

ASUI senate, presidential and vice presidential winners celebrate by singing the Idaho Fight song at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons Rotunda. The smoking ban and the Moscow-Pullman Transit survey results were announced along with the election winners.

And the votes are in...

ASUI election results show increase in voter turnout, beat national average by 3.5 percent - BSU by 12.7

Andrew Deskins Argonaut

In the spring ASUI election, 21.2 percent of undergraduates voted, which according to the University of Idaho Director of Student Involvement Colleen Quinn, is 3.5 percent higher than the national average and 12.7 percent higher than peer-institution Boise State University's turnout in their most recent election.

Results were announced at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons Rotunda and with roughly 52 percent of the 1,783 votes cast, Max Cowan and Taylor Williams are the next ASUI president and vice president. Cowan said the effort they put into campaigning is what helped them win.

"We met with the most students," Cowan said. "We went to over 15 apartment complexes to meet with off campus students, we sent 2,500 student emails to reach off campus voters, we went to every residence hall and met with them, we went to so many different Greek houses and we just took the time to meet with as many students as possible. We also flyered these last three days. We handed out over 2,000 flyers and I think that really made a difference."

Williams said social media had an impact. "I think really utilizing social media also,

we were on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter and I think that helped," Williams said. "We had a lot of followers on our Facebook page and I think doing up-to-date posts really kept them informed, and by them liking it, it spread the word on their pages as well."

Cowan also thanked their campaign team,

which included three campaign co-managers and a staff that helped them pass out flyers and mobilize on Facebook.

Cowan said a successful officer transition is the first step toward addressing their campaign's issues of cost, safety and campus life.

"The first step for us is that we are going to be transitioned by Hannah Davis, so we'll be passing the torch and learning all of the integral steps to becoming the president and for Taylor the vice president," Cowan said. "Then from that point we'll be meeting with university administrators to prepare for next year. Then over the summer we will start working on and planning for all the things we want to do."

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ASUI election results

President and Vice President: Max Cowan and Taylor Williams

- **ASUI** senators:
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- Anthony Filicetti
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BSU, Moscow Rep. say alcohol education is key for universities

RACING FOR THE RED



Emily Johnson State House Bureau Argonaut

The University of Idaho and Boise State University are rivals in athletics, but the competition stops when it comes to the standards of being an Idaho university.

UI created two alcohol task forces in the wake of UI freshman Joseph Weiderrick's death. He was found dead under a bridge in January while trying to return to his dorm after a fraternity party.

BSU Dean of Students Christian Wuthrich said when it comes to alcohol-related issues, some things aren't foreseeable.

"The stuff that is foreseeable needs to be dealt with in a straightforward and transparent way," Wuthrich said. "Students and campuses, for that matter, shouldn't push off on the other to say that someone else has a responsibility or an obligation to keep students safe."

BSU student Trevor Engman said in high school many people told him UI was a party school. He said his friends who attend UI do go to parties, but have also improved in their academics since high school.

"In light of the recent events, they're very unfortunate, but my perception of the school hasn't changed much," Engman said. "Accidents happen. Those kind of accidents could happen at any university and at any party. Drinking can be dangerous."

BSU geosciences major JJ Rasmeussen said education about drugs and alcohol in colleges should be enforced.

"We need more education on it (alcohol) to help wise-up the people to not drink so much," Rasmeussen said.

According to the schools' records, UI has a total of 12,493 students enrolled while

BSU has 19,993. Although BSU has more students enrolled, it is considered a commuter school with older students. UI is Idaho's rural land-grant university with the largest campus in the state.

When it comes to alcohol and drug violations, BSU has more alcohol and drug related arrests than UI. Both schools have similar alcohol policies, in which no alcoholic substances are allowed on facilities owned, leased or operated by UI and BSU — essentially not allowing alcohol on campus.

According to the UI Crime Statistics, in 2011, the school had 111 on-campus drug and liquor violations, down 10 percent since 2009. BSU's statistics show that in 2011, 540 drug and liquor violations occurred, an increase of 160 percent since 2009 with 207 violations.

Wuthrich said the Boise Police Department operates on a grant for underage drinking and in 2012, they wrote 98 underage drinking citations at a local party house.

"That takes policing power, it takes people to enforce and it takes, my guess, the willingness of your city leaders to do that kind of thing," Wuthrich said.

But Wuthrich said what's tolerable in Boise, may not be tolerable in Twin Falls or Pocatello or Moscow or Coeur d'Alene.

"And so you have to kind of go with what works in your town and there has to be consensus behind that," he said.

Moscow Rep. Cindy Agidius said education is the key to preventing these issues with alcohol on college campuses. She said all living groups should be aware of the dangers of binge drinking and develop ways

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Liam Donohoe | Argonaut

Chariot racers from Sigma Chi fraternity round a corner in the lead during the Red Bull Chariot Race 2013 Thursday at the Kibbie Dome parking lot. The top three racers were awarded trophies and prizes courtesy of Red Bull.

More shoes to fill

Baker, Stover leave for NIU in July, Nellis departs in June

Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

The University of Idaho will soon begin the search for another interim administrator with the departure of Provost Doug Baker for Northern Illinois University this June.

Faculty Senate Chair Kenton Bird said although Idaho is losing two prominent administrators the university will maintain its dedication to the students.

"I would suspect that the month of may will be a key transitional month for both the provost position and the president's position," Bird said. "What we may see is a leadership team of the outgoing president and provost and a leadership team of the interim president and provost making some key decisions during May to be sure that we have a seamless transition."

Baker was unanimously selected by the NIU Board of Trustees to become the 12th president of the university and will begin his new role July 1. Prior to his selection for the presidency at NIU, Baker was a finalist

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Cake mixes are a simple and quick way to make a delicious dessert, but they can be used for more than just a cake.

You may have heard about making brownies, cookies, or even pancakes with cake mix, but there is a new recipe out that has become popular among the cake batter lovers: cake batter fudge.

This recipe brings cake and chocolate together in a whole new way. An oven is not required and it only takes five minutes to make

High Five

- which means more time to try other cake mix recipes. **Ingredients:** 2 cups and 2 tablespoons

white or yellow cake mix 2 cups powdered sugar 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut in 4 pieces

2/3 white chocolate chips 1/2 cup rainbow sprinkles (using less is advised)

In a microwaveable bowl, stir cake mix and powdered sugar until well blended. Add milk and butter pieces to the mixture, but

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1/4 cup milk **Directions:** Lightly grease 8 x 8 pan.

do not stir. Microwave for two minutes. Immediately begin

stirring the hot mixture. It should get pretty thick. Fold in the white choco-

late chips (they will melt in the hot mixture).

Fold in the rainbow sprinkles carefully so they don't bleed the color out too much. Pour the mixture in the

Emily Vaartstra | Crumbs pan and spread evenly so the top is smooth.

Refrigerate for at least two hours before eating.

Note: You can also use your favorite chocolate cake mix and chocolate chips to make a super chocolatey fudge.

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Part of the journey

Britt Kiser Argonaut

The origin of the journey is important, University of Idaho Interim President Don Burnett said.

And Burnett's journey began here.

Burnett is an Idaho native born in Pocatello to parents who were first-generation college students, both of whom attended UI.

"They came to view the

University of Idaho as their gateway to the world," he said. "They passed on to me, as well as my brother, a very strong sense of gratitude to the University of Idaho for the opportunities they had later in life."

This is why Burnett said he was happy to come serve at UI.

"When I was the dean at the Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2002 and the siren song of Idaho was sung to me, it was a melody that I received happily and I accepted the offer to come here as the dean of our law school," he said.

Throughout his nearly 11 years at UI, Burnett has been an integral part of several initiatives.

One is the expansion of UI's law school. Before he even began at UI, Burnett was asked by former UI president Bob Hoover to participate in a strategic planning panel to examine the future of Idaho legal education.

"It became clear to me and other members of the panel ... that in order to fulfill the statewide mission assigned to UI by the Idaho State Board of Education, the college of law would need to establish and expand a presence in the state capitol in addition to maintaining the strength in its program here in Moscow," he said.

The SBOE authorized a third-year law program in Boise in 2008 and recently authorized a second-year program too.

"I would say the strategic planning process that has occurred over the last 11 years now has been one of the most rewarding but also challenging aspects of my service here," Burnett said. Another initiative is an increase in diversity. Following Burnett's arrival in 2002, he chaired UI's Steering Committee

on Human Rights and Diversity. Burnett said that's when he realized diversity should be an important priority — not only for the college of law, but the university as a whole.

"Diversity is not a matter of political correctness, it is a matter of academic excellence," he said. "I believe this school is academically stronger than ever because of the diversity of

demographic backgrounds, gender and viewpoints that are represented in this academic community."

A third initiative Burnett's taken part in is the interdisciplinary collaboration in teaching and research.

"I think the University of Idaho is taking a very important lead in creating pathways of cooperation among departments and among colleges," he said. "And this will be important to assuring that our research addresses real, societal needs and to assuring that our students graduate with the knowledge and skills to be effective in whatever careers they choose."

Burnett is currently the coordinating dean for the interdisciplinary programs in environmental science, water resources and the professional science master's program.

"Taken together, these are among the strongest programs in the university, and they are a prototype for the future," Burnett said.

While working beneath five different presidents during his time at UI, Burnett said he realized the importance of connecting the university with external constituencies, such as the SBOE, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the legislature and for the college of law, the Idaho Supreme Court. He said in the private sector, businesses, non-profit organizations and private foundations are essential for UI to achieve a margin of excellence made possible by combining public funds with private support.

"The president is really a translator between these external constituencies and the internal community of faculty, staff and students," Burnett said.

Burnett said he's come to appreciate UI's status as not only a land-grant institution, but also a comprehensive founding university.

"Taking full advantage of this combined identity ... is a very high calling and continues to be a beckoning opportunity for the University of Idaho."

Burnett said he plans to continue several initiatives after UI President M. Duane Nellis takes his position at Texas Tech University.

He said the overriding one is the "Inspiring Futures" capital campaign, in which the university seeks to raise \$225 million. To date, UI has reached about 81 percent of its goal. Burnett said the four cornerstones of the campaign are providing resources for facilities, student scholarships, faculty support and programs.

"I will be devoting a considerable amount of my time as interim president to working with the deans and the university advancement office to move us toward achievement of our capital campaign goal," he said.

Burnett said he also plans to move forward with Nellis' appointed task force on enrollment and research growth, or "Task Force 2020," the task forces on student safety and Greek life and a continued promotion of diversity and interdisciplinary cooperation.

Burnett said he hasn't made specific plans proceeding his time as interim president. He said he won't return as the College of Law dean because an interim or long-term dean will already have been established, but will still have status as a law faculty member.

Burnett said he hopes he can devote his time as interim president to reinforcing a sense of pride in the University of Idaho.

"We come and we go on campus, we see each other in the supermarkets," he said. "Sometimes we should just pause to reflect what an extraordinary community this is."

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A new team

Police and department of corrections consider new ridealong program

Allison Griffith Argonaut

The Moscow City Council is considering the approval of the Safe Community Offender Accountability Program.

This program would be an alliance between District 2 of Idaho's Department of Correction Probation and Parole office along with the Moscow Police Department, Lieutenant Paul Kwiatkowski said.

He said the program would have a police officer ride along with a parole officer while completing checks on parolees.

"This is a brand new program," Kwiat-kowski said.

The reason the Department of Corrections wants to have this program passed is because it would make the public safer while also promoting better outcomes with offenders in the county, said Moscow Chief of Police David Duke.

He said the Lewiston Police Department is currently partnered up with District 2 for SCOAP.

Kwiatkowski said the program would benefit the community by having police officers be aware of the people who are on probation and what the terms of their probation are.

"It will have police know the clients," he said. "Where they need to be during curfew hours, if they are allowed to have alcohol in their homes, and also check for drugs."

He said it will also allow police to identify the offenders and keep a tighter control over what they are doing throughout the city.

This will help to protect the City of Moscow from improper or illegal actions by the different parolees, he said.

In order for this program to begin, Duke has to sign a memorandum that defines the responsibilities and expectations of the program.

The Administrative Committee of Moscow reviewed the memorandum and recommended it for approval from the City Council on March 25.

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A sporting chance

Borah Symposium NGOs help disadvantaged communities through sports, games

Matt Maw Argonaut

The 2013 Borah Symposium has wrapped and Laura Thomas, educational initiatives coordinator for Right To Play Canada, said she was glad to be a part of the 65-year-old event.

"I think that everyone we've met and engaged with has been really enthusiastic," about. It's just so much more effective and so much more fun."

Thomas likes having individual and group conversations with students and youth, she said, and she likes their passion.

She said she appreciated that the symposium brought together three separate nongovernmental organizations — Right To Play, Fields of





Thomas said.

Right To Play is an international organization that teaches life skills and healthy behaviors to disadvantaged youth through games and sports, while cultivating social impacts in the children's communities. The organization has branches in Canada, the U.S., the United Kingdom, Switzerland and other areas and has worked in nations within Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and other regions.

Thomas said she hopes people will take away the value of play and its exploration from the Right To Play discussions. She said she doesn't always get to employ games in her presentations at other venues, but the symposium offered her the opportunity to use the Kibbie Dome for a few games.

"The advantage to this is having it built into what we're doing," she said. "It's a dream to be able to play the games that you're talking Growth International and Soccer Without Borders and a university with a lot of growth and curious people is a good place to have conversations on creative, comprehensive issues.

Dee Malchow, commentator for the symposium's Monday evening film, "One Goal"- a documentary that chronicled an amputee soccer program Malchow initiated in Sierra Leone in 2001-said she was pleased with the week's lineup of speakers and organizations. She said the various presenters represented valuable efforts to cultivate peace and post-conflict rehabilitation, particularly for individuals who lack hope.

"I am extremely impressed with the variety of people they've brought in," Malchow said. "(Sometimes) after especially a very devastating thing (in which) everything is lost, including portions of your body, all of your Abi Stomberg | Argonaut

University of Idaho students participate in all-inclusive warm-ups led by Ben Gucciardi, founder of Soccer Without Borders. Gucciardi taught UI students how to break language and cultural barriers through sports Wednesday afternoon in the Kibbie Dome. The session was part of the 2013 Borah Symposium, put on by the Martin Institute.

family and home, you feel like 'what's the point?' But to get people back together in sport and in play ... it's very encouraging."

Kevin Dugan, founder and executive director of Fields of Growth International — an organization that uses lacrosse as a platform for community leadership and service — said the "One Goal" film was inspiring and he has enjoyed learning from his fellow presenters and colleagues. He said he was pleased with the participation at the Tuesday NGO panel. "The questions, the engagement from and interest from the students, faculty and staff who were here were really impressive, and very well representative of the University of Idaho and the Borah Symposium in general," Dugan said. "I thought it was really positive, and well attended."

Thomas said Tuesday's panel discussion was her favorite session because she could discover the connections and differences among

the NGOs and it's good to bring such wide exposure of ideas and efforts to students. She was pleased with everyone's involvement.

"I think it's a fantastic symposium," Thomas said. "The incredible energy from all of the organizers — students, staff, faculty — has blown all of us away ... The energy of the campus is incredible too, so I'm just thrilled to be here."

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Moscow grant approved for creation of easy-access pedestrian curb ramps

Erik Fink Argonaut

The City of Moscow is making plans to create or upgrade 13 pedestrian curb ramps along State Highways 8 and 95.

Alisa Stone, grants manager for the City of Moscow, said in 2012 the city submitted a grant request to the Idaho Transportation Department in response to their solicitation for a state-administered program that provides funding for local governments to address missing or non-compliant pedestrian curb ramps on the state highway system.

She said the goal of the program is to provide safer facilities for pedestrians

with disabilities. Stone said Moscow received a \$45,288 grant providing it paid 10 percent of the overall cost of \$50,320. She said on top of the 10 percent, the city will also provide engineering, design and construction management services valued around \$5,000.

Les MacDonald, director of public works for Moscow, said this project isn't key to solving all of Moscow's mobility needs, but is one of a string of projects undertaken by the city to address needs throughout the community.

"In this case, the funding is available only for work on state highways so it will be used to address some of the remaining locations that do not have adequate, or any, pedestrian ramps today," MacDonald said. "The city will continue to pursue additional funding for other ramps on the highway system and throughout the community."

Stone said she views the project in a grander light.

"This is a very important project as it assists the city in removing physical obstacles limiting access to pedestrian facilities in the public right of way in order to provide seamless travel routes," Stone said.

MacDonald said he suspects construction will start summer 2014. "There is a small possibility that it could go to construction this summer, but that depends on a number of factors and approvals with ITD that might not allow that to happen," MacDonald said.

Stone said after construction starts it should take 30 to 60 days to complete.

"For this project they will likely be in the form of individual lane closures for limited periods of time," MacDonald said. "Traffic will be routed around the lane closures so there should not be any significant impacts on traffic flow."

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to take care of each other.

"It might sound like babysitting, but when I lived on campus we had a rule: never leave your sorority sister behind in an impaired state," Agidius said. "It could be much like the designated driver program, if you are planning to drink, do so responsibly and make sure someone gets you all home safely."

Wuthrich said BSU is lucky to have an alcohol education front staffed by full-time employees and peer educators who help students learn more about the effects of alcohol and drug use.

'We not only speak of it from a health and safety perspective, but we also speak from recreation, from medical services, right down to the fact that making good choices keeps you in school," Wuthrich said.

While UI's task force is evaluating its relationship with the Greek system, Wuthrich said students who are thinking of joining Greek life need to know what they're getting into when they join, and what the requirements and obligations are.

"On the flip side of that, chapters and organizations need to hold their members accountable and do the appropriate kinds of education that will seek to help the organization running on all of its cylinders," Wuthrich said.

Wuthrich said the effectiveness of a Greek house depends on how well the organization is running.

"When they run well, they help students develop and when they don't run well, then you have lots of problems and concerns to deal with," Wuthrich said.

Agidius said administrators, faculty and students should try to develop an atmosphere that encourages students to take care of and watch out for each other.

"Develop an atmosphere where asking for help from advisers, the medical community or the police is OK,"

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Agidius said. Wuthrich said his advice for UI's alcohol task-force is

to find something students, faculty and staff can agree on. The Idaho State Board of Education is requiring all Idaho colleges to

develop alcohol task forces to address their own issues. ISBOE Chief Communications Officer Marilyn Whitney said UI is ahead of the game with its alcohol task force.

"What they did was ask each of the institutions to set up their own task force and then to report back to the board on their findings and on their plans to address the issues," Whitney said.

UI has two different task forces, one with student leaders and administrators and the other with Greek members.

"The other institutions and the other presidents could look to what the UI is doing as a potential model for what they might want to do as well," Whitney said.

She said the presidents meet every month and the alcohol task forces will be on the agenda to discuss their findings.

"They obviously have to find mechanisms and policies that work for the campuses and that all of the parties can agree on that can be effective and to find a way to get that written up and passed in such a way that can be enforced," Wuthrich said.

Wuthrich said colleges have to treat their campus communities like its own organism and organization, but a university has to find its own ways to make things work for that specific campus.

"You can borrow ideas and try out things and maybe that brings in five ideas and keep three and merge those three into one idea that's your own," Wuthrich said. "Whatever it is, it kind of has to rest in the community and the rest in the culture and of course, be agreed upon."

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was the charm." Baker and wife Dana Stover — assistant dean in the UI College of Business and Economics — will make the move to the Midwest after spending nearly three

but it's going to be a huge loss," Reyes said. "In Dana's case she is our assistant dean for recruiting, retention and assurance of learning and she is fantastic in that role so those are going to be big

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others as well.

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Baker has been the UI provost and executive vice president since 2005.

want done."

Tyler Wittreich.

Eight new senators were also

elected to represent students. They

are: Grady Hepworth, Nate Fisher,

Anthony Filcetti, Kelly James Fisher,

Katharine Wongmankitkan, Andrew

Baldridge, Alejandra Gonzalez and

voted identified as Greek compared

to 30 percent off-campus students

and 16 percent residence hall stu-

dents. An overwhelming majority,

1,015 students, voted in favor of the

ASUI Constitutional Amendment

that will remove the requirement that

members of ASUI only vote within

Fifty-four percent of students who

Bird said it is unfortunate that Baker's departure coincides with that of President Nellis, who recently accepted

leader UI needs during the interim period for two key administrative positions.

"I think he will be the glue that will hold the upper administration together during the next year and will be has been significant turn over in Idaho's upper administration, much of the faculty has remained constant and provided a solid foundation for

the institution. "Presidents and provosts

Scholar program assists autistic UI students

John Fish Argonaut

The Ravens Scholar Program assists students with autism at the University of Idaho to become as successful as possible in academia and prepare them for the future.

Elizabeth Miles, manager of the Ravens Scholar Program, has devoted her career to help level the playing field to ensure autistic students at UI are successful.

We started out with four students in fall 2011 and now we have 15 students," Miles said.

Recently the Ravens Scholar Program received the May Dunn Ward Innovative Program award for 2012 from the Northwest Association of Student Affairs Professionals. The award will give the Ravens Scholar Program a chance to be recognized and visible in the college community.

"It gives us a higher profile and a lot of new programs are approaching us to ask how we set up our program and to find out what does and does not work," Miles said.

Miles said her goal is to see programs like Ravens Scholars in every university in the country.

The program has three main areas of focus: support for academic success, support for strengthening communication skills and support for executive functioning and life skills.

The program offers a social skills and a life skills class that helps the students adjust to the transition to college life. The program uses psychology student interns to mentor the programs' 15 students.

Amanda Jacobs, a psychology major and Ravens mentor, said she applied for the Ravens internship program because she was genuinely interested in autism. Jacobs said though the program is hard, it is rewarding to get to know each individual student. She said being an intern in the program made her decide to go to graduate school for social work.

Bin Ma, a psychology major and mentor for Ravens, said participating in the program makes him feel like he is doing something worthwhile and he can positively change an individual's life.

"Before the program, I always thought autism was the T.V. kind where the kid is just running all over the place and not doing anything, but then you find out it's not," Ma said.

While Cowan and Williams ran

"In this time of transition, since

on a platform of three main issues,

Cowan said he hoped to address

both President Nellis and Provost

Baker are leaving I think it's really

important to make sure that the

student voice is heard in the selection

of candidates for those positions,"

Cowan said. "So that's one big issue,

and from this point on we really want

to get methods for collecting student

feedback up as swiftly as possible so

that then hopefully we can tailor our

fairs Professionals. The Ravens Scholar program was awarded for their innovative program in Oct. 2012. He said while there are cases of autism that are the "TV kind," the disorder is so varied that almost every case is different.

awarded by the Northwest Association of Student Af-

Miles said autism is a spectrum and there are a lot of different kinds and not any case is exactly the same. She said some people with autism have sensory issues, where they are extremely sensitive to light or sound, while others are geniuses in certain subjects, but they have poor social skills.

Miles said bringing awareness to autism is half the battle of beating it.

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work directly to what the students their districts.

Students said they would like to see Vandal Entertainment bring Evanna Lynch — Luna Lovegood in "Harry Potter" — to UI. Sixty-seven percent of students said they would use a Moscow-Pullman shuttle bus. Seven hundred and forty-five students supported a smoke-free campus policy compared to 636 who favored no change in policy. Seven hundred thirty-one students said Facebook was how they kept up to date with events on campus compared to just 73 who said they relied on The Argonaut and KUOI.

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was not surprised at the announcement of Baker's departure.

for the same position at

both the University of New

Mexico and the University

of Wyoming. Bird said he

"I'm disappointed, but I'm not surprised," Bird said. "It's certainly clear that Provost Baker has the experience and the qualifications to be president of a major university and I'm just delighted for him and his family that the third time

decades on the Palouse.

Mario Reyes, dean of the College of Business and Economics, said he is sad to see Baker and Stover leave UI and that they will be hard to replace in the coming months.

"I am excited for provost baker to be the new president of NIU and also for Dana,



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Reyes said he and Stover had talked about the possibility of her leaving UI when Baker was named as a finalist at two other universities and he expected it would happen eventually - just not so soon.

"He was a finalist at Wyoming a month ago so we knew that sometime ... I just didn't know it was this soon," Reyes said. "We had talked about it, but not really a serious conversation. I think part of that is ... wishful thinking because Dana has just been wonderful."

Stover has been both a faculty member and an administrator for CBE, while the presidency at Texas Tech University, effective June 15.

"It's just the role of the dice that we ended up with them both leaving at the same time," Bird said. "I think Idaho's loss will be the state of Illinois gain and he will make a great president at Northern Illinois University."

Search committee's for both Stover's replacement and an interim provost are expected to begin soon, followed by a national search for a permanent provost.

Bird said he has confidence that interim president Don Burnett will be the

guiding the selection of other key administrative positions during this interim year," Bird said.

Reves said once he and Stover are able to determine a timeline for her departure, they will begin the process for finding a replacement although he said she will be difficult to follow.

"She is a part of the college leadership team and I will miss her insights as part of the leadership team, and more importantly I'm going to miss her just as a valued colleague," Reyes said.

Bird said although there

will come and go as new opportunities will present themselves, but the cornerstone of what the university is about is the faculty," Bird said. "The faculty is here through thick and thin, through good times and bad ... I have a great deal of confidence in the commitment of our faculty, many of whom have been at the university longer than either President Nellis or Provost Baker and will continue through the next provost and president."

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From left to right: Anthony Neyer, Austin DeCoud, Chad Chalich and Taylor Davis are the candidates currently competing for Idaho's starting quarterback job. Junior college transfer Josh McCain will jump into the mix when he arrives in the summer, though Chalich and Davis are the front-runners at this point. Neyer is an ex-USC walk-on, DeCoud and Chalich are redshirt freshmen, while Davis holds the most experience at the Division 1 level, having started multiple times last season.

Four's company

Midway through spring practice, four-man race heats up as Idaho's quarterbacks strut their stuff, all striving for starting position

Sean Kramer Argonaut

In the Moscow rain on the SprinTurf, two weeks into spring football practice, the quarterback picture is becoming clearer for the Idaho Vandals.

Four quarterbacks entered the spring with hopes of being named the No. 1 quarterback going into the summer, but two have seemed to emerge ahead of the rest.

Junior Taylor Davis and redshirt freshman Chad Chalich got the majority of the reps in Idaho's seventh spring football practice Thursday afternoon. Redshirt freshman Austin DeCoud and junior Anthony Neyer are still in the picture but have catching up to do with reps.

behind him," quarterbacks coach Bryce Erickson said. "Taylor did some great things today. It's all about consistency. We're not going to make that decision until we get ready to go play North Texas."

Petrino said the practice was perhaps Idaho's best during the spring for the quarterbacks but that he's not close to making a definitive decision at the position.

"It was probably the best practice for the quarterbacks. I thought Chad really looked good today, did a lot of great things. Taylor did some really nice things. So, that part of it was well," Petrino said. "It's still wide open. There's both guys are going to stay working, I still want them to stay hungry and keep battling."

Experience may be on Davis' "It's been a battle going back side, who has started three games in and forth, right now Chad is running his collegiate career, though all four lot more stuff than I have," Chalich with the ones but Taylor is right quarterbacks are on equal standing said. "Everyday I'm just continuing there," he said.

in the offense with Idaho installing a heavy dose of read-option.

"I think they're doing a pretty good job on it. They still have to get better in their footwork, they still aren't exactly toe to hell when they're stepping around, and doing some of the things you have to do to be efficient being an option quarterback," coach Paul Petrino said.

Davis threw for 186 yards on 15-of-25 passing during the first scrimmage.

Chalich worked with the offense a little in high school, which may have helped him shine during Idaho's first scrimmage last Saturday. He finished 21-for-32 with 299 yards and two touchdowns.

"I'm used to it, but I'm still learning. Coach knows what he's doing, he's teaching me up, I'm learning a to get better, my confidence is just going to keep growing as I keep learning the offense."

The competition won't ultimately be limited to those two. Redshirt freshman Austin DeCoud has been throwing the ball well this spring, despite a rough first scrimmage. He went 7-for-11 for 47 yards but threw three interceptions. He forced the ball for an interception during Thursday's practice but still showed good zip on the ball.

Thursday threw the latest twist in the competition when DeCoud put on the red jersey and played some safety. Yes - defensive safety.

When asked if it was an indication of his role in the quarterback race Petrino said it was for more for the depth he could provide at safety. "No, just an indication he's a

A starter will be named out of spring, Petrino said, but that decision likely won't come until the spring game on April 19. Erickson said there are things that still need to be cleaned up with his group going in the second scrimmage on Saturday.

Photos by Theo Lawson and Steven Devine Argonaut

"It's going through your reads, understanding front coverage and personnel which is something we preach to our quarterbacks on a daily basis, and they have to prepare," he said. "It's all about preparing. We spend a lot of time in the class room, teaching, because coaches are teachers and they just have to prepare and understand what their checks are, understand what their reads are, their pre-snap reads, when the ball is snapped and they have to give the offensive the best chance to be successful."

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great athlete and he can help us over

Barone an AP All-American

Idaho center receives All-American honor for just sixth time in program history

Theo Lawson Argonaut

He'll go down as Idaho's first-ever WAC Player of the year in addition to the first Vandal to lead the WAC in both scoring and rebounding. Monday evening, Kyle Barone brought home another program first.

The senior center was named as an Associated Press All-American honorable mention, the first time a Vandal men's basketball player has received the honor from the AP and sixth time someone has earned All-American status.

Idaho's last All-America honor came in 1993 when Orlando Lightfoot was given the award by the U.S. Basketball Writers of America.

"I put a lot of effort into it this offseason to get ready for this year," Barone said. "I guess the hard work just paid off for me."

Barone topped the WAC stat sheet in multiple categories, including scoring (18.2 per game) as well as rebounding (10.9 per game).

The Garden Grove, Calif., native became the best post player in program history, statistically speaking. Barone has logged more minutes than any Idaho player in program history with 126, ranks No. 2 in rebounds with 869, No. 3 in career field goal percentage with 58 percent and No. 4 in career scoring with 1,433 points.

"This year I stepped up and became the player I saw myself as," Barone said.

The only fourth-year senior on this year's Idaho team hit a bump prior to the team's exhibition games, when he received a DUI charge October 7. Idaho coach Don Verlin suspended Barone indefinitely, then lifted that suspension prior to the Vandals' season-opener against Wright State.

Barone was good for 18 points and nine rebounds against the Raiders and posted his first double-double of the season two games later in Idaho's first season victory, a 72-62 win against Green Bay.

He went on to record 22 double-doubles this season, tied for 10th in the nation.



File photo by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut Vandal center Kyle Barone makes an unguarded dunk against Montana State Nov. 17 in Memorial Gym.

This month, Barone will compete in the Portsmouth Invitational, where he will show off for NBA and international teams.

The event will take place April 10-13 at Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Va.

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Sports briefs Idaho soccer hosts trio of matches

The Vandal womens soccer team will conclude its spring season Saturday and Sunday, when it hosts three matches on the SprinTurf. The limited spring slate saw Idaho beat North Idaho College 4-0 on March 23 in the first of four scrimmages. The young Vandal team will host Central Washington on Saturday, as the Wildcats will serve as Idaho's sole NCAA spring opponent. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. on the SprinTurf. The Vandals will be back in action Sunday, when they host the 7 vs. 7 Alumni game at 9:30 a.m. Finally, the team's spring schedule will conclude at 1 p.m., when the Vandals host Walla Walla Community College.

Vandal Celebration Weekend

Coinciding with Mom's Weekend at the University of Idaho, Vandal Athletics is hosting Vandal Celebration Weekend, on April 19-20. The two-day event will commence Friday, April 19, with the annual Silver and Gold football scrimmage which is set to kickoff at 6 p.m. Fans get in for free and club members will have access to the Litehouse Center. On Saturday, fans will be able to take part in the Paul Petrino Golf Tournament and/or Football 101. The golf tournament tees off at 10 a.m. on the University of Idaho Golf Course. For the complete package, participants can pay \$150, which includes green fees, a tee prize, lunch, as well as a dinner/ auction Saturday night. The auction

begins at 5:30 p.m. while dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Both events will be hosted at the Best Western University Inn. Those that opt for Football 101 will receive first-hand instruction from coach Paul Petrino and his coaching staff. The event will go from 2-4 p.m. with a social hour following at 4-5 p.m.

Women's basketball on Aussie radio

Only three weeks removed from their WAC Tournament championship run, the Idaho Vandals women's basketball team was featured on Melbourne's Smash FM Tuesday. Idaho coach Jon Newlee opened on the show, and was followed by eight players, including Melbourne native and tournament MVP Stacey Barr.

Barone's efficiency recognized

Just one day after he was named to the Associated Press All-American honorable mention team, Idaho senior Kyle Barone was ranked the 14th most efficient NCAA Division 1 basketball player, according to ESPN's Hollinger Division 1 Basketball Player Statistics. "It's a great ac-complishment," Barone said. "It reflects what I can do on the court and how well I can do it and that's important for me moving forward." The Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year led the conference in rebounding and scoring this season. Some of the names that rank ahead of Barone in the efficiency ratings include Michigan's Trey Burke, Gonzaga's Kelly Olynyk and Indiana's Cody Zeller.

Cassie McKinley finishes eighth

Womens golf etches out sixthplace finish in Austin, Texas

Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

Idaho freshman Cassie McKinley finished in a tie for eighth to help the Idaho women's golf team finish in sixth place on Tuesday at the Challenge at Onion Creek in Austin, Texas.

Mckinley was in 24th place after shooting a 75 in the first round and a 73 in the second, but shot a career-best two-under 68 in the third to propel her into eighth place overall.

Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said it was good to see McKinley have a breakout day like she did.

"She's greatly improved her chipping and has worked a lot on her swing in the offseason," Johnson said. "She's really been working extra hard, putting in extra time working on her mental game to get back to playing like she did in the fall and she really got it going this week."

The Vandals have a young team this season with only one senior and one junior on their roster. Johnson said she's happy with the way the underclassmen on her team have come out and played.

"The freshmen have made significant improvement from fall to spring," Johnson said. "Their ball-striking is more consistent. They're managing their games better. I'm excited for the rest of the year."

Gonzaga won the tournament, led by Han Wu, who tied for the individual medal with Krista Puisite from Texas State, the second-place team finisher. Kennesaw State rounded out the top thee, coming in third.

The Vandals had three players in the top 15, with McKinley at eighth, and junior Rachel Choi and freshman Kristin Strankman tying for No. 15 with a 219. Sophomore Leilanie Kim tied for 41st at 229 and sophomore Kaitlyn Oster tied for 53rd with a 234 to round out the Vandals.

Johnson said she was pleased with her team's performance.

"Overall, we played well," Johnson said. "We're still leaving more shots out on the course than I would like but we have improved tremendously over the last few weeks."

Idaho tied for eighth the last time out at the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational in Honolulu and No. 12 the time before that at the Inkster Spartan Invitational in San Jose. Johnson said her team has shown a lot of improvement this spring.

"I'm extremely pleased with how well we're progressing," Johnson said. "We're working on improving every week. We're not playing as well as we're capable of, but we're getting closer to where we want to be."

The Vandals have just one more tour-



Abi Stomberg | Argonaut

Dmitry Perevoshchikov braces for a backhand shot during the Idaho men's tennis team's practice March 27 at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Perevoshchikov and Idaho fell to Big 12 opponent Oklahoma State Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla., 4-3 and were hampered by the injury to senior and No. 2/3 doubles player Marius Cirstea. The Vandals will try to improve on their record against Big Sky opposition Sunday when they host Sacramento State. Idaho is 5-0 against the Big Sky this season.

Roller-coaster results

Mens tennis follows shutout win against UTA with narrow 4-3 loss to 0k. St.

Anthony Kuipers Argonaut

The Idaho men's tennis team concluded its three-day road trip with another conference win and a heartbreaking loss to a Big 12 opponent.

Idaho shut out Texas-Arlington 4-0 on Monday to improve to 4-0 in Western Athletic Conference play. The Vandals followed that win with a narrow 4-3 loss to Oklahoma State on Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla., to drop them to 19-4 on the season. Idaho went 1-2 on the road

trip overall with one of their losses coming against Southern Methodist on March 31.

Idaho's victory over UTA dropped the Mavericks to 0-3 in the conference and 6-11 overall. The Vandals' dominating win showed they are a force to

Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said.

Senior Marius Cirstea went down with an injury during the No. 3 doubles match in which he and fellow senior Ivan Krijanto lost 8-6. Beaman said he does not know yet when Cirstea will be able to play again this season.

The injury did not slow down Idaho, which went on to win the doubles point. Senior Abid Akbar and sophomore Dmitry Perevoshchikov paired up for only the second time this season to win the No. 1 doubles match 9-8. Sophomore Cristob-

al Ramos Salazar and junior Jose Bendeck earned an 8-6 win at No. 2.

Once the Vandals attained the doubles point, they rolled in the singles matches to clinch the victory. Perevoshchikov won the No. 1 singles

be reckoned with in the WAC, match, Bendeck won at No. 3 and Ramos Salazar won at No. "It definitely set the tone that 4, while the other three matches

to three sets and the doubles point going down to the wire.

"It definitely could have gone either way at times," Beaman said.

Krijanto and Torres lost 8-3 at the No. 3 doubles match, but Ramos Salazar and Bendeck were able to pull off an 8-3 upset win at No. 2 over Richard Del Nunzio and Denys Pume, the 70th ranked combo in the country.

1 match, where Idaho was

Idaho needed four singles match wins to clinch the victory.

voshchikov winning at No. 1, Bendeck at No. 3 and Ramos Salazar at No. 4 – all in three sets. Sophomore Cesar Torres lost in three sets at No. 5 and Krijanto lost at No. 6.

The victory then hinged on the No. 2 match featuring before the Vandals face Big Sky opponent Sacramento State Sunday in Moscow. For only the second time this season, Idaho will enjoy a home crowd and, if the weather cooperates, will be able to compete on their own court for the first time. Idaho's last "home" match, which occurred last week against New Mexico State, was played in Pullman due to inclement weather.

The Sacramento State Hornets will have momentum on their side. They have won five straight matches in a row and are second in the Big Sky standings with a 7-1 conference record and 12-10 overall mark. Redshirt freshman Niranjan Ram was this week's Big Sky Tennis Player of the Week, the fifth time a Hornet has won the award this season. He went 3-0 in singles play during the team's last three matches.

Idaho, though, has reason to be confident since it is 5-0 against Big Sky opponents this year. A win would give the Vandals their 20th victory, which surpasses their win total last season, when they went 14-14, and two season ago when they went 19-8. Sunday's match will be played at 9 a.m.



It definitely set the tone that we're one of the top teams in the conference.

> Jeff Beaman, Idaho coach

It came down to the No.

without the reliably strong duo of Akbar and Cirstea. Akbar paired up again with Perevoshchikov at No. 1, but this time lost 8-5. Without the doubles point,

Idaho battled with Pere-

Akbar and the Cowboys' Chris

nament before the WAC Championships. Idaho will travel to Fresno for the Fresno State Lexus Classic on April 15. The WAC Championships will be April 22-24 in Phoenix, Ariz.

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we're one of the top teams in the conference," Idaho coach

Jeff Beaman said. Unfortunately for the Vandals, they lost one of their key players and senior leaders for an undetermined amount of time during the UTA match.

went unfinished.

Idaho then traveled to Tulsa to take on the Big 12 Cowboys, who had yet to beat a ranked opponent all season. It was what Beaman called a "rollercoaster" match with five of the six singles competitions going

Hawarth. It went to three sets with Hawarth coming back to force a tiebreaker in the third. Hawarth went on to win 7-6 to give the Cowboys the point and the win

Idaho will have a chance to rest from its tough road trip

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Good could come from disappointment of 2013

Idaho never truly recovered from its disappointment in Las Vegas last year. Going in as the No. 3 seed in the 2012 Western Athletic Conference Tournament, the Vandals were buzzing. They'd beaten the top two teams in the conference at

least once, both on the road, en route to their third-place finish in the WAC.

That didn't seem to matter in the grand scheme of things — No. 6 seeded Hawaii upended Idaho in a

game that went down to the wire. Another one-and-done in the conference tournament, and sluggish momentum that Idaho unfortunately pulled into this latest season.

Sean Kramer

Predicted to finish fourth or fifth in pre-season polls, Idaho stumbled to a 7-11 finish in conference play in 2013, grabbing the No. 6 seed at the conference tournament and once again bowing out in the first round — the fifth consecutive time under Idaho coach Don Verlin.

The Vandals were not invited to post-season play with their 12-18 record, needless to say. All the more disappointing is how Idaho couldn't capitalize on having the conference player of the year. Kyle Barone averaged 17.2 points and 9.7 rebounds per game, all while shooting 57 percent from the field.

But Idaho couldn't find Barone help in the backcourt.

Only three times all season Idaho put back-to-back wins together, and the Vandals could never amass three wins in a row. It was a season that some-

what defied the momentum from Verlin's previous four regular seasons on campus. Even including this disappointing season, Verlin's last five have been exceptionally better than the 15 years which preceded it.

Verlin has brought the Vandals to three CollegeInsider.com Tournaments, but has never sniffed the NIT or NCAA Tournament.

That's not to say next year won't provide an opportunity with it.

Idaho loses who might be its best player in the last 20 years in Barone, which alone might lead some to give up on this team before it even plays its first game next year. But talent is returning. It will be on Stephen Madison, who averaged 14.1 points-pergame as a junior, to take the load as the senior leader and all around scoring forward.

Helping him will be Connor Hill. The to-be junior is a 3-point specialist who scored 12.1 points-per-game and could be more comfortable in a spot-up shooting role depending on the contributions from certain freshmen next season.

The incoming players, all of whom could and should play right away, will be the biggest question marks and reason for hope.

Ayodele Ojo from State Fair Community College in Missouri will come in right away and provide depth in the frontcourt. He only stands 6-foot-7 but comes as an accomplished rebounder.

The biggest impact, however, will come in the backcourt where Idaho struggled in 2012-13. Idaho has landed commitments from two Seattle area guards — Perrion Callandret of Bothell, Wash., and Sekou Wiggs of Seattle.

Those two provide length and athleticism in the backcourt, both of which Idaho lacked badly. Standing at 6-foot-2 Callandret is known for his wild athleticism and ability to dunk the ball. Wiggs stands at 6-foot-3 and is known for his quickness and shooting ability. Both are likely to get playing time right away with Idaho losing starting combo-guard Mike McChristian.

Idaho struggled with both preventing and creating turnovers in 2012-13, and having athleticism in the backcourt can at least start to alleviate those struggles.

The Vandals will take a lot of unfamiliar road trips in 2013-14. Idaho's conference home has gone through a complete re-construction, adding seven new members to replace the eight that have departed. Idaho finished 2012-13 with a higher RPI than six of the new members joining the conference. Grand Canyon University, the seventh new member, will be transitioning from Division II.

Therefore, Idaho should really have no excuse to not finish below No. 2 in Jesse Hart | Argonaut Vandal forward Stephen Madison attemps a layup against UTA on Feb. 3 in the Cowan Spectrum. Madison will be the team's top-scoring returning player on next year's team, which loses All-American center Kyle Barone.

the conference.

The even bigger expectation? Winning a game in the conference tournament. It's shaping up to look like Idaho could have its easiest road to the WAC championship game in its history in the WAC.

It's unlikely Idaho could gain an NIT bid consider-

ing the conference RPI will be among the worst in the NCAA, but that just makes the unlikeliness of an NCAA bid at least more likely.

What a parting gift that would be before making the transition to the Big Sky.

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Split squads Track and field heads to Arizona and Washington

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

The third week of outdoor competition features a meet the Vandals attend regularly and one they haven't visited in years. It is also the season debut for most of the Idaho athletes as the team splits to Tempe, Ariz., for the Sun Angel Classic and Spokane for the Sam Adams Classic.

"It's exciting," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said of the team opener. "We've had a couple good weeks of weather and training so we're excited about both meets at Spokane and at

tence, including numerous medalists, and even more international and world team members. It is no different this year with 2012 Olympians Jessica Cosby (USA/ hammer), Brittany Borman (USA/javelin), Jim Steacy (Canada/hammer), Heather Steacy (Canada/hammer), Gleadle (Canada/ Liz javelin), Kenneth Medwood (Belize/400mH), Sonali Merrill (Sri Lanka/400meter hurdles) and Nate Brannan (Canada, 1500meters) among the more than 2,000 competitors expected to perform on Friday

Quarterfinal Round of the national championships. She redshirted her 2012 outdoor season. Most recently, Schaffer was an All-WAC runner in the 800meter run during the 2012 indoor season.

"I know that I feel I'm in better shape than I have been in the past at this time of year," she said. "So just to be able to prove it at a big meet for my first meet ... is pretty exciting."

The primary Vandal squad is heading to Arizona but another group is com-

peting at Whitworth for the Sam Adams Classic.

Phipps said the Sam Adams Classic will feature less competition and is a better choice of meet for some of the athletes. He said splitting the team between two meets usually happens several times throughout the season. Some athletes need to constantly face elite competition in order to have the best chance at qualifying for nationals. Other athletes, such as freshmen, or athletes that are new to an event function better in

File photo by Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Senior multi-event athlete Ryan Bowen competes in the high jump Jan. 19 at the Kibbie Dome for the Idaho Collegiate. Idaho will split its squad this weekend, with athletes going to Arizona and Washington.

smaller meet atmospheres early in the season in preparation for larger meets later.

"For a lot of people, this is their first meet since our indoor conference (championship), so it's been awhile," Schaffer said. "Making that transition from indoors to outdoors is going to be a big one."

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Arizona State."

The Vandals make several trips to Spokane every year but the current team has never competed at Arizona State — a program well known for its track and field teams and meets.

"It's a very good meet," Phipps said of the Sun Angel Classic. "There will be a lot of schools down there. It's one of the longest running meets definitely in the Southwest and Arizona State hosting it brings nationally ranked teams on both sides."

According to an April 1 report by Sun Devil Athletics, the Sun Angel Classic has featured nearly 50 Olympians over its 33-year exis-

and Saturday.

"For (Vandals) opening up, they're going to be in a situation where they're going to kind of be thrown into immediate competition but I think it's a group that's definitely capable of handling that," Phipps said. "It's a very elite group of athletes who have demonstrated over the years that they can compete at a very high level."

Senior Lauren Schaffer is one Vandal being thrown into the competition at Arizona State. Schaffer hasn't competed outdoors since 2011 when she shattered the Idaho 800 record in 2 minutes, 7.33 seconds and advanced to the NCAA Carnival Knowledge

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The less Idaho focuses on higher education, the more UI loses leadership to better-funded institutions

Duane Nellis, Doug Baker, Dana Stover, Matt Kleffner, John Hammel, Ray Gasser, Heather Shea Gasser and Kevin Woelfel.

You may love them, hate them or have no idea who they are or what they do. But each of these people plays, or played, a crucial role at the University of Idaho.

Among these leaders are a university president, provost, dean, assistant dean and two directors. And each of them is moving on to something bigger. That's eight prominent leaders to leave UI in one semester. But can we blame them for pursuing career advancements? No, because Idaho clearly lacks a spirit of investment in education.

In a nation that undervalues education as a whole, Idaho is ranked dead last. It's No. 50 in the U.S. for the amount of money it invests per student, according to the Idaho Education Association. UI faculty and staff have received only one pay increase in the past five years.

Of course universities such as Texas Tech University and Northern Illinois University are more appealing to UI administrators — they have more resources and offer higher salaries.

These leaders are not taking a step down by leaving UI. They are accepting greater positions anybody would if given the chance.

Take former UI Director of Housing Ray Gasser, for example. He left Idaho for the position of Senior Associate Director of Residential Life and Housing Services at Michigan State University, which has the largest housing program in the nation — a prestigious opportunity Gasser would be remiss to pass up. It's human nature to want to better yourself and your family, and it's common in any career field to want to advance, especially higher education.

Sure, Moscow is a great town and UI is a beautiful campus that offers a quality education.

But the bottom line is there is little incentive to stay here for people who want to advance their careers.

The loss of a university president obviously has more impact than the loss of the director of the Women's Center, but every person leaving this year had a valuable position on

campus. UI's interim lead-

ers, such as Don Burnett, are capable and deserving of their newfound roles. But if UI wants to transition from a university of interim leaders to a university that attracts and maintains quality professionals, it's going to require every Idahoan to change their mentality toward higher education, and make it a priority.



Does the departure of UI's prominent leaders affect everyday students? Why or why not?





-Grady Hepworth



"Not noticeably in my everyday life. I don't really care to be honest. The hire ups change all the time but my work remains more or less the same."

— BK

—Erin Singer





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Strong start

The Red Sox bats have been hot, pitching has been strong and fielding solid to start the year with a series win over the Yanks. Here's to a whole season of play like this.

New places, new faces

My Spanish classes always make me regret not spending a semester studying abroad — I've heard visiting another country is an experience that changes your life forever. I feel travel is definitely in my future.

— Elisa

Life choices

Chemistry? Photography? Chemistry? Photography? Chemistry? Photography. Yep, photography. But then there's chemistry...



Shane Wellner Argonaut

'Vision 2020' achievable goal

In response to the article "Flagship or land-grant?" in the March 29 publication of The Argonaut:

Your March 29 article, "Flagship or land-grant?" missed some important points that merit correction.

First, enrollment at the University of Idaho has been growing. What's important is to make sure we're using the right measurement. Our Vision 2020 goal was never articulated as a "Moscow-only" policy, nor was it simply my goal. It was one developed in conjunction with university leadership and enrollment management.

As a goal for enrollment of all types across the university, it is an achievable target. When counting all

> students, we had 13,081 students as of Oct. 15 last year. That number is different than the new state board measure that didn't included all of our students to be counted.

However, it is up significantly from the fall 2008 enrollment of 11,791.

We gain regardless of whether those students physically attend here, at one of our centers or even virtually via distance learning. Our aim is to increase enrollment numbers to sustainable levels. This is consistent with many successful universities nationally who have set such goals and have been seeing growth even during the recent economic downturn. It also is consistent with the 60 percent goals of the Idaho State Board of Education, who advocates for 60 percent of Idahoans between 25 and 34 years of age to have at least a two-year degree or better by 2020.

Second, the opening argument about flagship and land-grant universities not being compatible is specious. Though it's true that not all land-grant universities are flagships, the truth is that many are. Further, any perceived conflict has nothing to do with enrollment success. If anything, both should benefit enrollment efforts.

The College Board defines flagship universities as "the best-known institutions in the state, generally the first to be established, and frequently the largest and most selective, as well as the most research-intensive public universities." In their list of state flagship universities (which includes the University of Idaho), 32 have all or part of their state's land-grant mission.

Thus, if we work together, we can use our status as the leading university in the state, in part because of our landgrant status, to grow our enrollment across-theboard to 16,000 by 2020.

This is a great university whose impact on our state needs to continue to grow as this institution contributes to the state's economic development and quality of life.

— Madison

Flip side

I had the opportunity to be an interviewee, opposed to an interviewer, today. I have a newfound respect for the numerous sources I've interviewed throughout my college career. — Britt

Buddhism class

Tuesday we had class outside in the sun. Thursday we spent the period doing different meditations. Why can't all my classes be as awesome? — Kaitlin

My life is in danger

If I decide to photograph the roller derby bout this weekend in Pullman, I'll be given a talk about being in the suicide zone. Ummm... what??

Home

I'll be there soon, but I have things to accomplish first.

— Sean

— Kasen

General conference

Tomorrow starts one of the two best weekends a year. #mormon #christian -Philip

Legume

I was told that I have the complexion of "burnt peanut." I can't decide whether or not that's racist. I'm looking at you BK.

— Amrah

Cat Power

Comfortable in my masculinity, but not quite bragging to the fellas about listening to a band called Cat Power on repeat.

— Dylan

Hangry

I need to get better at feeding myself.

-Molly

Hakuna matata

It means no worries. —Kaitlyn

Get ready

This weekend will be a blast. Malice in Wonderland, dancing, drag shows? What else do I need? —Katy

Thank the gods

The weekend is here. I survived.

— Lindsey



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More than a game

Right To Play seeks change through sport at Borah Symposium

In 1982, while visiting Longfellow Elementary

School in Oakland, Calif., Nancy Reagan developed the vacuous theme for her anti-drug campaign when telling a girl to "Just say no" if offered drugs. "Just Say No" can and should be dis-

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missed as idiotic because it ignored the most important part of the behavior change equation — something to say "yes" to.

Johann Olav Koss, founder of Right To Play, does not expect the children of war-torn nations to say "no" to violence and extremism without an alternative to take

their place, and what he wants these children to say "yes" to is

sports. You're forgiven if, like me, you arrived at the keynote address of the 2013 Borah

Symposium a bit skeptical of the theme "Sports, War, Peace: Beyond The Battlefield." Soccer, basketball or the hallowed grounds surrounding a tetherball pole can impact the motives of Robert Mugabe and Kim Jong-un only so much. Koss knows the limits of sports, and Right To Play does not aim for something greater than sports can accomplish.

His organization works worldwide at a local level, delivering sports equipment and direction to impoverished children throughout

Africa, Asia and South America. Right To Play has

reached 165,000 children thus far, 50 percent of whom are girls, according to Koss. Sports possess obvious physical benefits, but Koss spoke mostly of the character-

building opportunities sports present, with a particular emphasis on self-confidence for the thousands of girls Right To Play seeks to benefit.

Without context surrounding the nations Right To Play targets, the program sounds nebulous. Eritrea was the country Koss referenced most often, and the nation's

recent history

and repetitive.

From 1961-

91, Eritreans

were at war

with Ethio-

pia for their

independence,

while simulta-

neously fight-

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horrifying

It's a small scale attempt not to change the world, but to change the world of as many children as possible.

ing a civil war from 1974-91. The years 1998-2000 saw a renaissance of sorts - another war with Ethiopia.

Pakistan, another country in which Right To Play planted roots, is a place where rape is not just a crime, but a punishment. Honor killings, and related honor rapes, take place at a rate of 20,000 per year worldwide, with Pakistan averaging 1,000 on its own, according to the United Kingdom's "Independent."

Countries like this have a lot to say "no" to - suicide bombers, child soldiers

as both martyrs and role models, extremism and a legacy of treating women as second class at best, chattel at worst. This is where sports are something tangible these kids can say "yes" to before they're lost for good.

Koss' anecdotes revealed children without the opportunity to spend their childhoods being children, slowly developing the character traits needed to succeed. Far removed from the destitution of civil war, it's easy for westerners to forget while watching the spoiled juveniles of the NBA and NFL that athletics have a role in positive behavioral development. Leadership, confidence, cooperation, and simple escape are present within sports everywhere, and part of why we spend so much on high school athletics not just for entertainment, but to instill valuable and adaptive traits.

Right To Play has its limits. The required multiplier effect needed to spawn cultural change is the most noticeable. The organization cannot force the people of an area to demand change in governing policy, but it can hope that if enough are reached and a tipping point is met, leaders will have no choice but to give dignity, and yes, "peace" a second thought. It's a small scale attempt not to change the world, but to change the world of as many children as possible. Right To Play does not require revolution to be a success, something 165,000 can attest to.

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An uncommon Christian view on food stamps

GUEST VOICE

John-Daniel Wanvig President of Pro-Life Students

In response to Andrew Jenson's opinion article "Taking the rough road" in the April 2 publication of The Argonaut:

According to how I was raised, I was once of the same opinion as you. As I was told, conservative was good, liberal was bad. My opinion, therefore, was that federal spending should be cut, cut and cut because everyone around me believed this and it seemed sensible.

These massive deficits, and this massive debt, were both unsustainable and irresponsible. It was not only conservative to cut government spending, but it was the Christian thing to do as well. We needed to be examples to the world of responsible living and force people to get off of government dependency, and get a job and take care of themselves by reducing programs that they were on. This was the world I lived in.

I realized over time that there were so many who truly were in need of these programs such as food stamps. If you read the news thoroughly, you will hear the statistic over and over that one in four children in our country goes hungry, most of them the last week of the month when food stamps are

gone and also during the summer when they don't have school lunches. It is not the fault of these children that they are in the position that they are in. A child cannot choose what family they are born into. A child also cannot support themselves.

There are also many adults out there who are trying to find a job in a tough economy, who are trying to support a family with part-time work because they can't get full-time work, who are disabled, etc. — these people are in need of food stamps and it would be, in my opinion, morally wrong to cut these programs that give life to these people.

As a Christian, and a person who strives to protect human life above everything else, I ask myself what Jesus would do in every situation. Would Jesus be against abortion? Yes. Would Jesus be for balanced budgets? Yes, but not at the expense of those in need. The conservative would then bring up the need of the church to help instead of the government. I would say though, that if the churches want to help, then why do most churches spend most of their money on fancy buildings with big mortgages and lavish salaries for their "Christian" pastors?

As a Christian, I live a responsible life working over full-time and going to school full-time. I pay federal taxes and give even more to those

in need. I help to keep multiple people afloat who otherwise would have basically nothing. I am, as I am commanded to be, the arms and feet of Jesus. I help those in need. Why do we not see poor people in churches? It is because they will usually be frowned at and judged when they come in through the doors. On the other hand, they will be welcomed and smiled at when they go into the government office to get on food stamps. The arrogance of many of the people in churches needs to end.

There will always be those who take advantage of the system, but I will not throw out programs that help so many who are truly in need just to teach those who are taking advantage a lesson. Budgets can be balanced through growth in the economy, and not by cutting programs to those in need. This is both responsible and Christian. If we who have been raised on the conservative side of things were to stand for both the unborn child and the child once again, then I think we would see different people win presidential elections. Instead of a message of "you're on your own," which looks to be against the poor, the right approach would be, "we are here to help raise you up." It's an inspiring message, and one that I hold to with all my heart in my efforts to protect, nurture and defend human life.





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