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Chopping it up With Vandal Meats

George Wood | Argonaut

UI student James Nasados (left) and Vandal Brand Meats Manager Ron Richard prepare summer sausages for the 2013 holiday season. Richard said the Vandal Brand Meats summer sausage is one of the most popular products sold by the company.

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

The light, musky fragrance of freshly-ground summer sausage is the first greeting received upon entering the Vandal Meats store on the University of Idaho campus.

Some UI students associate that aroma with the classroom environment or their job. Customers may associate the waft with pregame tailgate events or potential holiday gifts for that special someone. Whatever the case, the Vandal Meats program has a widespread presence on campus.

The Vandal Meats program is an extension of the Animal and Veterinarian de-

partment in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. While faculty members manage each facility within Vandal Meats, the rest of the Vandal Meats operation is comprised of students. The Vandal Brand Meats store is operated by 13 students, and the UI beef unit surrounding the store has five students working on the ranch.

“With whatever we do, we try to involve students with every step of the way,” said Jason Campbell, associate manager of the beef unit at UI.

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Chipotle Sausage Shakin’ Bacon

Grilling the links releases a sweet, maple-bacon aroma into the air that hides a spicy stab of chipotle. As teeth tear into sausage, signature marinade escapes the hickory-smoked lining and mixes with the savory meat and pepper flakes.

The recipe has won a national award and is a top seller at Vandal Brand Meats, said James Nasados, student assistant manager at the facility.

The Vandal Shakin’ Bacon Chipotle Sausage was developed a couple years ago by UI students under the tutelage of Vandal Brand Meats Manager Ron Richard, Nasados said. That same year, the recipe won first place at a student cook-off competition in Las Vegas, and Vandal Brand Meats gained national acclaim. Here’s how it’s done.

1. Tumble for taste

Pork shoulder trim is the meat of choice in the Vandal Shakin’ Bacon Chipotle Sausage recipe. The meat is first placed in a vacuum tumbler with the signature marinade comprised of brown sugar, salt, water and cure. The tumbler tenderizes the pork by loosening the muscle fibers through a spin cycle, making it easier for the marinade to be absorbed and savory flavor to be retained in the final product.

2. On the grind

After the tumble cycle finishes and the trim is at the preferred weight, it’s placed in the grinder. The meat is then sent through a course setting in the grinder, which shreds the pork into thick strands. Once all the

trim goes through, dried chipotle pepper flakes are mashed and kneaded into the mound of shredded pork, and then sent through the grinder once more. This time, however, the meat is ground into even smaller strands that are more malleable and easier to case.

3. Stuff it

At this point, the meat is spiced, marinated and ready for linkage. The ground trim is placed in a vacuum stuffer, which will both stuff the trim through a tube and into lamb casing, as well as automatically tie off links of sausage. This will eventually create a long string of Shakin’ Sausages that will be immediately hung on “smoke sticks” to be carted off and hauled into a smokehouse.



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After sausages are wrapped in artificial or lamb casing, they are hung on smoke sticks to eventually be sent to the smokehouse.

4. Smoked out

Lamb casing is especially useful in the smoking process because the casing is permeable to smoke. The hickory-smoked flavor easily imbues itself within the sausage. The sausages on the smoke sticks are kept in the smokehouse for a maximum of three hours, and then pulled out to be stored in a smoke cooler. This cooler is separate from the other coolers where raw meat is stored, to prevent cross-contamination. Once stored here, the sausages are kept overnight to be packaged the next day.

5. Pack, stack, distribute

After they are pulled from the smoke cooler, the sausages are grouped together into different quantities and vacuum-sealed into plastic packaging. Vandal Brand Meats uses a heat tunnel to shrink-wrap the sausage. After that, the fate of the sausages is a trident-shaped crossroads. The sausages may be put into bulk storage in the Vandal Meats facility to be distributed later, or they may be showcased on racks either in the Vandal Brand Meats store or in the Vandal Bookstore.

Right of way for rights bill

Service-denial bill raises similar rights conversation, varying opinions merge

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

“Add the Words” supporters have been fighting for equal protection for eight years, and many are optimistic this is the year an equality clause for members of Idaho’s LGBT community will be passed. But the House State Affairs Committee unanimously

passed a bill last week that would do the opposite, effectively giving businesses, teachers and medical professionals the right to deny service to anyone as long as they cite “sincerely held” religious beliefs.

Rep. Lynn Luker, R-Boise, said the bill is a response to the government’s recent decisions, which undermine the rights of devout Christians and other deeply religious individuals to live according to their faith.

“The bill is actually drafted very narrowly, addressing only

the right of a person to maintain an occupational license in a conflict over their right to address their faith,” Luker said. “Some examples do involve LGBT issues and others do not.”

Luker said the bill does not specifically protect one’s employment, but their occupational license. Luker gave the example of a photographer employed by a studio — if their choice to deny service violated their studio’s policy, they can be terminated

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SBOE votes no concealed carry

State Board of Education, higher education leaders urge rejection of campus concealed carry law

Chloe Rambo
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The Idaho State Board of Education voted Monday to oppose legislation currently in discussion in the Idaho legislature that would permit the concealed carry of firearms on college campuses.

The group met for a special meeting in the SBOE boardroom in Boise, and one of the current hot-button issues of the legislative session —

Senate Bill 1254 pertaining to firearms on campus — was the sole topic for the emergency meeting.

The bill would add Idaho to the handful of states passing legislation to allow guns on campus, with few restrictions. Concealed carry would be permitted for retired law enforcement personnel, university-cleared security personnel and individuals ages 21 or older who have also obtained an enhanced carry permit.

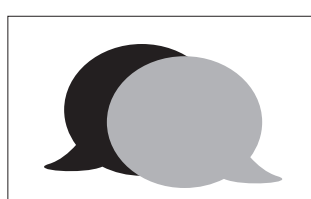
Boise board member Milford Terrell initially proposed the notion to reject the bill, and said it could cause too much confusion in case of an accident.

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Lime and ginger chicken

Nurainy Darono
Crumbs

I had plenty of ginger and limes leftovers from my black tea recipe to cure a sore throat. I also had chicken in the freezer. So I combined all of them together to make my dinner — kitchen creativity mode on. It may take some time to make this, but it's worth the time because lime and ginger chicken is the best chicken dish I have ever made.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. boneless chicken, cut into pieces
- 2 limes
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 inches long ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon coriander powder
- 1 tablespoon parsley

Directions:

Collect zest of ginger and two limes with a grater. Squeeze lime to get its fresh juice. Combine pieces of chicken with lime juice, salt, pepper, parsley, coriander and zest of ginger. Marinade for an hour in the fridge. The longer the marinade time, the better the chicken will taste. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Arrange chicken on a greased baking sheet, then brush chicken with melted butter. Sprinkle some more



Nurainy Darono | Crumbs

salt and pepper as desired. Bake for 10 minutes or until the chicken are cooked thoroughly. Sprinkle lime zest on top, and serve with cooked white rice.

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Concerns of cooling Moscow sewage

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The City of Moscow is currently researching possible solutions to cool its sewage in order to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1972, enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The city must cool the sewage before releasing it into a creek that flows into Washington where the regulations now require the sewage to be cooler than Idaho standards.

Les MacDonald, director of Public Works for the City of Moscow, said there are four promising options to fix the problem.

Each option has its strengths and its weaknesses, he said, and it will take more research to figure out which option will be put into effect.

One of the four options include an evaporative cooling pond to cool the sewage by letting it sit in a

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If approved, it would affect the utility rate payers.”

Kyle Steele,
Environmental
Compliance
Coordinator

controlled space. MacDonald said this may not always work to achieve the desired temperature, which is why the second option is a back-up chiller to go with the pond to mechanically cool the water.

The third option would be to divert the sewage to the local wetlands, for a short time, in an attempt to cool the sewage naturally. The final option would be to directly apply the sewage to a piece of land to help plant life grow, which would com-

pletely eliminate the need for the sewage to be cooled.

“The next step that we have started is a couple of pilot studies,” MacDonald said. “Through those studies, we will have a better idea of if the options work, how well they work and what size of facilities we would need to build for now and in the future.”

Kyle Steele, environmental compliance coordinator for the City of Moscow, said the main concern with deciding on an option is making sure that it will be reliable enough to comply with the city’s permit from the EPA. He said it is unclear at this point what would need to be done to apply any of the four options. He said regardless of which option the city chooses, the cost is estimated to be anywhere between \$6 million and \$12 million.

“If approved, it would affect the utility rate payers,” Steele said. “I don’t know what those rate increas-



Andrew Deskins | Argonaut

Steam rises from the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Moscow Monday night. The sewage in Moscow is approximately half a degree Celsius too hot to comply with Washington standards for the Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

es would entail, but I assume we would go out for probably a 20-year bond or something like that to pay that back.”

MacDonald said the city is trying to be good stewards of the environment and stay within the requirements of the EPA, while trying to find

a cost effective solution for the problem.

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KPAC receives restoration grant

Alycia Rock
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The Kenworthy Performing Arts Center received more than \$35,000 in a grant from the Inland Northwest Community Foundation and the Idaho Heritage Trust to preserve the historic building.

With the grant the Kenworthy will be able to complete the Façade Restoration Project and be able to repair, restore and maintain the building front.

Christine Cavanaugh, executive director for the Kenworthy, said the tiles from the façade had fallen due to weather and erosion.

“But it still is a vital part of downtown Moscow,” Cavanaugh said. “It isn’t a run-down building.”

Cavanaugh said the Kenworthy had just gone through a fundraising campaign to go digital, so they wanted to find the funds for the repairs through other means.

“The Moscow community is a very loving community, but ... it was our duty to try to get this money elsewhere,” Cavanaugh said.

Jamie Hill, Kenworthy house manager, said it was important to keep the same look of the building.

“We want it to be the same old Kenworthy Theater that everyone knows,” Hill said.

The first step in the process was to make sure the sidewalk was secure and no more tiles were going to fall — the main priority was safety, Cavanaugh said. Next, the pieces had to be put back together.

“We were working with a consulting firm and other architects and construction crews ... it was going to cost about \$42,000 all together,” Cavanaugh said.

Though there are no plans for a major remodel, Hill said there are always maintenance projects to do since the building is so old.

“We’re updating the marquee, fixing lights and stuff like that,” Hill said.

Rim Rock Consulting spent almost two months working on various projects, Hill said. The goal was to make sure the Kenworthy had the same look and feel as downtown Moscow.

The Inland Northwest Community Foundation funds not just Latah County, but all of the Inland Northwest, Cavanaugh said. “When we found out we got it, we were ecstatic,” Cavanaugh said.

“We want to recognize them in every way possible.”

Cavanaugh said through the grant, they can keep offering Moscow the live theater, movies and community space. “I’m just excited that we were able to do this and that we’re able to keep the Kenworthy open for Moscow to use,” Cavanaugh said.

Hill said getting the grants helps them focus on other things, like getting students in the door.

“We’re a Moscow community theater, but we’re here for the university as well,” Hill said.

The Kenworthy will host more film series in the upcoming months. The next series will be a Wes Anderson series with four of his films featured.

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New fraternity to join UI

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Theta Xi Fraternity came to campus earlier this year to open a chapter at University of Idaho.

“Theta Xi is looking to expand to campuses that fit our history,” said Ian Pellerin, associate director of Chapter Services at Theta Xi Fraternity.

Pellerin and his colleagues have already had meetings with several organizations on campus to establish the fraternity.

“We’re meeting with several different groups on campus to identify ourselves as being a Greek organization,” said Leadership Consultant Micah Krey. “We don’t want to just be another organization that’s competing against everyone else — we want to be an organization that’s involved with everyone.”

Since getting to UI, Pellerin said he and his colleagues have been research-

ing the campus and its Greek community.

“We’re trying to get a feel for the campus and a feel for the students,” Pellerin said. “We want to be an aid for the students.”

Pellerin said a crucial part of recruitment, especially for a new chapter, is to understand the students and the campus.

Theta Xi is looking for successful, standout students who will make great leaders, Pellerin said.

“An organization is only as good as its members,” he said. “So we’re really trying to leave no stone unturned and meet as many people as possible, so we can identify those kind of people.”

Theta Xi was founded in 1864 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

“We have the distinction of being the only fraternity founded during the Civil War,” said Will Farmer, colony development consultant. “We were

More info

For more information on the Theta Xi UI chapter email uidaho@thetaxi.org

originally founded as an engineering fraternity.”

Pellerin said Theta Xi Chapters are very diverse with members from all different backgrounds.

“The freedom to be diverse and dynamic was a huge part of our founding,” he said. “Theta Xi was founded as a bunch of engineering guys that got together during the Civil War.”

The opening of a UI chapter is the first step in a six-year expansion plan for Theta Xi.

“University of Idaho has a very unique campus,” Pellerin said. “The students have a small-school bond.”

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Police log

Vehicle thefts

There have been three vehicle thefts this past week on the University of Idaho campus and nearby communities.

\$2000 of stereo equipment was stolen from a parked car outside the Sigma Chi fraternity house on Nez Pierce Drive Jan. 28. A few blocks away, an iPod and Oakley sunglasses were stolen from a parked vehicle the next day.

Moscow Police Lt. David Lehmitz, said both incidents are probably related since the vehicles had their windows smashed out in a similar manner, and occurred a few blocks away from each other.

\$355 of property was also stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Borah Avenue, Sunday.

Avista scam

Multiple downtown Moscow businesses, includ-

ing Piehole and Maialina, received calls from a man posing as an Avista employee. Lehmitz said the caller claimed Avista would shut off their power at noon if their bill was not paid by credit card. He said no businesses fell for the scam.

Stolen plates

Four license plates were found outside UI Parking and Transportation Services Tuesday morning. Lehmitz said all the plates were from different states and were probably stolen. He said they received reports of stolen plates from around campus including the Student Recreation Center, Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Theophilus Tower.

A bad night

Five UI students were cited for minor possession Saturday night outside of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.

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Celebrating Chinese culture

Confucius Institute brings Chinese New Year to UI

Jake Smith
Argonaut

Wen Long Feng, from the Shandong Province in China, favors a centuries-old style of kung fu from the Sung Dynasty. On Friday, Feng walked into University of Idaho Student Union Building looking forward to a scheduled martial arts exposition.

This exposition, as well as many other demonstrations, was part of the Chinese New Year Gala hosted by UI's Confucius Institute. The celebration welcomed the Year of the Horse and provided guests with education of Chinese culture.

Jie Chen, a director of the Confucius Institute, said the gala was a good chance to increase diversity in the Moscow community.

"We need this kind of opportunity to enhance and celebrate diversity," Chen said. "We need it particularly in this area."

Chen and Shengfei Han of the South China University of Technology coordinated the celebration.

Han said the event will help improve understanding and friendship between the Chinese and American communities.

The evening began with a traditional Chinese banquet, followed by a martial arts demonstration of weapons and hand to hand combat conducted by coach Jason Bright of Moscow Shaolin Center for Martial Arts. Bright is affiliated with 200 schools worldwide and trains 10-15 students in Shaolin kung fu. Bright is a first-degree black belt.

Despite breaking his hand not long

before the demonstration, Bright still showcased his talent. He said his swollen knuckles prevented him from performing with a weapon. The performers experience ranged from three months to eight years.

"I'm really proud of the students who chose to participate," Bright said.

Bright said it takes a lot of moxie to perform in front of such a large audience.

Other martial arts exhibitions featured were Praying Mantis Pick and Play Fist, Short Stick of the Northern Beggar and Sea Dragon Cane.

Throughout the gala, multiple forms of Chinese music were represented and performed by UI affiliated students.

Tyler Thompson, a UI student from Oakland, Calif., has been learning the Chinese language for 11 years. At the gala, Thompson sang Beijing opera pieces associated with Chinese culture.

"With this type of music, though, for me as an American it's different," Thompson said. "I basically started off reading whatever was on the paper my teacher gave me."

Thompson has performed for "Good Morning America," CNN and twice for the mayor of Oakland.

The event featured a Chinese zither, also referred to as gu zheng, which was played by Xidan Zhang. A zither is an instrument with 18 or 21 strings. It is played on its side with picks attached to the tips of the musician's fingers.

Qiuyang Fu and Qian Xie sang a Chinese folk duet called "Conquer."



Katy Kithcart | Argonaut

The Confucius Institute held a gala celebrating the Chinese New Year Friday. The gala presented a variety of foods and activities including traditional martial arts.

You Qiang, associate professor in the UI physics department, provided a calligraphy demonstration while his daughter and her friend performed on a piano and flute nearby.

There was a raffle that included three iPod Shuffles, one iPod Touch, one iPad Mini and multiple gift cards. Recently appointed UI President Chuck Staben and Interim President Don Burnett spoke during the event and helped distribute raffle prizes.

Guests of the event, Craig Fleener and his daughter Cortney Fleener, said they were

surprised to see so many people at the gala.

"I was shocked that people were turned away from the door because (the event) was sold out," Craig said.

This gala was the first Chinese New Year celebration the Confucius Institute coordinated. The institute started in summer 2013 and is an organization that functions as a link for UI students and faculty to understand and collaborate with Chinese culture.

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'The Vagina Monologues' makes impact

Annual Women's Center event brings both men and women together

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Monday marked the start of the University of Idaho Women's Center's largest annual event — the Vagina Monologues with a free screening of the film "Until the Violence Stops."

The film detailed how "The Vagina Monologues" grew into a widespread movement now known as V-day.

Many events are scheduled by the Women's Center for the next three weeks to celebrate the monologues. A V-Men workshop will take place at 5 p.m. today in the Student Diversity Center.

"The workshop is basically to create a space by men and for men, so that we can talk about issues that are typically seen as issues that just relate to women," said Jordan Clapper, a UI graduate student.

The V-Men workshop is an opportunity for male students to have a comfortable conversation with the goal of sparking action about ending violence against women.

"Male society in general is kind of hush hush about emotions," Clapper said. "It's not manly to feel something, even if it's passion about stopping violence against women. It's not okay for men to say that all the time. So by having this environment where men can talk, where they can have a voice, and feel safe, men will be influenced to be more aware of these situations."

Clapper said men are connected to this issue in many ways, because they aren't always the perpetrators in cases of violence against women. There are many other ways that men can be involved and have a reason to attend this workshop, he said.

"Almost every man has a woman somewhere that they care about," Clapper said. "It could be your mother, it could be your aunt,

your grandmother, your sister, your daughter. You don't have to have a personal connection, but almost every man does have a personal connection to some woman. How would you feel if that woman was made a victim? If the answer is that it makes you feel awful, this is probably the place for you."

The V-Men workshop is just one of the many events taking place on campus to put a stop to violence against women. The performance of "The Vagina Monologues" will start Thursday and end Saturday with a final showing at 7 p.m. at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$12 and will be sold at the door for \$18.

Lysa Salisbury, Women's Center director, said most people who see "The Vagina Monologues" leave speechless, and it sometimes takes people a few days before they feel comfortable talking about what they saw.

That is what the Vagina Monologues Talk-Back session is for. The Talk-Back will take place at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Whitewater room in the Idaho Commons.

"It doesn't have a lot of breathing room," said Max Cowan, ASUI president and director of "The Vagina Monologues." "I think that's what's great about it. That's what makes it exciting to watch, it's always presenting you with new information, new ideas and new stories. But that's also what gives an information overload and I think that some people take that and they become excited and energized and some people, it takes them a few days to really let it soak in."

"The Vagina Monologues" features a wide variety of female actors from around the Moscow community.

One of the stars, senior Hannah Davis, said she hopes "The Vagina Monologues"



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Louis Descault studies her script during a dress rehearsal for the 2012 production of the Vagina Monologues at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center. The play is comprised of a number of monologues that aim to bring women-related topics and issues to the forefront. Descault said the play is everything viewers want and need whether they know it or not. The Vagina Monologues will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Kenworthy.

will continue to make people aware. She said the monologues are moving and just by reading them, she realized how much impact they can hold, they're so much more than just girls talking about vaginas and she hopes that people can come to realize that by watching the performance.

There are other actors in the performance who aren't students. Jeanette Humphreys works at Moscow High School in their Special Education program. Humphreys decided to take part in the monologues, not because she has seen and enjoyed the performance before, but because of her personal connection to the words.

"I have three daughters," Humphreys said. "Our family has experienced violence, so it's something that is kind of very in the forefront for me. When you have a daughter instead of a son, there's a whole different set of rules because your child has a vagina. And you have to protect them a little more,

and teach them to protect themselves."

Cowan said the biggest issue on the UI campus in terms of gender inequality is the same issue affecting the entire nation and culture — sexual assault. He said it's something that disproportionately affects women, and so it influences the standards of how women and men should act in modern society.

"Despite it being called 'The Vagina Monologues,' I don't think anyone needs to be afraid," Cowan said. "People hear 'The Vagina Monologues,' and the word 'vagina' and they shut off. Especially to men in the audience, men are really taught that vaginas are something for secret, they're something that you look at on the Internet. You can still keep that mystery, and come to 'The Vagina Monologues.'"

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Ron Richard, who has been manager of the Vandal Meat department for the past 27 years, said livestock are used for a whole spectrum of research projects — including eating trials, feed conversions and carcass characterization.

Students working within the Vandal Brand Meats facility also have the opportunity to work with one of the four U.S. Department of Agriculture-inspected facilities in the region.

Richard said students would receive hands-on experience in working with the animals, evaluating meat quality and managing a processing plant.

James Nasados, the current student assistant manager for Vandal Brand Meats, has been working at the facility for four years. He started working at the facility the summer after his freshman year, pursuing an interest in meats since working with the Future Farmers of America before college.

Nasados said managing Vandal Meats is a great learning experience, and especially useful for gaining contacts within the meat processing industry.

“For me, it’s a great resume builder,” Nasados said. “Our meat processing facility has a really good reputation in the industry, and you make a lot of connections.”

Vandal Brand Meats has processed and harvested cattle, sheep and hogs as a business since 1988. While it has decreased its output since the earlier days of processing meat in bulk, Richard said Vandal Meats still prepares more than 1,200 pounds of sausage a week during the winter holiday season. He also said around 200 holiday

hams are sold during the holidays, and 35 different sausage products are available year-round.

Richard said the bulk of Vandal Brand Meat product sales come from retail, though Vandal Meats also supplies Vandal Sausages sold in the Kibbie Dome, and specialty items for catering events. He said working directly with Sodexo and Vandal Dining is done only in special cases, and covering the demands for on-campus cafeterias such as Bob’s Place and Vandal’s Grill is unrealistic at this point.

“We don’t produce at a volume large enough, plus (Sodexo) has corporate policy to deal with that restricts them,” Richard said.

He has said there are current talks with Campus Dining to work on expanding the Vandal Brand Meats facility.

All revenue accumulated by Vandal Meats goes toward covering overhead, supplies, equipment replacements, paying student employees and helping students pay travel expenses to go to national conferences or competitions to benefit their education. The university budget covers the power bills for Vandal Meats, but Richard said the facility pays it indirectly through administrative fees that come out of sales, making the Vandal Brand Meats facility almost completely self-sustaining.

Richard said Vandal Meats acquires its livestock through the campus herds, donations from local ranchers and purchases at the Latah County Fair. Richard estimates 40 percent of steers are brought from the Nancy Cummings Center in Salmon, Idaho.

“(The Nancy Cummings Center) was endowed and given to the university,” Richard said. “They have a commercial herd of cattle down there managed by John Hall, and they receive much of their

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To view a list of products available from Vandal Brand Meats visit <http://web.cals.uidaho.edu/vbm/>.

livestock by donation through the Steer-A-Year program.”

Wherever the livestock comes from, they all receive equal evaluation from the USDA inspector at the facility, said Shane Riebold, butchers assistant at Vandal Brand Meats.

“There’s a USDA representative that visits the facility once a day,” Riebold said. “If we’re harvesting, (the inspector) is here the entire time, looking over the livestock on a live basis, post-mortem and evaluating the animals entirely for quality.”

Along with the federal policies enforced by the USDA, all animals are also managed under protocol from the university’s Animal Use and Care Committee. The committee is in place due to a national policy requiring university meat processing facilities to have this oversight, Richard said.

“They make sure animals are treated humanely through the entire harvest process,” Richard said.

Even with all this regulation and oversight, students are still able to come up with award-winning creations, such as the nationally award-winning Chipotle Shakin’ Bacon Sausage — one example of the continued innovation of the facility and the students working there.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said he wasn’t concerned about the constitutionality surrounding the oft-quoted “right to bear arms” in the state of Idaho. Safety, he said, needs to be promptly addressed.

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I urge you to vote no, as this removes the ability of our institutions to set their own policies

“I thought the objection from the (college and university) presidents wasn’t a constitutional objection,” Luna said. “I thought it had to do with safety and the right way to manage safety — that’s what I was looking for. What is Utah doing that isn’t acceptable here? I didn’t think your arguments were because you didn’t think it was constitutional.”

University of Idaho Interim President Don Burnett said the concern is a matter of policy and that the control of firearms on campus is an issue that ought to be addressed by those responsible on each campus.

“We believe that distributing the decision making is in the best interest of higher education, rather than a ‘one size fits all’ coming from Boise,” Burnett said. “I grew up in an Idaho family and firearms were a way of life, and I have firearms at home. But it’s a different context when you think about them coming onto campus.”

Burnett said the university’s ability to set firearm restrictions remains an important and criti-

cal responsibility. His opinion falls in line with that of ASUI President Max Cowan.

In a letter to state legislators, Cowan said decision-making should be left to individual university administrations.

“I urge you to vote no, as this removes the ability of our institutions to set their own policies,” Cowan said. “With the diversity of campuses across our state, each institution has their own considerations regarding campus policies that are best addressed at the institutional level.”

Cowan said it is imperative that student input plays a role in the process.

“In order for the student input from the dialogue to have a meaningful impact, our respective institutions must retain the ability to make these decisions in consultation with students,” Cowan said.

North Idaho College President Joe Dunlap said K-12 aged students are on the NIC campus every day, and dual-credit high school-aged students frequent the campus. He said his campus is not just for adults, and allowing firearms on campus is a severe threat to the safety of the younger students. He said either himself or representatives on behalf of NIC would be coming to the Capitol to testify when the bill reaches public hearing.

College of Southern Idaho President Jeff Fox said his college has polled students on their feelings about guns on campus, and he said it was virtually unanimous that students hope for a firearm-free campus.

“We need to be sensitive to local issues, each campus has its own needs,” Don Soltman, SBOE president, said.

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But following that termination, the bill protects the photographer’s license so they can find another job.

“Unfortunately, a full discussion and understanding of the issue addressed by the bill cannot be obtained in brief headlines, Twitter posts and the like which seemed to be used to deflect away from the true issue addressed by the bill — oppression of those with religious faith,” Luker said.

The bill would also allow medical professionals to deny service to unmarried mothers without losing business licensure.

“(The bill) is designed to protect the very first protected right in the Constitution under the First Amendment — the protection of the free exercise of religion,” Luker said. “Exercise does not just mean worship, but it means the ability to act according to one’s faith.”

He said the government has gone too far in forcing religious individuals to abandon their faith.

“People of faith have finally decided to say we have to try to do something to protect ourselves from the assault upon our rights,” Luker said.

House Assistant Minority Leader Grant Burgoyne, D-Boise, is a proponent for the “Add the Words” campaign — a campaign to add equal protections for the state’s

LGBT population to the Idaho Human Rights Act. Burgoyne said Luker’s bill is bringing an opportunity to have a conversation in the legislature about Idaho slashing equal rights for the LGBT community. He said he is hoping to change minds on the issue before the bill is passed.

In an “Add the Words” rally Jan. 11, Burgoyne addressed the nearly 500 rally attendees and said it’s time the state emphasized treating others with respect and dignity — regardless of sexual orientation.

Also a Boise Democrat, Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb co-sponsored the “Add the Words” bill with Burgoyne. She said the people of Idaho need to come together in efforts to make the pro-equality voice heard.

“I stand before you today to implore our legislators to stop quotin’, and start votin’,” Buckner-Webb said at the rally. “Justice is a way of life for each and every person.”

There is no date set for the hearing yet, but House State Affairs Committee Chairman Republican Rep. Tom Loertscher said it will need a large venue. In 2012, “Add the Words” supporters nearly filled the Capitol’s 240-seat Lincoln Auditorium in a hearing on updating the Human Rights Act.

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Two attendees at the Add the Words rally on Jan. 11 tie ribbons to a wire to show support for the campaign. The group staged a protest Monday in response to the proposed service denial bill.

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Redhawk down *Idaho defeats Seattle U to remain undefeated in WAC play*

Theo Lawson
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The Connolly Center had been a house of horrors for Jon Newlee and the Idaho women's basketball team. The Vandals, under Newlee, had yet to win on Capitol Hill.

On Saturday, Idaho turned the tides in a major way.

All five Idaho starters scored in double digits, Stacey Barr notched her eighth double-double of the season and the Idaho women's basketball team kept its unbeaten streak alive with a 77-59 victory over Western Athletic Conference rival Seattle U.

"Hats off to Idaho," Seattle U coach Joan Bonvicini said. "I thought they started well and then really capitalized on our mistakes."

Idaho never trailed and led by as many as 21 points, as the Vandals asserted their dominance in WAC play, opening up a three-game gap between them and the defending regular-season champions, who dropped their third conference game.

The Redhawks

swept the Vandals during conference play a season ago, beating Idaho by a combined seven points, before the Vandals one-upped Seattle in the 2013 WAC Tournament Championship.

Still, a win during the regular season was long awaited for Newlee and company.

"We have not come away with a 'W' here in the last couple of years," Newlee said. "I thought we did a great job defensively. The game plan was great again. (Assistant) Jordan (Green) had us ready to go."

The Vandals held Seattle to a 29 percent shooting and held 2013 WAC Player of the Year Kacie Sowell to 11 points.

Idaho played a chunk of the second half without post Ali Forde, and the Redhawks began to chip away at the Vandal lead, cutting it down to 11 points with 8:27 to play. The Vandals never faltered, though, as a Christina Salvatore 3-pointer halted the Seattle run.

The visitors' mo-

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Idaho's 8-0 winning streak is its best since the 1985-86 season when the team won 15 straight games.

mentum was also triggered by 16 Seattle U turnovers. Idaho turned the ball over just nine times.

"I just never thought our intensity or our pace was where I wanted it to be," Bonvicini said. "I felt like we were a little slow, not quick enough, and we didn't finish well so we were playing catch up the entire game."

Salvatore, Idaho's all-time leader in 3-pointers made in a season, was 0-for-7 from beyond the arc against Grand Canyon. The sophomore rebounded in a big way, netting three of her nine 3-point attempts Saturday.

"We had stretches where offensively we got a little stagnant, but I thought we kept our attack mentality and did a good job," Newlee said.



Seattle U | Courtesy

Idaho's Maren Austgulen, left, and Alyssa Charlston attempt to block a Seattle U player in Idaho's 77-59 victory Saturday in Seattle. The Vandals moved to 15-7 and 8-0 in the WAC with the win.

Deja-vu

Vandals lose third 1-point game of the season

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

It was a strange Saturday night at the Cowan Spectrum. It started with a power outage during pregame warm-ups, forcing the players to warm-up in the dark. Then, three rows in, a section of the bleachers collapsed — but no one was injured. To top it all off, in the final seconds of the game, there was a clock malfunction.

Oh yeah, there was a basketball game, too.

It was a game in which Stephen Madison seemed like he could do no wrong, leading the Vandals with 25 points. But it was his pass that got stolen in the final seconds of the game that ultimately gave Seattle U the win, 68-67.

"I got the ball and I thought with the bobble of the rebound, there was only a couple of seconds on the clock to advance it," Madison said. "So I tried to get it to Connor (Hill) and they intercepted it."

The game looked like it could be a blowout with the Vandals holding a 16-point lead with 14:43 remaining.

It was a 23-2 run by Seattle in the second half that made the difference.

"When things started going the other way, we didn't have any leadership, our heads were down and we had no togetherness," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We played absolutely un-fundamentally sound basketball for about eight minutes

there and let Seattle U back in the game."

The Vandals held the WAC's leading scorer, Isiah Umipig, to only 13 points on the day, but his teammates picked up the slack with three other players scoring in double figures.

"We decided not to guard the last little bit, then we let them back in the game and they beat us," Verlin said. "We didn't make simple plays."

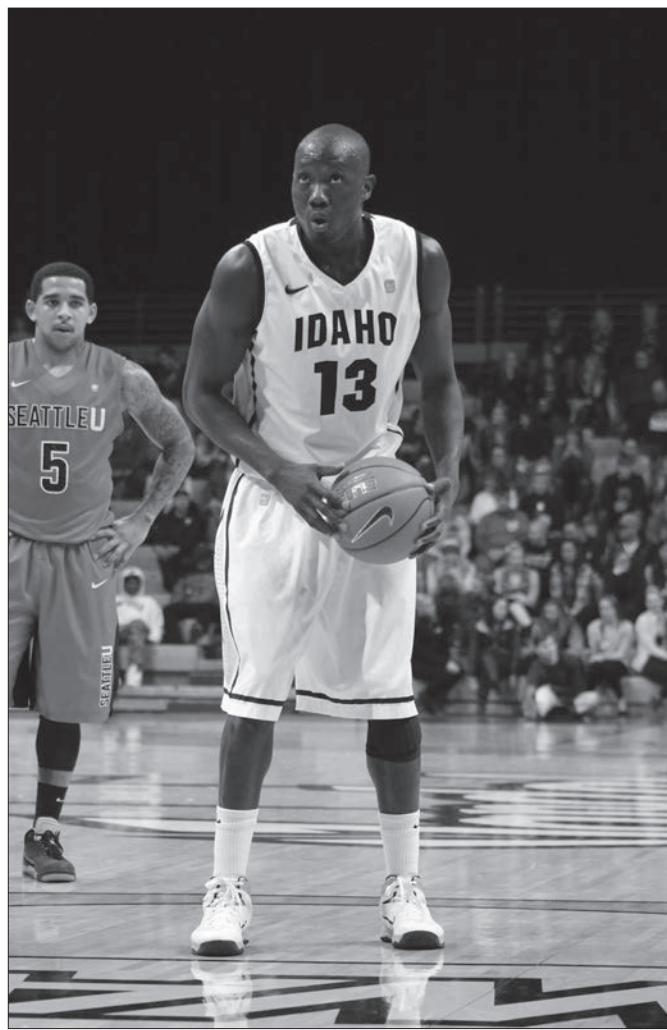
The Vandals lacked execution down the stretch. Connor Hill got called for a 5-second violation when he tried to inbound the ball with 8.5 seconds left in the game.

After the violation, Seattle U got the ball back under its own bucket. The Vandals had the inbound play guarded to perfection, leaving Seattle nowhere to pass the ball. Then an inadvertent buzzer went off and Seattle was given a second chance.

"We had the first play guarded perfectly and our clock doesn't work," Verlin said. "We knew they were going to run one or two plays and we do a great job at guarding the first one and our clock doesn't work."

Seattle scored on a quick layup on its second chance under the rim to take the lead with less than 10 seconds remaining. Idaho had a chance at a game-winning shot, but Seattle's D'Vonne Pickett stole Madison's pass to seal the victory for the Redhawks.

Lack of execution hampered the Vandals ability to



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Bira Seck prepares to shoot a free throw in the first half of Idaho's 58-57 loss to Seattle U Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals surrendered a 16-point lead in the second half.

close out their opponent in the second half.

"Lack of discipline, lack of fundamentals, lack of execution, so I guess if that's worse, it is," Verlin said. "There's an old saying in college basketball, 'Players got to play.' You have to execute when the game is on the line and we didn't do

it tonight."

Losing a rivalry game is tough, but the Vandals will need to get over the loss quickly, because it won't get any easier when New Mexico State comes to town.

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Idaho names new head soccer coach

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Idaho didn't have to go very far to find Pete Showler's replacement. Idaho secured Gonzaga assistant Derek Pittman, becoming the fourth coach to lead the women's soccer



Derek Pittman

program. Pittman replaces Showler, the winningest coach in Idaho history, who resigned on Jan. 1 to take over as sporting director of East-side Timbers in Oregon.

Pittman will lead Idaho into its inaugural season in the Big Sky

Conference.

Pittman spent four seasons as associate head coach of Gonzaga, a position he gained after he resigned as head coach of Arkansas State.

Despite taking over after Showler's successful nine-year tenure, Pittman will have to undergo a rebuilding phase at Idaho. He takes over a program that

went 4-16 in 2013, returning only four players who will be seniors.

"I think my style is going to be different than Pete's," Pittman said. "Pete is obviously a very personable guy, had a lot of great relationships in the recruiting world and again hats off to him doing what he had done over the past nine seasons there."

Pittman's first head coaching stop at Arkansas State lasted three seasons, going 18-34-7 and taking the Red Wolves to the Sun Belt Tournament semifinals in 2009. Pittman thought the time was right for him to be a head coach again in 2014.

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WAC Roundup

Utah Valley (13-8, 7-1)



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

The Wolverines shouldn't be hanging out up here too much longer. A 72-49 loss to New Mexico State revealed what most of us knew before conference play started — the



Aggies will run the conference.

New Mexico State (17-7, 6-2)

An injury to 7-footer Sim Bhullar prolonged NMSU's return to WAC dominance, but the Aggies have won three straight games, including their last two with Bhullar back in the mix. Expect this trend to continue when the Aggies go on the road to face Idaho and Seattle U.



Grand Canyon (11-10, 6-2)

The Antelopes hold claim to the conference's longest current win streak — now four games — and a win at Utah Valley means GCU would sneak into second place, while boosting NMSU to first. UVU won the home leg of the series by seven points.



Chicago State (9-12, 4-3)

Once the conference's second-place team, Chicago State is showing its true colors now, and the Cougars have dropped two spots by losing three of their last four contests. This CSU team has been nonexistent on the glass, checking at No. 329 in the nation in rebounds per game.



Kansas City (7-14, 4-4)

One of two teams to top New Mexico State, UMKC seems like a team that could finish WAC play around .500. The Kangaroos have bounced around the place in this conference — starting with a 95-point performance against Seattle U, to beating the Aggies, to falling in three of their last four games.



Seattle U (10-10, 2-6)

Coach Cameron Dollar and the Redhawks may not have



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Athletes of the week

Odon Barta – men's tennis



Odon Barta

The Idaho men's tennis team went 1-1 this week. They lost to Fresno State for their first loss of the season on Saturday, but were able to pick it up on Sunday to secure a win over Portland State. One Vandal tennis player went 3-1 over the weekend. Odon Barta, a sophomore from Budapest, Hungary, had the Vandals lone singles win on Saturday with a two-set victory over his Fresno State opponent, Sai Kartik. He took that momentum into Sunday, where he helped secure the doubles point with his partner Cesar Torres. Barta then won his singles match in a two-set victory. With his help, the Vandals improve to 3-1 on the season. Idaho returns to action on Feb. 8 when they face San Francisco in Seattle.

Stacey Barr – women's basketball



Stacey Barr

The women's basketball team continues to dominate in the WAC, winning its eighth game in a row, by taking down rival Seattle U by a score of 77-59 Saturday in Seattle. In the rout of the Redhawks, the Vandals had one player outperform the rest. Stacey Barr continued to make a case for WAC Player of the Year. Barr, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, recorded her 12th double-double of the season with 25 points and 12 rebounds in the game. This is the 26th game in the last 28 that she's played where she has scored double figures. Barr and the Vandals start the second half of their WAC schedule this week with a road trip down to New Mexico State and Texas-Pan American. They will return home on Feb. 13 to face Cal State-Bakersfield.

Paige Hunt – swimming and diving



Paige Hunt

The Vandal divers competed at the Air Force Academy Diving Invitational over the weekend and for one Vandal, it was a great meet. Paige Hunt, a senior from Mesa, Ariz., competed in three events and didn't finish lower than seventh. Hunt started off the Invitational with a seventh-place finish in the 1-meter dive with a score of 267.85 and followed that up with a school record performance in the platform dive with a score 245.15, which was good enough for fourth place. Despite a strong performance on the first day, she was able to find a way to outdo herself on the second day. Hunt took first place in the 3-meter dive with a score of 322.30.

Alex Siemens – women's track and field



Alex Siemens

The track and field team had a big weekend Friday and Saturday at the Cougar Indoor in Pullman. The effort shown on Friday and Saturday enabled the team to come back to Moscow with nine individual wins and 21 career-best marks. Alex Siemens, a freshman from Abbotsford, B.C., won two of those events. She took first in the mile with a time of 5:09.53 and then followed that performance up with a win in her heat of the 800-meter run with a time of 2:19.79. The Vandals are back at home this weekend hosting the Vandal Indoor on Friday evening, followed by the Idaho Open on Saturday morning.



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Sophomore hurdler Nicole Dorsey practices her events at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex in May 2013. The Vandals posted nine victories and 21 career-best marks Friday and Saturday at the WSU Cougar Indoor in

Track and field rolls

Third week of competition boasts 21-career best marks, nine victories for Vandals

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

The Idaho track and field team finished its second meet at WSU and their third meet of the year Friday and Saturday in Pullman. The team saw further improvements that have been characteristic of this early season.

Idaho had nine individual first-place finishes during the two days of competition and 21 personal best scores.

Two of those wins came from freshman Alex Siemens who won the mile with a converted time of 5 minutes, 9.53 seconds and the 800-meter run with a converted time of 2:19.79.

On Friday, two field athletes impressed for Idaho. Freshman jumper Arphaxad Carroll won the men's long jump with a jump of 7.25-meters and senior thrower Kyle Rothwell took first in the weight throw with a throw of 17.74-meters. Rothwell was followed closely by fellow Vandal junior Zach Trumbauer who took second

with a throw of 17.5.

Friday was also the start of the first multi-events for the Vandals this year. Idaho had a rough go in its season debut in the multi-events. In the women's pentathlon, freshman Taylor Sheppard saw her first collegiate multi-event competition and finished fourth out of four competitors with an overall score of 2,369.

In the men's heptathlon, Idaho competed two athletes, sophomore Drew Thompson and senior Colin Briggs. Briggs started off the competition on Friday putting up strong scores that were all personal bests, but had to withdraw from the event on Saturday due to an injury. Thompson finished the heptathlon in sixth with an overall score of 3,752.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the team's performance this weekend," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "I am very excited about them competing at home next weekend in the Vandal Indoor."

Junior hurdler and sprinter Jesse Villines continued to hit his stride for the second week in a row. He set a

personal best in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.48. Last week, Villines set multiple personal bests and was awarded with WAC Men's Track Athlete of the Week.

Senior sprinter Andrew Bloom competed for the first time this season and won the men's 400 with a time of 49.09 — beating out the second place finisher, fellow Vandal Ian Middleton by more than two seconds.

The track and field team will return to the Kibbie Dome for the second time this weekend for the Vandal Indoor on Friday and the Vandal Open on Saturday.

The team has yet to leave the Palouse this season, as they have only competed at home and at neighboring WSU. Phipps said Idaho is lucky because they have, along with WSU, two of the only fully functional indoor arenas that can hold a full collegiate meet in the area. The team will finally leave the familiar scenery of the Palouse on the weekend of Feb. 14 when they will travel to Seattle for the Husky Classic.

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New lineup would benefit Vandals

Verlin needs to make lineup change to get team to success

Saturday was a frustrating day for the men's basketball team. Up 16 points with 14:43 remaining in the game, the Vandals saw their lead disappear and ended up losing by only one point for a final score of 68-67.

The exasperation was visible in the players faces when the final buzzer sounded and palpable in the postgame press conference. The Vandals are having a rough go with all of these new players on the team. The Vandals have 12 new faces on the court to replace many players on the team from last year. The only returning players this year were Stephen Madison, Ty Egbert, Connor Hill and Joe Kammerer.

With the way the season is going, Don Verlin's job certainly could be on the line if he can't get things moving in the right direction by the WAC Tournament.

What the problem really comes down to though is the lack of production from the team's big men.

It was already known before the season started that the team was going to have to try and find someone to replace the offensive force that was Kyle Barone — the 2013 WAC Player of the Year. The Vandals have been un-

successful finding a player to put up the numbers that he did last season.

Kammerer, the team's starting center, is only averaging 2.5 points per game and 2.6 rebounds per game. Those

are numbers of someone that should be coming off the bench. Backup Paulin Mpawe has the same number of rebounds per game and he plays six minutes less on average.

Meanwhile, Bira Seck has been starting at the four spot and is averaging 5.0 points per game and 5.1 rebounds per game. While those aren't great numbers, they still are a little better than Kammerer's, and he only plays on average of one more minute per game.

It's obvious by now that the Vandals aren't going to be able to find the production that they had with Barone, but there still might be a solution if the Vandals want to be able to be successful the rest of the season.

Four of the team's top five scorers are playing the guard position. The only non-guard in the top five is Stephen Madison. He leads the team with 17.9 points per game while also leading the team in rebounds with 7.7 per game.

This team isn't one that should try and force it into the paint because they don't have the talent down low to run an offense that revolved around getting the ball down there. The team has talent when it comes to working the ball around and finding the open shot.

The Vandals need to play to their strengths if they want to be successful, even if that means losing a little bit of size down low to gain quickness on the outside.

The team could find success by bumping Seck and Madison down to the four and five. That opens up the backcourt and the three to any combination of the top four guards on the team in Mike Scott, Glen Dean, Sekou Wiggs and Hill.

All of them deserve to start on this team. Kammerer, Mpawe and even Egbert meanwhile can come in off the bench when it's time to give the starters a break.

With three guards starting and the other coming off the bench as the go-to sixth man, the team might be able to salvage this season and even get that elusive tournament win that has been evading Verlin in his Vandal coaching career.

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COACH

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"I felt like going through the interview process, getting a chance to meet with (Idaho athletic director Rob) Spear, his vision for not just the soccer program but for the entire athletic department as a whole, it really excited me and made me enthusiastic about the direction of Vandal Athletics and the great things we're going to have an opportunity to do," Pittman said.

Pittman won't have much breathing room when it comes to recruiting. National Letter of Intent Day is on Feb. 5 — interim coach Ashly O'Brien took over main recruiting responsibilities when Showler stepped down. High school athletes can still sign letters of intent after Feb. 5, so recruiting will go on.

"We're going to hustle, we're going to get to work from day one and be out there grinding and pounding the pavement to bring in players as far as recruiting is concerned," Pittman said.

"I can't help but utilize how the Vandals got their name and it sells, and where that came from, the fact that it's all about players that have that sense of hard work," he said. "Just that mentality to go out and scratch and claw for every inch and opportunity that comes their way."

Founded in 1998, Idaho's foray into the Big Sky is the first for the soccer program. Idaho will see opponents it is familiar with, having played Big Sky teams Idaho State, Weber State, Eastern Washington and Montana — all within the last two seasons.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Pittman said. "It's such a great place from an athletic (standpoint), it's a place that will be able to come in and compete straight away in the Big Sky and compete for championships."

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REDHAWK

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Barr's double-double came nine minutes into the second half and the junior finished with 25 points and 12 rebounds. The Melbourne, Australia native was 6-of-9 from the free-throw line.

Alyssa Charlston had 15 points for Idaho, despite going 6-of-13 from the charity stripe. Ali Forde, who played much of the second half with four fouls, closed in on a double-double but fell short with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Idaho, now 8-0 in WAC play, controls its own destiny as far as the regular-season title goes. Cal State-Bakersfield checks in at second with a 6-2 mark. The Vandals thumped the Roadrunners 96-69 on Jan. 18 in California.

Idaho's three-game road trip continues when the Vandals visit New Mexico State Thursday. The Aggies couldn't keep pace with the Vandals in a Jan. 11 Cowan Spectrum contest, when Idaho won 79-51.

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DEJA-VU

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"At some point, this team needs to grow up," Verlin said. "It's real simple why we're getting our butts beat, because we aren't mature enough to win games."

Idaho will be hosting the defending WAC Champions Aggies at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum.

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ROUND-UP

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expected to snap a three-game losing streak in Moscow, but this Seattle U team will take what it can get. A 68-67 win in the Cowan Spectrum marked the Redhawks' first win against Idaho since 2010. The victory also knocked Texas-Pan American, Bakersfield and Idaho into a tie for last place — a spot Seattle was becoming all too comfortable with.

Bakersfield (9-13, 2-6)

If conference tournament play were to start tomorrow, the Roadrunners would avoid the last seed via a win at Texas-Pan American, despite sharing the same record with them and Idaho. Issiah Grayson scored 27 points in a victory over the Broncos and has averaged 22 points per game in his last five games.



Idaho (8-14, 2-6)

Don Verlin called for maturity from his inexperienced squad, which has lost four of its past five games. Senior Stephen Madison collected 27 points in Saturday's clash with Seattle, yet it was the team's leading scorer who turned the ball over with a few seconds remaining, sealing the Redhawk victory. The Vandals are just 1-6 in the Cowan Spectrum this year and things won't be any easier when they host powerhouse NMSU Thursday.



Texas-Pan American (6-17, 2-6)

Thankfully for Idaho, there is a team in the WAC that performs worse on its home court than the Vandals do. UTPA is 1-8 this season at home and the Broncos have yet to win a conference game at the UTPA Fieldhouse since Nov. 13. With three consecutive losses, the Broncos might fancy their chances on the road, when they visit Seattle and Idaho.



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OUR VIEW

Standing on one leg

Events Center needs to move up in priority

Collapse seemed to be the catchphrase in and around the Cowan Spectrum Saturday and the Idaho men's basketball team — which suffered a major letdown of its own in the second half of a one-point conference loss to Seattle U. — didn't even produce the biggest flop of the evening.

Hours before a game-clock malfunction gave the visiting team a second opportunity to inbound the ball, and score the eventual game-winner, it was the Spectrum that was falling apart.

Nearly an hour before tipoff, a power outage forced both Seattle and Idaho to warm up in a pitch

black gym. But wait, there's more.

Twenty minutes after the lights were revived, a three-row chunk of the student-section bleachers fell backward, resulting in a loud thump that most could hear. Fans had yet to occupy the section and no one was injured — potentially the only positive that has come out of the low attendance figures this basketball season.

The game clock mishap topped off an evening of unfortunate events that only added to the cries for a basketball-only arena, something Idaho fans, coaches and athletes alike have yearned for.

"That's why we need an events center," Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear told the Spokesman-Review, also noting the bleachers had never collapsed before.

Saturday's accident posed a serious threat that could have caused severe injury had the section been occupied. The sets of rows, which each extend approximately 20 feet wide and sit anywhere from 20-25 people comfortably, have been jam-packed on a number of occasions — primarily when in-state rivals Boise State, and ex-WAC rivals Utah State came to town. Of course, the bleachers stand more than 20-feet tall.

Not only has this venue become a hazardous one, judging by Saturday's events, but the Cowan Spectrum continues to reek of humiliation and embarrassment — a football stadium-turned arena that is unsuitable for a Division I basketball program that can't maximize its potential until an events center is in place.

Spear and University of Idaho

administrators have drawn up plans for this project, which currently is in a "six-year plan," meaning the Idaho State Board of Education will have to hear a proposal from UI before it can move forward.

The upcoming Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, taking place in the Kibbie Dome, is another vivid representation of the Spectrum's inconvenience. Both the Idaho men's and women's basketball teams will be relocated to Memorial Gym for a total of three games before returning to their home floor.

While the athletic department has made progress with this so-called "six-year plan," immediacy should be a priority — rather than settling with basketball on the 50-yard line.

— TL

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Ah, memories

When I was about 10 years old, my mom insisted I should stay and watch the Super Bowl halftime show for the first time. Much to my mom's horror, I then learned why the Janet Jackson halftime show will forever live on in infamy.

—Aleya

Go Hawks

Nothing more needs to be said.

—Andrew

Puppy love

Budweiser Clydesdales is indeed my favorite 2014 Super Bowls commercial. Who doesn't love to see a puppy and horse on a commercial? Good job Anomaly.

—Rainy

I second that

Look above at what Andrew put.

—Ricky

'Sherlock'

My favorite part of the Super Bowl was immediately afterward watching Benedict Cumberbatch defeat death twice in one episode.

—Emily

Engineers gets their wings

Apparently Volkswagen forgets there are female engineers, too. Or they just don't hire them, apparently.

—Kaitlin

2014

You're pretty much kicking 2013's butt right now. The year is only 1/12 over and already it's more amazing than any year leading up to now. And that's saying something because I've had a lot of pretty fantastic years.

—Kaitlyn

The superb owl

Is now over. March Madness, where you at?

—Theo

Football isn't over

The Super Bowl is done but we still have National Signing Day on Wednesday. Football lives on.

—Stephan

Unlikes

It make me sad inside when people unlike my photography page. Why do they hate me?

—Phil

I cried

Best day of my life. Champions.

—Sean

Celebration time

Seeing all the celebration videos in Pioneer Square kind of made want to be home this weekend.

—Ryan



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Deny discrimination

Proposed legislation would allow service denial based on sexual orientation

When Barack Hussein Obama ascended the throne and became king of the United States in 2008, anyone in their right mind knew our religious freedoms were in danger. In 2012, the battle raged yet again and violations of Americans' religious rights were the topic of conversation.

Travesties like readily available birth control, happy holidays instead of merry Christmas and marriage equality all seemed poised to become a reality of Obama's America.

Luckily for Americans everywhere, Idaho state Representative Lynn Luker is slowly but surely fighting off tyranny.

Luker claims his religious rights are being violated here in the state of Idaho, but that is hardly the case.

It's time that the freedom of religion argument quits being used for political reasons. Until you're forced to worship a deity or you're worried about being executed for your religious views, your religious freedoms are not in danger.

Just last week, Luker introduced a bill which would allow licensed professionals to deny service to people based on their religious beliefs, without fear of losing their state-issued license.

Luker claimed this was a pre-emptive solution to a problem seen in other states — such as in New Mexico where a photographer faced legal trouble for refusing to take pictures of a lesbian couples wedding.

Other problems like this have been caused throughout the country, but not in Idaho — as of yet.

This legislation is not solving a problem, it is creating state sanctioned discrimination against the LGBT community. Nobody is making anyone in Idaho support the equality movement. There aren't exclusively gay communities barring people for religious reasons springing up all over Idaho.

The religious argument is a terrible one and should not be used to oppress an already small community in the state. I could go on about the legal issues this may cause, such as doctors receiving state funding refusing to treat LGBT patients. I could claim this is a constitutional issue, but it is far simpler than that.

All citizens deserve equality. Luker and people like him, from Idaho and around the world, cannot empathize with the discrimination faced by individuals within the LGBT community.

Luker, a Mormon from Southern Idaho can't understand a whole state being so opposed to his way of life that they would codify discrimination.

Idaho is known for its conservative politics and extreme ideologies, for good reason. However, that doesn't mean it also needs to be known for its discriminatory policies and archaic worldview. If the issue being presented by Luker in Idaho were a racial one, it would be shot down so fast this article would be a moot point. However, Luker's bill recently passed the House State Affairs Committee with a unanimous vote.



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Just like Idahoans would not stand for racial prejudice, we should not stand for sexual discrimination. It's time people like Lynn Luker joined the 21st century, and realize that equality is happening and granting that is not a desecration of the Bible.

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Snacking smart

Looking for a healthy snack on campus? Many students feel overwhelmed by the number of choices in vending machines, but underwhelmed by the nutritional value.

Vending machines are often laden with products designed to spike your blood sugar level or give you a jolt of caffeine, versus providing you with a nourishing snack or drink. New to campus this semester are FitPick snack and drink options, which meets the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's nutrition standards.

This includes guidelines for calories, fat, sugar and sodium. Nutritional standards for vending machines are nothing new, with strict guidelines in place for grades K-12.

As of January 2014, the University of Idaho's campus vendor, Ida Vend, has been committed to providing 15-20 percent healthier food and beverage options for in-campus vending machines.

These items are labeled with a FitPick sticker or a green tab, to indicate healthier snacks

and drinks. Student interest prompted Ida Vend to provide a healthier segment of snacks and beverages, but we need student support to keep these options on our campus.

To promote some of the delicious and nutritious options now available, a Healthy Snacking Booth will be hosted this Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. in the Idaho Commons.

Come enjoy free samples of FitPick snacks and drinks. Some of the snacks that you can try include Kar's Original Trail Mix, Nature Valley Crunchy Bars, Kashi Hummus Crisps, Special K Pastry Crisps, Chocolate Mini Bites and Pepsi 10 drinks. Next time you are at a vending machine, remember to look for the green tabs and choose a snack that tastes great and is good for your health.

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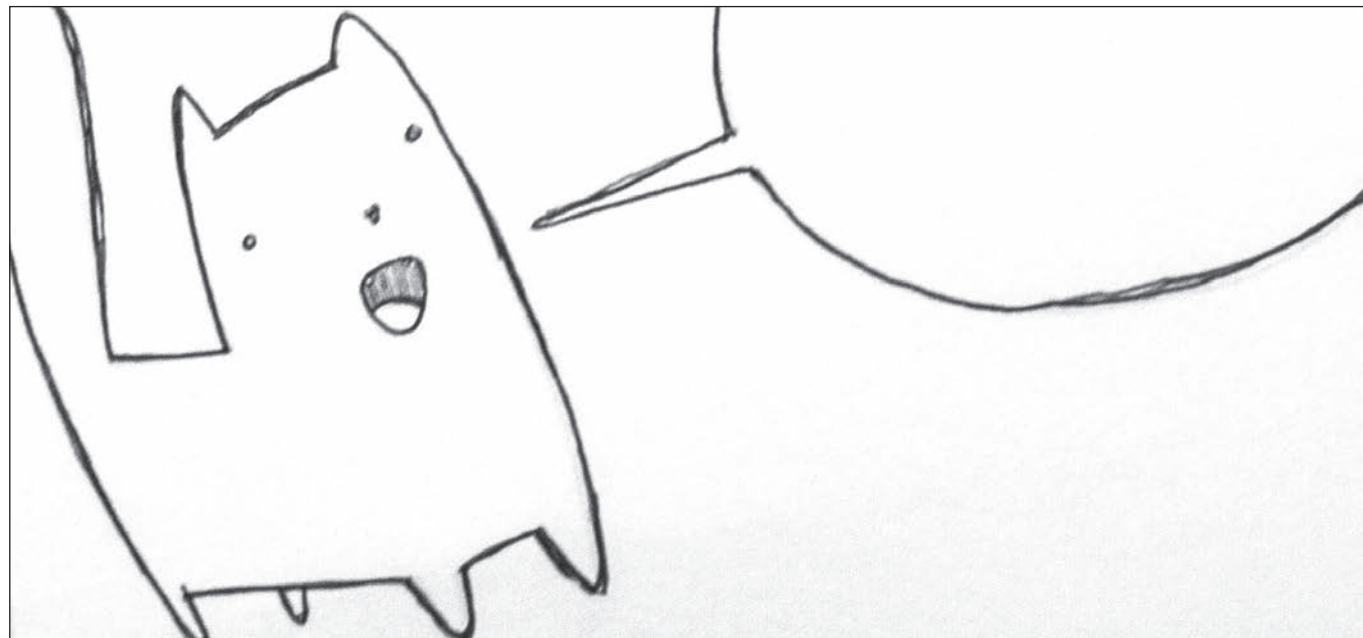
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