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Tuition talk

Tuition and fee presentation offers 2012-2013 budget breakdown

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

The final phase of ASUI President Samantha Perez's department audit and student fee proposal took place Thursday with a presentation from University of Idaho Provost Doug Baker and Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes.

of the forum was to receive student feedback about where their dollars are going and the proposed 6.1 percent tuition increase for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Perez said she was let down by the student turnout and was hoping for more feedback from students.

Perez said the purpose

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FY13 proposed new

Tuition and fee increase: \$3.7 million
+ New state funding: \$3.6 million
Total new revenue: \$7.3 million

New revenue challenges

Salary and benefit increases: \$4.3 million
+ Required increases (utilities, promotions, contracts, library inflations): \$2.1 million
+ Moving the University forward (refilling and creating positions): \$1.3 million

Total: \$11.3 million

\$11.3 million challenge
— **\$7.3 million new revenue**
\$4 million deficit

FY12 general education funds \$144.4 million

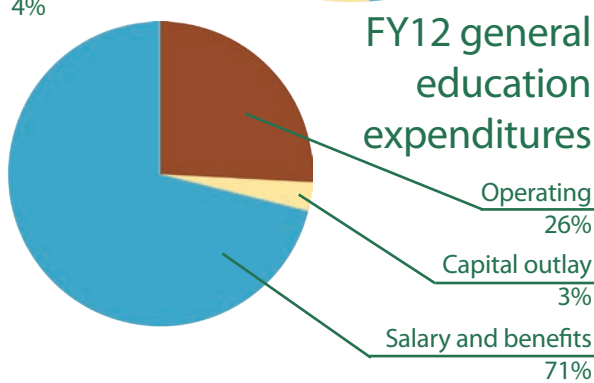
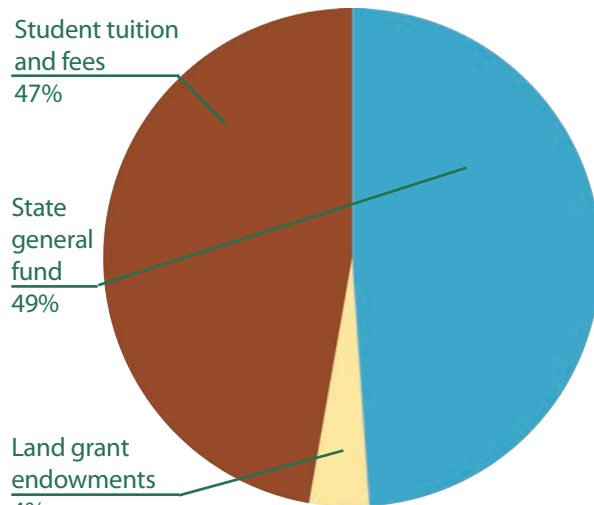


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Statistics from Keith Ickes, Executive Director of Planning and Budget

ASUI candidates

The last day to turn in petitions for ASUI Senate and executive positions was March 2. The candidates for 2012-2013 are as follows:

President/Vice President

Hannah Davis and Nick Tunison
Nick Miller and Jenai Jasper
Zack Goytowski and Bethany Lowe

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Alyssa Creason, left, senior in psychology, tutors junior Angela Rivera in her social psychology coursework during a drop-in tutoring session Wednesday on the first floor of the library. Creason tutors drop-in and private sessions as part of the Tutoring and Academic Assistance program.

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Stress, tests and tutors

'Tutoring and College Success' offers study help

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Alyssa Creason sits in the back of the library knitting and waiting for the next student to arrive. On average, three students show up. On a bad day — none. Once, she had 22 students come to her table.

"It was the day before a final," she said.

Creason is a University of Idaho psychology tutor, and has been for three semesters. She helps psychology students from all class levels during individual and drop-in tutoring sessions as part of the Tutoring and Academic Assistance Programs.

TAAP is comprised of Student Support Services, Tutoring and Disability Support Services. SSS offers 250 financially limited, disabled or first-generation students individual tutoring services as part of a federal grant, while DSS offers accommodations, like note-taking and captioning, to students with documented disabilities.

TCS is where drop-in and small group tutoring comes in — free for any UI student.

"We're here," Creason said of tutors in the library. "We're waiting."

According to Sara Stout, TCS programs manager, any student can stop

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Program offers credit to camp, hike

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Natural Resources is hosting a Semester in the Wild at two UI research stations during fall 2012.

Brian Kennedy, a professor of fish ecology, and Steve Hollenhorst, a professor of conservation social sciences, helped develop the program.

Kennedy said the program will take

Semester in the Wild

Students interested in Semester in the Wild can visit uiweb.uidaho.edu/wild for more information or contact Brian Kennedy at kennedy@uidaho.edu.

advantage of Idaho's varied resources, like the Taylor Wilderness Research Station and the McCall Field Campus.

"Think of it as a semester at sea, or a semester abroad," Hollenhorst said.

Students can earn 15 to 17 credits by taking part in the program.

Kennedy said he hopes 15 to 18 students will participate in this field-based experience.

The first part of the semester will be at the Taylor station in the Frank

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New side of Wallace dorms

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

For the first time in its 50 years of existence, Wallace Residence Center is receiving a cosmetic face-lift.

Renovation began last spring when the first floor of the Stephenson wing was remodeled to accommodate Delta Zeta sorority. At the beginning of this month, University Housing announced the completion of Ballard's first floor.

"We put all new carpeting in and paint on the interior," said Kelsi Nagle, recruitment coordinator of University Housing. "We also replaced the vanity, furniture, drapes and the locks on the doors. Instead of the hard keys, access to the dorms will all be through Vandal cards."

The process to restore all 20 floors will take six years to complete.

"This has been a long time coming," said Ray Gasser, University Housing director. "We planned this restoration about a year and a half ago."



Twin sisters Taylor and Brooke Jenkins, and Mychael Carranza, freshmen, set up the board game LIFE in their newly renovated lounge on the first floor of Ballard wing in the Wallace Residence Center. The renovated floor opened March 9, allowing students to make the move during spring break.

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Wallace will not be completed all at once.

"We have to renovate floor by floor," Nagle said. "We notified all students that were living on the first floor of Ballard about the remodel. They moved to the second floor for the se-

semester and are now moving into their new rooms on the first."

University Housing does not plan to raise room and board fees.

"We don't have the money at the

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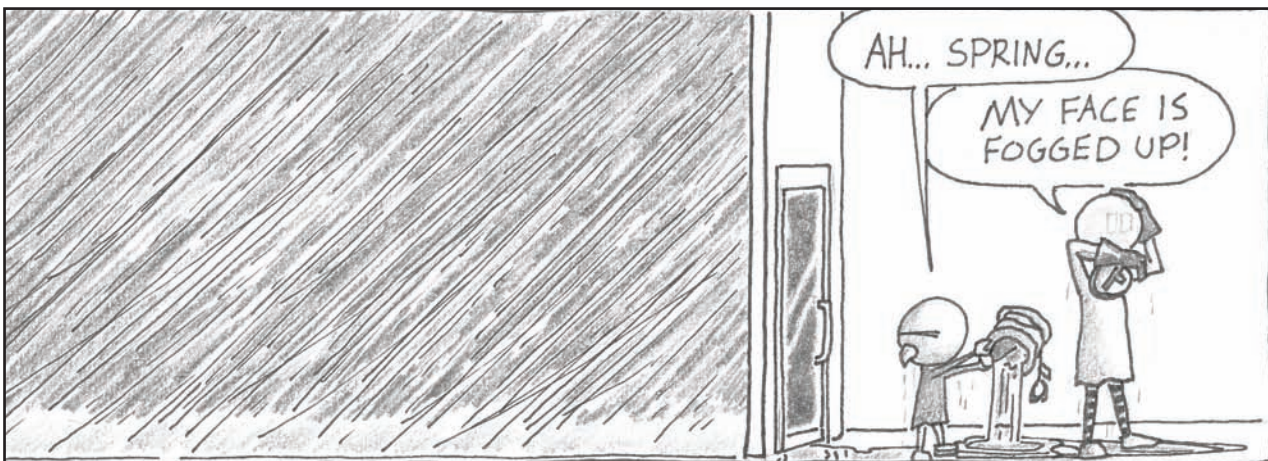
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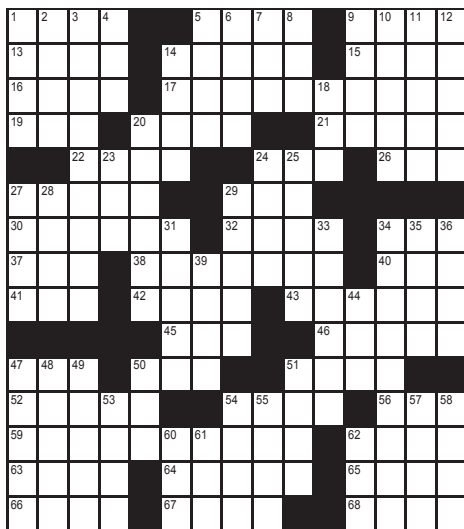


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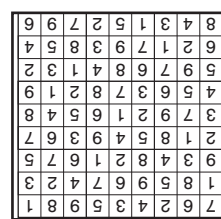
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Dosage of drama

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

Play-goers and drama connoisseurs of Moscow can catch a sneak peek of student-written plays during March's chamber readings hosted by the University of Idaho's theater department Master of Fine Arts program.

"These readings are very unique," said Rob Caisley, head of dramatic writing. "Instead of watching the traditional acting in plays, the audience listens to the actors read directly off the script. Plays featured in these readings are farther along in developmental stages than those that would be read at New Play Wednesday, our other event that features pieces in progress."

Caisley teaches a course for budding playwrights and students hear critique from Caisley, fellow students and — during the chamber readings — audience members. Caisley selects plays for the chamber readings in the fall and spring semesters.

"The chamber reading experience is always positive for the writer," Caisley said. "It's one of the only chances they

will get to really interact with the audience. It implicates the community in a different way than usual."

Three pieces will be showcased during the course of the performances — "One Foot," "Lilly's Room" and "Pickup Man."

"It's overall a neat experience," Caisley said. "If a playwright has an addition or change to be made to the script 20 minutes before showtime, it's completely fine."

"Lilly's Room," by J.C. Svec, a first-year distance-learning MFA student, is about a trio of strangers who overcome emotional obstacles after traumatic loss of loved ones. Svec wrote the play about five years ago.

"I'm just really happy to have gotten it off the ground," Svec said. "It went through several workshops and rewrites from the amount of feedback I was given."

Svec resides in New Jersey and said he does most of his communication with actors and directors through Skype.

"It's not as good as actually being there, but it comes in handy. I cannot

make it to Moscow for the showing, so I will be Skyping in to watch," Svec said.

John Remington, another distance learning student, will premier his two-man play titled, "Pickup Man." In the piece, a one-legged cowboy befriends an electrician in Maui and they begin to fix each other's troubles.

"This program has really allowed for me to polish this work," Remington said. "I enjoy working with writers who are focused on their craft and are able to collaborate. I'm very thankful to be chosen for the readings and all of the help I receive."

Lauren Simon, writer of "One Foot," will be the third playwright featured. "One Foot" is about a man who wakes up to find his foot missing.

The Spring Chamber Readings series will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Kiva Theater. Admission is free for UI students and \$5 for the general public.

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FACELIFT COMPLETE



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ASUI President Samantha Perez and Vice President Juan Corona commemorate the completion of the ASUI office remodel with a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday.

Students unite for sensible drug policies

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Inactive for almost four years following its debut in 2008, Students for Sensible Drug Policies is back on campus at the University of Idaho.

Jami Riedner, club president, said the club returned officially in February with 15 active members, but about 70 on its Facebook page.

"We are trying to advocate and educate on the current drug policies and how it's a failure," Riedner said.

One of the club's main goals is to get medical marijuana legalized in Idaho.

"We are working with Compassionate Idaho to get medical marijuana on the ballot," Riedner said. "Idaho is one of the last states to change policies but change has to start somewhere."

The club is a chapter of the national organization that has goals UI members share.

"Nationally, we are working to change the

policy for those who apply to college with a possession charge on record," Riedner said. "Because of it they aren't accepted for financial aid and sometimes admission."

She also said the club is working to get a Good Samaritan law in Idaho, which protects those who help someone who is overdosing or attacked from prosecution, and advocating for enforcement on the federal level.

"In 2009 Obama promised to ensure the DEA would abide by state law but that isn't happening," Riedner said. "The DEA is still invading and raiding people who abide by these laws."

The club will host a rally to end the war on drugs.

"We want to get together and show strong support to a war we feel has failed," club member Eric Billings said.

The rally will be held April 20, which Billings said just happened to work out because he knew there would be people on-

campus, and participants will meet in front of Theophilus Tower to march across campus.

Billings said Rob Oates, a candidate running against Idaho's Rep. Raul Labrador, will also be at the march speaking in support of the end of the war on drugs.

In general, Riedner said the club's focus is education.

"A lot of people don't know about policies and have to protect themselves," Riedner said. "We hope to be an educational tool for students to know what their rights are."

Becky Barry, club vice president and treasurer, said the club is important because members discuss topics many are not used to.

"It's not something a lot of people have knowledge about and this is a good way for students to be exposed to things they are not normally exposed to," Barry said. "It's a different perspective than what the area is exposed to."

Barry said information discussed during

meetings can help students make better decisions in the activities they participate in.

"They can be smarter about keeping their self safe and out of trouble," Barry said.

Although the club already has a lot planned, Barry and Riedner said programs and activities will be better formed after leaders attend the Students for Sensible Drug Policies national conference this weekend in Denver.

Riedner said the conference will provide guidance on changing policies, and information about which current policies are working.

"After conference we will know a lot more about what we can do and the scope of the club," Barry said. "It's going to be a good time, not a crazy committal-based club."

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday at Mikey's Gyros in Moscow. Those interested in more information can visit the group's Facebook page.

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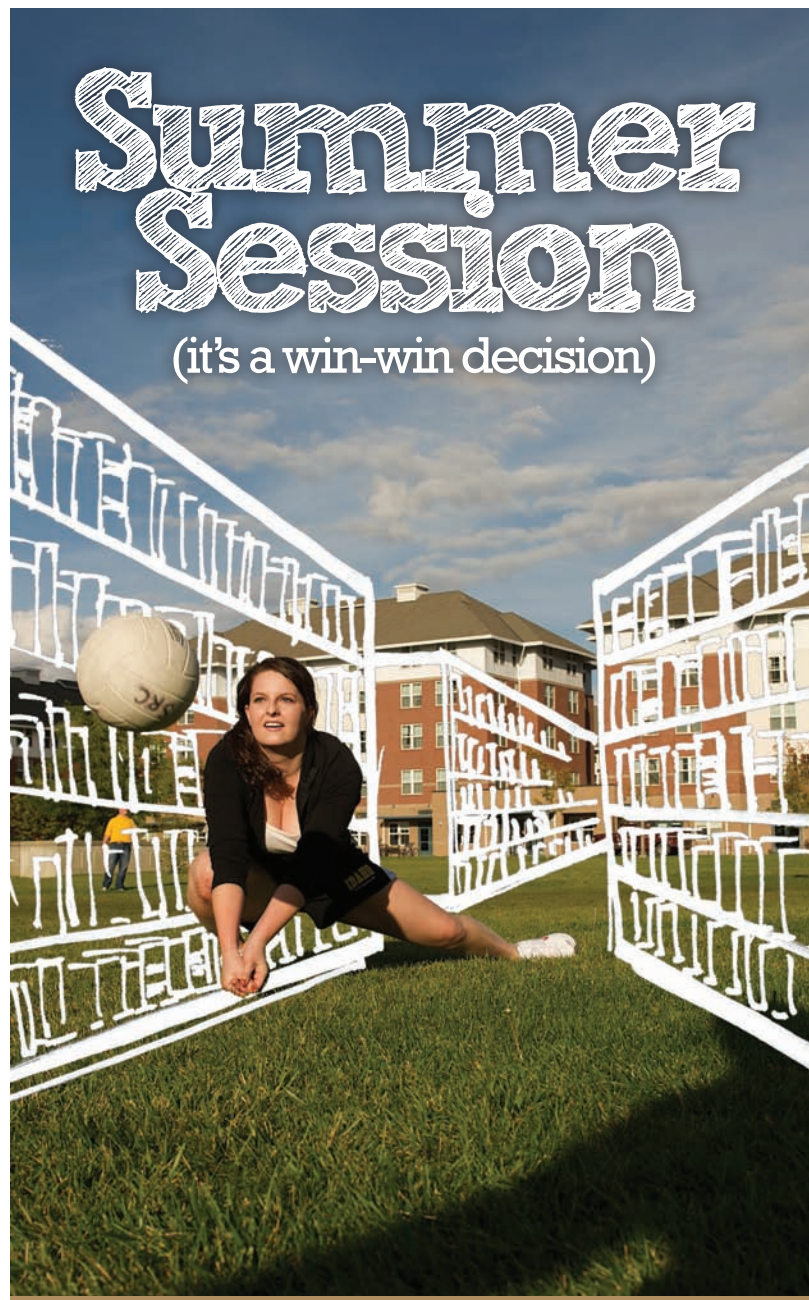
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TUTORS

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by the library on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday for tutoring sessions.

Drop-in session topics range from Chinese to chemistry, from biology to economics and more. A pilot program called think-TANK offers tutoring for engineering-specific classes Tuesday through Thursday in the Janssen Engineering Building.

Students can request any class topic for focus in small group tutoring and are not limited to the subjects offered by drop-ins.

“(Small group tutoring) is like a structured study group,” Stout said.

All individual, small group and drop-in tutors take part in a College Reading and Learning Association training certification program. Headed by TCS, Stout said, the certification ensures tutors are following FERPA guidelines, acting professionally and are empathetic and encouraging to students. While services are free, individual tutors are paid a minimum of \$8 per hour, while small group and drop-in tutors are paid \$12 per hour.

Creason tutors for five hours each week.

“It’s not a big money maker,” Creason said. “But I would do it for free.”

Creason said since tutoring at UI, she decided that it would make a good career choice.

“You make such a connection with your students,” she said.

More info

For a full schedule of drop-in tutoring sessions visit uidaho.edu/studentaffairs/taap/tcs. To request small group tutoring for groups of three to six students, stop by the TAAP office to fill out a request form in Idaho Commons room 306. For individual learning assessments or more information on DSS or SSS call 208.885.6307.

TCS also offers College Success Classes, taught by Stout and Programs Specialist June Clevy, for students on academic probation or those who want to hone strategic studying and classroom skills. Time management, classroom and study skill workshops are available by request.

Stout said students often think they don’t need tutoring.

“It’s hard to admit they need help,” Stout said. “It’s hard to ask questions ... especially for first-year students.”

Stout said she hopes to make other department-specific tutoring sessions available, and by fall 2012, “master tutors” will be available to mentor tutors in student assistance. For now, Clevy observes tutors twice a week.

“College exists to provide people with an education,” Creason said. “If you need a little help, there’s no shame in that.”

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Church River-of-No-Return Wilderness, about 70 miles northeast of Cascade, Idaho.

Hollenhorst said the station has labs, meeting areas and housing — including bathrooms. It also has electricity from solar power and a small hydro-electric facility.

The second part of the semester will be at the McCall Field Campus, according to the course’s website.

Students will live together, take classes together and go camping and hiking together, Hollenhorst said.

The semester will include classes on basic ecology and geology, as well as western literature and environmental writing, Kennedy said.

He said the program is aimed at sophomores, and includes credits they would have to earn anyway.

Classes have the same objectives as on-campus

classes, but they will be field-based. Hollenhorst said students will take classes one at a time that last a few weeks before moving on to another class.

The program also incorporates outdoor leadership skills such as navigation, safety and survival.

Kennedy said the program follows the National Outdoor Leadership School’s model.

For example, Hollenhorst said students in the geology class might take a three- or four-day hike to geological sites in the area.

Kennedy said in the future, the program may include more classes and opportunities for juniors and seniors from a variety of majors.

Kennedy said the program is designed to cost about the same as a semester on campus, including tuition, room and board.

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BUDGET

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“I was a little disappointed with the turnout of students,” Perez said. “We only had about 20 and I was hoping for at least 100, but I was very pleased with the administration’s message and I thought it was great that they took the time to come and explain to students the budget situation and proposed tuition increase.”

The presentation broke down UI’s general education budget and Ickes and Baker explained where each dollar students pay in tuition and fees is going within the university.

For the current fiscal year, the university’s general education budget is \$144.4 million dollars. Forty-nine percent of the budget is funded by the state and 47 percent by student tuition and fees. The remaining four percent comes from land grant endowments.

That budget funds all aspects of the university with the exception of housing, which is considered a separate entity and not funded by tuition and fees.

Salary and benefits for university employees make up 71 percent of the budgeted general education expenditures. University operating costs make up an additional 26 percent and capital outlay — all purchases costing more than \$5,000 — makes up the final 3 percent in university expenditures.

Ickes said for FY2013, there is \$11.3 million in designated challenges that the university hopes to make up for with increased revenue from the state and the 6.1 percent increase to student tuition.

Among the challenges is a 2 percent increase in Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) funding as approved by the State Board of Education. The state has said it will provide 60 percent of this increase and the additional \$4.3 million will be funded by the university.

Additionally, Ickes said the university will need \$2.1 million for required increases such as utilities, promotions, contracts and library inflation.

Ickes said \$1.3 million is needed for a “Moving the University

Forward” budget that includes new faculty positions and classroom repairs to improve the quality of the university.

The final challenge known as “unfunded state obligations” would require an additional \$3.6 million budget.

Ickes said new revenue for FY2013 is expected to total \$7.3 million with \$3.7 million raised from the tuition increase and \$3.6 million in new state funding. Ickes said these numbers are based on a zero percent increase in enrollment

“For the math crit people, you know the total we need is \$11.3 million,” Ickes said. “So how do we make up for only \$7.3 million in increased revenues?”

Ickes explained how the university has determined it will deal with the challenges of this financial deficit.

“Salaries and benefits — we need \$4.3 million. We’re proposing the state will put in about \$2.1 million from the new funding and \$1.8 million from the tuition revenues,” Ickes said.

This would leave a \$40,000 deficit in the budget for salaries and benefits. Ickes said the university has yet to find a way to make up for this.

“You can’t fill all the holes,” Ickes said.

Ickes said for required increases, \$0.6 million of the needed \$2.1 million will come from student tuition revenues and \$1.5 million in state funding. He said the library will receive a “bare-bone” \$350,000 budget from student tuition.

“The library has no budget to buy books. If you’re a research library that’s not a good thing,” Ickes said. “I essentially said (students’) contribution to this would be that you’re helping out with the library, it’s a way of saying that there’s something here that we could identify that student fees can help out with that will benefit them. It’s a little better than making students help out with the electrical bill.”

Finally, Ickes said the \$1.3 million budget for moving the university forward would be entirely funded by the remaining \$1.3 million in tuition revenues.

Ickes said the remaining \$4.0 million — \$3.6 million in unfunded obligations and \$40,000 in salary deficit — will be the remaining challenge. He said reallocated funds that are already stretched thin will make up for this deficit and that students could see an increase in special course fees that the university can no longer pay for.



Everything hinges around the fact that the general education fund is working right. It’s important to know that that’s where your tuition dollars are going to help out.

Keith Ickes,
Executive Director of
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The final portion of the open forum presentation included a discussion of Perez’s proposed zero percent increase to the dedicated student activity fee. Perez was able to propose the zero percent increase after an audit of student fee funded departments showed unused funds that ASUI reallocated to other departments.

Perez said this proposal will help the university because the only increase to the amount students pay each year will be in tuition. This allows more flexibility in the use of the money paid by students. Perez said that while student fees are specific to the department they are used for, tuition is not.

“There are about 25 departments that receive partial funding from the student activity fee,” Perez said. “All of these fees are benefitting students and they are the fees that students have a direct say over what gets allocated where.”

Perez and Ickes agreed that students should be aware of the ways their tuition and fees are helping the university.

“I think it’s useful sometimes for students to see the pie charts,” Ickes said. “Everything hinges around the fact that the general education fund is working right. It’s important to know that that’s where your tuition dollars are going to help out.”

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WALLACE

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moment to completely re-do Wallace at once,” Gasser said. “It’s a win-win. This way, we don’t have to completely shut down Wallace and do not have to spend a chunk of money at once. Wallace touches more students’ lives than any other living residence. It deserves to be taken care of.”

Resident Assistant sophomore Cindy Repp of the first floor of Ballard said she’s pleased with the changes implemented.

“My residents really enjoy the new countertops, carpets and doors

that are up to fire code. These changes were definitely needed and are appreciated,” Repp said. “I cannot imagine anyone who would not like to live in these new halls.”

Residents of Repp’s hall began the year on the second floor of Ballard knowing they would be the first residents in the newly remodeled first floor.

“University Housing really coordinated with us. They kept us up-to-date as much as possible and gave us plenty of time to move to the first floor,” Repp said.

The second floor will begin renovation as soon as all of the residents

are moved out.

“We plan to have two restored halls by fall 2012,” Nagle said. “The price will remain the same regardless if students choose to live on the two newly completed floors or the older floors.”

University Housing receives no money from the state and is financially independent from the university. The renovation is funded by the accumulation of student housing fees.

“We want the students to see that we are invested in their future and care about their living spaces,” Nagle said.

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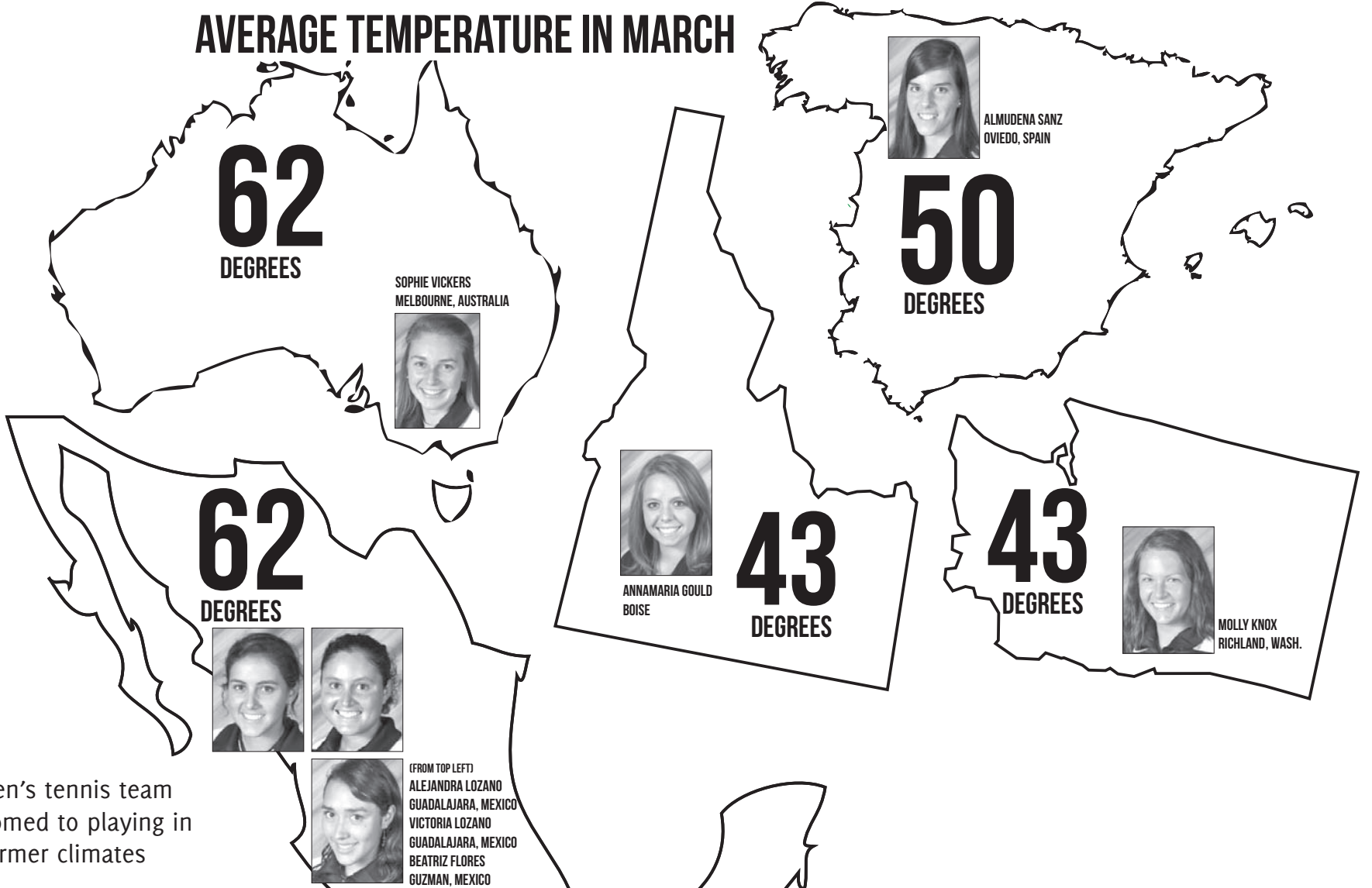


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Bringing the heat

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN MARCH



Women's tennis team accustomed to playing in warmer climates

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

Moscow's post-spring break snow and below-freezing temperatures do not seemingly accommodate the outdoor tennis season. Especially compared to typically tropical places like Australia or Mexico, which several Idaho women's tennis players call home.

Aside from Molly Knox, who is from Rich-

land, Wash., and Annamaria Gould of Boise, the team consists of recruits from much warmer climates. In fact, the team's average hometown temperature Wednesday was 60.8 degrees — almost twice Moscow's.

"Well for a spring day it's definitely not what I thought a spring day was," Melbourne, Australia's Sophie Vickers said. "It's not the ideal weather for

tennis either so (I'm) not a big fan of today's (Wednesday's) weather."

Vickers' home climate is a bit different than what she has experienced in Idaho.

"Reasonably warm summers, and our winters — I thought they were cold, but after coming here — they are not cold

at all. There is definitely no snow anyways," Vickers said.

She said she had seen snow in the mountains when skiing and snowboarding, but only briefly, so living in it every day was a bit of a shock. Vickers feels she adjusted well, but said a jacket and warm-up definitely come in handy on cold March days.

Sophomore Bety Flores

is from Guzman, Mexico, a place even warmer than Melbourne. She is one of three Vandals from the same part of Mexico — Alejandra and Vicky Lozano are from Guadalajara. Flores said the only snow they ever see is in the mountains. She said it's nothing like Moscow but she enjoys of the change.

"I kind of like it because for me it's a totally new experience being able to wake

up in the mornings and see that everything's white," Flores said.

She said the new experience made her transition to colder weather a little easier and adjust to playing more indoor tennis. Flores said she thinks it's funny when coach Daniel Pollock complains about the weather.

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Back on the pitch

Spring soccer continues against Gonzaga

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Fresh off spring break, the Vandal soccer team returned to the practice field and will hit the pitch at 12:30 p.m. Sunday for its second exhibition match of the spring against the Gonzaga Bulldogs on the SprinTurf.

Coach Pete Showler said he expects better weather than the mid-week snow storm that hit Moscow, and a little bit of the same play he saw in Idaho's 2-0 defeat of Montana two weeks ago.

However, this game will have a bit of a twist — Gonzaga requested three 30-minute intervals instead of the normal two 45-minute halves. A change that Showler said will give him and his staff an extra opportunity for coaching.

"For us that gives us more coaching opportunity, during the two intervals — get some feedback and work on the small things," he said.

Gonzaga defeated the Vandals during fall competition 3-0 in Spokane, a result Showler said should not add any more motivation for performance than the team already has.

"It's a chance for them to go out and prove themselves," he said. "But again the spring has so little bearing on the fall. We beat Gonzaga last spring and didn't beat them in the fall."

Idaho continues to experiment with players away from their usual positions as well as with different formations.

For example, against Montana, Idaho had defender Erica Hart up top in an attacking position, which paid off in two

goals. Players who saw little playing time last year, such as Christina Boddie, also contributed to the action.

"We've got players who will play multiple positions, playing a variety of different formations," Showler said. "But that's the beauty of spring, we can try what we want to try."

Despite the experimentation and increased playing time for players who usually play in reserve roles, the spring will still have little bearing on actual starting positions in the fall, Showler said. But spring is a great opportunity for players to continue to work on minor things and improve, he said.

"We had a chance to break down some film from the Montana game, so it will be interesting to see how they take that meeting and go out and see what we get this weekend," Showler said.

Still, the spring season provides an in-season type week-to-week game preparation mentality for players.

"It keeps us on our toes, and keeps us ready for training over summer. It's nice not to have a huge break, it keeps us in shape," defender Nitalia Zuniga said.

After Gonzaga, the Vandals host Washington State and Central Washington April 1 for a double header that will last from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Idaho will then get two weeks off before it heads north to Coeur d'Alene for a match against North Idaho College.

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Idaho safety D'Mario Carter catches a pass during practice Thursday in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho opened spring camp Thursday in preparation for the fall season.

Spring offensive

Akey hopes to shake off winter rust by hitting the turf running

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The new-look Idaho Vandal football team occupied the Kibbie Dome turf Thursday for its inaugural spring practice, one that initiated a heated quarterback battle, welcomed a new offensive coordinator and proved a group of players were itching to avenge last season's dismal 2-10 results.

Highly anticipated po-

sition battles look to be a theme this spring but none will prove to light as many fires as the quarterback battle between junior Dominique Blackman and returning back-up Taylor Davis.

The graduation of former starter Brian Reader vacates a position Idaho has struggled with since current Chicago Bears reserve Nathan Enderle graduated.

Blackman, originally

a Washington commit, transferred from a Pac-10 program to Los Angeles Harbor College. He then moved onto Old Dominion, where he redshirted prior to his move to Moscow. Davis, on the other hand, will begin his third year with the program this fall. The Arizona native started one game last season and saw action as a backup on

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A season of growth

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Another season of women's basketball has come and gone, and for the young Idaho team it was full of growth and experience.

Senior Keri Arendse was the only returning starter coming into this year and was joined by only two other seniors in Adrie Shiels and Ganeaya Rogers. All three seniors were junior college transfers and had only one previous season at Idaho.

The youth and inexperience showed early. Idaho was 5-11 at the start of conference play and continued to struggle in the WAC. The Vandals lost their first seven conference games and a total of eight games in a row, but just when they were buried in last place, Idaho came alive and won six of its last nine games to finish the season.

Idaho assistant coach Christa Sanford said the change was due to the team's attitude and confidence.

"I don't know exactly why it just clicked all of a sudden in the second half," Sanford said. "You just saw a difference of team — a team that wasn't going to back down."

The Vandals broke the losing streak with a win on the road against Hawaii. The team followed it up with a road win at San Jose State and a home win over New Mexico State.

"If we would have lost that game, would it have been a different season? I

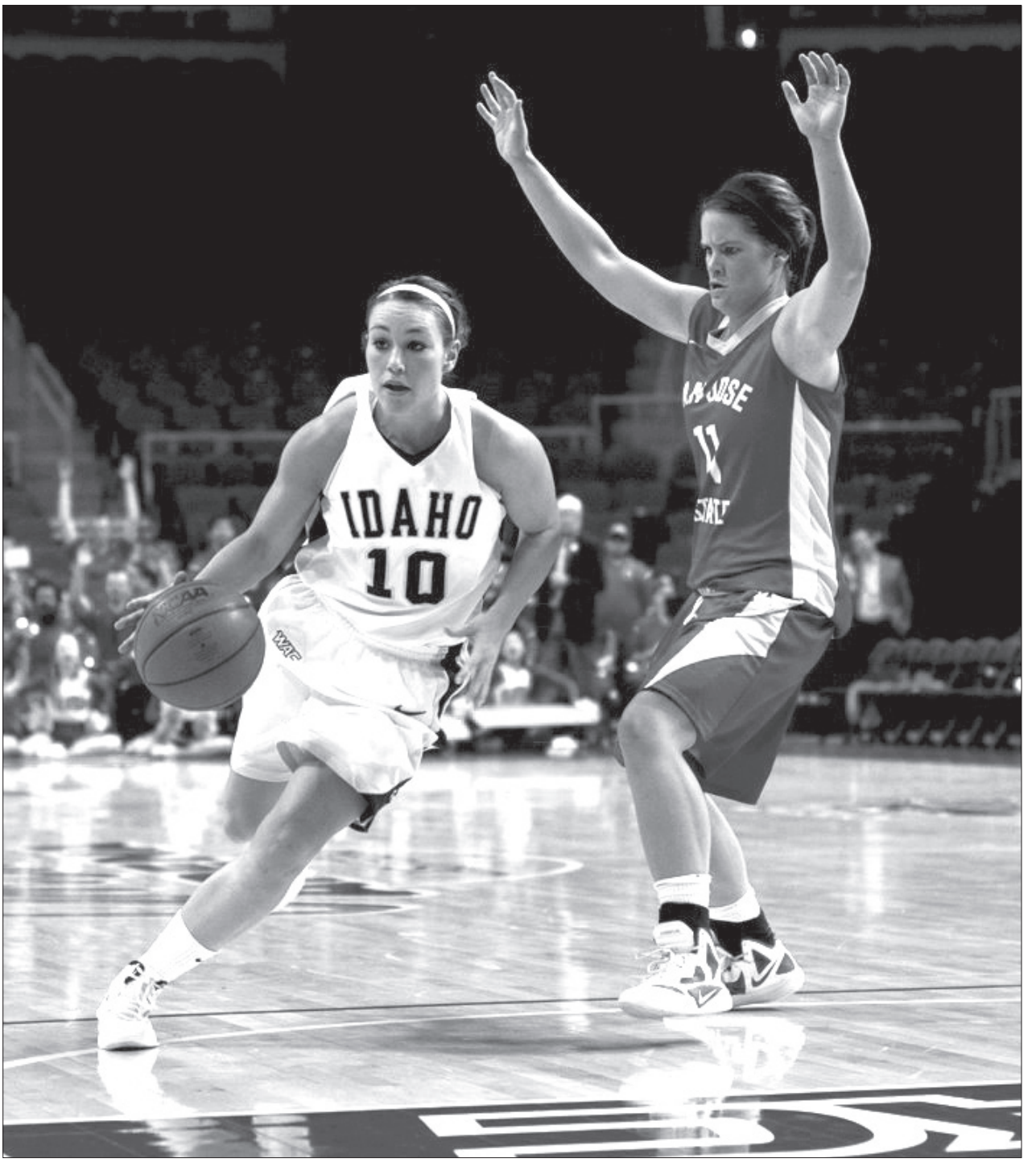
think it would have been different and we wouldn't have finished fourth in the WAC," Sanford said. "It was a great game to win that's for sure."

The wins lifted Idaho out of last place and marked the beginning of a late-season surge. Idaho went into the last week of the season No. 6 in the conference and needed to win its last two games, paired with two losses from San Jose State or Hawaii to get a better seed for the tournament. The Vandals got what they needed, winning their last two and claiming the No. 4 seed in the WAC Tournament.

The Vandals faced No. 5 San Jose State in the first round and for the third year in a row, got a WAC tournament win, beating the Spartans 67-63. The Vandals then faced top-seeded Fresno State in the semifinal round, but were unable to recover from a slow start and lost 80-55, ending the season.

Sophomore Alyssa Charlston emerged as the leader for Idaho this year. Charlston averaged 15 points per game, more than 12 boards per game and was selected to the first-team all-WAC, while earning WAC tournament team honors. Freshman Krissy Karr was named to the all-WAC freshman team.

Sanford said the future looks bright, only losing two starters in Arendse and Rogers. Idaho will bring back a host of young talent that includes Charlston,



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Idaho guard Keri Arendse controls the ball during the WAC tournament in Las Vegas. The Vandals ended the season 12-19 overall and 6-8 in WAC play.

Karr, and freshmen Stacey Barr and Taylor Weiks.

"All our young kids grew a lot this year and I think that Jon (Newlee) did a great job (building) those younger kids, to keep them in those roles and keep believing in them and keeping

them on the floor no matter what the circumstances, so next year they have some games experience," Sanford said.

The Vandals will play in a new-look WAC with multiple teams leaving and entering the conference.

Sanford said the coaching staff looks forward to next season regardless of who Idaho plays.

"We have some great guards coming in and we're really excited about the recruiting class we have coming in with the four

kids we signed in the fall," Sanford said. "The sky is the limit for these kids in terms of where they want to go and how high they want to go."

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Ben Ayesu-Attah crosses the finish line in the 4x400m Feb. 25 during the WAC Indoor Championships at Jackson Indoor Track in Nampa, winning the first men's track and field indoor WAC.

Outdoor season open

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

After a short break following the end of the indoor season, Vandal track and field is rested and ready to start the outdoor season at the Buc Scoring Invitational Saturday in Spokane.

The Buc Scoring Invitational, hosted by Whitworth, scores the top five athletes in each event. Some of the other teams expected to join the Vandals and Pirates include Northwest Nazarene and Spokane Community College, among others. Even though the Buc Scoring Invitational is a scored meet, the Vandals are treating this meet the same way they took the indoor opener — as a springboard for the rest of the season.

"It's kind of like the first meet indoors where we're just trying to get the rust off a little bit and get back to competing," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "That's really our goal and our focus on this first one — getting one under our belt and going from there."

Idaho begins the outdoor season on a high note after the Vandal men won the WAC Indoor Championships and the women placed second in February. Both will attempt to carry that success

into the outdoor season.

"(Winning the WAC) did give the team a lot more confidence, that 'yeah, we can do this, we can put up good marks, we can do what we need to do to be successful for winning outdoors,'" senior Rendel Jones said.

Some athletes are still nursing injuries from the indoor season but overall, the team is ready for the outdoor season to begin, Phipps said. Besides sophomore Hannah Kiser and senior Jeremy Klas who competed at nationals, the team has had two weeks to rest up for the start of the outdoor season. A few athletes have not been able to compete since the last outdoor season. One group Phipps is excited to see is the javelin throwers.

"It's always neat to see our javelin guys and girls," Phipps said. "They've been practicing so hard for so long with no real opportunity to compete so I'm

excited to watch and see those people compete."

Many changes come with the outdoor track and field season. Besides competing outdoors, the track size is larger, 400-meters instead of 200-meters, and new events, such as javelin and the 4x100-meter relay are held only in the outdoor season. Also, events such as the hurdles increase in distance. The Vandals also have the challenge of facing weather in addition to competing against the opposing teams — a factor the team didn't have to worry about when competing indoors.

Of all the changes, sophomore distance runner Emily Paradis doesn't think the bad weather will affect the Vandals as much as it may affect other teams.

"I don't mind racing in poor weather," Paradis said. "Unlike a lot of people, we are used to actually training in it so it doesn't affect us as much."

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Marius Cirstea, junior, returns the ball to Abid Akbar during practice Feb. 15 on the practice courts in the Kibbie Dome. The men will try to break a four-match losing streak today when they face Nevada in Boise.

Back to Boise

Men's tennis hopes to get back on winning track

Madison McCord
Argonaut

Hopefully the third time's a charm for the Idaho men's tennis team as it attempts to claim its first victory since March 9 in Boise today and Saturday.

Idaho is one of eight teams traveling to Idaho's capital to play in the 2012 Boise State Spring Break Classic today and Saturday. The first match of the tournament for the Vandals (8-10) will be against WAC foe, Nevada at 10 a.m. Friday in the Boise Racquet and Swim Club.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said all of the players understand the importance of the Nevada match, and the tournament as a whole.

"The guys know how huge this weekend is," Beaman said. "Not only do we have a conference match, but a good performance will put us back on a winning track."

Along with the two WAC schools, teams participating in the tournament include No. 42 Boise State, Ball State, Marquette, Southern Mississippi, Utah and No. 73 UAB.

Beaman said in a large tournament format, it's more about focusing on his own team than looking at the other seven.

"The goal here is to get all of the guys out on the court playing the best tennis that they can play," Beaman said. "We're not going in there pre-

paring for just Nevada or even Utah or UAB. We just want to be healthy and ready to play good tennis."

Idaho played Boise State once already this year, but fell 7-0 to the Broncos. The two teams are on opposite sides of the tournament bracket.

If the Vandals vanquish the Wolf Pack, they face the winner of the Utah/UAB match at 2 p.m. Friday. A loss for the Vandals would have them play the Utah/UAB loser also at 2 p.m.

Beaman said in a tournament filled with quality teams, Idaho's strong non-conference schedule should help out his team in some of the tougher matches.

"We've played a tough schedule this year, and if I was to pick something to play and the level of teams, this tournament is perfect," Beaman said. "You have a bunch of teams that may not be in the rankings, but may be really close, playing this weekend. We're the type of team that if we go out and beat some of these teams, we get back that confidence needed for the rest of the season."

The Vandals, who are riding a four-match losing-streak, travel to Las Cruces, N.M., to face UT-Arlington March 31 and New Mexico State April 1.

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Big apple and Tebow train collide

The Tim Tebow train garnered immediate attention shortly following its arrival at Mile High Stadium, but Denver's savior may have less than a New York minute to adjust to his newly acquired role with the Jets.

That role will be the exact same it was at the start of last season, when Tebow took a seat behind Kyle Orton before lifting the city of Denver to its feet and giving Bronco fans an AFC Divisional Playoff appearance.

Resistance of Tebowma-

nia was rare and toward the end of the season even John Elway was giving into the craze that dominated Denver, the NFL and ESPN.



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Any logical Bronco fan could have anticipated the departure of the Tebow train. When a Manning knocks on your door, you rush to open it with contract in hand, plain and simple. Elway saw Super Bowl rings over jersey sales, he saw experience and a golden arm over mobility and 155 passing yards-per-game.

Although Tebow didn't have the same allure to

most NFL teams that Manning did, his options certainly weren't limited. At least they shouldn't have been. Teams like Jacksonville and Miami might have been a major downgrade in terms of playoff potential, but a vacant starting job in the state that Tebow found unlimited college success in sounded appealing.

Yet New York of all places, found the home-less Tebow most attractive. This of course was after the Manning mob laughed at the Jets, who showed a slight interest in the 11-time Pro Bowler. That fiasco preceded New York's offer to current starter Mark

Sanchez, who received a three-year, \$40.5 million extension.

Come fall camp, Rex Ryan's faith in Sanchez will outweigh that of Tebow, who will undoubtedly turn to his own faith for motivation to earn a starting spot.

Ryan's antics were frowned upon for what seemed to be the entirety of the 2011 season. If Ryan hopes hauling in Tebow and his bandwagon will help the team chemistry and mental state of Sanchez — he's truly mistaken.

Most importantly, Tebow's talents — yes, they exist — deserve attention from a team desperate for his leadership

qualities and one willing to fine tune his mechanics. Ryan and the Jets staff will be doing just that, but the \$40.5 million dollar man will receive more than twice the attention they'll give their reserve quarterback. In addition, only so much is achieved in scrimmages, throwing drills and weight training sessions. The League's elite quarterbacks enhanced their abilities during high-pressure circumstances, similar to the countless fourth quarter scenarios Tebow encountered in Denver.

Disregard his religious gestures and imperfect spiral — critics, players

and fans have zero reason to refuse Tebowmania and they should appreciate his intensity, personality and dedication. All three are rarely seen in the NFL as of late.

While ESPN journalist Skip Bayless and I may not agree on everything, we understand that Tim Tebow's potential is through the roof, his work ethic tops that of most professional athletes and when placed in the right situation he can prove his worth.

Tebow should be wearing a helmet this fall, not a headset.

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HEAT

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"He says it's spring and it shouldn't be snowing and I'm like, 'Oh yeah come on let's go play in it,'" Flores said.

Pollock said he was hoping the team had seen the last of the snow when Moscow hit 60 degrees a couple weeks ago. He said he takes measures to protect his players from the elements, like modified practices and warm-ups.

The weather isn't what Pollock sells to recruits who visit Idaho. He said he sells UI on what a great place Moscow is for students, with a reasonable cost of living, the support of UI athletics and a thriving tennis program.

"There are a lot of good things about Idaho, even if the weather is not one of them when it comes to our sport," Pollock said. "We do have a tough schedule, we do have good players here, even if it is sort of unknown outside of the U.S."

He said Idaho didn't intentionally recruit a team from warm climates, but it happened by chance. The trio from Mexico started with Alejandra Lozano and then her sister Vicky Lozano followed. Later Flores got in touch with Idaho. Pollock said Idaho got lucky recruiting Vickers, and it signed her at the last minute.

Vickers and Flores would both prefer their hometown's climate and agree that the weather is not what sold them on Idaho.

"If the tennis program looks good and if the university itself looks like a good school, I think people will come anyways," Vickers said. "The town is a good place to be and the weather isn't that big of a factor I don't think."



There are a lot of good things about Idaho, even if the weather is not one of them when it comes to our sport.

Daniel Pollock,
Women's tennis coach

Pollock said the school and the town are great, but what convinced her most to come to UI were Pollock and Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman.

"I could feel like they were really nice people so I think that helps them a lot for recruiting people," Flores said. "They are really nice and really respectful and you can feel the good feeling that they have."

Pollock said he appreciates that players go out on a limb and play for Idaho more typically recognized schools for tennis.

"It's our job as coaches to make that decision worthwhile for them and make them want to stay once they get here," Pollock said. "We do everything we can to make sure the girls have the best time possible here."

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SPRING

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numerous occasions.

"We've got a race between two guys who want it real bad," Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "It's going to take time for that to sort itself out. Today was the first day, I saw some good and not so good in each of them today. We're going to look at video right now and we're going to evaluate everything they do."

However, the emphasis on Blackman and Davis hasn't overshadowed the announcement of Jason Gesser as the team's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Gesser was hired last year by Akey as the team's running backs coach, but the former Washington State quarterback feels more comfortable at a position he was so well acquainted with during his college career.

He welcomes the high pressure that comes with the offensive coordinator position, especially at the start of a spring season that will determine plenty about the offense and quarterback position.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," Gesser said. "It's been kind of like that my whole career playing-wise and why not have it starting coaching-wise. I

welcome it with open arms, I can control the things I can control I'm not really worried about what's on the outside world I worry about what we got here."

Akey recently announced former Vandal defensive coordinator Gordy Shaw will return to Moscow as the team's offensive line coach after a stint with Hawaii as the Warriors' offensive line coach.

While Akey has yet to announce the running backs or wide receivers coach, he said both have been picked and one will be announced in a week's time.

"Well I'm very anxious to be able to announce those, one of them is going to get announced here in about a week and I'm anxious to announce that," Akey said. "I know who both of those guys are going to be... I've got to wait until the situation comes about that I can name them."

Idaho awaits the return of receiver and kick returns specialist Justin Veltung, who will sit the spring season out due to a turf toe injury.

However, the Vandals return a key defensive player in linebacker Rob Siavii, who redshirted the 2011 season with a knee injury.

Fourteen practices will highlight the spring season and the team will conclude play with annual spring scrimmage April 20.

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Sparty bounced from Big Dance

Associated Press

Michigan State's guards struggled with Louisville's pressure and the big men had a hard time getting shots to fall.

Everyone had trouble with Gorgui Dieng.

Dieng blocked seven shots and top-seeded Michigan State had more turnovers than field goals in a 57-44 loss to Louisville in the West Regional Thursday night.

"We just missed some shots that we have hit (in the past)," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "But I also thought they disrupted us a little bit and we just didn't have enough guys that could play well."

Michigan State (29-8) started slow and never got going against Louisville's amoebic defense.

The Spartans got shots they wanted and usually make, but couldn't get many to fall against Dieng or anyone else, shooting 28 percent while being outscored 20-14 inside by the leaner Cardinals.

Green had 13 points and 16 rebounds in his final game for Michigan State, which had 16 turnovers and 15 field goals. Brandon Wood added 14 points for the Spartans, who were outscored 17-4 off the bench.

"He was very disruptive," Michigan State's Draymond Green said. "We're not going to back down from anyone. We took it at him. He pulled off some great blocked shots. That's what he does. That's his strength."

The Cardinals (29-9) relied on 3-point shooting in the first half and moved inside in the second to befuddle the Spartans.

Their defense gave Michigan State fits all night. Instead of trapping like it normally does, Louisville played a bait-and-switch game with the Spartans and Green, their multitalented forward. The idea was to jump out on

screens and to make the Spartans work on every possession and, hopefully, wear them out.

It worked, in large part because Dieng was in the back to clean things up.

Tent-pole thin when he arrived at Louisville, the Senegalese center worked hard on his body and his game, developing into the one player the Cardinals had to have on the floor. When he got in foul trouble, Louisville labored, so one of the key parts of coach Rick Pitino's game plan was to make sure the Cardinals protected him.

They did and he protected the rim in return, getting five of his blocked shots in the second half to prevent Michigan State from mounting any kind of rally. The Cardinals move on to the West final Saturday against the winner between Marquette and Florida.

"When we came here, we know (what) we're going to face," said Dieng, who also had five points, nine rebounds and three steals while matching the school record for blocked shots in an NCAA tournament game. "We knew we were going to come to a war. We need to be tougher than them to win this game."

This sweet matchup of top programs featured two of college basketball's best short-preparation coaches.

Pitino has used his speed-the-opponent-up system to reach the Final Four five times, becoming the first coach to lead three different schools to the national semifinals. Once past the NCAA tournament's first week, he's had a knack for guiding his team further along the bracket, going 10-0 in the regional semifinals.

Izzo has spent his 17 years at Michigan State building teams that can handle the rigors of the Big Ten or switch to

greyhound mode when the opponent plays fast. He's been as consistent as any coach in the game, leading the Spartans to the Final Four six times, including the 2000 national title, and 10 trips to the regionals round the past 15 years.

Izzo played the right hand the last time these two basketball brains met, taking the Spartans to the 2009 Final Four after they found a way to break Louisville's pressure.

Pitino had something up his sleeve this time.

With Michigan State bogging the game down, the Cardinals struggled early, missing 12 of their first 13 shots. They snapped out of it by hitting 3s.

Russ Smith hit a pair, Jared Swopshire and Chris Smith each dropped one in and, even Dieng — 0 for 2 in his career previously — got one to go in.

Swopshire closed it out with a 3 from the corner to put the Cardinals up 23-18 at halftime. Louisville was 7 of 15 from the arc in the half, but got almost nothing inside, hitting 1 of 15 shots from two-point range.

"Our game plan was to cut off the paint," Izzo said. "I thought we did actually a very good job of that. And yet they hit some 3's."

Louisville shifted gears to open the second half, getting two layups and a dunk to keep its cushion. Swopshire followed with an alley-oop to Siva for the point guard's first points, then stole the inbound pass to set up two free throws by Russ Smith that put the Cardinals up 35-25.

Michigan State managed a short run to get within four, but Louisville used its pressure to get a couple of steals and baskets to go up 43-32. Dieng followed with a couple more swats — one on Keith Appling that sailed into the stands — to keep the Spartans at arm's length.

"He played an exceptional game," Pitino said.

Good enough to get Louisville into the regional final for the third time in six years, a trip to New Orleans and the Final Four within its sight.

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OUR VIEW

## Crossing the line

Sen. Winder's comments about mandated ultrasounds are too much

Senators are elected to represent the views of the people, not to make rash decisions based on personal views.

Boise Sen. Chuck Winder did just that Monday with comments he made while sponsoring Idaho's proposed mandatory ultrasound bill, which would require all women to have an ultrasound before an abortion.

The problem with the bill is there is no exception for rape victims, incest victims or women in medical emergencies.

In his closing statements, Winder — an Idaho State senator since 2008 — responded to the opponents of the bill by saying, "I would hope that when a woman goes in to a physician with a rape issue, that physician will indeed ask her about perhaps her marriage, was this pregnancy caused by normal relations in a marriage or was it truly caused by a rape."

Winder's statements were ignorant, and showed an abuse of power in his position.

The role of a lawmaker is to make laws. Winder is overstepping his boundaries as a representative of the state by making decisions and statements based on personal biases.

Personal views are a key reason government officials are elected into office, but Winder has continued to act based on his personal values rather than those of the population he represents.

The 2010 FBI Uniform Crime Report recorded 525 reported cases of "forcible rape" in the state of Idaho, and 84,767 nationwide. It is important to realize that "forcible rape" does not only apply to aggravated rape, but denotes anytime a person refuses sexual activity yet complies because of emotional or mental factors that make them feel forced.

Winder's statement, though, presumes that if a pregnancy were to have occurred from a "forcible rape," there is still some other reason the woman is pregnant.

Rape is a problem in the U.S., and although the number of forcible rapes has decreased in the last 10 years, the number is still too high. And from rape comes the possibility of pregnancies — unplanned pregnancies.

If Winder's bill passes through the Idaho House of Representatives and is signed into law, women who seek an abortion — including those who have been raped or have a medical emergency — would be required to receive a free ultrasound from a state-approved facility in order to get an abortion. Unfortunately, almost all free clinics in Idaho are "crisis pregnancy centers" that aim to change a woman's mind about having an abortion.

Deciding how to handle an unplanned pregnancy — regardless of how it came about — should be up to the individuals involved, especially when it is a woman who has been placed into a situation she had no control over.

—MM

### OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

#### Golfing...

Guess that is not happening this weekend.

—Jens

#### Spring?

Football is starting up, intramurals are going strong, I put my clock ahead an hour. Why isn't it spring yet outside? Not a fan.

—Madison

#### Yuck

That's what the lady I passed on Hello Walk said to me. I hope she was talking about the weather and not my face.

—Elisa

#### Zero classes

Typically I'm OK with teachers canceling classes and I'm even OK when they don't show up, except when it's the only class I had to go to for the day. An email would have been cool, I could have slept more...

—Elizabeth

#### Personal day

Everybody gets one. Or two.

—Vicky

#### 61 days

If one more person asks me if I'm going out to the bars, I might start crying. I still have 61 days until I turn 21, people. Don't remind me.

—Britt

#### @#WolfpackAlan tweet

"I am nobody. Nobody is perfect. Therefore, I am perfect."

—Theo

#### Not Happy

I'm rocking my tank and flip-flops this week regardless. Take that, snow. It's still spring in my head.

—Amrah

#### (Insert title here)

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—Nick

#### Chuck Winder

I think we should really ask your wife about the "normal relations" within your marriage. I am a little worried.

—Dylan



Shane Wellner  
Argonaut

## Not victim, victor

Surviving an attempted abortion

She is quoted saying her favorite thing in life is laughter, and it is apparent in her bright eyes, daring smile and optimistic attitude. Would you expect someone to be exceptionally joyous who has cerebral palsy and survived an abortion? Gianna Jessen calls herself not the victim, but the victor.

Her cheerfulness and hope leaves one curious after hearing her experience. Her mother was 17 years old and attempted a saline abortion while seven

months pregnant, which is when the developing prenatal child drinks the solution and is then burned inside and out. Somehow she survived, and has to deal with the repercussions. Her outlook on it all, however, may surprise you.

For once, we will have a speaker on campus debating not why you should or should not do this or that with your body, but instead we will hear from a person whose voice was not heard from within the womb. This is the reason pro-lifers stand for what they do — because of the belief that there is a human being within who deserves a chance at life. I challenge us all to take the time to listen to what she has to share.

Mother Teresa said, "God is using Gianna to remind the world that each human being is precious to him."

If not God, then maybe humanity as a whole can appreciate her story, which reminds us of the beauty of life and how spectacular each human being is, whether we understand it or not.

Jessen will speak at 7 p.m. Monday in the Administration Auditorium, and in the SEL Event Center Tuesday, both free of charge. The event is titled "Hope for the Fatherless." Her life has also inspired the production of a movie called "October Baby" premiering in Pullman tonight with showings at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

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STAND YOUR GROUND

## Florida's self-defense law is flawed

There's a lot to be learned from the tragic death of Trayvon Martin.

Martin, a black 17-year-old, was walking home through a gated community in Sanford, Fla., Feb. 26. A man named George Zimmerman, a volunteer with the neighborhood watch, called the police to report a suspicious person in the neighborhood. On the 911 recording, you can hear the dispatcher tell Zimmerman not to follow Martin. Zimmerman responded: "They always get away."



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Zimmerman followed Martin in his car, and there was a confrontation. Zimmerman shot and killed Martin. Zimmerman has admitted to killing Martin, but claims it was self-defense. Martin was unarmed. He was carrying a package of skittles and a bottled of iced tea.

Zimmerman has not been arrested or charged with any crime.

Many are calling the killing an issue of race. Martin was black, and some wonder if he was killed for being black in a gated community. Zimmerman, for those wondering, is Hispanic. Some have

labeled the killing a hate crime, and others suspect Zimmerman would have been arrested if he was black, or if Martin was not. There's some truth to it — the Sanford police department has been accused of racial discrimination before, as when it waited weeks to arrest one of its lieutenant's sons, caught on video assaulting a black man. And Zimmerman's statement that "they always get away" lends even more weight to the argument. Zimmerman probably would not have pursued Martin had Martin not been black. But race isn't the whole story.

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## Self-defense law enables murder

Getting out of harm's way is common sense. If a situation arises that could be dangerous, leaving is a sensible reaction. The "Stand your ground" law in Florida and 20 other states gives people the right to stay in a dangerous situation and defend themselves, despite reasonable retreats.

After a 17-year-old male was killed while walking to his father's girlfriend's home, this law is being challenged in Florida.

George Zimmerman, a crime watch volunteer, called the police on Trayvon Martin who he claimed looked suspicious. The recording of the conversation between Zimmerman and the police has been released, and shows that Zimmerman disregarded their advice to stop following



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Martin. As the tape continues, listeners can hear Zimmerman follow Martin, the police advising Zimmerman that it is not necessary, and a single gunshot.

Martin was unarmed, but Zimmerman claims self-defense. Despite clearly throwing himself into the situation, Zimmerman's claim can be held as true because the "duty to retreat" law no longer requires people to vacate a situation if reasonable when claiming self-defense.

Although the case has made progress and new evidence has come forward that shows Zimmerman was not acting in self-defense, the "Stand your ground" law makes an arrest difficult.

The law is easy to take advantage of, despite its

good intentions. Most people are not in the habit of following innocent teenagers and attacking them, but those who hold strong prejudices or have an urge to take it too far can easily manipulate the law to their advantage and essentially get away with murder.

William Eddins, president of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, said self-defense claims have increased with the new law, including the use in violence and murder cases.

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## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

## Obama's health care move needed

One of President Barack Obama's campaign promises was health care reform. In March 2010, President Obama made a great achievement for health care: He signed the Affordable Care Act. Since before its inception, this law has sparked intense debate. Some proclaim it is a government takeover of the health care system while others say it creates yet another financial burden for taxpayers to bear. The reality is the ACA is a positive and much needed change to the previous health care system. This law will save money and broaden access to health insurance for those who have previously been excluded from coverage.

The government is facing huge deficits. This act will decrease the deficit by \$210 billion in the next 10 years and by another trillion dollars in the 10 years after that, according to the Con-

gressional Budget Office. The law will cut Medicare expenses by about \$8 billion by 2014 and

nearly \$418 billion in the next seven years. Both sides of the aisle agree that spending in Washington has to be cut, and this law helps do just that by reducing Medicare costs.

The ACA will also save American families money. Lower premiums and better coverage mean more money saved for working families. The CBO has stated the law will save a family of four as much as \$2,300 on premiums in 2014.

The act also benefits college students. Many must find their own coverage after graduating from college, but the ACA dictates they can stay on their parents' plans until age 26. Working young adults who cannot afford insurance will now have coverage they did not have access to before.

One provision of the law is for some preventive services to be covered completely by

insurance with no co-pay or deductible paid by the individual. With more access to preventive services, the need for costly, drastic medical procedures will be reduced. Earlier detection means better care, better chances at recovery and fewer medical bills for individuals.

Beginning in 2014, the law will also provide insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. In the past, pre-existing conditions often meant no coverage for those who needed it most. This resulted in the individual being responsible for costly medical bills and prescription drugs. Just as important, insurance companies are prohibited from denying children coverage because of a costly pre-existing condition, such as asthma.

Despite all the politicized rhetoric floating around, the ACA is not a government takeover of the health care system. The purpose is simple: Americans need better access to quality, affordable health insurance. Health should not be dependent upon income, and that is why we need the ACA.

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## Health care reform violates individual rights

Health care is one of the most debated issues in American politics. With the enactment of the Affordable Care Act in March 2010 and the subsequent challenge in the U.S. Supreme Court, it is important that all Americans know where they stand on the issue of health care.

There is no doubt the U.S. is in dire need of some sort of health care reform. Americans need access to affordable health care, but the ACA doesn't use the correct means to do so. While the law has some benefits — the requirement that insurance companies cannot turn a patient away because of pre-existing conditions — much of the act negatively affects Americans with increased government spending and a law that infringes on constitutional rights.

At a time when the deficit is at \$14 trillion, more government spend-

ing is not the answer. As a part of the ACA, the federal government allows states to cover more people on

Medicaid, and plans to spend \$5 billion to help employers cover early retirees and \$250 million on expanding the primary care provider workforce, including the training of primary care physicians and nurses. The list of million- and

billion-dollar programs goes on. Each year, the federal government plans to increase health care spending and ACA implementations. The government spends an estimated "\$76.4 billion, or \$0.3 billion above the 2012 funding level," according to the Department of Health and Human Services for the 2013 fiscal year. This will result in a higher tax burden for the middle class, something the government should stay away from.

In addition to excess

spending, the law infringes on Americans' constitutional rights with the "individual mandate" provision. The provision requires all citizens to purchase health insurance or face a financial penalty. With the provision, the federal government exceeds its constitutionally limited commerce regulation power. The mandate is unconstitutional because Congress does not have the right to force those not engaged in the health insurance market to enter into a contract with a private company. It is vital in the protection of individual rights in the U.S. that the Supreme Court rules such a provision as unconstitutional after hearings that begin next week.

While the ACA has many controversial implications, Americans must, above all else, be aware of this continuous rise of big government. The ACA, if passed, will not only further this trend, but continue massive spending. If this law remains as is, it will forever change the system of governance in the United States.

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## More info

The McClure Center will hold a Coffee and Politics panel about the Affordable Care Act, "The Federal Healthcare Act: Politics, Policy and the Law," from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 27 in the Idaho Commons Aurora Room.



**This week's question is: Do you think President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act is a good idea? Why or why not?**



**Nick Weber**  
Posted March 22

"Good idea, poor execution."

"Yes. If we want to say that we live in the best country in the world, we should have to prove it. Disagree with individual provisions in the policy if you want. I think it's a step in the right direction to ensure that every single person in this country can see a doctor without fear of a lifetime of crippling debt. We must do that, or at least admit that our own money is more important to us than the lives of our own countrymen."

**Sean Michael Foster**  
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**Andrew Kuisk**  
Posted March 21

"Yes. With the individual mandate, the 80 percent of adults that already have health care through one way or another, it will lower their premiums and provide health care for the other 20 percent not covered. Whether you like it or not, we already pay for the uninsured through taxes that go to hospitals and aid programs, and higher premiums. It lets people like me stay on my parents plan longer until I'm able to go out and provide for myself."

"I believe the ACA can be right for some people, and for others it can be seen as infringing upon their freedoms or even agency. Having the right to choose a private insurance provider without having to be heavily taxed for ACA should still be an option. It would seem unfair to have to pay for ACA for others when you pay for your own private insurance. There could still be small tax for those with private insurance to continue to help pay for Medicare."

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Why hasn't Zimmerman been arrested? The Sanford police chief said they cannot arrest Zimmerman, because he claims the killing was in self-defense, and they have no probable cause to believe otherwise. At the heart of the story are Florida's gun use laws. Not gun ownership regulations. Zimmerman was licensed to own a gun, and the

gun was also licensed. Zimmerman had every legal right to own a gun. Whatever you think of America's gun problem or the gun control issue, the problem here is not that the law allowed Zimmerman to own a gun, but that it encouraged him to use it.

Florida has something called the "Stand Your Ground" law. It says that people in violent confrontations have the right to defend themselves without first trying to retreat, and protects them from civil and criminal

prosecution. The law has good intentions — it was designed to let women protect themselves from domestic violence. Unfortunately, the law has a major flaw. Unlike other self-defense laws, it doesn't require those who claim it to prove in court that they were defending themselves. Anybody who claims self-defense in Florida is protected from prosecution unless there is some cause to doubt the claim. This means that in situations where there are no witnesses,

such as the Martin case, whoever shoots first can't be prosecuted, as there is no evidence to show they were not defending themselves.

Many are outraged by Martin's death. They believe the failure to arrest Zimmerman represents racial bias on the part of the police. It turns out the answer may be simpler. In Florida, the police can't legally arrest a confessed killer.

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Willie Meggs, state attorney in Tallahassee, opposed the law when it was proposed and said it is increasingly used by gang members, drug dealers, road rage encounters and even in social situations in bars. These instances are sparse, especially in Idaho, but in areas with higher rates of violence the law has become an issue.

This unfortunate instance brings the flawed law to public awareness. It essentially allows anyone who desires to get away with murder, because criteria is based on if the killer felt deadly force was necessary, not if it actually was. There's something wrong with this logic, and it needs to change.

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