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New policies limit athletics

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The recent proposal by ASUI President Samantha Perez to increase the student activity fee by zero percent may prove positive for most students, after President M Duane Nellis proposed a 6.1 percent increase to tuition for the 2012-2013 academic year.

While students look to benefit from the zero percent increase, the University of Idaho Athletic Department will suffer as a result of Idaho State Board of Education regulations.

According to the Idaho SBOE policy, the student fee revenue "shall not exceed revenue generated from student activity fee dedicated to the athletic program. Increases to the student fee for the athletic program shall be at the same rate of increase as the total student activity fees."

Therefore, as long as the student activity fee remains unchanged, the athletic department will receive the current \$127.02 per student per semester.

In 2012, the athletic department received \$2.335 million from student fees. That money supports team travel (\$1.923 million), game operations (\$0.686 million) and equipment expenses (\$0.556 million).

Prior to April 2011, intercollegiate athletics at all four of Idaho's public universities were eligible for an increase.

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increase in intercollegiate athletic fees

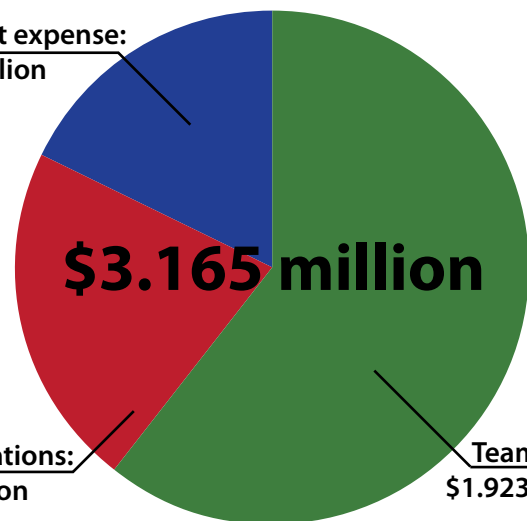
UI student fee support for intercollegiate athletics:

\$2.335 million

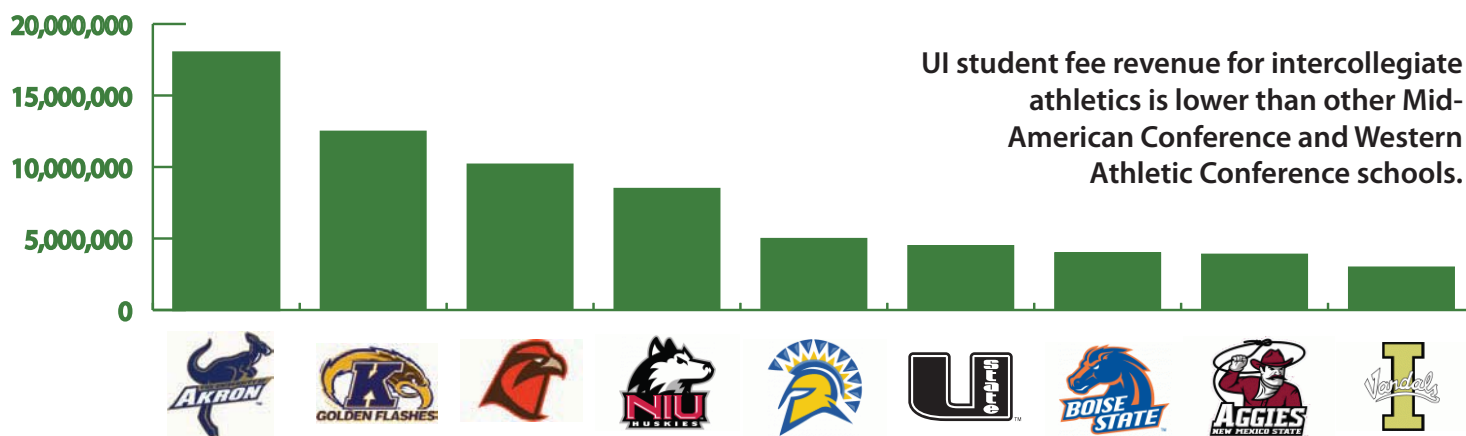
Amount spent in UI intercollegiate athletics:

\$3.165 million

Equipment expense:
\$0.556 million



UI student fee revenue for intercollegiate athletics is lower than other Mid-American Conference and Western Athletic Conference schools.



Information from State Board of Education Board Policy and Matt Kleffner's presentation to Associated Students Fee Committee

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VANDAL SLUMBER PARTY



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Linsey Courtney, left, and Jessie Gunning, center, meet their Vandal Friday host Kate Johnson, freshman, Thursday near the 24-hour info desk in the LLC. The prospective students will spend the night with Johnson in the Wallace Residence Center and will learn about life as a Vandal.

Less credits, same degree

More than 25 programs to lower credit requirements

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Recent department decisions to remove eight credits between University of Idaho students and a diploma were not required. While many departments decided to switch, others are still discussing lowering requirements or have decided it was not realistic.

More than 25 programs housed within four colleges decided to make the change. Degree programs within the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Science, and the College of Natural Resources, and one within the College of Art and Architecture have lowered graduation requirements.

Mark Nielsen, associate dean, said none of the College of Science degree programs exceeded 120 credits, so making the change did

Credit change participants

CLASS: Journalism, advertising, public relations, broadcasting and digital media, sociology, English, modern languages, history, anthropology, environmental science, international studies, political science, philosophy, psychology, theatre arts, organizational science, general studies

College of Science: Chemistry, geography, mathematics, physics, geological science, microbiology

College of Natural Resources: Most of CNR including ecology & conservation biology, resource recreation and tourism

College of Art & Architecture: Art education

not affect students much.

"We just viewed it as if the university decided 120 credits are needed for a bachelor's

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Senate candidates to be appointed April 11



Allie Fuller

Major: Child studies and family relations-family life

Year in school: Sophomore

Hometown: Walnut Creek, Calif.

Living group: Delta Gamma

Activities and involvement: Current ASUI senator, Student Alumni Relations Board, Phi Eta Sigma honors society

Platform: I would like to make ASUI more visible on campus and in the community at large. If elected, I would constructively represent the opinions of the students. Furthermore, I would spread fiscal awareness and include student opinion in facing financial issues.

Andi Scanlan

Major: International studies and Spanish

Year in school: Junior

Hometown: Boise



Andi Scanlan

Living group: Delta Gamma

Activities and involvement: President of Delta Gamma, Model UN delegate, studied abroad in Argentina through UI's International Programs Office

Platform: If elected to ASUI Senate, I hope to increase the visibility of ASUI on campus and facilitate greater integration between the university and the community. I would focus on coming to a better understanding of student interests and making sure they are reflected in the decisions made by ASUI and the university.

Brady Fuller

Major: Microbiology

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Meridian

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Vehicle break-ins on rise

Staff Report
Argonaut

Recent reports have added to Moscow Police Department's ongoing investigation of a series of car burglaries on the University of Idaho campus.

"We're looking for assistance from community members in identifying two possible suspects," Lt. Dave Lehmitz said.

The suspects are described as white males in their early 20s — one anywhere from 6-foot to 6-foot-3-inches in height and approximately 165 to 175

pounds, while the other is described as 5-foot-8-inches to 5-foot-10-inches in height and 175 to 185 pounds.

Lehmitz said valuable items ranging from laptops to purses have been stolen, and suggested students leave their belongings at home or in the trunk until suspects have been identified.

"They're breaking windows," Lehmitz said. "What they're doing is, they'll walk by a car, see a backpack or something, break the window and if

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Make food, not war

2012 Borah Symposium draws connections between sustainability and war

Katy Sword
Argonaut

For 64 years, the Borah Symposium has informed the community about the causes of war and the conditions for peace. This year "Cultivating Peace: Food & War" is the symposium's theme, which is intended to provoke the community to think about the correlation between food and war.

"It's a focus on the link between sustainability and war," said Keeley Perez, student symposium co-chair. "It's not often that we think about how war causes a struggle with food in our society. We wanted to show students the correlation between hunger, sustainability, war and peace."

Perez said this is why they selected Vandana Shiva as the keynote speaker.

"She has continuously shown the context of the current global food crisis," Perez said.

Melissa Saul, faculty symposium co-chair, said Shiva will be looking at food sovereignty issues.

"Food sovereignty means people in places have control over their food system so there are not corporations involved," Saul said. "People are able to create biodiversity and keep it within the local community."

The symposium will open April 9 with the film "Darwin's Nightmare," which explores the current situation at Lake Victoria in Africa where the introduction of a new species has changed the natural balance and introduced an entirely new ecosystem of people, poverty and a multina-

tional industry.

On April 10, Guy Knudsen, Professor of Microbial Ecology and Plant Pathology at UI will give a day talk about food security in Haiti.

"I will discuss the various conditions that lead to lack of food security in Haiti agricultural and disaster related and economically related and what possible things people in the U.S. might do to help the situation," Knudsen said.

That evening Raj Patel will speak about food security locally and globally.

"He will address why, in the U.S., 40 percent of children are food insecure, even though we are wealthy," Saul said, among other examples of food security or insecurity.

In addition to the speakers, there will be a talk hosted by local farmers discussing the local food crisis within our community.

Although the events are held on campus, and the foundation is run by the university, Perez said she hopes the symposium will reach a wider audience.

"We want the opportunity open to anyone who can make the event," Perez said. "We think we have a broad enough topic that intrigues people."

Perez said all events are in the Student Union Building ballroom, which she hopes will be at full capacity for each event.

Katy Sword can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu

More info

Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

Location: Student Union Building ballroom
Borah Symposium Film: Darwin's Nightmare
Panel Presentation following the film

Tuesday, April 10 at 11 a.m.

Location: SUB Silver/Gold room
"Food Security in Haiti"

Presented by: Dr. Guy R. Knudsen, professor of microbial ecology and plant pathology

Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Location: SUB ballroom
Borah Symposium Keynote: Causes of War & Conditions for Peace: Food's Role
Presented by: Raj Patel

Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Location: SUB ballroom
Borah Symposium Keynote: Water Wars and the Future of Food
Presented by: Vandana Shiva

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Presidential recognition



UI, WSU acknowledged for community service by US President

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

The University of Idaho and Washington State University were recognized by President Barack Obama and named by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to the 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

CNCS, along with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council of Education, manages the Honor Roll. Honorees are chosen based on details of the service projects, how much service-learning is academically based, the school's commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and the results of the community service.

The CNCS Honor Roll was established in 2006, to recognize schools that exhibit model community service and impact their communities.

UI and WSU have been recognized previously by CNCS Honor Roll for their community service.

Bruce Mann, Coordinator for ASUI Vol-

unteerism and Social Action, said the application was a co-effort by ASUI and the Center for Service Learning. UI was not only inducted into the Honor Roll for the sixth time but also into the top 20 percent, he said. Western Washington University in Bellingham, was the only other Pacific Northwest school inducted into the top 20 percent. Lewis-Clark State College was the only other Idaho school to make the Honor Roll.

The application assesses the whole picture, inside and outside the classroom, Mann said. It highlights special events that the university puts on such as SYNC, where new students participate in community service in the Moscow area, as well as Vandal Community Tables, which provides nutritious meals to those in need.

"The award recognizes the university's

commitment to engaged scholarship that provides transformational learning opportunities for students. This is significant national recognition for the good work the University of Idaho does every day locally, nationally and globally," said Adrian Wurr, assistant director of UI's Service Learning Center. The application for WSU was submitted by the Center for Civic Engagement, which looks at all different types of civic engagement.

Erin McIlraith, marketing and communications coordinator for WSU, said CCE talks about different issues in the media. She also said CCE holds reflection sessions, giving people who volunteered in certain areas a chance to talk about what they did for their community. CCE celebrates awareness weeks like hunger and homeless week, which informs the community about the homeless. CCE en-

courages students to be involved in their community, McIlraith said.

Service projects are offered every day. An undergraduate project leader in the office is assigned to the day service projects. CCE then takes the volunteers to places such as humane societies, senior care facilities, after-school programs, and outdoor sites to help out, McIlraith said.

Mann said the best thing about being on the Honor Roll is the feeling of being recognized, especially in the top 20 percent.

"It really means a lot to all the people that participate in community service, in and out of the classroom," he said. "This recognition is not the reason we engage in community service, but it is a nice pat on the back for everyone who is working to benefit the community."

Darryl Freeman, the graduate assistant community partners coordinator of WSU, said he can speak on behalf of all the student volunteers when he says being recognized by the president validates all the time and effort they put into community service.

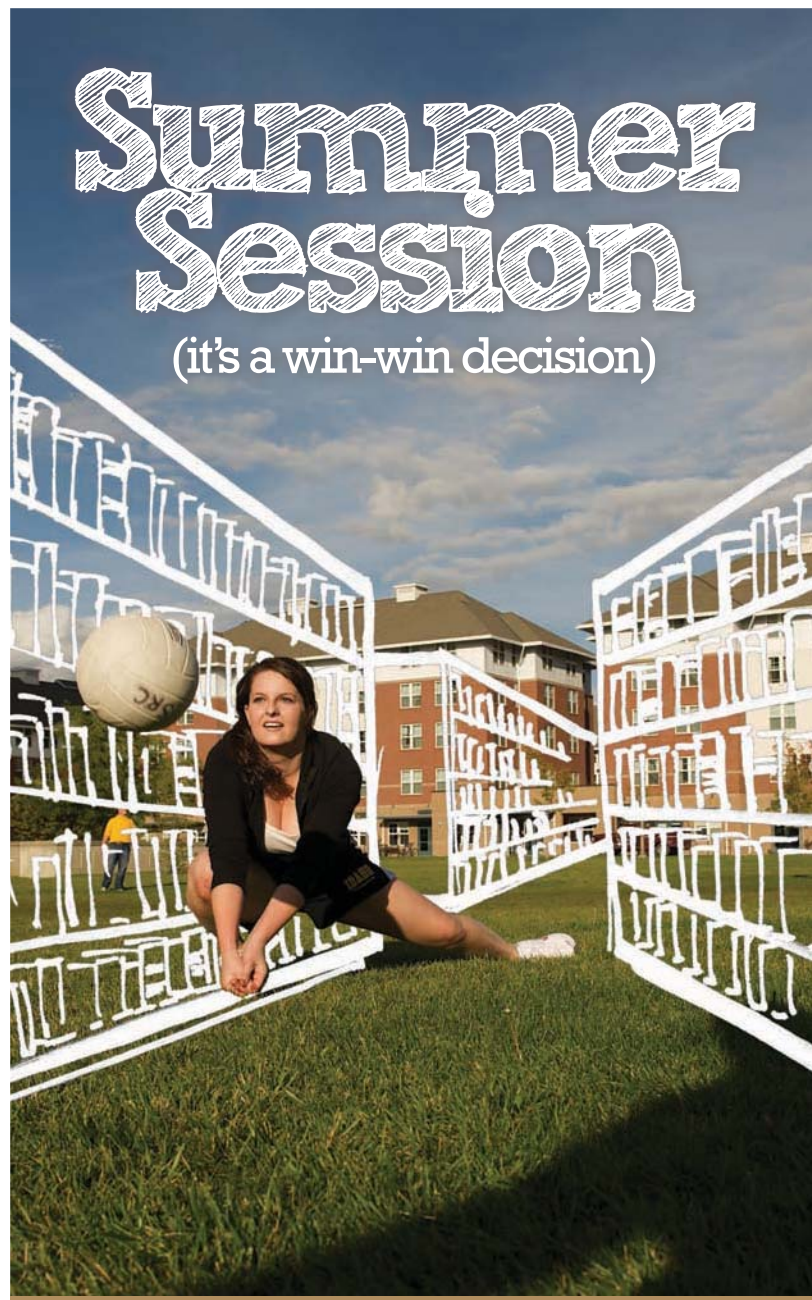
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Affordable Care Act Q&A

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments on Monday over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, derisively labeled "Obamacare" by its opponents. A look at how the case will unfold before the court in question-and-answer form:

Q: What's this all about?

A: The Supreme Court is hearing a challenge to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which is Obama's signature domestic achievement. Passed by Congress in 2010a, its aim is to provide health insurance to more than 30 million previously uninsured

Americans, while trying to restrain costs and prevent disruptions to the majority already with coverage. Opponents say the law is unconstitutional; their chief argument is that Congress does not have the power to force unwilling Americans to buy health insurance or pay a fine.

Q: When will the court get started?

A: Justices will begin hearing arguments shortly after 10 a.m. EDT Monday, March 26. They will hear six hours of arguments on several different issues on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Q: Which issues on which days?

A: Monday's 90-minute argument is about whether

court action is premature because no one yet has paid a fine for not having health insurance. Tuesday's two-hour argument will cover the central issue of whether Congress overstepped its authority by requiring Americans to purchase health insurance starting in 2014 or pay a penalty. Wednesday's arguments will be split into two parts: Justices will hear 90 minutes of debate in the morning over whether the rest of the law can take effect even if the health insurance mandate is unconstitutional and another hour Wednesday afternoon over whether the law goes too far in coercing states to expand the federal-state Medicaid program for low-income people by threatening to cut off federal aid to states that don't comply.

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Camille Gomez is a Vandal Connect caller and works in the basement of the Blake House located on campus. The callers there work on getting donations for the University of Idaho from alumni and past donors. Gomez has been working for Vandal Connect for two and a half years and is just short of raising \$.5 million dollars in donations.

Vandal Connect hopes to raise more than \$1 million in donations

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

In a crowded basement room, lit by large windows along one wall, students are busy calling alumni, parents and other friends of the university.

They are employees of Vandal Connect, seeking donations for individual colleges, programs and projects on campus.

Jessica Billings, program coordinator at Vandal Connect, said they are hoping to raise more than \$1 million in donations. They currently sit at around \$870,000.

Dana Wardwell, a senior caller at Vandal Connect, said they contact about 60,000 people every year.

Billings said the focus is less on the amount each person donates, but rather the amount of people who donate.

"A big bulk of our job is to get new donors," Billings said.

Billings said student callers are encouraged to make connections with alumni — they can share their experiences or ask for advice.

Wardwell said even if alumni choose not to donate, she still tries to leave them with good feelings about the university.

"I'm really passionate about the university," Wardwell said.

Callers each have a screen that displays information about people they are calling — names of alumni, their spouses, even children who attend the university, Wardwell said.

They also have information about which college they graduated from, and how much they've given in the past.

"It's information alumni have already disclosed," Billings said.

Billings said there are 2,500 different designations for where money goes. She said alumni have complete control over where their donations go.

Alumni can give to the college they graduated from, or university programs like the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

Billings also said they are running a special program right now to collect

money for the library.

Billings said Vandal Connect is looking to hire 25 to 30 people in April, to begin working next fall.

She said they are looking for motivated, enthusiastic candidates who are especially proud of the university.

Working at Vandal Connect is a good opportunity to build communications skills, Wardwell said.

Wardwell is one of the people in charge of helping new recruits. She said training includes an overview of scripts, terms and mock calls.

Billings also said callers are coached nightly.

"We focus a lot on the art of negotiation," Billings said.

Wardwell said the most common objection raised by those they contact is a lack of money. Billings said the current economy makes it particularly difficult. She also said most of the people they contact say no.

Billings said they call during the evenings, but not during holidays or days the university is closed.

Briana Gabiola, a sophomore business major, has been working at Vandal Connect since September. She said she found out about the job through university postings.

She said she likes seeing how the university gets the funding for some of its activities.

The hardest part about working at the call center, Gabiola said, is starting out and learning how to direct calls.

Gabiola plans on working at Vandal Connect next year.

Billings graduated from Washington State with a degree in human development in 2009. She said she didn't plan on working in fundraising, but can't imagine not doing fundraising in the future.

Wardwell, sophomore double majoring in human resources and Spanish, said she is also considering a career in fundraising.

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Kids are going to school hungry on the Palouse.

"Children in this community's schools will try to empty their leftovers from their lunch tray into their pockets and take it home for the weekend," Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said. "Then they come in on Monday bedraggled and make a beeline for the school cafeteria; so hunger really exists here."

It's not just children on the Palouse going hungry, communities across the nation have seen an increase in the need for food stamps. High unemployment rates and increasing food, fuel and medical costs have led more Americans to rely on food stamps than at any time since the program began in the 1960s. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in seven people in the United States are in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Latah County and Idaho have not escaped this trend either. Approximately 235,000 families in Idaho receive food assistance, up 36 percent from 2011. Nearly 14.5 percent of Idaho's citizens use food stamps, compared to 9.7 percent of Californians, according to Latah County Rep. Tom Trail.

"At one point Idaho had the fastest growth in the food stamp caseloads in the United States," Rep. Trail said.

Of 37,244 residents, in Latah County, 3,143 receive food stamps through the SNAP program, according to health&welfare.gov.

The Food Stamp Program in Idaho is designed to help low-income families buy the food they need to stay healthy. An eligible family receives an Idaho Quest Card to swipe at the grocery store. The card uses money from a Food Stamp account set up for the family to pay for food items. In order to be eligible for food stamps a number of requirements must be met, which differ from family-to-family. (To see all the requirements go to healthandwelfare.idaho.gov)

"The intent of food stamps is not to be a way of life, but more of a leg-up. But, many families are looking at this as a way of life because their dollars don't stretch as far as they once did," Chaney said.

Dependency on food stamps is not just happening locally, but spreading across the nation. The nation's poverty rate rose to 15.1 percent (46.2 million) in 2010, up from 14.3 percent (approximately 43.6 million) in 2009 and to its highest level since 1993. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 13.6 percent of Idaho is below poverty level. A rise in poverty means a rise in food stamp use.

Even with the amount of poverty increasing, Chaney said it is often invisible on the Palouse.

"Unless one is working with the agencies and service organizations, which

address issues, related to poverty, we may not be aware of the extent of the problem," Chaney said

While need and participation increase, resources to fill that need slowly decline. The lowly state of the economy has led to slashed budgets for social services and dwindling donations from non-profit organizations. Chaney said she wants to see increased awareness and an investment in education to raise people out of poverty.

"Because it's not just feeding the symptoms but it's looking at the cause of the disease and how we can help people help themselves out of poverty," Chaney said.

Local food banks serve more Palouse families than ever before, and new needs appear consistently.

"We continue to see an increase in the need of food assistance in our area," Connie Granbois, manager at Community Action Food Bank in Lewiston,

said. "In 2010 we served 4,686 food boxes, and in 2011 we served 5,089 food boxes, and it continues to rise every year. We are seeing more people who have never used a food bank before."

The Community Action Food Bank in Lewiston is a perishable food program where people receive a weekly allotment of food.

"We serve 27,563 households, impacting 77,185 individuals once a week," Granbois said.

Another local food supplier, the Trinity Moscow Food Pantry, works to help people get out of poverty and avoid going hungry.

"Sometimes it comes down to choosing between paying a medical bill or eating, and sometimes it comes between buying gas for the car to get to work, or buying groceries, so we are just glad to be there to take that one thing out of the equation — to make things a little easier for people," Bafus said.

While local food banks stretch supplies to help people in need, resources are declining for many reasons.

"We receive donations from community members, churches. We receive federal, state, and county grants," Bafus said. "Donations and resources are definitely declining. We have seen budget cuts, we have even seen that people who used to donate are now recipients."

Bafus and others involved with the Palouse's food banks want to see a change. They want to help people rise out of poverty and value the life they live.

"We want to see the community working together to end poverty," Granbois said. "We envision a community where all people have sufficient money, relationships, and meaning in their lives to thrive in a community where everyone is equipped to fully achieve its potential, a community where each person is valued and all people are meeting their needs by utilizing their talents, potential, and passions."

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Children in this community's schools will try to empty their lunch tray into their pockets and take it home for the weekend.

Nancy Chaney,
Moscow mayor

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Colby Rush, left, and Sam Lyons, members of Pi Kappa Alpha, perform their Greek Week skit for Vandal Friday attendees Thursday in the Student Union Building ballroom.

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Trevor Maclean, mechanical engineering sophomore, participates in a game based on a Norwegian sport Thursday at the Living Learning Community Global Block Party. The event is hosted by residents of the LLC for students and Vandal Friday participants and showcases international cultures in food, games and decoration.

ATHLETICS

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"It's really unfair and I don't think the board should be able to set restrictions on one fee that — at especially the University of Idaho — where the students are the ones that determine where that money is going," Perez said.

During her department audit, which reviewed individual departments within student activities, Perez and other members of the Associated Student Fee Committee listened to a presentation from Matt Kleffner, associate athletic director for administration.

Kleffner pointed out that athletics generates approximately \$34 million for the Moscow community every year and provides \$4.5 million in revenue to the university.

Athletic Director Rob Spear said it is imperative that the athletic department receives appropriate funding to remain competitive and attract student attention.

"I want our students to be proud of our athletic programs and our athletic programs have to receive the appropriate base funding. It's confusing to me and disappointing at the same time," Spear said. "You look at how we're competing right now with the rest of our peers, we're third in the Commissioner's Cup right now, which means we're the third-best program in the Western Athletic Conference right now."

UI student fee revenue remains significantly lower than that of its peers in the WAC and Mid-American Conference. While UI receives just more than \$2 million from student fees, WAC peers San Jose State and Utah State receive at least \$4 million and New Mexico State receives approximately \$3 million. In the MAC, four schools receive at least \$8 million and the University of Akron, in Ohio receives almost \$18 million.

Spear said he would be comfortable with Idaho reaching a sustainable, base-level \$3 million.

"I'll always want the most for our program but I

really think another million dollars is the minimum amount to get our programs to where we can be funded and have the appropriate base funding."

Considering UI's student population is significantly lower than some of these schools, the athletic department becomes even more dependent on student activity fees. In addition, UI is located in an area where media markets and corporate sponsors are limited. The money WAC schools generate from TV markets in largely-populated areas can't translate to a less densely populated Palouse.

"Because of our area, we need to rely on this type of funding more than any other institution, it's just the way it is," Spear said. "Unfortunately, if we lived in a big area where we had access to corporate sponsorships and be more attractive and generate more television dollars, that would be awesome but we're not. We need to rely on this funding more than ever."

The university has also been impacted financially by institutional and state caps along with lost television revenue.

Perez said it's unfortunate that the university and SBOE don't see eye to eye on a subject she believes is essential. Though Boise State University is affected by the same SBOE policies, its athletic department benefits from a substantially larger and more-populated area.

"We can't capitalize on being in the metropolitan city," Perez said. "I think the person to blame for this is the SBOE, it's not ASUI's fault or athletics' fault, it's simply a policy that the state board has created that allows us no flexibility or funding, which is so unfair."

Though athletics won't benefit from an increase in 2013, the ASFC was able to reallocate \$10.25 to support other programs, including the Women's Center and Campus Recreation.

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Cellular sustainability

Verizon Wireless, UI join forces to collect old phones, support victims of domestic violence

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

The University of Idaho and Verizon Wireless are supporting the fight against domestic violence by introducing UHopeLine, a wireless phone recycling program.

UHopeLine aims to increase awareness about dating violence, provide scholarship money for students studying domestic violence prevention and encourage college students to help the environment by recycling their old wireless devices.

UHopeLine collection bins can be found in the Student Union Building and the Idaho Commons year round. All wireless phones are accepted. The phones will either be refurbished and sold for re-use or thrown away in an environmentally friendly way. Batteries and phone accessories of any condition are accepted.

UHopeLine is an expansion of the HopeLine program. Verizon launched the HopeLine phone recycling program nationwide in October 2001, based on the 23.6 percent of women and

11.5 percent of men who have reported at least one lifetime event of intimate partner violence. With these statistics, Verizon recognized that domestic violence is a national problem and that wireless resources are natural tools to help.

Verizon also donates wireless phones — complete with wireless service and other features — to victims of domestic violence. These phones can be served as a vital link to emergency contacts or a safe connection to employers, family and friends.

"We believe it is everyone's business to prevent domestic violence," said Bobby Morrison, Verizon Wireless Pacific Northwest regional president. "Colleges, companies and citizens can all play a role by shining a light on the problem and ensuring survivors get help."

The UHopeLine program provides scholarship money to students studying domestic violence prevention. The UI college that will receive the \$25,000 scholarship has yet to be determined, said

Mindy Means, associate director of corporate and foundation relations.

"Violence prevention professionals and victim advocates require high-level preparation," said Bruce Pitman, dean of students. "Their educational preparation must take place at the intersections of criminal justice, social work and counseling. This is complex and difficult work that is based in experience and strong academic preparation. Unfortunately, we need many well prepared professionals to do this work."

Means said UI President M. Duane Nellis was on a leadership tour last summer when he met Verizon Vice President of Public Affairs, Policy and Communications Milt Doumit. She said the two began to talk and about the programs at UI about domestic violence. When Nellis came back, he talked to corporate communications, requested a proposal, answered questions regarding why the institution deserved funds, and it was accepted.

Domestic violence toward women ages 15 to 44 in the United States is the greatest cause of injury, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. Domestic violence effects one in every four women.

"Domestic violence is an issue that affects many," Nellis said. "The University of Idaho is proud to partner with Verizon Wireless in this important initiative to help victims of domestic violence, and to educate future domestic violence prevention professionals."

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Audin Centeno practices presenting his proposal for making coffee farms environmentally sustainable in Nicaragua to his faculty mentor Lee Vierling, associate professor in the College of Natural Resources. Centeno will be presenting his proposal in Washington, D.C., at the Clinton Global Initiative University conference next week.

Shaking things up

UI student to present sustainability proposal at Clinton Global Initiative University conference

Amy Asanuma
Argonaut

Most college students focus on maintaining the balance between sleeping and studying, but second-year Scholarship for Education and Economic Development (SEED) student Audin Centeno, is more concerned about developing an action plan to make coffee farms environmentally sustainable in Nicaragua.

He will present his proposal at the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) conference at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., with 1,200 other students from the United States and countries around the globe.

The conference began in 2005 and has five main emphases: education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation and public health.

Centeno chose to focus on environment and climate change in his native Nicaragua.

"My home country does not have any environmental efforts under way at the moment," Centeno said. "When farms want to plant more coffee trees, they deforest the precious native trees around the area. My ultimate goal is to transform these plantations into sustainable enterprises and enhance agricultural productivity while minimizing the environmental impact."

In cooperation with a Nicaraguan coffee farm, La Fatima, Centeno said he hopes to spread awareness to local farmers.

"I want to create an educational program that trains about 25 workers on natural resources and recognizing the effects of dangerous chemicals," Centeno said. "The coffee farm is located right next to a protected area. The river that flows through the area provides food and energy,

all of which is being jeopardized right now."

Centeno also aims to protect the wildlife and habitats in the surrounding zone. In his initiative, he proposes approximately 100,000 new trees in hopes of reforesting the area.

This will be Centeno's second time presenting. He attended another conference with 72 SEED students in Portland, Ore., and received praise for his idea. However, at the CGIU conference, Centeno will be finalizing his commitment to carry out his plans.

"CGIU gives tools to students to make their goals a reality. They assist us in raising money and obtaining grants," Centeno said. "I want this coffee farm to serve as an example for all coffee farms in the area." With two years

of help from several professors and fellow peers, Centeno has a finished product to present at the conference. Since 2007, CGIU has helped implement 3,000 plans.



The coffee farm is located right next to a protected area. The river that flows through the area provides food and energy, all of which is being jeopardized right now.

Audin Centeno, SEED student

More info

For more information on the conference and the proposal, visit wix.com/cent1350/audin

At every conference, CGIU will pay for one proposed commitment.

"I'm very excited to attend this conference. I want to meet many people and exchange thoughts on different commitments," Centeno said.

During his trip in Washington, D.C., Centeno has a private lunch scheduled with Bill Clinton. The opportunity is only available to international students.

"I'm not very nervous about meeting Clinton. Meeting him will be like meeting another person," Centeno said.

After CGIU, Centeno will remain in Washington, D.C., where he will attend a leadership conference with other SEED members in order to further skills for executing his proposal.

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Silver and gold celebration

Alumni Association to present annual awards April 5

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Alumni Association will present awards to four individuals at the annual Silver and Gold celebration on April 5, said Hugh Cooke, associate director for alumni relations.

Nancy Lyle, graduate from UI in 1956, will

receive the Jim Lyle Award for honoring volunteer service to the university.

Richard C. Hundrup from the class of 1975 will receive the Silver and Gold award for a distinguished record of achievement and service to UI.

The Honorary Alumni Award will go to Gaylen and Mary Margaret

Wood for honoring faithful and distinguished service to the university.

Silver and Gold day was proclaimed by Gov. Evans in 1981, Cooke said.

The guest speaker at the celebration will be UI President M. Duane Nellis who will also present the awards.

Registration for tickets

is requested before March 30. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for graduates in the last decade and \$10 for children.

The event will be held at 6p.m. at the University Inn Best Western. The event is open to the public.

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CANDIDATES

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Brady Fuller

Living group: Phi Delta Theta

Platform: My goal in ASUI is to use the diversity on this campus to help unify us. Whether you live in the residence halls or Greek life, we are all a part of this Vandal family. As your senator, I will bring all I have to this flagship university.



Caroline Lincoln

Caroline Lincoln

Major: Public Relations

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Meridian

Living group: Alpha Phi

Platform: I hope to implement the experience I've attained from serving my hometown of Meridian, Idaho into improving our campus environment here at the University of Idaho. In being a new member of Alpha Phi sorority (that previously lived in Wallace), I've come to understand and respect both sides of the Vandal community.



Chris Schrette

Chris Schrette

Major: Political Science

Year in school: Sophomore

Hometown: Lewiston

Living group: Beta Theta Pi

Activities and involvement: IFC President and Davis Student Investment Group

Platform: Greetings Vandals, as the

current president of the Interfraternity Counsel I wish to provide a unique connection between ASUI and the Greek community for the benefit of all students. As a senator, I would be an effective communicator and represent students objectively.



Dan Masterson

Dan Masterson

Major: Entrepreneurship

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: St. Maries

Living group: Delta Chi

Platform: My name is Dan Masterson and I'm running for the senator position. If elected, I'll get ASUI to be more active.

I was ASB president at my high school, and I am not afraid to fight for every student's U of I experience to be the best it can be.



Hallé Smith

Hallé Smith

Major: Business Management and Finance

Hometown: Boise

Living group: Gamma Phi Beta, President

Activities and involvement: Current ASUI Recreation Board Chair, spring 2012 ASB team leader, participant in many intramurals

Platform: As a current ASUI member, I have had the chance to serve the student body and have developed the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to implement positive changes on our campus. If given the opportunity, I will devote my time and effort to improving student life here at the UI.



Hannah Sandoval

Hannah Sandoval

Major: International studies

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Boise

Living group: Delta Gamma

Activities and involvement: Delta Gamma apparel chair, SARb, Junior Pan-

hellenic

Platform: As a senator I would develop a strong connection amongst the university's student body so as to strengthen the line of communication within the senate and voice the students input. I believe it is crucial for every student to stay informed and aware of the events on campus.



Kam Lars Domber

Kam Lars Domber

Major: Chemical Engineering

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Caldwell

Living group: Wallace Residence Center, Stevenson Wing, Borah Hall

Activities and involvement: I am currently the hall president for Borah Hall.

Platform: Hello. My name is Kam Domber. As a hall president I get to see a fraction of what ASUI is and what they do, but I could see that lots of people didn't know what ASUI does. My goal is to build a stronger understanding of ASUI among its constituents.



Jonathan Wakeman

Jonathan Wakeman

Major: Philosophy

Year in school: Sophomore

Hometown: Boise

Living group: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Platform: ASUI Senate would be the

ideal use of my skills. I have always had a passion for instilling positive change in the people and environment around me. With strong confidence in leadership and social communication, I am eager to challenge my abilities and create a brighter future for Idaho.



Michael Cullen

Michael Cullen

Major: Advertising/English

Year in school: Sophomore

Hometown: Boise

Living group: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Activities and involvement: SARb, Ad Club, Intramural Referee

Platform: I want to become an ASUI senator to maximize my involvement on campus and become a part of the legacy of leadership the University of Idaho is known for. I see ASUI Senate as a vehicle for my ambition and contagious enthusiasm.



Sadie Grossbaum

Sadie Grossbaum

Major: Biochemistry

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Ketchum

Living group: Uphum LLC

Platform: I am running for ASUI Senate

because I want to be a representative of the student body in the allocation of money derived from student fees. I care about events

around campus, clubs and recourses for students. I want to help students see the importance of ASUI and be a part of helping them use it.



Sara Spritzer

Sara Spritzer

Major: Biology

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Denver

Living group: Kappa Alpha Theta

Platform: I would love to represent the students of the University of Idaho.

Making the education experience, altogether, more enjoyable and positive is my top priority. I would be a great voice for the students and represent our university well. Good decisions and positive outcomes are my main concern.



Shelby Donald

Shelby Donald

Major: Public Relations

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Lone Tree, Colo.

Living group: Delta Gamma Fraternity

Activities and involvement: Alternative Service Break Participant, Campus Crusade for Christ Member, VandalS-

NOW Ski and Board Club

Platform: In ASUI I plan to represent the students' voices to my full ability. I view senators should be an approachable and accessible outlet for students. I want to keep students constantly updated on where their money is spent and how to take full advantage of resources our university provides.



Steven Cleppe

Steven Cleppe

Major: Political Science/Military Science

Year in school: Freshman

Hometown: Shoreline, Wash.

Living group: Beta Theta Pi

Activities and involvement: Army

ROTC

Platform: I am running for the ASUI Senate because I would like to represent the University of Idaho student body. If elected, I would work to make the senate more interactive with the students by getting regular feedback about what issues are the most and least important.



Tyler Bunderson

Tyler Bunderson

Major: Finance

Year in school: Sophomore

Hometown: Boise

Living group: Beta Theta Pi

Activities and involvement: Vandal Solutions and Intramural's

Platform: Hello Vandals, I am running for ASUI Senate because I see the position as an opportunity to give back to the University. As a Senator, I would like to represent students in an accurate, professional manner—seeking to accomplish the goals of the University along with the goals of students.

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Bill proposed to end Idaho daylight saving time

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

If approved, a recent bill introduced to the Idaho legislature would exempt Idaho from participating in daylight saving time.

Sponsored by Democratic House Rep. Wendy Jaquet and other Republican representatives, the bill would encompass the entire state of Idaho — both Pacific and Mountain time zones.

"Idaho seems inclined to go its own way as regards (to) other federal practices, so this interest in HB 692 to exempt itself from what other states are doing seems fitting," Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said. "I am skeptical that it will go very far this legislative session."

For six months out of the year, areas like Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, as well as Moscow and Pullman, would be an hour apart.

"Locals would eventually adjust, although the many visitors to our universities might be baffled," Chaney said.

The only states that disregard daylight saving time in the U.S. are Arizona and Hawaii.

Time zone confusions would include daycares and workplaces in the neighboring states, as well as Washington State University and University of Idaho students with cross-border farming jobs who would be required to wake at "obscenely early hours," Chaney said.

UI Food Science major Jenny Lim said the last two years of her degree require classes

More info

Since 2007, daylight saving time begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. This year, daylight saving time will begin on March 11 and end on Nov. 4. Time will be adjusted at 2 a.m. local time.

at both WSU and UI, despite the school in which a student is registered. Travel between the two schools is constant.

"(Some Food Science majors) joked about that," Lim said. "Because I think Idaho is (one of a few) split states where we have two different time zones. We were saying that would suck completely if we were under the Mountain Time zone, where it's an hour ahead."

Lim said the Food Science program recently switched registration processes and prospective majors have to register under both UI and WSU to enroll in desired classes.

Problems in border communities like ours would not be insurmountable and cross-listed class schedules at WSU and UI could be worked out, Chaney said.

"(The time zone switch) would depend on the faculty and departments, for just figuring out scheduling and making sure that classes can't overlap," Lim said. "I can't even imagine if one place is one hour ahead of the other."

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then there is no reason to insist otherwise," Nielsen said. "We don't have a long list of requirements that add up to 120. I think it's true for most majors across campus. Even so, most major requirements plus core requirements come in under 120."

Nielsen said the reason students end up with more than 120 credits is because they change their majors or add minors.

Steve Hollenhorst, associate dean for CNR, said the change was made because it seems to be the standard for universities across the country, including natural resource programs.

Hollenhorst said some programs reduced core requirements while others reduced either free or restrictive electives. He said the benefit will be entirely with the students.

"I think it's going to be really good for students," Hollenhorst said. "It will help them graduate on time, keep cost down for the family and reduce pressure and stress every semester because there will be an average of one less credit to take."

Eleven departments within CLASS, the largest college at UI, lowered requirements, but others maintained current curriculum.

"Some in CLASS are able to do that because they had a significant number of electives so they could make that change," said Katherine Aiken, dean of CLASS. "It depends on the curriculum if they have that kind of flexibility. Those that had room in their curriculum without jeopardizing the

integrity of the program did so."

Aiken said it may allow students to complete their program in a timelier manner, but the most important thing is that the change was only made as long as it did not impact the quality or integrity of the program.

"From an advising sense students have to be careful to pay attention to what their degree requirements are," said Andrew Brewick, director of advising services. "A lot of departments made the change, but that is not for every student. So I think students will need to use their degree audits and talk to their advisers to know what they need for their specific program."

Brewick said this is especially true for double majors who might have different requirements for each major.

The changes will take effect during the summer session when the new catalogue begins, said Jeanne Christiansen, vice provost of academic affairs.

Although some programs have yet to make the change, Christiansen said she suspects those who have been evaluating their credits will make the change.

Brewick said the change will make it easier for students to graduate on time, but also said the decrease does not mean the challenges are any less.

"This doesn't mean a student can't take 130, or 140 credits toward a degree program," Brewick said. "Students shouldn't necessarily aim for the minimum, but take all the courses needed to help them be a good professional and a good citizen."

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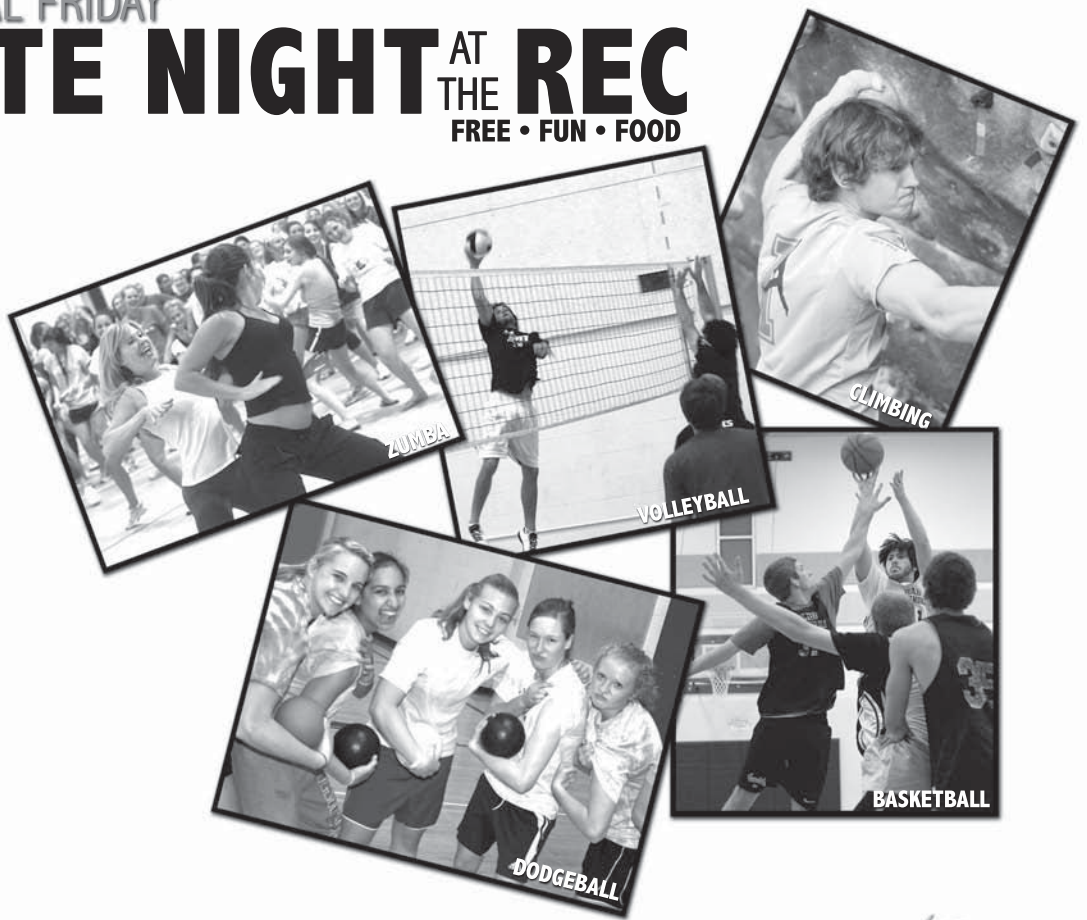
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Junior goalkeeper Caroline Towles makes a save during practice Thursday on the SprinTurf. The Vandals' spring season continues with a double-header home stand against Washington State and Central Washington at 10 a.m. Sunday on the SprinTurf.

Pushing the attack

Behind Idaho's new goal scoring plan

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

At one point during Idaho soccer's season last fall, the back of the net became such a foreign place that during a string of six games, the team only netted three goals, losing five of the six games.

By the end of the season, the Vandals were a game away from playing in the WAC Championship game. Experimentation with a new formation might have been partly to thank for the offensive resurgence that got them there — an experimentation carried into the spring exhibition season.

“We're still building on the fall, just building what we can do. With our new formation, it wasn't something we brought in until the WAC Tournament,” midfielder Megan Lopez said.

The new formation is termed as a 4-3-3, which pushes more players up top in an attacking position. This is opposed to the 4-4-2 Idaho played the season before, which emphasized

Idaho's strength in possession and pushing the ball wide while attacking.

“We've had such depth in numbers, that allows to try a lot of different things,” coach Pete Showler said.

The change has paid dividends early for the Vandals in the spring season. They dominated in a 2-0 victory against Montana

in the first match of the spring, constantly keeping the ball on Montana's end of the field.

Against Gonzaga, while Idaho failed to find the back of the net, there were still a fair share of quality chances. Showler said his team could have scored three or four goals.

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Ground the Pilots

Idaho gets back in action Sunday against Portland

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The slow, but competitive section of the Idaho women's tennis team's schedule is over and the final stretch consists of seven matches in four weeks in preparation for the WAC Championships.

The Vandals (13-5, 0-1 WAC) have only played two matches since March 4 and coach Daniel Pollock said Idaho's match against the Portland Pilots (4-8) Sunday in Spokane will be a chance to see how his team responds after a couple weeks off.

“I think the girls have plenty of rest ... they are ready to go,” Pollock said. “It's kind of that point in the season where you would almost rather be playing matches than practicing.”

He said there is not much more Idaho can work on at this point in the season.

“We just (have to) get as sharp as we can



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Sophie Vickers returns a serve to a teammate Feb. 28 in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals face Portland at noon Sunday in Spokane.

and honestly I think they are ready to start playing matches again,” Pollock said.

Volunteer Assistant Coach Natalie Kirch said the break came at a good time for Idaho.

“We had a lot of matches back-to-back early on so having that break allowed (Idaho) to recover and be fresh for the rest of the matches,” Kirch said.

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Idaho lacrosse player and Moscow High School assistant coach Patrick Tunison practice with the MHS lacrosse team Wednesday on the SprinTurf.

Growing the game

Vandal lacrosse players help coach Moscow High School students

Katie Winzeler
Argonaut

With full course loads and a commitment to their own team, four University of Idaho club lacrosse and one Washington State lacrosse team members have found the time to make a difference with younger athletes by coaching the Moscow High School men's club lacrosse team.

Blake Uphus, Bob Suchy, Patrick Tunison and Deric Wilson, along with Washington State lacrosse's Gabe Means have been dedicating their free time to coaching and developing the Bears' lacrosse program.

The Moscow team started last year and played six games in its first season. The team consisted of players who were, for the most

part, new to the sport. The team continues to grow as it begins its second season with a schedule of 13 games — including a road trip to the Boise area in early April — and is picking up where it left off last season.



My favorite part of coaching the team is giving back to the sport that has done so much for my own life and hoping that it will do the same for some of the kids playing it now.

Blake Uphus,
UI lacrosse player

Idaho goalie Blake Uphus helps by coaching defense and goal keeping for the Bear's program. Uphus said last year was a success for the team and they exceeded expectations for a group of students new to the sport.

“Obviously there is a lot to learn in a short amount of time, but the team grew by leaps and bounds all season,” Uphus said. “We can tell the program's first win is very close.”

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WHAT2WATCH4

First spring scrimmage

With only five spring practices on the books, it's time for the Idaho Vandals football team to take to the turf in its first spring scrimmage.



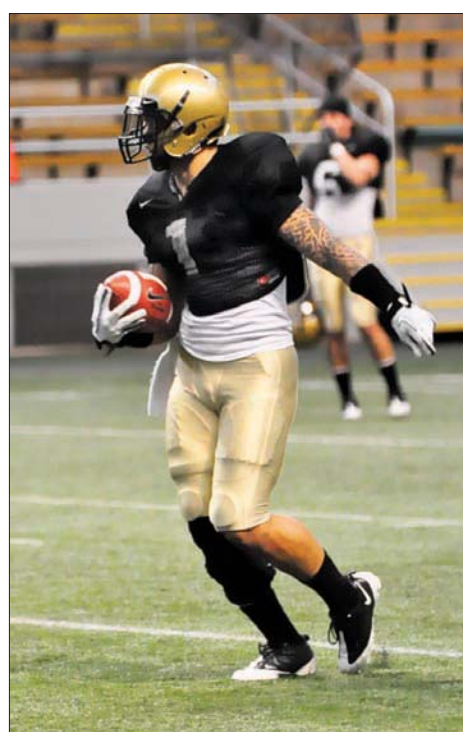
Madison McCord
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The game, which kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome, is surrounded with coaching changes, position battles and players returning from injury.

Idaho football coach Robb Akey said he's been looking forward to this scrimmage since last season ended and hopes to see some fireworks on the field.

“I expect to see a lot of plays, and I expect to see the Vandals come out and be successful,” Akey said. “I'm very anxious to see who will come out and compete, and we're going to give them an opportunity to go out and make plays.”

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Idaho linebacker Robert Siavii catches a pass and runs it down the field during practice Thursday in the Kibbie Dome.

Lacking fire

Men's tennis coach Jeff Beaman preaches individual success

Nick Groff
Argonaut

By the time Idaho men's tennis takes to the courts Saturday in Las Cruces, N.M., it will have been 23 days since the squad won a match.

The slump is misleading, though. Since the seven-match losing streak started, the Vandals have faced two top-30 teams, two Pac-12 teams and a Big East and Big 10 opponent. Idaho also dropped its first WAC match of the season to Nevada, 4-2.

But, Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman believes the trip to New Mexico could be the turnaround for the rest of the season. Idaho plays future WAC member UT-Arlington at 1 p.m. Saturday and current WAC member New Mexico State at 10 a.m. Sunday, both in Las Cruces.

"If we get every guy to go out and give it his all, it should be competitive matches," Beaman said. "We could go 2-0, we could go 0-2. It's all on the guys at this point. I can get them ready but it's up to them to step up and doing it as an individual for us to get some wins."

The UT-Arlington Mavericks are 4-9 on the season, with blowout losses to No. 6 Baylor, No. 16 Texas and No. 10 Texas A&M. Their wins came against Centenary College, Cameron, Southern Miss and Sacramento State.

The Aggies' schedule is almost a mirror image of Idaho's. New Mexico State started the season ranked in the high 50s, played a number of top-75 teams and dropped out of the rankings after enduring multiple losses. The Aggies are 4-12 on the season and are

enduring a nine-game losing streak with their most recent loss to No. 29 Texas Tech, 7-0.

Beaman said even though the Vandals have claimed more doubles points recently than in the first half of the season, singles points remain elusive.



Sometimes in those individual matches, they don't quite have that killer instinct they need.

Jeff Beaman, Director of Tennis

ericks and Aggies are formidable opponents. He said the Mavericks could provide for a bit of a warm-up for an Aggie team that is always difficult at home.

"They have a great crowd, the conditions are very different, a lot faster than what we're used to," Beaman said. "We need to go get some confidence playing Texas-Arlington ... it will be a great warm up."

Beaman said preparation does not change regardless of the outcome, but if individuals do not perform well they will drop in the lineup.

"I can get them ready but it's up to them to step up and doing it as an individual for us to get some wins," Beaman said.

Idaho returns home to face Northern Arizona at 4:30 p.m. April 6.

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Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Idaho's Filip Fichtel returns the ball during practice Tuesday on the Memorial Gym courts. Last fall, Fichtel went 4-7 in singles play and 0-3 in doubles. The men will play UT-Arlington at 1 p.m. Saturday and New Mexico State at 10 a.m. Sunday in Las Cruces, N.M.

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Vandals third in California

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Idaho senior golfer Kayla Mortellaro continued an impressive spring season with a No. 3 finish at the Anteater Invitational in Irvine, Calif., which helped propel Vandal women's golf to No. 3 overall.

Mortellaro was two strokes away from her 10th collegiate victory. She went into the tournament fresh off a win at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Hawaii and placed high, but said it was a so-so performance.

"I think I stayed patient, which is the key to golf success," Mortellaro said. "I didn't have everything. I didn't do anything spectacular and I didn't do anything awful."

Washington State won the tournament with a 904 through three rounds. The cougars held the lead, led by sophomore Mallory Kent who won the individual medal with a 220. Washington State's Lindsay Harmon finished No. 7 with a 225.

The Vandals started cold in the first round, shooting a 312. Idaho was able to shake off the slow start and came back firing in the second. Idaho took off 13 strokes from the first round and leapt to No. 5.

Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said she's happy with the team's resilience.

"I'm pleased with how we recovered from the first round," Johnson said. "I think the team is really coming together and the scores reflect our improvement."

The team closed the tournament with a 302 to land in third, just three strokes off second-place BYU.

Sophomore Rachel Choi tied for No. 14 with a 230 and freshman Leilanie Kim finished tied for No.

21. Freshman Kaitlyn Oster tied for No. 28 at 234, and senior Teo Poplawski finished tied for No. 52 with a 242.

Mortellaro said this tournament was a good experience for the team and should act as a building block toward the WAC championship.

"I think it provides the team with confidence going into the WAC," Mortellaro said. "Our three, four and five players learned a lot and I hope they take away the lessons of being patient and taking it one shot at a time."

The Vandals have a month to prepare for the WAC Championship, which is April 23 to 25. The tournament is at the Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Ariz. The Vandals will attempt to dethrone the Spartans of San Jose State, who have won three consecutive WAC championships.

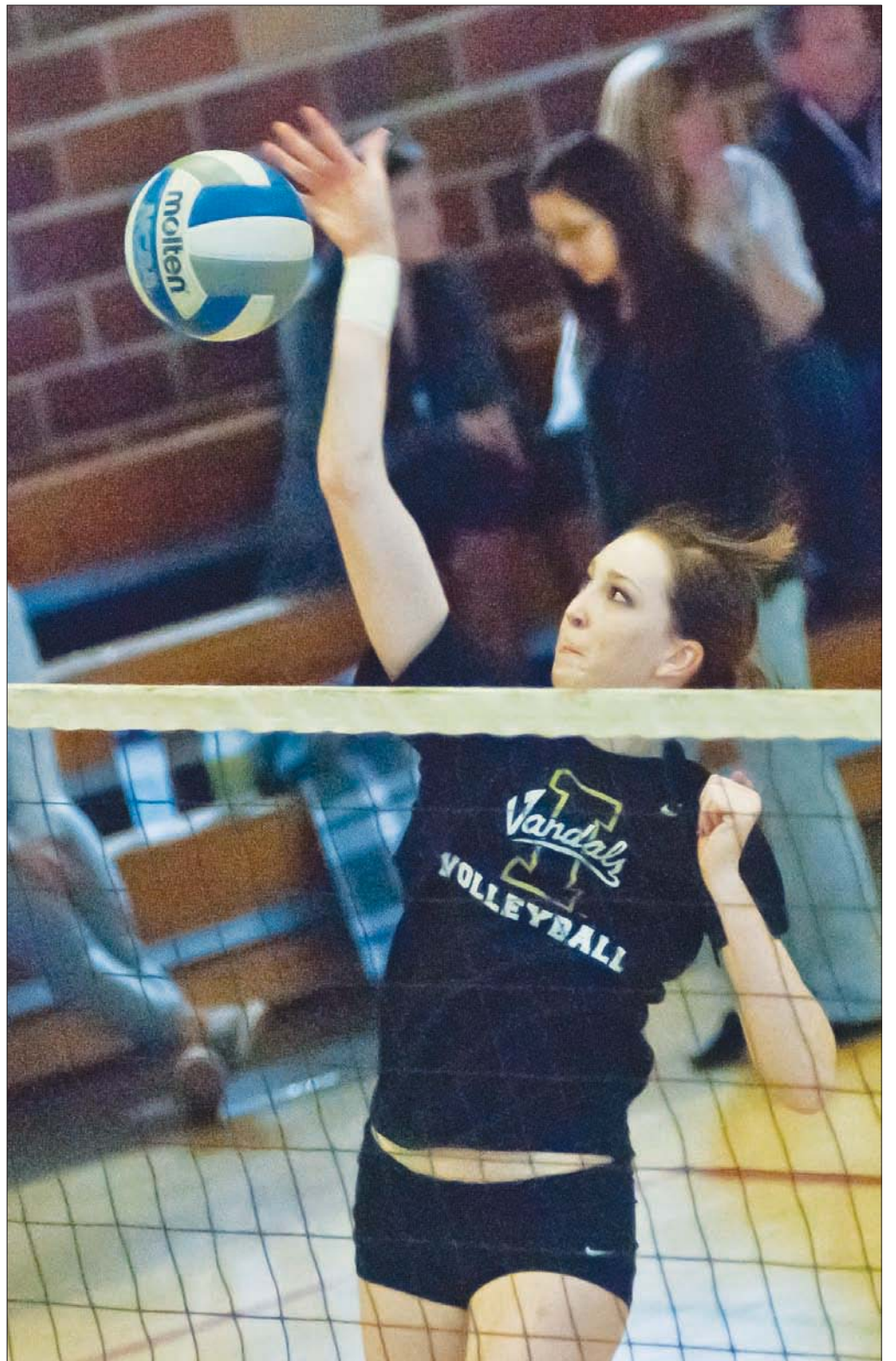
"The time off is much needed. We've been working hard preparing for each tournament," Johnson said. "I'm looking forward to working with each player, working on our short game and swings and creating competition in practice to help us prepare for the WAC Championship."

It will be Mortellaro's last shot at a WAC title. She said she is sad to be preparing for her last tournament, but said there's an element of excitement as well.

"It's a bittersweet feeling", Mortellaro said. "My college career is winding down, but I'm personally excited for the challenge and the task at hand. I want to go in with a fun mindset and just see what happens."

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VANDALS READY FOR COUGARS



Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Taylor Wilkinson, junior middle blocker, practices in Memorial Gym Wednesday. Wilkinson recently joined the volleyball team as a transfer from the College of Southern Idaho. The Vandal volleyball team opens its spring season at the Washington State Spring Tournament April 7. The first home tournament of the semester is April 14.

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Sports Briefs

Blaser ninth in decathlon

Idaho senior Andrew Blaser finished strong at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays with a 9th place finish in the decathlon Thursday in Austin. After the two day event, Blaser racked up 7,035 points — eight points short of his personal record, which he achieved during the 2011 WAC Championship.

The field featured 23 competitors including several All-Americans

“Being my first big multi-event and being able to hang with some of the big dogs in the country was a really good experience,” Blaser said. “It’s really important to see that level of competition, because a lot of those guys will make it into nationals and I want to be there with them.”

Blaser turned in a time of 14.40 Thursday to finish second in the 110-meter high hurdles, but a foul set him back in the discus throw.

Soccer to face Miami, Texas Tech in fall season

Idaho soccer coach Pete Showler revealed a portion of the team’s 2012 fall schedule Thursday on The Argonaut’s sports radio show, 4th and Downtown.

The Vandals, who return every starter from last year’s squad that reached the WAC Tournament semifinals, will travel to Texas where they’ll square up with Texas Tech of the Big 12. Shortly following, Idaho will meet ACC opponent Miami, a team that reached the second round of the 2011 NCAA Tournament. Idaho’s cross-country trip will also pit it against Sun Belt Conference Champions Florida International, another team that reached the NCAA Tournament.

Dan O’Brien complex nears finish

The Dan O’Brien Track and Field complex remodel is near completion and will be finished after minor cosmetic work is done. The complex will host its debut meet May 4 and 5 for the Vandal Jamboree.

A dedication ceremony May 7 will proceed the 2012 WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The new facility features a state-of-the-art polyurethane track, grass field and remodeled throwing cage.

‘YOU SPIN ME RIGHT ROUND’



Andrey Levkiv throws the disc at practice Wednesday at the Dan O’Brien Track and Field Complex. Idaho travels to Spokane to compete in the Sam Adams Classic Saturday. Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

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Adam Bunch clears a hurdle Wednesday afternoon at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. Idaho travels to Spokane to compete in the Sam Adams Classic Saturday.

In familiar territory

Idaho track and field back to Spokane

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

The second meet of outdoor competition takes the Vandals back to Spokane where Idaho track and field will compete in the Sam Adams Classic Saturday. Idaho also sent a small group of athletes to the Texas Relays held Thursday to Saturday in Austin.

"We're really familiar with the Spokane atmosphere," Idaho junior Jason Lorentz said. "We have several meets up there every year. It's a good facility."

Teams expected to travel to Whitworth for the Sam Adams Classic include Washington State, Idaho, Lewis-Clark State, Gonzaga and Puget Sound.

The Seventh Annual Sam Adams Classic is named after a former Whitworth athlete and coaching legend, Whitworth coach Toby Schwarz said.

"(Sam Adams) actually lettered in four sports: baseball, basketball, track and football," Schwarz said.

"Then he went on to play Canadian football and played, I think, maybe one season for the San Francisco 49ers. Then he came back

and coached track and cross country and football here at Whitworth before heading down to WSU and becoming a professor."

The Sam Adams Classic is one of three meets the Pirates host early in the season. Whitworth, a NCAA Division III school, is used to hosting and competing against Division I schools, Schwarz said. Unlike sports such as football or basketball, Division III track and field athletes are guaranteed to face Division I competition. Schwarz said this helps draw track and field athletes to his program.

The Vandals found success recently at Whitworth's Buc Invitational March 24 where the women's team won the meet with 99.5 points and the men's team placed second behind the Pirates with 58 points to 139. The Vandals did not compete with a full team and had some athletes running in events they weren't used to competing in.

"We'll kind of compete a similar kind of team this weekend as well except we sent a handful of our athletes down to the Texas Relays," said Idaho Director of Track

and Field Wayne Phipps. "Now some of the people that competed last weekend will have the chance to compete in their normal event. We don't have all the rust off yet, we're still in a training phase. It's a very difficult training phase ... which is going to pay off towards the end of the season."

As the Vandals continue to train through these first couple meets of the season, Whitworth is taking the opposite approach. The Pirates need top-notch times and marks right from the start since their conference championship comes much earlier in the season, Schwarz said.

The Pirates compete in their conference championship in the middle of the season while the Vandals compete in the WAC Championships at the end.

"We took care of the big problems in indoor season and pre-season," Lorentz said. "Now we're fine-tuning, just trying to get to what the coaches expect from us and what we expect ourselves. Each week we pick away at another little thing to try and fix from the previous week."

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Small town, big talent

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

A small town Idaho kid has developed into a leading athlete and long jump champion for the Idaho men's track and field team.

Idaho junior Jason Lorentz, from Grangeville, didn't have to travel far when he decided to walk-on to Vandal track and field. Lorentz turned down opportunities to play football for smaller universities to become a Division I athlete at Idaho. Despite walking-on, it didn't take long for coaches to recognize Lorentz's talent.

"For me, I always liked to do the things that were hardest," Lorentz said. "I thought walking on to the track team here at a D-1 college would be harder and more rewarding (than playing football at a smaller school), if I could make it work. I walked on that freshman year and it took me a meet during indoor season before they gave me the letters to wear but I got on the team that year."

Since then, Lorentz has become a key leader and jumper for the Vandals. He won the long jump in the 2012 WAC Indoor Championships earlier this year with his 22-09.75 foot jump, his personal best. Lorentz won by less than an inch on his last attempt in the event. He was also No. 5 in the triple jump with a leap of 45-03.75.

Lorentz described the WAC Indoor Championships as "the greatest sports moment of my life." He contributed 12 points in a meet the Vandals won by five.

Lorentz carried his success into the

outdoor season, and won the long jump in Idaho's first outdoor meet, the Buc Scoring Invitational, with 21-11.50.

"He's definitely part of that group that helps increase the level of competitiveness, not just in the meets but in practice as well," said Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps. "I think that carries over to the meets. (The jumpers) get a little competitive in practice, they're used to that pressure ... obviously it worked pretty well for him because he did the exact same thing to the rest of the competition in the WAC Championships."



Jason Lorentz

In high school, Lorentz was a three-sport athlete, participating in track and field, football and basketball. He earned team MVP honors as a senior in track and field and football and was named team captain in all three sports.

The sports field wasn't the only place Lorentz found success. He was also a State Capital Scholar, a National Honor Society member and class salutatorian at Grangeville High School. Lorentz, a civil engineering major, has continued his off-the-field success in college where he is president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Lorentz has taken his busy schedule in stride.

"He's made a lot of improvements," Phipps said. "For a guy to come from a small town and a small program and turn himself into a conference champion is quite an accomplishment."

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In the team's first appearance after last year's abysmal 2-10 campaign, here are the three things to watch for on the field this weekend.

1. How do you like your quarterback?

Let's take care of the elephant in the Dome right off the bat. Who's going to be taking the snaps for the Vandals this season?

Although he got more boos than claps on the field last year, departing senior QB Brian Reader leaves a gap, two men — Taylor Davis and Dominique Blackman — are fighting to fill.

Akey said after one week of practice he has seen good and bad in both quarterbacks and is excited to see them this weekend.

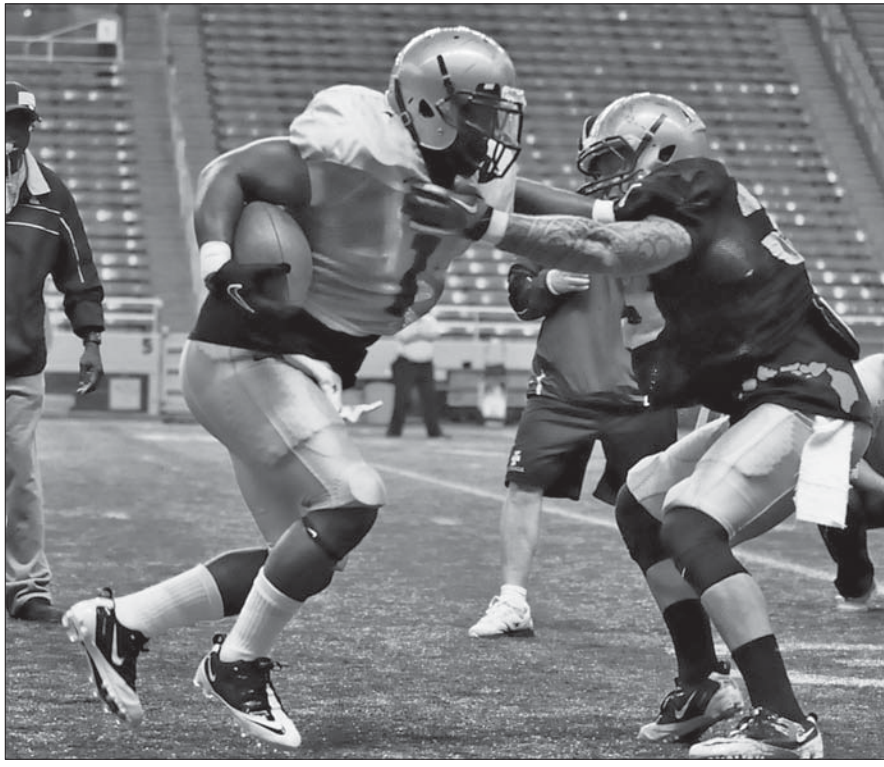
"Both the kids are learning a lot about themselves and the position right now, and because of that they are getting a lot of experience right now," Akey said. "What I like as much as anything is how the learning sessions are going in the meetings. Things are starting to make more sense and they are learning how to drive the truck."

Davis, a senior signal-caller from Anthem, Ariz., started three games for Idaho last season, completing 45 percent of his passes and throwing for one touchdown. Since Blackman had to sit out last year due to NCAA regulations, the experience advantage goes to Davis.

Blackman brings swagger and size Davis lacks. Standing at 6-foot-5-inches and weighing in at just over 250 pounds, Blackman is huge — maybe even massive. Even with his large demeanor, Blackman has no problem pulling down the ball and taking off in tight situations. He also brings an attitude to the team that could end up helping or hurting the squad.

2. Can the offense move?

Coming off a season in which Idaho's punter may have gained more net yards than the offense, one question must be: Can this new-look Idaho side



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Idaho wide receiver Justin Veltung attempts to run the ball past linebacker Conrad Scheidt during practice Thursday in the Kibbie Dome.

score like the Nate Enderle-led teams did?

Early-season signs point to an explosive and fast side that could light up the scoreboard. Unfortunately it will have hurdles to overcome including the loss of three linemen.

Filling those shoes won't be easy, but experienced center, Mike Marboe and guard A.J. Jones will anchor the line. The third vacant slot is the Vandals' biggest offensive question mark.

The running back situation will also be one to keep an eye on, as senior Ryan Bass will be the sole returner in the backfield surrounded by a couple newcomers that should make an impact early and often.

Bass said he is focusing on becoming a better leader as the veteran of the running back group.

"I'm just trying to lead by example by coming out here everyday and just working hard and hopefully they can look at me and see I'm working hard and they will do the same thing," Bass said.

Look for junior college transfer James Baker and sophomore Todd Handley to make names for themselves this preseason.

3. How will Siavii return?

As one of the most talented and vocal leaders on the field throughout his Idaho career, the loss of linebacker Rob Siavii last year to a knee injury was arguably the biggest injury of the season. But after a year of recovery, Siavii is back on the turf as a captain and the leader of what looks to be a strong linebacker corps.

Akey said having Siavii back is key, but he likes what he's seen so far from the whole defense.

"The guys are starting to get a lot of comfort with each other, and there are a lot of guys that are coming back together," Akey said.

Siavii will be instrumental in helping the Vandal defense replace players like Tre' Shawn Robinson and Corey Toomer, but it will be interesting to watch if Idaho fans get the same Siavii they saw in the first part of his college career.

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PILOTS

FROM PAGE B1

The Pilots are a solid test for the Vandals because the two teams typically play close matches. Last year Idaho defeated Portland 4-3 after Vicky Lozano pulled out a grueling 7-5 win in the third set to win the match. Senior and team captain Molly Knox remembers it well.

"Last year we had a close match with them but I think this year it should be more favorable in our direction, especially with how well we have been doing in doubles," Knox said.

The Vandals have only lost one of their last seven matches and Knox said it helps going into this weekend confident. She said Idaho's level of play cannot drop against a team like

Portland.

"You have to come with your full game every time and I think everyone on the team after this week off is ready to get back into action and play some more matches," Knox said.

Pollock said the Vandals are at the point in the season where they need to hit their stride. He said the momentum the team is carrying will help Idaho win through the rest of the season.

"They should be comfortable going into matches by now because we have played a lot and won a lot so there should be no real issues with their match confidence," Pollock said.

Kirch said the location of the match gives Idaho a slight advantage.

"We play in Spokane a few

times throughout the year so it's definitely a more familiar facility for us than for Portland," Kirch said.

Pollock said a few Idaho players are familiar with the location and played Portland last year, but he wouldn't consider it a home match.

"It's still pretty far from home but I'm sure we will get some Vandal fans out there," Pollock said. "(Portland Pilots) are playing on those same courts the day before (the Vandals) get there so I think both teams will be equally prepared to play in that facility."

The Pilots face Washington State Thursday and Gonzaga Saturday, making Idaho their third-straight road match.

"If the matches are pretty quick then it won't matter

much but if they are long matches then maybe they will be tired and ready to go home," Pollock said.

The match is held indoors, but Idaho has started outside practice, weather permitting. Knox said sunshine would be nice, and the team is ready for outdoor matches to begin.

"We know conference is outdoors so it's best to start preparing ourselves now," Knox said.

Portland is riding a three-game losing streak and Idaho hopes to keep the Pilots grounded. Idaho returns home for three-straight starting at 10 a.m. April 6 against Weber State.

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"It's not about the results, it's about the process," he said. "I think you learn more from losing a game sometimes than winning the game. When you win the game you overlook some of the things that you sometimes take for granted."

The changes include moving Erica Hart, who had played outside back and outside midfielder throughout her Idaho career, to forward. Hart put a header home for Idaho's first goal of the spring season against Montana.

"I've talked to the coaches a little about getting forward. This spring we just wanted to try it out and see if forward was really a position that I'd exceed in. It's been fun, hopefully I get to stick with it," Hart said.

Chelsea Small, the team's leading scorer last year, is asked to play the highest line of the three forwards, but said the goal is to move all of the attacking players around to create opportunities.

"I feel like we're attacking a lot more which is something that in some games in the fall we didn't do as well as we wanted to," Small said. "... having more people up top will give me a better opportunity to get open."

Despite Idaho getting shutout during the last match, Gonzaga associate coach Derek Pittman admits it wasn't an easy task because of the new formation.

"Their overall team shape was a different form ... we knew coming in today we had to be organized defensively, we talked about that a lot. Trying to limit Idaho's space," Pittman said. "They combined very well, they created a number of quality chances, that our keeper had to come up with some good saves. Idaho is a good team."

There will be plenty of opportunities for Idaho to turn those chances into goals when it takes the pitch for two matches April 1 hosting Central Washington and Washington State in a double header that kicks off at 10 a.m.

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LACROSSE

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Uphus said the turnout and enthusiasm for such a new team from the students has been the team's biggest accomplishment in learning a sport that takes time and dedication.

Uphus has helped coach the team since its start-up last year. He said since the sport is relatively new to the region, it is difficult to find coaches for teams trying to start. He said he is trying to do his part to help the game grow.

"My favorite part of coaching the team is giving back to the sport that has done so much for my own life and hoping that it will do the same for some of the kids playing it now," Uphus said.

Pat Vaughan, member of the board for the Moscow lacrosse club and parent to one of the players on the team, said the involvement of the Vandal players was the tipping point that made the program possible. Vaughan said since lacrosse is new to the region, a brand new organization had to be created. He said the framework for the program was there with interest from students, support from parents, and fundraising, but it was the expertise from the coaches that gave the program credibility.

"The guys that have come out have a good work ethic, they want to grow the sport," Vaughan said. "They are not only coaches to the players, they are role models."

Moscow's next match is against Coeur d'Alene High School at 5:30 p.m. April 3 in Coeur d'Alene.

Idaho lacrosse travels to Burnaby, B.C., to take on Simon Fraser at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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OUR VIEW

Show off on Friday

Vandal Friday excellent opportunity for current students to make good impression on incoming freshmen

It's just another Friday for University of Idaho students. We'll go to class, meet up with friends, maybe go out for a drink or two and sleep. But when we make our way through campus, and get tangled in a herd of high school students we realize it's not just any Friday.

Today is the first of two UI Vandal Fridays this year. It is a day when students who are interested in attending our university come to campus and experience what we have to offer. They meet potential professors, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman and other faculty and staff. They can stay the night in campus housing and sample the dining options. And at the end of the day, hopefully they like what they see, hear and taste.

For them, it is exciting and the start of an adventure — they're taking the first steps

toward joining the college scene. And sometimes they are a little too enthusiastic for their own good.

The influx of people on campus can be annoying. If you're the type of person who does not like additional bodies on campus, then do the prospective students a favor and avoid those areas. Anticipate that traffic flow will be higher on and off campus, and leave a little earlier or take a different route. The idea is to create a welcoming environment for our visitors.

Before you reach the brink of insanity, remember we were all once immature, unknowing freshmen wandering around campus trying to figure out how Brink Hall and Archie Finney are connected. By now, most of us have figured it out, found a home on campus and love the community established

at UI and in Moscow.

The purpose of Vandal Friday is to show these potential students our community — not to be annoyed. It's understandable that it can be frustrating with so many more people on campus, especially when you were looking forward to the weekend. The congestion of certain areas makes us late, which inconveniences our typical Friday routine. And then you add high school students everywhere and it's enough to annoy and frustrate just about anyone.

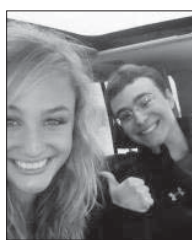
But that's not the point of today.

To us, it's only a couple Fridays out of the year, but for them it's one day to decide if they like UI and make a decision that could impact their entire future — let's at least try to make a good impression.

—ER



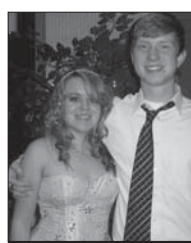
Did you attend Vandal Friday before enrolling in the University of Idaho? Was it influential in your decision to attend UI?



"Vandal Friday was very influential for me as an incoming freshman. The one thing I thought was most beneficial was the student activities/organizations fair.

This opened my eyes to dozens of possible clubs/organizations I could join."

Sam Koester
Posted March 29



"I attended Vandal Friday, and I already knew I was going to Idaho. Staying in a sorority helped me to decide I wanted to go Greek, and I've been happy ever since."

Shannon Kelly
Posted March 29



"I spent most of junior high and high school vowing I would not attend UI ... Vandal Friday clinched it for me, not just because of the cool student groups I met, but because I loved

the beauty of the campus. I stayed in two sororities, which gave me an idea of how two houses in the Greek system can be completely different, but also convinced me I probably wouldn't do well living with that many people."

Chava Thomas
Posted March 29



"I came for a Vandal Transfer Day, which was a lot less awesome than Vandal Friday. Thankfully, I had visited campus previously and had already made up my mind to come here. I did end up staying at the sorority I would pledge five months later, which was neat, and I got to register for my classes so it was still worth it."

Melissa Shumake
Posted March 29



"I did, and by that time I was pretty sure I was going to UI, but I did stay in a sorority for one night and a dorm for one night that weekend. I'm very glad I did because I learned there was no way I was joining a sorority."

Megan Pru
Posted March 29



"I came to Vandal Friday and it definitely helped my decision. I decided it was way better at UI than my other two options (Boise State and North Dakota). I'm glad I did it. I ended up graduating

from UI and am now staff here."

Chris Riddlemoser
Posted March 29

Mail Box

Abortion is not miscarriage

On Tuesday, Ralph Nielsen shared his idea that the word "abortion" is equivalent to the word "miscarriage." He cited the National Library of Medicine's website.

Even if we accept that equivalence and we are all survivors of "abortion," then Mr. Nielsen still overlooks Miss Jessen's unique experience: She is the survivor of an attempted murder. Sure, we all may cheat death every day, but not so many of us have survived the intention of another person to cut off our life. And fewer still have managed to do that as a newborn. It is intentionally rare to do it as one of the unborn, without a voice.

The word abortion conveys more than the word miscarriage: It means

another person purposefully intended to prevent another human life. It necessarily includes the desire to negate the existence of a child. In that light, abortion itself is a euphemism — it doesn't sound as bad as murder or manslaughter. But it really is the opposition of life, an affirmative human action that is meant to destroy an inconvenient version of the future.

So scoff at Miss Jessen's life if you want to, but realize that surviving an attempted murder is an empowering experience for her, and her faith has given her the strength to overcome the rejection she faced from her own mother.

-Jaron Robinson
UI Law student
Class of 2013

Illegal immigrants not oppressed

The members of the "Movimiento Activista Social" claim their "struggle" has something in common with that of African-Americans in the Civil Rights era. What an insult to African-Americans, who were brought to this country against their will as slaves, and subject to very real race-based laws for centuries. Modern illegal immigrants, on the other hand, come to the United States illegally by their own free will, reap the benefits of this great nation, and then groups like the MAS claim illegal immigrants are being "oppressed."

The supposed racial aspects of laws like Alabama H.B. 56 exist only in the fevered imaginations

of these activists, except for the fact that the vast majority of illegal immigrants are of Mexican/Central-American origin. Nor is it Alabama's fault that our Federal Government refuses to adequately enforce the immigration law, probably for political reason. I applaud Alabama, Arizona, and all other states that take steps to curb the illegal immigration problem, and hope that Idaho will one day follow suit.

-Alexander Rowson
UI junior
Electrical engineering

Clarification of terms

This clarification seems really unnecessary, but in case there is someone who thinks surviving an abortion is the

same thing as surviving a miscarriage, I refer that reader, and Ralph Nielsen, to the opening statements of the article he quoted:

"A miscarriage is the spontaneous loss of a fetus before the 20th week of pregnancy. (Pregnancy losses after the 20th week are called preterm deliveries.) A miscarriage may also be called a "spontaneous abortion." This refers to naturally occurring events, not medical abortions or surgical abortions (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0002458/)."

I welcome intelligent discussion on the subject of abortion survival, and I offer lunch on me for anyone willing to have that discussion.

-Rusty Olps
Moscow

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

'May the odds ...'

Be ever in the favor of "Catching Fire" hitting theaters sooner rather than later. I'm so stoked. "The Hunger Games" was the best book to movie I have ever seen, and I can only expect the same kind of performance from the last two movies of the trilogy.

—Elizabeth

'The Thirst Olympics'

Such an amazing book I know will make an excellent movie. Everyone needs to see it. Made me so thirsty. Nothing like "The Hunger Games"... way better.

—Madison

Philosopher Nick

Even though the road through the tunnel is uphill and has rain, sleet, hail and snow on it (it's a road in Moscow), I see the light at the end. This has been Philosopher Nick, until next time, I bid you adieu.

—Nick

Words from my idol

"A closed mouth don't get fed, and a lazy hustler don't get bread," E-40.

—Theo

Gardenstate

"If you can't laugh at yourself, life's gonna seem a whole lot longer than you like," Zach Braff.

—Britt

Frozen yogurt

Somewhat healthy snack: Yes. Somewhat healthy lunch: No.

—Vicky

Testing

"W-wait, is this thing on?"

—Amrah

You know what sucks?

Getting up at 7:30 a.m. and walking through a hail storm to get to class then having it canceled. It almost sucks as much as ... getting up at 7:30 a.m. and walking through a hail storm to get to class then having it canceled.

—Jens

Oy vey

Where did Spring Break go?

—Chloe

Not so creepy, crawly

I held a tarantula named Lucy Wednesday. And you know what, she was almost cute.

—Elisa

Theses

Should write themselves.

—Dylan




Shane Wellner
Argonaut

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Reform is necessary

Supreme Court debates Affordable Care Act

The U.S. Supreme Court is debating the insurance mandate of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act. It's controversial in and out of the court, and understandably so.

Most people don't like the idea that the court can force you to buy something. And opponents of the law say that's exactly what the law does — it forces all Americans to buy health insurance whether they want to or not. But here's what they're forgetting: We have to pay more without the mandate.

This is how the system works: If somebody is sick or injured, they can visit a doctor or the emergency room, and their health insurance will help pay for some of the cost of that visit. If they don't have insurance, they can still go to the emergency room — it's illegal to turn them away. People without health insurance aren't going to be able to pay their emergency bills. Those costs wind up on the bills of millions of insured Americans. Many have to pay hundreds even thousands, more a year because of uninsured emergency room visits.

We can't deny emergency care to the uninsured, although there are more than a few

conservatives out there who wouldn't mind. But many either can't afford insurance or simply can't get it. Insurers can deny

those with pre-existing conditions, and may charge more for other conditions, such as being a woman. Women pay about 40 percent more than men for comparable insurance.

The Affordable Care Act would make it illegal to deny treatment to people with pre-existing conditions, and to charge women more for insurance. But if insurers are required to insure everyone with pre-existing conditions, then there need to be healthy people in the insurance pool as well. Otherwise, anyone could wait until they get sick to buy insurance, and companies wouldn't be able to afford to insure those with pre-existing conditions.

That's where the insurance mandate comes in. It requires everyone to get insurance, and subsidizes those who can't afford it. The people who can afford to pay into the system can, the people who can't are subsidized. And they won't have to rely on uninsured emergency visits for basic health care. That means more

preventive care, fewer people with untreated illnesses, less strain on the system and lower health costs for all Americans.

Not a bad first step on the road to reforming the American health care system. And it's a system that needs reform. We have some of the highest health care costs in the world, and some of the worst results. Our health care might be the best for those who can afford it, but we have some of the highest infant mortality and maternal death rates in the first world, but the poor statistics don't stop there.

Millions aren't getting the preventive care they need, and America is less healthy as a result. The Affordable Care Act may not go far enough as there's no public option or universal health care provision, as in Canada and most of the European Union. But it's a start.

Right now, the future of the Affordable Care Act is in the hands of the Supreme Court. If it is overturned, we need to start working again to reform our health care system. If it survives, then it's time to push forward and ensure that nobody is ever again left behind by a broken health insurance system.

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Read the fine print

Affordable Care Act not as beneficial as it seems

Until last week, I supported the Affordable Care Act. In theory, I still do. But after experiencing one of its main provisions first-hand, I realize theory is not good enough.

Last year, I saw a doctor for what most would define as preventative health care. Last week, I received a bill for every little thing I had done, including the office fee itself. Outraged, I initiated negotiations between my insurance company and the hospital billing office — and lost.

It seems that in theory preventative services and office fees for these visits are meant to be covered 100 percent by insurance. This is done in hopes that people will go to the doctor before things fester and become much worse. What Google and the government website neglect to tell people is the minute details that can bump your visit from no cost to full cost.

For a visit to be covered as a preventative service, no testing can be done during the visit. None. The same goes for complaints. A single complaint written down by the

doctor makes the visit a medical visit instead of a wellness visit, as representatives explained. A wellness visit is for healthy individuals with no complaints, which seems to defeat the purpose of going to the doctor. If I have no complaints and can't have any testing done during the visit, why else would I go?

The act was intended to encourage people who might not otherwise seek help and ensure they catch illness before they get worse. But I forgot this isn't a perfect world, and insurance companies quickly find any loophole they can to extort.

In theory, the Affordable Care Act has more positives than negatives. It requires insurance companies to accept clients with pre-existing conditions, and extends the age for students to be covered by their parents' insurance. I can only hope the provisions actually function as intended. Unfortunately, this enlightening experience has brought back the cynic I thought was gone.

But I did learn women's wellness visits are covered, which includes a pap smear. And that's good because that's what I was really looking forward to.

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Overzealous, untrained night watchmen have no place on the streets

On Feb. 26 Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old black high school student, was on his way back to his father's house from the convenience store when George Zimmerman, 28, stole Martin's life with a gunshot.

To say that Martin's life came to a tragic end is an understatement. It just should not have happened. What unfolded is antithetical to what any person should be subjected to.

Zimmerman was an overzealous and self-appointed leader of his neighborhood watch, the quixotic protector for his community. However, he was certainly not the protector Martin and his family needed that fateful night.

According to the Miami Her-

ald, "Zimmerman called police 46 times since Jan. 1, 2011 to report disturbances, break-ins, windows left open and other incidents. Nine of those times, he saw someone or something suspicious."

GUEST VOICE

Christopher Shelton
The Daily Cougar, U. Houston

On the night in question, Zimmerman again dialed 911 before approaching Martin. "Hey, we've had some break-ins in my neighborhood, and there's a real suspicious guy at Retreat View Circle. This guy looks like he's up to no good," he said.

At this point, the only thing that Zimmerman knew about Martin was his ethnicity. By all accounts, Martin was not causing trouble. His apparent crime was being black and walking down an affluent street at night.

Several citizens called 911 to report the disturbance that followed. The calls were released Friday.

In one of the chilling calls, you can hear a male voice screaming for help in the background as a female neighbor dictates the situation from her home to the 911 operator. It is followed by a gunshot and stoic silence in the background. Then, the wailing for help was over for good. The silence eats you up inside. You realize that you have just listened to Martin's last 10 seconds of life. You can almost feel his blood on your shirt. You can almost see the blood on Zimmerman's hands.

Zimmerman stated it was he who was wailing for help and that he acted only in self-defense. Unfortunately, Martin is not here to refute or confirm Zimmer-

man's account. The police did not conduct a background check on Zimmerman nor did they test him for drugs or alcohol. However, Martin was tested to determine if he was under the influence. Pressing questions still remain. Why did Zimmerman feel Martin, an unarmed minor, was suspicious?

Many have suggested Martin was racially profiled. It certainly seems so, but we were not there and are not in Zimmerman's brain.

Why has Zimmerman not been arrested? The police definitely have probable cause for an arrest.

Many African Americans have long sensed an inherent unfairness in the US justice system. This is a system where Mike Vick can be sentenced to 23 months in prison for the slaying of animals.

And current NFL player, Plaxico Burress, can be sentenced to two years in prison for shooting himself at a night club. Mind you, no disturbance was caused, and no one was injured in the incident. But kill a minority child and you get sent home without being arrested and your story of self-defense is taken at face value.

Maybe I am speaking in hyperboles here, but the vast majority of Americans must understand how this looks to the black community.

It was announced Tuesday that the case will soon go to a Florida grand jury and that the justice department will begin investigating the possibility of a hate crime.

This is certainly a step in the right direction but is still too little too late.

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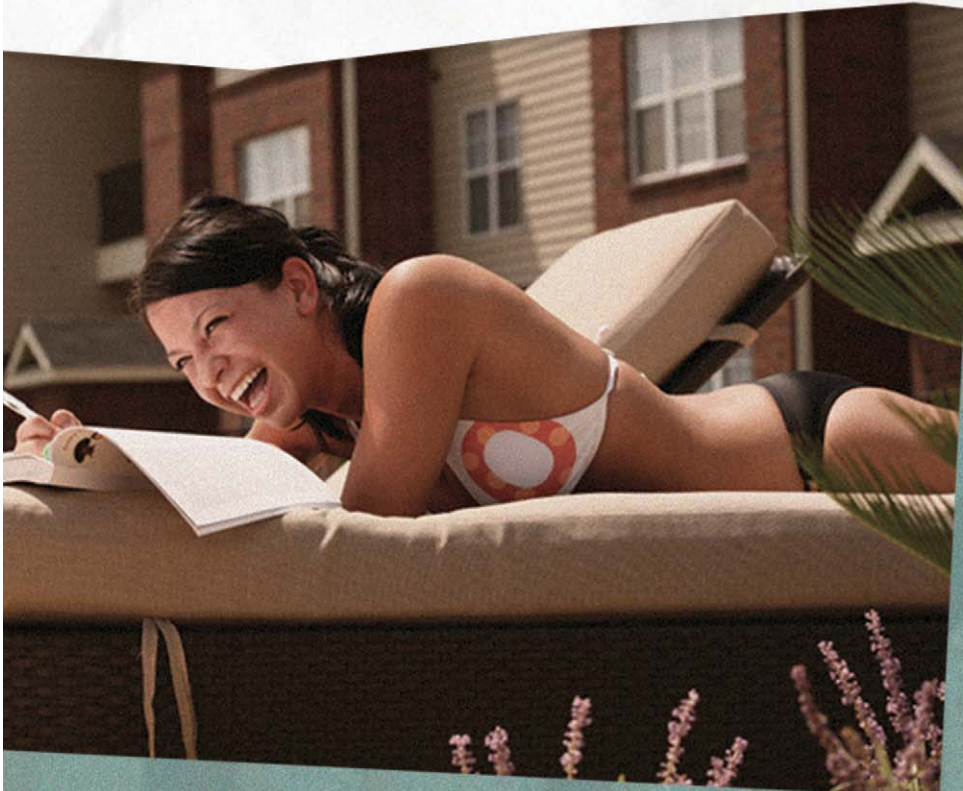
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