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Not alone

State funding low across nation, University of Idaho not only college facing tuition increases

Kaitlyn Krassel
Argonaut

ASUI President Hannah Davis said she doesn't mind paying a little more for her education at the University of Idaho if it means the school can maintain the level of quality education she has come to expect. But for undergraduate students entering their fifth or sixth year, in-state tuition and fees have gone up more than \$1,500.

University of Idaho Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes said this trend is due to a shift in the funds that make up the university's budget — in 2001, 71 percent of UI's budget was state funding, which allowed tuition to remain low. State General Account funding is now less than half of the university's operating budget at every public university in Idaho. At UI, state funding makes up 49 percent of the budget while revenue generated from student tuition and fees makes up 47 percent.

"We're right at the teetering point. If we had one more bad year in state funding we could see that flip,"

Ickes said.

Earlier this month, the Idaho State Board of Education approved another 5 percent increase for UI undergraduate tuition and fees — but UI is not the only Idaho institution to receive an increase.

Boise State University's tuition will raise 6.9 percent and Idaho State University, 4.5 percent.

Students attending UI for the 2013-2014 academic year will pay 80 percent more than students who attended in 2004-2005.

Newly elected SBOE president Don Soltman said the board approves tuition increases with the students' pockets in mind, which is why UI and BSU received lower increases than what they had asked for.

"We are cognizant of the cost to students and we want to keep Idaho's institutions affordable," Soltman said. "At the same time we understand that times are hard for higher education and our universities are looking for ways to fill the gaps."

Across the border, Washington faces

similar budget deficits in public higher education. Undergraduate tuition and fees at Washington State University have increased 75 percent in the last four years.

Chris Rosenbaum, BSU director of budget and planning, said a lack of state funding is a problem across the board and substantial tuition increases have plagued universities everywhere.

"When state funding is reduced and student enrollments grow, the need to hire additional faculty and provide funding for infrastructure to support students needs unfortunately falls largely on the students in the form of increased tuition and fees," Rosenbaum said.

In Idaho, the State Board of Education is responsible for equally considering the needs of every higher education institution. As a result, state funding for education is designated by the Idaho legislature and then dispersed by the SBOE among

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Caleb Morgan, left, Heinrich Goettsche, under, and Sushant Kshetri work on the Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle project that will be featured at the Engineering Design Expo which will take place today from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the University of Idaho Student Union Building ballroom.

IN THE DIRECTOR'S SEAT



Abi Stomberg | Argonaut

Faculty and students discuss whether or not Rachel Dolezal, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, would be a good fit for the University of Idaho Women's Center director position. Dolezal discussed her candidacy for the position from 10-11 a.m. Thursday in the Crest room of the Idaho Commons.

JAMMing at film festival

Amber Emery
Argonaut

University of Idaho College of Journalism and Mass Media students will showcase their work at the Kino Short Film Festival at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

The Kino Festival is an annual event that screens student-produced narrative films to the community after working on them throughout the semester, said Denise Bennett, a senior instructor in JAMM who mediates the process.

"I teach the class, JAMM 475, which is the advanced

digital media production course in which the films are created," Bennett said. "They write their scripts for essentially the first month and then do pre-production, and then work on production and post-production for the last three months."

Bennett said the students gain a simulated professional production experience.

"They have to deal with securing locations and getting releases for talent, as well as dealing with the challenges of personalities when it comes to working with a cast and crew," she said. "Which is something they don't get to do in an academic setting

very often."

ASUI Vandal Entertainment and local businesses support the Kino Festival, Bennett said.

Director of Broadcasting Glenn Mosley has attended the Kino Festival every year since its inception in 2001 and said he enjoys witnessing the effort that the students exert in their films.

"They're often very personal projects and it shows a lot of initiative, energy and creativity," Mosley said. "They are up here morning, noon and night editing. They are out running around shooting. They get really into it, it's great."

Kenworthy hosts annual student short film festival

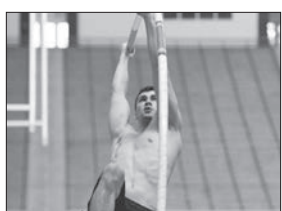
Bill Tracy, a JAMM student who will show his film this weekend, said the amount of time he spent working on the film was worth it once he finished the final cut.

"I have spent many hours in front of a computer perfecting it to the best of my abilities," he said. "And seeing it all come together from just an idea in my head is an incredible reward."

Lynnsey Phillips, a senior in digital media and broadcasting, said the festival gives the community a

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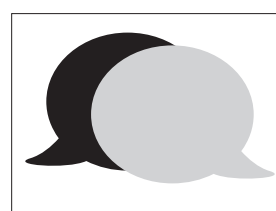
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CRUMBS

Fried chicken yellow rice

Nurainy Darono
Crumbs

Missing home so much is the reason I've experimented in the kitchen. With traditional spices like turmeric, coriander, and coconut milk (which is easy to get in Moscow) I made traditional Indonesian fried chicken and yellow rice. Try this recipe, it's nothing like you've ever tasted.

Ingredients:
2 chicken thighs
1 shallot
1 cup jasmine rice
1 1/4 cup coconut milk
1/2 tsp turmeric powder

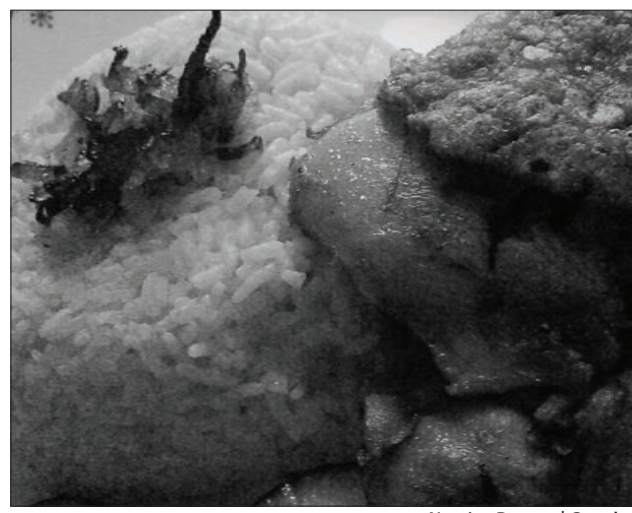
1 tsp coriander powder
1 tsp salt
2 cups water
1 tsb vegetable oil
6 slices of cucumber

Directions:
Wash rice until clean. Add coconut milk and turmeric powder, let it cook in a rice cooker.
While waiting for the rice, bring water with coriander powder, salt, and chicken thighs into a boil.
Turn the heat onto medium and cover it, wait for about 15 minutes.
Cut shallot into little pieces. Fry until brown.
Rinse chicken thighs, then

on medium-high heat for 10 minutes or until brown evenly.
On a plate, put yellow rice and fried shallot. Top with chicken thighs and cucumber slices.

Serve for two. Eat with your hands and experience the best of it.

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Friday's article regarding Don Verlin's men's basketball signees should have said Utah transfer Glen Dean has not been signed by Idaho, though the Salt Lake Tribune has reported that he plans on transferring to the school.

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Earth Fest

Earth Fest, sponsored by the University of Idaho Sustainability Center, included 16 days of sustainability themed events and volunteer opportunities from April 11 - 26. Earth Fest was designed to raise awareness about climate change, sustainability issues and get students thinking. The festival included events ranging from a Harlem Shake promotional video made by the Sustainability Center staff, to the Buy Local Moscow Brewfest, the Trashy Fashion Show and Green Lunches — a panel discussion on the logic and motivation for short-term decisions instead of long-term sustainability.

Waste not, want not

Michelle Gregg
Argonaut

The standard phrase “reduce, reuse, recycle” should not be the only words when thinking of sustainability — another way to “go green” is to upcycle, which is turning waste material or unwanted products into something useful without chemically altering it.

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center partnered with the Anthropology Graduate Student Committee to create a “Waste not, Want not” event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Idaho Commons Clearwater-Whitewater Room.

Event attendees are eligible to win upcycled products in a raffle, create their own upcycled products and learn about the cultural influence of upcycling throughout history and in contemporary society.

Kali Oliver and Hannah Russell are both anthropology graduate students and part of the AGSC.

Together, they created two media presentations that will casually play throughout the “Waste Not, Want Not” event, while students participate in their own upcycling to make T-shirts into bags, magazines into trash cans and wine corks into coasters.

“Upcycling is really about finding a new use for something, or taking multiple materials and creating something new,” Oliver said. “During the two

media presentations, students can learn about the culture and history of upcycling, as well as see pictures of contemporary upcycling in our own Moscow community.”

Oliver said although the two words sound similar, upcycling is different from recycling because it does not chemically alter the material, which is part of the recycling process. Instead she said the product is one altered physically to make something better — finding a new purpose for old materials.

“As consumers who are environmentally conscious, we need to understand and

be aware that there is more we can do with our materials than chemically alter them through recycling, and we should try and put forth the effort to reuse those products in some other way,” Oliver said.

Keaghan Caldwell, event coordinator at the Sustainability Center, said through this event he wanted to make students aware of how simple upcycling is despite their busy lifestyles.

“Upcycling is important and can be useful for everyone. Anyone can take something they do not want anymore and make it into something better — really anything has the potential to be upcycled,” Caldwell said. “This is the point of our lives we can make the change for the better to live a sustainable life and make a difference in the world we live in.”

Upcycling is not only an act of sustainability, but also a reflection

of the past. Oliver said through historical materials, which are retained through upcycling, we can interpret how a culture progressed, of how culture influenced it.

“Looking at upcycling from an anthropology/archeologist perspective, it is really important for us to be aware of how people are repurposing things in their environment, especially through history during eras like the great depression or wars,” Oliver said. “Basically, it is using a more holistic approach through interpreting the past through cultural materials.”

Upcycling is a process of collaboration between the environment, the culture and the consumer to do what they can to make a difference, Oliver said.

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Kali Oliver,
AGSC member



Campus Dining Services | Courtesy

Alex Rhealt gets ready to decorate a cake at Cake Court, an event hosted by the University of Idaho Sustainability Center and Sodexo, at the University of Idaho Commons food court. Teams competed to decorate cakes with an environmental theme and students at the food court helped to vote for the winners.

Taking the cake

Cake decorating contest promotes local ingredients, Earth day

Nurainy Darono
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center and Sodexo hosted “Cake Court” on Wednesday as a fun event for Earth Fest other than lectures about the earth’s condition, Sustainability Center Project Coordinator Wieteke Holthuijzen said.

“How it relates to Earth Fest — this is kind of like our fun event because we’re trying to raise awareness about eating local foods, so that’s why we have cakes with local ingredients in it,” Holthuijzen said.

Sodexo Marketing Coordinator Stephanie Payne said the purpose of “Cake Court” is also to encourage UI students to use local ingredients made by the local farmers, which includes Shepherd’s Grain.

“We want to highlight Shepherd’s Grain and our local farmers that are organically growing wheat,” Payne said.

While Shepherd’s Grain provided the ingredients for the cakes, Sodexo and the Vandal Bakery baked the cakes and also provided cake decorations, Payne said.

There were three teams of three people and they were given 60 minutes to decorate a cake with an environmental theme. Students at the Idaho Commons were judges.

Each winning team received T-shirts, reusable shopping bags, Vandal pouches and free Einstein’s lattes, Payne said.

The winning team decorated their cake with an ocean theme. They were three UI students from Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

“I thought it was fun, I

liked it a lot,” said Melanie Martin, one of the winning members.

Katie Bisig, another team member, said they knew the event was cake decorating, but didn’t know it was a competition.

The winning cake was served as dessert for Green Lunches, another Earth Fest event on Wednesday.

Payne said overall “Cake Court” was successful.

“I can’t wait to do it next year. We had a good time,” Payne said. “I am going to continue to do it for sure — we had a blast and we made a lot of people participate.”

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“We want to highlight Shepherd’s Grain and our local farmers that are organically growing wheat.”

Stephanie Payne,
Sodexo Marketing
Coordinator

Water summit highlights impact of water consumption

Iris Alatorre
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Sustainability Center and the Graduate and Professional Student Association sponsored the first ever Water Summit put on by UI students Monday. Although this was the first Water Summit hosted by UI, Moscow has hosted the event in years past.

The Water Summit highlighted

research on the ecological impacts of water consumption.

Jonathan Treasure, GPSA sustainability chair said the Water Summit was put on to provide UI students and the community with awareness about water resources surrounding communities.

Treasure presented at the Water Summit.

“It’s important that the student body knows where their water

comes from and what effects it has in the years to come,” Treasure said. “We play a huge role because students make up more than 50 percent of the population on the Palouse.”

Treasure said this year the Palouse is about 10 inches below the average amount of precipitation for this time of the year.

“It’s helpful for students at the university to be more educated

about the water resources,” said Barbara Cosens, a College of Law Professor and member of the Water Resources department.

Cosens also presented at the Water Summit.

“We live in an area with very scarce water resources,” she said.

Others who presented at the Water Summit were Steve Robinson, Brian Kennedy and John Tracy.

During the event, UI Campus Dining presented the efforts they’re taking to increase the priority of water sustainability.

GPSA also awarded Theta Chi with \$200 for the Greek Water Award — an award given to a sorority or fraternity that conserved the most water.

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RECOGNIZING STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT



Dean of Students Bruce Pitman presents awards at the Student Achievement Awards in the University of Idaho Administration Building Auditorium. Outstanding freshman, outstanding sophomore, outstanding junior and outstanding senior, were among the many of the awards distributed. Amrah Canul | Argonaut

Nature knows no bounds

Moscow representative helps to improve sustainable practices around the world

Allison Griffith
Argonaut

Nature does not follow the laws set between borders of cities, states and countries, which is why, Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said, trying to be sustainable can be problematic.

She said cities have different rules on how to treat water and soil, and what can be used where — as do states and countries — so having a plan for sustainability that works everywhere is difficult.

“We have to work together to be sustainable,” she said.

As a way to work with other countries, Chaney—along with two other representatives from Moscow—went to a conference put on by ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

“We were very well received,” Chaney said. “People around the world are looking for affordable sustainable options.”

Tyler Palmer, the Streets/Fleet Manager for Moscow and also a representative for the American Public Works Association was the one who got the city involved in the conference, she said.

Palmer became the chairman last year for the Latin American Task Force for the APWA, which he said means he worked on international outreach to Mexico and many of the Central American and

Caribbean countries.

As the chairman he also worked with ICLEI-Mexico, and they wanted to have elected officials from America come to the conference and said he thought of Chaney and Moscow City Council member Tom Lamar.

At the conference the three Moscow representatives participated on panels, gave presentations and went on tour to see different projects being done throughout the city, Palmer said.

Palmer gave a presentation on the EcoDriver Program Moscow has implemented for the past two years.

“The program trains city employees on better driving practices to save money,” Chaney said.

She said they train people to not stomp on the accelerator, but instead gradually

speed up to make sure the vehicles tires are properly inflated.

“Simple little things like that has saved the city 10,000 gallons of fuel and over \$3,500,” she said.

Palmer said they had already been contacted by a Mexico City federal about ways to implement the program there.

“We sent him a lot of background information,” he said.

Lamar gave a presentation on biking infrastructures in cities, and Chaney spoke about conserving natural resources across borders.

Palmer said that sustainability is a big deal, and that often the needs people have can lead to sustainable living.

“Saving \$10 is worth it to them,” he said. “That amount

might be a large portion of their pay check, so if they can save it they will.”

Though they were in a city of more than 715,000 people, Chaney said smaller villages in Mexico and even larger cities were represented at the conference.

She said what works in major cities might not in smaller ones, and what works in America, with the way our government is set up, might not work in Mexico or other countries.

Chaney said there were also people from other parts of America, such as Arizona, and other countries like Nepal.

The people from Arizona gave Chaney some information on urban agriculture and community gardens, which she said is great because that is something the city is cur-

rently working on.

She said it was nice how what other cities do can be utilized elsewhere, like how Lamar learned a lot about biking infrastructure at a conference in Portland, used that information in Moscow and passed it on to people in Mexico, one thing that can be reused in various places.

“It is great how interchangeable solutions are from other cultures and backgrounds,” Palmer said.

The main focus of the conference, and ICLEI, was sustainability, and people from all over the world came to help make the earth a more sustainable place to live.

Palmer said it is a lot of work, but it is also rewarding.

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Channel for inspiration

California woman spreads word to UI about video project to inspire young women

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Through social media and word of mouth, a woman from Oceanside, Calif., was able to spread the word as far as the University of Idaho about a video project she plans to start to inspire young girls and women.

Margaret Stewart, said she was inspired with this idea through her work as a fire fighter for the Los Angeles fire department and coaching a girls club volleyball team for several years.

Stewart said she plans to get a YouTube channel started up where any woman can share any story

she has that she believes would be beneficial or inspirational another young girl or woman out there.

“I think Margaret’s whole notion is that somebody out there needs to hear your story and it will help them,” said Colleen Kulesza, the UI Women’s Center’s graduate intern who is involved with helping spread the word about Stewart’s video project.

Kulesza said we look at superstars, celebrities and sports figures as role models.

“This isn’t always a bad thing, but the everyday woman can be a tremendous role model as well,” she said.

Stewart said she hopes that this channel can be a place for young girls and women to come and find others who have faced difficulties, made decisions, confronted fears and embraced changes.

“Some of these girls may not have any positive role models in their lives and I would like this channel to be place where they are able to find a role model because I know I didn’t have a whole lot of that growing up,” Stewart said.

As of now Stewart is not sure yet what she plans to name the YouTube channel, but she plans to make it within the next few weeks.

“It takes very little time and commitment and it could have a huge impact on people who view the videos,” Kulesza said.

Kulesza said any UI student or Moscow community member interested in making a video and sharing any story they believe could help young women can contact her at the Women’s Center.

“This is all just about helping people connect,” Stewart said. “I know that young girls always need someone to talk to.”

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Ivy said this was an exceptional opportunity and involves interdisciplinary learning, as well as a resume boost.

Dan Schneider, a sophomore studying mechanical engineering who is not officially on the team, has a lot at stake with the future of the project.

“Have you ever seen a superconductor with magnets floating on it?” Schneider said. “That right there is enough for me.”

Ivy said it looks like voodoo magic. The project takes extensive knowledge of physics, as well as computer and mechanical engineering, which is why the research team is so large.

“We have a grad student who is trying to make a computer model to describe how the heck the thing is floating,” Schneider said. “But like I said, it’s magic.”

While the Expo is a big date for the team, the project as a whole will continue beyond the seniors’ graduation dates.

The team said they did not know each other before

they began, and mechanical engineers are typically separate from computer engineers until the end.

“As we came more together, we discovered that there are all these other people on the project and it starts to become one project instead of a series,” said Nick Frazey, another mechanical engineer on the team.

Colson said no one knew exactly what the project would take, or what would need to be done to make it work smoothly.

“Our team dynamic is pretty good,” Colson said.

Ivy said they all get along, which is part of the reason for the project’s success.

The team said they have learned each other’s strengths and weaknesses, and work well together because of the intense work they have done.

Gibson said some of the other projects are fun and lighthearted. For example, the College of Agriculture has contracted one team to make a pumpkin cannon for the annual corn maze event that happens in Lewiston.

“They wanted to spice up their event offerings,”

Gibson said. “So they have made this giant cannon that pumpkins can fit in.”

This particular plan was a continuation project for teams from the last few years as well, Gibson said.

“They’re working on some safety issues,” Gibson said. “But hopefully that’ll be available at the corn maze next year.”

A hands-on experience is the peak of an engineering education, and provides an opportunity to apply this passion to benefit other people on the planet.

“It’s the tying together of everything they’ve been working hard for over the last four years,” Gibson said.

Gibson said it is really important for all engineering students to attend the Expo and see what they have to look forward to.

“It’s a day to celebrate engineering,” Gibson said. “And it’s pretty amazing.”

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FILM

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chance to break away from the status quo and support independent filmmakers.

“As a society, a lot of us are passive viewers and we go see films that are very Hollywood-style,” Phillips said. “But if you get out there and view things that aren’t in your normal genre, you can learn a lot about yourself and your worldview.”

Bennett said donations are accepted to support the Kenworthy’s effort to raise money for their Digital Cinema Fund, which goes to the purchase of a digital projector for the theater.

There is no admission charge to attend the Kino Festival and audience members will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite films, Bennett said.

“It’s a free event and it’s a chance for people to support independent local film making,” Bennett said.

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Idaho’s institutions as they see fit.

“We take every university’s needs into consideration,” Soltman said.

Although the system for higher education in Washington is different — a designated board of regents or board of trustees for every university that has only that university’s needs in mind — they have experienced the same budgetary transition from a predominantly state funded budget to a budget that relies heavily on student dollars.

In a message to students, WSU president Elson Floyd said WSU has reached a point where the university receives more support from tuition and other sources than it does from state funding. As a result, Floyd has proposed a new approach to raising tuition at WSU.

“I will be proposing a new approach to tuition to state legislators this session that is very simple,” Floyd wrote. “If WSU’s state appropriation remains uncut or increases, we will raise tuition only by the same

percentage as the Consumer Price Index. On average, that is about 2 or 2.5 percent — much more manageable than 16 percent.”

Floyd said the plan is one that is popular with WSU students who are gathering signatures on petitions of support for the proposal. He said access to affordable and high quality education at all levels is a fundamental core value of the state and the nation.

“It is critical to the economic vitality of individuals, the State of Washington and the United States,” Floyd wrote in his message to students.

Floyd is not alone in his consideration of the cost to students and maintaining affordability.

“Boise State, like our Idaho sister institutions, is sensitive to access issues for students,” Rosenbaum said. “This includes affordability as well as course availability to take classes when needed — thus minimizing not only the time to graduate, but the overall cost to students by not needing to pay for another semester or more.”

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Debbie Buchanan added three players, including a Hawaii transfer, to the roster.

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Vaulters reach new heights

Idaho track and field holds two high-achieving pole-vaulters looking to turn heads

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Most teams are content to have just one elite pole-vaulter. Idaho is lucky enough to have two, and both of them are Idaho natives.

Sophomore Matt Sullivan broke senior and three-time All-American Jeremy Klas' outdoor pole-vault record earlier this season and now both athletes have their eyes on a possible WAC title and NCAA National Championship appearance at the end of the year.

Sullivan's vault currently ranks 24th in the nation so far this season.

"Not to sound cheesy or whatever but I'm kind of like his biggest fan. I feel like it's mutual back to me," Klas said of Sullivan. "When we were down in Arizona, when he went out and broke the school record, I was ecstatic for him. Now I have something to strive for."

Sullivan, originating from Caldwell, Idaho, had a great freshman season, earning First-Team All-WAC honors in both indoor and outdoor track and field, but he struggled to improve on personal records from high school. That all changed during the 2013 indoor season when Sullivan improved by more than 10 inches in the pole-vault. He

carried that momentum into the outdoor season, improving by more than 15 inches to break Klas' outdoor school record.

"The first year that I really got here, I was kind of that weird kid that no one knew," Sullivan said. "It was a big adjustment to go from high school ... to the weights and training and everything that goes on here. Coming back this year, I know what is expected of me and I set my goals a lot higher."

It's been a rollercoaster of ups and downs for both athletes throughout their careers but there have been a lot more ups than downs. For Klas, his

pole-vaulting career started at Moscow High School but it didn't start on the right foot.

"That first couple weeks of pole-vault practice I came home and I was like 'Mom, I think I found the first sport that I'm bad at,'" Klas said. "I was just frustrated. It's one

of the most frustrating sports, especially when you're first starting."

Klas didn't give up after his difficult start to pole-vaulting and by his senior year, he was the best in the state of Idaho by more than a foot.

Even as the best pole-

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Caldwell, Idaho, native Matt Sullivan vaults during practice Jan. 16 in the Kibbie Dome. Sullivan and Jeremy Klas have made their names known around the Western Athletic Conference, and have the chance at earning berths to the NCAA Championships at the end of the season.

Sports briefs

Almudena Sanz earns WAC Player of the Week

Idaho junior Almudena Sanz has been awarded with her second WAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week honor. Sanz won both of her matches against Utah State, the team's only opponent during last week's play. Sanz won at No. 2 singles against Utah State's Jaci West in three sets winning the last two 6-3 after losing her initial set 6-2. Sanz paired up with Victoria Lozano to defeat the Aggies' West and McKenzie Davis 8-6 at No. 1 doubles. A native of Oviedo, Spain, Sanz helped the Vandals finish just above .500 overall and in Western Athletic Conference play. The team went 12-11 overall and 5-4 in WAC play.

Idaho winter athletics earns 46 honors

A total of 46 University of Idaho athletes who competed in winter athletics (men's and women's basketball, men's and women's indoor track and field, swimming and diving) have earned the academic all-Western Athletic Conference honors. In order to qualify for the honor the athlete must have completed at least one academic year, must have at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's contests. The five University of Idaho athletes honored in women's basketball and

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One down, two to go

Vandal women advance to WAC Tournament semifinals

Anthony Kuipers
Argonaut

The Idaho women's tennis team pulled off a first round upset to advance to the semifinals of the Western Athletic Conference Championship Tournament at Denver on Thursday.

The No. 5-seeded Vandals defeated No. 4-seeded Texas-Arlington 4-2 and will face No. 1-seeded Denver in today's semifinal match at 1 p.m.

"It was a great match," Idaho coach Myriam Sopel said. "We knew it was going to be tough. We played them two weeks ago and

lost in a very tight 4-2 loss. The match was so close last time that we knew that if we kept fighting and doing the right things, we were going to win this one."

Idaho reached an early lead after winning the doubles point against the Mavericks. Freshman Rita Bermudez and junior Beatriz Flores started the day with an 8-3 win at No. 3. Idaho went on to lose the next match when junior Alejandra Lozano and sophomore Sophie Vickers fell 8-5 at No. 2. To clinch the point, juniors Victoria Lozano and Almudena

Sanz, last week's WAC Tennis Player of the Week, won a grueling battle at No. 1, 9-8 (11-9).

Sopel said winning the doubles point took pressure off of the players during the singles matches.

"We saved four match points at number 1 doubles to win the doubles point," Sopel said. "That was huge. The confidence and the momentum from winning the doubles point definitely carried over into singles play."

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Almudena Sanz braces for a forehand during practice April 16 on the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Sanz won at both singles in doubles during the Vandals' 4-2 win against Texas-Arlington in the first round of the WAC Tournament Thursday in Denver.



Jesse Hart | Argonaut

Idaho distance runner Barry Britt runs laps during practice on Tuesday. The Vandals will compete Friday at the Duane Hartman Invitational in Spokane, Wash., hosted by Spokane Falls Community College.

Vandals visit local meets after last week's California adventure

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

After the craziest weekend of track and field the Vandals faced all season, the teams are back in action with two more meets this weekend. Last weekend the Vandals broke school, conference and personal records in a four-meet weekend in Southern California and Washington.

Idaho also earned two WAC Athlete of the Week honors for the week of April 15-21. Idaho junior Hannah Kiser was awarded the WAC Women's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week while junior Kyle Rothwell earned the WAC Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of

the Week.

Kiser's honor came after she crushed the WAC record in the women's 5000-meter run at the Mt. SAC Relays on Friday, April 19. Her time of 15:44.06 smashed the Idaho school record set in 1984 by nearly 26 seconds and broke the WAC record by 17 seconds. Her WAC leading 5000-meter time ranks fourth in the NCAA West and seventh in the NCAA so far this season.

Rothwell earned his honor after throwing a career-best hammer throw of 204 feet, 10 inches on Friday at the Mt. SAC Relays and a season-best mark in the shot put Saturday with a toss of 49-11.25.

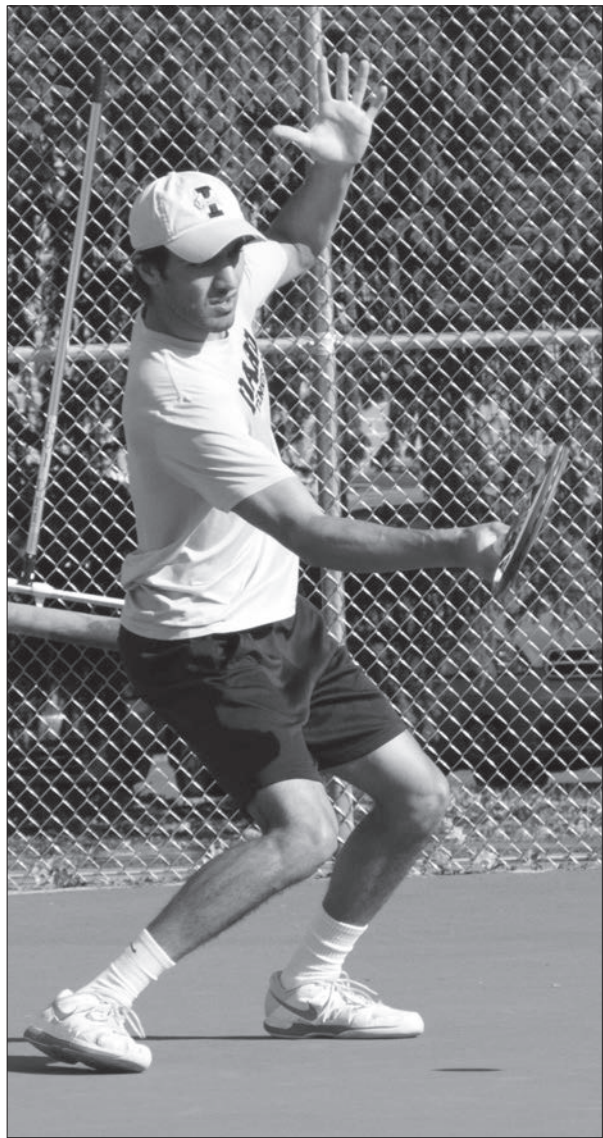
Rothwell's hammer toss secured a second-place finish and moved him to fifth all-time at Idaho in the event. The mark also ranks 15th in the NCAA West and 30th in the NCAA so far this season.

This week, the largest portion of the Vandal squad will compete at the Duane Hartman Invitational on Friday and Saturday at Spokane Falls Community College. A smaller group of runners including seniors Barry Britt, Lauren Schaffer and Liga Velvehead to Palo Alto, Calif., to compete in the more prestigious Payton Jordan Invitational on Sunday.

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First time for everything

Men's tennis hopes to capture its first WAC title in Denver this weekend



Abi Stomberg | Argonaut

Abid Akbar warms up during practice for the WAC Championships this weekend. The University of Idaho Vandals finished second in the season and will start Saturday. The championships will take place at the Gates Tennis Center in Denver, Colo.

Anthony Kuipers
Argonaut

Idaho has a chance to win its first Western Athletic Conference title and earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament when it travels to Denver to play in the WAC championships Saturday.

"It would be the cap on a good year," Idaho coach Beaman said. "We had the strong start and we've been dealing with some injuries and different issues and sort of ended the year on a little lower note. But I think it would be the cap to a great year for a really talented team."

The first round of the tournament starts today, but Idaho earned a bye after earning the No. 2 seed in the conference.

Idaho will start the tournament in the semifinals on Saturday at 10 a.m. The Vandals will play the winner of the Friday match between No. 3 seed Texas-San Antonio and No. 6 seed Texas-Arlington. Denver, the No. 1 seed, will play the winner of the other Friday match between No. 4 seed New Mexico State and No. 5 seed Utah State. The championship will take place Sunday at 10 a.m. and the champion will earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Championship tournament May 10-27.

This year's tournament

will be the team's only chance to make it into the NCAA tournament, Beaman said. Due to their late-season struggles - Idaho has lost five of its last nine matches and has fallen out of the national rankings - they will not likely earn an NCAA at-large berth without a conference title.

The program has never won a WAC championship. The Vandals made it to the finals for the first time in school history last season before falling to Fresno State 4-2.

The Vandals, along with Denver, will have the advantage of starting off the tournament with a bye. The bye gives them one less opportunity to go home early and a chance to avoid any injuries in the first round. Idaho has dealt with injuries all season, most notably senior Marius Cirstea. Cirstea played last weekend against UTSA in his first match since injuring his knee in early April. He only played in singles during that match, but Beaman said he will be in both the doubles and singles

lineup this weekend.

Cirstea said he will be ready to play on Saturday.

"I feel very well," Cirstea said. "I'm running normal. It's not hurting. I play two hours a day at 100 percent, so it's fine."

Beaman said the lineup will look the way it has for most of the season, with sophomore Dmitriy Perevoshchikov at No. 1 in singles, senior Abid Akbar at No. 2, Cirstea at

We have three really good doubles teams. That actually can make a difference because you don't have that much pressure on you. Instead of winning four singles, you have the win only three.

Maurius Cirstea

No. 3, junior Jose Bendeck at No. 4 and sophomores Cesar Torres and Cristobal Ramos Salazar at No. 5 and 6 respectively.

The doubles teams will also look familiar with Akbar and Cirstea at the No. 1 position, Bendeck and Salazar at No. 2 and Perevoshchikov and Torres at No. 3.

Cirstea said the doubles matches could be a deciding factor in how far the Vandals go in this tournament.

"If we can stay focused

and we win the doubles point, I think this is the key in my opinion because we are very good doubles team," Cirstea said. "We have three really good doubles teams. That actually can make a difference because you don't have that much pressure on you. Instead of winning four singles, you have to win only three."

Cirstea and fellow seniors Akbar, Ivan Krijanto, Filip Fichtel and Jake Knox will compete in their last WAC Tournament as Vandals. They have already helped the Vandals reach new heights during the last four years by accumulating a 74-34 record and going further in the WAC Tournament last season than any Idaho team before them. Cirstea said a championship should be the sign of better things to come.

"I think it's a great achievement for the program," Cirstea said. "Jeff tried to help us, all of us and he did a really good job recruiting people. Hopefully it will get better for us - not in my case, but for other people who are going to come here. I think being the first in something is always a very good feeling."

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Vandals reload

Idaho volleyball signs three more players for fall season

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team finished revamping its roster by signing three more players to the roster as the fall season approaches.

The Vandals lost six seniors to graduation last season, many of whom were four-year starters. In an effort to reload the roster, Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan recently signed 6-foot-3 outside hitter Tineke Bierma, 5-foot-8 defensive specialist Terra Varney and 6-foot-4 middle blocker Stephanie Hagins, who joined the team this spring after transferring from Hawaii.

Bierma is a junior transfer from the College of Southern Idaho, where she led her team to the school's 10th NJCAA National

Championship. Before CSI, Bierma played at Portland State. During her sophomore season, she hit .199 on the season with 210 kills.



Tineke Bierma



Terra Varney

Buchanan said Bierma was exactly what she was looking for. "We really wanted to find another outside hitter who has some experience and a good arm," Buchanan said. "We will have her here this summer and she will have that opportunity to train and get on campus and get a feel for things. She is a kid who has got some experience and that's what we need, that's going to help our team."

Defensive specialist Varney had an impressive career at Vista Murrieta High School in Murrieta, Calif., where she received all-league, all-valley and all-CIF honors. Idaho

needed another defensive specialist after losing libero Janelle Chow last season and Buchanan is pleased to have signed her.

"She can be an attacking DS," Buchanan said. "She could compete to be a libero down the road. She plays for a great club, a high level, she is very competitive. Playing high level volleyball all summer is going to be a good thing for her. She definitely fits into that mold of a ball-control kid and a competitive one who knows how to fight and knows how to win."

Hagins has been at Idaho since January after transferring from the University of Hawai'i. Before Hawai'i, she played at Washington State, where she was the only freshman to rank in the top 10 in blocks in the Pac-12. This is another big signing for Idaho, as Hagins comes from a Hawai'i program that has been a national powerhouse for more than



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Stephanie Hagins, right, sets up at the net while playing for the University of Hawai'i. Hagins was one of three Debbie Buchanan signees, joining Tineke Bierma

a decade. Hawai'i has made it to the NCAA Tournament every year since 1993 and has made it to the Final Four four separate times in that span and was the national runner-up once.

Buchanan said Hagins has been impressive thus far. "We're excited that she's finally here," Buchanan said. "She is a big kid with a great block and is great offensively. She is doing some things in the gym right now that make you say 'holy cow.' She just plays big. It's been great to have her here because she is getting back

into the swing of things. You can tell she has been working out, it's showing in the gym."

The three signees will help boost Idaho's roster, which has been low in numbers this spring.

Idaho will conclude the spring season at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in Memorial Gym when the Vandals host Eastern Washington. Idaho was originally scheduled to travel to Portland over the weekend, but the tournament was cancelled.

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Vandals land in fifth at WAC Tournament

Kevin Bingaman
Argonaut

After a rough first round the Idaho women's golf team turned things around, putting together two solid rounds to finish in fifth at the WAC Championships on Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz.

Idaho junior Rachel Choi blazed through the third and final round of the tournament with a two-under 70 to climb from 11th to fourth.

Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said Choi's final round was impressive.

"Rachel had an amazing round. She has shown tremendous growth as a player," Johnson said.

Denver won the tournament, taking home its first

WAC crown. Denver shot an 18-over 882 as a team, which was 12 strokes better than defending champion San Jose State, who finished at 30-over with an 894. Denver shot a tournament-low 291 in the second round and was in first place throughout the tournament. Texas State finished in third at a 30-over 904.

Denver was led by Tonje Daffinrud, who finished at seven under to claim the individual crown. San Jose State took second and third with Regan De Guzman finishing six strokes back of Daffinrud to finish second and Jennifer Brumbaugh finishing at three-over to take third.

The Vandals shot a rough 312 in the first round to tie with New Mexico State at the bottom of the standings.

Idaho played better the rest of the way out, shooting a 296 in the second to move up to fourth. Johnson said she was happy with the way her team responded after the first round.

"We putted significantly better," coach Lisa Johnson said, adding that birdies and steady play early on set the tone for the day. "We made some long birdie putts early in the round. That helped their confidence. We had a better sense of the speed of the greens."

Idaho came out in the third and shot a 300 to finish the WAC Championship in fifth, just one stroke behind Texas-San Antonio. Seattle U came in fifth and New Mexico State came in seventh.

Johnson said she was happy with the way her team faced adversity.

"Overall, I was impressed with how the team rebounded from a horrible first round," Johnson said. "It showed great toughness. It would have been nice to shoot lower but we're happy with our effort."

Choi led Idaho, finishing in fourth. Sophomore Leilanie Kim finished with a 10-over 211 to take 11th. Sophomore Kaitlyn Oster finished at 13-over to tie for sixteenth, freshman Kristin Strankman finished in 23rd and freshman Cassie McKinley rounded out things for Idaho, finishing in 33rd.

It was a decent end for the young Idaho squad that will be bringing back all but one player from this year's roster.

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Rachel Choi



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Kaitlyn Oster putts Sept. 25 during the WSU Cougar Cup at Palouse Ridge Golf Course. The Vandals finished fifth and Rachel Choi finished fourth at the recent WAC Tournament.

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the four in men's basketball ties the most of any team in the WAC. The men's indoor track and field team garnered eight awards while their female counterparts earned a total of 16. The swimming and diving team accounted for 14 more.

Men's basketball hands out postseason awards

Kyle Barone, the best post player in the history of the Idaho men's basketball program, was the recipient of two separate awards, while fellow seniors Mike McChristian and Mansa Habeeb, along with sophomore Connor Hill, claimed the team's other awards. Barone, who was named an AP All-American, took home the Ronald White Award, given to the team's most outstanding player as voted by members of the team. Barone and Habeeb shared the Gus Johnson Award, given to the team's best defensive player. McChristian was awarded the Oz Thompson Award, given to the player who best inspires sportsmanship, scholarship and leadership. He also won the George Greene Award, given to the team's most unselfish player. Habeeb was voted the team's most inspirational player, winning the Jay Gano Award. Hill, the only non-senior to

claim an award, earned Kathy Clark Award, given to the player who best balances athletics and academics.

Idaho makes clean sweep of track and field awards

Following stellar outings at the Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., one week ago, the Western Athletic Conference has named juniors Hannah Kiser and Kyle Rothwell its Outdoor Athletes of the Week for the week of April 15-21. Kiser made headlines after shattering both the WAC and Idaho all-time records in the 5,000-meter race. The Wenatchee, Wash., native won the event with a time of 15:44.06. Her time was 26 seconds better than the previous Idaho record set in 1982, while it smashed the conference record by 17 seconds. The 5,000-meter mark is Kiser's third record of the year. She also broke WAC and school records in the indoor mile and 3,000-meter race. Rothwell didn't capture the hammer throw title in Walnut, but the Eagle, Idaho, native heaved a career-best throw of 15.22 meters (49-11.25) in the shot put event Saturday. The mark is best in the WAC this season and ranks 15th in the NCAA West region along with 30th in the NCAA.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH



File photo by Abi Stomberg | Argonaut
Jose Bendeck, the sole junior on the Idaho men's tennis team, warms up during practice March 27 at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The Vandals finished second in the WAC regular season and will begin the WAC Tournament Saturday at the University of Denver.

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The first singles match that finished went to UTA after freshman Belen Barcenilla lost at No. 5. Idaho followed that with two wins in a row when Victoria Lozano earned a victory at No. 1 in two sets and senior Constance Alexander won at No. 3 in two sets as well. Vickers shut out her opponent, Christine Foote, in the first set at No. 6 before losing the next two sets and taking the loss.

With two more singles matches left, Beatriz Flores sealed the win for Idaho when she won in two sets at No. 4.

Idaho improved to 13-11 on the season and has won four of its last five. With this win, Idaho avenged a 4-2 loss against the Mavericks in early April.

"It was actually great to play UTA again in the tournament," Sopol said. "You usually don't


get a chance to get revenge against a team you lost against earlier in the season. We knew what to expect because we already played them, and we put our best game forward right away, from the first point on."

Idaho's next opponent, Denver, is 16-3 overall and 8-0 in WAC play. Denver, which has the advantage of playing at home, shut out New Mexico State 4-0 Thursday.

In their regular season meeting, the Pioneers defeated the Vandals 6-1 in March, but Sopol said the Vandals are a much-improved team since then.

"Denver is ranked, and they get to play at home, but we are at the peak of our level, we play our best tennis, and we are so eager to win that we can beat anybody," Sopol said.

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Myriam Sopol,
Idaho coach

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vaulter in Idaho, Klas wasn't recruited out of high school. But again he wasn't discouraged and set out to prove himself as a walk-on for the Vandals. A year later, he earned his first All-American honor at the conclusion of his sophomore indoor season.

"He's come a long ways," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said of Klas "Although he vaulted well in high school, he made huge improvements in his very first year and then has gone on to be one of the most successful track and field athletes that we've had at Idaho."

When Idaho's former jumping coach Jason Graham left at the end of last season, Klas took the role as the leader and player-coach

of the pole-vault program. the pole-vault but Klas and Sullivan are up to the challenge and they will continue to push each other along the way.

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Idaho coach

"I'm super excited to be able to go out and know that we'll have some really good competition," Klas said. "I think it's going to be more fun than anything, just going out and knowing that if I want to be competitive, I have to go out and compete my best."

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"We'll have a local meet," Idaho coach Julie Taylor said. "Not everybody will compete, not everybody will race. I think the distance runners kind of go every other weekend depending on what (coach Wayne Phipps) thinks."

Last year, Idaho won nine

individual titles and made five record breaking performances at the Duane Hartman Invitational. Returning champions include Kristine Leonard (shot put), Ellen rouse (javelin throw) and Ugis Svazs (javelin throw).

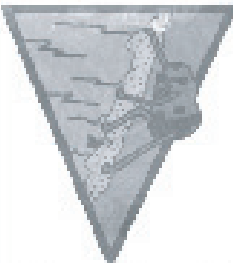
Idaho also saw success at last year's Payton Jordan Invitational one all-time top-10 entry and 12 career-

best marks on the men's side. "I don't think we'll be full bore but we'll still have plenty of kids that will be running," Taylor said. "We are all kind of preparing to get ready for the WAC meet. It will be a much lower key meet (this weekend)."

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Putting a price on knowledge

The value of an education goes beyond any dollar amount, but as tuition continues to increase at the University of Idaho and higher education institutions in general, money begins to take precedence over knowledge.

Students who have attended UI for five or more years have experienced a more than \$1,500 increase of in-state tuition and fees. Students enrolled during the 2013-2014 academic year will pay 80 percent more than UI students in 2004-2005. A contributing factor of these increases is the decline in state funding.

Seventy-one percent of UI's budget consisted of state funding in 2001. Today, 49 percent of UI's budget is comprised of state fund-

ing. State General Account funding is less than half of an institution's operating budget at every public university in Idaho. Tuition increases are essentially the only option universities have to offset the decrease in state funding.

UI administrators asked the Idaho State Board of Education for a 5.9 percent increase in tuition earlier this month. The SBOE declined their request and approved a 5 percent increase. The 5.9 percent increase is the lowest amount administrators could have asked for to cover the bare minimum of expenses, and without it UI will struggle to balance its budget.

Other universities face similar conundrums. In the last four years,

undergraduate tuition and fees have increased 75 percent at Washington State University. Boise State University's tuition will increase 6.9 percent this year. These increases can be attributed to less state funding in each university's budget.

SBOE officials said they make decisions in students' best interest. They often approve lower increases than what university administrators ask for because they want to keep education affordable. But what's the point of an affordable yet lower quality education?

If UI's financial future is anything like its track record then it's going to be difficult to maintain the quality education students expect. At this point, the university is struggling to balance its budget.

How can it be expected to give current faculty and staff pay increases, hire new faculty and staff, maintain buildings and the many other expenses that go into UI's upkeep.

UI's tuition is still affordable, especially in comparison to its peer universities. Students also might not mind tuition increases if it means an improved education. And if the SBOE is not going to provide the funding universities need to operate, then it should approve the only means they have of acquiring funding.

The tuition increases universities ask for, as a result of little state support, is putting a monetary value on education.

—EE



How do you measure the value of education? Based on the tuition you pay, do you think you're receiving a quality education at the University of Idaho?



"Personally, I measure my education based on the quality. After paying thousands of dollars, and getting a quality education, to me it would be worth the price."

—Sam Koester

"As long as I get a decent job and live a decent life then it was all worth it."

—Hayden Kraack



"The value of education can be measured by the passion that it ignites in an individual. I feel that I have gotten a quality education because the classes that I have taken have helped me find what I am passionate about (sustainability). Besides, UI is one of the cheapest tuitions out there so really no room to complain."



—Angela Easton



Shane Wellner
Argonaut



Fox News, MSNBC and XXX Media's treatment of disasters more like porn than news

After the Dec. 14 shooting in Newtown, Conn., the American Psychological Association published an article to help guide parents through handling their children in the aftermath of national tragedies. Largely straight forward, the APA advised parents to talk with their children, not to lie about what happened and to let kids know their own safety was not in question. The guide also warned parents to monitor the media consumption of their children. Not all kids understand that each segment on every channel they see is covering the same event. Some children interpret wall-to-wall coverage as a new bombing or a new shooting on each channel, with their town sure to be next.

This advice should not be limited to children. The way media covers tragedy is too easily mistaken for news, even by adults, instead of understood for its true nature: disaster porn.

Disaster porn is exactly what it sounds like — harnessing human

fear and voyeurism to attack advertising revenue without delivering actual news, the same way porn uses your libido for dollars without delivering any authentic action.

No one truly mistakes pornography for something other than kabuki sex, but disaster porn from ABC, NBC or CBS still wears the title of news, regardless of how much empty content — or oftentimes fiction — these networks spew.

While authorities build a case or search for a suspect, it's in their best interest to keep all developments within the confines of the investigation. Better that than damage an eventual prosecution, or sift through an even deeper deluge of citizens reporting "suspects" most often guilty of being non-white, strangers, or the worst, non-white strangers. It benefits the case to keep initial information out of the public eye, but has the downside of yielding almost nothing to report.

That does not stop wall-to-wall coverage, which quickly runs out of news before devolving to

fact-devoid segments or simply inaccurate conclusions. Just as you should not mistake the New York Post misidentifying two "federal suspects" with a front page spread, or CNN wrongly breaking the arrest of a Saudi national as news, neither should you consider the frequent eye-witness interviews as anything but free labor to keep butts in seats.

One of the major ethical complaints against pornography is the allegation that viewing softer porn leads to more and more extreme versions — like rape depictions or scat porn. While this assessment misses the mark in many ways, if you find yourself drifting further and further into scat porn — something else that's exactly what it sounds like — you have a problem. Disaster porn's version of scat porn is the misinformed musings of opinion broadcasts that dominate cable news.

Nothing is inherently wrong within opinion shows, but when already poor reporting meets the editorial broadcast, you have a screen full, and soon a head full, of scat. No other words can describe

Bob Beckel calling for a moratorium on Muslim student visas, or Greg Gutfeld calling Tamerlan Tsarnaev a state sponsored terrorist for temporarily receiving food stamps, or conservative media's open-armed embrace of conspiracy theorists. Or Melissa Harris-Perry inferring Islam had no relevance to the attack, needing only days to be refuted by none other than surviving bomber Dzhokar Tsarnaev himself. The deeper the initial speculation, the more scat someone somewhere has to clean up.

The irony of the Internet age and demand for moment-to-moment news is that often there is no news to report. It's as the initial white-hot intensity dies down — days, weeks or months removed from the event — that we learn the identity, motives or affiliated groups of the assailants. Otherwise, disaster porn leaves us with the same feeling as porn — the sense that a lot was done when really we just have a mess to clean up and an embarrassing history to hide.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE
FROM OUR EDITORS

Impatient

Is it college basketball season yet? I'm far too impatient to wait six months before watching the Idaho women's team win the WAC again.

—Madison

Dead Week

More like "Celebrate the 2013 Seniors' impending graduation all week long" Week.

—Lindsey

Sad

That moment when there's a class you really want to take from a particular professor and it doesn't fit into your schedule or graduation requirements.

—Kaitlin

Weekending

The next two are going to be fantastic: Portland with my favorite Sydney and then a weekend of shenanigans including FinalsFest. The one after that? It's summer time and I'll be on the road to California. No complaining here.

—Kaitlyn

Time to be sentimental

Facebook creeping on myself reminded me what a fantastic time I've had at UI. Thanks to everyone who's been a part of it. You're the best.

—Katy

This sucks

It seems like 80 percent of people I know are graduating or leaving. This kind of sucks.

—Sean

Life is gouda

I love cheese. I am not ashamed.

—Britt

Brew time

It's that time of the semester when all I can focus on is beer.

—Molly

College senior

Due tomorrow? Do tomorrow.

—Kasen

Blue skies

It's amazing how a little sunshine can create a lot of happiness. Here's to a positive attitude during the last few weeks of school, graduation and the start of my summer internship.

—Elisa

Not so bad after all

I thought writing my 10-12 page research paper for History of Sports would be miserable. Then I realized I was writing about sports — yeah, that thing that I want to do for the rest of my life. By tomorrow I plan on knowing every detail about the life of tennis legend Arthur Ashe.

—Theo

In French

Ten pages later I feel like I'm fluent ... Nah, just exhausted.

—Dylan

Halls

A pep talk in every drop. Just what I need these days.

—Amrah

Drug tests

I hope I pass, I hope I pass.

—Philip

Under pressure: a good thing?

As an exercise science and health student, hypertension is something that has been discussed in almost all of my coursework. And though hypertension can affect people across all majors, I am assuming that others may not have the same opportunity to learn about it as I have. Did you know that hypertension is synonymous with “high blood pressure?” This basically means that your heart is working harder than it should. Hypertension is a problem that affects nearly 74.2 million Americans per year, typically with no symptoms. However, even asymptomatic, this disease can lead to serious consequences such as vision loss, stroke, kidney failure, and even heart failure. And while many of the diseases that result from hypertension may not affect us until we are older, it is important to know what our numbers mean and how to keep them in a healthy range.



GUEST VOICE
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Association (AHA) has set forth standards for healthy blood pressure and what is considered hypertensive. A blood pressure reading has two numbers. The top number is the systolic value. This measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart beats (or the heart muscle contracts). The bottom number is called the diastolic value, which measures the pressure in the arteries between heartbeats (when the heart muscle is resting and refilling with blood). In the chart, you can see blood pressure values and the appropriate actions recommended. Recently, two University of Idaho students, Allyssa Nilsson and Greg Holcomb, interns with Gritman Cardiac Rehab, provided blood pressure screenings on the UI campus. With

a total of 70 participants, 37 males and 33 females, nearly 40 percent fell into the categories of pre-hypertensive or hypertensive. With elevated blood pressures among our campus population, college age is the perfect time to start creating lifestyle habits that can contribute to lifelong heart health. There are plenty of ways to keep blood pressure under control. AHA recommends finding a good source of potassium, consuming plenty of fruits and vegetables and exercising regularly. Limit sodium, stress, tobacco, alcohol, and excess weight. It is important to keep note of what a normal blood pressure is for you, and talk with your medical provider if you have concerns.



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Wolf population data deserves scrutiny

GUEST VOICE

Frank Priestly
President of the Idaho Farm Bureau

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s annual wolf population report released in mid-April, shows “at least” 321 confirmed packs and 1,674 individuals in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Overall numbers are down by about 100 animals compared to last year. Highlighted in the report are confirmation of breeding pairs and growing subpopulations in Oregon and Washington. Further, the report claims there are no wolves in Utah. In addition, the report is riddled with inconsistencies and other strangeness that leads us to believe we aren’t getting the full story here folks. For instance, as far back as 2002, wolves were confirmed in northern Utah, when a pack killed 15 sheep and lambs near Hardware Ranch in Cache County. Livestock depredations have occurred throughout southeast Idaho and northern Utah since that time. In 2002, wolf number 253, a 2-year-old male and member of Yellowstone Park’s Druid Pack, was caught in a coyote snare in Morgan County, Utah, east of Ogden. This wolf, doing nothing more than following his wild instincts, crossed a political boundary. He was transported back to Yellowstone Park, on the taxpayers’ dime, and was later killed by a hunter near Daniel, Wyoming. In March of 2008, a pilot with experience flying in Alaska spotted five wolves, three blacks and two greys near Dutch John, Utah. KSL News reported that tracks were later found and the wolves answered a howl call. Yet these wolves weren’t evicted from Utah. Did the political boundary vanish in those six years? A large herd of elk migrates out of Southeast Idaho to Hardware Ranch in northern Utah every winter. Does anyone really believe there aren’t wolf packs following those elk? Do the facts that hunters have killed wolves and livestock depredations have occurred throughout the area prove there are wolves present? In spite of the appearance of solid evidence, the USFWS map that shows confirmed wolf pack territories, reveals no evidence of packs in southern Idaho, northern Utah, or southwest Wyoming. With all of this evidence of wolves spreading west into Oregon and Washington and occasional sightings in northern Utah, it seems curious that USFWS can’t confirm wolf packs south

of the Snake River, in northern Utah, or in southwest Wyoming, which leads us to question the validity of the entire report. We understand the complexity of counting wolves. Imagine flying over vast wilderness areas replete with deep canyons and dark timber. What percentage of existing wolves is it humanly possible to document? We assert that it’s a very small percentage and further, that there could be more wolves in Idaho alone than this report documents for the entire region. Yet the USFWS report makes no mention of the difficulties associated with obtaining accurate population estimates. It’s time for USFWS to get serious about telling the truth about wolves. The hundreds of rural families that have suffered economic losses deserve the truth. USFWS, through the use of half-truths and vagueness, has done a masterful job in its public relations efforts. Since the mid-90’s their line on livestock depredation has been that wolves only cause a small proportion of all livestock losses. Somewhat true, but they are additional or new losses that the livestock industry did not have to absorb before reintroduction. In addition, when given consideration to the fact that only a small proportion of livestock losses are actually documented, it doesn’t soften the blow by much. It’s been estimated that only one in nine livestock depredations by wolves are confirmed by USFWS. Yet once again, their report makes no mention of this. A lot of people have romantic notions about the American West, its wide open spaces and wild animals. The stories that aren’t being told are about depopulation trends in rural counties and kids who won’t have the chance to go to college next fall because the family business is no longer profitable. And these businesses are not just livestock operations. They include all of the businesses that sustain our rural economy. This agency’s inability to document wolf packs in areas that are politically inconvenient is a serious problem. The report includes the statement that wolf reintroduction has been an incredible success story for endangered species, but glaringly omits the fact that when wolves were reintroduced they didn’t have any idea how fast the population would grow or how far territories would expand. Frank Priestly is the President of the Idaho Farm Bureau. Frank Priestly can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu



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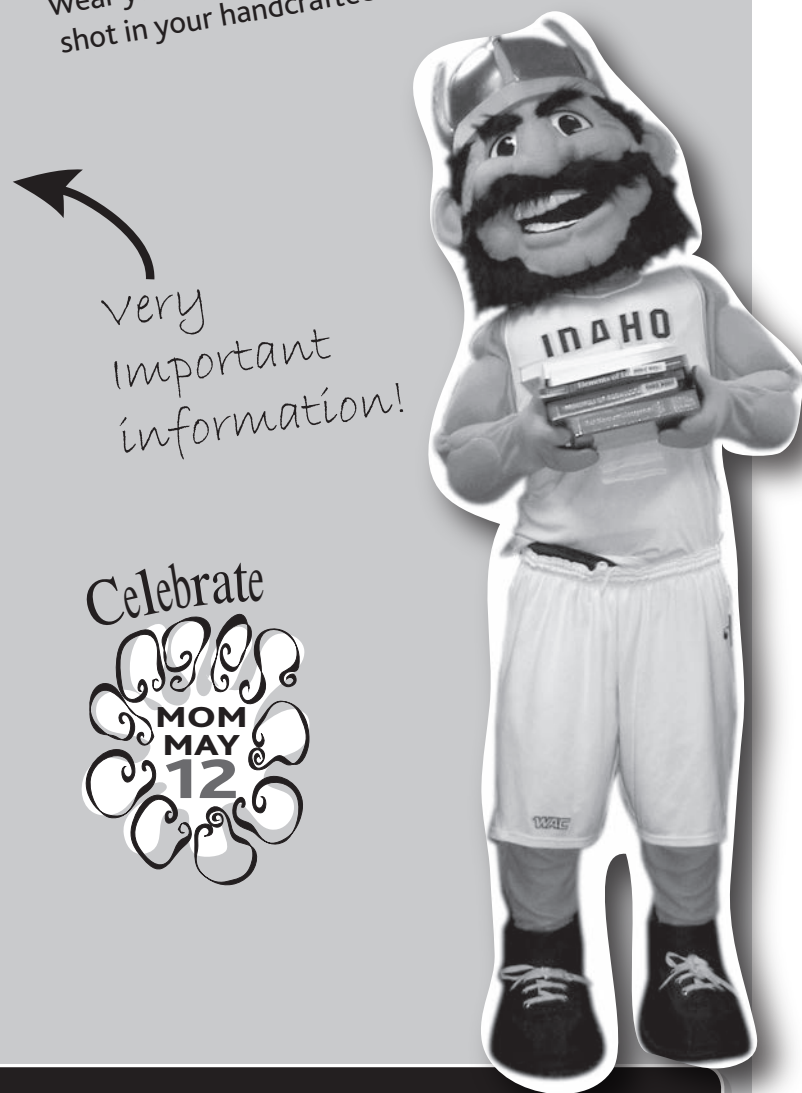
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