

Out in Idaho

LGBTQ acceptance starts on campus, students speak about their experience



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UI student Eric Orosco

Danielle Wiley
Argonaut

With a proposed bill in the Idaho Legislature that would effectively make it possible for doctors, teachers and business owners to discriminate against members of the LGBTQ community on the basis of “sincerely held religious beliefs,” coming to Idaho for school or work is something that might be frightening for many people who identify as LGBTQ.

But changes for the LGBTQ community are not just seen in U.S. politics. Today, more college students are comfortable with their sexuality and have the chance to be themselves on campus.

University of Idaho students Eric Orosco and Nathan Austin said even though Idaho as a state seems to be against gay marriage, people on campus and of their generation seem to be more accepting. They said they feel free to be open about their relationship at UI.

Orosco moved to Idaho from Sacramento, Calif., and said that people in Idaho seem to be less informed than students in California. Orosco

said high schools in California have Gay-Straight Alliance groups and programs, something unheard of in parts of Idaho.

“I wasn’t even sure how Idaho was ... I knew I was coming to a state that wasn’t very accepting of gay marriage,” Orosco said. “It got to a point where my family and friends kept asking ‘are you going to be ok? Are you going to be safe?’ The first couple weeks on campus though, I was still not too sure.”

Idaho is well known as a conservative state compared to neighboring states — such as Washington, which legalized gay marriage in 2012.

Being LGBTQ in Idaho

While the University of Idaho campus contains many resources for LGBTQ students, not every university in the state is as welcoming, making some students wary of their decision to come to Idaho.

Lauren Armstrong, who identifies as pansexual, is a former student at

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George Wood | Argonaut

University of Idaho students Eric Orosco and Nathan Austin have been dating for about three months. While Idaho is recognized as a widely conservative state, many organizations at UI strive to make the campus more LGBTQ friendly. Though not all Idaho universities are as welcoming according to some college students.

Students say no to concealed carry

UI, BSU, ISU student body representatives vote against campus concealed carry

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — Sitting around a table in a dimly-lit coffee area, light reflecting off the orange walls and sinking into the royal blue booth-style seating, three women exchanged pieces of paper, sliding them across the table in one of Boise State University’s more secluded dining areas.

It was a meeting of the three student lobbyists working

in Boise on behalf of their student bodies. ASUI Lobbyist Ashley Morehouse, BSU’s Cassie Sullivan and Idaho State University’s Kate Christiaens met to discuss their respective student bodies’ positions on Senate Bill 1254 — the much-discussed legislation that would allow concealed gun carry on college campuses throughout the state.

Morehouse said ASUI will hold a public forum Thursday to gauge student opinions on the legislation.

“We’ll also hopefully be doing an official poll of the actual student body,” Morehouse said. “Three years ago when we did this poll, (to

gauge reactions on similar legislation) the students were against it, so we have a feeling it will be the same outcome.”

ASBSU President Bryan Vlok sent out an official statement Friday urging legislators to reject the bill. BSU President Bob Kustra also spoke at the State Board of Education’s press conference Feb. 3 in favor of rejecting the bill.

“Students have expressed that they prefer dealing with campus weapon policies at the university level and place our trust in university administrators,” Vlok said. “The right to determine campus weapon policies should rest with each university’s governing body.”

Sullivan said students find the process of discussing campus concerns with their university’s administration much easier than trying to relay the problem to the state legislature. She said for that reason, the vast majority of BSU students want the gun legislation to be left in the hands of individual campuses.

Christiaens said ISU hasn’t yet crafted an official statement, but students are in support of the bill — the opposite position of the university’s administrators. ISU’s administration sided

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Jurisdiction changes divide ASUI reps

Cowan, Filicetti, Hepworth give views on new jurisdiction policy

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

The University of Idaho began enforcing a new change to the Student Code of Conduct Feb. 1 — an expansion of the university’s jurisdiction to off-campus activity.

Although the parameters of that jurisdiction have yet to be defined, many students — including the ASUI senate — reacted to the changes with a mixed bag of emotions. ASUI President Max Cowan said there are definitely still some unanswered questions, and many fiery reactions may be due in part to a murky understanding of the change.

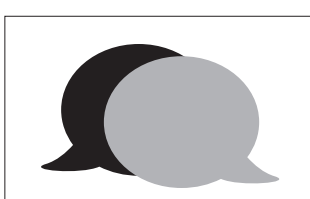
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Chocolate chip carrot muffins

Nurainy Darono
Argonaut

Having leftover ingredients are my primary reason to experiment in the kitchen. I honestly never tried carrot cake, until I wasted my carrots by making these muffins. I threw some semi-sweet chocolate chips in just because I think it would taste great — it certainly does.

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups grated carrot
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips



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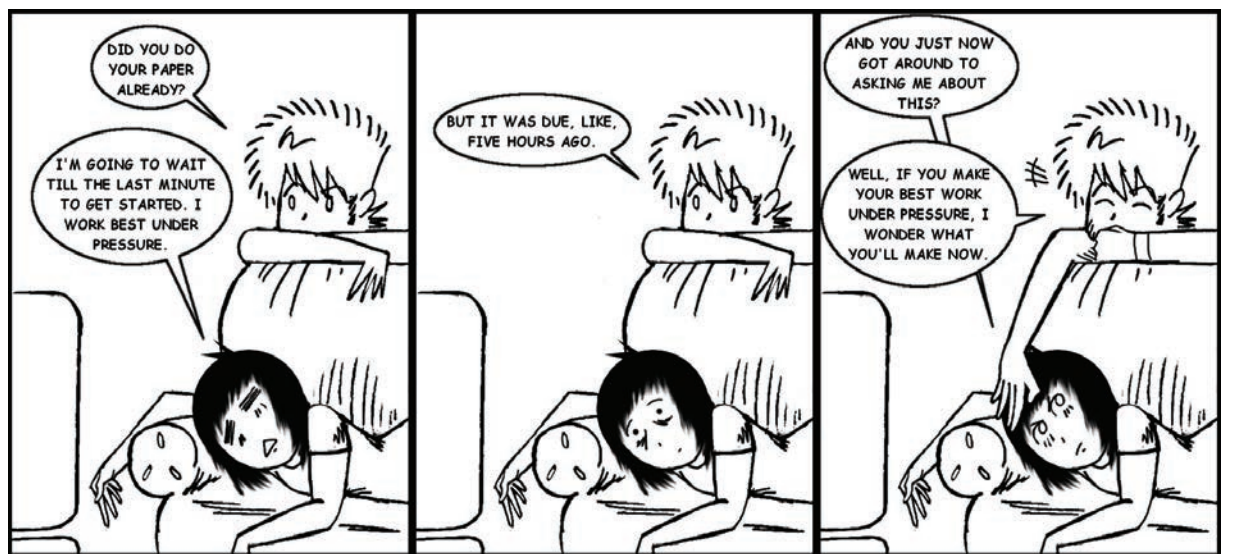
Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
In a big bowl, combine sugar, oil and vanilla.
Add egg, and mix thoroughly.
In another bowl,

combine flour with cinnamon, baking soda and salt.
Add half of the dry batter to the wet batter. Stir well.
Add carrot and chocolate chips.
Spray butter muffin tin

and place the batter three-fourths full.
Bake for about 20-25 minutes or until baked thoroughly.
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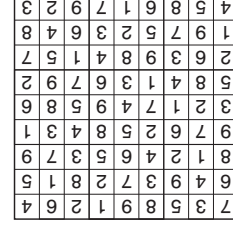
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CULTURE IN ENGINEERING



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The UI chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers hosted The seventh annual Dynamic Engineers Lecture and dinner in the Student Union Building Ballroom Thursday night.

Machine dispenses plastic, not food

3-D vending machine now available on UI campus

Jake Smith
Argonaut

The general public now has unlimited access to 3-D printing thanks to recent University of Idaho graduate Chris Walker and his company Element Robot Inc. and a newly installed 3-D printing machine on the University of Idaho campus in Room 114 of the Gauss-Johnson building.

The 3-D printing machine, Skyforge, works similar to a vending machine where customers pay for an object that is mechanically distributed at a specified location. There are three steps to the process.

Customers submit a Computer-Aided Design (a file format that holds three-dimensional objects) online at the company's website, elementrobot.com. Next, the company turns the file into 3-D printing instructions.

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Chris Walker, UI graduate

The customer then reviews their detailed order information and finalizes the order. Customers will receive an email when their product is complete. They later pick up their object on location from the machine.

How fast the order gets printed after being placed depends on the size of the queue waiting to be printed. The time frame to print something depends on the volume of the object. An iPhone case, for example, could be made in approximately two hours.

Prices vary significantly based on volume. The minimum order price is \$2. To cut down on costs, the company offers to print a hollow version of a large object instead of a solid version — which could cost significantly more.

Skyforge works from the bottom to the top of the design by layering horizontal strips of molten plastic, until the product is finished. The end product can be as large as a basketball.

“Basically, 3-D printing encompasses, I'd say, 10 or 20 different technologies,” Walker said. “The one we're using I like to describe as a robot hot glue gun.”

The company sees two groups of products — specified engineering items such as gears, levers and pulleys, and everyday

objects such as iPhone cases, models and figurines. For example, a recent customer printed a small figurine from the popular videogame Halo.

When starting his company, Walker set out with a few things in mind. Initially, Walker worried about the strength of the printed product, but later set his sights on what he considers is one of the biggest problems with 3-D printing: accessibility.

“Our goal is to make these systems entirely autonomous,” Walker said.

A current example is the necessity to have a human on hand to pull the printed object out of the machine. Skyforge features a blade ejector mechanism that scoops the newly printed object out of the machine.

Skyforge is Element Robot Inc.'s first machine, and Walker admitted there are still bugs to work out, as with any highly technical object.

Element Robot Inc. Chief Technical Officer John Feusi said he foresees consistent updates to the machine. Feusi said the machine is for anyone to use. The company's initial hypothesis highlighted engineering students as the most crucial customers.

“But I'm not sure of that, I think another really important group is all the rest of the students that, until now, haven't had any sort of good access to 3-D printers,” Walker said.

According to Walker, 3-D printing initially began with prototyping objects before the schematics were sent off to mass-produce an object. Engineers, for example, would test a product's design with this technology before large investments were made to create an object that may or may not work.

“I think the exciting thing is that it's breaking down barriers (in) prototyping,” Feusi said.

3-D printing is a field that began two to three decades ago. Its recent surge in popularity was, in part, due to a number of patents expiring. According to Walker, having to settle on the term “3-D printing” is unfortunate.

Walker said he hopes the public starts referring to the machines as forges, instead of 3-D printing machines, due to the nature of the technology.

“3-D printing is a terrible misnomer, because it's nothing like that,” Walker said. “You're starting with nothing and making a 3-D object.”

The company's website has more than 100 users now. As of a week ago, Element Robot Inc. has processed approximately 60-70 orders since the machine was first placed on campus.

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‘Safe and Sexy’

Sexual Responsibility Week teaches Vandals how to stay safe

Erin Bamer
Argonaut

When faced with statistics on sexually transmitted diseases, abusive relationships or unplanned pregnancies, most college students stay nonchalant, telling themselves it won't happen to them because those things only happen to other people.

The Vandal Health Education Office is determined to not only show students that is not the case, but also help them prevent any consequences that may occur as a result of having unsafe sex.

To do this, the office started Sexual Responsibility Week. Many events will be scheduled throughout the week aimed to educate students. Today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a photo shoot in the Idaho Commons by Besider, a birth control support network operated by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. The shoot will be a competition among Greek houses and other interested students. A game of “Sexy Bingo” will also be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Living Learning Communities.

The traditional Health Hut, which happens every month by Besider, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Commons. An interactive discussion about sex and relationships will be hosted by Dr. Erin Chapman, a UI professor who has a doctorate in human development and family studies, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Wallace basement. Finally, on Friday, the Health Education Office will set up a table in the Commons to celebrate National Condom Day.

The Health Education Office has numerous resources for students, but Melanie Martin, senior and intern for the office, said not many students utilize them from fear of it being too awkward. The office in turn, plans to make this week fun and comfortable for all students in order to spread awareness.

“That's one of the things we try to focus on a lot,” Martin said. “Make it fun

for them. So the funny pictures, everything like that, funny facts that they're actually going to want to know more about, rather than stuff like ‘wear a condom’ or ‘use birth control.’ Because we all know that, but it's not fun to know about it.”

Martin said if it's not awkwardness preventing students from learning about these subjects, it's general nonchalance.

“One of the problems is a lot of people don't have symptoms of STDs,” Martin said. “So then they're definitely not aware that they have one and then they're embarrassed to go get tested. Where you shouldn't be embarrassed, you should be more than willing to go.”

But STDs and unplanned pregnancies aren't the only negative results of being sexually unsafe. Virginia Solan, coordinator of violence prevention programs, has worked with many students caught in unhealthy relationships and victims of dating violence. Solan said one of the biggest obstacles for victims is realizing they're in a bad relationship, because definitions for it vary so widely.

“My definition would be whenever there's a power imbalance that somebody is exploiting, and one person in the relationship isn't comfortable and they don't feel safe,” Solan said.

Many situations Solan is called to help with are brought up by friends and family members of the victims. Common red flags that have been observed, during her years of experience, are changes in wardrobe, general withdrawal from social events and a drastic change in personality.

Solan said she gets so many concerned loved ones coming in because the definition of relationship vio-

lence is so vague that many victims are unaware that they are victims or even paint themselves to be the abuser.

Years ago, Solan met with a man concerned that he was abusing his wife. He came in after he had slapped his wife across the face. After further discussion with the man, Solan found out that he slapped her after she had thrown his dog against a wall and broke its back. She said their marriage had a history of her being violent toward him. He excused his wife's actions, because he thought that if he had been a better husband, she wouldn't have done those things.

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My definition would be whenever there's a power imbalance that somebody is exploiting, and one person in the relationship isn't comfortable and they don't feel safe.”

Victoria Solan
Violence Prevention
Programs coordinator

“I guarantee you, you know somebody who is struggling with it,” Solan said. “And it's so critical to be there for a friend, and to be that non-judgmental place where they can kind of process and figure out what they're going to do and explore options. When people are struggling with relationship violence, the last thing they need is to feel alone or judged.”

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SHADES OF BLACK



Hannah Sandoval | Argonaut

The University of Idaho hosted the annual event "Shades of Black" Saturday in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The event is a culture showcase that includes performances of dancing, singing and poetry.

Police log

Tuesday, Feb. 4

1:01 p.m. West Sixth Street, Royal Motor Inn

Caller reported a female trying to break into rooms at the inn. Suspect was breaking the screens and attempting to gain access into the rooms. Did not gain access.

2:41p.m. Deakin Avenue, Starbucks UI Bookstore

Caller reported a male that is believed to be intoxicated. Stated he approached the reported party and smelled very drunk. When he approached them he asked for their phone and was asking numerous questions over and over. Subject contacted.

5:16 p.m. South Main Street, Gritman Medical Center

Caller reported an intoxicated subject trespassing. Officers responded and subject was told to go home. No Report.

Friday, Feb. 7

1:36 p.m. West Sixth Street, Muson Barn

Complaint of vandalism. Report taken.

2:43 p.m. West Pullman Road, Macys

Complaint of stray duck. Report taken.

7:32 p.m. Fairview Drive, Trinity Baptist Church

Complaint of reckless driver. No report.

Saturday, Feb. 8

12:28 a.m. Paradise Creek Street, Upham Hall

Complaint of drugs. No report.

1:10 a.m. Troy Road and South Main Street, South Couplet

Officer arrested male for DUI. Report taken.

Sunday, Feb. 9

7:58 a.m. West Pullman Road, Fairfield Inn

Complaint of vandalism. Report taken.

8:41 p.m. West Sixth Street, Alehouse

Officer arrested male for DUI. Report taken.

Waters of the West

Two University of Idaho students win Avista scholarship for research

Daniel Durand
Argonaut

Two University of Idaho students have been selected for the 2014 Avista-Waters of the West Scholarship, an interdisciplinary scholarship program funded by Avista Utilities and offered through the UI Environmental Science and Water Resource Programs.

Abby Lute and Marcus Myrvold will each receive \$2,500 for their academic success and their research in areas of environmental science. Avista originally offered the program only to electrical engineering majors, but later expanded it to include related disciplines as the Waters of the West Scholarship.

"We may see a J.D. student, we may see a master's student," said Paul Kimmel, Avista regional business manager for the Palouse. "The water issue is not just one profession, and we're happy to see that kind of diversity. I think the two scholarship winners this year hit us in two areas that are of great interest and importance to us."

Lute, a master's student, researches

extreme snowfall events in the Western United States and the snowpack variability caused by fluctuating El Niño and La Niña years — which has a significant effect on the region's water supply.

"I didn't want to be a performance cellist, and I like snow and mountains, so this was a way to do that," Lute said. "You have to be able to cope with a lot of water or not enough water, so we're trying to shed a little light on that."

Myrvold, originally from Norway, studies the steelhead trout population in the Lapwai Creek Watershed by attaching electronic tags to young fish and monitoring them as they develop. His research has answered some questions about how the fish survive in populations of various sizes, and how water temperature, especially during hot summers, can stress the fish and cause them to lose weight.

"You really have to think carefully about which rivers you are focusing your effort," Myrvold said about the balance between

preservation of fish stocks and human demand. "I saw that my research was a good fit for (Avista's) mission, and that's why I applied for it."

Kimmel, who also serves on the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee, said the relationship between student research and Avista is important not only to the needs of the utility company, but to the water needs of the entire community. Avista's management hopes to actively support this relationship in the future through the Waters of the West Scholarship and similar programs offered at other universities.

"We certainly pay attention to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives going on around Washington, Idaho and Oregon," Kimmel said. "We have lots of representation serving different roles, and we hope we are not always reactive and can be proactive with our university partners."

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Increasing the scope

Moscow City Council votes to expand Farmers Market radius

Andrew Jenson
Argonaut

The Moscow Farmers Market Commission presented their policy recommendations and goals for the coming year to the Moscow City Council Feb. 3, but not before a discrepancy appeared between the two groups.

One of the recommendations made by the commission included a 100-air mile restriction on the reselling of blueberries and asparagus in the market. The restriction would limit the resale policy, only allowing the purchase and resale of blueberries and asparagus grown within a 100-air mile radius.

The 100-air mile radius has defined what is local for the Farmers Market outside of the Moscow city limits since 2011. However, the Council voted to expand the restriction to 200-air miles by a 3-2 vote.

Commission Chair Erin Carroll said the 100-air mile recommendation came from an effort to keep non-local blueberries and asparagus out of the market as much as possible.

"The reason that this recommendation came

across, specifically for blueberries and asparagus, is those were two items identified by the arts director as being very important to our consumers," Carroll said. "Those are two items that help the market early in the season and two items that people come for and look for. So those were two items we knew were important to keep in our market. However, we wanted to try and have them come from the same 100-air miles that we require of all vendors."

Carroll said Arts Director Kathleen Burns would still have the ability to bring in blueberries and asparagus from beyond the 100-air mile radius, should the City Council have decided in favor of the commission's recommendation.

Council members Art Bettge, Walter Steed and John Weber voted for the expansion. Steed said he thinks the 100-air mile restriction would put the market manager in a bad position.

"I don't like putting the arts director, market manager, in the position of picking winners and losers," Steed said. "I think that they're being set up to be asked 'Well, you picked

art, why won't you let me be in there?' And then they're having to defend their choices."

Steed said consumers also wanted an expansion to 200-air miles.

"We heard from a lot of consumers, and they're saying 200," Steed said. "I don't like restricting it to 100."

Tom Lamar, who voted against the expansion with council member Dan Carscallen, said he's concerned about the process as opposed to the actual radius.

"I don't have a dog in the fight about some specific distance," Lamar said. "To me, it doesn't matter if it's 100, 125, 150, 200 — specifically on that number. What I'm more concerned about is the process of engaging a Farmers Market Commission ... and then not accepting their recommendation at this point. And I think if we just change their recommendation at this point significantly, with changing the radius, I don't think we're doing the process a service."

The Council will convene again from 7-10 p.m. on Feb. 18.

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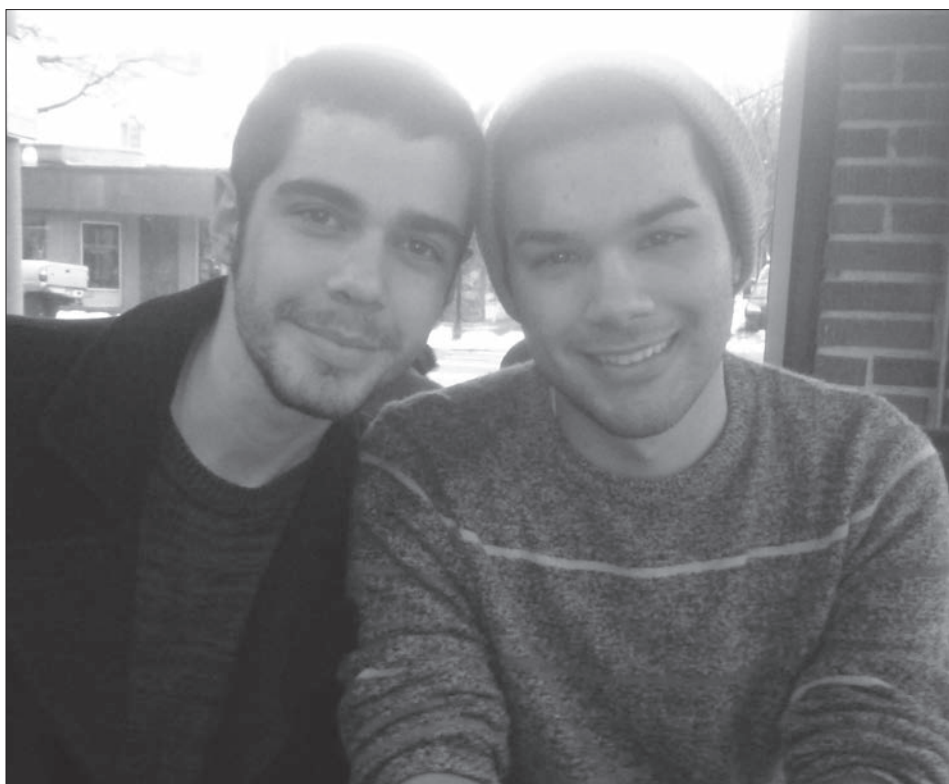
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Nathan Austin and Eric Orosco enjoy coffee at One World Cafe Jan. 30. Orosco came to the university from California and said he was nervous about moving to a conservative state.

How Idaho colleges support the LGBTQ community

Idaho colleges and universities have shown different ways of treating their LGBTQ communities. From strict "lifestyle contracts" to support groups and free counseling, Idaho campuses have a range of support for gay rights. The following schools offer a variety of resources for LGBTQ students.

Idaho State University

"You know surprisingly, despite the fact that we're in south-east Idaho ... a lot of people know us for who we are ... we are definitely not the most accepted group ... but as a whole the fraternities and sororities here are supportive, the racially based groups here are supportive ... as a whole we are well supported by the community here at ISU," said Ryan Heffner, Sexual and Gender Alliance club president.

- Various social events
- Monthly meetings
- Workshops for LGBTQ students to meet each other and discuss ideas for the campus
- Sexual and Gender Alliance club

College of Idaho

The College of Idaho is located in Caldwell and Cynthia Mauzerall, counselor at the college, said their students vary on the identity spectrum and as a result the college is hoping to build transgender housing next year.

- Gender and sexuality counseling
- Gender Sexuality Campus Alliance club
- Support groups
- Men's and Women's centers
- Plan to build transgender housing next year

University of Idaho

"Safe Zones is a training program that provides ally training ... information about how to be LGBT inclusive ... the stickers they have on the doors that we provide lets people know that when you come to meet with them ... that the office is respectful to LGBT issues and they can be themselves," said Julia Keleher, LGBTQQA program coordinator.

- Fully funded LGBTQQA office
- Women's Center
- Safe Zones training program
- Leadership
- Weekly events, monthly speakers relating to LGBTQQA issues
- Participation in National Coming Out Day
- Volunteer opportunities

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Northwest Nazarene University — a private Christian liberal arts college in Nampa, Idaho and one of the more conservative campuses in the state. Armstrong attended NNU through October 2013. She said as freshmen, students living in the dorms are required to sign a "lifestyles contract" that includes regulations about homosexuality and rules about men and women living together while they attend NNU. Armstrong said free counseling was provided by NNU, but nothing was geared toward LGBTQ students.

"In my sophomore year, NNU brought in author and speaker Dale Kuehne to speak in chapel about how being gay was morally wrong and selfish," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said chapel is mandatory for all freshmen and sophomore students attending NNU. She said NNU's sister school, Point Loma Nazarene in California, recently denied a request to charter an LGBTQ group on campus. As a result, she said no one has attempted to form an ally group at NNU.

NNU students feel differently about LGBTQ issues than other college students, according to Armstrong.

"The students are generally open about their opinions, with the strong majority stating that being gay is wrong," Armstrong said. "The professors are varied. There were a few I could go to and trust. One took me to coffee and a bookstore when I came to him ... another invited me and my girlfriend to Thanksgiving dinner — if we had nowhere to go."

Armstrong said that she did know of other LGBTQ students at NNU who had come out, but she didn't speak to any of them.

"My junior year I lived with three other girls ... this was before I was 'out,'" Armstrong said. "A common conversation my roommates had is what we would do if one of us was a lesbian. My roommate said that she would be fine with it ... I later found out she was pansexual. But my other roommate said that she would not be ok with it and that she would not want to live with that person ... I had considered her my best friend and those remarks were incredibly painful."

Armstrong felt the need to leave NNU and continue her education elsewhere, but other students in the state have had more positive experiences.

Carlos Negrete identifies himself as a gay man, and chose to go to the College of Western Idaho in Nampa, Idaho because of financial reasons. He said that being a gay man hasn't affected his college experience at CWI very much.

"I do sometimes see the difference in how people react when they find out I'm gay and they change the way they talk to me — but it's only been some students," Negrete said. "I remember one time, I did a speech on gay marriage and it was incredible to see how much people didn't know about the LGBT community and all the rights that we don't have ... I had people come up to me and tell me thank you for talking about this topic."

UI senior Anthony Filicetti, a member of Alpha Kappa Lambda, is a business marketing major and a gay man.

Filicetti decided to come to UI after his parents kicked him out for confessing that he was gay. He said in general UI and his fraternity — which consists of two gay men and a bisexual man — have been welcoming. He said he's met a number of other LGBTQ students and faculty members.

"Being a gay guy in a fraternity in North Idaho, I have met a lot of people who have never met a gay person in their life," Filicetti said.

But he said even those who were opposed to LGBTQ rights, grew to change their minds.

"There were four guys from my house who were walking downtown one night and there was a drag show somewhere in downtown Moscow," Filicetti said. "They followed some guy who was verbally abusing this drag queen who was walking towards the show and they pulled him away from her and they were like, 'Hey you don't get to ever talk to somebody like that especially someone who is gay.' These

were guys who were like super opposed to gay people, until they got to know me and realized that gay people aren't any different than other people. It was cool to see them defending someone in the gay community."

Jesus Nunez, who identifies as gay, is a junior in his first semester at UI after transferring from North Idaho College. Nunez said that so far he has felt welcomed by UI's campus.

"It's not as bad as North Idaho ... I still hear comments, not towards me but general comments people make without realizing it," Nunez said. "I was really involved in the GSA over there too ... if we had an event we'd have to go check at least once a day ... to see if the posters we had put up were torn down ... usually they were."

Life after college

Between feeling welcomed on campus, making new friends or feeling the need to continue college somewhere else, these students all have a similar opinion about Idaho. Something needs to change.

"Going into an environment that is not to be as accepting and the challenges like going to job interviews ... with coworkers and being social ... trying to find a group that is like minded," said Cynthia Mauzerall, a counselor at College of Idaho. "I've heard them say that they feel Idaho as a (state) is not as accepting."

Julia Keleher, UI LGBTQQA program coordinator, said it makes sense that students would be nervous about living in Idaho after graduation.

"That's a fear most LGBT people face," Keleher said. "We live in a homophobic, heterosexist society ... our society as a whole, not just Idaho but the nation as a whole, there is discrimination happening on a daily basis ... I think it's comforting to be in an environment of welcoming and support."

Keleher discussed her own fears coming to Idaho to work at UI as part of the LGBTQ community. Keleher recently proposed to her girlfriend and is now engaged.

"It's my job to work with LGBT issues, but I think it's very frightening leaving your comfort zone," Keleher said.

Keleher and her future wife have yet to work out the finer details of their union, but she said it's likely the pair will be legally married in Washington and live in Idaho. Keleher and her wife will be recognized as a legal union federally, but not by local laws.

"I have to find a way to make my partner open and have access to my accounts in case something happens to me ... these are things that heterosexual couples don't have to worry about," Keleher said. "Also when we decide to start a family, there will be another set of boundaries that we'll have to deal with."

Armstrong is currently working full time for a cleaning company in the Treasure Valley after leaving NNU. She said being open in the workforce is just as challenging as it was in school.

"I don't exactly go around wearing a t-shirt that says I'm a lesbian," Armstrong said. "I prefer to keep quiet about it at work just in case. There is a chance that I would be denied hours or better jobs. I don't lie exactly though. If someone asks if I have a boyfriend, I just say no and leave it at that."

Negrete works with special needs kids and said he is in a similar situation in terms of being open about his personal life.

"At my job, if I know the family is religious or strong conservatives, I will stop myself from talking about my life and the people in it," Negrete said.

Filicetti said once he graduates in May, Idaho will not be the place he looks for work.

"I cannot wait to get out of Moscow," Filicetti said. "I am scared to leave and get out into the real world but not for those reasons ... I'm leaving Idaho for sure."

Nunez has only been an Idaho resident for five years, and said staying in Idaho might have a greater benefit for the state.

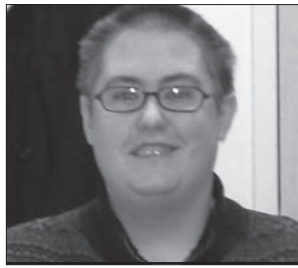
"Idaho is a place that needs a lot of change," Nunez said. "I don't see why we should leave somewhere that needs a lot of change, I would stay here and try to affect it in the most positive way."



Carlos Negrete



Lauren Armstrong



Julia Keleher

ASUI

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"The Dean of Students Office has a mission to keep students safe and healthy and successful. And with that I have good faith that with the expanded jurisdiction, they will take that opportunity to better serve students," Cowan said. "With regards to the unanswered questions though, I don't think an expanded jurisdiction means the Dean of Students Office has the opportunity to call into question all actions of students — regardless of where they take place."

ASUI Sen. Grady Hepworth admits that had a vote come up, he wouldn't have supported it, but said he believes there are merits to the policy. According to Hepworth, UI was the only institution in the state that did not have a similar jurisdiction policy in place. The biggest issue he has, however, is the way it was handled.

"I was kind of shocked," Hepworth said. "They moved it through really quickly. The Dean of Students came in and presented to us, and said 'we'd love to have more info from you.' So we set up a task force and got a lot of work going into it, but from what I can tell ... (it was) signed into effect before there could really be a formal discussion."

Hepworth is not alone. According to President Pro Tempore Anthony Filicetti, though it was always within the president's power to enact the change, doing so was to spit in the face of students who pay to attend UI. Filicetti said he wouldn't be surprised if there is backlash from the decision.

Filicetti, who headed the senate's efforts on the jurisdiction policy, said while he would have favored something less strict, there were many senators who were in favor of a more rigid policy. Ultimately, though, Filicetti said he's happy with how everything turned out.

"The jurisdiction policy is a lot more positive than it is negative,"

he said. "It's way, way, way more positive. That's something I've been trying to impress upon people I talk to. The Dean of Students isn't going to go out of their way to prosecute students, because they don't have time for that. It's going to be used to keep students at UI safer."

Filicetti said he doesn't believe the policy will be readdressed. However, Cowan said he hopes to see the policy refined in the future. Cowan said the biggest goal should be creating clear guidelines everyone is comfortable with and that everyone understands.

"I think we still have a ways to go in creating guidelines in the university," Cowan said. "I think that process will address a lot of the confusion, I know we as students have, with the idea of expanding jurisdiction. I think it will be a process that provides students with more opportunity to define and limit the university authority. I think those guidelines ... will and should be drafted by students in consultation with the Dean of Students Office."

Hepworth said in a perfect world ASUI, GPSA, SBA and faculty senate would work in conjunction with each other to pass changes to the Student Code of Conduct.

"We reason that, at the university, all governing laws apply to us more than other members of the university, and we deserve our right to have a say," Hepworth said. "(Students) need to know that they will be held accountable for their actions by the university, and they do need to educate themselves. It's not going to be a witch hunt — you see on Facebook, people who think (the policy) is challenging them not to do something in their own apartments, but they also have to realize that they will be held accountable, and if they get in trouble with the law, it will affect their ability to continue with their education."

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with the Idaho State Board of Education — which voted last week to oppose the bill — and other state university presidents in disapproval of the bill.

Sullivan said ASBSU put together a public forum with representatives of each BSU college, but whether they will poll students in a more individual manner has yet to be decided.

The piece of legislation is up for public hearing

in the Senate State Affairs Committee Wednesday.

Sullivan said she will be at the hearing to represent BSU, or the university would send a pair of ASBSU representatives. Morehouse and ASUI President Max Cowan will represent ASUI and UI students at the hearing.

More information will be available following the hearing.

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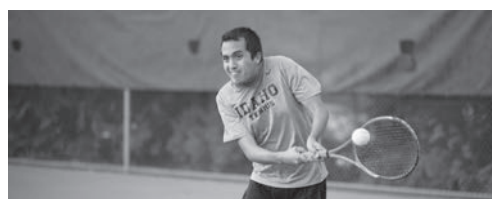
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SPORTS



Idaho men's tennis team falls to 3-3 with two losses over the weekend.

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Breaking a trend

Vandals win two straight games for the first time in conference play

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

A literal last minute 3-pointer from senior forward Stephen Madison allowed the Idaho men's basketball team to go into overtime and eventually win against Texas-Pan American on Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. With the last-second save, the Vandals squeaked by with a win that was looking like it would be a loss.

Saturday, the team was suffering an off-night with poor 3-point and free-throw shooting.

But in the end, the Vandals beat the Broncos 70-63 in their second overtime victory over UTPA.

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We're getting better but it's baby steps. We're young and a lesson that has to be learned (is) that every night in the WAC conference, they're going to come to play.

Don Verlin, Idaho Coach

“We're getting better, but it's baby steps,” Idaho coach Don Verlin said. “We're young and a lesson that has to be learned (is) that every night in the WAC conference, they're going to come to play. And, there is a ton of very good coaches in this conference that are going to get their team ready to play and if you aren't ready to play, they can make it tough on you.”

The Vandals have seen a trend in WAC play this season of following each conference win with a two-game losing streak. That trend

finally came to an end Saturday.

“It feels great, we got two in a row,” senior forward Stephen Madison said. “We had a rough first half of conference play, we just need to continue this in the second half and try to keep these wins coming.”

The win did not come easy. The Vandals struggled on offense, turning over the ball 21 times. Idaho had a cold shooting night with 44.3 percent from the field and 18.2 percent from the 3-point line. The Vandals also went an eight-minute span in the first half without scoring.

“There was a lid on the basket or something,” Verlin said. “For whatever reason, we couldn't throw it in the ocean. I thought we had a number of good looks tonight. I was really happy with how hard we battled and found a way to win, when we did not play our best offensive game.”

Despite the horrid shooting night, Verlin said he still wanted his players to keep shooting from outside.

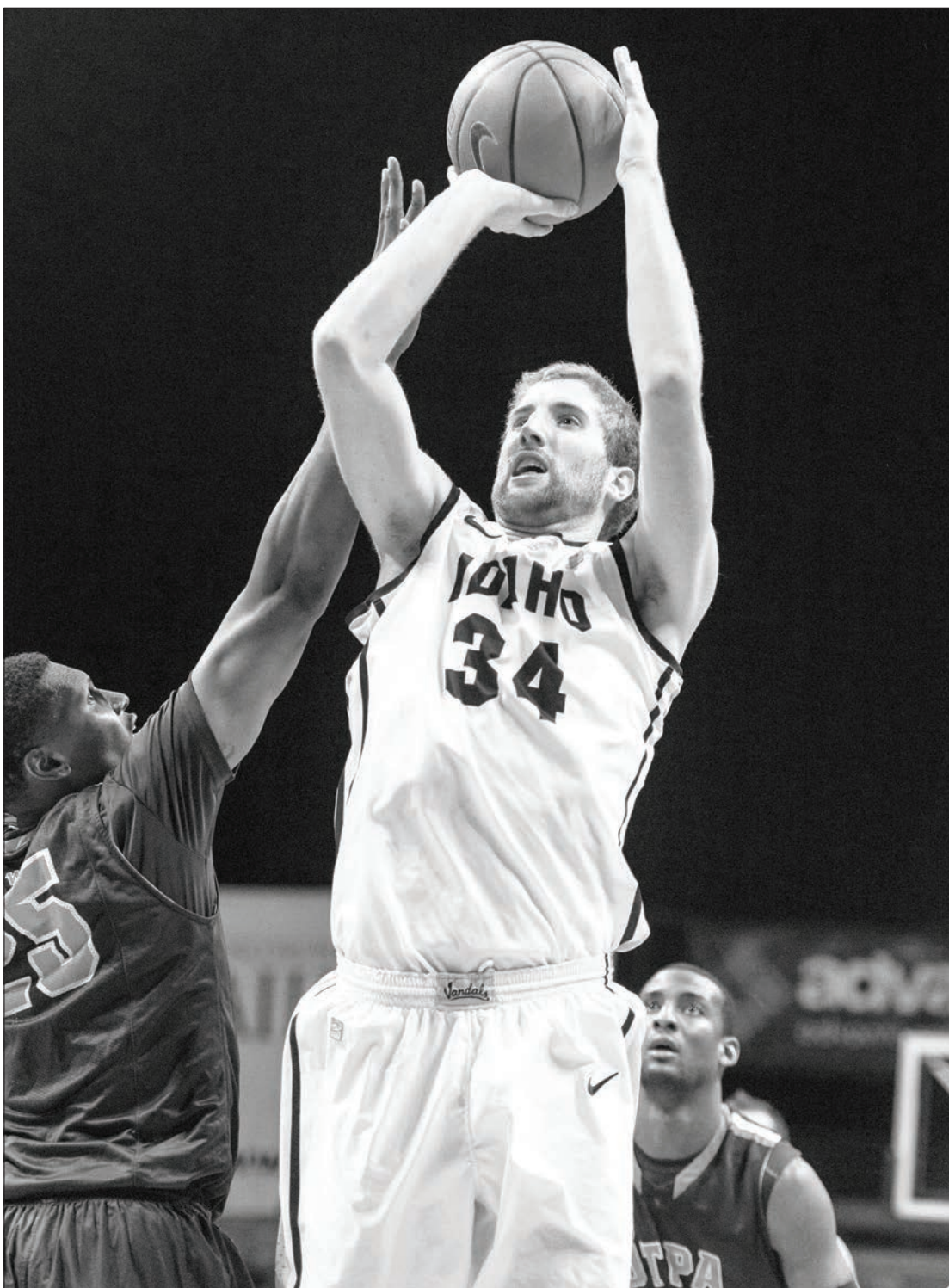
“Connor Hill is going to break all the 3-point records in University of Idaho history and Stephen Madison is arguably in the top 10 or 15 players in Idaho history,” Verlin said.

With low shooting percentages, the Vandals relied on sound defense to keep them in the game.

“I think we were able to get stops and that's what helped us,” Hill said. “Even though the shots weren't falling, we were able to get stops and that helped us stay in the game.”

The Vandals trailed by three, with a minute left in regulation, but Madison hit a 3-pointer that sent the game into overtime.

“That's probably as big as shot as I remember him making,” Verlin said. “He has made a few of them, but that one was a big one.”



Idaho senior Stephen Madison attempts a jumper during Idaho's 70-63 overtime victory against Texas-Pan American Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. Madison led the Vandals with 22 points in the win. Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

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Show support

The women's basketball team plays five of its last six games at home

Rick Clark
Argonaut

It's simple — the best team on campus is the women's basketball team.

They are currently 10-0 in Western Athletic Conference play and are dominating their opponents. The 10-0 mark is the first time since the 1985-1986 season that the Vandals have seen this type of success.

They might be on their way to second straight WAC Tournament title and NCAA Tournament berth.



Rick Clark
Argonaut

a result of Idaho coach Jon Newlee's efforts at building the team, they are showing signs of doing big things now and in the foreseeable future.

It seems though, that even with the success the team is bringing to Idaho, they still can't bring in a decent crowd.

The seating capacity for the Cowan Spectrum is set at 7,000 people. The average attendance for a women's game is 472 people. That is a fairly low number compared to the men's team, who racks in an average of 1,494 fans a game. Idaho's opponents also average a much higher attendance at 1,170. This is not a good number for a NCAA Tournament contender.

They play five of their last six games at home and they play four of their last five home games in the Cowan Spectrum. They have one game that will be played in Memorial Gym, because of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival being on campus. Wouldn't it be great if we could get a packed house for those games?

Many people think that women's basketball isn't as exciting as a men's

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It seems though, that even with the success the team is bringing to Idaho, they can't bring in a decent crowd.

There has been one problem with the season though — not many fans are showing up in the stands to show their support for the Vandals.

This is a problem that has been going on for plenty of years. But now, as

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Dana Cowgill | Courtesy

Idaho sophomore Ali Forde, goes for a block against a UTPA player Saturday at Edinburg, Texas. The Vandals improved to 10-0 in the WAC with the win.

Perfect WAcTion

Vandal women add another blowout to 10-0 WAC record on Saturday against UTPA

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

There would be no scare this time.

On Thursday, the Vandal women's basketball team escaped Las Cruces, N.M., with a 75-66 win at New Mexico State — their first real challenge on the road to their so-far unblemished Western Athletic Conference record.

That wouldn't be the case on Saturday night in Edinburg, Texas. Texas-Pan American put up a fight for about six minutes before Idaho put conference win No. 10 on cruise control, taking down the Broncos 85-52 to improve

its record to 17-7 overall and 10-0 in conference play.

The historic win means Idaho is on its first double-digit winning streak since the 1985-86 season. It also means the Vandals still haven't lost a conference game since the final game of the regular season in 2013. They have now won 13 straight conference games dating back to the conference tournament last March.

That streak was hardly threatened on Saturday. Only a sluggish first six minutes saw UTPA jump out to a 12-8 lead.

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WAC Roundup



Theo Lawson
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Idaho (17-7, 10-0)

The Vandal women's basketball team has been challenged, but fortunately for Idaho, its unscathed conference record remains intact.

Coming out of a brutal road trip to Las Cruces, N.M., and Edinburg, Texas, this upcoming home spell will be a nice change of pace for a team that could all but wrap up the regular season title by beating Cal State-Bakersfield Thursday.

Cal State-Bakersfield (13-8, 7-2)

On a respectable streak of their own, the Roadrunners have won five straight games, including Saturday's 77-70 victory over Grand Canyon at home. But if Bakersfield has any intention of challenging Idaho for the regular-season title, Thursday's test in the Cowan Spectrum is a must-win game. The Vandals won by 27 points when the two met in California.

Seattle U (11-12, 6-4)

It looks as though the chance at back-to-back regular season titles is slipping out of reach for a slumping Seattle team. The Redhawks have lost two of their last three, and bit on the road Saturday at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces, N.M. The Aggies' Danesia Williamson dropped 36 points on Seattle, who will still be a top contender come conference tournament time.

Grand Canyon (16-7, 5-5)

The Lopes had lost just two games out of conference, yet the Western Athletic Conference hasn't been as nice to GCU, which moved to .500 with a loss to Bakersfield. This team plays four of its last six conference games at home though, and with at least four more conference wins, a top three finish could be realistic for these Antelopes.

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Junior Cesar Torres returns service during a practice match Monday, Oct. 14, on the Memorial Gym tennis courts. The Idaho tennis team fell to 3-3 with losses to San Francisco and Washington Saturday and Sunday in Seattle.

Vandals drop two

Bendeck, Ramos Salazar sweep competition but Vandals go 0-2 over weekend in Seattle, move to 3-3 on season

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Despite the return of No. 2 singles player Artemiy Nikitin to the lineup, the Idaho men's tennis team fell to 3-3 with two losses over the weekend.

The Vandals fell 5-2 to San Francisco Saturday and 5-2 to No. 44 Washington Sunday. Both matches were in Seattle.

"Definitely two good teams ... a little disappointed with the USF match. Not in terms of the win or the loss, but I think we could have done a few things better," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "But we spoke about it as a team and I think the guys did step up against a very good UW team, so that was a big positive."

Beaman said he was more impressed with the team's performance against Washington, even though the scores were the same. He said sometimes it's easier for a team to play better in a match where they are a significant underdog.

The only Vandals to gather wins over the weekend were senior Jose Bendeck and junior Cristobal Ramos Salazar. The two doubles partners accounted for all four of Idaho's points. The duo won each of their singles matches and swept as partners in doubles play, although Idaho didn't win either doubles point.

"Something we talk about is focus at all times, and that's something they really stepped up to," Beaman said of Bendeck

and Salazar. "They had great matches against both USF and the University of Washington — really tough competition. If they're clicking on all cylinders, they can compete with anybody in the nation."

Nikitin, a senior from Omsk, Russia, returned to the lineup over the weekend after taking a break due to the passing of his father, Beaman said.

"He brings talent and he brings a good emotional side, he's a competitor, he supports his teammates. It's something where we gave him the option of sitting the weekend out, but he wants to be out there," Beaman said. "He's no where near top playing performance at this current point, but he's a competitor and that's

what he did."

The tough competition continues this weekend for the Vandals. They play another Pac-12 team with Arizona on Saturday in Tucson, Ariz., before beginning WAC play against New Mexico State Sunday in Las Cruces, N.M.

"I think this weekend will be a good indicator of where we're at and where we're going," Beaman said. "You start out with Arizona who's sort of the big-name Pac-12 (team). The indicator will be the New Mexico State match. That will really show us right now where we are at in the conference."

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Women's tennis team still rolling

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

If the WAC opener was any indication, this conference might be Idaho's to lose. The Vandal women's tennis team improved to 4-1 on the season with a 5-0 sweep of Seattle U Saturday in Pullman.

The match was Idaho's first home match, as well as its WAC opener. It was also the first of four straight home matches held in Pullman and Lewiston for the Vandals.

"They are continuing to roll. We went into that match with a couple injuries, had some people not playing that had been playing," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "It's a result of the women's team to really work hard, go out and compete hard, and their result showed."

The Vandals took every point in the match, besides the No. 2 doubles match that went unfinished at 4-4. No. 5 and No. 6 singles were not played.

The most impressive performances came at the No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Idaho freshman Galina Bykova defeated SU's Kristen Sames 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3, while Idaho junior Sophie Vickers also won 6-0, 6-0 defeating Kailyn Skjonsky.

The closest match came in No. 1 singles where Idaho senior Almudena Sanz won 6-0, 6-4 over Anna Lambert.

"At positions where they had challenging matches, they went out and won. At positions where they are on paper stronger, they took care of business," Beaman said.

The Vandals were also scheduled to play Lewis-Clark State College on Saturday, but Beaman said the match was postponed due to injuries on LCSC's team.

Following the victory over Seattle, the Vandals play the next three matches at home. It is the only stretch of home matches Idaho has all season. The only other home match comes on April 18 when the Vandals take on Oregon.

The last match in this home stretch marks Idaho's next competition against a WAC foe when they'll play Missouri-Kansas City Feb. 13 in Lewiston.

"In tennis, the surface, the elevation, there's a lot of factors that can affect the players," Beaman said. "And also travel ... definitely they shouldn't have excuses, but it is something that to get out of a van and go compete at a high level — it's definitely harder than to have a structured environment."

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Track and field sprints on

Vandals garner double-digit wins in two meets at home over weekend

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

Continuing his personal successes that mirrors that of the entire Idaho track and field team this year, junior sprinter and hurdler Jesse Villines set another personal best mark while winning the 60-meter hurdles — as well as helping Idaho win the 4x400 relay. Villines' victories came in the Vandal Indoor on Friday, but Idaho also competed in the Vandal Open on Saturday.

"Jesse had another awesome day," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "It seems like every time he competes, he hits a personal best mark and for a 400 hurdler to run under 7 seconds in the 60 — it's amazing."

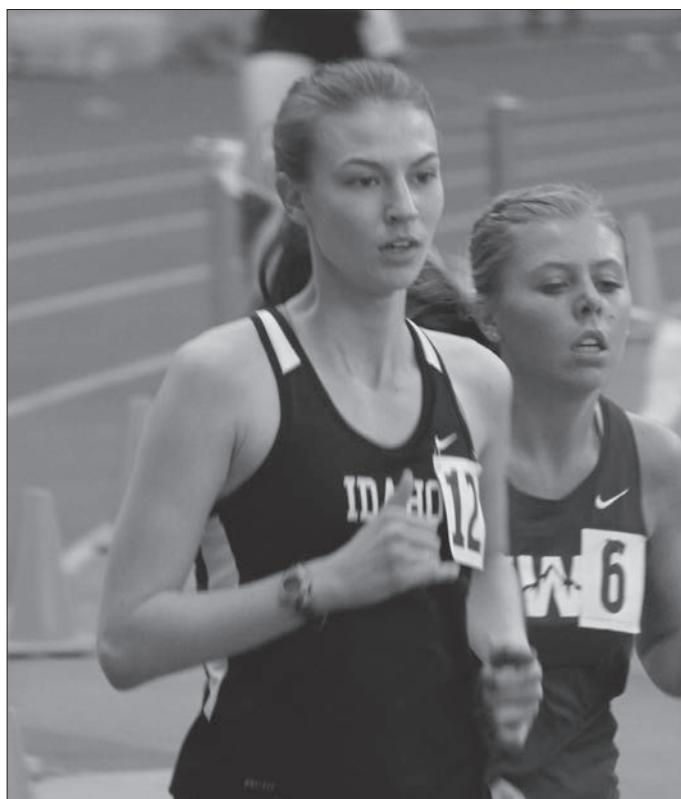
The Vandals competed in a pair of home meets, last weekend, winning a total of 10 events over two days. Idaho held the Vandal Indoor on Friday and the Vandal Open on Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

Also competing well and getting a pair of first place finishes was senior sprinter Karlene Hurrel and junior Ben Ayesu-Attah. Hurrel won the 60 with a time of 7.65 by a mere hundredth of a second over WSU sprinter Danielle Darden. Hurrel went on to win the 200 by a more comfortable margin of .62 seconds.

"Karlene had an awesome day," Phipps said. "We worked a little harder and longer up to the first meets and I think that is really paying off now."

Along with being part of the winning 4x400 team with Villines, Ayesu-Attah also placed first in the 400 with a time of 47.42. Teammate and fellow 4x400 runner Andrew Bloom took second in the same event with a time of 48.04 giving Idaho the 1-2 finish.

For the field events, senior



Curtis Ginnetti | Argonaut

Freshman Kayla Ockerse paces herself during the 3000-meter run. The Vandals grabbed 10 wins while hosting the Vandal Indoor and Vandal Open over the weekend.

thrower Andrey Levkiv won the shot put with a throw of 53 feet, 11 inches on Saturday. Levkiv's individual victory was one of only two in a day that saw far less wins than Friday. Levkiv has gotten a first-place finish for the past two weeks.

"For Andrey to come back from an injury and to be throwing as well as he is throwing is just amazing," Phipps said. "Coming back at such high marks is incredible."

Saturday's other victory came in the triple jump. Freshman Arphaxad Carroll won the event followed by teammate and new Vandal Emmanuel Panchol. Carroll was also the top collegiate finisher in the 60 on Satur-

day finishing behind unattached runner Evan Walker.

"Arphaxad has had a great weekend overall," Phipps said. "He did really well in the long jump yesterday and triple jump both days and ran a really good 60. For a freshman to be so successful in so many events so early on is very impressive."

The Vandals will continue their season this weekend as they travel to Seattle, for the Husky Classic on Friday and Saturday and then the UW Open Sunday. This series of meets will be the first outside of the Palouse this season.

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Senior Glen Dean attempts a floater during Idaho's 70-63 overtime win Saturday against UTPA. The Vandals improved to 4-6 in the WAC with the win.

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But a 14-1 run by the Vandals down the stretch in the first half was enough to put this game out of doubt by halftime — especially for a Vandal team that ended up shooting better than 53 percent on the night.

Idaho's poor start could probably be attributed to the fact that travel complications meant Idaho didn't even get to the arena until shortly before tipoff, leaving no time for a shoot-around. It's something the team overcame well, Idaho coach Jon Newlee said.

"The travel was just horrendous again," he said. "But I told them, I'm so proud of you. You could have had a 'poor me' attitude, drag around, but you know what, they came out and took care of business. I couldn't be prouder of them for their effort tonight."

Junior guard Stacey Barr made her case as a favorite for WAC Player of the Year Saturday night with 22 points and 13 rebounds in only 26 minutes on the court. It was her 10th double-double of the season. Barr now averages 17.9 points and

eight rebounds a game.

While Barr was showing why she's arguably the conference's best player, Idaho required a team effort to counter-act the foul trouble that post players Alyssa Charlston and Ali Forde got themselves into early in the first half. Eight of the nine players who saw the court for Idaho registered points, including freshman Brooke Reilly who had seven.

"It's not one person, we're a team, that's what our strength is," Newlee said. "We are a basketball team, we aren't one person."

Even at 10-0, it might be too early to talk about perfection in the conference schedule. But it's not too early to talk about regular season crown with second place Cal State-Bakersfield visiting the Cowan Spectrum on Thursday. An Idaho win would put the Vandals at least three games ahead of the second-place team.

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SUPPORT

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game can be. A women's game doesn't often have the same flashy dunks, athleticism or physicality that one would normally see in a men's game.

With this team though, you don't need that brand of basketball while watching them. What the women bring to the table is fundamentally sound basketball.

They aren't flashy by any means. The women do what they need to do to get the ball in the hoop. Idaho is outrebounding other teams and outshooting their opponents on the 3-point line and the free-throw

line. They are doing everything right to help win ball games.

Newlee has said before that the team likes to play in front of a crowd. They like to impress people. It would be great if the fans of this team can get out to the games and support the team. Not only will they appreciate it, but it could get them ready to play in bigger environments like the Orleans Arena for the WAC Tournament or even the NCAA Tournament crowds that they would be seeing when they win the WAC Tournament title.

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TREND

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Madison, with 22 points and 13 rebounds, has been a standout all season. He has led the team in scoring in 16 of the 24 games.

The Vandals shook off the cold shooting and got hot in overtime going 2-of-2 from the 3-point line, leading them to 14 points in the period, giving them a seven-point win.

Sekou Wiggs added 15 points and eight rebounds of his own and is on roll ever since coming back from his injury. He's now had back-to-back games with double-digit points.

"Sekou is a good basketball player and I think he is just growing up," Verlin said. "We're getting him experience, we're getting him time and we've been able to get him a lot of minutes. He was starting to play pretty well before he got hurt. He had 17 at Idaho State, he had some signs that he was going to play good."

Idaho will try to carry on its momentum Feb. 13, when it travels down to Cal State-Bakersfield to take on the Roadrunners.

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Athletes of the week



Stephen Madison

Stephen Madison – men's basketball

After taking down the WAC powerhouse New Mexico State 73-67 on Thursday, the Idaho men's basketball team had to overcome some ugly statistics to beat the Texas-Pan American Broncs in over-

time by a score of 70-63 on Saturday. A big part of the Vandals offense came from senior forward Stephen Madison. In Thursday's game, Madison logged 24 points while also gathering eight rebounds. Saturday, he was able to top that performance, by scoring a game-high 22 points while grabbing 13 boards for his sixth double-double of the season. He leads the team in both of those statistics and continues to be a big factor in Idaho's offense. The Vandals are on the road this week when they visit Cal State-Bakersfield on Thursday and Utah Valley on Saturday.



Stacey Barr

Stacey Barr – women's basketball

The Idaho women's basketball team continues to dominate on the court, going 10-0 in WAC play. The team is showing a type of success that hasn't been seen

since the 1985-86 Idaho team that was able to rack up 10 straight WAC wins. One key contributor to that success for the Vandals has been Stacey Barr. Barr, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, leads the team in both scoring and rebounding. Last week, Barr recorded her ninth and 10th double-doubles of the season in wins over New Mexico State and Texas-Pan American. She garnered 22 points and 10 rebounds against NMSU and then followed that up with a 22-point 13-rebound performance against UTPA. The Vandals return to the Cowan Spectrum Thursday to take on Cal State-Bakersfield and then follow up with the "Hoops for Hope" game Saturday against Utah Valley.

ROUND-UP

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Texas-Pan American (11-12, 5-5)

With a loss to Idaho Saturday, the Broncs join Grand Canyon and New Mexico State in a three-way tie for fourth place. Expect UTPA to move a few games ahead of .500, as the Broncs meet Chicago State and Missouri-Kansas City next — teams that have combined to win just four conference games.



New Mexico State (8-15, 5-5)

The Aggies surprised most by beating the defending WAC regular season champions, Seattle U, and with the same road trip as UTPA on tap, NMSU will be expected to challenge both the Redhawks and Antelopes for a top-four spot. Williamson's 36 was a career-high and the redshirt sophomore, who now has four 30-point games this season, will need to replicate Saturday's performance a few more times should NMSU claim a top-four seed.



Missouri-Kansas City (8-14, 4-5)

When the Kangaroos handed Chicago State an 84-52 loss Saturday, it proved just how big the gap between seven and eight is in this new-look WAC. UMKC, at 4-5, has the potential to move up and will be challenging the trio of 5-5 teams for a top-four seed. New Mexico State and Texas-Pan American are next for the 'Roos, who could jump up as high as fourth place with a pair of wins.



Utah Valley (4-18, 1-8)

Utah Valley likes its chances against Chicago State — who provided the Wolverines with their only conference win. The team hasn't had the same luck elsewhere in the WAC, although the Wolverines have come close on a few occasions. Utah Valley went into overtime with New Mexico State, lost by three to Grand Canyon and by two to Bakersfield.



Chicago State (3-19, 0-9)

A ninth-place finish appears unavoidable for the conference's worst team. The Cougars haven't won a basketball game since Jan. 8 and haven't come within 20 points in a WAC contest.



Arphaxad Carroll – men's track and field

The men's track and field team competed at home this weekend in its last home meet until the WAC Championship meet in the Kibbie Dome. Many athletes competed well, but one stood out when it came to the men's side. Arphaxad Carroll, a freshman from Las Vegas, was able to help the Vandals take first and second place in the triple jump. His leap of 46 feet, 1.25 inches was good enough for first while his teammate Emmanuel Panchol took second with a leap of 45-5.75. Carroll also finished as the top collegiate racer in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.00 seconds. The next meet for the Vandals is Friday and Saturday in Seattle, for the Husky Classic.



Karlene Hurrel

Karlene Hurrel – women's track and field

The Vandal women also competed at home in the Vandal Indoor track meet over the weekend. One particular standout was senior sprinter Karlene Hurrel, who was a double champion on the weekend. She was able to pull out a win in the 60 with a time of 7.65 and then followed that up with a win in the 200 with a time of 24.42.

"Karlene had an awesome day today," Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said. "We worked a little harder and longer up to the first meets and I think that is really paying off now."



Galina Bykova

Galina Bykova – women's tennis

The Idaho women's tennis team won its WAC opener over Seattle U Saturday. The team ended up sweeping the Redhawks with a dominating doubles performance and four straight-set singles wins. With the whole team showing some dominance in the match, one player ended up standing out over the rest. Galina Bykova, a freshman from St. Petersburg, Russia, won the No. 3 singles match in a 6-0, 6-0 straight set victory. She was also able to win her No. 3 doubles match with Alejandra Lozano in a 6-2 performance. The Vandals, now 4-1, return to action this week when they face Fresno State on Thursday and Utah State on Friday. Both matches are in Pullman.

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OUR VIEW

Weather watch

Moscow residents must prepare for snow risks

When the weather is frightful, many travelers may not find Moscow's snow delightful. The snowfall creates dangers for commuters on icy roads, slippery sidewalks and frigid conditions that all pose significant risk to University of Idaho students and other Moscow residents.

It is important that Moscow residents mitigate these risks to avoid preventable wrecks and accidents.

Students need to allow extra time while the roads are covered with snow when driving or walking to class. Drive with caution on slick roads — an out-of-control car is a hazard for the driver as well as anyone else on the road.

Pedestrians need to be respectful of drivers and allow additional stopping distance for cars while crossing streets.

After all, a collision between a skidding car and a pedestrian will almost certainly result in injury to the pedestrian.

Drivers also need to allot five minutes each morning to clear car windows of snow and ice before driving. Unclear windows obscure a driver's vision of the road, leading to accidents that no one can afford — especially a college student strapped for cash.

Windows that are obscured with snow can also get a driver pulled over by police and ticketed.

Additional time will also allow for student drivers to navigate the parking nightmares on campus.

Not to mention that the process of snow plowing can limit the amount of available spots in parking lots. Worse, some drivers believe

snow-covered lines in the parking lot allow for a parking free-for-all and fill spaces inefficiently — further decreasing the spaces.

It's winter, so all clothes should be weather appropriate. Even if students only expect a short journey, the warmly dressed can be left out in the cold after an unplanned car breakdown or heater glitch. Give the boot to shoes without traction — a fall that results in a twisted ankle can make daily treks across campus difficult.

Preparing for the snow should be a given, but according to the Federal Highway Administration, 23 percent of car accidents from 2002-2012 can be attributed to weather-related driving conditions. Preventing yourself from becoming part of that statistic should be a priority for everyone during treacherous weather.

— AE



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ANDAL VOICES

Q: Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, will be beneficial to Idahoans?



No. The law is a Ponzi Scheme that only fuels the real problem with health care: cost.

—Jeff Ford

Of course it is! UI suffered some of the same negative talk and press when the university required all students to prove they are insured, but overall, it has made the campus healthier.

Students can now all go and see a doctor when they believe they are ill and it keeps our classrooms healthier because of that. Same will be true with the Affordable Care Act, if only Idaho politicians would be supportive.

—Rick Fletcher



I don't know what's affordable about it. It costs one-fifth of my annual income.

—David C. Hoos

No because it is not cost efficient at all for young adults going to college. If you're an older individual it is worth it, but the problem is the younger generation has to pay for medical difference for older people. For an example, my insurance through Affordable Care Act — Obamacare — is \$435 a month, but on my own policy that meets the standards is \$189 a month, so you choose. There is that misconception young people have that this new insurance is free, and it's not.

—Seth Topliff

Labrador labors to lower incarceration rate

New legislation would enable more flexible sentencing and reduce prison population

Being tough on crime is a topic politicians all across the globe stress whenever they get the chance.

From drug dealers to big bankers, politicians from the local level to the highest offices of the federal government love persecuting criminals.

The road to hell is paved with good intentions, and this attitude has created the world's largest prison system. Thankfully, Idaho Rep. Raul Labrador is trying to reverse a trend that began in the 1980s.

The incarceration rate in the U.S. began an upward spiral during the '80s. According to the Bureau of Justice, in 1980 just under 400,000 people were incarcerated in federal prisons. During the next 31 years, that number rose significantly to approximately 2.3 million.

Many of these new prisoners were arrested for non-violent drug crimes. According to the same statistics, the number of drug crime offenders in prison went from 41,000 in 1980 to just under 500,000 in 2011.

These prisoners currently make up 48 percent of the federal prison population. Let that sink in, non-violent drug offenders make up nearly half of our prison population.

These growing numbers raise a lot of questions, and for the first time in a long time, the growing prison population seems to be becoming a topic of national discussion. Some of the more obvious problems include the price of keeping people in prisons, the workload on the court system and the struggles many convicts face when their term is over.

According to the Department of Justice, the average prisoner costs

taxpayers anywhere from \$20,000 to \$35,000 a year. Which in total, costs tax payers billions of dollars every single year.

The incentive should be there, but fixing these problems hasn't been a priority for many politicians. Fortunately, Labrador has co-sponsored legislation which would help solve some of the massive problems facing the American prison system.

The proposed Smarter Sentencing Act would help decrease the prison population by lowering mandatory minimum sentencing for drug crimes. The bill would also give judges more discretion and allow them to keep non-violent offenders out of the system.

The bill doesn't change much in Idaho, as mandatory minimum sentencing isn't used in the state. All things considered, this legislation is a potential fix to many of the broken pieces of the American justice system.

This piece of legislation appeals to a wide variety of people and organizations, which should help it eventually work its way out of the House and to the president. Groups such as the NAACP, ACLU and even the conservative policy advocacy group Heritage Action for America support the reforms being proposed by Labrador.

If the bill becomes law, it will signal a shift in American policy, which will have some serious long-term benefits for all Americans. Keeping non-violent offenders out of prison will save Americans a serious chunk of money, and help our police force focus on more important problems.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

UI communications

Thanks for the shout out in the daily register a few weeks ago, but I'm actually a sophomore not a junior, and I'm from Bellevue, Wash., not Bellview.

—Ryan

Bellview

No matter how it's spelled, screw those guys.

—Sean

Valentine's Day

I'm stoked. I'm going to binge on "House of Cards" and grilled cheese with my awesome girlfriend. There is nothing more romantic than political intrigue and cheese-induced comas.

—Andrew

Cool runnings

I got my fill of downhill skiing on my way to campus thanks to my zero traction Uggs.

—Emily

Snowpocalypse

The recent rash of snow in Moscow deserves its on string of crappy movies. The catchphrase? "Just when you think the snow is done ... its back ... with a vengeance."

—Aleya

Accomplished

I feel really accomplished last weekend as I finished my homework and assignment soon enough that I don't have to do much on the weekdays.

—Rainy

Just don't

If I have to answer the question "what are you doing after graduation?" one more time, I might just decide to not graduate after all.

—Kaitlin

Tiny box of evil

On the days when my phone buzzes non-stop from two texting apps, three email inboxes, phone calls, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram updates, and now that evil Flappy Bird ... it makes me thankful for the three hours a week I don't have cell phone service.

—Kaitlyn

The best is yet to come

Man, March needs to get here sooner. I just can't wait to take a break from school and go to Vegas.

—Ricky

Got to love it

Adventures in the snow, then making cookies at 2 a.m. Yes.

—Phil

Not so smart

With a name like Marcus Smart, you'd think he'd be smart enough not to push a heckling fan. At least he apologized, I guess...

—Stephan

Truth

Life has no smooth road for any of us; and in the bracing atmosphere of a high aim the very roughness stimulates the climber to steadier steps, till the legend, over steep ways to the stars, fulfills itself.

—Theo

The true Affordable Care Act

Single-payer is what we need, but there are obstacles to be

The Affordable Care Act is a step in the right direction, but it is important to remember that it is not the end of the journey toward a working health care system.



Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

The Congressional Budget Office predicts that the law will help 25 million Americans afford health insurance by 2023, but they concede that 31 million will remain uninsured. That's certainly better, but that number is still unacceptably high for the world's richest nation.

For the most part, Obamacare addresses the cost of insurance rather than the cost of care itself.

In 2011, health care expenditures accounted for 17.9 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product, according to data from the World Bank.

However, nearly one-third of this money doesn't even go toward the cost of care, but rather toward administrative costs. Because there are so many insurance providers in this country, health care administration is very complex and costly.

But there is more to this than the market being flooded with insurers. According to Ezra Klein's Wonkblog, the main problem with health care in the U.S. is the fact that we don't have a fully state-run, or a fully privatized system. This means that prices aren't truly set by either the government, or the market, but by health care providers themselves.

The way health care works in other countries is that the government sets prices and companies either choose to sell there or not.

In the U.S., insurers negotiate prices on their own.

While the government sets prices with Medicare at a rate that allows hospitals to cover costs, it takes seriously the notion that non-profit hospitals should actu-

ally be non-profit. In the U.S., the designation doesn't mean hospitals can't profit, just that they can't distribute any profit they make to shareholders — private insurers don't have the same bargaining power as the government and they frequently pay more. Those without insurance have no bargaining power at all.

In "A Bitter Pill," Time Magazine's Steven Brill gives an example of the cost difference of charges to someone with Medicare, and someone with no insurance. Medicare would have paid \$13.94 for the test but Janice S., who was uninsured, was charged \$199.50 for each test. Janice thought she was having a heart attack, she was fine, or at least until she saw her bill. It totaled \$21,000.

The cruel joke inherent in our current system is that those who are poor enough to qualify for Medicaid or old enough to draw Medicare are in many ways the best off. Those who qualify for neither and can't afford insurance of their own are most vulnerable to being crushed by the virtually fraudulent high costs present in the American health care industrial complex.

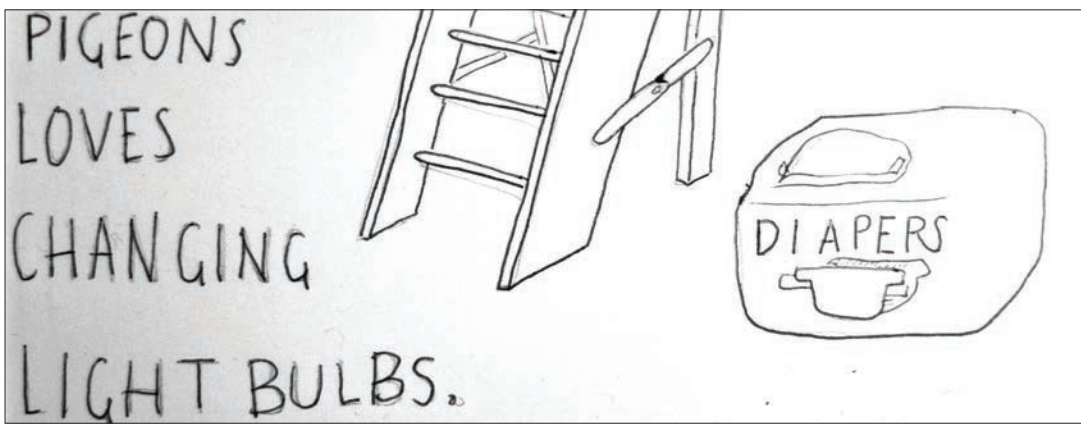
The logical action is that the U.S. moves toward a single-payer insurance system, where the government or another semi-public agency manages insurance administration in on a regional basis.

Single-payer systems simplify the administration process by essentially paying hospitals with block grants to cover operating costs and capital improvements, rather than on a per-patient basis. It eliminates out-of-pocket costs that act as a barrier to coverage for some, and it guarantees universal, classless coverage for all.

Best of all, the savings from simplifying the administration process — more than \$350 billion — would be enough to insure everyone currently without insurance, according to Physicians for a National Health Program.

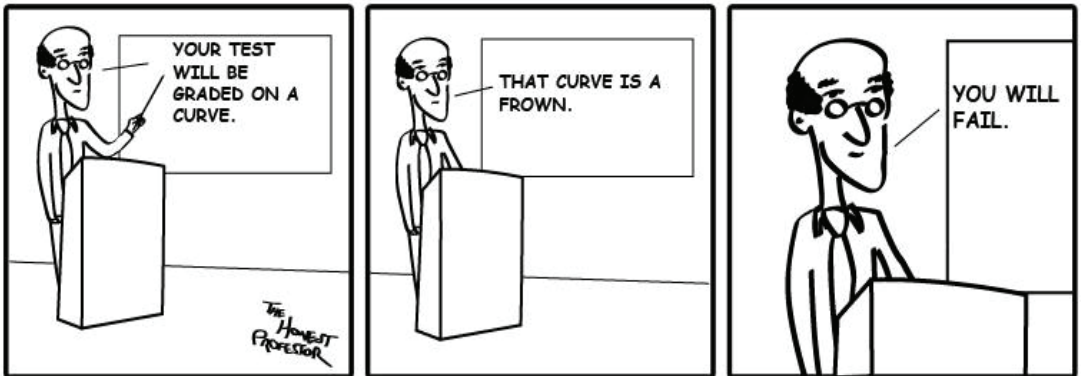
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Properly structured savings could cover the entire tab of a national health care system.

A common misconception about American health care is that it is privately run. Even with the ACA, we see the tired right-wing talking point of "government takeover" trotted out over and over again.

The reality is that the taxpayer already foots 60 percent of the bill by providing the funds for government health insurance, and for subsidies for private companies who insure their employees. For comparison, the Canadian taxpayer picks up 70 percent of the tab, but gets truly universal coverage.

Even if you bring the pub-

lic around, you have to come up against special interests entrenched in government. Skyrocketing health care costs are the geese that laid the golden eggs for providers. They have a tremendous amount of lobbying money to kill meaningful health care reform. This is why a solution as shallow as Obamacare is such a contentious issue even now.

Even worse, the campaign finance laws in this country allow for companies to woo those politicians who set prices.

To address this, Obamacare creates an Independent Payment Advisory Board to which people are appointed so they can be free of the corrupting influences that come

from elections. Of course, the Republicans filibustered every appointee to this board until Sen. Harry Reid went nuclear to prevent the filibuster of executive appointments.

Ultimately when it comes to fixing health care in this country, there is another issue that must be tackled first, campaign finance reform. The laws are so weak that special interests run Washington.

Until we reform our election laws, the American health care system will remain easy to navigate for only one group of people, those who don't get sick.

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