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Rape cases investigated county-wide, campus-wide

Katy Sword
Argonaut

Former University of Idaho student Jesse Vierstra awaits his March 6 trial after being charged with one count of felony rape at a Sigma Chi party Oct. 6.

Vierstra's case is one of eight rape cases filed with Latah County court in 2012, totaling 36 rape and 3 attempted rape cases filed in the past 10 years.

Since the victim in Vierstra's case is a UI student, the incident is investigated by the university as well as law enforcement. Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said there are three responses the university makes in allegations

of sexual assault.

"One is to provide prevention programming and resources, education programming and another response that we have is providing support to the victim and making sure that their emotional and medical needs are taken care of," Pitman said. "We have a third area of response and that is investigating situations that are brought to us, at least for the purpose of seeing if there is a student disciplinary matter that can or should be resolved."

He said as an institution, UI is required under Title IX to investigate all sexual assault allegations.

"Even if there isn't a possibility of disci-

plinary action because we need to understand if there are broader risk issues that need to be dealt with," he said. "If there is a situation that comes to our attention and we feel there are some systemic issues that we need to address, we may go for trying to address those issues even if a victim is not comfortable with a prosecution or disciplinary matter. There may still be things related to student safety that we need to deal with. We need to pay attention to the needs of the victim, but also need to deal with larger campus safety issues if we are able."

Craig Chatriand, associate dean of students, said another factor in university investigations is the environment.

More info

To read live tweets of the Jesse Vierstra trial, follow @uiargonaut on Twitter at 11 a.m. Wednesday. More coverage of the trial will be online at uiargonaut.com.

"We identify if it happened in an environment where sexual assault is likely to occur. Did this happen at a party where students are trying to get students drunk to the point they pass out and can have sex with them?" Chatriand said.

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MOSCOW MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS



Liam Donohoe | Argonaut

People gather outside the Garden Lounge in downtown Moscow in celebration of Mardi Gras on Saturday. The Garden was one of six different venues including Moose Lodge, John's Alley, Mingles, Eagles Lodge and The Studio that hosted bands. The Garden featured the band Turner-Jones Connection. All proceeds from the Moscow Mardi Gras event benefited local youth groups that applied for grants.

Parting with the president

Community reacts to Nellis' pending departure

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Before University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis had unpacked his moving van in 2009, he was in downtown Moscow in the center of Friendship Square judging a "Most Patriotic Dog" contest with Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney. The contest was part of the City of Moscow Fourth of July celebrations and Chaney said that was how she knew Nellis would be a good fit for the community.

"I knew he was a keeper in that moment," Chaney said. "I'm sad to hear they're leaving and I think President Nellis has been an influential leader at the University of Idaho and really led it in a positive direction. We'll miss him, and his wife Ruthie, of course."

Nellis announced Friday in an email to students, faculty and staff that he was selected as the sole finalist for the presidency of Texas Tech University.

During their time in Moscow, the Nellises stayed connected to the

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Designing from the ground up

Moscow Arts Commission calls for artistic public tree grates, manhole covers

Caroline Lincoln
Argonaut

The City of Moscow and the Moscow Arts Commission's Call for Public Artists will have people looking at the ground.

The city is looking for manhole and tree grate cover designs.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Gina Taruscio said there is now an expanded definition of arts.

"Art's not just the traditional painting, sculpture. Nowadays it includes tree grates and manhole covers. As a whole, all of these cool pieces make our community just that much better. It's a part of the big picture of arts in Moscow," Taruscio said.

The 2013 Public Art Call for Artistic Manhole Covers states the Public Works Department desires to implement an artistic manhole cover initiative that will add a public art component to the sanitary and storm sewer systems in keeping with the City of Moscow's promotion of public art.

"Anything that the city can do, including manhole covers, to make our environment more beautiful and interesting will not only make our community more enriched — it will also bring in more tourists," Taruscio said.

City of Moscow Art Director Kathleen Burns said art can be ornamental and purposeful at the same time.

City Ordinance No. 2004-30, written by City Attorney Randy Fife, dedicates 1 percent of the total cost of all funded capital improvement projects, when appropriate, to facilitate the inclusion of art in public places.

Burns said the Moscow Arts Commission looked at the ordinance as an opportunity to generate art in public space and the 1 percent dedication is enough for now.

"Part of the arts department's mission statement is to provide innovative, cooperative and accessible programs," Taruscio said. "I think this hits innovative right on the button. When you call for manhole covers, some people prefer to work in metal

More info

The deadline for Public Art Call submissions are due at 5 p.m. March 18. Applications are available at www.ci.moscow.id.us/arts/Pages/public-art.aspx, the first floor of the Moscow City Hall or by email at dscallorn@ci.moscow.id.us.

as a medium."

Burns said the public arts projects create engagement and add richness to a community.

Winning artistic manhole cover designs will be used throughout the city with new construction and replacements of existing covers.

The selected artists will be paid \$100 for each chosen design.

Specifications for entry are on the Moscow City website. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. March 18.

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The Moscow Arts Commission chose a design by local artist Robert Horner titled "Helio Terra" to feature in Gritman Medical Center's Wren Welcome Garden last summer. This year, the commission is searching for Public Art Call artists.

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Creamy vegan macaroni

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Preparing mac and cheese from a box is easy. There's little fuss and little muss. But some days, especially the snowy and rainy ones, the boxed variety doesn't cut it. Comfort food is what our bodies desire. This mac and cheese recipe is sans artificial flavoring, quick to make and doesn't even need cheese to be creamy.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound elbow macaroni (whole wheat or brown rice varieties work well)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 15-ounce cans full-fat coconut milk
- 1/3 cup nutritional yeast (can be found in grocery bulk sections)
- 1/4 cup finely ground cashews

- 1/2 t. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 t. powdered garlic
- 1 tsp. sea salt, plus more to taste
- 1 tsp. parsley
- 1 tsp. basil
- Black pepper
- 3/4 cup Italian bread crumbs

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Oil one 9 by 13 inch casserole dish. Set aside. Prepare the pasta according to instructions. Drain and set aside. Using a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the flour to the pan, whisking constantly with a wire whisk to avoid burning the flour. Gradually add the coconut milk, about 1/4 cup at a time until the mixture is thick. Add the nutritional yeast, ground cashews, tahini paste, Dijon mustard, onion powder,



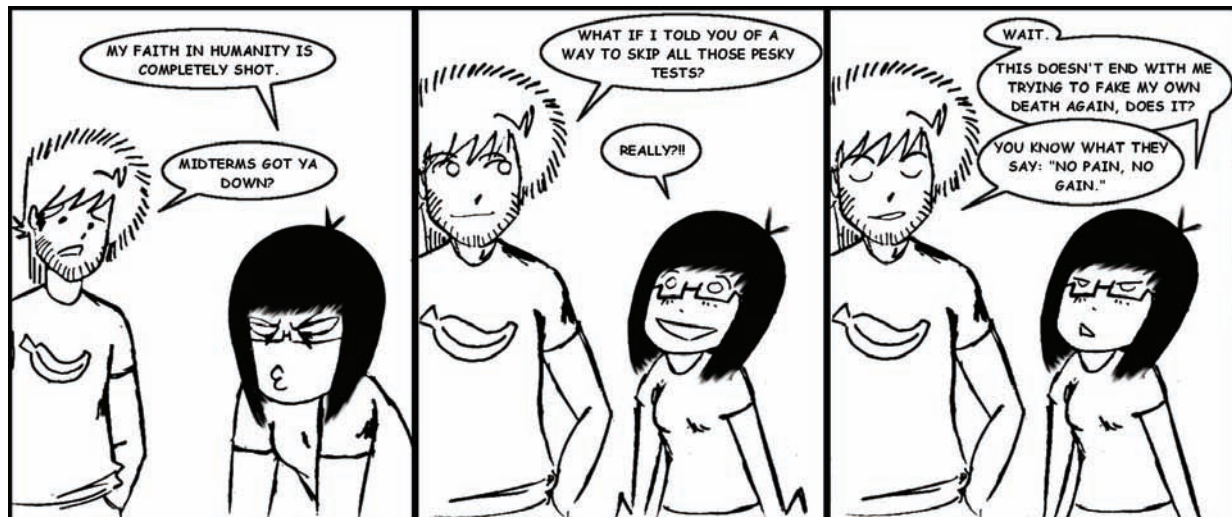
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ground garlic, and salt. Add the pasta to the saucepan, mixing well.

Place the saucy pasta in the prepared dish. Crumble bread crumbs on top. Bake uncovered for 15-20 minutes, or until the top is golden brown. Serve hot or save some for lunchtime leftovers.

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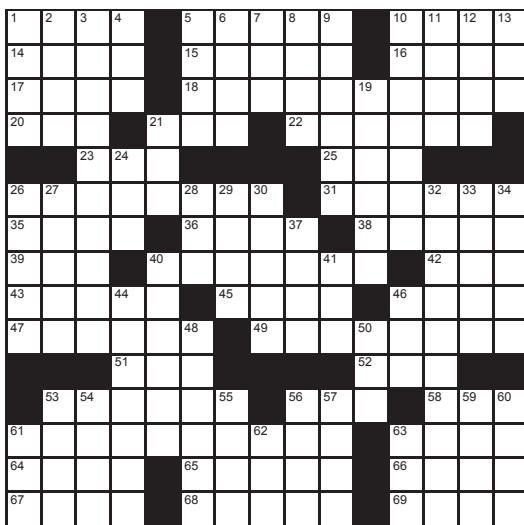


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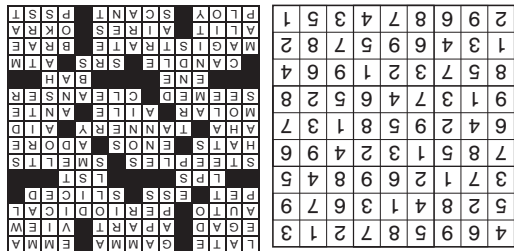
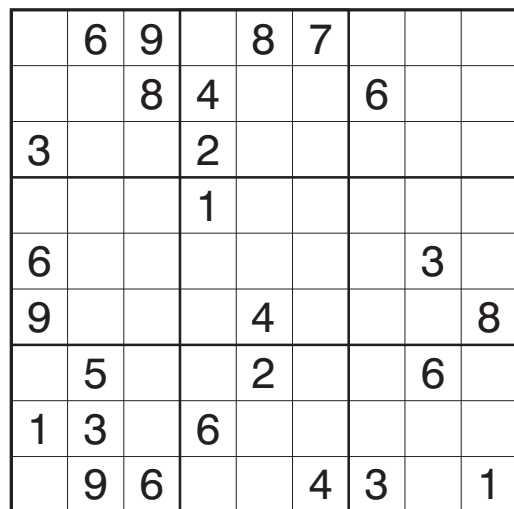
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Moscow resident Sharon Schafor shops at the Moscow Food Co-op Thursday. The Co-op, which was founded in 1973, is celebrating 40 years of serving the community.

40 years of local food love

Moscow Food Co-op celebrates multiple anniversary events

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

Stocked with items from produce to peanut butter, the Moscow Food Co-op is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing organic and locally-produced fare in Moscow.

Erica Wagner has been the Co-op's outreach and education coordinator since January 2011 and has organized multiple events to increase community involvement with the Co-op.

"I have worked with farmers in other states for several years and I find it to be one of the best parts of my job," Wagner said. "The Co-op community is really dedicated to educating themselves about food, who grew it and where it comes from."

Founded in 1973, the Co-op has made it their goal to bring natural foods to the Palouse. The store moved to its current location on Fifth Street in 2005. The store's sales increased 50 percent following the relocation, according to the Co-op.

Former Co-op wellness manager Melinda Schab transitioned into the position of general manager of the store in November 2012. Schab said working at the Co-op has expanded and renewed her knowledge and commitment to the importance of organics and natural health.

"I'm certain that my experiences at the Moscow Food Co-op have inspired me to be more mindful and supportive of the local food economy," Schab said. "I am an enthusiastic supporter of doing business locally (and) I am fully committed to the cooperative business model."

Even though Schab has only been general manager for three months, she said she knows the co-op has grown and expanded the last 40 years and she is anticipating more positive growth in the future. One of the biggest ways the store has expanded years has been through educational and outreach efforts.

The Co-op sponsors the Food for Thought film series, an outreach program implemented to educate the public on issues that relate to the Co-op's foundational mission: to build a "strong, dynamic, consumer-owned natural foods cooperative through the use of ethical and sustainable business practices."

The film series is shown at the Kenworthy Performing

Arts Centre and illustrates the importance of eating locally, maintaining healthy water systems and issues concerning food justice.

Wagner said the Co-op community is committed to learning about differences in the items the Co-op stocks. The Co-op lingo can be difficult to understand, from "locally-harvested" and "organic," to labels like "gluten-free" and "no GMOs." Wagner said it's important the differences be discussed.

"Sometimes it takes some extra work to talk about the true cost of food and why some of our products might be more expensive," Wagner said. "But as long as we can have a dialogue with people about these food issues, we have done our job."

Wagner said the Co-op is continually searching for ways to decrease consumer waste and increase awareness for reusable items in the local community. In April 2011, the Co-op stopped using plastic grocery bags at registers and has initiated a

program to donate a dime to local non-profits each time a customer brings in a reusable drink cup or grocery bag.

"Consequently, we've been able to save several hundreds of thousands of cups and bags from making it into the waste system," Wagner said.

Schab said putting time into understanding the importance of living greener is a major goal of the Co-op's. She said the staff at the store will take every opportunity to educate the public on the benefits of supporting sources of local, organic and natural food.

"I have been really in tune with the organic food movement and natural health since my early 20s," Schab said.

For Schab, learning about the local networks and local food economy has given her opportunity to partake in educating the community on similar issues.

"We are here celebrating 40 successful years because of the loyal support of our owners," Schab said. "We owe huge debts of gratitude to our owners and this community for their support — we would not be as strong and successful as we are without the larger Moscow Food Co-op family."

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No house, no problem

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

In fraternities and sororities, traditions and ceremonies are a way of life — a lifestyle that is hard to ignore and harder to forget.

Despite their house having been shut down by the University of Idaho and their charter being taken away by their national chapter, the former fraternity members of Delta Chi are staying positive by keeping their brotherhood strong and their traditions alive.

Nick Miller, former president of Delta Chi, said although it is much harder without everyone living in the same house, they try to organize some of the functions they used to do while living at Delta Chi. Recently, Miller said they informally organized one of their trademark functions, Polyester Wedding.

"It's cool to see something like Polyester Wedding actually happen. When we lived at the house, it was hard to maintain a lot of the events we did every year because of the pressure from the university and the police," Miller said. "Even though we still all hang out, everyone is busy a lot of the time, so this kind of event gets everyone together at one place — some people I saw at Polyester Wedding I hadn't seen all semester."

Polyester Wedding is an annual Delta Chi themed event where each member chooses a date and dresses up in vintage clothing. Themed functions were not only put on at Delta Chi, but take place at most Greek fraternity houses.

Peter Horan, a former social chair of Delta Chi, said he helps organize the informal events.

"All the communication is facilitated through a Facebook group we've always had for the house," Horan said. "Without a chapter, now its main function is to loosely organize how we used to put together our events."

The Facebook group finalizes all the details, Horan said, such as the kind of event they are having, where it will be hosted and the date that works.

"Having an event at an off campus location is a lot less pressure than when we lived at the house," Horan said. "It's a lot different not being at the house, but

still nice to get everyone together."

Not only do the members try and get together socially, but Cody Arrasmith, a Delta Chi fifth year said as an upperclassman, he encourages underclassmen to stay positive about maintaining their brotherhood and friendship despite not having a charter or a house.

"Our friendship between each other is still the strongest," Arrasmith said. "Our brotherhood was not just about living in the house together—it was the people in the house that made it what it was."

Arrasmith also helped with organizing polyester wedding, which he said was one of the first times all year everyone came together as friends.

"We put on informal, themed events like this because we can all enjoy ourselves and reminisce about the old days," Arrasmith said.

Miller said although it is unfortunate they got shut down, it is nice not worrying about the pressure UI put on him as the president, along with the rest of the Delta Chi members.

"We were receiving so much pressure from the university and it caused a lot of tension and anxiety throughout the house. In a way, it's kind-of relieving — we don't have to worry about anything negative that's going on or getting in trouble," Miller said. "We can hang out with each other without worrying about what I'm doing or what he's doing — now it's nice just to see people."

Miller said Delta Chi will be back on-campus in spring 2015. It's just a matter of getting their charter back from nationals and waiting until the lease with Steel House runs out. In the meantime, however, he said it is nice to maintain some of their traditions.

"Putting on some of our events is cool—it keeps a little bit of our traditions alive," Miller said. "It will never be what it used to be at the house, but for us (the seniors), we had multiple functions, like Polyester Wedding, that we did every year. Keeping it alive in some version shows the underclassmen a little glimpse of what it used to be like."

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Resolve to be equal

ASUI Senate sends resolution to Capitol urging to end discrimination

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate urged the Idaho state legislature to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the protected clauses of the Idaho Human Rights Act Wednesday.

The senate passed an amended version of resolution S13-02, after it was discussed at the previous meeting, and while it passed, the vote was close.

Because several concerns were raised about the tone of the bill, ASUI Director of Diversity Affairs Samantha Hansen decided to amend the resolution before sending it to the legislature.

"I thought the first resolution was kind of lacking in a couple areas," Hansen said. "I am pretty busy, so I wrote it and I didn't think all the pros and cons through all the way. When the senate heard it they were like, 'oh what about this.' After hearing the concerns raised, and talking to the senators who voted no, I decided to amend it."

Hansen said the idea for the resolution started when ASUI Student Lobbyist Andrew Blake brought

the "Add the Words Campaign" to her attention. He asked her if she would be interested to partner with a senator and try to get a resolution through the senate.

Senator Max Cowan, who sponsored the resolution, said the changes were focused primarily on language. Several senators expressed concerns that some of the "whereas clauses" within the first draft could be construed as descending to the legislature.

The concerns with tone were addressed and two clauses were added, one stressing that more than 50 percent of students live off campus and are not protected by the UI's policy of nondiscrimination, and mentioning that university alumni who choose to stay in Idaho are not protected.

"An important thing to note is that we are not calling for social change with this resolution," Cowan said. "The Idaho Human Rights Act provides protections in living for Idaho residents. These things should not be denied to anyone."

ASUI President Hannah Davis said the resolution shows they care about everyone in the state having equal rights.

"So that's what students stand for," she said



Hayden Crosby | Argonaut

ASUI senator Max Cowan, made a proposal to the Idaho state legislature to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the protected clauses of the Idaho Human Rights Act Wednesday in the Whitewater room in the Idaho Commons.

Hansen also said it affects people outside the LGBTQ community.

"These words are not in there right now, and what that means is that anyone can be fired, and here's the thing, you don't even have to be queer," Hansen said. "Someone could just think you are and they could fire you. This isn't just a gay rights issue, it is an everybody issue. Even if you aren't gay, you have no legal recourse because this discrimination is totally legal."

Senator Bruno Arama, one of the most outspoken critics of the resolution, expressed concerns about how the resolution exceeds the reach of ASUI.

"Because we have such a conservative legislature they might

look down upon us for it," Arama said. "I think it comes down to picking your battles, and I don't think this one can be won for at least another decade."

Blake said he isn't worried the resolution will harm UI in any way.

"While with such a conservative legislature, gay equality and rights are contentious, but I am not concerned because ASISU has already passed a similar amendment, and ASBSU is discussing a similar amendment and I would be surprised if it didn't pass," Blake said. "Not to mention that any concern that it would impact funding is misfounded. The state doesn't fund ASUI, they fund UI, and if they were to cut funding based on a student organization it stands to

reason that they would cut funding for the other institutions as well. I just don't think that's likely."

Blake said the goal of the resolution is to create media pressure in an effort to get the amendments to add the words out of the State Affairs Subcommittee, where they have been stuck for the last seven years. Blake said the amendments were not even printed last year, and there has not been a public hearing on the issue.

Hansen offered what she said is a realistic perspective on this goal.

"While getting it out of committee is the goal, we are hopeful, but not naive," Hansen said.

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Chatriand said UI tries to provide education for these environments.

But he said students sometimes don't want to pursue the investigation because they don't want their parents or peers to find out and they feel it is their fault.

"It can be extremely intimidating and scary for victim or survivor to repeat (the incident)," Chatriand said. "Number one, we need to have students feel they can talk to us. Our culture nationally is not always set up to where people feel conformable to where they can do that."

Erin Agidius, coordinator of student conduct and community standards, said the process for these investigations is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Following an investigation, the University Judicial Council hears the case. The party filing charges and the accused student have an opportunity for opening statements summarizing their evidence. After all evidence is heard, the UJC makes their decision in a closed session. If the accuser is found to have violated the code of conduct, a sanction is determined based on the severity of the violation — ranging from a warning, to suspension to expulsion.

Agidius said normally the Student Code of Conduct only allows the UJC to adjudicate conduct on campus, but with issues of sexual assault university jurisdiction is extended to include off campus.

Pitman said although he cannot comment on the upcoming trial, he said he admires the student who filed charges against Vierstra for

taking the matter forward into the criminal justice process.

"I hope the matter will be dealt with quickly, and this has taken quite a while for her and for her family for it to get to this point," he said. "For their sakes I hope it is resolved quickly."

Chatriand said the university's focus as a whole in handling sexual assault is on prevention.

"With the just-hired coordinator of violence prevention (Virginia Solan) she is ramping up to put some additional programming in place," Chatriand said.

He said Solan is working to bring the Green Dot bystander intervention program to campus.

Ten to 15 faculty and staff will be trained in April in the program, bringing the information back to UI to train student leaders and anyone else interested.

ASUI President Hannah Davis said she hopes student leaders are trained in the program because it will help not only with sexual assault but with intervention in all matters — including substance abuse and eating disorders.

Chatriand said he is also looking to implement an online education program for new students.

"The module is two and a half hours and deals with a wide range of topics from healthy relationships, sexual assault, substance abuse and bystander intervention," he said. "I feel it's pretty modern and much more engaging. It's not PowerPoint slides to flip through, it's interactive."

He said he hopes to launch the program

this summer and next fall for incoming freshman.

Solan said with her focus on prevention, she is working to develop outreach and education opportunities for UI students.

"The goal of myself and the students I am working with in The Power Project is to replace that culture with one of active bystanders and other messages that make it clear to would-be perpetrators that we do not tolerate or condone interpersonal violence through language or action," she said. "We want victims and survivors to know that the University of Idaho is a community that embraces safety, freedom and justice for all individuals, no matter what gender they identify as."

She said she is also creating a Speaker's Bureau — where those interested will be trained to speak in classes, on panels and at events about the nature of violence through their personal experiences.

Solan's office is also starting to utilize multi-media platforms including a blog and a bi-monthly radio show featuring personal stories and voices of survivors.

"We know that cultural change is possible," Solan said.

Pitman said to be effective, all of UI's programming needs to be connected.

"The prevention program needs to be connected. The risk factors in the investigatory work that we need to do needs to be connected to what we're able to do in our campus disciplinary process," he said. "Our education program needs to be connected to the care process because we need to be able to give students accurate information in our education programming in what they can and need

to expect if they are a victim. The parts of this work need to be well coordinated, and it's our responsibility."

Chatriand said sexual assault is one of the more challenging things he deals with.

"Personally it's very impactful to hear students sit in my office recount traumatic experiences," he said. "But I believe firmly to my core that we need to stop inner violence and work on these issues on campus."

Davis said she thinks UI is at a point where rape culture is about to change on campus.

She said women are not afraid of someone jumping out of the bushes anymore or afraid to wear tight clothes because they understand if they are attacked, it will probably be by someone they know.

"It's an issue on every campus, especially as campuses get larger," she said. "This might sound bad, but because we are finally standing up for ourselves and reporting (rape, the) numbers increase. If a friend says they were sexually assaulted, we know how to approach it better."

She said education is important, and hopes the Green Dot program will continue once implemented at UI as well as the new ASUI position, Director of Safety and Violence Prevention recently filled by Nick Dimico.

"This is something that isn't going away," Davis said. "We need to keep talking about it and know campus is a safe place and if a person has malicious thoughts or intentions toward students, they are not accepted by the student body."

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PRESIDENT

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community, a precedent Chaney said she hopes the next president will continue.

Lt. Dave Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department frequently met with Nellis and said the department and the city will have to start over to build a new relationship with the next president.

"A lot of those pieces are still in place with the people that we have contact with but with the leader of an organization you have to establish those relationships again," Lehmitz said.

Lehmitz said he hopes the relationship between the university and the city remains as open as it has been in recent years.

"I just think it needs to be the same as it was before. We've had a great relationship in the past and I don't foresee that changing in really any way," Lehmitz said.

Lehmitz said he appreciated that Nellis consistently made an effort to make his interactions with the city members

very personable.

"Him and his wife are just really nice people, always very professional and just really nice people," Lehmitz said. "One thing that he always told me, he always told me he really appreciated what I did."

Moscow city council member Wayne Krauss said although he is disappointed Nellis is leaving, he was not overly surprised by the news.

"It seems like Moscow is a community where people come and enrich themselves but they continue to move on as their goals get higher. Moscow seems to be a springboard a lot of times for a lot of folks," Krauss said.

Krauss said he and the other council members have gotten to know Nellis well during his four years in Moscow and said Nellis and his wife Ruthie have always been

welcoming and open to the community, as well as supportive of all university entities.

"I think he's made an awful lot of friends, and his wife Ruthie is a very warm, welcoming individual and I'm sad to see them go. I think they've represented the University of Idaho very well," Krauss said. "He always invites the city and city officials to the first UI home football game to join him in his presidential box and I can remember last year he was really disappointed that we lost and even though he contained his disappointment, you could tell when we left that he was pretty sad that we hadn't won."

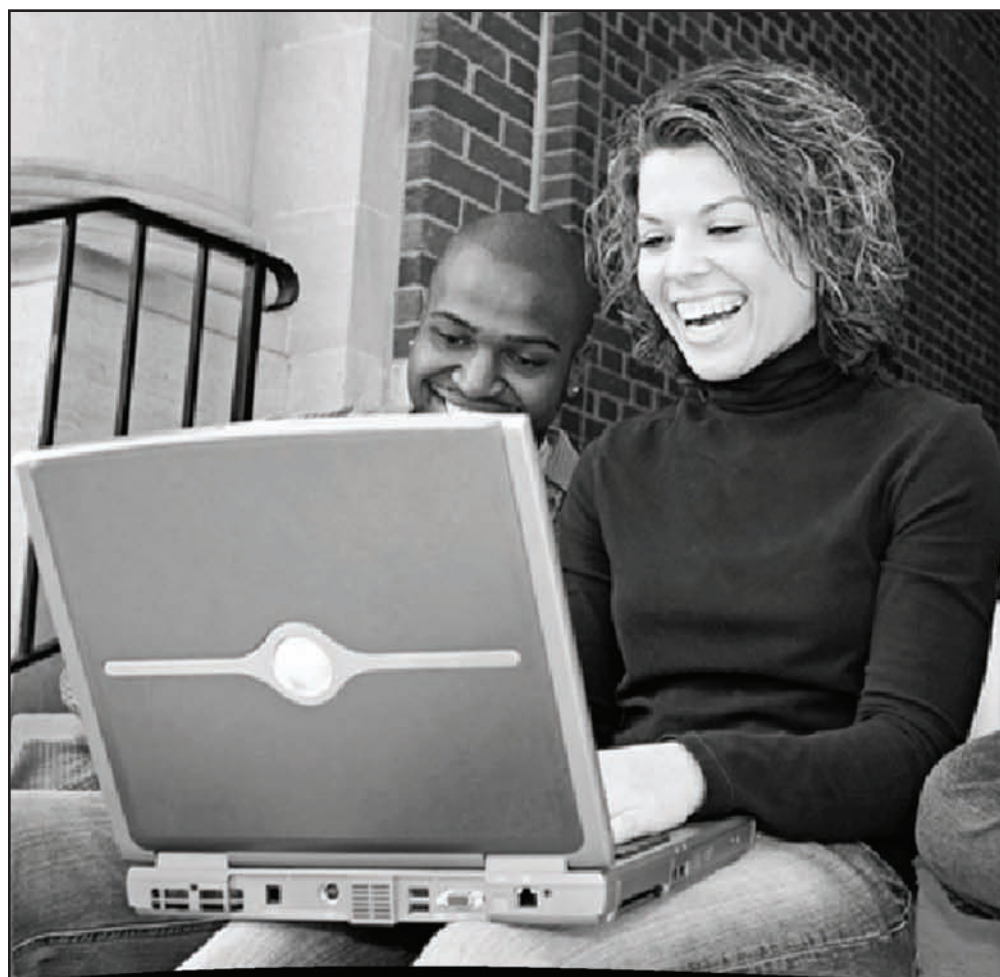
Krauss said he'd like to see the relationship between the community and the university continue as the search for Nellis's replacement takes place.

"The cooperation between the University of Idaho and the City of Moscow has just been really, really good, we seem to be working toward the same goals which is betterment of the University of Idaho and better living conditions in the City of Moscow," Krauss said. "I'd like to see it continue in the same manner that it has been where we keep working toward the same goals. A really good example of that is the new intermodal transit center."

Chaney said the Nellis's have been tremendous community members and said she wishes them the best on behalf of the City of Moscow, but she also sees great things ahead for UI and the community.

"They have been tremendous community members and we will certainly miss them but we have a really strong administrative team at the University of Idaho and I think people will carry the load well until such time as a new president can be selected," Chaney said.

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SPORTS



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11-0, not slowing down

Idaho men's tennis crushes Montana, Montana State as Vandals continue their winning streak

Anthony Kuipers
Argonaut

The 57th ranked Idaho men's tennis team gave a glimpse of what to expect when they move to the Big Sky next season by shutting out two future conference rivals Saturday in Missoula, Mont.

The 11-0 Vandals kept their winning streak alive with a 7-0 win against the University of Montana Grizzlies in their morning match and a 5-0 victory against Montana State in the afternoon.

Idaho won all but one match against Montana to avenge its upset loss to the Grizzlies two seasons ago when Idaho was nationally ranked. Sophomore Dmitry Perevoshchikov and senior Ivan Krijanto tied Montana's Semion Branzberg and Zach Drost at the No. 3 doubles match before narrowly losing 8-7. After that, Idaho rolled, winning the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches while sweeping the singles matches.

Coach Jeff Beaman said the doubles matches helped give them the momentum they needed the rest of the match.

"Once they really kicked it into gear - taking it to a tie at No. 3 then a win at No. 2 - they really cruised from there," Beaman said.

Seniors Abid Akbar and Marius Cirstea won at No. 1 while sophomore Cristobal Ramos Salazar and junior Jose Bendeck won at No. 2. Both pairs are undefeated this season. Beaman said the unstoppable pairing of Akbar and Cirstea at No. 1 gives them confidence heading into any matchup.

"Just to feel that you have a good chance at winning the No. 1 spot every time, it takes a lot of pressure off the No. 2 and No. 3 guys," Beaman said.

Perevoshchikov continued his undefeated streak of singles victories by winning at No. 1 against Mikolaj Caruk, the Big Sky Conference Tennis Player of the Week two weeks ago. Akbar and Cirstea won at No. 2 and 3 respectively, while Bendeck won at No. 4. Salazar won at No. 5 and Krijanto won at No. 6. Bendeck and Krijanto both fought their way to three-set victories.

Idaho had already clinched its victory against MSU before the match ended early due to inclement weather. Once again, Perevoshchikov, Akbar and Cirstea won at the top three spots in singles.

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File photo by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut
Abid Akbar, senior, prepares a backhand shot in a practice doubles match Jan. 10 in the Kibbie Dome. Akbar and a slew of Vandal tennis players went undefeated in sweeps of Montana and Montana State Saturday in Missoula. Idaho moved to 11-0 on the season and will now prepare for matches against No. 45 Oregon and St. Mary's Friday and Saturday in Eugene.

Athletes of the week

Kyle Barone- men's basketball

Barone may have just sealed the deal for WAC Player of the Year, as the conference's leading rebounder and third-leading scorer had another double-double in Idaho's Saturday win against Texas State. The Vandal win clinched the No. 6 seed in the upcoming WAC Tournament, much of that due to Barone's 26-point 14-rebound outing. Barone went 12-for-17 from the field, made both of his free throw attempts and blocked three shots. He's had double doubles in 11 of Idaho's 17 conference games this season.



Kyle Barone

Christina Salvatore- women's basketball

As one of three freshman starters, Salvatore is becoming one of the many reasons the young Vandals have been so successful in conference play thus far. On Thursday, the conference's second-best 3-point shooter broke Idaho's record for 3s made in a season when Salvatore hit No. 76 and 77 in the Vandal's win against Texas-San Antonio. She would have broken a record originally set by Susan Wolf in the 1998-99 season, when Wolf made 77 3s.



Christina Salvatore

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Mediocre match play

After close win on road, women's tennis comes home to prepare for match against Eastern Washington Wednesday

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

Idaho women's tennis will come back home this week after a win against Montana State and losses to Montana and New Mexico in Bozeman, Mont., finishing what was a rocky streak of road matches as the Vandals look forward to playing Eastern Washington at home.

In the Friday opening match of the trip the Vandals won a close 4-3 match, bringing flashbacks to their hard-fought win against Nevada two weeks ago. In No. 1 doubles and No. 1 singles Victoria Lozano and Almudena Sanz gave the Vandals a good head start. Lozano, at No. 1 singles, won the first set 6-2 and dominated the second set 6-1. Together Sanz and Lozano battled for a 9-7 win in doubles against Bobcats senior Charlotta Hjalmarsson and junior Paulina Lopez Trevino. Sanz also did her part shutting out the Bobcats' Iva Parapunova 6-0 in the first set followed by a 6-3 win in the second set.

Belen Barcenilla lost at No. 4 singles, giving the Bobcats a fighting chance, but Constance Alexander at No. 3 singles lived up to her personal expectations to win 6-4, 7-5. Alexander came back from a 5-0 deficit against the Bobcats to get the win. Including Nevada two weeks ago, this is her second consecutive singles win. Alexander and Barcenilla have dominated in doubles play this season, and won 8-6 against the Bobcats. When playing together in any doubles spot, Barcenilla and Alexander have only lost once this season.

Despite the Vandals' 4-3 victory against Nevada and the Montana Grizzlies' 6-1 loss to the Wolf Pack while

back, the Vandals didn't have the same luck against the Grizzlies they did against MSU, losing 5-2. Lozano tried to help the Vandals with a win in No. 1 singles in a tough match lasting three sets, but other than another hard-fought win in three sets at No. 6 singles from Bety Flores, Idaho couldn't rack up any more wins to help the cause. Not even Barcenilla could make the difference. For the first time this season, Barcenilla failed to get a match win, losing in both singles and doubles.

In both matches the Vandals played contrary to statistics that could have proven completely different outcomes. Unlike the Bobcats, the Vandals lost to Portland State and unlike the Grizzlies, the Vandals beat Nevada. Idaho appears to be unpredictable this season, starting off with four consecutive losses, shutting out Idaho State 7-0 for the Vandals' first win, being swept by Boise State for their fifth loss but then winning two matches in a row only to lose two consecutive games.

The Vandals fought hard in Sunday's match against the New Mexico Lobos, but still could not deliver a match victory. After defeating Sanz and Alexander in No. 1 doubles, the Lobos skated by Lozano and Barcenilla 8-6. The Lobos captured the doubles point, closing off Alejandra Lozano and Beatriz Flores despite the No. 3 doubles team winning five games. Singles was not as easy for the Lobos. Victoria Lozano was defeated 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1 singles but the Vandals remained optimistic with Sanz winning at No. 2 followed by Alexander rallying at No. 3. Barcenilla couldn't keep the streak

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Janelle Stacy tunes up her freestyle form during practice at the Idaho Swim Center Jan. 31. The Vandals finished fourth in the WAC Championships and junior diver Paige Hunt was named the WAC Diver of the Year.

Rewarded at WAC Championships

Vandal diver named Diver of the Year as team conclude championships

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

It was a historic weekend for the Vandals at the WAC Swimming and Diving Championships, which took place Feb. 27 through March 3, as Idaho fielded the WAC Diver of the Year and finished a program-high fourth place at the meet. Idaho finished with 409 total points.

"Two years ago, this was a last-place team," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "Now, we're fourth out of nine. We've more than doubled our point total from two years ago

to now. This year we had four individual championships, we had 12 school records, we had three NCAA provisional times and we had the diver of the year."

Idaho junior Paige Hunt secured the WAC Diver of the Year honor after finishing third in the platform dive with 234.30 points on Saturday. It was her third top three finish of the weekend. Hunt had previously finished second in the 1-meter dive and third in the 3-meter dive earlier in the meet.

"This was what we know Paige is and it finally came together," Sowa said. "She

was a fierce competitor."

In the pool, Idaho sophomore Rachel Millet won her second individual event of the meet with her victory in the 200-yard freestyle in 1 minute, 47.89 seconds on Friday. It was also her second individual school record of the meet. Millet is undefeated in the 200 freestyle this year.

"That's the first time in program history that any one person has won more than one event for the Vandals," coach Sowa said. "She made some people

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Back to basics

Idaho tightens up on efficiency



	IDAHO	TEXAS ST
1ST	41	39
2ND	49	42
TOT	90	81

TOP PERFORMERS

PTS **BARONE** — 26
 REB **BARONE** — 14
 AST **MADISON** — 4

UP NEXT

3/9 **VS SEATTLE U**
 3/13 **AT WAC TOURNAMENT**

Welcome back, sir. The senior was re-introduced as the focus of the offense after having some relatively quiet offensive nights. 26 points on 17 shot attempts and two free throws is just what the doctor ordered for Idaho coach Don Verlin.

Stephen Madison — Five stars

Madison is at his best when he's attacking the basket and opening up opportunities for others, and he did just that. He scored 20 with the help of 12 free throw attempts and only missed on four shots on the afternoon. Madison is Idaho's most dynamic scorer, and the Vandals need more of this in Vegas.



Sean Kramer
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Mansa Habeeb — Three-and-a-half stars

Habeeb may have answered this critics who thought he'd be better suited to come off the bench. He did Mansa Habeeb things by attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line and adding perimeter defense. Still, he's a turnover-prone player when he gets the ball in his hands often.

Connor Hill — Four stars

A career high for Hill with 22 points, more impressively it came on 5-7 shooting from beyond-the-arc. Hill tends to get streaky, but when he starts hitting he hits consistently. Hill also went 3-5 on shots inside the 3-point line, even more impressive.

Mike McChristian — Three stars

Not the best game from Mike McChristian, who was passive on the offensive end. But he was his same consistent self on the perimeter defensively and added five steals.

Bench One star

Not a huge contribution from the bench. Point guard Robert Harris is the only player off the bench who played more than five minutes, and he didn't even score. Wendell Faines is the only bench player to score, with two.

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Coming up

Next up is Senior Night against the Seattle Red-hawks, whom Idaho hasn't played since December. The results of the game will have no bearing on Idaho's conference tournament seeding with the No. 6 seed wrapped up for the Vandals. Idaho will be scoreboard watching this weekend to find out if it will be playing New Mexico State, Denver or Texas-Arlington.

Starters

Kyle Barone — Five stars



1.	TECH	26-3(16-0)	W16
2.	DU	19-8(14-2)	W7
3.	NMS	19-10(12-4)	L2
4.	UTA	17-10(11-5)	W6
5.	USU	19-9(9-7)	L2
6.	UI	11-17(6-11)	W1
7.	TXST	9-20(4-12)	L1
8.	SJSU	9-18(3-13)	L12
9.	UTSA	8-20(3-13)	L1
10.	SU	18-19(3-14)	W1

TOP PERFORMERS

PPG **BURRAGE** — 17.4
 RPG **BARONE** — 9.8
 APG **SMITH** — 5.4

WAC Men's Basketball Tournament bracket scenarios

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

No. 1 La. Tech

The Bulldogs have clinched a share of the regular season conference title and will be the No. 1 seed at the WAC Tournament. With two losses and two Denver wins, the Aggies could clinch another share of the regular season title.

No. 2 Denver

With one victory this week, Denver will clinch the No. 2 seed at the WAC Tournament. With wins over Texas-Arlington and La. Tech, and a La. Tech loss to New Mexico State, the Aggies will move into a tie for first place with La. Tech. Due to an RPI tiebreaker, La. Tech

will remain the No. 1 seed. If the Aggies should lose both of their final games, and New Mexico State should win out, the Aggies and Aggies will tie for second place.

No. 3 New Mexico State

The Aggies can finish no higher than second place and no worse than fourth. If NMSU wins out and Denver loses its remaining games, the two will tie for second place. If the Aggies beat Texas-Arlington Saturday, they'll clinch third place. If the Aggies only beat La. Tech and UTA wins out, NMSU will finish fourth. If the Aggies lose to the Mavericks, UTA will have the tiebreaker with its win against NMSU earlier

in the season. UTA would claim third in that scenario.

No. 4 Texas-Arlington

UTA can finish no lower than fourth place due to its two-game lead on Utah State. The Mavericks beat the Aggies twice during the regular season and a tiebreaker wouldn't go into effect. If UTA beats both Denver and New Mexico State, it will claim the No. 3 seed at the tournament.

No. 5 Utah State

The Aggies are locked into a No. 5 seed at the WAC Tournament and games against Texas-San Antonio and Texas State will be irrelevant when it comes to tournament seeding.

No. 6 Idaho

By beating Texas State Saturday, the Vandals clinched the No. 6 seed in the WAC Tournament. With one game remaining, Idaho can neither move up or down in the conference standings.

No. 7-10 Texas State, San Jose State, UTSA and Seattle U

The league's bottom four teams are already locked into play-in games at the conference tournament. All four teams are eligible to finish with the No. 7, 8, 9 or 10 seed, and three of the four play at least one common bottom-four opponent in the remaining WAC match-ups. *Theo Lawson can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu*

WAC round-up

91 — 80

Idaho 91, Texas State 80

With a victory, the Vandals ensured they wouldn't have to participate in a 7-10 play-in game, securing sixth place in the WAC standings. With just one game remaining for Idaho, the Vandals can utilize Saturday's Senior Night game with Seattle U as a pick-me-up ahead of the WAC Tournament. After losing to the Bobcats in Moscow, Kyle Barone erupted for 26 points and 14 rebounds to help Idaho break out of a five-game conference losing streak. Connor Hill found his stroke from the 3-point line, making 5-of-7 en route to a career-high 22 points. The Vandals' 90 points were their highest of the season since beating NAIA school Walla Walla University in December.



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La. Tech 88, San Jose State 61

After ripping apart Utah State earlier in the week, the Bulldogs did the same to San Jose State in Ruston, and No. 25 La. Tech will move up in the national polls, while securing a share of the WAC title. If the Bulldogs win just one of their two remaining games, they'll clinch first place in regular season. They've already claimed the first seed, due to a tiebreaker, at the WAC Tournament. On Saturday, No. 25 La. Tech stormed out to a 19-point halftime lead and would never look back on the way to extending the nation's longest winning streak (19 games). Meanwhile, the Spartans may possess one of the nation's longest losing streaks. SJSU has lost its last 12 games.

Denver 66, New Mexico State 60

The Aggies have nearly clinched second place in the WAC standings, but will need one more win, or one New Mexico State loss to walk away with a runner-up

regular season finish. Four Denver starters scored in double figures and the Aggies scraped out a win despite trailing by one point at halftime. In addition, the Aggies outrebounded the Aggies by 10 and shot a 48 percent from the floor, while Denver shot just 43 percent. The difference? Denver nailed 8-of-14 attempts from 3-point land. For New Mexico State, Bandja Sy had a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Seattle U. 53, UTSA 37

The league's bottom four teams are battling for who will play whom in the play-in games. Seattle U., UTSA, Texas State and San Jose State are locked in to the bottom four places. The Roadrunners were held to their lowest points total of the season, shooting 22 percent from the fields, while two UTSA starters went a combined 0-9 from the field. Chad Rasmussen scored 20 points and Clarence Trent had a nine-point, eight-rebound outing. For the Roadrunners, Jeromie Hill and Kannon Burrage each scored 15 points.

UTA 61, Utah State 46

The Mavericks moved one game closer to fourth place and will look to overtake Utah State in the last week of regular season play. For the Aggies, the WAC's bottom dwellers remain while UTA visits second-place Denver and third-place New Mexico State. Kevin Butler led all scorers with 21 points after he went 5-of-10 from the 3-point line. Utah State had three starters in double figures but the other two combined for just five points and the Aggie bench would score just three.

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Idaho guard Ana Overgaard drives for a bucket against Texas State Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals won 72-59 and will be the No. 3 seed at the WAC Tournament.

Women keep it rolling

The Idaho women's basketball team won its second straight game on Saturday with a 72-59 win over Texas State and sent the seniors off in style, clinching the third seed in the WAC Tournament.

It was a special night for Idaho's two seniors, Jessica Graham and Ana Overgaard, but especially for Overgaard, who got her first career start. She also had the support of her entire sorority, who made shirts for Overgaard.

The two teams played a close first half, but Idaho took a 36-30 lead into the locker room. In the second the Vandals continued to build a lead and pulled away at the end to claim the 72-59 win.

Starters:

Christina Salvatore ★★★★★

Salvatore scored the first nine points for Idaho and ended with 15 to lead Idaho. While she didn't score in the second half, she's still the one who got the Vandals going in the first as the freshman continues her record-breaking season.



Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

Krissy Karr ★★★★★

Karr had an all-around solid night. She put up six points, added five rebounds and had four assists in 33 minutes of play. She had some struggles from the arch, going 1-of-8, but still contributed to the Idaho win.

Jessica Graham ★★★★★

Graham had a nice Senior Night, putting up eight points and grabbing six rebounds. The senior has had her best season and continued to add to it by helping her team win at home one

last time.

Ana Overgaard ★★

The senior started and only played four minutes, but had the support of the crowd the entire game. With about four minutes left in the game the crowd began to chant for her and she got in with just over a minute to go. During the last minute she hit a layup that brought the crowd to its feet. It was a night the senior will never forget and that deserves some recognition.

Connie Ballestero ★★★★★

Ballestero had another good night for Idaho with eight points, six rebounds and four assists in 34 minutes of play. There's a reason Idaho coach Jon Newlee plays her most of the game. She's calm and doesn't make a lot of mistakes.

Bench ★★★★★

Idaho's bench was stellar in this one, putting up 33 points, which can be expected when regular starters Alyssa Charlston and Ali Forde are coming off it. Charlston put up 13 while Forde put up 11. Addie Schivo also got in on the action with nine. Three bench players together averaging 11 points each is not too bad.

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	1ST	2ND	TOT
TXST	30	29	59
IDAHO	36	36	72

TOP PERFORMERS

PTS **FORD/TXST — 27**

REB **PEOPLES/TXST — 10**

AST **KARR, BALLESTERO — 4**

UP NEXT

3/9 **AT SEATTLE U.**

3/13 **AT WAC TOURNAMENT**

WAC Women's Basketball Tournament scenarios

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1. Seattle U- The first-place Redhawks can finish the season no worse than second place, and by beating Idaho, while Utah State loses at least one game, Seattle U will win the regular season outright. If the Redhawks do beat the Vandals and Utah State wins out, a tiebreaker will be in place. If Seattle U loses to Idaho and Utah State wins out, the Aggies will claim the regular season title.

2. Utah State- With two remaining games, Utah State is guaranteed a ticket to the WAC Tournament semifinal, as either the No. 1 or 2 seed. If the Aggies win twice and Seattle U. loses to Idaho, Utah State will be the league's No. 1 squad.

3. Idaho- The Vandals are locked into the No. 3 seed at the WAC Tournament and will play one of four teams that have the potential to finish sixth.

4-7. UTSA,

Denver, La. Tech and San Jose State- All four teams sit at 8-8 and each will rely on two remaining games to decide their fate at the WAC Tournament. Three will avoid play-in games and one will be forced into a game with New Mexico State, Texas State and Texas-Arlington.

8. New Mexico State- The Aggies have UTA and La. Tech left on their schedule and with at least one win, NMSU will clinch eighth place. If UTA and Texas State both win out, and NMSU loses its remaining two games, a three-way tiebreaker will be in place.

9. Texas State- The Bobcats have a rigorous schedule remaining and would need to beat both Utah State and San Jose State in order to set up a tiebreaker with New Mexico State for eighth place. With one win and one loss, the Bobcats will be in a tiebreaker with UTA, should the Mavericks win out.

10. Texas-Arlington- Both UTA and Texas State have identical WAC records and have lost their past three games. UTA has Denver and New Mexico State remaining and like Texas State, would need to win out to challenge NMSU for eighth place. The Mavericks could also jump up to ninth or remain in 10th.

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1.	SEA	17-9(14-3)	W6
2.	UTST	16-11(13-3)	W2
3.	UI	14-14(11-6)	W2
4.	UTA	14-13(8-8)	L2
5.	DEV	13-14(8-8)	W2
6.	TECH	12-15(8-8)	L2
7.	SJSU	11-16(8-8)	W2
8.	NMX	12-15(5-11)	L1
9.	TXST	9-18(3-13)	L4
10.	TECH	6-21(3-13)	L2

TOP PERFORMERS

PPG **FORD/TXST — 21.4**

RPG **BYRD/SJSU — 10.7**

APG **SMITH/DEV — 6.6**

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ATHLETES

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"I happened to break the record tonight but I have to give the credit to my teammates," Salvatore said. "I don't do it on my own, it's their screens and their passes. I have a pretty easy job, I just shoot the ball, but it feels pretty good to make a positive contribution."

In the game, Salvatore finished with 11 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Saturday, the Southern California native scored 12 of Idaho's first 18 points with four 3-point shots and would lead the Vandals with 15 total points.

Paige Hunt- swimming and diving

Hunt was named the 2013 WAC Diver of the Year at the conclusion of the WAC Championships in San Antonio. A junior, Hunt reeled off impressive performances during the conference meet and despite a third-place finish in the platform diving competition, she was able to top all



Paige Hunt

competitors in the 3-meter race and finish second in the 1-meter dive. With 234.30 points on the platform, Hunt set an Idaho record, one of 12 that were set by the Vandals during the meet.

Hannah Kiser- indoor track and field

For Kiser, it's simply a waiting game, as the Idaho distance specialist awaits the field for the NCAA meet. With eyes set on a few records, Kiser ran the mile at the Husky Last Chance Qualifier meet Friday in



Hannah Kiser

Seattle, and broke both the current WAC and Idaho record in the event. Having already qualified for nationals, Kiser ran a time of 4:37.55, which topped the conference record (4:39.95) set in 2007 as well as the Idaho record (4:40.60), set in 2006.

"Running the mile for Hannah was more of a tune-up for nationals, and a chance to see if she could beat the WAC and school record," Idaho director of track and field Wayne Phipps said. "She was able to accomplish both, and win the race."

TENNIS

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Perevoshchikov beat Javier Martin-Morillas, another Big Sky Tennis Player of the Week honoree, in straight sets to improve to 10-0 on the season. Akbar earned an impressive win against Diego Campos, who entered the match 8-2 in singles matches. Sophomore Cesar Torres boosted his singles record to 10-0 by winning in straight sets at No. 4.

In doubles play, Akbar and Cirstea won at No. 1 again to improve to 10-0 this season. Bendeck and Salazar won at No. 2 and Perevoshchikov and Krijanto rebounded from their morning loss to win at No. 3.

Beaman said their success against these two teams should give Idaho confidence heading into next year when they transition to the Big Sky, especially since MSU is currently the leader in the conference standings with an 8-4 overall record. The Vandals' dominance means they have a strong chance to be immediate conference title contenders in 2014.

Idaho will try to continue its dominance this season when the Vandals face their toughest test yet next Saturday against No. 45 ranked Oregon in Eugene. They will also play St. Mary's the following day.

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MEDIOCRE

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going, losing at No. 4 but Flores was clutch at No. 5. Unfortunately, in a heartbreaker where Alejandra Lozano forced three sets, losing the first and rallying back to win the second, her opponent won with a final score of 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 finishing off the match in dramatic fashion.

The Vandals will return home to play Eastern Washington at 3 p.m. Wednesday before traveling to New Orleans to face off against Youngstown State and Xavier of Louisiana. Eastern is 4-7 on the season so far as the Vandals look for their fourth victory to better a losing record of 3-7.

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really take notice of her. Thank God we have her for two more years because she's got a bright future ahead of her."

The final Vandal victory of the four-day championship meet came from freshman Jamie Sterbis in the 200-yard butterfly. Her time of 1:58.57 is almost 10 seconds faster than her time coming into the program.

Sterbis swam down the field during the last 25 yards of the race to secure the victory.

The individual victories helped propel the Vandals to their fourth-place finish but Sowa said some swims went under the radar to add depth to the team. Athletes had to finish in the top 16 to

score points for their team.

Idaho is set to make a big impact in next year's WAC Championships as it returns 23 of 26 athletes for the 2013-14 season, including the winners of all four individual victories from this weekend.



We have a vision of what this program can be and we want this to be a championship team.

Coach Mark Sowa

Before the offseason, a few Vandals hope to qualify for the NCAA Championships March 21-23 at Indiana University-Purdue. The NCAA selections will be announced Wednesday.

"I like the progress but we're not satisfied with that," Sowa said. "We want to keep moving forward. We have a vision of what this program can be and we want this to be a championship team."

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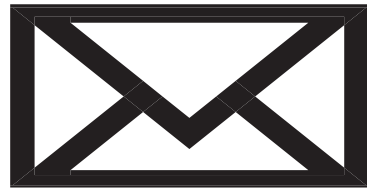
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OUR VIEW

Focus on future

Decisions should be made based on students

When asked where someone who attends the University of Idaho can go, President M. Duane Nellis said in his Friday Letter on March 1 that his answer is “anywhere.” The scope of anywhere narrowed for Nellis a few hours later to Lubbock, Texas, when he announced he is the sole finalist for the presidency at Texas Tech University.

Nellis’ announcement raises questions about UI’s future as we wait for the Texas State Board of Regents to make a final decision. It would seem, though, it’s an inevitable decision, and no one should blame Nellis for leaving.

Texas Tech University is a much larger institution than UI. Its preliminary spring enrollment is 30,399, while UI’s is 12,493. A bigger school in a bigger state is bound to have more resources and opportunities. Especially in comparison to Idaho, a state that doesn’t put funding or resources toward advancing higher education.

In March 2012, the Idaho State Legislature voted to pass a 2 percent Change in Employee Compensation for all state government departments and agencies. It was the first pay increase for UI faculty and staff in four years. This year, however, UI employees will receive no CEC during fiscal year 2014.

Many people will react to

Nellis’ announcement with the assumption he will be accepting a much higher paying position. That’s not exactly true. Nellis started at UI almost four years ago with a salary of \$335,000. Former Texas Tech University President Guy H. Bailey’s salary was \$350,000, according to the Collegiate Times.

Nellis didn’t apply for the presidency at Texas Tech University — he was recruited. It’s a prestigious opportunity that would advance his career, exactly what most professionals are looking to do.

Texas law requires a 21-day period between the naming of a sole finalist and the final contract approval, but all signs point toward Nellis’ acceptance. UI should start focusing on solidifying its future and the reason for its existence — students.

It is the students, not the president, who make UI great. UI will function just fine with an interim president, but it would not function at all without the thousands of Vandals who choose to attend Idaho’s flagship institution.

We shouldn’t be bitter or sad about Nellis’ announcement. We should accept it for what it is and base future decisions on leadership positions at UI with students’ best interest in mind.

— EE

Where’s the faith?

In recent debate, Sullivan acts hypocritical

Americans are divided on the issue of same-sex marriage, as was made clear in the Feb. 27 debate “Is civil marriage for gay couples good for society?”

Approximately 48 percent of Americans currently support same-sex marriage and 43 percent oppose it, according to a Pew Research report. This is a major shift from 2001, when 57 percent of Americans were opposed and 35 percent were supportive of same-sex marriage.

In the debate, homosexual author and blogger Andrew Sullivan argued that gay marriage is good for society, claiming that it is “pro-family, pro-dignity and pro-conservative.” On the other hand, Pastor Douglas Wilson of Christ Church in Moscow argued that gay marriage would be damaging to society, saying public acceptance of gay marriage would lead to polygamy.

While I was not entirely satisfied with the way Wilson performed, I commend him for his stance on this issue. He was unwavering in his convictions

and level-headed in his speech.

Sullivan’s performance, however, proved to be an emotional roller coaster of half-truths and innuendo. Especially problematic was his insipid and hypocritical use of Christian dogma to back his argument. He proclaimed himself a Christian, yet at the end of the debate I seriously doubted his claim to faith.

He falsely presented Christ as an advocate of gay marriage, naively using the cop-out that God and Jesus love all. Indeed, God loves all, but that does not give anyone permission to live heinously. As the Romans 6:6 states, “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid.”

Sullivan went so far as to insinuate that Christianity is based on falsehood, in light of evolutionary theory. Additionally, he declared himself as pro-masturbation and fine with couples indulging in pre-marital sex.

Clearly, this is a man after God’s own heart.

Sullivan is in need of an identity. He doesn’t seem to know what he is, bouncing from

Darwinism to Christianity to secularism and so forth. If he seeks that which violates God’s law, then he needs to stop proclaiming his doubtful Christian faith. He needs to be honest with himself, as long as he’s a part of the 48 percent.

The Bible clearly sees homosexuality as a sin — that is, a sexual perversion that strays from God’s marital establishments. As Romans 1:26-27 says, “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly...”

A true Christian cannot accept homosexuality because it violates God’s law as set in scripture.

As Christians, we need to follow God’s law and will, alone. Any other law or will belongs to our sinful flesh and the devil and must be avoided, no matter how right it may feel.

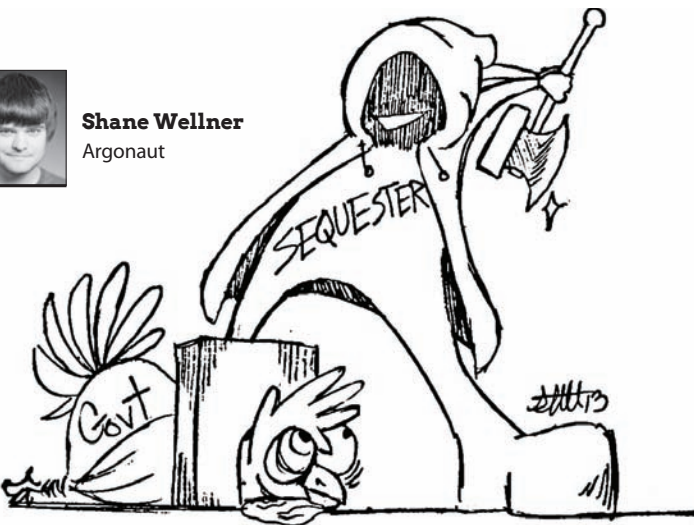
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Honesty is the best policy

UI needs transparency in working with media

Journalists are committed to being honest and fair in reporting. Journalism is a service and news is written with the public’s



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interest in mind. But seeking truth and reporting it becomes more difficult when dealing with institutions that attempt to silence student journalists.

University of Idaho President M. Duane Nellis announced Friday he is the sole finalist for the presidency at Texas Tech University. Questions about UI’s future are unavoidable after such an announcement, but they are questions that could go unanswered for almost a month, as UI media relations have not made any UI faculty or staff available for comment.

UI spokeswoman Karen Hunt released a statement to The Argonaut Monday that said “Texas law requires a 21-day waiting period before the Texas State Board of Education votes to officially name President M. Duane Nellis as their new president. Until the waiting period is over, Nellis has neither been hired by Texas Tech University nor resigned from the University of Idaho. At this point, asking people how they feel about whether or not the president will leave is speculation. Once the 21-day waiting period is over, the university will make people available for comment.”

Idaho isn’t Texas, though, and Nellis has a responsibility to address the questions and concerns generated by his announcement. “Speculating” about the future of UI, pending an almost certain decision by Nellis to accept the presidency at Texas Tech, seems like a valid inquiry. Still, it’s not surprising Nellis and other individuals are not being made available for comment by media relations. Hunt is only the mouthpiece of a longstanding policy of UI to avoid transparency when it comes to almost any topic.

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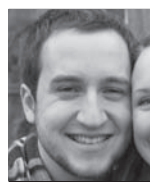
How do you feel about UI President M. Duane Nellis’ potential departure for Texas Tech University?



“President Nellis has put so much heart and effort into making this university so great. It will be sad to see him go, but we will continue on, ‘Brave and Bold.’”

— Sam Koester

“I’m not sure. On one hand, he has seemed like a good president. On the other, it seems like it’s clear that his primary motivation is money. After all the talk about how amazing UI is and how much he loves it, he moves on to what he believes is a better school that’s giving him more money; like he was just holding out for something better.”



— Ray Lyon



“I feel President Nellis has started great programs at the University of Idaho and leaving at a time like this doesn’t allow him to fully see the outcome. President Nellis’ 2011 - 2015 strategic plan has allowed UI to grow to become a leading institution in the Pacific Northwest. Nellis has a lot more to do here at UI and his work is far from over, but I do support his decision since Texas Tech University just had an enormous growth similar to Idaho and that is the reason they want Nellis to be their president.

Overall President Nellis had the best intentions for Idaho and personally he made UI affordable for first-generation, low-income college students like myself.”

— Allen Jennings

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Pep talk

“I don’t know everything, I’m just a kid. But I do know this: It’s everybody’s duty to give the world a reason to dance. So get to it.” Thank you, Kid President.

—Britt

Oh, Mr. Sun, Mr. Golden Sun...

...hiding behind a tree. Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine down on me.

—Kaitlin

Like a pro

After this week, live Tweeting will be my bread and butter.

—Katy

At a loss

...for words. Literally so. over. this. semester. Bring on spring break! I think I’ll just skip midterms.

—Molly

Las Vegas

What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. Except for the WAC trophy, that’ll come back with you. Go Vandals!

—Theo

Be responsible

Enjoy the break responsibly folks. See you all back for another sun-filled (fingers crossed) Spring season upon return.

—Amrah

Oh home

I’ve never been one to crave an epic spring break with scantily clad girls and tons of alcohol. I’m ready to spend time with my nephew and baby animals on my family’s ranch.

—Elisa

Western weekend

A moral victory in the second half against Western Washington and a win over Western Oregon. Proud of the rest of the UI rugby boys.

—Dylan

World traveler

My mom and I are finally fulfilling our dream to go to France and Italy. Let’s see how much we can cram into one Spring Break.

—Lindsey

One week.

Not only do I get to spend some amazing time with two of my best friends in Las Vegas, but I get to watch a couple Vandal teams in the WAC Tournament. Best Spring Break ever.

—Madison

Yacht club

I signed my first ever lease. I’m feeling like a big kid.

—Kaitlyn

Spring Break

Seattle with the wife and kid. Good times.

—Kasen

Watch it

If you have Netflix and have not watched “Man on Wire,” you should go and do that right now.

—Tony

HONESTY

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It's ironic that a university, which should be a champion of student expression and free speech, is so tight-lipped when it comes to its own publicity. It seems many of UI's negative media images could be averted with a little honesty and an attempt at transparency.

When graduate student Katy Benoit was shot and killed by former UI Assistant Professor Ernesto A. Bustamante in August 2011, it was not Nellis — the president of UI — who addressed a grieving university community. Instead, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman spoke during a press conference the next morning. Nellis didn't speak publicly

about the murder-suicide until a press conference four days later, and only after days of the media essentially demanding a public statement.

University records detailing Bustamante's employment at UI, his emails and student evaluations were not released to the public until almost two months after Benoit's death — once again, after being pressured by the media to release the documents.

When The Argonaut started reporting on the murder-suicide, media relations said certain administrators, such as Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Doug Baker, were not available for comment.

Although Hunt said media relations is not making any individuals

available for comment on Nellis leaving UI, she said individuals are free to say yes or no if asked by a reporter to comment on Nellis' announcement. However, it's not likely they will say yes if they have been advised by the university's spokeswoman not to speak on the subject.

The role of media relations in ensuring UI maintains an esteemed reputation is understood. What's not understood is why top-level administrators are silenced during a time when it is most crucial for them to speak and quell rumors. If UI truly is the great institution we believe it to be, then surely they have nothing to hide.

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A case of bias

KTVB'S "Culture of drinking" bad reporting

Conor Gleason
Guest Voice

The Greek community has been under the microscope lately. After multiple tragic accidents and deaths in past years, the University of Idaho has sharpened its focus on underage drinking in Greek houses. Just a few short weeks ago, Joe Wiederrick passed away hours after reportedly drinking at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After such events, the media have taken an interest in the university's alleged "drinking culture." I refer more specifically to Dee Sarton's report "UI student deaths raise concern over 'culture of drinking.'" The KTVB anchor traveled from Boise to Moscow to report and "investigate" Wiederrick's death. Her report included interviews with UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman, Moscow Police Lt. Dave Lehmitz and six university students.

I am a Greek student. Sarton's report was unfair for multiple reasons. She includes a quote by a student: "They (Greeks) get away with so much. Every weekend there's a party, and you always know about it. But the university doesn't do anything to stop those kids from drinking underage ... I think they could enforce it with the law. I think the cops should be called. They could break up parties. It's not too difficult. I see it every day."

This makes it sound like underage drinking is confined strictly to Greek houses. Underage drinking also happens in university housing — that's a fact.

There have been many cases of underage drinking and accidents in the dorms to which the media seemingly turn a blind eye. This student has the right to her opinion, but her opinion carries many stereotypes and hasty generalizations. For this reason, Sarton should have omitted this quotation due to its biased nature.

Of the six students she included in the story, zero of them belong to a Greek house. She neglected to interview a Greek student to get their point of view. If Sarton had any interest in giving an unbiased point of view, it would have been beneficial to include the perspective of someone involved in a Greek organization. But she didn't.

I have two friends who knew Wiederrick. A great deal of sincerity and authenticity would have been added to the article had Sarton interviewed one of these two people, instead of six people completely unrelated to the incident.

It's the Greek community who is blamed for the alcohol-related incidents. Wiederrick's death had an enormous impact on the Greek community as a whole.

Another element that comes into play here is one of personal choice and responsibility. I have the utmost sympathy and give my deepest condolences to the Wiederrick family for what happened. Though events were unforeseeable, Wiederrick made the choice to come over and drink at the fraternity. Had Wiederrick been drinking in the dorms, then wandered out at night, would University Housing be under

investigation? Would the media care as much? The Greek community is not taking the situation lightly, as numerous upcoming events have been either postponed or cancelled. Before jumping to conclusions and making generalizations, Sarton should have waited for more details to emerge and the toxicology report to be released, or at least done a more thorough investigation herself.

There is a trail of unanswered questions leading to what actually happened that night. Details have been released, but not enough to trace exactly what happened. As a Greek student, I see many implicit stereotypes Sarton uses in her article — whether intentional or unintentional — and the average reader could have a negative perception of Greek life after reading it. Greek students have received an overall better GPA since at least 2006 compared to the all-student average. According to UI's website. Every Greek house is required to complete a certain number of philanthropy hours and community service events.

Almost half of the students who live on campus belong to a Greek house. I'd be willing to bet that most of these students share my opinion on this report. Putting this negative slant on more than 30 percent of overall students at UI weakens the reputation of this community as a whole. It is surely not appreciated by myself and peers that Sarton would write this article in the manner she did.

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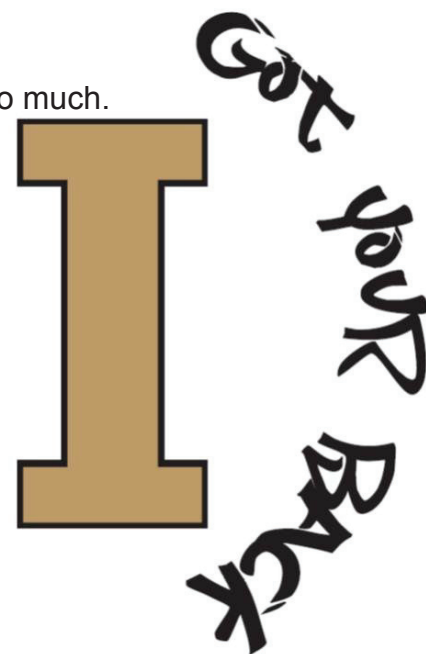
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