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Idaho cheerleaders support the men's basketball team during the last timeout in Saturday's game against Washington State University. The Vandals ended with a 67-66 loss, after leading for most of the game. It was the second loss to WSU by less than three points in the last three years. For more on Saturday's Battle of the Palouse, see page 6.

Focusing for financing

UI faces budget deficit for second year in a row

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Even after filling the hole left by a \$2.6 million budget deficit last year, the University of Idaho isn't getting a financial break any time soon.

This year, the university faces yet another deficit resulting from a decrease in enrollment — approximately \$1.4 million, according to Keith Ickes, UI executive director for planning and budget.

"I'm told some of that is some stuff left over from a few years ago, as silly as that is," Ickes said.

Ickes said the university used one-time money — or money that was saved during a year when the university had additional unexpected revenue — to fill last

year's budget hole, and this is what the university will tap into once again to fill the new deficit.

Unfortunately, the budget shortfall isn't the only financial strain the university faces.

State funding for higher education has decreased by \$26 million since 2008. In 2001, 71 percent of UI's budget was state funding. In 2012, less than half of the university budget — 49 percent to be exact — came from state funding.

UI faculty and staff have received one 2 percent pay increase in the past six years — only 60 percent of which was actually funded by the state. The remaining 40 percent was left up to the university to fund.

UI has also racked

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Keith Ickes
UI executive director for planning and budget

up nearly \$230 million dollars in deferred maintenance — a cost the

state legislature used to pay for and when it couldn't, pushed off to each university in Idaho.

Although the legislature approved a \$3 million increase in state funding for higher education in 2013, only \$1.6 million was designated to UI. When administrators received a 1 percent lower increase in tuition than what they estimated was necessary to cover the budget, the increase from the state covered that gap — but left little to do anything new.

In addition, the simple costs associated with running a university — things such as paying the electric bill or water bill — have risen and caused additional expenditures for the university, Ickes said.

Ickes said the university does have healthy reserves built up at this point, but having to dip into those reserves year after year could lead to even more financial strain.

Every year, Ickes said he and the rest of UI's budget-setting team hold their breath and hope the state will designate more money for higher education. When it doesn't, things like increasing employee compensation and making a dent in the deferred maintenance list are pushed to the next year.

Ickes said the university has reached a point where it can't keep waiting for the state to step up.

"Since we've been at this point for probably 20

years ... it's always hard to decide when to give up, because you always wonder if the next legislature might be more willing to give funding," Ickes said. "There's always a glimmer and you hold out for that. That's the problem with our salary raises. We wait for the state and keep having a hope that the state will help us and then they don't and we don't know what to do. We're afraid if we start doing it ourselves, the state will never help us. I think we're at that point. I think my colleagues, the executive team, we are of the opinion that we have to do something. We can't depend on the state to get us there."

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By the numbers

\$230 million
Amount of deferred maintenance costs at UI

\$1.4 million
This year's budget deficit

\$2.6 million
Last year's budget deficit

\$26 million
Decrease in funding for higher education in Idaho since 2008

23 percent
Decrease in portion of UI's budget that is funded by the state since 2001

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Number of faculty and staff pay increases in past six years



Ana Overgaard | Courtesy

"Ace of Diamonds," a documentary produced by UI student Ana Overgaard, features U.S. memory champion Nelson Dellis. Above, Dellis holds a sign that reads "climb for memory" after climbing Mount Everest.

Ace in the Admin

UI student's documentary to premiere Wednesday

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

University of Idaho graduate Ana Overgaard met U.S. memory champion Nelson Dellis by chance the summer of her sophomore year and joked that someone should make a documentary about him.

With encouragement from her professors, Overgaard took on the project her senior year at UI and recently finished the documentary,

titled "Ace of Diamonds."

"Ace of Diamonds" will premiere at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the UI Administration Building Auditorium, with a discussion and question and answer session with Overgaard and Dellis to follow.

Overgaard graduated with a Broadcast and Digital Media degree in the spring of 2013, and said she

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Remembering 'Art' Taylor

UI staff member left big impact on UI, students, co-workers

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

From serving as tribal liaison to mentoring students at the Native American Student Center, Arthur Taylor was known for always welcoming people with a smile.

"He was a person that led with welcome, with friendliness, with a huge smile on his face," said Carmen Suarez, director of human rights, access and inclusion at the University of Idaho, and a close colleague of Taylor. "His smile and laughter, it filled a room, not because he was loud, but because he saw life always from the positive."

Taylor, the indigenous affairs officer at UI, died from a heart attack Nov. 28 while driving on U.S. Highway 95, near Lapwai. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Sydel Samuels, a colleague of Taylor's at the Native American Student Center, said Taylor is a huge loss to the center and UI. She said Taylor's primary goal was

student success.

"We've lost a huge advocate for students and UI," Samuels said.

Bethany Guzman, a first year student at UI, said Taylor always wanted students to succeed, and was a mentor to many in the center and the classroom.

"Any situation, he'd always just ask if there (was) anything he can do to help us, and for me that's what was really great about Art," Guzman said.

Taylor was not just a mentor to Native American students but to students across campus, said Yolanda Taylor Pagaduan, a second cousin to Taylor and a UI alumna. She said Taylor was involved throughout UI diversity programs by going to events and offering advice to students.

Taylor recently earned his doctorate degree in education from UI this past May, and wanted to continue his love of education through his students and community.

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Arthur Taylor

Moving forward

Cara Pantone
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's ongoing formation of a new classification and compensation system is still in the process of implementation — as those working on the project continue to make progress and clarify the system for UI staff.

Human Resources Executive Director Greg Walters said Sibson consultants, Human Resources, and UI leaders are collaborating with each other and UI staff members to address concerns and questions about the system and move toward a comprehensive appeals process, which places staff positions in certain grades

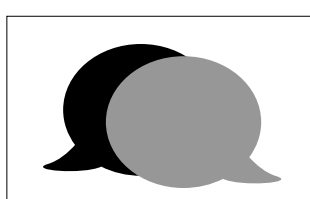
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Appleception

Brittani Curley
Crumbs

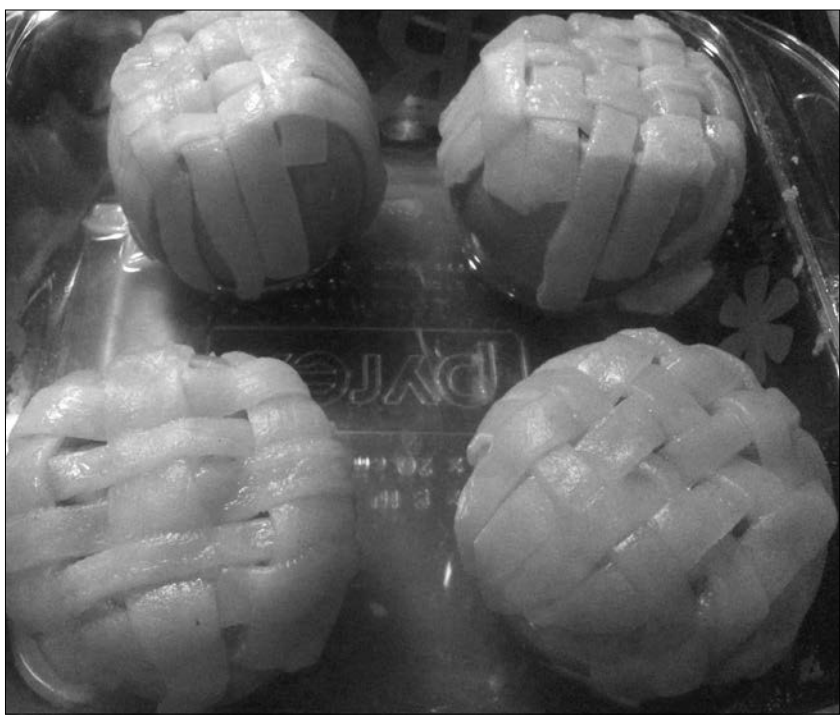
This is a simple baked apple pie inside apples recipe. Instead of messing with an entire crust, you just scoop out the inside of an apple, dump it in the filling and place some crust over the top.

Ingredients

- 1 pie crust
- 6 granny smith apples
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon (more or less as desired)

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Cut off the top of four apples. Remove the inside of each apple with a spoon very carefully, as to not puncture the peel. These apple pieces will be used as filling.
Remove skin from two additional apples by slicing it very thinly.
In a bowl, mix sliced apples with sugar and cinnamon. Add more cinnamon as desired.
Add sliced apples into hollow apples.
Roll out pie crust and slice into 1/4



Brittani Curley | Crumbs

inch strips. You can also add a strip of pastry inside the top of the apple to add a little more texture and sweetness to the pie.

Cover the top of the apple in a lattice pattern with pie crust strips.

Place apples on an 8x8 baking pan. Add enough water to cover the bottom of the pan.

Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake for 20-25 minutes.

Remove the foil and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and sliced apples are soft.

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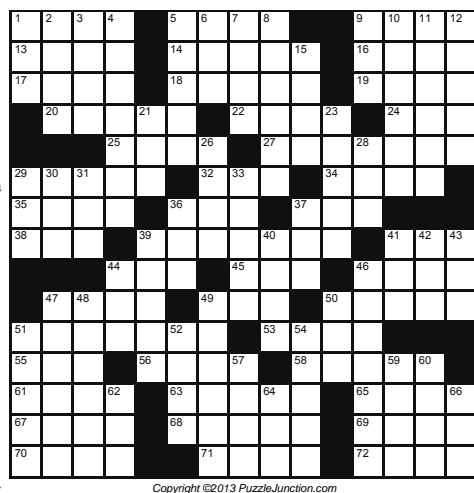
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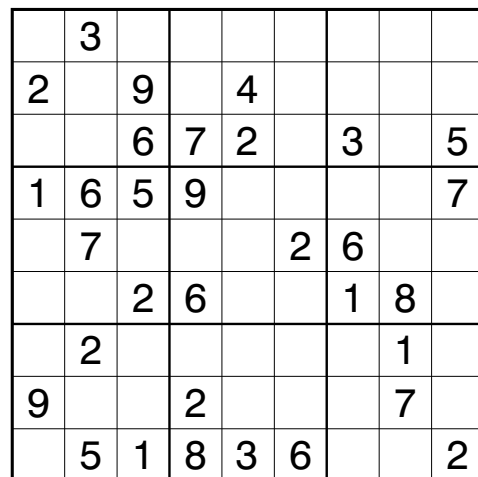
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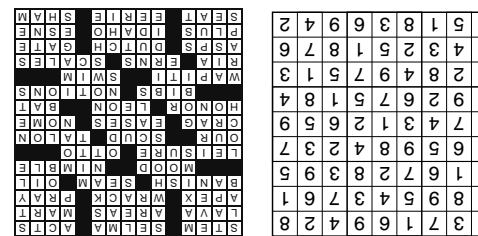
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Newly appointed ASUI Lobbyist Ashley Morehouse talks about her goals for the position during the upcoming legislative session. She plans to advocate for increased higher education funding for the university.

Lobbying for UI

Morehouse takes university funding topics to Boise as student lobbyist

Amber Emery
Argonaut

University of Idaho senior Ashley Morehouse will climb the stairs of the Idaho Capitol Building wearing gold-accented black business attire with a Vandal pin fastened to her suit jacket — as the ASUI lobbyist for the 2014 legislative session.

“I have a passion for policy and funding at the higher education level,” Morehouse said. “I heard about the legislative breakfast that they do in the spring, and Andrew Blake — last year’s lobbyist — just happened to be sitting at the front desk of the ASUI office and he told me all about it. I applied and the next thing you know, I’m going down to Boise next month.”

Morehouse was appointed as the ASUI lobbyist in November. She said she is excited to move down to Boise and get started lobbying on behalf of UI for issues such as increasing funding for scholarships, changing UI employee compensation and increasing funding to the Permanent Building Fund.

“I will look into all the issues in the coming weeks, but so far I’ve done some research on the Permanent Building Fund,” Morehouse said. “It’s a fund that allocates money for every square foot of a building and you can have building repaired or maintained with

it. It’s kind of essential for an institution the size of UI.”

Morehouse, from Oregon and Hawaii, said she was drawn to UI as a senior in high school and didn’t care that she would have to pay the costly out-of-state tuition to attend school, because she knew she belonged at UI.

“When I first came to campus, the first building that I went into was the Lionel Hampton music building and I just looked around and thought ‘this place is fantastic,’” Morehouse said. “I love these old buildings and our Administration building is amazing — the marble, the landscape — I was like ‘I have to go here.’”

Morehouse said her love for the university will shine while talking to legislators and her personality is on par with most of them, making her a good choice for the position.

“I’m taking an organizational communications class right now and we did the personality profile type and I’m an ENTJ,” Morehouse said. “It’s one of the least common ones and it’s usually people who are in roles of power, so a lot of our presidents have been ENTJs and statistically ENTJs hold more CEO positions. That might make talking to them a little easier for someone like me.”

Currently an intern

with the Dean of Students Office, Morehouse said she is familiar with all areas of the UI campus and plans to represent each facet of the university equally — by keeping an open line of communication.

“The best way that I can do that is just when issues come into the legislature, talking to the different people and leaders that are involved with that specific issue and getting their input on it,” Morehouse said. “When it comes to athletics for example, I don’t understand that perspective per se because I’m not an athlete and I haven’t played for the University of Idaho, so getting their opinions on issues is going to be key.”

Morehouse said while talking to legislators can be a challenging task, she is not afraid of trying to convince them that UI is a land-grant institution worth investing in.

“I’m not intimidated, because I believe I am there for a good cause,” Morehouse said. “But am I nervous? Yes. I mean that’s a big change to be here going to school one day and then to be standing in front of the state legislature the next. It will be an adventure, that’s for sure, and I’m excited to get started.”

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Preventing burglar’s paradise

Moscow Police see burglary increases over academic breaks

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

During winter break, Moscow returns to a dormant state. Classes are out and students travel back home, leaving apartment complexes, houses and cars unattended for the three-week break.

This creates the perfect opportunity for criminals looking to take advantage of unsupervised property, said Lt. David Lehmitz of the Moscow Police Department.

“People are prowling because they know they got a pretty good window there that they may not be reported for a couple weeks,” Lehmitz said. “Every year we see the same stuff, cars are broken into and apartments are burglarized.”

Lehmitz said Moscow experiences an increase in burglaries, every year during winter break.

“The victim is gone for 30 days, so the person who did that crime has a 30-day window there, where it’s not even reported,” Lehmitz said. “So it could be potentially pawned and sold by the time we even know it was stolen.”

Lehmitz said apartments are more likely to be broken into when students do not take simple precautions like locking their doors and windows before leaving for break.

“We’ve seen people crawl through windows and take computers, take TVs, take all sorts of electronics out of apartments,” Lehmitz said. “It’s just because they didn’t latch a window or bother to lock the front door.”

Lehmitz said vehicles left in and around campus over the break are also a target of theft and robbery. He said students can reduce their chance of theft, by removing valuables from plain sight, putting them under a seat or in the trunk and moving

their car off-campus.

Matt Dorschel, director of public safety and security at UI, said many Greek houses are vacant over break and are a target for robbery.

“Prior to the break we work with the Greek advisers’ office ... and make sure they are aware of that and take precautions,” Dorschel said.

Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said his office works with fraternities and sororities to ensure their houses are safe during the break.

Dorschel said UI security forces will increase foot patrols around Greek houses and work closely with the Moscow Police Department to identify where on campus crime is likely to occur.

“We know where the lights are out and where the vulnerabilities are, and that’s where we focus our attention,” Dorschel said.

Dorschel said even though security forces have not seen a rise in theft with university buildings, it is still a concern. He said UI security forces patrol all campus buildings throughout the break, and check for unlocked doors, open windows and other access points.

Lehmitz said when students take the time to lock up their residences and hide their valuables, they reduce their chance of becoming a robbery victim.

“The biggest thing is making sure your valuables are put away, and take the stuff with you that you don’t want stolen,” Lehmitz said. “Just take a little bit of extra time and make sure you make it a little difficult for the person to take your stuff.”

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Provo proved positive

UI wins bid to host 2014 regional IACURH conference

Jake Smith
Argonaut

The Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls regional conference — to be hosted in November 2014 by the University of Idaho — will feature its first ever drag show courtesy of TabiKat Productions.

The 2014 regional conference to be held at UI is based on a foundation of diversity, inclusivity and acceptance. These attributes will be tailored to fit into an “Alice in Wonderland” theme called “Through the Looking Glass.” UI was selected to host the conference for the first time, since 2006.

During this year’s IACURH conference in Provo, Utah, a team of delegates from UI proposed a 75-page bid to a boardroom that was to decide whether or not UI would host the regional conference next November. Ann Wardlaw and co-chairs of the bid, Loretta Moate and Michelle Aoi, walked away from the conference with confirmation that the event would take place at UI. The dates for the conference, according to Wardlaw, are tentatively set for early November.

Programs at the conference provide activities and icebreakers for the attending

delegates’ residents. A program will also provide delegates with instruction on how to effectively fill leadership positions in RHA and NRHH at their respective campuses.

The coordinators of IACURH 2014 will be Aoi, Wardlaw, Moate, Megan Pearson, Katrina Alverez and Ellen Kaasik. Advisers of the event include

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Realistically, we didn’t really have many questions, because our bid is ... pretty complete.

Ann Wardlaw

Jill Powell, Amanda Mollet, Kelsi Nagle and Cara Lehman. Spuddy Buddy, the event mascot, will also hold a place at the conference. UI was the only school to bid for the conference.

According to Wardlaw, following their bid, delegates received questions for only five minutes. Typical questions were raised, which included accessibility — as it related to the Americans with Disabilities Act — at UI, as well as registration. Geographic location was also a topic of interest.

“Realistically, we didn’t really have many questions, because our

bid is ... pretty complete,” Wardlaw said.

Aoi said the bid was quick to write because much of it came from last year’s proposal.

“We took a lot of the same stuff from last year and tweaked it a little to fit our current theme,” Aoi said.

The bid included information on budgets, schedules for the event, the city of Moscow and UI, programming, the keynote speaker, sponsors, dining, facilities and transportation.

According to the bid proposal, the keynote speaker will be Devin C. Hughes, motivational speaker specializing in diversity and acceptance, author of “Contrast: A Biracial Man’s Journey to Desegregate His Past” and creator of a comic book called “Self Talk” that is centered on children’s self-esteem and self-worth.

Based on the bid, the speaker will cost \$3,500. The total fixed cost to host the event will add up to more than \$26,000.

Coordinators will be in contact with multiple companies to sponsor the conference.

There are 33 schools, including the University of Idaho, from eight states and two Canadian provinces that make up the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

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VandalStore employee Claudia Wohfeil scans an incoming textbook Monday at the University of Idaho Bookstore. The VandalStore will be buying back used books Dec. 14-21.

Selling it back *Variety of options available for used textbooks*

McKenah Lesko
Argonaut

At the end of every semester, students may find themselves with unwanted textbooks they were required to buy for their classes. There are a couple different options to help prevent these books from collecting dust and to help students gain some money back.

The first option is to sell textbooks back to the VandalStore. It is the fastest and most convenient way to get rid of books before break begins.

In order for the VandalStore to buy back textbooks, the books must be adopted for the next semester — meaning a professor has let the store know they will use the same book of the same edition again.

“The condition of the book must be good,” said Cyndi Shropshire, an employee at the VandalStore. “Some of the things we look for in the books are water damage, broken spines and excessive highlighting or writing.”

Unfortunately, students will not receive the full amount they bought the textbook for. According to Claudia Wohfeil, an employee at the VandalStore, students will normally receive about one-third of the original price.

The VandalStore is partnered with a national wholesaler that also offers money for textbooks they are looking for, which tends to be less than what the VandalStore offers. This is a good option if the VandalStore has no need for the textbook.

Before going into the store, students can go online to see how much the VandalStore will pay for their used books, if at all. At the VandalStore’s website, students can go to the Vandal Books tab and click on Textbook Buyback. From there, they can enter the book’s ISBN, which is the 13-digit number on the back of the book. If the store hits their limit of the number of books they need for the next semester, the book will go to wholesaler price.

The VandalStore will start buying textbooks back Dec. 14

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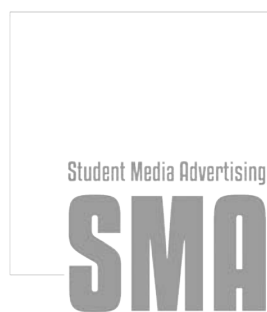
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Finding savings for the future

The state mandated program prioritization — dubbed Focus for the Future by Interim Provost Katherine Aiken — is expected to reveal areas where the university could be performing more efficiently. This in turn is expected to save money that can then be redistributed to fill gaps in the budget where state funding would otherwise pay for the expenses.

"I think one of the other things that we're trying to do is ... look across campus at things we do," Aiken said. "For example, could we look at how we purchase computers? Is there some way we could make purchases in a way that's more efficient? I don't know the answer to that, but that's one thing we can look at."

Ickes said the key will be appropriately redistributing any money saved from program cuts or position consolidation as a result of Focus for the Future. He said the university will want to look at putting the money saved into areas that can grow significantly or grow faster as a means of raising the overall revenue.

For example, Ickes said a small program of 15 majors might be able to be grown to 20 majors — a slight increase in revenue from the five additional students. Or, he said, the university could take all of the money in that small program and add 200 majors

in a more popular, more effective area. He said if the university is going to redirect funds, it has to do so in a way that will help UI improve its revenue — rather than just spend it.

"So you have 200 more students, now you have more revenue," Ickes said. "Then you can solve some of the things like perhaps salaries, maintenance. Taking money out of Focus for the Future probably doesn't help our revenue. It could solve a problem ... but that doesn't help raise the revenue. So maybe taking some of these dollars and using them in ways that can increase the revenue maybe we can solve the problems."

Ickes said some of the financial issues the university faces would be better solved not by putting Focus for the Future savings directly into them, but by increasing the revenue and using that new consistent stream of money to address the larger issues.

"We need to know what it is we're trying to do," Ickes said. "We'll need to pick from those examples ... which problems are we trying to solve. And how can the dollars from Focus for the Future help solve that problem?"

The example Ickes gave was a one-time salary raise for faculty and staff. While needed, he said a one-time increase would still leave a problem in future years.

"You could permanently eliminate some programs — administrative or academic — and give a salary raise, but that's only one



Andrew Deskins | Argonaut

Interim Provost Katherine Aiken addresses concerns about the Focus for the Future program prioritization process during last week's University of Idaho faculty senate meeting. The process comes from a state board mandate requiring all Idaho institutions to evaluate all academic and non-academic programs.

salary raise," Ickes said. "Next year, you have a question of how are you going to do it again or are you stuck again. It's not a permanent solution to that problem."

Deferred maintenance is the other issue Ickes said would be an unwise place to directly redistribute funds. He said there are other sources of money the university can get by on while it waits for state funding to pick up or assist in the rest.

Aiken said there is some expectation the state will eventually find a way to assist in the multi-million dollar deferred maintenance costs.

"We all recognize, especially at a place like the University of Idaho — which is the oldest of the institutions

of higher education — we have deferred maintenance needs and that really is the state's investment," Aiken said. "It would be like if you didn't paint your house."

Work in progress

As the university awaits word from the state on funding for the 2014-2015 academic year, considerations for next year's budget are already being undertaken. Aiken and Ickes said although permanent changes based on Focus For the Future will not take place until after a formal presentation has been given to the State Board of Education, the data already collected could be used to find efficiencies in planning the

FY15 budget, which will be approved this spring.

"Eventually President Burnett and eventually President Staben will have to have some goals for this process and make some determinations with what they do with any savings," Aiken said. "One of the things that has been at the forefront of our conversations has been what can we do to address our compensation issue. It still may be that the governor puts a CEC in his budget and the state legislature funds a compensation enhancement."

Aiken said in the meantime, the university is finding ways to maintain the quality of education, faculty, staff and services provided

at UI — despite numerous funding deficiencies and shortfalls in the past decade.

"We really are so committed to doing what we do the best we can and we have to balance that with the fiscal realities that we face," Aiken said. "I think when you look around the University of Idaho we do a pretty good job of that. Since 2008, we've had a \$26 million reduction in state funding and I would challenge students or stakeholders in the state to be able to point to a place where they didn't get the same kind of service they were accustomed to getting in the wake of that."

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really had no intentions of making a documentary, but Dellis provided an opportunity to make a film with interesting and meaningful content.

"This project just fell into my lap," Overgaard said. "Once I started, I fell in love with the process."

One of Overgaard's professors and mentor, Denise Bennett, said Overgaard came in with the idea of someone making a documentary on Dellis and Bennett encouraged her to pursue the job.

"She was talking about (Dellis) and thought it would make an interesting documentary," Bennett said. "When she said someone should make it, I told her she should make it. I'm very proud of her for coming up with the idea and being able to execute it well and put it on the screen."

Overgaard applied for a UI student grant in order to produce "Ace of Diamonds," and began the process of filming with Dellis.

After losing his grandmother to Alzheimer's disease, Dellis began mental and memory training and started competing in memory competitions. Dellis won two U.S. National Memory Competition championships and has been dedicated to raising awareness and funds for research about Alzheimer's disease.

"Ace of Diamonds" follows Dellis on his second attempt to climb Mount Everest and his journey to competing in the World Memory Championship. Overgaard said she was intimidated to work with Dellis at first.

"He knew as much as I did about filming and production," Overgaard said. "He's been on big news broadcasts and television shows like 'Dr. Oz' and 'National Geographic.' But he was completely awesome and helpful and totally a normal guy who was fascinating to listen to."

In addition to being a full-time student, Overgaard played on the UI women's basketball team during the shooting of the documentary and was a member of the

Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Bennett said balancing her involvement on campus with producing the film is a testament to Overgaard's perseverance — that she undertook this project, got through the process and was able to tell a cool story.

"This was a very challenging project," Bennett said. "Ana has always been a wonderful student and a good writer and producer and a great storyteller, and she tackled this project well."

Overgaard said although it was crazy at times, the process was rewarding.

"It's so weird to think of how it happened, because it wasn't supposed to," Overgaard said. "When I got the grant, I was scared, but just getting through each shoot and trip and dealing with all of the hurdles were each such a success for me. I didn't imagine I'd be working on a project like this."

Though all of the shooting and editing was done by Overgaard, she said the film truly came together because of UI.

"My professors and advisers were very helpful and always willing to give me ideas and advice, and my coaches were very understanding about games and practices throughout filming," Overgaard said. "The grant that funded it was from UI, the musicians that scored the film are from UI and the promotion posters and advertisements were developed by UI students as well."

Overgaard said she is proud of "Ace of Diamonds" and admires Dellis' work spreading awareness about Alzheimer's disease.

"I feel really lucky to have done a project with interesting content," Overgaard said. "If I can tell a story that means something to people and that makes people aware and think of Alzheimer's, that feels rewarding and meaningful."

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"He was all about continuing his education, while pushing all of the other students to succeed," Pagaduan said.

Suarez said Taylor saw education as a pathway to personal and professional development, and advocated lifelong learning.

As tribal liaison, Taylor was responsible for communicating with all of the tribes UI works with and representing their view to the provost's office.

In the position, Taylor placed a large emphasis on recruiting and retaining Native American students, as well as representing UI at numerous tribal meetings and events, Suarez said.

"He traveled a considerable amount to various schools, tribal schools representing UI," Suarez said. "Bringing back with him the ways in which UI could have collaborative, mutually beneficial, mutually successful relationships."

Suarez said Taylor was the driving force behind expanding the American Indian studies minor at UI.

Samuels said Taylor was key in ensuring UI was incorporating the tribes in the future goals and visions of the university.

Taylor also served on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee for six years, and was active in fish restoration, youth mentoring and community education, Samuels said.

Suarez said Taylor was so involved because he cared deeply for UI, his family and his tribe.

"He had this infinite capacity to care about others, and an infinite capacity to partner with others for any kind of social justice," Suarez said.

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based on duties and responsibilities. Additionally, the appeals process will be used to answer questions raised about particular positions.

"Our goal is to have the collaboration process done by Jan. 1," Walters said. "This is an extremely tough project that is emotionally charged. People can take this very personally and, inevitably, a lot of people pay attention to the process."

The deadline for appeal applications was extended, but has not been solidified. Walters said the deadline will most likely be some time in January.

This is Walters' fifth time implementing a classification and compensation system, and he said that while it is dif-

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ficult, it is a necessary action to achieve fairness in staff positions and pay.

"I admire President Burnett and Provost Aiken's willingness to work so diligently on this," Walters said. "I've seen more involvement here at UI than any other time I've worked on other class and comp systems."

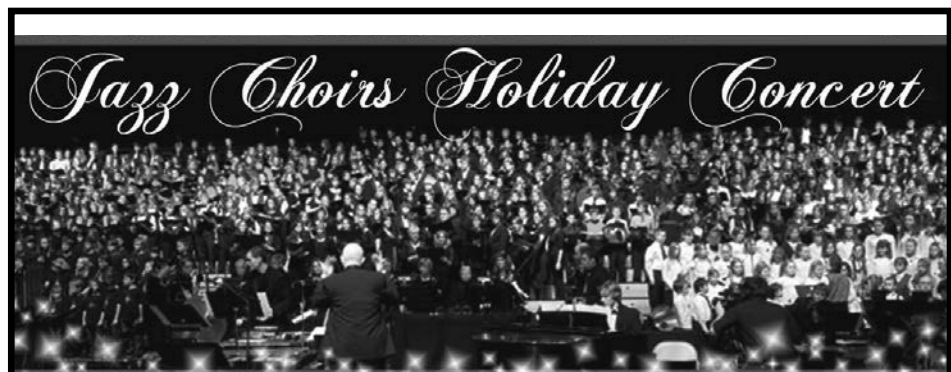
Walters said more clarity was achieved Dec. 4 and he expects there will continue to be various reactions and feedback.

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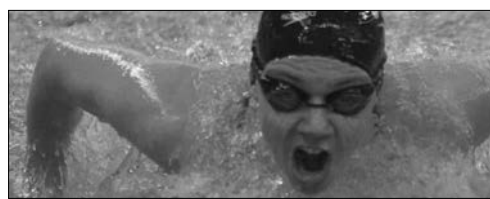
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SPORTS



Idaho swim and dive team struggles in two meets over weekend.

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Heartbreak in Cowan

Vandals hold lead for most of the game, but can't hold on

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

A close loss is a tough thing to overcome, and the Idaho men's basketball team will have to do just that. In a back-and-forth affair with their rivals just west of the border, Washington State held on when the final buzzer sounded, with a 67-66 win over the Vandals.

In what has become a one-sided rivalry over the years, with WSU winning the last 11 games, the Vandals have managed to come within two points of victory on three occasions — including two of the last three games.

The Vandals enjoyed control of the game for most of the night, even jumping out to a 10-point lead early in the second half.

But the Cougars, led by junior guard DaVonte Lacy, surged back with a barrage of 3-pointers and found themselves with a one-point lead with seven seconds left in the game.

The Vandals would have the last shot, and coach Don Verlin decided to put it in the hands of his senior leader and point guard, Glen Dean.

"My first instinct was to try to get all the way to the rim and draw a foul. I stumbled on my foot and didn't feel like I had a shot," Dean said. "I saw Connor (Hill) in the corner and tried to get the best pass off I could."

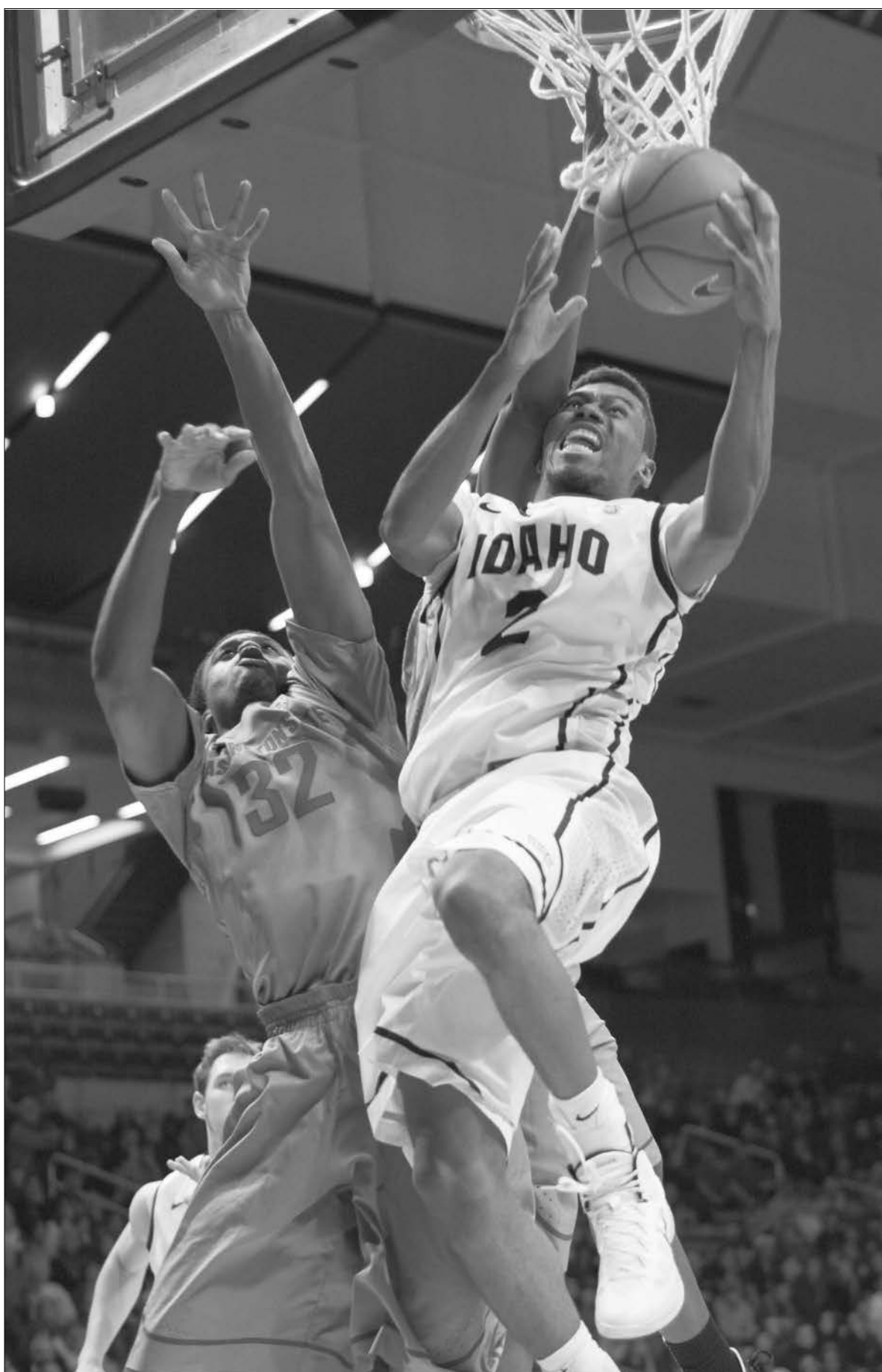
Hill would get a clean shot off, but it would deflect off the rim, and ultimately end the game.

"It should of never came to that position," Verlin said. "We did a terrible job of keeping them off the glass and that was our number one key to the game. We didn't man up tonight."

The Vandals would get out-rebounded 35-31 by the Cougars, and leading the way for WSU was senior forward D.J. Shelton. He ended the night with a double-double, with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Playing in his last Battle of the Palouse, senior Stephen Madison led the Vandals with 16 points, showing a knack for getting to the line, where he was 9-10.

Also playing some inspired basketball was Dean. Right from the start, the senior from Seattle showed the intensity you expect in a rivalry game.



Idaho point guard Sekou Wiggs attempts a layup during Saturday's game against Washington State. The Vandals ended with a 67-66 loss and haven't topped their border rivals since 2002.

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By the numbers

268

games played between Idaho and WSU since 1906

11

years since Idaho has won the Battle of the Palouse

3

losses by one or two points in the last 10 years

15

points in the second half by WSU's DaVonte Lacy

4,142

people in attendance at the game in the Cowan Spectrum

Not again

Idaho should have won Battle of the Palouse

Glen Dean needed a second to gather himself



Sean Kramer
Argonaut

when asked how his team would rebound from this loss. An excruciating, one point loss to a bunch of guys eight miles away that Dean said he regularly hangs out with. Yeah, Saturday's 67-66 loss in the Battle of the Palouse was difficult for all of us, considering the Vandals had built a double-digit lead in the second half — only to see it slip away.

With a game against a good Montana team on Wednesday, Dean finally summoned the words he wanted his

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Striking a pattern

Women's basketball wins one, loses one over weekend

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

An up-and-down season continued for the Idaho women's basketball team over the weekend. The Vandals have had a pattern of win-lose-win-lose over the past seven games and that didn't change over the weekend in the 33rd Lady Griz Classic where they went 1-1.

Idaho (6-4) opened the classic with a harrowing loss to former, and future, conference foe Montana (5-1) on Friday in Missoula, Mont. The Vandals powered to a 53-52 lead late in the game off a 7-0 scoring run to get a chance at the win. The final three minutes of the game had three lead changes and a tie before the Grizzlies barely edged out the Vandals with the 59-56 victory.

Sophomore guard Christina Salvatore, who had three 3-pointers and nine points on the day, had a chance at a game-tying three in the closing seconds, but she was off the mark. Sophomore post Ali Forde led Idaho with 13 points.

"I think it came down

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... I think there was a stretch in that first half where things spiraled for us. One person is not going to win the game for us.

Jon Newlee,
Idaho coach

to that last minute," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "They (Montana) made a couple of big shots and we had some pretty good looks but did not make them. I told our guys it was not won or lost then. I feel like we lost the game coming out flat to start the second half. I think there was a stretch in that first half where things kind of spiraled for us. One person is not going to win the game for us. We have to play together as a team when things get a little rocky."



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Alyssa Charlston shoots over her defender during the Dec. 3 game against Carroll College at Memorial Gym. The Vandals lost 59-56 against Montana and won 83-60 against Appalachian State over the weekend in the 33rd Lady Griz Classic at Missoula, Mont.

Athletes of the week

Stacey Barr – women's basketball



Stacey Barr

The Idaho women's basketball team played three games last week. The Vandals were able to come away with two wins and in those wins, one player stood out.

Stacey Barr, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, led the team in scoring during the two wins. In the first game against Carroll College, Barr missed only two shots, finishing 6-8 (.750) from the field and 2-4 (.500) from beyond the arc. She also tacked on eight rebounds in 29 minutes on the court.

The other game that she led the Vandals in scoring was the second game of the 33rd Lady Griz Classic. The Vandals were coming off a loss to the host Montana Grizzlies heading into the game against Appalachian State. The Vandals were able to beat Appalachian State with Barr leading the Vandals with 23 points, 20 of those coming in the second half of the game. Barr earned her second WAC Player of the Week honor after her performances. Idaho continues its season Wednesday in Memorial Gym against the Lewis-Clark State Warriors.

Stephen Madison – men's basketball



Stephen Madison

The Vandal men's basketball team played in the Battle of the Palouse rivalry game against the WSU Cougars on Saturday. While Idaho ended with a heartbreaking 67-66 loss, Stephen Madison had a solid game for the Vandals. Madison, a senior from Portland, Ore., led the Vandals in scoring with 16 points and also added four rebounds and two steals. Nine of those points came from the free-throw line, where he shot 90 percent.

The Vandals continue the season Wednesday when they face another border rival on the road, against the Montana Grizzlies.

Artemiy Nikitin – men's tennis



Artemiy Nikitin

Most of the Idaho men's tennis team is done with competition until next semester, but that didn't stop senior Artemiy

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Idaho swimmers compete in the butterfly on Oct. 18 against Northern Colorado at the UI Swim Center. The Vandals competed in the U.S. Short Course Nationals and the Husky Invitational over the weekend.

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Swim and dive outshone

Idaho swimming and diving team splits for two competitions at Seattle and Knoxville

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

The Idaho swim and dive team split its forces this weekend sending athletes to compete in two different competitions. Idaho sent five swimmers to Seattle to compete in the annual Husky Invitational and seven swimmers to Knoxville, Tenn., for the U.S. Short Course Nationals.

The seven swimmers Idaho sent to Knoxville, the most in the program's history, competed against college and club teams in three days of competition. After the individual and group races were completed on Saturday, Idaho was in 11th place out of the 15 college teams participating and out of the 28 total college and club teams Idaho finished in 17th with a total team score of 18.

Idaho saw some of the toughest competition in the world racing against swimming powerhouse California. Cal has some of the nation's best swimmers including Olympic gold medalist and world record holder Missy Franklin, who was the highest scoring individual out of all

the men's and women's teams with a score of 90 points. Cal's women's team dominated the competition with a team score of 540. The next closest team was the Nation's Capital Swim Club with a team score of 279 — a 261-point difference.

Points were awarded to teams based on the performances of the participants in individual races and in relays. Junior Rachel Millet finished with the best individual performance for Idaho during the tournament. Her lone finals performance finishing 23rd in the 200-yard individual medley was the only finals appearance in individual competition for Idaho. Millet finished the individual medley with a final time of 2 minutes, 1.26 seconds.

In the team portion of the meet, Idaho raced in two relay finals. The relay team of Millet, Taylor Lee Strachan, Erica Anderson and Megan Venlos raced in the 4x50 medley relay and the 4x100 medley relay. In the 4x50, Idaho finished in 13th with a time of 1:44.26. The best performance for Idaho came in the 4x100 finishing

with a time of 3:45.68 for 12th.

In Seattle, the five Idaho swimmers competing in the Husky Invitational did not fare any better than their counterparts in Knoxville. Out of the 23 individual events that the five swimmers competed in, Idaho did not finish any final races with a good enough time to earn any team points. Idaho finished the meet with no team points. Out of the 77 teams that competed, only 50 actually scored.

Idaho swim and dive does not compete again until Saturday, Jan. 18, when the Vandals compete against New Mexico State in Las Cruces, N.M., for the last WAC meet of the year before the WAC Championships. The championships will start on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in San Antonio, Texas.

Idaho has one more home meet this season against Oregon State for Senior Night. The meet will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the UI Swim Center.

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WAC round-up

The WAC round-up is back as we take a look at how the WAC teams are stacking up through the first couple months of the season.



Theo Lawson
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1. Seattle (6-3)

The Redhawks are riding a wave of success from their junior guard Isiah Umipig, who sat out last season due to transfer regulations. Umipig is leading Seattle in scoring, with 19 points per game, and has led his squad to a 6-3 mark with losses to Washington, Boise State and Eastern Washington.



2. New Mexico State (7-4)

Praise the Aggies for the non-conference schedule they've compiled — one that includes New Mexico (twice), Colorado State, Gonzaga and Arizona. Marvin Menzies' team has lost three consecutive games, but their slate will taper off after a second battle with the rival Lobos on Dec. 17.



3. Grand Canyon (5-3)

With the best mascot in the new-look WAC, the Antelopes have been above average with a non-demanding schedule. GCU is enjoying an 11-day break between games and will return to the court with a game against Northern Arizona on Saturday.



4. Cal State Bakersfield (5-4)

The Roadrunners, anticipated to finish near the top of the conference standings, have hit a three-game skid, with losses to Fresno State, Drake and Santa Clara. CSUB doesn't have a clear-cut scorer, but the Roadrunners are spreading the ball out effectively, with 10 players averaging more than five points per game.



5. Chicago State (4-5)

It's been rough for the Cougars, who have lost to underachieving opponents. Their four wins have come at the expense of Wisconsin-Parkside, Southern



Illinois, Jacksonville State and Urbana. If you haven't heard of two of those opponents ... well, we haven't either. The Cougars will have to make some adjustments if they hope to get some wins out of their WAC schedule.

6. Idaho (4-5) The most rigorous part of the Vandals' schedule has come and gone.



Other than a home-and-home with Montana, Idaho should get three wins out of its next five games. The Vandals should be a top-three finisher in the WAC standings by the time March rolls around.

7. Utah Valley (3-5)

This is another squad that should be expected to do some damage come conference play. Their record isn't indicative of that, however, as UVU has met some tough challenges. The Wolverines have losses to Oregon and Oklahoma State, and will meet a strong Utah State team on Dec. 14. Six players averaged at least eight points per game for Utah Valley.



8. Texas-Pan American (4-7)

UTPA has hit a skid after starting the season 4-4 and the winless streak doesn't look like it'll stop anytime soon. The Broncs will meet TCU on Dec. 15 and SMU on Dec. 18. But maybe these tests, and another against Texas A&M, will help prepare them for their first season in the Western Athletic Conference.



9. Missouri-Kansas City (2-6)

OK, maybe the best mascot award goes to the Kangaroos of UMKC. The Roos have just two wins on the season, but have squared up with the best of the best, including No. 7 Louisville and No. 17 Iowa State. UMKC also received the Doug McDermott treatment on Nov. 11 during a 96-70 loss to Creighton. The National Player of the Year candidate pounded the Roos with 37 points.



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Stephen Madison drives to the basket during the game against Washington State Dec. 7, 2011, in the Cowan Spectrum. Madison led all scorers with 18 points on the game which ended in a 66-64 loss. Idaho has now lost the last two games against WSU in the Cowan Spectrum by a combined three points.

COWAN

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"I knew the rivalry was big, but it didn't really hit me until we started playing," Dean said.

Dean would end the night with 14 points.

Despite the loss, the Vandals played some good basketball, but the players don't see it that way.

"I wouldn't say it's a moral victory, because we had them the whole time, and we want the win," Madison said. "You can take the goods from it, but you also got to take the bad and work on it from there. It's tough, especially with a close rivalry. We played so hard and had a good lead, we just didn't come through in the end."

After the game, Verlin said the team can't dwell on the loss

because it's a long season the team will need to get over it and move on.

In what has been somewhat of a rarity over the years, the Cowan Spectrum was packed full of Vandal fans. The building was electric and the players and coaches took notice.

"It was a great atmosphere in the dome tonight, I thought it was a really nice home court advantage for us," Verlin said. "They don't know how much that helps our team. The players are really disappointed, because we don't get a lot of big crowds here, so when we do get a big crowd you want to pay them for it. I sure hope the fans come out again, I think they're going to like watching this team play."

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teammates to know about it.

"I don't want to take anything from 'Wazzu' — but if this one doesn't sting and you're not ready to come to practice Monday and to bust your butt to get better and to eliminate the small things that we did wrong in this game and correct them moving forward, no disrespect to any of my teammates, but you're not the teammate I'm looking to play with," Dean said.

Make no mistake about it — this one hurt on all levels.

The atmosphere was there for Idaho to make a statement on its entire season. With a nearly sold out Cowan Spectrum, a loud and raucous crowd, this should have been Idaho's night. With a 10 point lead, this should have been Idaho's night. With 21 second-half free-throw attempts, this should have been Idaho's night.

The atmosphere was there for a roster with seven new members in its rotation to make a statement against a Pac-12 program that it's come so

close to beating over the past decade.

But with a Connor Hill 3-point attempt clanking off the rim, so did the chance for Idaho to make a statement.

I'm not the first to say this, but Idaho should have won that basketball game.

Games where Idaho holds its opponents to 39 percent shooting from the field, it should win.

Games where Idaho takes 19 more free throw attempts and makes 17 more of them, it should win.

Games where you have your best home crowd in over two years, you should win.

Give Washington State credit though. Its Seattle kids got the better of Idaho's Seattle kids, which played a factor in how emotional the contest got. Davonte Lacy, specifically, who nailed five 3-point shots and ended with 23 to lead Washington State.

The Cougars were also dominant on the glass, with 15 second-chance points. That was clearly the difference in the game.

The game revealed weaknesses that Idaho still needs

to work on. Assists, for one. I'm thoroughly impressed with the work ethic, attitude and passion that Dean has brought to Idaho as its starting point guard, which is sorely needed. But what is also needed out of Dean is distribution. To lead the team in shot attempts but end with only one assist does not get it done for the senior if he is going to be a starting point guard.

Dean's aggressiveness in taking it to the bucket opens up a lot for Stephen Madison and Hill. But Dean passed up the final look of the game with only seconds left to see if Hill could hit his fade-away 3-point attempt to no avail. And for him especially, who got into it after the game a little bit with Lacy, this one definitely stings.

There will be more opportunities for a signature out-of-conference win to build momentum on. How about against a future Big Sky Conference rival? The Montana Grizzlies are next up for this team looking to build chemistry.

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PATTERN

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Idaho had no time to dwell in the loss as the team turned around to play Appalachian State (1-7) on Saturday in its second game of the Lady Griz Classic. The Vandals dismantled the Mountaineers with ease, winning 83-60 while having five players score double figures. Fifty-four of those points came in the second half on nearly 57 percent shooting.

"I thought we started the game great," Newlee said. "We got up 8-0 and my guys acted like the game was over.

I was very disappointed with our lack of effort the last 15 minutes of the first half. At the half, we had a little talk about energy and levels and playing Vandal basketball. They did a great job responding to that in the second half?"

Salvatore had another good game from 3-point land hitting four threes in the game en route to 14 points. The four other Vandals to hit double figures were senior Alyssa Charlston (16), sophomore Connie Ballesterio (13), freshman Brooke Reilly (13) and team leader Stacey Barr (23).

"Coach told us we needed to come out with a little more

effort and enthusiasm," Salvatore said. "You have to give credit to Appalachian State, they wanted it more in that first half. We had to come out and play like the WAC Champions that we are."

The Vandals return home this week to play their third home game of the season and second against an NAIA opponent. Idaho faces Lewis-Clark State College Wednesday in Memorial Gym. It is a regular non-conference game for Idaho but it will be an exhibition game for undefeated LCSC.

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Interim President Don Burnett cheers on the Vandals at Saturday's game against Washington State University in the Cowan Spectrum.

ATHLETES

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Nikitin from earning WAC Athlete of the Month for November. Nikitin, a senior from Omsk, Russia, and transfer from South Carolina State, went 2-1 in top-flight singles play for the month at the Easley Classic in Las Vegas. He won his opening-round match to reach the quarterfinals in the top singles flight before falling to Auburn's Lukas Oller. He then beat Arizona's Matt Dunn in the consolation

round. The tennis team wrapped up its season after the first weekend in November and will return to the court in January for the spring campaign.

Rachel Millet — swim and dive



Rachel Millet

Idaho competed in two swim and dive meets over the weekend but struggled to come out with good results. The lone Vandal to make a finals appearance was Rachel Millet. The junior from Spokane finished 23rd in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:1.26. She also swam in 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle and was a part of Idaho's 4x50 medley relay with teammates Taylor Lee Strachan, Erica Anderson and Megan Venlos. The team finished 13th with a time of 1:44.26. The swim and dive team is out of action until Jan. 18 when they face New Mexico State at Las Cruces, N.M.



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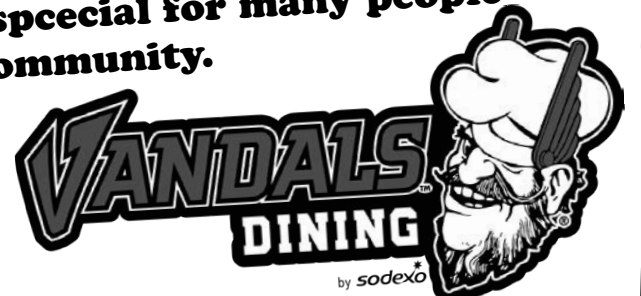
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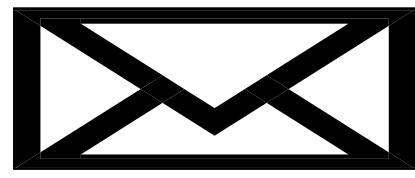
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OUR VIEW

Focus on communication

Focus for the Future should be an open process

When the state legislature convenes in January, budgets will be set and money will be allotted. The University of Idaho has embarked upon the first phase in its most recent SBOE mandated program prioritization effort, which has been dubbed Focus for the Future.

This is, of course, a

necessary step in cleaning house and ensuring all aspects of the university are fulfilling the overall mission of the institution. We accept public, taxpayer dollars and as such, we should be able to justify and explain every program that exists. If we can't, perhaps it's time to reevaluate its usefulness and purpose.

The program prioritization is a normal process that is com-

mon in academia, as it holds universities responsible for their actions and spending. What makes the process different from 2008 is the financial state of this institution.

State funding for higher education has decreased by \$26 million since 2008, and UI has racked up \$230 million in deferred maintenance costs, while facing a deficit for the second year in a row. It is more

important now than ever to make every dollar count.

The university community needs to approach this prioritization process and the following changes in the spirit it is intended.

This isn't some kind of malicious attempt on the part of the SBOE to get rid of beloved aspects of the university. It is a responsible and necessary process that needs to take place. As

such, we should be able to have a dialogue about the issues facing our university with maturity and grace.

On the other hand, the administration needs to be open and honest about what is happening. For instance, the Classification and Compensation debacle that took place at the beginning of the semester left staff confused, concerned and up in arms while the university was forced to

backtrack and reevaluate its process.

This time around, UI administration should take all necessary steps ahead of time to communicate clearly and in a timely manner with the UI community regarding what Focus for the Future entails and just what it will mean for the future of UI. This includes establishing forums for students to learn about what is happening and voice

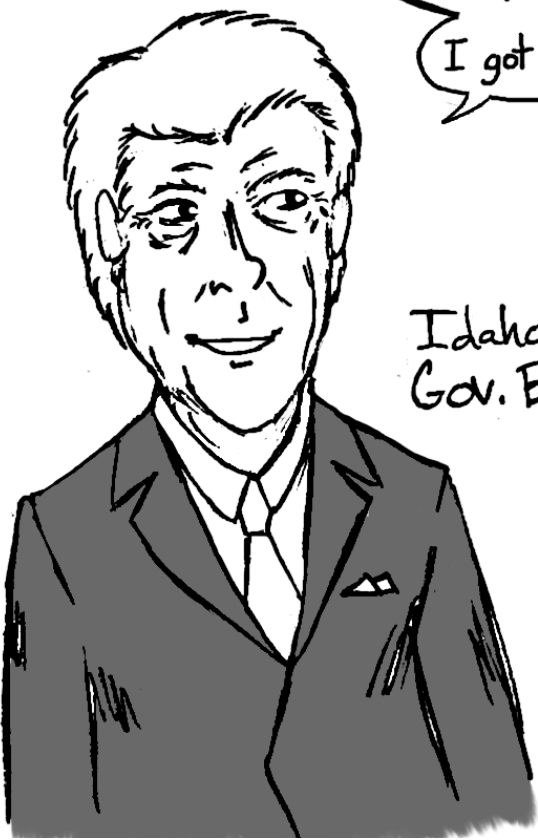
their opinions — much like they did in regard to changes to the Student Code of Conduct.

We need this to happen, so through this process it's important to model the behavior every institute of higher education should exhibit — honest, open communication on the part of administration and informed dialogue on the part of the campus community.

-KM



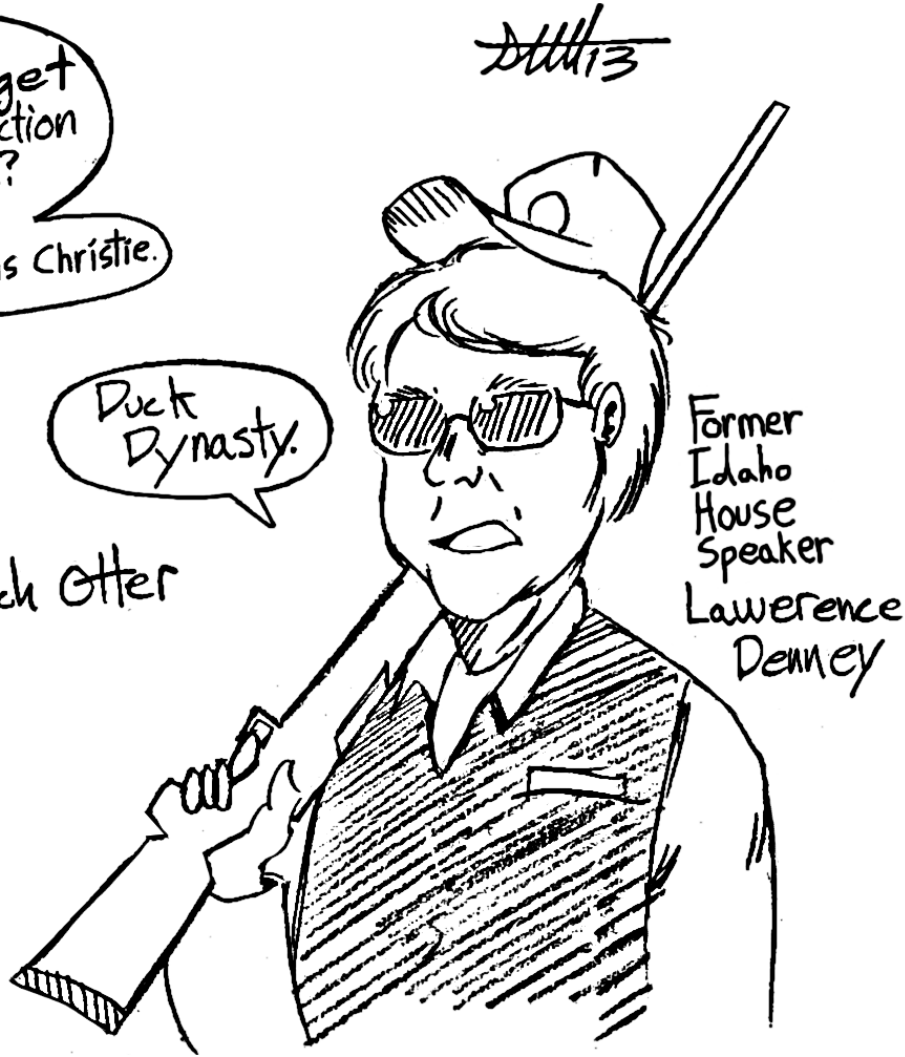
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America's drug dilemma

Restrictive policies on drugs and alcohol are more harmful than they seem



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On Dec. 5, 1933, the 21st Amendment to the American Constitution was ratified. This amendment was in response to the 18th amendment, which prohibited the sale, transport and consumption of alcohol.

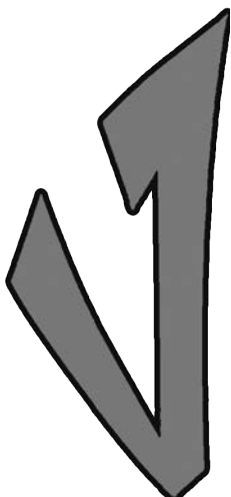
Prohibition is largely viewed as an utter failure, which created many unique problems. For example, the black market created income for criminal groups and the products produced were sometimes unsafe compared to pre-Prohibition alcohol.

The temperance movement, which eventually led to the prohibition of alcohol, was largely fueled on moral sentiment and sensationalism of the dangers of alcohol. This situation is eerily similar to the current war on drugs, which begs the question, why is overlooking the ill effects of alcohol and condemning other substances so easy?

It is hard to find an answer to that last question. Especially in Idaho, which has some of the harshest drug laws in the U.S. Ending drug and alcohol abuse is a noble goal and one that will always be worth pursuing, yet prohibition has never and will never be the best option.

If Gallup polls are any indication, prohibition has not really helped at all. In 1977, 24 percent of Americans polled admitted to at least trying marijuana. In 2013, that number was significantly higher at 38 percent. Marijuana is admittedly treated a little differently than other illegal drugs, but it still shows that efforts to decrease drug use have not been nearly as successful as

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Do you think Vandal Confession pages are a positive contribution to the University of Idaho's online community?

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Sam Koester

I don't believe the confessions pages are good for the University's image, however, they do provide students with some social media entertainment from time to time. The past few years they have been out of control, but this year's are fairly harmless.

-Sam Koester

Nope not at all, it's like the writing on the bathroom stalls in my high school.

-Miranda Rivers



Miranda Rivers

Perhaps specific names should be censored in posts that are insulting or abusive but that is all that should be done.

-Hunter Zachary Harpole



Hunter Harpole

They're entertaining to a point, but some of the content is a way of throwing insults at a specific person anonymously. It also should be remembered that those few posts do not reflect the entire student population.

-Hannah Barnes



Hannah Barnes

Confessions gives me a sense of community with the rest of the student body, reminding me that some of the weird thoughts I have during class are not so uncommon.

-Jennifer Mylan



Jennifer Mylan

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Exploring

I love exploring buildings on campus, I always find hidden classrooms or random staircases. It's a good time.

-Ryan

Forgetful

Forgot my UI accounts password, because why wouldn't I?

-Andrew

WTF, Denny's

I am wondering why the Moscow Denny's used several pictures of female models dressed as Supergirl and Superman to advertise their recent free showing of "Man of Steel" — despite Supergirl or a female Superman not actually appearing in the movie.

-Aleya

Coach Pete

If anybody is going to get UW back to Pasadena where it belongs, Chris Petersen will be the one. Welcome to Montlake, coach

-Sean

Expensive procrastination

Never wait to buy holiday plane tickets. They get pretty darn expensive.

-Stephan

Disney World

It is calling my name. And it sounds so, so sweet. Sadly, I'm too poor to answer.

-Kaitlin

Flew by

I can't believe how fast this semester went. It always feels so slow, and all of the sudden it's dead week.

-Tony

Alex Morgan

Crushing unrealistic dreams of males worldwide since Dec. 9, 2013.

-Theo

Christmas sweater

Does anyone have an ugly christmas sweater I can borrow this Saturday?

-Phil

Surviving

Two final presentations, two design projects, a final exam and a final essay to go. It's tough, but I am surviving.

-Rainy

Dead week

We're almost to the home stretch. Just got to keep grinding.

-Ricky

Facebook knows too much

Today my Facebook asked me if I wanted to see my 2013 year. It is truly amazing how much can happen and change in a year. As I get older the years seem to go even faster, so I'm taking this as a reminder to slow down and enjoy everything as much as I possibly can because you never know where you'll be in a year.

-Kaitlyn

Group projects

Don't like them. If I'm doing a project on my own at least if I bail on the meeting I set up, it's my own fault when my grade suffers.

-Emily

Dirty oil and dangerous pipeline

Anyone who listens to the news or watches it on TV has at heard the words "tar sands" and the "Keystone XL pipeline" thrown around, but many still do not know what these words really mean.

Tar sand, also known as oil sand, is a mixture of sand, clay, soil and water that is also saturated with bitumen — a form of crude petroleum. The sand is dug up with huge machinery and undergoes a process to extract the oil from the rest

of the material.

Two tons of tar sand is required to make only one barrel — 42 gallons — of usable oil, according to Chevron's website. The Keystone XL pipeline is just one of many proposed pipelines that would run from the tar sand deposits in Canada to oil refineries in the lower 48 states, spanning many states and ending by the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Environmental groups have cited many different

reasons why the tar sands and pipeline projects are an awful idea — both for people and wildlife.

According to Sierra Club websites, the mining process is extremely wasteful and destructive, because forests are leveled and toxic wastewater is produced, which goes back into the ecosystem. Mining for tar sands emits three times as much carbon dioxide than conventional oil extraction. Most tar sand extraction happens in northern Canada, destroying thousands of acres of the Canadian Boreal forest.

The pipeline poses similar risks — it would cut through countless acres of wilderness and pipelines owned by the same company that is well known to spring leaks, which spills crude oil in pristine wilderness.

In 2010, 1 million gallons of heavy crude oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River in Michigan. The original Keystone pipeline spilled twelve times in its first year of operation. Earlier this year, 200,000 gallons spilled into residential streets and lawns in an Arkansas town.

The pipeline has the

potential to poison groundwater, where a significant amount of drinking water comes from — not to mention the obvious effects on wildlife. It would cross thousands of freshwater sources, including the Ogallala aquifer, which supplies 81 percent of drinking water in the Great Plains, according to the Sierra Club.

All of these concerns are valid, but I have one more to add. Mining tar sands and piping oil all the way across the country is extremely expensive and inefficient.

The global market has

become so dependent on oil that companies have resorted to unsustainable methods of extracting oil, when it would be much more sensible to invest in other renewable sources of energy. Our society is in the habit of short-term thinking. When making the decision about whether to mine tar sands, it seems that no one wondered what kind of effect it would leave on the area. Eventually that source will run out, and where will we go then?

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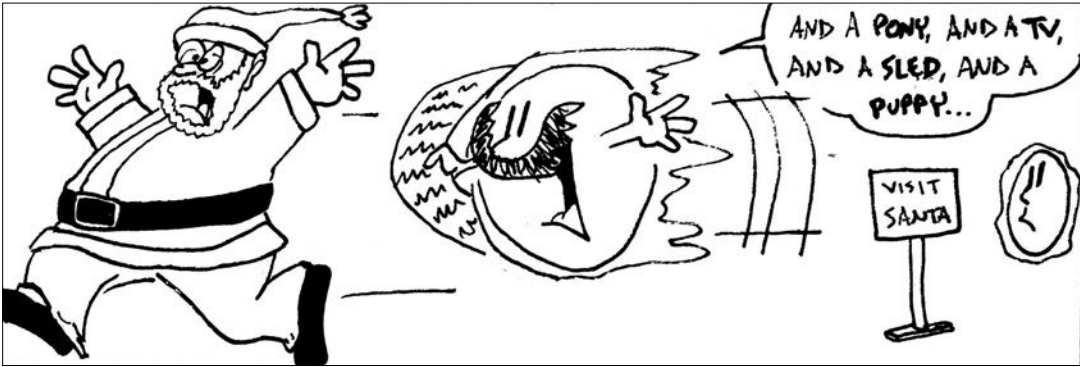
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DRUGS

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they should be.

Especially considering the U.S. has spent over a trillion dollars on the war on drugs over the last 40 years, according to the Drug Policy Alliance — a non-profit think tank, which seeks beneficial changes to drug policy.

Modern American drug policies originated in the 1970s and until just recently did not change much. States have slowly recognized the losing battle on the war on drugs, and some communities have taken action to remedy the problem. Decriminalizing or out right legalization of marijuana, don't ask don't tell policies and therapy over incarceration have all shown promise as a means to stop the spread of drug abuse without wasteful spending. Internationally, these changes have

proved effective. Countries such as Portugal, Spain and Italy have moved to more peaceful policies regarding drug use, leaving penalties for production and trafficking the same, however replacing prison time with decriminalization and therapy. According to information published by each countries respective government in conjunction with the U.N., rates of overdose, relapse and drug related crimes have all dropped. It's too early to tell the long-term effects of these policies, but they seem promising.

People are going to do what they want. Underage drinkers are going to drink, smokers are going to smoke and addicts will find their vices one-way or the other. A more open approach benefits us all, and that does not mean drug use ever has to be applauded.

Taking money away from criminals will always be a good thing. If

other successful policies are any indication, trading prisons for therapy and treating drug use as a public health issue will lower rates of use and help people who need help find it. Legalizing drugs will lead to a decrease in drug related crimes as drugs become easier to find and are more removed from criminal elements. Alcohol prohibition did not solve these problems and drug prohibition may very well be the same.

This is not a problem we can jail our way out of. No amount of money thrown into it will make inherently bad policy work. It is time we have a real conversation about drug policy and consider that maybe they are not that much worse than their not so distant cousin, alcohol. Maybe, just maybe, they should be handled in a more similar fashion.

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