

Trusty two cents



Max Cowan
ASUI President

Create a support system

"Someone to drive you home when you need it, lend you notes when you miss class, walk you to the health clinic or counseling center when you're not feeling well."

Go to the office

"Have a question about financial aid, student involvement, or the career center? Nothing beats face-to-face."

Get consent

"College students have sex. If you do, make sure you've got consent. Nothing is sexier than 'Yes,' or the effort to ask for one."

Make eye contact

"Introduce yourself to your professors by shaking their hand and looking them in the eyes, then follow up during office hours. It's harder to fall behind if they know you."

Make music

"Pooping in the Ridenbaugh bathrooms is the best. It's the noisiest building on campus. If you don't know where that is, look at a map (bonus advice)."

Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

The transition to the University of Idaho can be an exciting yet confusing and stressful time for incoming freshmen and transfer students. But there are people at UI who want to help, and it doesn't hurt that they've been down Hello Walk a time or two. Here's what University of Idaho faculty, staff and students think all incoming students should know.

Kaitlin Moroney Argonaut

The University of Idaho will be in a state of interim during the upcoming academic year following the departure of several top-level administrators. But Interim President Don Burnett said UI will be OK in the search and transition to new leadership.

"Whenever you see leadership transition, I think the question isn't just 'What have we lost?' but 'What did somebody else look for.'" Burnett said. "And if they are looking for top-quality leadership and they are finding it at the University of Idaho, I look upon that as a favorable thing."

Who and why

President M. Duane Nellis left for the Texas Tech University. Provost Doug Baker became the president at Northern Illinois University. Baker's wife, Assistant Dean of Recruitment and Retention in the College of Business, Dana Stover left with him. John Hammel, former dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences stepped down and returned to a faculty position. Director of Housing Ray Gasser moved on to Michigan State University — the largest housing program in the nation, bringing with him his wife and Director of the Women's Center, Heather Shea Gasser. Debbie Storrs, associate dean of the College of Letters, Art and Social Sciences moved on to University of North Dakota.

Those are among the more prominent positions that have been vacated at UI since December. Despite what may seem like a frighteningly large number to the casual observer, Kenton Bird said there's only one unusual aspect of this turnover: the president and provost both leaving in the same year. Bird is the director of the school of Journalism and Mass Media and outgoing chair of the Faculty Senate, and has been a full time faculty member at UI since 1999. To him, the turnover seems magnified as a result of three broad themes at the university. The first is simple.

"Spousal accommodation," Bird said. "Meaning a two-career couple that leaves creates more impact as opposed to just one spouse being employed."

The Gassers, Baker and Stover, and Storrs and Mehlich, all indicate UI is doing a better job of providing spousal accommodations, Bird said.

"We're recognizing there are two career couples that the university is making it possible for both spouses to be employed," Bird said. "The downside of the dual career accommodations is if you lose one spouse, you are likely to lose the other."

The second reason Bird said the recent turnover seems so drastic is the visibility of each of the positions.

"The fact that the people who have left have been highly visible on campus," Bird said. "And they've been very successful because in most cases they're moving to a larger university and the fact they were sought out by these other universities is a reflection of the work they do here."

The final aspect in the recent turnover is the departure of both the president and the provost — the top two administrative positions responsible for representing and running the university.

"That's a rare coincidence that I don't know of any other time in the University of Idaho's history where the two top positions have turned off," Bird said.

Kathy Aiken Interim Provost



People care

"They should know that there are people here who are interested in their success so they ought to reach out to those people if they are having any kind of issue. I think that's most important."

Go to class

"That is the single most important element for success for a student at the University of Idaho."

Get involved

"They should join or be involved in at least one thing outside of the classroom that is of interest to them.

That helps them make connections with the university and the community, it provides some social interaction outside of the classroom that I think is really important, and helps people be involved in the community."

Go to something

"The fourth thing I think they should know ... they should attend some events. A sporting event, a theatrical event, a musical event, a lecture ... something. We have so many options that you should really take advantage of that."

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Eric Hutchinson to headline Palousafest

Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

This year students and community members will end the summer on a high note with the sounds of singer-songwriter, Eric Hutchinson at Palousafest — an annual street fair and concert that starts the fall semester.

Hutchinson earned recognition with his 2007 album "Sounds Like This" featuring popular songs "Rock and Roll" and "OK, It's Alright With Me." He released his most recent album, "Moving Up Living Down," in April 2012.

Sammi Gunning, Vandal Entertainment board chair and summer

coordinator for the Department of Student Involvement, said Hutchinson is the perfect combination of affordable and recognizable for the annual concert.

"We actually initially started out with a slightly lower budget and we had some issues finding an artist who was recognizable," Gunning said. "They had good talent at the level we were looking at but not a lot of name recognition. Something that we want to do for students is bring them acts that they can tell their kids about when they get older."

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Waiver revisions

Policy revision gives UI dependents both tuition waiver and scholarship

Alycia Rock Argonaut

Last year, the employee dependent tuition waiver allowed students of university employees attend school at half of tuition price — but they could not accept any additional institutional scholarships.

This year, that changes. According to Keith Ickes, Executive Director of Planning and Budget at UI, a student may now accept any combination of aid as long as it does not exceed \$4,534 — the total annual cost for in-state tuition not including student fees. This means that if a student receives institutional financial aid that the university itself provides, this student may now receive a waiver and financial aid up to the total cost of tuition in a year.

This year's waiver is worth \$3,262 — 50 percent of tuition and fees.

"There were some complaints of parents last year, when we made them choose," Ickes said. "In a few cases, parents would take financial aid or scholarship and give up the larger amount, the waiver."

Ickes said that some scholarships were academic awards or merit awards, and students wanted to be able to keep that prize that they earned.

Trish Hartzell, who was vice chair of the faculty senate when the decision was made, said when initially approved, the waiver did not work very well if the student was receiving a scholarship from the university.

The waiver was originally implemented as an incentive to recruit and maintain valuable faculty and staff for the university.

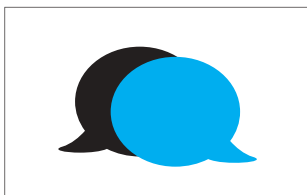
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Pasta salad with cashew pesto

Lindsey Treffry
Crumbs

Gourmet chefs use pesto all the time, but that doesn't mean it's a difficult recipe to make. Pesto adds flavor to simple dishes, and it can be whipped up in a flash. All you need is a good blender or food processor.

Ingredients

- Spiral pasta, such as rigatoni, cooked and chilled
- Cherry or grape tomatoes
- Green beans, steamed, chopped and chilled
- 1 cup fresh basil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup cashews

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup nutritional yeast (you can find this in the bulk section)
- Salt and pepper

Directions

- In a food processor or high-energy blender, finely chop the basil, garlic and cashews.
- Slowly add in olive oil and nutritional yeast. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Mix with pasta, tomatoes and green beans.
- Serve cold. Add a squeeze of lemon for some extra zest if desired.

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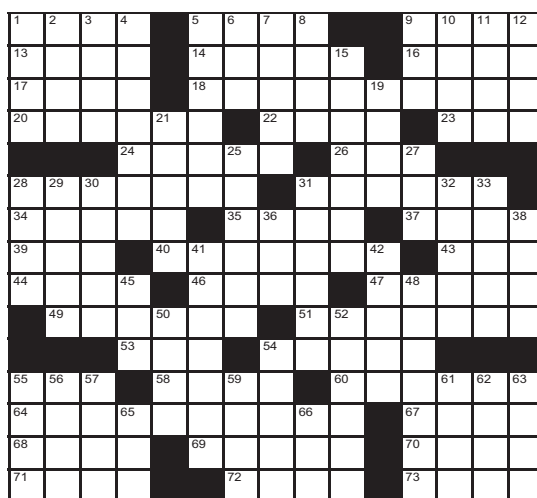
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Student interest rates double

Ryan Tarinelli
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The interest rate on federal subsidized student loans jumped from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1, after Congress failed to renew the lower rate.

The interest rate increase will affect approximately 7.2 million students across the country who will sign up for federal subsidized loans, according to The Institute for College Access and Success, a national student advocacy group.

Approximately 4,700 University of Idaho students took out a subsidized student loan last school year, totaling \$19 million in borrowed costs, said Daniel Davenport, director of student financial services.

"I think it's really sad that the federal government couldn't reach an agreement on such a simple and bipartisan issue as college affordability," Max Cowan, ASUI president said. "I think that specifically at UI we will see the effects of it, in that years down the road students won't be able to afford higher education."

A bill sponsored by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) concerning student loan interest rates failed earlier this month, by a vote of 51-49, largely upon partisan lines. The legislation would have returned student loan interest rates to 3.4 percent.

Three Republican senators — Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Tom Coburn (R-OK) and Richard Burr (R-NC)— sponsored legislation that tied loan interest rates to a 10-year U.S. Treasury rate. The proposed bill also failed in the senate earlier this summer.

Despite the failed legislation, Davenport said there is a good possibility that Congress will pass legislation to lower interest rates before the start of the school year, because both parties are getting pressure to pass legislation.

"I am hopeful especially from what I've been hearing, most lawmakers are in support of some plan that would make sure that the subsidized loans have a lower rate," Cowan said.

Davenport said that the interest rate increase should not deter prospective students from attending college, because students

will not have to pay back loans until after they graduate, in which time Congress can lower the rate.

Davenport said every time legislators change the loan system, through sequestration, new programs and yearly budget bills costs taxpayers more money.

"It just confuses everything, you know, it may not sound like much of a change but you think about changing all the administrative assistance that tracks it and keeps the interest, the billing, the payment system, all of that," Davenport said. "That is a huge cost when they play with it, but of course they don't see that."

Cowan said he recently met with Arne Duncan, the U.S. secretary of education, who was hopeful that a deal could be reached before schools starts, and that the compromise that would be reached would be retroactive. Retroactive legislation would lower interest rates for students who took out loans after the July 1 deadline to make sure they are not kept at a 6.8 percent interest rate.

The 3.4 percent interest rate was implemented in 2007 under the College Opportunity and Affordability Act. The legislation guaranteed a six-month grace period where interest would not be accrued, and payment would not be required.

Davenport said the interest rate increase does not apply to federal unsubsidized student loans, which accrue interest and do not require payment until after graduation.

Subsidized student loans are only offered to undergraduate students who show a need for financial assistance. However, an unsubsidized student loan is offered to both graduate and undergraduate students regardless of financial need. In both types of student loans the school decides how much to offer.

Congress is expected to vote this week on a compromise that will cut rates on all new loans, but ties future fixed rates to the market conditions when they will be expected to rise. The plan also caps the loan rates at 8.25 percent for undergraduate loans and 9.5 percent for graduate loans and includes fixed-rate interest rates for the life of the loan.

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Christopher Bryant, a junior at the University of Idaho, fills out paperwork outside of the Financial Aid office Monday morning. Federal subsidized student loans jumped from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 after Congress failed to renew the lower rate.

Ensuring a safer UI campus

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

With almost a decade of experience as a radiation safety officer for the University of Idaho, Samir Shahat was selected to be the university's new director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Matt Dorschel, UI director of public safety and security, who was on the hiring committee for the position, said Shahat has a great background in public health and safety, and knows the position and campus well.

"He is really, almost, overqualified when it comes to his education, which is fantastic. So we feel really fortunate to have him and the fact that he took the position," Dorschel said. "He has a really great background in environmental health and safety, and a Ph.D in chemistry, which leans itself to that area."

Dorschel said the two main characteristics he looked for in a new EHS director was ethical leadership and genuine care for the position, both of which Shahat had.

"I feel really confident that he has those qualities as a leader, and will do a lot for that program," Dorschel said.

Shahat said he plans to focus in on efficiency as director of EHS to

keep up with ever changing government regulations.

"The new approach or philosophy for me here will be efficiency. So we do our work and serve the people as quickly as we can, and respond as quickly as we can, and follow up after," Shahat said.

Shahat said he plans to make communication between EHS and the rest of the campus environment easier and more personal.

"I remember when I had my personal interview for this position, I told them communication, communication, communication, because it is the most important thing," Shahat said. "It is not enough just to give a phone call or send an email...we will be there, we will be apart of the group."

Shahat has big shoes to fill as he takes the place of Fred Hutchinson, who was the EHS director for more than 30 years, and was a mentor to Shahat.

"He was like a legacy for the university, so it's very hard to replace Fred actually. He is a very good person," Shahat said.

Dorschel said Hutchinson is well liked on campus, and built EHS from the ground up into the department it is today.

Shahat said UI does not frequently

appoint directors of EHS because the position requires an efficient and diligent system from dealing with government regulations to public safety codes.

As EHS director, Shahat will oversee all workplace safety and environmental safety concerns for UI faculty, staff and students.

"We take care of everything — air quality, water quality, environmental issues on campus," Shahat said.

Dorschel said EHS is not just responsible for keeping up with federal, state and local government regulations, but also addressing problems about hazardous materials that many professors and students use. He said with a large university like UI, collaboration between departments is key for the safety of students and faculty.

"There are so many regulations, and what it takes is a team effort. So, one unit like EHS can't really do it without building strong partnerships," Dorschel said. "One of the things Samir impressed our hiring committee with was his ability to build partnerships and collaborate with people on campus."

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Samir Shahat was named as the new director of Environmental Health and Safety. Shahat will oversee all environmental health and safety programs as well as ensure that the University of Idaho is in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

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The University of Idaho's College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences dean, Katherine Aiken, was named interim provost May 8. Aiken is now settled into her office in Administration Building and ready for the Fall Semester. Aiken has been a Vandal since 1969 when she began her undergraduate career at UI.

From undergrad to provost

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

When Kathy Aiken first began her undergraduate career in 1969 as a history student, she had no idea her career path would lead her to the provost's office on the first floor of the Administration Building.

"I'm a good example of how, when you're an undergraduate at the University of Idaho, you may not even suspect what your role might be," Aiken said. "But that your education is preparing you for whatever that role is. One of the things a good education does is allow you to be flexible and be responsive and take on new challenges."

Aiken will be the interim provost and executive vice president for the upcoming academic year. Aiken spent the last seven years as the dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, and prior to that held a number of interim positions and teaching positions in history since she began working at the university in 1984.

"Academia is a very interesting thing because people train to be workers in their discipline not to be managers, and then they become administrators and managers through a sort of confluence of forces," Aiken said. "I don't think there's anyone in academia that their career path was to be

an administrator. People's career path is to be as good at their discipline — in my case history — as you can. That's how people start."

Aiken earned her Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Idaho, followed by a master's in history from the University of Oregon and a Ph.D. in history from Washington State University.

In her new position, Aiken plays a number of roles, but most prominently she is the chief academic officer for UI.

"So I have responsibility for everything that has anything to do with academics, which is just about everything. I'm also the executive vice president so I kind of convene all of the vice presidents of the various areas about their areas as well," Aiken said. "President Burnett calls it the dean of deans which I kind of like."

As the provost and executive vice president Aiken said she is also responsible for partnering with the president to work on university-wide initiatives and work toward his vision for UI. On a day-to-day basis Aiken's schedule in her new role varies due to the number of things the provost is responsible for.

"I go to a lot of meetings. I meet with all of the deans in particular about their specific academic in-

terests," Aiken said. "When the president is away then I'm the responsible party at the University of Idaho. If there are events or appearances he can't manage in his schedule, then sometimes I represent the University of Idaho in his place."

Aiken said her goals for the upcoming year are to support interim President Don Burnett in his interest in promoting UI as Idaho's first university and a leader in academics in the state. She said she is also looking forward to the search for the next president, and recruiting a dynamic individual to lead the university. In the short term, there are a number of vacant deanships Aiken said she is looking forward to filling. She said it is her goal to put the best people possible in those positions.

"I want to be as supportive and helpful to president Burnett as I can be," Aiken said. "I want to make sure that our academic programs continue to flourish, and that we're thoughtful about how we respond to student needs and make sure students have the learning opportunities that they deserve."

Mostly though, Aiken said she can't wait for the school year to begin.

"When you're an academic there's nothing like the beginning of the academic year when new students come to campus and

you're sharing with them that vibrant community that is the University of Idaho," Aiken said.

Lynn Baird, dean of the library, has worked with Aiken for many years but said they first really got to know each other on a committee started by former university president Tim White. In 2006, Baird and Aiken became deans within months of each other.

"Because we knew one another and had served together in those other capacities together, we became really close friends as we tried to figure out what it is to be a dean," Baird said.

Baird said she looks forward to Aiken's role in the provost's office because of her skills as a leader and the institutional knowledge she brings to the table. Baird said Aiken is known for her sense of humor, direct yet insightful demeanor and passion for the University of Idaho.

"She really understands who we are," Baird said. "I enjoy her passion and commitment to the University of Idaho. It inspires me to do a better job. I also like the fact that she is action oriented ... that she tries to create processes that have a meaningful end."

Aiken, who's office is adorned in recent American memorabilia and specifically Rosy the Riveter,

Get to know the Provost

- She is from Sunnyside, Washington.
- In her free time, Aiken still reads a lot of history and enjoys being at Lake Coeur d'Alene.
- Aiken's husband and two children also attended the University of Idaho.
- Favorite Vandal Tradition: Homecoming
"When I was a freshman at the University of Idaho my husband gave me my very first I-mum (traditional homecoming corsage) which used to be a big deal at dances and stuff, and he still gives me an I-mum every year at homecoming and so it just reminds me of that. And it's called homecoming because this is home and people are coming back and it just reminds me that they're so happy to be here."
- Aiken and her husband have season football and basketball tickets. They attend almost every Vandal game.
- As an undergraduate, Aiken was a Vandalette (drill team member), worked with ASUI community relations, a member of the debate team and Delta Gamma sorority.

said taking on the leadership role was particularly important to her in terms of bringing a female perspective to the top ranks of university administration.

"One of the things that's pretty important to me is that we at the University of Idaho have not had as many women in leadership positions as I would like to see," Aiken said. "So one of the reasons I wanted to do this ... I think it's really important that students see women in leadership positions as well as men. I think women can provide a different perspective and an important one."

Baird said Aiken is highly respected by the internal university community and the external community. She said Aiken earns the respect of everyone that she works with and that she is incredibly capable of communicating the university's vision.

"I think she's a remarkable woman," Baird said. "I think she's taking on a leadership position that is courageous and really a mark of her character and by doing so I think that she opens doors for all women."

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EPSCoR's influence broader than research

New research EPSCoR program, Idaho education go hand in hand

Alycia Rock
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The University of Idaho's new EPSCoR program will begin this fall, and hopefully continue to grow in the next five years, said Rick Schumaker, assistant director of the project.

EPSCoR— Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research — is a platform that widens the research practice opportunities for undergraduates and gets them involved early in the research process. This is a hugely important part of the college experience, said Schumaker.

In its first year, the statewide project will provide research opportunities for more than 50 students throughout Idaho and at least a dozen from UI, Schumaker said.

"It's not hundreds," Schumaker said. "But it's quality not quantity. We're focused on trying to provide good experiences."

Schumaker said they have tried to promote the program and inform students about what is available on campus, and EPSCoR hopes to broaden the research opportunities to social and soft sciences as well.

Chemistry, physics and engineering will no longer be the only possible research areas available with EPSCoR in place, Schumaker said, and because the positions are limited, the application process will be competitive.

Sarah Penney, project manager and head of Outreach, Education and Diversity in the EPSCoR program, said they hope to involve students from a variety of backgrounds as well.

"We hope to have at least half of our students be from underrepresented groups," Penney said. "We're still in the planning stages as far as how exactly we are going to implement this, which is exciting and fun."

EPSCoR will match underclassmen with research teams that are not only relevant to their field, but also include a personal local significance as well. The EPSCoR program emphasizes ongoing, expansive research, Schumaker said.

The project scope is larger than just work experience, Schumaker said. It

offers networking opportunities, and many of the research projects are paid as opposed to voluntary internships.

"There's a connection to the place that you are studying," Schumaker said. "It provides interest and relevance."

Penney said it gives students a chance to be connected and team up with faculty, or as she calls them, "ambassadors" that will be located at several colleges across the state of Idaho, including Lewis Clark State College and North Idaho College.

"They will be responsible for recruiting students for this program," Penney said. "We try to build on existing programs that have been doing this all along."

There is a distinct difference between an undergraduate and a master's student working on a research project, Schumaker said.

"We see this as a path in the step to someday owning master's degrees or doctorates," Schumaker said. "It's something a lot of students aren't aware is an option."

A student's education trajectory is an idea Penney referred to as a "pipeline." EPSCoR hopes to bridge the learning communities between high school, college and graduate school, Penney said.

"I was a first generation college student and I was a sophomore before I became aware of a research opportunity," Schumaker said. "I had never even really considered getting a master's degree."

According to Don't Fail Idaho, a public awareness campaign on Idaho's education system, only one out of every ten high school freshmen will continue on to graduate college with a bachelor's degree, Schumaker said.

"What we're doing is really targeting a bigger picture need to get students motivated and encouraged to pursue higher education," Schumaker said.

EPSCoR is a research capacity building program, Schumaker said, and they are hoping the impact goes far beyond just students who are directly involved in the projects.

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University of Idaho Junior Vanessa Santos checks plants in a greenhouse at the the USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station on UI's campus. Santos is majoring in Sustainable Crops and Land Resources and is involved with the EPSCoR research program which provides research practice opportunities for undergraduates.



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Recent University of Idaho Natural Resources graduate Kenneth Pete works with Santos at the Rocky Mountain Research station.

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Reaching out with honors

University of Idaho Honors Program offers academic help, social benefits for students

Andrew Jensen
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Students looking for an additional challenge in and out of the classroom can find just that in the University of Idaho Honors Program, which seeks to provide academic and social benefits, including an engaging and discussion-oriented learning environment to its student members.

Alton Campbell, acting director of the Honors Program said it is like a college in itself.

"Students, no matter where, are just looking for community," Campbell said. "And, this is another way to find community to support students as they go through their four years."

There are currently over 400 members involved in the Honors Program and approximately 120 new students join each year.

Campbell also said the Honors Program provides an opportunity for students to get the most out of their education, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

"(It provides) enhanced intellectual stimulation, the opportunities to interact with faculty in smaller classes," Campbell said. "The other side, the extracurricular side, provides a very strong supportive community and spirit."



Alton Campbell | Courtesy

The Honors Student Advisory Board brainstorms some ideas for the coming year May 2013. The HSAB is the student leadership organization for the Honors Programs. HSAB commonly sponsors or assists with service projects, leadership retreats, movie nights, game nights, and many more activities for honors students.

Tyler Jaskowiak, a sophomore member of the program's leadership organization Honors Student Advisory Board, said the program is great, due to the benefits it offers to new students.

"One of the most obviously useful things that the program does for you is that primary registration, so you get to register that

Monday with the seniors," Jaskowiak said. "Also, small class sizes are really nice, especially for first-year students making that transition from high school to university."

Jaskowiak said the smaller classes allow professors to provide more help for their students.

"For me, personally,

when I needed letters of recommendation from professors or scholarships this spring, most of the professors I went to were from the Honors Program because they knew my work better," Jaskowiak said.

He also said he enjoyed the program's "Fire Side Chats" with professors,

calling them both interesting and enlightening.

"The fireside chats are really cool," Jaskowiak said. "I made it to one where a chemistry professor talked about recycling and how it's not all it's made up to be... that was really enlightening and really cool to hear the other side of the recycling story."

Honors classes span both lower and upper division classes, including English, psychology, engineering, history, chemistry and special topics courses like "Gangs in the U.S.," "Speculative Fiction (Science Fiction)" and "The Occult in History."

Extracurricular activities include "Fire Side Chats" with professors, Honors service projects, game and movie nights, "Things That Matter" weekly student discussion groups, regional day hikes and a formal dance.

Further benefits include early class registration, Honors living groups in both McCoy Hall and Scholars Living-Learning Community and academic distinctions for completing honors credits.

Campbell said he hopes to reach out to the non-honors students of the university.

"That is a direction we would like to move, to have some events each year that would bring people together and enhance the rest of campus, not just the honors students," he said.

Students can learn more about the program via Vandal Friday or by visiting the university's website.

"Honors is a 'hidden gem' at the UI," Campbell said.

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New school year, new SArb traditions

SArb looks forward to, plans events for this fiscal year

Azumi Smith
Argonaut

As new students arrive on the University of Idaho campus in August, they have the opportunity to enrich their college experience by joining campus clubs and organizations.

The Student Alumni Relations Board (SArb) is one group that is hoping to see new members.

SArb was established on the UI campus in 1969 with the goal of providing students with the opportunity to make important connections that last even after they've left the university, said Kristy Mayer, assistant director of the Alumni Office.

"Our main goal is to build a bridge between students and alumni," Mayer said.

In honor of UI's founding in 1889, SArb consists of 89 members. Students can apply

at the beginning of each semester, and will then go through an interview process. SArb Advisor Lauren Hamilton said SArb seeks students who want to get more out of their collegiate experience and are not afraid to take creative risks in the event planning process. Diversity is also a big focus point in recruitment, Hamilton said.

"We are trying to reach out to some athletes, and we're really trying to reach out to international students," Hamilton said.

SArb is responsible for planning and putting on numerous events on campus, and the student members are the driving force behind the implementation of such events.

"They help plan, they help execute events, they help do catering orders and they do media design," Hamilton said.

"They really get to be involved."

The first event SArb will put on this year is arguably one of the most important, said Hamilton.



Our main goal is to build a bridge between students and alumni.

Kristy Mayer,
Alumni Office
Assistant Director

to the Kibbie Dome.

"(Vandal Walk) provides students the opportunity to go full circle, literally," Hamilton said.

SArb also organizes Dads' and Moms'

Weekends, GradFest, Silver and Gold Day, and several other small events.

Carley O'Brien, UI student and SArb Internal Public Relations Chair, said she is anticipating the upcoming school year and what SArb has plans to make it great.

"A group of our members has been working on creating a new (Tradition Keepers) book, and I am so excited to see the final product," O'Brien said.

SArb awards Tradition Keeper pins to participants who fulfill certain university traditions and visit campus landmarks, while also learning about the past and present UI.

SArb will have booths at Palousafest and the Get Involved Fair with information for students who may be interested.

"I have loved being a part of (SArb)," O'Brien said. "It has been a great leadership experience."

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Wallace: Housing UI students since 1963



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Anthony Outman | Argonaut

Wallace is a residence hall with four wings and a variety of living spaces. There is co-ed, single gender and Greek housing sectioned by floors. Wallace also holds the University Housing office and Bob's Place. The photo on the left appeared in the 1964 University of Idaho yearbook, Gem of the Mountains.

Kaitie Martin
Argonaut

This August marks the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Wallace Residence Center on the University of Idaho campus.

Last year, University Housing celebrated the 50th anniversary of the beginning of construction by unveiling the finished renovations to the Ballard wing. Ballard renovations began in 2011.

"Wallace is one of our most unique communities on campus. It is home to almost 1000 people every year," Kelsi Nagle, recruitment coordinator for University Housing said. "That's a lot of people in fifty years."

On opening day in 1963, the Wallace complex was home to the first residential elevator on campus. The complex included Ballard Wing, Stevenson Wing, the cafeteria and the housing office. Wiley Wing was finished in 1965 and Gooding Wing was finished in 1967. The wings were named after Idaho senators Frank R. Gooding, N.B. Wiley, Edward A. Stevenson and David W. Ballard.

The Wallace Complex is named to honor the first territorial governor of Idaho, William H. Wallace. The complex was planned under University of Idaho President Donald R. Theophilus and designed by the Boise firm of Wayland, Cline and Smull.

Wallace has undergone several renovations since it was first constructed. The most recent renovation included new carpeting, cabinetry, vanity sets, curtains, lounge spaces, ceiling tiles, paint, doors and updated door locks and hall furniture in all four wings.

Constructed and renovated during the Cold War, Wallace was one of 28 facilities listed in Latah County's civil defense program as a bomb shelter if a nuclear attack were to occur.

Bob's Place, the campus cafeteria, is an original part of the complex and was renovated in 1977. To this day it is still the primary dining hall for students that live on

campus. The buffet-style cafeteria offers a variety of meal plans and dining options to meet student needs.

Wallace is the largest residence hall on campus and houses freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

"I absolutely loved my freshmen year in Wallace," UI student Vanessa Kaminski said. "I wouldn't do it any differently even if I could. It's college and definitely an experience I will always remember."

Students will begin to move in to the Wallace Complex August 21.

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Kaitlin Moroney | Argonaut

The College of Education building is scheduled to undergo renovation beginning at the end of spring semester 2014. The building is located behind Memorial Gym.

College of Ed earns renovation

Kaitlin Moroney
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Education is about to get a much-needed face-lift.

Corinne Mantle-Bromley, dean of the College of Education, said the state of disrepair the building is in became apparent soon after she took her position three years ago.

"There has been little to no repair work done on the building because it always takes asbestos abatement," Mantle-Bromley said. "You can't get new technology into the building without asbestos abatement — the roof was leaking, the windows were leaking."

On June 20, the Idaho State Board of Education approved the \$14.5 million project for the renovation of UI's College of Education building.

Because state funds were appropriated for the renovation, the project is overseen by the Division of Public Works, which is currently taking bids from architecture firms to take on the project.

The renovation will include the removal and abate-

ment of asbestos, with which the building was constructed.

The department is currently determining where the temporary facilities for faculty and staff will be located. They don't have anything set in stone yet, but they will probably be spread across campus, Mantle-Bromley said.

The classrooms in the College of Education building are general classrooms used by the university. Mantle-Bromley said most education students have classes on other parts of campus as it is so the construction will not affect those students.

"There's enough flexibility in the university schedule to handle these classrooms being offline for a couple of years," she said.

The move out of the building is expected to take place at the end of the 2014 spring semester. Deconstruction will take one year and reconstruction one more year. The building will not be completely leveled, but only the "bones" of the building will remain, Mantle-Bromley said.

"Everything that is brick, concrete and steel will remain," she said.

"There will be a structure here but it will be pretty empty."

The college is expected to be ready for the fall 2016 semester.

The official plans are a long way from being drawn up, but the administrators and faculty already have an idea of what they want to see from the new building. Larger classrooms and meeting rooms and science laboratories are among some of the needs the College of Education has currently.

"So we'll come up with a list of needs and we'll also have a list of desirables and hopefully we will get as much of that as we can out of the budget," Mantle-Bromley said.

Mantle-Bromley said she is excited this renovation is finally talking place.

"We are going to create a space that our students really deserve to have," Mantle-Bromley said. "It will be a space that is going to much better meet everybody's needs. It's going to be a space that the university can be proud of."

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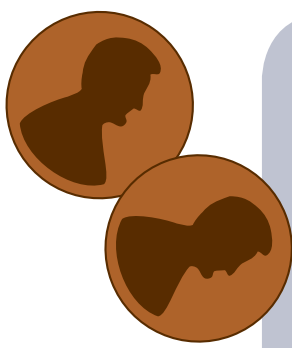
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"The last thing is that you should remember your personal safety is certainly our concern but it's also ... you have some responsibility for making good choices and being thoughtful about your safety and the students who are directly around you. We are a really safe campus and we pride ourselves on that but people have some individual responsi-

Kathy Aiken
Interim Provost

bility for making the right kind of choices and being thoughtful about those things."

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Have each other's back

"There's a new program that the Dean of Students is doing. It's the 'I Got Your Back' campaign

and this promotes safety across campus and what to do and how to stand up for people that are maybe in some serious trouble."

Study spaces

"The library is an easy place to study and there are a couple of computer labs there."

Head to Bob's

"Bob's Place is actually a fairly good place to go if you don't live on campus. It's a reasonable place to eat."

Free stuff

"Don't forget to install Sophos antivirus, which is free for all students."

Craig Chatriand

Associate Dean of Students

Get involved

"Get involved with your residence hall community or the Greek community. Join a campus club (especially in your major) or play an intramural sport. Students who are involved tend to earn better grades and enjoy their colleges experience more."

Find your happy place

"Find two special places on campus to study. Explore campus and by the third week of classes, have two places where you can go and get down to the business of learning."

Eat fresh

"Attend the Moscow Farmer's Market. This great event happens every Saturday through October from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Main Street."

Get advice

"Meet your academic advisor. This person can be a tremendous help to you if you get to know them early in your first year."

Become a true Vandal

"Buy a copy of the 'I Book' and learn the traditions of the University of Idaho. Our institution has a great history and becoming a Tradition Keeper is a great way to pass on what it means to be a Vandal."

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"Contrary to popular belief, pizza, energy drinks and Top Ramen are not the foundations of a balanced college diet. While these can be incorporated into a healthy diet, moderation and balance is key."

Prioritize and budget

"Eating healthy doesn't have to be expensive. When you prioritize healthy eating and eat unprocessed, whole foods that are in season, it's a win-win for your health and budget."

Eat fresh

"Take advantage of fresh foods grown by local farmers. Get to know the Moscow Farmer's Market on Saturdays, get involved with the UI Soil Stewards, or shop at the Moscow Food Co-op and enjoy the best of the Northwest."

Shannon Haselhuhn

Health Education
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Wear comfortable shoes

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Use the Student Rec Center

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Know the resources that are here to help you

"This campus offers programs, services and resources to assist students with academics, health, safety and so much more. If you need something, just ask. I bet you'll find the help you need."

Go to class

"Make it easy on yourself and decide to show up every day."

Look out for each other

"If you see someone who needs some help, help them. We've all been there, and we'll all be there again. Following the golden rule never stops being cool."

Alton Campbell

Acting Director, University Honors Program

Participate

"Get involved in at least three activities fall semester — consider a department activity like a student club, an interesting fun activity — such as the Ultimate Frisbee Club, and a leadership or service event/activity — like Fall Leadership Week or Saturday of Service."

Expand your mind

"Use your time at the UI to study and learn, to develop your thinking skills and to discuss your ideas with other students."

Volunteer

"Stop by the Volunteer Center, look over all of the options, and sign up for a service project. Start thinking about an ASB (Alternative Service Break) trip for next spring."

Make connections

"Get to know at least one professor and/or staff member fall semester."

Don't be afraid

"Ask for help when you need it"

Butch Fealy

Director for Intramural Sports

Get active

"Whether it is a club, your living group government, intramural sports, student government ... find something that you like or are passionate about and be a part of something bigger than you. You will enhance your resume and personal development just by devoting a couple hours a week to something outside the classroom."

Spend money wisely

"I have donated to Goodwill so many things I thought I needed in college, video games, clothes and furniture that I couldn't live without. Turns out you don't. Survive on the basics."

Know the people who work here

"Introduce yourself to your professors and other University staff. They truly care about your success and want to celebrate your triumphs and help you avoid pitfalls."

Sit in the VIP section

"Sit in the front row and do all the extra credit they give you. If you went to a baseball or basketball game you would want to be in the VIP section, so sit there in the classroom and start getting used to it."

Start building good behaviors

"Get to the gym, get a sleep schedule down, eat healthy, stay active, volunteer, and of course, study. There is always going to be distractions but get started while you have so much access and start shaping the best you possible."

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One big fitness family

Moscow CrossFit has become a success since its opening at the beginning of the year

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

In less than seven months, Mic Santo's fitness fantasy — Moscow CrossFit — has come to life.

Santo, Moscow CrossFit's coach and owner, said he was surprised at how fast the gym took off.

"We grew fast, it really exploded. We started with nine people, then it was 15, then 20, 30 and now we are over 40 members," Santo said. "It's an awesome deal."

Santo said the gym began in his garage in January, and they took steps to avoid infringing on CrossFit's copyright until they became an official affiliate in April.

"We originally started calling ourselves the Boneyard because we didn't want to infringe on CrossFit's name," Santo said. "We weren't calling what we were doing CrossFit, and we weren't taking peoples' money initially."

Santo said the donations, when they started taking them, went directly toward purchasing equipment.

"I mean, I still haven't paid myself," Santo said. "Everything went into purchasing equipment to build this thing in my garage. We just continued to buy more bumpers, buy more bars, buy kettlebells and medicine balls."

Santo said they were working out in his garage until April, when they moved into their new home and became a CrossFit affiliate. CrossFit affiliates pay annual dues to CrossFit Inc. to use the CrossFit name. CrossFit Inc. also licenses trainers.

The typical CrossFit workout involves everything from aerobic work, calisthenics, gymnastics and Olympic weightlifting. Tim McCoy, a member at Moscow CrossFit, said the workouts are intense.

"Every workout is intense in its own way, whether it is weight lifting or cardio aspect," McCoy said. "That's kind of the purpose of CrossFit as I understand it, to push your boundaries whether it is a five minute workout or a 45 minute workout."

Santo said his gym's workouts don't follow the CrossFit website, but they are still incredibly varied.

"CrossFit's specialty is not being specialized," Santo said. "The only workouts we repeat are the benchmarks."

McCoy said the workouts have gotten him into the best shape of his life. He said he works out six days a week, sometimes twice a day and he feels great.

"I have some nagging pains from years of living because I'm a little older than most of (the other members) at 46," McCoy said. "A little bit of nagging shoulder and knee injuries, but nothing out of the ordinary."

McCoy said the thing he enjoys most about working out at Moscow CrossFit is the family-like atmosphere.

Misty Funke, who also works out at Moscow CrossFit, said the group is so tight-knit that if she misses a workout someone will text her to ask

where she was.

"They kind of guilt you," Funke said. "It's a great motivator."

She said her friends who don't do CrossFit joke about her being in a cult.

"It really is like a big family, we have barbecues and events," Funke said. "It is more than just a gym."

Funke said newcomers shouldn't be intimidated by the programming because it can all be scaled for intensity that matches the individual. She also said Santo is really thorough in preparing them with eight bone-yard break-in sessions, and he coaches every session.

"Even though it's the most expensive gym in Moscow it is well worth

it because you basically have a personal trainer every time you workout, and over the long run that will save you a lot of money," Funke said.

Membership costs \$80 a month for unlimited workout sessions.

Funke only had one complaint about CrossFit workouts.

"My famous quote is 'my everything hurts' because I'm always sore," Funke said. "But it just means I'm getting stronger and healthier."

Funke said at 31-years-old she is in the best shape she's been in since high school.

Santo said CrossFit has gotten him in great shape since he really got serious about it two years ago.

"Before I got into CrossFit I did the Globo Gym thing," Santo said. "Like everyone else I ran on the treadmill and I lifted weights; I thought it was the best thing I could do but I was sadly mistaken."

Santo said CrossFit's competitive aspect draws people to it, which may help to explain the rapid growth of his gym.

"You aren't competing with other people, you are competing against yourself," Santo said. "Our ages vary widely from early 20s to almost 50 and you'll find in all those people an urge to compete. That's what really drew me in. I'm almost 30 years old and I've been done playing sports for a while but this is something I can still do."

He said he thinks that the high cost of joining the community at Moscow CrossFit is well worth it.

"Our membership, we do charge more than anybody else in town, but there is a reason for it," Santo said. "It's not to make anybody rich. That's not the goal and honestly its not gonna happen. But creating value in something that pulls people in. Its like, I'm not paying for a gym membership, I'm paying to go get the best workouts of my life, feel better than I ever have, and do it with the coolest people I know."

Moscow CrossFit is located at 2182 Nursery St. in Moscow.

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My famous quote is 'my everything hurts' because I'm always sore. But it just means I'm getting stronger and healthier.

Misty Funke
CrossFit member



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Jessica Santo climbs the rope during her workout Thursday, May 24, at Moscow CrossFit. The facility is open 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday. There is a beginner "break-in" course from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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PALOUSAFEST

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Gunning said when they raised the budget, Eric Hutchinson became a possible candidate.

"We were like 'his music is fantastic, people know who he is,' so it was just the perfect fit," Gunning said.

Gunning and the Department of Student Involvement were able to contract Hutchinson for \$17,000. Previous Palousafest headliners include We the Kings (2012) and Ra Ra Riot (2011).

"We don't have quite as big of a budget for this as we do for Finals Fest, so he is a good balance between recognizable and he'll make for a fun concert and he's also affordable for us," Gunning said.

Gunning said the other challenge in scheduling an artist for Palousafest is the inflexibility of the date. Palousafest occurs every year on the Saturday before fall classes begin.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24 on the Tower Lawn following a street fair sponsored by the Department of Student Involvement.

The fair will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sixth Street in front of the residence halls and will feature booths from community and campus organizations.

"Local businesses and student organizations will have tables set up where students can get information about certain

organizations both on and off campus," Gunning said. "A lot of places will be giving away free stuff and there will be free pizza and water courtesy of the Department of Student Involvement."

Prior to the concert there will also be inflatable activities set up on the tower lawn for students and community members to enjoy.

"We're having one of those bungee trampolines ... a mechanical bull, a jousting one and an obstacle course and I think those are going to be a lot of fun," Gunning said.

Gunning said a yet undecided local act will open for Hutchinson at 7 p.m.

"As of right now I have two potential bands, one from Moscow and one from Lewiston. Either way awesome local talent will be opening," Gunning said.

Gunning said she is looking forward to the event because it is the first large-scale concert she has organized.

"I'm hoping everything goes forward without a hitch," Gunning said. "The idea behind this event is a welcome to new students and a welcome back to returning students, and the idea that the event is to remind and reintroduce all of the resources that they have on campus so it's a really unique and awesome event in that you get all of this information and then it ends with this really cool concert that's absolutely free to students and the public."

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But he sees them as independent events that are just that: a coincidence.

Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney said she thinks there is something more to it.

"You know, I'm not sure that it was just a raw coincidence that it occurred (at the same time)," Chaney said. "Education at all levels in the state of Idaho is notoriously poorly supported by our state board of education and by our legislature and that is a frustration for me because I value education first as an individual but also as goes the University of Idaho so goes the city of Moscow. We are so integrally bound socially as well as economically."

Chaney has a close relationship with the University of Idaho and said it's important for administration, faculty and staff to be fairly compensated.

"If they feel more appreciated or better able to meet their own economic needs or their professional aspirations in other locations, I can't blame them for leaving," Chaney said.

It becomes difficult to retain quality faculty and administration if UI has meager state funding out of which to offer raises and competitive salaries. But Chaney said there is more to it than funding.

"I think there's a political mindset that's apart from the funding issue," she said. "We look at the national level ... but I do think we see that at the state level as well. Presuming that we can somehow have a competitive workforce without investing in education at all levels and the infrastructure that supports education."

The social mindset toward education, both K-12 and at the university level, goes hand in glove with whether or not there is money available to put into academic institutions or salaries, Chaney said.

Bill Goesling, Moscow resident and member of the State Board of Education, said state funding has and always will be a challenge. "Idaho is a small state and it's a tough row," he said.

Keeping them around

Don Burnett, UI's interim president, said the average tenure of a president and provost at an American college or university is about 4-6 years.

"Both President Nellis and his multi-year successor served four years," Burnett said.

The American Council on Education releases the results of a survey of American college presidents every five years. According to the most recent survey conducted in 2011, the average length of service for a university president was seven years, down from 2006 when the average term was 8 1/2 years.

But, Burnett said, while UI tries its best to get longevity of leadership, that isn't the most

important factor.

"I think it's better to have the right person for a given period of time than to have (a president) that other institutions would not seek over a longer period of time," Burnett said. "Now the same is true of the provosts. I don't think there's a crisis of longevity, I do think there's a coincidence of these things happening at the same time."

It's important to consider that many quality administrators aspire to reach the top of the academic ladder, according to Chaney. "They want to excel, they want a challenge, they want to make a difference in other people's lives. I think it's true for both of (Nellis and Baker)," Chaney said.

Burnett said he is more concerned about the retention of faculty and staff than he is senior administrators.

"Just making sure that all of our employees, especially faculty and staff, feel rewarded and feel valued in their jobs," Burnett said. "We have people in higher education especially the University of Idaho, who've only seen one pay adjustment, a very modest one, in the last six years. Of course, many other states are in the same situation. But I do think we have to focus our attention on getting compensation improved for people who devote their lives to this place."

There's more to being a UI faculty member than just the salary, though, Burnett said. UI regularly receives millions in research funds and grants, which is appealing to professors and researchers in their respective fields. When there is a choice for a professor between a university that has a higher salary but less research money in their area of interest, and a lower salary but more research money in their area of interest, Burnett said they often choose the latter, as many professors do at UI.

Bird said that in his college, the department does their best to retain any faculty member who is considering leaving.

"There is always a conversation about how to retain them and within budget limitations," Bird said. "If it's possible (we offer) to give a raise or reduced teaching load ... but historically, UI does have a reputation as helping to prepare faculty and administrators for jobs in larger and more prestigious universities. The fact that people continue to come here in the early or midpoint in their careers is consistent with what has always happened."

Transition

Despite the many changes happening at the highest levels of UI, Burnett said it is business as usual for the core of the university: the faculty and students.

"When you think of what universities stand for, what they do, it's instruction — well the president doesn't do that," Burnett said. "It's research — well the president doesn't do that. It's

outreach and engagement — the president doesn't do much of that. What the president and what other administrators do, is enable the faculty to do all these things.

Chaney said she thinks this transition is a grand opportunity, especially considering long-time faculty and staff who are dedicated to the well-being of UI are still a core part of the university.

"Any time you have transition, there's a chance to renew some vibrancy," Chaney said. "I do believe continuity is important but when you have transition there are also opportunities presented. I must be optimistic that they will find quality people who come here for all the right reasons."

Goesling expressed similar sentiments. He said this gives the university an opportunity to find a favorable presidential candidate who has strong communication, good leadership, experience in higher education — someone who is familiar with and understands the land grant mission.

"People fear change and we all like the status quo," Goesling said. "But this allows an opportunity for new ideas, new opportunities. The search committee is one that will be able to find good people."

The typical student or faculty member starting in August won't notice the difference, Bird said.

"So much of what UI does is built into our institution that the particular names on the office doors don't make any difference — turnover is inevitable," he said. "I think at the heart there is a commitment to stay here and do the best we can regardless of what happens on the first floor of (the administration) building."

In the end, while the number of people who have departed from UI may seem high, but the university will still work toward fulfilling its mission as Idaho's land-grant institution.

"It's very easy to plant the seed of controversy by saying 'Is there unusual transition at this university?' and people think well, 'There must be. Where there's smoke, there's fire,'" Burnett said.

But context is crucial, he said. Great universities do have turnover of personnel and they have internal resources to fill in, such as with UI.

"Usually it's without much regard to who the administrator is at any given point in time," Burnett said. "As long as we have excellence in the faculty who will then attract the highest and best students, the turnover of the administration is almost secondary ... Even though the names on the doors are changing, the work is the same."

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WAIVER

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"We didn't want students to feel penalized for getting the dependent waiver," Hartzell said. "We wanted them to work hard to get scholarships and try to achieve good academic goals."

Hartzell said that they did not want students to assume the administration thought they didn't work hard for their scholarships.

Students at UI only had to pick between the two for one year. Originally, Hartzell said, the intention was to make sure they were eligible for both.

At the request of President Nellis last spring, Ickes said, a small committee of four was put together who arrived at this particular proposal quickly.

"Fundamentally everything else is in place," Ickes said. "This seemed alright, and we said go."

Ickes said this is not a resolution or a policy change — just a quick procedural matter on administration of the waiver.

Hartzell said that administration was happy to change things and made sure the plan was revised quickly so it was available for this year.

"We can only give 50 percent, but we're happy with this compromise," Hartzell said. "We don't want to break the university either."

If a dependent lives in Pullman, and their parent works at UI, they can still receive \$3,262 toward tuition, but additional out-of-state fees are not eligible to be waived.

"We try to make sure the children of people that are here, stay here," Hartzell said. "But also keep the university financially afloat."

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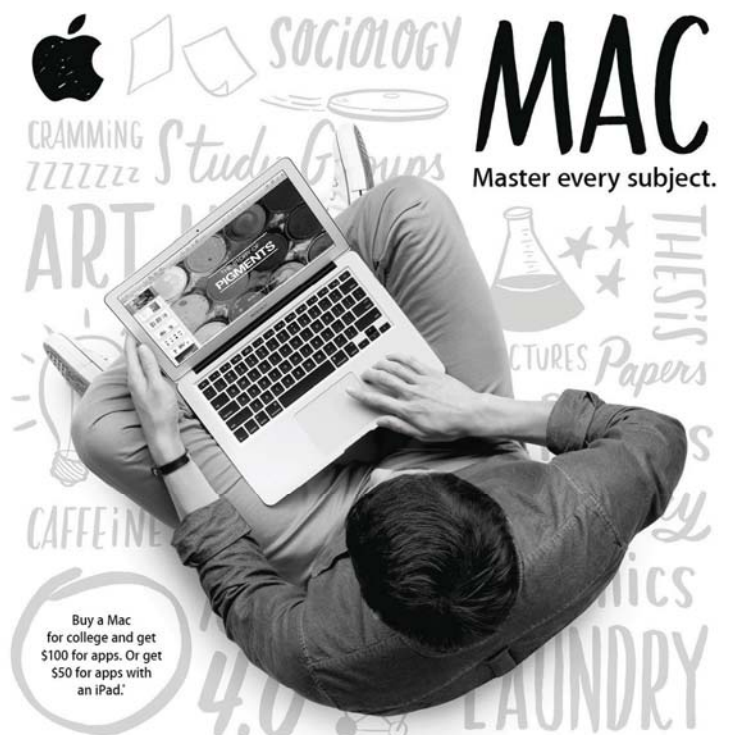
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SPORTS



Idaho soccer will host a Big 12 program to open its 2013 slate

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'Wait, what conference are we in?'

A guide to Idaho's confusing world of conference re-alignment

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Over the course of the past two years, Idaho's conference affiliation situation has gone from incredibly simple to utterly confusing. The dissolution of football in the Western Athletic Conference in 2012 left Idaho searching for a home, while debates raged on whether or not Idaho should run back to the FCS (Division I-AA) ranks it left in 1996.

That uncertainty remained up until April when Idaho received a football-only invitation to the Sun Belt Conference.

Put simply, the situation is this: Idaho will spend 2012 as a football independent and a non-football member of the WAC. On July 1, 2014, football will move into the Sun Belt while non-football sports enter the Big Sky Conference.

This will be Idaho's second foray into the Sun Belt — Idaho was also a football only member of the conference from 2000-2004 when all other sports resided in the Big West. For non-football sports it'll also be a return to the Big Sky, Idaho's home for all sports from 1963-1995.

Idaho athletic director Rob Spear oversaw the transition, which has his athletic department contractually committed to three conferences at the moment.

"The last couple months have been pleasant compared to the prior I would say 10 months, because there was a lot of instability," he said. "Now, we know where we're going, we know what leagues we're going to be in. Now it's just a matter of transitioning."

The transition came after nearly a year of raging debate from students, alumni and donors. The question centered around whether Idaho should take the cut in revenue and return to FCS football in the Big Sky Conference for a shot at better competitiveness, or keep the football program in FBS (Division I-A), keep the revenue that comes with that and take its chances as an independent.

Idaho chose the latter route, and was able to form a full independent

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2014-2015

Sunbelt
Football only



Big Sky
All other sports

2013-2014



Independent
Football only



Western Athletic Conference
All other sports

2005-2012



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Going for gold

Former UI sprinter trains for Olympics

Kaitlyn Krassell
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Training to participate in the Winter Olympics in bobsled or skeleton is not something most college track and field athletes dare to do. But for recent University of Idaho graduate and sprinter Mercedes Blackwood, the opportunity to compete again wasn't one she was about to pass up.

"I remember at the championship track meet in May in Texas ... I remember finishing my last race ever and I remember feeling like I wasn't done being competitive and being an athlete," Blackwood said. "I just felt like there was still more in me and so I decided to go and train for that Olympic team."

Blackwood, who graduated in May, competed for Idaho Track and Field for two years after transferring from Utah State University.

Wayne Phipps, Idaho track and field director and Blackwood's coach, said he thinks the opportunity is a great one for Blackwood and one she should take advantage of.

"I think it's a great idea," Phipps said. "There's certain things that just kinda can't wait. You can't wake up when you're 40 and say I want to do this athletically at such a high level. I think if there's a time to do it this is a perfect opportunity for her."

Phipps said he was not surprised that Blackwood had the desire to keep competing because of the hard work and dedication she showed during her time as a sprinter, but he didn't realize how serious she was about pursuing bobsled or skeleton.

Phipps said Blackwood had mentioned it to her toward the end of senior year.

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Pair of Vandals are WAC's best

Kyle Barone and Hannah Kiser sweep top individual WAC Honors



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Kyle Barone dunks over a pair of La. Tech defenders on Feb. 16 in the Cowan Spectrum.

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

Three of Idaho's best athletes have been awarded with two of the Western Athletic Conference's most prestigious awards this year. Basketball standout Kyle Barone and track star Hannah Kiser have been awarded with this year's Joe Kearney Award for top WAC athlete, while pole-vaulter Jeremy Klas has been awarded with the Stan Bates Award for Top Student Athlete.

Each year, the Joe Kearney Award is given to the top male and female athletes in the WAC in all sports. This year's award marks the second year in a row that a Vandal has received this prestigious recognition.

Barone finished his last season as one of the most decorated Vandal Basketball players of all time, according to head coach Don Verlin. Barone was ranked by the NCAA as the 14th most efficient player.

Barone is a first-team All-WAC performer, two-time WAC Player of the Week and North Idaho Athletics Hall of Fame Male Athlete of the Year. He never missed a game

as a Vandal, setting a school record of 126 games played and scored a career 1,433 points, the fourth highest in Idaho history.

During the 2012-13 season, Kiser became only the second woman to win the WAC Athlete of the Year in cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

"It is hard to imagine a person who is more dedicated or works harder than Hannah," Idaho Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps said, "She was a solid high school runner and has improved every year while handling herself very well, setting higher goals for herself."

Idaho's All-American pole-vaulter Jeremy Klas received the Stan Bates Award for the top student athlete in the WAC. Klas, who started his career as a walk-on his freshman year, has grown to one of the school's best athletes, setting the Idaho record in both indoor and outdoor pole vault while earning his degree in Computer Science and graduating with a 3.62 GPA.

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Let's talk quarterbacks

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Idaho had three quarterbacks when Paul Petrino took the head coaching job. It took him all of two months to double that number, and his reasoning was simple — the more quarterbacks you have on roster, the bigger your chances of hitting on a winner. Since, as he puts it, if you don't have that quarterback then you aren't going to be successful.

But there was one player specifically who Petrino had his eye when he stepped into the job — Josh McCain.

"I was going after Josh from the get go. There was a time in the recruiting process where I wasn't sure if we were going to get him, to be honest with you," Petrino said on signing day. "I made sure we got Anthony (Neyer) because he's smart, understands the game, he's accurate. So I made my odds higher to make sure we end up with a good quarterback."

Neyer, who enrolled in January, ended up flopping in spring practice, falling far behind No. 2 quarterback Taylor Davis. But it's McCain who is expected to enter fall practice and challenge redshirt freshman Chad Chalich for the starting job, if not come in immediately as the favorite.

McCain comes from DeAnza College where he led the team to an 8-3 record, tossing 32 touchdowns in 11 games and rushing for 626 yards.

This would probably be a good time to mention that Petrino and offensive coordinator Kris Cinkovich

Quarterbacks at a glance
Departed players: Logan Bushnell, Dominique Blackman

Returning players: Taylor Davis - Sr., Chad Chalich - RFr.

Incoming players: Josh McCain - Jr., Anthony Neyer - Jr., Matthew Linehan, Fr.

Other roster note

Redshirt freshman Austin DeCoud spent the latter part of freshman practice running with the safeties. He struggled with accuracy during the first couple of scrimmages prior to the move.

Our projected depth chart

1. Josh McCain
2. Chad Chalich
3. Taylor Davis
4. Anthony Neyer

spent the spring transitioning Idaho into a read-option attack.

"I'm sure anyone who's watched him on Youtube or (recruiting and scouting web interface) Hudl, he's this generation's double-threat, Johnny Football type of quarterback," Petrino said. "He's got a chance to be a real special player for us. He can run, he can throw it, he can throw it on the run, he extends plays and makes big time plays."

Those highlights show speed, change of direction, shiftiness and a powerful arm from the to-be junior. The numbers also suggest consistency issues, however. He was held under 50-percent completion in

five of his 11 games and 12 of his 16 interceptions came during DeAnza's losses.

Stiff competition should still be expected from Chalich, who rarely seemed out-of-sorts running his high school offense during spring ball. Chalich was instinctive when making runs, hitting the holes, and making reads down the field while on the run.

There's nothing to suggest that it won't be an open quarterback competition when fall camp kicks off, but the coach who recruited the player also tends to play a factor and for McCain that's the current head coach. It's also hard not to connect the dots with a dual-threat quarter-



Freshman quarterback Chad Chalich attempts a pass during the April 20 Silver and Gold game at the Kibbie Dome. Chalich emerged from the spring as a top contender for the starting job.

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back and an option offense. But that's what scrimmages will be for.

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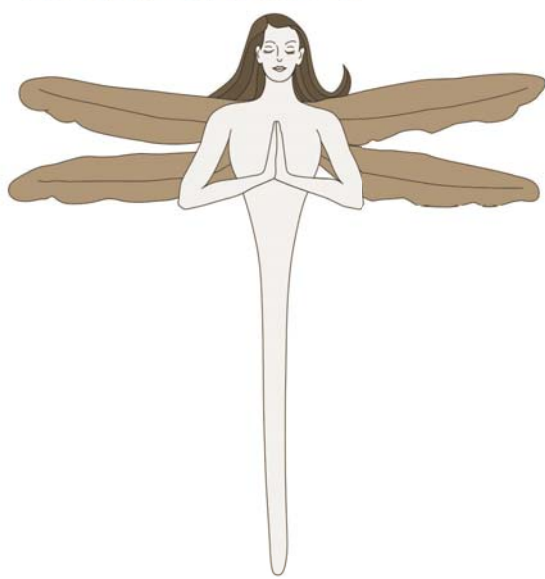
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Circle the wagons Oklahoma coming to Moscow for women's soccer season kick-off

Sean Kramer
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The Idaho women's soccer program is just a year removed from graduating 10 seniors and over half of its starting line-up in the process. So what better way to break in one of the youngest teams in program history than a Big 12 opponent at home.

Idaho will host the Oklahoma Sooners on Aug. 16 at Guy Wicks Field in an exhibition match that will serve as Moscow United Appreciation Day. The match was made possible thanks to Oklahoma Head Coach Matt Potter, the former Washington State head man who agreed to the match since his Sooners will play at Gonzaga two days later.

"Coach Potter has done a great job of recruiting there and bringing in very good players," Idaho coach Pete Showler said. "So when an opportunity arises to play a team of that caliber, it's only going to be fantastic for our girls. And the learning perspective from that will be huge."

The match came up at the last minute, which is why it was scheduled only nine days into fall practice, but proved to an opportunity the program didn't want to pass up.

The match will be valuable for Idaho since freshmen will dominate the roster, with up to 11 newcomers vying for starting spots and playing time in the Idaho line-up. Idaho opens its regular season seven days later at Weber State, with its first five games all being on the road.

"Win, lose (or) draw it's more of the learning experience and what we gain from it taking us into our opening weekend. Being so young, there will some bumps in the road for us without a doubt," Showler said. "It'll get those nerves out of the way, and it'll give us a fresh idea of who's going to be ready for that travel team."

The exhibition match against Oklahoma is only the first noticeable match of many in a unique 2013 schedule for Idaho. Idaho will face familiar opponents such as Idaho State, Washington State and Eastern Washington,



Steven Devine | Argonaut
Katie Baron fights for ball control against a Central Washington opponent during their game Saturday on the Sprint Turf. The game ended in a 0-0 tie, but opened the Spring season strong, coming out on top 2-0 against Walla Walla Community College on Sunday.

but will then get into a slate of completely unfamiliar opponents when it comes to conference play — Missouri-Kansas City, Grand Canyon and Cal-State Bakersfield in particular. The schedule also omits former WAC powers Denver and Utah State, who have moved on to other conferences.

"For us as coaches and for my staff and everyone in the backroom staff it's a great experience because there's a lot of unknowns, it keeps us on our toes. It's like a fresh start, it's phenomenal," Showler

said. "The unknown is what makes it interesting, but until we play these teams we'll have no idea. That's what makes this year interesting."

Other top-notch programs Idaho was able to schedule include Creighton on the road and UNLV at home before conference play begins on Sept. 22.

Games against opponents such as Idaho State and Eastern Washington gives Idaho an opportunity to ease into its future conference schedule, when the programs enter the

Big Sky Conference next season.

"We got a nice balance (to our schedule). We got Oklahoma, we got Creighton, we got WSU. Then we got a lot of our future opponents when we go to the Big Sky," Showler said. "It's exciting in a lot of ways. You balance your UNLVs with games that are going to be ultra-competitive. Yet, we have to test ourselves against the best."

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Men's basketball coach Don Verlin extended through 2016

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The University of Idaho and men's basketball coach Don Verlin have agreed to a contract extension this summer, extending his deal through 2016.

The agreement, approved by the State board of Education at its June 20 meeting in Twin Falls, is a three-year extension through July 1, 2016, amending the five-year deal he signed in 2010. Essentially, the contract proposal would simply add a year onto the two years he has remaining from his 2010 contract.

Verlin's 2013-14 base compensation will remain \$156,832 with a 4-percent pay bump in base salary each subsequent year, so \$163,105.68 in 2014-15 and \$169,629.49 in 2015-16. The contract also includes \$60,000 in annual media payments.

Also included are one-year rollover stipulations, which would automatically extend his contract one-year with a four-percent pay raise each season that Idaho either wins at least 15 games against Division I competition or makes the NCAA Tournament.

Twice in Verlin's five



University of Idaho coach Don Verlin talks to his assistant coaches during a Western Athletic Conference game against UT-Arlington on Feb. 14.

years in Moscow the Vandals have failed to meet the 15 win mark against Division I competition, including this last season when Idaho finished a disappointing 12-18.

Also, following July 1,

2014 should Idaho move its basketball program from the Big Sky to another conference then that would also spur a one-year automatic extension.

The timing of the extension isn't surprising – Idaho

is coming off perhaps its most disappointing season under Verlin but at the same time is still in the midst of its best five-year stretch in nearly two decades. The 15 win stipulation gives the school a

chance to retain a successful coach should things go well, while also giving the school a chance to evaluate where the program is at during down years.

Boise State also ap-

proached the SBOE during the Twin Falls meeting for a contract extension for its basketball coach, Leon Rice.

Also of note is Verlin's buyout should he leave the program for "convenience" (basically, taking another job). Because the contract will, essentially, only ever be a three-year deal Verlin's buyout is only \$75,000 if he leaves with more than two years left on the contract. It's \$50,000 with under two years remaining and there is no buyout with under a year remaining.

Incentives on the contract include bonuses for: Conference championships, NCAA Tournament berths, top 25 finishes, Conference Coach of the Year, an APR score of over 950, victories (15, 17 and 20), making the Sweet Sixteen, gate receipts and guarantee games.

Verlin has finished as high as third in the WAC during his five years at Idaho but has yet to advance past the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. Idaho has qualified for the CollegeInsider.com Tournament three times under Verlin.

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UI Golf Course option for cheap entertainment

Rick Clark
Argonaut

When students aren't going to class or studying, they are trying to find affordable ways to entertain. One option is UI's own golf course.

The University of Idaho Golf Course is home to the Vandal men and women's golf teams as well as home to one of 20 PGA Golf Management programs in the nation.

But while both teams and the Professional Golf Management program are hard at work up on the golf course, students can also make use of the course.

Built in the 1930s, the golf course has seen many different golfers and has undergone renovations. It was originally a nine-hole course, until the course was renovated to be 18 holes.

The course's season depends on how long winter lasts in the area. According to clubhouse employee Curtis Lannen, the course opened the start of March this last year and will most likely run until October. That is about typical for every golf season in Idaho.

Lannen also stated that while the hours the course is open are 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the summer, the time fluctuates during golf season to help accommodate people.

People are also able to take golf physical education classes at the course. Lannen said that the class is taught by a couple of the PGA clubhouse pro members. When students take the class, they get a free pass for the golf course for the semester and receive unlimited driving

range balls while in the class.

The class is listed under Physical Education—Activity Classes on VandalWeb and the class list on uidaho.edu. For students who are interested in utilizing the course on their free time, the regular prices are discounted.

It is \$17 for 18 holes and \$12 for nine college students, so WSU and UI students both receive the discounts.

Non-student prices are a little higher: \$25 for 18 holes of golf and \$17 for nine.

More avid golfers can always buy a season pass or a 10-punch pass card. Club and cart rentals are also available in addition to buckets of balls at \$4.75 for a small bucket and \$6.75 for a large bucket.

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The University of Idaho Golf Course has putting practice greens, a driving range and a full 18-hole course. The course holds different events year-round. Built in the 1930s, the golf course has seen many different golfers and has undergone renovations.

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Former Idaho offensive lineman and two-time Super Bowl Champion
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July 15, 2013



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THESE SUCKERS BE HATING PRAYING TO GOD I DONT BUGATTI

De'Anthony Thomas
Oregon football player
July 15, 2013

VANDALS

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"Jeremy is an extremely talented individual who has balanced a strenuous academic schedule with the demands of being a Division I athlete at the University of Idaho," Rob Spear, Idaho's director of athletics said. "As an athletic director, I appreciate the example Jeremy sets

for other student-athletes and the value he brings into the classroom and locker room. He inspires his peers by channeling his dedication, enthusiasm, passion and work ethic into a positive direction."

Klas helped his team on and off the track.

According to Phipps, even when Klas was injured and not able to compete he stepped up

and helped coach his peers after the jumps coach left mid-season.

Since the creation of the Stan Bates Award in 1981, the Vandals have won nine awards more than any other WAC school with six of those awards going to cross country or track and field.

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Where to go to watch the game

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The ASUI Kibbie Dome – "The Dome"

You can't miss it. No, literally, you cannot miss it. The iconic building plays a part in every student's time at the University of Idaho, whether you're into athletics or not. The all-purpose building at the school plays its primary part when it comes to sports, though. Football, men's and women's basketball, indoor track and field and men's and women's tennis all use the building in some capacity.

The student entrance for football games is the north end, adjacent to the SprinTurf. Every student gets in for free with their Vandal card, as long as they are attending full time.

The stadium lies just west of the UI library and UI commons. In addition to athletic events the dome is used for ASUI Entertainment's "Finals Fest" concerts and of course, graduation.

Opened in 1971 as the then Idaho Stadium, the stadium served as a replacement for the burnt down Neale Stadium. It wasn't until 1975 that it was enclosed and became the Kibbie Dome. In 2011, the stadium completed safety renovations, which mainly replaced the wall panels on the east and west ends of the dome. In the process, the Litehouse Center suite box was added to the southside of the dome. In late winter months, the dome is also used for indoor track and field.

Cowan Spectrum

During basketball season, the turf at the Kibbie Dome is rolled up in sections and the Cowan Spectrum is placed. The

court is set up against the south stands with temporary seating placed around it and curtained off. In the early 1980s, when coached by Dan Monson, Sports Illustrated named the Kibbie Dome as one of the best home court advantages in college basketball. Students enter the Kibbie Dome through the east entrance adjacent to the SprinTurf, and just walk to the area where the court is placed. Students attend for free as long as they are full time students.

Memorial Gym – "Mem Gym"

Memorial Gym is home to Idaho's volleyball program and men's and women's basketball teams during the first two months of the basketball season. Built in 1927, Memorial Gym became the primary home for Vandal basketball for over 50 years. The building is also used for intramurals and physical education classes.

The name Memorial Gym was given to the facility to commemorate veterans of the First World War. In the 1940s and early 1950s the building was home to Idaho's national championship boxing teams, before it was dropped as a collegiate sport in 1954.

Dan O'Brien Track & Field Complex

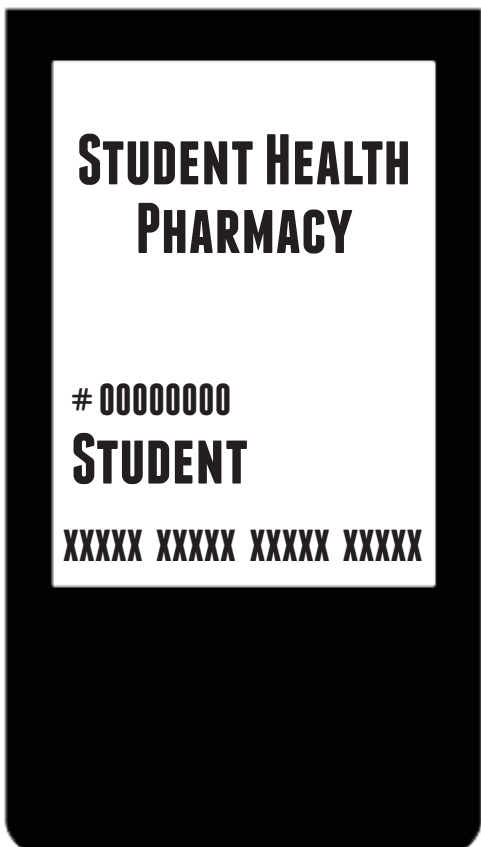
Renovated in 2012, the Dan O'Brien Track & Field Complex lies to the west of the Kibbie Dome and is the home of outdoor track and field. Although, the facility is used only a few times a year because the program competes on the road for most of its season. The complex hosted the WAC championships in 2012 and saw Idaho take first place.

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Former Idaho sprinter Mercedes Blackwood competes in the 4x100 meter relay at the Vandal Jamboree in May 2012. Blackwood is training for a chance to compete in bobsled and skeleton at the 2014 winter Olympics.

GOLD

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"At the time, I didn't realize this was something she was going to dedicate a year towards," Phipps said.

On Sept. 5, Blackwood will participate in a combine test in Park City, Utah. She will be tested in eight categories including four different sprints, a standing long jump, shot toss, back squat and power clean max. Each category is worth 100 points. To qualify and be invited back to train for the Olympics, Blackwood must score above 600 for bobsled and 625 for skeleton.

"Right now I'm kind of comfortably sitting at 650, so room to improve but still comfortable," Blackwood said. "Things look good for me and I'm excited to see where I can go. Obviously winning an Olympic gold and making the team would be the ultimate dream come true, but I'm just excited to have the opportunity even just to try out and see where I can go from there."

Blackwood is not the only Idaho sprinter to make the transition to an icy terrain.

Sam Michener, a 2011 graduate and four-year sprinter at Idaho, is currently a member of the U.S. bobsled team.

Phipps and Blackwood said 2012 track and field graduate, Andrew Blaser, is also training for a shot at competing in bobsled or skeleton at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Michener and Blaser were Blackwood's inspiration to look into the possibility of competing in the Winter Olympics.

Additionally, UI alum Chris Stokes competed for the Jamaican bobsled team in 1988 — the

team that was the inspiration for the film "Cool Runnings."

"Sprinters make very good bobsledders," Phipps said. "This past year really brought light to it that there were some elite female sprinters and hurdlers that did bobsledding this past winter. I think it's a neat transition from being a sprinter to some of these Winter Olympic sports because they require similar characteristics — speed and power — really the push at the beginning of any of the sledding events are very similar to the sprint start."

Blackwood said the thing she appreciates about bobsled and skeleton is that they are sports to which athletes from all backgrounds can make the transition.

"The great thing about bobsled and skeleton — there's a lot of Olympic sports you have to start very young and basically train your whole life for this one shot at the Olympics — and the difference between bobsled and skeleton is that they're kind of an older sport, for older athletes that have developed their skills in other sports like track and field because those talents transfer really well," Blackwood said.

During her time at Idaho she competed in indoor and outdoor track and field as a sprinter. She was a member of the 4x100m relay team, and competed in all of the short sprints. Before transferring to Idaho, the Twin Falls native was a sprinter at Utah State.

Blackwood has suffered from tendinitis throughout her training and at one point thought she had a stress fracture in her foot. After three weeks off from running, she has just returned to the track to continue her training.

Blackwood graduated with a

degree in Political Science and the intent to go to law school, something she still plans to do, but first her attention is on qualifying for the 2014 Olympic Games to be held in Sochi, Russia. If she can, Blackwood would like to pursue law school while training for the Olympics.

"I'm hoping to apply for next year to law school at Idaho," Blackwood said. "I know it'll be a lot harder, depending on the opportunities that are available to me at the time, but that would be ideal. I don't want to put law school off too long so I would hopefully be able to train and go to law school at the same time. Ideally, I would go to the University of Idaho law school."

Eventually Blackwood hopes to practice law in Zimbabwe where she made connections during a trip there in 2007.

"I don't have any small plans. I get stressed out a lot because I have all these big dreams but I just wouldn't be happy if I don't fulfill them well and I think if I have the right attitude and I work hard I can do that," Blackwood said.

Although law school and training for the 2014 Olympics may not go hand in hand, Blackwood said she is excited about the opportunities she has and her decision to keep competing.

"I couldn't be happier to keep fulfilling my dreams to continue my athletic career," Blackwood said. "It's kind of scary but I'm so excited. I think I'm heading in the right direction right now. When I know I'm doing the right thing I get this little burning feeling in my chest and I have that and I'm passionate about it."

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CONFERENCE

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schedule for the 2013 season, and eventually landing a conference invite from the Sun Belt.

"I think we have the best of both worlds. We maintained our FBS status, that was huge. Being in the Big Sky for all other sports, we're re-creating all of those old

rivalries, that's going to be helpful too," Spear said.

The decision to stay FBS and move into the Sun Belt keeps the door open for Idaho to continue to collect the revenues that exist in top-tier college football. Under the new college football playoff format the "Group of Five" conferences, which includes the Sun Belt, will split up to \$12 million annually between members. Idaho

also will collect the game guarantees from playing marquee road opponents — Idaho is up to \$1 million per game with future games against Florida, Auburn and USC.

The decision, Spear said, also allows for Idaho to be a recruiting presence in football, as Idaho is still one of a few schools playing mid-major football in the western United States.

"I think people are excited about it. I

think they understand the position we were in, I think they appreciate we didn't make a short-sighted decision, that we waited this conference re-alignment process out and found a home. I just think it will pay huge dividends down the road for us," Spear said.

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OUR VIEW

Bang for your buck

If you've spent extended lengths of time contemplating how you'll afford the next four or five — but hopefully not six years of your college life — you fall into an uncomfortably large category. Yet the simple idea that you have an opportunity to gain the unique experience of higher education places you into a catastrophically smaller category.

That experience will come with an undesirable price tag, indeed, but to put it simply and truthfully, you'll get quite a bit of bang for your buck while you are a student at the University of Idaho. Aside from the holy grail — a gleaming diploma that confirms you've learned a thing or two during your

time in Moscow — you'll come away with priceless friendships and valuable lessons that can't be had outside of a university setting.

While roaming the hallways and corridors of our esteemed campus, you'll be surrounded by professors who are internationally renowned in their respective fields, and overzealous in their eagerness to pass along knowledge. You'll come across administrators who make it their personal mission to meet your every need, and guide you along this intimidating path of higher education. Finally, you'll cross paths with thousands of young adults, coming from various walks of life, who

have chosen to participate in this crash course for many of the same reasons you have.

Those select individuals who have challenged themselves to take the next step of their academic life, are given a unique platform as soon as they step onto campus. Thousands of Vandal alumni have taken that platform and utilized it to influence the world around them. Now, you have the potential to do the same.

Make sure to take it one step at a time, and soak in everything that UI has to offer. What you accomplish in college isn't necessarily defined by what you achieve within the confined walls of the Adminis-

tration Building or the library.

UI offers extracurriculars that fit every lifestyle. Take in an exhilarating college football experience at the Kibbie Dome, absorb the soothing sounds of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and attend the annual Borah Symposium, where Nobel Peace Prize winners have made more than a few appearances at the marquee event.

If you take any lesson into your first year at the university, consider this one: You get out what you put in. With the countless experiences available at the University of Idaho, the price is right 100 percent of the time.

—TL

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Fortunate for the opportunity

Judging by the list of voices I've added to my audio recorder this summer, I think I'm in a pretty good place with my career. That list includes Shawn Kemp, Lenny Wilkens, Tim Howard, Eddie Johnson, Hope Solo, Megan Rapinoe, Hisashi Iwakuma and Eric Wedge. Work hard and everything else falls into place.

—Theo

Nerd status

For the first time in several years I am legitimately excited for the school year to start. I can't wait for the energy of people returning to campus, football games, my classes and everything else this year has in store for me.

—Kaitlyn

Moscow summer

I got yelled at for four weeks by a professor about my news writing, and spent the rest of my summer attached to a brass instrument. #iplaytrombone

—Ryan

Amazing summer

After a summer filled with trips to Las Vegas and Seattle, what do I have to look forward to? Well Idaho Football, my last year of school, and another trip to Seattle for starters. Lets see what the new school year brings.

—Ricky

Feelin' 8 again

Everyday was a new adventure this summer, spending each week with kids ages 2-9. I almost forgot I'm a college student and there is more to life than snack time, capture the flag and a two-hour nap time. Welcome back to the real world.

—Emily

Fantastic summer

I explored New Orleans, Orange Beach, and Colorado on vacations. I got to hang out with my five-year-old cousin who let me in on the important secret that Smokey the Bear is a real bear in a bear costume. I also finally caught up on sleep which I am sure will stop when the school year starts.

—Aleya

It's been a blast

I've really enjoyed my time as Editor for the Summer Argonaut. My staff has been wonderful and everything has gone so smoothly. But I'm looking forward to this coming year when our EIC, editors, writers, photographers and designers are all back in town. I've missed working with the full team. Here's to Fall 2013.

—Kaitlyn

But here you go

Summer is only halfway over and I'm already getting ready for the semester of classes and work at *The Argonaut*. I guess this is what being a big kid is like.

—Tony

JAMMin' summer

This summer is probably the most awesome summer I've had so far. Taking cool JAMM classes, working with *The Argonaut*, and I still have time to go back home. To be honest, I can't

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Shane Wellner Argonaut

Just not cutting it

UI students struggle to make it to graduation

A rural public research university with a wide array of degrees, low admission standards and a significant party culture. These general stereotypes are fairly accurate when it comes to the University of Idaho. But there is one trend at UI that does not receive much attention, which is that a large amount of UI students that are failing to graduate, and end up dropping out of school within six years.

From the freshman class of 2006, only 56 percent received a degree within six years of school. Another UI institutional research statistic is more alarming for freshman. Over the past 10 years, on average 22.3 percent of full time freshman students do not return for a second year.

However, it is not just UI that is not graduating a large percent of its students. Other large research universities, such as WSU and Boise State only graduated 67 percent and 31 percent of their undergraduate students in six years respectively, according to the National Statistics for Higher Education.

By these numbers, the UI is struggling to educate, and graduate a large percentage of their students; students that were either not ready for college, or simply did not want to go to school.

It is important to note, that just because one stops going to school does not mean they have lost their desire to learn or even achieve a degree later on. A student might drop out due to financial struggles, family obligations or to pursue other opportunities that do not require a degree.

That being said, many students — particularly freshmen — drop out because they are not psychologically ready for the responsibility of college. Many cannot handle the pressure of social situations with drugs and alcohol and still perform well in the classroom. Many also find themselves without the skills and/or desire to keep up

academically, and end up failing out.

Other students find themselves being pressured into college by their parents, communities or public education systems, however upon arrival, discover they have little desire to learn or graduate.

Unfortunately, I cannot find these statistics surprising.

UI, like most large research universities, has a high acceptance rate and does not require a strenuous high school workload to be accepted.

Then take into account former president Duane Nellis, who called for a total of 16,000 students on UI campus by 2020. However, as of spring 2013, there were only 10,700.

Nellis put pressure on administrators to fulfill his absurd enrollment numbers making it one of the top priorities for his tenure.

Also factor in that UI has seen state funding drop from 71 percent of its total budget in 2001, to 49 percent today, as reported by *The Argonaut* in April. Student tuition and fees now pay for 47 percent of the total university budget. Keith Ickes, UI director of planning and budget, described this as a "teetering point," where if the university has one more year of "bad" state funding, the majority of UI's budget would come from student tuition and fees.

With high acceptance rates, irrational enrollment expectations and a university whose financial future depends on high enrollment, the pressure is on.

What is the result? A university that will only graduate 55 percent of its freshmen class, because they accepted students who could not handle college. Not to mention the students who individually spent thousands of dollars in loans, federal student aid and family money to figure out that college was not right for them.

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Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

I got your back

Keep your eye out, use the buddy system, intervene when necessary

The week before fall classes start is always one filled with enthusiastic new students moving to campus for the first time. Parents bring their students to Moscow and help them move into dorm rooms or Greek houses before they drive away teary-eyed and leave their children to become adults on the University of Idaho campus.

It's an exciting transition and one most 18-year-olds can't wait to make. Moving out of their parents' house, making their own rules, eating whatever they want, not having to check in or abide by a curfew — all sound great to new college students.

And it's true. College is a new place with new people and opportunities around every corner. It's also true that the stereotypical college culture of drinking and partying exists on the UI campus, and many new students are intrigued by the "young, wild and free" philosophy. And that's OK.

It's OK to try new things, go out the night before a test and have too much fun on a Friday night ... if you're willing to accept the conse-

quences — a lower grade on a test or a pounding headache the next day.

Despite the idea that college is a time to go crazy, forget your inhibitions and do things deemed only acceptable during the four (or five) years you'll be in college, it's still necessary to assume responsibility for your actions.

UI recently launched the 'I Got Your Back' campaign, a campaign that promotes campus safety and Vandals helping Vandals.

This is not a campaign asking you to stop drinking, stop party hopping on Greek row or stop going out on weeknights.

The 'I Got Your Back' campaign asks that when you do go out, you're watching out for others who may have put themselves in a dangerous situation.

Intervene when you see a girl at a party who's had a few too many drinks, and looks like she's about to head into a dark corner with a boy who's also had one too many.

Use the buddy system when you go out.



Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

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Gender-neutral terms gain ground

As society changes, so should language of local laws

Think you're a freshman? Nope. You're a first-year student — since, you know, not all of you are men. At least, that's how the state of Washington sees it.

As of June 28, legislation Senate Bill 5077 went into effect in Washington. The bill was the last in a six-year effort to change hundreds and thousands of words in various sections of the Revised Code of Washington to gender-neutral terms.

Terms such as “freshman” and “policeman” were changed to “first-year student” and “police officer.” However, a vast majority of the 40,000 changes this bill mandated, were centered around adding “she”

and “her” to laws that only reference “he” and “him.” No, this law doesn't make using gender-biased terms illegal, it just scrubs those terms from the law books to reflect the changing culture — one that is sensitive to the fact both men and women are a vital part of our country.

Many of the state statutes were written several decades ago, when the idea of women doing something as crazy as attending school or joining the police force was preposterous. Times have obviously changed, and with it our language needs to change too.

Words have power. They are a reflection of our culture, but more importantly they influence our culture.

A 2004 study published in the *Psychology of Women Quarterly* discussed how women are significantly more likely to be in support of gender-inclusive language than men are. This study also established a verifiable link between attitudes toward sexist language and attitudes toward women overall. One set of results, specifically, suggested that in our culture, sexist language (such as terms like “policeman” instead of “police officer”) is important to people whom either consciously or unconsciously still believe in the superiority of men.

Thus, when a state makes a concerted effort to upend sexist language and establish the equality of women through

something as simple as words, it reflects the equitable attitudes they have towards women.

And then people defend sexist language or decry such changes being made, it is indicative of their attitudes toward women, even if those attitudes are subconscious.

As a Washington resident and woman, I'm proud that my state now has gender-neutral language in its laws. There isn't much of a purpose in retaining archaic language that marginalizes a significant portion of society. Unless, of course, you support that marginalization.

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Kaitlin Moroney
Argonaut

Is this class necessary?

ISEM classes are not needed at University

Sitting awkwardly in the front row of the classroom, my stomach turned on end. The room was packed, and I had no idea who was sitting next to me or what was to happen next. This was my very first day of college and my first class was starting in a matter of minutes. After what seemed an eternity, the professor arrived and the semester began. It didn't get easier from there, but I never again experienced such anxiety in school, at least on that level.

That class was my Integrated Seminar, or ISEM course. The class was titled “War and Video Games,” and aside from the angst I experienced on that day, and the fact we examined “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2,” I don't remember much from it. Which begged the question in my mind: “Are ISEMs really necessary?”

According to the University of Idaho website, “Your (integrated) seminar: Is among the smallest courses you will take in your first year; deeply examines current and interesting topics; focuses on college-level critical and creative thinking, communicating, explorations of diversity and other important skills; encourages group work; encourages open, respectful class discussion and the building of rich and supportive relationships among students and faculty.”

While these points do accurately represent the spirit behind ISEMs, they similarly represent the spirit behind the university's curriculum, despite major.

As the university's website describes concerning its mission as a university, “The University of Idaho is the state's land-grant research university. From this

distinctive origin and identity comes our commitment to enhance the scientific, economic, social, legal, and cultural assets of our state, and to develop solutions for complex problems facing society. We deliver on this commitment through focused excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and engagement in a collaborative environment at our residential main campus, regional centers, extension offices, and research facilities throughout the state.” Everything that is encouraged in ISEMs is also encouraged here, and then some.

In the course of your college career, you will take multitudes of courses that match ISEM criteria. I have, and I am only a junior. Most professors here at the university do create such learning environments that meet, if not exceed ISEM expectations.

Essentially, ISEMs shouldn't be condemned, but their implementation may be misguided — especially when one considers how little time students spend in the seminars compared to their remaining years of schooling. With ISEMs, our university officials may be going overboard in their attempt to give each student a well-rounded education. The university already provides a splendid assortment of diverse courses without ISEMs.

If expansion is what the university seeks in its commitment to excellence in learning, engagement, outreach and teaching, then perhaps they should ingrain the ISEM program into the school's curriculum further. Currently, it's only an unnecessary blip on our radars.

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Passing on some health tips

GUEST VOICE

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Many college students get caught up in their newfound independence and they forget to take care of themselves. When first attending college, every aspect of your life changes, so it's important to set up good healthy habits from the start. As a senior who has just gone through the college experience, I'd like to give you the health advice I wish I started out with.

The first few weeks of college are new and exciting, but once things settle down many students find themselves missing home. Homesickness is much more common than students like to admit. At the University of Idaho we believe in watching out for each other and intervening when someone is in crisis. So it's important to know the signs of homesickness so you, a friend, or a roommate can get the

help they need.

Make sure you find a health care provider right away. This will make it easy so you know where to go before you get sick. Living in the dorms, the cold and flu spread like wildfire. So stop the spread of disease by: washing your hands, not going to class when you're sick, getting flu & meningitis vaccinations and wearing flip-flops in the community showers.

Make an effort to incorporate exercise into your daily routine. Take a one credit activity class so you know you'll make time to work out. The Student Rec Center also has wellness classes, the vandal fitness challenge and intramural sports. For those of you who are short on time, you'll need to embrace the dorm workout. Use a resistance band, an exercise ball, or free weights to workout in your dorm room.

Try to skip burgers and pizza at the dining hall and find a healthy

alternative. Keep healthy snacks in your room, and eat in moderation despite the increase in food options. Bring snacks and a water bottle to class so you won't be starving during the day.

Lastly, if you choose to drink, make sure you're smart about it. If you decide to attend a party, be sure you're surrounded by people you can trust. Never accept drinks from strangers or leave a drink unattended. Always have a “drinking buddy” so you can watch out for each other.

It's definitely important to take care of yourself and be healthy while you're at college, but make sure you find a balance. Work hard. Be healthy. Stay safe. But most importantly, be happy. Live it up; enjoy this experience, because it'll be over sooner than you think.

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Washington's war on student dreams

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

These words are inscribed upon the interior of the Library of Congress just across the street from the Capitol where Congress failed to prevent student loan interest rates from doubling to 6.8 percent from 3.4 percent on July 1, making it even harder for the average American to afford an education.

Congress has until the August recess, when most students must finalize loan selection for the new school year, to come up with a compromise, but it may not be enough time.

"We saw this coming," Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) said. "This bus has been approaching a cliff for a year. That ought to be time enough to turn it around, and turn it around without throwing students underneath it."

Loans: What you need to know

To put this into perspective, at 6.8 percent, a \$5,500 Stafford loan repaid over ten years (the standard schedule) would cost about \$9 more per month, or about \$1,000 more over the life of the loan: on the maximum amount available amount for undergraduates—\$23,000—you'd pay about \$40 more per month, or \$4,600 over the ten-year repayment schedule.

According to Susannah Snider, a writer for Kiplinger magazine, loans taken out between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2014

will not have the six month grace period after graduation where loans do not accrue interest. As of July 1 of last year graduate students have not had access to subsidized Stafford loans. Unsubsidized Stafford loans have an interest rate of 6.8 percent and interest accrues when the loan is first disbursed, although it can be deferred until six months after graduation.

Snider also mentioned PLUS loans, which carry a 7.9 percent fixed rate. Using PLUS loans students can borrow the full cost of attendance, minus financial aid, but unlike Stafford loans, PLUS loans require underwriting. Bad credit histories can bar prevent applicants from qualifying for these loans, and if you don't qualify for PLUS loans it is unlikely you will qualify for private loans.

Snider did mention some good news: Pay As You Earn became available to borrowers in December 2012. With Pay As You Earn you pay 10 percent of your discretionary income (amount of income earned over the poverty line) over 20 years. At the end of that period, any remaining amount is forgiven. To qualify, you must have taken out your first federal student loan—which must be a Direct loan—after Sept. 30, 2007, and received a disbursement from at least one loan after Sept. 30, 2011.

The game is rigged

In 2005, the Federal Bankruptcy Code was amended so virtually all student loans,

public and private, have a no-discharge clause. This means student loan debt, unlike any other type of debt, cannot be discharged if you declare bankruptcy.

According to a chart from collegescholarships.org, if you take out a private loan from Sallie Mae and can't pay it for 270 days it goes into default status. Sallie Mae is paid the full amount of the loan, plus interest, meaning they have virtually no risk on their end.

The government then sends your loan to collections with the General Revenue Corporation, which is also owned by Sallie Mae, and they charge you an additional 25 percent collection fee. GRC will get the government's money, with interest, using a number of strong-arm tactics. GRC takes a 28 percent commission on your payment for their services.

A May 2013 study from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce lists the unemployment rate for recent graduates at 7.9 percent. 25 percent of students who take out federal student loans will default on them. The federal government is expected to profit to the tune of \$51 billion on student loan debt this year alone.

With both the public and private sector making colossal profits on student loans it isn't surprising when they fail to act in a way that helps students —after all it's working well for them. But it sure as hell isn't working for us; this year student loan debt reached \$829 billion and surpassed credit card debt as a bigger source of American consumer debt.

Fight for the dream

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) has introduced a bill that would reduce interest rates for students to .75 percent, the same rate the big banks pay, for a year while Congress tries to reach an acceptable compromise. She has promised to lead the efforts to find a long-term solution during that year.

"The long-term rising cost of college demands a bold solution. Some of us have seen smart students with a bright future forced to drop out due to the high cost of higher education," Warren said. "This hurts them and America's economic future. Education should be available to everyone — it's the most important investment we can make in our nation."

Ultimately, our higher education system needs a total overhaul to prevent the pricing out of poor and middle income Americans. Warren's bill would be a step in the right direction, but it would simply be the beginning of a much-needed overhaul. Oregon's recent effort to revamp their higher education system is quite promising, but only time will tell if it is a model that will work at the federal level. Incoming and current students need to remember that college has always been a key to the American Dream; we need to wake up and fight for the dream, both for ourselves, and the next generation of students, before it is too late.

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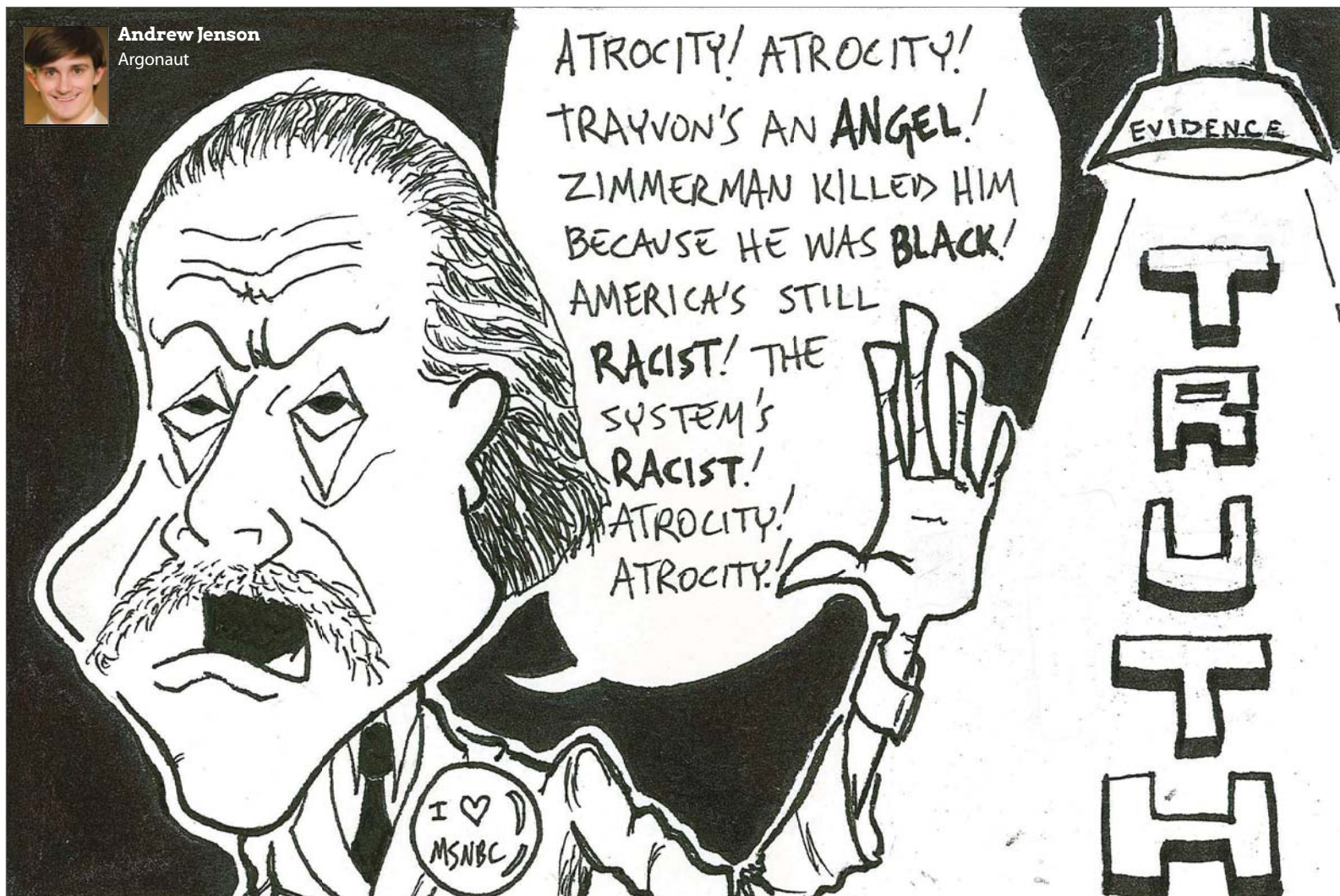
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If you're not walking, decide who will be the Designated Driver before you start drinking.

Watch out for other people who might be thinking about driving after drinking three red solo cups of pink panty droppers in 30 minutes.

Have one another's backs. That's all the campaign asks. Have unlimited amounts of fun, but be smart, safe and know your limits, and the limits of those you go out with. If something doesn't seem right, speak up. You'll never know what might have happened if you didn't.

Watching someone deal with a traumatic situation like rape or losing fellow Vandals — friends, classmates or complete strangers — is never easy, especially when it's the result of a situation that could have been avoided if someone had stepped up.

No action is too small, even 'accidentally' knocking over someone's cup to keep them from drinking more is better than doing nothing at all.

The 2013-2014 school year should be one to remember, not one to mourn or regret. So have fun, enjoy your college years and have each other's backs.

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OTC
FROM PAGE B7

wait for fall to come.

— Rainy

Fishing and facial hair ...

Go hand-in-hand, especially

when you're off the Alaskan coast. Watch out UI, Stephan and his long locks/chin ape will be back in full swing this semester. Do NOT get in our way.

— Stephen

Spending the

summer in Washington, D.C.

Spending the summer in D.C. has been one of the best experiences of my life. Coming back to Moscow is going to be a trip. Suffice to say our nation's capitol doesn't smell like manure, which is surprising given the

politicians.

— Andrew

My lonesome summer

I need my drinking buddies back. School needs to hurry up and get here.

— Sean

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