

# Making voters listen

Andrew Deskins  
Argonaut

At the final ASUI candidates forum March 28, senate candidate Andrew Baldrige said only about 10 percent of students voted in the last election and he wants to change that. However, based on the turnout during the two candidate forums last week it may not be any different this year.

About five people attended the forum on Tuesday in the Student Union Building Gold Room and about the same number attended Thursday's forum in the Quiet Room of Bob's Place and they left about 15 minutes into the forum.

At both forums, ASUI Elections Coordinator Lobna Abdel-Rahim asked the candidates how they would get students more involved in campus government. Senate candidate Joseph Wittreich said it is important to talk to students outside the ASUI office in order to best represent them, while vice presidential candidate Michael Cullen said he and his running mate Jim Martinez want to create a "We the Students" petition for students to voice concerns. Senate candidate Nate Fisher said



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Tanner Perkins, University of Idaho political science sophomore, casts his vote during ASUI elections. The voting station was set up in the Idaho Commons Cafeteria Monday. Voting for the ASUI elections is open until Wednesday.

there needs to be more communication between representatives and students.

Halfway through the forum in Bob's Abdel-Rahim stopped asking candidates questions and

gave them the opportunity to talk to potential voters. ASUI Communications Coordinator Melissa Kowaluk said the residence halls are a difficult audience to reach.

"To me especially I believe the residence halls can be one of the more difficult parts of campus to reach out to and motivate the students because some of them are very new," Kowaluk

said. "Give them a reason to listen to you, something that might interest them, how something you are doing might affect them."

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## ASUI President and Vice President candidate questionnaire

Name: Joe Vandal  
Major: General Education  
Hometown: Moscow, Idaho  
Living group: Kibbie Dome  
Year in school: Senior

- 1) If elected, what would you like to accomplish?
- 2) What do you think is the biggest issue facing University of Idaho students?
- 3) What is one aspect of ASUI you would change if elected?
- 4) How do you plan to address the challenges of working with UI Interim President Don Burnett?

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Joe Vandal

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## Composting on hiatus

Dylan Brown  
Argonaut

Bessie is still going to get some new bedding — she will just have to wait until next semester.

The University of Idaho Food and Farm composting program, which turns student food waste into bedding for UI dairy cows, is shutting down for renovations April 2.

Adria Mead, the Sustainability Center's student director, said the decision was made to minimize the amount of potential compost lost by closing down during the summer when food waste production is at its lowest point.

"It's something that we just recently discovered was going to be a lot easier to do if we stop collecting compost and then just get that site ready and prepared and open up again in the fall," she said.

Donations from the project's stakeholders — Sodexo, the Sustainability Center, ASUI, the Palouse Research Extension and Education Center and Environmental Science Department — will purchase a range of new composting equipment to be implemented by Aug. 1, in time for the students to return in the fall.

A one-time donation from ASUI of \$22,000 will purchase a new conveyor belt and mixer and a \$3,000-contribution from campus

dining for ecological blocks will create new containers for the compost. This money is in addition to the more than \$100,000 donated to the project since its inception in 2010 by the Sustainability Center, PREEC and Environmental Science Department.

Since the renewal of UI's food service contract with Sodexo three years ago, which stipulated campus dining had to reduce its waste by 90 percent, 111 tons of pre- and post-consumer food waste has been diverted from the landfill by the Food and Farm program.

What started as a pile at the composting site at the UI dairy farm behind WinCo has encountered some physical constraints, including just the sheer incoming volume of waste.

In order to produce usable bedding, the compost must be turned over regularly, which has been difficult with the increasing volume and sub-par equipment. The new system will help increase the rate of decomposition, turning food into compost more quickly, PREEC Superintendant Donn Thill said.

The process begins when the food waste collected at the Idaho Commons and Bob's Place is stored in large three-walled containers called "bays," which are constructed using the new eco-blocks.

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Angela Woods, intern for the Sustainability Center, volunteers to help sort the recycling, compost, plastic and landfill material in the Idaho Commons.



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

FIJI Fraternity members enjoy the great weather on Monday outside their chapter house. FIJI celebrated its 100th year at the University of Idaho March 29-31.

## FIJI fraternity: More than a memory

Phi Gamma Delta celebrates 100th year at University of Idaho

Michelle Gregg  
Argonaut

The past and present men of Phi Gamma Delta, or "FIJI," reconnected and reminisced past experiences in a celebration of the fraternity's 100th year at University of Idaho March 29-31.

Despite the Easter holiday, an estimated 130 FIJI alumni joined together for the weekend, focused on reconnecting members from the past and present, as well as highlighting the house's \$1.7 million renovation completed last year.

The reunion included a golf outing Friday and a welcome mixer at Mingles, along with an open house and dinner Saturday.

Jake LeFors, a recent FIJI alumnus, said he was really excited for the 100-year anniversary and thought it was cool to be in Moscow for this historic event.

"Being able to say that our house has been on UI campus for over 100 years

is awesome," LeFors said. "As a chapter it shows how important our time in the house was and that we still carry those memories with us."

Memories of times at FIJI are what initiated house adviser and sports editor of "The Seattle Times" Don Shelton to reconnect with the house and his own pledge class seven years ago, after his pledge-brother Andy Pedersen was diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's. It had been 30 years since they graduated and Pedersen wanted their pledge class to get together for a reunion before his memory of them started to fade.

"That's when our pledge class, myself especially, really got reconnected with the house, after not having been there in 25 years," Shelton said. "We all rallied around Andy."

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Asian fried rice noodles

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Crumbs

Rice noodles are originally from South East Asia and this recipe originates from Indonesia. A tasty sweet soya sauce allows you to experience different flavors within the rice noodle.

Ingredients:

2/3 pound of boneless chicken

6 oz dried rice noodles

1 egg

6 cups water

3 tsp vegetable oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

3 tsp soya sauce

4 tsp sweet soya sauce

Directions:

In a pan, boil the water. Cook dried rice noodles in boiling water for about seven minutes, or until soft in texture.

In another pan, put oil in a medium heat. Add minced garlic until brown. Add the chicken and wait until it's cooked. Then, add egg, salt, pepper, scramble evenly.

Combine rice noodles, soya sauce and sweet soya sauce in the pan. Mix it until seasoned evenly. Serve hot for two.

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# Professor strikes it big with NSF grant

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University of Idaho professor David Tank grew up in the woods of Michigan. He learned the names of plant species from his father, a biology professor at a community college in Michigan. Tank said growing up with science played an important part in his family’s life.

“I have five brothers and sisters, and three of us are biologists,” Tank said.

Tank started his academic career at the same community college his father taught at. After completing two years of school he transferred to Michigan State, where he completed his undergraduate. The next two years Tank worked on his master’s at Michigan State and then the

University of Washington for his doctoral studies.

Today, Tank is a professor in the College of National Resources at UI and his focus of research is in phylogenetics. Phylogenetics uses molecular sequencing to study the evolutionary relationships among groups of organisms.

Tank’s research is focused on the plant genus *Castilleja*, commonly known as the paintbrushes. The paintbrushes are very young in evolutionary terms, and have already evolved into 180 different species, Tank said.

Tank looks at the phylogenetics and geographical locations of the plants and then he is able to get an idea of when the plants started to


evolve and diverge from one another.

Professors need to find ways to get funding for their research. Tank said a lot of the work professors do is applying for grants to fund the research they want to do.

Tank applied for The Faculty Early Career Development award through the National Science Foundation. The purpose of the award is to give professors the opportunity to support junior faculty early in their careers and exemplify their role as teachers by using research and educational initiatives.

“I applied to this program that is very competitive, but I felt like I had a good case,” Tank said.

He said his evolutionary research and his teaching ex-



**Jesse Hart | Argonaut**

David Tank, College of Natural Resources professor, won the National Science Foundation’s CAREER award.

perience made him a good candidate for the award.

In December, Tank was at a faculty meeting when he got an email telling him to call the NSF. He said he has been rejected from grants before and the emails never tell him to call the foundation, so he got a little excited. He got out of the meeting, and ran to his office to call the NSF.

He won the CAREER Award.

“When I found out I was super happy,” Tank said.

Tank said he was ecstatic because he just earned \$800,000 to fund his research and passion for science for the next five years.

“It will fund all my supplies and genomic tools that I use to understand



**Amy Asanuma | Argonaut**  
Robert Wrigley, UI professor in the English department, reads excerpts out of his new publication, “Anatomy of Melancholy & Other Poems,” April 1 in local bookstore, BookPeople.

## BookPeople hosts publication party

**Allison Griffith**  
Argonaut

BookPeople of Moscow celebrated the release of Robert Wrigley’s “Anatomy of Melancholy & Other Poems” Monday night.

“We were very excited to be having a publication party for him,” said Carol Spurling, a co-owner of BookPeople Moscow.

BookPeople hosts many readings and signings throughout the year from authors of various books and sometimes films, with Wrigley the first for the month of April.

Having the readings and other events is a way

to bring new people to the store and give it a different atmosphere, Spurling said.

Also, she said that there is an abundance of literary talent in the world and having events that showcase that is important.

Wrigley is a professor at the University of Idaho in the Masters of Fine Arts creative writing program, and this is his tenth publication.

Spurling said they have had Wrigley read at BookPeople before and she always enjoys his readings.

His new publication is poetry that “examines the world through the lens of

“It is great to get a local author and bring in someone from the university.”

**Carol Spurling,**  
BookPeople co-owner

melancholia,” while at the same time celebrating humanity.

Wrigley said that he was excited for the release of his new publication and to celebrate with the people of Moscow.

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## Get rooted: volunteers plant new vegetation

**Matt Maw**  
Argonaut

More than 1,000 volunteers have helped the University of Idaho Sustainability Center plant 11 different types of trees and other vegetation on and off campus in its Get Rooted initiative. Another planting session will occur 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. April 6 behind the Facilities Services building.

UISC Director Adria Mead said Get Rooted events consistently draw many volunteers.

“Our Get Rooted program is one of our most popular programs,” she said. “It gets you outside (and) it’s a really nice atmosphere, and you feel like you’re making a real and permanent impact because you’re planting a tree that’s going to be there for years.”

Alex Rheault, UISC volunteer coordinator, said volunteers for the April 6 event will plant five different species of native Idaho trees, shrubs and groundcover. The UISC works with the staff at the Sixth Street Greenhouse Complex to ascertain the plants with the highest survival rates in relation to different planting areas. Rheault said it’s a trial-and-error process to determine what arrangement of factors best suits the plants’ survival.

“We do our best to make these trees survive

but they don’t always make it through,” Rheault said.

Mead said she conducted a year-and-a-half long thesis research project on the Get Rooted program. She discovered about 92 percent of the new plants had survived from 2010 to 2012 at one location.

One element that contributed much to the survival rate, she said, was the mulch and tree bark used to stabilize the plants. Mulch also helps the plants retain moisture and prevents weeds and grasses from invading the area cleared for the new vegetation.

Mead said the protective blue tubes that volunteers put the plants into also help at particular sites with significant wind and wildlife influence.

Rheault said the UISC sends people to help with site upkeep after initial planting is finished. She said the volunteers always work hard and will probably plant more than they expect.

“It’s fun to see everyone get excited about it,” Rheault said. “We’ll start with a big supply of trees and say we’ll just plant half of them, but the volunteers will get them all finished in a small amount of time.”

Funding for Get Rooted comes from the Sustainability Center Tree Fund. Donors can give \$3.50 through the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. to sponsor a seedling, its blue



**More info**

Contact Alex Rheault to volunteer at uisc-volunteers@uidaho.edu. Donations to the UISC, generally, or to the tree fund, can be done on the Sustainability Center website.

protection tube and wooden stake. Mead said the UISC gets more donations for the Tree Fund than for its overall sustainability fund.

“Having this tree fund guarantees us that we can plant some trees every year, and we consistently get people who love to donate,” Mead said.

Because of its high level of current Get Rooted financial support, Mead said the UISC has begun a tally of “Likes” on its Facebook page. Volunteers will plant a tree for every Facebook “Like,” up to 1,000 trees. Mead said the total is now more than 300.

Mead said new vegetation benefits the campus and the people. No one wants to step in Paradise Creek and get an infection from the pollution in run-off rainwater.

“It’s important for aesthetics to have a clean creek, it’s important for our health and it’s important for our ecosystem,” Mead said.

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# SMART: an alternative step to addiction

**Allison Griffith**  
Argonaut

Just as people learn and think differently, they can also go through the addiction process in various ways, which is one of the reasons why Sharon Fritz said the University of Idaho Counseling and Testing Center began the Self-Managing and Recovery Training program.

Though there are already successful 12 step group meetings in Moscow, students often times had trouble fitting into the AA structure, Fritz, the coordinator of Outreach, Consultation and Substance Abuse Services for the UI CTC said.

She said one of the main reasons for this is that AA is based around the belief that a higher power has some control of their thinking and actions, which many students could not relate to. Also, in AA if a person relapses, it is considered a failure, which she said students also had difficulties with.

“With SMART, for us relapse is part of recovery, we use it as a learning opportunity,” Fritz said.

SMART is a nationwide recovery program, and is based around cognitive behavior therapy.

The program is based around a group setting, with facilitators sometimes leading discussions or providing a 15 to 30 minute

psycho-educational aspect to the meeting, she said.

Fritz said SMART is not topic based, meaning the group of people at the meetings can range from drugs and alcohol to sex and gaming.

Dan O’Donnel, a co-facilitator for the SMART program, said a lot of the underlying issues of addictive behavior are similar, so even though people may be addicted to different things, they are going through similar processes.

“It’s a very open conversation around the struggles people are having,” O’Donnel said.

Fritz said they begin their group meetings talking about how the week has been for everyone and then develop an agenda based around what people shared.

Besides a variation of what people may be addicted to, the program also has various levels of what people are trying to change.

Fritz said they do not require sobriety in the program, so they have some people who may be trying to stay sober, while others are trying to moderate their behavior to a more manageable state.

There are four goals within the program — mainly to help students continue to make progress on becoming sober, but also to help deal with urges and cravings, manage ir-

rational beliefs and to have students manage their lifestyle.

“We are helping these students recognize how their thoughts and their behaviors either reinforce their drinking behavior or enhance their sobriety,” Fritz said.

The program has been offered for three or four years and sometimes there is a demand for it, while other times there is not, she said.


Reflectively, she said though the program is small — it currently has three to six students — it has been a success because when people start the program they usually stay with it.

Also, the group is open, so people can start the program whenever, and if they are busy with classes or meetings they can miss a week or two and then come back, she said.

Fritz said that at UI, 31 percent of the students meet the criteria for alcohol abuse and 6 percent of students are dependent on alcohol.

SMART is a free service that gives students who are addicted to anything, including video games and gambling, an opportunity to meet people who are going through the same things, she said.

“Having support in your life is really important to be successful in making changes,” O’Donnel said.



**More info**

If interested in joining the SMART program, contact Sharon Fritz at the Counseling and Testing Center or by emailing sfritz@uidaho.edu.

He said the SMART groups help give people that support.

It also gives people a different outlook on how to come up with solutions to their behavior, and look at the different ways people are coping with their struggles.

O’Donnel said that he was worked at other universities, and only one besides UI offered the SMART program.

“Having a SMART group on campus is a pretty unique opportunity,” he said. “It provides an alternative to the 12 step method, or can be used alongside it.”

The program is free to students and meetings are from 3:30- 5:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Fritz said it is preferred if students touch base with the CTC before going to the meetings so they can discuss that individuals goals.

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# ASUI candidate platforms

Editor's Note: Information taken verbatim from the senators' applications.

## President

**Name:** Fidele A. Amar  
**Major:** Mathematics–App. Acturial Science and Finance  
**Hometown:** Challis, Idaho  
**Living group:** Sigma Chi Fraternity  
**Year in school:** Junior



Fidele A. Amar

## Vice President

**Name:** Kendra Telin  
**Major:** Accounting and Finance  
**Hometown:** Spokane Washington  
**Living group:** Sorority  
**Year in school:** Sophomore



Kendra Telin

- 1) One of the biggest things we would like to accomplish if elected is to improve the existing promotion of all the great resources the ASUI offers. We plan on achieving this by creating the Student Resource Coalition whose main goal is finding solutions to the problem of under-utilization of student resources and promoting and advertising these resources to maximize the student benefit. Another thing we want to do is work to promote and publicize all the actions and initiatives taken by the ASUI on a statewide level to better the University of Idaho's reputation and establish ourselves as the true flagship university in the state of Idaho.
- 2) One of the biggest issues facing the students here at the University of Idaho is the rising costs of education combined with the reduction in state funding. If elected we will continue the precedent established by previous ASUI Presidents and work with the Executive Director of Planning and Budget and the Student Fee Committee to maintain fair and balanced fees for all students.
- 3) One aspect that we would like to change about the ASUI is its perception here on campus. Many students don't really know what it is, and the ones who do aren't really sure about what it does. We would like to change that with through the use of the Student Resource Coalition and advertising the ASUI better at the many events it sponsors.
- 4) We personally feel that even though the University of Idaho is going through a change at the President level, life here at Idaho will continue as normal because it is not the president who makes the university, it is all of the students, staff, and faculty who make it tick. The greatest challenge will be the same as has faced other student presidents. That is working with a new person who has a very prestigious and influential role. As outgoing and easy-to-approach candidates who are involved in many other places on campus, we will be able to communicate effectively and efficiently to best represent the interests of the students.

## President

**Name:** Max Cowan  
**Major:** International Studies and Chemistry  
**Hometown:** Portland, OR  
**Living group:** Off Campus  
**Year in school:** Sophomore

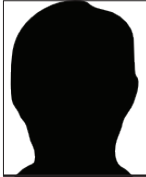


Max Cowan

- 1) If elected we would focus on three key issues: the cost of the university, sexual assault and campus safety, and campus involvement. First, we would strive to keep the student activity fee low, as well as advocate for more funding from the state legislature for financial aid and the university as a whole. Second, we would fully support the implementation of the Green Dot program on our campus to reduce the rate of sexual assault. Third, we would work to create an active, inclusive, and aware campus by increasing communication through social media and the ASUI website.
- 2) We believe that the cost of the university is the biggest problem facing University of Idaho students. The number one reason students leave the university is because of cost. Since less than 30% of university students have their full financial need met, we would address this issue by seeking more funding for financial aid from the state board of education as well as the education and appropriations subcommittees.
- 3) We would work to better communicate with students using the ASUI website and social media. Through these means, more students would be aware of the ways to get involved and we would create and more active, aware, and inclusive campus. Both social media and the ASUI website can also be used to collect student feedback on issues, allowing ASUI to better serve the students.
- 4) Maintaining a close relationship with the Interim President is key to best representing the students of the University of Idaho. We would also make sure that students are represented in this time of change by connecting with many administrators who are remaining at our university, such as Provost Doug Baker, Dean of Students Bruce Pitman, and Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Jeanne Christiansen to name a few.

## Vice President

**Name:** Taylor Williams  
**Major:** Advertising & Studio Art  
**Hometown:** Twin Falls, Idaho  
**Living group:** Kappa Alpha Theta  
**Year in school:** Junior



Taylor Williams

## President

**Name:** Jim Martinez  
**Major:** International Studies  
**Hometown:** Buhl, Idaho  
**Living group:** Alpha Kappa Lambda  
**Year in school:** Junior



Jim Martinez

## Vice President

**Name:** Michael Cullen  
**Major:** Advertising  
**Hometown:** Boise, Idaho  
**Living group:** Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
**Year in school:** Junior



Michael Cullen

- 1) Financial Aid, Accessibility, & the Vandal Experience are three items that we will improve if elected to ASUI President & Vice President. We believe that all students should have the opportunity to be involved in student government, and that many people never apply because they can't commit large amounts of time on top of school work and a job. However, we hope to get more students involved by raising awareness of the vast opportunities in ASUI: everything from being the Director of Diversity Affairs to volunteering as a member on the Communications Board.
- 2) Financial Aid is a major concern for all students. Money is distributed based on a student's high school application to the university – including GPA, major, & hometown – and this means that continuing students receive fewer funds each year. We are working with the Financial Aid Office to create an optional profile that students can update each year with current UI involvement, research opportunities, etc. This will enable students to better position themselves to receive more of the \$27 million in free aid that the university currently disperses.
- 3) Most students don't know how to make their voices heard in concern to changes in policy of ASUI. Our mission is to provide 1) "how-to" guides to write an ASUI bill & resolution & 2) introduce a We The Students petition. These are essential resources that students don't utilize because the information isn't readily available to them. We believe that all students should have the tools to create change, not just ASUI Senators. We also have an open door policy and encourage any student to approach us directly to discuss anything regarding their experience at the University of Idaho.
- 4) In the first months we will establish good relations with the interim president so that we can have open conversations with him on the direction that the University of Idaho will take to positively impact the experience of current students. Since the next ASUI President & Vice President will be on the national search committee for the next UI President, we will utilize the relationships that we already hold with administrators to collaborate on the selection of an outstanding replacement.

## Senator Candidates

**Name:** Andrew Baldridge  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Post Falls, ID  
**Living group:** Greek  
**Year in school:** Junior



Andrew Baldridge

- 1) My main goal as a Senator is to help connect Vandals campus wide and increase their involvement on campus. Also I would like to prove media and the residents of Idaho that our University is and has been Idaho's Flagship University. Through campus philanthropies which include all vandals, not just one living group, I believe we can show we are more than just students. With a multitude of community and campus philanthropic projects and educational seminars, Student organizations can get their programs out for the public to see if we can get each involved.
- 2) Instead of only increasing my availability for students to contact me, I plan on going out on campus and doing my best to answer of help with any questions students may have. I will achieve this by attending weekly student organization meetings to hear what they have to say. I believe I will be extremely successful in hearing the voices of students and their groups bring back this information to our Senate.
- 3) As a former cigarette smoker, I know the convenience of being able to smoke on campus. I also understand the fact that is no fun for anyone around the smoker to smell his smoke. I 100% agree with a majority of students that there should be designated smoking areas and have the rest of the campus smoke free. These areas I would push for proper disposal units and even heat lamps (depending on the time of year) for student's convenience.

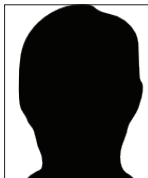
**Name:** Kelly James Fisher  
**Major:** International Studies-International Relations  
**Hometown:** Post Falls, ID  
**Living group:** Off-campus  
**Year in school:** Junior



Kelly J. Fisher

- 1) I will encourage all groups- Greek, Non-Greek, and International Students- to experience all of the amenities that Idaho's flagship university has to offer. I will also strive for media outlets throughout the entire region to recognize our school for all of the great fundraisers and philanthropies that we accomplish every year.
- 2) I am affiliated with a handful of clubs throughout campus, and I would talk to as many others as I can to make sure that events are advertised well. I would support the continuance of all current efforts to get information out as well as having open forums for students to give ASUI Senators input as to how communication can be improved.
- 3) I am neither a smoker nor a fan of cigarette smoke. But I do have many friends who smoke, and I believe they should absolutely be given designated areas in which smoking is permitted. These areas should not be right next to doors leading into buildings.

**Name:** Alejandra Viviana Gonzalez  
**Major:** Psychology/ Sociology  
**Hometown:** Jerome Idaho  
**Living group:** Wallace Residence Hall  
**Year in school:** Freshman



Alejandra Gonzalez

- 1) If elected I will work to have a student government that is well known around campus and that reaches out to students instead of waiting for the students to come to them. I want to see an ASUI that works cooperatively for the best interest of us the students but that is also diverse and a good representation of the multiculturalism in our University. Most importantly if elected I hope to be the biggest advocate for student organizations and student run events that express the talents and potentials of our students through better funding, advertising and community involvement.
- 2) Communication is important and at the moment it seems that only certain living groups or organizations get targeted through advertisement. What I would do to improve the communication is to ask our students how they

are most easily reached and through what outlets such as social media. This would be done by having the students complete quick surveys explaining how to better reach them not only about campus events but about community events as well. If elected as Senator I would take it into my responsibility to try to reach out to the entire student population.

3) We as students take pride in the liberalism of our campus. We have a campus that allows for the expression and uniqueness of our students. My views on the current smoking policy reflect just that, I believe that a large portion of our students, faculty and staff smoke and our campus should be open to that. I would also like to get student input through questionnaires and work on a policy that benefits the majority of our students.

**Name:** Nate Fisher  
**Major:** Political Science and Economics  
**Hometown:** Boise, ID  
**Living group:** Beta Theta Pi  
**Year in school:** Freshman



Nate Fisher

- Name:** Nate Fisher  
**Major:** Political Science and Economics  
**Hometown:** Boise, ID  
**Living group:** Beta Theta Pi  
**Year in school:** Freshman
- 1) There are three aspects to my platform, the first being increased student involvement. Through more effective communication and advertisement, I believe many of the university's opportunities would be better utilized. Second, I plan to work closely with the executive branch to ensure that ASUI's policies and initiatives are executed smoothly. Both the legislative and executive branches provide great resources, and fostering communication will only benefit ASUI. Finally, the centerpiece of my platform is improving student/senator communication. At times, ASUI can seem hard to access. Improving communication between the two parties would be one of the best things for ASUI.
- 2) I think that there are a lot of things we can do to improve communication between students and senators. Primarily, I believe that the Living Group Report system needs to be restructured so that they are more informative and engaging. Under the current system, it is hard to gain and benefit from much of the information presented in these forums. Changing the format to a more interactive one will create more dialogue and communication about campus events and will help ensure that opportunities on campus are better utilized.
- 3) The hazards associated with smoking and of second-hand smoke are very legitimate health concerns, and for this reason I support certain elements of a smoking ban. I believe that restricting smoking to certain areas on campus is an idea worth investigating and would be the best alternative for our campus. Banning smoking on campus entirely seems far too severe and is an option that I do not support.







# SPORTS



Photos for this year's Outdoor Photo Contest are due Friday. Read about contest rules.

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## Thinking nationally

Schultz earns national spot after February tryout

Kevin Bingaman  
Argonaut

After helping her team reach the WAC Tournament championship game last season, Idaho volleyball player Alyssa Schultz took her talents to Denver in February, where she tried out for the U.S. Olympic team and was named as an alternate for the A2 team.

The 6-foot-3 middle blocker will be entering her junior season and has already amassed an impressive record at Idaho. She was named to the WAC All-Freshman team in 2011 and earned first-team All-WAC honors as a sophomore in 2012, hitting a staggering .340 on the season, which ranked fourth in the conference.

The A2 team is one step below the national team, but practices and plays in multiple tournaments. Depending on the situation, Schultz could have an opportunity to play and practice with the team this summer.

Schultz said playing with that many talented girls showed her what the tryout was all about.

"It was more humbling than anything, but also gives me a lot of drive," Schultz said. "It makes me work harder here and become better and prove myself next year when I go."

Having a crack at getting on a national team is becoming a common occurrence at Idaho. Last year Allison (Walker) Baker tried out for the U.S. national team and at the end of April, Idaho junior Ashley Christman and senior Janelle Chow will try out for the Canadian national team.

"It's going to be another great opportunity to get better and practice with some good girls," Christman said.



Alyssa Schultz spikes the ball during a practice last fall in Memorial Gym. In February, the 6-foot-3 middle blocker earned an alternate spot on the A2 U.S. National Team in Denver.

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## Athletes of the week

### Barry Britt- outdoor track and field

Coach Wayne Phipps only sent three athletes to the Stanford Invite Friday in Palo Alto, Calif., but those three might just find themselves competing in the NCAA championships come May. Britt excelled in the 5000-meter race Friday on the Stanford campus, clocking in at 14:03.48. Britt now ranks second all-time in the Idaho record books, and his time is the best in the WAC this season by 46 seconds. It's also the second fastest time in the nation thus far into the spring season.

"Barry had a great race," Idaho director of track and field Wayne Phipps said. "His performance was fantastic and I am sure he is going to have a great season."



Barry Britt

### Kris Olugbode- football

A hard-hitting junior college transfer running back, Olugbode hit his holes as well as his defensive counterparts during Idaho's first spring scrimmage Saturday. Olugbode, originally from San Jose, Calif., carried the ball into the end zone a total of four times Saturday and racked up 108 yards on 22 carries. He accounted for the first three touchdowns of the scrimmage, which came from one, five and one yard out respectively. Olugbode also had the last touchdown of the scrimmage, coming from eight yards out. His long rush went for 25 yards and the first-year Vandal also had four catches that would go for 62 yards.



Kris Olugbode

## Finally, a winner

For 2014 repeat, Vandal women must develop

After the high of winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournament and the low of losing by 68 to the University of Connecticut, there's reason to believe our women's basketball team, ripe from breaking a decades long NCAA Tournament drought, will be our university's first major sport to transform itself into a regional power.

This team's ability to turn potential into reality depends on how much they can develop, particularly at the defensive end.

With how great it felt finally getting a team into the NCAA Tournament, it's easy to forget the Vandal women needed to win their conference tournament to finish above .500. Even easier to miss is the slim margin of victory the Vandals amassed in those three games — seven total points. How to interpret the Western Athletic Conference Tournament run will shape expectations for next season.

One view of the Vandal women's NCAA run is predicated upon luck. The Vandals were sub .500 headed into their tournament, and 3-8 in games decided by less than six points throughout the regular season. This same team ranked 279 out of 343 Division 1 teams in points allowed at 66.8 points-per-game, while boasting a .8 —meaning negative— assist-to-turnover ratio. These are numbers indicative of a fundamentally flawed team that just got hot in a weak conference.



Brian Marceau  
Argonaut

The other view requires the lens of player development. A team starting five underclassmen winning a string of close games they statistically would have lost earlier in the season is evidence of youth learning how to win. The defensive number becomes better when considering the Vandals held opponents to 38.3 percent from the field, good for 152 in the nation,

and our offensive rankings — 112 in points per game at 64.8 and number 10 in the nation in three-pointers made at 8.1 a game — could improve without any strategic adjustments by accounting for freshmen, sophomores and juniors performing better with another year's worth of practice.

Separately, we cannot ignore how hard it is for young teams to play Division 1 caliber defense. Coming out of high school, few freshmen receive the type of defensive instruction they require to succeed in college. High school players are discovered more often for averaging 20 points a game than for their defense. Teaching not just the technique but the sets and schemes a coach wants is close to a 2-3 year project with the youth the Idaho women employ.

In short, there's evidence to suggest this team's future NCAA Tournaments, conference championships and Cowan Spectrum attendance lies in the statis-

tically backed proposition that their offensive output should remain close to constant, while defense should improve significantly on that 66.8 points allowed per game.

So maybe this year's run benefited from some luck, as all successful seasons do. Yet, considering the returning talent this team possesses, there's reason to believe the Vandal women's basketball team will be the first major sport on this campus to regularly compete for conference championships and contend with local powers like Gonzaga and the University of Montana, not just for recruits but for the honor of "best in the northwest." The pressure is on to develop existing potential into something tangible, but that's one of those problems a lot of teams would love to have.

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@KramDawgSean

Ron said, without question, he would take Don in a game of one on one if they played right now. #VerlinOnVerlin

— New Pacific men's basketball coach Ron Verlin on his twin brother Don Verlin



@Rob\_Spear

I want to thank our State Board of Education and Regent of the UI for approving football membership in the Sun Belt #Govandals

— Idaho Athletic Director on finding a conference home



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— Idaho running backs coach on Saturday's scrimmage



@BrentThibodeaux

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— Insider on the future of Sun Belt football without Western Kentucky







# Volleyball reloads



Freshman Jenna Ellis prepares for a dig during practice Monday in Memorial Gym. Idaho reached the WAC Tournament championship game last season but will lose a group of starters that were crucial to the team’s success in 2012.

## Idaho prepares for spring slate after losing six seniors

**Kevin Bingaman**  
Argonaut

Last season the Idaho volleyball team came up one game short of claiming its first WAC crown when it lost to New Mexico State in the conference tournament championship game. Now after months of waiting, the Vandals are back on the court as preparation for next season is well underway.

The Vandals will get their spring season going on Saturday when they travel to play Eastern Washington in the first match of the spring.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said she is happy with the way the team has performed in practice so far, but wants to see them against an actual opponent.

“We just need to play someone else and get challenged in a new way,” Buchanan said. “I’m excited to get some of those kids to play new positions and get challenged a little bit more. They’re going to have to hang in there and play through some things.”

It will be a much different Vandal team taking the court this season after Idaho lost six players to graduation, including a host of starters, many of whom were four-year starters. With that much talent gone, there’s bound to be some issues, but Idaho sophomore Alyssa Schultz said she likes what Idaho has coming back.

“It is going to be a building year, but at the

same time I feel like we have the ability to be another leading team in the WAC,” Schultz said. “We have all the leadership we need, it’s just a matter of using it.”

The Vandals will play a total of four times this spring. Idaho will host a tournament on April 13, travel to Gonzaga on April 20 and will travel to Portland on April 27.

Idaho junior Ashley Christman said she can’t wait to play other squads.

“It’s going to be really nice to play someone other than our own team,” Christman said. “Playing against each other can get really tedious after a while, but it will be fun to get this group of girls on the court and see how it goes playing someone else.”

Right now the Vandal numbers are low after losing the six seniors, but Buchanan said she has six players coming in — two junior college transfers and four freshmen to help reload the Vandal squad.

Overall Buchanan said she is pleased with the mentality her team has come out with this spring and said the spring is all about improvement.

“It’s been a different dynamic with this group,” Buchanan said. “The effort has been good. The attitudes have been good. We just have to continue to develop as a volleyball team. This isn’t about wins and losses in the spring. It’s about the rate of improvement.”

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Christman said it’s going to be fun.

“There’s only 54 girls that get to go and it’s just going to be a good time playing with some talented players,” she said.

The coaching staff is all in favor of their players trying out for the national teams because it keeps them playing and helps them improve. Schultz said it’s fun to have multiple players trying out for national teams because it helps the team as a whole drive to get better.

“It’s a lot of fun to have that talent, because we can relate to what each other is doing,” Schultz said. “It gives younger kids something to work for and is just a chance to keep playing.”

While being an alternate on the A2 team is an honor, Schultz is not satisfied with it.

“I’m planning on going for the next two years,” Schultz said.

“I kind of got to network myself in with the other middles and got to see the level I need to be at and how to work and become more versatile at what I do.”

In the end, Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said it shows how good the program has become.

“It’s great, and that’s how it should be,” Buchanan said. “It’s only going to make us better and we can help some of these kids reach our goals, from playing on an internationally, or on a national team or going pro.”

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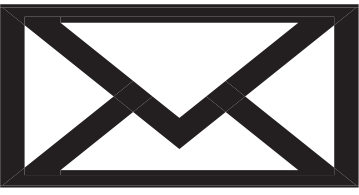
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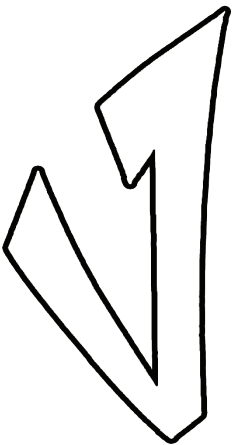
Be an active participant in UI campus community, vote in ASUI elections

Elections for executive and senatorial positions within ASUI started Monday. ASUI represents the interests of all Vandals, both here at the University of Idaho and the state capitol. Students often complain about policies and procedures at UI, but when presented with the opportunity to be an active participant in the politics of our student body, 90 percent of us don't take that chance. Only 10 percent of UI students voted in the last election, senatorial candidate Andrew Baldrige said during the ASUI candidates forum March 28. The forums are a means for students to communicate with candidates about their platforms and share concerns they have about issues

such as the potential smoking ban on campus, but only about five students attended the candidate forums this year. What message does it send to our student body leaders and state legislators that 90 percent of the students at our university are apathetic to the direction UI is headed? If we want our interests represented, we have to actively make those interests known. Democracies can't function without participation from its citizens. Those representing us within ASUI can't properly do their jobs as student leaders without the rest of us voicing our opinions. ASUI oversees a variety of issues from student fee increases

to campus entertainment. The ASUI president, vice president and senators make decisions that impact the entire student body, and if the student body expresses a preference for a specific policy or idea, they will listen. As of 5 p.m. Monday, only 844 students had voted. Those 844 are the ones deciding who will represent you and your interests. It takes less than two minutes to log onto [vote.uidaho.edu](http://vote.uidaho.edu) and make a decision. Polls close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, which leaves plenty of time for each of us to be an active participant in our campus community.

—KM



## ANDAL VOICES

Are you voting for ASUI president, vice president and senate positions this week? Why or why not?



"No because the institution's organizational structure makes its primary decisions on the three principles. 1) creating profit, 2) making every action in the role of creating increased profit, 3) every action that does increase profit will have unintended consequences that cannot be foreseen. As a result of this, we would have to anticipate the decisions that are made by student leaders may not be considered by those who make executive decisions. Therefore, we may have to consider that overall voting may not play a role in any decision making. I find that voting is an archaic form of making students feel like they play a role in our actual lives."

—Timothy Dillon

"Yes, it only takes a minute and I think it's great that students get a say in campus activities!"

—Lizzie Jossie



"Absolutely. Several of my friends are running this year and they have great platforms. I think it's great that students have the opportunity to run and make a difference. Voting takes only a couple of minutes and is definitely worth it."

Megan Newnham

"I don't plan on voting for any ASUI positions this week, I feel that almost everything they have to 'offer' in the speeches they give ends up being rather hollow."

—Cody McClurg



Shane Wellner  
Argonaut



## Taking the rough road

### Just say no to government help

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, one in four Americans who are eligible for food stamps do not sign up for the program. The reason for this: they are embarrassed to be seen in need.

This is a good thing.

Allow me to clarify.

It is not good that there are currently 47,672,299 Americans participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, according to the USDA. Americans are deeply in need and this is stark proof of that horrible fact.

What is pleasing is the fact that there are many eligible for programs like SNAP who do not want to participate. This means they are uncomfortable in their neediness, hopefully meaning they will seek ways to escape such discomfort, such as working harder to keep from becoming dependent of government welfare — even if it hurts.

This is one of the best ways to reduce poverty or neediness. We must play on their discomfort. People do not become motivated when they are made comfortable.

Benjamin Franklin expressed this idea well. "I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means," Franklin said. "I think the best way of doing good to the poor is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out."

Franklin then explained, "In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves,



Andrew Jenson  
Argonaut

and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer."

Classical Scholar Edith Hamilton wrote similarly, showing how dependence on and comfort from government needs to be avoided.

"Now instead of men giving to the state the state was to give to them," Hamilton wrote. "What (the Athenians) wanted was a government which would provide a comfortable life for them... Athens had reached the point of rejecting independence, and the freedom she now wanted was freedom from responsibility. There could be only one result...If men insisted on being free from the burden of life that was self-dependent and also responsible for the common good, they would cease to be free at all."

Franklin and Hamilton hit the nail on the head. Not only do the poor become poorer via public provisions, but so does the rest of society — sucked into the bottomless pit of taxes, debt and need in the name of comfort and humanitarianism. When government provides, responsibility is left in the dust along with our freedom. Difficult as it may seem to do so, government needs to remove its hand and allow citizens to provide for themselves.

In turn, Americans need to continue to veer from such dependency on our government and support those who resist government assistance.

Poverty and neediness happen, and could very well happen to you or me, but we cannot exchange our freedoms for any form of comfort or security. Americans need to take the rough road, as they have in the past.

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## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE  
FROM OUR EDITORS

### Catch up

A weekend with the family and friends is exactly what I needed to finish the semester strong. If only it was longer.

—Katy

### Idahoan

Sixty degrees is definitely not too cold to sun bathe in, especially if there's no breeze.

—Molly

### Obligatory weather post

If only it could stay like this all the year round. Oh wait, I'm moving to LA.

—Kasen

### Getting to know you

Meeting new people and making new friends is way too much fun.

—Kaitlin

### Malice in Wonderland

Extremely excited to support The Rolling Hills Derby Dames on Saturday at Beasley Coliseum. Go Dixie Derailer.

—Lindsey

### Young Seattle

My dude Sam Lachow will rip it in Pullman on Sunday with Raz Simone and Shelton Harris.

—Sean

### Sunshine

Yesterday was pure bliss, haven't felt that good in a long time. Opposed to living in the tropics, it's hard to take the warmth for granted in Idaho.

—Amrah

### Senioritis

I have all the symptoms. I recently calculated the lowest possible semester GPA I could get to still receive my desired cumulative.

—Britt

### Baseball

Every spring 30 clubs and their fans start off the year with a renewed sense of hope and pride. After last season, my Red Sox can only look upward — and it starts with the Yanks.

—Madison

### ADD Monday = Opening Day

Can teachers really expect students to give them their full attention on Opening Day? Let's just say I wasn't the only one in my sports history class with the Giants vs. Dodgers gamecast on...

—Theo

### Family time

The best part about major holidays? Large family gatherings that produce leftovers of all my favorite foods.

—Kaitlyn

### ASUI elections

Make sure you get out and vote for your preferred ASUI senatorial, presidential and vice presidential candidates. Democracy is only successful with active citizens.

—Elisa

### Headlight

Sitting on the side of the road on my bike with a cop, lights on full blast, checking my license information behind me, I thought, "I wonder where I left my registration." #not #excessive

—Dylan



# Color me red: It's not about activism, it is about support

I'm sure everyone has seen them — the red and pink equal signs that many have been sporting as a profile picture on social media.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments for and against two cases related to same-sex marriage. In response, millions of people changed their profile pictures and cover photos to express their support of marriage equality.



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According to statistics released by Facebook, there was a surge of profile picture changes on March 26 — 2.7 million more than the previous Tuesday.

Equally as viral was the disdain expressed by many people — some who support marriage equality, some who don't — that changing your profile picture was "slacktivism." It's pointless and won't

change the ruling. It's lazy and dumb.

Congratulations. You've missed the point.

It isn't about changing the judges' minds or trying to be an activist. It's about raising awareness and showing solidarity and support for equality among human beings.

Sporting a pink ribbon for breast cancer doesn't make the disease go away, but it does get people talking about it.

In the same way, the key to changing the tide

of our culture is to begin the discussion. Show support in the face of the naysayers and the bigots.

It's fairly cynical to assume that someone changing their profile picture hasn't supported LGBTQA rights in any other way. And so what if that is all they've done? What if the only thing all those people have done to support marriage equality is change their profile photo?

This is the biggest civil rights issue our

generation has seen, and probably will see. The most beautiful aspect of social media (and sometimes, maybe the worst aspect) is that everyone's voice has the chance to be heard.

I changed my profile picture last week, and in doing so, I let every single one of my followers and friends know where I stand on the issue. I let them know that none of us have the right to dictate to millions of men and women whom

they should love. I know my small token of support was appreciated by many of my gay friends — they told me so.

Every small gesture can make a big difference, both in our culture and in the life of an individual.

Don't be a curmudgeon and bemoan the viral equal sign meme as being useless. Really, it is anything but.

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