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From the farm to the table

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The Palouse-Clearwater Food Coalition hosts Food Summit 3.0

Danielle Wiley Argonaut

Many local food organizations - including the Moscow Food Co-op, The Moscow Farmers Market and Sodexo — and the University of Idaho Soil Stewards and Sustainability Center will participate in the Food Summit 3.0 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the 1912 Center in Moscow.

The City of Moscow and the Palouse-Clearwater Food Coalition will host the event. These groups will collaborate with regional farmers and ranchers, to discuss the food systems on the Palouse and the benefits of a local food system.

Cinda Williams, UI extension educator in Community Food Systems, said the morning session will include brief talks from local business leaders, farmers and food producers who will explain what a food system is, how it affects communities and how participating in a local food system will benefit the region.

The afternoon portion of the Food Summit will be a networking opportunity for event attendees. Williams said the afternoon portion of the event is a time for those curious about food systems or who are interested in starting their own business to create important contacts and to receive information they need to be successful.

"A food system is the flow of food in a specific region," Williams said. "What we're trying to do is make that flow of food more local, rather than having most of our food coming from 1,000 to 1,500 miles away. We're trying to create more locally available food and us being more food secure here ... it's the process of the food between the





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Top: Patrol officer Rick Whitmore unlocks the firearm vault at the Moscow Police Department's University of Idaho campus substation. Left: Students' firearms are stored in the substation vault. Right: Officer Whitmore's patrol car is parked ouside the substation on the corner of Line and Third Streets.

Considering concealed carry

Bill allowing concealed carry on college compuses reintroduced in Idaho legislature

Chloe Rambo Argonaut

BOISE - The Senate Affairs Committee heard a bill Monday that would change the firearms policy on public state college campuses and universities in Idaho.

If passed, the bill would bring Idaho into the small pool of states allowing guns on campus.

Called the S.E.C.U.R.E Idaho Campuses Act, the bill would permit retired law enforcement officers and law-abidrying within on-campus dormitories, "high-capacity" public entertainment and sporting facilities.

The hearing was originally scheduled for Friday, but was moved to allow for last minute edits to the bill.

Exactly how large a "high-capacity facility" is has yet to be determined. The original bill said 2,500 seats would be the standard for "large seating capacity," but it has since decreased to 1,500. The capacity was again decreased to 1,000 seats in Monday's presentation of the bill.

"We didn't make a different (firearm license) standard - there are no recurring requirements," McKenzie said. "Once you have the enhanced carry license, you don't have to go through another class in order to keep it."

The University of Idaho currently bans students from bringing firearms, ammunition or archery devices on campus, whether on a person or in a vehicle, but allows individuals to store them in a police substation on campus. Students can then check their guns out



Sam Koester Student

a campus, or in a classroom, as someone would need to know the weapon's location if something bad were to happen. I find it rather scary to think anyone could be carrying."



A bill reintroducing the idea of concealed carry on Idaho campuses was presented to the Senate Affairs Committee in the Idaho State Legislature today. How do you feel about the idea? Should Idaho Legislators consider allowing guns on campus?



"Seeing as only individuals with enhanced permits would be allowed to carry (has gone through numerous checks and registrations), I am very much in favor of

supporting individu-

als rights."

Clayton McFarland Student

"No, I don't think they should consider it. While I support the right to bear arms, I don't see how someone is going to monitor the amount of

concealed weapons on



farmer and the table."

Christine Schuette, a UI student and member of the Palouse-Clearwater Food Coali-

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ing adults more than 21 years old who have acquired an Idaho enhanced concealed carry license to possess a firearm on public college and university campuses. Exceptions would include car-

The bill was presented by chairman of the committee, Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Nampa. McKenzie said the bill didn't require any changes to the current state enhanced carry requirements.

from the station for use at any time.

ASUI President Max Cowan said this isn't the first time Idaho has

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Looking for leaders

RA positions open for 2014-2015 academic year, free room and board

Amber Emery Argonaut

Lindsey Rush, current area assistant for the Wallace Complex Eastside residence hall, and a resident assistant in the Theophilus Tower for the 2012-2013 academic year, said getting involved with University Housing was one of the best decisions she's made in college.

'Whenever I'm on campus and I overhear someone talking, like they don't know where something is or there's an incident between them and a roommate, there's always that rewarding feeling when you realize 'I can help them, I'm trained to do that and I have the tools to help them if they need it," Rush said.

University of Idaho students

who want to build their leadership experience and receive free room and board can apply to become a resident assistant for University Housing. The department is currently seeking applicants for RA positions for the 2014-2015 academic year. Applications for the positions are available online at www.uidaho.edu/universityhousing and the deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday.

"RAs are student leaders and mentors for communities within our residence facilities," said Matt Kelly, assistant director for student success. "They're there for crisis situations, they're there for policy enforcement, they're there to build community and they're a resource for students when they live in our halls."

Kelly said while there are a few requirements for the position, any student regardless of their background is encouraged to apply.

"There's no one specific cook-



Lindsey Rush, area assistant for Wallace Complex Eastside, explains what exactly a resident assistant does. RA applications are due at 5 p.m. Friday and can be found on the uidaho website.

ie-cutter RA," Kelly said. "But, the minimum requirements are they have had to be [a student] for a semester, they need to have at least a 2.5 $\overrightarrow{\text{GPA}}$ — both semester and cumulative — and just be a ... good-natured person." RAs are assigned to a hall or area within one of UI's five residence halls — the

Wallace Complex, McConnell, Theophilus Tower, Living Learning Communities and Targhee. The RAs communicate with residents in their hall daily, schedule teambuilding activities and ensure their residents receive the college

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In Brief

Luna will not run for re-election

BOISE - Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced Monday that he will not run for re-election.

Luna said his decision not



Superintendent of

Public Instruction

to run for re-election stemmed from his work trying to implement recomthe mendations of the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education. He

said his work was continually scrutinized through a political lense, and it was dampening his ability to implement the recommendations. He said he will work hard for the next 11 months, without the distraction of an election.

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CRUMBS Cornish game hen

Theo Lawson Crumbs

These tiny hens are perfect for one person, but make sure to plan ahead before making them. They must thaw out for up to three hours before cooking. They can be found at WinCo Foods, or any grocery store and are extremely cheap. I believe I paid just \$3 for this little guy. There are a variety of ways to cook hens — one that is quite popular is beer can chicken, something I may have to try out at a later date.

Ingredients

1 cornish game hen (preferably without giblets)

- Half of an orange
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon onion flakes
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper

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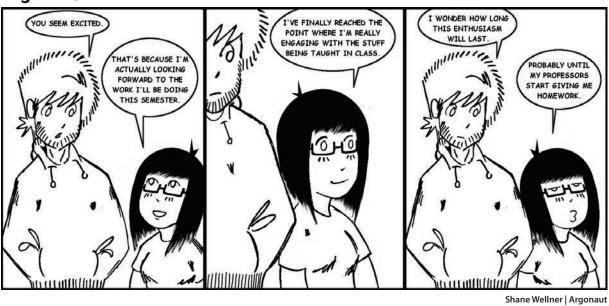
Once thawed, take hen out of 2. package and rinse under cold water. Thoroughly clean the inside as well. If hen contains giblets, remove them.

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. 3.
- 4. Use paper towel to dry the rinsed hen.
- Coat inside (cavity) of the hen 5. with lemon pepper, parsley and onion flakes.
- Cut half of an orange into 3-4 6. slices and stuff into hen's cavity.
- Coat outside of hen with olive oil 7. or vegetable oil. This will make the hen's skin into a nice golden

Theo Lawson | Crumbs

- brown color once finished. 8. Sprinkle lemon pepper, parsley, onion, salt and pepper on outside of hen.
- 9. Cover the hen with aluminum foil, place it on a baking sheet and into the oven.
- 10. Bake for 45 minutes, then remove foil from hen, but keep hen in oven.
- 11. Bake for another 30 minutes.
- 12. Let the hen cool down. Enjoy and watch out for bones.

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The watercolor painting "Canned Peaches" by Betty Benson is one of the many watercolor pieces on display at Moscow City Hall through Friday.

Watercolor Idaho

Idaho Watercolor Society traveling exhibit features numerous works from across the state, will end Friday

Andrew Jenson Argonaut

Nothing lasts forever. This is certainly true in the case of the 2013 Idaho Watercolor Society Traveling Show Exhibit, which will end Friday.

The exhibit, located on the second floor of Moscow City Hall, features numerous works from artists across the state. Some of the paintings displayed were chosen for and featured in a show at Boise State University. The exhibit also includes works from the Palouse Watercolor Society, which are displayed on the third floor of City Hall.

Moscow artist Betty Benson, a member of the Idaho Watercolor Society who contributed to the 2013 show with her work "Canned Peaches," said the show is good due to the mixture of people involved.

"It's a good show based on kind of a mix of people's works around the state, you know," Benson said. "It's not just local people."

City of Moscow Arts Assistant DJ Scallorn agreed with Benson and said the exhibit is a great representation of watercolor in Idaho. "The exhibit is a great way to see local and regional artists from the state of Idaho that are very talented," Scallorn said. "The works are very high quality and a great representation of watercolor."

Scallorn said Moscow has hosted the traveling show in recent years and will feature it again next year.

Benson added that while Moscow has hosted the traveling show before, the one currently on display is of better quality than previous years exhibits.

"I think, generally speaking, this year is better quality, probably, from my own perspective — and I'm not a judge — than perhaps some that have been there in the past," Benson said. "I'm talking about whoever judges the overall show in Boise, you know, (they) just have different opinions about what constitutes a good art piece."

Benson said for each exhibit, a single judge decides which 20 pieces, from approximately 150 to 200 submitted works, will be featured in the traveling show. This year, the judge

More info

The watercolor paintings are available for viewing on the City's Facebook page. To see the works online, visit www.facebook. com/CityofMoscowldaho

was Stan Miller of Spokane. Benson said Miller is becoming a known artist throughout the world.

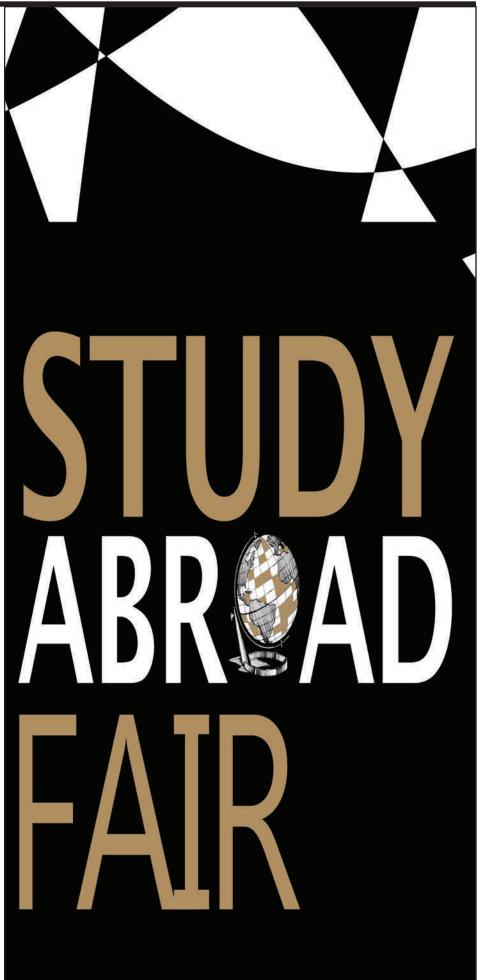
"He has been in the best international magazine recently, with something like a four-page spread, you know, that sort of thing," Benson said. "He's becoming a real known artist, nationally and internationally."

However, Benson said the judge changes every year. There will be a new judge for the new 2014 show.

Benson added that anyone interested can join the Watercolor Society.

"If anybody's interested in joining the Idaho Watercolor Society, they can communicate with me and I'll be happy to help them out," Benson said.

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UI professor rocks geology world

Jake Smith Argonaut

Dennis Geist, University of Idaho geology professor since 1990, has been working in the Galapagos Islands for the entirety of his 30-year career.

Recently, Geist and a team of researchers published an article that explains the volcanic islands' geology in a new way.

The article that will appear in February's edition of the scientific journal Nature Geoscience and it titled "Mantle flow and multistage melting beneath the Galapagos hotspot revealed by seismic imaging."

According to Geist, the article couples the research done on the surface of islands with seismic activity below the surface.

"Our goal was to find out why there were volcanoes in this part of the Earth," Geist said. "Now, to get a volcano, the Earth has to melt ... and so, by mapping out the interior of the Earth with seismic waves, we can at least see where the melting was taking place."

The team utilized seismic activity to outline key points that get to the heart of how the islands were formed, as well as how they function.

According to the article, tomographic images of the mantle beneath the Galapagos indicates evidence of plume-lithosphereridge interactions, as well as an understanding of viscous coupling between oceanic plates and upper layer of the earth's mantle.

"We were able to image a mantle plume — a big upwelling in the earth's mantle that causes the volcanoes in the Galapagos," Geist said.

According to Geist, the mantle plume was not where they thought it might be. Instead, it is displaced from the most active volcanoes. Mantle plumes, such as the Galapagos, Hawaii and Tahiti, are supposed to follow the direction of tectonic plate migration, Geist said.

The plate below the Galapagos, Nazca,

moves in an eastward direction. However, the volcanic plume moves in a perpendicular motion upward and away from the tectonic plate's migration.

"Their results show that something is keeping the plume from following the movement of the plate," said Eric Mittelstaedt, UI assistant professor of geodynamics.

The team was able to see the mantle plume using earthquake waves. Seismometers were deployed a decade ago so that, like a CAT scan piercing skin to reveal the inner body, scientists could peer below the surface of the earth.

The team of researchers collected data for three to four years, and has since been processing the complex information. Due to the fact that every earthquake emits shock waves that pass beneath the Galapagos, there is an immense amount of data to be processed, Geist said.

Another aspect of the research highlights how the team was able to — on the basis of earthquake waves — map out where rocks were melting in the Galapagos. These melting rocks help form the volcanoes on the islands. Like the mantle plume, these melting rocks were not where the team expected them to be.

Based at the University of Oregon, the team was led by Douglas Toomey and his doctoral student Darwin Villagomez. Emilie Hooft of the UO Department of Geological Sciences and Sean Solomon of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University also aided the research and writing process.

Geist's role was one of collaboration. In part, he provided ideas on how to interpret the data gathered by his research group.

Throughout Geist's time in the Galapagos, he has invited dozens of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students to work with him in this unusual chain of islands.

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Purchasing professors

Board of Student Advocates hosts Faculty Auction

Arianna Anchustegui Argonaut

Ever bowled with a professor or went scotch tasting? The University of Idaho Board of Student Advocates will host the annual BSA Faculty Auction at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the UI Law Courtroom. The auction allows law students to bid on various events and dinners with law school professors.

Auction items include dinner for three at the Alehouse, scotch tasting for four and coffee for four at Sister's Brew.

BSA President Lindy Hornberger will play the role of auctioneer, while students bid on their professors with wooden paddles.

"I think that it builds camaraderie and

brings students and professors together in a way that they wouldn't get together outside of the classroom," Hornberger said. "It allows for more interaction, a way to get to know students better and to get outside of the comfort zone a little bit more. I think it also builds moral and school spirit."

Professors donate their time and money to help fund the BSA.

"This year we have an overwhelming amount of support," Hornberger said.

Each professor that participated in past years agreed to donate this year, as well as nearly every other faculty member in the law school, Hornberger said.

Professor Shaakirrah Sanders has taught constitutional law and criminal procedure since 2011. This year is her third time participating in the auction.

"I always enjoy our students in and out

of the classroom, so I'm looking forward to getting to know them a little better," Sanders said. "As a professor, people don't always feel very comfortable inside of the law school building and I'm happy to answer questions about the law or tell them of my experiences practicing law — in a less formal environment."

This year, Sanders is listed for a "House Party" at her house.

"Some students are just curious, maybe they want to see what the professor's house looks like," Hornberger said. "They know what they're like inside of the school setting, this way they find out what they're like outside of the classroom and if they're as scary as they seem."

In years past, a single professor's dinner raised a bid of more than \$1,000 for multiple years in a row. This year, Hornberger hopes each bid will reach at least \$200. The goal is to exceed last year's total and raise at least \$3,000.

A portion of the proceeds will go to a charity of BSA's choice — the Humane Society of the Palouse. However, almost all proceeds go to the BSA in support of the principal advocacy training organization. BSA students participate in Moot Court Competitions nationally which are funded by fundraisers and events, such as the auction.

BSA hopes for as big of a turnout as possible. A raffle will also be held for two gift certificates to Mingles.

Hornberger said she thinks law students look forward to the event and BSA will continue the tradition for years to come.

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Students get political

Young Democrats of University of Idaho stress importance of politics

Erin Bamer

Argonaut

In the 2012 presidential election, Latah County was one of the two democratic counties in all of Idaho.

In a search for balance, the group Young Democrats University of Idaho are working to even out extreme political perspectives in the state by encouraging students of all political parties to get involved in politics.

"My favorite part of being a part of YDUI is raising the level of discussion on campus," said Graham Perednia, senior political science major and YDUI member. "Right now, there isn't that much, and if there is, it's just hardcore libertarian or tea party. It's very one-sided, and in any democracy the political discussion has to be more than one-sided. If it's not, then it's not a democracy."

According to Perednia, there isn't a single way politics don't affect UI students. Perednia said most students general view of politics is that it's just a group of white men arguing, but the things they argue about are things that will affect students.

"It's important because it affects us," said Estefania Mondragon, senior and president of YDUI. "For instance, me, I'm a first generation student. My parents are immigrants from Mexico. All my life, I've seen them deal with immigration issues. And I know I'm not alone, there are a lot of students whose parents have immigrated, and have dealt with that issue."

Although YDUI has existed as a student organization for several years, the group increased its activity in the fall semester. The group seeks to help students become more connected with the community, and to help its members obtain poa screening with the Palouse Peace Coalition on the documentary "Dirty Wars," got involved in multiple multi-cultural organizations where they helped people register to vote, helped campaign for a few local politicians, collaborated with the organization Young Democrats of Boise State and are currently petitioning to raise the minimum wage in Idaho.

Earlier this semester, members of YDUI also listened to Idaho's Republican Rep. Raul Labrador speak at a public hall.

"That was really cool," said John Fish, senior public relations major and YDUI member. "It was good to see other people with different beliefs trying to be vocal about politics as well. It's interesting to see how we're all involved."

To get students more involved, YDUI will hold registrations for a political training course called Politics A-Z. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Gold and Silver room of the Student Union Building. Politics A-Z is a training course in political campaigning hosted by the Idaho Democratic Party.

"Let's say you want to manage a campaign," Mondragon said. "They teach you the basic skills. If you want to fundraise, they teach you how to fundraise. If you want to do fieldwork for the campaign, they show you how to do that. They show you really what it takes to run a successful campaign."

Mondragon said she encourages students with any political interest to register for the program. She said campaigns require many different types of people from different majors, not just political science.

"If you're interested in seeing how the world works or just seeing how Idaho politics works in general, then I would encourage people to look for this route," Mondragon said. *Erin Bamer can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu*



litical internships.

"We want students to get involved with politics," Mondragon said. "Our huge thing is building a connection between students and the party." In an effort to achieve these goals, YDUI held

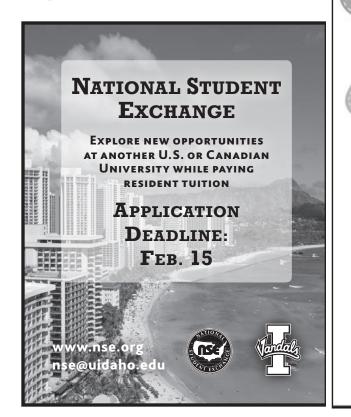
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1:22 a.m. 700 block, Nez Perce Drive Alcohol Offense. Officer cited male for MIP.
11:07 p.m. 1400 block, North Mountain View Road Trespassing Complaint.
10:41 p.m. 100 block, North Jackson St.

Complaint of loud party. **Saturday**

January 25 1:11 p.m. 111 Troy Road, Subway Complaint of drugs. 9:14 p.m. South Main Street, Bucer's Coffeehouse

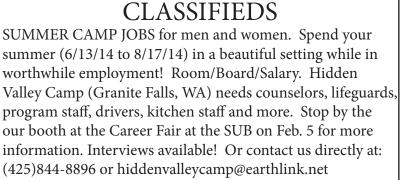


Complaint of unruly male. 11:49 p.m. North Main Street, CJ's Complaint of false ID.

Sunday

January 26

12:25 a.m. 900 block, Paradise Creek St. Complaint of odor of marijuana.
6:32 p.m. Elm Street, Delta Delta Delta Complaint of theft. License plate stolen.





Do you hear what I hear?

City of Moscow teams with Moscow and Pullman Chambers of Commerce radio workshop

Andrew Jenson Argonaut

Radio — it survived the television and the Internet.

That is why the City of Moscow and the Moscow and Pullman Chambers of Commerce have organized Moscow's first Local Radio Resources Workshop.

The workshop will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room on the second floor of Moscow City Hall.

Representatives from various local stations will speak at the event. Among these are KRFP (Radio Free Moscow) Station Manager Leigh Roberts, KUOI Station Manager Nae Hakala, KHTR/KQQQ Sales Manager Ed Van Nuland and Executive Director of Promotions for Inland Northwest Broadcasting Jon Carson. Participants will be allotted time for questions after the speakers have finished.

"The goals in the workshop (are) about getting people from the public and groups and organizations in the same room as the radio resources from our local area, so they can ask questions and find out how to promote their events and find out how to reach our public here in our area," said City Arts Assistant DJ Scallorn.

Scallorn said the workshop will ultimately help people understand how to use radio to their advantage.

"I think that it will really help people find out what resources are available, how to utilize those resources, how to promote their events and get their message out there to the people that they want to reach," Scallorn said.

Assistant Director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Josh Larson said the workshop is relevant due to the fact that many people don't know the potential of radio.

"I don't think the general public knows all the resources that they can use for radio, when it comes to promoting their business or their organization or their event," Larson said. "I think it just boils down to the fact ... that a lot of people don't know what radio can do for them."

Larson, who will give the introductory speech at the workshop, said radio is an important resource to the community.

"I think it's really important," Larson said. "I mean – every morning coming into work and, actually, even while I'm here at work and on my way home – I am always listening to the radio. And I will pick up advertisements and it will kind of, I guess, lead me into directions of certain business or events."

Similarly, Scallorn said radio is useful tool for community.

"I think it's a tool that people can definitely use," Scallorn said. "I think that it's something that is definitely used in our area, and that people enjoy listening to their different radio stations. And I think it's a way for people to just learn this is what's available, this is what's available now in these local areas and this is how you utilize it."

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Public schools – a new generation

Luna proposes increased technology, safety, testing for Idaho's top education needs

Chloe Rambo Argonaut

BOISE — It's not all about increased test scores, said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna.

He said he wants to see students succeed in everyday life, and increased technology and

student safety are the keys.

Luna presented the State Department of Education budget to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Thursday at the Capitol. In his presentation, Luna said the main

areas of financial focus include the revitalization of standardized testing, increased technology in classrooms, school safety and professional development to improve the educational experience of the nearly 280,000 students in the Idaho's public schools.

"We need to focus on the lives of students to see success," Luna said. "What's going on outside classrooms is equally as important."

Luna also presented the budget for Idaho's public schools — the state's largest single budget.

He said the funding he is requesting is directed to advancing the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education's 20 recommendations and achieving the State Board of Education's benchmark of 60 percent of all Idahoans between the ages of 25-34 years old gaining a professional or technical certificate by 2020.

"The task force set a clear path forward, including several budget estimates," Luna said.

He said it would cost between \$350 million and \$400 million to bring the task force's recommendations to reality.

For fiscal year 2015, Luna recommended \$300,000 to establish a technical advisory committee to follow through on the future achievement of the task force's recommendations.

Luna also said the state's current system of standardized testing, the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, is inadequate, and will transition next year to the new Smarter Balanced Assessment.

"We were previously testing students' ability to write with a multiple choice test, now we're testing their writing by actually having them write," Luna said.

> He said 95 percent student participation in standardized testing will be necessary to truly measure the successes of state schools. Now, students are required to be tested in grades 3-8, and

once in a while in high school. "Idaho's children deserve the best — the best teachers (and) the

best standards," Luna said. "A world class education is more important today than ever before."

To support a major facet of overall education quality, Luna said the future successes of Idaho schools will depend on technology. After establishing the Idaho Education Network, a statewide broadband system connecting high schools to each other and also to Idaho's higher education institutions, Luna said positive results have been immediate.

Luna said at least one classroom is equipped with a flat screen TV featuring microphones and cameras that allow students to receive instruction via distance learning programs. Next, the state will work to establish a statewide wireless Internet connection to offer ways for students to connect to, learn from and fully utilize the Internet.

"The next logical step is for each student to have access to a device," Luna said. "Whether it's a tablet, a laptop or a smart device ... each student should have access to that world of information and knowledge. We're putting in the infrastructure in place to bridge that divide."

The State Department of Education has also been using \$150,000 issued last year to create an all-inclusive online education portal to connect high school students with classes that are available in Idaho's post-secondary institutions. Luna said the portal should be available in March to allow high school students to register for college-level courses for the upcoming summer and fall.

Luna discussed how state funding will be necessary to increase school safety.

He said \$100,000 from the last fiscal year is being put toward increased safety education, and he is requesting \$2.2 million to be funneled directly to school districts for developing increased safety measures.

"We never want to look back and wonder, 'Could we have done more?" Should we have done more?" Luna said. "Students will only be able to learn successfully when they're free of fear and terror."

Luna is also requesting \$500,000 for the creation of a state safety center. The projected Idaho Center for School Safety will be a one-stop-shop for training workshops, materials and educational programming for educators in order to prevent safety breeches at Idaho schools.

Luna also requested a one-time amount of \$16 million for teachers' leadership bonuses to help retain and reward Idaho educators.

JFAC co-chair Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, questioned whether Luna thought it was most appropriate to allocate funding for a bonus system that has not yet been established or measured for success.

In response, Luna said the money would be given in efforts to get money into school districts to inspire increased educator leadership, and by doing so, would be taking one more step toward completion of the task force's recommendations for improvement.

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Luna is stepping down after eight years as the state superintendent. Three individuals have announced their candidacy for the position, according to the Idaho Statesman.

Currently, teacher John Eynon of Grangeville, Idaho and principal Randy Jensen of American Falls, Idaho are the Republican candidates for superintendent of public instruction, and Jana Jones - defeated by Luna in 2006 — is the only Democratic candidate.

Taste of Nepal

For the past 16 years, the local

Nepali community has come together to prepare for a showcase of their culture to the Moscow Community.

The University of Idaho's Nepali Student Association will host Taste of Nepal from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for the general public. They can be purchased at the Idaho Commons any day this week or at the door on Saturday.

'Taste of Nepal is mainly put on to showcase Nepali culture through dance, music and food," said Namrata Dangol, NSA treasurer.

Dangol said it is an event where all Nepali students and faculty on campus and the Moscow and Pullman Nepali community come together to help with preparations.

This is a great opportunity for culture exchange, because a lot of people don't know about Nepal, most of them have never heard of Nepal," Dangol said.

Tshering Sherpa UI alumna and NSA member said Taste of Nepal is not only a good way to maintain diversity on campus, but to also bring students a cultural experience outside of the classroom.

Dangol said she is most excited to showcase Nepali dances and food.

"I think that people who come to the event will have fun watching the dances and also enjoy the food," Dangol said.

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experience in a safe environment, Kelly said.

Rush said even though the most noticeable benefit of the RA position is free room and board and a textbook scholarship, she thinks the most rewarding aspect of the job is the leadership experience.

"For me, the biggest benefit of the job is the amount of training you get in working with people," she said. "You learn how to run things and administration duties, but RAs also learn just how to communicate with people better."

Rush said there is a place for everyone in University Housing, because the department recognizes that sometimes the best leaders are the most unexpected ones.

'So there's the shy ones, but they handle policy really well," Rush said. "Then there's the social ones who think of all the crazy ideas for programs and there's also the strict ones who help make that guiding line for the rest of the staff."

The application process is extensive, Rush said, but it's effective because it ensures the best leaders are selected for the positions and they're being placed somewhere that will fulfill the students' and the department's needs.

"First you actually have to fill out the application and get your references in," Rush said. "Then there are group interviews and individual interviews followed by a 6-week training class and then you will be officially offered your position - assuming it all goes well. We also have fall training, we go on a camping trip and basically become really close with our housing staff before the students get to campus in August."

"This is going to benefit me down the road," Rush said. "The RA experience is one of a kind and I think everyone should apply."

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tion, said the annual event is one of the biggest events the coalition hosts.

"The coalition is a grass roots group led by the community that is trying to strengthen a local food system," Schuette said. "So the coalition puts on this annual Food Summit ... all these different organizations that will be there are parts of this coalition."

Schuette said local food is shown to be healthier because there is less distance between where the food is produced and where the food is consumed. She said this creates less need for food processing and a large supply of fresh food.

Williams said there are some issues with the current food system that the coalition is trying to confront and change.

'We are totally reliant on transportation to get our food here," Williams said. "Many times the food leaves the farms here, goes somewhere to be processed then comes back here. We're trying to strengthen the local system, have more farmers producing more food that is available here."

Williams Both and Schuette said, according to the Idaho Food Bank in Lewiston would only have enough food storage to last for three days in the event of a catastrophe on the Palouse that cut off the transportation of food to the Lewis Clark Valley.

Williams said many UI students are interested in the local foods movement and in serving more local food at campus dining.

"If the demand is strong enough at the university, it may reflect to a bigger audience," Williams said.

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SPEAK

A bill reintroducing the idea of concealed carry on Idaho campuses was presented to the Senate Affairs Committee in the Idaho State Legislature today. How do you feel about the idea? Should Idaho Legislators consider allowing guns on campus?



Julie Tibbets

concealed weapons on campus. Keep in mind that they are already all over the place, with the exception of court houses, jails, K-12 schools, and the like. If you go to get a pedicure the lady in the chair next

"I have no problem with

to you very well may have a gun in her purse. If you go to Winco for groceries the man behind you in the checkout line might have one under his coat. Just something to consider before you lose sleep over the idea of guns on campus."

"I do not think that uni-

a lot of concealed weapons on campus already, intentionally and unintentionally. I'd rather see the university put on training programs for gun safety and usage that do not present guns in a hippy "guns kill people" manner. I have no interest in carrying a concealed gun on campus or attending such classes. I just think building a fake world out of policy is stupid."

CONSIDERING

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encountered a bill of this kind. In spring of 2011, the state senate brought forth a bill regulating open carry on campuses. Following the announcement of that bill, ASUI issued a rebuttal in favor of keeping gun-regulation powers in the hands of the individual universities.

Cowan said ASUI will gather student input on the upcoming bill because student voices need to be heard concerning such a hot-button topic. He said the basic differences found between Idaho's numerous post-secondary campuses need to be taken into account before an over-arching piece of legislation is passed.

"I think those concerns are still very real," Cowan said. "Each of the universities (in Idaho) are so different — Boise State University is a commuter college and UI is a residential college — this is our home."

Cowan said students should share their views and opinions with the members of ASUI. To share, find ASUI on the UI web page and select "Feedback."

"It's much more important to have conversations and much less important to have numbers," Cowan said.

McKenzie said it is also considered a misdemeanor if an individual uses their firearm under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and would result in their concealed carry permit being revoked for a period of three years.

Within what McKenzie said is one of the more confusing elements of the bill, are the qualifiers of self-defense. He said no crime would be committed if someone shot another individual while protecting their or another persons life.

Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise, said the bill's selfdefense rhetoric supports more individuals carrying guns.

'It appears then that what we're doing is providing an exception to carrying within a dormitory or residence or entertainment facility when we have cases of self defense," Werk said. "I'm a little confused — if you're not supposed to have (a firearm) within those venues, how are the selfdefense operative - unless you come from outside to come inside with a weapon."

In a lawsuit brought against UI in 2011, second-year law student Aaron Tribble said the university's ban on firearms in his on-campus apartment infringed upon his constitutional rights.

The university released a statement regarding its policies, in response to the lawsuit.

'It affirms our position that the university does have the legal authority to regulate firearms on campus, including in university-owned residences. Our firearms policy has been part of the faculty/ staff and student handbooks since the mid-1970s," the statement said.

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versity policy should differ from state or federal law on this matter. The great thing is that

concealed weapons aren't something that you just "show off" unless you're about to use it. So, how would the university even know unless they started to search people anyways? It only detours people who intend to follow university policy. I'm sure there are



SPORTS Leaving a legacy

Swim and dive team grabs win in front of packed crowd on Senior Day

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

The last swimmer touched the wall in the 200-yard freestyle relay and the Vandals could finally sing the fight song with all their cheering fans.

The Idaho swimming and diving team defeated Oregon State 188-86 on Saturday in the University of Idaho Swim Center. It was Senior Day for the Vandals and their only spring home meet. Idaho already had a substantial lead going into the last event but a first and thirdplace finish in the 200 freestyle relay sealed a dominating 102point victory over the Pac-12 Beavers.

great," "It was Idaho coach Mark Sowa said following the win. "We love swimming at home, we love swimming in front of a packed crowd. That's the way we want to send out 10 really special people this program. to They've meant a lot to us over the last four years, they've seen this program move forward in a lot of ways."

On Senior Day, it was the seniors who stepped up for Idaho. Diver Paige Hunt, Idaho's most decorated diver in program history, broke her own record in the 3-meter dive with a score of 331.36. She also won the 1-meter dive with a score of 279.59.

"We have three senior divers and certainly they've meant so much to our diving program," Sowa said.

"(They) really have been the cornerstone of what we're looking to build — one of the best diving programs in the Northwest, which I think we're well on our way to doing that already."

In the pool, senior Megan Venlos impressed with three firstplace finishes. She was a part of the winning 200 medley relay (1 minute, 43.75 seconds) as well as the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.90) — the first and last swimming events of the day. Venlos also won the tightest race of the day with her 0.04 second victory in the 100 freestyle.

"Megan Venlos winning the 100 freestyle by less than a tenth of a second against a Kirah Monks in the

girl that made NCAAs last year — that's a very good swimmer that she touched out," Sowa

Although Venlos' opponent, Sammy Harrison, is normally a distance swimmer, Sowa said it was still an impressive race and accomplishment.

It wasn't only the seniors that impressed in their last meet in front of a home crowd. Idaho mainstay Rachel Millet, a junior, added victories in the 200 (1:51.33)and 200 backstroke Erica Anderson and Taylor Strachan in the 200 medley relay and Venlos, Anderson and

In all, Idaho won 12 of the 16 events at the meet.

"That was a really big win for us," Venlos said. "The roles were kind of reversed when we swam them last year, so that sets us up really well getting prepared for our conference meet in about a month - so we're all excited. What a great way to end a home career as a senior with all the fans and that big of a win."

Oregon State beat Idaho last year 143-119 in Corvallis, Ore. The two teams tied the year before. This time, it was Idaho's time to shine.

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5. Kansas City

(7-12, 4-3)

Senior standouts

Paige Hunt - diver

Hunt broke her own record in the 3-meter dive with a score of 331.36 while also winning 1-meter

dive with a score of 279.59. The previous 3-meter dive record was 319.05 set on February 28, 2013.

More info

Idaho against Oregon State

The Vandals and Beavers have a 2-2-1 record against each other over the last five years after Idaho's 188-86 victory on Saturday. Neither team has been able to beat the other on the road.

Erica Anderson completes the final leg of the race Idaho's winning 200-yard freestyle relay team. The Vandals beat Oregon State 188-86 Saturday in the UI Swim Center. Ten Vandals competed in their last home meet at Idaho in the victory.

said.

freestyle (2:03.89) — in addition to joining Venlos,

200 freestyle relay.





Venlos had one individual victory and two relay victories for Idaho. Her win in the 100-yard freestyle came in

Megan Venlos -

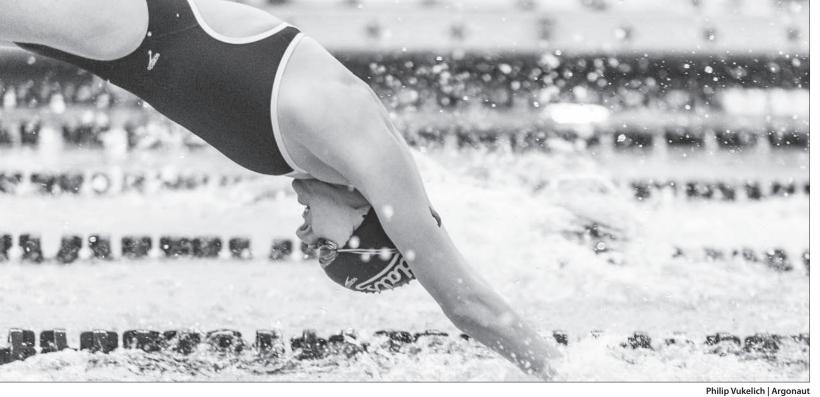
swimmer

52.85 seconds just .04 seconds ahead of the next finisher. Venlos was also a part of the winning 200 medley relay (1 minute, 43.75 seconds) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.90).

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Idaho track and field hosted two home meets Friday and Saturday in the Kibbie Dome





WAC Round-up

Theo Lawson

Argonaut

1. Utah Valley (12-7, WAC 6-0)



It took a 20-1 second-half run, but the Wolverines pulled away from Mis-

souri-Kansas City Thursday to remain unbeaten in league play. That theme continued at home Saturday, when UVU took care of Chicago State. The Wolverines, who may boast the league's best player in Ben Aird, are getting good looks from other starters, as four scored in double digits Saturday.

2. New Mexico State

(15-7, 4-2)



If Aird isn't the conference's best player, it appears that NMSU's Daniel Mullings is. The junior had a career-high 32 points in a 90-78 win over UTPA, and the Aggies jumped Chicago State in the league standings, despite missing center Sim Bhullar for the sixth straight game.

3. Grand Canvon (9-10, 4-2)

4. Chicago State

(9-11, 4-2)

league victory.



The Antelopes were also able to jump Chicago State with a pair of home wins

> against Idaho and Seattle U, respectively. Against the Vandals, GCU had three players score 19-plus points, and the 'Lopes were paced by a career-high 30 from Jerome Garrison. Garrison tallied 24 more against the Redhawks to help GCU slide into the third spot.

The Cougars split a pair of road games,

first topping league bottom dwellers Cal

State-Bakersfield, before falling to league

leaders Utah Valley. Though Bakersfield's

Issiah Grayson went for a game-high

28 points, Chicago State forced its op-

ponents into 14 turnovers for its fourth

At Utah Valley, the Kangaroos suffered a dismal shooting performance, going 28 percent from the field, while scoring just 48 points. It was a different story in Bakersfield though, where the 'Roos held their opponent to a sub-40 percent shooting night, and scored 70 themselves.

6. Texas-Pan American (6-15, 4-2)



UTPA has the league's worst scoring offense, yet it was the Broncs' shooting defense that did them in against league favorites New Mexico State. The Aggie starters combined for 81 points, which would have been enough to top UTPA Saturday. The Broncs scored 78, but Mullings was the difference-maker in loss No. 15 for UTPA.

Athletes of the week

Jose Bendeck – men's tennis



The men's tennis team started 2014 by going 2-0 over the weekend, with wins against Eastern Washington and Seattle U.

In the matches, one player in particular stood out for the Vandals. Senior Jose Bendeck was able to go 4-0 combined in singles and doubles play.

Bendeck and Cristobal Ramos Salazar won 6-2 at No. 1 doubles in the first match against Seattle U, then later Bendeck won at the No. 2 singles position in the same match. Later in the afternoon, Bendeck went to the No. 1 singles position and was able to get a straight-set win, while also winning his doubles match with Salazar against Eastern Washington.

"I was very impressed with Jose," Beaman said. "He continues to have a great senior year going 4-0 combined in singles and doubles."

The Vandals return to the court with a trip to Oregon to face Fresno State on Saturday in Eugene, and Portland State on Sunday in Portland.

Jesse Villines – men's track and field



The Idaho track and field team competed in two meets at home with the Idaho Collegiate on Friday and the Idaho Open Saturday. Usually track and field athletes improve as the season goes on, but Jesse Villines already hit several career-bests over the weekend

for Idaho. The junior from Soda Springs,

THE ARGONAUT

Track and field impresses at home

Second week of competition features personal-best marks

Curtis Ginnetti Argonaut

Last weekend, the Idaho track and field team hosted a pair of competitions. The Idaho Collegiate on Friday featured approximately 500 collegiate and post-collegiate athletes from around the area and on Saturday, Idaho hosted the Idaho Open, which was open to high school athletes as well.

"Both matches are important for us in terms of training and finding out where we are in the early part of the season, but only the Indoor (Collegiate) will be counted towards our NCAA matches," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said.

Phipps said it is important for the team to have these two matches on consecutive days, because it not only gives the runners and throwers a chance to compete for multiple days like they will be doing during NCAA finals, but it also helps bring in more athletes from other schools. Phipps said it also makes it worth the time of competitors who are traveling a distance, such as those traveling from Eastern Montana, because they have a chance to compete more than once as well.

On Friday, junior Taylor Hewett and junior Emmanuel Panchol both showed promise for their upcoming season. Hewett, who just returned to competition after recovering from an ACL surgery, hit a career-best mark in the 800meter race with a time of 2 minutes, 16.51 seconds. This time beat her previous record by almost five seconds.

"This kind of exemplifies

what she has been doing all fall and over Christmas break," Phipps said. "She keeps surprising everybody, including herself and she is making improvements every week."

A new Vandal, Panchol took first in an event for the second week in a row. During the season opening competition at WSU, Panchol took first and second in two events and continued his success at Idaho with another first-place finish this weekend in the men's high jump with a final jump of 1.95 meters.

"I already feel at home here at Idaho, I just want to do as well as I can for my coaches," Panchol said.

Saturday saw some exemplary performances from other Vandals as well. Junior Jesse Villines ended the day with two individual victories in the men's 60 with a new personal best of 7.01. He also won the 200 with another personal best of 25.82.

"Jesse had a great day today, and overall a great weekend," Phipps said. "He ran seven races in two days and hit career-bests in everything."

Also setting a personal best on Saturday was junior thrower Zach Trumbauer, who placed third in the weight throw with a throw of 17.36 meters. Vandal senior Kyle Rothwell won the event with a throw of 17.51.

Idaho track and field will return to WSU this weekend for the second time this season at the Cougar Indoor on Friday. *Curtis Ginnetti can be reached at*

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Philip Vukelich | Argonaut Zac Homer, a freshman from Eagle, Idaho, competes in his first set of home meets as a Vandal. The Idaho track and field team hosted the Idaho Collegiate and Idaho Open Friday, and Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.



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Stacey Barr attempts a shot in Idaho's 58-54 victory over Grand Canyon Thursday in the Coawan Spectrum. Barr is the leading scorer and an emerging leader on Idaho's 14-7 women's basketball team. The Vandals are 7-0 in WAC play and on pace for a second straight NCAA Tournament apperarance.

Australia native coming up big for Vandals

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

Reigning WAC Tournament MVP Stacey Barr has carried her 2013 postseason play into the 2013-14 season in a big way for the 14-7 WAC leading Idaho women's basketball team. Her 19.6 points and 7.7 rebounds per game helped Idaho to its 2013 WAC Championship win. She hasn't slowed down this season leading Idaho with 17.1 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

"She brings a lot of energy to the team, she always has," senior Alyssa

Charlston said of Barr. "She's going to go after any ball that's loose and she motivates people on the court by the way she plays. Especially last year she came on right when we needed her to in the WAC Tournament."

Barr has led the Vandals in scoring in 13 of 21 games. The Vandals are 11-2 when the junior from Melbourne, Australia, leads the team and are currently undefeated in WAC play at 7-0.

While Barr's scoring ability is impressive, her rebounding might be her most

impressive stat. Despite only being 5 feet 8 inches tall, Barr has led the Vandals in rebounding nine games reaching double digits in the last seven.

"She's extremely aggressive, she's extremely hardnosed and very physical," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "She's unafraid, she doesn't play the game physically afraid. She'll throw her body around ... and box out and do whatever it takes to go get the basketball. That's just her mentality. She's very athletic, she has good hops and she can jump."

On paper, Barr looks like the complete player. She can shoot from outside (31 percent from the 3-point line), she can take the ball to the rim, she can make free throws and she can rebound.

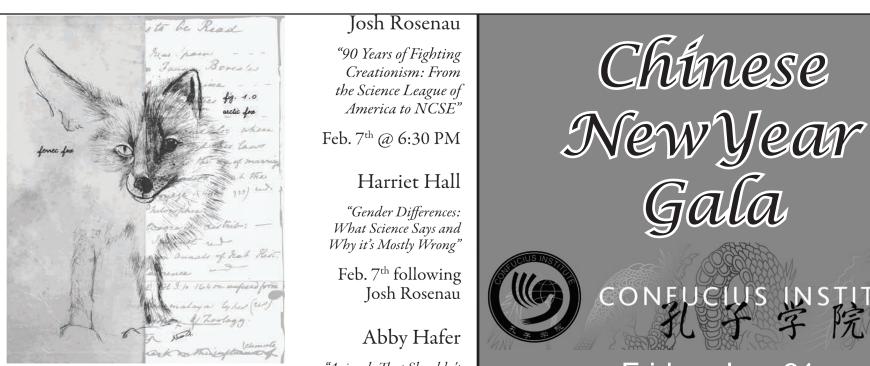
Still, after a tough midseason road stretch, Newlee said Barr came out before practice and took hundreds of shots with the shooting machine to try to get out of a small slump. Barr has also developed into a team leader for Idaho now that she is an upperclassman on a team of mostly freshmen and sophomores.

"I like helping out the freshmen whenever they need it, on the court kind of directing them, just being there for them whether it's on or off the court," Barr said.

Barr's basketball skill comes from years of practice. She said she started playing when she was 4 years old since her older sister was a basketball player and she stuck with it from there. By the time she was 13, she was playing senior basketball against older competition and continued to improve from there.

Newlee said he has connections in Australia and received game tape of Barr playing. From there, the recruiting process got rolling and eventually Barr ended up making the trek from Melbourne, Australia, to play basketball in Moscow.

Now, Barr and the Vandals are on track to win their second straight WAC Championship and make a consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance if they keep up their winning ways. Stephan Wiebe can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu



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Perfect to start season Men's tennis team starts spring season 2-0

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

Riding the momentum of strong doubles play, the Idaho men's tennis team came out with two victories in its spring season opening matches.

The Vandals played Seattle U and Eastern Washington on Saturday, beating the Redhawks 5-2 and the Eagles 7-0, respectively.

"It was good to go out and actually compete to get the two wins," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "But the biggest part of it was that everybody had matches where they faced pressure. They were competing against an actual opponent. That's where you really see what we need to work on moving forwards."

The highlight of the weekend was the doubles play, where the Vandals were undefeated. Senior Jose Bendeck and junior Cristobal Ramos Salazar beat Jason Bediones and Kevin Lynch of Seattle U 6-2 in No. 1 doubles. Then, senior Artemy Nikitin and sophomore Odon Barto won their match 6-1 at No. 2 and sophomore Andrew Zedde and junior Cesar Torres won 6-4 at No. 3 to sweep the Redhawks.

Later that day, the Vandals played Eastern Washington with Bendeck and Salazar winning 6-4, Nikitin and Barta going 6-2 and Zedde, this time paired with soph-

omore Matt Oddonetto, going 6-4.

"It's something we've put a lot of work into that we've historically been very good at," Beaman said of Idaho's doubles play. "It's something that's very controllable if people are willing to buy into the system, work with a partner, you can succeed in it. So to start out and really shine in the doubles was a good thing."

One Vandal carried his solid doubles play into his singles matches. Bendeck went 6-0, 6-5 (5) in No. 2 singles against Seattle U before switching spots with Nikitin and going 6-3, 6-4 in No. 1 singles against Eastern Washington to finish the day undefeated.

"Jose, at times, was playing at an extremely high level," Beaman said. "If he keeps going, he can have a great senior year, potentially make the national NCAA individual championships."

Even though Idaho's performance looks dominating on paper, Beaman said the team still has a lot to improve on moving forward.

There were certain stats that I was impressed with, the one thing is nobody really put together a really good match," he said. "Even if they won in a score that looks convincing, there were times that guys were tight, they were playing a style that was forced, or defensive, or too aggressive."

File photo by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Artemiy Nikitin hits a forehand in practice on Oct. 14 on the Memorial Gym Tennis Courts. The Idaho men's tennis team beat Seattle U 5-2 and Eastern Washington on Saturday in Cheney, Wash.

Beaman said that the Redhawks and Eagles were strong teams, but not as good as some of the teams the Vandals will face in the future. This week, Idaho travels to Oregon to compete against Fresno State on Saturday in Eugene and Portland State on Sunday in Portland.

"Fresno State, they're a team that they've been historically a great program. Just a few years ago when we were in the same conference, they got up to No. 14 in the nation," Beaman said. "They are a program that's very talented. I do like that we're

playing them at a neutral site.

Portland State ... they have a lot of new kids this year. It's just sort of seeing what we have looking forward to next year when we're in the Big Sky."

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"Wins are fun no matter what, because they are not easy to come by," Sowa said. "Especially with I think a very well-coached Oregon State team and a very talented Oregon State team."

Following the win, some of the Vandals travel Friday to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the Air Force Academy Diving Invitational, but the team won't compete as a whole until Feb. 26 in San Antonio for the WAC Championships.

"Momentum only lasts as long as your next training session," Sowa said. "We'll get back to work and one of the main things we need to do over the next month is keep them healthy and keep kids focused ... put them back together again and get ready for San Antonio at the end of February." Stephan Wiebe can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu



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Swimmers line up on the blocks for the start of a heat during Idaho's 188-86 win over Oregon State Saturday in the UI Swim Center.

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Idaho, started Friday with a career-best mark in the 400-meter dash (48.79 seconds) placing second. On Saturday, he set career-best times in the 60 (7.01) and the 200 (21.78). Villines won both races.

"Jesse had a great day today, and overall a great weekend," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "He ran seven races in two days and hit career-bests in everything."

Marquita Palmer – women's track and field

The Idaho women's track and field team also featured



several career-best marks over the weekend. Marquita Palmer, a sophomore from Weiser, Idaho, stood out after she ran a career-best time in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 13.44 seconds) en route to a victory in the Idaho Open.

"Marquita had a great run yesterday to win the mile, and today another incredible race," Phipps said.

"I think getting her into a field in either the 800- or mile that goes out a little faster and getting some better competition will help drop some of those times even more." Next up for the Vandals is the Cougar Indoor on Friday and Saturday hosted by Washington State.

ROUND-UP

15 points and Stephen Madison had 17 9. Cal State-Bakersfield for the Vandals, who have lost seven of

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7. Idaho (8-13, 2-5)



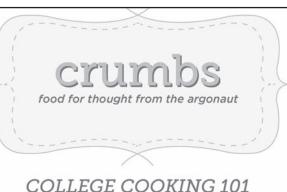
The Vandals managed to keep Grand Canyon at bay on Thursday, until the Antelopes used a 20-3 second-half run to push ahead and close Idaho out late. Starting again in place of senior Glen Dean, Mike Scott had



their last nine games.

Shooting stone cold from the field, not a single Redhawk scored in double digits in Seattle's fifth conference loss, a 71-63 decision at Grand Canyon. Not even WAC leading scorer Isiah Umipig could get over the hump, as the freshman was limited to just seven points on 3-of-13 shooting.

The Roadrunners aren't getting any points for keeping their losses close. CSUB dropped another nail biter, this time at home against UMKC, who kept the 'Runners at one win with a 70-69 victory. Bakersfield's five losses have come by 23 total points, a sign that this conference may be a lot tighter than the league standings might show.



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Concealed distractions

ess than a week after shooting fatalities occurred on the campuses of South Carolina State University and Purdue University, a bill is being reintroduced to the Idaho State Legislature that would make Idaho the seventh state to allow guns onto college campuses.

The bill, proposed to the Senate Affairs Committee Monday in Boise, would permit retired law enforcement officers and adults 21 years of age or older with an Idaho enhanced concealed carry license to possess a firearm on campus.

In 21 states, concealed carry on college campuses is banned. In 23 states, including Idaho, the institutions decide whether or not to allow it.

Allowing such a motion wouldn't necessarily lead to an increase in campus shootings or violence, however allowing firearms on campus would be an unnecessary and dangerous distraction to the general student body.

Some students have grown up around guns and such a bill would be an afterthought to those who are around them on a daily basis. Yet for many, it's a foreign concept — and for that matter, a dangerous one.

There appears to be a hint of logic within an otherwise preposterous suggestion. Concealed carry would be banned in "high-capacity facilities." What exactly is deemed a high-capacity facility has yet to be determined, though entertainment venues such as athletic facilities or concert halls would count under the current proposal.

Those who possess the required license have gone through intensive training and, more than likely, have developed a level of responsibility.

That being said, it only takes a single mistake to spur national news — something the nation has become accustomed to in the wake of last week's shootings.

It has yet to be determined

whether or not the bill would apply to Greek houses, where the combination of "beer culture" and guns could wreak havoc.

"Âll I see is bullets zinging around. I would certainly hate to get a phone call that there had been a party, and there had been a shooting," Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow said Monday.

Granted, that'd be the worstcase scenario.

The state must acknowledge that this bill will make a large amount of students uncomfortable, students who shouldn't have to have concerns over their safety while pursuing an education.

-TL



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This is not your university, a fact that became clearer than ever this December. If you don't know

why I would make such a bold statement, I urge you to take a few moments and continue reading.



At the December meet-

ing of the State Board of Education, a motion passed that effectively removed the requirement for student vote from the process of changing the Statement of Student Rights. While you may not be familiar with the Statement of Student Rights, it outlines boundaries that the University of Idaho cannot cross, thereby protecting our freedoms of association, expression and privacy to name a few.

In a broader sense, this decision removed the last place in university policy where student input had a guaranteed impact on institutional decision-making.

This frustrates me, not because of the loss of the student vote, which is indeed a cause of some ire.

I am frustrated by the ability of the state board to make such a decision. I am frustrated that they could make such an important change after only a few minute conversations with myself — the only student representative present at the meeting — 300 miles away from our campus.

The State Board of Education has a scope that is both broad and deep, covering institutions all across Idaho from kindergarten to doctoral programs. Such an expansive area of jurisdiction contains more policy considerations than one governing board can possibly hope to understand and effectively govern all the time.

As students, we are but one of many voices. In order for the issues at each institution to be brought to the board, like the Statement of Student Rights, they must be condensed into brief conversations. This distillation often reduces or removes student input.

Our small place in board policy contradicts our ever-growing role here at UI. Beyond the often-overlooked fact that without students there would be no university, we play an ever-important role in funding. While the majority of funding used to come from the state, much has changed, and we've seen our tuition almost double in the past 10 years. We contribute more to our own educations than any previous generation, and yet we see our influence shrinking. We, at this time more than ever, need to have the opportunity to impact our own educations. We need to be able to influence the policy of the educations that we pay for. Other states have moved beyond a state board of education. Our Washington neighbors use individual boards of regents to address the concerns of each institution, with an oversight council to ensure these efforts are compatible. If we were to have such a system, the decision-making bodies would be more closely tied to our schools, and could even have a student regent on the board. We as students could play a larger role. I know that consensus is near impossible in a student body as large as ours, but I would hope that we can all agree that we want our university to put students first. Our university should trust students to be a part of the policymaking process. Our university should listen to our voice. Unfortunately, this is not our university. I urge you to take up the call and demand that decisions are made close to home. Moving to a system of regents is the way to accomplish this goal. Go online to uidaho.edu/asui, and learn more about the Student Voice Petition. If you are so inclined, lend your voice to demand a system that represents us as students.



Sensationalism sells, but do not buy it



Back to black

Many people have complimented me with my new black hair. I sure am look good with it. Don't you think so?

Important stories fall through the cracks when entertainment reigns supreme

News is great, and chances are if you're reading this at least some

small part of you agrees with me. Unless you're my mother, in which case you are genuinely reading this for my opinion.

So I'll just assume you're part of the 83 percent of Americans who, according to a 2012 Pew Research Center poll, consume news media in some form.

That 83 percent represents a lot of people, around 260 million if you use 2012's census numbers. It represents thousands of media companies — both large and small. Perhaps most importantly though, it represents billions of dollars for the most successful companies.

The largest companies grew by selling the most profitable product, and sadly Americans seem to enjoy spending their money on entertainment instead of education. The problem is so bad, pointless tales of celebrities often get more coverage than real, potentially world-changing events.

Take for instance, the recent outrage over A&E's short-lived termination of "Duck Dynasty" personality Phil Robertson. Recently, GQ Magazine released an interview highlighting some of Robertson's personal views on marriage equality.

A&E disagreed with the nature of Robertson's comments and fired him for breach of contract, which set off national controversy. From Facebook to Fox, everyone weighed in and "Duck Dynasty" became an almost unavoidable topic.

With important issues like the well being of multi-million dollar

businessman Phil Robertson hanging in the balance, it's no



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wonder the beginnings of a brutal genocide in South Sudan, which began the very same day, slipped by without

comment or outrage When you read news and you're left wondering why Miley Cyrus is getting just as much

coverage as the impending government shutdown, whose fault is that?

It is easy to blame CNN, MSNBC, FOX or any other outlet for having misguided priorities. However, many forget that it is the viewers that drive their content.Whenever you consume news media, you become part of the profit margins — another page view and more ad revenue.

This gives you more power than you might think.

It's time Americans used that power to fix some of the obvious flaws with America's news providers, instead of adding to their degradation.

This stuff only sells because there is someone out there willing to buy it. More often than anyone would like to admit, our persistent link clicking and article reading turns the streets of Kiev into a text overview of last weeks "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."

Celebrity news and entertainment news isn't all bad, but when it becomes important enough to push revolutions and genocide to the back page, it might be time for a reality check.

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Revengeance

Is vengeance served inside some revenge. It is best served cold; quite unlike turducken.

-Andrew

Just illogical

Spent much of the day thinking of the benefits of allowing guns on campus. Yeah, still nothin'.

–Theo

What's in the box?

I am slightly creeped out by the ugly, giant 125th anniversary gift boxes that are now decorating campus. The boxes are so large, I keep thinking that some demented jack in the box will pop up when I walk by and scare me.

–Aleya

It never ends

The homework, that is. –**Kaitlin**

The lying game

Keeping secrets usually means not telling someone the truth. I like being on the secret keeping side. Now you want to know the secret. -Emily

My dear Sergio

Condolences to Spurs and Chelsea, the best striker in EPL is back

-Sean

-Rainv

Seattle

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis take home four Grammys and the Seahawks are in the Super Bowl. Is it just me or is Seattle winning at life right now?

-Ryan

Oversleeping

I don't always oversleep a class, but when I do, it's by four hours. Maybe that's a sign I'm not sleeping enough...

-Stephan

Time for positive change

After eight years in the position, Superintendent of Public Education Tom Luna has announced he will not be running for reelection. Considering the man didn't even think UI students knew their tuition dollars were being used to support research and grow business and economy in the state, I'd say it's about time.

-Kaitlyn

Seahawks

If you're not first, You're last -Ricky Bobby #gohawks

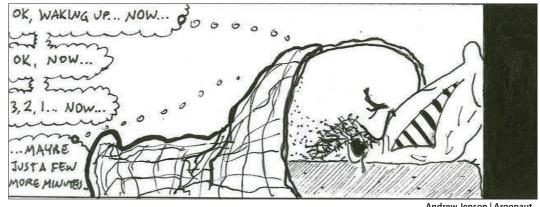
-Ricky

Quantum mechanics

It makes my brain hurt. – **Phil** Max Cowan can be reached at mgcowan@uidaho.edu

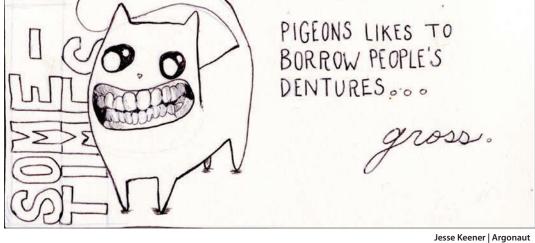


Cloud Nine



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Invest in your future, look at study abroad

Study abroad challenges students, expands worldview

GUEST VOICE

Colton Oliphant

Why in the world would one spend their valuable time studying abroad during their lim-

ited university years? I assure you the reasons are not because it is simple, not because it fixes problems at home and not because it is comfortable. In fact, some of the

most compelling reasons to study abroad are

exactly the opposite of the reasons listed above. Studying abroad is a complex experience. However, it allows students the space to "tolerate ambiguity," according to a survey taken by the Institute for the International Education of Students.

It gives students a brand new set of challenges, and after successfully overcoming those challenges students will have a well-earned sense of pride in their accomplishments and an increase in self-confidence.

Students are thrown out of their comfort zones, and as a direct result of the experience they develop a new, broader and better world.

Some may claim a study abroad experience is simply not for them. Most of those people do not know the basics of what can be accomplished during a sojourn, but who can blame them?

Many of those same people have been fed a steady and inaccurate, yet unintentional, diet of misinformation. Before they even entered the University of Idaho, many were told that study abroad is a luxury and a waste of time for a "serious" student, when in most situations this couldn't be further from the truth.

Take for example a student who wants to follow in a family tradition and become a farmer for a living. In 2010, Idaho ranked third in the U.S. in the export of vegetables, according to the USDA, with \$469 million in vegetable exports. If one doesn't understand the foreign markets to which they are selling these vegetables, then

they will also misunderstand how to make new contacts and sales within their international markets. Beyond the cultural

consideration, students can often find academic offerings abroad to compliment what exists here at UI.

A great example is found in the Animal Science program at Lincoln University in New Zealand. An animal science student can take a course on wool production, a course not available within the extensive offerings here at UI.

Another example would be Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, where an architecture student can learn about urban architecture amidst the bustling metropolis of Bangkok.

These examples could go on, but that is not what is ultimately important. What is important is that students find a program that specifically benefits them, with their own unique wants and needs.

For the students reading this article, I have a challenge for you. Regardless of your desire to study in another country, look into what it would take to make it happen.

Come to the Study Abroad Fair this week and sign up for an information session. I have found that to progress in life requires an investigation into all reasonable opportunities, and one should only reject or accept those opportunities after an honest investigation of them.

Do yourselves a favor — honestly investigate the study abroad experience. When the dust settles, you'll likely be pleasantly surprised by what you have found. *Colton Oliphant can be reached at abroad@uidaho.edu*



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