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Forum sparks controversy

ASUI policy adviser responds to allegations

Kaitlyn Krasselt
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ASUI Presidential Policy Adviser Joe Black defended allegations that he had been biased during the March 28 presidential open forum at Wednesday's senate meeting. Saying his intention was for the forum to challenge the candidates.

Black was accused of leaking the forum questions to candidates Hannah Davis and Nick Tunison, being biased in the questions he asked and unfair in the corrections he made to candidates' statements during the forum. He was also accused of being seen at Delta Gamma sorority the night before the forum preparing Davis and Tunison.

After an investigation by ASUI President Samantha Perez, all of the allegations against Black were proven false. Perez and Black said the complaints came from the Miller-Jasper ticket.

"I thought the forum was a little bit heated and I think it's because Joe's perceptions of forums in the past have always been that they're not very substantial and they don't give very much information because a student could just say 'I'm running on financial transparency' but never say how or why," Perez said.

Perez said Black wanted to question the candidates about what they stood for and why, what their ideas were and how they would serve the student body.

"I feel that too often these races are handed to people who don't really take the time to research so I wanted to make sure that we had a challenging open forum because this is a challenging job," Black said.

Black was only able to ask two of his prepared questions because audience questions took up the rest of the time in the forum. One of the questions Black asked was in regard to the procedure of passing a bill through the ASUI Senate.

"I think that he asked some really good questions about process, about how ASUI works and some really good questions about their campaign," Perez said. "I think maybe if you can't answer those types of questions about what ASUI does or how we operate — I think the students should know that."



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Andrew Blake, junior in international studies, addresses his concerns on getting all student niches involved with ASUI March 28 at the Idaho Commons food court during the ASUI Presidential and Vice Presidential Open Forum.

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UI employees receive pay increase

Elisa Eiguren
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The Idaho State Legislature voted in March to pass a 2 percent Change in Employee Compensation for all state government departments and agencies, the first pay increase for University of Idaho faculty and staff in four years.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter initially asked for a one-time 3 percent CEC in his State of the State address and budget presentation to the legislature, but the legislature modified his request to a 2 percent ongoing CEC.

UI Special Assistant to the President for State Governmental Relations Joe Stegner said the 3 percent CEC would have acted as more of a bonus while the 2 percent CEC is a raise that will continue each year.

"The reason the legislature put that in place is they realized state employees haven't had increases for a while and they are trying to catch everybody up," Stegner said. "It's more to try to keep them competitive with other segments of the economy."

The Idaho Joint Finance Appropriations Committee will fund 60 percent of the CEC from the general fund and 40 percent from dedicated funds. Stegner said the pay increase is not merit-based and will affect most full-time employees, faculty and staff who meet requirements.

"In some cases, some employees might not get a pay increase," he said. "There might be some people at a part-time basis or certain restricted status — they might be on sabbatical — their status might be different than a full-time employee," he said.

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STUDENT FINANCES

Close to home

Federal budget may affect UI students

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

Students who struggle to fund their education may find it even more difficult next year as the federal government is implementing major changes to financial aid. The 4,300 University of Idaho students who receive Pell Grants may also be affected by the change. From rising interest rates and origination fees to limiting eligibility, students are going to pay more on their loans com-

pared to their peers who are the federal budget." joining the work force. The Director of Financial Aid Dan Davenport said he believes most of these changes are related to the federal budget.

"I think that every one of these, with the exception of the 75 percent one, came out of the budget, federal budget reduction issues," Davenport said. "It is all tied back to cuts in

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Dan Davenport,
Director of
Financial Aid

Davenport alluded to refers to

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GOP proposes major budget changes

Katy Sword
Argonaut

The GOP budget plan may not have a realistic chance of passing in the Senate, but if it did the repercussions for students could be devastating.

The plan, pro-

posed by Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, includes cuts to federal Pell Grants, work study and subsidized loan funding.

"Based on the information I have, the typical student in Idaho would see

a decrease in their Pell Grant of \$880 dollars and then not any increases," said Dan Davenport, director of UI student financial aid. "There are scheduled increases out there now, but the fall would be from

the current levels." Based on an estimate of 4,300 students with Pell Grant funding, the plan would mean a loss of more than \$38 million in student financial aid

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Spreading cultural understanding

Tutxinmepu Pow Wow celebrates its 13th year

Molly Spencer
Argonaut

For 12 years, the Native American Student Center has sponsored the annual Tutxinmepu Pow Wow.

"The pow wow doesn't completely describe our diversity amongst our tribal peoples," said Steve Martin, director of NASC. "But it does allow an opportunity for non-natives to get somewhat of an awareness of who we are."

Traditional protocols of respect, seriousness and cooperation ring through the celebration, Martin said.

The pow wow aims to develop cultural understanding. Non-natives and first-time attendees will leave with something that is probably new to them, Martin said.

The event serves as a social celebration that allows Native people to come together to develop new friendships and get reacquainted with old friends. The powwow is also an opportunity to express Native identity through song and dance.

"Within the pow wow you're going to see many different tribes participating so you're going to get different perspectives, different views, different ways we do things too," Martin said. "A lot of the dances and songs in the pow wow are very, very old."

Style of dance and colorful regalia celebrate and express Native and personal identity, Martin said.



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The Tutxinmepu Pow Wow will be April 23 to 24 in Moscow's Junior High gym.

All guests will have the opportunity to participate during intertribal dances when the MC will invite people to come participate.

The pow wow is also a contest in which competing dancers can win money. There are dance divisions between adults, teens and juniors in the contest.

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Childbirth: nothing to fear

UMA Center provides childbirth perspective for women on Palouse

Kaitlyn Krasselt
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Educating young people about alternative forms of childbirth, providing access to community resources and empowering women to be in control of the childbirth process are the goals of the recently opened United Mothering Alliance (UMA) Center, according to Tara Hoger, director of the new center.

"Essentially that means looking at ways that we can support mother and child during childbirth, not looking at (it) as a medical procedure," Hoger said. "In celebrating birth a big component is taking out the fear element. We've created a lot of fear around the dialogue of child birth in our culture and it does not have to be that way at all."

The UMA Center is a non-profit organization affiliated with BirthNetwork National, an organization concerned with providing information about mother-friendly childcare.

Hoger said they want to promote the many ways a woman can give birth and that each comes with its own set of risks and benefits.

"The whole idea is that a woman's body can give birth and by medicalizing it too much we are actually creating a sense of fear around childbirth instead of using medical care only when necessary," Hoger said.

The Women's Center has shown support for the UMA Center as a community resource.

"It's a way for women to get connected with a community resource. I think their approach is really holistic and mother-cen-

tered and I think that's a really exciting approach," said Heather Gasser, director of the Women's Center. "I appreciate that it's a resource center, it's an education center, it's a place for women to support each other and share that empowerment."

Gasser said Western models of childbirth have not always empowered women to make decisions in the best interest of their bodies, but rather in the best interest of the medical provider.

"Obviously women have been having children for thousands of years and basically it's just a way for them to get in touch with their own natural processes," Gasser said. "I think people are fearful of pain and that's often when we see that medical piece come in."

The UMA Center will sponsor a lecture series on the first Thursday of every month at Bookpeople of Moscow beginning May 3.

"We're going to (discuss) quite a few women and family health issues," Hoger said. "We'll have a Chinese medicine discussion — learning more about birth options — there'll be a nutrition dialogue, learning about infant massage. One of the midwives is giving a monthly lactation class beginning in May. We really have a lot to offer."

The UMA Center is also sponsoring a showing of "More Business of Being Born" at 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Tickets for the film must be purchased in advance online at www.umacenter.com.

"I think it's a really needed resource and a possibility for people to connect with alterna-



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Tara Hoger plays with her son, Noah in the United Mothering Alliance Center. Hoger is the founder and director of the center which offers support, education and resources for new and expecting mothers. The UMA Center shares their location on Jackson Street with Success By Six, an early childhood education program.

perspectives," Gasser said. "There's a whole lot of mystery around childbirth and people are not always aware."

The film will be followed by a panel discussion with physicians, midwives and representatives from Gritman Medical Center and Pullman Regional Hospital.

"Births that come from a place of acceptance and understanding of the risks, with sort of an innate trust in a woman's body to be able to give birth and the trust in the child being able to work with the woman to birth, really results in a very wonderful birth experiences for mother and child," Hoger said.

Hoger said the support of the

Women's Center has been instrumental in exposing the UMA Center as a new community resource.

"I think having a center like the UMA Center in town is really important for people to make informed choices," Gasser said.

Hoger said the UMA Center is not only a source of childbirth information, but also a resource and support system for families and women.

"It's much more than just providing information," Hoger said. "It's also linking people to the practitioners in town too. So the nutritionists and acupuncturists and massage therapists and physicians and chiropractors and all the people that can really support

More info

UMA Sponsored Events
"More Business of Being Born"
 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre
Lecture series
 Starting May 3 or first Thursday of every month at Bookpeople

family health, whether it's the post-natal period or you're looking at pediatric care for your kids. We even have groups centered around menopause. It's really the full spectrum."

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Scam sends money overseas

Police department warns community to be aware of telephone scam

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The Moscow Police Department has heard numerous complaints concerning a telephone scam in recent weeks.

"What has been happening is people get a phone call from a grandchild overseas who have gotten into trouble and are somewhat embarrassed about it and they ask the specific person for money," Lt. Paul Kwiatkowski of MPD said.

The money is then sent overseas, but Kwiatkowski said so far only one person has actually sent money.

The MPD warns people to ask questions and verify that the caller is actually a family relative to avoid becoming a fraud victim.

Kwiatkowski said this scam is similar to the popular Nigerian scam, in

that it starts overseas and then occurs locally.

"If it's too good to be true, it usually is," Kwiatkowski said.

Because of the execution of the scam, Kwiatkowski said it is hard to track who is actually committing the fraud.

"We are not in a situation where we can track down the phone number," Kwiatkowski said. "What usually happens is an unsuspecting person sends money overseas, and the Moscow Police Department doesn't have the capability to track that."

To report a fraud case or ask any questions, contact the police department at 208.882.2677.

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Local flooding breaks records, not property

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Last week's flooding recorded the highest water levels since 1996 and Moscow's fourth-highest water level on record.

"It was a pretty significant event historically," Tyler Palmer, streets/fleet division manager said. "Not uncommon for localized flooding like this, but this was higher than those. It required a higher response."

The flood response level was raised from a one to two, on a scale of one to three, during the flood's peak March 30.

Palmer said several homes close to the flood plains required sand bags, and more than 2,000 sand bags were distributed.

"We used volunteers to help in the operation, shut valves and used pumping to help alleviate flooding," Palmer said. "A couple of residents were evacuated as a precaution, but there were no injuries and no property damage."

Palmer said other than the evacuations, the only issues were road closures and land flooding.

On March 26, Mayor Nancy Chaney declared a Local Disaster Emergency that was in effect until Monday.

"The local disaster emergency warning helps make people aware of what's going on, lets them know to get sandbags if they need them and take stock of their personal situation," Palmer said. "By declaring an emergency it frees up resources and funding and emergency requests for help outside the city if we need it. It sets ourselves up to prepare if the problem continues to escalate."

Palmer said Paradise Creek is erratic, with water levels that rise quickly.

"Water levels shoot up, they just rocket right up there," Palmer said, adding that the levels take significantly longer to decrease.

Current water levels — measured at the USGS station located at Warbonnet Drive and the Moscow Pullman Highway — have returned to normal, which Palmer said is around 6 feet in contrast to the 8 feet, 8 inches the creek reached Monday.

There are still chances for the flooding to return, but Palmer said if it does, the Streets Department will be prepared.

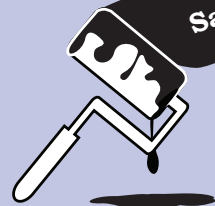
Anyone with remaining water level concerns should contact the Streets Department at 208-883-7097.

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Perez said she did not think the forum was unfair, though it did take on the feel of a presidential debate rather than a forum. She said this may have been due to the fact that Black decided to ask follow-up questions of the candidates and was inclined to correct misinformation.

"I don't think that it is biased to ask somebody to pass a bill on the ASUI Senate if their job is going to be to run the ASUI Senate," Black said. "That information is fully available to everybody."

Perez said that while anyone could learn the process, she thinks it shows that a candidate is committed to the position if they have researched, or come to a senate meeting, to learn more about the process.

"These two positions are so important for our campus and I think that anybody who wants to take on that commitment should really do their homework and they should really understand all functions of ASUI," Perez said.

Black said he and Perez discussed the questions the day of the forum and decided to be aggressive in order to make sure the candidates are researching the responsibilities of the positions they are running for and know what they are getting into.

"It's essentially a job interview," Black said. "It wasn't my job to read them a bedtime story and tuck them in. It was my job to make sure that every single student who was there had all of the information that they needed to carefully evaluate each candidate's competency and qualifications for that position."

Black said the topics and procedures he planned to discuss in his questions were available to any student who had taken the time to inquire about them.

"I wrote each question based on information, knowledge and skills that would be vital to the offices that those candidates would be executing," Black said.

Black corrected statements made by the Goytowski-Lowe ticket and the Miller-Jasper ticket, but did not find any issues with statements made by Nick Tunison and Hannah Davis.

"This was not out of trying to make any certain candidate look foolish, this was more about making sure that no misinformation was sent out," Black said. "I felt it was my responsibility as the ASUI Policy Adviser that the proper information was being distributed and that everybody was on the same page."

Black said he and several others within ASUI have worked hard in the past four years to build student advocacy in the state legislature and create a strong working relationship with UI administration.

"I think that we didn't want that

to crumble by allowing someone who is perceived to be qualified but not really into the position," Black said.

One audience member accused Black of being biased during the forum because of the procedural questions he asked and the corrections he made to candidate statements.

"The only candidate that I favor is the one that wins, that is qualified and that has taken the time to prove that they are dedicated enough to do this job because it's a really difficult job," Black said.

Black said his only goal in the open forum was to ask tough, specific questions about the procedure and specifics of the job candidates would be required to do.

The final candidate forum took place Wednesday in the Idaho Commons food court. Black did not return to moderate the event.

Sally Ames, ASUI chief of staff, stepped in to ask questions and lead the forum. Only two sets of presidential candidates and four senators were able to participate in the final open forum. The questions candidates

faced included the qualities they felt were necessary to hold an elected position in ASUI, and their goals for bettering ASUI should they be elected.

Follow-up questions and corrections by the moderator were not allowed and a professional staff member was present to oversee the forum.

Perez said her recommendation for candidates in the remainder of the election process is to present correct information to the student body in order to avoid an "angry mass of students" once elected.

"For the voters I recommend that they do their homework as well and really look into what the candidates want to change, and really look into those platforms and that they're factual, and that they're really going to represent the students and follow through with their promises," Perez said.

Voting for ASUI senate, president and vice president will take place Monday through Wednesday online at vote.uidaho.edu.

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"For most students, there will not be an option to make that up," Davenport said. "It would be pretty devastating."

The bill would also eliminate subsidizing for federal loans while students are still in school.

"For a student with an average of \$23,000 debt over a 10-year repayment, the student would pay an additional \$13,000 in interest gathering while still in school," Davenport said. "That's about a 49 percent increase in repayments."

Work study jobs would also face cuts.

"For Idaho about 370 jobs would be cut," Daven-

port said. "If I assume we have 20 percent of work study jobs in Idaho that would be a loss of 75 work study jobs."

Davenport said he does not know the chances of the bill passing, but it would devastate students who rely on federal funding.

"I've heard people say the Senate won't even take it, but you never know what will happen these days," Davenport said.

In addition to cuts affecting college students, the plan proposes cuts amounting to \$5.3 trillion below President Obama's budget.

Medicare would face reductions of \$205 billion, while Medicaid and other health programs would have \$770 billion in cuts. Welfare,

including food stamps, transportation and agriculture subsidies would face \$2 trillion in cuts.

Along with cuts, Medicare would be changed into subsidized private insurance plans, and the current health care law would be repealed.

The tax code would also see a change. Ryan proposed eliminating the current six income tax rates — which range from 10 percent to 35 percent — and replacing them with two at 10 percent and 25 percent.

The bill also cancels a scheduled \$55 billion cut in the Pentagon budget, targeted at defense spending.

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UI junior awarded Goldwater scholarship

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Rebecca Johnson was awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program March 29. The award is competitive, since only 300 college students in the field of science, engineering and math are selected across the United States.



Rebecca Johnson

The scholarship was created in memory of Barry M. Goldwater, an Arizona Senator.

Johnson is a junior double majoring in ecology conservation biology and wildlife resources and said she plans to work toward getting a doctorate.

Alton Campbell, her academic advisor in the University Honors program, said Johnson uses her academic talents to the maximum and already has one paper published.

"She will probably have another two more (published)

before she graduates and ... that would be a dream for a graduate student to have that many publications," Campbell said.

Along with her academics, Johnson has many extracurricular activities that set her apart from other students. Her resume includes study abroad research in Costa Rica,

involvement in the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates program and participation in a research project at the University of Virginia.

Johnson has worked with Lisette Waits in the Laboratory for Conservation and Ecological Genetics since her first year at UI.

"She has clearly demonstrated that she has the capacity to work professionally as a scientist and to succeed in this field and I think that was attested by her advisers and everybody that she has worked

with," said David Room, Ecology and Conservation Biology director.

Janet Rachlow, a past professor of Johnson in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said Johnson has been very active with clubs and committees during recent years. These include Wildlife Society, Ecology and Conservation Biology Club, College of Natural Resources Student Advisory Board and the Honors Student Advisory Board.

"She is exceptionally smart but she's also really engaged in the college and the university," Rachlow said. "She's really everything that the Goldwater Scholarship is trying to promote."

Campbell said one of the reasons he respects Johnson is her willingness to take risks and try all kinds of things.

"She works really hard and that separates her from a lot of people," Campbell said. "She will make a difference one day in the area of conservation biology."

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Judges focus on whether the dancers are staying on beat with the drum, their foot and shoulder work, and their rhythm. Part of judging is also the outfit, Martin said.

"When I have judged before, if it is hard for me to judge a dancer based on his or her performance, I do look at their outfits and how neatly it is put together — how it blends and how the colors compliment, you know?" he said.

First, Martin said he tries to focus on what each dancer brings to the performance.

Martin said the powwow is open to everybody, but people tend to think it's restricted to Native people.

"This is something they've never seen, it's full of colors," Martin said. "You walk away feeling good from it, I always do. I'm tired leading up to it, I'm tired afterwards but when it's going on it's really worth it."

The Tutximepu Powwow will be held Saturday and Sunday in The Bear Den at Moscow Junior High. Arts and crafts booths will be set up during the powwow. Grand entries will be at 12 and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 12 p.m. Sunday.

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Stegner said UI employees ranked inadequate in annual evaluations could also be denied an increase. The CEC was one of the university's highest priorities in terms of budget requests, and Stegner said the 2 percent increase is important in retention of faculty and staff.

"Obviously the university wants to attract and retain the very best faculty and staff that we can find, and that's a challenge when we're not competitive in a number of areas," he said. "Pay is just one, but when we're not competitive in the benefits, competitive in challenging them professionally to the point where their jobs are interesting. When we don't appreciate their talents and let them know that we risk having them go somewhere else."

The 2 percent CEC is one of the components UI needs to attract and retain the best faculty and staff possible, and Stegner said UI is grateful for the change in direction of the budget capabilities of the legislature.

"I would agree that it's not very much," Stegner said. "I wish it were more and in the future, especially as the economy gets better, hopefully we will be in a position to make additional increases but it's certainly better than we have had for a number of years."

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a new requirement for satisfactory progress before students are awarded financial aid. Before the change, a student had to complete 75 percent of their attempted credits each year. Under the new rules a student will be judged on his or her cumulative attempted credits, meaning that their entire college career will determine financial eligibility.

Davenport said if a student falls below 75 percent he or she would be suspended, but allowed to file an appeal, which would allow them to make an academic plan to get up to that acceptable level.

Davenport said students could get in trouble if someone in their first year were to finish their first semester and then have to take medical leave for the following semester. He said ultimately, they would end up in this predicament, even if they were a 4.0 student.

"We have the ability to say 'ok we realize that there were some issues, but things are back on track — you now have three semesters, or whatever they pick, to bring it back to the 75 percent,'" Davenport said.

Major changes are also going to take place in regard to Pell Grants. Students have to enroll at least half-time to receive the grants, an increase from the previous one-class requirement.

Also, students can only access the grant for 12 semesters. Davenport said he is concerned that some students who are already nearing those 12 semesters of eligibility may run into problems this summer when the changes take effect.

"The hard part right now for us is there is nothing at this time — there will be as we get later into the spring and into the summer — that can tell us what the number of semesters a student has received in Pell Grant" Davenport said. "I don't know how many students are going

to get caught up in it at all, but if they find someone who has already received 12 semesters of Pell they're not going to be eligible for any more."

He said the federal government is going to look through records dating back to 1973 to see how many semesters of Pell Grant aid students have taken so far, and if a student falls under that criteria their eligibility will be gone.

"We are going to do everything we can to try and get them the information as early as the Feds can get it to us, we also may identify some students who are close and contact them," Davenport said.

Federal origination fees are also going to increase this year and undergraduates will see fees for direct subsidized and unsubsidized loans go from .5 percent to 1 percent. Parents and graduate students will see a hike for their origination fees from 2.5 percent to 4 for the PLUS loan program.

Graduate students will also be affected by these new rules in another form, as graduate and professional students with a bachelor's degree will no longer get Direct Subsidized Loans. The amount of subsidized loans graduate students had been able to take out will be added to the amount of unsubsidized they can receive.

While these changes are going to have a great effect on many students, some will take it with a grain of salt like senior Eric Sprague who is studying mechanical engineering.

Sprague said he acknowledges that he may be in the minority in this case but he thinks that some of these changes could improve how financial aid helps students to get through school in a fair amount of time.

"If you cut off someone who has been here for a little too bloody long there is more money for the people who more or less need it — back when I was a freshman, having that Pell Grant money...was extremely helpful," he said.

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SPORTS



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Thrill of the chase

Steeplechase combines endurance, agility into unique, challenging event



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Alycia Butterworth jumps over the water barrier in the steeplechase event during the 2011 NCAA West Preliminary Round in Eugene. Butterworth has competed in the steeplechase for eight years.

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Steeplechase combines tall barriers and long distance racing in one of the most exciting and challenging events that track or field has to offer.

"With the steeple(chase), you either love it or you hate it," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "Right off the bat you got to have a ... passion for it or a love of the event because it's not very much fun. It's taking a really hard distance race and then making it as hard as it possibly can be by adding giant immovable barriers and a water jump to it."

The steeplechase is usually 3,000-meters long with four barriers per 400-meter lap. One of the four barriers also has water that must be cleared as well — that's 28 ordinary barriers and seven water jumps.

Runners who don't pace themselves often get wet by the end of the race as they struggle to clear the water. Many long-time steeplechase runners have

unique experiences with the water pit. Idaho sophomore Alycia Butterworth has competed in the event for eight years and has several steeplechase stories.

"There was one race where it was really cold out and as soon (as) I hit the water pit, my legs were just frozen for the rest of race and they just stiffened up," she said. "I've also had the other (extreme), where it was super hot out. I was racing in Florida last summer and I hit the water ... it ended up being like a hot tub."

Usually steeplechase racers don't notice the water much though, Butterworth said. Getting wet is something steeplechasers are used to.

The steeplechase has a long history. According to sports writer Mike Rosenbaum, the event began as a race between towns where runners would race from one church steeple to another. The modern 3,000-meter steeplechase first appeared in the 1920 Olympics.

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Sports Briefs

Mortellaro honored by WAC again

Idaho senior golfer Kayla Mortellaro picked up another Verizon WAC Golfer of the Week Award, this time for the week of March 26 to April 1. It is the 14th time in her career she has earned a golfer of the week or month award. The Phoenix native shot her way to a third-place finish at the Anteater Invitational March 26 and 27 in Dove Canyon, Calif., Mortellaro shot a first-round 75 followed by second and third rounds of 74 and 73 to finish at 222 and tie Michelle Park of UC Irvine for third. Mortellaro trailed the tournament champion by two strokes.



Kayla Mortellaro

Blaser a Verizon WAC Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week

With a strong showing at last week's Texas Relays in Austin, Idaho decathlete Andrew Blaser captured a Verizon WAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week Award for the week of March 26 through April 1. The senior finished the decathlon with 7,035 points, good for No. 12 in the nation and eight points shy of his career best. In terms of decathlon events, Blaser's 110-meter high hurdles time of 14.40 leads the WAC while his pole vault of 16 feet, 0.75 inches ranks second. Idaho's Ben Ayesu-Attah was also considered for the award after the freshman won both the 200-meter and 400-meter races at the Sam Adams Classic in Spokane.



Andrew Blaser

'Puppet Master' to run the show

Jason Gesser brings experience to Idaho offense

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

As one of the most storied quarterbacks in Washington State football history, Jason Gesser left a lasting impact on the Palouse and more specifically a Cougar team that experienced its first back-to-back 10-win seasons during his tenure. Having turned 33 last week, Gesser, despite his youth, has brought experience and familiarity to his newly acquired offensive coordinator position at Idaho.



Jason Gesser

The Honolulu native made quick work during the little time he's had in Moscow, and after spending a year as the Vandals' running backs coach, Gesser was named WAC Recruiter of the Year after his efforts helped Idaho attain the top recruiting class in the conference.

While Gesser's offensive coordinator role at Idaho appears to be a demanding one, especially with a Vandal offense that finished last in the WAC in 2011, the relationships he has with the coaching staff may provide an extra sense of comfort.

During his time at Washington State, he built relationships with Robb Akey, who was the Cougars' defensive line coach, and Idaho receivers coach Mike Levenseller, who took on offensive coordinator responsibilities at WSU in 2001, Gesser's junior year.

"Akey's been a guy I've respected and loved for a handful of years, from the first day he stepped on at WSU as one of our assistant coaches," Gesser said. "For a coach like that to say, 'Hey here you go I think you're ready for it, you've got all my trust and respect and everything,' that meant a whole lot to me."

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Two-pronged attack

Track and field debuts at Stanford, returns to Spokane

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the second consecutive week, Idaho track and field will be split into two separate meets. A small group of distance runners travels to California for the prestigious Stanford Invitational Friday and Saturday while the majority of the team heads back to Spokane for the War V Duel Meet Saturday.

"(The Stanford Invitational) is a very competitive meet so it's our people that, in previous years, have qualified for the first round of NCAA's," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said. "It's an opportunity for them to see some very good competition a little early in the season."

Having said that, the meet at Spokane will be a great one too. In years past we've had great competition there."

Many of Idaho's distance runners train through the first couple meets of the outdoor season. Phipps said they may be a little rusty but he expects good times from his team.

"We're all really excited to get to be in such a highly competitive meet to open (the season) because it will help us get some good competition right off the bat and some good times looking towards qualifying for regionals," sophomore Alycia



Ricky Scuderi | Argonaut

Junior Katy Lutjens practices her throwing skills at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field complex Thursday.

Butterworth said.

The 38th Stanford Invitational hosts thousands of athletes from across the nation in hopes of putting up NCAA qualifying marks.

Meanwhile, the Vandals compete in Spokane for the third consecutive meet. The Vandals previously competed in the Buc Scoring Invitational and

Sam Adams Classic, both hosted by Whitworth. This week the team competes at Spokane Community College for the War V.

Vandal track and field has been successful in Spokane recently and hopes to continue the trend.

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Iupati returns to Moscow

Former Idaho offensive guard and current San Francisco 49er Mike Iupati returned to Moscow and made a guest appearance at Tuesday's spring practice in the Kibbie Dome. Iupati, who helped the 49ers reach the NFC Conference Championship game this past season, spoke to the team about the difficulties of playing at the next level.

"Just talking about how it's not easy, how football isn't easy and you have to work hard at it and take advantage of the opportunity you have here, it's awesome," Iupati said. "Being able to have this opportunity to have a great future for whatever you're trying to do, playing football or doing other things."

Back on the court

Idaho volleyball back for spring scrimmages

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

After falling short in the WAC semifinals last season, Idaho volleyball is back in Memorial Gym and ready for its first taste of action Saturday at Washington State's spring tournament.

Idaho had one of its best seasons in recent history last fall. Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan won WAC Coach of the Year and six Idaho players earned WAC honors. The team finished second in the conference, but the season ended bitterly when the Vandals fell to New Mexico State in the semifinals.

Despite a disappointing end last season, Buchanan said she's pleased with the conditioning and mentality her team has come back with.

"We've hit it hard since January," Buchanan said. "We've seen improvement with our jump touches. The kids have already made some personal bests. From a conditioning standpoint, it's been really good."

The Vandals lost three seniors from last season's squad, including Alicia Milo and Cassie Hamilton who both earned WAC honors. Their absence gives way for younger players to earn a starting role.

Despite their losses, the Vandals bring back a host of experience. Idaho will have six seniors and two juniors on the roster, including Allison Walker — two-time first-team all-WAC selection.

The Vandals play Seattle, Eastern Washington, Central Washington, Montana State, Boise State and Washington State Saturday in Pullman.

After weeks of practice, Idaho's Amy

Westberg said playing real matches will be nice.

"I'm really excited," Westberg said. "Finally, we've been practicing and working so hard. It's going to be great to be going out there in a tournament and showing our skills to everyone."



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Amy Westberg,
Freshman

While Idaho will have its first taste of competition for the year Saturday, Buchanan said she's not interested in racking up a bunch of wins, but rather getting her younger players more experience.

"We're going to have some new kids to get some experience who haven't played a ton, so it's going to be letting them work through some of their issues at times," Buchanan said. "When they struggle they're going to have to stay in and play through it. We have to get better as a team but we have to get some kids some experience through this process."

This weekend's tournament will be the first of four weeks of competition for the Vandals. Idaho will play matches every weekend in April, concluding with a scrimmage against Washington State April 28 in Pullman.

"This weekend we're just looking to compete and go hard and when we get frustrated just work though it and work together as a team," Westberg said.

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Zach Edwards | Argonaut

Alex Sele, junior middle blocker, participates in a drill during practice Wednesday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals will compete in their first tournament of the spring playing five games Saturday in Pullman.

Masters without Ernie?

Golf aficionados rejoice at the return of the majors beginning with the Masters as Thursday's first round teed off from the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

This year's rendition promises a full load of high expectations. Tiger Woods enters the tournament having recently won the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill. The March 25 victory was the

first for Woods in more than two years.

At 13 under par, Woods was dominant, off the tee and putting exceptionally. While the occasional spraying of the ball from the tee has unfortunately stuck with Woods' game — it happens less frequently than past years and if he continues to hit those stingers and has a few things go his way this week, a fifth green jacket isn't out of the question.

Still, the days of betting for Tiger against the field are over because the rest of the top 10 is stacked with talent from Luke Donald, Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose. But you can't always fall in love with the guys at the top. Last year's winner, Charl Schwartzel, proved that anyone in the field has a chance to take home the prize.

As much as the Master's is about who is there — this year it is also about who isn't. "The Big Easy"

Ernie Els will not attend the Masters this year for the first time since 1993.

After failing to capture a tournament or break into the top 50, Els was not invited to partake in the tournament and when asked if he would accept a late invitation to the tournament Els refused.

Els once stood atop the golf world and at 42 years old, he is a long way from retirement. In fact, perhaps the worst part of this fiasco is that Els has been playing well as of yet, and while he didn't take home any big checks, he has been competitive and who is to say he wouldn't have made a run for it this weekend?

Regardless of the lifetime invitation he had, if Palmer

can attend the Masters into his 70s and not even make the cut after his 50s — how is it that Els will find himself like the rest of us: Watching the Masters from the couch.

At least he'll witness a great tournament as the best in the world, excluding himself, traverse Augusta's fairways for a chance to make history.

Will a familiar face don the green jacket Sunday or will another first timer join the club? Will Woods get back on track and catch Jack Nicklaus to distance himself from the mistakes of the past few years? Whoever does win, it won't be because Els wasn't there. But still, don't you want the best in the world representing your tournament, whether they sit in the top 50 or not?

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A justified brawl

Hockey is a game of physicality and emotion, especially when rivals are involved. There is no greater illustration of that than the end of Sunday's Flyers vs. Penguins game. Toward the end of the third period, a brawl erupted between the two fierce rivals. Not only was there fighting on the ice, but the two coaches were yelling at each other. While a fight like this may seem barbaric to outsiders, to hockey fans it's what the game is about.

Fighting is a part of hockey. It always has been and hopefully always will be.

It is not always a personal vendetta between players, it is about defending the honor of your team and teammates.

Philadelphia's Brayden Schenn crosschecked Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby to the ice from behind. Crosby is one of the most skilled players in the game, but has sat out the majority of the past two seasons due to injuries, so Schenn taking a shot at Crosby is a big deal.

Not long after Pittsburgh's Joe Vitale lit up Philadelphia's Danny Briere in a clean open ice hit, the brawl started.

To add importance to this scrimmage, these two teams will most likely meet in the first round of the playoffs. As Bleacher Report's Tim Mackay put it, this was all about honor and sending a message.

"The whole event came out of two tough, proud teams looking to send a message to their opponents before the playoffs," Mackay said. "Not one party stepped over the line and it was simply an example of old-time hockey where players stick up for their teammates."

I'll be the first to trash talk Crosby. While

I recognize he's a skilled player, I have little respect for his attitude. He has a history of starting scuffs and whining about it afterward, but when he was crosschecked his team reacted exactly the way it should have.

Crosby recently came back from injury, so taking a shot at him was asking for trouble. Vitale's hit was an appropriate response. It wasn't dirty but it was a big hit. Pittsburgh's response was justified and the fight that ensued is part of the game.

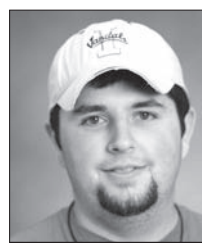
If Crosby was smart he would have stayed out of it, but he decided to take a cheap shot at Schenn during the scuff. He may have just returned from injury, but he's playing a physical game and if he's going to get involved in these fights, he better expect to get hit.

There's no right or wrong here, just hockey. Both teams had reasons for their actions and with these two, there's a lot of history and pride on the line. Fighting will happen, but it's what the fans want. Fans want to see the passion. Fans want to see the physicality.

Whether it's reacting to a teammate who just got smacked or rekindling a long running rivalry, fighting is part of the tradition of hockey. James Conley of Bleacher Report said, it's the kind of passion the game should have.

"That emotional investment is exactly what playoff hockey should be: emotional, reactionary, loud, stupid, illogical," Conley said. "That's the reality of Pens-Flyers. That's what we want."

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Confidence building

Idaho men's tennis hopes to keep streak, confidence alive against Northern Arizona

Nick Groff
Argonaut

Four inches of snow and cold temperatures won't stop Idaho men's tennis from attempting to lengthen its win streak to three today when the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks come to town.

The Vandals and Lumberjacks will likely play inside at approximately 6 p.m. after the women's match at LCSC in Lewiston due to weather concerns. The match was scheduled to be the only home match of Idaho's season.

"We'd love to play in Moscow, but they're trying to look at shoveling snow off the courts," Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said. "It looks unlikely. But if there is any chance to play outside and play at home, we'll definitely do that."

The Lumberjacks have struggled mightily all year, netting only four wins. The Big Sky opponent has been outscored 87-36 since Jan. 21 against opponents of all calibers.

"They're a team that has been struggling a little bit lately," Beaman said. "But they're definitely a talented team so we can't overlook them. They've given us tough matches in the past."

Beaman said the match is a good opportunity to build confidence after the drought of wins through February. He said winning

and confidence is especially important heading toward the end of the season for seeding purposes in the WAC Tournament.

"Fresno (State) has really distanced itself as the top team in the conference on the men's side. They spent time in the top 15 in the country," Beaman said. "If we can get a chance to get that two or three seed and possibly not match up against them until the finals, (that) is important."

Every team in the WAC, aside from Fresno State, has the opportunity to claim the two or three seeds going into the WAC Tournament, Beaman said.

Beaman said no matter how his team has come by a loss, a win is always better.

"Whenever you're losing, no matter if you're losing to top teams, it's still losing and a lot of it is confidence," Beaman said. "So to get some wins really helps build the confidence back to where it needs to be to compete at a high level."

If Idaho wins it will progress to 11-12 on the season and will end its regular season against Hawaii (4-9) and Utah State (4-9) April 13 in Logan, Utah, before the WAC Championships April 26 to 29 in Las Cruces, N.M.

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Idaho senior Alan Shin returns the ball during practice Tuesday on the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The men play Northern Arizona at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Moscow or at 6 p.m. in Lewiston, depending on weather conditions.

Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Vandals hope to keep Wildcats winless

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The Weber State Wildcats (0-17) hope for their first win this Friday in Idaho, but the Vandals (14-5, 0-1 WAC) are on a roll and have no plans of slowing down.

This matchup is one coach Daniel Pollock feels the Vandals should definitely win but he said the Wildcats are better than their record suggests.

"They have had some close matches against some pretty good teams that we have played so it's a deceptively poor record," Pollock said.

The Wildcats have only scored three team points in a match once this season and have been shut out six times, but it means nothing to Pollock.

"We're going to prepare for these guys like we would Washington State or Boise State because if we take someone lightly there is always a chance we could slip up

and lose," Pollock said.

Freshman Sophie Vickers said the Vandals are not even paying attention to the either team's record and will play the match with everything they have.

"They are obviously not one of the stronger teams that we faced this year but we still have to bring our best tennis and hopefully keep this winning streak going," Vickers said.

Pollock said every match is equally important from here on out so they take them one at a time and don't look at the winning streak.

Idaho has won 10 of its last 12 matches since the middle of February — including three in a row — all on the road.

Idaho's outdoor facilities force the team away until late in the season. The match against the Wildcats is the first of three consecutive home matches scheduled in Moscow. But unpredictable weather could be move Friday's match to LCSC in Lewiston.

Sophomore Bety Flores said the team looks forward to its first home match because friends want to come support the Vandals. She said if the weather doesn't hold, playing in Lewiston is fine with the team.

"The (LCSC) facility is really good," Flores said. "We prefer and we would love it to play here for our friends and to have our first match here, but we are comfortable to play over there."

Idaho has practiced in Lewiston a few times this season and played three matches there. In those three matches, a total of one team point has been scored against the Vandals.

"They are definitely our favorite indoor courts that we have played on so I'm sure we would be happy to play there if we had to," Vickers said.

No matter the location, this match is at 10 a.m. Friday and Idaho is looking forward to another win.

"We have had a good run and if we could win this match against Weber it could really keep things going for us," Vickers said.

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March gladness

March Madness for most people means hours spent filling out final four brackets while wolfing down wings and squatting in front of big screens. While I certainly have been known to follow the annual hardwood classic — at least until North Carolina loses — March is madness in the hunting world as well.

In lieu of a final four bracket, my time is spent analyzing aerial photos and topographical maps. Instead of watching game footage, I study the most recent trail camera pictures. While everyone else is looking for the Cinderella story, I'm looking for Mr. Big.

March is important because the snow is finally starting to melt to a point where relevant scouting can take place.

The first thing I do when approaching this pivotal time in early season scouting is making sure that I lock down my hunting areas for the year — or brown nosing by talking to landowners and working out a deal for access to areas where the big deer live. Sometimes securing permission is as simple as promising some jerky at the end of the season and sometimes it means helping with the annual harvest. Honestly the more you are willing to do for the landowner, the more willing he or she is to allow access. On a few occasions I have been roped into serious farmhand work — pulling fence wire, bucking bails, even fixing an old tractor — but it has almost always been worth it.

The second part of the early scouting season is getting to know the area, which where aerial photos come in. In my experience landowners are the most important resource. I take a large scale aerial photo with me when I'm doing any chores. Then, after I've made good on my end of the deal, I ask the land-

owner to mark up areas that deer tend to frequent. This gives me the perfect scouting report to for the next phase of my routine — the shed hunt.



Michael French
Argonaut

Shed hunting is a great way to understand the quality and number of deer in the hunting area and a welcome escape from the confines of civilization. After the snow melts to a point where movement can be accomplished, I like to spend at least a week in each of my hunting areas searching for antlers. Finding sheds is not the easiest thing to do. Dozens of hunters have only found a small handful of sheds during years of searching. It sounds obvious, but the key to success is time. Tactics and helpful hints, such as following the snowline and finding travel patterns, boost the chances of success, but time is by far the most important.

Besides simply being in the woods, one piece of equipment has helped me be a more successful shed hunter than most: my shed dog.

Shed dogs are trained to find and retrieve sheds. Before training my dog, my annual shed hunt usually resulted in only a few finds. Since beginning her training, she has out-hunted me on nearly every occasion, even finding small spike and forked horn sheds I would otherwise never find.

Throughout my March madness I use every piece of information I can get my hands on to get a proper perspective on the upcoming year. I work to understand density levels of game, talk to landowners and spend time in the field. This hard work has been the key to making me a successful hunter. If you want a leg-up on a successful hunt next year, March should be your month to start.

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CHASE

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Training for the steeplechase includes the long runs and endurance work of distance training as well as technique and repetition of hurdles.

"I really like (the steeplechase) because I've always loved hurdles but hurdles are usually short distance in high school," Idaho sophomore Holly Stanton said. "This way, I could get long distance and get the hurdles in, so it's kind of both of my strengths."

Idaho has several accomplished steeplechasers on its 2012 track and field team. On the men's side, transfer Stephane Colle joins long-time Idaho steeplechaser Alex Brekke. Brekke earned second-team all-WAC honors in

the steeplechase in 2009 and 2010. Phipps said he thinks Colle has the potential to surprise people on the national level.

On the women's side, Butterworth is the most accomplished steeplechaser after earning first-team all-WAC honors in the event as a freshman in 2011. She finished No. 2 in the WAC and is No. 6 in Idaho history. Butterworth also won the 2011 Canada Junior National Title in the 2,000-meter steeplechase last August and represented Canada at the Pan-Am Junior Games in the event. Butterworth also earned an NCAA qualification last year in the 3,000-meter steeplechase as a freshman.

Stanton, also a sophomore, took sixth in the 2011 WAC Championships and

was second-team all-WAC in the event.

Joining Butterworth and Stanton as Vandal steeplechasers are Emily Paradis and Laurel Draper. Paradis competed in her first steeplechase at the Buc Scoring Invitational March 24 and placed first in the event.

Phipps said one of the biggest barriers for steeplechase racers is the barrier itself.

"I think one of the things is not having a fear of the barrier," Phipps said. "Having respect for it but not a fear for it and that's easier said than done. If you were to hit your knee, your ankle, or your foot, it could definitely be a season-ending injury."

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MASTER

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Akey describes Gesser as "a tough son of a gun" and someone who makes the most of opportunities. His competitive nature is a gleaming characteristic Akey said he recognized almost immediately after he was hired at WSU 13 years ago.

"What I saw over there was a great competitor ... He was a tremendous leader for us and his competitiveness alone was something pretty special and he made some things happen during a championship season," Akey said. "He was beat up pretty good for a scrawny little dude and he came in there and played his tail off at all points in time."

Gesser's burning passion for football led him to a professional career that saw him manage the Tennessee Titans of the NFL, Calgary Stampeders of the CFL and Utah Blaze of the AFL.

After a few years coaching high school football in western Washington, Gesser returned to the Palouse, where Akey didn't hesitate to bring him on as the running backs coach.

Akey is less than surprised that a number of the qualities he saw in Gesser as a quarterback have translated to his offensive coordinator responsibilities.

"I saw a lot of things I expected to — I saw the competitiveness, I saw a good teacher and that's the bottom line," Akey said. "He's got a passion about what he does, he did a nice job recruiting for us and he certainly latched onto the new opportunity that is in front of him right now."

Still, Gesser would be lying if he said he wasn't star-struck by the opportunity that Akey bestowed upon him.

"I was stoked obviously, I was hoping to become the quarterbacks coach, that's the position I was most comfortable with ... But also to be the coordinator, it was something that I really didn't know how to take at the time, one of those things that you're

so happy, you don't know how to respond," Gesser said.

As a quarterback Gesser earned Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year honors, but his knowledge isn't limited to the position he became acquainted with in eighth grade, when a broken left arm prevented him from playing every other position in a physical education class.

Vandal players appreciate his versatility, something that will be necessary as Idaho's offensive signal caller this fall.

"When I think of Gesser I don't think of him as a previous running backs coach or a quarterbacks coach or offensive coordinator," wide receiver Mike Scott said. "He knows so much about every position, obviously playing quarterback you have to know what each and every person on offense is doing at all times so when it comes to receiver, it seems like he's played receiver."

At 33, Gesser is nearly half as old as Idaho's previous offensive coordinator Steve Axman, who retired at age 64.

Though some of the Vandals' older coaches contribute experience, according to Scott, Gesser is able to relate to the players better.

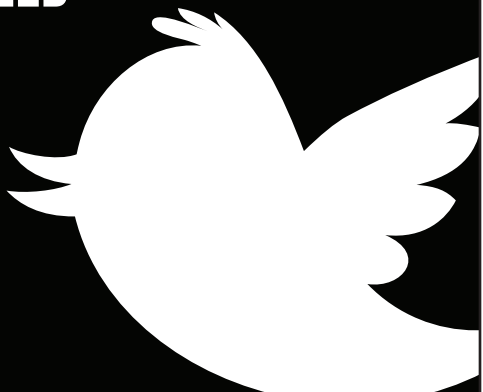
"There are some guys who are more old-school, they have their old tendencies ... But Gesser, he's young, he's hip, he knows what happens now, he has his little Mohawk," Scott said. "We can talk to him as someone who's played a few years ago. He has a good feel of where we're at."

Idaho's offense will remain fairly unchanged from last season, and while Gesser may not employ a different approach to the offense during the spring season, the authoritative role he's acquired allows him to try out new schemes.

"Now since he has that OC on his nametag it's kind of like, 'Yo, I'm running the show now, I'm the puppet master and these are my puppets,'" Scott said.

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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Intramural sports

Why is it that in football and basketball, every team except us knows how to play and is good. Why aren't there any other bad teams? Not cool.

—Madison

Hollywood overdoses

I really do not understand celebrity deaths caused by drug overdoses. Perhaps it's because I'm not a part of the Hollywood scene and therefore cannot really understand the culture or stresses that accompany being in the spotlight all the time. Regardless, it's a little disappointing to hear that is the reason a celebrity died when many people idolize that person.

—Elizabeth

Adam Levine ...

... broke up with his girlfriend. There is hope.

—Britt

Mi hermana

Despite the fact that I loved putting rocks in her pillow and she enjoyed drawing moustaches on me while I was sleeping, I love knowing my sister is my best friend. Thanks for visiting, Rach.

—Chloe

He is risen

He is risen in two days. Alleluia.

—Vicky

Nothing better

Brother flying in from Indiana and parents driving up from California this weekend. Love my family.

—Theo

When I grow up

I wouldn't mind if I grew up to be Tom Rinaldi.

—Nick

Practical application of math

We're on a mission to demonstrate the mathematical relationship between Jesus, the Easter Bunny, and Saint Nicholas (aka Santa Claus, aka Scott Calvin). Thus far results have been inconclusive primarily due to the irregular distribution of chocolate which is inexplicably correlated to eggs, more on this later.

—Amrah

For all those complaining

It's only April, fools. You expected 70 degrees?

—Dylan

Easter

If you aren't doing anything, you should come to Resonate Church at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at the Nuart Theatre.

—Eric

What the heck, bro

It's been one of those days all week.

—Elisa

OUR VIEW

Know the basics

ASUI presidential, vice presidential candidates lack perspective

Power comes with responsibility, and the decision to run for ASUI president and vice president should not be made lightly.

During the ASUI open forum March 28, ASUI Presidential Policy Adviser Joe Black asked presidential and vice presidential candidates procedural questions about ASUI. When the Miller-Jasper and Goytowski-Lowe tickets demonstrated inadequate knowledge in their answers, Black corrected them on several issues including the process for how a bill passes through ASUI.

But Hannah Davis and Nick Tunison were not corrected, prompting an audience member to call Black "biased" in asking questions of the candidates.

The reason Davis and Tunison were not corrected during their forum answers is not because Black was biased, but because they provided educated and accurate responses.

It is one thing to develop a platform with grandiose ideas, but it is another to understand the functions of the university and ASUI that can make those ideas into reality. Knowledge of ASUI's basic functions is information any person who thinks they can lead the organization should know by heart.

The candidates accusing Black of being biased need to realize they are not being targeted unfairly — they are being called out. Black asked questions any candidate should be able to answer and to say his corrections showed bias toward certain candidates is immature.

Black, a five-year member of ASUI, has served as a senator and lobbyist as well as his current executive position. Knowing the inner workings of ASUI is what qualified Black to ask candidates questions — the answers to which can be found on the ASUI website.

Black was also accused of giving the forum questions to Davis and Tunison in advance, a claim ASUI President Samantha Perez investigated and proved false.

Black said he intended to challenge the candidates, and he did. He asked what would seem to be basic questions, but apparently are not when two out of three candidate tickets stumbled over answers.

Being unprepared to answer questions during an open forum is no one's fault but your own. Consider it an eye-opening experience as to what a year serving as ASUI president and vice president really entails.

—MM and EE



Shane Wellner
Argonaut

GUEST VOICE

Reforming ASUI Senate

Zack Goytowski
ASUI Senator

Last year the student body voted to amend the ASUI constitution to district the ASUI Senate. The stipulations for that districting, which were not voted on by the student body, were then written into our rules and regulations. The model given for districting was based on whether or not the student was a member of the Greek system. The model allotted five seats for Greek students and five seats for non-Greek students, providing that those elected can get 80 percent of the votes that their other district receives. Otherwise their district is nullified.

The problem with this system is that it does not provide true districts for the students, which is what they voted for when they amended the constitution. Not only that, but districting based on whether a student is Greek or isn't Greek is an ineffective model for districting when according to the University of Idaho Institutional Research Center 66 percent of students live off campus.

In the last few weeks there's been a lot of controversy over recent legislation I proposed to the senate to redistrict the ASUI Senate. Some felt it was too soon. Others stated that the legislation would get rid of guaranteed representation of non-Greek students. As you can see there is currently no guaranteed representation for any group on campus.

The goal of this legislation would be to shift to a collegiate model of representation, as Washington State University and Idaho State University are currently utilizing. By doing this we would have districts that effectively represent the entire student body. We would also be able to get more students involved who normally would not have by working with professors and deans to recruit students to get involved in ASUI.

The only cost that would be associated with this model is that it would involve expanding the ASUI Senate so that each college would have two representatives while still

Federal government lags behind

Most Americans can claim Social Security survivor benefits when their spouse dies. It's a common way for people on fixed incomes to get by without the money from a spouse's wages or Social Security income.

There's an exception, though.

If you are the same gender as your spouse, you can't claim survivor benefits, even if your marriage is legal. Gay spouses also can't file joint taxes or receive insurance or pension benefits. If their spouse gets sick, gay Americans aren't guaranteed time off work to take care of them.

Several states now recognize gay marriage, and many more will soon join them. Progress is being made in many states toward ending discrimination against committed gay relationships. Unfortunately, the federal government is still a few years behind.

The problem is the Defense of Marriage Act or DOMA. DOMA passed in 1996 under a Republican Congress and a Democratic president. It says the federal government only recognizes marriage between a man and a woman, "defending marriage" being a common euphemism for homophobia and hate. This means that even if states recognize

gay marriage, the federal government won't.

In essence, DOMA creates two kinds of legal marriages in the United States: Heterosexual marriages, which receive the full federal benefits of marriage, and homosexual marriages, which don't.

The First Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments about the point in a lawsuit that questions the constitutionality of DOMA. Even as states, which have traditionally defined marriage in America, begin to legalize gay marriage, the federal government lags behind.

This is just another example of conservative hypocrisy when it comes to the size of government. American conservatives claim they want to see the federal government shrink, protect states' rights and keep the government from interfering in the rights of individuals. Yet they want the government to define marriage, despite states' traditional control over the issue.

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When it comes to helping poor and working-class Americans, government can't be too small. But

conservatives would like to see the federal government step in to take away the rights of gay Americans to marry and be protected from discrimination or the rights of women to make decisions about their own bodies.

Every American should oppose DOMA and work for its repeal. Those on the left who support gay marriage should oppose it because it is unconstitutional, hateful and creates a set of second-class citizens who are not afforded the equal rights. Those on the right should oppose DOMA because it is unconstitutional, hateful and violates the "states' rights" that are supposedly such a central point of conservative ideology.

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Supreme Court sneaks peek

Anyone detained for minor offenses could be the next Timothy McVeigh — the Oklahoma City bomber — according to Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Kennedy claims anyone arrested should be subject to a strip search because even minor offenders can be “the most devious and dangerous criminals.”

Justice Stephen Breyer, who opposed the recent ruling by the Supreme Court in favor of strip searches at law enforcement officials’ discretion, said such minor offenses include driving with a headlight out, walking a dog without a leash and riding a bike without a bell.

This means anyone who gets in trouble with the law for even the simplest violation could wind up naked in a room with strangers, as they probe every orifice for what probably is not there.

This also leaves the decision to perform an invasive and humiliating strip search entirely up to the jailer. The ruling requires no form of review for guards’ decisions, essentially giving them a green light — as George Washington University law professor Orin Kerr said — to violate anyone they please.



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This has created a slippery slope. What started as a more reasonable form of searching, selective application based on detainee’s motive to hide items within their crevasses, has become pervasive and an outright violation of privacy.

Kennedy claimed this ruling is designed to prevent new inmates from bringing in contraband or weapons while they are detained, but especially pertaining to minor offenses this thought process does not hold up. Someone arrested for an inoperable headlight would not have expected to be arrested, and therefore is unlikely to have contraband or weapons stashed within their body cavities. Most people do not drive around ready to smuggle contraband into jail.

The logic of the justices who voted in favor of this ruling is flawed. Officials state they are in no position to question guards’ judgment, but our legislative system is based on checks and balances. Whatever the reason is it cannot justify this violation of privacy, individual rights and Americans’ personal bubbles.

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Media created assumptions beyond facts in Trayvon Martin case

The Lariat Editorial Board
The Lariat, Baylor U.

No matter who ends up the victim in the Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman case, the media is going to go down in history as the bad guy.

Once the sensational nature of the story began to die down, various news outlets began turning on each other to reveal shortcuts and manipulations that they took to skew the events of the night Martin died.

One of the most noticeable is the selection of photos almost every news syndicate used when the story broke. A smiling, young Martin appears in stark contrast to a frowning Zimmerman wearing a distinctly orange shirt. The photos carry a heavy suggestion of who is the victim and who has committed a crime.

Add the appearance of the sullen-looking Zimmerman to the 911 call transcript NBC’s Today Show provided. In the transcript, Zimmerman said Martin looked suspicious because Martin was black, and the case reveals itself as at least fueled by racism, if not a hate crime.

As it turns out, however, that transcript was selectively edited. On Monday NBC told The Washington Post that it has launched an internal investigation into the editing decisions made for the story. Zimmerman never said Martin looked suspicious because he was black. The only time Zimmerman described Martin’s race

was when the dispatcher directly asked that question.

The shooting occurred on Feb. 26 but did not appear in the national media until March 10 when Martin’s parents appeared on Good Morning America. That’s when the discussion of a racially-charged crime first hit the news stands.

Unlike the first story that appeared, the facts in the Feb. 26 shooting are not black and white. From the first news reports, a relatively informed citizen could have reasonably believed that Zimmerman, acting as a vigilante neighborhood watchmen, took his job a little too seriously and shot a young black man in a hoodie who was on his way home with some candy.

As more information has come to light, it is harder to assume such a simple story line. Conservative news outlets have published pictures and tweets that show a less innocent Martin than his mug might suggest. Jewelry and traces of marijuana were found in the backpack Martin was carrying when he was shot.

Again, these details neither confirm nor deny that Martin was anything other than an average teenager who made harmless, though possibly poor, decisions.

Nobody but Zimmerman knows what happened that night, but it isn’t the role of the media to fill in gaps in the timeline with conjecture. Unfortunately for the

entire institution, that is exactly what seems to have happened. If the gaps have not been positively filled in, the possibilities for the missing pieces have been altered by selective editing and biased photo choice.

It might be the case that Zimmerman acted aggressively because he racially profiled the young black man walking home late

at night.

It might also be the case that Martin decided to pick a fight with an armed night watchman living in a stand-your-ground state who exercised his right to shoot his attacker.

It has not ever been, and never will be, the role of the media to determine which of those scenarios took place. It is instead the role of the media to report accurate facts gathered from reliable sources and presented fairly so that the public can stay informed and draw its own conclusions.

It’s time all news syndicates, conservative or liberal, get back to that model of journalism.



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Facebook profiling

Companies investigated for demand of access to job applicants’ networking sites

Brendan Jackson

Daily Bruin, U. California-Los Angeles

Imagine applying for a job where the interviewer already knows quite a bit about your social life before you walk through the front door.

For some job applicants, this has become reality.

A recent report by The Associated Press on employers who demand access to job applicants’ social networking sites during the application process has prompted an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

In the last several months, it has become apparent that an increasing number of companies are demanding applicants’ usernames and passwords to run background checks, according to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who asked for the investigation along with Senator Charles Schumer, D-New York.

“An investigation by the Department of Justice and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will help remedy ongoing intrusions and coercive practices, while (lawmakers) draft new statutory protections to clarify and strengthen the law,” Blumenthal said in a statement released last week.

Facebook has also come out against employers that engage in this form of background checks, citing that the practice is in violation of Facebook’s Terms of Service.

The company is working seriously to protect the privacy of its users and has urged users to not release login information to third parties. Facebook’s chief privacy officer Erin Egan said in a statement released about two weeks ago.

“If you are a Facebook user, you should never have to share your password, let anyone access your account or do anything that might jeopardize the security of your account or violate the privacy of your friends,” Egan said in the statement.

While several companies have engaged in the controversial hiring practice, UCLA spokesman Steve Ritea said the university does not rely on social network background checks during the hiring process.

“Since the hiring process is decentralized, I cannot say authoritatively that no university department uses Facebook as

a screening tool, but the main human resources office is not aware of any department that engages in the practice,” Ritea said.

If any department were to seek the human resources office advice on the hire practice, the human resources office would strongly discourage using Facebook as a screening tool, he added.

The alleged practice has renewed the debate about whether employers should view applicants’ Facebook profiles as a screening tool.

As the demand for login information has become more prevalent, questions are being raised about the legality of the hiring practice.

The issue is more about equal-opportunity employment and less about privacy, said Eric Bollens, a software architect at the UCLA Office of Information Technology and a fifth-year computer science student.

“Once an employer uses Facebook to screen applicants, they are (exposed) to information that would bias their view of a job candidate and would put them in violation of Equal Opportunity laws,” Bollens said.

If applicants’ prospective employment is contingent on handing over their username and password, then the employer is using undue coercion, he added.

Bridget Conlin, a first-year pre-communication studies student, said the practice could actually work against employers.

“I think it’s common for people to manipulate their profile to carefully craft a public image that is contrary to their true self,” Conlin said.

First-year biengineering student Julia Thulin received an extensive background check with the Federal Drug Administration and the Los Angeles Children’s Hospital review board before earning an internship with the hospital in November. But a Facebook login was never a part of that, she said.

Thulin said that companies that demand login information of job applicants could be overstepping privacy boundaries.

“I understand why employers would want access to a Facebook profile to learn more about an applicant, but I don’t believe companies should have access to a trove of private information,” Thulin said.

SENATE

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maintaining an at large so students could run outside of their college. The solution to the problem of more senators to pay is simple: Reduce senate paychecks.

Last week I withdrew this legislation due to its controversial nature and the volatile

atmosphere that resulted in it becoming highly politicized. Since this bill’s removal ASUI has been working to prepare surveys, which will be distributed across campus to gather further student input. From your opinions we will then determine how we shall proceed. If there is enough student support we hope to have a special election in the fall.

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