

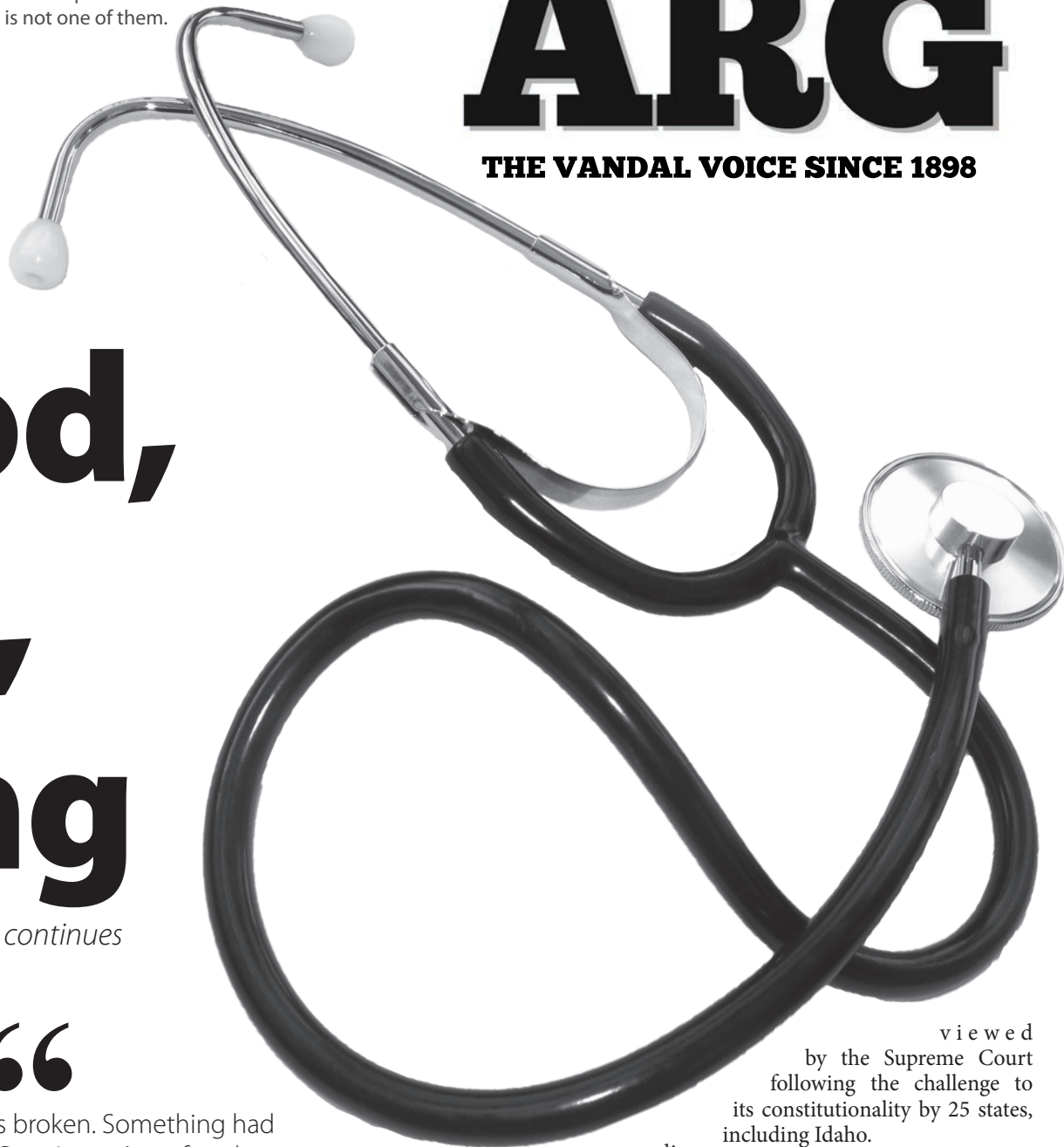
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The good, the bad, the ailing

Local experts weigh in on 'Obamacare' as enrollment continues

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Eight-year-old Anthony Skore is the only one in his family with health insurance.

His dad, Derek Skore, was one of many victims of a still-recovering economy in 2010, when, after enduring several rounds of layoffs within his Seattle construction company, his luck finally ran out.

Since then, he's found employment at a local Home Depot — where his skills are useful and appreciated — but the company keeps him teetering on the edge of part-time employment, just below the requirement to receive benefits.

Derek and his wife, Kelly, have lived without coverage for more than two years. That, however, is about to change.

The Skores are among the 332,000 Americans who have enrolled in private health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare — as it's more commonly known.

"It gave me such a feeling of

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Our health care system was broken. Something had to change. The Affordable Care Act isn't perfect, but it gives us the opportunity to mold how things happen in the future ... With something like this that is such radical change, we just have to look forward to how Gritman, and how the community, are going to fit into this and how we can create opportunity, as well as communicate very seriously about the wellness of the community.

BJ Swanson
Gritman Medical Center Chairman

relief," said Kelly Skore, a Washington State University alumna. "Finally, we could get out from under that burden — that fear — that we couldn't go to the doctor when it was something we wanted to do, as opposed to something that was absolutely life threatening ... because we won't go to the doctor — especially my husband."

For the Skores and thousands of families like them, the ACA seems to be accomplishing exactly what

it was intended to. That is, lend a helping hand to those who might not be able to afford coverage on their own. Despite this, the policy is surrounded by controversy, and remains an issue on the forefront of a political fray.

The "Obama" in Obamacare

The policy has been widely regarded as a fiasco for the Obama administration by mainstream

viewed by the Supreme Court following the challenge to its constitutionality by 25 states, including Idaho.

The Court upheld the individual mandate, which essentially requires everyone to have health coverage, but ruled that the policy offered too little notice and too great a penalty to states that did not accept the Medicaid expansion. This aspect of the policy became left up to the states — either they could accept the expansion, which would make millions more American eligible for Medicaid, or pass without penalty.

Washington is one of 25 states that chose to accept it, and it is because of this that the Skores now qualify for Medicaid.

In Idaho, however, it's a different story.

Unlike its more liberal cohort, Idaho has not accepted the Medicaid expansion. According to University of Idaho political science professor Don Crowley,

media. According to an internal memo produced by the White House on Sept. 5, the Obama administration estimated that roughly 500,000 people would have enrolled in health coverage within the first month of open enrollment. The actual figure was just over 106,000.

The low numbers may not be solely a result of an aversion to the policy. On Oct. 1, the first day of open enrollment, bottleneck traffic and other software glitches on the Healthcare Marketplace website made it impossible for many to enroll. The White House re-launched a more functional version of the website on Dec. 1, but not before hundreds of thousands of confused and frustrated consumers had been alienated by the program.

The ACA is no stranger to adversity, though. The policy was re-

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Hydrating the Palouse

City of Moscow investigates alternative water sources to offset, replace aquifer declines

Andrew Jensen
Argonaut

The City of Moscow is investigating surface water alternatives due to a decline in the groundwater supplies of the Palouse Basin.

Since 1950, Moscow has obtained its water from two aquifers — a deep aquifer called the Grande Ronde and a shallower aquifer known as the Wanapum. While both have seen decline, the Grand Ronde, which also serves Pullman, has seen the most groundwater decline in past decades.

Steve Robischon, executive manager of the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee, said water levels in the Grande Ronde have steadily

decreased since they began measuring them in the 1930s.

"They used to be going down a little bit over a foot a year and now they're going down a little bit under a foot a year," Robischon said. "So the rate of decline has reduced, but water levels are still continuing to decline, year over year."

The city seeks to offset the declines through an alternative source — surface water. The search for an alternative began with a phase one investigation, which studied the feasibility of putting a reservoir on Moscow Mountain.

Director of Public Works Les MacDonald said phase one was completed two years ago and produced four viable basins. However, he said only one of the four viable basins was truly cost-effective for Moscow.

"If we were looking purely at, you know,

what the city can afford on its own and what might be the most viable to construct, then there really are two. But the cheapest one, if you will — the lowest price — is one that would build a low-level dam in the South Fork Palouse River drainage basin up in Moscow Mountain," MacDonald said. "And, that would impound, annually, enough water to essentially offset what we currently use for irrigation in Moscow."

MacDonald said the cost of this reservoir would be more than \$6 million.

Recently, phase two of the investigation was completed and presented to the Moscow City Council. MacDonald described what this phase encompassed.

"Phase two says, essentially, 'All right: first off, what are the water demands going to be in Moscow and

the region? Get a picture of what the needs are going to be. And then, if we look at those options other than Moscow Mountain, what are they? What would they cost? And, you know, really, how do they compare to the Moscow Mountain options?" MacDonald said. "So, that's what the study does."

The study included a number of recommendations for regional and local drinking and local non-drinking water options. Overall, the most cost-effective and attainable solutions included a direct pipeline to the Snake River for regional drinkable water with an approximate cost of \$56.2 million, a direct diversion or active injection of Paradise Creek or South Fork Palouse

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Katy Kithcart | Argonaut

Sharing Tree Organizer, Janie Nirk, admires the gifts people have given to the program. The Sharing Tree is a way to provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive them.

Sharing Tree is caring tree

Jake Smith
Argonaut

An 8-year-old boy from Potlatch would like a new pair of jeans.

A 15-year-old girl from Genesee wishes she had a gift card to Buckle.

These are what just a couple of the tickets show on the 29th annual Sharing Tree.

Every year since the program's conception in 1985, founder Janie Nirk has put up the Sharing Tree.

"We started out originally to help out maybe two families in Pot-

latch," Nirk said.

After Nirk presented the program to the Potlatch School District, where she spent many years as a teacher, the Sharing Tree branched out and started to grow in multiple towns.

The Sharing Tree provides donated gifts to children up to the age of 18 in Latah County.

Located inside the Palouse Mall, adjacent to the AT&T store, the Sharing Tree holds hundreds of

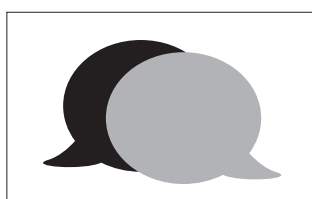
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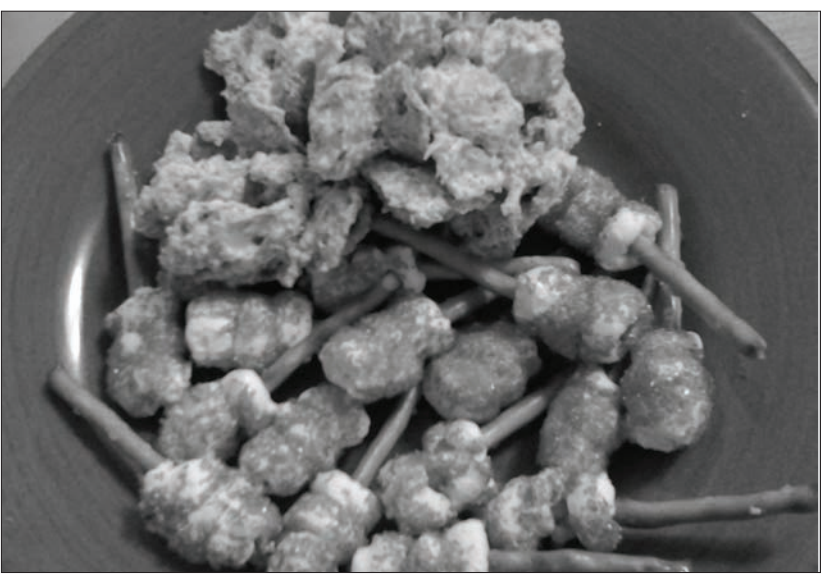
CRUMBS

Red and white Christmas treats

Nurainy Darono
Crumbs

Making Christmas treats is like making crafts — it requires patience and time. Instead of letting myself get stressed out for finals, I took a break and had a little fun in my kitchen, in hopes of impressing my family when I go back home for Christmas.

The sweetness of white chocolate is often found in many Christmas treats, so I used it as an ingredient for two very simple recipes — white chocolate, red sprinkle coated pretzel marshmallow and honey oats cereal. These are sweet treats, so it might be too sweet for some people. Serving them with coffee is an alternative.



Nurainy Darono | Crumbs

Ingredients

- Marshmallows or mini marshmallows
- Pretzel sticks, as many as you want to make
- Honey oats cereal
- White chocolate, melted
- Red sprinkles

Directions

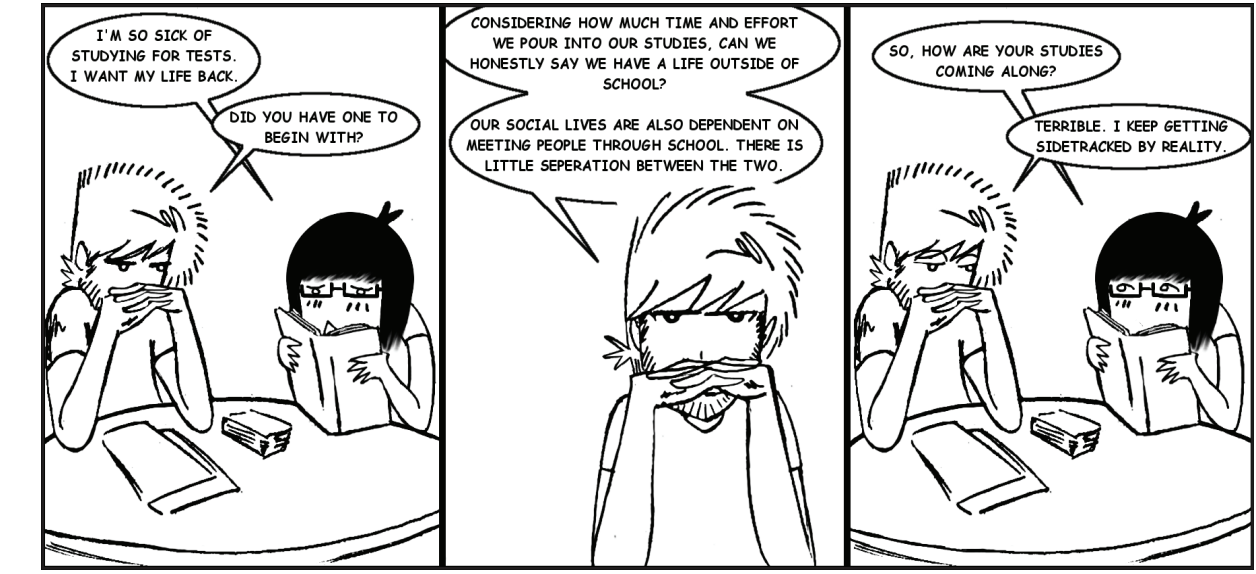
- In a bowl, microwave white

- chocolate for 30 seconds, and stir. Repeat until chocolate is completely melted.
- Stick 1 marshmallow or 3 mini marshmallow to a pretzel stick.
- Dip it in the melted white chocolate.
- Add red sprinkles around white chocolate coated marshmallow.
- Repeat the steps to make however

- much you want.
- For honey oats cereal: with a spatula, mix well melted white chocolate, honey oat cereal and red sprinkles.
- Set aside for 10 minutes or until white chocolate is hardened.

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The Prichard Art Gallery hosted the fifth annual Alternative Giving Market on Wednesday. The market raised money and donations for a different way to give. Thirty non-profit organizations on the Palouse participated in the event.

A different way to give

Fifth annual Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse benefits 30 local nonprofits

Alycia Rock
Argonaut

The fifth annual Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse, hosted at the Prichard Art Gallery, took place Wednesday during the Light up the Night holiday parade.

The AGMP is an alternative to holiday gift giving that supports a variety 30 local nonprofit organizations, including Alternative to Violence on the Palouse, Sojourners' Alliance, Moscow Friends of the Library and the Humane Society of the Palouse.

Dianne Daley-Laursen, co-founder and volunteer at the AGMP, said it is a great way to bridge partnerships between the university and the community.

"The Alternative Giving Market is about giving a meaningful gift from the heart," Daley-Laursen said. "You can share a piece of the Palouse with anyone in the world."

At the Giving Market, a shopper can visit each of the participating charities tables to learn more about them before deciding to buy a gift. There are gifts priced from \$5-\$100, and are tax-de-

ductible. In total, 150 gifts are available.

The purchased gifts translate to a donation to that organization. For instance, shoppers can buy a \$5 card which helps purchase food staples such as milk, eggs and bread for the Alliance House. More than 50 percent of the donations are at the \$5 level.

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The Alternative Giving Market is about giving a meaningful gift from the heart.”

Dianne Daley-Laursen, co-founder of AGM

"We basically raise our donations \$5 at a time," Daley-Laursen said.

One organization present at the AGMP was Willow Center for Grieving Children, which participated for the first time this year. Judy Rooney, executive director of the Willow Center, said every little bit helps.

"We're pleased to be included in

this wonderful event," Rooney said. "It's just awesome to be able to give a gift of support in honor of someone. If someone did that for me, I would be so thankful."

The Willow Center is a free child support program that utilizes peer support to help children learn about grief and express their emotions.

The AGMP is not the only way to give, Daley-Laursen said. Winter Fest on Dec. 5, the Winter Farmers Market on Dec. 7 and 14, and at AGMPalouse.org are other places to give back to the community.

"I'm so proud of our community," Daley-Laursen said. "It's a community of doers. The university and the community come together and they find niches to help others."

Before the AGMP opened at 4 p.m. Wednesday, they had already raised more than \$1,100.

The 2012 market raised more than \$18,000 for the 28 organizations who participated. The AGMP of 2011 saw approximately a 24 percent increase over the 2010 market.

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Raising AIDS awareness

UI hosts events, spreads awareness about HIV and AIDS

Amber Evans Pinel
Argonaut

The University of Idaho HIV and AIDS awareness campaign began on the annual World AIDS Awareness Day — Sunday — with a screening of "Rent," a musical about the AIDS crisis in New York City in the 1980s.

The program continued on Monday with free HIV testing in the Idaho Commons. Finally, the week's events wrapped up with a documentary on Thursday during the regularly scheduled Lavender Lunch in the Office of Multicultural Affairs lounge.

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus — an infection that can be spread through body fluid contact, said Julia Keleher, the director of the LGBTQA Office on campus. HIV is spread through sexual fluid contact, needle drugs and blood transfusions. It is not spread through saliva.

Keleher said HIV attacks important cells in the immune system, and then it develops into AIDS. However, someone who is HIV positive may not get AIDS.

"It's heavy stuff, it's a heavy topic matter," Keleher said. "I think in our society, we know it exists but ... sometimes we don't know the specifics."

International World AIDS Awareness Day is dedicated to education about HIV and AIDS, as well as a remembrance to those lost to the disease.

Part of the goal of the events is to teach students the ways one can contract HIV and how to keep themselves safe.

This year the LGBTQA Office and Inland Oasis partnered with a variety of other organizations to bring HIV testing and awareness programs to campus this week, said Christopher Bidiman, the executive director of Inland Oasis.

"I work with Inland Oasis, so in 2008 we began doing the HIV testing which we were really strongly interested in to begin with," Bidiman said. "And I had approached some colleagues that I knew on UI campus and said 'hey, how would you feel about potentially bringing this in?' ... So at this point, this is the sixth year that we've done that."

Inland Oasis does HIV testing year round. They are open Monday through Thursday for appointments or walk-ins and Sunday for walk-ins only. Anyone can make an appointment over the phone or on the Inland Oasis website.

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Wearing everyone's letters

Danielle Wiley
Argonaut

The Panhellenic Executive Council elected five new members Monday for the coming term, including a new Panhellenic president, vice president of affairs, vice president of programming, vice president of public relations and vice president of finance.

Sarah Jacobsen, a junior double majoring in broadcasting and digital media and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was elected the new panhellenic president.

During her speech, she expressed how Panhellenic has inspired her to want to work for the Greek system. Jacobsen previously held the position of vice president for public relations.

"I plan on bringing to the table new ideas and possibly adding a new position to the council, next year ... I plan on using my experience as a panhellenic delegate and vice-president of public relations by improving chapters' understanding of Panhellenic's

function as well as have more face time with chapters to improve understanding and potential interest," Jacobsen said.

After electing a new president, delegates listened to nominees for the role of VP of affairs. The delegates elected Elise Moote for the position.

Moote is a junior majoring in psychology. She said in her speech that she wants to focus on the new judicial system and educate Greek students on Panhellenic bylaws.

"I hope to bring collaboration to the Panhellenic board and to bring the entire Greek system together like cohesion," Moote said.

The third seat to be voted on was VP of PR. The delegates elected Kelsey Cooper, a Delta Zeta junior majoring in psychology with a minor in English.

Cooper expressed her love for Panhellenic and her hopes to bring positivity to the board in her nominations speech. Cooper said the Greek system's biggest weakness right now is

fighting stereotypes on and off campus. She said she wants to use her powers as VP of PR to spread a positive message about Greek students and to help break the stereotypes they have.

Sadie Hanigan was elected VP of programming.

Hanigan is a junior majoring in public relations with a minor in international studies. Hanigan said she is passionate about Panhellenic and has some innovative ideas for the board.

"I want to put a strong emphasis on academics," Hanigan said. "I think excellent grades are vital to our success as a Greek community. I'm also very excited to be a part of the philanthropy process."

The last seat to be filled by the delegates was VP of finance — Vanessa Noblitt was elected.

Noblitt said she grew up in a small town and that influenced her to be a leader in her community. She said she hopes to bring enthusiasm and tenacity to the board with her

natural ability to be a leader in difficult situations.

"One thing I would like to change, or get the ball rolling on, is making PHC more approachable ... When I was a freshman, they seemed so high and mighty and I didn't feel like I could approach them ... I want the Greek community to see that we are on the same playing field as them and that we are here to help them help us make a difference," Noblitt said.

Noblitt also said she plans on cracking down on Panhellenic fees, cutting excessive spending and possibly lower fees in the future for the Greek community.

Becca Papineau, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, was elected for VP assistant of recruitment and will assist vice president of recruitment in the coming recruitment season. Papineau will take over for Williams the following year as VP of recruitment.

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SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN



Katy Kithcart | Argonaut

Santa Claus waves to the children of Moscow as he wraps up the Light in the Night Parade Wednesday in downtown Moscow. The annual parade celebrates the holiday season by decorating local vehicles with Christmas decorations. Despite the cold weather, hundreds still showed up to see the parade.



Just in time

Commons study
space to open
Monday in time for

Amber Emery
Argonaut

Full-time University of Idaho students pay about \$90 per year in student fees to support the Idaho Commons and Student Union Building. With the SUB under renovation, there is a lack of space for students to get together, study and hang out, ASUI President Max Cowan said.

"We as ASUI, have asked for the vacant space near the rotunda and information desk in the Commons to use as a student lounge and group study area," Cowan said. "The process was long and drawn-out, but it yielded success and students will be able to utilize the space beginning next week — just in time for studying for finals."

The grand opening for the new student lounge will be on Monday, with ASUI representatives serving snacks and beverages to students who make use of the expanded study area.

Chair of ASUI Commons and Union Board Ana Reed said the new lounge will only be open for the duration of the school year because the College of Education will temporarily move into the space in May.

"The space hasn't been given to us permanently," Reed said. "The College of Education will undergo a remodel for a couple years beginning this summer, so we will have to give the space to them for that time period. Then maybe we can get it back after they move out."

Reed said obtaining the space for student use has not been an easy task and has been on the ICUB agenda for the last several years.

"Two years ago, I was on the board and we conducted a student survey that showed students wanted to use the open space that they paid for through their student fees," Reed said. "We filed a request to the provost at the time and it was rejected. We didn't know why, but it was, and basically nothing happened with the space — other than it being a temporary office for the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences — until now."

Cowan said Interim Provost Kathy Aiken was very accommodating in granting the use of the space from now until the end of the academic year.

"Ana Reed and I went and talked to Provost

Kathy Aiken and she understood that the space would be better off being used by the students than to be sitting vacant until the College of Education moved in," Cowan said. "With approval from the vice president, we were able to make it happen."

ASUI Communications Board Chair Tyler Tennison said furnishing the student lounge has not cost ASUI or students a dime because the old furniture from the SUB will be used in the new student lounge.

"The furniture is free," Tennison said. "We were able to get the tables and chairs from the Student Union Building — which is currently being remodeled — and use them in the new lounge because the SUB is not taking them back."

With the logistics of the new student lounge figured out, it is still missing a name. Cowan said the space will likely have several names over the course of spring semester, because he plans to use the ASUI Facebook page to host a contest where students will have the opportunity to have the lounge named after them.

"ASUI will share a post about changing the student lounge name again, so then I would share the post on my wall," Cowan said. "If I were to be selected out of all of the people who shared the post, then for the next month the name of the lounge would be the Maxwell Cowan Honorary Student Lounge."

Tennison said naming the lounge after students is a good way to encourage the student body to engage and participate with ASUI.

"It will be a fun way for students to get their name out there," Tennison said. "How great would it be if students can look back at their college career and say 'hey, I had a student lounge named after me.' I think it people will love the idea."

Cowan said he hopes to see students utilize the space, and that students can make it a place to work and relax.

"It's in a prime location," Cowan said. "It's in the center of campus, next to the most classes and places to eat. And it's the perfect time to open it up, students are going to need somewhere to study for finals."

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Classroom competition

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For the first time, a professor and a third year law student dueled in a civil trial in the University of Idaho Law School Courtroom on Wednesday.

As the Trial Skills course professor, Tim Gresback teaches upper division law students about the fundamentals of presenting a case to a judge or jury. At the end of the course, students begin their final project of competing against one another in a full trial. This year, Gresback was presented with an odd number of students, leaving one student without competition.

"We decided that the only way to let all students do the final project is to have the top student in the class have a trial against me," Gresback said.

Ranked top in the class for his accomplishments in various classroom exercises throughout the semester, Jared Hanson was chosen to compete against Gresback.

Gresback dubbed the competition a "Litigation Drama" and compared it to a David vs. Goliath battle.

"I think that for a student to have to go against the professor, I find that quite daunting and I'm very proud of Mr. Hanson for accepting the challenge," Gresback said. "It speaks well for his future in the law."

The case presented to Gresback and Hanson was a civil case involving allegations

of a public bar over-serving a customer. In the case, the over-intoxicated customer injured another customer.

Prior to the trial, the opponents chose sides. Hanson represented the bar and Gresback represented the customer claiming the injury.

Professor John Rumel teaches an evidence course at the law school and was asked to preside over the case as judge.

"It never ceases to amaze me when I judge these competitions, by the work that goes into this on part of the students and how good they are," Rumel said. "It's really gratifying to see students grow and kind of become lawyers before they even leave here."

Law school students and members of the law school community volunteered to play the role of jury members.

Prior to the trial, Rumel was confident in Hanson's performance and predicted Gresback wouldn't go easy on him.

"I think Professor Gresback will hit it at the right level, he won't be condescending, he won't be too generous, but he won't be too hard on him either," Rumel said. "I think he'll treat him like any other opponent, he won't be too aggressive, he won't be too passive."

This teacher-student competition will continue in future years depending on the number of students in Gresback's trial class.

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this means approximately 233,900 Idahoans — many like the Skore family — will largely be left with their current health care options.

“Ten percent (of Idahoans) could get Medicaid but won't because the legislature hasn't expanded, and in at least the first couple of years the Affordable Care Act expansion is free — the federal government pays for all of it,” Crowley said. “Basically, Idaho is refusing to grant people above but near the poverty line the ability to get medical insurance through Medicaid and to get it free, and our federal taxes aren't going to go down because we refuse to expand. Basically, Idaho is subsidizing the states that did take the expansion.”

Despite the hype about health care reform, most Americans won't see that much change, according to Crowley. UI law professor Richard Seamon said the ACA is a small step rather than a leap in any direction.

“It's the beginning of an important process,” Seamon said. “It's comparable to prior major legislation like Medicaid and the Social Security Act that have been amended numerous times, but no one today questions their usefulness. Still, it's going to take five to ten years before all the bugs are worked out, and (the policy is) accepted as part of the landscape.”

Crowley and Seamon agreed that people will find many of the things they were led to believe about the ACA were nothing more than sensationalized misconceptions. Many aspects of the policy, such as death panels and doubling premiums, simply aren't true. The most significant fallacy, Seamon said, is how much Americans are going to have to pay for insurance.

“(Many believe that) all of a sudden, insurance is going to be a lot more expensive than it used to be, but for most people, the opposite is true,” Seamon said. “A lot of people are going to be eligible for government subsidies that help make health care more affordable — that's why it's called the Affordable Care Act.”

Crowley said he estimates 3 to 5 percent of Americans will end up paying more for their coverage.

“These people aren't terribly happy,” Crowley said. “But the number of people who will benefit will vastly outnumber the people who are hurt, and most of the people who say negative things about it won't really be affected at all.”

The "care" in Obamacare

At Moscow Family Medicine, physicians see both sides of the issue, both as health care providers and consumers. While there continues to be debate on the consumer side of things, there's little question among providers as to whether reform is necessary.

“There isn't anybody that believes we can continue to afford what we're doing today,” said Jeff Geier, certified medical practice executive and administrator of MFM. “What all this means is that the health care system in the United States has to continue to evolve. I don't think anybody has a good enough crystal ball to see exactly what it means or what needs to happen. We need to keep talking about it, and tweaking things to get better, lower cost, higher quality system. It won't be like throwing a light switch — it'll be like turning a dial to improve the system.”

For Gritman Medical Center Chairman BJ Swanson, the need for change was all in the numbers. The U.S. used to



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Jeff Geier is a certified medical practice executive and administrator of Moscow Family Medicine. He said he believes the health care system in the United States will continue to evolve and is far from what it will be.

be rated No. 1 in the world for health care by the World Health Organization. This year, the U.S. fell to No. 37. The U.S. also claims the title

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of most expensive health care in the world, spending nearly double what Norway, the closest runner up, does.

“Our health care system was broken,” Swanson said.

“Something had to change. The Affordable Care Act isn't perfect, but it gives us the opportunity to mold how things happen in the future ... with something like this that is such radical change, we just have to look forward to how Gritman, and how the community, are going to fit into this and how we can create opportunity, as well as communicate very seriously about the wellness of the community.”

Administrators at Gritman have been studying the policy since its implementation in 2010, and according to Swanson, it has been necessary for the hospital to change many of their business and administration practices to accommodate the policy. More than anything, though, the hospital intends to take the chance to use the policy as a springboard to reevaluate how they serve the Palouse.

While they agree the ACA is a step in the right direction, Swanson and Geier

also believe it's not a permanent solution to the nation's health care problems.

According to Geier, the priority needs to be moving out of an episodic payment system — which pays physicians based on the number of times they see a patient — to a more value-based model — where physicians are reimbursed based on quality of care rather than how many times it's delivered.

“The goal of providing every American with insurance is a good and noble one,” Geier said. “But if that's all the reform accomplishes, it will do nothing but drive up the cost of health care, but what we're trying to control is lowering the cost of health care per person in the country, so there have to be other reforms other than providing insurance for people who don't have it.”

Perhaps that's what lies ahead in the U.S. discussion on health care.

The policy permits children to stay on their parents'

plans until they're 26. For those who aren't covered under their parents' plans, the Student Health Insurance Plan is considered a “gold” plan by ACA standards, according to Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs Greg Tatham.

For these reasons, many University of Idaho students won't have to spend too much time worrying about health insurance — for the time being, at least.

And — for all its shortcomings, controversies and turbulence — with the implementation of the ACA, the Skores and thousands of families like them won't have to worry, either.

“I hope good things will come out of this,” Kelly Skore said. “I haven't used the coverage yet — I have a lot of questions about how it's going to go — but I'm certainly very relieved just to have it.”

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SHARING

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colored tickets for children in four different towns: Potlatch — green, Genesee — red, Deary — yellow and Troy — purple. Potlatch alone contributes 300 tickets.

A child's gender and holiday wish list item are on each ticket. Generally, the item is a toy, a gift card or a piece of clothing. To donate, all one has to do is pull a ticket from the tree, buy the item and place it in the sleigh next to the tree.

Monetary donations may be placed in a locked box next to the sleigh. All monetary donations are split evenly between the four towns.

This year, Sharing Tree volunteers are gift-wrapping donations for free near Macy's in the Palouse Mall through Saturday.

The deadline to donate gifts is Dec. 17. Gifts received after the deadline will be stockpiled for next year. If a ticket is lost, or all the tickets are not pulled from the tree, monetary donations will be used to buy all the remaining gifts, which are distributed on Dec. 20.

According to Jo Menden, co-coor-

dinator of Sharing Tree, the remaining gifts are distributed at schools on the day before winter break. Gift recipients may contact either Menden or Nirk about personally picking up gifts at a different location.

“Every wish is granted,” Menden said. “Every (ticket) is filled, one way or another.”

In the past, Menden has utilized leftover infants' coats from her Coats for Kids campaign to donate to the Sharing Tree. The Lutheran Youth and a local 4-H Club also aid the Sharing Tree in fulfilling donations. The 4-H Club usually runs a fundraiser and has a shopping day to donate to the tree.

In late October Nirk and Menden, who has worked on the project for 25 years, sent out notification of the Sharing Tree to schools in Latah County. The schools then provided and later collected applications from families that outline their needs and wants for the Christmas season. This year, at least 24 families are being served with at least five tickets per child. Gift certificates and a game for the family are also provided. According to Menden, 15 years ago a single father was brought to tears because the program allowed his three sons to

celebrate Christmas when they otherwise were financially unable.

Nirk said a single mother involved in the program has eight children that will benefit from the Sharing Tree. Nirk and Menden said they receive many applications from families such as these that ask solely for basic items such as underwear, blankets and clothing.

“Sometimes it kind of makes your heart ache, you know?” Menden said. “And that's the kind of people that you want to help.”

According to Menden, there is no price limit for the gifts, but generally prices do not rise high enough to cause a problem. Those who donate do not necessarily have to buy only what is on the ticket. All gifts are welcome.

The Palouse Mall has hosted the Sharing Tree since its conception in 1985. The mall offers multiple amenities to the Sharing Tree program, such as supplies and security. In prior years, stores such as Bed, Bath and Beyond, Famous Footwear and Bath and Body Works have personally donated to the Sharing Tree.

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PALOUSE

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River for local drinkable water with an approximate cost of \$13 million and South Fork Palouse River for non-drinkable irrigation water with an approximate cost of more than \$4.8 million.

Conservation has also been recommended as an inexpensive way to reduce the water decline. Robischon said conservation tends to be the least expensive option.

“I think when folks run the numbers, it

seems as though conservation is the least expensive way to reduce the decline,” Robischon said. “After that, various surface water options are more or less expensive, depending upon the details of where the surface water is, where you need to put it, what type of treatment it needs to undergo.”

Robischon added that it is not up to the city or the University of Idaho to decide what options work best for Moscow, but it is up to the residents to make the decision.

MacDonald said that decision will have to be made soon.

“We can't go on long-term doing what we're doing,” MacDonald said. “We're obviously going to have to make some changes ... it's not that there's going to be one simple answer for any of it. It's going to be a number of different things we take on as a community and as a region.”

MacDonald said the community is one step along the way, and there remains many steps ahead for whatever path Moscow decides to pursue.

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SPORTS



Idaho punter, Austin Rehkow, to potentially walk on to men's basketball team.

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Battle is back

Cowan Spectrum set to pit Idaho and WSU in first home game outside Memorial Gym

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

This weekend's game might be the most important home game of the season for Idaho men's basketball. The Vandals take on border rival Washington State at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum in the hardwood edition of the Battle of the Palouse.

The Cougars, just like the Vandals, have a lot of new faces on the team this year, and are trying to replace their leading scorer from last year as well, Brock Motum.

One player emerging as a candidate to take Motum's title is junior guard DaVonte Lacy, who is currently fifth in the Pac-12 in scoring, averaging 21.1 points per game.

"Coming from the Seattle-Tacoma area, I know about DaVonte Lacy, and what kind of scorer he is," Idaho senior guard Glen Dean said. "Us guys on the perimeter are going to have to do a good job at making it tough for him to get off shots and clean looks."

The key will be to shut-down Lacy as the Cougars have yet to see a second scorer emerge. Lacy is the only Cougar who is averaging in double-digit points this season. The next highest scorer is Royce Woolridge, averaging 9.4 points per game.

Another player to watch will be freshman point guard Ike Iroegbu. The Cougars recruited him from Oak Hill Academy, the same



WHAT: Idaho (4-3) vs. Washington State (3-4)
WHERE: Cowan Spectrum, Moscow
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high school that has produced NBA stars Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant.

Iroegbu had a breakout game on Nov. 21 against Gonzaga, where he scored 20 points on the then ranked No. 13 Bulldogs. He is currently averaging 8.7 points per game.

Washington State coach Ken Bone has implemented a new system this season. He is now running a high pressure, full court defense. This is the same defense that the Vandals struggled with when they lost to Oklahoma.

"You hope that the experience you gain in other games, you can apply to the next game," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "They're going to pressure us, play the sideline principle, glue our ball screens, they're going to try to keep us on one side of the floor and that's what we're expecting Saturday."

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Point guard Sekou Wiggs shoots the ball during practice Thursday at the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals will take on Washington State at 7 p.m. Saturday, playing for the first time in the Cowan Spectrum this season.

Expect victory

Vandals should compete in this Battle of the Palouse

It's a drought a decade in the making. Idaho hasn't come away victorious in the Battle of the Palouse on the basketball court in over a decade, but boy



Sean Kramer
Argonaut

have the Vandals come close. Close includes the last time these two teams met in the Cowan Spectrum when Washington State's Reggie Moore needed a last second jumper to beat Idaho 66-64.

It was the Cowan Spectrum that saw Idaho's last victory in this series, a 62-58 triumph in 2002.

It should be the Cowan Spectrum that sees this, a roster that could possibly be Idaho coach Don Verlin's best since arriving in Moscow, become the first team of Verlin's to beat its border rival, this Saturday in Moscow.

It'll be as evenly matched a Battle of the Palouse as we've seen in years. Looking up and down the rosters, there are a plethora of reasons why Idaho should come away with the win.

Washington State's struggles might be chief among them. The Cougars have always been a scrappy team under coach Ken Bone, and even play up to opponents at time. But the record speaks for itself, and the Cougars are again reeling in 2013-14 having lost four of their last five games.

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Tough travels

Vandal women's basketball back on the road after short home turnaround

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Coming off its biggest win of the season, a 67-39 thumping of Carroll College, the Idaho women's basketball team is back on the road — a place its been six times in eight games already this season. The Vandals travel Friday to Missoula, Mont., to compete in the 33rd Lady Griz Classic.

Idaho (5-3) has had a brutal schedule so far this season. In addition to six road games, the Vandals have faced two top 25 opponents — Gonzaga and Cal — and five opponents with winning records. That tough schedule continues this week with a matchup against a 4-1 Montana team.

Idaho will play on back-to-back days with a game against either UC Irvine, a team the Vandals have already beat this season, or Appalachian State on Saturday.

The game against Montana is the 45th matchup between the teams. The Vandals and Grizzlies used to play regularly back when Idaho was in the Big Sky Conference. Starting in 2014, Idaho and

Montana will meet as conference opponents again. Idaho is leaving the WAC after this season and joining the Big Sky next year.

"We are going to see a typical Robin Selvig type team," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said of Montana. "They are very long inside and long at the guard. They like to post everybody up and are very physical defensively. They are going to work their offense and try to get a great shot every time down. It is going to be a great environment here."

The trip to Montana comes after Idaho got the rare home matchup against NAIA Carroll College on Tuesday. It was an exhibition game for Carroll College, but a regular nonconference game for Idaho.

"It was great to be home back in Mem Gym," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said following the win. "It feels like we've been on the road forever, the road trip was long. To come home and play with the energy we played with in the first half, I was really pleased with that effort."

The Vandals dismantled Carroll College



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Idaho guard Stacey Barr shoots during Tuesday's game against Carroll College at Memorial Gym. The Vandals came out with a 67-39 win. The team hits the road for Friday for the Lady Griz Classic in Montana.

with ease. They led 20-6 at 12:57 left in the first period and increased the lead to 39-12 at half-time. The 39 first half points matched a season

high for Idaho while its 12 points allowed were the lowest in a half for the Vandals since a Dec. 29, 2011, game against North Dakota.

"I thought we executed our offense, especially in the first half," Newlee said.

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Idaho running backs coach tweeting about going on the recruiting season's first trip.



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What a great freshman year. #GoVandals

Troy Warzocha

Lewiston Tribune Idaho football beat writer on what he thinks Vandal freshman Austin Rehkow could accomplish in his time at Idaho.

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Swim team splits its efforts

Tough competition outshines Idaho's best

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

The first day of the U.S. Short Course Nationals got underway Thursday in Knoxville, Tenn. Idaho competed in three events on the first day of the three-day meet, putting four swimmers in the water.

Junior Rachel Millet competed in the 200-yard individual medley placing 18th in the prelims with a time of 2 minutes, 1.17 seconds. Her time was good enough to get her into the "C" group of the finals, getting Idaho its only appearance in an individual final for the day.

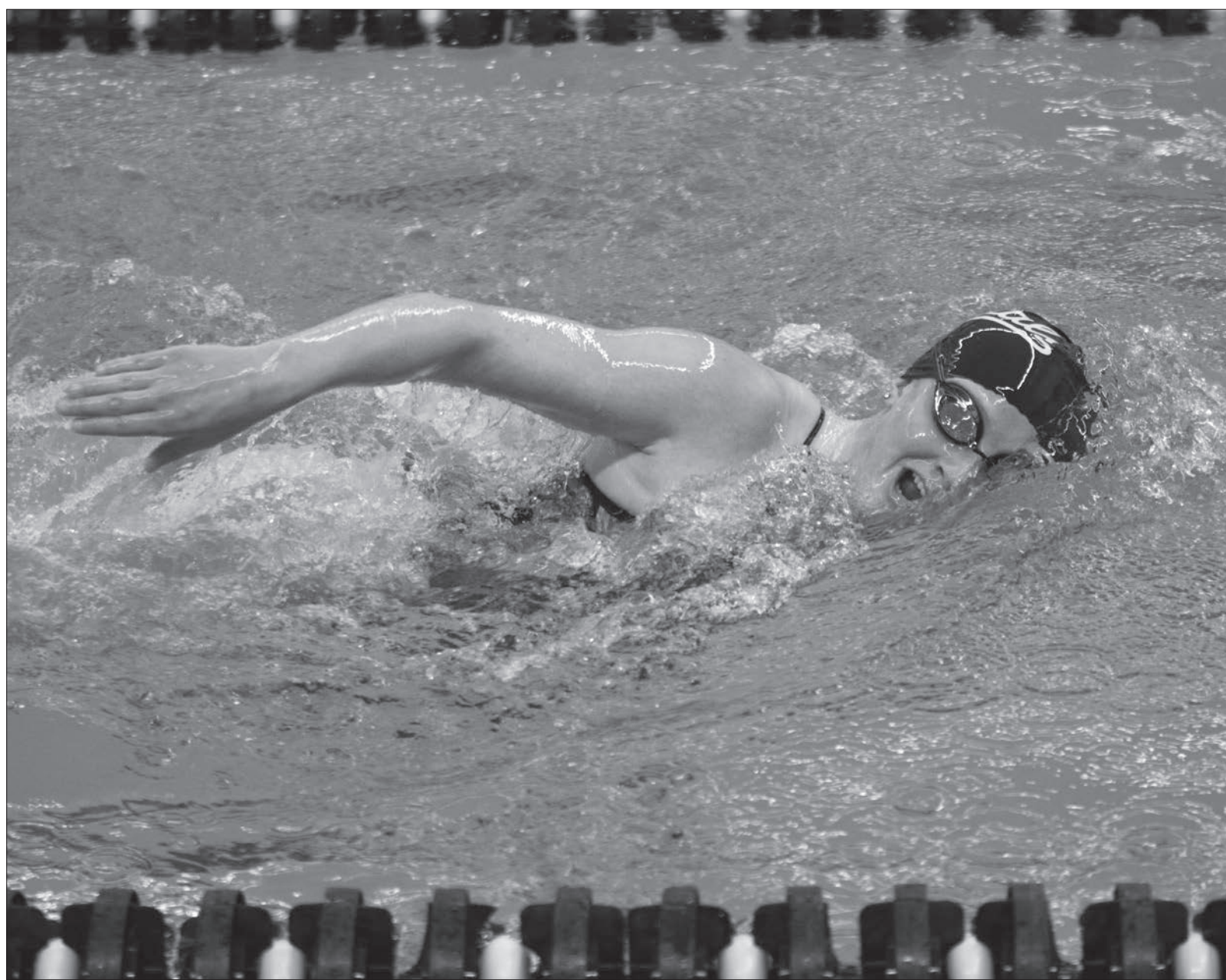
Millet reappeared in the water along with fellow Vandal junior Erica Anderson for the 50 freestyle prelims. Millet finished with a time of 23.25 placing 29th. Millet's qualifying time tied the 2012-13 top time for Idaho set by Anderson on Feb. 28, 2013.

Anderson finished with a time of 23.82 earning her the 48th place in the event. Neither swimmer had a good enough time to continue on to the finals in the 50 freestyle.

Both Millet and Anderson returned one last time on the day to compete along with freshman Taylor Lee Strachan and senior Megan Venlos. The group made up the Idaho 4x100 relay team. The four Vandals swam well as a group, getting the best Idaho placement of the night, finishing with a time of 3:44.11 for the 12th place spot.

For the second day of competition on Friday, Idaho will compete in four individual events, putting four competitors in the water.

Millet will continue to lead Idaho in events as she will compete in the 100 fly,



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Idaho freestylers compete at the UI Swim Center Oct. 18 against Northern Colorado. Junior Rachel Millet led Idaho in day one at the U.S. Short Course Nationals on Tuesday with a finals appearance in the individual medley. The Vandals compete in nationals until Saturday.

the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Strachan will join Millet in the 100 butterfly, her one event of the day. Anderson will compete in her first individual event of the three-day meet in the 100 breaststroke along with junior Luara Griffing who will be making her first ap-

pearance for the meet. Complementing the action going on in Knoxville, Tenn., the Husky Invitational will start its three days of competition Friday to Sunday. Idaho has sent its remaining swimmers to Seattle to compete in the annual event and will

be competing against teams from all around the country. Both of the meets come just days after the Idaho swim team jumped 40 spots in the collegewimming.com mid-major poll moving from No. 51 to No. 11. The ranking is the highest in the program's history.

"Again, it is nice to be recognized among some of the better mid-major programs in the country," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "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. What it also means is that we still have a lot of work to do if we want to keep this thing moving forward."

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Sports briefs

Rehchow to try luck with Idaho basketball team

Idaho punter and kicker Austin Rehchow is the most recent addition to Vandal men's basketball coach Don Verlin's roster. Rehchow, who led the nation in yards per punt this season, is on the team roster but will spend a week practicing before making his final decision to walk on, according to The Spokesman-Review.

"He thinks he wants to play," Verlin told the newspaper. "He's not 100 percent sure. (Football coach Paul) Petrino has given the OK. I told him, 'Come out and try. Now is the time. ... Let's not have any expectations and reevaluate it (after a week or so).'"

The freshman from Central Valley High School in Spokane was a standout guard in the Greater Spokane League.

Verlin signs Portland forward

Weeks after inking Colton, Wash., product Jake Straughan, the Idaho men's basketball team added another high school player from the Pacific Northwest, signing Portland's Arkadiy Mkrtychyan. Mkrtychyan is a native of Moscow, Russia, and is currently playing at Columbia Christian High School in Portland. He transferred to the school

from the Academy of the Pacific in Honolulu and sat out his junior season. The 6-foot-7 forward also played AAU ball, with Inner City Portland Elite, and represented his country in the 2011 U16 European Championships. He averaged 13.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in the competition.

"Ark is in the lines of someone like Stephen Madison — he's a multi-position guy who can play both forward spots, small and power forward," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "He has had extensive experience overseas. We saw him this summer and I really liked his ability to play around the basket and away from the basket, and he really fits into our system."

Nikitin honored by WAC

Idaho men's tennis player Artemiy Nikitin was named after WAC Player of the Month after the month of November for his performance at the Easley Classic in Las Vegas. Nikitin was 2-1 playing in the top singles flight and defeated Grand Canyon's Nicolas Moulin to reach the quarterfinal round, before falling to Auburn's Lukas Oller. Nikitin, a senior transfer player from South Carolina State, and originally Omsk, Russia, beat Arizona's Matt Dun in consolation play.

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VICTORY

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Though the one win is over a good Purdue team by 15 on a neutral floor.

Still, Washington State is in the bottom third in the nation in scoring offense and efficiency averaging 69.6 points per game on 43 percent shooting from the field.

At 4-4, Idaho is really no better. Idaho's best wins are over North Texas and Western Illinois, and it can hang its hat on a close loss to Boise State as much as the Cougars can hang their hat on a close loss to Butler.

But that's the point. In a rivalry game, with both teams struggling evenly, with both teams still trying to find their identity, this game is as ripe for an Idaho victory as the last two years when the Vandals lost by a combined margin of 11 points.

Two years ago when Idaho was seconds away from overtime against the Cougars, it was a team that had leadership. Guards Landon Tatum and Deremy Geiger were able to put hands on jerseys and corral the team when it needed to. With all due respect to stellar senior Kyle Barone, that didn't exist last year. It's why Idaho wasn't able to sustain a second half run and the Cougars were able to put the game away with ease at Beasley Coliseum.

Leadership exists this season. It exists from senior point guard Glen Dean, whose transfer from Utah was pivotal in the transformation of Idaho's backcourt. Although, the senior needs to temper his shot selection and do more to facilitate the guards around him, because Sekou Wiggs and Connor Hill are scoring guards who can put up points in a hurry.

But that leadership also comes from senior Stephen Madison who has been in the program as long as any other Vandal. Last year, Stephen Madison led the team in points against the Cougars with 13, but if Madison continues his 17.1 points per game pace, if he continues working the offense from the inside-out and being aggressive in the paint, then Idaho can come through with the signature home win that Don Verlin needs.

No more coming close. Idaho needs to win this Battle of the Palouse.

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BATTLE

FROM PAGE 6

The WSU student body is expected to come out in full force for this game, even going as far as making t-shirts that read "pack the dome." Regardless of how the fans react to this rivalry, Idaho looks at this game a little differently.

"I think it's a friendly rivalry," Verlin said. "We play with each other all summer long and we watch each other play, they come to our games, we go to their games. I hope they win every game but one, to be honest with you."

For Idaho, the game comes off of some much-needed rest. After a hectic November, where the Vandals played eight games, six of which that were played on the road, the team starts off their December with a breather. They will have had a full week off from competition by the time they play the Cougars on Saturday.

"We needed some time off, no question about that," Verlin said. "It feels like we've just been playing game after game, eight games in the month of November is a lot of games, so it was good to take a couple of days off. We came back to work (Tuesday), but it was good to catch our breath."

Idaho senior leader Stephen Madison will be playing in his last Battle of the Palouse rivalry game. He said he is looking forward to getting out of Memorial Gym, where they spent their first two home games. They will finally be moving into the much bigger Cowan Spectrum, however, he doesn't want to see too much crimson and gray though.

"It's always great to get into the Cowan, it's our arena. It's where you can sit the most people and get the most fans, so Cowan is going to be a lot of fun and be a great atmosphere," Madison said. "The fans help us out so much, they bring the energy and help us get these wins, so we can't have the Cougs bring more people than we are. It's our home court."

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BUILT FORDE TOUGH

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Forward Ali Forde attempts a layup during Tuesday's game against Carroll College. The Vandals won 67-39 and will play Montana at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Missoula, Mont., in the 33rd Lady Griz Classic.

TWEETS

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@TheoLawson_Arg

What does the Sark say? Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace,

peace... (Ylvis feat. Pat Haden) #Deuces

Theo Lawson

Argonaut Editor-in-Chief on Steve Sarkisian's departure from the University of Washington after accepting the USC job.



@VandalHoops

The floor is down in Cowan! First game inside will be against WSU - Sat

@7pm #GoVandals #beatthe-cougs #blackoutcowan

Idaho men's basketball

Getting the word out that the floor is down in the Cowan Spectrum and the first game is Saturday against Washington State.

TOUGH

FROM PAGE 6

"We were moving the basketball, everybody was getting their looks, sharing the basketball ... I was really happy with the first half."

Carroll College had a brief 7-0 scoring run in the second half, before Idaho put things away en route to the 67-39 victory. The large lead margin allowed Newlee to put all of his bench players in the game late in the second half and rest his starters.

"I thought it was critical for us to be able to play everybody and give those people that have logged big minutes on the road trip rest," Newlee said. "Especially with two big games coming up this weekend back-to-back again. I wanted to get some rest for them and get some experience minutes for our freshmen and some of the players that hadn't played as many minutes."

If recent history is any indication, Idaho will look to junior guard Stacey Barr to score points this weekend. She led the Vandals in scoring with 20 points against Carroll College and has led the team in five of eight games, so far this season. Barr leads the Vandals with 16.5 points per game and 19 3-pointers made on the year.

"We came out with a lot of energy from the start and I think that's what we have to do," Barr said following the victory over Carroll College. "The home game really helped us but we need to do it on the road as well, so it was good to that win."

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OUR VIEW

A strong campaign

Idaho marketing turns up notch ahead of Battle of Palouse on hardwood

It might be ill-advised to compare the fan bases at Idaho and Washington State and the respective home atmospheres for the Vandal and Cougar basketball teams.

One of those teams plays in a converted football stadium — the other reaps the benefits of a basketball-only arena that fits its Pac-12 status rather well. One draws its fans from a pool of 11,500 students — the other, 27,000.

And one day ahead of Battle of the Palouse No. 2, the separation between fan bases appears evident once again. The Cougars visit the Vandals for a 7 p.m. tipoff in the Cowan Spectrum.

If the Spectrum bleeds Cougar red rather than Vandal gold, don't be surprised.

Two years ago, WSU students flocked to Moscow for the annual rivalry game between the border foes. The visiting students wore matching crimson shirts, which read "Idaho Invasion 2011." ASWSU put together another strong marketing campaign to advertise Saturday's game, giving away t-shirts to the first 300 students who purchase a \$10 ticket.

Idaho's marketing team created its own campaign, one that entails many of the same ideas. The Vandal t-shirts are nothing out of the ordinary, displaying an outline of the state of Idaho, with a Joe Vandal

logo and text reading "Idaho basketball."

While the shirts don't signify the magnitude of this match-up, which pits Idaho against the only rival its played at home in recent years, they're a testament to the effort that Idaho's athletic marketing team has made — one that may have bottomed out a few years ago when the athletic department unveiled the "Throw the V" campaign, which flamed out shortly thereafter.

The marketing department has provided new ideas to a fan base that wasn't as receptive to the ideas of the old regime. Attendance numbers in 2011 and 2012 are indicative of that.

To promote the WSU game, they stuck

point guard Glen Dean in the Student Union Building, posted a Facebook photo of his location and waited for a lucky winner to locate the University of Utah transfer.

The next day, Dean handed out fliers promoting the game to students on campus. Simply selling fans on Dean himself, an ex-Pac-12 point guard who is expected to be one of Idaho's flashier players this season, exhibits an innovative way of thinking for the marketing department.

A lot has left to be desired, though, and we can only hope that these ideas are a sign of things to come, rather than a one-time thing.

- TL



Andrew Jensen
Argonaut



Chivalry, sexism and common courtesy

The F-Word



Kaitlin Moroney
Argonaut

A column on society and culture from a feminist perspective

"You can't have your cake and eat it too!" he declared. "You can't ask for equality and then still expect people to hold doors open for you."

My friend expressed a somewhat common misunderstanding when it comes to feminism. That is, that women want to be equal but still expect men to hold doors open for them and pay for their meals. Generally, that isn't true on a couple of levels.

First, there is the school of thought within feminist circles that any form of chivalry by men toward a woman is a form of internalized sexism predicated upon the idea that women are the weaker sex and men are the protectors and champions in shining armor. And this is perfectly valid. If a man is carrying bags and holding doors open for a woman primarily because she is a woman, that is form of sexism. Nice sexism, maybe, but sexism nonetheless. In this way, most feminists don't expect chivalry.

What we do expect is courtesy.

And for me personally, not letting a door slam in someone's face is a pretty common courtesy. Going dutch or taking turns paying for a date is common courtesy. Offering to help carry something when someone's arms are full is common courtesy. It's stuff I do for others every day, and I am generally cool with people doing the same for me.

What makes the difference is why traditionally chivalrous acts are performed. Do you, as a man, only perform courteous acts for women merely because of their gender and neglect to do the same for other men? In that case, your actions are hinging on the idea that women are fragile, delicate creatures who require special treatment. I assure you we aren't.

If, however, you hold doors open, pick up something someone else has dropped or offer to carry a

box or two for everyone, regardless of gender — congratulations. You are practicing common courtesy.

A culture that encourages men to be chivalrous toward women and women to be passive in their acceptance of chivalry is damaging to both sexes. Men are taught that it isn't manly to accept someone holding the door open for them. I've had more than one icy comment from men who were offended I held the door open for them. Women are taught that it's not ladylike to be the one doing the helpful thing.

Let's start being courteous to everyone, regardless of their gender. And thankful when someone shows common courtesy, regardless of their gender.

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CAMPUS TIPS

Watch out

Ice and slick snow often stick to campus walkways long after a snowstorm — make sure to watch out where you step. Landing on your back is no fun at all.

Bundle up

The crazy low temperatures will last through next Monday. Make sure to keep warm and don't stay outside too long.

SUB water fountain

Fountain outside of the first floor bathrooms, the water in the SUB tastes like metal. You have been warned.

Traveling home

If you need a ride home for break, you should start making plans now. On a similar note, if you plan on living off campus you should start finding roommates ASAP.

Textbooks

Do not buy the textbooks for a class until the first day and the professor specifically tells the class to buy the textbook.

Finals week

Even though there is a lot of free time during finals week, that doesn't mean all of it is free. Don't procrastinate and get some studying done first.

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Public Service Announcement

The Onion is a satirical "news" source. Meaning they use humor (irony, wit, outlandish exaggeration, etc.) as a means of commentary on issues ranging from dinner foods to feminist thought to athletics to war. Meaning the stories are not real. Shocking, I know.

-Kaitlyn

Secret Email

So it turns out I have a @uidaho.edu email address that I never knew I had, and I'm still not sure why. Looking through emails sent to me over the last two years but I never received until now was fun.

-Phil

Coldness

I don't mind snow because it's sparkling and very pretty. I do mind the cold weather, though, because I just can't handle it very well.

-Rainy

Feeling good

Finals week is probably going to literally kill me, but I'm still having a good close to my semester

-Sean

Cold

It's not the cold that gets to me, it's the wind chill.

-Ryan

Talking to air

Gotta love the strange stares from passerby when I laugh loudly while talking on my phone through the speaker on my headphones. No I'm not crazy.

-Emily

Conflicted

When it comes to former professional athletes joining the ranks of the media. Personally, I think you must have some sort of background in the field (degree in mass communications) to get an immediate job at ESPN.

-Theo

Fair Weather Vandal

The cold weather is so bad I overheard a freshman seriously consider transferring schools.

-Aleya

Vashti

She totally gets the short end of the stick in the book of Esther. That chick was awesome.

-Kaitlin

Breaking bad

Just finished the final season. BEST. SHOW. EVER.

-Ricky

Here there and everywhere

I really hope I don't forget my girlfriend's birthday during the crush of the last few weeks of the semester.

-Andrew

Losing keys

Although I had to walk an extra half hour in single digit weather, I'm glad I found my only pair of keys where I accidentally left them. Crisis averted.

-Stephan

It's super funny

Its always funny to walk outside after a shower and have icicles form on my hair.

-Tony

Vandal confessions need oversight

Vandal confession pages need more oversight to prevent callous confessions

It's the guilty pleasure and gossip column of an entire campus, seeing into people's sexiest, darkest and funniest confessions. Of course I'm talking about the notorious Facebook confession pages that include Vandal Confessions 2.0, Greek Confession UI and Vandal Crushes.



Ryan Tarinelli

2.0 page made its comeback a little over a month ago after being shut down last year, and has already gotten 1,920 likes on its page. Not to mention the students — like myself — who haphazardly check up on the page, but do not "like" the page.

A good amount of the posts are relatively harmless. These posts include a

mixture of sappy love confessions, missed connections and one or two rants about UI policy. Overall, the page has not gotten out of hand — yet.

Between these funny and entertaining posts, there consist wildly inappropriate ones that range from the sexually demeaning to the downright crude.

Here are some of the most disturbing confessions: "Dear African girl trying

to steal something that's not yours — I swear to god I will rip that weave right out of your head and strangle you with it."

"Whenever my roommate comes back with hickies on her neck, I can't help but think what a slut she is. I mean come on, doesn't she know that hickies are for below the waist?!"

"I can't help but notice how sexy you are every day with your swimmer bun

sitting in front of me in class... oh the things I would do to you if only you knew who I was..."

These comments were published for almost 2,000 students to see. Tasteless comments like these were the main reason the first Vandal Confessions page was shutdown last year, after administrators voluntarily shut down the page.

The majority of these posts are — relatively — undamaging and provide entertaining and popular content for UI students.

However, these highly inappropriate posts should not be allowed on the page.

This responsibility falls to the anonymous administrators. It is the responsibility of the page's administrators to consider the ethical problems when posting confessions.

At this point, it appears the administrators are failing to do this, and are simply posting any and all confessions that appear in their mailbox. That being

said, this is all speculation. The UI community has no clue who the administrators are, how many there are or even their ethical standards.

Posting an ethics policy for the page would be a positive move in setting some sort of standard that would provide more clarity for viewers, and might even discourage people from submitting unacceptable confessions.

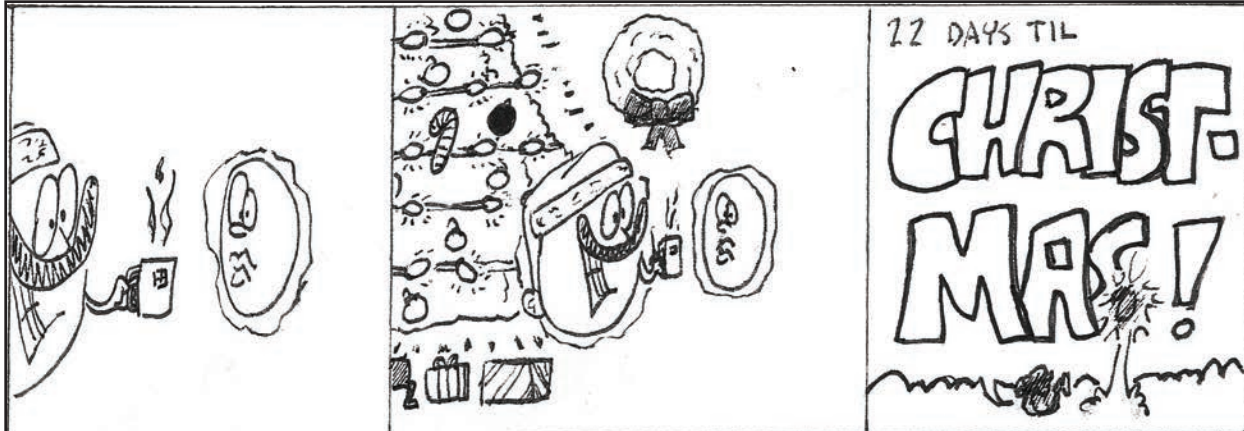
These confession pages should be a fun way to communicate with people and share campus stories.

And here's the great part, it can be that — if administrators assume responsibility for the content they post and consider the ethical implications of their page. Without this, the inevitable will happen — inappropriate confessions will be posted and the page will become out of control, hurting many in the process.

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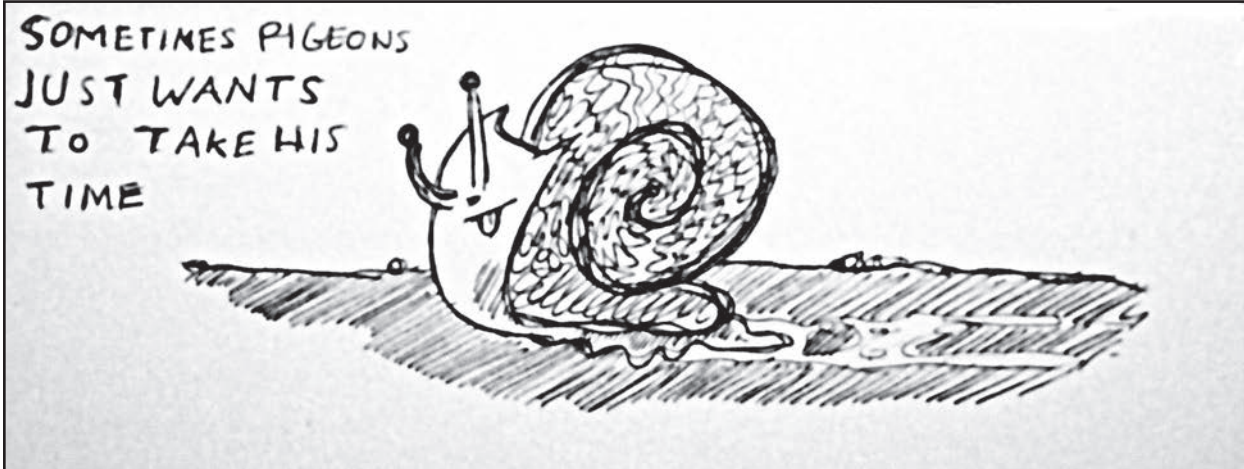
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