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Going up and up

Tuition fees for 2012-2013 proposed to increase

Britt Kiser
Argonaut

University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis is proposing a 6.1 percent increase in resident undergraduate fees per academic year to go into effect in the 2012-2013 academic year.

The proposed additional \$356 would bring the annual cost of attendance for full-time in-state students from \$5,856 to \$6,212.

Doug Baker, UI provost and executive vice president, said the increase would satisfy a pent-up need in the institution due to a budget reduction of about \$30 million during the last four years.

Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes said there are three key parts to Nellis' request — salary increases for faculty and staff, support for the library and new faculty.

Ickes said the state would fund 60 percent of salary increases, and the remaining 40 percent would be funded by tuition and fees.

The UI Library has suffered, Ickes said, from recent budget cuts.

"We need to get that

back," he said. "We need to find a way to put the library back on solid footing."

Baker said the increase would go toward expanding the library's collection as well as inflation on books and subscriptions totaling about \$350,000 a year.

Ickes said the third factor he will discuss with student leadership is the opportunity to move forward.

"By move forward, we mean things like ... almost every college needs new faculty — new ideas, new energy — just the whole excitement that comes when you get new people on board," he said.

As UI enrollment grows, Baker said new faculty is crucial to stronger teaching and learning for students.

The proposed increase for FY2013 is 2.3 percent less than last year's, and will provide approximately \$3.7 million in additional revenue.

Last year students were being asked to fill a hole the state left when it cut \$3 million out of the university's budget.

"It's easy," he said.

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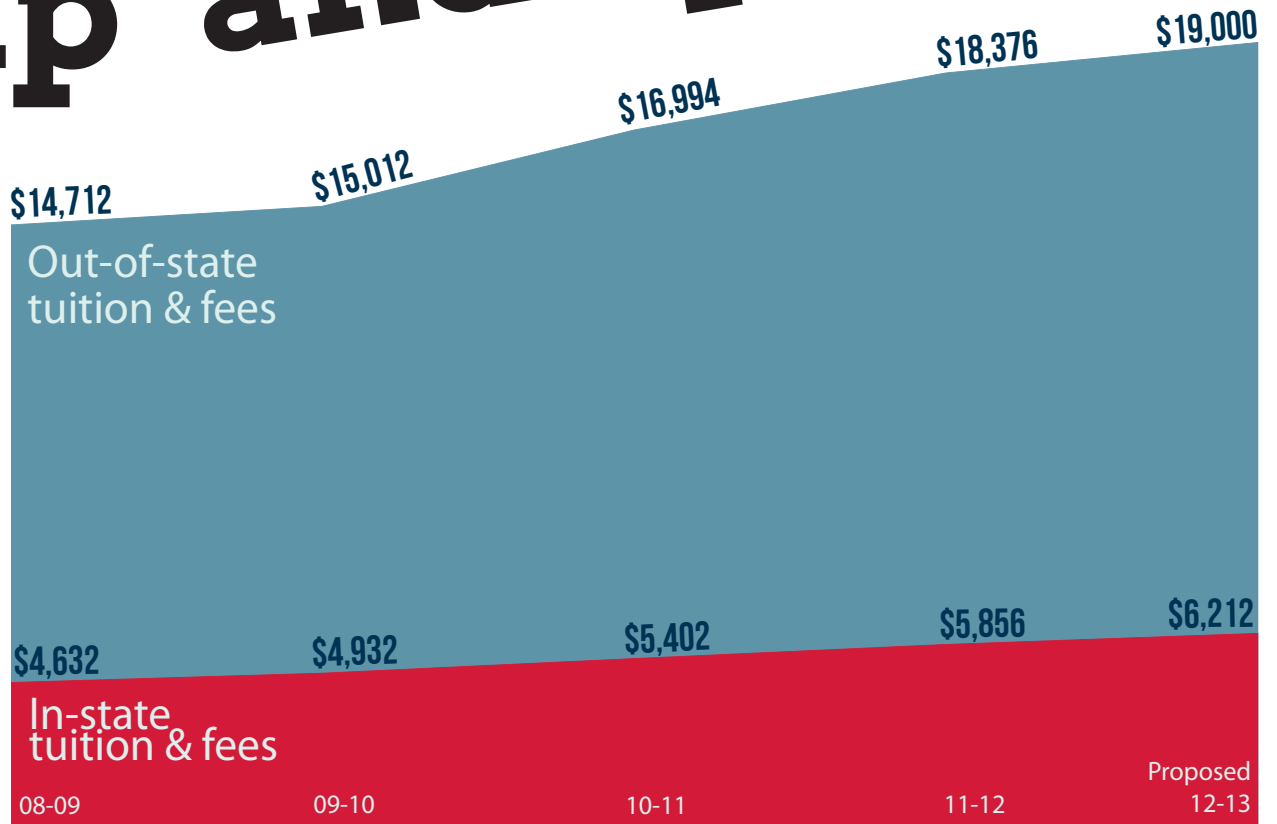


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According to statistics from the National Center for Education Statistics and a March 6 initial notice released by University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis.

Perez pleased by proposed tuition price

Kaitlyn Krassel
Argonaut

Each year, student fees and tuition increase at universities across the nation. The question is not if fees and tuition will increase, but by how much.

ASUI's audit of student fees led University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis to propose a lower percent tuition increase than previ-

ous years.

"I wasn't really sure what to expect this year. It's a smaller increase than we've had in a long time," said Samantha Perez, ASUI president. "We really did our part to keep tuition and fees down this year."

The proposed 6.1 percent increase to full-time fees for in-state students is more than 2 percent lower than the increase students saw in the 2011-

2012 academic year. Perez proposed a zero percent increase to the student activity fee which helped keep the overall proposed increase of tuition and fees low.

Perez said reallocation of student activity fee dollars allowed her to recommend a zero percent increase to the fee.

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Benoit tort says MPD didn't know enough

Elizabeth Rudd
Argonaut

The family of slain University of Idaho graduate student Katy Benoit has taken the first steps toward suing the school.

Gary and Janet Benoit, parents of Benoit, filed a tort claim against the University of Idaho listing several allegations of negligence and recklessness, including the "failure to fully inform the Moscow Police Department of all relevant facts," Dec. 8.

One month later, UI issued a final statement to The Argonaut when asked why the specific information of Bustamante

threatening Benoit with a loaded gun in her mouth and held to her head was not immediately, or at all, passed on to MPD. The statement referenced the previously released timeline and stated the university "acted swiftly and decisively."

The Benoit family seeks compensation for damages of an unknown amount, but to comply with Idaho Code 6-907 listed \$3 million, and with no response from UI in the allotted 90-day period is able to now file a lawsuit. The tort — a wrongful act or infringement of right that can lead to legal liability — was also filed against the

UI Board of Regents and state of Idaho. MPD believes Benoit was shot and killed outside her Moscow home by former UI assistant professor of psychology Ernesto A. Bustamante.

The full text of the university statement read:

"At Katy's first contact with the university, we strongly urged her to go to the police, even though she indicated she did not want the police involved. We did our best to honor her wish, but we did call Moscow police to let them know that we were sending a student to them, that it

was related to domestic violence and that it concerned Professor Bustamante. Katy did confirm to us that she had contacted the police. The substance of Katy's complaint — which included the gun threats — was discussed during the Threat Assessment Team meeting on July 14. The MPD representative at that meeting confirmed that Bustamante had a concealed-carry permit. The university's notes from that meeting were released as part of the 4,200 documents in October. Katy did not

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Traveling volunteers

Katy Sword
Argonaut

During spring break 132 University of Idaho students volunteered in 12 different communities through the Alternative Service Break program.

The ASB program started in 2001 as a way for students to get involved in local, national and international communities and obtain hands-on service experience, according to the ASUI website. The program expanded after the 2005 Hurricane Katrina, and broke its record of student volunteers in 2008.

Kelsie Saxe, UI junior, volunteered for the second year, this time spending the week in Boise.

"I worked with Boise Rescue

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Dancers Drummers Dreamers performers rehearse and set lights March 2011 at the Hartung Theatre. The performance, which runs from March 22 through 24, is comprised completely of student composition and choreography.

'Dream On' with DDD

Becky Davis
Argonaut

The annual Dancers Drummers Dreamers performance is back on campus for its 22nd year. This year's presentation is titled "Dream On" and incorporates an "Alice in Wonderland" segment.

Morgan Trewin, second-time dancer for DDD, said the performance requires a lot of time and preparation but is a fun process.

"This is one of the only outlets of dance in the area," Trewin said. "It's our biggest show."

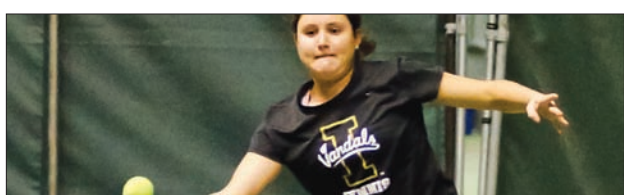
Trewin said the performance will include jazz, tap, Irish dance, ballet and 1920s Charleston pieces.

"It's a little bit of everything," Trewin said.

Katie Barnes, a dance major and Moscow native, said she has

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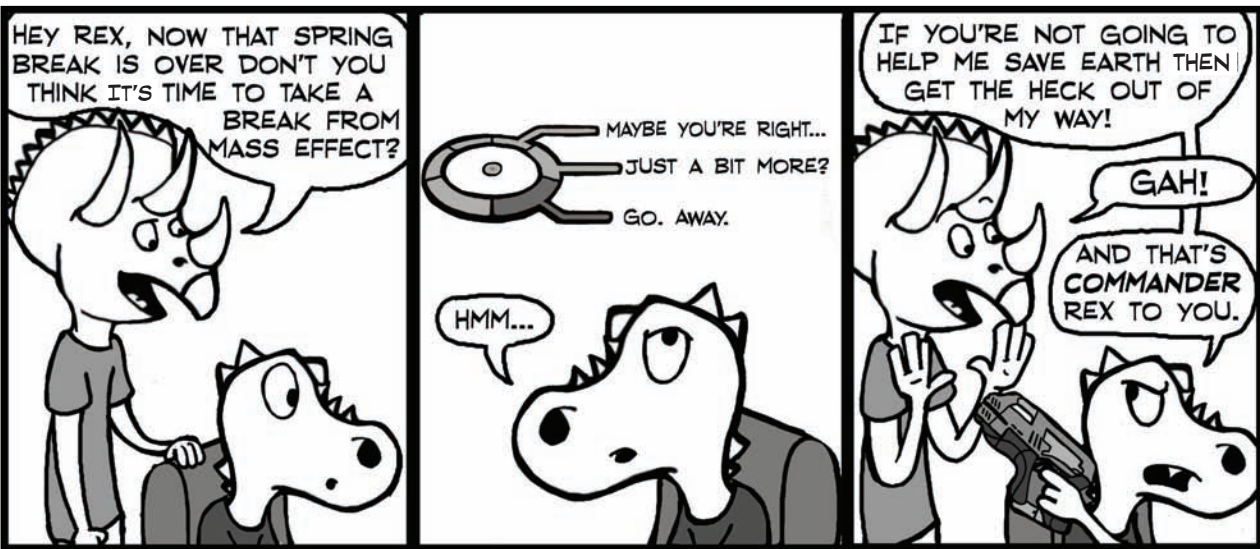
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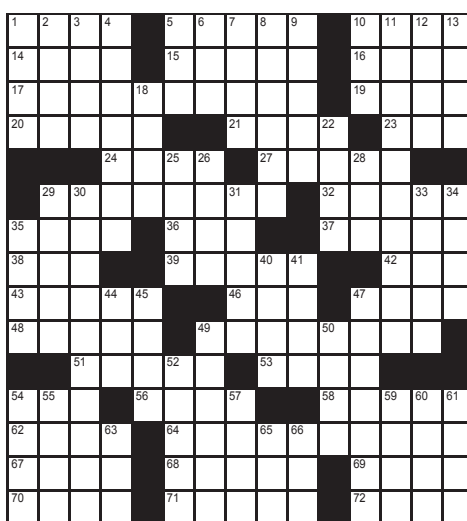


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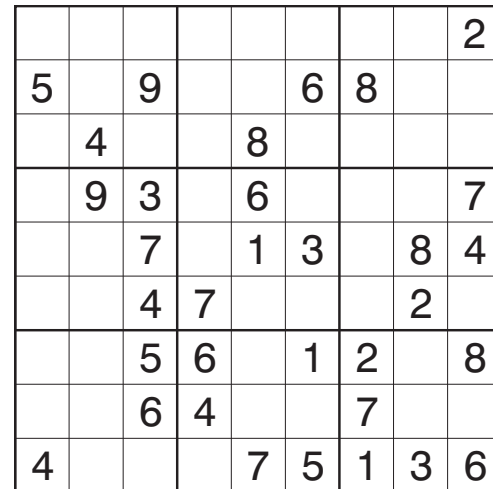


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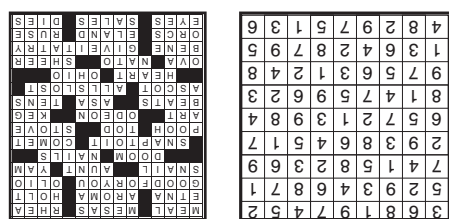
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ASUI remodel complete, ready for use

Kaitlyn Krasselt
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Months of planning, budgeting and buying culminate Wednesday in an official open house for ASUI's newly-renovated office space.

"So far the space is a much more open and collaborative environment and we're really excited to have the open house so students can see where all this money went and that they can utilize that space," said Samantha Perez, ASUI president.

The open house will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon by Perez and ASUI Vice President Juan Corona.

The renovation process officially began in October when discussion about the renovation was put into legislation and passed by the ASUI Senate. The bills provided funding for the project and outlined the goals of the renovation.

ASUI Communication Board Chair Hannah Blankenship said the goal was to renovate the space into an area that could be utilized by all students. She said she hopes the open house will allow students to see where the money for the project went and get acquainted with the space.

"I think it's really important that (students) understand our student government so they can share their opinion and give us

feedback because we are their governing body essentially," Perez said.

The renovation faced some opposition from students in December when concerns arose about the cost of the renovation. ASUI allocated \$50,000 for construction costs and \$50,000 to update the furniture and provide lockers for student organizations to store materials.

Funding was taken from the ASUI general reserve which saw an increase in funds from vacant positions in ASUI.

Blankenship said the renovation costs did not exceed the amount of the allocated funding.

"There were some minor changes as I think with any construction project, but we're hopeful that the changes we did have to make will be done soon," Blankenship said.

She said the student organization lockers have not been added to the space yet, but will be custom built later in the semester or during the summer.

"I think students have been hearing about it all year - from the money that's been spent on it to the plan for it - and I think it would be really great for students to come in and see the manifestation of all of these plans," Blankenship said. "It just looks really great and we're really proud of the



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Annie Fuller, incumbent ASUI senator running for her third semester in senate, works on campaign materials in the newly remodeled ASUI office in the third floor of Idaho Commons. An open house for the office will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

whole process." Perez said it is space for students. "We did it in order to create another study space for students,"

Perez said. "We did it for student organizations to come and host a meeting in our office, and I think it's really important that they know that space is for them." Kaitlyn Krasselt can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu

Go green — grow herbs

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

Campus dining and its food is getting a little greener.

Soil Stewards is creating a closer bond with Sodexo by growing herbs for meals served at Bob's Place in the Wallace Residence Center.

Donna Mills, a UI graduate student and farm development coordinator, said the project started in January because Sodexo, the catering company that serves UI Campus Dining, wanted to create a better relationship with Soil Stewards.

"This has been a learning process for us. We've learned what works out well and what hasn't," Mills said. "We would like to see this become a year-round project."

Mills said the group has harvested a lot of herbs already, but needs to be aware of the timing of the different herbs, and correlate crops with the university's schedule.

"I've learned a lot about the way Sodexo thinks," Mills said. "They have certain groups and activities that they have to prepare for. Not only do they have students to feed, but they also have a calendar for the various events that go on throughout the year."

Mills said Soil Stewards has grown a variety of herbs including cilantro, mint, basil, rosemary and thyme. She said the herbs are used for whatever dishes they are needed for.

"To continue to improve our sustainability and keep our education programs up-to-date, we look at the different programs other schools have and what makes them successful," Mills said. "We then see if we can make those projects work at UI."

The idea was turned into a class project for

two students, Tony Ive and Carson Alberg, who are involved in business and agriculture.

Ive said he thought it was a good idea to improve sustainability on campus, and the program creates more opportunities for Bob's to offer healthier and more organic foods.

"Along with the planting and harvesting, we also created a business plan and are learning how to run a small business," Ive said. "It helps to understand the economic end of it, and the details that go along with starting a small business."

Ive said his favorite part of the project is being in the greenhouse.

"It's great to be around all of the plants — being a part of it," Ive said. "I've enjoyed watching the herbs we planted grow."

Ive said if more people get involved and understand that they can improve the food quality, sustainability will become more common on campus.

Steven Davis, director of operations for Campus Dining, said collaborating with Soil Stewards was a great idea, because it improves their initiative to get more local products involved in campus dining.

"I think it's been successful, and I'd love to see us continue to work into a more consistent basis, or more year-round," Davis said.

Davis said he likes to see sustainability's positive impact on local producers, and it's cool to consume food that has been locally grown.

"Any time you can utilize local producers you're going to reduce the carbon footprint, and I don't see a downside to it," Davis said.

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Steven Davis, director of operations for Campus Dining

Know the risks

Annual alcohol screening encourages healthy behavior

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

According to the National College Health Assessment surveys 32 percent of Idaho students either never used alcohol or hadn't in the 30 days prior to the survey. Another 49.5 percent said they used alcohol less than nine times in the previous 30 days.

The assessment said 18.6 percent used alcohol more than 10 of the previous 30 days.

As part of National Alcohol Screening Day, the University of Idaho Counseling and Testing Center will administer free alcohol screenings April 5 in the Idaho Commons.

Sharon Fritz, a licensed psychologist with the CTC, said alcohol screening is about harm reduction.

"We want (students) to have the information to make the smartest decision," Fritz said.

She said the CTC's message focuses on how students can be safe if they choose to drink.

Samantha Schwartz-Oscar, a doctoral intern at the CTC, is coordinating the screening day at UI.

The screening test takes about two minutes to complete, Schwartz-Oscar said, and includes questions about how often and how

much students drink.

The test also asks if students are able to stop once they start and if they ever black out, according to Screening for Mental Health, which developed the test.

"A key component is that it's free and confidential," Fritz said.

Schwartz-Oscar said CTC staff members will share test results immediately, and offer advice for students who may need help to control their drinking.

Fritz said the CTC administered 719 tests last year at the Commons, Bob's Place, and various living groups and athletes.

The program aims to expand the number of groups involved in screenings, which Fritz said includes working with professors to screen individual classes.

The CTC holds three mental health screenings a year — one each for depression, eating disorders and alcohol. She said the alcohol screening is the largest because students are more willing to participate.

Schwartz-Oscar said the CTC collects and analyzes data from the screenings. She said screening 700 students provides a good estimate of the school as a whole.

More info

The CTC will offer screenings from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 5 in Idaho Commons with free pizza for those who take the test.

Fritz said there is often a gap in actual use of alcohol and perceived use of alcohol.

"We often think it's the norm in college to binge drink, and it's not," Fritz said.

Fritz said the CTC emphasizes the number of students who drink responsibly rather than the number of students who may need help to encourage healthy behavior.

If the screening indicates a student needs help, Schwartz-Oscar said the CTC has many resources to help with alcohol concerns.

She said the CTC has several counselors trained to help with substance abuse. She also said there is a support group for students.

The CTC will offer screenings from 10:30 to 2:30 April 5 in the Commons with free pizza for those who take the test. They will also be at Bob's Place from 4:30 to 6:30 April 10.

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"People sort of understand that if you have a problem, you have to solve the problem, but you don't feel good about it at the end of the day. ... This time we're talking about doing something that actually starts to move us forward."

Baker said the increase would help the university start down a path of rebuilding.

As part of his overall proposal, Nellis honored ASUI President Samantha Perez's request for a zero percent increase to the dedicated student activity fee.

Ickes said in most institutions outside of Idaho, tuition and fees are separate. In Idaho, the State Board of Education bundles the two — every dollar the student activity fee is increased by is one less dollar toward tuition.

"So when the students worked through their process and came up with a zero percent increase (to the student activity fee), that's just enormous for the university," Ickes said. "That means anything we're able to raise can then go right into tuition and into funding all of the

general education."

The proposal also includes a 15 percent, or \$124, increase to the graduate/professional fee, as well as a 7 percent, or \$516, increase to the professional law fee.

Nellis is proposing a \$268, or 2.1 percent, increase to non-resident tuition from \$12,520 to \$12,788 per academic year. Out-of-state students pay this amount in addition to the fees Idaho residents pay to attend UI.

Students will have the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the proposal in an open forum and budget presentation at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Commons Clearwater Room.

The UI Board of Regents will take action on the proposal at its meeting April 18 and 19 on campus.

Baker said Nellis' request is a modest increase that allows UI to continue to be valuable in the market.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," Baker said. "If we can get this and our enrollments in place, we'll be turning the corner."

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PEREZ

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"We're pretty lucky," Perez said. "Right across the border WSU is having back-to-back 16 percent increases. We're lucky that we're significantly lower than our neighbors. I know Utah State is coming in at 7.1 percent ... so we're always lower than our peers which is good."

After a joint-resolution passed in the Idaho legislature last fall, the amount students pay each year is now divided into full-time tuition and student fees. This division did not impact the amount students pay each year, but allows the university to use the money for a variety of programs across campus.

"The student activity fee goes to those specific departments, like the Women's Center," Perez said. "Tuition though can go to anything — it can go to buildings, it can go to salary, it can go to different programs that we fund too, like the Counseling and Testing Center."

In-state students paid \$3,874.18 in full-time tuition,

\$790.50 in facilities fees, \$125.40 for computer and network fees, and \$1,065.92 in dedicated student activity fees for the current academic year. The only proposed increase for the 2012-2013 year applies to full-time tuition.

"Before we had the matriculation fee and the university was restricted on what the money could be used for. Now we pay tuition and that money is much more flexible for the university," Perez said. "I think there's things that are going to be funded by the 6.1 percent increase that are very good things. The first one is Change in Employee Compensation."

Perez said it's important that the university is fairly compensating its faculty and staff in order to increase retention of experienced people in the positions that directly affect student life.

"If we can retain better people we're going to have better teachers and better researchers and that will rub off on the student," Perez said. "Those are the people that are directly impacting student life. It's important that we retain those people."

More info

The budget presentation and open forum will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Clearwater room.

Perez said the State Board of Education proposed a 2 percent increase in CEC funding, but only 60 percent of that increase will be funded by the state. The other 40 percent has to be funded by the university, Perez said.

Perez said she encourages students to attend the student fee open forum hosted by ASUI and the UI budget office to learn more and ask questions about the increase and student fees.

"(Students) should know where their money is going," Perez said.

UI Provost for Academic Affairs Doug Baker and Keith Ickes, director of the Planning and Budget Office, will present Nellis' proposed increase. Perez will present the student activity fee.

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BENOIT

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give us her permission until early July for her complaint to be provided to Bustamante; under our policy, he had the right to review and respond to her allegations. Throughout this period, we reiterated to Katy the importance of her personal safety. As we have stated, Bustamante's resignation was the quickest route to have him exit our community."

In the section of the tort that addressed conduct and circumstances leading to the incident, the Benoit family said UI also failed to request a thorough investigation of Bustamante's threats of physical violence toward her "particularly in light of the involvement of firearms."

According to an affidavit filed by MPD Sgt. Bruce Fagar the day after Benoit's death, Bustamante threatened Benoit with a handgun on "multiple occasions," including one inci-

dent when he put the gun in her mouth.

Moscow Police Chief David Duke and Lt. Dave Lehmitz confirmed in January that the department did not know the alleged manner of the gun threats until police discovered Benoit's written complaint in the University Inn Best Western where Bustamante was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot. Duke said when information of the criminal sense is obtained, MPD initiates a record, or case, for investigation. In January, Duke said the manner of the alleged threats from Bustamante would be aggravated assault, which is a felony. To prove aggravated assault, the victim has to feel fear and know the intent to carry out the threats is present, and he said in Benoit's written complaint to the university "she expressed that fear."

Other points listed in the tort that the Benoit family claim contributed to the conduct and circumstances leading

to the incident include UI's negligent and/or reckless:

- breach of its assumed and contractual duty to protect Benoit from its employee despite knowledge of specific threats to her safety

- breach of its contractual duty to investigate Benoit's claims of sexual harassment against Bustamante and take immediate, appropriate corrective action to protect her
- failure to follow own safety procedures and policies

- failure to maintain safety policies and procedures consistent with an industry standard

- failure to investigate complaints made by other female students about Bustamante's behavior

- failure to complete a thorough investigation into Bustamante's background prior to his hire

- failure to take notice to warnings and "common knowledge" that Bustamante in-

dedicated multiple personalities

The tort said UI negligently and recklessly hired, retained and supervised Bustamante and failed in its duty to protect Benoit from him. It also said despite being advised that Bustamante had sexually harassed and threatened to kill Benoit, claimed to have multiple personalities and carried firearms at all times, UI:

- negligently and recklessly permitted and failed in its duty to stop Benoit from being sexually harassed by Bustamante

- negligently and recklessly failed to fully inform law enforcement the danger of Bustamante toward Benoit

- negligently and recklessly failed to require Bustamante, as a condition of employment, to receive mental health care "at a time when he was in obvious need of such care"

- failed in its duty to protect Benoit and the UI student body from Bustamante

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participated in the performance for three years and has been watching the show since she was little.

"They find (different) ways of making percussion and using things that aren't drums a lot of the time ... like this year we have a broom piece," Barnes said. "It's finding ways to make percussion in a unique way that will impress the audience."

The show consists of student performances but was produced with the help of community members and past and present professors.

"Every work you see is original music and dance," Barnes said.

Lee Fink, drummer for the show, said she is looking forward to seeing the finished product after months of preparation.

"It's going to be nice to sit back and watch what we've done because it comes together in such a short amount of time," Fink said. "It's just a cool thing to be a part of."

Trewin said the show is open to all ages and creates a "family-friendly, fun atmosphere." The three-night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Hartung Theatre.

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VOLUNTEERS

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Mission, more specifically with the women's shelter City Light," Saxe said. "We spent time organizing the clothes room, and worked in the warehouse for four days."

Saxe said her group also spent a day at Nampa's Central Elementary, which is dubbed a low-income school.

"We started out cleaning — doing custodial work — then split up and did whatever the teachers needed," Saxe said. "I took students out one-by-one for a fluency test to see how many words they can read per minute because they are preparing for a standardized test."

Andrew Blake volunteered for the first time in Jerome, Idaho, at multiple sites.

"At the food bank they were trying to create a shopping experience for their clientele. So we helped set that up," UI junior Blake said. "We also worked at a public park and spoke in the high school to students letting them know what college is like."

Blake said meeting with a trip adviser was the most beneficial preparation before hitting the road.

"We also went to three meetings with all students participating that covered what the purpose is, how the university views service and talked about privilege and how to deal with those topics if we saw

them," Blake said.

Alysha Van Zante also worked with the Boise Rescue Mission, but was not assigned like other students.

"I missed the deadline to apply, but a friend of mine said there were spots open to Boise so I jumped in and decided to go," the sophomore said. "It didn't matter where, I just wanted to participate."

Van Zante said she leaps at any opportunity to volunteer, but was especially excited about this trip.

"I'm from Boise so it was great to see how local organizations work in my community," Van Zante said. "I plan to go home in the summer and hope to volunteer there again."

Blake, Saxe and Van Zante recommend the experience to anyone

interested, and hope to volunteer in the program again.

"It was a great experience," Blake said. "The service aspect is really fantastic and you learn a lot about yourself."

Local trips cost students \$100, while national trips are a flat rate of \$350, Blake said.

Blake and Van Zante said they hope to volunteer for the longer, more intensive winter break trips. But Blake said cost may be an issue.

"I would love to do a winter one but they are kind of expensive," Blake said. "But maybe I'll talk myself into it."

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Women's basketball concluded season in WAC Tournament.

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Fallen: Vandals thrashed by Aggies, fail to advance in postseason



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Idaho guard, Deremy Geiger, attempts a layup during the Vandals' first round game of the CollegenInsider.com Tournament March. 14 in Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals beat UC Santa Barbara in the opening round 86-83, but lost to Utah State in the second round 76-56.

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It was an unbearable end to an unforgettable season for the Idaho men's basketball team, that was thrashed by WAC opponent Utah State 76-56 in the second round of the CollegenInsiders.com Tournament Saturday in Logan, Utah.

After defeating UC Santa Barbara in Wednesday's first-round game, the Vandals experienced one of their worst shooting nights of the season. Idaho dug itself into a hole early, shooting 27 percent from the field in the first half.

"It's a very tough place to play, they're very well

coached," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "This game needs to be flushed down the toilet, really. I don't think we need to focus on this game as far as our season."

The Vandals, who went scoreless for the game's first four-and-a-half minutes, scored just

16 points in the first half. Utah State also struggled offensively starting out shooting 1-7. But a 13-0 Aggie run followed and the hosts were up 19-3 midway through the first.

Five minutes later, the Aggies scrapped together a 12-0 run to extend their lead to 24 points. Stew

Morrill's squad cruised into halftime with a 39-16 advantage.

The teams traded 7-0 runs to begin the second, but a Vandal comeback was too much to ask despite a much-improved 52 percent shooting in the second half.

No Idaho players scored in double digits, but juniors

Kyle Barone and Mansa Habeeb each poured in eight second-half points to help the cause of an offensively flat Vandal side.

Aggie guard Preston Medlin tallied a career-high 32 points against the Vandals earlier this season.

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Sports Briefs

Akey adds to staff before spring starts

Gordy Shaw is no stranger to the silver and gold of the University of Idaho, but the last time he worked the Vandals sideline was in 1989.

Idaho football coach Robb Akey announced Monday that Shaw has been hired as the Vandals' new run game coordinator/offensive line coach.

Shaw's career, which started in 1977 as a graduate assistant at Cal Poly, has been spent working on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. In his latest coaching job, three years at Hawaii, Shaw worked as the Warriors offensive line coach. During his time in Hawaii, the Warriors allowed a conference-high 71 sacks in WAC play.

In his previous stint with UI, Shaw worked as the defensive coordinator for a Vandals team that went 9-3 overall and 8-0 in the Big West.

Outside of the WAC, Shaw also worked at Wyoming, Northern Colorado, Northern Arizona and spent 13 years on the sidelines at Minnesota. Shaw also brings postseason experience from 10 bowl games.

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Indoor track and field concludes with all-American honors

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Both of Idaho's NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship participants received all-American honors after strong performances in Nampa March 9 and 10. Sophomore Hannah Kiser finished No. 13 in the women's 3,000-meter and senior Jeremy Klas finished No. 11 in the men's pole vault to earn the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Second-Team All-America honors.

"That's such an accomplishment, especially indoors because you are only taking 16 athletes in the whole country in an event," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "Just getting (to nationals) is such an incredible feat in itself. Coming away with an all-American honor is such a great thing for these kids."

Kiser ran a 3,000-meter time of 9:26.88 for her No. 13 finish, just six seconds out of the top 10. Georgetown's Emily Infeld won the 3,000-meter race in 9:15.44. It was Kiser's first time competing in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, but did compete in the NCAA Cross Country Championships in 2011. Kiser is the first Idaho woman to qualify for nationals in cross-country and indoor track and field in the same season.

"I thought it was a really good performance," Idaho Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Wayne Phipps said. "That was the loaded field for the women's distance events this week — between the mile, 3k and 5k. It was arguably the best 3k field in history. It was the fastest field to ever make it into NCAAAs and you basically had to hit the auto qualifier just to get in."

On the men's side, Klas cleared 17-4.5 feet in the pole vault to tie for No. 11 in the event. Had Klas cleared the next height, it would have tied his personal record. Andrew Irvin of Arkansas cleared 18-2.5 to win the event. Klas is the only Idaho non-thrower to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships in three consecutive seasons. The senior earned his third all-

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Vandals win big in Vegas

Women's tennis beats Houston, power-house Kansas

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

A two-week break without matches might leave some teams rusty, but not the Idaho women's tennis team. Idaho returned to action Friday and Sunday in Las Vegas defeating Houston and Kansas.

Sophomore Bety Flores of Guzman, Mexico, said even though Houston appeared to be a good team, the Vandals were not intimidated — and it showed.

"We knew that we have the same skills they do and that if we show up and play we could win," Flores said. "I think we played really good because we had great attitudes and we went there and played our best tennis."

The Vandals defeated the Cougars 4-3 Friday, and Idaho coach Daniel Pollock said the lost doubles point didn't faze the Vandals.

"We just dug in and the attitude and the toughness of the girls pulled them through," Pollock said.

The Vandals had a day to rest before getting a win over Big 12 team, Kansas. Pollock said Kansas had more talent than the Cougars, but the Vandals' confidence sealed another win.

"The way they came out and played and the way they decided from the very first point that they were going to win, I was pretty confident the whole time," Pollock said.



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Vicky Lozano returns a serve to a teammate Feb. 28 in the Kibbie Dome. The women beat Houston and Kansas this weekend in Las Vegas and face Portland at 12 p.m. Sunday in Spokane.

The teams decided to hold the doubles matches because of rain concerns and instead played singles first.

Pollock said beating a team from the Big 12 without the doubles point shows the potential of Idaho's young team.

Flores is one of two Vandals with just one year

of collegiate experience and Pollock said she stood out, finishing 3-0 with a singles and doubles win over Houston and the match-winner Sunday against Kansas.

"We got to take our hats off to Bety this week," Pollock said.

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Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut
Adrie Shiels splits two defenders and attempts a lay up against San Jose State in the first round of the WAC Tournament. The Vandals defeated San Jose State 67-63, but lost in the second round by eventual tournament champion Fresno State.

No luck for women in Vegas

Idaho basketball ousted in WAC semifinals

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

For the third straight year, the Idaho women's basketball team got a win in the WAC Tournament, but the season ended on a loss as the Vandals fell in the semifinal round to Fresno State.

After surging toward the end of the season, Idaho entered the tournament with the No. 4 seed to face No. 5 San Jose State in the first round. The Vandals emerged victorious 67-63, completing a three-game season-sweep of the Spartans.

After the game, Newlee said he was proud of how his squad continued to fight.

"I'm proud of the way we hung tough," Newlee said. "We got out to that lead and we kept it. We haven't had a lot of leads this year that we had to preserve."

After a back and forth start to the game, the Vandals went on a 3-point frenzy and took a commanding lead. Idaho led by as many as 19 points in the first half, but the Spartans came back in the second to make it a close contest. San Jose State cut the deficit to three with less than a minute to play in the game, but freshman Krissy Karr hit a pair of free throws to secure the win for Idaho.

Newlee said the end of the game was a matter of survival.

"A win's a win," Newlee said. "I can't remember who said it, but 'survive and advance,' and that's what happened out there tonight."

Newlee also said his young team started the game a little nervous.

"Our team is extremely young," Newlee said. "You look at them and they haven't been in this

position before. It's a lot of their first WAC Tournament and there's a lot on the line. I thought I saw those nerves tonight."

With the win, the Vandals got their third WAC Tournament victory in as many years and advanced to the semifinals where they met No.1 seeded Fresno State, who worked Idaho 80-55.

The Bulldogs controlled the floor from the tip and went on a 20-0 run to start the game. Fresno State held Idaho scoreless through the first nine minutes of play. The Vandals had a few small runs, but each attempt at a comeback was quickly stomped out by Fresno State. In the second half the Bulldogs coasted to a blowout victory and advance to the finals, ending Idaho's season.

Fresno State went on to win the WAC Tournament for a second consecutive year beating La Tech for the second straight time in the finals.

Newlee said his team was unable to shake off its slow start.

"Obviously the game didn't go the way we planned it," Newlee said. "The tone was set early when we missed layups from point-blank and they went down and converted. That kind of fed their fire a little bit."

Idaho sophomore Alyssa Charlston, who was named to the All-WAC First-Team before the tournament, was honored again by being named to the all-tournament team. Charlston netted double-doubles in both WAC Tournament games Idaho played and is only the third Vandal in history to be given the honor.

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File Photo by Tony Marcolina | Argonaut
Junior Abid Akbar returns a ball to Marius Cirstea during practice Feb. 15 in the Kibbie Dome. The men lost 3-4 to Arizona Saturday and face Nevada 3 p.m. Friday.

Wildcats claw out win

Madison McCord
Argonaut

For one of the few times this season, the doubles point was not the downfall for the Idaho men's tennis team — the singles matches were.

The Vandals (8-10) started Saturday's match against the Arizona Wildcats by winning all three doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead, but eventually lost 4-3 after the top three players lost their singles matches.

The doubles point was Idaho's first since March 3 when it swept Lewis-Clark State College. The loss puts the Vandals on a four-match losing streak.

Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said the team lacked confidence after its last road trip, but felt better after Saturday's match.

"It's been an up and down year all season for us," Beaman said. "The guys certainly lost some of their confidence out of the California trip, some players like Abid (Akbar) had to step up there and are still recovering."

After the first point was secured in Boise, the Wildcats and Vandals traded blows while alternating wins in the first four singles matches. Jose Bendeck won 6-2, 6-2 at the No. 4 spot and Alan Shin secured a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

victory at the No. 6 slot, giving Idaho a 3-2 lead with two matches still in progress.

Then the tide turned in Arizona's favor.

"It's that age-old mantra 'It's not over until it's over,' but I felt confident in our chance to win this match from the time we walked on the court for warm-ups to sweeping the doubles point," Beaman said. "Arizona is a very talented and resilient team who were able to pull out a win."

Following Akbar and Cristobal Ramos-Salazar at the No. 2 and 3 spots, the Vandals No. 1, Marius Cirstea, fell 1-6, 7-5, 6-4 to Arizona's Giacomo Miccini to tie the match. But, Cesar Torres went down 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 at the No. 5 slot to the Wildcats' Kieron Thompson, giving Arizona its fifth win of the season and breaking its two-match losing streak.

"Learning how to finish a match and to keep doing what you know what you can is one of the biggest things we've been working on," Beaman said "Sometimes when a really good and strong player is down a set, they will show how much fight they have in them. Good players don't like to be backed in a corner."

Idaho travels back to Boise for the Boise State Tournament March 23 to take on Nevada in its second WAC match of the season.

"Nevada is a much improved side and we are a down side from last year, which should lead to a competitive match," Beaman said. "It will come down to our team's will, and if we have six guys ready to compete and win."

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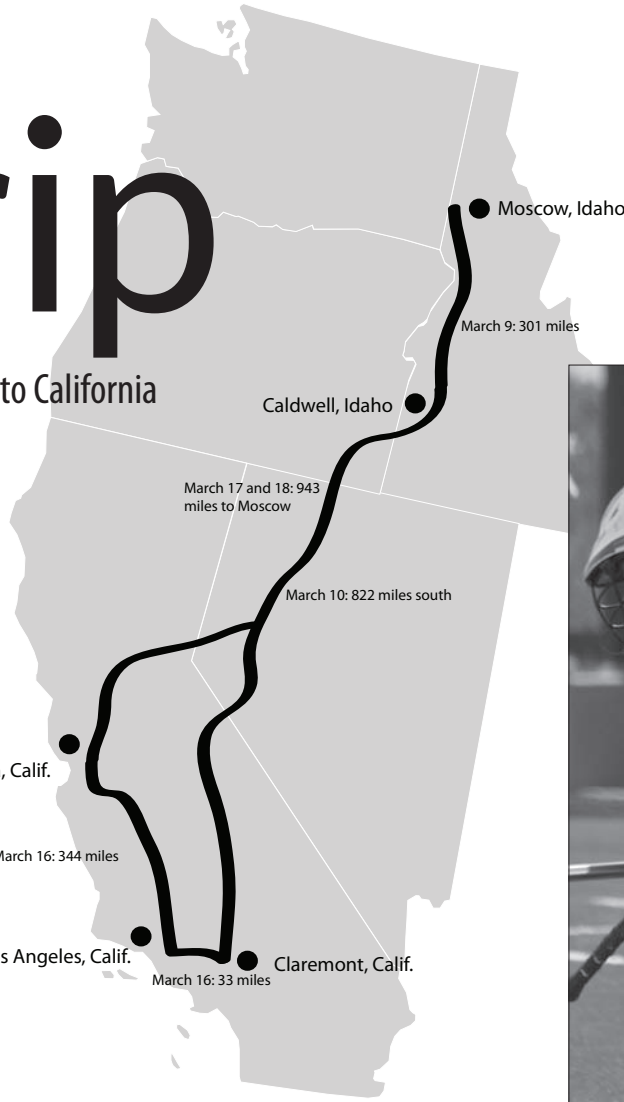
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LAXtrip

Idaho lacrosse defeated on three-game road trip to California



Idaho 6 - Claremont 8



Long stick midfielder Ben Frey, right, defends a Claremont attackman March 12.

Colton Raichl	1 goal	1 assist
John Kopke	1 goal	1 assist
Ben Frey	1 goal	
Patrick Tunison	1 goal	
Blake Uphus	13 saves	

Idaho 7 - Santa Clara 12



Midfielder Patrick Tunison takes a shot Saturday against Santa Clara.

Patrick Tunison	1 goal	1 assist
Kyle Morse	1 goal	1 assist
Ryan McMillen	1 goal	
Deric Wilson	3 goals	
Andrew Powers		1 assist
Blake Uphus	12 saves	

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Idaho 3 - UCLA 5



Attackman Kyle Morse controls the ball during the second half Friday against UCLA.

Colton Raichl	1 goal
John Kopke	1 goal
Tystan Chambers	1 goal
Blake Uphus	10 saves

WAC basketball tournament gives insight

For the majority of visitors, an unpleasant Las Vegas afternoon may consist of a mishap at the slot machines or third-degree sunburns at the swimming pool. However, my experience at the 2012 WAC Tournament confirm that misfortune at the craps table will never compare to college basketball heartbreak.

Weeks ago, I mapped out the perfect conference



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

tournament scenario, which involved an epic WAC Tournament run concluding with Idaho coach Don Verlin cutting down the net at the Orleans Arena as silver and gold confetti rained onto my head.

Logical or not, seven other WAC coaches, who fell at the hands of Idaho at least once during the regular season, did not count it out of the equation. The same team that was

picked to finish No. 5 in the regular season upped the ante to quiet WAC critics and earn the No. 3 seed. A match-up with No. 6 Hawaii seemed satisfactory, after the Vandals manhandled the Warriors a week earlier on the island. After it was announced that Zane Johnson, one of the conference's premier sharp shooters, would not travel to Vegas, Idaho could all but punch its ticket to the semifinals.

The ensuing sequence of events is still a blur, and something I will never hesitate to blame on the conference tourney bug — the same bug that bit Idaho in last season's early loss to a less-talented, fluky San Jose State team.

The vibe I felt around

this Idaho team led me to believe it deserved conference tournament success more than any WAC member, making the Hawaii loss even less explainable.

Idaho was forced to claw its way out of an early deficit, and led by as many as seven thanks to Joston Thomas' fourth and fifth fouls through a long-awaited technical.

Hawaii coach Gib Arnold gifted Idaho with two complimentary free throws when his continuous barking toward the referees drew another technical. Verlin had every reason to smile at a Warrior team that had all but snowballed since its early 11-point lead.

Yet simply because Idaho was involved and it

was the WAC Tournament, Hawaii's fourth and fifth leading scorers scored nine of the Warriors' final eleven points en route to victory.

Shaquille Stokes and Hauns Brereton combined for 19 points in two regular season appearances against Idaho, but some way, somehow the two combined for 34 points in the quarterfinals.

I've come to terms with the love-hate relationship I have with conference tournaments. The purpose is simple — give less deserving teams one game to prove something they failed to prove for four months. A Nevada team that dominated the conference in every aspect was left out of the NCAA picture because a lowly La. Tech team had the upper hand for 40 minutes during a miracle

semifinal. However, for 560 minutes during the regular season, there wasn't a more deserving automatic bid than the Wolf Pack. Justice was served when New Mexico State drubbed La. Tech in the final.

Three of the NCAA Tournament's No. 1 seeds slipped up in their conference tournaments as well. But I violently reject any argument that claims Kentucky isn't the elite team in the SEC.

How does this relate to Idaho and my ailing heart? Drop the WAC Tournament and Idaho finishes the season behind Nevada and NMSU. The Vandals either accept a bid to the CBI Tournament or fall back into the CIT draw.

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but Idaho held the sophomore All-WAC first-teamer to 50 percent from the field and 17 points this time around.

Idaho out-rebounded the Aggies 30-25 but committed 17 more turnovers. Utah State shot 49 percent from the field and was led by Brockeith Pane, who dished out 11 assists despite scoring just seven points.

Verlin said Saturday's result in no way reflected what Idaho achieved during the regular season.

"What this Vandal team did is they played with their heart all season long. This team did a number of unbelievable things and things you have to be proud of," he said. "They came to work every single day, it didn't start in the season — it started early this summer."

The Vandals lengthened the season by winning their opening round game in the CIT, a feat they failed to achieve last season against San Francisco. Idaho's third postseason appearance in four years compliments its best WAC record (9-5) in school history and victories against every team in the process, including an away win at then undefeated Nevada.

Four of Idaho's five starters received All-WAC honors, including each of the team's three seniors — Derym Geiger, Landon Tatum and Djim Bandoumel.

"Our seniors were as good as three guys as I've ever seen," Verlin said. "They all did their jobs, so mainly their hard work and dedication to Vandal basketball enabled them to put together a great season."

Verlin's 19-win team returns two starters in Barone and sophomore Stephen Madison, while all eight bench players will also be back.

"We've got to continue, we had lineups out there that we'll play a bit next year, I like the foundation," he said. "We have 10 guys coming back, and I think we've recruited well."

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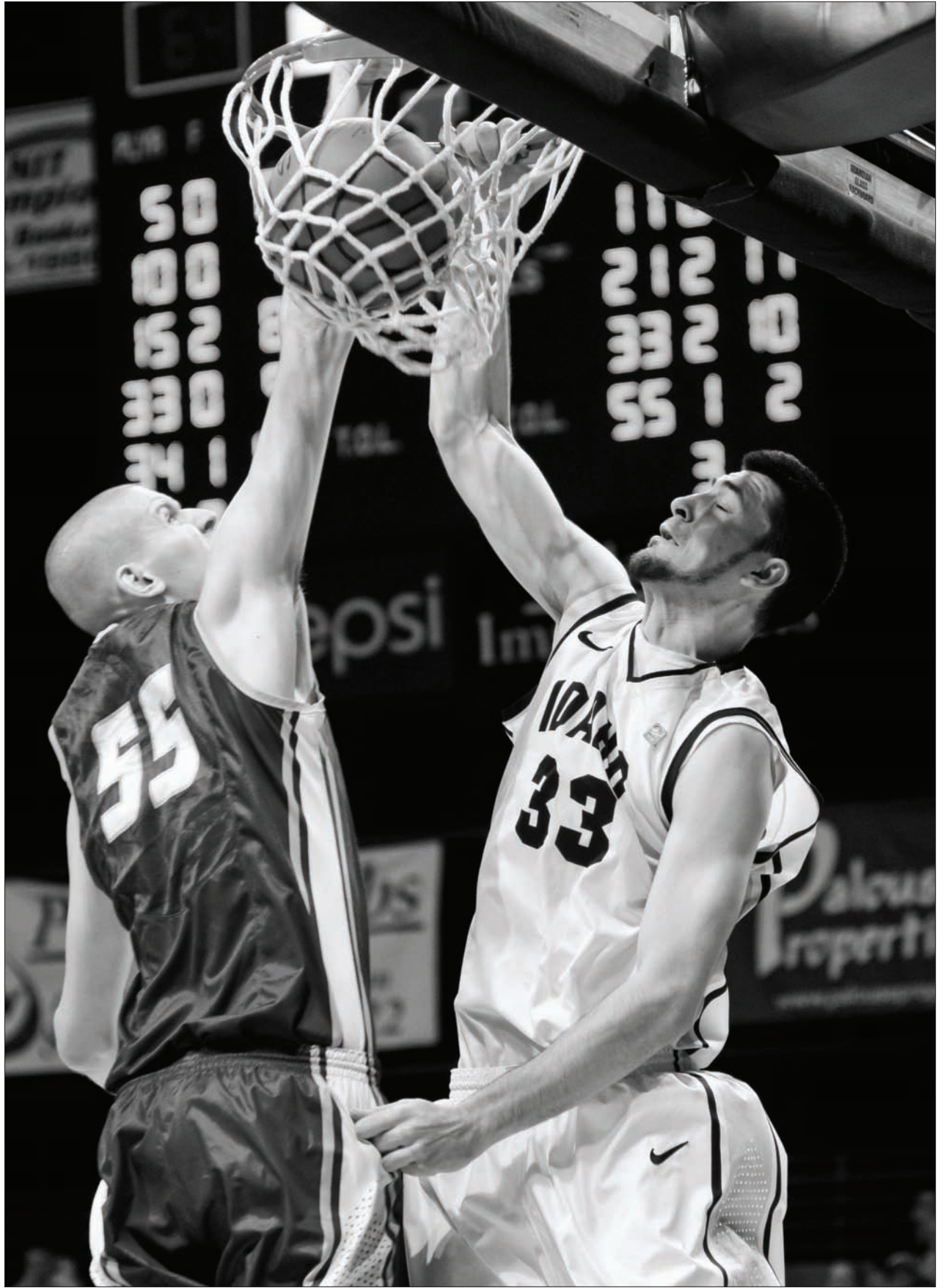
America honor after receiving First-Team honors in 2010 as a sophomore and All-America Honorable Mention in 2011 as a junior.

"I'm very pleased with how (Klas) did," Taylor said. "I know he was hoping to get that next height, which would have been right at his (personal record) — that would have moved him up considerably as far as his all-American honor but as far as how Jeremy has done ... and how he has competed all year long, has been an amazing thing."

The Vandals will rest and prepare for the outdoor season, which opens Saturday in Spokane with the Buc Scoring Invitational.

"It's been a good break and people have had some time off to make sure that they are healthy," Taylor said. "It will be a good opportunity to see where we're at right now and gauge how the team is going to do outdoors."

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THROWDOWN SHOWDOWN

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Idaho center Kyle Barone dunks the ball Wednesday in Cowan Spectrum. Idaho won 86-83 against UC Santa Barbara in the Collegelnsider.com Tournament, but lost 76-56 at Utah State Saturday.

VEGAS

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"She doesn't get a lot of credit but she is down there at the bottom of the lineup digging out tough matches for us."

Flores said she was happy with the way her team fought through uncomfortable wind conditions.

"It was good for us to get these two wins," Flores said. "Our attitude helped us a lot because we were focused and set on winning."

Pollock said the Vandals spent the first two days in Vegas practicing. He said the weather was favorable, but once matches started, the team faced cold, cloudy and windy conditions.

"We're playing conference in Las Cruces, (N.M.) this year so any windy outdoor matches we can get will prepare us better for that," Pollock said.

With only one loss, in its last seven matches, and three consecutive WAC players of the week, Idaho is riding a hot streak into the remainder of the season.

"These two wins, to me, show that when we buckle down and don't get distracted by outside forces and just stay confident the entire time — this shows us how good we can be," Pollock said.

Flores said these wins will motivate Idaho.

"We realize that if we do things right and follow Dan's (Pollock) instructions then we can beat anybody," Flores said.

Idaho faces Portland in Spokane and then hosts Weber State, Nevada and Oregon in three straight home matches.

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BRIEFS

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Soccer bolsters midfield with third signing of year

One more face has joined the University of Idaho soccer team for the 2012 season, this time coming from north of the border.

Elexis Schlossarek, a 5-foot-5-inch freshman midfielder from Delta, British Columbia, will join coach Pete Showler's other offseason signings for the upcoming campaign.

Before deciding to come to Moscow, Schlossarek led Burnsvew Secondary to back-to-back provincial titles and was the youngest MVP of the Canadian Provincial Tournament.

Schlossarek, who has played every position on the field throughout her career, was also voted captain of the TSS Academy U19 Elite team of the

Metro Women's Premier League in B.C.

Schlossarek joins Meli Cortez and J.P. Burgess as mid-field additions for the Vandals. All three will enter as freshman next season.

Mortellaro wins for the ninth time

For the ninth time in her career, Idaho senior Kayla Mortellaro walked away with a collegiate first place finish after winning the Dr. Donniss Thompson Invitational in Hawaii.

Mortellaro used a final round score of 75 to propel her into first place.

This tournament has been kind to Mortellaro. It was where she won her first tournament and now her ninth.

As a team the Vandals fin-

ished sixth, shooting a 933 through three rounds of play. Idaho coach Lisa Johns.on said her team's short game had a few issues, but overall she was happy with the performance.

"The team was fairly consistent throughout all three rounds," Johnson said. "We had a little trouble around the greens, which cost us a few shots, but we know we need to work on our short game."

Texas A&M won the tournament with a 901, while UC Davis came in second.

Idaho's Kaitlyn Oster tied for 36th and Teo Poplawski tied for 39th.

Next up for Idaho will be the Anteater Invitational in Irvine, Calif. The tournament will run March 26-27 and will be the last tournament before the WAC Championships.



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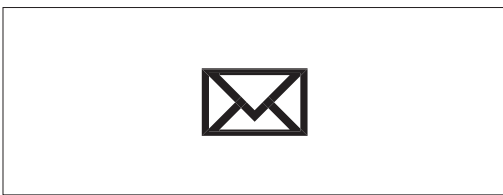
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Pigskin time

Idaho Vandals football sequence initiated. Now that the basketball season is officially over, it's time for good 'ole coach Robb Akey to hit the turf.

—Madison

'Too Cute'

Thanks for hours of kitten footage, Animal Planet. That's quality programming.

—Vicky

Spring break

Broke, but satisfied.

—Dylan

@WolfpackAlan tweets

"A guy broke into my apartment last week. He didn't take the TV, just the remote. Now he drives by and changes the channels."

—Theo

Petttt Peeevvee

I don't understand why some people typeee likkeee thiss. It drives me insane.

—Britt

Along for the ride

This is the time of year May graduates start to freak out because they don't know what they're going to be doing when finals are done, but I haven't reached that point yet and I don't know if I will. I think I have a pretty level-headed plan of attack, so I plan on thoroughly enjoying the next two months of my life—I'm never going to get them back.

—Elizabeth

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Too many hours on a bus.

—Nick

New class

So excited for my golf class to start.

—Jens

Zipppers

You can't explain that.

—Amrah

Frog and Toad

Two amphibians who knew the true meaning of friendship.

—Elisa

OUR VIEW

The final word?

Benoit tort could answer remaining questions

Since the murder of Katy Benoit, the University of Idaho has claimed it aims for transparency. The tort claim filed by the Benoit family in December will hopefully show just how transparent university leadership has actually been.

In the days following the murder-suicide, information was dumped on the community about the situation and sexual relationship between Bustamante and Benoit. But even with the thousands of documents released by the university, establishment of an independent review board initiated by President M. Duane Nellis and changes to the university's policy regarding student-faculty relationships, questions still linger and the answers have been elusive.

One of these is listed among the Benoit family's complaints and has continuously been evaded — that university officials had knowledge that Bustamante placed a loaded gun to the head and into the mouth

of Benoit yet did not inform the police. Despite that information, the university continues to insist it did everything it could to protect Benoit, a 22-year-old student who sought help when she felt endangered.

Typically, the university has been as transparent as is convenient, allowing the media access to some officials — regardless of their knowledge of the incident — and denying it to others. Ultimately, the university has skimmed the surface of transparency and settled for a superficial level permitting a limited vision of the procedures in place to prevent events like that of Aug. 22 from happening again.

With the filed tort in the system, hopefully this will change. Subpoenas have a way of doing that.

It is no surprise the Benoit family is moving to sue the university. Since the incident occurred, the question seemingly has never

been if it would happen — just when. Unfortunately, cases like this are often settled behind closed doors without ever seeing the light of a courtroom — and that would be a shame in this case.

There is a lesson to be learned from what happened to Benoit, but the only way to accomplish that is to know without a doubt everything about the case. Not even a trial can assure this, but it is closer than anything we've seen so far. Ideally, there should be a sense of justice and closure for the Benoit family, and the UI and Moscow communities need to feel that the people who make decisions are doing so with the students at the core of those decisions.

UI officials have repeatedly said they believe they did everything to avoid the tragedy, but the Benoit family obviously does not agree. Now it's time for the courts to give the final word.

—ER



Shane Wellner
Argonaut



US needs a new solution to Iran

To many, the idea of a nuclear Iran is terrifying. This isn't an unreasonable fear. The possibility exists that, were Iran equipped with nuclear weapons, it might use them to strike hostile neighbors or attack perceived threats, particularly from Israel. The question is: What should the United States do about it? And can we afford a war with Iran?

The possibility of war has been on the table for years. The Bush administration labeled Iran part of its "Axis of Evil," and threatened military action to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. Iran continues to insist that its nuclear program is only for

peaceful means, but it would be possible to weaponize that program, even if Iran is truthful about it being only for energy production.

Now it seems that war may soon be a reality. Israel is threatening to attack Iranian nuclear facilities, and Iran has accused Israel of assassinating one of its nuclear scientists. President Barack Obama has not committed to anything yet, but he hasn't taken war off the table. It's probable that if Israel attacks Iran, the U.S. will be drawn into the conflict.

The problem is that America can't

afford the war. Even if a preliminary strike is ethically sound (and it's hard to believe in the rightness of a preliminary war after the debacle that was Iraq), war with Iran would cost billions of dollars and thousands of American lives to pursue. And that's not even counting the number of probable Iranian civilian deaths at our hands.

America's resources are still drained from the war with Iraq and the ongoing war in Afghanistan. We simply don't have the money for another war. Our economy is still weak, and fighting another war would mean even more government debt and the

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Max Bartlett
Argonaut

The female condom: weird or fun?

Ever heard of a female condom? I didn't think so. The female condom is a thin, soft, loose-fitting plastic pouch with a flexible ring at each end. The inner ring at the closed end of the pouch is used to insert the condom inside the vagina and to hold it in place during intercourse. The outer ring at the open end remains outside the vagina and covers part of the external genitalia.

Since female condoms first became available in the U.S. in 1993, they received mixed reviews. Somewhat larger than a male condom, the product was target of jokes and embarrassed laughter. Because male condoms are cheap and readily accessible, many people didn't see the need for a female version. In the U.S. and Western Europe, female

condoms became the unicorns of safer sex — a mythical creature most humans never see.

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But then a funny thing happened: Women discovered the advantages of female condoms. First of all, it's a female-controlled method. For women who have male partners resistant to using condoms, the woman can take care of the situation herself and does not need to rely on her partner's efforts.

The design of the female condom held a further unexpected thrill discovered by amateur researchers engaged in field testing — the inner plastic ring rubs against the tip of the penis during intercourse intensifying orgasm for some men. Similarly, some women find the flexible outer ring rubs against the clitoris. Because the

female condom does not fit tight around the penis, many men find it has a more "natural" feel.

That's the fun side of female condoms, but there's a practical side too. Because they cover a bit of the external genitalia, they can offer a bit more protection against sexually transmitted infections transmitted by skin-to-skin contact, such as herpes. Effectiveness for pregnancy protection is comparable to male condoms.

As with any new skill, practice makes perfect. A woman may feel more comfortable using a female condom during intercourse if she's had a little solo experience inserting and removing it. These condoms can also be used for anal intercourse.

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Make a difference: Join VOX

With the graduation of several of our core members, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood is looking to refill its ranks with some new students who are passionate about reproductive health and rights.

VOX is a nationwide program for pro-choice college students that keeps the campus community up-to-date on threats to reproductive health and rights, mobilizes support for reproductive freedom by providing college students with an opportunity to make their voices heard, and educates their peers on safer sex practices and sexual health.

When VOX was new to campus, it was instrumental in bringing the Vagina Monologues back to campus, as well as Take Back the Night. Today, we partner with many groups, departments, and programs on campus to sponsor programs and events like Got Sex? (formerly known as the Vagina Dialogues), Sex on the Sidewalk, National Women's Health Week, Take Back the Night, National Coming Out Day and World AIDS Day, to name a few. In addition, we provide sex education presentations to the campus community upon request, offer film screenings, and frequently table to share updates about what's happening in the legislature, offer people activist opportunities, share free condoms and sex education tips, dispel sexual health myths and register students to vote.

Our meetings are fun and a great way to get yourself involved and active on reproductive health topics that you care about. We'd love to see you there.

VOX meets at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For meeting location or to find out more, contact VOX Co-president Megan Nolan at uofivox@gmail.com.

Megan Nolan, VOX at UI Co-President
Sociology, psychology

Blue collar spring break

Spring break often procures images of beaches, beer and sunshine, but for most students that's not reality.

In fact, it is the luxury of a select few that excludes students who are left slaving away at a grocery store to pay for the rest of the semester.

So who is spring break for? The working class is working and the middle is going home or trying to catch up on some homework to keep scholarships. Las Vegas or the

beaches of Florida gnaw at students every time they see advertisements of smiling, drunk youths on Mexican beaches. The concept depreciates the value of family dinners or brunch gatherings of friends in their university towns. It nags through the safety instructions to drink responsibly and wear sunscreen. If only this were a tangible option to the common student.

The myth of spring break culture may have begun as a

humble swim meet in Florida. Colgate University swim coach Sam Ingram took his team to Fort Lauderdale in 1936 to train at an Olympic-sized casino pool. By 1938 more than 300 swimmers competed at a swim event created as a marketing opportunity for the city. Until the '60s, the tradition continued with hundreds of swimmers descending to Florida for a dose of warm water and sunshine.

By 1985, approximately 370,000 students made the trip to Fort Lauderdale, sometimes called "Fort Liquordale," as swimmers are not the only

young people who need some sunshine after a long winter. A film starring Tom Cruise and Shelley Long about this pilgrimage called "Spring Break," perpetuated the excursion.

Back to reality — sure, the crowds on the southern beaches may be immense, and beach-going figures remain in the hundreds of thousands. But the number of students whose role in life during this week of the year goes unseen is in the millions.

Reality does not mean boredom — quite the opposite. A work ethic and appreciation for

the value of education will probably be much more advantageous to a student than a tan and hangover. Those who remain in town to work solidify the formation of their new life as an adult — one whose visits home are cherished, and not simply chances to watch a larger TV and eat free food.

At least for everyone, spring break serves as a break from the regular routine we live each week in college. Wherever you spent it or whatever you did, the break was needed.

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IRAN

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end of any chance of economic recovery. Of course, the same Republicans who were so concerned with the debt when we were trying to do things like provide adequate health care to the poor are the ones calling for us to attack Iran.

They also seem to forget that Iran is not Iraq. Unlike Iraq, Iran may actually be a threat. But also unlike Iraq, Iran is not a barely-united sectarian country held together by a dictatorship. We easily removed Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, and even then it cost billions just to try and stabilize the country afterward. Not only would an Iranian occupation likely take even longer than the Iraqi occupation, but we would be fighting a stronger, better-equipped army and facing a population unified against us.

America is not without its allies in Iran. The same students and young people who protested the Iranian elections in 2009 tend to have good opinions of America, and many love American popular culture. If we attack Iran, we will lose all that support. It will not just be supporters of the Iranian regime who would die in U.S. military strikes. Even those who do not support the regime will rally to them in the face of an outside invasion. They will not greet us as liberators.

America must find another solution to the Iranian issue. There are no easy answers to the threat of a nuclear Iran. But it is clear America cannot afford another war.

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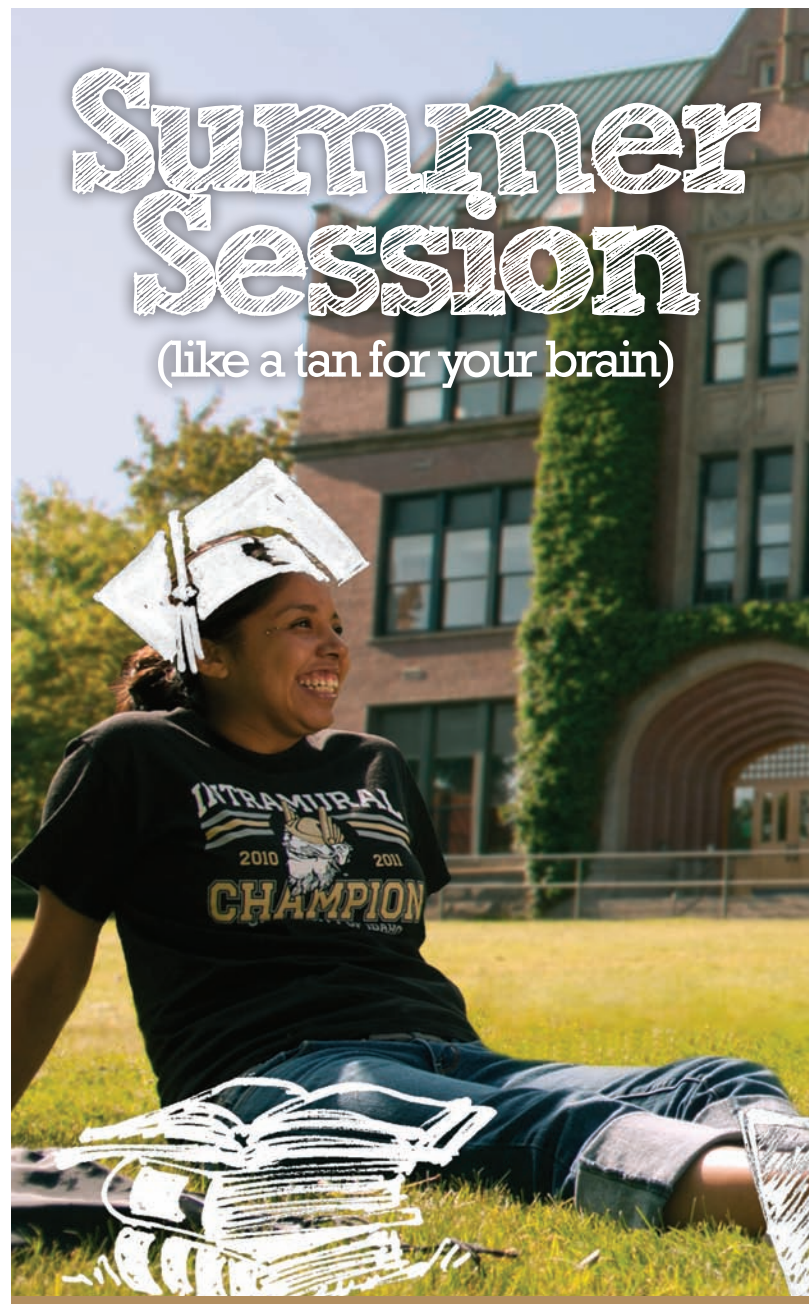
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