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Safety off

Gun violence prevention reaches nation, Moscow

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

The Sandy Hook school shooting devastated Newtown, Conn., killing 20 students and six teachers. Though Sandy Hook renewed concerns about gun violence and mental illness, it is far from the only mass shooting in America's history.

Grant Duwe, director of research and evaluation at the Minnesota Department of Corrections, said there have been 156 mass shootings — defined as four or more people being shot in a single incident — in America in the past 100 years. Since the 1980s, there have been 116 mass shootings, 14 of which have occurred since 2010.

But mass shootings are only one component of gun violence. In an average year, 31,537 people die as a consequence of guns in America, according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

The country is divided over what should be done to prevent gun violence, and the city of Moscow is no exception.

Although shootings are stereotyped as a problem in big cities, the citizens of Moscow have seen their share of gun violence.

A May 2007 shooting at the Latah County Courthouse left three dead — including Officer Lee Newbill of the Moscow Police Department — and two wounded.

University of Idaho graduate student Katy Benoit and former UI assistant professor of psychology Ernesto Bustamante died in a murder-suicide in August 2011.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook school shooting, the Moscow City Council met Jan. 22 to discuss actions that could be taken to address gun violence in the community.

City of Moscow Supervisor Gary Riedner said because Moscow is preempted by the state of Idaho, the only thing they can regulate is the discharge of firearms within the city. Consequently, the discussion was based not around a new policy, but a letter drafted by Mayor Nancy Chaney and City Council President Walter

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University of Idaho history major Josh Stoneking practices his aim Sunday at Spring Valley Reservoir. The reservoir is a popular target practice location.

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Filling out FAFSA, figuring out finances

Financial aid office provides aid to parents, students in FAFSA application process

Elisa Eiguren
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Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a crucial step in obtaining federal and institutional financial aid, and the University of Idaho Financial Aid Office is opening its doors to help students and parents with applications.

Financial aid staff are available from 4 - 7 p.m. today and Wednesday to assist students with the FAFSA in the financial aid office in the Student Union Building during FAFSA Help Days.

UI Director of Student Financial Aid Dan Davenport said they have hosted events in the past to help incoming students with financial aid, but the main focus of FAFSA Help Days is to provide assistance to current students.

The FAFSA priority deadline is Feb. 15, and Davenport said students who meet this deadline will have an advantage in being considered for grants and work programs.

Finances are often among the top two of

college students' concerns, Davenport said, and even if they cannot attend FAFSA Help Days, he encourages students to ask for help.

The Higher Education Research Institute reported in The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2012 survey that 13.4 percent of incoming freshman do not attend their first-choice college because of cost. This is the highest percentage reported since it was first included in the survey in 2006, when it was 9.4 percent.

Davenport said there are three main reasons to fill out the FAFSA: to know what types of financial aid you are eligible for, to be considered for specific types of financial aid and to have access to resources such as student loans in case of emergencies.

"Some students experience a big change in circumstances, whether it's only one parent working now instead of two, or maybe someone loses a job," he said. "If you fill out the FAFSA it develops a line of credit and usually within a week you can have the money you need if something happens."

More info

If students or parents wish to attend FAFSA Help Days between 4-7 p.m. today and Wednesday in the UI Financial Aid Office, they are encouraged to bring their social security numbers, an estimate of their 2012 income, their 2012 W-2 forms if available, their federal PIN number if they have one already, and estimates of their current assets.

Even if students only have a simple question about the FAFSA, Davenport said it might lead to other areas of financial aid they can assist students with.

"Our job is to find as many resources for students as we can, and let them and their family choose what's best for them," he said.

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Administrators reconsider summer IBC program

After summer program discontinuance, students lead petition process

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Administrators in the College of Business and Economics will meet this week to consider a student petition for the continuation of the summer Integrated Business Curriculum program.

During the summer of 2012, CBE introduced a 12-week intensive program that would cover the entire IBC year in one summer, but due to lack of student interest, the college decided to discontinue the program for 2013.

Naomi Stanton, a transfer to CBE, said she had planned to complete IBC in summer 2013 when she heard that the program had been discontinued.

Stanton began speaking with fellow business students and found many were also interested in the summer program.

"We started the petition to see how many people were interested and to

present it to the college to continue summer IBC," Stanton said.

Stanton said the students leading the petition process are still looking for student input and support, but she said students who are interested in signing the petition should also be interested in taking summer IBC. She said the program covers one year in 12 weeks and students should be prepared to focus and devote their attention to the program. She said the response from college administrators has been positive thus far.

"So far we've talked to several people in the College of Business and Economics, professors and administrators alike, and there seems to be a very favorable movement in support of summer IBC," Stanton said.

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More info

For more information on the petition, visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/SummerIBC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerIBC).



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Haseeb Saeed, senior in accounting, studies Monday in the lower level of the J.A. Albertsons Building. Saeed has completed his Integrated Business Curriculum, and said he thinks it is a good idea for the university to have summer IBC to help the students save a year of classes.

In brief

Explosive detonated outside Latah County Courthouse Saturday

A homemade explosive found Saturday was safely detonated by the Spokane Bomb Squad in the Latah County Courthouse parking lot around 8:20 p.m. that evening.

Lt. Brannon Jordan of the Latah County Sheriff's Office said the device found along Paradise Ridge Road was constructed with cardboard 1 inch in diameter and 6 inches long.

Jordan said the squad attached a small explosive to the device and blew it in half to render it safe. He said the remains are being analyzed for fingerprints and to determine what brand of gunpowder was used.

Jordan said the person who found the device originally took it to the Moscow Police Department. The individual picked up the phone outside the office that is generally used to contact a dispatcher when the office is closed, and was instructed to take the device to the Latah County Sheriff's Office.

"It is my understanding he never talked to an officer," Jordan said.

He said he is working with Paul Kwiatkowski of the Moscow Police Department, who assisted the sheriff's office during the event. They are determining why the individual was instructed to continue transportation of the device instead of remaining at the police department until authorities arrived.

Ice rink outside Commons as part of UI Winter Carnival

Thursday through Saturday the space outside Einstein's Bagels and the University of Idaho Commons will be transformed into a 30 by 40 foot ice rink.

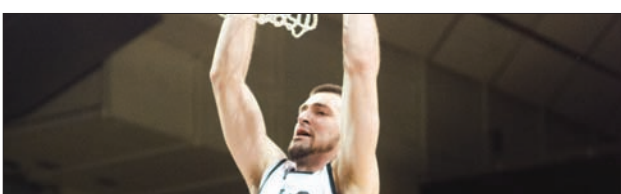
Callie Ward, ASUI Recreation Board chair, said the idea stemmed from a conversation with Colleen Quinn, director of student involvement.

"I always want to incorporate one new thing with each office I have," Ward said. "Colleen mentioned offhand the ice rink at her college was really fun and I decided to run with it. Now it has turned into a big event."

The rink is a part of what Ward

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Mini pigs in a blanket

Brittani Curley
Argonaut

Looking for a different party appetizer than your regular go-to ones? These mini pigs in a blanket are the perfect bite-size food to put out at a party.

Ingredients:
1 pkg of crescent rolls
1 pkg of Lit'l Smokies

Directions:
Preheat oven according to crescent roll package.

Cut the perforated pieces into smaller pieces. Size will vary depending on how much of the Lit'l Smokies you want covered.

Wrap dough around Lit'l Smokies and place on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake about half the time allotted on the crescent roll package or until golden brown.

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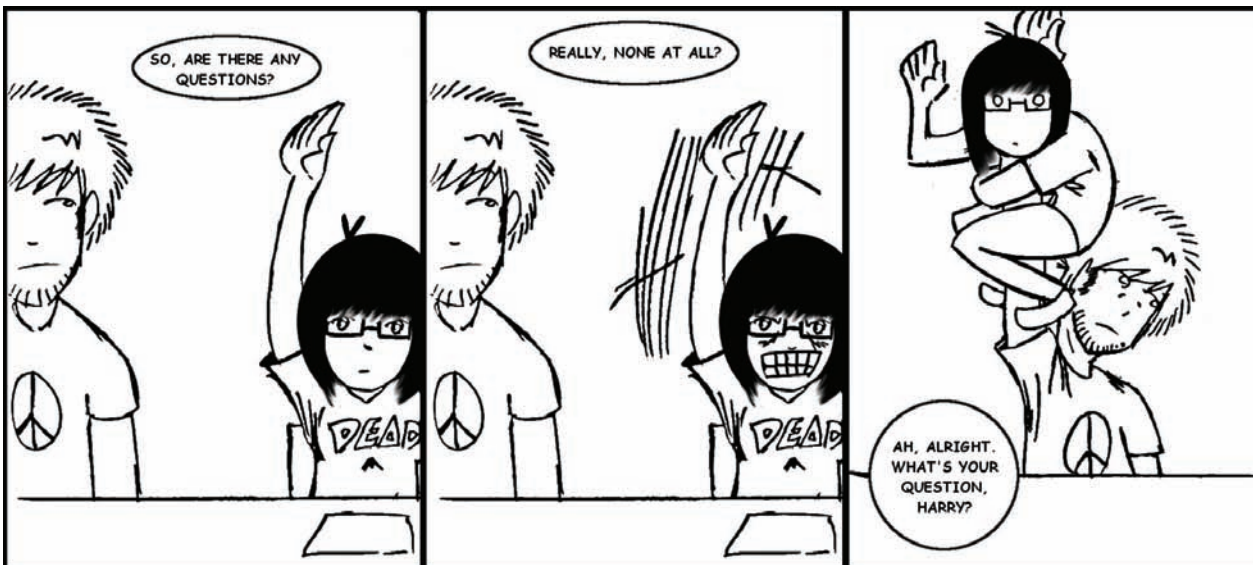
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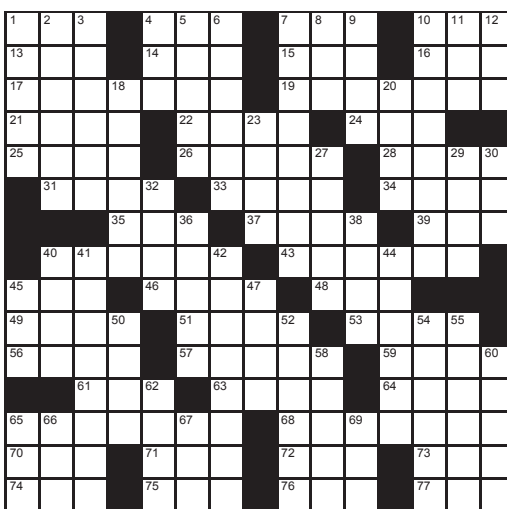


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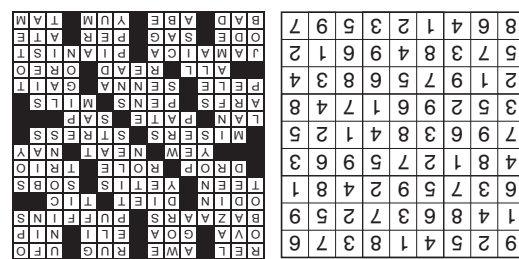
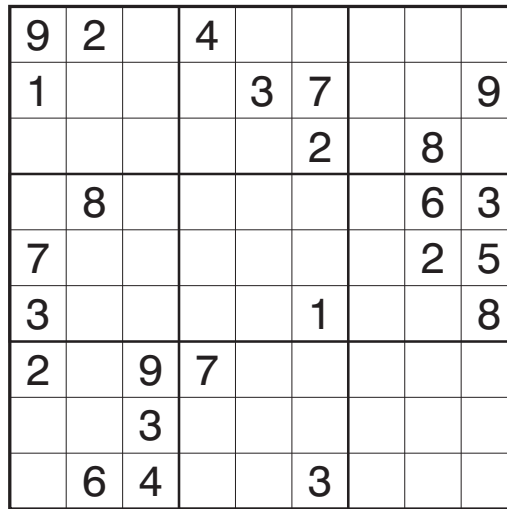
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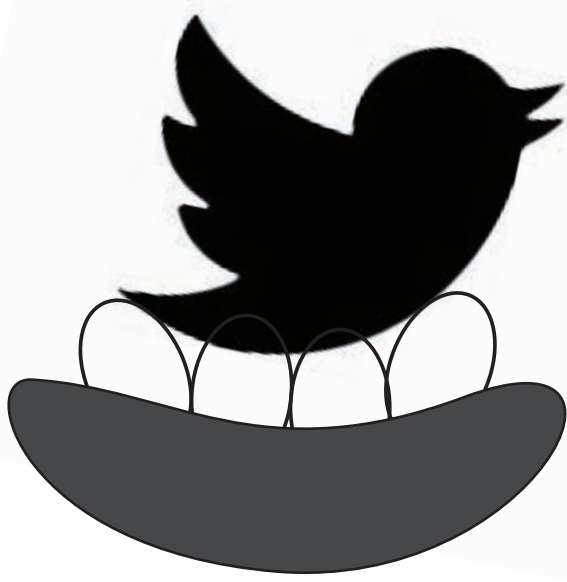
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Getting schooled

Program aimed at UI supervisor improvement

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In 2006, the University of Idaho identified a critical need for a program that helps to develop better supervisors, said Elissa Keim, the director of professional development and learning.

In 2010, PDL was asked to design a program dealing with specific learning opportunities for supervisors, and a pilot program was started in the summer of 2012, she said.

The Supervisory Excellence Program gives people the tools that are necessary to help build and maintain UI's high-quality culture and climate, Keim said.

She said it was something UI has needed for quite a while, and it is great that they have started the program.

She said the pilot program went well, and the people that went through the program were diverse — from people in student service areas, colleges and administrative areas. Everyone who participated were supervisors at UI.

To help create better supervisors, they put on both a compliance and skills multipurpose program, Keim said. There are workshops and lectures that cover conflict management, ways to train employees and recruitment and hiring techniques.

Along with the training, the program creates a place for people to meet each other.

"It helps them build a network of peers," Keim said. "We have a lot of folks that are bouncing ideas and concepts off of each other."

Through the Supervisory Excellence Program, people can gain certification, which means they completed almost 30 hours of training to become a better supervisor.

"Which is a huge commitment for people to do, on top of their jobs," Keim said.

Since it has been less than a year since the program was implemented, it is too soon to tell if there will be any major changes, however Keim said she is proud of the program so far.

"We get exceptionally good feedback from folks that participate in the program," she said.

Keim said people have said it is one of the best opportunities to learn they have had.

"They feel like they are the best supervisors they have ever been," Keim said.

They have had about 80 people go through the program with a 25 percent graduation rate so far. Though people have to have 30 hours to receive certification, they do not have to do all 30 hours in one semester, she said, so some people who have started in the summer will graduate this spring.

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12 years of Nepal

Nepali students give UI students a taste of their culture

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Taste of Nepal celebrated its 12th year Saturday with around 350 people in attendance. The event provided attendees the opportunity to learn more about Nepal through music and dance performances, presentations and a Nepali dinner.

At Taste of Nepal, Dr. Dev Shrestha, the adviser of the Nepali Student Association, allocated the majority of his speech to bring attention to the large amount of planning the students put toward the event.

Giri Raj Aryal, president of the association for the last two years, and Namrata Dangol, the association's treasurer, began to plan and advertise a month before the event.

"We booked the event last term just so we could have enough time to prepare," Dangol said. Both members said they felt confident about the response to the event.

"A lot of our guests are regulars and turnout increases every year. We are always at a full house," Aryal said. "This year has been easier than previous ones. We needed a lot more people in the kitchen, so now we are doing a lot of the work ourselves."

Tom Trail, former member of the Idaho House of Representatives, was an international exchange student for the 4-H program in Nepal in 1966, and his wife Jo

Ann Trail, the coordinator for the International Friendship Association from 1993-2001, regularly attend the Taste of Nepal events. Both said they remember when there was not a Nepali night.

"Up until (2001) there weren't enough Nepali students here for an event like this," Trail said. "There were events like an Asia Night and Passport around the World. So it's really great that now there is an event like this. With 20 or 30 Nepali students here at UI, that is a really great representation."

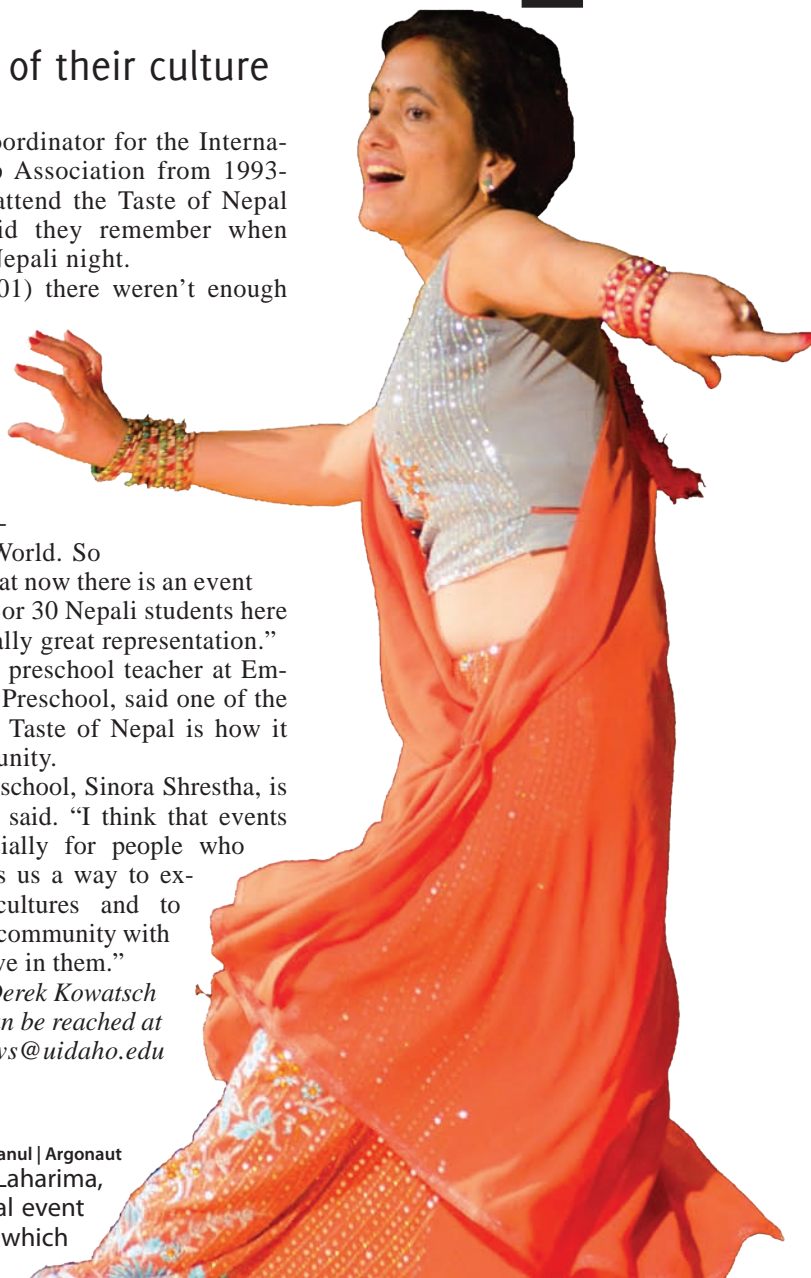
Terri Schmidt, preschool teacher at Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool, said one of the many benefits of Taste of Nepal is how it affects the community.

"My aid in preschool, Sinora Shrestha, is Nepali," Schmidt said. "I think that events like these, especially for people who can't travel, gives us a way to experience other cultures and to develop essential community with the people who live in them."

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Goma Thapa performs a traditional Nepali dance, the Sunkoshi Laharima, Saturday in the Student Union Building ballroom for the annual event Taste of Nepal. Approximately 350 people attended the event, which included informational presentations, performances and food.



Highway 95 may receive facelift

Idaho Transportation Department hearing allows public to weigh public safety against environmental issues

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

The Idaho Transportation Department gave the public a chance to give their opinions on the Highway 95 project at a hearing Wednesday.

The public was asked to weigh public safety with environmental issues.

ITD's goals for the project are to widen and realign the six and a half mile stretch of road between Thorncreek Road and Moscow in order to make it safer and increase traffic capacity.

ITD presented four route options: W4, C3, E2 and no action.

Michelle Anderson of Anderson Environmental Consulting LLC said E2 is ITD's preferred alternative because it is the safest option. It is the shortest route with the fewest number of access points and the greatest improvement in curvature and grade.

She also said E2 does cause more environmen-

tal damage than other alternatives, but those effects can be mitigated. Moscow resident Farrell Byington supported E2 because he believes safety is worth environmental damage.

"It is the shortest alternative, which means it will save time, gas and lives," Byington said. "Let's not compromise the safety of those we love for the sake of the environment."

Moscow resident Neil Marzolf said E2 is the most logical route. He said the current route has caused 11 vehicles to crash in his yard in the six years he has lived in Moscow.

"During the winter I go to bed worried that a car will crash into my house," Marzolf said.

Marzolf said C3 and W4 would force him to move.

"Even though C3 and W4 would take my house, I would move if I truly thought they were the best options," Marzolf said.

Gerard Connelly, former



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Curtis Arnzen, project development engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department, explains the safety analysis for the U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project at the public hearing Jan. 23 at the Best Western Plus University Inn. Arnzen was the author of the safety analysis technical report for the project, which predicted route E2 to be the safest of the proposed routes.

owner operator of Tri-State and former president of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, supported C3 because he didn't want to rip up the environment.

"We can't do anything perfect in life, but with alternative C3 we can come

pretty close to having our cake and eating it too," Connelly said.

ITD plans to start construction in the summer of 2015.

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More info

If you missed the hearing, comments can be sent to ITD for consideration by Feb. 23.

Learning through webinars

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In Room 217 of the Administration Building, University of Idaho students, staff and faculty have the opportunity to continue their education through webinars offered by UI's Professional Development and Learning department.

These one-hour webinars serve as an informational skill-building opportunity, according to Elissa Keim, director of PDL.

"It gives (faculty and staff) some of the skills right away that they can use to do their jobs better," Keim said.

Keim said there are usually 15-20 people in attendance for the webinars, with most of those being staff and faculty. And although they are geared toward meeting the needs of staff and faculty, Keim said students are welcome to attend.

"Topics range from computer skills for some of our Microsoft Office and Adobe computer programs," Keim said. "There's

More info

For the upcoming schedule and information on how to sign up visit: www.uidaho.edu/pdl_portal/calendar.

stuff for supervisors and managers, interpersonal skills stuff. It runs the gamut."

The topics for the webinars are chosen based on the needs of UI staff and faculty. "We've had enough conversations with our employees on campus that we've identified which topics are of greatest interest to them," Keim said.

The next webinar entitled "How to Remain Cool and Collected in Challenging Conversations" will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 30 in room 217 of the Administration Building.

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Creative writers learn from big authors

Distinguished Visiting Writers program continues series with author Rebecca Solnit

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Since 1978 the Masters of Fine Arts Creative Writing program has held the Distinguished Visiting Writers program, which Doug Heckman, director of the MFA program, said brings big time writers to the University of Idaho.

The program usually brings three writers throughout the school year — a fiction, non-fiction and poetry writer — that are nationally or internationally known for their work, Heckman said.

This program differs from others, as the author comes for one week and holds workshops with the graduate students.

"It is a really unique opportunity for our graduates," Heckman said. "They get to spend intimate time with such good writers."

For the week the writer is in town, they hold a class four evenings a week for two and a half hours, with a maximum of 12 students in their class, he said. So when they are choosing writers for the year they take into consideration whether they can teach the students, as well as whether they are a good match for the program.

The writers also give a public reading while they are here, which he said is very well attended.

"We have a smart community," Heckman said.

He said because of this, many community members along with students come to the readings, especially because this program has reputation for bringing in great writers.

The nonfiction writer visiting UI this year is Rebecca Solnit, who has written 13 books on

various subjects.

She will be at UI from Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 and will give a public reading at 7:30 on Wednesday in the Menard Law Building Courtroom.

Heckman said students will have the opportunity to generate new work during the workshops with Solnit.

"I'm excited to see what she is going to talk about and what the students take away from that," he said.

The next writer for the series is fiction writer Adam Johnson, who recently won the National Books Critics Circle Award, Heckman said.

"He is particularly hot right now," Heckman said. "So we were lucky enough to get him before all of this went down."

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Steed recommending the State Legislature take a course of action.

The letter was based on a memo issued by Moscow Police Chief David Duke that laid out actions the police department believes would limit gun violence. The letter included the following recommendations: defining and limiting assault weapons, stricter requirements for background checks, limiting access to high capacity magazines, increasing documentation of gun sales, controlling and recording the sale of ammunition, support of national standards for concealed carry permits, mandating of a database including a fingerprint for every gun sold and steps to ensure law enforcement can mandate and encourage safe gun ownership.

The council's discussion of the letter was long and intensely divided. Council members Wayne Krauss and Dan Carscallan both spoke out against the letter, arguing it did not accomplish enough to justify infringing on the Second Amendment rights of responsible gun owners.

"Last time I checked it was already illegal to shoot people, yet that still happens," Carscallan said.

Carscallan said he disagreed with the definition of assault weapon used in the letter.

"Is the definition based on aesthetics? What makes a gun with a black plastic stock more of an assault weapon than the same gun but with a wood stock?"

Carscallan said.

Krauss also disagreed with the definition of assault weapons. He mentioned his opposition to limiting the sale of .50 caliber rounds because it could prevent people from purchasing lead balls for black powder rifles.

"I have a difficult time supporting all of it," Krauss said. "It's a band-aid that covers a huge festering wound we have in this country. I can't put my name on a band-aid and I wish I had a solution."

Council members Tom Lamar and Tim Brown spoke out in support of the letter as written, arguing that doing something was better than nothing, even if it wouldn't solve the problem entirely.

"I think it would be amazing if we could write a two-page letter and have it solve anything," Lamar said. "But I don't see it as a band-aid. I see it as a first step."

Lamar also said he thought the state of Idaho should work to define what an assault weapon is.

Brown said he believed communities and nations demand action from governmental agencies to address issues such as gun violence.

"I believe this letter represents the best of what the city council could put forward," Brown said.

During the discussion, Duke was asked to clarify some of the recommendations in the letter. He said the primary motivation to limit the sale of ammunition .50 caliber and up — excluding lead balls — was due to those rounds having significantly increased impact energy and flight distance. He men-

tioned the police department does not carry rounds of that size for safety reasons.

Council member Sue Scott moved to vote on an amended version of the letter that would strike the recommendation to define and limit access to assault weapons and limiting the sale of ammunition .50 caliber or higher. The motion passed unanimously after being amended.

Duke said he was not too discouraged about the things the city council voted to remove from the letter.

"I still think the state of Idaho needs to define what an assault weapon is, but I'm happy the council is sending the letter. At this point we need to do something," Duke said.

Duke also said that although we have always had violence, the tools have changed. He said the government should not regulate morality and the issue is one of respect within society.

Donald Smith, a member of the Troy Deary Gun Club, said he supports Second Amendment rights as long as gun owners are law-abiding citizens. He does not think the problem is guns, or a lack of laws regulating them. He said he thinks it lies within society. Smith mentioned that young people do not have discipline, and drugs and alcohol play a big part in gun violence.

Smith said there have not been any new members who have joined the gun club because of the shootings, but said some of the local gun stores have seen increased demand.

Smith said there are already enough laws on the books controlling gun usage, and he

is worried about new ones because he thinks politicians will not just stop at controlling assault rifles and machine guns.

Monir Desouky, an employee with University of Idaho Food Services, said he thinks guns are an issue of social life in America.

"As Americans we often have guns even if we don't need them. It's a fashion," Desouky said.

Desouky said he has no problem with hunting rifles or handguns as long as people own them legally and are trained how to handle them safely. He does not think anyone needs to own an assault rifle.

Desouky said fewer guns on the street means greater safety. He said it won't stop the problem entirely, but it will lessen its effects.

"Even if there were no guns in society, there would still be violence. That won't go away, but why make it easier?" he said.

Desouky said with guns it is all about risk management. People have to recognize guns are dangerous. He mentioned his son, who shot himself accidentally when cleaning his gun, even though his son had been trained how to handle guns properly.

Desouky also said he thinks more concealed carry permits are not the solution.

"I think the concealed carry permit response is a nightmare. You have to realize that if you draw a gun in a shooting there are only two outcomes: kill, or be killed," Desouky said.

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BRIEF

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is calling the first annual Winter Carnival. The rink is free for students and provides skates for those who need them.

"They just have to sign a waiver then they can skate their little hearts out," she said.

The rink is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, and technically open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, although Ward said Saturday is open to groups and clubs to reserve within 30 minutes windows.

But she said to participate Saturday, everyone needs to bring one can of food to benefit the UI Food Pantry. Thursday and Friday donations will also be accepted with each can equaling a

More info

The Winter Carnival rink is open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday. From 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, the rink is open to reserved groups.

raffle ticket for a lift ticket at the end of the day.

Ward said they are not sure where the ticket will be for yet because they are trying to get the best deal, but said they will have them for raffle winners.

"It's cool because I think it's the responsibility of ASUI to coordinate new events on campus," Ward said.

She said they are also trying to coordinate other events to go along with the ice rink, but do not have anything set in stone.

Two-time cribbage champion wins out intramurals

Kasen Christensen
Argonaut

Alex Bray checked another thing off of his bucket list Saturday as he won his second University of Idaho Intramural cribbage tournament.

Bray emerged triumphant from a field of 21 contenders.

"It's about right on par. Above average," said Butch Fealy, intramural director for UI.

Bray, a third-year law student, said he appreciates the tournament because it gives him an opportunity to play against people who know the game.

He said cribbage is not a very popular game, so not many people play it well. Bray has been playing the game since junior high.

"The people that come out and play know what they are doing," Bray said.

He was glad to see the turn out — he had to play five best-of-three rounds to win.

Fealy, who got his master's degree in recreation management from UI in 1999, said the cribbage tournament has been an annual holdover since before his time here.

Mike Dehoney said there were some spectators, which was a first in his three years overseeing the event. He said these spectators made a sign to support their friend.

Fealy said there are about 50 intramural activities ranging from structured sports to cribbage.

"We want to provide activities regardless of age or ability," Fealy said.

When he got his current job in 2004, he brought dodgeball tournaments to campus. Two years later, he added kickball, which grew from eight teams to 40 or 50 teams, or about 500 students.

Some activities, like cribbage, foosball and shuffleboard, are done as weekend tournaments, Fealy said.

He said many team sports have a five-week schedule.

The intramural office employs about 100 students, Fealy said, and they learn the rules of various sports to be able to officiate in them.

Dehoney said cribbage is self-officiating. In events like this, his job is to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Fealy said the most important things they teach officials are not the rules, but problem solving, diplomacy and tact, among other things.

With every sport, Fealy said they evaluate the rules, time and risks involved. When adding new events, they have to look at scheduling and cost of officials.

Funding for intramural events comes from student fees, entry fees and forfeit fees.

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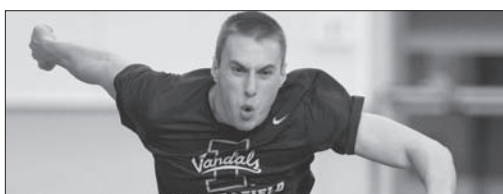
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SPORTS



Idaho's 4x400-meter relay team set an Idaho record Jan. 26 at the Cougar Indoor.

Security guards

Protecting ball key to WAC victories



Sean Kramer
Argonaut

If Idaho is going to claw its way back into the Western Athletic Conference race it drew up the blueprint to do so Saturday night.

For the ninth time out of nine conference games the Vandals, once again, lost the turnover battle and the shot-attempt battle.

The key, though, is despite losing the turnover battle, Idaho only turned the ball over 11 times on the night, compared to the 18 turnovers it committed Thursday in a loss to Texas State.

More importantly, Idaho didn't turn the ball over with under three minutes remaining, allowing the Vandals to turn a one-point lead in to a four-point win down the stretch.

It also doesn't hurt a team's chance of winning when it shoots 52 percent from the field.

Idaho is ranked No. 55 in the nation (out of 347 Division I teams) in adjusted offensive efficiency according to Ken Pomeroy's advanced statistics. This is based on the amount of points Idaho would score in 100 possessions against an average Division I team. Idaho

would score 107 points per 100 possessions based on this system.

Under coach Don Verlin, Idaho has developed a methodical half-court offense, which rarely falls into a lull of taking low-percentage shots. That was certainly the case with the Vandals against UTSA, working the offense through Stephen Madison and Barone. The two Vandal upperclassmen took 20 of Idaho's 50 shots (hitting 10 of them), something Verlin probably wants to see on a nightly basis.

That efficiency means little if Idaho's turnover problems gives its opponent an extra 15 to 20 offensive possessions, since Idaho doesn't do a great job of forcing turnovers on the other end.

Against UTSA the Vandals controlled the pace of the game and were able to re-group late when things got a bit erratic for them.

Coming up

Idaho has a weekend two-game home stand against two programs desperate for a conference win right now. Utah State, dealing with injuries to two of its top three scorers, has lost four in a row. San Jose State has lost five in a row.

The Vandals are entering the second half of conference play, meaning there will be a little bit of familiarity between Idaho and its opponent from here on out. It remains to be seen if there will be a little extra motivation for Idaho to beat a Utah State team, which only beat Idaho in Logan because of a buzzer-beater 3-point shot to take the game to overtime.

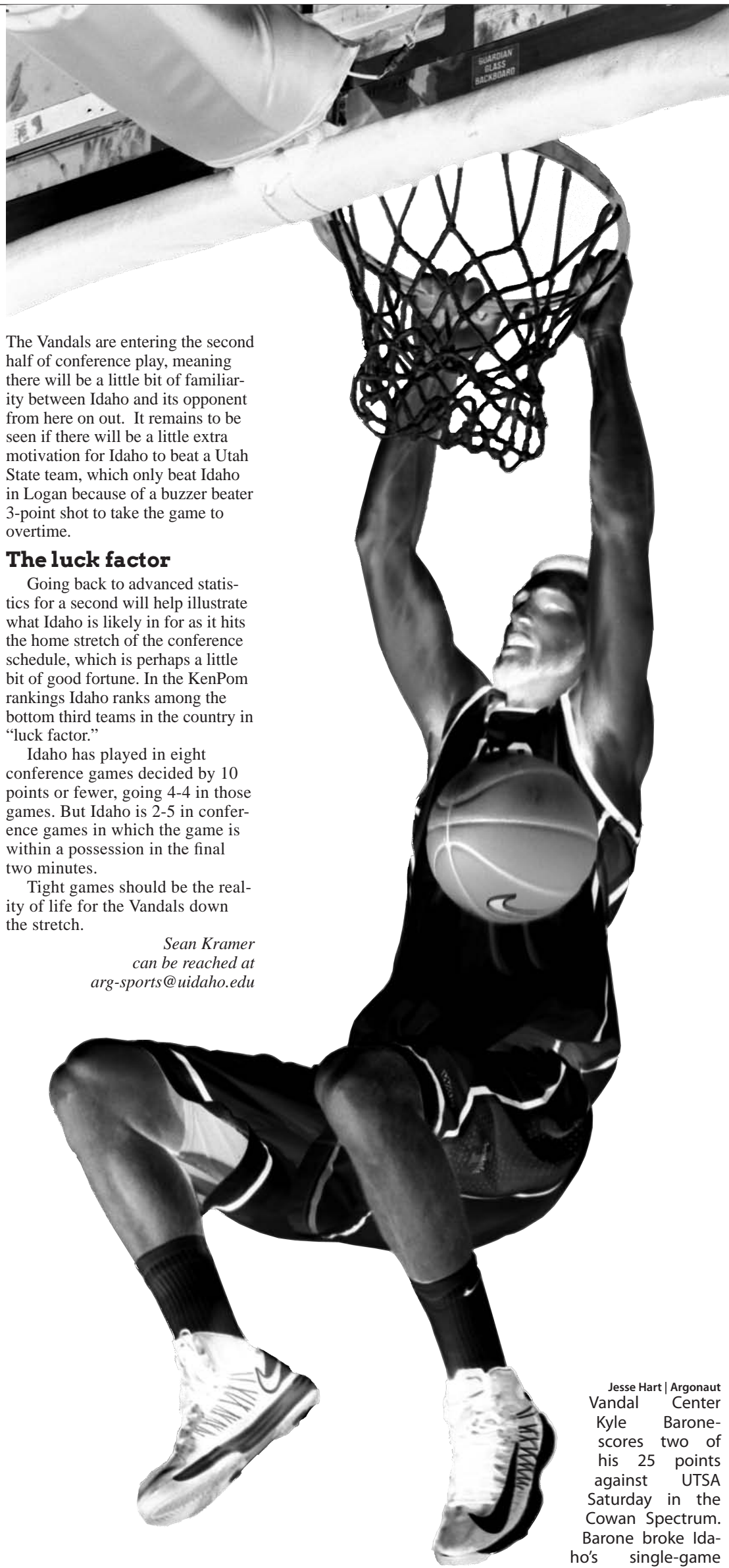
The luck factor

Going back to advanced statistics for a second will help illustrate what Idaho is likely in for as it hits the home stretch of the conference schedule, which is perhaps a little bit of good fortune. In the KenPom rankings Idaho ranks among the bottom third teams in the country in "luck factor."

Idaho has played in eight conference games decided by 10 points or fewer, going 4-4 in those games. But Idaho is 2-5 in conference games in which the game is within a possession in the final two minutes.

Tight games should be the reality of life for the Vandals down the stretch.

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Center
Kyle Barone scores two of his 25 points against UTSA Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. Barone broke Idaho's single-game field goal percentage record, and helped the Vandals to a 74-70 victory.

Starters



Mike McChristian ★★★★★
Connor Hill ★★★★★



Robert Harris ★★
Stephen Madison ★★★★★



Kyle Barone ★★★★★

Bench



Mansa Habeeb ★★★★★
Denzel Douglas ★★



Wendell Faines ★★
Joe Kammerer ★★



Matt Borton ★★

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Power in the post

Idaho bigs block 15 shots against undersized Roadrunners, rebound UTSA 49-27



Ali Forde

The freshman post player had a tough night shooting the ball, going 0 for 3 from the field with all

four of her points coming from the charity stripe. While her offense wasn't stellar, her defense was huge. Forde came up with five blocks and 12 rebounds — eight of which were defensive. She's continuing to prove she's a valuable player by finding ways to contribute, even when she's not knocking down shots.

Alyssa Charlston

Charlston had another solid night with 11 points and six rebounds. The junior also added five blocks on the night in 35 minutes of play. While she wasn't the explosive Alyssa Charlston fans are used to seeing, she

played a vital role in the Vandal win and always draws defensive attention.

Christina Salvatore

The freshman continued her phenomenal season with another night in double figures. Her 13 points tied for the most for Idaho, going 5 of 11 from the arch. She also added seven boards, two assists and a block. Salvatore has been getting better and better as the season progresses and shows no sign of slowing down. Her 3-point shot is becoming a nightmare for opposing defenses, which is helping the Vandals stay in contention with the top WAC teams.

Stacey Barr

Barr has been quiet the past few games and that continued against UTSA. She only played

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File photo by Steven Devine | Argonaut
Idaho guard Connie Ballestero attempts a shot against La. Tech Jan. 17 at Cowan Spectrum in a 67-58 Vandal loss.

Athletes of the week

Kyle Barone- Men's basketball

Barone had the best week of his Idaho career, continuing to show why he's been one of the program's best-ever scorers and rebounders. The senior collected two double doubles and set multiple program and career bests in the process. In Thursday's loss to Texas State, Idaho couldn't withstand a 37-point showing from the Bobcats' Joel Wright, but Barone's effort was admirable nonetheless. Barone needed 14 points to become the highest low-post scorer. On Saturday, the Vandals upended UTSA and Barone tallied 25 points on an Idaho record 10-10 shooting performance. He collected another 16 rebounds and passed Phil Hopson on the list of Idaho all-time rebounders. ESPN rated Barone's performance ahead of every other player in college basketball Saturday night.

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Relay team sets university record at Cougar Indoor

Anthony Kuipers
Argonaut

The Idaho men's and women's indoor track and field teams won eight events and finished second overall Saturday at the Cougar Indoor meet hosted by Washington State University.

The Vandals met WSU and Montana in their first scoring meet of the season and their third meet overall. Both the Idaho men and women defeated Montana 59-51 and 79-42 respectively. The men lost to WSU 96-25 and the women fell to the Cougars 73-48.

Idaho received strong contributions from the throwers over the weekend. Idaho won the men's and women's weight throw events for the second time this season. Senior Kristine Leonard finished first in the women's 20-pound event with a throw of 54-5.5 while senior Sarah Nutsch took second with a throw of 51-11.25. Junior Kyle Rothwell won the 35-pound event by throwing a 58-10 and Idaho sophomore Zach Trumbauer finished second with a throw of 54-10.25.

Idaho claimed the top two spots in the women's shotput as sophomore Johanna Hocketstaller claimed victory with a throw of 46-09.5 and Leonard finished second with a throw of 46-02.5. Rothwell took second on the men's side with a toss of 48-04.5.

Throwers coach Julie Taylor said there was extra motivation given the competition. "It's fun this weekend because it's a scoring meet," Taylor said. "It's maybe a little bit more pressure to do well because of that and that's a good thing for us because we need that experience at the WAC Championship."

There were several highlights among the sprinters as well. Sophomore Ben

Ayesu-Attah narrowly beat out WSU's Jacob Sealby in a photo-finish 400-meter dash after trailing him for most of the race. He set the meet record with a time of 48.28, a hundredth of a second faster than Sealby's time.

"(Sealby) got out really quick and I had to follow him," Ayesu-Attah said. "I followed him throughout the 300-meter mark and I saw that he was dying a little bit so it was my time to kick it in and pass him right at the finish."

In the women's event, senior Liga Velvere won the 400-meter in 57.06 while Lauren Schaffer took second with a time of 57.29.

Junior Karlene Hurrel continues to improve after missing last season with an injury. She bounced back from a fourth-place finish in the 60-meter dash to win the 200-meter race with a time of 24.79.

"I didn't really have the best start in the 60 meters, so I thought I would just forget about that race and just focus on my (200-meter)," Hurrel said. "My main focus was just to get out of the blocks and run fast and that's what I did."

Coach Wayne Phipps said Hurrel's comeback was impressive.

"She's been out for all of last year, so she basically hasn't raced in almost two years," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "And for her to come out and run that sort of time this early is just amazing and she's so excited about as well she should be."

Hurrel, Schaffer, Velvere and senior Kelli Hall competed in the 4x400-meter relay where they finished second to WSU, but broke a school record with a time of 3:49.41. The men's 4x400 relay team also finished second behind WSU.



Senior multi-event athlete Ryan Bowen competes in the high jump Jan. 19 at the Kibbie Dome during the Idaho Collegiate. The Vandals won multiple events at the Cougar Indoor Jan. 26, hosted by Washington State University.

Idaho earned a victory in the men's pole vault thanks to sophomore Matt Sullivan's vault of 16-1.25. Hocketstaller won the women's long jump with a distance of 17-08.75.

Idaho's distance runners competed for the first time this season. Junior Hannah Kiser finished second in both the mile and 800-meter. Her converted mile time of 4:48.34 is the best in the WAC so far this season.

Phipps said he was pleased with the team's overall progress this early in the season. "Even though it's our third meet, we've

only been in school for 11 or 12 days," Phipps said. "So, coming back that soon after being away at Christmas time, this is still really early. We're working hard, we're training through these meets and so to get the performances that we're getting this early and with how much volume we're doing bodes well for the rest of the year."

Idaho will compete at the Kibbie Dome Feb. 1-3 for the 37th Annual Vandal Indoor meet.

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Midway WAC round-up

Theo Lawson
Argonaut



Idaho 74, Texas-San Antonio 70

The Vandals got Kyle Barone's best effort but still weren't able to simply cruise past a scrappy Roadrunner team. Barone collected his 10th double-double of the season, tallying 25 points while grabbing 16 rebounds for his second 20-10 game of the week. Idaho withstood UTSA's best effort and the Vandals led by just one when Mike McChristian netted a 3-pointer to extend the hosts' lead to four points. Roadrunner guard Michael Hale III had at 66 combined points in his previous two games but was held to just 21 Saturday evening. UTSA has just one win in the conference and will face the WAC's three top teams in the coming weeks. Idaho, on the other hand, will

look to build on the win when they host Utah State on Thursday and San Jose State on Saturday. Sixth place Idaho could catapult into fourth place with two wins and help from UTA.



La. Tech 51, Utah State 48

How can you not feel for this Aggie team? A team that was receiving AP Top 25 votes not too long ago has now lost four consecutive WAC games and will likely continue to struggle without leading scorers Preston Medlin and Kyisean Reed. Still, Stew Morrill's team was competitive against La. Tech, winners of nine game in conference and losers of none. Jarred Shaw and Spencer Butterfield have had to step up with the absence of Medlin and Reed and the two combined for 37 points Saturday in Logan,

Utah. It wasn't enough and La. Tech standout Raheem Appleby nailed a 3-point shot with less than two minutes to go, helping the Bulldogs remain unscathed in conference play. La. Tech will be favored in its next three games, playing Texas-Arlington, Texas State and Texas-San Antonio. For the Aggies, a tough stretch awaits them. Utah State will visit Moscow, Idaho, on Thursday and a Vandal team that nearly beat them in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, when Medlin and Reed were healthy.



Texas-Arlington 66, San Jose State 47

The Spartans have hit a five-game skid, while UTA completed a road trip sweep and moved to one game above .500 in the unpredictable WAC standings. The Mavericks led by 19 points at halftime and were able to utilize 12 players in the rout.

For UTA, Greg Gainey had 17 points and seven rebounds while Kevin Butler came off the bench to add another 13 points and grab 10 rebounds. Only one Spartan scored in double figures, and the rest of the SJSU team was held to five points or less. The SJSU starters only managed 23 points, while the bench contributed 24. The Spartans went just 14 of 64 from the field (21 percent) and shot a dismal 4 of 24 from 3-point range.

Texas State 86,

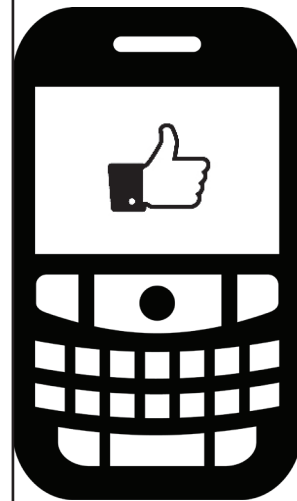


Seattle U. 83

After losing their initial three WAC games, the Bobcats have turned it on these past two weeks

and currently ride a three-game win streak. After Joel Wright's 37 points helped propel Texas State to a win over Idaho, the Bobcats were able to edge the Redhawks in the Pacific Northwest. Wright had 19 points Saturday and was quiet relative to his WAC-season high 37 two nights before. Instead, Texas State left it up to Reid Koenen, who had an all-around effort that would see him come off the bench to score 24 points, grab six rebounds, block three shots and add three steals. Seattle U's Clarence Trent scored 22 points while Deshaun Sunderhaus scored 17 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. The Redhawks continue to dwell at the bottom of the WAC standings and haven't won since Jan. 17.

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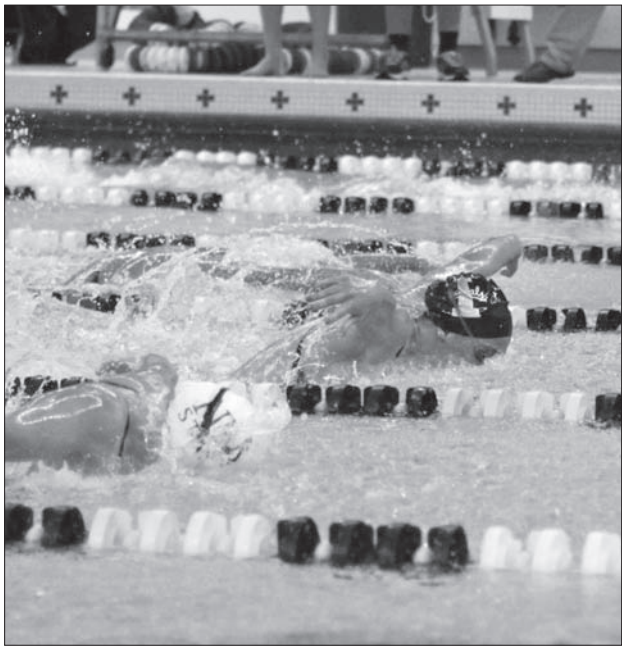
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Dam it: Beavers beat Vandals



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Idaho sophomore Jamie Sterbis and New Mexico State's Nicole Brennecke go head-to-head in the 200-yard butterfly Jan. 18. The Idaho swimmers fell to Oregon State in Corvallis Jan. 26 while the divers competed at the Falcon Invitational in Colorado.

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

Members of the Idaho dive team participated in Air Force Academy's Falcon Invitational Friday, while the swim team was defeated on the road at Oregon State University Saturday night.

At the Falcon Invitational, two Idaho divers, Paige Hunt and Mairin Jameson placed top 20 in the platform dive. Jameson placed 14th with a score of 182.05 while Hunt finished seventh with a score of 204.05. Hunt is the Idaho record-holder in the platform dive with a score of 218.90, a record she set on Mar. 12, 2011. Jameson holds the 10th, 11th and 15th best one-meter dives in school history. She broke her personal record of 176, set about a year ago, in Friday's competition.

At OSU, despite a 143-119 loss, sophomore

star swimmer Rachel Millet placed first in three events for the second meet in a row. Millet accounted for 27 of Idaho's 119 points and her relay team had to settle for second-place with a time difference of twelve-hundredths of a second in the 200-yard medley relay. Millet finished first in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle and first in the 200-yard individual medley. Millet holds both the 100 and 200-yard freestyle school records.

Freshman butterfly swimmer, Jamie Sterbis, has made a good impression in her first year in Moscow, and finished first in the 100 and 200 butterfly. Last week in the home win against New Mexico State, Sterbis also finished first in the 200 butterfly and helped the 400-yard freestyle relay

team to first place, accompanied by Millet.

Junior distance swimmer Sammi Mischkot finished first in the 200-yard backstroke in a tight finish, with first and second place separated by .02 seconds.

Senior Kelsey Saxe has been consistent in finishing second in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke. In her final home meet of her college career against New Mexico State last week, Saxe swam faster than this week in the 100 breaststroke, but she improved on her time in the 200 breaststroke. Last week Saxe placed second in both events as well.

Despite some consistency and individual accomplishments, the Vandals were generally unsuccessful in key relay races. OSU won in the 200-yard medley relay put the team at an

early 11-4 lead. In the final event, OSU topped off the win with first place in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

"We had some strong swims but we came up just short," said Idaho coach Mark Sowa.

The Vandals were unable to capitalize in most long distance races, losing the 1,000-yard freestyle, 500-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle and earning very few points in those races.

"It was just a little, too late," Sowa said.

After a loss to the Beavers, the Vandals drop to a 4-4 dual-meet record. The Vandals will meet Washington State University Friday in Pullman. WSU is 4-5 on the year after defeating OSU last Friday.

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File photo by Tony Marcolina | Argonaut
Freshman Rita Bermudez returns the ball during practice at the Memorial Gym Tennis Courts last fall. Idaho dropped three matches last weekend in Eugene, Oregon.

Another road loss

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

Idaho women's tennis was swept once again by a Pac-12 opponent, losing 7-0 to the University of Oregon after a 7-0 loss to Washington State University came in the Vandals' season-opener the week before.

Oregon jumped off to an early lead with a win in the first singles match of the night. Almudena Sanz and Victoria Lozano once again fought hard and led 5-4 in the pro-set against sophomore Nicole Long and senior Patricia Skowronski. The top two Idaho players were unable to maintain their dominance on the court with an 8-6 loss in the closest contested match of the evening.

At No. 2 doubles, junior Alejandra Lozano and freshman Belen Barcenilla gave the team hope that they would at least win the doubles point with an 8-5 match victory. These hopes were hindered because the Vandals were unsuccessful in securing the advantage at the No. 1 doubles spot.

In the closest singles match, Lozano lost 7-5 in the

first set followed by a 6-4 loss in the second set in another hard-fought match. Lozano's skills have been tested in her first two matches of the season, facing off against NCAA elites. This week, Lozano put forth a valiant effort against Skowronski and Long, who have both caught fire in the last week. Before beating Lozano, Skowronski defeated Florida's Danielle Collins who was ranked No. 22 at one point. Long defeated Stanford's Natalie Dillon last week and after her performance Saturday night, she has won six consecutive singles matches. Long is also 8-2 in her last 10 singles matches played.

The No. 1 doubles team from Oregon is also a force to be reckoned with, winning two consecutive matches. As a team, Oregon is ranked No. 66 in the nation and will be undefeated going into matches against Gonzaga and Portland State at home on Friday. Idaho has a little bit of breathing room with the next match scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 9 in Boise against Idaho State

University.

The Vandals will continue a string of road matches before finally coming home Mar. 6 to face Eastern Washington University.

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NFL needs to make Pro Bowl changes

The NFL Pro Bowl took place this past Sunday, and for those who didn't watch it or were utterly unentertained, it's not abnormal. Out of the major sports' all-star games, the Pro Bowl has to be the worst. It's passionless, boring and absolutely meaningless. If the NFL wants fans to care about this game, it has to make changes that actually make it entertaining for fans to watch.

Most NFL fans are hyped up for the Super Bowl at this point. They're looking forward to seeing two teams give everything they have for one game, but what they get the week before is a game where the players couldn't care less.

Football is a game of passion. It's about effort, skill and hard hits — even if the NFL is doing its best to eliminate the hitting part. The players have no interest in the Pro Bowl. They don't want to get injured, which is understandable, but it makes it painful for fans to watch. There needs to be some type of incentive for the players to play and play hard.

What would be ideal is if the NFL was to create a skills competition to either go with the Pro Bowl or replace it altogether. The success of MLB's home run derby or the NBA's dunk competition shows that fans dig this. Let's see a quarterback accuracy competition, or a long kick contest.

This kind of change would add some variety and excitement to a dull event. It would give the players incentive to show up and actually compete hard. It would

give them a chance to compete against their peers in a new way to prove who the most athletic and talented players are.

It's pathetic that the most popular sports league can't put together an event that matters. The best players get together once a year only to put the fans asleep for three hours. This shouldn't happen and it doesn't have to if the NFL will just change things up.

Rather than play a meaningless game where players don't try for fear of injury, the Pro Bowl could be one of the most entertaining event of the year where the best of the best go one-on-one with each other in different events. Imagine watching Peyton Manning, Tom Brady and Aaron

Rodgers trying to out-duel each other in a pass competition, or Sebastian Janikowski and David Akers trying to out-kick one another. It would be a lot more entertaining than watching the two-hand-touch game that the Pro Bowl has become.

Fans tune in to watch the Pro Bowl because they're bored on Sunday afternoons and watching some football is better than no football, but it doesn't have to be that way. The NFL should rethink the event and make it something that is engaging and exciting for fans to watch. Not only that, but make it something the players actually want to show up to. If this is done, not only will fans watch the Pro Bowl, but they'll be excited to do so.

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PLAYER RATINGS

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Kyle Barone

The star center created Idaho history going a perfect 10-for-10 from the field. Coupled with his third consecutive dominant rebounding performance he is making a strong case for WAC Player of the Year.

Stephen Madison

He was patient on offense and opened up opportunities for his teammates.

Connor Hill

Shooters gotta shoot. The sophomore sank 4 of his last 5 attempts from downtown.

Robert Harris

Turnovers becoming a problem for the junior, but there's no doubt he is the

best option Idaho has at point guard

Mike McChristian

Dished out seven assists and hit a money 3-point shot from the corner with under a minute left to ice the game. Along with solid perimeter defense the senior is getting comfortable in his off-ball guard role.

Mansa Habeeb

He played an important role in Idaho, closing out the game in the second half, slashing to the basket and keeping the UTSA defense honest. He attempted eight free-throw attempts.

Denzel Douglas

The next highest minute

total off the bench was back-up point guard Denzel Douglas with eight minutes. Douglas dished out three assists with two turnovers.

Wendell Faines

Two boards in four minutes for the big man. A solid enough stat line.

Joe Kammerer

Two points and three boards in eight minutes of action. Kammerer continues to make his case to be a part of the rotation.

Matt Borton

Sank a 3-pointer when the game was going back and forth.

Club hockey swept by Broncos

Shorthanded Idaho loses both games in McCall

Thomas McGee
Argonaut

The Idaho Vandals men's club hockey team lost both games against Boise State this weekend, done in by penalties during each game. Five of the Broncos' seven combined goals were scored on a power play.

Idaho junior center Tayler Wells had two goals and an assist on the weekend to the lead the Vandals.

The first game ended in a 4-2 victory for the Broncos, who capitalized on penalties by the Vandals with three power play goals as well as an own goal by Idaho.

Boise State got off to a quick start in the first period with two goals in three minutes, thanks to a power play goal by Cody Gut, and then an own goal by the Vandals after miscommunication between a defender and the goalie.

Idaho responded with two goals of their own as Ian Nicoll scored a power play goal and Wells scored on a breakaway as the first period ended with the teams tied at 2-2.

"It says a lot about the character of the team to come back from an own

goal and put two in the back of the net," senior captain Kyle Dennis said.

However, in the second period, Vandal forward Spencer Brodt was ejected for head contact and a game misconduct, which gave Boise State a five-minute power play. The Broncos' Rusty Costello and Claude Cardinal scored a goal a piece in the span of 1:04 during the power play to provide the winning margin.

The second game ended in a 3-2 overtime victory for the Broncos as Gut scored his second goal of the game on a power play goal to clinch the victory.

Idaho jumped out to the lead in the first period after Wells converted a power play goal.

The Broncos would tie the game in the second period on a shorthanded goal by Tyler Maier and eventually take the lead in the third period on Gut's first goal of the game.

The Vandals fought back once again as Dennis equalized late in the period to set up overtime. He said the team never lost faith that they could make

things even.

"We knew we were in the game the whole time, we just weren't getting the bounces to go our way," Dennis said.

However, Idaho defencemen Tate Bischoff was called for a penalty early in the overtime period that gave Boise State a man advantage, and the Broncos capitalized.

Despite the losses, Dennis was encouraged by his team's play this weekend.

"This is definitely the best we played as a team all year even though we lost," Dennis said.

Wells echoed those sentiments.

"The team fought hard and just had some bad luck. The team is really starting to come together," Wells said.

The two losses this weekend gives Boise State a sweep of the season series as they handed the Vandals a 5-1 loss in November.

The Vandals finish the regular season with a two-game series against Washington State on Feb. 1 and 2.

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ATHLETES

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Alyssa Charlston, Ali Forde and Jessica Graham-Women's basketball

The Idaho front court played a massive role in the Vandals' road sweep of Texas State and UTSA this past week. Thursday against the Bobcats, the trio combined for 33 points, 29 rebounds and six blocks. Charlston led the way with a double-double, as the junior would score 17 points and grab 14 more rebounds. Forde neared double-double territory with 10 points and eight rebounds while Graham came off the bench to contribute nine points and four boards. Against UTSA, the Vandals blocked 15 total shots and Idaho's three bigs may have been equally deserving of game MVP honors. Forde's scoring touch wasn't quite there but

the freshman did collect 12 rebounds while blocking five shots. Charlston also had five blocks, while the All-WAC junior had six rebounds and 11 points. Graham blocked two shots, had six rebounds and went 3 of 4 from 3-point range to score 13 points.

Rachel Millet-Swimming and diving

Millet took her talents to Corvallis, Ore., and though Idaho came out on the short end of a meet with its Pac-12 opponent, the sophomore continued to rack up the individual wins. For the second consecutive weekend, Millet won three events, this time over opponents from Oregon State. The Spokane native kicked off the weekend with a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle race where she completed the course in 1:51.41, one and a half seconds better than Samantha Harrison of OSU. Millet picked up her second victory in the 100-yard

freestyle, where she out-touched the second-place finisher by two seconds. Finally, Millet posted a winning time in the 200-yard individual medley.

Women's 4x400-meter relay team- Indoor track and field

In the third indoor meet this season, junior Karlene Hurrel and seniors Liga Velvere, Kelli Hall and Lauren Schaffer ran a University of Idaho best time in the 4x400-meter relay race Saturday at the Cougar Indoor in Pullman. Though the Vandal team took second in the event, their team 3:49.41 ranks No. 1 on an undersized track.

"It is our goal by the end of the year to break the overall school record in that event for all track sizes, and I think this group has the ability to accomplish that," Idaho director of track and field/cross country Wayne Phipps said.

POWER

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19 minutes and went 2 of 5 from the field for a total of seven points. Barr has shown she can be an explosive player, but it just hasn't happened for few games, partly because she hasn't needed to with the way the rest of the team is playing. There was nothing to complain about in Barr's performance, but nothing to be excited about either.

Connie Ballestero: 4 stars

Connie is another freshman making an impact this year — a trend that continued against UTSA. She put up a team-high 13 points, shooting 50 percent on the night. She also added six rebounds and three assists. Ballestero has matured quickly as a player this sea-

son and has done a fine job running the Idaho offense. It says a lot that coach Jon Newlee continues to start this freshman, especially with how deep the Vandals are at guard this year.

Krissy Karr: 1.5 stars

Karr had a rough night shooting the ball, going 0 of 4 with no points on the night, despite playing 21 minutes. She did manage to get two assists, which is what she's known for, and pulled in four rebounds. Karr has struggled at times this season. She has looked better in recent games and continues to fight to get back to the form she was in last year.

Addie Schivo: 2 stars

Schivo came off the bench for 15 minutes of

play in this one, adding three points, two assists and a rebound for Idaho. She has been hot at times, but her minutes vary from game to game, so it's never a sure thing how much floor time she'll see.

Jessica Graham: 5 stars

The senior had a fantastic night off the bench. Graham had 13 points, going 4 of 5 from the field, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range. Graham had only hit two threes on the season going into the game, but made UTSA pay for not guarding her close from long range. She also added six rebounds and two blocks on the night to complete a solid, all-around performance.

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OUR VIEW

Open for opportunities

Filing FAFSA could present new chances for financial aid, resources

The priority deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is Feb. 15 for Idaho students.

Applications will be accepted after that date, but students who get applications in before will have an advantage in being considered for some grants and work programs.

While the filing process can be frustrating for some, the University of Idaho has resources to help.

The staff at the University of Idaho Financial Aid Office are always available to help optimize your aid — they know a lot about various options available to students, and they are

open Monday through Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

But today and tomorrow from 4 - 7 p.m., the Financial Aid Office will be open specifically to assist students and parents in filling out the FAFSA during FAFSA Help Days.

Filling out the FAFSA is a worthwhile pursuit, regardless of your financial status. Idaho uses FAFSA application information when deciding what need-based grants, scholarships and other awards to give to students.

You might be surprised with what the university can offer. Money is available for a wide range of income levels and other

factors such as major and GPA, can make a difference.

More than \$119 billion in financial aid was awarded nationwide to students last year, according to the College Board. And as college students, everybody can use extra money.

If you or your parents are paying your way and choose not to take out loans, grants and scholarships can ease the burden on your pocket book. But having the FAFSA on file keeps the option open when difficult situations arise, such as family emergencies or medical expenses.

The money is available for people to use. Extra loans could

make the difference between studying abroad and staying at home.

The Financial Aid Office has capable staff members who want to help you with your financial questions. It's their job to provide you with all the resources available and dispense money to students in need.

Whether you think you need financial assistance or not, the FAFSA is a fairly quick and painless way to find out what opportunities are open to you. Don't close the door on it, and make sure you file by Feb. 15.

—KC

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Calling all supers

Spider-Man, the Shake Weight banana and the gorilla's presence is being requested at the women's basketball games as well. See you all in a week and a half against Denver and New Mexico state.

—Madison

Try it, you might like it

I've heard many say these OTC's are the only things worth reading in The Argonaut. We work hard to print important and entertaining information, so if that's true, you are missing out.

—Katy

Be nice

Barack Obama is not Hitler. That is all.

—Kasen

Non-guilty pleasure

After a long, hard week, I always have Sunday night episodes of "Kourtney and Kim Take Miami" to look forward to.

—Lindsey

White out

Go see Idaho men's basketball play Utah State Thursday. We'll probably beat one of the winningest coaches in college basketball.

—Theo

FAFSA

I don't know about everyone else, but filling out the FAFSA is always a massive headache for me. So go on down to the Financial Aid Office and get some help from the wonderful people there.

—Elisa

Anonymous

"Those who say only sunshine brings happiness, has obviously not danced in the rain." But no one said anything about snow. Snow, take a hike.

—Chloe

Yum yum

I'm addicted to Thai food. Curry is a gift from God.

—Philipp

Snow, snow

Go away. Come again another day ... like never. Or on Christmas next year. But then go away again. Great, thanks.

—Kaitlyn

Books

Finally got my most important textbooks of the semester. And most expensive. Time to get serious.

—Molly

Italian wedding soup

The ultimate comfort food. It's good whether it's Pro-gresso's in the can or Olive Garden's gourmet version.

—Britt

Nerd alert

I love it when classes fill in the blanks from other classes. This semester is definitely all about the chemistry-quantum-materials science overlap.

—Amrah

College football Christmas

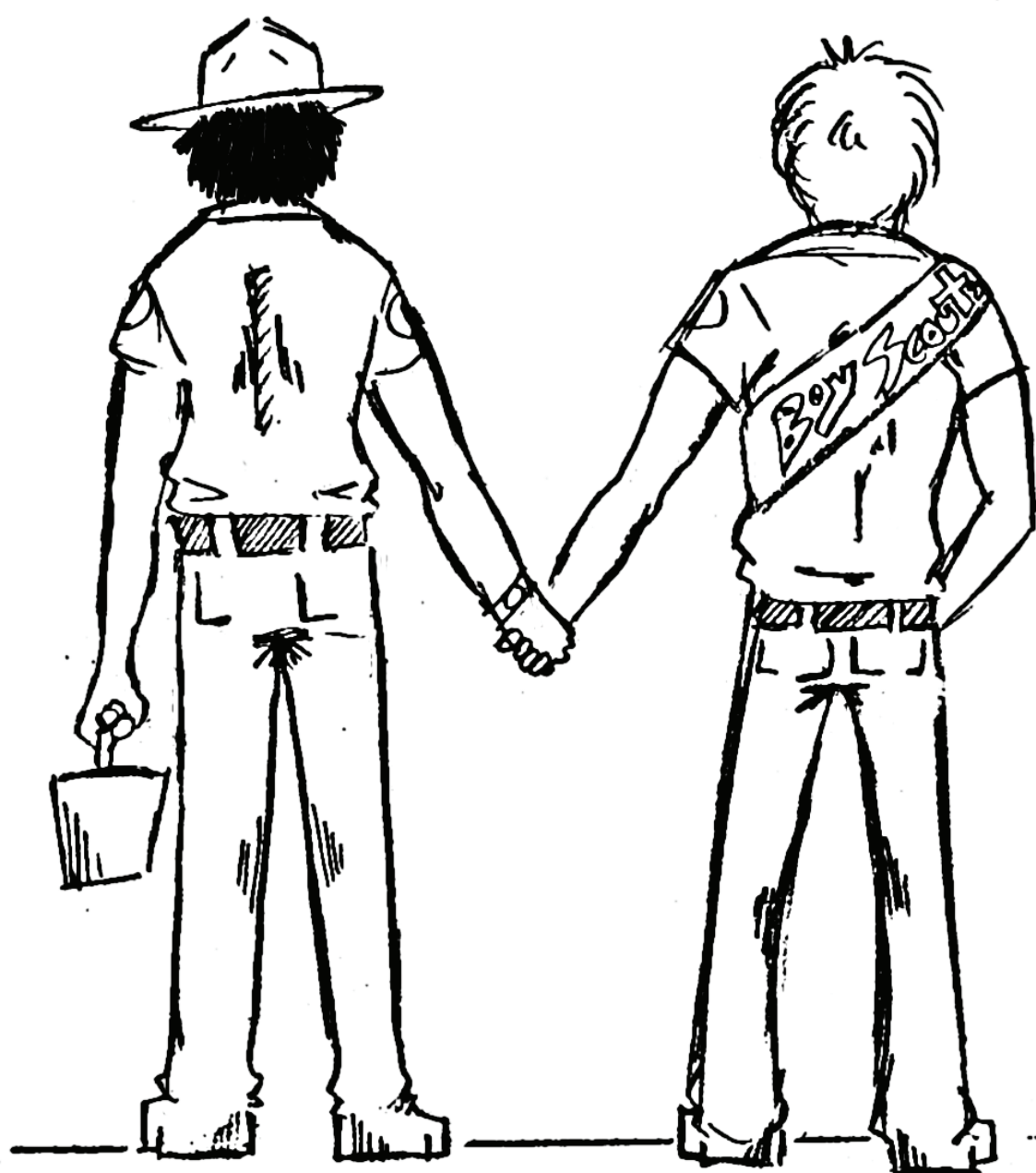
If you're a recruiting nerd like me then the next week is going to be a lot of fun.

—Sean

Rugby victory

A hard-fought victory over Eastern Washington.

—Dylan



Shane Wellner
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ANDAL VOICES

Do you have trouble filling out or filing your FAFSA? Which parts of the FAFSA could be easier? Is the University of Idaho Financial Aid Office helpful in answering your questions?



"I've never had a problem filling out the FAFSA. The Financial Aid Office also has workshops during this time of year to help students, which is very nice for some people. Otherwise I've had a great experience with the office whenever I have questions regarding what goes on the FAFSA. The Financial Aid Office is holding workshops today and Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. each day if students need help."

Allen Jennings

"I didn't have a problem this year with my FAFSA, and have never had an issue with the Financial Aid Office. In fact, they have been very helpful this past year. I would not be at UI without their help."

Sam Koester



Get your shot, not the flu

Feeling drowsy, achy or run down? The flu virus may have already reached you. It's that time of year again where the flu virus is spreading like crazy. The severity of the flu season varies every year and is always unpredictable.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the strength of this year's flu virus is particularly bad. Boston has already announced a public health emergency, and Pennsylvania has set up hospital tents specifically for the overflow of flu victims. The flu season started early this year, and it's time to take action.

The first step to avoiding the flu virus is taking preventative measures. Getting the flu vaccination is by far the best way to protect against the virus. It's always best to get the flu shot early, but the real flu season can last anywhere from October through May, so it's never too late to get vaccinated.

Getting the vaccine not only protects you, it also protects everyone around you, especially those who are at high risk. Children less than five years old, adults 65 and older, pregnant women and people who have certain medical conditions that compromise the immune system are most at risk for obtaining the flu.

It is especially important for high-risk individuals or people who live with, or care for, high-risk individuals to get vaccinated.

Getting the flu vaccine will prevent you from being a carrier of the virus so you will not be able to transmit it to others.

Along with getting the flu vaccine, there are simple things you can do to prevent the spreading of germs. Washing hands often is important, especially on a university campus where thousands of students come and go every day.

The flu vaccine takes around two weeks before it has built immunity and is active, so it is crucial to wash hands to build a barrier between yourself and the germs you are exposed to. Hand washing also protects against the common cold. It's amazing how effective this simple task is. Make sure to always cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing to prevent the spread of germs.

Also, avoid touching your face, eyes and nose. Coughing, sneezing and even talking are all ways the flu virus can be transmitted, so taking basic measures like covering your mouth can eliminate the spread of germs.

Touching infected surfaces and then touching your own face can easily infect you with the virus.

Next, it is very important to sustain a healthy immune system during the long flu season. Someone with a bogged-down immune system will have an easier chance

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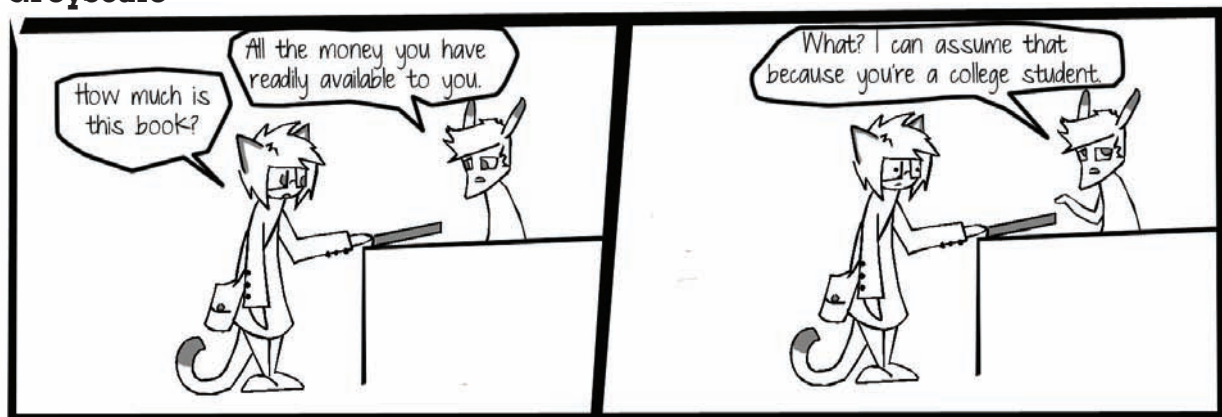


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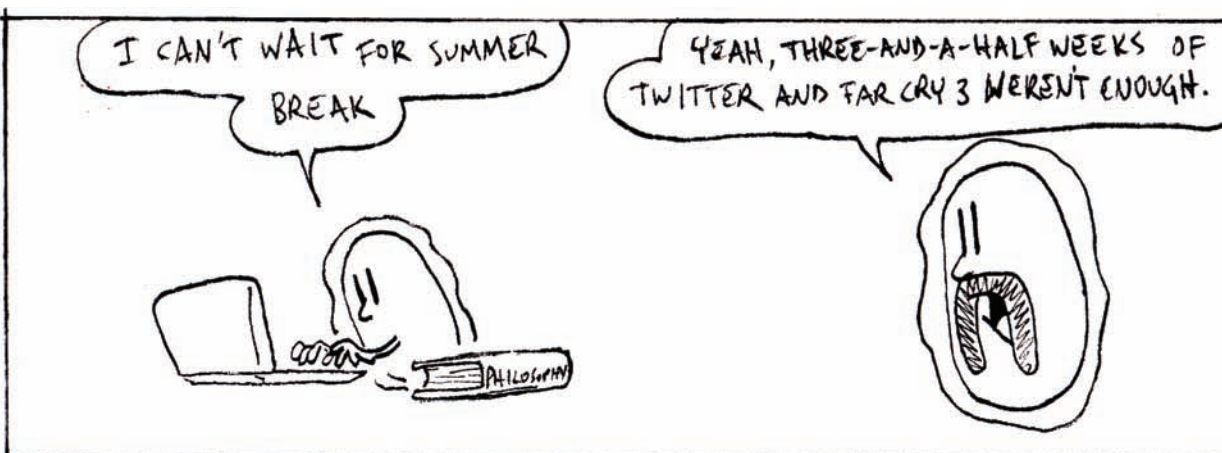
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FLU

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of being affected by the flu virus. As college students, many of us lack the proper amount of sleep, don't always have the healthiest diet and stress far too much for a healthy lifestyle.

In order to stay healthy, it's important to get around eight hours of sleep a night. It's also essential to have a balanced diet, including a variety of fruits and vegetables.

Students need to learn how to manage stress levels while in college, whether this be by going to yoga, engaging in physical activity or going to Laughter Club.

Everyone is different, so try out different opportunities and see what works

best for you. All of these factors will work together to prevent you from being susceptible to the flu virus.

So what's next? Get the flu vaccine if you haven't, wash your hands often, cover your mouth and keep your immune system strong by eating healthy. The flu hasn't reached its peak yet, but it's heading that way. Let's keep our campus healthy and protect the ones who are at high risk of catching the flu this season.

Flu shots are available at the Student Health Clinic.

You can set an appointment by calling 885-6693, or walk-in appointments are available.

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In response to Brian Marceau's column published on Jan. 11, 2013

First, Mr. Marceau claimed that conservatives "lost" because Romney lost. That is just the presidential campaign. How, exactly, did conservatives "lose" an entire election when they gained seats in the House of Representatives? Let us not forget that the competition for the federal god-chair is not the only indicator of national mood.

Second, focusing on the supposed difficulty of arming teachers is merely a logical fallacy distracting from the main issue: school safety. Would Mr. Marceau kindly provide information on how successful school security in Texas, Ohio, and Utah is before he blindly bashes school security in those states?

Third, Mr. Marceau displays willful ignorance of the use of statistics by citing the odds of getting shot in American public schools: 1 in 1,600,000. Whether true,

overstated or understated — this proves absolutely nothing as to whether or not schools could be made safer. It also is merely a projection, not a statistic.

Finally, Mr. Marceau accuses Mr. LaPierre of misfiring, yet simultaneously cites that 8 percent of all attacks are stopped by police gunfire. Note: this is all attacks, not just school attacks, and is therefore not an applicable statistic. He then proceeds to say that "our schools don't lack police presence." What he fails to realize is that police gunfire does stop attacks.

What he fails to apply is that the current rate of crimes stopped by police gunfire doesn't include the number of crimes stopped by private citizen gunfire. What he fails to consider is whether increasing security via privately owned guns would stop more attacks. Mr. Marceau, why don't you actually find some ammunition before you attempt to shoot down common sense?

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How can I help a grieving friend?

REACH OUT

Don't wait for the grieving person to contact you. Make a call, send a card, ask if they'd like to talk, help with practical matters—it can mean a lot to show a caring gesture.

LISTEN

Give them a chance to talk about whatever thoughts or feelings are on his or her mind. Try to be accepting and non-judgmental.

DON'T MINIMIZE THE LOSS

Avoid trying to make them feel better by minimizing the situation. Express empathy for how they are feeling.

GIVE THEM TIME

Allow the person to grieve as long as he or she needs to.

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