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Everyone identifies

'The Vagina Monologues' cast members relate experiences, importance of production

Erin Bamer Argonaut

University of Idaho freshman Veronica Smith didn't need to be a college student to recognize what the University of Idaho-Women's Center has to offer. After her time in "The Vagina Monologues" during her senior year of high school, the Women's Center became her place of refuge on a bad day, she said.

Smith isn't the only woman to find solace there. She is just one of the many who have taken part in the monologues and became an active member of the Women's Center because of their experience.

Kelli One woman, Foutch, is a non-traditional student who was cast in the monologues for three years in a row. This year, she said she didn't want to star in the performance but still wanted to be involved. Foutch helps with various parts of the production, because the monologues mean that much to her.

"She has three children," said Lysa Salsbury, director of the Women's Center. "That gives her, I think, a unique perspective on the context of the monologues. I think they have a different personal meaning for her than they do for some other members of the cast. But that's usually how students come to be involved, is that they find something in the monologues that resonate with them and their life experiences."

Smith was one of only two people who have starred in the monologues while still in high school. She planned to be in this



Combining education, technology

Technology to bolster SBOE efforts

Chloe Rambo Argonaut

BOISE — The worlds of education and technology are steadily developing, and all areas of Idaho will benefit from further technological development within Idaho, said Mike Rush, executive director of the State Board of Education. Rush said the future of bringing the two together is going to have a big impact on schools and the state in his presentation to the Senate Education Committee Thursday.

Rush began his presentation with discussion of SBOE's goal of 60 percent of Idahoans achieving a professional or technical degree by the year 2020. Rush said he has often been asked if the goal is realistic.

"Our institutions are the obvious key players in increasing Idaho's educational inventory," Rush said. "Higher education has a direct impact on the standard of living for every Idaho citizen."

He said states with a higher population of college graduates also generally have a higher standard of living.

"We have a long way to go, but the future looks promising," Rush said.

Rush said the first goal for the SBOE for the upcoming year is to strengthen the

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University of Idaho junior Michelle Shannon, left, and freshman Veronica Smith collage photos for the Vagina Monologues. The event will take place 7 p.m. on Feb 6-8 at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

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Racing to stand

UI Faculty Senate to take stance on campus concealed carry

Amber Emery Argonaut

University of Idaho Faculty Senate members are moving quickly to generate an official opinion to deliver to Idaho lawmakers regarding the proposed legislation that would allow the concealed carry of firearms on college campuses across Idaho.

"If we're going to do anything we need to act quickly, because they will be voting (Wednesday) and if we wait until our next senate meeting, it might be too late to have any impact, and I'm sure they're

waiting for our part," said Trish Hartzell, UI Faculty Senate chair. Senate Bill 1254 was

proposed to the legislature last month and - if passed - would allow retired law enforcement officials and adults 21 or older with proper licensing to carry concealed firearms on the UI campus. Hartzell said a comparable piece of legislation was introduced a few years

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Vandal returns

UI alumnus Martin McGreevy returns from New York, teaches four-week film course

Andrew Jenson Argonaut

Four years ago, Martin Mc-Greevy graduated from the University of Idaho with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree and a minor in film. He had no idea where he was going or what he was going to do.

Now, McGreevy is teaching a four-week course at UI and sharing his experiences working in the film industry in New York with film students. McGreevy said it feels great to be back in Idaho.

"Being back in Idaho with people who - I was sitting in their seats four years ago and wondering, you know, what I was going to do with my life and what was going to happen



Andrew Jenson | Argonaut

UI alumnus Martin McGreevy addresses his class on the visual elements of film Wednesday. McGreevy is teaching a four-week long course and sharing his experiences of working in the film industry.

next — and being able to come back ... and let people know that having an education from UI, it really, especially the way I went through the school, affords you the chance to really do whatever you want wherever you want. Especially since I graduated school with no debt," McGreevy said.

McGreevy said he loves seeing the passion for film he finds among film students at UI.

"One thing that's just been

really fun is to feel the passion of people here for film and for their excitement about, you know, making their own films," Mc-Greevy said.

McGreevy first started work in the industry as an intern for Protozoa Pictures - the film company founded by "Black Swan" director Darren Aronofsky. McGreevy currently works

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Paul Petrino adds 17 junior college players on National Signing Day.

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Mapo tofu

CRUMBS

Chin-Lun Hsu Crumbs

Sometimes you might feel like having some spicy Asian food, but you don't want to spend money at a restaurant. Then, making your own food is another good choice. Most people think it is hard to make Asian food, but this recipe is not. Mapo tofu is a really easy-to-make Asian cuisine, and it only takes less than a half-hour. The most important ingredient is the mapo sauce, and as long as you have some, you are prepared to cook the tasty Asian cuisine.



Ingredients

1 pound chicken breast 1 package of firm tofu 1 spoonful garlic 5 tablespoons Mapo sauce (can be found in an Asian food store) 2 teaspoons salt

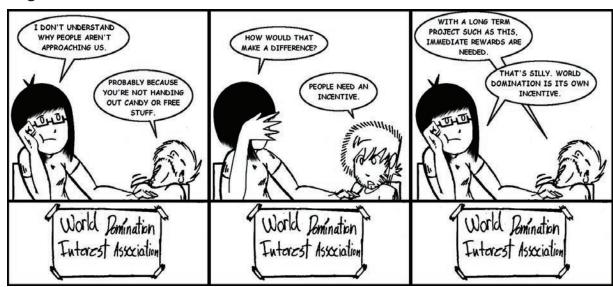
Directions

- Cut chicken and tofu into small cubes. Stir fry chicken cubes with garlic. Fry until the chicken turns white, then add tofu.
 - Add the sauce and salt,

Chin-Lun Hsu | Argonaut

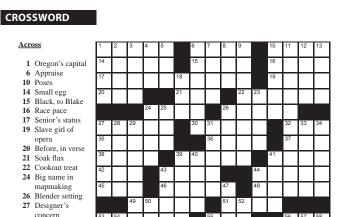
stir fry evenly. Simmer for 10 minutes and serve with white rice. Chin-Lun Hsu can be reached at crumbs@uidaho.edu





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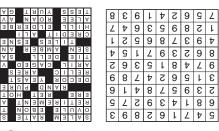
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CAREER CAROUSING



Jessica Greene | Argonaut

University of Idaho Accounting sophomore Emerson Butler, center, visits one of the booths at the Job, Internship, and Graduate School Fair. The event took place from 2-6 p.m., Thursday on the second floor of the Student Union Building. The fair provided networking and potential employment opportunities for UI students.

In search of new dean

UI law school to appoint new dean next fiscal year

Arianna Anchustegui Argonaut

When Don Burnett accepted the position of interim president of the University of Idaho, he said he would not be returning as dean of the College of Law and left the college in limbo.

In October, a vacancy announcement was posted on the UI website and the search committee advertised nationally for the position.

"We've been collecting applications since that time," said search coordinator Lodi Price. "We started evaluating applications in the early part of November, and we're going to continue to accept applications until a candidate is identified and announced."

Burnett was appointed dean of the college in 2002 and Associate Dean Michael Satz was appointed as Interim Dean in 2013.

The search committee was selected by Interim Provost Katherine Aiken to represent the different stakeholders that will interact with the new dean.

Applicants sent the committee a letter demonstrating interest and completed the online application on the UI Human Resources website.

The committee issued the first series of phone interviews in the beginning of January and those interviews have recently been completed.

"The questions ask about experience and perspective and things like, 'where do you see a college going,' 'what is your leadership style.' Those are the kinds of ques-

tions that are asked in a phone interview," Price said.

As chair of the search committee, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Jack McIver calls meetings for the search committee and leads discussions.

"We're in the process of doing the reference calls now," McIver said. "I'd say it's been successful in the sense that we've succeeded in the steps that we've outlined."

Price said the committee is currently in the process of checking references for candidates that could be invited to campus.

The committee's goal is to complete all campus visits by March. Candidate visits will be two days each, with time on the Moscow and Boise campuses. Price said candidates will start in Moscow. They will do a series of interviews, meetings, open

sessions, presentations and will meet with stakeholders. When visiting the Boise campus, candidates will have an open session and tour the Boise campus.

In an open session, candidates will present their background, experiences and goals. All candidates will have an opportunity to address faculty, staff, students and alumni both in Moscow and Boise.

There is no deadline to hire a new dean, but Price said the search committee's goal is to have the new dean hired and settled in his position to start the new fiscal year, July 1.

"It's better to have the right person than have a quick person," Price said. "I think we're doing well, and I think we're progressing. We're right on track."

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Financial aid frenzy

FAFSA and financial aid offer opportunites for students to pay for school, deadline Feb. 15

By the numbers

\$150 billion

Of Federal Student Aid is offered to students each year.

5,000-6,000

Institutions work with the FAFSA

Types of aid available to students

Feb. 15 Priority deadline for FAFSA

March Financial aid sends out information to scholarship committees

Mckenah Lesko Argonaut

College is expensive, but the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid — offers more than \$150 billion to students each year in different forms of aid.

"Some form of the FAFSA has been around for probably 40 years," said Dan Davenport, director of Student Financial Aid Services. "It is what the federal government uses to determine eligibility for different programs."

The FAFSA priority deadline is Feb. 15. The FAFSA looks at the financial status of a student and their parents. In order to fill it out, a student needs to know their income information with things such as tax returns, W-2 forms, how much they have in assets like stocks, bonds and saving and checking accounts, and any other income they may have.

"The information asks for your income from the year before," Davenport said. "They are trying to assess your financial status, as accurately as they can, by using the most recent year."

The FAFSA also looks at the price of tuition of

the school a student is attending. With these, the financial need for a student is calculated.

In order to be considered for some of the aid, students must fill out and submit the FAFSA by the priority date. If a student misses the priority date, they will still receive money, but they will no longer eligible to receive the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, work study and many scholarships.

On March 1, financial aid sends out information to scholarship committees, and if financial aid does not have a student's information, that student cannot be considered for those scholarships, Davenport said.

Anyone who is enrolled in a degree-seeking program can receive aid from FAFSA. Most of these programs require half-time enrollment, which means a student must be taking at least six credits.

"There are about 5,000 to 6,000 institutions that work with the FAFSA," Davenport said. "Any institution that vou can think of will work with it."

The two types of aid available to students are gift aid and self-help aid. Gift aid consists of money that students do not need to pay back, such as the Federal Pell Grant, the supplemental grant and scholarships. Self-help aid is money that students work for, such as work study, or money that needs to be paid back, such as loans.

off their income.

Davenport said.

not be used or lost.

Students can start paying off loans at any time, but most students begin payments about six months after they are no longer enrolled in school, Davenport said. When students begin paying off loans, they are assigned a federal servicer.

"You are assigned a federal servicer, who is somebody who is going to work with you on making your loan payments," Davenport said.

Federal servicers communicate with students and help them figure out one of the

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Man behind Found Money

Terry Armstrong leaves memories, good feelings, found money

Danielle Wiley Argonaut

According to those who described him, Terry Armstrong was many things — cowboy, Renaissance man, mentor, researcher, professor and friend. He also was responsible for the foundation of the University of Idaho Found Money Fund.

After being diagnosed with cancer only a few days before, Armstrong died at Aspen Park Healthcare in Moscow on Jan. 23.

According to Corrine Mantle-Bromley, dean of the College of Education, after the renovation of the Education Building, UI will name the Science of Education classroom after Armstrong.

"One of his last wishes was that ... he loved the idea," Mantle-Bromley said.

Armstrong requested before his death that all memorials be given to UI for the Terry Armstrong Classroom for Science Education. The classroom will be dedicated to science, teaching innovation and classroom excellence.

Armstrong was born April 24, 1935 in Twin Falls, Idaho. He received his master's and doctorate degrees at UI after spending time as a teacher in Salmon, Idaho. During his time as a student, he also taught in the College of Education. Armstrong retired from UI in 1996, but never stopped working. He still taught courses, gave lectures, mentored students and was a member of many boards — including the Gritman Medical Center Foundation Board.

"Terry was a lot of things, Terry was certainly at his core was a professor," Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said. "Terry ... was a very, very gifted faculty person. There are teachers and administrators all over the Northwest who were inspired by Terry and quite frankly owe their careers to Terry — because he was the mentor, he was the guide that they needed."

Pitman worked closely with Armstrong during their years at UI, mainly on providing services to students.

"Terry was incredibly supportive of our initiatives around campus safety and student leadership particularly ... I worked with him almost daily on campus life issues," Pitman said.

It was Armstrong's creative mind and sense of humor that led him to the idea for the Found Money Fund, Pitman said. Armstrong wrote on the UI website about the day the idea came to him.

"Monday, Jan. 5, 1981, welcomed back all the 12-month employees from their New Year's Holiday ... I walked to work from my residence at 1531 Borah. The Greek houses along Nez Perce Avenue had long been sources of found money but I never thought of saving it ... on this morning, I was surprised to find three pennies on the sidewalk near the northwest corner of the Alpha Gamma Delta house," Armstrong wrote.

Armstrong went to put those three pennies in a jar to see how much he could collect in a year. He wrote that times were tough for Idaho and that other staff members started donating money to put in his desk jar.

By the end of the year, Armstrong made about \$45. He decided to give it to UI, in light of the rough economy. Armstrong and others created the Found Money Fund account, an account that any faculty member, student or visitor could contribute to. Armstrong also created a provision saying that the money could not be used from the account until UI's bicentennial anniversary in 2089. Today, the account has reached over \$330,000 and is expected to be in the billions before it can be opened.

Pitman has a partially full piggy bank on his desk with the words "Found Money Fund," on the side.

"One of the wonderful parts of that effort was that Terry was working in the president's office at that time," Pitman said. "When people had money to turn in to the fund, Terry was always gracious with his time and said 'thank you.' It gave people permission to come into the President's office. It demystified the president's office. It made it more personal and accessible. Custodians would bring money in, students would bring money in, house mothers from sororities would bring money in ... yes there was money accumulated and it's still being collected. Yet during it's time, it really created a warm atmosphere on campus."

Friends and family of Armstrong will hold a celebration of his life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the University Inn.

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Questions arise in Moscow ordinance

Moscow Human Rights Commission led discussion panel on city non-discrimination ordinance

Amber Evans Pinel Argonaut

"People are people no matter who they love" was the statement released by the City of Moscow when the non-discrimination ordinance was passed in April 2013.

The Human Rights Commission held a forum at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Moscow City Council Chambers ordinance to answer questions that have come up since the ordinance was first passed.

The ordinance defines non-discrimination in employment and housing to include sexual orientation and gender identity, and was a reaction to many failed attempts at passing statewide non-discrimination legislature, said Katherine Sprague, lifelong Moscow resident and business owner.

"Some of the larger communities have gone that direction, because obviously the legislature is not interested," Sprague said. "Between the Republican party going to the extreme right and the religious views of a lot of people in southern Idaho getting a fair hearing, even getting a hearing, for "Add the Words" just isn't going to happen. So, in the more liberal, more forward thinking communities, they've just gone ahead and done it. I would love to see rural Idaho follow suit." The "Add the Words" campaign has been working for eight years to convince the Idaho Legislature to pass a law that would ensure protection for the LGBTQA community in the workplace and while renting property. So far the state legislature has been uncooperative, Sprague said.

age it either.

"In fact, there is a state law on the books that allows for discrimination on the basis of sexual identity in terms of employment, housing, any number of things," Tallent said. "And there is a new law being proposed that would allow for even more discrimination towards LGBTQA individuals and single women — which I find personally to be an interesting combination that's before the legislature right now."

Tallent is also a member of the Moscow Human Rights Commission and said that contrary to popular belief, federal law does not prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual identity.

"A lot of people will say well that's covered under federal law — no it's not. Federal law prohibits discrimination on the base of gender, on the base of race, other things, but not sexual identity," Tallent said. "Moscow is one of I think five cities in Idaho that have passed similar ordinances." The Moscow Human Rights Commission examines human rights issues — like the issue of discrimination against the LGBTQA community — as they come up in the Moscow, Sprague said.

"And (the commission is) basically interested individuals who come together once a month and discuss issues with human rights importance within Moscow," Tallent said. "We were one of the groups along with the city's Fair Housing Commission, which originally proposed this ordinance, and recommended that the city pass it. You know, we worked with the city to develop the language."

During the forum, community members discussed with the panel members why the non-discrimination ordinance is important. They discussed how it impacts business, citizens and the city itself, Sprague said.

"The other thing for business that makes it very important is we have

Laying out the Constitution

Idaho judges, famed senator discuss importance of U.S. Constitution

Chloe Rambo Argonaut

BOISE — The first edition of the Denton Darrington Annual Lecture for Law and Government took place Monday at the Capitol. The lecture series will cover a wide range of topics including the improved administration of the justice system.

Denton Darrington, Idaho's longest-serving state senator, retired in 2012 after serving 30 years.

N. Randy Smith, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, said Darrington is a legendary leader and a senator with great heart. Smith said Darrington is well known for his respect for the Senate, its system and the varying views of the senators.

"He paved the road to making Idaho's judiciary far better than ever before," Smith said.

Stephen Trott, also a U.S. Court of Appeals judge of the Ninth Circuit, spoke highly of guest lecturer Judge J. Clifford Wallace.

"He is a scholar, repository of wisdom and a thoughtful jurist," Trott said.

Denton took the podium and recalled the experiences he shared with Wallace while in Washington D.C. working with members of the U.S. Senate and federal chief officers.

"For this farm boy, I was in awe," Darrington said. "I talked about the fact that it is a matter of the right personalities being in the right places to foster communication between the branches of government."

Darrington said he has often preached the power of communication and those beliefs have helped him be a successful state senator.

Wallace served for three years as a sailor in the U.S. Navy and later attended San Diego State University. In his lecture, Wallace spoke of the cultural and social importance of the U.S. Constitution.

"Our constitution was not intended to give power to the government, it was to protect the state and its citizens from the government," Wallace said.

He said the implications of the separation of powers as described in the Constitution are often misconstrued. He said the system of checks and balances are a way to foster equality between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

"This separation of powers was not instituted because it would create a more efficient government," Wallace said. "It was created to safeguard the citizens from the powers of the federal government."

He punctuated each sentence with a slight jab of his right forefinger into the air, much like a young lawyer enunciating his point to a judge towering above him. Wallace, despite his nearly 62 years practicing law, still speaks with the dedication and clarity of a freshly-barred lawyer out to win his case.

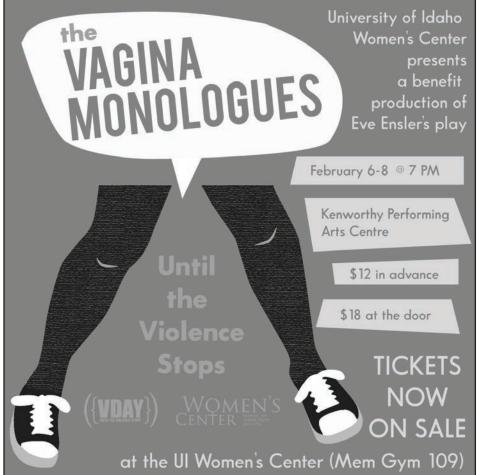
Wallace said the Constitution is a portal through which any citizen can become involved in the operations of the U.S. He said party lines may run deep, but the country's populace must focus on being an American citizen first and foremost. "This is a topic that has been much debated. I'm sure all of us have our views on the subject. There was a second party and a second view," Wallace said. "The people should be significantly involved in the political process. The number of Americans that actually go to the ballot box are astonishingly small." Wallace said a decreasing number of schools are opting not to teach American history to young students, which lessens the generation's ability to become responsible citizens. "Reflect upon our civic responsibility," Wallace said. "(We must make) the Constitution important every day."

Rebecca Tallent, associate professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Media, said that while Idaho does not encourage discrimination, it doesn't discourThere is also a proposal before the Idaho Legislature that would prohibit cities from passing ordinances like Moscow's antidiscrimination ordinance and would automatically reverse cities that have such ordinances, Tallent said.

"There have been lots of questions raised about the ordinance ... you know we planned the meeting before the legislature started proposing some of these new laws ... and so we had planned this but now that we're seeing the legislature come up and make these new proposals. We're saying, you know, this is really pretty important that people understand why such discrimination really is not good for our community," Tallent said. a pride festival that brings in a lot of tourist dollars," Sprague said. "And in the coming years, the focus of our pride festival is to be inclusive to families. Our pride festival is very child friendly and that is intentional. And so the ordinance also says to people who are coming in with their tourist dollars that they are respected. That we want them here we understand the importance of their family, we understand treating them with respect and having a safe work environment. That sends a huge message if you're not from around here."

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Annual Shades of Black returns

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Shades of Black, a showcase of culture, will be at the University of Idaho for the 11th year in a row.

UI alumnus and Shades of Black creator Kwapi Vengesayi will host the show at 5 p.m., Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Admission is free.

Vengesayi said although Shades of Black originally began as a Black History Month showcase, it eventually evolved into a multicultural showcase.

Vengesayi, who grew up in Zimbabwe, Africa, came to UI as an international student to receive a degree in architecture. When he was a sophomore, he thought of the idea to have an African American culture showcase.

"I was always involved with the multicultural community, with African Students Association, I was also director of diversity affairs in student government," Vengesayi said. "Because I had a good relationship with Washington State University, I realized that there were lots of vibrant African American student organizations on both campuses, but we never had an event that brought people together as people of African descent."

Vengesayi said that he wanted an event that

would bring all the different cultures and energies from these organizations together.

"As the show evolved, one thing I started to realize was that you don't have to be black to enjoy the black experience and to be part of the black experience," Vengesayi said. "Although Shades of Black still has its roots in the black experience, it's now more than that."

Guadalupe Gutierrez, who helped plan Shades of Black, said it is an event then everyone in the multicultural community looks forward to.

"It brings everyone together," Gutierrez said.

Shades of Black doesn't only happen on the UI campus, it has now expanded to different campuses in the Northwest.

Gutierrez said that Boise State University and Eastern Washington University also hold an annual Shades of Black Show. WSU will host its first Shades of Black Show in the fall.

"For some, Shades of Black gives them a sense of place, a sense of acceptance, a sense of acknowledgement. For others, it gives them an experience outside of their own comfort zone," Vengesayi said. "Shades of Black is a showcase that enhances the multicultural experience of students on campus."

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Women's Center Director Lysa Salsbury honors Traci Craig with the Vagina Warrior award before Thursday's opening show of the Vagina Monologues. The Vagina Monologues will play at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center in downtown Moscow. ASUI President Max Cowan directed this year's performance.

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year's production, but had to drop out due to a heavy workload — much of which comes from her dedication to the Women's Center.

Salsbury met Smith when she was Smith's youth group coordinator at church, and she suggested Smith go to "Take Back the Night" when she was a sophomore. The event changed Smith's outlook on issues such as gender inequality and rape culture.

Smith's first experience with "The Vagina Mono-

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logues" was when she was just 15 years old. Her parents took her to see the show and she said she was hesitant, because she was at an age where she didn't exactly want to know anything about the subject.

"I went with my parents," Smith said. "I thought it was going to be really funny. And I cried. I cried, because there were so many things that you don't really think about."

Smith is constantly connected to the Women's Center and all the outreach programs and activism. She now works as a volunteer and is in the center, almost every day, doing something to help deal with what Smith said is the most important thing society must be concerned about regarding women's issues: safety.

"It's not about changing people," Smith said. "It's about getting facts out there, so people can make educated decisions about life in general. So my hope is that learning new things like I do every day here, about society and about life in general that I can bring a diverse perspective to the other people in my life. So, that people can be more open minded and whether or not they want to change their beliefs, because everyone is entitled to their own opinions, it's still important to be able to hear things from both sides."

Whether she is attending a green-dot training session, or making promotional posters for "The Vagina Monologues" the sense of community is what keeps Smith returning to the Women's Center. Smith said the center is great because a student can come in and sit down next to anyone, even if they don't know them, and get anything and everything they need.

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Wednesday.

"It is the case that all eight of the Idaho institutional presidents have come out in opposition to Senate Bill 1254, the State Board of Education University of Idaho Regents voted 6-0 in opposition to Senate Bill 1254 and that President Burnett will be present to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 1254 on Feb. 12. So, that's why it's important for this body — and I've asked the same of staff affairs — to form an opinion on the issue," Aiken said.

Aiken also said the debate is a heartfelt one, and asked members of the faculty senate to be aware of the dividing line between personal opinions and professional ones.

This is a really emotional issue, so it's important that we separate our personal testimony and any input that we would give to members of the Idaho Legislature from our roles as University of Idaho employees and officials," Aiken said. "There are pretty clear lines about how that takes place in terms of testifying, especially before the senate committee, which anybody sitting here, or any student or anybody can certainly go and do and we encourage them to do that - regardless of their opinion. But, we do want to make clear that when one does, that they are doing it as an individual and not in another capacity."

Faculty senate members Kenton Bird and Stephen Flores took a leadership role to produce a resolution in time for Burnett's testimony next week. The resolution will then be voted on by faculty senate via email and if supported, will go on to the state Capitol with Burnett.

Aiken said the argument Burnett will bring to the legislature is not one of substance, but of regulation.

"It is an excitedly difficult issue and I believe the argument the University of Idaho will make — that the other presidents of the institutions are making and that the State Board of Education is making — is not really an argument so much related to the issue of guns on campus, but rather a local control argument," Aiken said. "That the State Board of Education and local campuses should have the ability to make decisions on this topic and have done so effectively and there's not reason for the Idaho Legislature to feel that they need to be in this issue."

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his involvement in films, but

"So, it's been a really ... as the office manager for the great perch to sit and learn New York branch of LOOK from because you get to see Effects, a company that pronot only the production side duces visual effects for film, of things and watching Dartelevision and venue projren's company, from sort of ects. LOOK often collabothe sidelines, creating their rates with Protozoa, as with their recent film "Noah." films," McGreevy said. "And then also getting a chance to McGreevy has been involved in several films, insee the visual effects side of cluding "Step Up 3D," "Black Swan," "The Wrestler" and things and getting to go on set to different movies and to see how different directors work the upcoming "Noah." He said he has been more of an and to see how the visual effects artists create these unobserver when it comes to

that such observation has made for great experiences.

believable effects from thin air with their software." McGreevy said he is

seeking to become a director himself. He said he has plans to work on a short film this summer here in Idaho.

McGreevy credited his ability to break into the film industry to the university and especially to his many professors, including Journalism and Mass Media professor and adviser Denise Bennett.

"It's people like Denise who not only were fantastic professors while I was at school there, but what she does better than anybody at the school is prepare you for what it's really like in the industry, and I think that can't be overstated," McGreevy said.

Bennett said she is proud of all her students who have managed to work hard and get into the industry.

"Sometimes it's very daunting and it takes a lot of perseverance to succeed," Bennett said. "So, I'm proud of them."

Bennett said it is fantastic that McGreevy has returned to teach the class.

"I think it's really generous for him to come back and share his experiences, because he had to sublet his apartment in New York City (and) he is giving up a month of his time to teach the class," Bennett said. "And so, it's that generosity of the Vandal alum spirit, which is really cool."

McGreevy said students should take advantage of everything UI offers.

"Never assume that your experience at the U of I should only be confined to what your major

is," McGreevy said. "Even if, like, you can't swing it and you have too many credits already or something, go audit the classes, go sit in on it. It's just, like that what's the whole thing about learning is and as long as you really focus in on what you're most interested in and curious about and you go take those courses, the rest seems to me, at least in my experience, to take care of itself and it sort of flows from there."

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"K-12 education pipeline" to increase the number of students choosing to move on to post-secondary education. The board will also increase the rigor of curriculum across the state, especially in mathematics and English.

Idaho Digital Learning Academy Director of Technology Ryan Gravette and Director of Educational Programs Sherawn Reberry discussed their developed web newly portal. IDLA's portal is a tool aiming at helping students gain clarity in how their credits will transfer to various educational institutions across the state.

"Our main objective was to develop a website with tools that would simplify the transfer process for post-secondary education," Reberry said. "We were

focused on two subgroups — high school students and college students."

Reberry said IDLA is developing a portal for students to be able to easily plan out their educational futures.

'We really wanted to know what paths they took and what information was most important to them," Gravette said.

Based on his research of other similar sites, he said the most popular tool is a course equivalency guide. Gravette said students who attend a community college and hope to transfer to a university, or are looking to find which courses best satisfy their needs often use the guide.

The portal has yet to go live. Gravette said they're now working with state college and university registrars on perfecting course catalogs.

Gravette said the site

is also going to be helpful for dual credit students. By taking college-level classes while still in high school, students are creating the foundation of their college degree. With varying credit counts and prerequisite requirements, calculating course transfers can be a harmful process.

"We want to make sure the students know how dual credit is going to impact their college careers - we don't want students taking these courses without understanding that," Gravette said.

Gravette said the portal also has the ability to track analytics on courses. He said it will be helpful for educational institutions to track which courses are most and least popular with transfer students.

Finance-Appropriations Committee Jan. 23. He said the continuing introduction of new technology into Idaho schools is necessary to help students on the pulse of innovation.

"Technology is creating a new educational experience for students," Luna said.

He said the utilization of iPad and tablet technology has been particularly successful in engaging students.

Gravette said he is hoping the portal goes live at the end of March.

Priscilla Salant, interim director of the McClure Center for Public Policy Research put together a study on behalf of LinkIdaho on Internet use in rural Idaho. She focused her study on 1,006 randomly chosen households in Idaho and

people in rural households take online classes, so what happens to rural Internet access is relevant," Salant said.

She said 21 percent of the houses polled use the web for classes. She said her findings on Internet use also play a part in making health policy. Salant said rural residents may soon participate in "tele-health," a way to perform health monitoring and screenings online.

In addition to assisting rural residents in keeping up on their health, Salant said this Internet-based data also gauges the economic and educational health of Idaho.

"Unemployment rates are just not budging in rural Idaho — they're holding pretty constant," Salant said. "But unemployment is falling in urban areas."

Salant also said the population of rural areas is falling as people migrate to more urban areas. According to her study, 80 percent of the households in the study had access to Internet, 9 percent said they don't need it, 7 percent said it was too expensive to connect and 1 percent said it wasn't possible to connect based on where they live.

"Technology is changing all the time — over time we can see more technologies being available for rural areas," Salant said. "But it's a moving target."

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The Idaho women's tennis team begins its WAC schedule against Seattle U Saturday.

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Rounded effort

Petrino gets experience, defense, on signing day

> **Theo Lawson** Argonaut

When the last letter came in — hours after Idaho's fax machine went cold — Paul

Petrino and his coaching staff knew exactly who they were getting. Alfonso



H a m p t o n, one of the na-

tion's top junior college defensive tackles, capped off Petrino's second National Signing Day in style. A 4-star prospect according to ESPN's Recruiting Nation, Hampton, at 6 feet 4 inches and 310 pounds, was one of 17 junior college players to commit to Idaho — a clear signal that the second-year coach wants Sun Belt championships, and he really doesn't want to wait.

Though some would argue that the JC approach doesn't represent vision for the longterm goals of the program, a team that has two wins to its name in two years should redirect its vision to the immediate future.

"I'm getting the very best guys I could get that could come in here and compete to start and either be the starter or make the guys that are here better by the competition of starting," Petrino told the media during his press conference Wednesday.

And a program that prides itself on "getting better" every day appears to have done that with a JC-heavy class with lots of starting potential.

The JC route certainly has its cons — Petrino, by making so many short-term investments, will be expected to win right away. If these players come in and do just that, it will give the program some leeway. Then, as

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Idaho guards Mike Scott and Sekou Wiggs celebrate after the Vandal men's basketball team knocks off two-time Western Athletic Conference champions New Mexico State 73-67 Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum. Stephen Madison led Idaho with 24 points.

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

The Idaho men's basketball team has been on the wrong end of several close games this season. It appeared it was going to be the same old story for the Vandals in their matchup Thursday night versus New Mexico State.

The Aggies went on a 9-2 run, giving them an eight-point lead in the second half. The Vandals an-

swered. After fighting back to tie the game, Glen Dean and Connor Hill would hit back-to-back 3s to give them the lead. They never trailed again, winning the game 73-67.

"I couldn't be happier for the guys in the locker room," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "Everybody contributed tonight in a great win, I thought our mental focus was great all week and bottom line we were the most aggressive team tonight."

The Vandals had no easy task, going up against arguably the best team in the conference. Armed with first team all-conference candidate Daniel Mullings and one of the tallest players in the country, 7-foot-5 center Sim Bhullar.

Dean described him as one big dude and Sekou Wiggs said he was like something he has never seen before.

At his height, Bhullar towers over everybody on the court. At times he was a dominant presence in the paint, blocking shots with ease and dunking without hardly jumping. At other times though, he didn't even make it down the court in transition and the Vandals took advantage.

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4-8 turns into 5-7 and 6-6, the coaching staff will be able to target younger talent.

That is assuming everything goes according to plan, while understanding that not much has for this program since that ever-so-distant bowl victory in 2009.

Yet at this point, two days after college football's Christmas, it's OK to speculate.

Petrino and his staff loaded up on defense, bolstering the defensive line, while filling in some holes in the secondary. Hampton will more than fill a void left by graduating seniors QuayShawne Buckley and Vince Keener. Hampton, the San Diego, Calif., native is likely Petrino's best get yet. ESPN ranked Hampton as its ninthbest junior college prospect and he is the lone top-50 player to commit to a non-BCS conference. Players ranked below him committed to Alabama, Florida State and USC among others.

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Difficulties of perfection

First game of second half of WAC schedule was difficult task

Sean Kramer Argonaut

If Idaho is looking for Western Athletic Conference perfection, the second half of the conference schedule will prevent challenges to that. That's what last night's road contest in Las Cruces, N.M., proved, as Idaho survived New Mexico State to pull out a 75-66 win to improve the Vandal women to 9-0 in their

conference schedule.

The Vandals, in their second go-around in the conference schedule, faced stiffer competition from the Aggies than their 79-51 win on Jan. 11 at the Cowan Spectrum.

New Mexico State outmuscled Idaho in the first half, holding Idaho to under 25 percent shooting and forcing Idaho into a 31-26 deficit at halftime. "I was disappointed with our energy level, disappointed with our selfishness in the first half," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "They took some shots tonight that I've never seen them take in practice."

Luckily for Idaho, it has a Stacey Barr. The Australian

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Vandals add 17 JC players

Late Letter of Intent highlights Idaho's recruiting class

Sean Kramer Argonaut

Paul Petrino is looking at the 2014 t schedule and seeing t wins — his 2014 signing a class is proof of it. a As many as 17 junior college players will be b joining the fray for the t Vandals in 2014, balancing out what Petrino i

called a thin soon-to-be junior class.

Areas that were particularly weak on the 2013 team were recruited, such as the defensive secondary and the offensive line.

"I think this was a bigger junior college class than we'll probably take in the future, but we needed it. One, we needed guys who could have a chance to come in here and play right away and compete," Petrino said. "There was not many kids left in the sophomore class, so the sophomore class we had to add a good number to."

Of the 17 players, seven enrolled last month and are





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-Idaho soccer player Alyssa Pease tweeting after the Vandal soccer team announced their new recruits for the 2014 season.



@TjMO81

Look like coach petrino pullin in some good recruits! #govandals

Former Idaho football player Taylor Elmo praising coach Paul Petrino for his second recruiting class as head coach at Idaho.



@EthanMcIlhargey

New Mexico bound... trying to go 9-0 in conference #LadyVandals #WAC #GoVandals

-Vandal women's basketball student assistant traveling with the team as they try to go 9-0 in conference play.



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Vandal sweep in tennis! Congrats to Odon

Barta and Victoria Lozano for the WAC athlete of the week honor! #GoVandals http:// ow.ly/i/4vtVW

Congratulating Odon Barta and Victoria Lozano on their WAC Athlete of the Week Honors.



@ImtribTroyW **Troy Warzocha**

The Vandals have got their man, the school

just announced the signing of Alfonso Hampton, a DT ranked No. 9 in ESPN's JC 50. #GoVandals

- Lewiston Tribune Idaho beat writer Troy Warzocha announcing that the Vandals have signed Alfonso Hampton.

No coach, no problem

Women's tennis finds success amid adversity

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

The season started with adversity for the Idaho women's tennis team. Former coach Myriam Sopel accepted the head coaching position at UTEP and the Vandals started the season losing 5-0 to Washington State. Since then, the Vandals are 3-1, allowing their opponents two or less points in each of their last three matches.

Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman has been coaching the women's team, in addition to the men's team, with the help of graduate assistants Abid Akbar and Art Hoomiratana.

"I think they're practicing hard, they're not looking for distractions or excuses, Beaman said. "Art and Abid are people they are familiar with and they have really taken the job very seriously of stepping in when they need to. The girls are responding well to them, so it's something that has been very impressive.

Akbar graduated with his undergraduate business degree in 2013 after four successful years on the Idaho men's tennis team. Highlights of his collegiate career include wins in the ITA Mountain Region Championship doubles draw in 2011 and 2012. Just over a year later, he's helping Beaman coach the women's team.

Hoomiratana is a doctorate student at UI studying sports psychology. Amid his busy schedule, Hoomiratana helps with the management side of the team while Akbar and Beaman do the technical tennis coaching.

"With Myriam kind of leaving unexpectedly, I'm just doing what I can to help," Hoomiratana said. "I enjoy

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Belen Barcenilla volleys during practice Jan. 15 at the Kibbie Dome. Despite losing coach Myriam Sopel prior to the season's start, the Vandals have managed to go 3-1 thus far.

working with Jeff (Beaman). As much as I can help, I will help."

The players have also not allowed the distractions to affect their play. Instead, they've gone out and won three straight matches.

"I think we've had a lot of changes, especially me throughout my college years, but I think right now Jeff is doing an excellent job in organizing both practices for the men and women," senior Vicky Lozano said. "We trust Jeff and we also trust Abid and Art. Right now we have confidence in ourselves and we see a

team that is playing well. We're getting along well, so I think we're on a good path."

Idaho's victories include a 5-2 win over Montana and 6-1 wins over Eastern Washington and Gonzaga.

This weekend, the Vandals start their WAC schedule against a winless Seattle U team Saturday in Pullman.

"It's sort of to set the tone. They are a conference opponent," Beaman said of playing Seattle. "I feel we have the potential to run the table in the conference, but

it's definitely not going to be easy. You start with one of the teams and you work your way through them."

Idaho was also scheduled to play Lewis-Clark State College, but the match was postponed due to too many injuries on the LCSC team. Beaman said he has a good relationship with LCSC as Idaho practices down in Lewiston occasionally and had no problem postponing to a later date.

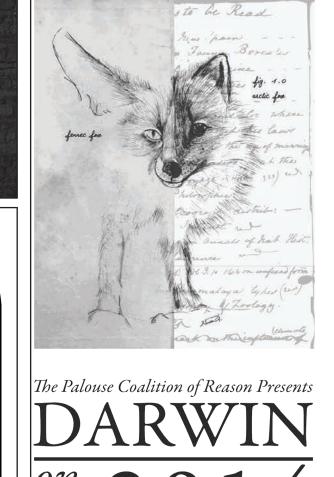
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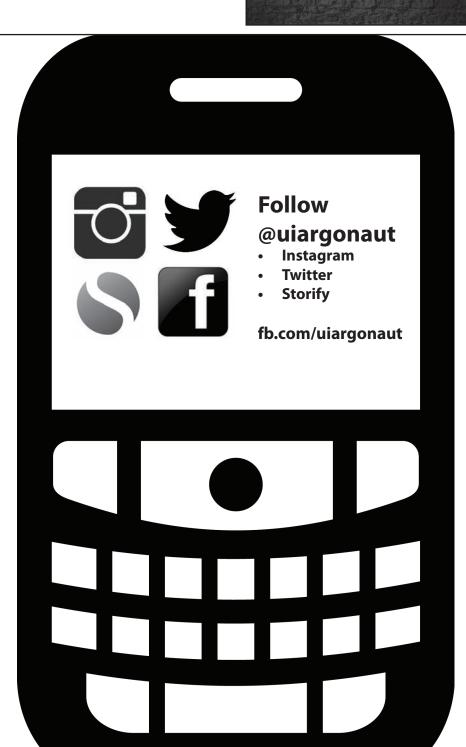
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are already on campus - along with five high school players who "grayshirted," which is enrolling in January as true freshmen.

It's the first signing class Petrino was able to put together with a full year and the first class he could sell being in a conference.

"I talked to our team the other day that now you have three goals — win the Sun Belt, win your bowl game and go undefeated at home, and that's definitely where our three goals are going to be every year from here on out," Petrino said. "It helps, going into that home and being in a conference, so that upped the ante of who we were trying to get."

Petrino couldn't talk about his top recruit when he met with the media Wednesday afternoon, because his top recruit hadn't sent in his National Letter of Intent yet. Hinting at it, Petrino said he'd hope to get it within the next hour and he did.

Alfonso Hampton became the last player announced to Idaho's signing class yesterday and it was a huge one. Hampton is rated as a 4-star prospect by ESPN and a top ten junior college prospect in the country. Hampton did not start playing football until he arrived at Southwestern Community College. At 24 years old, he would be slated to be an immediate starter in the middle of Idaho's defensive line as a junior.

Petrino enamored with speedy receivers

Ever the family man, Petrino broke out a quote from his father, Bob Petrino, on his philosophy of speed.

"My dad told me a long time ago, if you want to get fast, then recruit fast. If you want to get big, then recruit big. So, we definitely tried to get bigger in the defensive front and get faster as a whole team. That's something we worked hard on and I think we did a good job," Petrino said.

That's what Idaho's three newest receivers represent, Petrino said. Jermaine Johnson is a 6-foot-4 receiver who has run a 4.4 second 40-yard dash. Kenny Torrence and Pullman product David Ungerer are under 6-foot receivers who

blaze the field and make plays.

If Idaho has any place it needs to improve, it's the secondary that conceded 3,700 passing yards, 8.4 yards per passing attempt and 40 passing touchdowns last season.

So five defensive backs were added, including players of size. Of the five defensive backs added, four are 6 feet or taller. Four of the five Linebacker are junior college players. He's most excited about junior college transfer Dennis Rufus, a junior college All-American.

"He's 6 '2", I like to say that, if it (height) starts with a six and they play corner that's exciting to me," Petrino said.

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Signed on Wednesday

Quarterback

Jake Luton — Marysville-Pilchuck (Wash.) High School

Gunnar Amos — Coeur d'Alene High School

Running back

Elijhaa Penny — Cerritos College (Calif.) Aaron Duckworth - Oakleaf High School (Fla.)

Wide receiver

David Ungerer III — Pullman High School Kenny Torrence - Riverside City College Calif.)

Jermaine Johnson - New Mexico Military (JC)

Michael Garner - Madison High School (Calif.)

Offensive line

Jerett Olson - College of the Siskiyous (Calif.) Jordan Rose — Freeman High School (Wash.)

Defensive line

Alfonso Hampton — Southwestern (JC) Kaylyn Ayers — West Los Angeles (JC)

Ron Perry — Mesa College (Calif.)

Defensive Back

Dorian Clark — Baldwin High School (Fla.) Chris Edwards — Butte College (Calif.)

Dennis Rufus - Mt. San Antonio College

(Calif.) Athlete

Kaden Elliss — Judge Memorial Catholic (Utah)

Jake Luton | Courtesy Idaho quarterback commit Jake Luton poses after signing his letter of intent with the Vandals Wednesday. Luton, from Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Washington is one of two quarterback commits from coach Paul Petrino's 2014 class.

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The area most desperate for a facelift - the Vandal secondary received some much-needed aid with a trio of signees. Dorian Clark, a cornerback from Florida, leads the pack and is listed at 6-feet. It's clear Petrino felt the need to add height to a group that allowed 315 yards per game, second-worst in the Football Subdivision, and 40 passing touchdowns, worst in the FBS.

"If it starts with a six and they play corner, that's exciting to me," Petrino said referring to Hampton's height.

Clark is joined by safety Chris Edwards and defensive back Dennis Rufus, both junior college prospects.

With Clark and running back Aaron Duckworth, it appears that the Florida/southern pipeline continues to build momentum for Idaho and it should only get better as the team plays more Sun Belt games there.

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"Sim gives them a different component," Verlin said. "It's maybe advantageous for us when he is out on the floor. Sim can't move very well and we were able to put him in ball screens and do some things that I thought hurt their defense."

Idaho took advantage of him when he was out there, often using a three-guard line-up, giving them more speed than their opponent. It was also Verlin's strategy going into the game. Run, run and run some more, he said.

Stephen Madison continues his dominance in the WAC, scoring 24 points and adding eight rebounds. Wiggs added 16 points, coming one point shy of his career high of 17.

Wiggs found success driving in the lane, even though a 7-foot 5-inch Bhullar was waiting in the paint for him.

"He's just big," Wiggs said. "Its not impossible, yeah he is a big player, he's a good shot blocker, he's a big body presence, but there is always a way to get around him or score over him."

The Vandals improved their record to 9-14 and 3-6 in the WAC and feel many of those games could have gone the other way. Idaho concludes its home stand against Texas Pan-American 7 p.m. Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. 'There is no question it's anybody's conference," Verlin said. "The ability to win close games and continue to fight, I think the conference tourney will be anybody's ball game." Korbin McDonald can be reached at arg-sports@udiaho.edu

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junior guard finished with 22 points, 11 of them in the first half. But it was a freshman from Spokane who Newlee praised for the second half turnaround, where the Vandals outscored their opponent by 14 points.

"I thought Brooke Reilly saved us in the second half. That's the best game I've seen her play," Newlee said. "She did a great job on the glass, she's flying around. Only reason I took her out she was because she was tired."

Reilly played 16 efficient minutes, scoring 10 points and grabbing six rebounds. Ali Forde also had a lot to do with the second half turnaround. She forced Aggie driving guards away from the paint, altering shots and registering another doubledouble with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

"I liked her game tonight, she's the one player, her and

played hard." The after-effect of playing at rival Seattle last Saturday had something to do with the slow start, Newlee said.

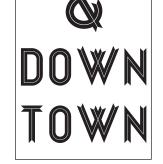
Stacey came to play and

"There was so much emotion in that game ... once they realized it was a brawl tonight, they responded," he said.

It won't get much easier for Idaho. They now head to Edinburg, Texas, to face a Texas-Pan American team that Idaho struggled with earlier in the season at the Cowan Spectrum. The Broncs came to Moscow and played Idaho to an 11-point game, but frustrated Idaho into a bad shooting day with athletic defense and had a good 3-point shooting day in the process.

"It's going to be harder down in Pan Am than it was here. They played us close at home, not the blowout that we had with these guys, Newlee said. "I think the athleticism bothered us at home, again we're going to have to get out to 3-point shooters. They play extremely well at home."





Forde was especially important in slowing down Aggie guard Danesia Williamson, who finished with 33 points.

"I think inside, Williamson was getting inside. I also think Ali Forde altered some shots there, I think Ali played extremely well," Newlee said.

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Petrino, it appears, got most of the presents on his list this year, and while the Vandals were by no means stellar with this class, the acquisition of Hampton deserves a thorough round of applause.

Idaho, it appears, got better Wednesday.

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Diversity events hold **Celebrate diversity** significance for UI

community and Idaho word to choreographed group dances that

allow students to showcase their cultural performances for the campus community. Despite the notion across much of our

state, these groups are still marginalized in the workplace and in our government. For example, only 19 percent of Congress representatives are female and 15 percent are people of color.

In a time when the Idaho Legislature is considering a blatantly discriminatory regulation aimed at the LGBT community, single mothers and other minority groups, these events are critical for our community.

These events are a testament to what the UI community values and believes in, despite opposing opinions throughout much of the state.

-RT



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Oppose service denial bill

Dear fellow Vandals,

I oppose bills H0426 and H0427 that passed in the Idaho House State Affairs Committee last week.

I'm dismayed by this malicious legislation, for one reason. Discrimination against people based on faith isn't a right reserved for businesses. Complete non-discrimination should be a human right guaranteed to all. If passed, this bill will solidify the notion that "sinners" receive their shame parade every time they order coffee, seek employment or even sit down in a classroom.

When I was a freshman in high school, my classmates bullied me for being gay. Deeply depressed and seeking an end to the torturous presumptions and rumors, I considered one absolute solution - suicide via jumping off the Perrine Bridge. Thanks to encouraging and unwavering support from my sisters and friends, I am still here today.

Love doesn't discriminate on skin color, faith or gender. I currently live with my boyfriend of almost a year in an apartment close to campus. We lead chaotic lives of class, extracurricular activities and part time jobs, but we are enjoying creating the foundation of our relationship. However, I'm becoming increasingly aware of the inherent "bubble" that we're living in compared to the rest of Idaho.

I've come to terms with the ramifications of my sexuality though in an ideal world there wouldn't be any — but what about the Idahoans who are to be shunned and exiled if this bill passes?

State-sponsored discrimination sends a loud message to everyone whose lives haven't panned out to a religious doctrine that they are second-rate citizens.

I hope my peers advocate for equal protection so that future generations are accepted by their state. For bridges should connect people to exciting new adventures — not to provide a means to execute their end.

– Tim Martinez

iversity and the role it should play in our society is a question we have struggled to address in recent years and especially in the state of Idaho. College years are a transformational time, where students are exposed to new experiences and events that will have a large impact on their beliefs and worldview.

The upcoming performances of "The Vagina Monologues" and Shades of Black are two of those events.

These events, although much different in form, are a celebration of these individual communities, and the importance of their presence in our community as a whole.

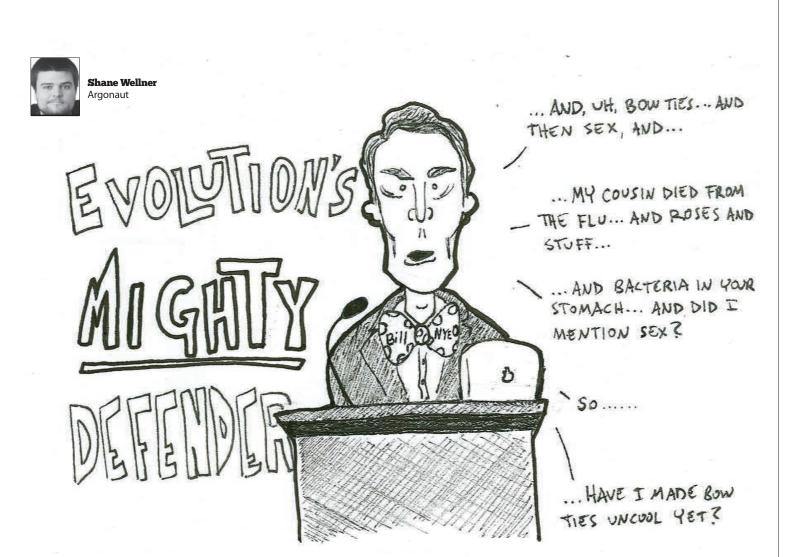
These events are powerful reminders of their struggle for equality throughout society. Not to mention, inspiring performances that all students should attend at least once

in their time here at the University of Idaho. "The Vagina Monologues" is a moving

series of selected monologues from Eve Ensler's famous play, performed and produced by UI students. "The Vagina Monologues" show is a part of a larger international campaign known as V-Day to stop violence against women through awareness and fundraising events.

Considering one in six women have experienced rape, according to the Center for Disease Control, the need for V-day and "The Vagina Monologues" could not be more pertinent.

Not to be overshadowed, Shades of Black is a variety show of different performances from a wide array of cultural groups, which will celebrate 10 years on UI's campus this year. These performances include anything from spoken





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Gambling with Idaho's health

Petty politics has consequences for uninsured Idahoans, rejection of Medicaid

Near the end of 2012, Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said the state would create its own health insurance exchange.

"Despite our best efforts, the law remains in place, and almost certainly will for the foreseeable future. There will be a health insurance exchange in Idaho. The only question is who will build it," Otter said.

Otter's announcement was mostly for show. By the time Idaho set about making a state exchange, it was too late to fully set up the process. As a result, Idahoans looking to sign up for insurance were stuck with the faulty healthcare.gov when enrollment began last October.

Otter also refused to expand Medicaid for the poorest Idahoans — even though the federal government would pick up the tab for the first three years. After that, they would continue to pay 90 percent of Medicaid expansion costs.

According to Regence BlueShield of Idaho Spokeswoman Georganne Benjamin, this decision leaves approximately 100,000 Idahoans unable to afford health insurance.

In spite of Idaho's indecisiveness, the future of the new health care law is starting to look brighter and brighter, according to yourhealthidaho.org

Spokeswoman Jody Olson. 'The number of Idahoans who have selected a health insurance plan on

vourhealthidaho.org has increased by 1,000 percent from a month ago," said Olson in an interview with Boise State Public Radio. According to the

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U.S. Department of Health and Hu-

man Services, 25,828 Idahoans completed applications for insurance using the exchange. A large portion of them -24 percent - are members of the coveted 18-34 age group. If Otter had begun working to create exchanges as soon as he knew Obamacare was the law of the land in 2010, the number of sign-ups would likely be higher.

While this is an improvement, Otter should have fully embraced the law and expanded Medicaid. The percentage of Idahoans who have signed up for coverage jumps to 7.8 percent from 1.6 percent currently, if you add the approximately 100,000 eligible for Medicaid under the expansion.

Otter chose to delay implementation and deny the expansion of Medicaid for the sake of playing politics. He is left with sign-up numbers that are solid, but not anything outstanding to point to in a fight for re-election. By the numbers

percent of enrollees are between ages 18-34

15 percent of enrollees are between ages 35-44

17 percent of enrollees are between ages 45-54

31 percent of enrollees are between ages 55-64

89 percent of enrollees purchased plans with financial assistance

> 25,828 completed applications for health insurance coverage

5,574 were eligible for Medicaid

That may prove to be shortsighted as his preeminent opponent, Republican Sen. Russ Fulcher, is already pouncing



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Student Survival Guide

Now with coupons for \$1,000 off of a boob job. So if that's your thing ...

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Reflections Gallery

I don't understand the string. But that's probably the point. –Kaitlin

Weather

This is the type of cold that bites. -Ryan

Arizona State

Oh Tempe, what could have been.

-Theo

The waiting game

Still playing. Check back next week. -Kaitlyn

Sketchy Sochi

Does anybody think these Olympics are super sketchy? _Phil

We won

The Super Bowl

-Sean

Spring

Has never felt so far away ...

-Stephan

The temperature in the Palouse ...

... is too damn low.

-Ricky

Not ashamed

Coloring is a great stress reliever. Thank you, Lisa Frank and Crayola with your 50 fabulous colors.

-Emily

Loving the Digital Age

Considering how much easier the online AP Stylebook makes my life, I am going to have to say that digital media is the way of the future.

-Aleya

A friend and a bra

"A friend is like a good bra: hard to find, comfortable, supportive, always lifts you up, makes you look better, never lets you down or leaves you hanging, and always close to your heart."

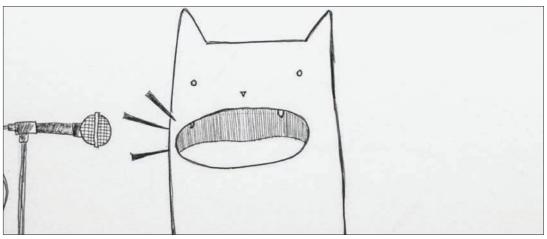
-Rainy



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on him for his half-hearted embrace of the law.

Fulcher's misleading rhetoric attacking Otter is another shining example of Idaho Republican politics, and Republican politics nationwide. Fulcher believes the "freemarket" should be allowed to fix health care. If Otter had embraced the law, he would be able to point to a success and say he put the needs of Idaho above petty partisanship.

Of course that would have required foresight, and in the Capitol where the legislature is currently discussing bills to deny service based on religion, and to allow guns to be carried on college campuses, foresight is a rare thing.

Idaho deserves politicians who bet on the best interests of voters, rather than gambling with their health and welfare in the name of party ideology. *Andrew Deskins can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu*

Let's talk about sex

The only way to educate yourself about sex is to ask

Sex is the one thing most students don't want to talk about around campus. Did you know the more

people are open to talking about sex, the better sex lives they tend to have? So why don't people like to talk about sex? Being educated about sex, and how to improve it in both you and your partner's life, can be beneficial to your health to b and relationship. here

It is easy to find a variety of resources on how to prevent STDs, pregnancy and improve sexual experiences. However, most students are embarrassed to ask questions regarding their sexual health. So how do you educate yourself?

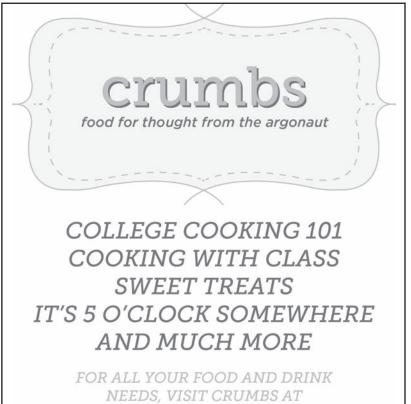
Vandal Health Education provides a blog all about sex called The Touchy Subject. Blogs are a great way to get inside information

without having to physically start a potentially embarrassing conversation. Our blog provides information on contraceptives, STDs, Got Sex? presentations and sexual health clinics on the Palouse. You can also look at sex education websites like Bedsider.org and Go Ask Alice. So if you want

to be secretive about sex education, here's your way to do it.

Come visit Vandal Health Education at the Health Hut this month. Vandal Health will have activities and prizes including Chap-Stick, iPhone cases, t-shirts and stickers. We will also be available to answer any questions you have about the touchy subject of sex.

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