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Thomas "Les" Purce, president of Evergreen State College, embraces Interim President Don Burnett. The two were childhood friends . Purce spoke Thursday on issues of courage, speaking out against bias and hate and about how the work of Dr. Martin Luther King relates to today's society. Purce made history in 1973 as the first person of color elected to a public office in the state of Idaho in 1973.

Student policy changes on horizon

Student code jurisdiction expands

Amber Emery Argonaut

University of Idaho's influence on its students increased during winter break when Interim President Don Burnett approved the addition of a clause to expand jurisdiction of the Student Code of Conduct to include off-campus activity.

G Costa, associate general counsel for UI, said Burnett approved the change with a signature on Dec. 30 and the new policy went into effect Jan. 1.

According to the new text in the UI Faculty Staff Handbook, disciplinary action may be taken for "off campus conduct that violates the Student Code of Conduct and that adversely affects the university community or the pursuit of the university's educational mission, process, or function, as determined by the Dean of Students."

Associate Dean of Students Craig

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ASUI seeks student values declaration

Amber Emery Argonaut

Within the University of Idaho's student affairs policies and the Student Code of Conduct there is a Statement of Student Rights, but ASUI President Max Cowan thinks there's something missing - a Statement of Student Values.

'We've been discussing issues related to the Statement of Student Rights and the Student Code of Conduct and I think that conversation has been a very negative

one," Cowan said. "It sets the bar pretty low because it's saying what you can't do and I think it's important as a university with our aims being to grow as students, become better citizens and better members of our communities, we need to aim higher than just not doing what is wrong and we really should be looking for what is right."

Cowan said he thinks the best way to put a positive spin on the university

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Coming to a close Classification, compensation recalibration complete

Kaitlin Moroney

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The University of Idaho's classification and compensation study is coming to a close after months spent in what has been named the "recalibration process."

The recalibration process started in September after the initial rollout of the updated job classifications and pay grades. After weeks of significant confusion and concern from UI staff, the administration announced it would take an additional look at everything before finalizing the class and comp system.

Committees were formed to take a look at classifications across the university and make recommendations for changes. The executive team made the final decisions on what changes would take place — a group made up of Interim President Don Burnett, Interim Provost Katherine Aiken, Vice President of Finance and Administration Ron Smith, Vice President for Research Jack McIver and Vice President for University Advancement Chris Murray.

Last week saw the conclusion of that process, after Smith sent out a university-wide email outlining the changes that were made. Among them were changes in grade level of 63 positions, 123 changes to classification group names and 167 po-

in the spring. The updated classification list is on the Human Resources website.

Executive Director of Greg Resources Human Walters said this extra calibration step is unusual for a classification process.

"But a good (step) in that it greatly expanded the campus' involvement and solicited much more of a voice from many people," Walters said. "It's unusual, but in the end a good idea."



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process.

Brian Mahoney, chair of staff affairs committee

Brian Mahoney, chair of the Staff Affairs Committee, said that the response to the release of the updated classification list has been much quieter than it was the first time around.

"I'll tell you the overall feel - I didn't have people emailing

door down, screaming hollering and kicking ... like (they did) much earlier in 2013," Mahoney said.

There will still be a lot of concerns from a lot of staff, Mahoney said, but that it's probably impossible to please everybody.

"I think that everybody just wants to have a classification system that works, is in place, so that we can move on and just quit thinking about this entire process," Mahoney said.

But as Walters pointed out, these projects deal with people's jobs and people take their jobs seriously.

Classifications and pay grades are intended to apply to the position itself – rather than the person in the position.

This is about the job and not the person - I will tell you that that is an extremely difficult to be able to take yourself out of that role because we are in that current role," Mahoney said. "And I think that is still going to be of concern to a lot of staff."

But whether or not people are happy with it, Mahoney said he feels adequately satisfied with the outcome.

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Chloe Rambo | Argonaut

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter gives the State of the State address Monday, Jan. 6 in the House Chambers. Otter said furthering education funding tops his list of priorities for the 2015 budget.

New session, new ideas

Lawmakers gather in Boise for 2014 legislative session

Chloe Rambo Argonaut

BOISE - Today marks the end of the second week of the 2014 legislative session, and much has been discussed, beginning with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's State of the State address Jan. 6.

In it, Otter said his three primary goals for this year's budget are education, securing state water and control of Idaho's wolf population, but other issues including the changing hands of the Idaho Correctional Facility, an increase in state employee compensation and more have crossed the desks of legislators so far.

Otter introduced his "blueprint for going forward," which will include a focus on K-through-Career education funding and a fiveyear plan to replenish the state's rainy day funds.

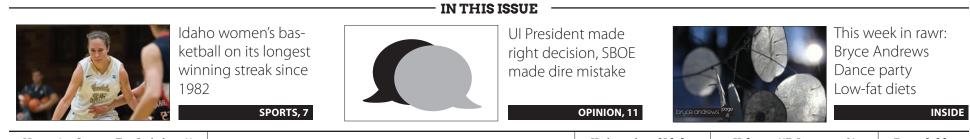
The governor said the first year of the five-year plan will be written in ink, while the next four years will be written in pencil to allow for growth and development of the plan.

"Things are looking very favorable," Otter said. "There are many things we're going to be able to achieve."

The health care question

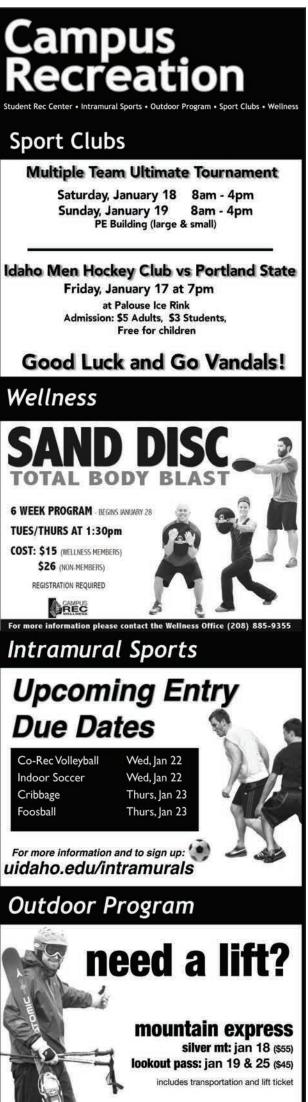
The governor said the state wouldn't be setting aside funds for Medicaid expansion this year, a choice Senate Minority Leader Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, said the state couldn't afford to leave it on the table unchallenged.

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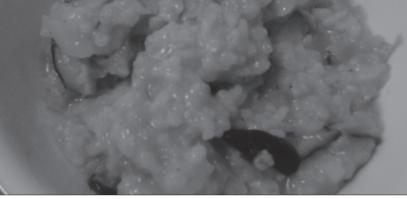
CRUMBS Pork veggie porridge

Chin-Lun Hsu Crumbs

Christmas feast, New Year's dinner and unlimited cookies, cupcakes and desserts might keep your stomach busy all month. It's time to give it a break by eating the tasty, healthy and non-greasy porridge. The pork veggie porridge is also a good choice when you are sick since it contains needed nutrition and is easy to swallow if you have sore throat.

Ingredients:

2 carrots Half cabbage 1/4 lbs. pork Mushroom, as desired 2 cups cooked rice 1 cup soy sauce 3 teaspoons salt 1 tablespoon minced garlic 5 cups water



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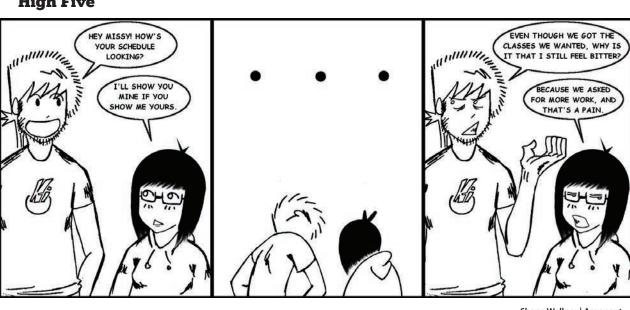
Shred the carrots and cabbage, set aside.

Cut the pork into small chunks and mushroom into small pieces.

In a pot, stir fry garlic, carrots, cabbage, mushroom and pork together and wait till the pork turns white. Add rice and soy sauce, stir well Add water, salt, and stir well.

Cover with the lid, and simmer for 20 minutes

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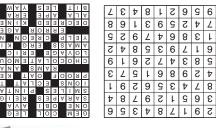
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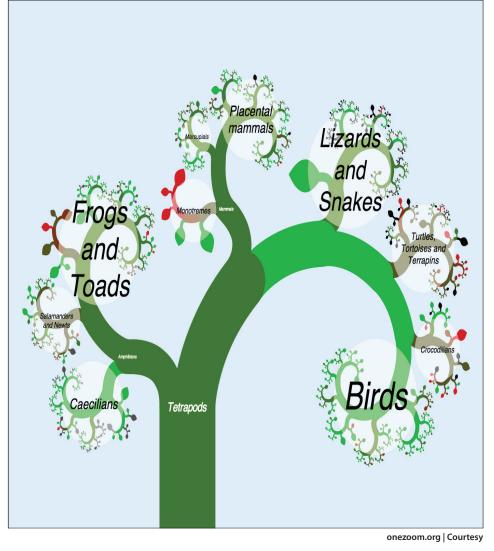


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Mapping evolution

OneZoom presents biologists with digital tree of life

Alycia Rock Argonaut

A web-based, digital evolutionary tree developed by James Rosindell and Luke Harmon, University of Idaho faculty in biological sciences, is helping biology professor David Tank, and others, explore the mysteries of plant evolution.

The Tree of Life can be found at onezoom. org, and contains the largest amount of compiled data on existing plant species — more than 30,000 species in total.

"OneZoom is meant to be the GoogleMaps for life," Harmon said. "So now, you have that, and you look at it, and learn about common ancestry. On at the broadest broad scale, it's really deep and amazing because every living thing on earth, as far as we know, comes from a single common ancestor that lived about 4 billion years ago. If that doesn't blow your mind, you're not thinking about it that hard."

Tank's project began with the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, which is based in North Carolina. NESCent is a science foundation center that facilitates large research groups, Tank said.

The Tree of Life research group is made up of biologists who are interested in the same type of questions, Tank said. They wanted to bring this big group of diverse backgrounds together to address big ideas - specifically plant trait data. "We wanted to ask questions about how plant traits evolved on a larger scale than ever before," Tank said. "The idea there is to get a grasp on the patterns and processes that have led to the diversity of plants we see today." Tank's role, as part of this team, was to assemble a big evolutionary tree that covered all the species there was trait data for, while including information about the specific times of evolutionary relationships. This database provided a framework to ask questions about evolution. To understand the distribution of traits, Tank said, you first need to see how they are related to each other. They are visualizing this through OneZoom.

OneZoom's first draft took about a year from start to finish, but is all automated. Harmon said the future of this lies in anyone entering their own data, and embedding personalized OneZooms on various websites.

"You'd think someone has to take forever to enter this all by hand, but it's not done by hand," Harmon said.

Harmon said Rosindell is also looking into getting OneZoom into museums. Harmon said the project is something anyone can use — which is rare, since it is produced by scientists.

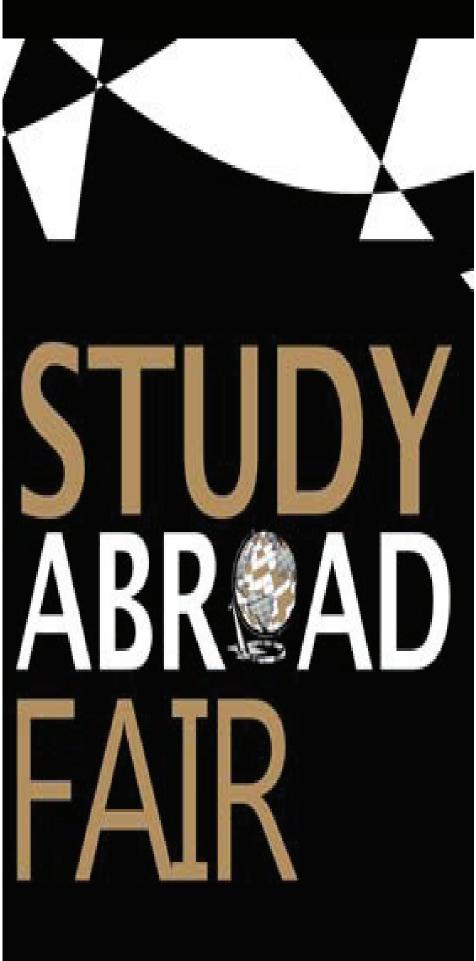
"I think it's a cool toy that actually helps you learn about the tree of life," Harmon said. "Toy is not a bad thing."

Tank's project led to a paper about the evolution of traits and climate. Tank said this covered specifically how plants have handled cold temperatures and surviving.

Plants have three ways to adapt to cold weather, Tank said. They can drop their leaves, they can withdraw underground and wait or they can develop narrower water pathways, which reduces the possibility of forming water-blocking air bubbles.

"It turns out that two of the traits evolved first, in response to something else, and then after they were exposed to freezing temperatures ... these traits were advantageous and co-opted into traits that helped them survive the cold."

This, Tank said, was a surprise that could only be found because of the scale of traits they were studying — the number of comparisons possible made these questions answerable. "Understanding the evolutionary history is fundamental to understanding how and why we have the diversity of organisms we have today," Tank said. "This is true with all organisms, including our own history and our own traits."



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Tank said everyone in the biology field is using evolutionary trees more, and a variety of biologists are coming together to ask larger questions.

"For me, as an evolutionary biologist that studies phylogenetics, that's kind of cool," Tank said.

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Dispatch equipment for future

Sheriff's department updates dispatch equipment, expands dispatch center

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

It had been two decades since the Latah County Sheriff's office purchased new dispatch equipment. The stations used analog technology, which was essentially ancient, said Latah County Sheriff Wayne Rausch.

The Latah County Sheriff's Department recently updated their call taking system and replaced old dispatch equipment with two new dispatch stations.

Mike Rosen, support service administrator for the Sheriff's Department, said the old dispatch equipment was outdated and far less efficient than the new equipment. He said the old equipment was installed in the early 1990s.

"This is a serious improvement from what we used to have. It was outdated, and the citizens of the county deserve to have the best capabilities and equipment," Rosen said. "We built this for the future."

Rosen said the new equipment allows dispatchers to identify a caller's position within 45 to 60 seconds of answering the call. He said the mapping technology often identifies a caller's location more effectively than a person in a time of distress.

Rosen said when a person is in an emergency situation they can have a difficult time focusing, and can mix up basic information dispatchers need to notify the proper emergency services.

With the upgrade, the call taking system uses the Primary Service Address Point System, which automatically identifies a caller's address, and other basic information given by their phone provider.

"We're able to pull data ... instead of having to sit there and keep asking, asking and delaying," Rosen said.

Dispatch Supervisor Mike Gregory said he has seen decreased response times due to the digital mapping capabilities and PSAP system.

Rausch said even with the new equipment, response times vary with the amount of calls, their location and the number of deputies on call.

The Sheriff's Office used an \$187,000 Idaho Emergency Communications Commission grant to upgrade their call taking system, and used \$118,000 in E 9-1-1 funds to purchase the equipment. E 9-1-1 funds come from an annual \$1 tax on every citizen with a Latah County area code phone number, and are used to improve emergency services.

Rosen said people calling from a cell phone should step outside when making an emergency call to get the clearest signal, since the digital mapping system identifies callers through cell phone signals.

He said digital mapping helps dispatchers identify alternate traffic routes for fires and chemicals spills, and the technology will allow dispatchers to notify residents of an evacuation plan more effectively than the old system.

Rausch said the new equipment is also Next Generation compliant, which allows the public to send dispatchers videos, pictures and text messages about their emergency. However, he said the Next Generation technology will not be operational until Idaho fully upgrades the 9-1-1 system.

Rosen said dispatchers benefit from the upgrade because the stations are now ergonomically designed, which helps dispatchers stay alert throughout their 10-hour shifts.

"Now dispatchers that are more comfortable, they are going to be alert," Rosen said. "There are less distractions for them."

Rosen said there was a learning curve for dispatchers at first, but with four months of use, the new equipment is showing potential.

Rosen said the Sheriff's Department also renovated and expanded the dispatch center to accommodate the new dispatch equipment, which also allows for a third dispatch station — if necessary in the future.

The renovation to the dispatch center cost \$30,000 and was appropriated by the Latah County Board of Commissioners.

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New mayor in town

"He's seems energized," Steed

said. "He had on a new gray suit,

shirt and tie ... and (looked)

excited to be there and ready to

get going. I think he's, you know,

the job."

there'll be a matter of

the staff getting used to him and him getting

used to the staff, and

Lambert said adjust-

Andrew Jenson Argonaut

Two months ago, the City of Moscow elected Bill Lambert as mayor — replacing incumbent

Nancy Chaney. On Jan. 6, the election results were made official and Lambert began his fouryear term.

The City Council held their first meeting of the year on Jan. 6, during which Art Bettge and John Weber also took up their official positions on

their official positions on the City Council.

City Council President Walter Steed said Lambert appeared ready-to-go at the council meeting, though he will have to get used to the position.



Bill Lambert Moscow Mayor

 Mayor he will be working on in the coming months.
"Well, you know, (I'll be) getting used to all the players within the city, getting acquainted with people ... familiar with the different things going on," Lambert said.

Because of this need for ad-

justment, Steed said he thinks Lambert will focus more on style than substance in his first days as mayor.

"I think the biggest immediate change is going to be style over substance," Steed said. "He will operate differently than Mayor Chaney did for her 10 years. He will emphasize things that she never emphasized, and he will never emphasize things that she thought were so important. So, there's going to be an adjustment period for the city staff and the citizens to get used to the new mayor."

However long the period of adjustment may last, Steed said economics remain a priority with Lambert. "I meet with the mayor weekly," Steed said. "We met and, you know, the first thing out of his mouth was economic development. But, no specifics."

Lambert officially takes office, talks about

adjustment period and Moscow's future

While Lambert might not have specifics drawn up at this point for Moscow's economy, he said there is a need to be more open toward business, due to the city's unimpressive rate of growth.

"We don't even grow a percent a year," Lambert said. "And so, what we need to do is find out ways, open the doors for people to do business and everything to go along with that."

Lambert expressed his optimism for Moscow's future and said there are many possibilities that will come to Moscow.

"As we progress down — it's kind of like a building block. You cannot change things quickly, but what you can change quickly is perception and attitudes in the direction we're heading, and then you build upon that," Lambert said. "And the exciting thing here in Moscow is I don't think we know what we cannot do yet, because I don't think we've done it. So I think there's all kinds of possibilities for us. I think as time goes on and things happen, more possibilities will come to us based on what we're currently doing and have had completed with the past."

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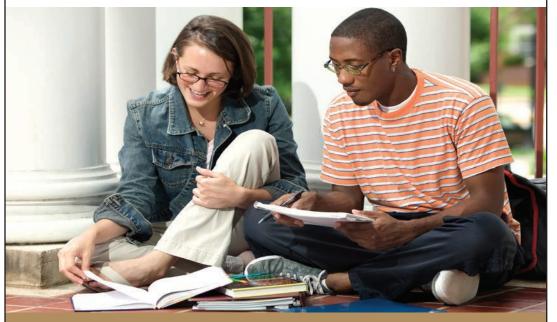
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Facelift on the second floor SUB renovation complete, includes new event room, design, study space

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

The gold paint has dried, the furniture is out and after six months of construction and more than a decade of saving, the second floor of the University of Idaho Student Union Building is open to students. The second floor now includes a new multipurpose room, relocated restrooms and Vandal themed décor and furniture.

UI students are already noticing the difference.

"I like the open layout, it feels much less claustrophobic than it did before," said Brooke Jacobson, a rangeland and ecology management major.

Greg Tatham, assistant vice provost for student affairs, said it was clear that the second floor of the SUB was run-down and needed to be renovated.

"It was tired, it was an old space. It had not been renovated in many, many years," Tatham said.

Mark Miller, associate director of operations, said the conference rooms had not seen any major renovations since 1936, when the SUB was constructed.

Miller said they turned the three conference rooms and the restrooms on the South end of the building into one large multi-purpose room called the Vandal Ballroom. He said the Vandal Ballroom can be split into two conference rooms for smaller meetings if needed.

Tatham said the University of Idaho needed a multi-purpose room that could fit around 250 people for a variety of events from fundraising dinners to department meetings.

Tatham said larger restrooms were constructed on the West side of the floor, as the old restrooms were not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and were deteriorating.

"For somebody my age, I almost



James Bilyeu, left, and Zena Lunsford study in the newly remodeled second floor of the Student Union Building Monday night. Construction of the second floor student louge was completed over winter break, while the Gold, Sliver and Chief rooms remain under construction.

needed a block and tackle to get me up off those seats because they were so low to the ground," Tatham said.

Tatham said \$1.5 million for the renovation came from five years of saving money in his budget, and a loan from the Vandal Strategic Loan Fund, UI's internal loan program. He said he will be able to pay back the loan with the Herbert E. and Vaughan Prater Latting

Endowment, given to the Idaho Commons and Student Union.

"Rather than wait for another two or three years, I applied for a loan based on paying it back with the Latting endowment money, so I could get this project done now, and the university could benefit from it now," Tatham said.

Miller said the construction process, which started in mid-July, was delayed a couple of weeks due to asbestos abatement, which raised the cost of the renovation.

Tatham said the cost of asbestos removal was higher than projected, causing him to again use the Vandal Strategic Loan Fund to purchase new furniture for the lounge.

Tatham said the second floor remodel is one part of a longterm plan to renovate the entire SUB. He said the first floor and the SUB Ballroom were renovated in 1998 and 2009 respectively. He said his next goal is to renovate the Borah Theater on the second floor, and student media on the third floor.

Tatham said the dividers that split the Vandal Ballroom into three rooms will not be available for use in the first few weeks of the semester because of a shipping delay.

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V-Squad, V-Men and V-Day

Amber Evans Pinel Argonaut

While many people may be aware of the annual production of "The Vagina Monologues," not everyone may know about the social campaign that is responsible for the play.

The movement is known as V-Day. V-Day brings the show and hosts a variety of events to further the message of the play.

V-Day is a global campaign to

around the issues that 'The Vagina Monologues' addresses."

This year, the UI Women's Center has a new team — known as the V-Squad — to help organize and facilitate the events.

"It's a group of students who are getting involved," said Katie Noble, administrative assistant at the Women's Center. "And they're not necessarily involved in the cast of the show itself. But they're helping us to raise awareness of what's behind the scenes for the V-Day movement." The first event in the V-Day series is a teach-in at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, in the Panorama room on the fourth floor of the Idaho Commons. The Women's Center hosts this event every year in conjunction with "The Vagina Monologues," Salsbury said. The purpose of the teach-in is to educate the campus community on how the play was propelled into V-Day and the global activist movement it is today.

"How that then expanded into this activist movement to raise money for these grassroots organizations around the world that are working to help end violence against women and girls."

She said the teach-in provides people with an overall background to the evolution of the play.

"Which I think helps to enhance the experience of going to the play if you understand at a deeper level what the play is about and the goals of the play," Salsbury said. "I think it can lead to a much more fulfilling experience when you see the play itself." In addition to the V-Day teachin, Salsbury and Noble will give the same presentation in many different classes. Salsbury said the V-Squad members will be involved in co-instructing those lectures with Salsbury and Noble. Before "The Vagina Monologues," there will be a screening of the documentary "V-Day: Until The Violence Stops" at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3, in the Borah Theater in the Student Union Building.

Women's Center to host several educational events surrounding "The Vagina Monologues"

addresses how the V-Day campaign emerged from the play and spotlights several different communities that host 'The Vagina Monologues'- some internationally, some in the U.S," Salsbury said. "Which is really interesting, because it helps people understand how different communities can bring a different take on the performance of the play. And also (the documentary) examines the

vides a venue for them to be able to explore their feelings and hopefully learn ways to become activists against gender-based violence," Salsbury said. "The doctoral intern facilitating that workshop is very experienced in addressing issues of sexual assault and domestic violence."

The final V-Day event — a discussion about "The Vagina Monologues" - will be held the week following the show at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 in the Whitewater Room of the Commons. Several individuals who have experience with issues the play addresses will facilitate dialogue about the show, Salsbury said. "The (discussion) is after the show itself and it is an event to help us kind of talk about the play," Noble said. "And the play itself has some issues, it's very controversial in certain ways, so it's a way for us to have an open dialogue about the movement and everything the play talks about. And talk about the changes that have happened in our society since the play was written." Amber Evans Pinel can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu

bring awareness to the continuing issue of gender-based violence, said Lysa Salsbury, director of the Women's Center. In addition to the play, hosts of the V-Day campaign — such as the University of Idaho can choose to sponsor several different lectures, film screenings and readings to promote the movement.

"The Vagina Monologues' is just one part of the V-Day campaign," Salsbury said. "It's the most popular and the most well-known, but there are probably 10 other different performance and readings and workshops that you can apply to do as part of the V-Day campaign. And they all focus on providing education and activism

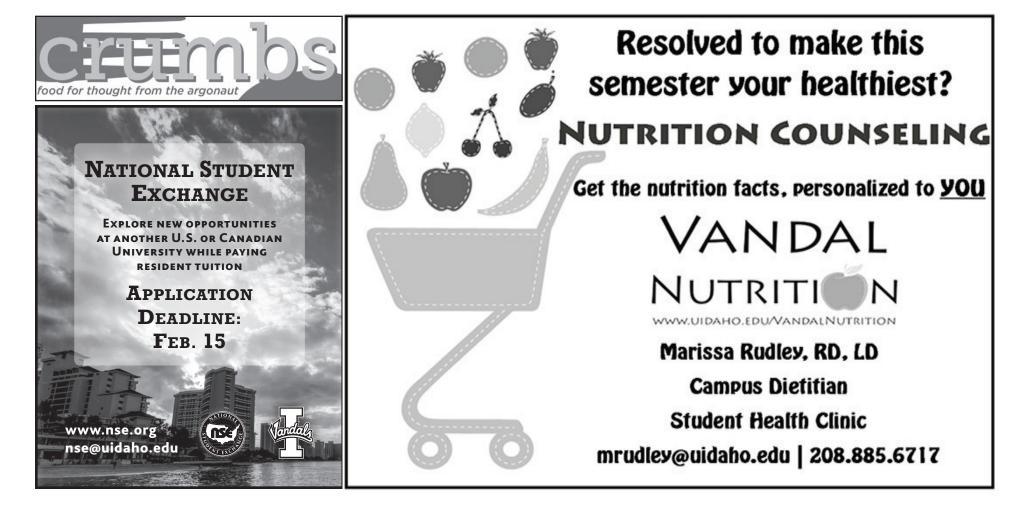
"It's a little bit about the history of 'The Vagina Monologues' ... about how Eve Ensler sort of came to write the play," Salsbury said.

"(It) is a documentary that

issues of violence that exist within those communities and the organizations that are benefiting from the proceeds of the play."

Another new addition to the University of Idaho's personal V-Day campaign is the V-Men Workshop. It is a workshop designed specifically for male identified individuals to talk honestly about issues of gender based violence from their perspective, Salsbury said. A doctoral liaison from the Counseling and Testing Center will facilitate the V-Men Workshop. The event is by registration only and will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Student Diversity Center.

"This workshop hopefully pro-



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Chatriand - one of the original contributors to the revised Student Code of Conduct — said the Dean of Students Office has some preparation to do before the new policy is officially carried out.

"It's an important policy change," Chatriand said. "It's going to take a little bit of time to figure out how exactly we are going to look at off-campus behavior."

Because of this, although it is in effect, they are going to wait until Feb. 1 to start enforcing and addressing off-campus behavior, Chatriand said.

The language in the new code states that the Dean of Students Office will ultimately determine what kind of off-campus behavior will be looked into and potentially disciplined, but Chatriand said there is no list of behaviors and it will be on a case-by-case basis.

One of the things that will be taken into consideration is the context of the behavior in question," Chatriand said. "The proximity of campus and the severity of the behavior for example — the cases are going to be looked at individually. We're going to try and be as consistent as we can be, but we know the context of the situation is important."

Chatriand said the Dean of Students Office will use reallife examples to illustrate how off-campus behavior may adversely affect UI and to inform students of the kind of behaviors the office will look into.

"If we have two students, for example, and one student assaults the other and it's offcampus, in their apartment complex or somewhere downtown, that impacts the university's education mission," Chatriand said. "One of those students is going to be afraid to come to campus and run into the other person. So the new policy is going to allow us bring some resolution to that situation.

Both Chatriand and ASUI President Max Cowan said UI looked toward other education institutions with an offcampus jurisdiction clause to create the new policy - mentioning Washington State University as an example of successful implementation.

"WSU students are also attending an institution where off-campus activities can be extensively looked into by university officials," Cowan said. "To my knowledge, there has not been any retaliation from WSU students and the policy has been enacted effectively."

Cowan said although he thinks expanding jurisdiction is a necessary policy change, the process should have been more inclusive of student input.

"It was simply done too swiftly and without enough student input," Cowan said. "I'm not saying there wasn't any student input, because there definitely was, but I think greater efforts could have been made to include more students such as holding a vote."

In December, the Idaho State Board of Education approved a policy change that reaffirmed the university president's authority to approve amendments to the Statement of Student Rights without a vote from the students - a stipulation previously in effect.

Costa said the issue that was resolved by the SBOE was making the language in the UI policy consistent with a precedent already set by the board. Before the meeting, it was understood that there needed to be a favorable vote of at least 35 percent of the student body for a change of the Statement of Student Rights to be made, when really student input is not required via SBOE policy.

"The board didn't do anything new and I hope that doesn't get lost in this," Costa said. "The UI policy put a roadblock on what the board assigned the president to do."

Chatriand said he and Dean of Students Bruce Pitman are adamant about receiving student feedback about the new policy change and they want students with any concerns, questions or ideas to reach out to the Dean of Students Office.

"This is our university," Chatriand said. "We need to work together to make this policy work and I think if we can call do that — faculty, students, staff and administrators. We're going to be in a better place because of this policy change."

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policy changes is including a section that outlines values that are commonly held by UI students.

'The purpose of a Statement of Student Values is to find a way to come together to define what's important to us, what we expect from each other and to put together a concise way to share that with one another," Cowan said.

The new ASUI project is in full swing after Cowan made the first attempt to reach out for student input last month.

We held a leadership summit and we had over 40 student leaders in attendance," Cowan said. "We had representatives from all different clubs and intramurals and we basically sat down to discuss issues of what's important to us."

ASUI Vice President Taylor Williams attended the summit and said student leaders generated a pool of 88 values ranging from personal values to professional and academic ones.

'When talking about values, it takes a lot of personal reflection, which was really good for me," Williams said. "Some of the values that I think are the most important to me as a student are academics, opportunities — or having the ability to access opportunities -and relationships or community connections."

Williams said many of the student leaders in attendance listed similar values, among many others, that will better represent UI students if solidified into an official Statement of Student Values recognized by the university and included in policies.

"Creating a Student Statement of Values is a clear way to represent how we as students believe we should act as well as what we value," Williams said.

"Hopefully by having this statement, we would all be on the same page of what it means to be a Vandal. It would also help when working with administrators or faculty and staff and allow students to have a clear stance on things based solely upon our values."

Cowan said the project is on hold while ranking ASUI members sort through the pool of values to combine duplicates and come up with the official language.

"For example, a commonly held value by a lot of the students is education. But, there were also a lot of students who listed learning as a fundamental value. These kind of discrepancies are things we need to work through," Cowan said.

Cowan is partnering with ASUI Director of Health and Wellness John Nuhn to make a concrete list of values to present to Faculty Senate later in the semester.

"(Cowan) and (Nuhn) will be compiling information from the summit," Williams said. "And then will be trying to create a statement based upon the most listed and 'popular' values. They also mentioned hosting another leadership summit in the future."

Cowan said there is a great possibility of another summit open to all students, because student input is what the project is centered on.

"You can't make a Statement of Student Values without listening to what students have to say," Cowan said. "Students from Greek houses, dorms and off-campus - it's important to me that all students are included. I want to include students in the process of changing UI policies and this is their chance to do it."

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"We can't afford to walk away from this without some kind of dialogue," Stennett said concerning the governor's decision on health care. "Even though it's an election year and we don't want to take on too many big issues, we need to have a long healthy conversation."

Bumping employee salaries

Jan. 8 marked the first meeting of the Joint Change in Compensation Committee since 2008.

Donna Yule, executive director of the Idaho Public Employees Association, gave her testimony on behalf of the association and said she hoped the committee would soon implement a plan to improve the livelihood of state employees.

"You'll be hearing the sad state of affairs," Yule said. "You'll hear how difficult it is to hire and retain dedicated employees, because Idaho's wage is so much lower than other (states)."

On Jan. 10, the JCCC voted unanimously to give state employees a 2 percent increase in salaries. One percent would be given in the form of a one-time salary bonus, and the other 1 percent would be a continuing wage bump in efforts to bring the salaries of Idaho employees closer to national market totals. It is unclear at by reworking the current this point if educators are incriminal justice system. cluded in the salary increase.

More information on the state's handling of the ICC to come next week.

Mild winter weather, dwindling water supply

While Idaho's mild winter may feel nice, Otter said it could lead to a water shortage. In efforts to combat a potential shortage next spring, Otter has set aside \$15 million for improvements on local aquifers and reservoirs, and also to gain a bit more stability with other local sources.

Otter said more information on whether Idaho will experience a water shortage will be available in March.

Coming up next week

Next week is dubbed "education week" at the Capitol and will include presentations from the University of Idaho as well as the community colleges of Idaho. Monday will include presentations on UI's College of Agriculture, Extension Services and health education programs. Many of the colleges from UI will set up booths in the Capitol rotunda.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will listen to presentations from the Idaho State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Next week will also include presentations from the governor's education task force on how to best improve state education following the voter rejection of Props 1, 2 and 3. Otter said last week he will allocate \$54.7 million to pursue the task force's recommendations.

"Addressing our education and workforce development needs is my top priority," Otter said.

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"I think at this point the process has been vetted about as much as it can be vetted," Mahoney said. "We have an appeals process that's coming up and I'm hopeful that those folks who think their positions are still improperly classified will come forward and do that."

The appeals deadline has been moved to Jan. 31, and staff who have already filed an appeal have been notified by HR asking if they want to continue the process.

While HR will continue to actively maintain and update the classification and compensation system, this initial overhaul is coming to a close.

"I feel good about it all," Walters said. "I'm glad that it's almost done and we can move on to the next exciting thing."

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The Idaho track and field team starts the indoor season Friday in Pullman with the WSU Cougar Indoor.

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Defending title with blowouts

Sean Kramer Argonaut

If there's a question as to who the conference favorite should be, Idaho is giving it a clear answer.

The Idaho women's basketball team has cemented itself as the most dominant team in the Western Athletic Conference so far with its fifth straight win of 11 points or more. This time it

was a 96-55 win Thursday night over Utah Valley in Orem, Utah. That win is Idaho's second of 40 points or more in the conference schedule, and second time over 90 points. Both those games occurred on the road.

It is also Idaho's first 5-0 conference record since the 1981-82 season when the Vandals went 14-0 in the NW Empire League under Pat Dobratz.

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said it's all a little bit unbelievable and praised the overwhelming offensive effort.

"We missed four or five at the rim, we could have had more than that, not to be greedy," Newlee said. "I'm really happy about our balance ... just shooting the ball well and making great decisions. Idaho's second 40-plus point win in WAC moves it to 5-0

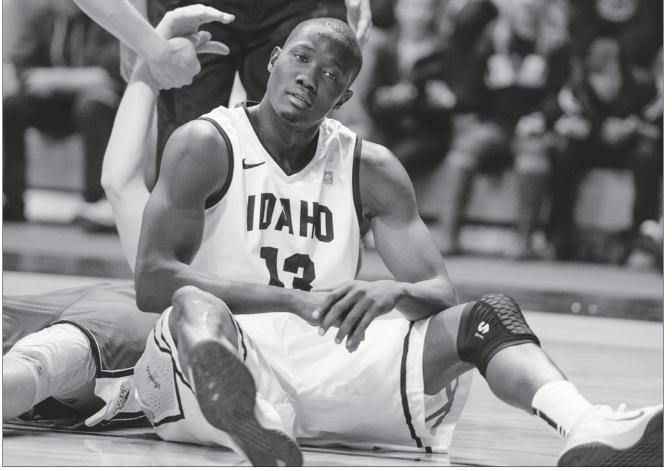
Great shots will lead to great percentages, and we just took great shots tonight."

Idaho's dominance was never in question. Sophomore guard Christina Salvatore nestled in a 3-point shot 46 seconds into the game and Idaho never looked back. Two blocks in the first two minutes and high-percentage offensive looks had Idaho out to a

quick 7-0 lead. That 7-0 lead grew to a 25-7 lead, which grew to a 45-25 lead, which grew to a 72-43 lead and eventually led tothe 41point victory.

"I'm proud of them for keeping the intensity level up, I thought for 40 minutes we kept our intensity level up," Newlee said.

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Not perfect

Depleted bench may be problematic for Jon Newlee's team

Theo Lawson

Argonaut

After four conference games, the women's bas-

ketball team has posted a margin of victory that may tell one tale. The defending WAC champions lay claim to a 4-0 mark and have

tournament play starts. However, the early blow to Wilson is indicative of

chalk up 10-12 more

conference wins before

the fact that no team is invincible to injury.

won those games by an average of 26.5 points per game. The tightest victory, an 11-point home win against Texas-Pan American.

These Vandals are every bit as good as the ones that triumphed in the 2013 WAC Tournament probably better.

They'll hardly be challenged by the Chicago States and New Mexico States of the conference, and will still be glaring favorites when Seattle U and Grand Canyon come to town.

Yet with a seasonending injury to freshman point guard Karlee Wilson, depth on the Vandal bench may be a point of concern for Idaho and quite possibly the only major concern the team has

Idaho shouldn't worry as much about its frontcourt depth. Six-footers Brooke Reilly and Maren Austgulen average a pedestrian seven points and seven rebounds per game — statistics that aren't very concerning considering the productivity of

starter Ali Forde. But it's Idaho's backcourt that may need to be a bit more cautious. Connie Ballestero bolsters the point guard spot and fellow guards Stacey Barr and Christina Salvatore average 26 points together.

Wilson relieved Ballestero at the point and Addie Schivo, a senior guard, comes in for almost 22 minutes a game. Without Wilson, the only other option at the guard spot

Photos by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut Bira Seck pauses after fouling against Utah Valley in the second half of Idaho's 71-66 loss Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals move to 1-4 in the WAC with the loss.

Utah Valley edges Idaho

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

The Vandal men's basketball team returned home to the Cowan Spectrum Thursday night, after being on the road last week, where they

coach Don Verlin said. "It was the same story all night long, we couldn't hit an open shot, I thought we had a number of wide open shots that we weren't able to finish and against a good Utah Valley to kicking a New Mexico State player in the stomach against the Aggies on Jan. 11.

With the three key players out, including team leader Dean, his brother Perrion Callendret would receive a boost in minutes and was looked upon down the stretch to hit some shots.

the consensus feeling among his team and coaches was that Callendret still played very well.

"Perrion played great," Mike Scott said. "I told him that I was proud of him, I loved the way he played tonight." Stephen Madison would starting five that rivals leave it all out on the floor any in the WAC. And this game, playing in 38 of the barring injury to any of 40 minutes, despite suffering those five, the Vandals a rib injury late in the game. should be poised to "I'm beat up, that was a tough lost, there is nothing else to it," a deflated Madison said. He would end the game with 21 points.

went 1-1, bringing their record to 7-12 overall and 1-4 in WAC play.

Not only did they host their opponent, Utah Valley, they also hosted a nice sized student section, which brought in their biggest crowd since the Washington State game.

The large crowd would be treated to yet another close finish, which seems to be a trend with this year's men's basketball team. The game would come down to the wire, but in the end, the Vandals would fall to Utah Valley, with a final score of 71-66.

"Obviously its tough when you can't find a way to win the basketball game," Idaho team, you cant let those portunities slip away."

The Vandals would be shorthanded, missing three key players and were limited to only seven players logging minutes this game.

According to Verlin, Glen Dean sprained his ankle at practice on Monday and has been in a walking boot since; his return date is unknown at this point. Sekou Wiggs was out with a grade one MCL sprain and is expected to be back Thursday.

The third member of the team who wasn't playing was redshirt freshman Ty Egbert. He was serving his first game of a two-game suspension, due

"I thought Perrion did some good things tonight, he was able to get out there and play," Verlin said. "I would have liked for him to make a few more shots, but I thought he played hard, he was energetic, I thought he played very well given the circumstances."

Callendret would miss some key three pointers down the stretch, that would have given the Vandals the lead. He would end the night with six points, going 2-of-10 from the floor, 0-4 from the threepoint line.

Despite missing key shots,

The Vandals will be back in action on Saturday, when they welcome Cal State Bakersfield to the Cowan Spectrum.

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Myriam Sopel Coachless to start season accepts UTEP job

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

The Idaho women's tennis team is starting its spring season without a coach. Former Idaho women's tennis coach Myriam Sopel accepted the head coaching position at UTEP Wednesday after one year at the helm at Idaho.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Miner family," Sopel said. "UTEP is a prestigious institution with an incredible support system. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to fully demonstrate my skills and acquire more experience for my career as a Division I head coach."

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman will coach both the men's and women's teams while the Vandals search for a

replacement.

Sopel joined Idaho during the 2013 spring season and led the Vandals to a 14-12 record and WAC semifinals appearance. Victoria Lozano and Almudena Sanz finished with a 14-5 record and 7-0 WAC record in 2013 to earn All-WAC doubles honors under Sopel's coaching.

"I am grateful for the experiences I have had thus far," Sopel said. "I would like to thank all my former colleagues and the faculty at Idaho, who have shown me great support. I would especially like to thank Jeff Beaman, who has been my supervisor and mentor. I would not be the coach I am today without him."

Sopel's departure occurs

right before the Vandals start their 2014 spring season. Idaho opens its season Friday against Washington State and plays Saturday against Montana State in Pullman.

Beaman said Sopel's departure will be challenging for the team to start the season, but they have to go out and try not to make excuses or let it be a distraction in their play.

"They got to say 'hey, we have a really talented team and these are matches we can win," he said. "Whether they're playing well or they're struggling, (they need to) go out, compete hard, take matches and focus on the present, not dwell on things that are basically out of their control."

Beaman said the team is excited to start against WSU, who has been a nationally ranked team the last couple of years, and Montana State who will be a Big Sky rival starting next season.

"We definitely are very familiar with both of those teams, especially Washington State since we actually practice over there at times," he said. "So it's something that's going to be a true test."

Idaho's top returners heading into the season are its No. 1 doubles team of Lozano and Sanz — who rank No. 8 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Division I Mountain Region Rankings. Lozano also ranks No. 17 in the region as an individual.

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going forward. The team boasts a appears to be Agueda Trujillo Fernandez, a freshman from Spain who has just 20 points on the season.

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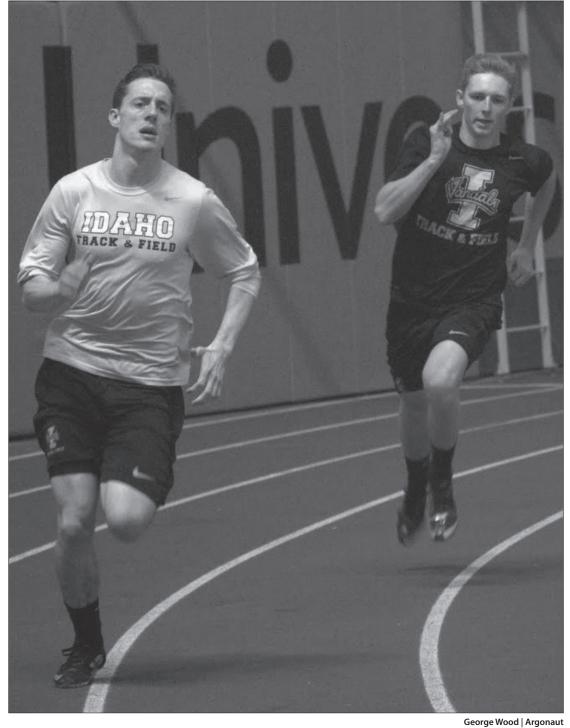
Athletes recognized for academic achievements

The Western Athletic Conference named 22 Idaho athletes competing in fall sports to the conference all-academic teams. Nine cross country runners, six soccer players and seven volleyball players were honored. Eligible student-athletes completed at least one academic year, had a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and participated in at least 50 percent of the team's contests.

Idaho tennis announces schedules

The Vandal men's and women's tennis teams announced their respective 22-match spring schedules Dec. 16. The Idaho women, who don't leave the Palouse until Feb. 28, open the season at Washington State today and will follow up with a match against Montana State on Saturday - also to be played in Pullman. The team will host a pair of nonconference matches against Fresno State and Utah State Feb. 13-14 and will commence league play on Feb. 22 against Missouri-Kansas City in Lewiston. Idaho hosts another non-conference match on April 18 against Oregon. The Vandals will conclude with the WAC Tournament on April 25-27. The Vandal men open their slate Jan. 25 in Cheney, Wash., for a double-header against Seattle U and Eastern Washington. Idaho will meet the only Pac-12 schools on its schedule on Feb. 9 and 15 against Washington and Arizona, respectively. The team's sole home match is the last of the Vandals' season, an April 19 contest with Lewis-Clark State College.

In the starting blocks



Idaho hurdlers Black Gerling, left, and Jacob Legge practice sprints Thursday in the Kibbie Dome. Idaho opens its indoor track and field season Friday with WSU Cougar Indoor in Pullman.

Curtis Ginnetti Argonaut

A new season is underway this weekend as the Idaho track and field team makes the short trip to WSU Friday for the annual season opening indoor track meet.

The WSU Cougar Indoor Open has started off the indoor track and field season for Idaho since 2008. According to Idaho coach Wayne Phipps, the meet is important to the team because it is the first time many of the team members have competed in months.

"We have an inner-squad meet towards the beginning of December two purposes: one, to break up the monotony of training all the time, and two to see where you're at in your training," Phipps said. "This meet (WSU Courgar Indoor) is a chance for us to get the dust off and for some of the athletes, this is their first collegiate experience."



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Wayne Phipps, coach

Phipps said this meet has always been viewed by him and his staff as a learning experience for the team as they start the new season.

"I do not think necessarily the absolute performances are that crucial but learning experiences are

New season to start at annual open meet

and it's a good meet to do that," he said. "WSU is a very good program, but it's a low key meet ... it is not crucial that we are winning all of our events, but that we're as good as we can possibly be at the end of the season. Our goal every season is to win a conference championship."

Phipps said that his team this year is very balanced on both the men's and women's teams. While he feels that Idaho's strengths lay in its long distance runners, he said that there is at least one "key performer" in every event that has the potential to do very well this season.

Idaho will need that level of competition this year as they will be facing tough opponents in both Utah State and Grand Canyon.

Utah Valley swept this week's WAC Athletes of the Week honors after a stellar performance at last week's BYU Invitational. Grand Canyon has recently made the switch from a Division II school to competing at the Division I level. Before the switch, Grand Canyon was ranked, at times, No. 1 in Division II.

Grand Canyon has athletes that, while competing at the Division II level, would be Division I All-Americans, so they are going to be strong competition, Phipps said.

Idaho is not without high hopes due to some pre-season hype of their own. The Idaho women's team is ranked No. 41 in the nation by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Preseason rankings.

"This is what we prepare for the last few months. For coaches and athletes as well, we will get to see how the hard work has paid off and it's always a little nervous," Phipps said.

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Idaho has scheduled another Home and Home with Wyoming. #GoVandals

Idaho Vandal fan tweeting after finding out that the Vandals will see the Wyoming Cowboys at least two more time in the next two seasons.



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Will be traveling to Florida, Ohio, Cali, Texas, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Georgia for the 2014 season. Can't wait! #GoVandals

Trent Cowan

Idaho wide receiver pointing out all of the states the football team will travel to during the 2014 season.



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Wazzou with the young 7 points at half and 25 points for the entire game! Would never wish that on any school. #GoVandals ? Lol

Mike McChristian

Former Idaho basketball player tweeting after seeing cross-state rival WSU only score 25 points in a game against Arizona.

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Vandal Nation Manager

Throw the statistics out, these are two evenly matched teams and there are a million ways this one could go. But the toss-up tiebreaker is CenturyLink Field,

where Russell Wilson is 16-1 as a starter. His rough game last week I attribute to poor weather, and still he refrains from making bad mistakes. Wilson will get win No. 17 this week.

24-14 Seattle



Stephan Wiebe

Sports Editor

At first glance, the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers look like similar teams. Both finished the NFL regular season in the top five in

total defense and

rushing offense. Both teams have talented young quarterbacks in Russell Wilson and Colin Kaepernick. So what separates these NFC West rivals? It's simple: Seattle rarely loses at home. Before a week 16 loss against Arizona, Seattle was undefeated at home going back to 2011. The 12th man will help carry the Seahawks to victory this weekend.

24-17 Seattle



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that San Francisco is on a bit of a roll. The Niners haven't lost a football game since mid-November and though Seattle continues

One might say

to flex its muscle at home, San Francisco has won its last three games on the road, with two of those coming in the playoffs. Though the 49ers haven't been quite so successful in the Pacific North-



west their last few tries, this team is a different beast in the playoffs and if they can punch Seattle in the mouth early on, they'll have a good chance of riding that momentum into the Super Bowl.

23-17 San Francisco

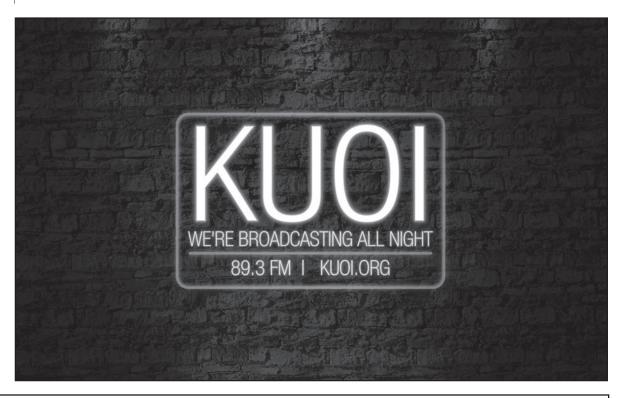
Let's just put this out on the table



– I'm a Seahawks fan. Been one since I was born. With that being said, I know the 'Hawks are in for a battle. There is no love lost or love found when they are playing their

division rival 49ers. Even though it will be a battle, the score is still going to not reflect how big of a battle it is. I expect the 49ers to score only a few points on way to a defeat at Century-Link Field. Seahawks versus Patriots in the Super Bowl.

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BRIEFS

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Basketball players earn WAC honors

Three Idaho basketball players earned Western Athletic Conference honors during the months of December and January. Idaho guard Connor Hill was honored for his performances during the week of Dec. 9-15. The junior had consecutive 20-point games against Montana and Portland State, with 24 points against the Griz and 21 against the Vikings. Hill's teammate, Stephen Madison, earned the same award just weeks later to add to his collection. The senior earned his third WAC Player of the Week award of the season after scoring a career-high 35 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in a loss to Montana. It was the fourth time an Idaho player has won the award this season.

Idaho junior Stacey Barr is the most recent Vandal to earn the award, and was named player of the week for the week of Dec. 30 to Jan. 5. It's the third time she's won the award this season. The honor came after Barr scored 13 points, grabbed six rebounds and five assists in a win against Missouri-Kansas City, only to follow that up with her fifth double-double of the season, which came with 21 points and 12 rebounds in a win at Chicago State.

Football team rakes in awards

The Vandal football team collected a heap of postseason awards, led by Walter Camp All-American punter Austin Rehkow, who was named a first-team All-Independent choice of CollegeSportsMadness.com, second team All-American by SB Nation, a third-team All-American by the Associated Press and an honorable mention All-American by Sports Illustrated. CollegeSports-Madness.com recognized nine other Vandals on its All-Independent Team. Defensive end Maxx Forde and Rehkow were Idaho's only first-team honorees, while Dezmon Epps, Mike Marboe, Mike LaGrone, James Baker, QuayShawne Buckley, Marc Millan and Jayshawn Jordan were selected to the second team. Trey Williams made the third team. Rehkow was also named the FBS Independent Special Teams Player of the Year, an award given by a nationwide panel.

Vandal tennis players ranked in region

Five Idaho tennis players earned preseason regional rank-

ings from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association ahead of the upcoming spring season. Men's doubles players Jose Bendeck and Cristobal Ramos Salazar were ranked No. 1 in the region, Bendeck was ranked No. 11 in singles and Artemiy Nikitin followed behind at No. 12. Women's doubles duo Vicky Lozano and Almudena Sanz were ranked No. 8 in the region and Lozano earned a No. 17 singles ranking.

Idaho swimming and diving ranked

The Vandal swimming and diving team was ranked No. 68 in the nation in the Endless Pool College Swimming power rankings and No. 22 among mid-majors. The Vandals are the highest WAC squad ranked.

"These rankings are nice because it gets our name mentioned among some really good schools and historically very successful programs, Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "However, you still have to show up and swim that race and rip your dives."

Britt earns spot on national team, Whyte ranked nationally

Ex-Idaho distance runner and current volunteer assistant Barry Britt has earned a spot on the Canadian National Cross Country team. He will have a chance to compete at the North American, Central American, Caribbean Cross Country Championships on Feb. 22 in Trinidad and Tobago. Vandal Athletics Hall of Famer and assistant track coach Angela Whyte ranked ninth in the world by Track and Field news for her 100-meter hurdles time.

Baker plays in Medal of Honor Bowl

Former Idaho running back James Baker carried the ball twice and had a reception for 12 yards in the inaugural Medal of Honor Bowl. Baker's National Team fell to the American team, which was led by Florida wide receiver Solomon Patton, who accounted for 98 all-purpose yards, and Portland State's D.J. Adams, who scored twice in the 20-3 victory. The game featured players primarily from FBS and FCS programs and ticket sales benefited the Wounded Warrior Project as well as the Medal of Honor Museum.

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Idaho putting the game out of doubt so early in the game meant Newlee could rest key starters and stretch his bench out. Starting point guard Connie Ballestero, who played all 40 minutes in last Thursday's win over Texa-Pan American, only played 24 minutes against UVU.

The stars checked out early as well. Stacey Barr left after 28 minutes and Alyssa Charlston after 22 minutes, but not after both combined to score 41 of Idaho's seasonhigh 96 points.

Charlston did it with near perfection and insane efficiency. Her 20 points were scored on 8-of-9 shooting, 1-of-1 from beyond-the-arc and making all three free throws. Barr chipped in with 21 points, only missing three shots on the night. Two true freshmen were able to get minutes off the bench thanks to the result, something Newlee is grateful for, saying Saturday's bout at Cal-State Bakersfield will be scrappy for Idaho.

"We're going to need all of that or more on Saturday," Newlee said.

Freshman post Brooke Reilly collected her first double-double as a Vandal with 10 points and 11 rebounds in only 21 minutes on the court.

The dominating win has Idaho as the only undefeated team in the conference — even preseason favorite Seattle has collected a loss, — and the only team in the conference with an overall winning record (12-7).

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A year ago, the team relied heavily on the duties of Krissy Karr, a sophomore who played 24 minutes per game and most recognized for a game-winning jumper in the first round of the 2013 conference tournament.

Karr, quintessential to the team's championship run, is no longer with the program.

Leading the WAC in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio, Ballestero is of high value to Newlee, not to mention the two Vandals averaging north of 15 points per game.

The injury factor is one concern and the fatigue factor is another. The team's remaining conference schedule will see the Vandals play five more games on the road and 11 total before the regular season concludes on March 6.

For a team that doesn't appear to have many wrinkles on the surface, the depth is a hidden flaw and one that could emerge down the road.

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DISAPPOINTING BEGINNINGS



Sophie Vickers hits a forehand in practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. Vickers and the Idaho women's tennis team starts the 2014 season without coach Myriam Sopel, who accepted the same job at UTEP. Sopel leaves after one year at Idaho.

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SBOE goes too far

While most students were finishing up with finals last semester, the Idaho State Board of Education approved a measure that granted the University of Idaho president sole control over the statement of student rights, nullifying the formerly-required student vote.

The SBOE agreed to change the voting requirements in hopes that Interim President Don Burnett would expand the jurisdiction clause to include off-campus activities. Burnett met the SBOE's expectations on Jan. 1 when he added off-campus activities to the jurisdiction clause.

However, without this change to the voting requirements, the jurisdiction clause would have been an extended process and in the end, nearly impossible to implement.

Many students don't use the power they have in on-campus decisions. Despite multiple opportunities for students to voice input on major university decisions and policy, few care enough to take part.

During the presidential open forums, students had the opportunity to directly ask candidates questions. However, only a handful of students were present.

Thirty-five percent of the student body would have to vote on the changes to the student statement of rights, and out of that 35 percent, two-thirds would have to vote in favor the changes. In the spring, ASUI president and senate election, only 21 percent of students cast their ballots, reflecting the probable difficulty in getting enough stuJurisdiction clause a positive, SBOE makes dire mistake

dents to show up and vote for a change to the jurisdiction clause.

That being said, the complete removal of the student voice is unacceptable.

Even though the previous voting requirements were unattainable, the SBOE should have considered multiple other options that would have approved the jurisdiction clause but still retained the student voice, including requiring a two-thirds majority from ASUI as opposed to the entire student body.

Burnett made the right decision by signing off on the jurisdiction clause, but the SBOE has made a dire mistake in granting this massive expansion of power.

-RT



In Idaho, basic human rights aren't for all humans

The F-Word

Hundreds gathered at the statehouse in Boise on Jan. 11 for the "Add the Words" rally, that was put on by an independent group lobbying for the addition of "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the types of discrimination banned under the Idaho Human Rights Act. As of yet, the state legislature has refused

This isn't a "gay issue," it's a human issue. An issue of compassion, dignity and equal treatment. Idaho may bleed red, but that shouldn't mean we are so backwards in our ways to deny these incredibly basic human rights to citizens of the state.

If everyone put themselves into the shoes

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Vandal Connect

I used to work there, but in four months I'll get to know the joy of crushing some poor student's soul when he asks me for money. Who has the power now? Ah, but who am I kidding, I'll cave on the third ask. I'm a poor, soon-to-be graduate, not a monster. -Andrew

Eye on the prize

This is my fifth year of school. I've somehow managed to make it through a marriage, three moves, having a baby and working full time, all while staying in school. I can handle one last semester.

-Kaitlin

Burn After Reading

I miss reading for fun. I think I will do that this semester.

-Emily

Well then...

4 more months and I become an alum of UI. Let's get this over with. -Ricky

Scholarships

Each new semester reminds me to be very thankful for my scholarships that help pay for school. -Aleya

A full heart

This year has been so amazing and unbelievable. Already 2014 is kicking 2013's butt and it's still only the first month. This includes a shout out to the Fran Squad — the most wonderful people I've ever met and who've helped make 2014 the best year yet. Love for everyone.



A column on society and culture from a feminist persepctive

If you came out as gay or trans* at your place of work tomorrow — and you work in the state of Idaho — you could legally be fired under state law. Idaho law also allows you to be evicted from your house and denied service at a restaurant.

every year for the past seven years to even consider making those changes to the legislation. And according to news reports, the group isn't confident lawmakers will change that pattern this time around.

This should be a non-issue by now. Members of the LGBTQ community should not have to live in fear of losing their livelihoods and their homes. In a country built on diversity, we should be far beyond the point of oppressing those who don't belong to the dominant demographic. But unfortunately, we aren't.

But here we are, in 2014, and we need to hold rallies to ask our lawmakers to even consider protecting marginalized groups of people. A majority of Idahoans support the change, 60 percent, according to the Add the Words organization, and Idaho needs to follow what is right in the eyes of its people.

of those being discriminated against and asked themselves "What if it were me?" this would be a non-issue.

Imagine if you were fired because of something you can't control — like your race or your gender. Even if you believe - wrongly — that being gay or trans* is a choice ... it is still an incredibly important and central aspect to who somebody is. Like choice of religion, perhaps. If you wouldn't want to be fired for any of those things, you need to support this legislation.

If lawmakers aren't going to do it, we need to make them. Contact a representative, place phone calls and write emails. We need to make our voices heard on this critical issue. Being complacent is the same as being complicit.

Get on the fast track to academic success

this semester by following these tips

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Tips from a teacher's pet

Amber Emery

A new semester is the perfect time for a fresh start.

While attending college alone used to be enough, there is more pressure now to excel in your area of study to get a good job and make money. One way of excelling in college is maintaining good grades.

Whether you're a freshman beginning your second lap of college or a senior gearing up for spring graduation, these tips are sure to benefit any college student.

Stay organized

While the beginning of the semester might carry a light workload, homework has a way of piling up as months pass. It can be hard to keep all of your assignments in check while still maintaining an active social life, so, take a few minutes each day

to keep an up-to-date log of all assignments, papers, exams and study hours.

For those who like writing things down, purchase a planner and write in due dates and allocate time throughout the week to study and get your homework done.

For those glued to their

electronic devices — like myself — utilize the reminders and calendar apps on your phone. Just doing this will make you feel organized and subconsciously motivate you to get your assignments and papers done.

Get to know your classmates

Most people think it's dorky to introduce yourself to random people in your classes at the beginning of the semester. Dorky? Maybe. A good idea? Yes.

Just exchanging phone numbers

or emails with peers can put you in a better position to get a good grade in your courses, because it creates a network of people to bounce ideas off of and reach out to when things get difficult.

Make every point count

Most UI instructors use a point system to determine final grades for students, and it's common for students to rank their commitment to assignments based on the number of points said assignment is worth.

Don't pay too much attention to points. When you get caught up in calculating how many points you can get from one assignment, you detract time from actually working.

Instead, go into classes thinking each assignment is worth the same — then each assignment will be equally important to you. If you ignore two 10-point assignments because you could "afford" it and

unexpectedly bomb an exam, you're going to wish you had that 10-point safety net to catch you.

Time management

Most successful students do not dedicate their entire lives to academics. People have hobbies, are involved in clubs and organizations, party on the weekends, participate in sports and spend time with their friends and families.

Prioritize your obligations using the ABC method.

Classify something as an A when it's crucial to complete homework, paper, job — and when all of your A tasks are complete, you can move to your B tasks. B tasks are obligations that are important to you, but are not critical at the moment. These can be things such as studying,



Back on track

With an 8 a.m. class, it's time to break this nocturnal living schedule I acquired over the break and get back to a somewhat regular routine. -Stephan

Football

I taught a girl football during the break. Which about sums up my break. -Sean

Quest for Six

Who could possibly have it better than us? Noooooobody!! Let's go Frisco. -Theo

Rave

I'm ready to become acquainted with some fine upstanding women at the social ball this Friday. _Ryan

Sick

First week of school and I'm sick. It's not the best feeling.

-Rainy

Outdoors

Fun day on the slopes yesterday with my BFF Theo. Sunshine and powder snow is the good stuff in life.



in the middle of that test. Get to know your

instructors

Every semester at the end of all my new classes, I wait until the instructor is free and I introduce myself and share something I am excited for in the class after reading the syllabus.

is key to accessing lecture material

Usually by a few weeks in, the instructor knows my name and is comfortable communicating with me about course material.

Instead of the instructor receiving an email from a faceless student, the instructor recognizes that it's me and is usually flexible in helping me catch up.

Not only that, but the instructors that I have made good relationships with other years have made me aware of opportunities like internships, scholarships and extracurricular work that would be a good fit for me.

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exercising and extracurricular activities.

Once your B tasks are completed, you have the guilt-free discretion to enjoy your C's, which might include shopping, going to a movie, partying and spending time with family and friends.

This time management technique is meant to get you to do the things you should be doing — even when you don't want to.

Participate in class

One similarity shared between most classes is a silent audience semester.

What kind of learning is that? For many, speaking up in class









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IS IT A BAD SIGN THAT I'M

ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD

TO GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL?

of students expecting the instructor to teach them everything they need to know, while the students exert little to no effort to retain the information. I've witnessed students mindlessly taking notes and not utter a single word in class the entire

and participating in active learning