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Planning for plaid

Danielle Wiley
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This weekend will be bustling on and off campus with dads and their students as today marks the first day of Dads' Weekend.

The Student Alumni Relations Board chose the theme Lumber Joe Loves a Dad in Plaid, to celebrate the weekend.

Lauren Hamilton, senior program coordinator for Alumni Relations, said the theme is "fun and lighthearted" which is what Dads' Weekend is all about.

Dads' weekend became a University of Idaho tradition in 1935. Part of the weekend tradition includes a variety of events for students and their dads.

Laura Ehman, Dads' Weekend co-committee chair, said there will an Iron Dad challenge at 4 p.m., Friday, at the Vandal-Store.

"It's basically minute to win it games," Ehman said. "College students and their dad join together as a team and compete against other teams in mini challenges."

Additionally, a golf tournament will be held at 8 a.m., Saturday, at the Idaho Golf Course. Ehman said, it will consist of student and dad teams playing golf against other teams for the title.

After the Idaho football team takes on Texas State in the Kibbie Dome, Ehman said, dads and students are invited to end the day with a dueling piano dinner and show at 6 p.m. at the Best Western University Inn.

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Beyond biology

McKenah Lesko
Argonaut

Kate Johnson, a University of Idaho junior, will stay in town for Dads' Weekend for the first time since starting school at UI.

Johnson's father died when she was 11 and she said the weekend is one she has avoided in the past.

"Normally, I avoid this weekend by going home," Johnson said. "This weekend makes me pretty sad, even though I have a new father figure in my life."

Johnson's stepdad of four years is coming for the tailgate, prior to the Vandal football team playing Texas State on Saturday. She said the weekend might be an opportunity to get closer to her stepdad.

"We're not super close, because I've been away at school the whole time," Johnson said. "I'm trying to get closer to my stepdad. It's just hard to all of a sudden (to) have a father figure in my life. But I'm realizing that he's going to be there for me for the rest of my life and I should get to know him."

Like Johnson, not all UI students spend the designated Dads' Weekend with their biological fathers.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one out of three people are without a biological father in their life.

Many students bring other family members or friends to Moscow for Dads' Weekend.

Bryan Jensen, a UI junior, also celebrates the weekend with other family members.

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Mark your calendar

Friday

4 p.m. — Iron Dad Challenge

6 p.m. — Vandal Brand Meats Pairings

6 p.m. — Tradition Keeper Challenge

6 p.m. — Men's and women's basketball Silver and Gold Scrimmage

Saturday

6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. tee-off — Dads' Weekend Golf Tournament

8:30 a.m. — Ring Ceremony

10 a.m. — Vandal brand Meats Tour

2 p.m. — Idaho Vandal football vs. Texas State

6 p.m. — Dueling Pianos Dinner and Entertainment

7 p.m. — Idaho Vandal volleyball vs. Texas-Pan American

Sunday

8 a.m. — Farewell Breakfast

10 a.m. — Breaststroke 4 Hope

1 p.m. — Idaho Vandals soccer vs. Seattle University

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

SBOE meets following Nichols visit

Fifth, final candidate presents UI's good, bad

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The Idaho State Board of Education has been in executive session since Thursday to conduct final interviews of the five finalists for the next University of Idaho President.



Laurie Stenberg Nichols

The executive session concludes today, and the board is expected to announce the date of a meeting at which the sole finalist will be revealed later this month. The executive session immediately followed Laurie Stenberg Nichols visit to Idaho this week.

Nichols is no stranger to the Palouse and said her love for the area is one of the reasons she was interested in applying for the UI presidency.

Nichols was the fifth and final candidate

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Former UI professor files lawsuit

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Former University of Idaho assistant professor Sanjay Gupta filed suit Oct. 17 against the university for wrongful termination.

According to court records, Gupta was fired from the university in 2012 based on allegations of sexual harassment by another UI employee.

UI spokeswoman Karen Hunt said university officials do not comment on pending litigation.

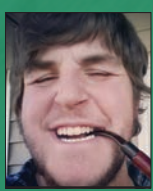
The university hired Gupta in 2008. According to Nick Gier, president of the Idaho Federation of Teachers, Gupta worked at the Kimberly Research Station near Idaho Falls and specialized in potato research.

Gier has worked closely with Gupta for more than a year to assist him in the case.

Gupta hired a research assistant in May 2011, and according to the court documents Gupta allegedly found out soon after she was hired that the experience listed on her resume was false.

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My dad taught me self reliance, to work hard, and most of all he showed how I can be a loving and caring father when my time comes.



Cayden Dimmick

My dad is not only incredibly understanding, but he also has a way of putting everything into perspective and making people feel great about themselves.



Courtney Creech

Idaho football coach finds time for family.

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Fit for a president

ISBOE approves funding or design of new president's house

Andrew Jensen
Argonaut

The Idaho State Board of Education approved funding for the design of a new president's house at the University of Idaho at a October board meeting, and the committee has begun design work with an architectural firm.

The University of Idaho is seeking a president who will be with the university for a long time. With that in mind, the university is making efforts to provide a residence that will fit that goal and the needs of the next university president.

Ron Smith, vice president for finance and administration, currently co-chairs the advisory committee overseeing the process for a new president's house. Interim President Don Burnett established the committee with co-chair Frances Ellsworth, former UI foundation president.

Smith said the plan is to build a residence that reflects the university structurally and culturally that will be as livable as it is functional.

"So, that's the plan," Smith said. "Is to come up with a structure that we can be proud of that's going to reflect the other buildings on campus and the campus culture, provide a place for a president to come and connect with campus, a place where that person can entertain dignitaries and donors and friends of the university."

Smith said five firms were considered, and a subcommittee appointed by Burnett interviewed and chose one of the firms to

do the work.

"Which is Hummel Architects, and they're from Boise," Smith said. "The majority of their working group are University of Idaho graduates. They'll be working closely with the Idaho Design Lab down in Boise, that works on energy efficiency and lighting issues, so that's exciting."

Smith said the committee will also consider student opinions during this design phase, after the preliminary designs are completed by the architects.

"I'm anticipating that what will happen is, once they come up with preliminary drawings — (and) the committee thinks they're going in the right direction. Then we'll take it to the campus as a whole and maybe have some (plans) on campus so people can maybe go down to the (teaching and) learning center and look at it ... and make comments and do those kinds of things," Smith said.

Smith said student involvement wouldn't stop there.

"And then while that's all going on, we will also connect with students and student programs to see if we can't get them engaged in helping us put together the mechanical and, you know, the look and all those kinds of things and help the architect with that," Smith said.

Smith said the committee will approach the Board in mid-February in order to present preliminary designs and get approval for construction.

"We hope the construction will start



Katy Kithcart | Argonaut

The University of Idaho president's house sits unoccupied as the search for the next UI president continues. The ISBOE has approved funding to begin the design phase of a new house.

late spring, early summer 2014 and hopefully be done by that same time in 2015," Smith said.

While plans are in the works, details about cost remain sketchy. Smith said costs are unknown at this point, though the committee set an estimate of \$1 million.

"We kind of tried to put a big number out there so that we could manage expectations," Smith said. "To tell you the truth, we really don't have any idea how much it's going to cost yet."

Smith said costs will be solidified at the February meeting, but the committee in the meantime will be attempting to raise

money to pay for the majority of the house.

Smith said he looks forward to completing the project.

"I'm looking forward to just having a successful project and having a president's residence that we'll all be proud of, something that's going to last for a long period of time," Smith said. "It will be a test of time, it will get better every year, so and it will be flexible and we'll be able to have this house for a hundred years, hopefully."

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ASUI in favor of simplifying code of conduct voting process

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The ASUI Senate passed a resolution Wednesday that could result in a change to the voting requirements necessary for changes to be made to the University of Idaho student code conduct.

The Dean of Students Office, university judicial council, faculty senate and ASUI task force have been hard at work in the last month, trying to sort out the proposed changes to the student code of conduct.

The current Statement of Student Rights in the Faculty Staff Handbook requires any amendments to the student code of conduct to be approved by a student vote. The statute requires at least 35 percent of the student body to vote on the changes, and of that 35 percent a two-thirds majority in favor of the changes is required. In addition, an affirmative vote of a majority of the university faculty at a meeting where a quorum is present is required.

ASUI senator Bruno Bennett proposed the resolution that shows ASUI's support of changing the voting process in which

the student code of conduct's student rights section could be changed.

"What (the resolution) does is support a change to making it a vote of two-thirds of the ASUI senate," Bennett said. "We represent the student body and it is our job to be educated on changes to the student code of conduct in the student's rights section."

Bennett said the resolution would transfer the voting power from the entire student body to the ASUI senate.

"The problem is that getting a third of students to vote on anything — no matter how many perks you offer — is almost impossible," Bennett said.

Bennett is also a member of the university judicial council. He said the process of revision is taking a while but is making progress — particularly "cleaning up" the amnesty clause the Dean of Student's Office proposed.

"The main purposes of it is if a student is doing something maybe they shouldn't be doing — maybe they're drinking underage, or a bystander in a similar situation — you have somewhat of a safe harbor if you need help, such as medical

attention," Bennett said. "So it really tries to protect the students so they won't experience more danger in an already potentially dangerous situation."

Bennett also said the faculty senate and university judicial council has plans to tackle other issues with the student code of conduct in the near future.

"Last week, we worked a lot on the judicial process," Bennett said. "Both what's being proposed and the original judicial process that we have in the student code of conduct. In the weeks to come, we have privacy issues to talk about as well as the jurisdiction of the code."

Sen. Nathan Fisher said at Wednesday's meeting he was unsure if the consolidation of voting power would be a positive or negative thing in the student code of conduct changes.

Sen. Grady Hepworth said Fisher brought up a good point, but the passage of the resolution was necessary in order to continue the process of changing the student code of conduct — even if it meant a consolidation of power in the ASUI senate.

"I personally think that consolidation

of power is much, much needed," Hepworth said. "I would say that's our role as a student government is to act on behalf of the students. Really, the ASUI senate is the most transparent body that we can go through, so it only makes sense that we would want to represent students when it comes to changing their rights on campus."

The resolution will be sent to the State Board of Education. The SBOE will decide if the change specified in the resolution will be implemented. Hepworth said he thinks the board will agree with the resolution because the student code of conduct has not been changed since the 1960s.

"Our campus, our culture, our way of life and the law — the law has changed dramatically since the student code of conduct was last changed," Hepworth said. "The fact of the matter is our student code of conduct right now isn't reflective of our lifestyles as students, nor our values as the University of Idaho."

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Around the world in a day

Annual IPO event brings international cultures to University of Idaho

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

Rachel Hill, a University of Idaho senior, was not aware the average citizen of Uzbekistan speaks more than three different languages, including Russian.

Hill said she believes most UI students don't realize many of the less mainstream facts about countries around the world. This was just one of the reasons she accepted the opportunity to be in charge of promoting the annual International Programs Office event, Cruise the World.

With the assistance of ASUI, the IPO will hold the event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

"Normally, this event is held in the spring," said Tammi Johnson, manager of International Student, Scholar and Faculty Services. "However, International Education Week is Nov. 11-15. International Programs decided to change the annual event dates to fall to kick off International Education Week."

International Education Week comes from initiatives of the U.S. Department of the State and Education.

Students can purchase

tickets for \$3 on Saturday at the SUB information desk. Tickets are \$9 for families (up to two adults and three children), and children under the age of five get in for free.

Once in the ballroom, tickets are exchanged for cultural passports, and at each booth visited, a participating student will mark the passport with unique pictures representing their country.

The 2013 theme for the event is Harvest Festivals. Campus and community members will have the opportunity to learn from international students about harvest traditions and celebrations from more than 25 cultures. There will be chances to try on exotic clothing, play traditional games, learn cultural dances and more.

"Many of the tables will have traditional food items for visitors to purchase," Johnson said. "This year, there will be foods from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Libya, Mexico, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand."

She said live entertainment will take place on stage every half hour,

and performances include traditional singing and dancing from Brazil, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and more.

Junior Lazizjon Toshniyozov is an international student from Uzbekistan participating in this year's Cruise the World event. He will give a presentation on Uzbek lifestyle that will include information about his culture, traditions and national cuisines.

"I didn't know I would make so many friends here, both boys and girls," Toshniyozov said. "So I will bring gifts for my presentation from Uzbekistan for both boys and girls. Also, I am cooking my national dish, Palov. I'm so excited. I will try to do my best to impress people. Not every American knows about current life of Uzbekistan, so the presentation will be cool for people that don't know the small things."

Last year was the first time Rachel Hill attended the event. Hill said it was a crazy and awesome experience for her because she got to see all sorts of different cultures in one room.

"I think when you go to things like these, you learn that there are so many



File Photo by Philip Vukelich

Cruise the World features booths from more than 30 countries and provides Moscow residents and students with the opportunity to experience various cultures in one place. The event will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-5p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

smaller, low profile countries that aren't China or India that don't constantly get acknowledged in the media," Hill said. "We have students from those

countries, and we can learn things about them, they exist. If you want to travel and you haven't had the opportunity for it, this is the event for you. Students

get the chance to travel the world in a day."

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Less daylight, more lights

ASUI resolution regarding increased lighted outdoor recreation space sparks debate

Amber Emery
Argonaut

When the football team is practicing on the SprinTurf on the east end of the Kibbie Dome, other athletic and intramural teams have to find elsewhere to practice.

This can be difficult for many teams as the days get shorter, Sen. Grady Hepworth said, at the Oct. 23 senate meeting when his resolution for ASUI to support an increase in lighted outdoor recreation space went to a vote.

"This is a project that I had taken on myself, because I felt passionate about the project and I think I'm backed by a lot of students (who) also agree that we do need expanded lighted outdoor recreation space," Hepworth said.

After a lengthy debate regarding the resolution, two undecided senators did not vote while four voted in favor of the resolution and four against — resulting in a tie.

In the event of a tie, the vice president is granted a vote.

ASUI Vice President Taylor

Williams voted in favor of the resolution to break the tie, because she said there are a lot of students who would benefit from the expansion of lighted recreation space.

"It did kind of catch me off guard," Williams said. "It's challenging being vice president sometimes, because you don't always get the chance to state your opinion and going into the meeting I don't know who knew my opinion on the issue, so it was nice to have a say."

Director of Intramural Sports Butch Fealy initiated the idea and said the proposal is important because students are currently limited in their outdoor

recreation activities because of shortened daylight hours.

"I just want to make sure we can address all of the student needs and expand on the students needs for recreation space," Fealy said.

"Currently — depending on the time of the year — recreation activities and sports can only go on until about 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m., but with an expansion of outdoor lighting, we could have a lot more activities going on."

Fealy also said there is only one lighted outdoor recreation space as of now and it's prioritized to varsity athletics.

"We just have one at the SprinTurf east of the Kibbie Dome," Fealy said. "That is the only lighted area meant to serve athletics and other recreation ac-



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Grady Hepworth,
ASUI senator

time and energy advocating for," Cowan said. "We need to ensure senators are having a meaningful conversation about the multitude of other projects that the university could undertake that would be an effective use of ASUI's time and energy to advocate for."

Hepworth said the passed resolution will hopefully spur more support of the project. But for now, he is just happy ASUI is on board with an idea that will benefit future UI students.

"The next step is to see what the timetable is to implement this," Hepworth said. "Is this going to be a three-year plan that we start this year? Is this going to be something on a smaller basis and maybe make it a five, six, seven-year plan? Maybe this won't be something that won't get any funding or allocations for 10 years. But we do know, this is something the students care about and with a passed resolution, we can begin the process to make it happen."

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New funding furthers UI research in Costa Rica

National Science Foundation funds UI interdisciplinary study

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho has received a \$249,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund an ongoing study on preserving biodiversity in Costa Rica. It is the first grant of its kind awarded to UI.

The study, conducted by an interdisciplinary group of graduate students from both UI and the Costa Rican Tropical Agriculture Research and Education Center, focuses on a historically forested corridor. The corridor that is rapidly being turned into pineapple plantations, and the study observes the impact of deforestation on the environmental system — as well as human social systems.

“(The grant) is designed to help get a better understanding of how ecological change influence human population, and how humans impact the environment and change ecosystems,” project leader Lisette Waits said. “We know that for humans and human economies to remain healthy, it depends on these ecological systems,

and at the same time, whatever humans choose to do in the landscape influences ecological systems.”

Waits said the grant will help cover the salaries of the students and their mentoring faculty members, as well as travel costs to and from Costa Rica. It will also help to further the research of five doctoral candidates who have already spent three years in Costa Rica studying under the NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship.

According to Waits, their time spent in Costa Rica has included extensive fieldwork taking plant samples, netting bats for genetic samples and visiting local communities for a more anthropologically view on the issues. To Waits, one of the most exciting parts of the project is the wide spectrum of academia the study covers.

“This project brings together faculty from many different departments from across the university,” Waits said. “So with faculty members from entomology, from sociology, from the



Lisette Waits | Courtesy

In May 2013, University of Idaho faculty and Ph.D students attend the NSF-IGERT project annual meeting in Costa Rica. The students are in the joint Ph.D program between UI and CATIE and will receive doctorates from both institutions.

forestry department here at UI, and then with CATIE we have faculty members from the ecology department and faculty members from their social sciences department. So it's really kind of a unique group, in that we have brought together from really wide variety of academic backgrounds and all

these emphasize in making it possible.”

Because UI has a joint doctoral program with CATIE, students working under IGERT will receive doctorates from both institutions at the study's conclusion, which is set for spring of 2015. Students will publish their findings

in papers to be reviewed by their peers. They will also share their findings with three Costa Rican communities in a series of educational workshops.

“I think it's a very unique opportunity that students at UI have to do research in Costa Rica, and been made possible with the

partnership with CATIE and joint Ph.D. program,” Waits said. “It's just one example of research that we're doing together and the unique opportunity that has been made possible by collaboration.”

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MAS focuses on equality

Iris Alatorre
Argonaut

Movimiento Activista Social, a University of Idaho student group, has worked to bring awareness to social issues throughout Idaho for the past five years.

The student led organization advocates for equal and just communities throughout the state, said Viviana Gonzalez, MAS member.

Gonzalez said the organization was started by a group of freshmen and sophomore students who realized there were issues on campus and around the state that weren't being addressed.

“Overall, we're a social justice organization,” Gonzalez said. “We strive for gender equality, social equality, equal access to education, immigration issues and women's issues.”

Gonzalez said because MAS is a group focused around equality, they choose not to elect a president for the group. Instead, everyone in the group is a co-chair.

“We don't go, I guess, by a hierarchy. We believe that we are

all leaders and that we should all present ourselves as leaders and take leadership positions,” Gonzalez said.

MAS was founded at UI in 2009, and has since developed branches at Washington State University and in southern Idaho.

Gonzalez said anyone is welcome to join MAS.

“We're open to anyone, and we really mean anyone,” Gonzalez said. “Anybody who is interested in social justice and a majority of our members are Hispanic — but that's not by any means a requirement.”

Cruz Araujo, MAS member, said because the organization is

made up of mostly Latino students does not mean the group focuses only on Latino issues.

“MAS is characterized by taking action when there is an issue presented,” Araujo said.

Every year, MAS has a list of events to which they plan to bring awareness.

Their first event of this year will be El Color De Nuestra Tierra, The Color of Our Land, on Nov. 12.

This event is designed to showcase the diversity of different countries in Latin America.

Another event — Atrévete A Ser Mas, Dare To Be More

I think MAS is special to me because I see the other members and I see their passion and I not only get more passionate about it but it makes me wanted to take action and just create awareness of the issues that are occurring.

Cruz Araujo,
MAS member

Student group brings awareness to local social issues

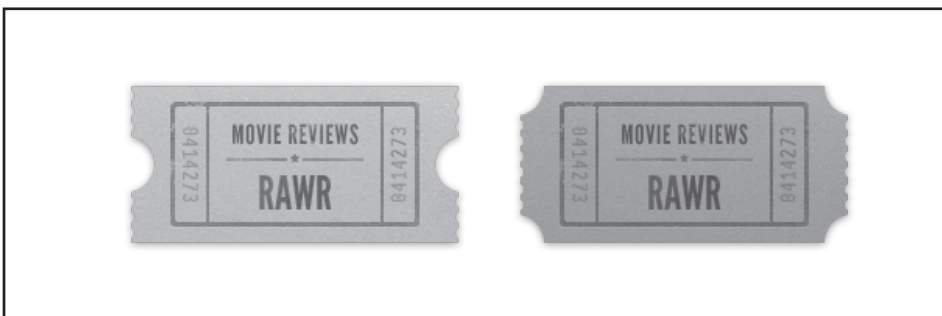
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funding and support from MAS, this opportunity would not have been possible.

“I think MAS is special to me because I see the other members and I see their passion and I not only get more passionate about it but it makes me want to take action and just create awareness of the issues that are occurring,” Araujo said. “I think MAS is that space where you are able to not only develop more culture but also inform. I feel comfortable and ... that the students I'm working with share the same passion.”

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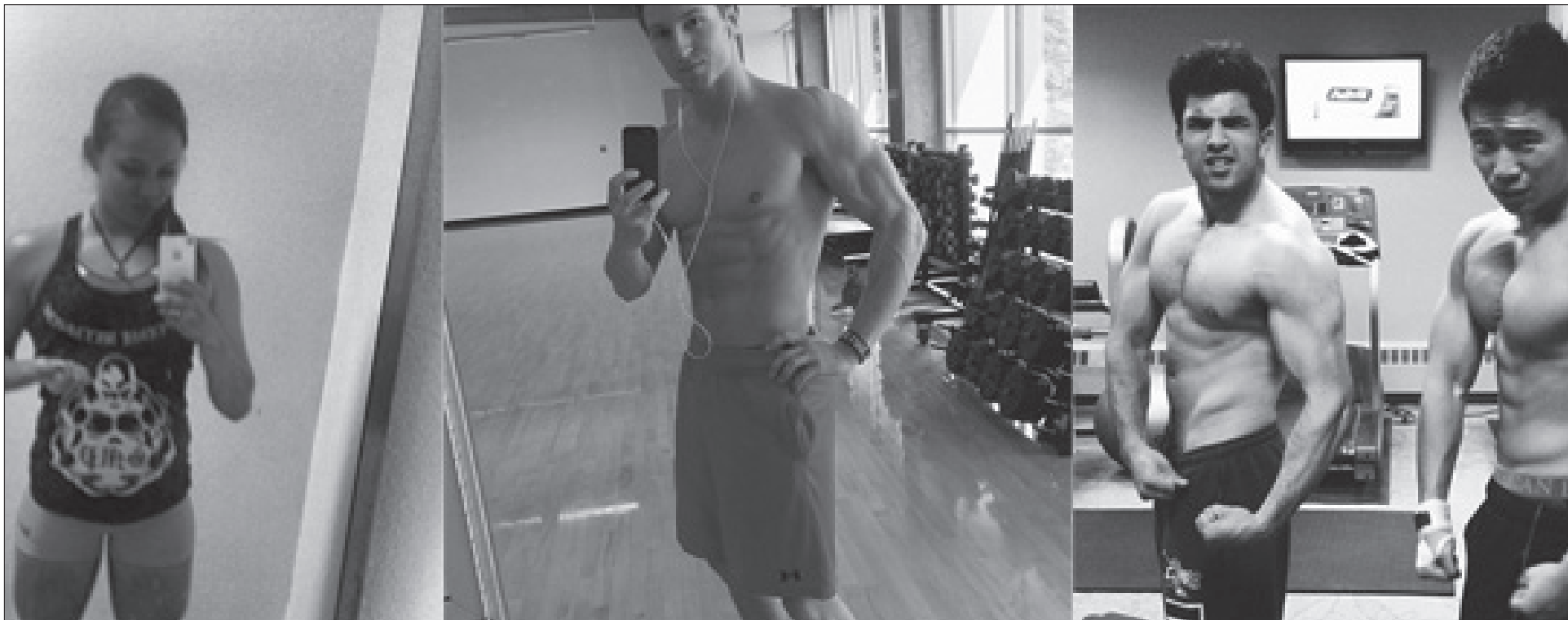
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A few of this week's winners for Bodybuilding.com's Instagram contests pose in selfies showing their progress. The program is designed to help college students get in shape amid a busy college lifestyle. Contest winners are chosen weekly, with one grand prize to be awarded later this month.

Contest breaths life into Bodybuilding.com program

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

If you're on Instagram straight flexin', you may want to add #stackedstudent to your selfies.

Boise-based fitness company, Bodybuilding.com, is conducting a "Stacked Student Search" through Nov. 17 to promote its free fitness program for students, "Big Man on Campus." The search is open to all students in the US, and participants must regis-

ter on Bodybuilding.com before they are eligible to compete.

Steve Cook, Bodybuilding.com fitness model, said he put the program together after Bodybuilding.com approached him about a study of weight gain in college students.

"The study looked at stress, food on campus — it all added up to students gaining weight," Cook said. "We wanted to create something to give kids an opportunity to really take it on themselves, build their schedule and make time for fitness."

The program covers what lifts to do, what food and supplements to consume, and how to manage your time and set goals, all within the

common constraints of college life. Cook said the videos that correspond with the program are some of the highest rated on Bodybuilding.com.

Cook said Bodybuilding.com came to him because of his own experience as a student athlete.

"I was somebody in college who played college football, loved to work out, lived in the weight room, but as a biology and psychology integrated studies major, school took up a lot of my time," Cook said. "My goal in college was to build muscle, just like it is for so many people."

Cook said the search is a way to rejuvenate the program, which is

more than a year old, so more students can use the program to maximize their performance in college.

"My senior project as an integrated studies major was taking a look at how exercise in college can improve cognitive areas," Cook said.

The search, which is sponsored by Optimum Nutrition, has been going since Oct. 7, and consists of students posting photos of themselves working out, or flexing after their workouts. Contestants tag the photos #bmoc, #stackedstudent and @bodybuilding.com. Each photo submitted gives the student a chance to be one of the weekly winners. An athlete of each gender will be selected. Weekly winners may

appear in special features on Bodybuilding.com, as well as win \$150 in Bodybuilding.com store credit toward Optimum Nutrition products. According to the Stacked Student Search webpage on Bodybuilding.com, "selfies will be judged on originality, the ability to inspire others and overall awesomeness."

One weekly winner will be chosen for the grand prize which includes a \$1,000 credit for Optimum Nutrition products and a personal training session with Cook, who will visit their campus when his busy schedule permits.

The search appears to be doing well on social media with more than 2,000 photos posted on Instagram, so far. Students

can also post selfies to Twitter and Facebook.

Cook said Bodybuilding.com is looking to get more involved with college campuses after the search concludes, but there may be some roadblocks.

"Bodybuilding.com is thinking about doing more with colleges around the country, you know whether that would include me doing some seminars and working out with people or what, but there are some laws in a few states that could make it difficult at this time," Cook said. "But they are definitely going to be doing more with college students in the future."

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OPEN HOUSES IN MOSCOW AND PULLMAN FOR AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Pullman event will be Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Express at 1190 SE Bishop Boulevard, Pullman, WA. The Moscow event will be Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at the University Inn Best Western Conference Center at 1516 Pullman Road Moscow, ID. Both events will begin at 4:00 pm and continue through 7:00 pm. They are drop-in events and all are welcome.

The Open Houses will offer a relaxed, interactive setting for interested citizens to learn more about the environmental categories being evaluated as part of the project, and the alternatives being considered. Information about the Environmental Assessment will be on display. Airport staff and the project team will be on site to answer questions. Guests may also leave written comments and questions.

PULLMAN/MOSCOW—The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport will hold two public open house events for the Airport's Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment is carried out to evaluate the natural and social environmental impacts of the proposed runway realignment identified in the Airport Master Plan. The proposed runway realignment will improve service reliability. The proposed layout will also provide space for new buildings at the Airport, including future terminal improvements which are also being evaluated during the Environmental Assessment.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) recognizes that federal projects can have an impact on the environment. Using the NEPA process, agencies are required to consider the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions. An Airport Environmental Assessment is required by NEPA before federal funding can be used for the runway realignment project.

The need for runway realignment was identified in response to a

change aircraft used by the scheduled passenger airline. The FAA has airfield design requirements based on aircraft size. When Horizon Air replaced its 37-passenger planes with 76-passenger planes, the design requirements changed and existing facilities at the Airport were too close together. The FAA has given temporary permission for the larger planes to use the Airport with the condition that design improvements be made. In order to maintain airline service, the Airport needs to continue moving forward with actions that will meet FAA design standards.

The "Phase I" Master Plan study was completed in July 2007, and recommended a realigned runway located south of the existing runway and rotated five degrees counter clockwise. The Master Plan determined that this alternative poses some challenges but is the most feasible option of those considered. The "Phase II" Master Plan study was completed in 2012, and looked at the complex details of implementing the runway realignment. This included an evaluation of feasibility and

implementation including minimizing environmental impacts of the project, minimizing disruption to air service during construction and developing detailed construction cost estimates for the project.

More project information is available at:
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NICHOLS

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to visit Moscow. She spoke about her plans to promote UI's excellence and address its shortcomings on Tuesday in the Administration Building Auditorium.

"I do have to tell you when the University of Idaho's presidency became open, it was one I was interested in," Nichols said. "I love this place, I'm familiar with it, it seemed like it would be a good fit for me."

Nichols spent six years as a faculty member at UI in the '90s and received tenure in 1994 prior to moving to South Dakota State University.

During her time on the Palouse, she married her husband Tim and had their first daughter. She said she would love the opportunity to return to Moscow, if selected as the next president. Nichols used statistics, graphs and her experience as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at South Dakota State University, to show the audience of mostly faculty and staff how UI can be improved over the course of the next presidency.

She said UI should focus on "the big three" of higher education — accountability and transparency, affordability and funding.

For accountability and transparency, Nichols said any leader in higher education should strive to meet these standards and she would do so — if she were president at UI.

"Those are two huge words we're talking about today, is becoming more and more accountable to our constituents — be they are students, or our legislators or just the general public of the state — making sure we are highly accountable for what we do," Nichols said. "And then in that, being extremely transparent where we literally put our performance out there for people to see."

Nichols referred to the Whitehouse's College

Scoreboard as an example of accountability and transparency and talked about UI's figures in terms of cost, graduation rate and student loans.

Nichols said another priority of hers is keeping college as affordable as possible for current and future students.

"We have to continue to watch our costs," Nichols said. "It's just going to be critical to the future of any land grant university in this country."

Nichols also addressed funding and said it is a huge part of successful higher education institutions. She said it should be easier to receive more funding because an educated population is an investment, not necessarily a cost.

"As those around you who attain more education, their wages raise and so do yours," Nichols said. "If you add one year of college to the region's workforce, you will improve the gross domestic product of that region by 17.4 percent and in addition everyone's wage will go up by at least 8 percent."

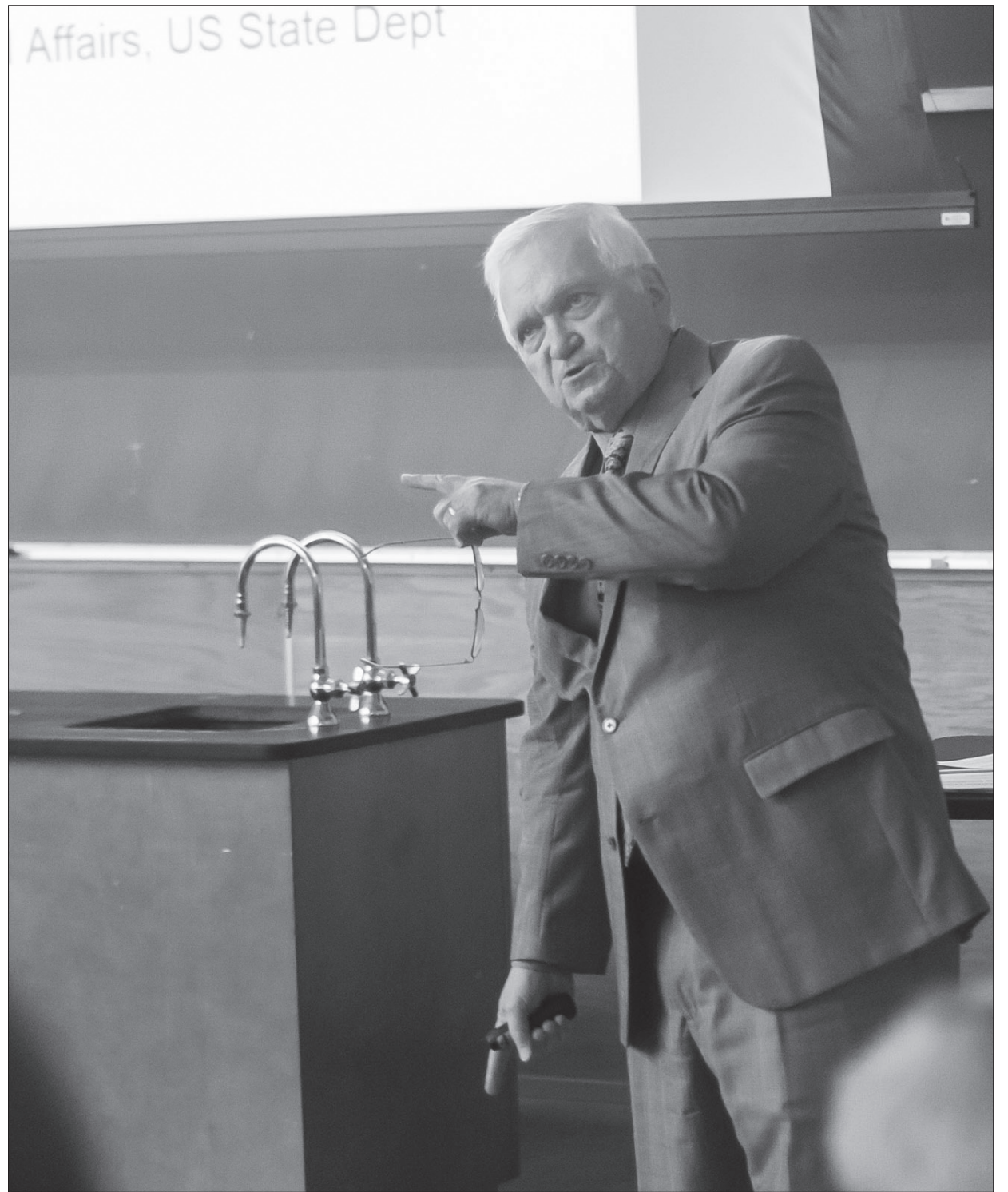
Nichols said higher education is still the "gateway to opportunity" and although people involved in education may know that, others do not.

"We cannot assume others will automatically buy this. There was a time where I think we could, it's no longer," Nichols said.

"We cannot assume people just know that a college degree is a gateway to opportunity. We have to constantly produce evidence and market the positive impacts that a university has to its community, to its region, to its state and certainly to the individuals who benefit from it."

At the conclusion of Tuesday's open forum, Bill Goesling, Idaho State Board of Education member, asked the audience to provide feedback about the presidential candidates at www.uidaho.edu/president/presidential-search/search-finalists.

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COLLIDING WITH CHEMISTRY

Don Burnett, University of Idaho interim president, elaborates a point on vertical sustainability during a lecture about interdisciplinary research in Thomas Bitterwolf's chemistry class Thursday in Renfrew Hall.

LAWSUIT

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According to the documents Gupta worked with the assistant to help her gain the appropriate skills.

The records allege that in the days prior to the assistant's 90-day evaluation, she was aware she was at risk to lose her job and as a result made a complaint of sexual harassment to Gupta's supervisor, according to the records.

A formal investigation was then conducted by the

university that concluded Gupta had sexually harassed and threatened the assistant, according to the documents. The investigation resulted in a recommendation for Gupta's dismissal.

The court records allege the investigation was not conducted properly and that Gupta was not granted appropriate due process throughout the investigation and dismissal hearings.

The suit brought forth by Gupta and his wife claims wrongful termina-

tion based on false accusations of sexual harassment and loss of intellectual property, according to the court documents.

Because Gupta was dismissed from the university, any research he conducted or grant money he brought in was no longer his own and could not be continued according to the documents. The couple is seeking compensation for financial damages caused by his termination — including back pay, litiga-

tion costs, lost health and retirement benefits and compensation for the emotional distress of Gupta and his wife, according to the documents.

April M. Linscott, an attorney from Hayden, Idaho, is representing Gupta and his wife in the case. Federal Judge B. Lynn Winmill has been assigned to the case. No court hearings have been scheduled at this time.

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Coaches' kids

Idaho football is for all of the Petrinos, not just Paul

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

One of the most cherished moments of Paul Petrino's coaching career was spent with one of the most special people in his life.

As Petrino fielded questions from reporters after a 26-24 win over Temple, the first and only of his head-coaching career, a guest looked up in awe.

His youngest daughter Ava sat next to him waving her feet up and down, maintaining a smile on her face. Surely she didn't quite understand the intricacies of the read-option offense or the blocking schemes reporters asked about.

But the look on her face did show something — just how much that moment meant for her father.

"That was really awesome. That's what it's all about," Petrino said of the moment.

For Petrino, his family is as much a part of the Idaho program as he is. Being a coach's kid is something Petrino is very fond of. From his introductory press conference to game-week preparation this week, he has grinned when the subject is brought up, reminiscing on the two decades he spent in and

around the Carroll College football program, where his father Bob Sr. coached for 28 years.

Of course those were the simpler days of coaching college football — when head coaches weren't moving around the college football landscape nearly as frequently as happens in today's game.

That's the landscape Petrino's three children have grown up around. Petrino and his family have moved eight times since his last stop at Idaho as an assistant in 1994.

"When you're an assistant coach, you live month-by-month and my kids would be literally nervous every January 'do we get to stay in school here or are we moving again,'" Petrino said. "Usually, if you made it through January then you're okay, if you didn't you're moving."

The family had already moved once the year before Petrino took the job at Idaho, moving back to Arkansas from Illinois, when he took the offensive

coordinator job for the second time with the Razorbacks.

That was one of the selling points in coming back to Idaho when the job opened up — this time he would have the opportunity to stay in one place.

"I think that's the most exciting, happiest thing about me being a head coach is that they know they're going to be here and finish out their high school career," Petrino said.

These days, Vandal football is a family activity for the Petrinos. His son, Mason, can be found throwing the football around with the kickers on the sideline of practice, and cheering on the sidelines during the games. His two daughters also like to be around on game days.

"Being a coach's kid is hard,

because you don't see them a lot during the week. Anytime you can be around, anything that can be special whether that's being on the sideline or coming out to practice, or sitting down there next to me," Petrino said. "Anytime you have a chance to do one of the things that are great, make sure you do it."

Time will tell if Ava is going to crash any more press conferences with dad.

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Idaho coach Paul Petrino and his family walk off the field after the post-game handshake following the game against Temple University on Sept. 28.

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PLANNING

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"This show was so much fun," Hamilton said. "It gives you something to do after the football game."

Ehman said to be prepared because the events are always busy, and in the past it has brought in more than 200 participants.

Both Hamilton and Ehman said Dads' Weekend is so popular because it gives a chance for students to show their dad's a great time, and that they are appreciated.

"It's like an extra Father's Day. Who doesn't want the whole weekend to revolve around them?" Ehman said.

Hamilton said Dads'

Weekend gives the opportunity for students and dads to have fun together. Ehman said students enjoy the chance to bond with their dads on campus, which is one of the main reasons Dads' Weekend is such a great tradition.

"Dads and students like to be able to spend time together," Ehman said. "It gives dads a chance to see their students progress from childhood to adulthood. Students really like to show off where they live and what they do away from home."

Ehman said the Student Alumni Relations Board and the Dads' Weekend Committee have been planning the events since May.

"Things get booked up pretty quick for Dads' Weekend," Ehman said.

The University also takes advantage of the event, Ehman said. Professors and the university have a chance to show dads where their students learn and how they are treated while attending the school.

"Personally, one of my teachers invited us to bring our parents to lecture on Friday," Ehman said. "My professor said even her parents are going to be there."

Hamilton said the VandalStore has ordered extra plaid in response to the theme, so students and dads will be able to gear up for the weekend.

According to Hamilton and Ehman, UI isn't the only one making plans for dads this weekend. The Alehouse, in participation with Vandal Meats, will have beer and meat samples with live music and giveaways starting at 6 p.m. today. Tickets for the event can be purchased online for \$15. Ehman said that she is excited to be a part of the committee this year for Dad's Weekend because it is such a fun event for everyone involved.

"Parents usually live so far away," Ehman said. "Dads' Weekend is a great chance for dads and students to bond."

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BIOLOGY

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Jensen's dad died while Jensen was still in high school.

"I have an older cousin who is a University of Idaho alumni. He came up my freshman year. We played in the Dads' Weekend golf tournament," Jensen said. "I also went to the game with some of my family. Last year, my mom came to town. We went out to lunch and she helped me clean my apartment," Jensen said.

Even without their biological fathers, Jensen still recognizes the importance of the weekend.

"For me, this weekend is a chance to remember my father," Jensen said. "I like to see my friends making this weekend special with their dads, because it's not something you should take for granted."

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SPORTS



Soccer competes against top-ranked Seattle U for Senior Day on Sunday

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Home sweet Dome

After two road games, Vandals play host to Texas State Bobcats

Rick Clark
Argonaut

When Paul Petrino came to coach Idaho football, one of the big things he wanted to accomplish during his tenure in Moscow was to win at home. He said he was here as an assistant when Idaho went on its last big home winning streak and he wants to continue the streak with him now at the helm.

Petrino and the Vandals will look to get that home winning streak started when they host the Texas State Bobcats Saturday at the Kibbie Dome for Dads' Weekend.

But it has been a rough three weeks for the Vandals. They've had several players injured, including their top two quarterbacks as well as many other key players on both sides of the ball.

That means that guys need to step up like quarterbacks Taylor Davis and Matt Linehan. Even though Linehan is redshirting, Petrino is having him run with the first team offense during practice and Linehan has been signaling in plays on the sideline during games. His redshirt would have to be burned if he is to see playing time, though.

"(Linehan) took a lot of reps. He took reps with the ones last week too. If something happens, he's got to be ready to go," Petrino said.



Tony Marcolina | Argonaut

Wide receiver Dezmon Epps runs past defenders during practice Wednesday at the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals take on Texas State for Dads' Weekend 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. Epps' 51 catches and 582 receiving yards lead a struggling Idaho football team.

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Dezmon Epps speeds up Idaho's offense

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Dezmon Epps isn't shy about his speed. The Idaho junior wide receiver carries himself with humility, stays after practice to run extra routes and admits that he's far from a finished product as a receiver. He's lauded by coaches for his work ethic and drive. But ask him about his speed and he lights up.

"I ain't losing that speed probably ever, even if I slow my 40 (yard dash) I want to run a 4.3 (seconds) at least," Epps said. "I want to maintain a 4.2 and run it over and over and be consistent."

While he used that speed to run past defenders at City College of San Francisco, he was speeding under the eyes of bigger colleges in a recruiting process that was described as mixed up and confusing.

Schools like Fresno State, Utah State and Bowling Green showed interested in Epps, but clarity in the recruiting process didn't come until Idaho offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach Kris Cinkovich found his film.

Tight ends coach Al Pupunu put on a tape of Epps for him, and it didn't take long for Cinkovich to say "let's go find this guy."

Epps jumped at the opportunity to compete at Idaho, and the Vandals couldn't be any happier to have him.

It only took Epps a matter of days to immerse himself in the playbook and make an impact on the practice field — becoming the leading receiver the first scrimmage of fall camp.

Eight games into the season, he's also Idaho's leading receiver on the field. Epps leads Idaho with 582 receiving yards on 51 catches. He was added to the Biletnikoff Award watch list after a nine-catch, 110-yard effort against Northern Illinois Sept. 14. The

Biletnikoff Award honors the nation's best receiver at the end of the season.

Epps' last three games have been particularly prolific — 256 yards on 17 catches with three touchdowns, good for 15 yards per catch.

He's showing no signs of slowing down, even though the schedule ahead remains difficult.

"He's competitive, he doesn't think, he'll line up with a guy who might be bigger, might have a bigger name than him, but he doesn't care," receiver Najee Lovett said. "He's going to go out there and compete with him and go hard and take it to him."

Still, it's not good enough for Epps, who has NFL aspirations, or his coaches for that matter. Route running could be crisper, Cinkovich said, and mental mistakes during games need to be eliminated.

"He's got to minimize those, he still makes a couple of mental mistakes per game, now we have to get that fixed. At this point in the season, that's not acceptable. He'll fix it," Cinkovich said.

Four games are left on the schedule for Epps. He is working toward his goal of becoming a top 25 receiver in the nation this season, and next season in the Sun Belt. There's little doubt that Epps will be a big part of Idaho's offensive plans going forward. There's also little doubt that Idaho coaching is happy that they convinced Epps to turn down Fresno State, Bowling Green and Utah State.

"That's a guy that could probably have played at any level he wanted to and got lost in the shuffle and I'm glad we found him," Petrino said. "We need to find a few more of those players."

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Phillip Vukelich | Argonaut
Last year's individual WAC champion Hannah Kiser practices on the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex Tuesday. Kiser will be leading the women's cross country team in its attempt at four straight WAC championships on Saturday.

Going for No. 4

Women's cross country heads into championship as favorites

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the third straight season, the Idaho women's cross country team heads into the WAC Championship as the favorites. The Vandals have won the WAC Championship for three consecutive seasons and five times since 2005 but this might be their deepest and most talented team yet. Idaho was predicted to win again in Saturday's championship meet in Seattle by the WAC coaches pre-championship poll.

"We're excited to be in this position to have a chance to get the fourth-straight title and it's exciting to see that the other coaches have voted us as being the favorites," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "It obviously puts a little more pressure on the group but it's something they are used to."

While it's not surprising the women's team goes in as the favorites, the young Idaho men's team also earned some recognition in the polls. Despite only featuring one returner from last year's team, the Vandals were picked to finish second to Utah Valley in the pre-championship

coaches poll on the men's side.

The men's team is led by junior BYU transfer Cody Helbling while the women's team features last year's individual WAC Champion Hannah Kiser.

Making History

The Idaho women's cross country team has already made its mark with three consecutive championship wins — a rare feat in college athletics. But a group of seniors wants to finish the work they started as freshman by winning their fourth straight WAC Championship. Seniors Kiser, Emily Paradis, Holly Stanton Browning and Alycia Butterworth are vying for their fourth straight team title. Kiser is also competing for her second-straight individual WAC title.

"I think that we really felt the most stress when we were sophomores because we had won once," Kiser said. "We really wanted to win again. Then last year we won by just a point and we returned everyone, so that gave us a lot of confidence."

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Halloween heartbreaker

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

The Vandals lost a 3-1 heartbreaker at home in a neck-and-neck matchup against the best team in the conference, the New Mexico State Aggies.

In the last matchup against the Aggies on the road on Oct. 5, the Vandals struggled losing 3-0.

In Thursday's match, the Vandals fared better winning the first set 25-14 set. Idaho hit an outstanding .481 average in the first set to NMSU's .125. The middle blockers were the most dominant with Schultz and Wilkinson hitting .667 a piece. Schultz lead the team with four kills and Wilkinson had two. Outside hitter Ashley Christman hit .400 and had two kills as well. Everything seemed optimistic until the Aggies came out merciless in the second.

"We just got to understand as a team that we can get that win again and when they're down we got to come back and just keep going at that," setter Meredith Coba said. "I think sometimes we let up because we think they're going to roll over but that's not the case, we just got to stay after it and get them down and get that win."

The Vandals failed to stick with it in the second set with New Mexico State jumping off on a 5-0 run in what was starting to look like the last time the two teams faced. The vandals

lost the set 25-17 but it was hard fought and it has been so far the best performance by the vandals against the Aggies which isn't saying much compared to the last time the two teams faced each other. The Vandals hit particularly poorly in the second set at .100 to even out at .254 on the game. NMSU had the slight advantage at .258.

Jessica Hastriter had six kills on the match despite not playing the entire game alternating with Varney. Hastriter led the team at .462 on the night at that point. The Vandals clearly have stepped their blocking game off with a clear advantage in blocks at 8-1 by the end of the second set and putting up big blocking numbers in their last couple of matches. NMSU held a 31-25 advantage in digs and began to exhaust the Vandal back row.

The Vandals hit a little bit better in the third set with a .250 hitting percentage but NMSU was on fire at .429. Hastriter was having the best game out of everyone with 10 kills and hit .308. Unfortunately the relentlessness of the Aggies wore down on the Vandals resulting in a 25-19 third set loss putting them in a must win situation.

The fourth set began with NMSU taking the first three points. NMSU hit it out for the Vandals first point of the set. Christman took the next point



Libero Jenna Ellis makes a dig during the match against New Mexico State Thursday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals lost 3-1 against the Aggies.

with a kill. NMSU went on a run to make it 6-2 at this point and the Vandals were trying to stay positive. Things started to slip away with a NMSU 8-2 lead but two errors put the Vandals closer in it with despite NMSU's energized offense. Schultz grabbed a kill to pick up some momentum and NMSU continued to hit the ball out of play. At this point it was 8-6. NMSU lost control of the tempo again for a 8-7 deficit as the Vandals chipped away at an early lead from the aggies that

seemed impossible to catch up to. The nail biter continued until a questionable call as to whether or not a ball was out of bounds gave NMSU a lead 16-14 and then 17-14.

"It was a critical time but you know what you can't let one play effect the whole match, there's not much you can do about it we could get some momentum it might change things, it's unfortunate," Buchanan said.

The Vandals were fighting for their lives at this point. The Vandals put up another point to

help bring back comeback hopes. A serving ace reassured that. Schultz eventually tied it up at 19-19 and a few lead changes lead the aggies to a set up with the game on the line, the Vandals evened it up and a few more lead changes led to a 23-21 set and it came to set and match point. NMSU failed to do it on a serving error but tragically pulled it off in another effort 25-22 being the final score.

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Sports briefs

Cross country teams selected first, second in coaches poll

The three-time defending WAC Champion Idaho women's cross country team was selected to finish first by WAC coaches in the conference pre-championship poll. The Vandal men were picked to finish second. The Idaho women, who will be gunning for a fourth-consecutive championship this weekend in Seattle, garnered seven first-place votes and 63 points, while hosts Seattle U trailed with one first-place vote and 54 points. On the men's side, Utah Valley received six first place votes and finished atop the coaches poll, while Idaho attained 42 points and received one first-place vote. The championships will take place on Saturday.

Idaho gets commitment from Marysville quarterback

Jake Luton, a senior quarterback out of Marysville, Wash., committed to Paul Petrino and the Idaho Vandals via Twitter, Tuesday evening. The Marysville Pilchuck senior stands at 6-feet-6-inches and received interest from Tennessee and Washington State, according to ESPN Recruiting Nation. Luton spoke to The Argonaut about Idaho's rebuilding process and where he hopes to fit into that.

"I've talked to Petrino a lot and all the coaches and I believe they're on the rebuild and on the rise to be a good program," he said.

Luton will be one of four quarterbacks on Idaho's 2014 roster, as redshirt freshman Chad Chalich, junior Josh McCain and true freshman Matt Linehan all return. Luton is ranked as a two-star recruit on Scout.com.

Charlston honored with national award

Idaho senior Alyssa Charlston was named a candidate for the 2013-14 CLASS Award as one of 30 women's basketball players across the nation to be honored. A total of 60 men's and women's basketball players are nominated for the award, which recognizes excellence both on and off the court. The award considers four areas of excellence, including community, classroom, character and competition.

"It is always an honor to get recognized for this kind of award. I have only my coaches, teachers, teammates and everyone in the athletic department to thank for having such a great influence on me," Charlston said. "They have pushed me to be a better leader on the court and in the community. While I've been at Idaho, I have surprised myself at how much I have improved. I can only credit that to the amazing people surrounding me, including my parents."

The winners of the award will be announced during the 2014 Men's and Women's Final Four.

A tough WAC challenge

Vandals play Seattle on road, at home this weekend

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

An invitation to the end of the season WAC Tournament is within the Idaho soccer team's grasp. The possible invitation to the tournament may be out of Idaho's control, depending on the outcome of not only their two-match weekend against WAC leader Seattle U but also that of Cal State-Bakersfield's pair of matches.

Only the top four ranked teams get an invitation to the tournament on Nov 7. Idaho, with a conference record of 4-6, is ranked fifth behind Grand Canyon with a record of 4-7-1. However, as part of Grand Canyon's entrance into the WAC, they are ineligible for postseason play for one year.

For Idaho to receive the much-wanted invitation, they must match the sixth place Cal State-Bakersfield in play this weekend.

Idaho will be playing two matches against an undefeated in conference play Seattle team. Cal State-Bakersfield is facing an

easier set of matches — first playing third place Missouri-Kansas City then last place New Mexico State.

"We know what we need to get done this weekend and at this point it's up to us ... we are more worried about what we are doing than what Bakersfield is doing. I think the pressure is there regardless," senior Mary Condon said.

Idaho is the sole team in conference that has yet to face the conference leader.

"They have stood out head and shoulders, ahead of anybody else. We haven't played them, we haven't seen them. Historically, when we have played them they have been a very well coached team, very athletic and dynamic ... in those respects we know what to expect," Idaho coach Pete Showler said.

Since the two teams first met up, back in the 2008-09 season, Idaho has yet to beat Seattle. In the five game series, Seattle has outscored Idaho 11-2, shutting out Idaho in three matches.

"It's definitely going to



Freshman forward Kavita Battan goes for a header off of a corner kick against Utah Valley Oct. 20 at Guy Wicks Field. The Vandals take on Seattle for Senior Day at 1 p.m. Sunday at Guy Wicks Field.

be a tough game. Seattle is a good team and always come out and play a good brand of soccer so we have to come out hard and see if we can get some goals against them, work around their strong back line," Condon said.

Because Idaho has yet to meet up with Seattle this season, the two teams will be involved in an anomaly, in that the teams

will play each other twice in the same weekend.

Friday's game will be hosted at Seattle's Championship Field. On Sunday, Idaho will host its last game of the season at home for Senior Day.

Senior Day is the day in which Showler and his staff shows their gratitude for what he calls his Vandal family — specifically the seniors who have

put in years of work with the team.

Condon said that Friday's match will be an emotional one; not only because her large family is coming to watch the match but also because of the support she knows her team will show and has showed over the past four years.

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Veterans come full circle

Bendeck and Ramos Salazar continue tradition of excellence with entrance to the big show

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It was a long journey to success for junior Cristobal Ramos Salazar and senior Jose Bendeck of the Idaho men's tennis team. They watched two Idaho doubles pairings win the ITA Regional Mountain Championships doubles draw before finally winning it themselves this season. Now, they are set to play in the National Indoor Championships in Flushing, N.Y. on Nov. 7.

"It's a long way (to success), first time I stepped on the court it was doubles but I wasn't playing with him. I felt like I was just playing for my team and trying to win. I never thought I would be going to the NCAA National Championship," Ramos Salazar said.

As the No. 1 junior tennis player in Mexico in the 12-, 14- and 16-year-old age groups and ranked as high as No. 240 in the world in juniors by the International Tennis Federation, Ramos Salazar has always had a gift. He first came to Idaho in the spring of 2012 where he earned first-team All-WAC honors for doubles and WAC all-tournament team honors.

Ramos Salazar went 12-16 in singles play that spring, including 2-3 in WAC play. His 15-10 record in doubles showed this was where he truly excelled on the court with a 5-5 record in the top spot and 7-1 at No. 2.

Last season, Ramos Salazar clearly improved but considering his recent success sweeping by opponents in regional play, he has not reached his full potential. In singles, he went 16-8 but mostly played at the bottom three positions. He went 19-7 in doubles play but spent most of his time at No. 2 doubles at 17-5 last season.

Bendeck's legacy spans back to nearly four years ago, when the Colombian native started his NCAA career. He ranked as high as No. 1 in Colombia in junior tennis and finished the fall of 2010 with a 4-3 singles record and 3-4 in doubles. In the spring of 2011, he played singles at the No. 4 and 5 positions to finish with a 14-8

record at Idaho after joining the program the previous fall.

Bendeck, like his teammate Ramos Salazar, played mainly in the No. 2 doubles spot and posted a 13-8 record overall. The following season, Bendeck was first-team All-WAC selection in doubles with an 18-15 record and last year he went 18-8 with a 17-6 record at No. 2 doubles. Both players have clearly gotten better every year.

Ramos Salazar and Bendeck worked together to prove themselves and their growth regionally, this fall.

"It was a big accomplishment for us, but I think the important part and the thing that counts is the national tournament where we show where we're really at, we're a good team in the region but we want to show that we're a good team in the nation as well," Bendeck said.

The competition will further test the two veterans who played behind a line of regional champions including graduate assistant coach Abid Akbar and celebrated Vandals Marius Cirstea and Andrew Dobbs. A lot of wins came from Dmitry Perevoshchikov last year, who is now back in Russia. It is up to Bendeck and Salazar to lead not just at the ITA National Indoor Championship but this year as a whole. They have done that so far, continuing a legacy of a small school in Idaho that has become known for tennis across the country.

"It's going to be tough, all the teams that go there are going to be good teams from big universities," Bendeck said. "We know it's going to be the best tennis in the nation and I think we're ready for it, we know we have the tennis to compete against them."

Regardless of the outcome, the two accomplished veterans continue their path to success that seems contagious in this program. Bendeck and Ramos Salazar continue the Vandal tennis legacy and new youth are following in their path in the same position that the duo found themselves in a few years ago.



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Jose Bendeck returns the ball to Cristobal Ramos Salazar during practice Wednesday on the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Bendeck and Ramos Salazar compete in the ITA National Indoor Championships Nov. 7-10 at New York, N.Y. They are the third consecutive Idaho pairing to qualify for the tournament.

"We've been here longer, so we're kind of the head of the team. We're the top players on the team, all of them are newcomers, three transfers and two sophomores that didn't really play last year. So I feel like we should give them confidence ... I feel like we are

leaders," Ramos Salazar said.

Sometimes, age really is the determining factor as a player as Bendeck enters into what will be his final year as a Vandal in a long journey to the top.

"I think we're the ones that show them the way, the way we

practice, the way we show up, our behavior, we show them not what to do but a way for them to follow," Bendeck said. "It's important for us and somebody has to do it."

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Milt Palacio making an early impact

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Milt Palacio has enjoyed a long and successful basketball career, playing in the NBA for seven seasons, in Europe for another six seasons and he also played for his national team, Belize. Palacio has faced some of the best players in the NBA, including Gary Payton and Jason Kidd, but it's at Idaho, where he might have finally met his match.

"I am busting his butt in one-on-one right now," said Vandal point guard Glen Dean, who has an ongoing one-on-one game with Palacio, and currently holds the lead. "He keeps saying how no coach should be beating a college player, but we're talking about a former NBA player, a former MVP over seas, numerous championship's under his belt — that's not a normal coach right there. So I don't care what he says. Every win I can get against him, I'm going to take."

Palacio, who recently joined the Idaho men's basketball team as the director of player development, admits Dean is a very good player, but says that he still owns Dean on the left side.

"I have got nothing but praise for this man. He's came in and worked hard from the beginning," Dean said. "I am very thankful that coach (Don) Verlin brought him onto the staff,

because I feel like he has helped us get better individually, and as a team."

Before getting the job at Idaho, Palacio was trying to decide if he wanted to play one more year of basketball, or go into coaching. It was a phone call with his former college coach at Colorado State, and the current Idaho head coach, Don Verlin, which got the process going.

"What's funny is that I just called him to talk to him about making the transition from player to coach. It wasn't even about coaching here," Palacio said.

After the initial phone call, a couple weeks went by and Palacio had been talking to a few different schools about coaching opportunities, and then coach Verlin found himself with an open spot on the staff. It was destiny.

"Milt has come aboard to help me, but also mentor our players, and help in the overall aspect of them being student athletes," Verlin said. "Milt is a guy who worked hard for everything he's ever got. He worked his tail off

every single day, he's a self-made guy, and that is something I admire."

Palacio's has seemed to make a flawless transition from player to coach. This may be due to the fact that he did just end his playing career and can relate with the players on a different level than most coaches can.

Some of Palacio's duties as director of player development include helping with academics, mentoring Idaho's players off the court and helping Verlin with breaking down film and game preparation.

Dean came to Idaho from Utah, a Pac-12 program with top-flight coaches, and he hasn't noticed any drop off in Palacio coaching at his new home.

"He's taking more of a player's side to his coaching style," Dean said. "He's a player's coach, but at the same time, he's been through the whole process, so he knows how hard you have to work to get better every single day."

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Milt Palacio, the new director of player development for the men's basketball team, returns a ball to a player practicing free throws Wednesday. Palacio played basketball professionally for 14 years, which included eight seasons in the NBA.

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Vandal Nation

Weekly football practice report

Staff Report
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Wednesday, Oct. 30

Venue: Kibbie Dome

Format:

Full pads, wrap-up but don't take down for the whole team, don't hit the quarterbacks.

Practice Rundown:

Position drills, 7-on-7 skeleton drill, first team offense and defense vs. scout team, punt/kickoff return drills, special teams drills.

Highlights:

Josh McCain is in pads again for the Vandals. He was wearing a red jersey, meaning that no one could hit him. Don't expect him to be ready for the game on Saturday, but it is always a good sign to see one of the top two quarterbacks back in action.

All of the running backs were running hard. The defense couldn't take them down but all of them were running through arm tackles and not allowing the opposing players to get a wrap on them. Kris Olugbode was getting a lot of the carries and you can expect him to probably start the game on Saturday.

The practice was very high tempo Wednesday. The players were expected to fly around the field and go all out, even when it wasn't full contact. Many of the players would run to the end zone after the play was whistled dead and the defense was hustling on and off the field. Petrino got on the players a couple times when he thought they were slowing down or not

hustling, but overall it was a good practice from a hustle standpoint.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan saw quite a bit of time with the first team. It was surprising since McCain was back in pads. It looks like Linehan is still the back-up for the time being.

Other Observations:

Defensive end Quinton Bradley and cornerback Solomon Dixon continue to sit out of practice this week. Their return this week is doubtful.

The defense got an earful from defensive coordinator Ronnie Lee when running against the scout team. The scout team gained many yards while the defense was confused with some of the stuff they did, including the option. This obviously isn't a good sign three days before they play against Texas State.

Wide receiver Dezmon Epps took many of the punt returns today and looked really good while returning. He was very elusive and would turn the speed when he saw a hole open up. The Vandals special teams have been mediocre this far into the season and look to put their most explosive player back to return.

After seeing the team practice the Wildcat formation with James Baker and Richard Montgomery last week, they have not shown that formation this week. It will be interesting to see if they would run out of that formation in the case that Davis is hurt or needs a break.

Speaking of Davis, he looked very consistent and had veteran poise in the pocket for the third week in a row. Hopefully with the experience he has shown in practice, it will translate into a win at home against the Texas State Bobcats.



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Marysville Pilchuck's 6-foot-6 quarterback makes his commitment to Paul Petrino and the Idaho Vandals.



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Congrats to Alyssa Charlston on being named as 1 of 30 women bball players for the Senior CLASS award #govandals.

Idaho's AD giving props to the Vandals' 2013 All-WAC First Team candidate, who added another award to her resume.



@samsteeleponder

Mike Leach just told me he's never sent an email. Then we talked about Geronimo. @ESPNCFB

And what else did Ms. Ponder expect from the pirate himself?

GOING

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This season might feature a deeper team than the Vandals have had in the past. Rising sophomore Halie Raudenbush has moved to the No. 2 fastest runner on the team behind Kiser. Other talented freshmen and sophomores have also passed some of the veteran seniors. Despite playing an instrumental role in the Vandals' last three championships, Butterworth won't be competing in Idaho's top seven this weekend.

"It was a hard decision getting down to seven," Phipps said. "The depth is incredible, we are really strong one through twelve. Alycia Butterworth had been a main reason why we've been able to win the last two years — without her ... we don't win either one of those conference championships. But it just, again, shows the depth of this team."

That depth is shown with two freshmen and two sophomores joining Kiser, Stanton Browning and Paradis to round out the

top seven competing at the WAC Championship. Sophomore Abby Larson and freshman Alex Siemens are two of the young runners who have propelled themselves into Idaho's top seven.

"As the season progressed, everyone has improved well," Raudenbush said. "We are all running fast. Everyone's (personal records) have been significant."

In addition to winning the WAC Championship, Phipps said one of the team goals is to get as many Idaho runners in the top 14 as possible. The top 14 finishers are awarded All-WAC honors and Phipps wants it to be filled with Vandals.

As far as individual goals, Kiser is one of the favorites to repeat as the individual WAC Champion. Kiser struggled with injury this season but it didn't slow her down in a second-place finish at the Bronco Invitational on Oct. 19.

But Kiser isn't the clear-cut favorite. Missouri-Kansas City's Courtney Frerichs — a former NCAA All-American in the steeplechase — will challenge Kiser

for the WAC title this season.

Phipps said there are three teams on the women's side who could challenge Idaho for the team title — New Mexico State, Utah Valley and Seattle U. But one advantage the Vandals have had this year is competing against those teams. Normally, Idaho goes into the WAC without facing most of the WAC competition. But this year, they've competed against and beat those teams during the regular season.

"WAC (Championship) is really special because you're all working together to beat other teams," Kiser said. "Cross (country) WAC is a lot different than track (and field) WAC, it's one of my favorite meets of the year because there's such a special team bonding and feel to it."

Young but talented men's team

Unlike the veteran Idaho women's team, the men's team is composed of almost entirely new players. Despite the only returning player being sophomore Santos

Vargas from last year's team, the Vandals are picked to finish second Saturday at the WAC Championships in the WAC pre-championship poll. Utah Valley was voted No. 1.

"I think the pre-championship ranking was appropriate because Utah Valley beat us quite handily at the meet in Santa Clara, but I don't think that was a reflection of the way this team can compete," Phipps said.

It is nice going into the meet as an underdog because there is less pressure, Phipps said. He said the team is going to try to stick with Utah Valley for the whole race — even if they tire out and finish last because he'd rather go for the win than settle for second.

The young men's team had some learning experiences this season, as there are nine underclassmen on the 11-man team. In the Dellinger Invitational on Oct. 5, the men came out too fast while they started too slow on Oct. 19 at the Bronco Invitational.

"Fortunately, I feel like we've had a few learning experiences early on in the season," Idaho

junior Cody Helbling said. "I feel like the guys are going to get it. We should all have pretty good races."

Helbling is one of the favorites to win the conference in his first year in the WAC on the men's side. He has been Idaho's top finisher in each race this season.

"My main goal is to just run my best. I'm going to try to not so much race everyone else, but race the clock and try to (get a personal record)," Helbling said. "Hopefully if I PR, I'll also bring home the title."

Along with Helbling, freshman Nick Boersma has been a standout for the Vandals as the men's No. 2 runner. Boersma comes from a track and field background but has excelled for the Vandals at the 8-kilometer distance this season.

Helbling and Boersma provide a veteran-youngster combo on the men's side while Kiser and Raudenbush head the women's team as the Vandal cross country teams head into the biggest meet of the season on Saturday.

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The quarterbacks aren't the only ones who have been stepping up. Many younger players are getting the opportunity to produce for the team such as wide receiver Deon Watson and cornerback Desmond Banks. Even with the flashes of improvement from the younger players, the Vandals have only been able to win one game.

Offensive coordinator Kris Cinkovich doesn't seem too worried, though. He still thinks the Vandals have a lot of potential.

"It's a little slow right now, but I promise you next year we're going to be flipping this whole town around," Cinkovich said.

Last year, the Vandals met the Bobcats down in San Marcos, Texas, and lost 38-7. Idaho was unable to stop the option offense

Texas State was running.

The Bobcats lost quarterback Shaun Rutherford to graduation, who was very instrumental in the team's option attack. Rutherford has been replaced this season by freshman Tyler Jones, who is also a dual-threat quarterback who can hold his own.

Jones has 594 yards through the air but more significantly, he ranks third on the team with 262 yards on the ground.

One of Texas State's key wins was a 42-41 victory over the Wyoming Cowboys. The Vandals traveled to Wyoming earlier this season and lost 42-10 against that same Cowboys squad.

Idaho wants to come out and get redemption from last year's loss against Texas State.

"It's definitely motivation, they beat us by a good chunk last year, so we definitely want to come back and get a win at home," Idaho wide receiver

Najee Lovett said. "We got to start early. (The) past couple weeks we haven't come out good, so I think we need to come out early and score some points and not wait to the end of kind of turn it up."

The Vandals need to come out and get players like Lovett as well as wide receiver Dezmon Epps, running back Richard Montgomery and running back James Baker involved early if they want to be competitive. Texas State ranks No. 41 in the nation in points allowed. They only give up an average of 23 points per game.

Knowing the Bobcats are going to be a tough opponent, Lovett said the team still is gaining confidence, even when times are tough.

"The confidence is definitely there, even last week it was a blowout, we saw some good things," Lovett said.

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Quarterback Matt Linehan attempts a pass during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. Although currently redshirting, Linehan is the backup quarterback for Saturday's game against Texas State for Dads' Weekend.

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Nichols just short

Final presidential candidate knows the Palouse, but fails to communicate land-grant knowledge

Laurie Stenberg Nichols is the first female finalist applying for presidency at the University of Idaho in at least 10 years. She has ties to the Palouse area, is a former faculty member of UI and made an enthusiastic point to show she has done her research about our school and state.

But it may not be enough to compete with the other candidates, some of whom have been incredibly strong.

Nichols was very knowledgeable about the latest trends and innovations in higher education. It was obvious she has a passion for making sure the universities she works at are ahead of the curve, rather than trailing behind. She pinpointed the strongest aspects of UI, such as our research funding and national college rankings. She also

addressed UI's weak points like our low six-year graduation rate and plateaued enrollment.

She did her research and presented it well. Notably, she has also served in a presidency position — specifically as interim president at another public college in South Dakota, Northern State. In some ways, the job of an interim president is even more difficult, and experience such as this could prove crucial to the next president at UI.

Nichols is also familiar with the area. She was a faculty member at UI for six years and should be more familiar with the local community and university dynamics than other candidates.

Nichols' weak point, however, was that she didn't show an understanding of the mission

and purpose of a land-grant institution. While she said the word "land-grant," she did very little in the way of pointing out how she as president would fulfill the mission that inherently accompanies the phrase. A vast majority of her academic and administrative career has taken place at South Dakota State, a land-grant university. It's safe to assume she is familiar with that aspect of an institution. But if she is, she did a poor job of conveying it.

She's a strong candidate, who is familiar with the Palouse and knows higher education. It's just unfortunate she didn't make a point of showcasing any knowledge she has about land-grant institutions, and how that mission intersects with the presidency.

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Sadness

I had to throw my pumpkin away the day before Halloween since it started to mold. On the other hand, with one more day it would have made a truly terrifying Halloween decoration.

—Aleya

Cracking neck

I have the habit of cracking my neck ever since I saw my mom do it. I also crack my hands, wrists, fingers, sides and toes. A lot of people say they sound scary. Well at least (beside being small) I can scare some people.

—Rainy

Good procrastination

It doesn't really make sense, but sometimes waiting until the last minute to do something produces the best results.

—Tony

Unas palabras

A buen entendedor, pocas palabras bastan.

—Emily

Dear Daddo,

I don't say it enough — you're my hero and I love you. Happy Dads' Weekend.

—Kaitlyn

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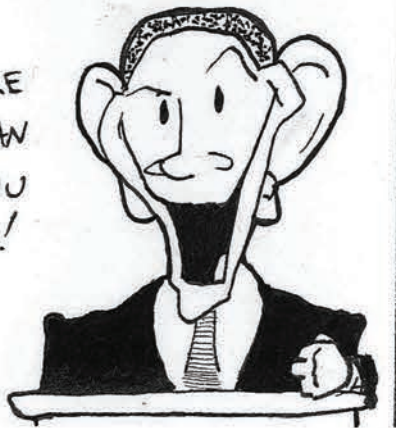
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New curriculum, new controversy

Idaho changes education curriculum in an attempt to help struggling students, sparks state wide debate

Education has always been an issue in Idaho, and for good reason. Each year, the states are ranked on their performance in education, and Idaho falls in 48th place, or 49th, or 50th depending on which metric you decide to use. Obviously, something needs to be done. Different reforms have passed through the state with varying amounts of success and support.

In 2011, Idaho adopted Common Core Curriculum, which was brought to Idaho classrooms during the 2013-2014 school year. Common Core seeks to change the way children are taught, focusing on method and theory as opposed to memorization. These changes are hard to make and require more in depth testing, but they could change Idaho education for the better.

According to Tom Luna,

Idaho's superintendent of public instruction, the goal behind adopting Common Core is to ensure Idaho students are ready for both college and the work place without remediation. It is a noble pursuit and one which state officials, teachers, parents and even students have been working towards for years now.

Despite the changes and potential, many Idahoans are opposed to Common Core. Even before it reached schools, opposition began. Facebook groups were created, blogs were made and opinions were posted. Letters to the editor appeared across the state and are still rolling in today.

Many of the complaints seem unfounded and are simply political nonsense. Idaho's adoption of Common Core does not give Obama the ability to indoctrinate children, and it will not destroy

the education system as we know it. Idaho's education system needs improvement, and fighting change is not going to help narrow the gap Idaho students are faced with. Education is not mathematics — it isn't cut and dry and it isn't the same for everyone.

Fixing the problems Idaho faces is going to take experimentation, new ideas and some well thought out changes to solve. The Common Core has worked for states like Massachusetts and Maryland — maybe we should give it a chance in Idaho. Massachusetts and Maryland are generally found in the top two of the very same rankings that Idaho sits at the bottom of.

If it's good enough for the best, it should be good enough for the worst. Politicizing education seems to be popular in Idaho, but it comes at the cost of our children.

Idaho's education system needs improvement, and fighting change is not going to help narrow the gap Idaho students are faced with.

The fact is, there is no way to tell until we try. It's time to start trying and stop making education in Idaho a right vs. left issue.

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Scientific theory isn't a battle of semantics

Nobody really cares if the glass is half empty or if it is half full, as long as there is enough water in the glass to quench one's thirst.

The reason the question is so easily dismissed is because it is a philosophical question with little practical importance. The answer to the question — if there



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is one — has no effect on our daily lives. The same is true for the philosophical problem of inductive reasoning, yet the strictly philosophical problem may have led to a very real social and political problem stemming from a misunderstanding of the word theory. Theory is used col-

loquially to mean a guess or a hunch, but when the word is used in a scientific context, it takes a whole different meaning. A scientific theory is subject to a strict set of criteria, which are remarkably similar to those for a scientific law. However, nobody seems to question scientific law, yet the primary difference between a theory and a law is that laws describe, while theo-

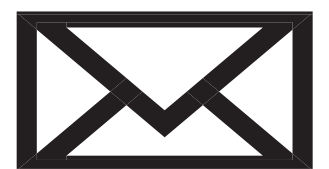
ries explain.

Both theories and laws rely upon inductive reasoning, which cannot lead to complete certainty about anything. Keep in mind, that philosophers will try to get you to question existence itself if you let them, so this shortcoming of inductive reasoning is not much to fret about. In reality, scientific theories and laws are as close to certainty as we can get.

Need proof? Pull out your smartphone or GPS and see if it still works. If it does, the validity of numerous scientific theories and laws are still holding strong. If it doesn't, try turning the device off and on again and see if that fixes the problem.

Scientific theories with hot public interest such

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Mail Box

Dear Editor

I'm writing in response to Andrew Jenson's article in Tuesday's edition of the Argonaut. Specifically, I'd like to address the "Stereotypes" section of the article. To get right to the point, I think it is absolutely ludicrous to suggest, as you have, that arguments against oppressive gender stereotypes are "tired" or mere attempts at political correctness.

Gender oppression is not a matter of political correctness. It is a real systemic problem that affects half of the global population, and should not be disregarded or pushed aside simply because it gets in the way of someone's fun — especially not someone whose fails to recognize their place of privilege as you appear to have done. Oppression isn't fun, and nor is fighting it. Would you offer the same arguments, if we were considering people dressing in blackface for Halloween? I sincerely hope not.

We as a society can never rid ourselves of these kinds of very real, very harmful disadvantages if we do not continually fight back against their manifestations in social activity even — and perhaps especially — when it comes to seemingly innocuous events like children's costumes at Halloween.

I sincerely hope you take the time to consider my thoughts. I think what you've said represents a perniciously flawed approach to inequalities in our culture, and I hope you reflect on it before writing future articles.

—Sami Sumpter

How my job changed me

You always get something out of everything you do in life. When it comes to my job, I was really surprised I got it in the first place. I went into it with an open mind and knew I would learn a lot, but I didn't think it would have as big an effect on me as it does now.

I am the volunteer coordinator at the University of Idaho Sustainability Center. When I applied back in April, I knew I had the skills to do the tasks asked of me, but I really didn't understand sustainability and I led a life far from it.

Coming from Sacramento, I really didn't feel like making the extra effort to recycle something or sorting my waste would make much of an impact on the Earth. I saw everyone around me not caring, and it was so easy to fall into that habit. It also didn't help that my family didn't care either.

Now, working in an office where everyone truly cares about what they are doing and believes in the changes they can make has changed my own outlook about the environment. I can see how the efforts of a few can really impact more people, and can at least plant a seed in their mind about the little things they can do to contribute to sustainable efforts.

I planned our volunteer events for the first time and I really didn't know how it would all pan out. I remember the first event I ever went on. We were picking up trash at

the Spring Valley Reservoir outside of Troy for the Leave No Trace event.

Before the event, I was really dreading giving up my Saturday to go pick up trash. I don't like trash in general, why would I want to spend three hours doing it?

But once I got out there and all of our volunteers were working, I snapped some pictures and started helping out. Soda cans had rusted over along with glass bottles, which had grass growing in it. We found bait jars and food wrappers from years ago. I was really unprepared for getting in the muck and water to pull out trash.

It was then that I realized how my outlook had changed. I was willing to do the work improve our environment. Now that my eyes have been opened, I look for the little things I can do to make a difference. I love my job and I love who I have become after working at the Sustainability Center. I have a better appreciation for the environment and I am slowly trying to nudge my family and friends into a more green direction.

For me, applying for this job was stepping outside my comfort zone. Now my comfort zone has expanded and gets larger every day. Don't be afraid to take risks and try something new. You never know what you will get out of it.

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The Fr-Word

Say, slut?

A weekly column on feminism, gender and sexuality

Why calling women sluts is downright silly

Slutty nurse. Slutty bunny. Slutty pirate. Slutty pumpkin. We have just passed the season of costumed festivities and the rise of "the Halloween sluts." Or at least, that's what people tend to say around this time of year. Even though many people use the word slut, they often don't know the message they actually send to women by using the term.

The word slut generally means a woman who has lots of sex. Possibly lots of casual sex. A woman who is sexually promiscuous. Presumably, this woman enjoys her copious amounts of sex and isn't ashamed of it.

So when the word slut is thrown around as an insult, what the person is really saying is, "Hey, you must have lots of sex and I don't like that. You should feel shame about this." Which really, once you think about it, isn't much of an insult at all.

Except, in a society where a woman's worth is tied to what she does with her body, people tend to think this is a really hor-

rible thing to say to a woman. The more sex a woman has, specifically the more casual sex a woman has, the less "worthy" she becomes. This is why the word slut is generally seen as insulting.

Even more problematic is the assumption that what a woman wears is indicative of her sexual activity. The idea is that the amount of clothing a woman wears is directly correlated to how much and what kind of sex she has. Wear long skirts and long sleeve shirts? Virgin. Prude. Wear fishnet tights, a corset and high heels? Slut. Whore.

As if what goes on your body is directly tied to how many people you sleep with. Needless to say, this is a fairly ridiculous assumption to be making. Frankly, it's pretty idiotic.

So here's the breakdown. A guy sees a woman in her Alice in Wonderland costume, which features a short skirt, low-cut blouse and heels. Here's what he says. "Look at that girl's costume.

She's such a slut."

What he actually means. "Look at what she's wearing. Obviously, less square inches of cloth means she has lots of sex — and it's probably casual. I don't approve of this."

A woman sees another woman in the above outfit and says. "I would never wear that. She's such a slut."

What she actually means. "Look at what she's wearing. She must have lots of sex and I'd never want that."

Sounds ridiculous? That's because it is.

Making assumptions about a woman's sexual activity based on what she is wearing, then attempting to shame that woman for aforementioned presumptions — it's pretty silly when you think about it.

So next time you are tempted to call a woman a slut, take a moment and think about what you sound like, and what you are really saying. And if you proceed, know that using the word slut as an insult is pretty darn ridiculous.

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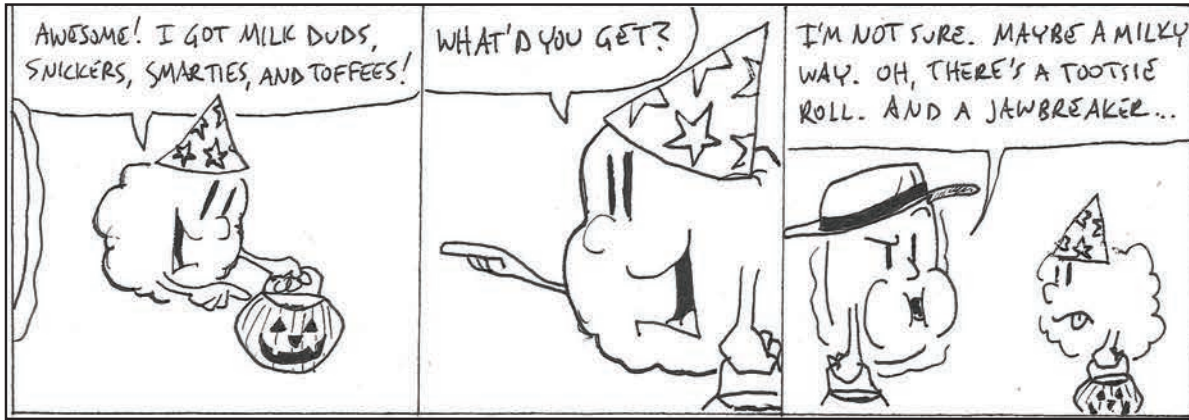
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Library

I admit it. I love the library. But I have to be careful, if I am not focused, a few hours can go by without me even noticing.
—Ryan

Course conflicts

I don't want to have to take media law this summer. It is really interesting, and I want to graduate already!
—Andrew

Sorry Beau

Go Red Sox! 3 World Series in 10 years in pretty impressive #worsttofirst
—Ricky

Internet

You never know how much you rely on it until it suddenly goes away one day.
—Kaitlin

Tough loss

The Cardinals lost the World Series on Wednesday but I'm still wearing my Cardinals hat proudly cause I ain't no bandwagon fan #hatersgonnahate
—Stephan

Portscum

We're coming for you, Timbers. Eternal Blue, Forever Green.
—Sean

Parking tickets

I feel sorry for the people who work for parking enforcement. It must suck knowing that what you do is ruin peoples' days. You did a good job at ruining mine.
—Phil

Finally a fan

Hope my dad and I end up at the Corner Club Saturday night, singing the fight song after an Idaho victory. It's a rough life, but #GoVandals
—Theo

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THEORY

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as climate change and evolution are measured against the same rigorous criteria as the theory of relativity, which enables GPS technology.

It is important to understand these theories not just from a scientific perspective, but because they have an effect on our society. Our politicians must understand the theories of evolution and climate change to justify legislation on related issues.

Citizens must be knowledgeable of these theories to be responsible citizens of the world. Not to mention our children, who need to be educated on these theories so the next generation can remain at the forefront of scientific progress and grow into intelligent, responsible citizens.

Be wary if ever someone tries to use the semantics of the word theory as a case against evolution or climate change. If they offer an alternate argument, that's fine, but if there existed any significant scientific evidence to disprove them, they would no longer be called theories.

Why is the public so resistant to join the unanimity in science in the acceptance of evolution and climate change? Perhaps, it is a simple misunderstanding of the word theory. Perhaps, it is a general public mistrust for the field of science. Perhaps, doing so would raise too many questions about peoples' beliefs and the way they live their lives. But those are just theories.

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