

Matt Siron, freshman Phi Delta Theta pledge, bags leaves on Monday in front of his fraternity house. "I love fall, it's one of my favorite seasons," Siron said. "I love all the color change."

UI enrollment falls

Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

Last week, the University of Idaho announced a decrease in the overall student enrollment for fall 2013.

The 4.9 percent overall decline and 4.2 percent enrollment decline on the Moscow campus specifically is attributed to a number of factors - particularly a 5.6 percent decrease in the number of continuing students.

Total UI enrollment for all of its campuses is 11,884 - down from 12,493 students enrolled in Fall 2012.

Interim provost Katherine Aiken could not be reached for comment on the decline, and university communi2,640 Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

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Final candidate visits campus

Laurie Stenberg Nichols to speak at open forums today

> Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

Laurie Stenberg Nichols, the last of five finalists for the next University of Idaho president, will be on campus today



for open forums and meetings. Nichols

cations and marketing did not provide access to officers in the university enrollment office at this time.

The university reported an increase in first-year students but the increase is minimal — only five more students than the 1,633 who enrolled as freshmen last year.

The overall decline is also attributed to a surge of students who graduated sooner than expected due to a change in the number of credits

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Fall 2013 enrollment by college

ASUI votes to represent religious rights

Amber Emery Argonaut

University of Idaho student Rebecca Beesley didn't lose hope when she was turned away at the Moscow Department of Motor Vehicles for wanting to wear her religious head covering in her driver's license photo.

Beesley, a 44-year-old woman and devout Messianic Jew, said Idaho redocumentation quiring from her religious leader to keep the head covering on for an identification photo made her feel discriminated against.

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Getting dirty

Surveyed students show support for on campus, organic, student-led farm

Danielle Wiley Argonaut

The idea that organic, locally grown, fresh produce should be readily available to college students on and off campus is becoming more tangible, thanks to the University of Idaho Soil Stewards.

Soil Stewards provides students with fresh, organic, studentgrown produce and a chance to volunteer on the club's 3-acre offcampus farm. Now, that

farm could get more accessible for students.

Recently, Soil Stewards were given help from the UI Sustainability Council and Professor Traci Lee's Business 378 class in surveying students.

Together, the Sustainability Council and students in Lee's class conducted a survey geared toward UI students.

The survey showed that 67 percent of the

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versity — the school she has spent the most time at during her career. Nichols' open forums will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Administration Auditorium and 3:30 at the 1912 Center.

for academic affairs at

South Dakota State Uni-

Nichols has worked at SDSU since 1994 — she was the dean and a professor in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences until 2008. That year, Nichols took a break from SDSU to take on the role of interim president at Northern State University in South Dakota. She returned to SDSU in 2009 and has held her current position ever since.

Thomas Hawley, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Northern State University, was the Dean of Education at NSU during Nichols year at the university. He said he's always seen her as a strong leader and was not surprised when she was announced as a finalist at UI.

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CRUMBS Chocolate banana pudding

Nurainy Darono Crumbs

I usually use this recipe for a cream puff's filling. I had two ripe bananas and I decided to make something new with them. So I added mashed banana to my cream puff recipe. Because I have lactose intolerance I substituted it with chocolate soymilk.

It turned out to be a good chocolate banana pudding. If chocolate soymilk is available, substinot tute it with regular milk. Add ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract to make it a vanilla banana pudding.

Ingredients

1 ripe banana, mashed

2 egg yolks ¹/₄ cup sugar 2 tablespoon flour 1 cup chocolate soy milk

Directions

Boil chocolate milk with sugar, stir occasionally. Bring stove to medium

low heat, add flour and stir until it's combined.

Add egg yolks and mashed banana. Bring stove to medium

high heat, stir until the mixture is thickened.

Let it cool down in the refrigerator for about 1-2 hours. Serve bananas on top.

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In last Friday's edition, in the story "Library showcase," the date for the event should have said Friday Nov. 1.

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ASUI elections on the way

ASUI elections coordinators prepare to begin fall election cycle

Amber Emery Argonaut

The next assembly of ASUI senators will be elected and announced on Nov. 20 — but there is work that needs to be done before the seven open seats are filled.

Elections Coordinators Pilar Alfaro and Tanner Beymer have been preparing for the election by promoting the positions, scheduling open forums and solidifying plans for the election turnout to be one of the largest in University of Idaho history.

Beymer said the election process begins Wednesday - the same day the candidate's packets are due. The coordinators will meet with the candidates at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the ASUI office to discuss election and campaign procedures.

"Sen. Grady Hepworth is going to be giving all of the candidates a rundown of the responsibilities and expectations of a senator," Beymer said. "We want to give them an overview of what ASUI is, why it's important and the structure of it.'

Beymer said the meeting is also meant to relay information and tools candidates need to begin campaigning the following Monday, Nov. 4.

"There is a long, long list of rules and regula-

tions in ASUI regarding campaigning, the elections process, the appeals process and what I will be presenting that night is kind of putting those rules in layman's terms so the candidates understand what they can do, what they can't do, where they can and can't hang campaign material," Beymer said.

Beymer said candidates will also be given a list of dates for open forums, meetings and events that will require their attendance throughout the elections process.

"After the candidates meeting on Wednesday, we'll have election things going on all the time," Alfaro said. "As far as open forums go, helping the candidates with whatever publicity needs they have and then we also have to be promoting voting just as much as promoting the senators."

Alfaro said she, Tanner and a few ASUI senators have given presentations in ISEM classes with hopes to increase the particularly freshmen.

"I'm actually surprised about how many ended up turning (application packets) in," Alfaro said. "Usually freshmen think ASUI is an upperclassmen thing, but we want first-year students to be involved and we want their input. So, al-



ASUI director of diversity Samantha Hansen, left, listens as Sen. Andrew Baldridge gives suggestions for revising bill F13-11. The bill could potentially lower the GPA requirement to hold ASUI leadership positions.

Beymer said the improved outreach efforts will definitely have an effect on the number of qualified candidates who run in the election.

"We are currently predicting anywhere from 15 to 20 candidates for this election cycle," Beymer said. "Since there are only seven positions open, at least half of them by that estimate will not get a position. So, we are also going to be giving presentations and giving out materials on Wednesday of other ways they can get involved with ASUI should they not be elected."

The student body will have a chance to hear from each senate candidate at open forums where the candidates will introduce themselves and answer questions from the audience.

"There is still one place we have yet to figure out, because we want there to be four open forums for the candidates to choose from,"

Alfaro said. "Two are going to be in the commons food court and the other one is going to be in Bob's quiet room. The third one we are going to book it somewhere to appeal to Greek students and possibly off-campus students."

When Alfaro and Beymer announced their three-point plan to improve elections, it included a mission to incentivize voters to get to the polls.

The coordinators declined

to comment on their plan, but said it's for good reason.

"It's going to be great, people are going to be really excited," Beymer said. "But it's not set in stone so we can't officially announce what's going on. But things are looking extremely promising and people will know within the next two weeks."

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OELA hosts yearly conference

Iris Alatorre Argonaut

In 1997, a University of Idaho student organization noticed that the high school dropout rate for Hispanic students was higher than the national average.

The group, known as Organizacion de Esudiantes Latino Americanos, decided to take action to bring that number down.

Leathia Botello, coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs and adviser for OELA, said 16

an application process.

Baeza said this is \$10,000 to \$15,000 а project and out of about 80 applications they receive annually, OELA is only able to invite 50 of those students to attend.

OELA also offers transportation for the students to and from the conference and their home cities

Most of the students who attend the conference are from southern Idaho.

"Idaho is not a very accessible state," Botello

Legislative action on a bill in the ASUI senate that would change the

GPA requirement to hold an ASUI leadership position was put on hold at last week's senate meeting - after many senators spoke in opposition of the bill.

Amber Emery

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Sen. Nathan Fisher motioned for the bill to be postponed for two weeks on Wednesday after ASUI Director of Diversity, Sa-

dates because we've been advertising that you have to have a GPA of 2.75 — if all of a sudden four days before the packets are due back and someone could have run but wouldn't have known ... that would be unfair," Beymer said.

ASUI postpones GPA bill two weeks

Bill that would lower GPA requirement for ASUI leadership causes debate

Hansen said the timing of the bill was an oversight on her part and she agreed on postponing the vote until after the senate candidates have been announced in early

November

bill because he thinks

in its current lan-

guage it puts academic

success on the back

struggling with their academics.

"I do not think that a student should be ineligible for leadership positions solely based on GPA but it is definitely a fact to consider in the hiring process," Lydig said. "If a student is having trouble fulfilling academic requirements, to add more time commitments has the potential to distract from school work.'

Sen. Kelly James Fisher, co-sponsor of the bill said he and Hansen have a lot of work and research to d

years ago many Hispanic students were dropping out of high school because they were not receiving the support they needed from their high school counselors and teachers to prepare them for college.

OELA decided to try to intervene a little earlier and help students reach their potential," Botello said. "Because a lot of Hispanic students are first generation students, OELA wanted to make sure that they knew the ropes to come to college."

OELA is dedicated to increasing enrollment and retention of Hispanic students in higher education, and the group has worked to accomplish this by hosting an annual threeday event called Vandal Challenge Leadership Conference. This year's event will be held Nov. 7-10 on the University of Idaho campus.

During the three-day event, OELA will host high school students on campus. The students will attend workshops, classes and motivational speakers to inform them about higher education.

"The goal is higher education. They are offered different workshops to help them get started on their path to college," Botello said. "We have undergraduate admissions come in and talk to them, also someone from financial aid to talk to them about scholarships, loans, and grants as well as motivational speakers."

Sandra Baeza, OELA president, said high school juniors and seniors who want to attend Vandal Challenge must go through

said. "Students and their parents would have to take time off of school and work to come up here and see the campus and we know that can be a real hardship. So we thought it could be easy if we could just get a bus and get some students up here and then what they learn here, they could be an ambassador and take it back to their friends and family."

In order to offer the yearly conference, OELA hosts many fundraisers and accepts donations from different organi-zations and colleges on campus.

We hope to be able to show these students that UI is here with open arms and we are ready to help them in the next step of their education, that we are an institution that cares about its students and that we have a lot of great programs in place,' Botello said.

Baeza said she is looking forward to welcoming the students when they finally arrive to the conference.

"You can see their faces light up when they see us," Baeza said. "Something I love seeing is when we call the students to let them know their application was accepted. Some of them scream with joy to know that they were selected and that's just amazing to know that we can bring a smile to someone's face that we may change their future of coming to UI or any other institution.'

Iris Alatorre can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu mantha Hansen, the author of the bill, requested it be delayed because of the opposition to the legislation.

"I know there were some people who were rather upset by it and there were some people who were begrudgingly in support of it," Hansen said. "I think it will be an interesting process to look at the bill's current language and amend it, but I still maintain that grades aren't the whole person. I'd like to see the bill pass. We're going to amend it and we're going to relook at it."

Hansen proposed the bill in an effort to make ASUI leadership positions more inclusive. The bill would change the GPA requirement of ASUI positions to be based on one's academic standing in order to be eligible for leadership positions. Elections Coordinators Tanner Beymer and Pilar Alfaro were in support for postponing the bill --which would go immediately into effect once passed — so it would not hinder the upcoming election.

"We felt that would be unfair to this election cycle's pool of candi-

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I do not think that a student should didn't have the grades to run and didn't get that chance." Beymer said as a student, he opposes the

burner of the university experience.

"I think that senators should be role models to the rest of the student body," Beymer said. "I know the reason that all of us are here is to pursue an academic degree of some kind, and so if we lose sight of that we have to really reevaluate what our role is as ASUI."

ASUI Director of Finance Hayley Lydig also spoke against the bill during the meeting.

She said the bill has the potential to distract students who are already

"I did absolutely over the next two weeks to ensure the agree that it would be bill is ready for a vote on Nov. 6. unfair to pass it after 'We listened to the concerns of the senate candidates people who disagreed with the bill from this round already and they had a lot of valid points. filled out their packets So we're going to talk with some of and applied for a pothose people and find somewhere to sition," Hansen said. meet in the middle and compromise," "It wouldn't be fair Fisher said. to all of those people who thought they

Revisions under consideration include lowering the GPA requirement rather than eliminating it. adding a clause that allows students who do not meet the GPA requirement to appeal and introducing an interview process to elections so there are more factors to consider in a person's eligibility.

Co-sponsor Vivian Gonzalez said the bill is about inclusivity and she believes there is a way to change the students and senators alike --- can get on board.

"Working closely with (Hansen), I've realized how exclusive ASUI can seem sometimes and it shouldn't be like that," Gonzalez said. "It should be inclusive and people should be represented by others who resemble them and their interests and by people who they can relate to.'

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Hayley Lydig, ASUI **Director of Finance**

Socio-cultural study earns national recognition

UI professor recognized for study of racism at urban high school

Erin Bamer Argonaut

Ten days into his anthropology study of an urban high school, Jeffrey Brooks, Uni-

versity of Idaho professor in educational leadership and chairman of leadership and counseling, realized racism was the most important social issue for the school.

He was sitting in on a mandatory sexual harassment training course for the high school's faculty members, when he observed that every employee had naturally segregated themselves based on skin.

regated themselves based on skin color in the way they were seated.

The book Brooks' wrote of the study was, "Black School White School," one of 31 books awarded the 2013 American Educational Studies Association Critics Choice Book Award.

Mary Gardiner, professor for the College of Education, is a colleague of Brooks and previously had served on the AESA panel



that chose award recipients.

"The people on the committee are high scholars," Gardiner said. "They read every nominees work closely, and are very aware. It's a really prestigious award, and a great honor for the university and the state. I was immensely proud that the school was

getting this level of visibility. I knew he was a great scholar, so this just confirmed what I already knew. Brooks is a great thinker and he has a lot of educational leadership merit, his scholarship is very impressive."

To write his book, Brooks spent two years studying the high school. Brooks said on a light

week, he was there twice a week. But most of the time, he was there every day and observed the school's events, assemblies and games. His goal was to immerse himself in the school, to fully understand what it was like to be there.

"What I was interested in was how racism influences public education," Brooks said. "What I realized was that decisions made in the school were based on racial stereotypes instead of what is good for education — such as merit. Instructional decisions were based on race, as well as resource distribution, instead of things like test scores. While there was one building, there were two very different schools. No one sees how race is played out as a leadership issue, but I saw how it influenced the principals and teachers."

Brooks had originally gone to the school with the intention of conducting an anthropological study when he realized racism was a better issue to cover. He had to make the decision to go against what he had been trained to do, and educate himself by going on a different path.

"The thing that caused me the most trouble was when people would question my motivation," Brooks said. "I am a 6-foot-3-inch white male with a shaved head. I accepted the fact that race was the most important issue, and knew I would be influenced by being white. But it was still important to get my information out there, even if I didn't understand what the other faculty and students would experience. It's important for white people

to speak up and be interested on the issue of race, because if they don't there is a hole in the conversation."

Brooks said he feels he made the right decision.

Along with being given the honor of the Critic's Choice Book Award, Brooks' work has also been praised by his peers.

"The thing that stands out to me is the nuance and detail," Gardiner said, "It's a very sophisticated analysis of one high school. It's not easy to do that sort of sociocultural analysis."

Brooks said he is excited and proud to see his work listed among so many top thinkers and his research heroes. The award is one that many great minds have won, but Brooks said above all else, he is humbled.

"It makes you reflect on the whole network it takes to make a book," Brooks said. "It's a community. I had a lot of help, my publishers, and editors, the kids and teachers. When I see it listed, I recognize all the people who helped me get there along the way."

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Success at Bull Country Radio 99.5 FM raises \$10,000 for local non-profits

Erin Bamer Argonaut

The second annual Bull Country Community Cares Radio-A-Thon met its \$10,000 goal on Oct. 11.

The 30-hour broadcast was a fundraiser for 35 local non-profit organizations including Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Circle of Caring, Families Together of the Palouse, Friendly Neighbors Senior Center and the Idaho Food Bank.

The event was sponsored by Sam Dial Jewelers, as well as Washington Trust Bank, The Daily Grind Espresso, American West Bank, Zeppoz and Mr. Z's Casino, Washington State Employees Credit Union and C & L Locker Co.

The United Way of Moscow and Latah County helped distribute the money raised from the broadcast to the non-profit agencies. The organizations had to apply through United Way and meet their criteria to be included in the event.

Last year, Radio-A-Thon's initial goal was only \$2,000. Cretia Bunney, executive director for United Way of Moscow and Latah County, said they were able to reach their goal within four hours of starting the broadcast last year, and were able to make a large impact on the organizations.

The first Radio-A-Thon was able to help United Way reach their long-term goal of \$70,000.

"It's all them," Bunney said. "They do all this work for these non-profits. And in the end, they do such a good job and raise a ton of money for some really good causes."

This year, it took the entire broadcast and over 100 separate donations to meet the \$10,000 goal,

but the goal was met nonetheless.

"It came down to the final seconds, but we made our goal," said Jon Carson, promotions director for Inland Northwest Broadcasting. "It felt great. It was really reassuring to me and the station that we could do it."

The broadcast included interviews with volunteers from the 35 non-profit agencies and their causes. Carson said he thought this portion is what would keep a lot of listeners interested, because it added another dimension with the volunteers to speak about what their organizations actually do to help the community.

University of Idaho Interim President Don Burnett and Bill Moos, athletic director for Washington State University, also made appearances in the broadcast for promotional commercials.

"Some of the highlights for

me was an individual anonymous donor gave \$1,000 alone, our largest single pledge," Carson said. "We also were able to raise \$775 in pre-pledge money before the event had even begun. There was some fun co-hosting going on between people, and all through the broadcast we had businesses competing against each other to donate the most money, just like last year, which is what we wanted."

With the success of the 2013 Radio-A-Thon, talk of continuing the tradition next year has already begun.

"We're optimistic about next year," Carson said. "We've already set a date, and we're still deciding whether or not we ought to raise our goal amount."

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Moscow Mentors connect community, university

Cara Pantone Argonaut

Moscow Mentors is a local support program that seeks to serve youth in the programs have been shown to have better attendance, better grades, a stronger sense of self and are less likely to initiate social prob-



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Charlie Gerke, Moscow Mentors Program director, said he encourages any college student or community member who wants to support a student to become involved with the program.

"Moscow Mentors is really a support and prevention program," Gerke said. "Students must receive a referral from their school counselor, but any kids that are in need of a little extra support or want a mentor are welcomed into the program."

The program currently has 16 students on a waitlist to receive a mentor. Once mentors are trained, they are matched with students based on common interests and need.

Mentors must apply and pre-register at the Moscow School District Office to go through the program training.

The next group training will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Moscow School District Office.

The program was founded 16 years ago with the help of the Moscow Rotary Club and the Moscow School District to provide students with extra guidance and adult support.

"Though we haven't conducted a formal evaluation, there have been studies showing the benefits of mentor programs in general," Gerke said. "Students involved in mentoring lems in the future."

The mentors spend one hour per week with their mentee and are encouraged to continue interaction from year to year.

Alex Stork, an elementary education major, became a mentor last year. Stork had formerly been involved with another mentorship program in his hometown and said he joined Moscow Mentors to get involved in the Moscow community and give back.

"I feel like I've been blessed with the role models I've had in my life. I wanted to give back to kids who don't necessarily have those strong role models," Stork said.

Gerke is also a mentor for the program and said it is a rewarding program to be active in.

"The most rewarding part of being a mentor is the way kids light up when you come in," Gerke said. "Moscow Mentors is a program without an agenda. We're there to just spend time with the kids, just to truly be with them and accept them as they are now."

Stork said he agrees that the students are what give value to being a mentor.

"When the kids have that a-ha moment and start to open up is very rewarding," Stork said. "These kids are amazing. My kid that I mentor is smarter than me and very respectful. He was picking up trash the other day, just because. These kids are good-hearted and deserve good role models."

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UI Soil Stewards | Courtesy

Volunteers for the University of Idaho Soil Stewards show off some of their produce at the Parker Plant Science Farm. Soil Stewards is an ASUI sponsored organization that tends an organic farm three miles east of Moscow.

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1,036 surveyed students supported an increase in student fees to support the Soil Stewards farm and 40 percent of students were interested in a meal plan that included locally grown produce.

Brita Olson, Soil Stewards club president, said the information will help fulfill the club's dream to be an oncampus farm.

"The dream is to be on campus because it would be easier to involve students and get volunteers, be a part of campus life," Olson said.

Olson said the current farm is a truck farm located at the Parker Plant Science Farm. She described the farm as a small produce production farm that provides fresh, organic produce to shareholders, students and the UI campus.

"We grow potatoes, onions, carrots, beets, kale, lettuce, basil, hot peppers, bell peppers, dill, cilantro ... all the good stuff," Olson said.

Olson said moving the farm to campus would also allow the group to fulfill safety regulations held by Campus Dining, which would allow the group to sell its produce to UI and begin a meal plan that includes the student-produced organic goods.

Moving the farm to campus would also reduce its carbon footprint, which caught the attention of Jeannie Matheison, Sustainability Council program coordinator.

Matheison said part of her job with the Sustainability Center is to support 13 student-run programs in institutionalizing sustainable practices.

Matheison said this year was named the Year of Food by the Sustainability Council, and as a result she is dedicated to helping the Soil Stewards fulfill any needs they have. According to Matheison, the Soil Stewards have been struggling financially for years.

Olson said Soil Stewards is funded mostly by Community Supported Agriculture — a system in which interested parties buy shares of the farm in return for weekly deliveries of produce.

Olson and other members told Matheison that the club has seven needs.

Matheison said these needs are relocation, a farm manager, paid student staff, volunteers, a farm stand, a direct contract with UI and funding from student fees.

Matheison said a \$1 student fee increase would provide Soil Stewards with \$20,000 a year — enough to allow the farm to fulfill the safety requirements Soil Stewards must meet to provide students with fresh produce in their meal plans.

Olson and Matheison said to acquire a contract with Sodexo — the campus dining catering company the farm needs to have hand washing stations, a perimeter fence, bathroom facilities and other safety considerations.

Bruno Bennett, BUS 378 student and ASUI senator, helped conduct the survey and said it sparked his interest in the student-run farm. He said he is now supporting the Soil Stewards as a senator and advocating for funding for the group. Senators give a regular budget recommendation to UI, Bennett said, so he can be a voice for the cause when the next budget plan is underway.

The survey showed a great amount of support for the relocation of the farm, said Matheison.

Olson said the need for volunteers is still an issue for the club. The Soil Stewards recently started a new volunteer program called Get Dirty in honor of the club's 10-year anniversary.

Produce harvested by the volunteers is shipped to the campus, shareholders, and is used in other events hosted by the club including a Harvest Dinner.

Volunteers help harvest, weed and plant the produce, Olson said.

"Another aspect is the practical experience volunteers get by digging in the dirt and harvesting food, it's very rewarding," Olson said.

The Soil Stewards are now in the beginning phases of relocating. Olson said volunteers will be needed soon to "lay the farm to rest," or to do the final harvest of the season.

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forum with the hope of persuading the senators to vote in favor of the resolution. She said she has worn her head covering or 'kippah' for years and it symbolizes her devotion to her husband and to God.

"It's like a huge wedding ring, you could say," Beesley said. "But what its meaning is, is you're saving your sexuality for your mate alone and you don't walk into a marriage thinking it could be an easy divorce. It also means no matter what, you are under God's protection."

Several senators were

sity of Idaho — a higher education institution — to push for DMV laws."

During the debate on the issue, Sen. Grady Hepworth read the first statement in the ASUI constitution that declares ASUI's duty to represent students at the university, city and state level — in an effort to persuade student senators to represent Beesley in the state of Idaho.

"I'm glad the senators could see where Idaho needs to catch up," Beesley said. "Idaho is a conservative state — I don't have any problem with that but when you are required to give documentation of your faith, I think that has

CANDIDATE

"I believe she was the only female president that Northern State ever had whether it be a president or interim and I thought that whether she was a female or not it didn't make any difference because I thought she was and excellent leader and a very strong visionary and had lots of great ideas," Hawley said. "She led the university for a year as interim president and, in fact, at the May graduation our faculty and staff gave her a standing ovation so that kind of tells you what kind of person she was and the breath of fresh air that she brought to our campus.'

Prior to becoming an administrator at SDSU, Nichols held several teaching and research positions at SDSU, Iowa State University, Ohio State University and Wayne State College. Nichols was also an assistant professor at UI from 1988-1994, and received tenure at the university in 1994. Prior to her time in higher education, Nichols spent five years teaching home economics at high schools in South Dakota and Colorado. grant institution of South Dakota has provided her with the knowledge necessary to run a land-grant university. He said her leadership style relies on working with people to further her vision for the university.

"I find her to be an incredibly energetic, enthusiastic person who is just a fine person to work with. She sets high expectations and holds herself to those expectations, but also expects those expectations of people that she works with," Hawley said. "I think she's a participatory leader. She wants input and she works very closely with the faculty and staff and other administrators to develop a consensus on how things need to go. But I think she also has a vision and she sees the things that need to get done and she moves the groups toward those areas of trying to get solutions in a consensus kind of way."

David Chicoine, SDSU president, issued a statement when Nichols was announced as a finalist at UI, saying her efforts at SDSU have resulted in many significant achievements for the university. "She led the development of the university's new five-year strategic plan, IMPACT 2018," Chicoine said. "She has been one of the university leaders behind the student success programming that has helped boost student retention by more than 5 percent over the past two years." Chicoine said Nichols also emphasized the need for accreditation of academic programs, and now 32 of the university's programs have been accredited.

"Many of us have benefited from Laurie's work. Her leadership and experience make it seem inevitable that she will serve as a university president someday," Chicoine said. "I wish her the best as the process unfolds."

Nichols earned her undergraduate degree in home economics from SDSU. She earned her master's in vocational and adult education from Colorado State University, and her doctorate Ohio State in family and consumer sciences education.

Hawley said one of Nichols most significant contributions during her year at NSU was an increase in fundraising for the university. He said she took deans with her to fundraising campaigns, which proved to be effective in increasing donor support.

going to vote against the resolution, originally, but said Beesley's story changed their vote.

"Initially, I wasn't planning on voting in favor of this resolution," Sen. Nathan Fisher said. "I was of the mindset, that if an individual is involved enough within a church or religion, obtaining a letter of verification should and would not be overly difficult."

Fisher said Beesley's testimony was enough to change his opinion.

"She made some excellent points about the necessity of facial recognition more than anything, and the examples given by her and President Cowan, such as individuals with wigs and dyed hair, proved to be particularly persuasive," Fisher said.

A 'friendly amendment' was added to the resolution at the meeting to affirm the only head coverings ASUI supports being worn in DMV photos are those that "do not obscure or shadow the face."

Two senators voted against the resolution — Sen. Bruno Bennett and Sen. Katharine Wongmankitkan.

Bennett said he voted against the resolution, because he felt the issue was out of ASUI's scope.

"I do want it to be known that I'm not against the cause that the resolution is fighting for," Bennett said. "I just don't believe it is the duty of senators from the Univergone too far."

Sponsor of the resolution, Sen. Vivian Gonzalez said she was happy to see the resolution pass. She said she recognizes that although the senators didn't think it was important initially, most are very passionate about it now.

Cowan said the resolution will be sent to the state legislature and ASUI will continue to represent Beesley throughout the process.

"We have an incredible opportunity to support a student in her concerns," Cowan said. "The next steps for this resolution is that it will be sent along to the state legislature and we will hire a lobbyist this fall who will go down in the spring to the state legislature to advocate for students, and the lobbyist this year will have time on their hands to address issues other than tuition and funding, such as this."

Beesley said she understands the resolution may not help her current situation with the DMV. Instead, she said she hopes to fight for the cause because the end result could benefit Idaho residents for years to come.

"It may not do anything for me for this license," Beesley said. "But there are others behind me — no matter the religion — who should be able to say they wear a head scarf for religious reasons and have it be enough."

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Hawley said Nichols' extensive experience at SDSU — the land-

"I know that South Dakota State has undertaken a number of fundraising campaigns over the last few years so I think she would be excellent," Hawley said. "Once you get to meet her you'll see she just has a very warm and engaging personality. I can't imagine anyone not liking Dr. Nichols."

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needed to graduate beginning in 2011.

The numbers did show an increase in graduate students, diversity and national merit scholar enrollment.

University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene saw a 4.8 percent increase from fall 2012 and UI Boise enrolled 3.5 percent more students than last year. UI Twin Falls enrollment remained stagnant at 54 students, and UI Idaho Falls saw a 31.7 percent decline in enrollment from fall 2012.

The full breakdown of university enrollment will be released in the coming weeks. The Argonaut will have continuing coverage as more information becomes available.

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SPORTS Volleyball falls to Cal State-Bakersfield on the road halting a three game winning streak Rebels rough up Vandals

Ole Miss gets Homecoming win against Idaho

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

Homecoming festivities are becoming a familiar sight for the Idaho football team. In addition to their own Homecoming game, the Vandals have played in the Homecoming games of three of their opponents, including a 59-14 loss at Ole Miss on Saturday in Oxford.

But when you look at the Rebels' schedule it's not surprising that they scheduled a young Vandal team for their Homecoming game. Ole Miss has one of the toughest schedules in the nation, including five games against teams currently ranked in the top 13 in the BCS standings. Those include losses to No. 1 Alabama, 2012 Heisman winner wielding Texas A&M and a future game against No. 9 Missouri.

After experiencing a tough SEC slate, it's not surprising that the 5-3 Rebels dismantled a young and battered 1-7 Vandal squad.

"A butt kicking, I don't know what else we take away - a check to pay the bills," said Idaho coach Paul Petrino, on what the Vandals take away from the loss.

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More info

- The trip to Ole Miss was Idaho's third trip to an opponents' Homecoming game.
- The game marked the first time the Vandals and Rebels faced each other on the football field.
- It was Idaho's first trip to Mississippi in more than 40 years.
- Ole Miss has one of the toughest schedules in the nation with five games against teams currently ranked in the top 13 in the BCS standings including a loss at No. 1 Alabama.
- Epps' 62-yard TD reception was the second longest of the season for Idaho. Richard Montgomery had a 64-yard TD reception against Temple.



Courtesy Photo by Ilya Pinchuk | University of Idaho Running back James Baker gets tackled by Cody Prewitt during Saturday's game against Ole Miss at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss. The Vandals fell to the Rebels 59-14. Baker had 58 total yards on Idaho's first scoring drive.

Showler earns win No. 50



Curtis Ginnetti Argonaut

A five-game losing streak for the Vandal soccer team ended Sunday in Las Cruces, N.M., where Idaho shutout the New Mexico State Aggies 1-0.

Sunday's win for Idaho combined with Grand Canyon beating Cal State-Bakersfield allowed Idaho to jump Bakersfield in the standings. This put Idaho into better contention for a spot in the WAC Tournament on Nov. 7. Idaho's conference record improved to 4-6 for the season and the Vandals moved to fifth in the WAC. The top four teams will compete in the WAC Tournament but Grand Canyon, currently No. 4, is ineligible since it is competing in its first Division I season.

Athletes of the week

Alyssa Pease — soccer

Going into Sunday's matchup against the New Mexico State Aggies, the Vandals were in desperate need of a

win. The Vandals were able to get the 1-0 shutout in Las Cruses, N.M., off of the foot of midfielder Alyssa Pease. The freshman from Bend, Ore., scored the only goal of the game. The goal was the third of the season for



Pease, which leads the team. The game went 68 minutes before she netted the goal. In the 68th minute, fellow freshman Elexis Schlossarek connected with Pease on a long crossfield pass and Pease was able to bury the shot from 15 yards out on the back post. She also totaled three of the seven Idaho shots on the day. The Vandals will finish the season with two matches against the WAC regular season champions, Seattle U. Idaho will travel to Seattle for the first of the back-to-back matches on Nov. 1. The Redhawks will then close out the regular season with the second match on Nov. 3 at Guy Wicks Field.

File photo by Curtis Ginnetti | Argonaut Alyssa Pease fends off a defender while moving the ball down the pitch during an Oct. 20 game against Utah Valley. Pease scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 Idaho win at NMSU on Sunday.

Idaho has struggled the past three weeks, losing five straight games with their previous win coming on Oct. 4 against Utah Valley in Orem, Utah.

We have a lot more wins to come from this team," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

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Feed the beast Idaho's James Baker could be the real deal

At 6-foot-2, 228 pounds, running back James Baker gives the Idaho backfield a nightmarish look.

Baker has had a breakout season of sorts during his senior season and by the look of things, seems to have the most realistic chance of the team's seniors to land in an

NFL camp. Coming off a year that saw him carry the ball just 95 times — then Idaho coach Robb Akey favored the shiftier Ryan Bass in 2012 – Baker has exactly 95 touches eight games into this season.

And even still, the Florida native hasn't been given enough opportunity to maximize his production this year.

The use of the Vandal tail-

if anything. With four running backs who have carried the ball more than 200 times combined, Baker has accounted for more than half of the group's

backs has been inconsistent,

carries. Jerrel Brown Argonaut and Richard Montgom-

ery sit at 34 apiece, while Kris Olugbode checks in with 24.

But it's Baker who has carried the weight at the position thus far, provided any real consistency to the Vandal running game and given Idaho a "rumble and bumble" runner with the ability to reel off big plays or fight in the trenches.

The question still remains: why hasn't he been used on a more constant basis?

In a 10-point loss to North-

ern Illinois, Baker produced career-best numbers. Despite rushing for just 66 yards, he trucked into the end zone twice and caught another pass for a touchdown. Montgomery remains the only other Vandal running back with a touchdown to his name.

Against Washington State, the team's leading rusher carried just 11 times, while Brown compiled 12 touches for just 26 yards during the 42-0 blowout loss.

It left one NFL scout asking media members the same question Paul Petrino addressed during his Monday press conference following the game.

'Whatever of you runs the hardest during the week of practice, that's which one of

you is going to get the ball the most during the game," Petrino said.

It's an idea that has taken the touches away from Idaho's primary running back — at a time when Baker needs them to build his NFL resume. Not only that, but the physicallyimposing Baker is clearly the only Vandal back capable of putting points on the board at this point of the season.

Saturday against Ole Miss, Baker was promising early on, but Olugbode was favored in the latter stages of the game after the No. 1 tailback fumbled. But it came after Baker's 42-yard reception set the Vandals up inside the Runnin' Rebel 20-yard line.

Katelyn Peterson volleyball

The Vandal volleyball team had two games last week. The first was a comeback

victory over WAC leader Utah Valley. The team was down two sets when they came back and won the final three to seal the win. Katelyn Peterson, a sophomore from Fairfield, Idaho, had one of her better games of the season at Utah Valley.



Peterson had 11 kills and 8 digs, just narrowly missing out on a double-double. Peterson did get a double-double in the Vandal's next game, a 3-1 lost to Cal State-Bakersfield. In the game, she had 10 kills and 14 digs. Idaho returns home to face WAC rival and conference favorite New Mexico State on Thursday, Halloween night.

Dezmon Epps — football

The Idaho football team traveled to Oxford, Miss. to face the Ole Miss Runnin'

Rebels Saturday. Although the team didn't come out with a win, wide receiver Dezmon Epps had a highlight performance for the Vandals. Epps, a junior from Sacramento, Calif., had five receptions for 89 yards. One of his catches



was a 62-yard bomb from quarterback Taylor Davis, which resulted in one of the two touchdowns for the Vandals. Epps now has 51 catches on the season with 582 yards.

WAC standings close as tourney nears

Aaron Wolfe Argonaut

Cal-State Bakersfield avenged a recent loss at Memorial Gym to the Vandals with a Saturday win on their home court, as the backand-forth race to the WAC title continues.

The Vandals had been playing good volleyball until a tough 3-1 road loss against the Cal-State Bakersfield Roadrunners. Before the loss, the Vandals won three matches in a row including a Thursday thriller against Utah Valley that knocked the Wolverines off the top of the WAC.

In the beginning, it looked like the Vandals would continue the winning streak and tie Seattle U for fourth in the WAC after a first set win. But the momentum of the game slowly began to drift in favor of the Roadrunners.

The Roadrunners answered a 23-25 first set loss with two consecutive 25-17 set wins pushing the Vandals to fight for the fourth set. The Vandals and the Roadrunners were tied 22-22, but the Roadrunners crushed comeback hopes to earn three of the last four points of the match for a heartbreaking victory.

Despite putting up impressive blocking numbers, the Vandals couldn't get the win. Unfortunately, the hitting percentage didn't equate to blocks. Idaho junior middle blocker Alyssa Schultz amassed 12 kills and an impressive six blocks to hit .381 for the night. Idaho senior middle blocker Taylor Wilkinson added nine blocks and five kills but hit just .214 on the night.

As a team, the Vandals hit just .142 with 18 errors. The Roadrunners hit poorly as well, at just .201 for the night but had enough of an advantage to win.

Vandal passing was not the typical performance for this season. The Roadrunners racked up 58 assists while the Vandals put up just 32. Sophomore setter Meredith Coba had a typical 30 assist night but had a negative hitting percentage. On defense, the Vandals produced 60 digs with libero Jenna Ellis contributing 15 digs along with freshman defensive specialist Terra Varney's eight. Outside hitter Katelyn Peterson finished just one under Ellis with 14 digs on the night but the Roadrunners held the advantage with 69 total. The Vandals out blocking the Roadrunners 17-6 just wasn't enough.

With the loss, the Vandals drop down to fifth in the WAC, with a 6-4 record. The Roadrunners flirt with the top spot with six consecutive victories and a 7-3 **More info** WAC top 5: 1. NMSU 8-2 2. Utah Valley 8-3 3. Bakersfield 7-3 4. Seattle U 7-4 5. Idaho 6-4

WAC record for the season at third place in the conference. New Mexico State leads the race with an 8-2 record on the season and an undefeated record at home.

The Vandals look to bounce back this week by returning to Memorial Gym where they have had some success, so far this season. On Thursday, the Vandals face the top ranked WAC team, New Mexico State on Halloween night. The Vandals drew blanks against the Aggies the last time the two teams played. After that, Texas-Pan American is next on the schedule for another home match on Saturday. This is followed by a Nov. 8 attempt at revenge against Seattle U at Memorial Gym after falling to the team on the road in Seattle. With just six matches left on the season, the Vandals are entering must-win opportunities for a shot at the sought after title.

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Outside hitter Jessica Hastriter spikes the ball at practice Oct. 21 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals face New Mexico State at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Memorial Gym.

Facial hair fails men's golf Vandals struggle in Sin City

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

Sporting what were supposed to be lucky mustaches, the Idaho men's golf team traveled down to El Paso, Texas, to compete in the Price's Give 'Em Five Invitational Friday and Saturday. The team won the tournament last year while sporting mustaches. They went to El Paso with the same game plan this year but unfortunately, it didn't

work this time. Idaho coach John Means toughest field of competition so far this season. The Vandals finished in eighth place out of 15 teams and finished with a score of 868. The Vandals had consistent rounds of 290, 289 and 289.

Idaho's top finisher, freshman Rylee Iacolucci, was a large contributor to that consistency with his rounds of 71, 70 and 71. He continued his stellar play this season by finishing tied for 11th place with a 4-under-par 212. Iacolucci was also Idaho's top finisher tional on Sept. 24 where he finished fourth.

Junior Aaron Cockerill and freshman Jared du Toit were Idaho's next highest scorers who tied for 27th with a 2-over-par 218. Junior Garrett Howard tied for 55th with an 8-overpar 224 and senior Alex Pounds tied for 64th with an 11-over-par 227 to round out the Idaho top five.

New Mexico State won the tournament with a 28-under-par 836. The individual winner was Texas-El Paso with a 12-under-par 204.

The loss this brings the Vandals record with the mustaches to 1-1, and puts the mustache tradition in jeopardy.

Idaho will be back in action next week when they travel down to Kauai, Hawaii to compete in the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational for its last tournament of the fall season.

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The Vandals women's golf team is in Nevada this week competing in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown.

Usually for Las Vegas golfing, the worry would be about heat exhaustion and sun burns, but on the Vandals' trip down to Sin City, they were faced with a different element. With wind speeds reaching up to 40 mph, the second round of play was cancelled that was supposed to take place on Monday. The weather even caused power outages in many neighborhoods around the Las Vegas area according to a Monday report by the Las Vegas Sun - not the most ideal conditions to golf in.

UNLV with an even 288. Three of their five players are in the top ten through the first round.

Junior Leilanie Kim leads the way for the Vandals. She is currently tied for 52nd with a 4-overpar 76.

One shot behind Kim are sophomore Cassie Mckinley, sophomore Kristin Strankman, and Amy Hasenoehrl, all tied for 67th with a 5-over-par 77. Junior Kaitlyn Oster is tied for 80th with a 7-over-par 79 rounding out the Idaho top five. Sophomore Kassidy Long-Goheen is also competing for Idaho at a tie for 86th with a 9-over-par 81. There are 95 individuals competing in the tournament. Play is expected to finish on Tuesday, where Mother Nature looks to give the golfers a little break, with temperatures expected to be in the 60s, wind speeds only reaching 6 mph and no chance of rain.



Sean McMullen tees off hole six during round 3 of the Itani Invitational Sept. 10 at the Palouse Ridge Golf Course in Pullman. McMullen and the Vandals finished eighth Saturday at the Prices Give 'Em Five Invite.

At time of publication, the tournament was through one round, with play expected to resume on Tuesday.

The Vandals were in last place (17th) at the end of the first round, with a 19-overpar 307. Sitting in first place was the tournament host,

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"We will keep adding to that total. I'm excited to have been a part of all the teams and players that have believed in the program. Those wins reflect each individual that has had a hand in Idaho soccer. I look forward (to) a lot more wins to come," Showler said.

New Mexico State consistently outshot Idaho throughout the match taking nine shots in each half to Idaho's seven for the match. Idaho goalkeeper Marina Siegl, playing her fourth full match of the season, saved seven shots keeping Idaho in the match.

For the first half of play, neither team put any points on the board. The first goal of the match came during the 68th minute of play off the foot of freshman Alyssa Pease — scoring her third goal of the season. The assist for the goal came from freshman Elexis Schlossarek who connected with a long pass giving Pease the shot from 15 yards out. Schlossarek got her first assist of the year on the pass.

The Aggies had four more opportunities to score after the Vandal goal but failed to connect a shot. Three shots were off their mark and Siegl saved one.

"Today was a great team effort," Showler said. "We saw a lot of hard work from everybody. New Mexico State plays a great brand of soccer and their record doesn't necessarily reflect that. We match that brand soccer with heart and passion. I couldn't be more proud of that team effort. We defended doggedly; the midfield won a lot of second balls that allowed for some great combination play with the forwards. We put it all together for the 90 minutes and got what we deserved."

The Vandals have not lost a match to New Mexico State since the two teams first played each other in 2009 and have a series record with the Aggies of 4-1-1. Sunday's win was also the 50th career win at Idaho for Showler in his nine seasons as head coach.

Idaho will finish off its regular season next week in two matches against current WAC leader undefeated Seattle U. Idaho will travel to Seattle on Friday for the weekend opener then on Sunday the teams will face off at Guy Wicks Field.

If Idaho gets an invite to the WAC Tournament, it will travel to Las Cruces, N.M., on Nov. 7.

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He also has three touchdowns and averages 11.4 yards per catch. Idaho returns home to the Kibbie Dome to face Texas State on Saturday for Dad's Weekend.

Rylee Iacolucci — men's golf

Idaho sophomore Rylee Iacolucci led the Idaho men's golf team to an eighth-place finish Saturday

at the Price's Give 'Em Five Invitational. Consistent rounds of 71, 70 and 71 put Iacolucci just outside the top 10 at a tie for 11th overall out of 88 competitors. The sophomore finished the two-day tournament with a 4-under-par 212.



Iacolucci and the Vandals sported Ry mustaches at the tournament, a tradi-

tion that started last season when they won the 2012 Price's Give 'Em Five Invite. The lucky mustaches didn't lead Idaho to a win in a tougher 2013 field, but Iacolucci had a solid showing for the Vandals.

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Three more Baker carries for 16 yards set up a Taylor Davis' touchdown, which made it a 10-point game.

The junior college transfer brings the physical components that NFL scouts drool over and his hard-nosed, run downhill style suits him well against undersized defenders.

As the Vandals approach the season's end, three winnable games loom.

Winnable, assuming Petrino gifts the team's No. 1 back the touches he deserves.

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"We just have to show up tomorrow, work hard and get better," Petrino said.

Third-string quarterback Taylor Davis started his first game of the season as the Vandals came off a bye week heading into the game against Ole Miss. Davis came in for an injured Chad Chalich in an Oct. 12 showdown with Arkansas State. Second-string quarterback Josh McCain was also out with an injury he sustained Oct. 5 against Fresno State.

Davis struggled to find his receivers going 12-30 passing for 166 yards against the Rebels. The fifth-year senior's highlight play of the night came on a 62-yard touchdown pass to speedster Dezmon Epps in the third quarter. Epps caught the ball despite pass interference by the Rebel defender and raced in for Idaho's second and final touchdown of the night.

Epps was a bright spot for a Vandal team that struggled both offensively and defensively at Ole Miss. Of Idaho's 253 yards of total offense, Epps had 89 — more than twice as many as the next Vandal.

"That was a good play, it was a good play by Dez. I thought he did some good things today," Petrino said. "He's been one of our bright spots this year. I think he's going to be a really good player by next year."

Ole Miss had several big plays of its own. The Rebels followed Epps' touchdown with a 64-yard touchdown on the following drive. Ole Miss running back I'Tavius Mathers ran the ball in to bring the score to 45-14 Ole Miss late in the third quarter. The Rebels also had a 65-yard touchdown earlier in the game and two other scores from more than 30 yards out in the fourth quarter. In all, the Vandals allowed 572 yards of total offense on the night.

"I thought our guys fought pretty hard for the most part but we still have a long ways to go," Petrino said.

The Vandals return to the Kibbie Dome this week for a matchup against Texas State on Saturday for Dad's Weekend.

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Quarterback Taylor Davis runs in for Idaho's first touchdown during Sunday's game at Ole Miss. The Vandals lost 59-14 against the Rebels. Davis also had a passing touchdown on the day, but the Vandals would fall to 1-7 with their second loss against an SEC opponent in two years.



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OUR VIEW Staben more than just a funny guy

Chuck Staben spoke about his talents on the racquetball court, revealed his online bridge addiction and produced periodic laughs from the audience as the fourth of five presidential candidates to interview for the University of Idaho's most prestigious position.

At this point, he may be the fan favorite amongst the group of UI students, faculty and community members who have regularly attended the presidential forums — but not just because of his comedic side.

Currently the provost and

vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Dakota, Staben holds sufficient experience in higher education - and it showed on Thursday.

Declaring himself as a man of numbers, Staben utilized statistics to point out the university's shortfalls, beginning with enrollment - ironically, the same day UI released enrollment numbers, which have decreased since last year.

He went on to preach the importance of research — another field he holds valuable experience in — stating that while

UI has become reputable as a strong research institution in Idaho, the state itself ranks 49th in academic research.

It's the responsibility of the state's premier academic institution to aid Idaho in becoming a top-40 land-grant state, and Staben agreed.

Staben acknowledged that his fundraising ability has been underutilized at USD, but specified he would plan on making fundraising a top priority. Staben said he is not too embarrassed to ask for money, a trait desperately needed at UI.

Finally, he addressed a

question so many students, faculty members and administrators have pondered since former president M. Duane Nellis jumped ship for Texas Tech University.

At the University of Interim, do you see yourself holding the position so many have vacated, or will you treat UI as a stepping-stone?

Staben addressed the question directly, much to the audience's relief. UI's presidency would be the last stop of his career.

While his wife resides in Kentucky, Staben hopes that the pair

will relocate permanently, rather than temporarily.

During his hour-long forum, Staben delivered the kind of message that should make the selection process much more difficult for State Board of Education members. For the fifth and final candidate, who is scheduled to appear today, it'll prove a large hurdle to overcome.

And as a result, we can sit comfortable knowing that the university will almost surely be in good hands.

-TL



Make it mandatory

OFF THE CUFF QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

There's a downside to everything Pilot Precise V5 rolling ball

pens are my favorite. They write

UI needs to implement mandatory financial literacy course

Crappy timing

Getting a personal phone call from one of your journalism idols is cool. You know what isn't cool? Getting the aforementioned call on the toilet.

—Andrew

Real Halloween scare

My family lives in Alaska and apparently a bear got into their recently made jack-o'-lanterns. I'm not sure which is scarier, the bear at the house or the jack-o'-lanterns featuring real bear claw marks.

-Stephan

A terrible shocking twist

I decided to try watching "Arrow" on Netflix. The show was alright, until one of the villains used poisoned bullets. Poisoned bullets? Isn't that a little redundant?

—Aleya

Yo Halloween!

This is my third year celebrating Halloween, and indeed it's still my favorite American holiday.

-Rainy

Come on

Can we just skip to next weekend? I want my brother and dad to get down here so we can hang out

-Ricky

And 'Bama thinks it's a dynasty

Idaho women's XC will attempt a fourth-straight WAC title this weekend. Shut up, Nick Saban. #TeamPhipps —Theo

smooth, last a long time and don't soak through the paper. Unfortunately, they are incredibly messy and stain everything when they break.

—Kaitlin

Cat costume

I'm going to be a cat for Halloween. I will be cute. Look out Moscow you have been warned. -Ryan

Jealous

Jealous of everybody who went to Freaknight. Except for the fact that I was in New Orleans. Suckahs.

-Sean

Seattle

What a fast paced, fun and interesting place. Couldn't have asked for a better weekend. -Tony

Class mom

We have a wonderful mom in one of my classes who brought us lemon pudding cake, cookies, milk and Sunny D today just because she felt like it. It was delish. Shout out to Ann!

-Emily

Hangry

It's a real thing.

—Kaitlyn

Laptop

I swear I am the only college student without a laptop or smartphone. I'm kind of a dinosaur. —Phil

Taking out student loans has become a necessary evil for many students at the University of Idaho and across the nation. Student debt upon finishing college can fluctuate anywhere between no debt and tens of thousands of dollars.

In Idaho, average student debt is \$24,134, according to the Institute for College Access and Success, a non-profit higher education research group.

Fortunately for Idaho students, this is not a soulcrushing amount of debt that will destroy a student's chance of financial freedom — if managed correctly.

Unfortunately for Idaho students and many across the country, they will not graduate with the knowledge to properly manage their money and pay off their student debt.

According to the Department of Education, the most recent two-year default rate on federal loans was 10 percent, making it the highest student default rate in two decades. Not to mention, the three-year default rate that recently rose from 13.5 percent to 14.7 percent.

As with many debts, a certain amount of responsibility is placed on the borrower for defaulting on their loan. However in this case, you can

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place quite a bit of blame on rising cost of college and a bleak job market for recent

graduates. UI needs to step up

and address this issue directly by teaching students how to address the financial

obligations yan Tarinelli they have signed up

> for. The best way to reach students would be through a mandatory personal finance course.

The idea is not a foreign concept for UI, as otherwise take a ISEM courses are business course, required for all first-year students. A mandated personal finance receive the skills course would teach students the valuable knowledge they need to

not just deal with student loan debt, but manage their money throughout their lifetime.

Others might say a mandated class would be unproductive, and the responsibility of teaching students this information would be better served in a resource center.

But UI has already tried to address this problem through the Idaho Personal Finance website, which is one of many programs

average student debt in Idaho

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two-year default rate on federal loans

under the UI Extension department. However, the website is difficult to find and rarely publicized.

The website contains informative financial tips. However, it is not interactive and would not have the same effect as a semester course.

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financial literacy course would force students who would not otherwise take a business course, due to their major, to still receive the skills they need. To some ex-

A mandatory

tent, a course like this should have been taught in high school, where a greater number of students could be taught, and many schools do require similar courses to graduate. But with increasing percent-

age of defaulted loans, further action must be taken.

Creating a mandatory personal finance course is UI's responsibility to students and the state. Preparing students for a future of repaying loans, budgeting and saving will be one of the most important skills UI could give to students.

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Halloween troubles gone too far

Halloween is a great holiday, but has succumbed to the most distasteful parts of American culture

I love Halloween – the scary stories, costumes, music and candy. How-

ever, there are particularly bad aspects of the holiday, which have come to light, especially in recent years with society's ever -changing cultural trends and values. Here

major problems. Décor and costumes

Halloween décor and costumes have gone off the deep end. I love dark

are some of Halloween's

imagery, but what I see in stores today is satanic and unnerving

This is one of the most disturbing changes in Halloween tradition. Today's costumes and decorations are gory, violent and even sexual. Go into any store selling

Halloween merchandise and you will most likely find some disturbing content, whether a mask, suit or display.

Just last year I walked into a store selling one of the most disgusting displays I've ever seen, a man with no bottom half

wriggling and writhing as a rat crawled in and out of his exposed torso. Who would purchase such a despicable and disturbing display? Just the thought of someone purchasing that item is concerning.

In addition to displaying mutilated human bodies with rotting flesh and exposed innards, Halloween also seems to be the holiday to display the bodies of women. Sexy costumes are everywhere, and that's just as disturbing as the display of a rat-infested half-eaten man. It's good to know we can tap into sexual passion and desire in a society already saturated with erotic

material. You know, for the children.

This is not to say that all costumes and displays are like this. But the holiday is overwhelmed with this kind of nonsense that is scary in its own way.

Stereotypes

We all know Halloween wouldn't be the same without people complaining about stereotypes in costumes.

More than any other holiday, Halloween brings out the people who love to point out the evils of girls dressing up like princesses and boys like cowboys. People often express such

disregard for girls dressing up like Disney princesses, and call the costumes narrow minded ideas that solidify oppressive gender stereotypes.

These arguments are tired. Can we please ditch the political correctness and just have some fun?

The Reformation

I know Halloween is not about Martin Luther or the Reformation of the 16th century, but it does need to be remembered as we celebrate. Celebrating the Reformation is a huge part of Halloween, but for the rest of society it tends to float by without notice.

Technically, the Reformation took form on Oct. 31, 1517 when Luther nailed his 95 theses to the castle church door at Wittenberg, beginning a series of controversies that would change the world forever. Whether we know it or not. the Reformation has had and continues to have—an enormous impact on our society. Forgetting Luther and the reformation would be like forgetting the Founding Fathers of America.

While Halloween has troubles, don't forget to have fun and keep safe. Andrew Jenson can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu



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