip meeting is at 5 p.m.

"If no one signs up we will have to cancel which is a bummer because it's a great opportunity for women to get into the field," Beezley said.

Although this is one of the program's larger events, it is not the first time a lack of participation has hindered activities.

"I think people just don't know about it," Lysa Salsbury, program coordinator for the Women's Center said. "So our goal is to get people aware of it."

Salsbury said the program had more involvement in the past, but a few years without a student coordinator left the program out of the spotlight.

"I am just really anxious for the women's program to get publicity," Salsbury said. "It's been proven that women who want to pursue challenging outdoor activities do better in a same-sex environment."

Salsbury said she knows several people who would be interested in being involved in outdoor activities but are self-conscious, or fear being outperformed in a mixed gender group.

"I would really encourage anyone who has an interest in outdoor activities to get in contact with TJ and get involved," Salsbury said. "It's a fantastic opportunity for those who already are involved with outdoor activities and those who haven't had the opportunity."

Beezley said even if this event is cancelled, the program has a few others

coming up, including a weekend trip backpacking through Hells Canyon and a white water kayaking clinic.

Anyone with questions about the spring break trip is encouraged to contact Beezley at gold0730@vandals.uidaho.edu or sign up at the Outdoor Program Office in the Student Recreation Center.

"It's a great way to get outside and backpack in a beautiful part of the country," Beezley said. "I don't know why they wouldn't want to go. We should be pushing people away."

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SCALING THE WALL



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Justin Wyse climbs in the finals of the Palouse Climbing Festival competition. Wyse, a student at Western Washington University and contender in the open category of the competition, placed third for men Saturday at the University of Idaho Climbing Center.

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ZUMBA 'ROUND THE ROOM



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Abby McElligot, left, dances alongside students and community members at Zumbathon: United We Dance to Cure ALS Friday in the Student Recreation Center. The event, requiring a minimum donation of \$5 per ticket, was a benefit for Muscular Dystrophy Association's Augie's Quest, dedicated to finding treatments and cures for ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Fraternity reinstated on campus after 5 years

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity is back on campus and ready to restore itself in fall 2012.

Founded at the University of Idaho in 1947, PKT left campus in 2007 and has returned to reclaim its original home fall semester. Matt Marone, national PKT expansion consultant, is in charge of selecting the founding fathers and recruiting new members. He said the group hopes to be nationally chartered as a chapter within a year to a year and a half.

"We shut the group down (in 2007), knowing we could bring them stronger several years later," Marone said. "Our group was not focusing on the values as a national fraternity and our membership really dwindled."

Marone said few people want to join a group that doesn't focus on the right values.

"It's college," Marone said. "People are going to have fun, but we don't want to let the parties and the social aspect be what PKT is known for."

Marone said PKT will instead be known for striving to be "grown men."

Advertising and business major, Chris Behrens is running for PKT president. He said the group of 12 founding members is not comprised of stereotypical frat boys, but fraternity gentlemen.

"We believe in staying close to each other, (we believe in) respect and we will not ask anything of a member that conflicts with their beliefs, values (or) morals," Behrens said.

To keep members accountable, Behrens said members will keep in constant contact with each other and create an environment that is conducive to the PKT motto. Marone said all events that include alcohol will be approved by a PKT alumni advisory group.

The PKT men will move into their originally chartered house in fall and the Steel House women, who currently inhabit the residence, applied for a bond issue that was recently approved by the Moscow City Council for a house located at 503 Taylor Street. The PKT residence will

house 32 members.

"The positive to having a smaller house is that our members aren't required to live in the house," Marone said. "I don't see why living in a house should be a requirement to being in a fraternity."

Behrens said members will have to sort out who lives in the house, but said the group wants the executive board members to live in-house as leaders of the home.

"You can contribute (to the fraternity) in other ways, than just being in a bed," Marone said.

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Matt Kurz said fraternity houses on campus generally house between 30 and 60 members.

"Lamda Chi Alpha (for example), has 50 or 60 members, but their house does not hold that many," Kurz said. "It offers a new and unique style to our campus."

Community service hours and philanthropic requirements are set by the national PKT organization to ensure charter approval.

Marone said the group plans to co-sponsor a philanthropic dodge ball event after spring break and will partake in a Habitat for Humanity project, put on by ASUI. Kurz said PKT has also hosted educational events including the discussion of masculinity stereotypes.

Nationally, Behrens said PKT supports the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps, for sick and disabled children across the world. While Behrens said the group was busy with year-long recruitment, he said tabling will happen in the near future for PKT sponsorship support of Hole in the Wall.

The group will have to recruit a qualifying number of members for national approval by April 1.

"We really try to work collectively," Behrens said. "Our main focus is that we're not just simply still a house. If we do everything right, the house will excel."

For more information on PKT visit facebook.com/idahopkt or uidaho.phikappatau.org.

"It's great to make the Greek Vandal family whole again," Kurz said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what Phi Kappa Tau will bring to the community. These members are going to determine the direction of the new fraternity for the next 100 years."

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Student campaigns for required sexual assault training

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Inspired by a Campus Conversation, Kellie Koester is campaigning for a required sexual assault training class at the University of Idaho.

"I am working with (the) Women's Center, a few survivors of sexual assault and the ASUI Senate on how to combat sexual assault on campus," UI junior Koester said. "We would like to require an online class for all incoming freshman including transfer students."

Koester said the class would cover multiple topics including a section on alcohol and defining consent.

Koester, Heather Gasser and a few others presented the idea to the ASUI Senate in a pre-session meeting Wednesday.

"We had a presentation about a number of different initiatives we can get behind," Gasser, director of the Women's Center said. "The online class is really a part of a multi-tiered program. Kellie arranged

for us to speak at a pre-session with ASUI to talk about a variety of different things and to educate senators on a broader issue."

Gasser said the idea for the class has potential, but she's not sure it will happen.

"A lot of people (are) interested in this, so I want to encourage students," Gasser said.

Koester said she hopes that ASUI will take the information they were given to the living groups and write a resolution promoting the education course. She said although programs are being developed and people are talking about the issue, talk is not enough.

"I went to Campus Conversations in February. There was a lot of people there passionate about the topic and ways to help on campus," Koester said. "But to me it's not enough to talk about solutions. We need action. Right now there are a lot of people on campus talking about it, but we need to combine resources."

Gasser said she hopes the presentation will inspire senators would come up with ideas and make a recommendation, but for now other programming is in place.

"This spring we are providing programming for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and are doing whatever we can between now and May," Gasser said. "Our hope is that more

students become educated and aware."

Koester said although no recommendation was made after the pre-session presentation, a few senators made plans for further action.

The program does not have a name yet, but Koester said it will move forward.

"There are a few nationwide campaigns (it) might tie into, or we might create

our own," Koester said. "We aren't sure yet."

Gasser said student involvement is great, but a lot of the new programming will come out of the Dean of Students Office.

"At this point, any ideas are welcome at the Dean of Students Office," Gasser said.

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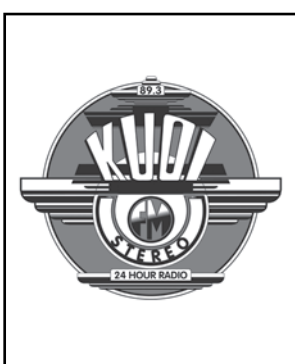
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pleased with the audit process and is excited about a portion of the unused funds that will be turned over to the Women's Center to help fund the LGBT office.

"I think it's important for offices that are beneficiaries, like the Women's Center, to have that continuous opportunity to highlight the good work that we're doing and how we're making use of the students' money," Gasser said.

The LGBT office currently receives 25 cents per student every semester from the Women's Center activity fee funding. After the audit process, ASUI was able to allocate a \$1.25 increase specifically for

the LGBT office.

"It will be truly transformational. That additional funding, with the 25 cents that we currently have, will fund about half of the salary of a program coordinator," Gasser said. "It will also transform the office from being something that has been within another office to being a stand-alone office which I think increases accessibility, visibility, and better serves students."

Gasser said she thinks it is important for ASUI to look at how student fees are being utilized by the various organizations that those fees support.

"I appreciate Samantha's leadership in tackling this issue because I think it's really important that we, as institutions, look at how the students are spending their money

and making sure that it's going towards what it should be," Gasser said.

Perez said the university has had to cut several departments and positions and restructure in order to accommodate the recent struggles in the economy. She said the allocation of student fees is not flexible, but tuition is.

"The university had to cut the fat out. It had to start cutting muscle and bone out. Now the university is trying to rebuild and try and reinvest strategically in areas that are really important," Perez said. "I think the zero percent increase in student activity fee is going to help the (university) because they can be more flexible."

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"Fifteen credits a semester is a standard across the country," said Steven Hollenhorst, CNR associate dean for outreach and engagement. "I think an underlying factor is the need to get students to graduate in four years to avoid excessive debt from rising costs of education."

The Office of the Registrar is offering to alter the fall catalog to accommodate the colleges that participated in the change.

"This really is not a huge change," Nielsen said. "We still expect a lot from our students. They are all still on strict schedules."

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MARIMBA MELODIES



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

JoAnn Evans plays in the Sesitsheya Marimba Ensemble at Cruise the World Saturday in the Student Union Building ballroom. The event, held by University of Idaho's International Friendship Association, featured booths from more than 30 countries and provided Moscow residents with the opportunity to experience various cultures.

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to a state often ignored during election years, despite its strong Republican roots.

It worked: with campaign appearances in recent days by former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, and former Georgia U.S. Rep. Newt Gingrich. Paul is slated to be in Idaho again on Tuesday night.

"The fact that Idaho is relevant and could even be the deciding factor in who becomes our nominee is something that hasn't happened for a long time," said Jonathan Parker, Idaho State Republican Party executive director Parker.

Idaho's minority Democrats have held presidential caucuses since the 1980s, but this is new territory for Republicans, the state's dominant party.

At first glance, caucuses might seem chaotic, but there's a method to the madness.

In Idaho's 44 counties, registered Republican

voters must be inside the caucus site's doors by 7 p.m., before they're shut tight. Once everybody is settled, there will be speeches and video presentations by the candidates, following by secret ballots, likely in multiple rounds where the low vote-getters are eliminated.

Voting ends only after one candidate gets more than 50 percent support, or two candidates split the vote evenly.

Some of the tallies will be unconventional.

In Payette County, they'll be using a sawed-off plastic pipe long enough

to accommodate 100 coins to expedite tallying. In Canyon County, Idaho's second-biggest by population, caucus participants will cast their support for a candidate by dropping coins in a bucket. The buckets will be weighed instead of hand counted.

Ada County considered weighing coins, too, before bankers offered to loan Republicans in Idaho's most-populous county a machine.

"We've looked at both options, but I think we've decided on coin counting," said Ada County Republican Chairman Dwight Johnson.



I think Romney is our chief competitor, but I'm wondering if the Rick Santorum surge is going to spill over into Idaho.

Ryan Davidson, Ron Paul organizer in Boise

They're very fast." Should one candidate receive more than 50 percent of the statewide vote, they'll be awarded all 32 delegates at the Republican National Convention in Tampa Bay, Fla., in August. Otherwise, there will be a proportional distribution of the delegates.

Given this complexity, even states with decades of caucus experience can mess things up.

In January, for example, Iowa first awarded the caucus victory to Romney, only to be forced to backtrack and give Santorum the win. Maine Republicans had to correct some caucus mistakes, too, after leaving some towns out of the initial tally.

The conventional wisdom is, Romney is playing to a home audience, since he shares his Mormon faith with 30 percent of Idaho's 1.5 million population. Idaho residents also have given Romney's campaign more money than any other candidate, including \$1 million for Romney's "Super PAC" from Idaho multi-level marketing business owner Frank VanderSloot.

But the state's Libertarian leanings can't be ignored. Paul, the contrarian Texas doctor, won an Idaho GOP straw poll on Jan. 6. And in 2008, he secured nearly 24 percent in Idaho's GOP primary.

"It's pretty nerve wracking to try to get everything done before the big day," said Ryan Davidson, a Paul organizer in Boise. "I think Romney is our chief competitor, but I'm wondering if the Rick Santorum surge is going to spill over into Idaho."

Davidson will caucus at Boise State University's Taco Bell Arena with Ada County's Republicans, in an arena that can seat more than 12,000 and was filled in 2008 for then-Sen. Barack Obama's visit.

Chuck Laudner, an Iowa Republican helping lead Santorum's Idaho campaign, said this state's first venture into a GOP presidential caucus has created challenges in identifying and organizing supporters, from a pool of voters still learning the caucus ropes. Who wins may simply depend on old-fashioned shoe-leather campaigning, he said.

"There's no grand plan," Laudner said. "It's identifying Santorum supporters as best you can, and making sure they turn out."

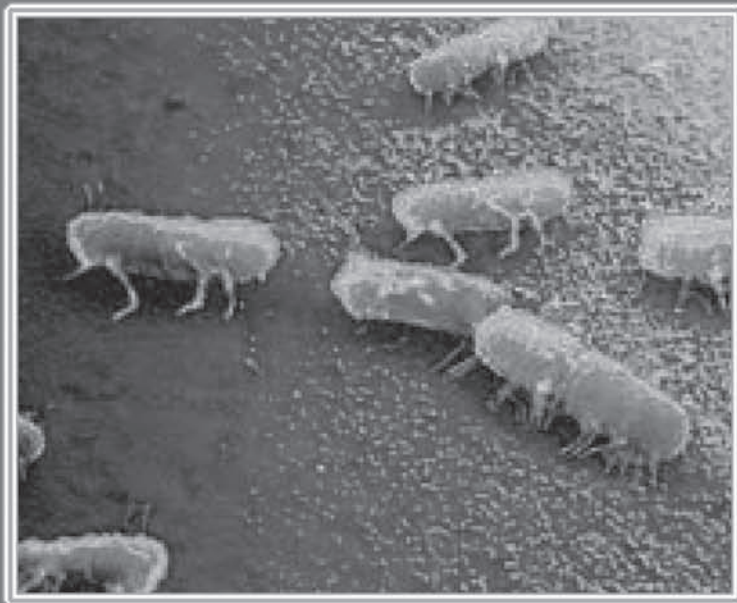
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Encouraging words

We have all kept one (or two) of those little notes people randomly write to fall back on when life gets rough. I challenge you to write somebody one during spring break. You never know what obstacles a person may face and the effect a few encouraging words may have on their ability to overcome them.

—Britt

Here's to you, A

My best friend is getting married Saturday and I could not be happier for her and her fiancé. They have made it through some challenging moments in their lives, yet no matter what they end up finding each other. I hope someday I meet a guy who looks at me the way he looks at her. I love you, and this is totally a test to see if you read The Argonaut.

—Elizabeth

Light at the end of the tunnel

It's either a train or sunlight. I'll take my chances.

—Vicky

We like sports

Go Vandals. Go Sounders. Enough said. This will be the best sports week ever. You're gonna love it, Bubba.

—Madison

Too much to ask?

Like I've said before — 20 wins. That's all I want for spring break.

—Nick

'Job creators' are so sweet

Somehow we are still subsidizing the petroleum industry, one of the most profitable industries on the planet, and we still get screwed at the pump.

—Dylan

Tyler Perry

I am betting the two movies you are releasing within four months this year are going to be quality productions.

—Jens

The madness approaches

NCAA Tourney fan? Then you need, I repeat need, to play Vandal Nation's bracket challenge. Follow us on Facebook for more details. Go Vandals, Irish, Ducks and Aztecs (in that order).

—Theo

A little light reading

Wishing everyone safe travels this spring break. Also, if you haven't already, grab a copy of Blot magazine before you head out.

—Amrah

Freedom

I can't wait to hit the road and drive home this weekend for spring break. One week of sunshine and my family.

—Elisa

Come to the caucus

OUR VIEW

Super Tuesday has different implications for each candidate, but it could be the last influential factor in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

- Ten states with a total of 437 delegate votes will hold primaries or caucuses today, and Idaho will be participating for the first time. Even though Idaho has more delegates than some states with earlier primaries, it had less influence in the past because its May primary election was too late in the race to make a difference and Republican nominees tended to take Idaho votes for granted.
- But that is no longer the case. By moving the Idaho caucus to Super Tuesday, Idaho votes matter.
- State politicians and officials hoped candidates wouldn't ignore Idaho as they had in the past. The

gamble paid off and all four presidential nominees campaigned in Idaho. Now it's time for Republican voters to do their part in making the Idaho caucus a success.

All 44 counties in Idaho will hold caucuses at 7 p.m. today, and voters must identify their party affiliation as Republican to participate. There are four caucus sites in Latah County that will open their doors at 6 p.m. to allow voters to register.

During the caucuses, whichever candidate has the lowest number of votes, and anyone who draws less than 15 percent of the votes, will be eliminated in each round of voting until one candidate receives 50 percent of the votes or two candidates tie 50-50. At that point the results are reported to the Idaho Republican Party in Boise.

The outcome of Super Tuesday has the potential to decide the election fates of each candidate. If current frontrunner Mitt Romney has a strong showing today, it will essentially guarantee his spot as the Republican presidential nominee. Super Tuesday is also an opportunity for Rick Santorum to cut into Romney's lead, and for third and fourth place candidates Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul the primaries and caucuses today might be their last hope for a shot at the GOP nomination. It all rests in the hands of voters.

Super Tuesday could seal the deal in terms of who wins the Republican Party's nomination and Idaho has the opportunity to make its voice heard. Don't forfeit the opportunity to impact a decision that influences who the next leader of our country will be.

—EE

Tipping points

Cultural misunderstandings leave servers short-changed

Servers are suffering in silence. It's about time the secret custom of tipping was discussed.

Tipping is a cultural concept. It's a knowledge people are expected to understand, but are usually never taught. The custom is riddled with taboos against talking about it, comparisons with others' tips or joking about it. In fact, jokes to a server about tips are indications to expect a low tip because this shows a general lack of etiquette and respect for the custom.

Being from a non-tipping society where servers begin on a \$12.50 per hour minimum wage, I thought a person would tip to hit on someone. It conjured up images of an old man trying to slip money to a young

waitress in a short skirt. It's fine to have different views and customs, but this unawareness becomes an issue when people, such as the approximately 650 international students, scholars and faculty on the University of Idaho campus, are not taught what to do. Tipping can then become an issue of unintentional prejudice, as poor servers trying to pay bills are restricted from saying anything to diners.

There are other cultural rules that stand to entrench this tipping mystery. Not talking about how much someone gets paid is one. If talking about income was not such a taboo, people would know servers in Washington get paid

at least a minimum wage of \$9.04 an hour before tips. However, if you are served at a restaurant just across the border in Idaho, servers doing the same job are likely to be paid \$3 an hour. Subtract taxes after declaring tips and this equates to close to nothing. Therefore, approximately 90 percent of a server's income relies on tips.

A common misconception is that the money you are tipping a server goes directly to them. However servers must then "tip out" the bussers, kitchen staff and bar, often more than 5 percent of the bill. So if a tip is below this amount, a server is literally paying to serve you out of pocket.

So how much, then, is correct tipping? Poor service generally means 10 percent, and servers view

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Bethany Lowe
Argonaut

Sugar high

The sweet stuff may be as toxic as alcohol and tobacco

Just one bite of a freshly made margherita pizza and within seconds of tasting its mozzarella cheese, sweet tomatoes and basil-laced olive oil goodness, I think to myself, "Wow, this is so good it should be illegal."

But really, a food being illegal — as in, against the law?

A commentary focusing on the proposed regulation of sugar published in the Feb. 1 edition of "Nature," a weekly science journal, is making a stir. The article said the sweet white crystals are "toxic," and should be highly regulated like alcohol and tobacco.

If this regulation were to pass, a person could be turned away from a grocery store for wanting to purchase a dozen doughnuts simply because the sugar content is too high. Buyers could be barred from their monthly cup of JAMMs frozen yogurt for sprinkling a few too many Skittles on top.

The original article in "Nature" recalled the September announcement from the United Nations that said, "for the first time in human history" chronic non-communicable diseases including cancer, diabetes and heart disease are creating a greater threat to lives worldwide than infectious diseases annually.



Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

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Violence can happen to anyone, anytime

Anything can happen — anywhere, anytime.

That's what the grandparent of a student at Chardon Middle School in Ohio told a CNN reporter, just after he said he couldn't believe a school shooting could happen in his town.

Chardon, a town of about 5,000, lost three high school students Feb. 27 in a school shooting. Two others were injured and the population was left emotionally shaken. The alleged shooter is in custody and was contained within an hour and a half of the incident, but his reasoning is still unknown. Police said it was an isolated incident and carried out by a single boy.

While the lives of every mem-

ber of this small community underwent a chaotic upheaval, the people of Syria continued to fight in their near-civil war — a battle that has been ongoing for about a year.

The death count in Syria is always rising, and has reached about 7,500. While some recognize it is time for the violence to stop and resolutions to be reached, the conflict has not ceased. Even after fighting ends it will take time to repair the damage.



Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

Syria and Chardon are on two drastically different levels, but similarities lay in the most important qualities and lessons.

A life is a life. It does not matter how it is taken, in the end it is still gone. Death is unpredictable.

Violence will inevitably seep into a community and the events of a few hours impact everyone for a lifetime.

After the violence stops, families find out if it was their loved ones and the community grieves for the innocent lives lost. It doesn't matter if it's three lives in a community or hundreds in a country, those affected by death will never be the same. But eventually they will be forced to move on and rebuild.

Syria has not reached the point of rebuilding yet, but eventually the country will resolve the issues facing civilians and the government. It will take time to repair the country after a resolution has been reached — a time of grieving for past sorrows and healing to build a future.

In Chardon, the healing process began with a memorial

service for the students who were killed. Classes will resume, the shooter is in custody and being processed and students discuss what happened.

Repairing the damage will take varying amounts of time depending on the situation, but what will never change is the existence of what caused the pain.

Our world is unfriendly more often than not in a broad scope. We need to be aware of this reality and accept that anything can happen anywhere, and at the same time not allow it to define us.

Life is a balancing act and violence is a lead ball tossed to one side or the other in an attempt to catch us off-guard. The trick is keeping it together long enough to stay on our feet.

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this as an insult. A standard tip for good service is 15 percent, and 20 percent or above is for excellent service. This is obviously dependent upon a number of factors other than quality of service.

A major factor overlooked is time. Tables are real estate. If a restaurant's average turn for a table is one hour, and you spend three hours, you have essentially taken away two other tables and their income. Therefore, the tip should ideally be three times the amount.

Another thing servers have to grin and bear is when tables take out dissatisfaction with a restaurant on them personally. If a customer doesn't like a steak and it has to be taken back, they will often tip 10 percent or less. However, from a server's perspective, they had to work harder for the customer, and perhaps brought something out by their own choice to accommodate them. They had to recheck the steak and deal with the customer being upset and taking up more of their time. And then after all this they make no money.

People aren't told these things. It pains me to hear tired, fed-up servers complain about having to serve Chinese or Arabic groups. To hear them wishing they could just enjoy serving and learning about other cultures, but they can't help being frustrated with not being able to pay the bills. They are bound by unspoken rules of etiquette in which they can't speak out — creating frustration that can build unfair stereotypes. Stereotypes can lead to racism. These little cultural misunderstandings are often the root of bigger, systemic issues of prejudice. And all because we don't talk about it.

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The announcement continued to highlight tobacco, alcohol and diet as the troublesome trio wrecking the immune system and contributing to the death count.

Sugar is currently the most argued of the three. Sugar can take on ninja powers and hide in some of the healthiest foods. Granola, a complex carbohydrate that makes a great breakfast, can pack up to 24 grams of sugar. That's only four grams less than a Snickers candy bar. Even the strawberry low-fat yogurt with that sugary granola-bomb can contain a surprising 14 grams of sugar.

It's easy to see how sugar can sneak into items that are portrayed as healthy, but is that grounds for government regulation?

First Lady Michelle Obama spoke out on her food philosophy on the Sugar Association's website saying, "I don't think anything like that needs to be banned. Being healthy isn't about eliminating."

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Make an educated choice

Education crucial in order to make informed abortion decision

Idaho legislators may require women desiring an abortion to first be educated on what is happening inside their bodies. Proposed legislation would require women who want an early-term abortion to undergo a transvaginal ultrasound, receive educational pamphlets and hear alternative options. It is receiving



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Argonaut

a lot of heat, but why? Many chastise legislators for guilt-tripping women, and feel the transvaginal ultrasound is a violation of their bodies. But proponents are ecstatic that possible abortions might be avoided when women have the chance to see what they've been advocating all along: A developing child. This

legislation is not about making women feel guilty and it is not an intrusion of their bodies. It is about allowing women to make educated choices that affect more than just themselves. With new technologies, doctors can observe what is developing inside a pregnant woman and what happens when the termination occurs. A woman's choice is not taken away by this legislation. Instead, it is strengthened because she has taken full consideration of both the

facts and the options. It is great that we live in a state that wishes to educate a woman on what an abortion really does and then allows her to make an educated choice. In an age where everything is about instant gratification, it is refreshing to slow down, learn, weigh all the options and consider every angle before such an important, final decision is made.
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Back from the brink: Return of syphilis

Young adults today may have never heard of syphilis — and that's a good thing. Syphilis is a serious sexually transmitted infection that was almost wiped out in this country a few years ago. Just think, it nearly went the way of smallpox and the bubonic plague. Goodbye and good riddance.

Public health programs combined education, prevention and treatment, and the number of cases steadily declined until 2000 when it reached the lowest point since records were kept. The low rate of infectious syphilis and the concentration of the majority of syphilis cases in a small number of geographic areas in the United States led to the development of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *National Plan to Eliminate Syphilis*.

While the number of cases was small, the rate of increase jumped sharply, especially among certain groups. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the estimated proportion of syphilis cases attributable to men who

have sex with men increased from 7 percent in 2000 to 64 percent in 2004. You don't have to be a math major to know an increase like that is a bad thing. As is the case with many issues related to disease, racial and ethnic minority populations, adolescents and men who have sex with men bear a greater burden of disease.

GUEST VOICE
Cynthia Fine
Community health educator
Planned Parenthood

In Washington, the majority of people with syphilis are residents of King County and nearly all men. So what went wrong? How did we lose the game?

A combination of factors contributed to this unfortunate situation. Funding for public health has been cut, abstinence-only education withheld crucial information about condom use and perhaps there was a sense of invincibility in young people who had previously avoided STIs.

Syphilis is a bacterial infection that if caught during the early stages is easily cured with antibiotics. The problem is initially it can have minimal or transient symptoms. Untreated, syphilis has devastating

long-term consequences. Condoms offer good protection. If you think you may have been exposed, get tested. Any unusual discharge, sore or rash, particularly in the groin area, should be a signal to refrain from having sex and to see a doctor immediately.

Another concern primary syphilis presents is a painless open sore. This creates an opening into the body for other types of infection. There's a link between syphilis and HIV infection.

Occasionally, perhaps because of embarrassment or lack of health insurance, people try home remedies, herbal or natural remedies or over-the-counter medications to cure infections. These will not cure syphilis, although the symptoms may go away. The infection will stay and continue to progress and permanently damage the body.

The most critical prevention method is condoms. Send your sexual health related questions to sexprose@gmail.com. Questions will be kept anonymous and answered with medically accurate information.

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Viva las Vandals

Freshman steals senior night



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Idaho guard Stacey Barr takes a shot from inside the key at Saturday's game in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals beat Hawaii 69-50 in the final home game of the season. Idaho will be in Las Vegas for the WAC Tournament March 7 to 10.

Idaho women's basketball beats Hawaii, freshman Stacey Barr scores 23

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

It might have been senior night, but a freshman stole the show. Freshman Stacey Barr's career-high 23 points propelled the Vandals to a 69-50 senior day victory against Hawaii Saturday in Cowan Spectrum. With the win, Idaho clinched the No. 4 seed in the WAC tournament March 8 to 12 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

Seniors Keri Arendse, Adrie Shiels and Ganeaya Rogers were honored before the game and walked out of Cowan Spectrum for the last time with a win. Arendse said it is an ideal way to go out.

"Amazing," Arendse said. "Our whole team came out tonight and played their hearts out. It's awesome."

Coming into the week the Vandals were No. 6 in the WAC and had to win both remaining games — combined with two losses from Hawaii or San Jose State — to advance higher in

the standings. Idaho got what it needed and enters the tournament as the No. 4 seed to play San Jose State. The Vandals beat the Spartans in both meetings this season.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said he is thrilled with the way his team performed at the end of the regular season.

"We knew how important these last two games at home were going to be coming into it and what we had to get done," Newlee said. "I'm so proud of our players coming and bringing it."

The game began with four lead changes and four ties, but the Vandals had other plans. Halfway through the half the Vandals went on a 27-2 run sparked by four-straight 3-point makes from Barr. Defensively, Idaho held the Rainbow Wahine to four points in the last seven minutes of the half and took a 46-21 lead

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Idaho wins finale, clinches No. 3 seed

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team concluded its roller coaster of a regular season on a positive note, handling San Jose State 70-64 Saturday at The Event Center in San Jose.

Idaho already held at least a No. 3 seed in Thursday's WAC tournament and almost had the No. 2 seed locked when Fresno State held a 16-point lead over New Mexico State. However, the Aggies managed a late comeback and an overtime win, meaning the No. 3 Vandals will meet No. 6 Hawaii at 12 p.m. Thursday at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

In four contests prior to Saturday's between Idaho and San Jose State, the team leading at halftime wound up losing, but the Vandals' indecisive one-point advantage going into the locker room was not a precursor of things to come.

"Great ball game, great road trip and (the way) this team played in the months of February and March — oh my goodness. I couldn't be prouder of this team," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "To sweep this road trip in the circumstances and the pressure our team was under, what a great thing for our basketball program."

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Men's first round WAC predictions

No. 1 Nevada vs. No. 8 San Jose State

The Wolf Pack's only flaw this WAC season came against Idaho in early February, but Nevada has been near perfect and travels to Las Vegas with a five-game conference win streak under its belt. Deonte Burton and Malik Story are the WAC's most lethal combination, but Olek Czyz and Dario Hunt aren't to be overlooked. In addition, the Wolf Pack look to have the home crowd on their side, not to mention San Jose State's only consistent threat has been junior James Kinney. Last year's Spartans pulled an upset of Idaho in the second round but did it with Adrian Oliver, one of the nation's leading scorers.

Edge: Nevada

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Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Women's first round WAC predictions

No. 1 Fresno State vs. No. 8 New Mexico State

The Fresno State Bulldogs dominated the conference season, boasting a 13-1 WAC record. Their opponent, New Mexico State, has struggled all year and won three conference games. The Bulldogs defeated New Mexico State in both meetings this year, most recently Saturday, when they beat the Aggies 79-43. There's no reason to think this meeting will be any different.

Edge: Fresno State

No. 2 Utah State vs. No. 7 Nevada

Utah State claimed its first 20-win regular season Saturday when it beat San Jose State. The Aggies have been solid all season, amassing an 11-3 WAC record. Nevada has had its share of struggles this season, but managed to finish the season on a two-game win streak to climb out of last place. Nevada has the potential to be a party crasher, but it's not likely against Utah State's offensive

firepower.

Edge: Utah State

No. 3 La. Tech vs. No. 6 Hawaii

La. Tech hasn't been its usual powerhouse this season, but is good enough to make an impact in the first round. The Lady Techsters finished the season with an 8-6 conference record. Hawaii looked like it had a No. 4 or No. 5 seed locked up, but lost its last two games and fell back to No. 7. This game could go either way. The

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Warm weather win

Idaho soccer defeats Montana 2-0

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The last time Idaho soccer was on the pitch, it was under California's sunny November weather during its 1-0 loss to Utah State in the WAC tournament.

Fast-forward to Sunday when the Vandals opened their spring soccer schedule with similar weather at home on the SprinTurf, and defeated Montana 2-0.

"They were so excited to get out here and play, and the performance was good. I am very pleased," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

Idaho built momentum early by dominating possession in the midfield and constantly moved the ball wide to push the attack. It culminated late in the first half when midfielder Jill Flockhart swung a cross into the box that Erica Hart headed to the back of the net to give Idaho the lead.

"Before the game, me, Erica (Hart) and Chelsea (Small) talked about working off each other," Flockhart said. "I know we haven't really played much up front. We worked on ... making the right runs and getting there for each other."

Hart, who has been a defender throughout her Idaho career, played forward against Montana. The position change, which paid off in goal highlights, showcased what Sholwer said spring soccer allows him to do — experiment with different formations and roles.

"We tried some different things, tried some different combination of players, and it worked for the most part," Showler said. "That's what the spring is about. Every player works hard to

improve over the spring."

Idaho maintained the pressure in the second half, scoring on another header with Lauren Layton playing a cross into the box and Christine Boddie finished, netting a two to nil lead.

"I was anticipating the cross in," Boddie said. "Once I saw it, I knew it was coming straight to me and I told myself 'this has got to go in.'"

Idaho entered the spring returning every starter and bench player who garnered minutes during Idaho's run in the WAC tournament last season.

"That is going to be so nice this season," Flockhart said. "I don't know how many teams can say that."

The list of returning players for Idaho includes senior goalkeeper Liz Boyden, off a medical redshirt, who is likely to reclaim her starting position.

Players such as Christina Boddie, Cassandra San and Nikki Adams who didn't play substantially last season are expected to play larger roles this season.

"The spring is always going to be different, but they are similar with their special players in Jill and Chelsea," Montana coach Mark Plakorus said. "Pete has done a great job getting his type of players in so they're pretty engrained in what they're doing. They are a very, very good team."

The next spring action is March 25, when Idaho hosts the Gonzaga Bulldogs. Gonzaga defeated Idaho 3-0 last fall in Spokane.

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Idaho forward and midfielder Jill Flockhart dribbles through the midfield during the spring exhibition game Sunday on the SprinTurf. Idaho beat Montana 2-0.

Record falls as NCAA Championships near

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Another school record fell for Vandal track and field this year in the final indoor meet before nationals. Senior Stephane Colle broke the Idaho men's 3,000-meter record in the top performance by a Vandal athlete Saturday at the Husky Last Chance meet. The meet was the last chance for athletes to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Nine athletes competed for Idaho. The senior middle and long-distance runners competed in their final indoor track meet as Vandals.

Colle's 8:05.39 minutes beats teammate Barry Britt's school record time of 8:07.02. Britt, a junior, set the record earlier this year on

the same track. Colle finished the race in No. 6 while Britt finished No. 7 in 8:14.34 Saturday.

Senior Erica Digby had a career-best performance in the women's mile. She finished in 4:46.44 while crossing the finish line No. 8.

"Erica just had an amazing indoor season," Idaho track and field coach Julie Taylor said. "That gives her great confidence going to the outdoor season, knowing that she's been running some amazing times."

Senior Anna Kalbrener finished in 4:56.37 in the first heat of the mile. Kalbrener didn't feel 100-percent during the WAC Indoor Championships so Taylor said the Husky Last Chance was a good chance for her to get another solid race in before the outdoor season.

Seniors Josh Dalton and James Clark

notched strong performances in the men's 800-meter. Dalton finished in 1:50.52 and placed seventh in his section while Clark finished in 1:51.55 and took second.

Senior Jeremy Klas tied No. 1 in the men's pole vault after clearing 17-2.25 feet. Klas was the only Vandal competing in field events at the championships.

"I know I've been jumping super consistently this year," Klas said. "I think it's just a matter of making sure everything feels good (at nationals) and just hitting it hard so that I can be competitive and put myself in a position to potentially win, if not place in the top five at least."

Klas will join sophomore Hannah Kiser to represent Idaho at the NCAA Indoor Cham-

pionships March 9 and 10 in Boise. Klas will return to the NCAA Indoor Championships in the men's pole vault while Kiser competes in the women's 3,000-meter during her first track and field championships after making cross-country nationals in 2011.

Going into nationals, Kiser is ranked No. 8 in the nation in the 3,000-meter while Klas is ranked No. 10 in the pole vault.

"Both of those kids have a chance to compete at a very high level this coming weekend and hopefully they'll continue (competing) how they've been doing," Taylor said. "If they do that I think we'll have great results."

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Slump over

Idaho men's tennis riding three-match winning streak

Madison McCord
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A pair of weekend wins against regional foes is just what the doctor ordered for an ailing University of Idaho men's tennis team, which has turned its mid-season slump into a three-match winning streak.

The Vandals defeated Eastern Washington and Lewis-Clark State 6-1 Saturday in Lewiston.

Idaho played two matches on the day, starting with LCSC in the morning. One struggle as of late for the Vandals has been starting on the right foot and winning the doubles point. A 3-0 victory in the doubles sets secured Idaho's first doubles point since Jan. 28 against Missouri-Kansas City.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said winning both the doubles points were the key to the weekend's victories.

"It was very critical that we got the points in doubles, and even better that we won them so convincingly," Beaman said. "It was key as well that Andrew (Dobbs) and Marius (Cirstea) played together and won. I feel like we've got them playing closer to the level they were in the fall which allows us to spread out our players at the No. 2 and No. 3 teams."

Idaho built on the early lead, winning five of the six singles matches. Cirstea won his first singles match since Jan. 29, against Portland.

"When you're playing at No. 1 in the lineup every week it doesn't matter the team we're facing, they're gonna have guys you could lose to," Beaman said. "It's tough to play at the top spot in our game because every team has one or a few great players."

Other Vandal winners in the match were Abid Akbar, Jose Bendeck, Alan Shin and Cesar Torres who won his match 6-0, 6-0. The only Idaho loss against LCSC was in the No. 3 slot where Cristobal Ramos Salazar fell in three sets 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Beaman said although playing back-to-back games the same day isn't ideal, doing it every now and then strengthens the team.

"It's pretty physically grueling to go out and play an eight-game pro set in doubles, and then singles," Beaman said. "The guys just have to get a short break in, grab some food, and then right back to it."

The second match of the day was another walkover for the Vandals, who handled the Eastern Washington Eagles by winning the doubles point 3-0. The No. 1 doubles pairing consists of Dobbs and Cirstea gave up only nine games combined in both wins.

The rest of the match followed the same pattern as the LCSC win with the exception of Salazar, who pulled out a win at the No. 3 singles spot, and Jose Bendeck who lost the No. 4 singles match 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

"Overall I feel like this weekend was an improvement to go out and beat two really good teams, but we still need to raise our level of play," Beaman said.

The Vandals will attempt to extend their three-match winning streak when they take on Saint Mary's March 9 in Moraga, Calif., along with No. 37 Santa Clara March 10, Wisconsin March 11 and No. 16 Fresno State March 13 on a weekend swing in San Jose, Calif.

"We are playing some very tough teams this weekend, and the bottom line is we just have to show up and give



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Marius Cirstea returns a shot during practice Feb. 2 in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho beat both Eastern Washington and LCSC 6-1 Saturday in Lewiston.

our best every day," Beaman said. "The guys just have to go out there and play hard. They can't give up on themselves and have to give 100 percent every day this weekend."

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2-1 under the sun

Idaho women's tennis defeats UTEP, New Mexico, falls to New Mexico State

Charles Crowley
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The first outdoor match and WAC opponent met Idaho women's tennis Friday and Saturday, and the Vandals returned to Moscow 2-1.

The Vandals (11-5, 0-1 WAC) defeated UTEP Friday under the El Paso, Texas, sun then traveled to Las Cruces, N.M., where they beat New Mexico and lost 4-3 to New Mexico State. Idaho coach Daniel Pollock said Idaho played better outside than he expected after a three-month stint indoors.

He said the first outdoor match of the season, a 4-3 win over UTEP, was not the gentlest introduction to the outdoor season because of adverse conditions.

"With sustained 30 mile per hour wind the balls were going everywhere," Pollock said. "... I was really proud of the girls that they were able to concentrate through that in our first outdoor match."

He said while UTEP's record isn't the best, it is tough to beat at home. Pollock said an indoor match would have yielded a bigger scoring difference because the wind leveled the playing field, especially against a team that it is often exposed to it.

Idaho's No. 1 player, sophomore Vicky Lozano, said the women were happy to finally play in warmer weather.

"It was a good feeling because I wanted to have sun and get tanned and be warm but also it was a little windy so the first match was a bit frustrating but we played strong mentally and everything went well," Lozano said.

Near-perfect conditions the second day made up for wind in El Paso. Pollock said Idaho played one of its best matches all season.

"Started off we played a great doubles point and then honestly our level of concentration in singles was the best it's been all semester," Pollock said.

Idaho defeated New Mexico 5-2 and Pollock said the energy on the court was positive. He said dismantling a good team that is highly ranked in the region was a landmark win for Idaho. Pollock believes Idaho has never beaten New Mexico.

After New Mexico, Idaho prepared for its first conference match of the season against



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Vicky Lozano returns a serve to a teammate Feb. 28 in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals went 2-1 last weekend beating UTEP and New Mexico but lost to New Mexico State.

New Mexico State.

Pollock said he thinks Idaho suffered from fatigue after playing three matches in as many days.

"The minds were willing but the bodies just weren't in some cases," Pollock said.

Idaho led 3-2 at one point, but lost the last two singles matches resulting in the 4-3 loss. Pollock said the team should take more positives, than negatives, away from its performance over the weekend.

"They did themselves proud out there," Pollock said. "They played the home team very close, one of the best teams from the conference."

If Idaho faces New Mexico State in the conference tournament — fresh, with more outdoor playing time — he said the match could go either way.

Lozano said the team played well regardless of the loss.

"The wind was a factor that made us feel a little off-set but we overcame that and we had a good attitude," Lozano said.

Idaho has a full week off before returning to the court and Pollock said it will take advantage of the time off.

"The girls have been going hard week in and week out since the first week of school," Pollock said. "So two or three days off will do them a world of good."

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GET OUT THERE

Crossbow confusion

The modern crossbow is a highly developed and engineered piece of hunting weaponry. These bad boys fling arrows at almost unimaginable speeds and attain accuracy comparable with any modern compound bow. They are more than satisfactory hunting tools and are legal for archery season in almost every state — except Idaho.

Almost every state in the nation allows hunters to use crossbows during archery and short weapons seasons. Crossbows are exceptionally popular in midwestern states because of strict regulations on hunting with high caliber rifles. Because rifles are illegal in these seasons, many hunters choose to take advantage of the archery season to do their hunting — where the crossbow really shines.

Because of the way crossbows are designed, they are very easy for the average rifle hunter to adapt to using. The way a hunter shoulders the weapon, aims and even the firing mechanism is the same. Contrasting with traditional archery equipment, which can take months to figure out, the crossbow can be learned in a matter of minutes, making it a perfect transition step from rifle to archery hunting.

So why can't we take advantage of this tool in Idaho?

According to the Idaho Fish and Game website, crossbows may only be used during the archery-only season if the hunter is disabled and possesses a disabled persons archery permit. These permits are issued from the Idaho Fish and Game following a doctor's verification that the hunter has lost the use of one or both arms or hands.

According to Idaho Fish and Game Big Game Rules, under the General Wildlife Laws, only a person possessing a disabled persons archery permit can use a device that holds a bow at partial or full draw. Because crossbows lock back when they are drawn, they fall victim to this law.

Some would say the crossbow hunter has an advantage over the vertical bow hunter. In actuality the crossbow hunter is at a disadvantage, because he or she only gets one shot. Cocking a crossbow is quite an ordeal, usually involving a crank mechanism or use of your foot for leverage. As soon as the crossbow hunter is in a tree stand, he or she has one chance to connect, whereas vertical bows allow for follow up shots.

So by Idaho logic the arrow requirements, the supposed advantages of a draw lock, and the ease of use, are no longer issues if a hunter finds a doctor's note.

While I always support getting everyone, including the handicapped, into the woods, it strikes me that it's not fair to deem a weapon unacceptable for some, but totally fine for others. If the physical requirements are the issue, then why isn't the handicapped permit a rifle-only hunt? The use of rifles will give any hunter a much larger advantage than the use of crossbows.

Idaho needs to understand that crossbows have advantages and disadvantages just like any other weapon. Not allowing everyone an equal opportunity to try their luck with this equipment is taking opportunities from all sportsmen.

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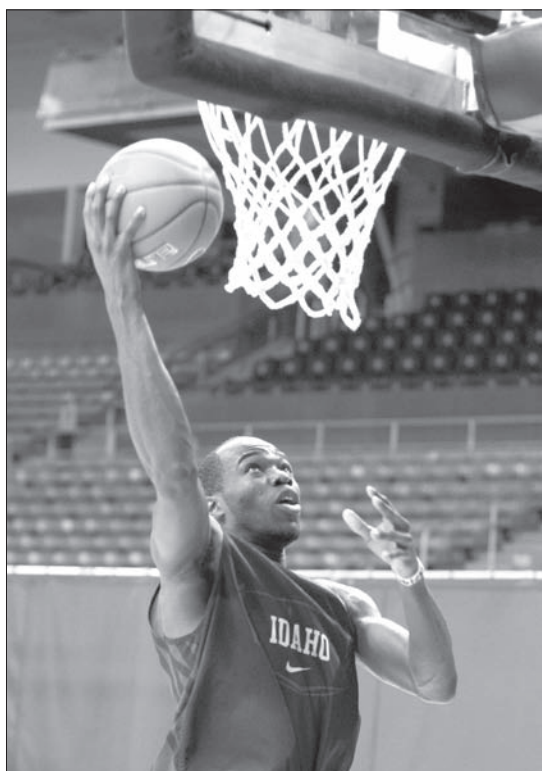
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Idaho forward Djim Bandomel dunks the ball at practice Monday in Cowan Spectrum. Idaho will be in Las Vegas March 8 to 10 for the WAC Tournament at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

NO. 3

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The first half consisted of traded baskets and nine lead changes that never exceeded five points.

Whether it was the opportunity to clinch a No. 2 seed or the motivation to acquire extra momentum heading into this week's conference tournament, the Vandals busted out of the gates in the second half with an 8-0 run. Idaho never trailed in the second and led by as many as 14. Freshman Connor Hill was a 3-point machine and knocked down four consecutive from downtown—three in less than five minutes.

"I just caught the flame there in the second half and it just seemed like the basket was big and everything I was putting up was dropping. It was a good feeling," Hill said.

The Post Falls native's long-range finesse was much-needed, especially after a first half that saw the Vandals go just 1-7 from beyond the arc. Led by Hill, Idaho was 5-7 from 3-point range in the second half.

Idaho's free throw shooting proved to be its Achilles heel down the stretch, which the Spartans used to cut the Vandal lead to four with four minutes remaining. Four Vandals made 10 of their next 11 from the charity stripe and though the free throw game continued, the Spartan comeback didn't.

Hill, who came off the bench to log just 13 minutes, became the team's No. 2 scorer with 12 points, off a 4-5 3-point shooting performance.

Senior Deremy Geiger penetrated the Spartan defense on multiple occasions and learned that he would earn more points driving the lane, rather than posting up at the perimeter. Geiger was just 1-3 from the perimeter but led the Vandals with 16 points.

The Vandals allowed James Kinney a game-high 19 points, but held senior Wil Carter to 6-18 from the field and just 12 points, thanks in large part to Kyle Barone's dominating defensive presence. Barone posted nine points in the contest but the junior grabbed nine boards, dished out four assists and added three blocks.

"Kyle is playing great right now, especially on the defensive end," Hill said. "He's blocking people, he's rebounding the ball extremely well, he's scoring it in the post, he's doing it all right now and he's a great leader."

As a team, the Vandals finished with 20 fewer shots than the Spartans but were efficient from the field, shooting 53 percent while San Jose State shot just less than 40 percent.

Verlin hopes the momentum that propelled the team through February will translate this week's tournament and match-up against Hawaii.

"Now it's time to play," Verlin said. "I'm pretty confident we'll get to play after the tournament somewhere and like I told our guys, 'let's make sure it's the NCAA Tournament.' That's the good thing about our league — there's an automatic bid up for grabs."

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WOMEN'S

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Rainbow Wahine swept the Techsters this season and considering La. Tech ended the season on a losing note, an upset is probable.

Edge: Hawaii

No. 4 Idaho vs. No. 5 San Jose State

After a dismal start to the season the Vandals came alive, winning six of the last nine games of the season, including their last two to boost them from a No. 6 to No. 4 seed. San Jose State had its best season in years with a conference record of 6-8 and has one of the top scorers in the league, Brittany Johnson. The Vandals swept the Spartans in two close games. Either team could take this win, but the Vandals carry momentum after finishing the season with two wins while the Spartans lost their last two.

Edge: Idaho

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MEN'S

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No. 2 New Mexico State vs. No. 7 Fresno State

Though the Bulldogs have picked up just three conference wins this season, they have challenged the WAC's best on multiple occasions. Fresno State knocked out Idaho at home, took Nevada to triple overtime and led New Mexico State by as many as 16 before falling in overtime during the teams' regular-season finale. Senior forward Wendell McKines, the conference's leading scorer and rebounder, is the primary reason the Aggies will be the No. 2 seed and most likely to compete with Nevada in the championship.

Edge: New Mexico State

No. 3 Idaho vs. No. 6 Hawaii

With Zane Johnson and Vander Joaquim, the Warriors challenge anybody in the conference but for whatever reason they've lost the last five by a combined 77 points. During their skid, the Warriors suffered an 82-63 home loss to Idaho, in which the Vandals all but swept the hosts off their feet. Idaho has beaten every team in the conference at least

once and is heating up at the right time. With five starters who each have the ability to put up double-digits, the Vandals are multidimensional to say the least.

Edge: Idaho

No. 4 Utah State vs. No. 5 La. Tech

It is hard to remember the last time anyone would have said a team besides Utah State would win the conference tournament and roll into March Madness, but injury and the loss of significant seniors hampered the Aggies all season. Nevertheless, they have enough experience in the WAC tournament and talent to pull off a few upsets and find their way to the Big Dance again — not to mention they defeated La Tech twice this season. The Bulldogs are hot though, and have been the streakiest team in the WAC this season. Before falling to Nevada in the season finale, La. Tech won five straight. Experience and coaching trumps momentum, though, at this point in the season.

Edge: Utah State

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SENIOR

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into the locker room, matching the team's season-high for points in a half. Barr finished the half with 16.

"To see her (Barr) come out and light it up like that gets everyone jacked up," Newlee said. "She plays hard and that's what I love about her. She just plays hard at both ends."

The Rainbow Wahine didn't go down easily in the second half. Hawaii started the half on a 9-0 run and continued to gain ground as the clock ticked down. Hawaii got as close as 15, but toward the end, Idaho clamped down and coasted to victory.

Newlee said his team wasn't as focused in the second as it was in the first, but was happy with the way

it ended the game.

"At this level you have to play hard every minute and I think we lost our focus and intensity during those runs, but I thought we were able to ride the ship," Newlee said. "We talked about it a little bit in some of those timeouts that we have to get it together, that we have to play hard and it was a long way from over."

Barr led all scorers with 23 points, sophomore Alyssa Charlston checked in with 15 and freshman Krissy Karr rounded out the Vandals in double figures with 13. Idaho made a season-high 11 3-pointers in the game.

After a season-low six turnovers Thursday, the Vandals continued to protect the ball with only 11 turnovers against Hawaii.

Newlee said his team's

defensive performance was the key to its win.

"It was our defense and our rebounding," Newlee said. "... It was one and done for them and then for us to execute as well as we did offensively, that's where that lead just ballooned in the first half."

The next stop for Idaho is Las Vegas for the WAC tournament where it faces San Jose State in the first round. The game is at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Barr said the team is confident.

"It's been great to come off two wins in a row," Barr said. "It's really going to help us get momentum going into the tournament and hopefully we can continue."

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