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Teachers talk tenure

Matt Maw
Argonaut

It's expected that Idaho's flagship university maintains high-quality faculty to ensure a high-quality education. The University of Idaho's tenure policy is designed to ensure such faculty, but not everyone is sold on its significance.

Denise Bennett, newly tenured senior instructor in the School of Journalism and

Mass Media, said she might be too fresh to the process to understand tenure's meaning for her, but times have changed. Old fears of career repercussions for controversial discussions or behaviors in academia don't pervade our current era, she said.

"I don't know (that) the tenure system works in today's world," she said. "At least from my experience here, I don't think there's pressure on faculty to not deal with

certain course content."

UI policy defines tenure as "a condition of presumed continuing employment," which "can be terminated only for adequate cause." Faculty members embark on their tenure track from the first year of employment and undergo annual evaluations. A more thorough third-year evaluation assesses the candidate's tenure progress with a review of his or her curriculum vita, pro-

fessional portfolio, various evaluations and reports with additional materials as the candidate deems appropriate.

UI Provost Doug Baker said gaining tenure typically requires seven years. He said candidates receive much feedback, are provided developmental and mentoring assistance and stay up with the latest scholarly

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ASUI ELECTIONS

Results are in

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Hannah Davis and Nick Tunison were announced as the 2012-2013 ASUI president and vice president Thursday at the Idaho Commons rotunda.

"I can't wrap my head around it right now, I'm just excited that we got to this point — that we got elected," Davis said. "It's the biggest relief ever — I don't know if

I want to cry or if I want to scream, but it's good. It's over."

A total of 2,070 votes were cast in the election, a 93 percent increase in voter turnout from last spring's election and a 53 percent increase from the fall election. Davis and Tunison were elected with 52 percent of the vote. Also elected Thursday were eight

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Hannah Davis, elected 2012 to 2013 ASUI president, and Samantha Perez, current ASUI president, hug after the announcement of the winning presidential ticket Thursday in the Idaho Commons rotunda. Davis and her running mate, Nick Tunison, will serve as ASUI president and vice president in the coming academic year.

SPEAK OUT

What do you plan to do now that you're elected?



"I'm going to try and fulfill my campaign promise and be more interactive with students and help them understand what goes on with ASUI, and kind of where the money goes, and hear more about where they want the money to go to and what students use the most so we can kind of build relationships with that."

Steven Cleppe
ASUI Senator



"The first thing I need to do is probably call my parents and spread the good news. On a serious note — really get to know the senators and the new president and vice president to see what the goals are as a senate, and see what we can do to best represent the student body and get off on a good foot. I look forward to next year, when change is coming, in a good way."

Michael Cullen
ASUI Senator

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(W)rap it up: Finals Fest to feature rapper, sex columnist

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Finals Fest 2012 will spotlight rap artist Childish Gambino and sex columnist Dan Savage as part of May's Vandal Entertainment series.

"Some students suggested Childish Gambino (to the board) and I always get different emails from different agencies," said Vandal Entertainment Board Chair Alex Rheault. "We started looking into it more."

And for \$35,000, they signed him.

Donald Glover, Childish Gambino's legal name, is known for his role as Troy Barnes on NBC's comedy series "Community" as well as his album *Camp*, which was released in No-

vember 2011 and includes his No. 1 hit "Heartbeat."

Many of Gambino's songs include expletives and strong lyrics, but Rheault said the contract does not give the University of Idaho power to censor him.

"Any time you bring a hip-hop artist, you're going to have issues with that," Rheault said. "I definitely thought there'd be more issues (but there hasn't been)."

Savage, who is famous for his sex advice column "Savage Love" and the co-founder of the "It Gets Better Project," often talks about sexuality, relationships and LGBTQA advice.

While a Facebook

comment on the Finals Fest event page said, "Can't believe my tuition dollars support not only useless but also incredibly biased presentations like this." Rheault said Vandal Entertainment can't please all students. She said the Women's Center and LGBTQA office expressed interest in his visit and said Savage fits well with the campus.

"I really appreciate everyone's opinions on the Facebook event," Rheault said. "It allows people to keep discussing it."

Overall, Rheault said the two headliners were picked due to student approval.

"We go off of student opinions," Rheault said. "Their fee is paying for that."

Rheault said Savage was signed for \$15,000, which was a "steal" as he travels to other universities across the nation and premiered his MTV show "Savage U"

Event info

Childish Gambino will perform at 8 p.m. May 2 in the Kibbie Dome. Doors open at 7 p.m. The concert is free for UI students carrying a valid student ID, while non-students can purchase \$10 tickets the week of April 23 or online for \$15 through the UI Athletics Ticket Office.

Dan Savage will speak at 8 p.m. May 3 in the Kibbie Dome. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are not required as the performance is free.

earlier this month. Savage's event is free and non-ticketed.

A microphone will be available for a question-and-answer session during Savage's talk and Rheault said there will be a chance to write down questions, for those who do not want to read them aloud. Following the event, attendees can purchase his

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Singing on Palouse

Palouse Harmony Chorus to host barbershop performance

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

Garish striped shirts and flat straw hats characterize most barbershop quartets, but on the Palouse, they wear gold vests.

In spring 2007, a group of Palouse men came together through their love of singing — much like another group did almost 70 years before.

Now known as the Barbershop Harmony Society, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America started in 1938.

The Barbershop Harmony Society regulates official barbershop music with rigid rules for song

arrangements considered barbershop.

Dan Pierce, a member of the Palouse Harmony Chorus, said barbershop is a specific set of chords.

"It's three parts revolving around the melody," Pierce said.

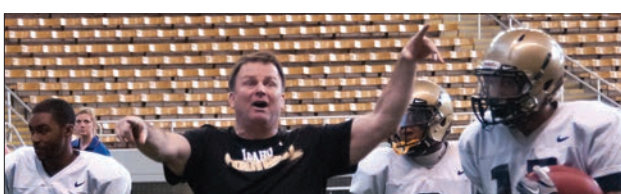
Unlike most choral groups, which have soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts, barbershop has tenor, lead (usually melody), baritone and bass parts, Pierce said.

Pierce said he was introduced to barbershop singing through "The Music Man," a 1962 film wherein a famous barbershop quartet performs.

Following a performance by female

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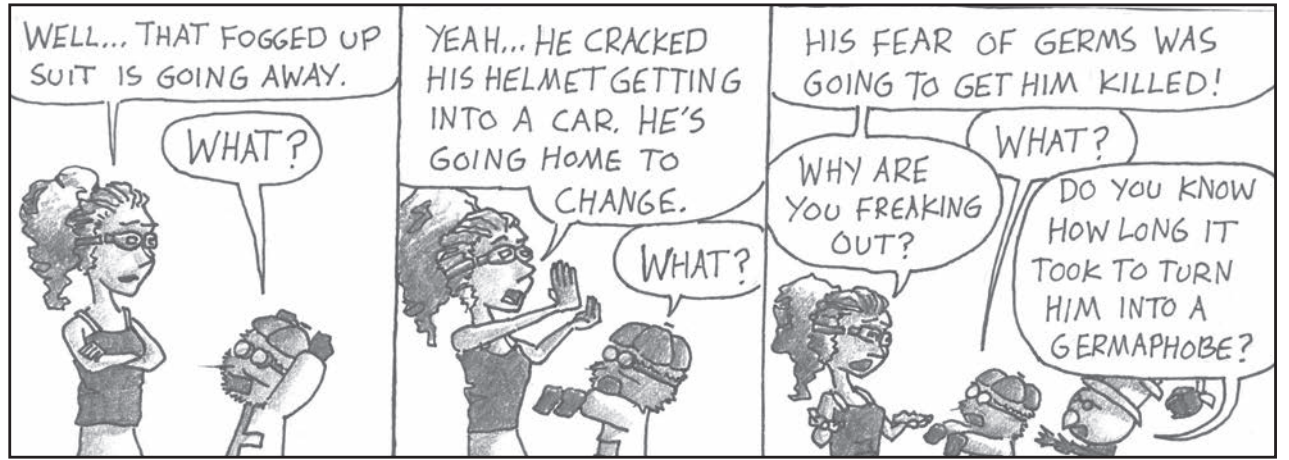
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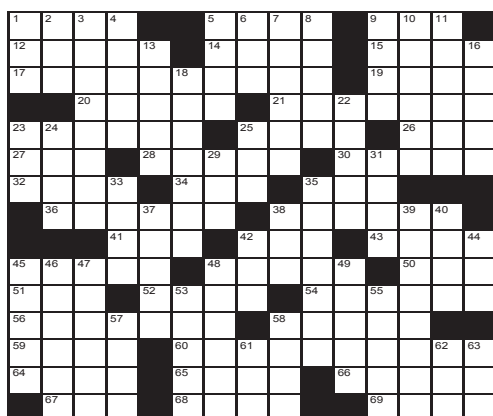
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MAKE FOOD, NOT WAR



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Raj Patel presents the first 2012 Borah Symposium keynote speech "Causes of War and Conditions for Peace: Food's Role" Tuesday in the Student Union Building ballroom. This year's Borah Symposium was themed "Food and War: Cultivating Peace," and included events held Monday through Wednesday.

ISU, UI to seek smaller tuition increases

Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press

Officials at Idaho State University in Pocatello are proposing their lowest tuition increase in more than a decade, while the University of Idaho in Moscow also plans to seek a smaller hike compared with previous years. Idaho State University officials confirmed they will recommend a 4.73 percent tuition hike at a state Board of Education meeting next week.

Since 2002, the university's tuition hikes have ranged from a low of 4.75 percent in 2006, to a high of 9 percent in 2010. If approved, the proposal for the 2012-13 school year would represent the smallest tuition jump in 15 years, according to the university's vice president for finance and administration, James Fletcher.

The costs would increase \$274 per year for full-time undergraduate students, under the proposal.

The University of Idaho will propose charging full-time, undergraduate students 6.1 percent more in tuition next year. The plan, if approved, would represent the university's small-

est tuition jump since 2008, when the board approved a 5 percent increase.

Under that plan, full-time undergraduate students would be charged \$356 more per year. Idaho's public universities have leaned further on student tuition and fees in the economic downturn, citing losses in state support.

The lower tuition increases are being proposed after lawmakers voted in the 2012 session to boost state support for higher education. A budget for next year gives Idaho's public universities \$18.1 million more in state general funds compared with the current fiscal year.

The increased higher education budget was "definitely a factor" in Idaho State's lowered tuition request, spokesman Mark Levine told The Associated Press on Thursday.

At the University of Idaho, the proposed tuition increase for next year will help fund a 2 percent salary increase for employees. School president Duane Nellis told lawmakers that

boosting compensation was his highest priority. The Moscow campus was starting to lose key faculty members as salaries remained stagnant over the past four years, he said.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee approved a 2 percent, across-the-board raise for state workers meeting performance standards. That figure was built into state budgets during the 2012 session, which ended March 29.

Lawmakers gave universities about 60 percent of the money necessary to fund the salary increases, University of Idaho spokeswoman Ysabel Bilbao said.

"They only appropriated a portion of the (change in compensation), leaving the rest to the actual institutions to fund," she said.

Boise State University, which requested the lowest tuition increase at 5 percent last year, is seeking a 5.7 percent tuition increase for next year. The university started with a proposed 7.5 percent tuition increase, a figure that was later lowered, spokesman Frank Zang said.

Students would pay \$318 more per year in tuition next year with a 5.7 percent increase.

"We just felt that, recognizing the impact on students, we needed to keep it as low as possible," Zang said.

After the quake

Haitian food security still an issue according to Borah Symposium lecturer

Lindsey Treffry
Argonaut

Nearly 10 million people live on the world's 148th largest land mass, and Haiti hurts for food.

According to Anastasia Telesetsky, University of Idaho associate professor of law, 28 percent of Haitian land is arable for food production. Telesetsky introduced Professor of Microbial Ecology Guy Knudsen's speech titled "Food Security in Haiti" — Tuesday's daytime Borah Symposium event.

Knudsen has taught microbiology courses at the University of the Nouvelle Grand'Anse (UNOGA) in Haiti as well as at UI.

"We are the agricultural institute of Idaho," Knudsen said. "We have a lot to offer Haiti, but a mindset that we need to free ourselves of is (that) the whole world doesn't look like U.S. agriculture."

Knudsen discussed the history of Haiti in war and food in comparison to U.S. actions. He said the U.S. military was involved with Haiti from 1888 to 2010, with Haiti earthquake response.

"Haiti is not at war, but has had a long history of military action of the U.S.," Knudsen said.

Among earthquake response efforts was a donation of corn and vegetable seeds to Haiti from a company called Monsanto. The U.S.-based agricultural biotechnology corporation donated 130 tons of seeds as what Knudsen called

a "major P.R. coup," after criticism for dioxin contamination, genetically modified foods and farmer lawsuits.

Some Haitian citizens performed demonstrations against the seed donation, as Knudsen said Haiti officials said seeds weren't affected by the earthquake. With the Monsanto seeds, there was need for more chemicals and water inputs. Toxic fungicides were used in crops, and there was a loss of land acres, which led to a loss of indigenous plants.

Knudsen said markets don't always know best, and the loss of indigenous plants contributed to the loss of food sovereignty. He said the focus might need to switch from seed donations to food production assistance.

Other food sovereignty losses include a banana and plantain disease that spread through Haiti. While Knudsen said the U.S. could control such a disease with fungicides, it is not applicable to Haiti due to the drastic difference of crop sizes and plant placement.

Despite U.S. agricultural difference, Knudsen said he hopes to push UI to integrate agricultural extension activities with UNOGA.

"U.S. markets don't always know best," Knudsen said. "Big farms aren't always the best farms and ... (Haitian) peasant agriculture has a lot to offer us."

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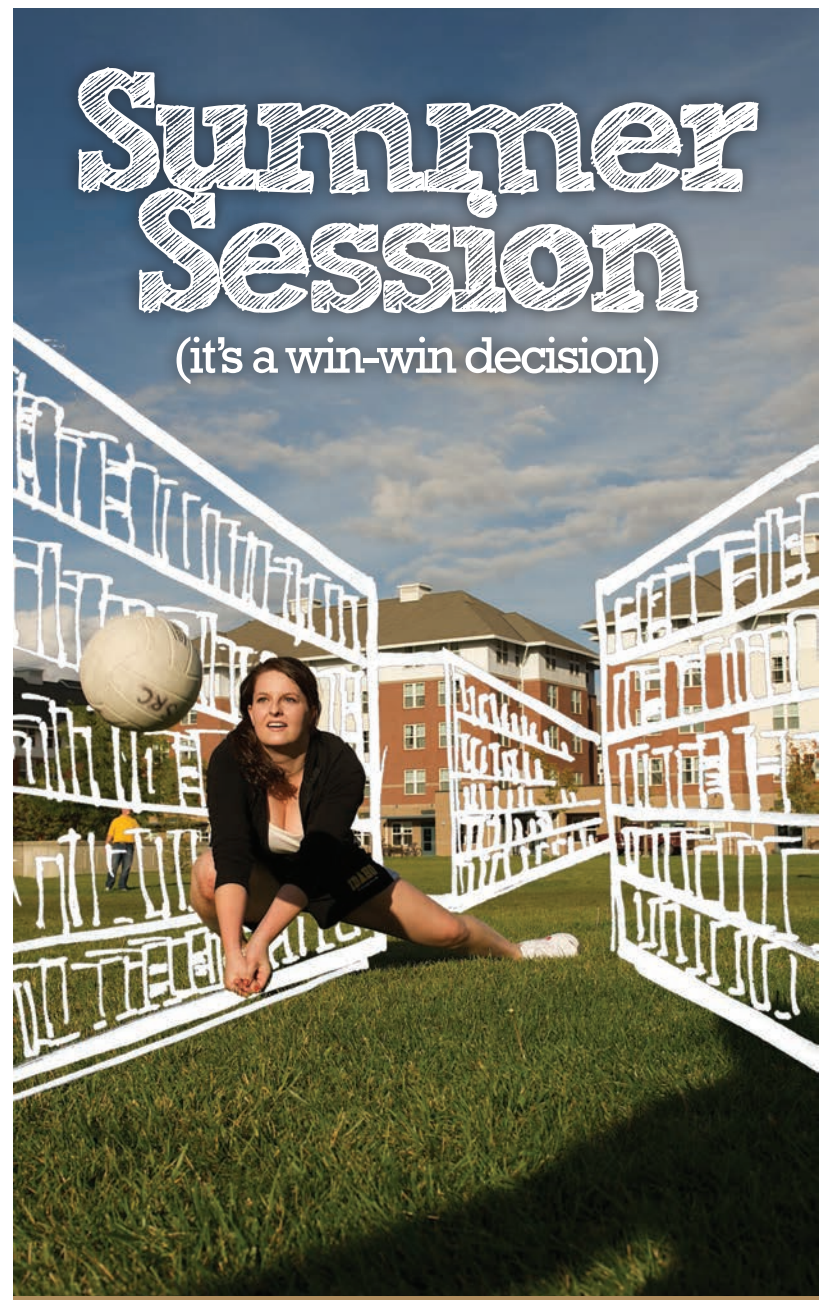
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“Professor Harpp is a hard grader and assigns a challenging amount of work, but her class was my favorite of the semester. She makes the subject matter interesting, assigns creative assignments, and is always there to talk about the class or about anything else. She has a lot of passion for her work and cares a lot of her students. TAKE HER CLASS!!!”

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Top of her class

UI professor recognized as one of nation's top 300

Katy Sword
Argonaut

University of Idaho Associate Professor of Geochemistry Karen Harpp's teaching and research efforts earned national recognition.

"She's only been here a little over a year, but she's a phenomenal researcher and teacher," said Mickey Gunter, department chair for geological science. "She has a real dedication for teaching and a real commitment, she works really hard for prepping classes and most importantly she really likes to teach."

Harpp was named one of the top 300 professors by the Princeton Review for 2012, selected from a pool of more than 42,000.

"Basically I was sent an email with a little write-up and I kind of thought it was spam," Harpp said. "I didn't know about this project and then I realized it was legitimate and a big deal. I know so many people that I think are great teachers and I don't think of myself that way."

The Princeton Review selects its annual list based on reviews from Ratemyprofessor.com, and then narrows down the top 1,000 to 300 based on interviews with faculty and students from each university.

Harpp said the award is meaningful to her because she was selected by her students.

"That's why you do this in the first place," Harpp said. "That's what matters."

Harpp started teaching in 1994, and spent 12 years at Colgate University before moving to Moscow so that she and her husband could work in the same state.

"This is the first time I've been at a big university like this," Harpp said. "It's lovely and the students are nice and devoted to education."

Simon Kattenhorn, a colleague in the department of geological sciences, said Harpp has a unique way she interacts with her students.

"I have spoken with students that had Dr. Harpp as an instructor (including at Colgate University) and it is clear that she has an enormous impact on their lives," Kattenhorn said. "She always challenges her students to aim for excellence and commands the respect that motivates them to do just that."

Gary Williams, a professor in the English department, collaborated with her last fall to try and link two of their courses. Although the student overlap did not work out, Williams said he was wowed by her extent of knowledge and resources.

"She also had gratifyingly high expectations for student performance

in her class," Williams said. "Plus, as a person, she has a blend of intensity and wit that must be very effective in class discussions."

Harpp also worked with the University Honors Program, where Director Stephan Flores said students expressed great enthusiasm for her teaching.

"They note her close attention to students as individuals, praise her academic expertise as well as her ability to engage students to strive to do their best work, and appreciate the value that she places on students' perspectives and personal development," Flores said. "She is noted for her strengths at facilitating discussion, at including physical demonstrations of the scientific principles studied, and her collaborative, collegial interest to bring other professors into the course to enrich the class and students' education."

Harpp said she has a hard time accepting prizes and awards, and tries to keep a low profile. Her students who rated her on ratemyprofessor.com have high recommendations for her.

Harpp said she wants to find ways to teach the material that students will enjoy, including lots of hands-on work.

"I always say it's better to learn by doing," Harpp said. "It's using applied science and how it applies to things every day."

Gunter said the university and its students are lucky to have her.

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Karen Harpp

Purple it up

Students asked to wear purple to support military children

Jacob Dyer
Argonaut

When a member of the armed forces is sent overseas their loved ones and children are usually left behind.

April officially became the month of the military child since 1986. Today is "Purple Up! For Military Kids" and Linda Gerber, program coordinator for Operation: Military Kids said she encourages people to don purple today to remind military children that their communities are thinking of them.

"They make sacrifices and they take on extra responsibility when they have a parent gone and we want to let them know they are heroes to us too," Gerber said.

"Purple Up! For Military Kids" is a nationwide program of Operation: Military Kids. OMK is a part of the University of Idaho's Cooperative Extension. It began in 2005 and Gerber said it was a collaboration between 4-H, military and local groups.

OMK works with a list of state partners including: 4-H Extension, American Legion, Army Reserves Child & Youth Services, Army One Source, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Idaho Air National Guard Family Readiness, Idaho Dept. of Education and others.

Gerber said a celebration today in Boise will include activities for children and a reading of Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's proclamation naming April the official month of the Idaho Military Child.

Gerber said part of the reason that we need to

have a month for military children is to acknowledge how many children are waiting for a parent to return home from serving our country. Of America's active military troops, 55 percent are married and 40 percent have at least two children.

LeAnn Edwards, Idaho National Guard State Youth Coordinator of Family Programs, said one of the primary objectives of the Month of the Military Child is to get people to realize they know children who are in military families.

"It's to get people to get out and recognize the fact that they have military kids that are their neighbors, that go to their church, maybe they go to school with ... sometimes people just don't know, they don't even realize that their kids and their family members are putting up with some really heavy challenges," Edwards said.

Edwards said a wide array of schools, businesses and retirement homes promise to wear purple today.

Edwards said the groups involved into today's activities have asked that everyone decide how they can celebrate military children in their own way, but they also join in wearing purple today.

"We're asking the community to put their thinking caps on and ask what they can specifically do," Edwards said. "Wear purple or put things up on their bulletin boards."

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Cultural Café provides public discussion on art

Katy Sword
Argonaut

The Moscow Arts Commission plans to stimulate public conversation about art with its first Cultural Cafe today at Moscow City Hall.

"It's a community conversation where everyone is invited to discuss the opportunity for public art in Moscow," said Kathleen Burns, art director for Moscow. "We want to generate public thought and concern for where they want to see public art, what they think about public art and what they might want to see for public art."

The cafe, held from 3 to 5 p.m., is de-

signed to gather information for future public art and a large project already in the works.

Burns said Robert Horner, who has an extensive history with large public art displays, was hired to create the Wrens Welcome Garden. Horner will present his concept and work during the cafe, and discuss it from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday on Moscow's public radio station.

Burns said the commission will use public input to create its master plan, but any subject concerning art is welcome for discussion. She said the first cafe will focus on public art, but future gatherings may explore theater, galleries or other areas of creative expression.

"We have a 1 percent ordinance for public art but no master plan, so we want input from the community," Burns said.

Karen Bubb, Arts Commission director for Boise, will lead the discussion.

"We want to celebrate new work being created and engage the community in dialogue for what they want," Bubb said. "We want to create a discussion and a vision for the future."

Bubb said the cafe is based on guidelines used in Boise, where it is centered on discussion.

"We will start with discussion and I will show images of public art already in

Moscow and take feedback to contribute for the future developments," Bubb said.

Participants will sit at tables of three to five people each, with one designated scribe to record ideas that the Arts Commission will collect and use to shape its public art master plan. Burns said she hopes about 70 people attend.

"Our goal is to really create dialogue in the community so that the decisions made at the government level have the influence of the public," Bubb said.

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News Briefs

Idaho's lone black lawmaker receives KKK mailing

Boise, Idaho (AP) — Idaho's only black lawmaker says receiving a direct mailing from a national Ku Klux Klan organization has bolstered her resolve to fight prejudice.

Boise Rep. Cherie Buckner-Webb says childhood memories of a cross burning on her lawn were rekindled last week when she opened a hand-addressed application to join the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Idaho Statesman reports (<http://bit.ly/HsN9e0>) that the letter solicited a photo,

\$35 in annual dues and asked for a completed statement proclaiming: "I am a White Christian man or woman."

Buckner-Webb believes she was specifically targeted by the group. She says she was more surprised than disturbed and will continue battling intolerance in Idaho.

Buckner-Webb served one term in the Idaho House before announcing her candidacy for the District 19 Senate seat.

Police bust pair with 500 grams of cocaine

Boise, Idaho (AP) — Two people face felony drug trafficking charges after Idaho authorities say they found more than 500 grams of cocaine in their hotel room.

The Idaho Statesman reports that Fernan-

do Cortes-Ponce and Felipa A. Gomez were arrested Sunday after Ada County Sheriff's deputies and DEA agents received a tip that the pair was selling drugs from a Boise hotel.

Sheriff's officials say the seized drugs are worth about \$25,000.

Cortes-Ponce and Gomez could face up to life in prison if found guilty. Trafficking more than 400 grams of cocaine carries a 10-year-minimum sentence in Idaho.

Idaho man to undergo evaluation in murder case

Sandpoint, Idaho (AP) — A judge ordered a psychiatric evaluation for a northern Idaho man charged with first-degree murder.

The Bonner County Daily Bee reports a public defender for 19-year-old Austin

Blake Thrasher made the request last week, raising concerns he may be delusional and unable to understand the criminal proceedings against him.

Thrasher is among three Bonner County residents accused in the death of 19-year-old Michael Wyatt Smith. Thrasher's wife, 22-year-old Jennifer Thrasher, and 19-year-old Christopher Garlin face accessory to murder charges.

Detectives received a tip in January that a man was picked up on the pretense of attending a party, driven to the woods, then shot and buried. Smith's body was found on private property near Hope.

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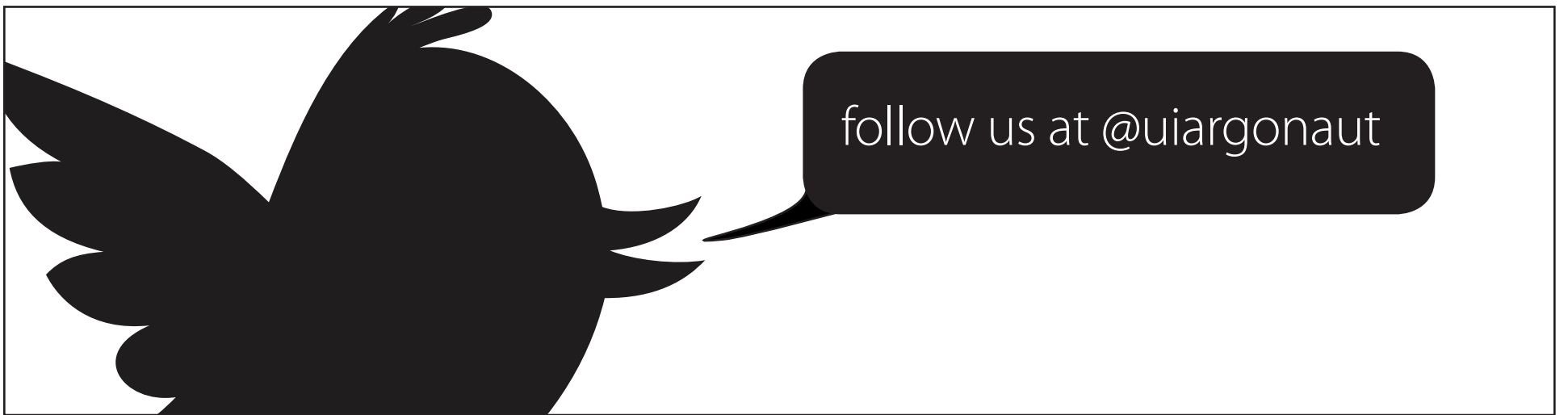
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RESULTS

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new ASUI senators.

Allie Fuller, current ASUI senator, was reelected with 32.4 percent of the vote. Halle Smith, Hannah Sandoval, Michael Cullen, Sadie Grossbaum, Jonathan Wakeman, Shelby Donald and Steven Cleppe were also elected.

The election was not districted based on living groups because the requirements for a districted election were not met. According to ASUI rules and regulations, "if there are not at least as many candidates as specified district seats plus three (3) in each district, all districting requirements are void for that election and that entire election is decided purely by popular vote."

With three presidential tickets, 16 senate candidates, weeks of campaigning and a last-minute extension at the polls, current ASUI President Samantha Perez was glad to see the elections come to a close.

"It feels good to have the election done and have the next people in line," Perez said. "I'm excited. I've been preparing for them to be elected for the last few weeks, getting the office in order and everything that they'll need."

Davis and Tunison will officially take office at 7 p.m. May 2.

"I'm very excited, they're a great ticket and they have lots of great strengths that they'll bring to ASUI, I'm really excited to see what they do in their term," Perez said. "The past three years ASUI has been moving forward and so I'm really excited to see them take it the next level yet again. They're both really great leaders and it's been an honor to work with both of them in ASUI."

Davis and Tunison's platform focused on transparency, recognition of the university at the state level and making ASUI more accessible to the entire student body.

"Complete transparency — so not only with the finances, but we want to make sure that everyone understands what's going on with ASUI all the time — what's going on with Vandal Entertainment, athletics, and also I want to reach out to the legislature and make sure that they know the university is a prominent character in the state," Davis said.

Tunison said his goals are to make sure the senate represents all students and he would like to open up standing committees within ASUI to all students who would like to apply.

"Personally, I'm going to be working with Juan to make sure that I know exactly what I can do to hit the ground running in the fall," Tunison said.

Davis and Tunison said their campaign strategy was to utilize their friends and be as educated as possible about ASUI.

"We just tried reaching out to everyone and making sure that we knew any questions that might come up, and we were as educated as we possibly could be so that we could answer anybody's questions," Tunison said.

Elections were originally scheduled to end Wednesday at 5 p.m., but were extended due to the inability of some eligible students to vote.

"The registrar gets all the vandal ID numbers of students for us, and in the past they have only gotten the student ID numbers of only degree seeking, undergraduate, full-time students," Perez said.

Eligibility is based on whether a

student pays the undergraduate student activity fee. Full-time students who pay the activity fee and later drop to part-time status are still eligible to vote, but did not appear on the list provided by the registrar.

Additionally, international students who are full-time but considered non-degree seeking were omitted from the original list. After students contacted ASUI, 131 students were added to the eligible voters list and the polls were extended to 4 p.m. Thursday.

"The extension of the voting polls threw me over the edge," Davis said. "After I collected myself and Nick collected himself, we and our campaign manager Max Cowan — who helped so much — we got together and started calling all of our friends, making sure that everyone had voted that we knew."

Davis said they also returned to the residence halls to make sure students knew who they were and what they stood for.

"We took it and ran with it to make sure that we could use every aspect of that situation," Davis said.

Davis said she and Tunison will start hiring ASUI board members and continue to work with ASUI Director of Technology Alec Akin to enhance the ASUI website now that they've been elected.

"We're trying to get us up to speed and take ASUI into the 21st century," Davis said. "Make the website more accessible to students — easier to use. We want to make sure that there's a breakdown of the ASUI budget that everyone can see all the time, and that if they need to talk to someone they can get right to the person they need to talk to."

Davis said she plans to continue the audit of the dedicated student fee started this year by Perez.

"I think we're going into an awesome budget right now. Asking for a zero percent increase in student fees — that's the best you can ask for students," Davis said.

Perez said in the remaining three weeks of her presidency she plans to finish up her current projects, such as "Vandal Community Hour," approval of the ASUI budget by the ASUI Senate, finishing up the remodel and helping Davis transition into the presidency.

"I really hope in the future they continue to build on the good work that ASUI has done the past three years," Perez said. "I think that we've really gotten it out there and let students know what ASUI does. I'd really like to see them continue to build on that, and not only on campus but on the community level and on the state level and on a national level."

Perez said she was pleased with the increase in voter turnout and is excited about Davis and Tunison, and the elected senate candidates.

"I think they're going to do a really good job and I know that Hannah and Nick are going to be really great leaders for ASUI," Perez said.

Davis said she is relieved campaigning is over and is excited to transition into her role as president.

"Thank you to everyone who voted. Even if they didn't vote for us I'm just so happy to see how the voting turnout went and obviously we're just so happy with how it turned out," Davis said.

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Samantha Perez,
ASUI president

SPEAKOUT

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"This is my third term as senator, so I'm just going to keep up with a lot of the projects I was already working on and try to get to know the new senators, and try to get them as oriented as possible. I'm working on a safety project right now, so I want to keep promoting student safety and as usual, I want to really get to know my living groups — the people I'm representing — to make sure they're happy and their opinions are stated."

Allie Fuller
ASUI Senator

"I intend to represent the student body, work really hard and do my best to be a good senator."

Sadie Grossbaum
ASUI Senator



"I'm currently a member of ASUI and I hope to continue my legacy with Recreation Board Chair — which is what I currently am — I started the Fun Run. So I would love to help create more programming for the students, and help out executive members, because I know from an executive side I didn't see the senators involvement as much as I would have liked, so I would like to be involved and be seen."

Halle Smith
ASUI Senator

"I'm really excited to get involved and to even learn more about what ASUI does and what they have to offer — and even the things I can't get involved with — I really just want to make sure that students are informed of everything that's going on on campus, and anything I can help with or help make better, I'm really excited to do that."

Hannah Sandoval
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TENURE

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and creative activity.

"It's a tremendously complex undertaking," Baker said. "We're looking for people (in whom) we have confidence that they're going to continue to perform at a high level, and typically that does happen."

Baker said all faculty members are evaluated yearly, and a poor post-tenure evaluation can initiate a committee review. Some folks have been fired in the past for "not doing their jobs."

Bennett said post-tenure reviews examine a faculty member's service, teaching, research and creative activity in light of plans they developed for themselves at the beginning of the year, but the reviews aren't thorough enough. She said the intent behind tenure is good, but the problem is professors are "rewarded for laziness." This reflects a larger problem in academia, she said, of a lack of "pressure and financial motivation to stay current" in respective disciplines.

"That's the problem with tenure — once you have faculty who are full professors, there's really no institutional motivation to continue," she said.

Scott Wood, dean of the college of science, was given tenure as part of his UI hiring package in 1991 when he transferred from a previous tenured position. He said any system can be misused, but the proportion of faculty members who've stopped caring about their students or ceased productivity is small.

"Tenured professors do have a responsibility to not use the classroom as a 'bully pulpit' for some particular point of view, especially as that drifts away from their area of expertise," Wood said. "It can happen, but I think academia's been pretty good at policing itself."

Wood said the post-tenure review process is lengthy, but necessary to ensure the integrity of tenure's purpose.

"Tenure is meant to protect

academic freedom," Wood said. "It's not meant to protect non-collegial behavior (or) incompetence or laziness."

Wood said tenure enables instructors and professors to "fully explore their areas of scholarship" without fear of unreasonable institutional or governmental repercussions. Wood said freedom to speak can enrich classroom discussions in which students or professors may otherwise be hesitant. Wood said tenure also aids retention, since workers in the private sector — especially in the fields of engineering and science — stand to make significantly more money but may lack tenure's job security.

Baker said UI is developing a new layer of its faculty with non-tenure-track "clinical" teachers, a rank recently approved by the Idaho State Board of Education. These employees work under a contract for up to three years, and focus largely on teaching and outreach instead of research. Baker said the position tends to fit those with vast work experience instead of impressive publications, such as newspapers editors, broadcasting directors and accountants with years of practice who can teach accounting classes.

"I think that (group) of folks on the cutting edge doing academic research and teaching, and industry-experienced folks who bring a wealth of practical experience, creates a great mix and a rich learning environment," Baker said.

Bennett said her teaching goals, work ethic and commitment to students won't change, but she'd like to use her tenure leverage to propose new courses. She said she wants to stay current in her ever-changing field and provide production students with the tools and resources they require. Her pay raise was nice, she said, but she doesn't care about rank.

"I don't really care about titles," Bennett said. "I think a lot of people abuse their titles, and titles can be meaningless, just like tenure can."

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A WINGED CHARIOT



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Pi Kappa Alpha members round a corner with their handmade chariot at the Red Bull Chariot Race. Greek houses competed in teams of three Thursday in the Kibbie Dome parking lot.

SINGING

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barbershoppers in Lewiston, he said some friends invited Pierce to form a barbershop group in the Palouse.

Pierce said they are now a bona fide chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, with articles and bylaws in accordance with Barbershop Harmony Society rules.

Their responsibilities include information and education. Pierce said they go to schools to perform and talk about barbershop.

"It's kind of become my part-time job — without any pay," Pierce said.

He said they also perform at community events, such as Veteran's Day programs, Christmas

carols and singing Valentines.

Doug Ashburn, a member of the group since 2009, said they are looking for men of all ages to participate.

Ashburn said the Barbershop Harmony Society provides professional instruction for chapter members.

Each year, the Palouse Harmony Chorus holds a performance for barbershop groups in the area. This year's performance will be at 7 p.m. April 21 at the Living Faith Fellowship in Pullman. Tickets are \$10.

Pierce said the show is the main fundraiser for the group each year.

"It's also a whale of a lot of work," Pierce said.

The money raised helps pay for the group's operating cost,

like their rehearsal space at the Moscow First United Methodist Church. The group's director also gets a small stipend, according to Pierce.

Ashburn said the show is a good opportunity for community members to hear a different kind of music.

He said barbershop can be a lot of work — each note has to be just right for it to sound good. He said it also takes work to memorize each song. But he loves singing.

"When you sing, it's kind of like it's all worth it," Ashburn said.

For more information visit palouseharmonychorus.org.

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FINALS

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books for signing.

As for Childish Gambino, the event is free for all UI stu-

dents who bring a valid student ID. Non-students can purchase tickets for \$10 the week of April 23 or online for \$15 through the UI Athletics Ticket Office. A link for the online tickets will be

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BOYDEN'S BACK

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Senior goalkeeper working her way back from leg injury this spring

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Idaho goalkeeper Liz Boyden said it is amazing how vividly she remembers the play that ended her season last fall.

In the third match of the season against Seattle, Boyden went to clear a ball out of the 18-yard

box and collided with an opposing player as she swung her leg through the ball.

The next thing she knew she was on the ground in shock. She had just broken her leg.

"I think it was the sound more than anything that really bothered me because that's when I really knew that something was wrong," she said. "The first thing that went through my head was the thought that 'My season is done, I can't play.'"

Luckily for Boyden — and

athletes in all NCAA sports who suffer season-ending injuries early — she was eligible for a medical redshirt, which allows her to return this fall to play what will be her senior season.

Now, she is back on the pitch during Idaho's spring season getting her playing legs under her for the first time since the injury occurred.

"I think it's fantastic where she's at considering the break she had," goalkeepers coach Grant Williams said. "She's doing well what she's

always done ... The thing I'm most impressed with is her distribution. Especially having that break on the well, to be able to kick it that far already is ridiculous."

Boyden described her overall playing health as close to 80 percent, and has played a half in each of the four matches the Vandals played during the spring.

"I almost feel like I'm having to start from the ground up again," Boyden said. "I've lost a lot of technique, even the basic stuff."

She said increased commu-

nication has helped her make up for what she is missing physically during the spring.

"I'm trying to use (the injury) as an opportunity to fix what I wasn't as good at before. It's giving me an opportunity to correct myself and become a better keeper," Boyden said.

The added element is a by-product of watching the season from the sidelines, which gave her a fresh perspective on the

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Continuing career on the Palouse

Former WSU coach brings 19 years of receiver coaching experience across the border

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Mike Levenseller returned to Pullman in 1992 to build a receiver corps around then Washington State quarterback Drew Bledsoe. Nearly 20 years passed and Levenseller, a 1978 graduate of WSU, didn't picture himself retiring in anything other than the Cougar crimson.

When ex-WSU coach Paul Wulff was let go, Levenseller and the entirety of Wulff's staff followed closely behind.

"I honestly thought that I would end, finish out at Washington State and go off into the sunset," he said.

The departure of ex-Idaho offensive coordinator Steve Axman and a fair majority of his staff, presented Levenseller with a favorable situation in Moscow, where less than a month ago he was named the Vandals' receivers coach.

Though Levenseller may not have foreseen Idaho in his future, the former NFL receiver brings valuable experience to a youthful group of Vandal receivers.

"You can tell he was a player and brought that to his coaching ability," junior receiver Daniel Micheletti said.

According to Micheletti, Levenseller has implemented change to a receiving corps that graduated three seniors.

"When he got here he changed everything 180 degrees," Micheletti said. "We restarted from the ground up and from our stance, to how we catch, to the little things everything is important that we do."

Coach Robb Akey is familiar with Levenseller and the two met when



Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

New Idaho receiver coach and passing game coordinator Mike Levenseller talks with senior receiver Mike Scott on the sidelines during practice Thursday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome.

Akey joined the WSU staff in 1999.

Akey said having coached wide receivers for so long and playing the position at the highest level makes Levenseller one of the nation's premier wide receivers coaches.

"If he's not the best receivers coach, he's one of them and I was able to witness it first-hand," Akey said. "To be able to get him to come over here and help us as our receivers coach, passing game coordinator. I'm really happy about it."

Before Jason Gesser was named the Vandals' offensive coordinator, rumors that Levenseller would be Idaho's O.C. swirled

through the Palouse.

Levenseller was suited for the job, Akey said, but the situation surrounding the coaching staff, and the experience Gesser had with the program helped simplify Akey's decision.

"Well Levy obviously could've handled it, he's done it before," Akey said. "I think it's a really good blend and obviously there's a good strong relationship with Levy and Gesser, having been together before and even since their time when he was a player there, there's a lot of strengths there."

Levenseller's extensive coaching career at WSU lined him up with high-caliber players such as Bledsoe, Gesser and Ryan Leaf.

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Pressure on offense going into second scrimmage

For the second time in three weeks, the Idaho Vandal football team will take the turf in the Kibbie Dome for a spring scrimmage, and like the first one, all eyes will be on the offense.



Madison McCord
Argonaut

After only putting two touchdowns on the board in the first 90-minute go around two weeks ago, questions swirled around the offense in regard to an inability to move the ball that plagued last season's squad.

Like last season, the defense proved to be a rock that coach Robb Akey, a defensive-minded coach, could lean on in tight games. With 10 spring practices in the books, optimism for the defense — especially the linebacker corps — is high. The return of senior leader Rob Siavii along with veterans Conrad Scheidt and Homer Mauga and junior college transfer Matt Willis should lead to one of the WAC's best defenses.

Akey said he expects to see the guys all around the field make plays this weekend.

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Sports briefs

Women's tennis signs four-star recruit

Idaho women's tennis coach Daniel Pollock inked a big-time recruit Thursday on the National Letter of Intent day, signing No. 71 ranked women's tennis recruit Rita Bermudez. Bermudez is a senior at Canyon del Oro High School in Tucson, Ariz., where she won the Arizona Division II State Singles Championship as a junior last year.

"We're extremely excited that Rita has chosen to become a Vandal," Pollock said. "She is an excellent player with a record of top quality results against highly ranked opponents that speak for themselves. I expect her to have an immediate positive impact on our lineup next year."

Bermudez is ranked the No. 17 player in the southwest and the No. 3 player from Arizona.

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Senior runner comes out on fire

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Her coaches said the track and field star has made vast improvements since making a splash as a true freshman in 2007. Idaho fifth-year senior Erica Digby made another huge stride April 6 when she soared into No. 3 in school history in the 1,500-meter at the Stanford Invitational.

Digby's 4:22.18-minute 1,500-meter placed her third

in her section of the event. It was 13 seconds faster than her previous career best. After exploding onto the 2012 track and field scene in her first meet since 2010, Digby and her coaches expect her to continue to improve throughout the rest of the season.

Immediately following the race, Digby didn't realize how good her time actually was.

"I looked at the time and then it wasn't really until my

coach told me 'That's a pretty good time Erica' that I realized it was pretty good," she said.

Digby's great start to the outdoor track isn't a surprise after how well she did during the indoor season, Idaho Director of Track and field Wayne Phipps said.

"It's one of those things where you're pleasantly surprised but you're not all that surprised with such a great performance but it is pretty diffi-

cult, that first meet, to put out such a good time like that," he said. "Regardless of if you are in really good shape and regardless of how well indoor season goes, it's still pretty difficult to run really fast in the very first meet."

Not only is her time the best by an Idaho athlete since 2006, but Digby's time is No. 25 in the nation, No. 13 in

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Idaho senior Andrew Dobbs returns the ball during a doubles practice match with Abid Akbar Monday on the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The men beat Northern Arizona 7-0 April 6 in Lewiston, putting them at an overall record of 11-13.

Crucial competition

Nick Groff
Argonaut

Potentially the most crucial matches of the season for Idaho men's tennis (11-13, 1-3 WAC) are today. The Vandals play Hawaii (5-10, 2-1 WAC) at 9 a.m. and the host school Utah State (4-9, 0-2 WAC) at 2 p.m. in Logan.

The matches are especially important because they will decide seeding for the WAC Championships April 27 to 29. If Idaho wins both matches, it will likely be the No. 2 or 3 seed. If the Vandals drop one, they will likely hold the No. 4 or 5 seed, and losing both would provide Idaho the No. 6 seed. No. 26 Fresno State has already secured the No. 1 seed and will likely cruise through the WAC Championship.

"That's where Fresno has really distanced themselves as the top team in the conference," Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman said. "They went 5-0 in conference play and locked up the one seed."

If Idaho does secure the No. 2 or 3 seed, it wouldn't face the Bulldogs until the championship game of the tournament, which Beaman wants. He said the competition today won't be as tough

as his squad might have seen during the season, but it is definitely formidable.

"(Hawaii is) a really talented team," Beaman said. "They're coming off a big win at UNLV. They're gonna be a tough match, a really important match for the conference tournament."

He said Utah State is having an off year, but conditions make it more competitive.

"They (Utah State) graduated a lot of their top guys," Beaman said. "But it's one of those things, playing at elevation at home, they're a tough match."

The doubles point has been a spot of frustration for Beaman and his team throughout the majority of the season, but he said it shouldn't be a problem this weekend. He said Marius Cirstea and Filip Fitchel have solidified in the No. 3 spot and the No. 1 and 2 pairings are working well together.

Beaman said the goal is to win both, something he believes attainable.

"I'm really confident," Beaman said. "It's gonna be a tough day, a long day. I feel good going into it that we can pull out two wins."

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Finally home?

Charles Crowley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho women's tennis team (15-5, 0-1 WAC) will play its first home matches of the season this weekend if the weather cooperates. Regardless of location, the matches will prove competitive.

Oregon (11-7), Idaho's Friday competition, is a Pac-12 team that has beaten several ranked teams this year, and Saturday's Nevada (5-8, 0-1 WAC) match is an important conference match-up.

Idaho coach Daniel Pollock said the Ducks are good, but he has confidence in the Vandals Friday.

"They (Oregon) have unlimited funds and beautiful facilities but I think that's a team that if we come out and play our best tennis we actually have a shot at beating," Pollock said.

Sophomore Alejandra Lozano said the Vandals won't let Oregon's hype intimidate them.

"I have heard they are a really tough team but I think we have got what we need to beat them," Lozano said.

The Vandals and the Wolf Pack are both looking for their first WAC win Saturday. Their season records may not look much alike but Pollock said the two teams are actually very similar and he expects a long, grueling match.

"That's a big match for the conference as well for the (seed) in the conference championship so we will see what happens," Pollock said.

Idaho doesn't usually play Nevada and Oregon so the competition features new faces. Freshman Sophie Vickers said unfamiliarity will only make these tough matches that much more interesting.

"But as tough as they will be, as long as we come out and give it all we got and play some good tennis then I think we have a chance," Vickers said.

Playing in Moscow gives Idaho something of a home advantage since Nevada will drop altitude and Oregon has to come up from near sea level. Plus, Idaho loves playing at home, Pollock said.

"Our courts are really nice, they play great," Pollock said. "No reason why we can't play our best tennis on these courts as long as the weather stays nice."

Pollock said he'll welcome a more



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Sophomore Almudena Sanz backhands the ball during practice Monday at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The women will play Nevada at 4 p.m. today and Oregon at 11 a.m. Saturday at home, or in Lewiston depending on weather conditions.

Vandal-friendly crowd than they've experienced so far.

"I'm hoping that we can kind of bring a hostile environment to those other teams so we will see how many people we can get out there," Pollock said.

Vickers said Idaho anticipates fan support.

"It will be good to play our first match outdoors and being at home will make it even better," Vickers said.

Pollock said two wins this weekend would make him quite happy, though one would be great too.

"You never know with our girls, if they come up with the goods they can beat anyone," Pollock said.

"Hopefully we get over those early nerves of being the first time in front of our home fans quickly and let's see what we can do this weekend — let's take them down."

Idaho faces Oregon at 4 p.m. Friday and Nevada at 11 a.m. Saturday. Chairs will be set out alongside the courts — the Vandals hope they will be full.

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Spring season rolls on

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After an opening tournament at Washington State, the Idaho volleyball team continues its spring season with a home tournament Saturday in Memorial gym.

Last week the Vandals competed in a scrimmage-type format at Washington State where they played the host Cougars, Seattle, Eastern Washington, Central Washington, Montana State and Boise State. The matches consisted of two sets each.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said she was happy with her team's performance overall.

"It's a good start, but I don't think we're where we need to be," Buchanan said. "We did some good things. Out passing was a lot better than what it has been. Offensively we did some good things and I think we had three solid matches, then took a break and when we came back I thought we were a little more sluggish."

While the purpose of the tournament is just for experience and improvement purposes, Idaho's Julia Church said it was good to play real volleyball after weeks of practice.

"We had a blast playing against other people," Church said. "We are super competitive, even playing against each other, so we were ready for different teams, different things to look at and we had a lot of fun."

The Vandals bring back a lot of experience on this year's roster and Buchanan said she was happy with their performance, but the spring also gives the opportunity for younger players to get experience and move up the depth chart.

Church said she was impressed with the way younger players performed.

"I think they stepped up and really showed themselves out there on the floor," Church said. "I thought they did a really great job."

Without the three seniors from last year's roster on the floor, an adjustment must be made. Setter Jennifer Feicht said it was good to play with newer teammates and improve as a team.

"I think we did a really good job at getting all our players experience and working together," Feicht said. "We did a good job, especially in our serving. That's something we struggled with in the fall and we did a lot better with that in this spring tournament."

Senior Cassie Hamilton left a vacant spot at the libero position, and Buchanan said Janelle Chow made a good case for the spot with her performance during the weekend.



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Alyssa Schultz, sophomore middle blocker, attempts a kill during a match against Central Washington at the Washington State Spring Tournament Saturday in Pullman. Idaho will host its own spring tournament April 14 in Memorial Gym.

"Janelle Chow did a great job in the libero position," Buchanan said. "She kept us in a lot of plays and passed at a very high level for the weekend."

Buchanan said the focus for Idaho's home tournament is not wins and losses, but

improvement and experience.

Matches will run all day with a number of teams that include Washington State, Gonzaga and Eastern Washington.

"For our first weekend I thought out team did some great things," Buchanan

said. "I think that we have already made great strides this weekend and I am looking forward to another opportunity to compete."

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Texas guard joins basketball team

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Idaho basketball coach Don Verlin is already taking action to replace graduating seniors Deremy Geiger, Landon Tatum and Djim Bandoumel. He announced Wednesday the signing of junior college transfer Antwan Scott, a guard from Wylie, Texas.

Scott visited the university last weekend and is the first player to sign a National Letter of Intent for the Vandal men's basketball team this spring.

"Antwan is a winner who has proven he can be productive at every level he has played," Verlin said. "He can play multiple positions in the backcourt and he

shoots the ball very well."

Scott will play for the Vandals after finishing a successful career in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex, where he played for Ranger College.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 170-pound guard helped Ranger reach the NJCAA Region 5 Quarterfinal game and contributed to the Rangers' 9-3 conference record and first North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in 40 years. Ranger concluded the year 20-10 and Scott was rewarded with First-Team All-NTJACAC and First-Team All-Region 5 honors.

As a sophomore, Scott's 15.9 points-per-game average was second in the NTJACAC and he

proved to be a perimeter threat with a conference-leading 69 three-point makes on 37.3 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

In 2010-2011, Scott's Ranger team concluded the season with an 11-12 record but the then freshman led the team with more than 12 points-per-game.

An outstanding prep career preceded Scott's junior college career and as a high school senior he helped Wylie High School to a Texas 5A State Tournament berth. Averaging nearly 22 points-per-game, Scott was the second-leading scorer in Texas Class 5A in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. After helping Wylie conclude the 2009-2010 season with a 19-11 overall

mark, he was named the Offensive MVP for 5A District 8.

"He comes from a well-coached junior college program that produces many good players," Verlin said. "We're very excited to have Antwan join the Vandal family."

Scott will be Idaho's third junior college transfer from Texas in as many years. Geiger, a Las Vegas native, came to Idaho following a short stint at Grayson County College in Denison while Tatum, a San Antonio native spent two years at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, where he helped lead the Texans to a NJCAA National Title.

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A constant reminder

On Dec. 31, 2011 I realized one of my worst mistakes ever.

After spending my hunting season chasing whitetail deer through the rolling hills of the Palouse, introducing new people into my favorite pastime and catering to each of these new hunting friends' rookie needs, I sat on the edge of my bed looking at what was left of my season. Neatly folded and pressed

from their year-long stay at the bottom of my hunting pack was a handful of laminated paper. Un-punched and lacking all the usual signs of success: dirt, heavy wrinkles and bloody fingerprints, were my hunting tags. Except for my deer tag, they were all as fresh as the day they warmly touched my hands in seconds from the Idaho Fish and Game printer.

I felt a pang in the bottom of my gut.

As I thought back through the season I could honestly think of no time I had as much fun and success as 2011. I established connections with landowners that provided my friends and

me access to more private land than ever. I was able to introduce several new people to the world of hunting and even rekindle the love of hunting in some that had given it up.

But as I thought through all of these accomplishments trying to make myself feel better, the tags started to feel heavier to feel heavier in my hands. I looked down at them and said aloud, "Next year I'll fill them all." With that I grabbed a handful of thumb tacks and pinned each tag to the wall. A visual reminder that I thought would inspire me.

They have been glaring at me since that day.

They are the topic of any

new conversation — people always asking what they are and why they are on the wall. Each time the tags force me to explain my failures of the previous year. The tags at times seem to mock me, waving in the breeze from the window or catching the sun to shine a reflection on my face.

But their shame-driven influence is coming to an end.

My first shot at retribution will be Sunday. The simultaneous start of the turkey and bear seasons marks the official opening of big game hunting in Idaho. While each of these species will require a different game plan, the recent change in the weather should get each active and visible for opening day.

If you join me in the

pursuit of either species, I strongly recommend a quick review of the Idaho Fish and Game Big Game Rules, as each species has various things to pay attention to. If you plan on baiting your bear this season, I would read the regulations like a textbook. While baiting is a great way to hunt for bears, there is a fairly complicated list of regulations. Just be sure to understand which units your hunt will be taking place in to avoid placing any bait where it's prohibited.

The beginning of hunting season means I will finally be able to start taking my revenge on the months of agony last season's tags have weighed on me, and my revenge will be sweet.

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Guillen suspension justified

Miami Marlins' manager Ozzie Guillen was recently handed a five-game suspension for comments he made about Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

That may not seem like a big deal to many, but the Marlins spent millions on a rebranding campaign aimed, in part, to attract Cuban-Americans. Guillen's comments rubbed the Cuban population the wrong way and now he and the Marlins' organization are in a tight spot, but no one should be shocked.

Guillen has a history of this sort of thing and the Marlins had to expect he'd do something like this eventually.

This year the Marlins opened with new uniforms, a new ballpark, new players and a new manager. It seemed too good to be true — it was. During a recent interview with Time Magazine Guillen said he loved Castro because he's survived all these years with many trying to kill him. Castro is not a popular figure with Miami's Cuban population and many called for Guillen's release.

While firing Guillen is a bit extreme, his suspension is best for the club. The organization must take a stand on this, if nothing else to appease the fans. Eventually the anger will subside, especially if the Marlins win. Ken Rosenthal of Fox Sports said a suspension is the right thing to do.

"Well, good people make mistakes, and Guillen just made the biggest of his career," Rosenthal said. "Chances are the matter will blow over — everything seems to blow over in this society of limited attention spans. But the Marlins shouldn't allow it to blow over. No, the Marlins should take a stand. Suspend Guillen."

Guillen's comments were ill-advised, but it's a matter of Ozzie being Ozzie. Guillen is notorious for speaking his mind, so this isn't surprising. Guillen comes with a calculated risk, which the Marlins' no doubt took into account and it turned out to bite them early. It's ironic

that the man they hired to be the face of the ball club's connection with the Cuban population alienated them early, but that's what the Marlins get for hiring him. Don't get me wrong, Guillen is a great manager. He connects with players well, he knows the game and adds personality to any coaching staff, but he comes with a risk. As Stan McNeal of Sportingnews.com said, this is part of having Guillen on a staff.

"He would not be Ozzie Guillen if he didn't make ridiculous comments," McNeal said. "I don't believe he meant any harm with this one. He was just trying a little harder than usual to say something outrageous. Heck, you even could say he was just doing his job. The Marlins wanted him to generate headlines. Well, that's what he's done, just more stupidly than usual."

While Guillen has the right to his opinions, he's also the face of a ball club located in a dense Cuban population. He needs to be sensitive and not alienate fans, but he also shouldn't be boring because that's not what he was hired to do. A suspension is the right thing. When his five games are up, he should go back to doing what he does best, coaching baseball in an unconventional way.

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Idaho senior Donovan Cunningham winds up for a shot put during practice Wednesday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The Vandals will be attending the Mondo Invitational in Sacramento today and Saturday.

Facing familiar foes

Vandal track and field nears the midpoint of the season as it head to California

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

After splitting up to compete in four meets in two weeks, the Idaho track and field team will compete together in the Mondo Mid-Major Challenge Friday and Saturday in Sacramento, Calif.

Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said his team is excited and ready for its first big road meet of the season. Idaho has not competed at Sacramento State since 2006, before any of the current athletes were on the team. A Vandal team that has competed almost exclusively in Spokane so far this season is ready for the change of view.

"It will definitely be a lot more supportive (this week) with everybody going," Idaho sophomore Erica Digby said. "It's always fun travelling with the team."

In addition to the Hornets, the Vandals will face Portland State and

UC Davis, as well as WAC rivals Utah State, Fresno State and Nevada.

"There are a number of schools from the WAC that will be there and then some other schools are kind of similar level of competitiveness — the mid-major but very competitive track and field programs," Phipps said. "So it will be a nice conference preview. It will be a very similar type of competition to what we'll face at conference."

Since the meet is so similar to what the Vandals will face in the WAC Championships, most of the Idaho athletes will compete in their regular events, Phipps said. This includes competing in multiple events on the same day, something many athletes will do at conference.

The main focus for the Vandals at this point in the season is to stay healthy and continue to improve their times and marks, Phipps said. For the first time all season, nearly every

athlete has participated in a meet and has a time or mark to improve on. Idaho has competed in five meets so far this season and has five more before the Vandal Jamboree May 4 and 5 on the rebuilt Dan O'Brien Track & Field Complex.

Idaho has had three different WAC Outdoor Track and Field Athletes of the Week this season and hopes to continue that trend in Sacramento.

"I'm just excited to watch the whole team and compete against some WAC schools and (get) an early to mid-season evaluation of where we're at," Phipps said. "We've competed very well, had a number of outstanding performances, and I think we've set ourselves up really well for the start of what's the meat of our competition schedule."

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Digby and Levkiv awarded with WAC honor

The Verizon WAC Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week calls Moscow home for the second consecutive week, as Idaho's Erica Digby and Andrey Levkiv were each honored for their performances during the week of April 2 to 8.

Digby made noise at the highly competitive Stanford Invitational meet last weekend in Palo Alto, Calif., when the British Columbia born senior recorded Idaho's third-fastest time in the 1,500-meter with a WAC-best finish of 4:22.18. It was a 13-second career best for Digby, who is No. 25 in the NCAA. Digby's time in the 800-meter Saturday was a 7-second career best and No. 8 in the WAC this season. Levkiv, a sophomore, was victorious at the WAR V Regional meet in Spokane, clinching the shot put title with a throw of 55-3.5 (16.85 meters). For the third consecutive weekend, Levkiv has posted a career-best in the shot put and his mark is a WAC-best this season by 2 feet.

2012 Hall of Fame class announced

The Vandal Athletic Hall of Fame announced its six inductees to the 2012 Hall of Fame class. The inductees will be honored this fall at a special induction ceremony.

The 2012 inductees

are as follows: Longtime supporter Jim Anderson in the lifetime contributions category; baseball and football standout Dick Mooney, who also is recognized for his lifetime contributions; tennis standouts Patty Shanander and Cathy Shanander-Law; basketball standout Riley Smith; and the 1966 baseball team.

The 2012 class is Idaho's fourth, since the Hall of Fame was introduced in 2007.

"These new members have contributed to the successes of the University of Idaho Department of Athletics through competitive excellence and charitable giving. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to them," Athletic Director Rob Spear said.

Track and Field to host free youth camp

The Idaho track and field team is set to host its third annual "We Are Runners, Jumpers, Throwers" youth camp May 2 at the newly-renovated Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The event is free and open to all Moscow-area elementary school students in grades one to six.

Headed by Vandal athletes and track and field coaches, the camp's goal is to become familiar with the sport and teach young children the basics of specific events. Campers who pre-register are eligible to receive a free T-shirt but must register by, or prior to April 23 to guarantee a t-shirt. Go to govandals.com to register for the event.



Ilya Pinchuk | Argonaut

Quarterbacks Logan Bushnell, left, Domonique Blackman, center, and Taylor Davis practice Thursday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals are at the final stretch of their spring season and coach Robb Akey said he is pleased with the progress displayed by his squad.

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along with seeing how they act as leaders.

"I wanna see guys make plays. I wanna see guys play hard, I wanna see guys finish," Akey said. "I want the coaches off the field and for the players to play."

Before heading to Saturday's scrimmage, here are three things to ponder while watching the Vandals take the field only one week before the Silver and Gold game.

1. Seriously, name a quarterback

There is a time and a place for everything. Three weeks into spring ball isn't the time or place to still not have a No. 1 quarterback named.

Fans understand that the guy who takes most of the snaps in the spring isn't necessarily going to be the guy starting against Eastern Washington come fall, but keeping two guys in the mix means neither of them benefit or learn the job to it's full extent.

Akey said both the quarterbacks are still learning, but expects to see them run the offenses Saturday.

"In different ways they're taking the opportunity to drive the truck a bit. I do believe that still needs to grow, and I need to see some plays being made but it is gaining ground,"

Akey said.

One quarterback needs to take more snaps, play more with the first-team line and receivers, and spend more time with quarterback coach and offensive coordinator Jason Gesser.

Your two and three quarterbacks will still get snaps, it's not like one guy will control all of a practice, but one does need the opportunity to grow properly.

2. Offensive line needs to grow together

The offensive line, not the quarterback, is the biggest concern surrounding this Vandal football team going into the fall.

After losing three starters to graduation, veterans Mike Marboe and AJ Jones will need to be leaders for whomever takes over those spots.

Akey said the offensive line is going non-stop to get to the level he expects from them.

"They are getting some work in. Those guys are getting a ton of reps," Akey said. "Every guy out there working on the offensive line is working their tail off. Some of them are having some success, some of them are fighting their tails off."

The lack of experience and time to understand new line coach Gordy Shaw's schemes showed in the Vandals first scrimmage in which the defense tallied six sacks and 11

tackles for a loss.

With uncertainty at the quarterback position, cohesiveness in the line will be vital this season.

3. Watch these guys run

Probably the most overlooked part of this spring's Idaho offense has been at the running back position.

The loss of starters Kama Bailey and Princeton McCarty from last season's squad will hurt the Vandals in the experience department, but their skill set is not only matched by this season's corps, but possibly exceeded.

Ryan Bass returns as the sole veteran of the squad, and after being bothered by a stomach issue last season is primed and ready to lead Idaho's running attack. His moves and skill will be complemented by the power and strength of junior college transfer James Baker. Baker's 6-foot-2-inch, 225-pound frame will be tough for many conference defenders to take down, especially in short yardage situations. Another name to watch for will be redshirt freshman Todd Handley, who at 5-9, 175 pounds may be one of the fastest players in the WAC. His speed will be key in opening up defenses for big plays both on the edge running and through the deep ball.

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PALOUSE

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The success that such players have had helps Levenseller better relate to and teach his receivers.

"I'm pretty close with all those guys," Levenseller said. "It was fun but what it does, it teaches you as a coach. I can see and show my players what it takes to succeed."

Levenseller's career has taken him from Pullman to Cincinnati, from Toronto to Tampa Bay and whether he concludes his career in Moscow or not, it hasn't taken long for the receiver expert to make an impact on the program he now calls his own.

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BOYDEN

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game, she said.

"Being goalkeeper you don't really see what goes on the upper half of the field, so being able to see a whole game," Boyden said. "(Being able to watch) you get an outside perspective, and it helps going in."

The last thing standing in Boyden's way is regaining the confidence to throw her body at the ball.

"She just needs to trust herself," Williams said. "When she doesn't think and just does it, she is still making the same brilliant save she was a year ago at this time."

Boyden's comeback could provide stability to an Idaho defense that saw four differ-

ent goalkeepers get playing time last season, and gave up 1.5 goals per game.

"I think (the defense) was good in the fall, but there's always been that level of trust with Liz," senior centerback Christine Leatham said. "Her coming back was a great feeling. She impressed everyone the first day she came back."

Boyden expects a summer of physical and mental rest will get her to the 100-percent threshold she was at before the injury.

"I feel that that's contributing, not being able to be mentally there," Boyden said. "I believe that I could be even better than I was in the fall."

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DIGBY

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the West Region and No. 1 in the WAC. Digby was also honored as the WAC Women's Track Athlete of the Week.

"We've just started doing some event specific speed work so for her to run that fast without even specific work would suggest that she is capable of running quite a bit faster and can make it to the first round of NCAAs and maybe even advance even farther," Phipps said.

Digby said her running career really took off midway through high school when she started running four or five times a week.

"I've done cross country and track since elementary school and it wasn't until probably grade 10 that I started taking it pretty seriously and training four or five times a week," Digby said.

Originating from Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Digby caught the eye of Phipps who is also from Canada.

"She is a fellow Canadian ... I was very familiar with her track club and her coach back in Canada," Phipps said. "She had some real solid times in high school ... she ended up being a great fit for us. She's improved every year."

Digby's accomplishments extend off the track into cross-country as well. She was a cross-country WAC champion as true freshman and won another title with the team last fall. Winning the 2011 cross-country WAC Championship is Digby's favorite moment as a Vandal athlete. She hopes to continue her success and lead her team to a 2012 track and field WAC Championship as well.

"I would always joke around with her that I had probably only heard her say two words to me in her first two years here," Phipps said. "You can just kind of see a level of comfort that she has now and such an increased amount of confidence ... good times, even better times, are just right in front of her."

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Burn, Brian, burn

Brian Mullan, get ready for the worst weekend of your life as you step onto the pitch in CenturyLink Field. After what you did one year ago to Zak, expect nothing but pure hate from the Rave Green.

—Madison

A friend

Love you, Karen.

—Dylan

Super awesome Saturday

Elisa Eiguren and I are going to have the most awesome Saturday ever this weekend. I cannot wait to do fun Army stuff and then see Kelly Clarkson live. I heart you, E buddy. And, of course, the other wonderful ladies going to the concert with us — it's going to be so fun.

—Elizabeth

'Stronger'

Do you ever want something kind of bad to happen just so you can feel more justified in singing really powerful rise-above-it-all songs?

—Vicky

Congrats

To the 2012-13 Student Media managers and editors. The Argonaut, Blot, Photo Bureau and KUOI are going to be in great hands next year.

—Britt

Dear 'Game of Thrones,'

Please make the dragons bigger and kill the king very, very slowly.

—Jens

A little sunshine

It's crazy what nice weather will do to a guy — and the city of Moscow.

—Nick

Hmmm

Does the light really stay on in the refrigerator after it's closed? I think I've been hoodwinked.

—Amrah

Bring down the smackdown

The Rolling Hills Derby Dames will be competing at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Spokane Fairgrounds for Lilac City's season opener. It's like the movie "Whip It," but it's real. And you should come.

—Chloe

Am I in California?

I don't want to be the 20th person talking about the weather, but when it feels like home that's always a good thing.

—Theo

¡Feliz fin de semana!

"Titanic 3-D," fun Army day and Kelly Clarkson live in concert. This will be the most epic weekend of all weekends.

—Elisa

OUR VIEW

Challenge accepted

Tenure should encourage instructors to push the envelope, not fall behind

When we write our tuition checks, we expect to get what we pay for — a quality education worth thousands of dollars.

Tenure was initially set up to achieve just that. It was designed to allow teachers to address touchy issues and speak openly with their classes about controversial topics without fear of repercussion.

When first conceived, the idea was a positive step for education, but now it seems like an excuse for teachers to become lazy and be rewarded for minimal work. Tenure locks a teacher into a position they cannot lose without an adequate reason, which are typically extreme cases, and might lead some professors to fall behind in their area of expertise.

Tenure allows professors to keep their jobs without being challenged or pushed to keep up with the latest technology, research or active professional experience in a particular field. In other words, laziness is encouraged.

Our world is constantly changing, a lot faster than 10 years ago, and students

expect professors to be equipped to educate us about these changes.

This does not apply to all tenured professors. Many of them are active researchers who take sabbaticals, leave of absences or spend summer months to further their education, which is a main point of tenure. But some do not.

Tenure doesn't apply to every instructor. One of the best professors of our college education might not be tenured. It is required for teachers to have seven years of teaching experience to become tenured, but even then some are not included.

Tenure is reserved for teachers with a master's or doctoral degree. This stipulation excludes teachers who have extensive professional experience in their fields and can provide real-life-focused education — an important asset in developing a career after graduation.

These teachers are classified as "clinical," a designation the Idaho State Board of Education made earlier this

year. Clinical instructors work under a three-year contract and do not focus on research, but on outreach and teaching.

Introducing clinical instructors creates a more diverse pool of teachers for students, and allows education built upon extensive professional knowledge. The position is a long enough period to make the hire worthwhile, but short enough to challenge them to stay up to date with their teaching methods. Combining clinical and tenured instructors gives college students the opportunity to get a well-rounded education.

College is a challenge for students — we challenge ourselves to make new friends, to earn good grades and to be successful in our chosen careers. The teachers whose classes we attend should also feel challenged to continue to strive to provide us with the best education possible.

We should get what we pay for — quality teachers with an ambition to succeed that matches our own.

— ER

Be professional, even on Facebook

Prospective employers may ask for Facebook passwords when screening applicants

Facebook has become a lifestyle whether we like it or not, and it's time we accept that.

We have all been cautioned to watch what we post or what others post about us, but the idea hasn't really sunk in. Maybe we think no

one actually looks at our pages or that because our profiles are private we can keep the inappropriate information hidden. This is not always the case.

Recently, employers have been asking for job candidates' passwords so they can bypass security and see what lies behind privacy blocks. These practices have been called into question by Sen. Charles Schumer and Richard Blumenthal, who have asked the Justice Department to review them, but for now the legality is still questionable.

Facebook has released a statement warning employers not to ask applicants for their passwords, but so far no real action has been taken. This could mean that if someone gives in and provides their password — which might happen for many if it means finding a job — multiple forms of prejudice could occur. Personal

pages generally contain personal information including race, religion, gender and age — details that cannot influence an employer's decision under federal law. Many also subscribe to groups that could sway an employer's opinion, even if they don't intend to let

it influence their decision.

This new age of hiring practices may be intended to make undesirables seem obvious, but there is a limit to how much employers need to know about employees' personal lives. In theory, this knowledge may help them make a more informed decision. But many people, myself included, have a separate set of personal and work ethics. My Facebook page is certainly not representative of my professional self, but that may not matter to a potential employer.

With graduation quickly approaching and the real world beckoning, take the safe route and clean up your Facebook page. You may think your drunken escapades need to be available for friends to see, but finding a real job is more important.

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Do you think employers should be allowed to ask for job applicant's Facebook passwords to access their profiles?



Jody Mathews
Posted April 12

"No, they shouldn't be able to. What I have on my profile is my business. If you allow them to do that, then what will come next? Email passwords, cell phones, text messages? As an employee we should be able to have an area to express our thoughts, feelings, frustrations without feeling like we need to be careful about what we say out of fear that if the wrong person from work sees something we say about having a bad day at work we will get fired."

"No. Facebook has privacy settings for a reason."



Bobbi Gooby
Posted April 12



Jessica Berwick
Manager for Employer Relations & Communications, UI Career Center
Posted April 12

"No. This practice, as outlined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, violates ethical standards. Employers should not require, or even request, job candidates provide log-in information to their personal accounts as a condition of employment or as a condition of consideration for employment."

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Perceptions of wealth need to change

America is one of the wealthiest nations in the world. In raw numbers, the amount of money

the United States creates, exports, imports, invests, divests, saves, spends and moves around is staggering. It's no wonder we talk about national budgets and deficits in terms of trillions, and the rest of the world watches us to see what will happen to the world economy.

Despite this wealth, America faces high unemployment, higher underemployment, the worst infant mortality rate of the first world, consistently low ranks in most other medical statistics and a grow-

ing number of Americans in debt and poverty. More than 1 percent of our population is in prison.

The gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow. America has a lot of money, but every year more of it is in the hands of fewer people.

We need to reduce this gap. Taxes are part of the solution, but redistribution will only solve some of our problems. It might shrink the income gap, but America's problems are much more fundamental. We need to change how we think about wealth.

We need to stop thinking about wealth on an individual basis. Having a lot of rich people does

not make America wealthy. We need to think about wealth in terms of the health of our communities and nation. True wealth in a nation shouldn't be measured in money, it should be measured by the number of citizens who are starving, who don't have adequate medical care, and who don't have a chance to work satisfying jobs in safe conditions with adequate benefits.

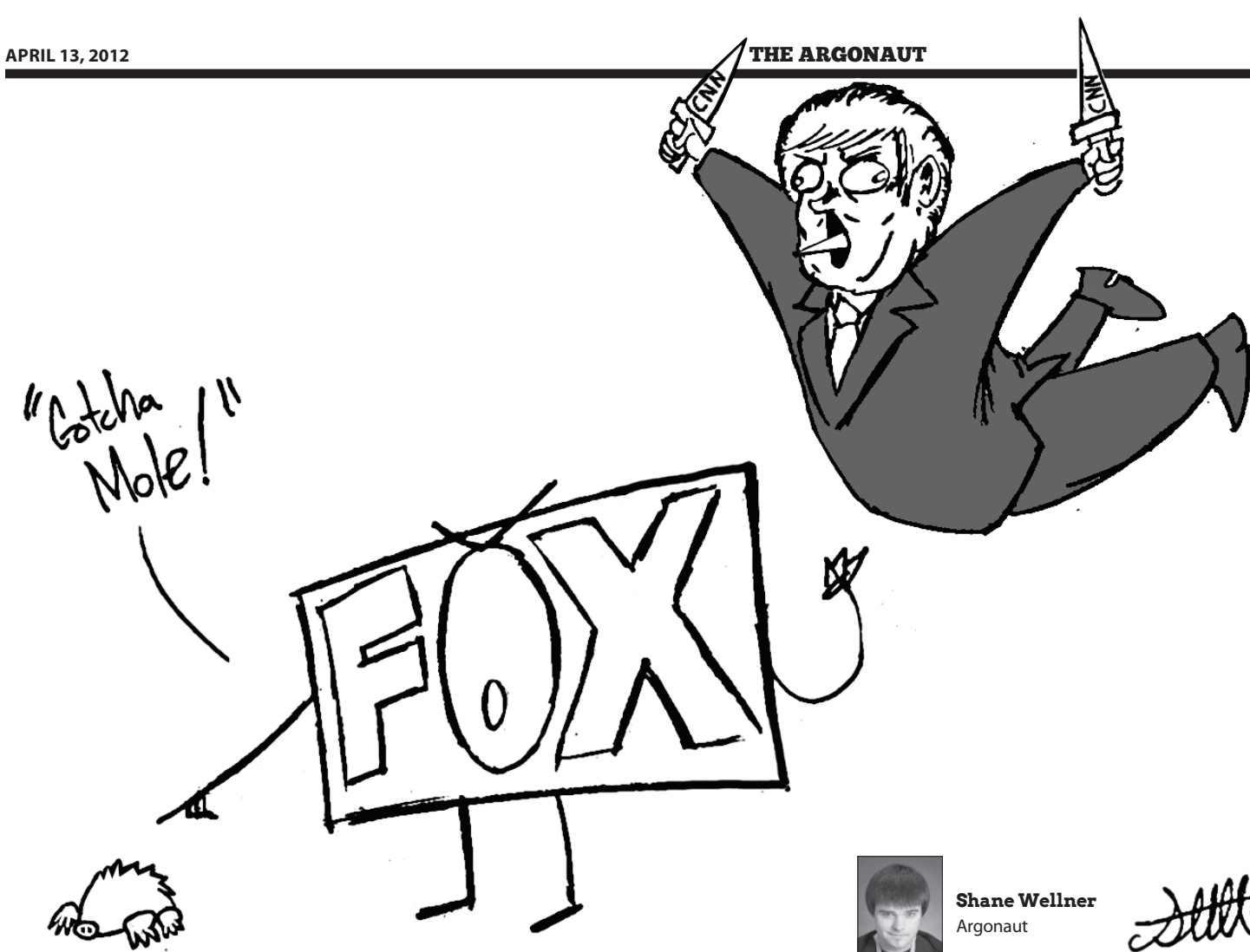
There isn't much point in being wealthy in an impoverished community. Poverty makes communities less safe, increases crime and is bad for the country. Increased poverty means America is less wealthy, even as the rich become richer. Why live in a gated community surrounded by poverty? The

growing gap between the rich and poor hurts the wealthy just like it hurts working-class Americans.

Money won't make America rich. Americans who are healthy, happy and have their basic needs met will make America rich. And that means we all need to stop striving for personal wealth and start working to improve the nation, starting with where we live. Closing the income gap is part of this: More even distribution of wealth means less poverty. But we also need to start addressing some of our basic needs at the local level.

Cities need to work to end homelessness and small towns need to work to end hunger and poverty.

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Shane Wellner
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Urban safari

Experience the joy of the timeless act of people watching

Almost everyone has participated in the act of people-watching, knowingly or unknowingly. Just sitting in a random spot for a while and



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Argonaut

observing people in their daily routines. The University of Idaho Commons is a suitable location to practice this timeless art.

Some people nonchalantly pass by while others rush past in a hurry. It's interesting to read the different expressions on people's faces as some act confused or abruptly change direction while walking.

People-watching can help you concentrate on someone other than yourself. Some people place too much emphasis on themselves and are not able to connect with others on an emotional level. People-watching may help you empathize with others and realize you are not the only one worrying about a stack of undone assignments or upcoming projects. You might develop an understanding for their situation and feel more generous toward your peers.

When you watch people you become more aware of your community. You begin to notice people and how they are different or similar to yourself. There is a lot of diversity on UI's campus and students from different countries who speak different languages all mingle together. Observing your surroundings can help you notice and appreciate this diversity.

People-watching is also a beneficial activity in being creative or using your imagination. You can make up a story for each person you observe. Who are they and where did they come from? You are the author and they are your characters.

Finally, people-watching is an effective way to release stress by just relaxing. Nothing is more interesting than our fellow human-beings. So take a few minutes between classes to sit down and enjoy some free entertainment.

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Every little bit counts

Micro loans provide start-up capital, part of comprehensive solution to global poverty

If you have been self-aware for any of the last few years of your college life, then you probably know that "social activism" is cool. That mentality is all well and good, but vegan Toms aren't the long-term solution that is needed — real aid is.

Foreign aid is great. But, depending on the governmental structure of a given state, aid might not even make it to the people who need it. A popular example of this is North Korea. Or pick your favorite sub-Saharan African nation and chances are it's the same



Eric Czirr
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picture, at least as far as aid is concerned.

Aid is often skimmed off by corruption in the political system, and money intended for the general population doesn't always make it to people who need it most (your Toms might make it though). Sometimes this does stimulate a "trickle down" type of growth, but never a long sustained improvement.

A newly popularized form of aid is the micro loan. Micro loans give money directly to local people as capital to promote a sustainable lifestyle. For example, if you were able

to weave baskets and sell them at market for a profit, but didn't have the capital to buy the supplies to begin with, then you are still out of luck. This is where microfinance comes in, providing the overhead to start your venture. Instead of giving someone a fish (or some Toms) and feeding them for a day, the aim is to teach them to fish and be full for a lifetime. Micro loans kick start business in the developing world. MyFight, a non-profit that

aims to "use microfinance to unfurl the potential of those cocooned in poverty," is coming to Moscow. Its mission is to fight slavery, poverty and oppression worldwide. But don't take my word for it, MyFight will be at the Nuart Theatre at 8 p.m. Monday. Whether you go or not, find a way to contribute more than a pair of Toms to help end poverty — it's worth the effort.

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A penny for your tots: Fundraiser helps provide quality care for children

What kinds of environments are the future generations of our nation growing up in? I may be biased because I am majoring in early childhood development, but the everyday environment presented to children has a strong impact on their futures. This environment includes not only the offered materials that foster learning, but also people and interactions.

"Approximately 13 million infants, toddlers, and preschool children are regularly in non-parental care in the United States, includ-



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ing 45 percent of children younger than one year," the National Association for the Education of Young Children states.

Unfortunately, many childcare workers are not educated in childhood development, which is why it is a good thing there are many informative programs to enlighten teachers in the state of Idaho. Week of the Young Child, an annual program put on by the NAEYC to benefit children, is scheduled for April 22 to 28.

A local event to support Week of the Young Child is "Change

for Children," a fundraiser to collect loose change from local businesses, citizens of Moscow and people on the University of Idaho campus. The money will support professional development for childcare workers in Idaho.

Imagine if each student gave just one penny, we would raise roughly \$12,312. Stop by "Change for Children" tables on campus April 25 to ask questions and find out more about the impor-

tance of quality childcare.

We should be proud to live in a state that looks out for young children and our nation's future. President of NIAEYC-UISA Sammi Watson conveys the event's importance saying, "By supporting and empowering children and families, we ultimately strengthen the communities in which we live."

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This will make everyone in those communities wealthier — wealthier because there is less crime in their community, less drug use and less violence. Working to end poverty in America is not just a moral imperative, it's in every American's self-interest.

Capitalism is good at generating money and creating a strong economy. Now we need to take the raw materials of our capitalist system and turn them into wealth. That means ensuring every member of our society has their basic needs met: adequate food, health care and happiness. Until that happens, our country can't be truly wealthy.

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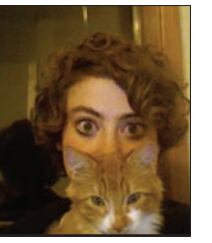
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"No. If they want to know more about you, there is Google."

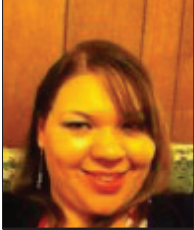


Erin Singer
Posted April 12

"I already try to maintain an aura of respectability on Facebook, but that doesn't mean I would want my employer to look at it. Many people on Facebook list their sexual orientation and religion, which could give employers a reason to discriminate against them, no matter how illegal it might be. ... Rule No. 1 of the Internet is 'don't tell anyone your password, dumbass.' Same goes for employers, no matter how desperate for a job you might be ... It's the same reason I wouldn't give my little sister my password, and the reason people log out of Facebook every time they go away from the computer."



Chava Thomas
Posted April 12



Monica Hibbard
Posted April 12

"Not the passwords, but I do know that employers ... these days will look up your Facebook to see what you've been doing or are up to. I had a friend — who was the perfect applicant and interviewee — have that happen to them and there were pictures of her drunk on her Facebook and she didn't get the job ..."

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