

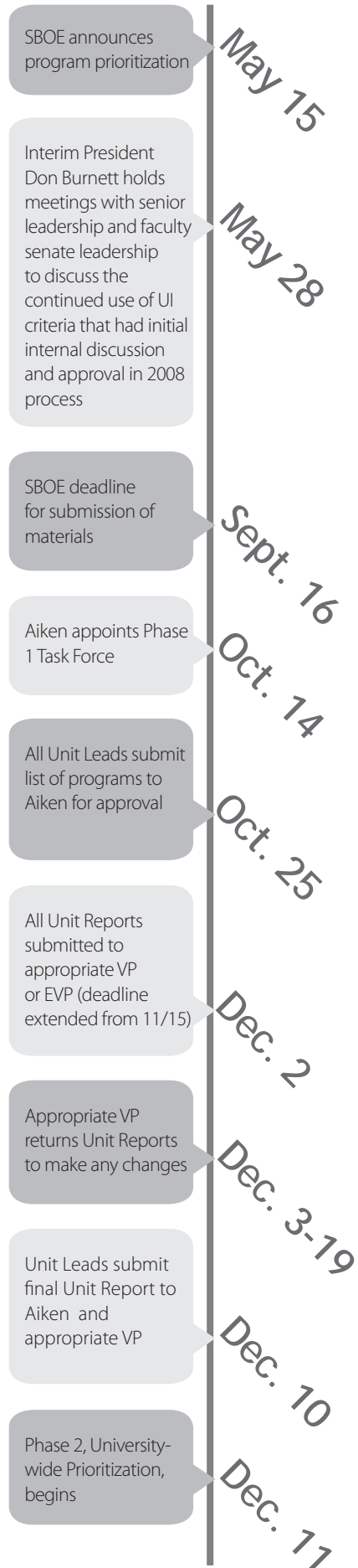
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Process of prioritization



Rank and report

UI finishes first phase in SBOE-mandated program prioritization

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of stories related to Focus for the Future.

As higher education in Idaho continues to experience budget shortfalls, a look at all of the programs offered by each university will help institutions in re-slicing their "financial pies," according to Interim Provost Katherine Aiken.

"I don't think the pie is getting bigger so we need to rethink about how we cut that pie into pieces," Aiken said.

The first phase of Focus for the Future — the University of Idaho's version of the program prioritization mandate from the Idaho State Board of Education for all four-year Idaho higher education institutions — ended Monday as all department heads submitted reviews of their units to the appropriate UI vice presidents.

The university began the review process of all academic and non-academic programs in May when the SBOE asked higher education institutions to

review all programs. The process will conclude next fall when the institutions will present their findings to the state board. It's likely the data collected from the program evaluation will be considered when determining the budget for the 2015-2016 academic year, Aiken said.

The SBOE allowed each institution to define the criteria by which it will rate its programs. Aiken and Interim President Don Burnett worked together to determine the best method for evaluation and settled on a set of criteria that had been used in a previous program prioritization in 2008.

"This is not something new," Aiken said. "The university does this on its own. The mandate from the state board just requires a university wide evaluation and we will have to give a report next fall once we have collected the data."

The nine criteria established by Aiken and Burnett are centrality, external demand, internal demand, quality, size and scope, productivity, cost effectiveness, impact and syner-

gies. Each criterion is assigned a relative weighting on a scale of one to five, though none are weighted less than three. Although the criteria to determine the program rankings was up to the discretion of university administrators, the state board is requiring the report from each institution to place all programs in one of five categories based on the programs overall value to the university.

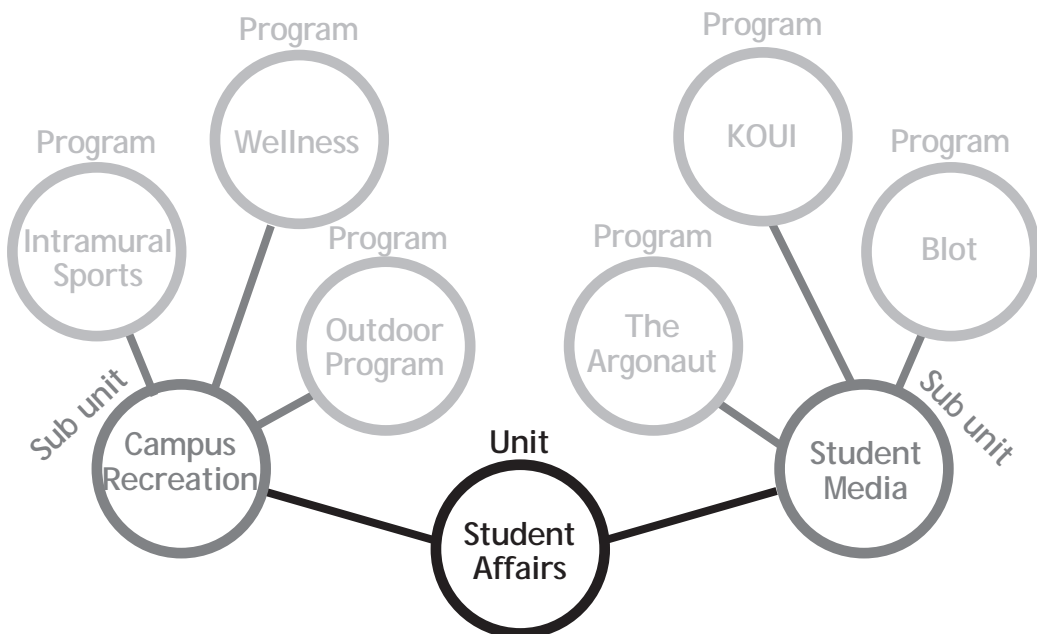
The evaluations due Monday required each unit lead to complete the initial review process and unit report. Program leads provided information based on data from Institutional Research and Assessment for academic programs and appropriate relative data for non-academic programs. Phase one also included a self-review by each unit lead for their unit and sub-units.

SBOE member Richard West-erberg said the board introduced the program prioritization process to help the universities in Idaho evaluate the value of the programs they offer.

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What's a program?

Any identifiable entity that consumes resources. A "program" refers to any and all academic programs as well as administrative and support units.



In Brief

UI staff member dies in one-vehicle accident

The Nez Perce County Sherriff's office confirmed Sunday that Arthur Taylor, 48, of Lapwai died in a one-vehicle accident six miles north of Lapwai on Thursday.

Taylor was the Native American Tribal Liaison for the University of Idaho. He represented the university in several tribal communities throughout the Pacific Northwest, and worked with the Provost's Office to get university staff, faculty, students and administrators more involved in the Native American communities. Taylor also served on the most recent presidential search committee.

Taylor was the sole occupant of the vehicle, and the investigation into the crash has led deputies and the Nez Perce County Coroner to believe Taylor suffered a medical emergency prior to the crash.

Fatal accident blocks highway Monday night

Idaho State Patrol officers are investigating a two-car accident that resulted in a fatality near Airport Road on the Moscow-Pullman Highway, Monday.

Officers confirmed Ruth Lerritte, 31, died at the scene. Jeana Boyd, 34, was transported to Pullman Regional Hospital for unknown injuries.

The cause of the accident was cited as speed too fast for conditions. The highway was blocked and traffic rerouted for several hours after the accident.

Providing food for the Palouse

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

The eighth annual Palouse Cares Food Drive and Public Auction will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Eastside Marketplace in Moscow.

Palouse Cares is a non-profit charity organization founded in 2006. The organization has provided Moscow and Pullman food banks with more than 200,000 pounds of food, said Rick Minard, president of Palouse Cares.

"We just have a passion for trying to end hunger in the Palouse," Minard said. "We want to fill the food banks with as much food as we possibly can to give those families that are struggling financial mean to have food on their table three times a day, seven

days a week."

Most of the people who use the food banks are working, on disability or their food stamps just won't make it through the end of the month, said Bev Bafus, director of the Trinity Baptist Church Food Pantry. She said a minimum wage job doesn't provide a living wage, and for many after paying rent and other bills there isn't much left. She said food is the number one discretionary thing that goes out the window when money is tight.

"I like to say we are all one car transmission away from that," Bafus said. "If it goes out and you are living right on the edge and you receive a bill for \$900, you won't make it."

Food reserves are

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By the numbers

\$140,000

Amount Palouse Cares has raised over the last six years.

15

Number of communities Palouse Cares will impact this year.

200,000

Pounds of food Palouse Cares has provided to area food banks.

2006

Year Palouse Cares was founded.

More info

Time: 9 a.m.

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Where: Eastside Marketplace

College of Education reaccredited

Danielle Wiley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho College of Education has been awarded its best accreditation in 25 years by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Corrine Mantle-Bromley, dean of the College of Education, said accreditation happens every seven years and the college has never had a lapse in approval.

"In the between times, we look at what we want to try and achieve ... we're constantly working towards being reaccredited," Mantle-Bromley said.

CAEP changed its standards for accreditation in August. The organization now requires educator preparation pro-



Jessica Greene | Argonaut

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viders to complete a self-study and host an on-site visit.

Dan Campbell, director of Assessment and Accreditation for the College of Education, is in charge of collecting, analyzing and reporting data for the college. The data Campbell collects is

used as evidence in the accreditation process.

"Usually someone will say that a certain area needs improvement," Mantle-Bromley said. "It's not uncommon to have a couple problem areas to improve before next time ... We were told that we have no new

areas that needed improvement and that our old areas have definitely improved."

Mantle-Bromley said there is one area under constant improvement — increasing diversity in terms of

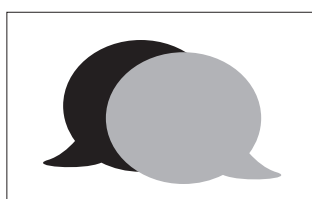
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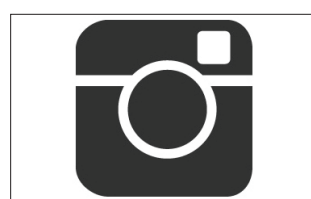
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Turtle cheesecake

Aleya Ericson
Crumbs

I love cheesecake and this recipe is my favorite. Cheesecake is a lot easier to make than people think and this recipe produced a delicious Thanksgiving dessert. Plus, this recipe saves a trip to the Cheesecake Factory.

Ingredients

- 2 cups Oreo crumbs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 14 ounces individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
- 5 ounces evaporated milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 3 8-ounce packages of cream cheese
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips, melted

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degree F.
Butter a 9-inch spring-form pan.
Toast pecans in the oven for 6 minutes, remove and set aside. Leave oven at 350 degrees F.
Combine Oreo crumbs with the melted butter, then press evenly into the bottom of the pan.
Place the pan onto a cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes. Let it cool.
In a large bowl, melt the caramels in the evaporated milk in the microwave. Stir until smooth. Save some of the mixture to sprinkle over the finished cake.
Pour caramel mixture over the cooled crust. Sprinkle some pecans over the top, though save some to sprinkle over the finished cake.

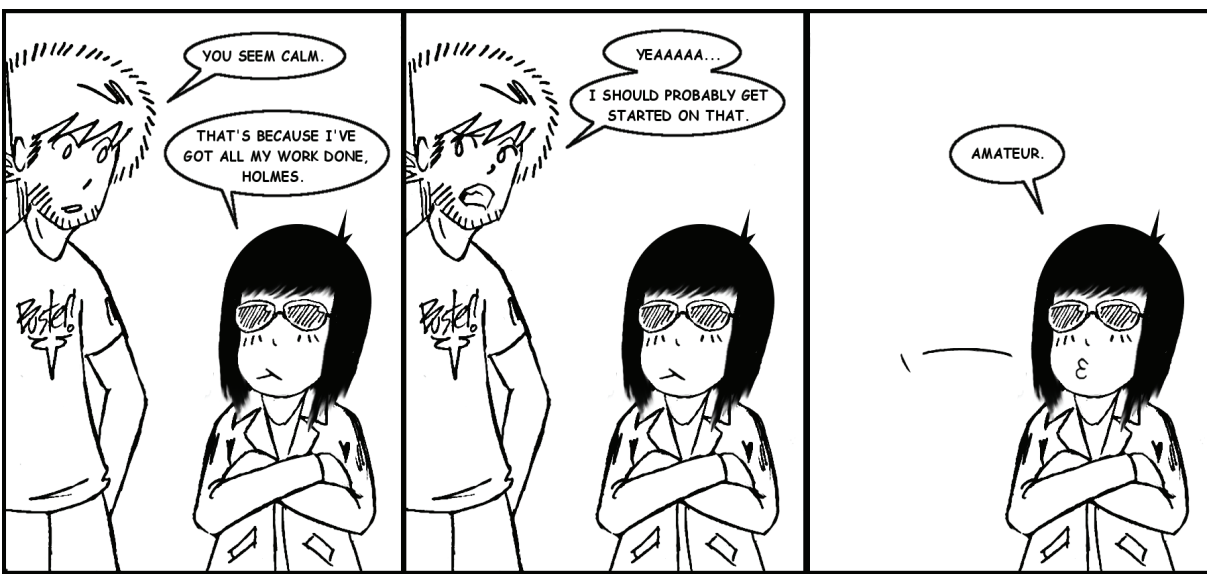


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In another bowl, combine cheese, sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth. Add eggs one at a time and beat until smooth. Pour 3/4 of the batter over the caramel layer.
Add melted chocolate chips to the remaining cheese mixture. Swirl it over the caramel layer.

Drizzle melted caramel mixture and sprinkle pecans over the cake.
Bake for 40 minutes or until barely set. Chill overnight in the refrigerator.
Drizzle melted chocolate over the cake before serving.
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Prepping project playfields

City and school district reveal design plans for community playfields

Andrew Jensen
Argonaut

The City of Moscow and the Moscow School District revealed design plans for the Moscow School District Community Playfields at an open house on Nov. 21.

City Community Development Director Bill Belknap said the open house was held to re-introduce the project — which began in 1998 — to the public.

"I'm sure we have many new residents in the area that weren't here during that time period (it was first introduced)," Belknap said. "So, the intent was to ensure that information about the historical planning on the site with neighbors and the community, as well as to solicit comments and input from ... the community."

The project's current design includes one regulation baseball field, three to four regulation softball fields, one to two regulation soccer fields, one outdoor half-size basketball court, one volleyball court and a running path. The play-

fields will comprise 22 acres located on Joseph Street in Moscow and cost approximately \$3 million.

Belknap said some concerns raised by the open house attendees included potential noise and lights from the playfields. Belknap said there was also a lot of positive feedback from the attendees.

"We also had a lot of good, positive comments on the project — really people commenting on how this is an important facility needed in the community, and (they) were pleased to see the school district and the city working together again to move the project forward," Belknap said.

Belknap said construction for the project will be finished in the fall of 2014, but the fields will not be playable until the fall of 2015. Belknap said the fields need an opportunity to establish a good root system before any heavy-duty activities can occur on the grass.

"There'll be a grow-in period for the fields, and usually

you want about a year, depending upon how soon they can get the turf seeded in the fall of 2014," Belknap said. "You really need a good growing season that fall and the spring, the following year. So it may be ... the fields are going to be playable by late 2015. And it might only be for light-duty use, and then full heavy-duty use for the season of 2016."

MSD Superintendent Greg Bailey and Moscow High School Activities Director Allen Green said the new playfields will relieve Bear, Ghormley and Oylear Fields — currently used for all high school and club sports — and offer a centralized location for games and practices.

"We definitely (would) move softball up here, to the new fields," Green said. "We'd practice and play there all the time, and which would alleviate pressure there at Ghormley for other functions and things. Also, soccer practices — we'll have two new soccer fields up there ...

which will be real beneficial I think, with the new soccer fields."

Green said he is excited to see the project move forward and the benefits it will have for local youth.

"I'm just excited for the youth and also excited for the school district and the city," Green said. "I know this has been a project that's been in the plans for a long time, so it's great to see some movement on it."

Bailey said the project is a great opportunity for the community as a whole.

"I mean, how many times do we hear that our children are obese and need additional activities," Bailey said. "And there's so many groups out there now offering activities for kids, but the thing they've struggled with was an area to do these activities. So, I'm excited, and it's a place where I think not only young kids can use it, but adults can use it as well."

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Students host drive for ATVP

Amber Evans Pinel
Argonaut

Two service-learning students are hosting a donation drive for personal care items through Monday. The donations are for the Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse (ATVP) 24-hour shelter from sexual and domestic violence.

ATVP is the only organization on the Palouse that provides 24-hour advocacy for individuals who are victims of intimate partner violence including sexual assault and domestic violence, said Lysa Salsbury, Director of the University of Idaho Women's Center.

"They have a whole host of services that they provide: individual counseling and advocacy, support groups, legal advocacy ... they have an office in Moscow and an office in Pullman," Salsbury said. "The office in Moscow is staffed by just

two people and they serve our entire Latah County community."

Jessi Smith and Andrew Schaffer are the two service-learning students in Sociology 301: Introduction to Diversity and Stratification. The pair organized the donation drive for ATVP as their project for the course.

"Part of the class is that you have to do a service learning project," Schaffer said. "And so our project is with the Women's Center and we're working with them to do a donation drive for Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse. So, we're setting up this donation drive and then over a period of a couple of weeks we are collecting feminine, personal hygiene products for women and girls."

Donations can be dropped off at the brown paper bags found in a variety of locations around campus. They can be found outside the Volunteer Center on the third floor of the Idaho Commons, inside the

Student Union Building near the information desk, in most of the residence halls, inside the Student Recreation Center and in the Women's Center.

The donation drive is for personal care items. Specifically, the shelter needs things like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, razors, said Schaffer.

"They need the donations year-round, though," Smith said. "We're just trying to bring attention to that. But, anyone can donate year-round because they always need products."

The ATVP shelter is primarily donation based. Much of the organization's federal funding has been cut and the rest of their funding comes from grants and donations, Salsbury said. She said the organization is suffering a massive shortfall to fund the shelter and its services.

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CFO, CNO return to Gritman

Erik Fink
Argonaut

Gritman Medical Center recently hired a new Chief Financial Officer and Chief Nursing Officer — filling the positions with two former employees who decided to return to the Palouse.

Preston Becker spent nearly 10 years pursuing his career outside of the Palouse area, and now has decided to settle down in Moscow with his family for what he says is the "long haul" as the CFO at Gritman. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business. When he was last at Gritman, Becker was employed as a Fiscal Services Representative.

"A lot of the people are the same," Becker

said. "I feel like I literally would be able to pick relationships that I left years ago without feeling like I even missed a beat."

Before returning to Moscow, Becker held the same position at the non-profit, critical access Kewanee Hospital in Kewanee, Ill.

As CFO, Becker is responsible for the financial health and well being of Gritman as a whole, and he said he strives to provide the proper financial support to each part of the organization.

"I think what's unique about health care from a financial perspective is that there is a lot of opportunities to do some really amazing things for the community that adds value — which is not always perceived on a strict fi-

nancial basis," Becker said. "I have learned through the years that quality really drives success in a health care organization."

Also making a return to Gritman is CNO Sheryl Washburn. She previously held this position at Gritman from 2005-2008. Washburn's background is in administrative and nursing leadership in rural acute care hospitals. Before returning to Gritman, Washburn worked as the vice president of patient care services in Newport, Vt.

Like Becker, Washburn plans on spending the remainder of her career at Gritman and in Moscow. She said she is not sure how long that will be, but it will definitely be for several years.

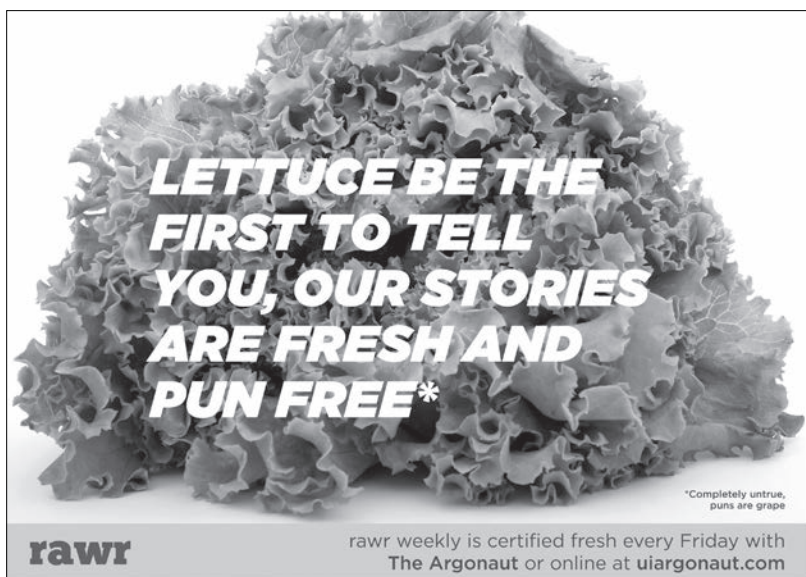
"It is terrific to

be back," Washburn said. "I'm amazed at how many people are here that were here before, and it's just fun to be back."

As CNO, Washburn is responsible for any department that is primarily staffed by nurses, and she is tasked with ensuring nursing care is provided in a quality manner that is consistent with current nursing standards.

Kara Besst, President and Chief Executive Officer at Gritman, said she is excited to have both Becker and Washburn back on the Gritman team. She said both have great credentials and will provide great leadership for Gritman.

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A life of opportunity

UI junior Ruben Tsarukyan talks about his journey from Armenia to Moscow

Andrew Jensen
Argonaut

From one side of the world to Moscow, Ruben Tsarukyan has seen and done much in his 18 years of life.

Currently a junior at the University of Idaho, Tsarukyan was born in Yerevan, Armenia, in 1995. Only two years later, his family would migrate to the United States and set up residence in Los Angeles.

"It was just after the collapse of the Soviet Union and there was a war that went on in Armenia. Just, the conditions weren't so good," Tsarukyan said. "The United States being the land of opportunity, my parents filed

for a green card and we got it."

The spring semester of 2013 was Tsarukyan's first semester at UI. Since then, he has become more involved and active in the Moscow community — he currently sits on the Moscow Human Rights Commission and recently attended the National League of Cities 2013 Congress of Cities and Exposition with Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney and city councilmember Tom Lamar.

"This beginning of the semester, I came back to (the) University of Idaho after being home for three months for summer break, and I was just so homesick," Tsarukyan said. "I just wanted to go back home and, I was like, you know what? In order not to be homesick, to make time go by fast, I have to get involved with something, volunteer, do something."

This moved Tsarukyan to contact Chaney and seek ways to become more involved in the community. Chaney applauded Tsarukyan's initiative and determination.

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He is a person of — only 18 years of age — great initiative, he's terrifically bright and motivated

Nancy Chaney,
Mayor of Moscow

18 years of age — great initiative, he's terrifically bright and motivated," Chaney said. "He knows where he wants to go in this world and he's taking initiative to pursue those interests. So I applaud him for that."

Tsarukyan lived in California for most of his life. At just 14 years old, Tsarukyan decided he wanted to take his first college course.

"And after I took that first college course, I really liked college," Tsarukyan said. "I didn't want to go back to high school because, you know, it's just a bunch of immature kids. After going from a college course to back to high school, I thought, 'Why don't I just start this early?'"

Tsarukyan left public high school in 10th grade and earned his high school diploma via homeschooling. He attended Glendale Community College for a few years before deciding to move on.

"I was 17 years old — I started looking at universities I could attend," Tsarukyan said. "I wanted to go away from home, live alone, you know, just to experience

life, what it's like to be alone and have responsibilities, and just that transition from being a teenager to being a man."

In his search, Tsarukyan sought a university that could provide a program to match his love for international politics. He found it in UI's Martin Institute of International Studies.

"So, I looked into that and I love the program," Tsarukyan said.

Chaney said Tsarukyan would be a great asset to international delegations, like the one she led to Japan in 2010. Tsarukyan said he is grateful for what he has in the U.S., especially after a visit to Armenia in 2008.

"Going from, you know, Los Angeles to visiting some of these villages where their bathroom is in their backyard, it made me appreciate life so much more. It made me appreciate life and what

I had," Tsarukyan said. "And, the opportunity my parents are providing me for a higher education, a better education, better opportunity in life to get somewhere. I don't know if I would if I was in Armenia."

Tsarukyan said he will return to Armenia the summer of 2014 for an internship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Tsarukyan said, from his own experience, it is important for UI students to find and take advantage of their opportunities.

"I think it's really important to tell the students here ... know your opportunities and take advantage of it," Tsarukyan said. "Know the resources and take advantage of it. I'm just, I'm really connected now with the community."

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Engineering support

SHPE offers support to engineering students

Iris Alatorre
Argonaut

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers — a student organization at the University of Idaho — has spent the past six years encouraging Hispanic students in engineering fields to stay in school.

SHPE is a national organization founded by a group of engineers in Los Angeles who wanted to offer a support group for engineers in the Hispanic community.

Over the years, the organization has grown and spread to different regions of the country and several college campuses, including UI.

Diego Juarez, SHPE president for the UI chapter, said when he came to UI as a freshman there were seven other Hispanic freshman in the engineering department and now, in his fourth year, there are only two.

"We have very few Hispanics in engineering and those that are in it tend to drop out," Juarez said.

Juarez said he believes it is hard for Hispanic students to stay in engineering because many don't have the support they need.

"It's our culture and the resources," Juarez said. "Our parents never went

to college so they don't have that background."

That is where SHPE comes in. Aside from offering moral support, the organization has a weekly study table for members and also offers scholarships and a mentor program.

Because it is a national organization, SHPE offers networking opportunities for members. Every year, there is a national convention where chapters present research and projects and attend workshops.

Juarez said in the past funding has been hard to come by, but SHPE is currently applying for a grant from the national organization to use for events they have planned next year, including their annual event — Noche De Ciencias, Science Nights.

Juarez said the group goes to middle schools and high schools and encourage students to explore STEM.

"Not just engineering, but STEM in general and even just college," Juarez said.

Juarez said even though this is a Hispanic focused group, it is not limited to that and any undergraduate and graduate in engineering is welcome to join.

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A NEW CREW



The seven ASUI Senate candidates elected during the Fall 2013 election (from left to right): Michael Lowe, Carlie Beasley, Allen Jennings, Maycee Reeder, Jonah Graff, Everett Boker, and Austin Karstetter.

Merry murder mystery

RHA hosts its first murder mystery dinner

Jake Smith
Argonaut

For the first time in recent history, the Residence Hall Association will host a murder mystery dinner with a cast of 15-20 volunteer actors.

"It's just going to be really fun, it's something new," said Kendra Buell, RHA programming chair. "Because we haven't done anything like this before."

The holiday-themed event dubbed Ho, Ho, Homicide begins at 5 p.m., Dec. 5 in the quiet room at Bob's Place. The murder mystery dinner will end at 7:30-9 p.m. Attendance is on a first come, first serve basis, and the maximum occupancy of the quiet room is approximately 60-80 students.

Volunteers will be assigned a role from a list of holiday-themed characters including Santa and Mrs. Clause, Connie Clause and all of Santa's reindeer. Once assigned

their role, volunteers will receive notification of what outfit and props they need to coordinate for their character.

Those who volunteer will privately receive a list of objectives their character must fulfill both before and after the staged murder. The murder will be executed with the lights turned off so as to maintain an air of mystery. Afterward, a series of investigations — during which, multiple clues will be found to fill in the details — will be conducted. Throughout the night, actors will mingle with audience members.

Buell said there will be fake money provided for in-character actors so they may bribe audience members to give them information and clues that their character would otherwise not know.

Attendants are not required to eat a meal at the event, but those that do eat will be required to pay a fee. According to Buell, volunteers may potentially have their meals paid for if they do not have a housing meal plan.

Buell did not design the murder mystery, and instead purchased a 97

page package from Night of Mystery — a website for hosting murder mystery parties — that contains all the information for the event.

Buell said coordinating with residence hall community volunteer actors will be one of the hardest parts of the event.

Buell said actors will be given awards in various categories — the Smoking Gun Award presented to a sleuth of "cunning wit," who uncovers the murderer, and the Dressed to Kill Award for the actor with the best costume. The best actor or actress will receive the Drama Queen Award.

RHA adviser Amanda Mollet has coordinated a murder mystery before at Radford University in Virginia and is looking forward to its introduction at UI.

"Honestly, I'm really not concerned (about the event)," Mollet said. "I feel like Kendra has done such a great job of doing programs."

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Nine criteria for program evaluation

Centrality (5)

The program is central to the mission and future of the University of Idaho as a land-grant, national, research institution. The program is responsive to the vision and strategic plan of the university and to important stakeholders throughout Idaho.

External Demand (4)

The current and future demand for program graduates, research, scholarship, and outreach is strong; the program plays a unique role in the state and stakeholders seek the expertise of the program faculty.

Internal Demand (4)

The program is relied upon by other programs outside the department for coursework, scholarly collaborations, grant collaborations or core services.

Quality (5)

The program contributes to the national and international reputation of the university and the work of the faculty is nationally and internationally recognized as significant. Faculty achievement in teaching, research, professional service and outreach are nationally recognized for their high quality. The program enables student success through the demonstrated achievement of established UI learning outcomes. It provides students with high quality learning experiences that offer integrated learning opportunities and skill building for addressing complex problems. The program enhances the quality of the learning experience through diversity of students, faculty, and staff.

Size & Scope (3)

The program includes a critical mass of faculty and provides a program to a significant number of students.

Productivity (3)

On a per full-time employee basis, the program produces significant numbers (when compared to appropriate peers) of graduates, student credit hours, scholarly products or performances, and outreach events and participants.

Cost Effectiveness (4)

The program expenditures relative to the various productivity measures is comparable to similar programs at other national research institutions. Evidence indicates the funds invested in the program produce a healthy mix of student enrollment, research activity and funding, and other income.

Impact (4)

The outreach work of the program has produced significant changes in the practices or conditions of key stakeholder audiences. The program's research, teaching, and outreach components contain mutually-beneficial outcomes. The program is responsive to the vision and strategic plan of the university and to relevant stakeholders throughout Idaho.

Synergies (3)

The program is engaged in cooperative interactions across departments or other administrative units both within the University of Idaho and/or with groups outside the UI that enhance quality and/or productivity providing clear benefits to students and/or faculty. Complex problems are addressed with interdisciplinary strength.

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"It's named program prioritization but what it really is is program review, and the notion from the board perspective is that all programs should be reviewed on a reoccurring basis to be sure they're still meeting the needs of students and still filling an educational role they did when they were instituted," Westerberg said. "If you do that for academic programs you probably ought to do it for non-academic programs like athletics and the bookstore."

Although Westerberg and Aiken agreed ranking programs may seem intimidating for some programs during a time of financial crisis in higher education, they said the goal is not to establish what is and is not worthy of attention from the university. Instead, Westerberg said the SBOE hopes each institu-

tion will use the information collected to determine areas where they are excelling and areas that need to be assessed and reevaluated.

"We want to be sure that programs that are out there are not only efficient but that they're filling a need for students," Westerberg said. "The board has always been concerned about the relevance of the instruction and also the cost because we're sensitive to students and the cost of education. Our goal is to get as many students as possible with some kind of degree or post secondary certificate."

Aiken said the university's report on program prioritization to the state board will include what the university is doing with any money saved or efficiencies created from the prioritization.

"So our reporting does involve ... programs that we're planning to enrich,

programs that we're planning to discontinue, programs that we're planning to reorganize, programs that we're putting on probation," Aiken said. "I certainly think there will be some (programs that we discontinue)."

Aiken said the university recognizes state funding has decreased \$26 million since 2008 and with a nearly 5 percent decline in enrollment, the university is sure to face additional budget shortfalls in the coming years. But, she said, the ranking system might shed light on programs the university needs to better invest its time in rather than discontinue.

"Maybe you're in the bottom and that means we better invest in you because you're something that we really need but you're showing up in the bottom," Aiken said. "That means we need to allocate some more money to you. The same way I think if you're

at the very top it may be that we say 'Well this program obviously has the resources it needs, we're not going to do anything with it.' There are some places that we will do nothing. I would suspect the majority of programs will see no change."

The second phase of the process will begin later this month with a university-wide prioritization.

"I don't think that the board necessarily is going to do anything with this information as much as we expect the institutions will use the information to kind of inform what they do," Westerberg said. "Clearly in time, we'll know what they do with the information but I think it's more valuable for the institutions."

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where students go for internships and practicum for teaching.

"They said we did a good job dealing with our diversity issues and seeing how to teach our students to educate people from different backgrounds — but it's still a continuous process," Mantle-Bromley said.

Campbell said the college works with many programs and faculty at UI to prepare future educators to teach in many different subjects.

"In agriculture, sciences, business, letter arts and social sciences ... students who are in the College of Education are called teacher candidates," Campbell said. "We want to show that our students are prepared to teach diverse learners."

Mantle-Bromley said there are about 1,200 students currently enrolled in the College of Education. She said they have degrees in elementary education, secondary education, physical education, teacher education, and even more. Mantle-Bromley said the college just moved its exercise science and health degree from an undergraduate program to a master's program.

"Most of the teacher preparation happens in the depart-

ment of curriculum and instruction, then there's the department of movement science which covers exercise, health and dance," Mantle-Bromley said. "Or if a student is looking to become a principle or an administrator there is the leadership and counseling department."

Mantle-Bromley said she makes sure every program is as strong as it can be. She is currently concerned with constant improvement and goals of the college.

"We are really increasing the amount of technology that our students will be receiving — in almost everything we do we're integrating new technology," Mantle-Bromley said.

Mantle-Bromley said the college is increasing student assessment of programs and is constantly looking to improve programs to better prepare students for their careers.

Mantle-Bromley said she is also looking to recruit new students into the College of Education.

"We have a shortage of special education, science, technology, engineering and math teaching disciplines," Mantle-Bromley said. "We need to recruit more math and science students to go into teaching."

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PALOUSE

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currently low at the pantry, she said. The food brought in through Palouse Cares has helped the Trinity Baptist Church Food Pantry through to the month of February in past years.

"In the Palouse, you don't really see the people who use the food banks because the people are your next door neighbor," Minard said. "The majority of the people who use the food banks are not homeless. They just don't have enough money to make it through the end of the week."

This year will be the first year Palouse Cares will expand to 15 of the surrounding communities on the Palouse, Minard said.

"We want to help every single one of those food banks," he said. "That's why we are doing these food drives in all these towns simultaneously."

In addition to the

food drive, Palouse Cares hosts an auction to raise money for the food pantries. The silent auction will only take place in Moscow, Pullman and Colfax. The live auction will take place in Moscow and Pullman. Auction items include cars, local business gift certificates, golf trips, Coeur d'Alene Resort gift packages and more, he said.

In the last six years, the silent and live auctions have provided over \$140,000 of monetary donations to non-profits such as Backyard Harvest, Success by 6 and Family Promise, Minard said.

Moscow and Pullman have provided many volunteers for the event, especially the universities, he said. Between just Greek members, residence hall members, student athletes and the ROTC, he said there are about 500 volunteers.

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SPORTS



Idaho men's basketball survives close game against UC Davis

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A blown opportunity

Aggies win battle of independents

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The Idaho football team let its best opportunity for a statement win slip through its fingers — literally. Two dropped passes in the end zone emphasized Idaho's red zone futility and foreshadowed a loss to future Sun Belt Conference opponent New Mexico State 26-18 Saturday in Aggie Memorial Stadium in Las Cruces, N.M.

Idaho coach Paul Petrino said the difference between 1-11 and 2-10 would have been big for his team.

"It's a huge difference going into the offseason," Petrino said during his Monday press conference before the game. "Working out, believing in everything that we're doing."

New Mexico State and Idaho, two Western Athletic Conference exiles, both came into the contest with 1-11 records. Having lost six consecutive games coming in, this was Idaho's opportunity to go into the offseason feeling good about the rebuilding effort under first-year coach Paul Petrino.

Idaho was competitive early. Freshman kicker Austin Rehkow hit two field goals to put Idaho up 13-7 in the first half. It was all downhill from there. Dropped passes in the end zone from Deon Watson and Najee Lovett kept Idaho from adding to its lead.

"Today was very disappointing," Petrino said after the loss.

Senior Taylor Davis was able to get the start in his final collegiate game, finishing 21-of-41 passing for 250 yards and a touchdown — numbers that would have been better without the drops. His finest play was hitting fellow senior Michael LaGrone for 56 yards in the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7.

The offensive struggles in the red zone were disappointing for a defense that put up its best effort since holding Temple to 24



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Quarterback Taylor Davis runs the ball during the game against New Mexico State Saturday at Las Cruces, N.M. The Vandals lost to the Aggies 24-16 in their season finale, finishing the season with a 1-11 overall record.

Taking a shameful look in the mirror

A brutal ending, a brutal beginning. And for that matter, everything in between was just that for Idaho football this season. Brutal. The rigorous schedule, plethora of injuries, the season-ending loss to underachieving New Mexico



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

State, which might have played its worst game of the season en route to its first win over an FBS opponent in 28 tries.

It was realistic to expect at least three wins from a season that could not be coined as anything else but a rebuilding year for first-year head coach Paul Petrino. But coming off a 1-11 season, the rebuilding process took a few twists, hits and turns. Then it took some more and Idaho fans couldn't wait to see what Don Verlin was going to do with a young Idaho basketball team. That was in October.

Before we knew it, the Vandals were in familiar territory — desperate for win No. 2 in barren, dry Las Cruces, N.M. It was only two years earlier when the Aggies trumped the one-win Vandals in a home WAC matchup.

Trailing New Mexico State — the team Idaho has traditionally leaned on when seeking that first or second win — the Vandals again found themselves in the red zone with an opportunity to send the game into an overtime period. And again, the Vandal quarterback threw incomplete to hand NMSU the win — this time it was Taylor Davis failing to locate Deon Watson from the 19-yard line. In 2011, it was Brian Reader missing Justin Veltung in the end zone from just a yard out.

But in 2011, under coach Robb Akey, Idaho's biggest obstacle was the final series, the final play. Two years ago, the four Vandal losses suffered by seven points or less might be the sole reason Idaho printed the word "Finish" on its practice apparel a year later.

Enter 2013 and the Vandals would have been ecstatic if finishing was their primary concern. In all but two games, Idaho had trouble finding the ignition, let alone attempting to move into the next gear.

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Editors' perspective

Did the Vandals move forward or backward in 2013?

Sean Kramer
Vandal Nation Manager

Is Vandal football taking a step forward? Last Saturday in Las Cruces would say no. Paul Petrino blew an opportunity to show explicit progress, which 2-10 would be considering how brutal Idaho's schedule was in 2013. Regardless, 1-11 leaves room for improvement, and shows signs of optimism. Idaho was young, played four guarantee games and played eight teams that are now bowl eligible. Progress will be proven in 2014, when Idaho plays a Sun Belt schedule and only five teams that were bowl eligible in 2013. Let the kids prove it.

Theo Lawson
Editor-in-Chief

Four wins in three years. Consecutive 1-11 seasons. Vandal fans are sick of hearing the facts, and for good reason too. This may have well been the toughest schedule Idaho's faced in program history. The Florida State team it fell to a couple weeks ago was surely the best team the Vandals have met. But toss the excuses in the trashcan. Petrino was brought in to improve — and improvement is shown in the overall record, which is still 1-11. Don't be too quick to judge but three, at least two wins, seemed a very realistic task for the Vandals this year.

Rick Clark
Web Manager

What do I think about this season? Well the team can go nowhere but up after this season. The season didn't show us a lot about a team that will be playing in the Sun Belt in 2014. This will be the toughest schedule arguably in the Paul Petrino era, but let's take the idea of Paul Petrino being the "guy" and let's hold that until after next season. He will have more of his recruits on the team and we'll be playing in a conference instead of being an independent.

Stephan Wiebe
Sports Editor

For a team that has only four wins in three years, large improvement in the win-loss column isn't going to happen overnight for Idaho. Although, the Vandals probably underachieved this year, it has to be taken into account that injuries and youth hurt the team this season. With the toughest schedule in years this season and a team largely composed of newcomers, the Vandals are still moving forward as a program. The pressure will be on Petrino next year during Idaho's first season in the Sun Belt in 2014 but for now, Vandal fans shouldn't be too alarmed.

Athletes of the break

Stephen Madison — men's basketball

Senior Stephen Madison was Idaho's most impressive player over the Thanksgiving break. He earned his second WAC Player of the Week honor this season after averaging 20.5 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and 1.5 blocks during the week.

In Saturday's game at Sacramento, Calif., against the UC Davis Aggies, Idaho trailed by 15 points at half-time before coming out on a 16-2 run in the second half to help take the lead in the game. One of the big contributors for the Vandals was forward Madison. He had 15 points, 16 rebounds, and



Stephen Madison

seven assists. That came after his 26-point, eight-rebound game against Boise State on Wednesday. The team returns to the Cowan Spectrum this week to take on Washington State at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Rachel Millet and Erica Anderson — swimming and diving



Rachel Millet



Erica Anderson

Two Vandal swimmers stood out at the Houston Invitational over the break. Rachel Millet's efforts at the invitational helped her earn the WAC Swimmer of the Week while

Erica Anderson, a junior from Moscow, broke the school record in the 100-yard breaststroke. Millet, a junior from Spokane, earned the honor after winning the 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle at the Houston Invitational. She also finished second in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 backstroke and 100 free. Anderson also had a great weekend, after breaking a school record that had been set in the prelims of the 100 breast stroke. Junior Laura Griffing and Anderson both swam in the 100 breast and both broke the school record in the same day. Griffing broke the record in the prelims with a time of 1:03.14. Then Anderson broke that record in the finals of the event with a time of 1:02.65. Anderson took second and Griffing took fifth in the finals. The swim and dive team travels to Seattle on Thursday to participate in the Husky Invitational.

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Season of a decade

Idaho volleyball finishes season with most wins since 1996

Aaron Wolfe
Argonaut

The Vandals saw their Western Athletic Conference Championship hopes dissolve with a loss in the semifinals at the hands of their New Mexico State rivals despite a memorable season for the Idaho volleyball program.

"I think this was the best year we've had offensively," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said.

The season began as a rebuilding year with the loss of several starters, such as libero Janelle Chow and outside hitter Allison (Walker) Baker, but some experienced veterans eventually settled into the ranks for the Vandals in 2013. Sophomore Meredith Coba earned her starting job at setter and junior Alyssa Schultz set high expectations in the middle with an already historic career in the making as the all-time hitting percentage leader at Idaho.

The Vandals thrived in the opening tournament of the 2013 season with a

3-1 record Aug. 30-31 at the Wyoming Invite — beating Montana State, Drake and Stetson. They then had a slump, with three consecutive losses in the Northern Arizona Fiesta Classic. In the Bronco Volleyball Classic, the talent the team possessed was re-instilled performance-wise with three consecutive wins to sweep the tournament. Rounding out non-conference play, the Vandals got shutout by Washington State in the Cougar Invite but shutout Nevada in the next match.

Going into conference play, it was established that Coba could run the offense and the blocking team was solid with the Vandals out-blocking every opponent they faced, which they would do against most of their opponents for the remainder of the season. Schultz would continue to hit the best average on the team and senior Taylor Wilkinson and Schultz worked together to dominate as Idaho's blocking duo. Coba finished the season with 1,090 assists to average about 37 per match on the season.

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Sports briefs

Rehkw named Player of the Week

Idaho punter Austin Rehkw was named the FBS Independent Special Teams Player of the Week, Monday. The freshman contributed three field goals, two from 25 yards out and one from 27, in addition to a PAT in the Vandals' loss to New Mexico State. Rehkw, who leads the nation in punting average (47.8 yards per punt), punted four times Saturday, averaging 48.2 yards per punt in the game. His long punt went for 65 yards.

Idaho brings in all-conference honors, Schultz named to all-tournament team

The Vandal volleyball team accounted for three Western Athletic Conference postseason honors, which were announced Sunday, Nov. 24, the night before the conference tournament. Senior Alyssa Schultz was named to the all-conference first team, Taylor Wilkinson was selected to the second team while redshirt freshman Ali Forde earned all-freshman honors. Prior to the conference tournament, Schultz boasted a league-high hitting percentage of .378. The Washington native was also named to the all-tournament team after hitting .329, while aiding the Vandals to a second straight semifinals appearance at the tournament, where they lost to New Mexico State in five sets. Wilkinson, who averaged 1.64 kills, 1.08 blocks and 2.23 points per set during league play, was a preseason all-WAC honoree, while Forde ranked seventh in the conference with a hitting percentage of .307.

Barr, Madison receive player of the week honors

Idaho's Stacey Barr and Stephen Madison were honored with WAC Player of the Week awards for their performances during non-conference play with the Vandal women's and men's

basketball teams. Barr, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, was honored on Nov. 25 after the Idaho forward led the Vandals to a 68-63 victory against UC Irvine. Barr scored 21 points and grab 16 rebounds in her double-double performance. Madison, a senior from Portland, was named men's player of the week on Monday, after averaging 20.5 points, 12 rebounds, and four assists and 1.5 blocks per game. In Idaho's victory against UC Davis, Madison scored 15 points, added 16 rebounds, seven assists and three blocks. It was the second honor of the season for Madison, who also received it on Nov. 11.

Swimming and diving garners ranking, honors

The Idaho swimming and diving team made program history Tuesday, when it was ranked the nation's No. 11 mid-major team by collegeswimming.com. The Vandals jumped 40 spots from the previous ranking of No. 51.

"We feel like our team has made large strides over the past two-plus seasons and we truly feel like this is a place where athletes can compete at the highest level, while still having a smaller college experience," coach Mark Sowa said. "What it also means is that we still have a lot of work to do if we want to keep this thing moving forward."

Meanwhile, the duo of Rachel Millet and Paige Hunt swept the WAC Swimmer and Diver of the Week awards. Millet won the 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle events at the prestigious Houston Invitational. She finished second in the 200 individual medley and third in the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle events. Hunt, a diver, won the 3-meter competition and finished second in the platform competition.

Vandals survive an early scare

Connor Hill leads the Vandals to a win with career-high 29 points

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

There were a lot of questions surrounding a young Idaho men's basketball team entering the season. One of the questions was how the team would play in close games and how they would finish them.

While the results have been mixed, they have been getting their fair share of practice in close games.

The latest nail-biter for Idaho came in a 80-76 Saturday win over the UC Davis Aggies in Davis, Calif. The Vandals would trail by as many as 15 points in the contest against UC Davis, but sparked by a couple of 3-pointers from Glen Dean, the team would go on an 18-6 scoring run to end the game.

"I told the team, if we would buckle down

defensively, we could get on a roll. We were actually playing pretty well offensively," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "The key stat is we got those 3-pointers down, they made six in the first half and one in the second, we were able to guard the 3-point line in the second half."

Connor Hill led the team in scoring with a career-high 29 points. Hill enjoyed his best night shooting, going 7-9 from the 3-point line and 9-14 from the field.

"Connor has always shot it well in this building. What a great night for him. We kept getting him open looks," Verlin said.

Stephen Madison wasn't to be outdone though, as he pitched in with a double-double, where he had one more rebound than he did points, with 16 and 15 respectively.

Allen Jiles IV is a player who many thought wouldn't see a whole lot of playing time this season. He's a



File photo by Tony Marcolina | Argonaut
Stephen Madison drives past defenders during the Nov. 9 game against Western Illinois in Memorial Gym. The Vandals will play Washington State at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

walk on transfer from Cal State-Northridge. He did, however, make his fourth appearance this season and made his mark on the game as well.

"Allen is a walk-on, doesn't get to play a lot, he came in tonight when we were struggling and did exactly what he is coached to do," Verlin said.

While the numbers don't tell the whole story, Jiles IV ended the night with two points, two assists and a steal in 14 minutes of play. He made his difference in other areas of the game other than the stat sheet.

"He set a great screen for Connor Hill, he did exactly what he was supposed to do and

I was so happy for him," Verlin said.

The Vandals will have a full week of practice before welcoming their rival just west of the boarder — Washington State. The two teams will meet at 7 p.m. on Saturday, in the Cowan Spectrum.

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Busy break for women's basketball

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

While most Vandals were off relaxing during Thanksgiving break, the Idaho women's basketball team was busy playing four games in one week. The up-and-down week capped off Saturday at the John Ascuaga's Nugget Classic in Reno, Nev., with a 59-55 Idaho loss against No. 20 California.

The loss was Idaho's second closely contested game against a top 25 opponent. The Vandals also lost at No. 25 Gonzaga on Nov. 8 in their season opener.

Against Cal, Idaho excelled defensively but struggled on the offensive end. The Vandals held the Golden Bears to their lowest scoring total of the season, but being

out-rebounded by 21 was Idaho's downfall.

"I think defensively we did exactly what we wanted to do the entire game," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We packed them in and made them shoot it. We just did not board it like we needed to. They are huge and athletic and we understand that. I think the offensive rebounding was the tale of the game."

A day after scoring 23 points in a win against Nevada, junior guard Stacey Barr had 14 against Cal to lead Idaho in its lowest scoring total of the season. Sophomore point guard Connie Ballestero was Idaho's only other double-digit scorer at 11. Senior forward Alyssa Charlston managed just three points against Cal after leading Idaho with 28 the

previous day.

The Vandals only scored 22 points as a team the whole first half before outscoring Cal 33-29 in the second half.

"If we would have had a little more effort in the first half and attacked them like we did in the second half, it might have been a different ball game," Newlee said. "We kind of came out a little tentative. I did not think we should have, but we were."

Idaho brought the game back to within one point with 2:07 left in the game after trailing most of the game. From there, it was back-and-forth from there until the seven-second mark where the Vandals trailed 57-55 after a layup by sophomore forward Ali Forde. Two seconds later, Forde grabbed

a defensive rebound but she turned the ball over before Idaho had a chance to score. Cal sealed the win with free throws by freshman forward Courtney Range.

Despite the loss, Newlee and the Vandals come away with confidence that they can compete with the best teams in the nation.

"I think we understand just how good we can be," Newlee said. "Obviously they are a team that went to the Final Four and are ranked 20th in the country. We get a couple of different bounces, we walk off winning this game. I think that is very encouraging. Our young players understand that."

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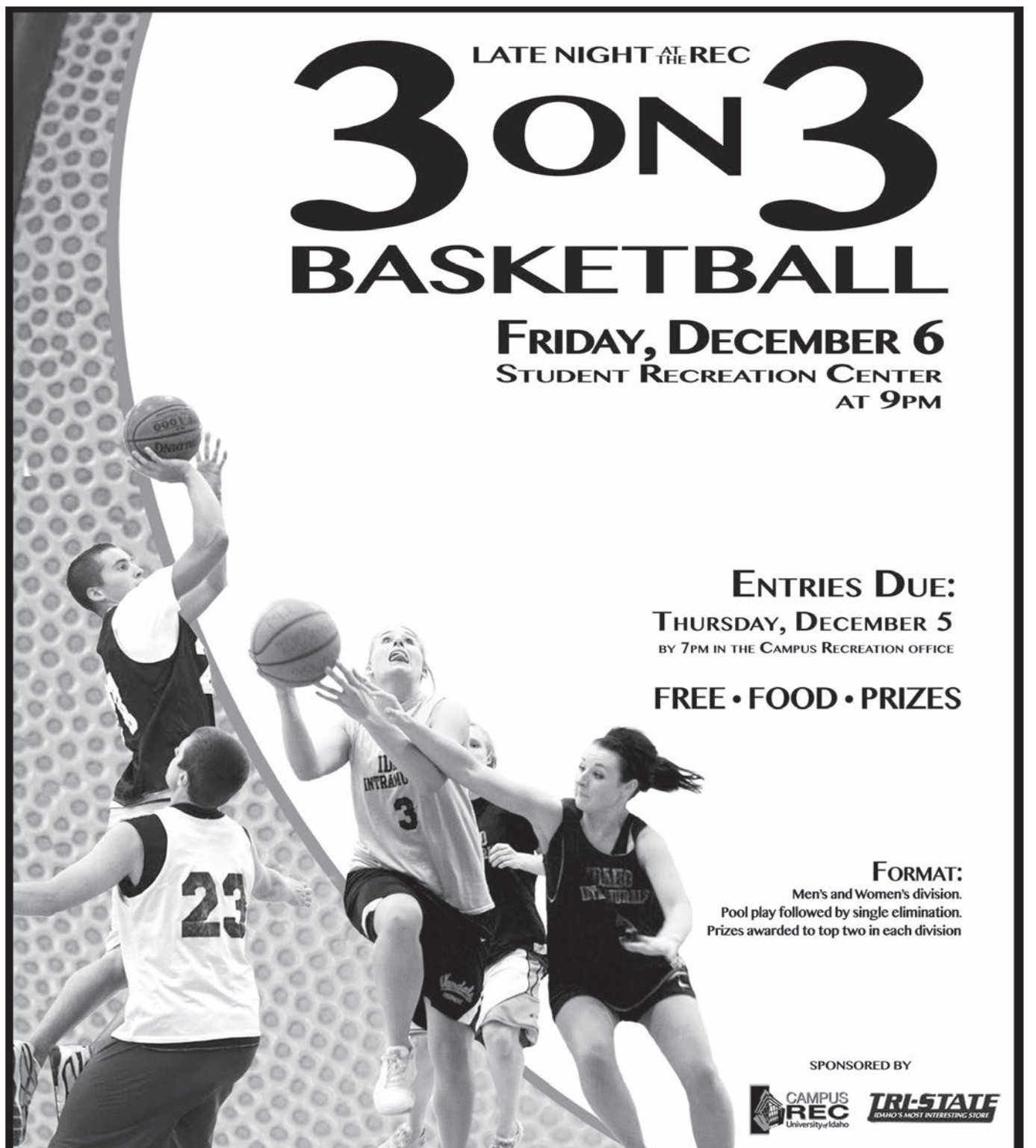
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SHAMEFUL

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Most expected a two or three-win season and the selective few who were on hand to witness the Vandals mirror their 2012 selves can only classify this season as a dud.

But behind the six losses by 40-plus points, four wins in three seasons and ugly outing in Las Cruces, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

It's just as important to factor in that exactly half of this roster had never played an FBS snap before the season opener at North Texas — the offensive line that concluded the season rock bottom in the FBS in sacks allowed dropped starters on a weekly basis.

An Idaho team may have never been more depleted by injury like these Vandals were. Starting quarterback Chad Chalich witnessed his redshirt freshman season come to an end seven games in with a shoulder injury, while backup Josh McCain was absent three games himself after suffering — you guessed it — a shoulder injury.

Thrown into the fire was fifth-year senior Taylor Davis, who had seen his last action against Utah State in a 45-9 blowout loss to close the 2012 season.

To Davis' credit, the senior performed above average while enduring the toughest part of the Vandals' schedule, appearing in losses to Florida State and Ole Miss.

It isn't all bad for Petrino, though.

Idaho will likely be back in its comfort zone next season, participating in a Sun Belt Conference that is no better, but actually significantly worse than the Western Athletic Conference it ditched a year ago.

Five or six wins would be nice, four would be completely realistic and anything less would be, well, a third-consecutive dud.

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Defensive specialist Terra Varney dives for a ball in the match against Bakersfield on Sept. 28 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals finished the season with an overall record of 19-11 and a WAC record of 11-5 after falling to New Mexico State in the WAC Tournament semifinals. *File photo by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut*

SEASON

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As far as the non-conference play went, the Vandals seemed off and on — but the conference play was the main concern for Idaho as it determines who makes the WAC Tournament.

The Vandals dropped their home opener Sept. 26 against Utah Valley despite an impressive performance by Ashley Christman who would put up the best numbers of her career in the final season of her career. Jenna Ellis tallied 17 digs as libero and continued to account for a great deal of the teams back row coverage. Freshman defensive specialist Terra Varney garnered 13 digs and made some acrobatic saves. When Varney was on point this season, she proved her place on the starting roster along with Coba. The match was also the WAC opener for Idaho.

Numbers that stood out in the match against the Wolverines were the Vandals low hitting percentage and costly errors, which sparked inconsistency. The Vandals would make some corrections to their game though as the season went on to finish the home opening series 2-1 with wins against Cal-State Bakersfield and Grand Canyon.

The next time the Vandals faced Bakers-

field on the road they dropped the match 1-3. Road woes also included losses to Seattle U and a painful shutout loss to rival New Mexico State. The Oct. 11 matchup against Seattle, on a positive note, represented the emergence of redshirt freshman Ali Forde who hit .303 with 12 kills — despite the loss. Forde had another breakout match where she hit .536 and added seven kills Nov. 2 against Texas Pan-American. In her first season, Forde proved to be both an asset off the bench and as a starter despite her youth. She had a career-high .579 hitting percentage against Chicago State in her first start. She also contributed 15 kills in the second to last match of the season against Grand Canyon.

During Senior Night on Nov. 8 against Seattle in Memorial Gym, Christman had arguably the best match of her career in the win. Christman racked up career-highs with 18 kills and 13 digs along with her first career double-double. It was all-in-all a great week for Christman who earned WAC Volleyball Player of the Week honors for averaging the most kills and points of all players in the conference.

From there, the Vandals went into the WAC Tournament on a five-game winning streak and entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed.

The Vandals started the tournament with a 3-0 sweep of No. 5 seed Missouri-Kansas City.

Unfortunately, Idaho's championship hopes ended in the semifinals. Despite earning the best record since the 1996 season with a 19-11 record and achieving the best hitting percentage in the WAC and No. 51 best in the nation at .247, the Vandals fell to eventual repeat champions, New Mexico State. The Vandals split wins and losses with all the other WAC teams but could never beat the Aggies. The Aggies also knocked the Vandals out of the tournament last year in the finals and a hard fought five-set loss in the semifinals would sum up the 2013 season for the young Idaho team.

"We competed hard," Buchannan said. "That's probably the best we've competed all year."

Next year seems promising for Idaho with the return of Schultz, Coba, Forde, Jessica Hastriter, Katelyn Peterson, Varney and Ellis but Christman and Wilkinson will be missed. Schultz ended the season as an All-WAC first-team and WAC All-Tournament team member while Wilkinson was a second-team pick and Forde earned WAC All-Freshman team honors. This was Idaho's last season in the WAC as they will compete in the Big Sky next year.

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points in Idaho's only win of the season. New Mexico State was held to under 400 of-fensive yards.

"The defense came out and played their best game of the year," Petrino said. "The offense didn't. The offense didn't play good enough."

Part of the good defensive play was senior defensive tackle QuayShawne Buckley making an impression in his last game. Buckley finished with 1.5 sacks and eight total tackles.

The loss is Idaho's third to a future Sun Belt opponent in 2013, also losing to Arkansas State and Texas State. Idaho will be placed in the western division of the Sun Belt with New Mexico State when the conference expands to 12 teams.

For a first year head coach, there is no time to reflect on a one-win season. Petrino on multiple occasions has talked about winning Sun Belt championships and the process his program is in the middle of. The next step of that process is recruiting.

Petrino said coaches will hit the road immediately after the New Mexico State loss to put together the class of 2014.

On the agenda will be signing a junior college offensive lineman, a junior college running back, some high school receivers and defensive secondary players.

"We need help at every position, we're probably going to take 10 to 11 junior college kids. That's the starting point, that's what we need," Petrino said.

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Alyssa Schultz – volleyball

Alyssa Schultz

Although the Idaho volleyball team lost in the semifinals of the WAC Tournament to eventual WAC champion New Mexico State, one Vandal was selected to the WAC All-Tournament team. Alyssa Schultz, a junior middle blocker from Issaquah, Wash., took home the honor for her efforts in the tournament. Schultz averaged 2.25 kills and 1.5 blocks per set while hitting .349 during the tournament. In Idaho's semifinal match against New Mexico State, she tallied 11 kills and eight blocks while hitting .310. She finished with seven kills and hit .429 with four blocks in Idaho's quarterfinal win over Kansas City. Schultz was also named to the All WAC first-team for 2013.

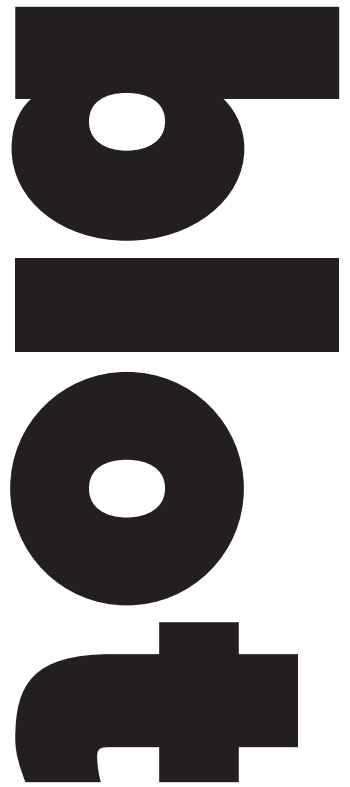
Alyssa Charlston and Stacey Barr – women's basketball

Alyssa Charlston



Stacey Barr

The women's basketball team stayed busy over Thanksgiving break with three games during the week. One of the games stood out because two players were able to take over the game. The Vandals were able to take down Nevada 88-77, but what was more significant was that Alyssa Charlston and Stacey Barr combined for 51 of Idaho's 88 points in the game. Charlston posted her fourth double-double of the season finishing the night with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while Barr recorded her third 20-point game of the season. She finished with a new season-high of 23 points. The Vandals take on Carroll College at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Gym.



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OUR VIEW

Showing up strong

Chuck Staben makes solid appearance and shows direction for UI, but might have more learning to do

The University of Idaho community was recently introduced to its new president, Chuck Staben, who was provost at the University of South Dakota. Staben made a strong first impression at the announcement ceremony and appeared genuine in his excitement and enthusiasm for his newly acquired position. He alleviated fears of those in attendance by confirming his long-term plans to stay at UI. One of the most promising statements Staben made was committing to listen to university leaders. This standard is a necessity for a president that will encounter

high-profile problems on day one. Deferred maintenance costs, rising tuition and decreasing enrollment numbers are just some of the difficult battles for which Staben should be prepared. Another promising trait Staben has exhibited throughout the past two weeks is his willingness to communicate with UI stakeholders. Staben's suggestion for open office hours would be a much-needed change in improving communication and access to the university's top administrators for students, faculty and staff. Staben recently sat down with the Idaho

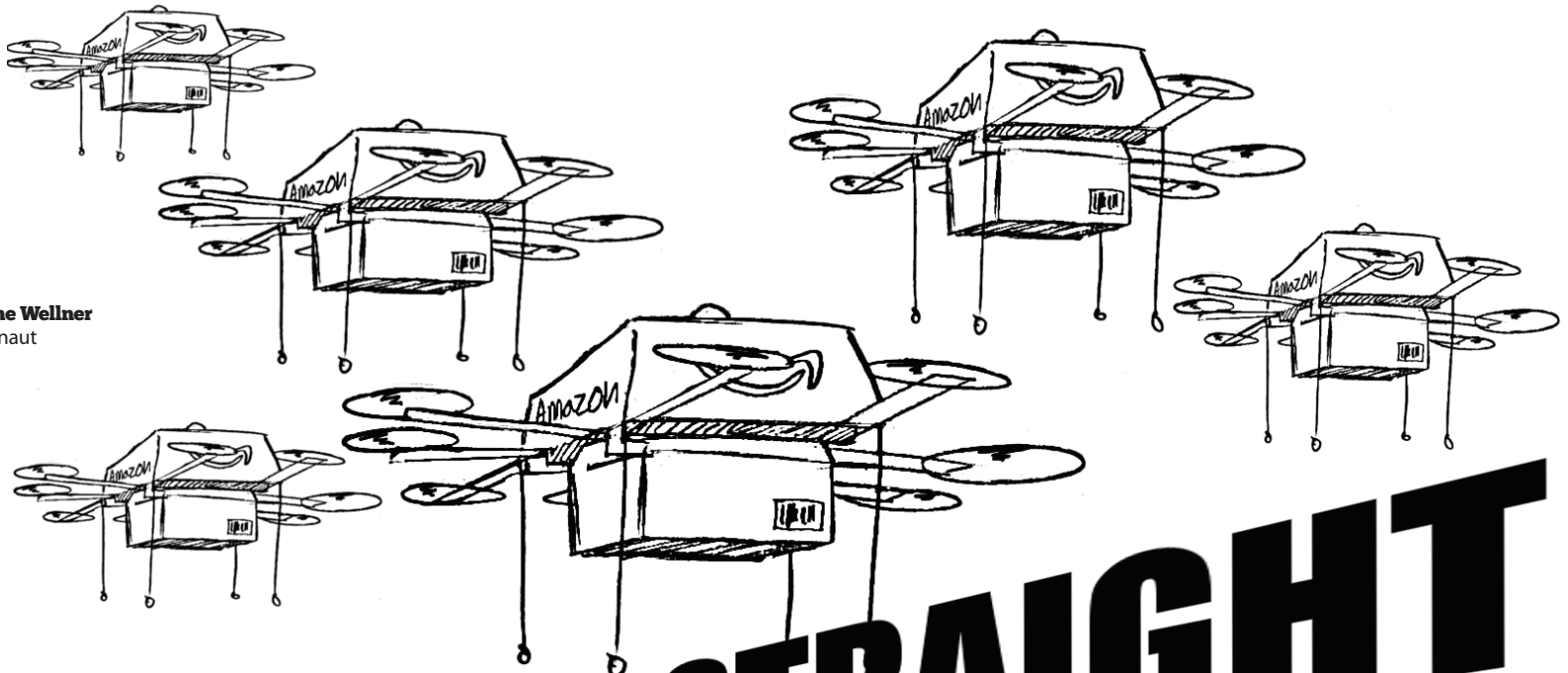
Statesman for an interview regarding the future of UI — a meeting that demonstrated he's not the type to reel off stale public relations responses when faced with the tough questions. In the interview, Staben was asked about the removal of "flagship" from the school's mission statement two years ago. He said it's a "charged" word that he wouldn't use to describe UI. He followed that up by saying, "What I want to (say) is that we are the research university, we are the land grant university, we are a premiere university in Idaho."

The comments might reflect Staben's limited experience in Moscow and the state in general, or they might be a genuine statement about academic titles and their insignificance. Either way, they're the type of responses that often ruffle feathers with alumni, many of whom are donors. What we can be sure of, is that UI is in desperate need of a president unafraid to speak his mind — someone who will show clear leadership right away for a university in transition.

-RT



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IT CAME STRAIGHT FROM THE INTERNET!!

Politics should not trump progress

Party politics should never be main focus of government

Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, Raul Labrador and Jimmy Farris, Bill Lambert and Nancy Chaney, at every level politics is a battle between Republi-



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give the other side deserved credit, but it must be done. Government decisions affect everyone, and it's important to minimize the ill effects and maximize the benefits for all, regardless of who gets us there.

This competition is obvious during election cycles, but also continues throughout the year in the state legislature and town halls throughout the state, leaving many local and state issues to rarely be resolved or addressed.

The inability of state and local government to address society's problems affects everyone.

To prevent these problems, it is important to step back and realize the true purpose of government, and realize that winning elections are not the most important thing. State and local issues are not limited to election cycles, they are ever present and should be constantly reiterated.

Sticking it to the other side should never come before well thought out and effective solutions to societal problems. It is often hard to

Not every Democrat is a big state loving totalitarian who wants to take your guns and free speech from you. Not every Republican is a greedy old white guy who only cares about profits and does not mind seeing the impoverished starve. Those examples are incredibly extreme, but strict partisanship sometimes lends itself to extremely negative sentiment.

Such thoughts can hinder our legislative process and let good ideas fall through the cracks, and potentially let bad ideas in.

It is important to remember that in the voting booth, voting strictly on party alliance is bad for everybody. If your party always has good ideas, then by all means vote accordingly, but sadly

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Rules, bleh

I think if professors don't want to make their students suffer through a final during finals week, they shouldn't have to. Especially if it means that final is scheduled for 7:30 a.m.

-Emily

Mr. Staben

Perhaps someone should send him a box of the discontinued "flagship" shirts that are sitting in a UI warehouse somewhere. The SBOE would probably intercept the shipment.

-Kaitlin

Kanye West

"College Dropout," "Late Registration" and "Graduation" are some of the best albums I've heard, no joke. I listened straight through each one this break. Ye's music hasn't been the same since his mom died.

-Ryan

A slippery slope

Today, for the first time ever, I willingly ordered coffee and drank the whole thing. Cheers to the next two weeks.

-Kaitlyn

Homework over break

Isn't as bad when you don't have class on Monday.

-Andrew

Seattle

Had an amazing week back home with people I care a lot about.

-Sean

What the rain

Southeast Alaska, a temperate rainforest, is my second home but I don't know if I've ever seen more rain than I did driving from Boise to Moscow on Sunday. It rained practically the whole way.

-Stephan

Fleet Foxes

If you have never listened to this band, you probably should. They get better every time I start listening to them again.

-Tony

South Bend or North Pole?

The ND game I attended was the coldest in more than 20 years. Swirling snowstorms and intense winds in 20-degree weather (wind chill made it feel like sub-10) made me grateful for the enclosed, warm, cozy Kibbie Dome.

-Theo

False Flattery

I am always excited to receive emails from someone saying they are thankful for talented student journalists like me — until I notice that it is addressed to Sydney. Sydney, wherever you are, someone who writes spam emails thinks you are fantastic.

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ANDAL VOICES

In a recent interview with the Idaho Statesman, appointed University of Idaho President Chuck Staben said "I think flagship is a pretty charged word. I think that's not a word I really want to use."

What do you make of Staben's comments?



"We'll see what he thinks when it's time to fund the 3 big universities and U of I gets short-changed because the football school has a higher profile."

Lori Pritchett-Sheats

"I don't agree that "flagship" is a charged word when it is a factual part of the University of Idaho's history and tradition."

Grady Hepworth



"I agree with future President Staben. I thought that the 'uproar' when the wording was changed was misplaced and a bit of a time waste. It makes more sense to me to continue pursuing excellence rather than labels. Go Vandals!"

Sammi Gunning

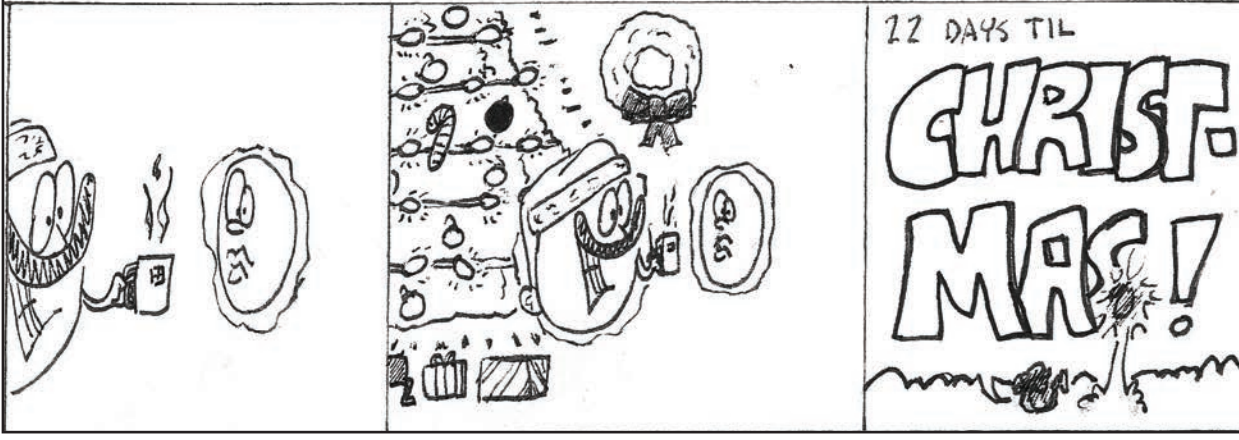
"As in the SBOE warned me of this issue and I will do whatever they tell me since they ran off all the other applicants?"

Chris Cromwell



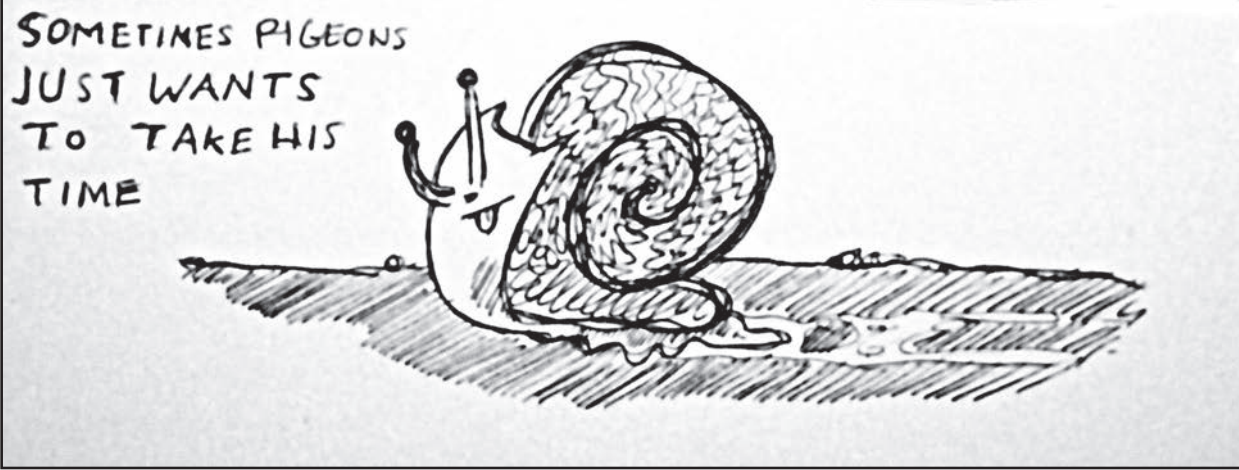
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Good, evil, morality, 'Hunger Games'

No humanity to be found in 'Hunger Games'

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When I saw "The Hunger Games," I didn't like it. Seeing young adults and children forced to kill one another wasn't an entertaining experience.

While I was engaged in the story, I was left wondering why I should be rooting for anyone, particularly those under oppression.

The oppressed, including those forced to fight in the annual Hunger Games, just seemed to be giving into the oppressive system. Despite the miserable living conditions, none of the citizens chose to act — even when their own people were forced to fight to the death. I can understand the film showing the terrible state of the oppressed and just how hopeless their lives must feel. However, it seemed everyone in the movie was somehow fine with the Hunger Games, and that was really troublesome.

Because of this, the film reminded me of an episode of "Star Trek: The Original Series" "A Taste of Armageddon" — in which two civilizations engage in a virtual war using computers rather than actual weapons. Once declared dead in the virtual world, the people "killed" would report to booths to be disintegrate.

Of course, the Enterprise crew was astonished and disturbed by this, strangely unlike the inhabitants of the civilizations.

"The Hunger Games" is like that Star Trek episode, the people who should be astonished and disturbed by their oppression are seemingly indifferent about the whole thing. This is doubly disturbing considering that the Hunger Games have lasted for at least 74 years.

I do not have too much trouble with this content as a whole, particularly the violent aspects. But the content needed to be justified. Unfortunately, this film did not justify anything.

I understand the people involved in the Hunger Games were forced into killing each other, but why did their fellow citizens not stand up to stop it? They did nothing — they didn't even offer a reaction. When a film does this, it dehumanizes the characters' world. For a film like this, there needed to be some semblance of humanity and morality. Otherwise, the film is nothing more than footage of a massacre.

Fortunately, "The Hunger Games" is not a stand-alone movie.

"Catching Fire" shows the oppressed fighting against their oppressor. And though the film is grittier and more violent than its predecessor, it makes it easier to watch and root for the main characters and the oppressed.

"Catching Fire" turns the massacre footage of "The Hunger Games" into a fight of good vs. evil — that's a story worth telling and watching.

Now, I'm not in agreement with the film's ideas necessarily, but at least there is a reason for the violent content. At last the characters — both major and minor — demonstrate human qualities, with some sense of morality and the concept of right and wrong.

This distinction is not just key to the progression of the plot line, but also presents a realistic and appropriate human reaction to audiences.

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Three more weeks

Then the real fun starts.

—Ricky

Productivity to the max

After only one day back from break I'm feeling more productive than I have in a while — partly due to necessity from procrastination over break. Let's hope I can ride out this productivity surge for the next three weeks.

—Phil

PROGRESS

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politics are seldom that simple.

Each side is guilty of sensationalism and mudslinging, but why is ideology the main concern when legitimate criticisms are always present. For example, look at some of Republican Raul Labrador's 2010 campaign ads attacking his Democratic challenger Walt Minnick. Many of them pointed out his party affiliation and little else, slamming him for the D next to his name and not his policies. Many concerns in these

ads were overly politicized, overly simplified and lacked substance.

Politicians make plenty of mistakes and they say plenty of questionable things, regardless of who they appeal to. When shopping for politicians look for substance, look for ideas, do not let a donkey or an elephant be the deciding factor.

A letter next to a name should never be enough to swing a vote, let alone an election. The ideas behind that name are what counts, and it is critical in a democracy.

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