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Fading festival?

'Things ain't what they used to be' for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Sean Richarz, a Moscow native and University of Idaho alumnus, spent 42 years attending the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival to see jazz legends like Dizzy Gillespie and Stan Getz line the stage in front of sold out crowds.

Attending the festival was an annual event for Richarz, who attended the festival both as a jazz fan and as a high school band director.

But Richarz, now a band director at Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle, broke his 42-year streak in 2011.

After attending the festival again in 2013, Richarz said he has seen attendance and participation at Jazz Fest decline substantially. Richarz, who teaches at a private school, said Jazz Fest is an expensive trip for schools, and they thought other festivals could offer a better experience for the price. He now plans to take his students to the Reno Jazz Festival in April, rather than making the trip to Moscow.

"The decision to go, or to not go, was really done because we felt like the festival was not worth our money and effort and time," Richarz said. "We just feel like we weren't getting the bang



A statue of Lionel Hampton stands in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival office in the Student Union Building. The statue was gifted in 1997 by Robert E. Kirby, former CEO of Westinghouse.

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for the buck anymore."

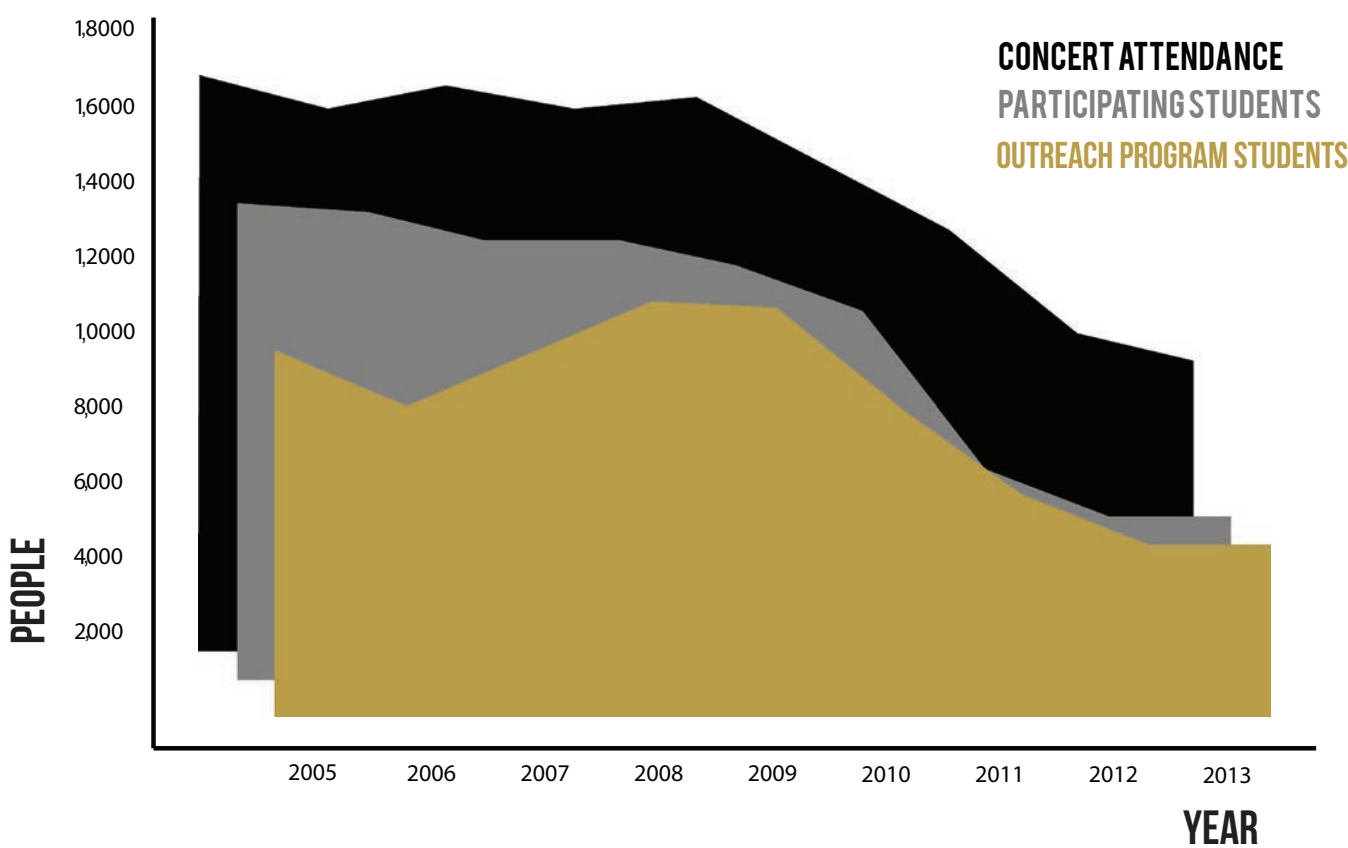
Approximately 3,800 students attended the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in 2013 — a 66.3 percent decline in total participants since 2005. In addition, nearly 50 percent fewer people have attended the main stage concerts, down from 14,405 in total attendance in 2005.

Finally, the Jazz Fest outreach program, Jazz in the Schools, which brings professional musicians to perform and run clinics at regional K through 12 schools, has seen a 36.5 percent decline in the number of schools attending, and a 27.3 percent decline in the number of student participants in the past eight years.

"To me, it's really obvious it's gone down," Richarz said. "It kind of breaks my heart."

Jazz Fest has experienced a substantial decrease in the number of participating students, educational workshops and concertgoers over the past decade.

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In Brief Education budget

BOISE — The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee began the process of hearing presentations from Senate and House committee chairs Wednesday, in efforts to start setting the final budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

JFAC first heard from the Senate and House Health and Welfare committees Wednesday, and heard from the joint education committees Thursday morning. Chairmen of the education committees Rep. Reed DeMorduant and Sen. John Goedde re-

quested funding to achieve the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education's recommendations, including a portion of the budget for funding teacher rewards. The rewards will come in the form of a one-time bonus, costing a total of \$15.8 billion.

The public is invited to the Capitol to voice opinions on state budget issues from 8-10 a.m. today. The public hearing will be held in the Lincoln Auditorium on a first-come first-serve basis. Sign-ups begin at 7 a.m. on the bottom level of the Statehouse.

Campus carry continues

Bill supporting concealed carry receives split support

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — The hot-button S.E.C.U.R.E. Idaho Campuses Act — a bill that would allow concealed weapons on state university and college campuses — hit the Senate

State Affairs Committee for public hearing Wednesday and received split testimony.

After more than two-and-a-half hours of testimony, the committee voted 7-2 along party lines to pass the bill on to the full Senate with recommendation that it pass. Only two senators, Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Sen. Elliott Werk, D-Boise, voted against the bill.

Dakota Moore, Idaho State liaison of

the National Rifle Association, presented on behalf of the NRA in support of the bill.

"Qualifying college and university students will no longer be denied their Second Amendment rights when stepping on campuses," Moore said. "It's time."

The original text of the bill denied carrying firearms into a public venue with more than 2,500 seats. After

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Disappearing deficit

UI solves \$1.4 million deficit with financial resources

Amber Emery
Argonaut

The University of Idaho administration has found a solution to the \$1.4 million budget deficit that doesn't involve dipping into the reserve budget, according to Keith Ickes, executive director for planning and budget.

"We are lucky," Ickes said. "It wasn't a great plan, but it was lucky."

Due to a 4.9 percent total decline in enrollment in Fall 2013, the university faced a budget deficit for the second consecutive year. But Ickes said there's no longer a need to worry about the \$1.4 million deficit.

"In October, we counted up the tuition of the fall semester," Ickes said. "We assumed that we would have a flat enrollment — we wouldn't grow, but we wouldn't get smaller — but in fact, we got smaller and that means less revenue."

To solve the \$2.6 million deficit in last year's budget, Ickes was forced to pull money from a reserve fund that has been built up from years when UI had additional revenue.

This year, Ickes went looking for money in unlikely places. He pulled together funds from two parts of the university budget that were overfunded. One was the classification and compensation process.

"We knew in that process that there would be people whose new classification would have a minimum salary that was higher than they were being paid," Ickes said. "So we budgeted way last March at the start of this process and at that time we just had some very general statistics that gave us an idea of how big that problem could be. So we budgeted \$495,000 to cover the likely expenses."

When it came down to it, Ickes said only about \$70,000 was needed to cover the costs of salary increases, leaving nearly \$425,000 on the table.

The unexpected funds helped, but there was still a \$975,000 hole to fill — that's when the Retiree Health Program for "Tier I" eligible persons was discovered.

"I was reminded there was a whole section in the Faculty and Staff Handbook about Tier I, Tier II, Tier III, Tier IV eligibility and that's describing which employees get which benefits in their retirement," Ickes said.

After Ickes and his colleagues looked closely into the amount of funds UI allocates to the "Tier I" Retiree Health Program, it became evident that the funds were disproportionate to the number of eligible beneficiaries.

According to the UI Faculty and Staff Handbook, Tier I eligible retirees must have been hired on or before Jan. 1, 2002, have been enrolled as the primary subscriber in the active health plan for at least five years immediately prior to retirement and meet strict age and qualified service requirements.

"The group's not going to get any bigger because all of the eligible people have basically taken advantage of it — there's a few left but not many," Ickes said. "It is a shrinking group."

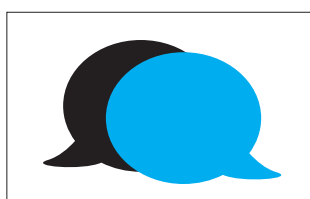
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Tomato and egg scramble

Chin-Lun Hsu
Crumbs

Most people usually eat scrambled eggs with ketchup, so why not try it with real tomatoes. Many people might think this is a strange food before trying it, although it tastes really good. This is a Taiwanese dish that is neither salty nor spicy, rather it is sour and sweet. Tomato scrambled eggs is served with white rice. People who don't really like tomatoes, will still like the dish since the taste of tomatoes is not strong at all.

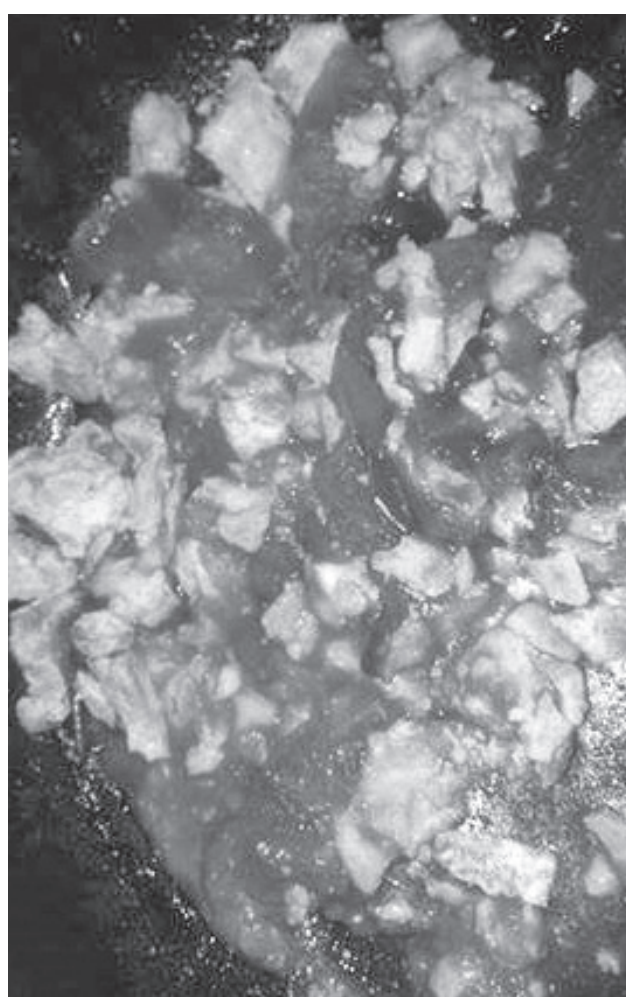
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- 3 tomatoes
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup ketchup
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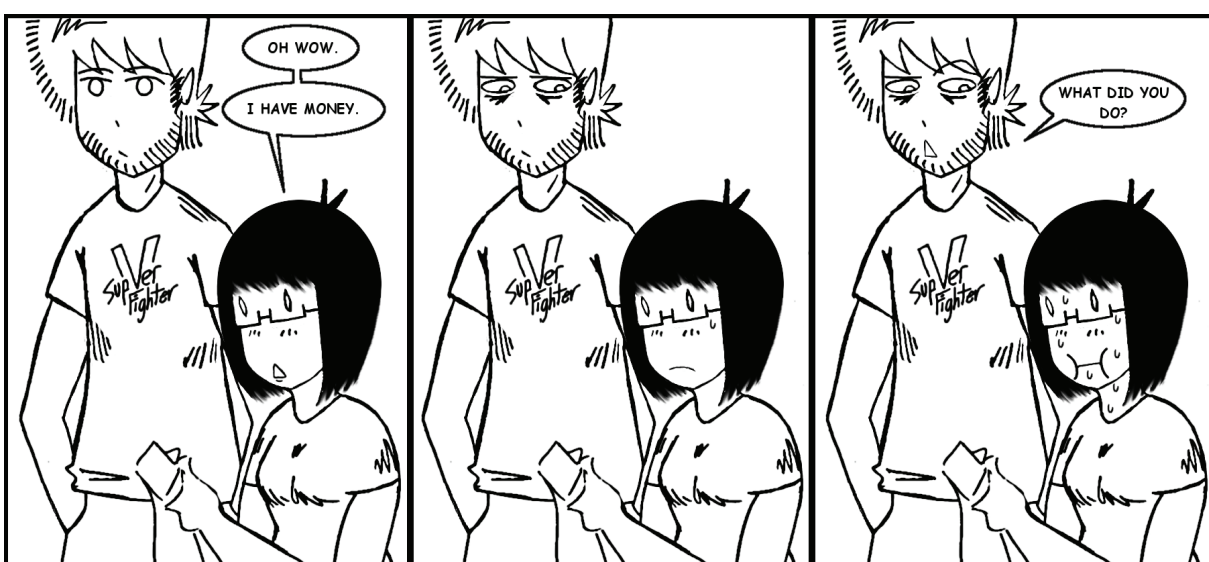
1. In a bowl, whisk eggs with a fork.
2. Stir fry eggs, then put it aside.
3. Cut each tomato into half, then quarters, and into eight pieces.
4. In a pan, boil tomatoes with 1 cup water until they are softened.
5. Add the scrambled eggs and stir fry with tomatoes.
6. Add the ketchup and sugar.
7. Cover with lid, let it simmer for 5 minutes.
8. Serve with white rice.

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CLEARING THE CREST



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University of Idaho facilities employees scrambled to clear debris from the top of the Hello Walk steps after diverting a small mudslide. The landslide was caused by the rapid melting of snow on campus on Wednesday. The City of Moscow issued a flood warning for the city on Tuesday.

Business with breakfast

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter discusses legislation issues with Idaho press

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — Area reporters gathered around cafe-style tables in a restaurant in downtown Boise Tuesday with pens poised, notepads ready and waited for the governor to speak.

At the Idaho Press Club's annual Breakfast with the Governor, reporters have an opportunity to question Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and everything is on the record.

Otter took the small high-rise table — a make-shift podium — at 9 a.m., beginning with talk of the growing economy and the stable unemployment rate. Otter also touched on the changing hands of the state prison, education goals, the Idaho Legislature's stance on same sex lawsuits and, briefly, on upcoming animal abuse legislation.

"It's pretty hard to predict what's going to happen (with the economy) — but year after year we're ahead," Otter said.

He said the state has finally reached his 2014 goal of bringing the state's gross domestic product to \$60 billion — the main objective in his "Project 60" plan. He said Idaho's current GDP sits at \$62.4 billion, while employment rests at 5.7 percent.

"While we set public policy, we try to set an environment for growth in economy and growth in employment," Otter said. "But even with that — the 45,000 to 46,000 people out of work — we still have about 18,000 jobs we can't seem to fill."

Otter also addressed education — the largest single budget the state has to offer.

Otter said he's going to continue with his five-year plan to accomplish all the recommendations from the Task Force to Improve Education, in hopes the recommendations will also bolster efforts on the State Board of Education's benchmark of 60 percent of all Idahoans having a professional or technical degree by the year 2020. He also said replacing education's discretionary funds is at the top of his list.

Otter said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's Propositions 1, 2 and 3 were more appropriate than the public gave him credit for. He said the task force is aiming to increase technology in the classroom and continuing construction of a statewide broadband network to give rural schools

Internet access.

Otter was also asked about his stance on the upcoming concealed campus gun carry legislation. He said he fully supports it.

"I am an advocate and always have been for the Second Amendment, and I don't think people lose their rights under the Second Amendment — or the First Amendment — when they walk on a college campus," Otter said.

Otter also touched on the upcoming "ag-gag" bill in the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee — a bill following the distribution of a gruesome video containing images of cow abuse by employees at a large south Idaho dairy.

Otter said the bill would punish those who trespass, or come onto property and lie about their intent to film events.

The discussed agricultural bill went up for public hearing later Tuesday afternoon. The committee voted in favor of the bill to protect land-owner rights. Some committee members feared activists with an agenda, others said the bill was too loosely written.

Area reporters also asked Otter on his opinions of the "Add the Words" campaign — a controversial campaign attempting to add the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the Idaho Human Rights Act. Otter said he couldn't comment on the campaign because the state is currently facing lawsuits attached to same sex discrimination, but he didn't think Rep. Lynn Luker's two highly controversial House bills — one which would allow refusal of services on the basis of religious beliefs, and the other protecting professional licensure when denying services — were thorns in the state's side.

"I can't tell you of one company that has said, 'We're not coming to Idaho because of Luker's bill,' or anything like that," Otter said.

He said he recognizes Idaho has been the target of much dissatisfaction — even mocking — based on the bills, but the state will continue to prosper.

"It's not going to bother me that much," Otter said. "I still believe in the sovereignty of Idaho."

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Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter speaks about the state's total economy, justice reinvestment, same sex lawsuits and more at the Idaho Press Club's annual Breakfast with the Governor. Otter said Idaho has already surpassed his "Project 60" goal of bringing the state's economy to \$60 billion by \$2.4 billion. Area reporters were invited to the breakfast.

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VandalStore gives back to employees

Karter Krasselt
Argonaut

The VandalStore's mission is "Student Success." So when the opportunity arose for store manager Scott McDonald to give back, he did, with the formation of the VandalStore Book Scholarship Fund.

McDonald was approached in 2011 with an idea from some of the baristas at the Starbucks located inside of the VandalStore's main location. Unable to accept tips, McDonald said the baristas were determined to somehow use that money to better the university. What they discovered was the Found Money Fund — a fund created by the late Terry Armstrong that collects loose change found on campus.

"The idea wasn't mine, it was told to me by a few of the baristas that happened to know Terry," McDonald said.

The only problem with this fund — which has amassed more than \$300,000 since 1981 — is that the money cannot be touched until 2089, the university's 200th anniversary.

"People wanted to see their money put to use now," McDonald said.

The demand for a more immediate use for the tips is what sparked the VandalStore Book Scholarship Fund.

Currently made up of about \$4,000, the fund provides not only an answer for impatient tippers, but a positive opportunity for those actually earning the tips, McDonald said.

"We didn't withdraw any money we had already donated to the Found Money Fund," McDonald said.

As of now, the scholarships are a relatively small percentage of the fund. Three randomly selected employees currently receive a \$100 scholarship each semester, beginning with the current one.

Any VandalStore employee that is also a full-time student is eligible — not just the



VandalStore employee Cyndi Shropshire restocks textbooks Thursday at the VandalStore. Several Starbucks baristas came up with the VandalStore Book Scholarship Fund that uses tips to fund the scholarship, and give back to the university. Hannah Sandoval | Argonaut

baristas. VandalExpress and VandalCourt employees can also qualify for the scholarship. McDonald said even students at the Boise location could be eligible, although none currently are.

McDonald said the reason for using such a low percentage of the fund is simple: once the fund is endowed at \$25,000, it will be a permanent scholarship for the university, and employees will receive much larger

scholarships — up to and potentially exceeding \$1,500.

The current recipients of the scholarship are Alex Lowe, Anthony Filicetti and Brianna Hoffman.

The fund accepts any and all donations, and they aren't required to be in the form of tips.

"Even with more and more people using gift cards, people are starting to say, 'Hey, you guys take care of me every week,' and

making donations," McDonald said.

McDonald said everyone is encouraged to donate, not just Starbucks customers.

"If one of our employees hits it big one day, maybe they'll come back around and donate to the place that helped them out in college," McDonald said.

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gaining input from state college and university officials, McKenzie lowered the limit to 1,000, which, Moore said, makes the bill a better option for campuses to increase safety.

Moore used Boise State University's open-air Bronco Stadium to test the structural confines of what constitutes a "public venue." He said inside the walls of the stadium do indeed qualify as within the venue and concealed weapons are prohibited. But the parking lot does not qualify, and guns would be allowed in locked cars or carried.

He said thinking guns are illegal on campuses is a commonly-believed myth — there are no metal detectors one must walk through before stepping on a public campus. He said the university's firearms policy only applies to individuals governed by the university — students, staff and faculty. He said it's an "incredulous disparity" to ban guns from the university students when such strict anti-gun laws don't often govern students at elementary and high schools.

"You're telling me that a kindergarten teacher can have a firearm locked in their vehicle ... but a university professor can't?" Moore said. "That is correct."

Sen. Elliot Werk said the bill is opening the door for more pressing safety issues. He said he understands threats of gun theft, but on-campus suicide and intimidation are the bigger issues.

"We have instructors teaching controversial subjects, we have students that might take issue with other students during controversial discussions," Werk said. "We have the intimidation factor — you don't need to show a weapon to intimidate through the act of actually carrying them."

Moore said he recognized the daily pressures, but doesn't believe they play a role in making campuses less safe with the introduction of concealed firearms.

"This type of intimidation and pressure isn't unique to college and university campuses," Moore said. "I would say that these issues don't

change between college and graduation."

Committee member Sen. Michelle Stennett, said parents have come to her with concerns of the safety of their children in the classroom. She asked Moore whether he was comfortable with a situation in which students aren't able to participate in the educational experience or offer ideas when they know some students may be carrying a concealed weapon.

Moore said the bill is based on statistics, many of those centered on the safety of students when firearms are introduced to campus.

"Statistics show this isn't an issue

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"I would say that these issues don't change between college and graduation."

-Dakota Moore

that often happens — (a dangerous incident) is just as likely to happen in any other location, as well as a university or college campus," Moore said. "It protects more than it harms. I think this bill will make our colleges and universities safe."

Stennett also asked whether informal university gatherings on lawns or green spaces will be protected as gun-free zones in the bill. She said hundreds of students gather often in these areas and could breed an environment for violence if firearms are involved.

Moore said the university lawns would not be covered in the bill and would still be weapons zones.

Utah, Oregon, Kansas, Mississippi and Wisconsin have all passed legislation allowing concealed weapons on campus.

"You don't see the violent crime increase in these states," Moore said. "Would we rather no one be armed?"

Moore presented for 40 minutes. Following his presentation, Chairman Sen. Curt McKenzie, R-Nampa, limited testimony to three minutes each.

University of Idaho Interim Pres-

ident Don Burnett gave testimony on behalf of UI and the Higher Education Presidents Council, the group of presidents of Idaho campuses and universities. The presidents' council sided with the State Board of Education last week in rejection of the bill.

Burnett said the average Idaho college campus hosts a wide range of inhabitants, and the safety of students and visitors alike must be recognized.

"Many of our campuses contain day care facilities and host field trips with K-12 students," Burnett said. "Bringing guns on campus is simply not a good idea. We're committed to providing a safe living and learning environment."

Boise State University psychology professor Kimberly McAdams said the bill couldn't be more timely. What began as a police report of a suicidal student on campus turned into what she said was an immediate threat to her life. McAdams said the police told her the student had become fixated on her and wanted to kill her.

McAdams said the disturbed student was in one of her psychology classes that met in a classroom with only one door and no windows.

"The only way we would have stood a chance is if one of us had been armed and would have been able to protect ourselves," McAdams said.

McAdams urged the committee to disregard what the group of school presidents had said in rejection of the bill, because they don't find themselves in the front lines of student confrontation.

"(Administrators) are not the ones in the line of fire — they're not the ones in the classroom," McAdams said. "Please give me a fighting change to save my life and the lives of my students."

ASUI President Max Cowan sat in on the hearing with intent to give testimony, but wasn't able to due to time constraints. Cowan said the decision needs to be left to the university and to students — the people affected most by the bill.

"I'm furious that the committee didn't hear from students — that they managed to get through 13 individuals and not a single one of them was a student at any of the uni-

versities in Idaho," Cowan said. "But they were willing to listen to everyone but those immediately affected."

Cowan said ASUI is hosting focus groups on the legislation to gather student opinions.

Tony Snesko, ex-Los Angeles police officer and retired private inspector, said empowering students with firearms is an important safety measure.

"We ask universities all the time, 'Why aren't your security officers armed? Why aren't they trained? What happens when people start shooting?'" Snesko said.

Snesko said there is no reason for security guards on campus, if they're not armed.

"Untrained and unarmed security guards are babysitters," Snesko said, holding up his bumper sticker. "Gun-free zones are victim zones."

Boise police officer Paul Jagosh also testified in support of the bill. He said having armed students on campus will increase safety when crimes are happening in real time.

"Police don't stop crimes, they show up after," Jagosh said.

Jagosh told the committee of a survey taken on officers in both rural and urban areas that found 86 percent of active police officers think incidences involving fatalities could have been prevented if a present law-abiding citizen had been armed.

"Listen to the experts — we deal with guns on a daily basis," Jagosh said. "We're the ones who train for it. We believe it's a good bill."

Deanna Sailor, an employee at BSU and concealed weapons permit holder said pushing the bill forward is a scary step for students and parents alike.

"I'm coming to you as a parent ... I'm speaking from the heart," Sailor said. "I just don't see how it's logical or responsible to have guns on campus."

Sailor said she has put five years into training how to best handle her weapon and how to disarm an aggravated shooter, but couldn't imagine the stress of being responsible if other lives were at stake. She said police are trained on when and when not to shoot — training that can't be done well with just one permit class.

Communications and Legislative Affairs Officer for the State Board of

Education Marilyn Whitney testified against the bill. She said the policy would fracture an already beneficial set of policies for students.

"Our collective campuses are among the safest place in our society," Whitney said. "This is true even though most college student are at the ages to most likely engage in violence. The reality is that America's and Idaho's colleges and universities are exceptionally safe places."

Gary Margolis, longtime police officer and security professional, said this bill will not improve safety. Margolis works within a firm that specializes in evaluating factors that go into creating unsafe environments, especially academic environments. He said his firm has worked with schools following mass shootings, and has also helped institutions adopt firearms laws that do increase safety.

Through his experience studying the affects of firearms in the college environment, he said two things have become clear — students are generally safer than the outside population, and firearms are rarely involved in on-campus crimes.

"This bill is likely to have no positive effect on campus safety," Margolis said. "Stats continue to show that students are safer on campus than off. There's no evidence that they show guns make campuses any safer."

Margolis said students with guns are more likely to create an unsafe environment for themselves and fellow students.

"This bill would be creating an environment inconsistent with quality education," Margolis said.

UI has an official police substation to store guns just off campus, but not all universities share similar setups — some colleges don't offer firearm storage facilities at all. He said students often begin to store them in cars or in residence halls, and the issue has then shifted from security to theft.

"There are many practical issues — theft is the most prevalent crime on campuses today," Margolis said. "A lethal force option may not be the best tool for our campuses."

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DEFICIT

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As a result, Ickes and the UI Budget Office were able to retrieve about \$975,000 from the "Tier I" Retiree Health Program and effectively resolve the deficit.

Ickes said he was pleased with how the deficit was managed, because otherwise it would have been protocol to pull from the central reserves to fill the hole, which he said the university doesn't like to do. Last year, the university covered a \$2.6 million deficit with funds from the reserves.

Similar deficit issues are foreseeable in future years, Ickes said, because of the reduced number of credits needed to graduate — from a total of 128 credits to 120. Ickes said the requirement change allows students to graduate faster and accounts for some of the enrollment decline.

"This year, we were sort of caught by surprise because it was the first graduation and we didn't know what to expect," Ickes said. "It may mean we need to reduce our expectations on tuition coming in, but we'll know the overall affect the graduation credit change has had on revenue by watching closely the next three years."

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Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes discusses how the university fixed a projected deficit of \$1.4 million this year. This is the second year that UI has faced a budget deficit. There was a \$2.6 million deficit last year.

JAZZ

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What changed?

After longtime festival Executive Director Lynn "Doc" Skinner retired in 2006, the University of Idaho did a financial re-examination of Jazz Fest, and concluded that it needed to cut back funding and become more transparent, said John Clayton, artistic director of Jazz Fest.

He said after the re-examination, Jazz Fest was unable to hire the same amount of artists as it had in previous years.

As a result, Jazz Fest has seen a decline in the number of featured artists performing in the past 12 years — down from 43 artists in 2001 to just 17 in 2013.

Cami McClure, executive director of Jazz Fest from 2006-2011, is now an administration and business affairs operations officer at UI. She said the festival was in debt and struggling financially when she took the position in 2006, and the re-examination was done to decrease the festival budget. She said the re-examination served to make Jazz Fest a break-even event that was not heavily subsidized by UI.

"The festival was huge before, there were a lot of expenses that we were not able to capture revenues for," McClure said.

McClure said she was part of a group of UI administrators who looked at ways to cut expenses by reducing the amount of featured artists, and explored strategies to increase revenue. She said the group included Interim Provost and former Dean of the College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences, Katherine Aiken, Clayton and the Jazz Fest board.

McClure said oversight of Jazz Fest moved from the provost's office to CLASS, after Skinner retired.

Steve Remington, current festival director, said the festival has also declined in scope due to multiple external factors that make it harder for schools and fans to attend

— such as the 2008 recession and shrinking band budgets.

"It's a tremendous fundraising effort that the school has to do to bring a band, or a choir, in order to get the students here," Remington said.

Remington said schools have to fundraise large amounts of money due to high travel fees to and from the festival, not because of registration fees. He said the decrease in the number of students has had a large impact on concert attendance and ticket revenue, because schools are the primary ticket purchasers.

Participating schools purchased 47 percent of the gross ticket revenue in 2012, and 57 percent in 2011.

Other large regional festivals have also experienced a decrease in size and scope due to the same external economic factors faced by UI.

The Reno Jazz Festival, an educational event put on by the University of Nevada, Reno, also saw a decrease in overall attendance directly after the financial recession, said Chris Money, assistant director of programming for the school of the arts at UNR. He said although the Reno Jazz Festival has not reached pre-recession attendance numbers, it is seeing a gradual increase in overall attendance and participating schools.

Remington said all civic events go through cycles of growth and change that continually redefine the event.

Across the board budget cuts in Idaho public schools have prevented many schools from coming to Jazz Fest, Clayton said.

"Time after time, we hear more and more people saying, 'we just don't have the money to bring our students this year,'" Clayton said.

Clayton said many band directors would still like attend the festival, but they do not have the funds or fundraising capabilities to raise funds.

A new Jazz Fest

Although Jazz Fest has decreased in

size, Clayton said he is focused on the quality of Jazz Fest, and the educational benefits for students.

"Anybody who starts trying to look at quantity, in terms of student participation, for my money, they are barking up the wrong tree," Clayton said.

Remington agreed, and said he is more concerned with enhancing the student experience at the festival than growing it. He said Jazz Fest continues to offer a wide array of workshops, and with the lower numbers, is able to give students more specialized attention.

McClure said there was a shift in the type of feature artists that were invited to the festival, when Clayton took over as artistic director. She said Clayton brought in a significant amount of young talented artists to Jazz Fest and that had not been done before.

"We didn't hire him to do exactly the same thing, we wanted to see the festival move forward, and that's what John did," McClure said.

Clayton said through his connections within the jazz community and his busy touring schedule, he is able to find new artists to bring to Jazz Fest.

Richard said Jazz Fest used to attract living jazz legends that he and his students would be excited to see. However after the change in festival direction, he said he was disappointed with the selection.

Remington said Skinner loved to bring in the stars of the jazz world, however, Clayton invites artists that share his love and vision of music. He said Clayton chooses artists that are strong role models for students, and can educate students in a meaningful way.

"He only brings in artists that he feels are going to add to a feeling of family and that play in a spirit of love and non-competition," Remington said.

Community impact

Gina Taruscio, executive director of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, said any decline in a UI program will result in less revenue for local businesses. She said Jazz

Fest is an important event for downtown Moscow, because it brings in extra revenue from visiting schools and jazz fans.

"People are down in the community more, and that is a beautiful thing," Taruscio said.

Taruscio said although the festival is smaller, UI has done a good job of incorporating the Moscow community into Jazz Fest by holding after-hour jam sessions at many of the local restaurants and coffee shops downtown.

Taruscio said Jazz Fest increases revenue for all businesses in Moscow, but especially local restaurants and hotels.

Melanie Zimmer, director of sales for the University Inn, said Jazz Fest has a large impact for the hotel community in Moscow. She said the University Inn continues to sell out during the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Jazz Fest week, because of the visiting artists and students.

Zimmer said Jazz Fest is a key event for the University Inn, because it provides a substantial revenue increase in mid-February.

Remington said he understands that many community members have fond memories of the former festival, but is confident Jazz Fest can be an event that has significance to the Moscow community for years to come.

"There will be people who feel a sense of loss when there is a change, there's also an equal number of people who come forward and embrace new ways of doing things," Remington said.

Richard said he will always have fond memories of the festival he grew up with, but he does not think he will attend the festival anytime soon.

"People ask me if it bothered me when my streak was broken, well I said, what bothers me is that it's not worthwhile going to the festival," Richard said.

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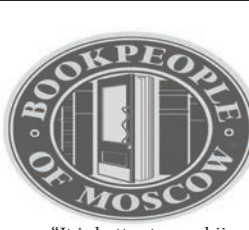
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SPORTS



Idaho women's tennis moved to 5-1 with win over Fresno State Thursday in Pullman.

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Idaho associate head coach Jordan Green has numerous responsibilities on a Vandal team that's 10-1 in WAC play.

Quiet consistency

Jordan Green spends countless hours making Idaho's women's basketball team better

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Idaho coach Jon Newlee rarely goes through an interview without mentioning his associate head coach, Jordan Green.

Newlee's Vandal women's basketball team is on the hunt for its second straight WAC title and second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. Much of that success can be contributed to Green — a quiet but hardworking coach, according to his fellow coaches and players.

Green's duties range from helping coordinate recruiting, travel and scouting opponents, to coaching Idaho's post players and being the brain behind Idaho's defense.

"He's very busy man, he does a lot of stuff," Newlee said. "I know what that's like. I was an assistant myself for 17 years at Division I before I got a head job and it can be thankless work at times. I don't think people really understand how valuable assistants can be."

Green has been on Newlee's staff for three years at Idaho, although this is his first season as associate head coach. He also worked for Newlee from 2004-08 at Idaho State University. Newlee and Green are also joined by assistants Christa Sanford and Kristi Zeller on this 2013-14 Vandal squad.

"I think the biggest thing I do is just try to assist Jon in his vision for

the program," Green said. "I've been with him for quite a few years now, so I kind of know what he wants. So my job is basically I want to make his job easier. I know his system well enough now that, without him even being here, I know 95 percent of the time what he would want."

Green said he tries to be a second pair of eyes for Newlee on the court. As the recruiting coordinator, Green said he tries to bring in players that he knows will fit Newlee's style and personality. Idaho only recruits three or four players each year, so the process is selective.

"That is one of my biggest goals and jobs is making sure that he (Newlee) gets to see the right people and we can recruit the right people," Green said.

Green also spends hours in the film room cutting down film of every opponent into shorter pieces that he can show the team, he said. He also tries to stay ahead on scouting opponents, because the Vandals have a Thursday-Saturday game schedule — leaving only one day between the two games each week.

"Every single game that we have that we've played, they watch," Newlee said.

On the court, Green focuses on coaching the post players and the defensive side of the ball, while Newlee

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Photos by Philip Vukelich | Argonaut
Vandal guard Stacey Barr drives toward the basket during Idaho's 79-60 loss against CSU Bakersfield Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum.

Bakersfield runs away from Idaho

Roadrunners bring physicality, athleticism to Idaho's first conference loss of the season

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

He called it the thousand-yard stare — the tenseness, the back-of-the-mind thinking about the 10-game winning streak that replaced the loose demeanor the conference-leading Vandals usually come into a game with.

Now, undefeated in conference play no more, Idaho coach Jon Newlee saw his fears come to fruition Thursday night in the Cowan Spectrum with his women's basketball team falling to 10-1 in Western Athletic Conference play after losing to Bakersfield 79-60.

"Just blank, the thousand yard stare, I call it," Newlee said. "There was too many of them that had that stare, and they don't play well with that stare. They're better off laughing and joking in the locker room."

Idaho saw a familiar scene play out on the court, except

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Cold shooting streak continues on road



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut
Idaho forward Stephen Madison drives to the hoop Feb. 6 in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals snapped a two-game winning streak Thursday against Cal State-Bakersfield, losing 76-67.

Vandals can't improve on their winning streak, lose to CSUB 76-67

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

After an emotional 70-63 overtime win last week against Texas Pan-American, the Idaho men's basketball team failed to improve on its season-best two-game winning streak, when it lost to Cal State-Bakersfield 76-67 Thursday night.

"They just played harder than we did. I thought they set up shop and went inside and we couldn't get them stopped," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "They absolutely kicked our tail on the boards in the second half and for what ever reason we didn't play as hard as we needed to."

CSUB's Aly Ahmed with 13 rebounds and Brandon Barns with 10 rebounds, led the way for the Roadrunners, who out rebounded the Vandals 42 to 31.

"They absolutely kicked our tail on the boards in the second half,"

Verlin said. "We didn't step up and guard Ahmed and Brandon Barns, they did exactly what we thought they would do. They're physical guys, they rebound and drive the ball to the basket."

The Vandals got off to a slow start, falling behind 12-2 to start the game.

Right from the opening tip, Verlin thought they didn't play well. He saw them improve for a 10-15 minute span, but when the heat of the game went up, they didn't respond, Verlin said.

Much like their last game, the Vandals struggled to shoot the ball. Shooting a measly 43.1 percent from the floor and 25 percent from 3-point.

Stephen Madison led the Vandals with 18 points, but he was 0-5 from 3-point, 7-15 from the field and 4-7 from the free-throw line.

"For lack of a better term, they just lined up and took us out back to the woods and whooped us," Verlin said.

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Sports briefs

Track and field freshman earns first WAC honor

Idaho freshman Arphaxad Carroll nabbed his first-career Western Athletic Conference Men's Field Athlete of the Week award, following strong performances in the Vandals' home meets Friday and Saturday at the Kibbie Dome. Carroll, from Las Vegas, won the long jump with a jump of 23 feet, 5.5 inches and finished third in the triple jump with a mark of 46-7.25. He then picked up a win in Saturday's triple jump, leaping 46-1.25 — good enough for fourth in the WAC this season.

Ramos Salazar named WAC Player of the Week

The Vandal men's tennis team kept its WAC Player of the Week streak alive when junior Cristobal Ramos Salazar earned the honor for the week of Feb. 3-9. Idaho players have now claimed all six weekly or monthly tennis honors given out by the conference in 2013-14. Ramos Salazar, originally from Hermosillo, Mexico, was 4-0 in matches against Washington and San Francisco — contests that Idaho lost as a team. The junior won 8-5 at the No. 1 doubles position against UW, partnering with Jose Bendek. At No. 4 singles, he won in straight sets, beating the Huskies' Jeff Hawke 6-2, 6-3. Previously, he had singles success against USEF, beating opponent Rich Van

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Galina Bykova and Rita Bermudez prepare to receive a serve at the match in Pullman against Fresno State Thursday. The Vandals moved to 5-1 on the season with a 4-3 victory over the Bulldogs.

Vandals steal victory

Idaho women's tennis continues winning streak with battle, close win over Fresno State

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

With the match in her hands and the entire team watching, Belen Barcenilla knew she had to make a big play.

"I had a feeling this morning that I was going to play the last point," Barcenilla said. "We have been waiting for this type of win for the whole semester."

Barcenilla battled back from being down 4-2 in the second set and the Idaho women's tennis team gained a 4-3 victory against the Fresno State Bulldogs in Pullman.

"A big thing we talked about is the opportunity to play against team that's played some great competition and had some great wins," Idaho

coach Jeff Beaman said. "The girls understood how they needed to play after seeing the other girls play."

Victoria Lozano and doubles partner Almudena Sanz won their match to give the Vandals the early lead.

Lozano then beat the Bulldogs' Sophie Watts 7-6, 2-6, 6-1 in an intense No. 1 singles match. She led the Vandals to their fifth straight victory, after being swept by Washington State in their opening match.

After the teams traded two sets apiece, Lozano defeated Watts in singles play to put the Vandals on top 3-2.

In the final and deciding match, Barcenilla stormed back to force a third set after being down 4-2 in the

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A big thing we talked about is the opportunity to play against team that's played some great competition and had some great wins.

Jeff Beaman, coach

second. She won the third set 6-2 to seal the victory for Idaho.

"We are playing like a team," Barcenilla said. "We know that this is our season. We have great players. If I didn't have my teammates on the floor watching, I couldn't have won. It's me and them."

"They competed well," Beaman said. "This is college tennis — so much of it is the effort and what you put into it."

Idaho has another match at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Pullman against Utah State.

"They're a tough team, especially at the upper positions," Beaman said. "It is college tennis and they could surprise you."

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A salute for Sam

Missouri player makes huge stride with an even bigger decision

Missouri defensive end Michael Sam is months away from learning his NFL Draft fate and already, he's made a bigger impact on the league with millions and millions of people tuning in every Sunday, than most do throughout a career.

Sam's act of bravery has the NFL world spinning. Analysts ponder whether or not the co-SEC Defensive Player of the Year will plummet in draft stock, while players weigh the idea of sharing a locker room with an openly gay player.

New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma addressed that scenario last week.

"Imagine if he's the guy next to me and I get dressed, naked, the whole nine and it just so happens he looks at me. How am I supposed to respond?" Vilma said during an interview with NFL Network.

It's ill advised and ignorant to assume that all gay men think you're attractive. Yet it's even more selfish to assume that the NFL players, coaches, front office personnel and fans are the affected group at this moment, because a few have yet to warm up to the idea of a homosexual defensive end.

For Sam, it's the beginning of a journey that is sure to knock him in the face a couple of times. Yet, with the strength he's displayed thus far, there's no doubt he'll be able to pick himself back up.

Sam's landmark decision is one that came one year after mustering the courage to come out to his teammates at the University of Missouri. Mizou responded with its best season in school history — one that saw the Tiger defense, anchored by Sam, allow just more than 10 points per game in its final four SEC regular-season contests.

And to think, NFL officials anticipate that Sam's "circus"

will serve as a distraction for whichever team selects him.

Though their situations aren't comparable, the same was said about San Diego Chargers linebacker Manti Te'o, the

ex-Notre Dame star who was caught in the middle of a hoax regarding an ex-girlfriend of Te'o's.

Sam Diego and

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Sam's courage has surely alleviated the pressure that gay athletes at every level have experienced as our nation moves into an age of acceptance.

its new linebacker watched the talk blow over and the Chargers rode into the regular season with a single distraction — Te'o's foot injury.

NBA player Jason Collins made an announcement similar to Sam's last April, coming out as the first openly gay athlete in American professional sports.

That news, too, has died down.

With months until the Draft, there's little Sam can do to raise his stock. His SEC Player of the Year honor speaks for itself, as do his 11 sacks playing against the best offensive lines in the nation.

His impact on an NFL defense is just as unpredictable.

Yet even if Sam isn't an every-down type of player at the next level, even if his NFL career spans just three years on the sideline, his influence will last as long as any single-game sack record every will.

Sam's courage has surely alleviated the pressure that gay athletes at every level have experienced as our nation moves into an age of acceptance. Now, we can only hope that this kind of announcement is but a murmur years down the road, rather than an international phenomenon.

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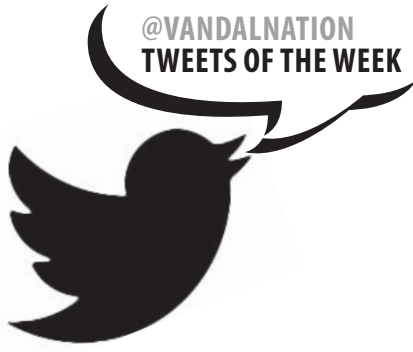
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-Director of Athletics Rob Spear congratulating Stephen Madison on winning his fourth WAC Player of the Week Honor.



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Warmer temperatures currently than many Southern cities including San Antonio and Atlanta. Excited to practice outside today!

#govandals

-Idaho women's golf getting excited when the snow melted and they were able to hit the course to practice.



@CoachDPittman

Got to see @VandalsSoccer workout for the first time this morning. Excited about the future of this program! #GoVandals #timetowork

-Idaho women's soccer coach Derek Pittman tweeting after he worked out with the team for the first time.



Philip Vukelich | Argonaut

Idaho freshman Zac Homer competes in the shot put Saturday, Jan. 25, in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals leave the Palouse for the first time this season when they travel to Seattle for the Husky Classic this weekend.

Track and field finally hits road

Curtis Ginnetti
Argonaut

While most collegiate teams would not consider the drive from Moscow to Seattle a long distance to travel, it's the longest road trip of the season for the Idaho track and field team. The Vandals make the approximately 300-mile trip to the Husky Classic on Friday and Saturday, after having every meet this season in either Moscow or Pullman.

According to Director of Track and Field Wayne Phipps, the reason that the team has stayed in close vicinity is because UI and WSU are the only two full indoor facilities that can support a full collegiate competition.

Phipps said it is difficult for some athletes to make the transition onto WSU's smaller 200-meter indoor track compared to Idaho's full-length track.

This weekend will be a departure from the proximity, as the team heads to the University of Washington.

According to Phipps, this is the only other school in the Pacific Northwest region, besides Eastern Washington in Cheney, Wash., that has an acceptable facility.

The streak of improvements and multiple wins each meet may continue this weekend in Seattle, despite the trip. Historically, Idaho has done well at the Husky Classic winning three events last year. The highlights from last year's meet include senior Hannah Kiser breaking her own WAC record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9

minutes 4.74 seconds.

Idaho also had senior Kyle Rothwell hit a career-best throw of 62 feet, 10 inches in the weight throw. The final win came in the 4x400 relay where senior Andrew Bloom, junior Ben Ayesu-Attah and sophomores Ian Middleton and Blake Gerling won with a time of 3:15.54.

The Husky Classic will start at 4 p.m Friday with the women's weight throw.

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BAKERSFIELD
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that it was flipped on them instead. Bakersfield had a double-digit lead less than eight minutes into the game and Idaho never really got close, trailing 15 points at halftime and eventually falling by 19.

The players were less certain than their coach that the pressure of an undefeated season got to them, although the situation was still unprecedented for them.

"It's not a position we've been in before, that's the truth. We should be able to handle the pressure with how many experienced players we have on this team," senior post Alyssa Charlston said. "For any team that's kind of going to get into your head a little bit. The pressure of not only the community but the media and everybody hyping it up."

Prior to Thursday night,

the wins were piling up for Idaho — most with ease. In fact, a trip to Bakersfield, which yielded a 27-point victory, was one of many easy wins for this Vandal team that cruised to 10-0 with only one game within single-digits at the final buzzer.

The historic run caught up to them.

"Without a doubt, we've been feeling that, the team's been feeling that, we're a much looser group on the road for whatever reason," Newlee said. "Better now than Las Vegas (in the conference tournament), I do know that. I do know if we would have continued to keep winning, we might not have been able to get out of the locker room in Las Vegas. The world didn't end because we lost, we're still a game up."

What arose on Thursday night, instead of more history, were questions that will surely

have to be answered if Idaho runs into Bakersfield in the WAC Tournament. The Roadrunners dominated Idaho on the inside, blocking four shots and deflecting many more. Bakersfield held Idaho to 18 points in the paint and keeping the superb post-duo of Charlston and freshman Ali Forde to only 17 combined points on 28-percent shooting. Forde had only two of those points on the night.

As a team, Idaho only shot 26-percent — barely better if the statistics were modified for the shots Idaho took in the last two minutes down 18 points.

It was athleticism and a defense that lulled Idaho into bad decisions in one-on-one match-ups that did the Vandals in.

"Defensively, we can't let them get that deep, because that's when they can really use it to their advantage," Charlston said. "We are a

better shooting team, but they are very good at getting you into the lane, getting you off-balance and making those dumb passes down-low."

History is still available for Idaho, even it won't be an undefeated history. Still a game up on Bakersfield in the loss column, a No. 1 seed in the conference tournament provides Idaho with the best opportunity to make it to back-to-back NCAA Tournaments.

Bakersfield, a likely No. 2 seed in next month's conference tournament might stand in the way of that.

"Now that we split, if we see them in WAC, there will be sure a lot of getting back at it, wanting to get back against them," junior guard Christina Salvatore said. "I guess, yeah, like a Seattle (type rivalry) you could say."

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BRIEFS
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Hout 6-2, 6-2. Bendeck earned the WAC Player of the Month award in September and October and was Player of the Week in January. Artemiy Nikitin won Player of the Month in November and Odon Barta was Player of the Week, earlier this month.

Madison grabs fourth honor

Idaho senior Stephen Madison was named WAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week, his fourth time winning the honor this season. Madison, who currently is the leagues' second-leading scorer

and rebounder, averaged 23.0 points, 10.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists in the Vandals' two home wins. In a win against league favorite New Mexico State, Madison recorded 24 points, eight rebounds and two steals. He added 22 points, 13 rebounds and two assists against Texas-Pan American, and hit a 3-pointer with nine seconds remaining to send the Vandals into overtime.

"I look at these as team awards and it was good for Stephen to win WAC Player of the Week for the fourth time and I couldn't be happier for him — but I'm also happy for our team with two wins," Idaho coach Don Verlin said.

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coaches the offense. Under his watch, Idaho's starting posts Alyssa Charlston and Ali Forde have combined for 24.4 points per game, 14.9 rebounds per game and 75 blocks so far this season.

"Jordan (Green) does a lot behind the scenes that people don't see," Charlston said. "Coach (Newlee) obviously runs the program and makes really big decisions. But what Jordan is going through now is kind of what you have to go through to get to that head coaching spot, and we can all see that Jordan is definitely capable of being a head coach. I can credit so much of my success to what Jordan has done for this program."

Green has been interested in basketball since he was old enough dribble a ball, he said. He was exposed to basketball at a young age, since his dad was an eighth grade basketball coach. Green went on to play basketball

in college at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., where he was a three-time team captain.

Green originally wanted to be a high school coach and teacher, but he couldn't pass up opportunities to coach at the collegiate level, he said. Green's stops include assistant spots at Seattle U and Idaho State before joining Newlee at Idaho.

Now, Green, Newlee and the Vandals continue their near-perfect WAC season in pursuit of a second straight WAC Championship.

"It's an amazing job to work with Jon and Christa and Kristi. They're an amazing coaching staff," Green said. "It's a blessing to come to work every day. It's also a blessing to come work with this team. They're truly one of the best teams I've been around and I love showing up to work every day."

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STREAK
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The Vandals will need to regroup fast. They will head to Orem, Utah, on Saturday to take on the leaders in the Western Athletic Conference, Utah Valley.

Despite being the leaders, Utah Valley will come into this game with a chip on its shoulder as it lost to Seattle U on Thursday night 71-57.

"Best team in the league right now, sitting on top of the standings and they got handed it to them tonight," Verlin said. "So we're going to get them when they're mad, and an irritated Utah Valley team. We're going to have to step up and play some good basketball."

Idaho lost its first meeting on Jan. 16 to Utah Valley in Moscow, 71-66.

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OUR VIEW

The waning sound of music

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival lacks funds, attendees

The University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival brings thousands of students, educators and community members to campus every year. Yet, as a result of funding cuts and artistic decisions, it may cease to exist in 10 years.

In 2005, main stage concert attendance was at 14,405, but that number dropped nearly in half with only 7,257 attendees in 2013. Student participation has experienced an even larger decrease — from 11,290 to 3,800 in the same time period. Considering most of these people come from out of town and contribute heavily to Moscow's economy, that drop is astronomical.

The reasons for cutting back on funding were reasonable enough. Jazz Fest was a proverbial money pit, offering very little revenue in return for a large expense. The event is primarily educational, offering UI and high school and middle school students the

opportunity to attend workshops from professional musicians and UI's music professors.

On the same note, schools — which make up a large portion of Jazz Fest attendees — have seen state funding cuts and have started to weigh the worth-whileness of attending Jazz Fest and spending large portions of their budgets to do so.

Additionally, the focus shifted to featuring less well-known performers as opposed to big name artists. While this gives those artists a great opportunity, it also makes the decision for regional high schools much easier — spending the money to make the trip to Moscow isn't worth it without the opportunity to see well-known performers.

At a land-grant university that values research and STEM education over liberal arts, there is immense value in keeping Jazz Fest alive. It is the largest campus event focused on music and the arts that

happens all year — not to mention one that once claimed itself the largest jazz event west of the Mississippi River.

We are an educational institution. It is our duty to the public and future generations to continue to promote art and culture. We need to start working toward continuing to attract regional high schools and giving those students a chance to further their own musical education — as they continue on into college and beyond.

UI had made its decision to have a smaller, regional festival that it can afford. And that just isn't going to have the same kind of draw that it used to. We have to live with that reality and unless drastic changes are made, it will be the reality for the foreseeable future.

That being said, we as a campus community need to continue to show support for this longstanding celebration of culture and art that our university has, thus far, preserved.

-KM

Mailbox

Self defense is a human right

The Idaho Legislature is considering a proposed law to allow the concealed carry of firearms on campuses throughout the state. The State Board of Education, Interim President Don Burnett and the University of Idaho Faculty Senate have expressed opposition to the bill and have made a coordinated appeal for continued local control.

What do they mean by local control? Currently, the very people who object to this new law determine university policy on firearms. Appointed officials, like the Board of Education and the Interim President, are not our representatives. When the State Board of Education, Interim President Don Burnett and the UI Faculty Senate say the proposed law will undermine local control, they are really saying it will undermine their control.

Critics claim limited rigorous empirical research does not show firearms make colleges safer. If this is true, research also does not demonstrate banning firearms on campus enhances safety. The reality is that shootings are carried out on campuses — despite policy banning firearms.

Those who oppose the proposed law claim that lawfully concealed firearms on campus may complicate a crisis situation for law enforcement. Lawfully carried firearms do not somehow become a greater risk once they are brought on campus. If properly trained law enforcement is capable of handling legally concealed firearms in off-campus situations, they can surely apply the same training on campus.

Some have expressed concerns about a potentially dangerous mix of alcohol and firearms. Per Idaho Code 18-3302B, it is illegal to carry a concealed firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If university policies can protect students from the scourge of drunken gunslingers, why can't Idaho law?

Critics say that concealed firearms on campus will disrupt student learning. Hundreds of lawfully concealed firearms carried in Latah County go unnoticed. These firearms are just as undetectable on campus. How can a student be disrupted by what they do not know is present?

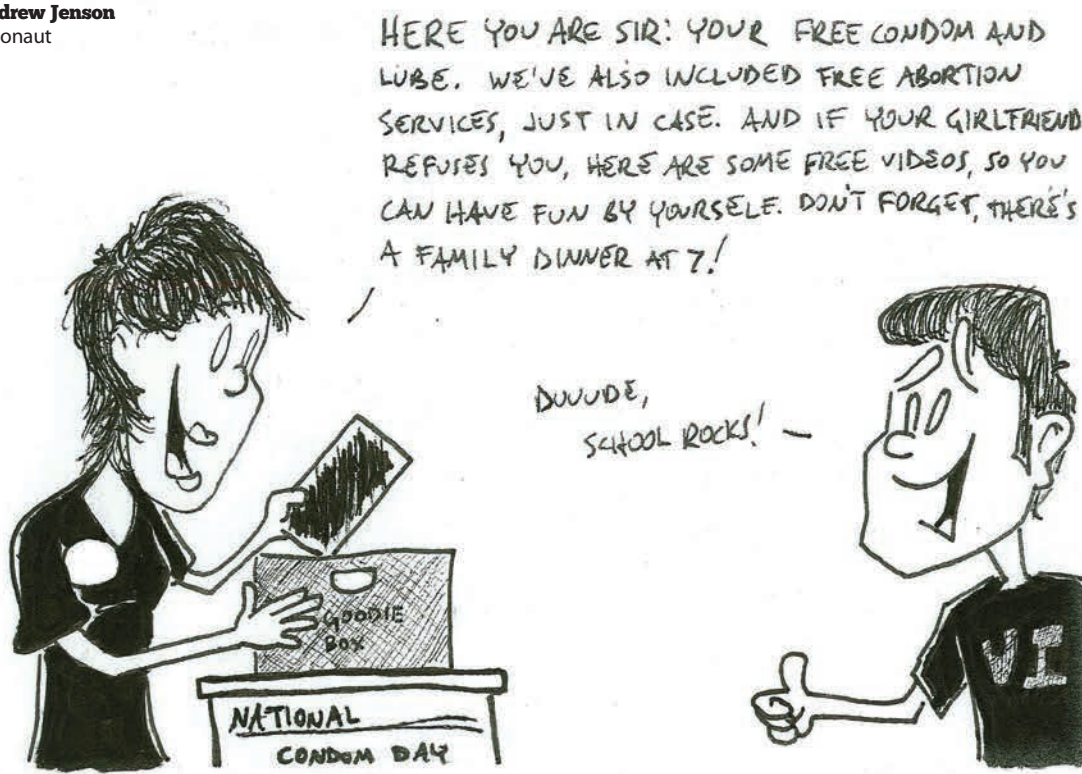
Current university policy will not prevent a criminal from using a gun on campus. It does, however, create victims and denies law-abiding citizens their fundamental human right to self-defense that is protected in by the Second Amendment of our Constitution. Many veterans have died to secure this right and it should not be infringed upon.

-Jeff Ford

Retired U.S. Air Force Captain



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A new kind of Valentine's

The F-Word



Kaitlin Moroney Argonaut

A column on society and culture from a feminist perspective

The global activist movement "V-Day," started by activist and playwright Eve Ensler, takes place on ... you guessed it ... today. Valentine's Day.

The day aims to raise awareness toward ending violence against women, and is marked by film screenings, flash mobs and performances of "The Vagina Monologues," the University of Idaho version of which took place last week.

But there was another aspect to the V-Day movement that began around its 10-year anniversary in 2008. That is "V-Men," a virtual and physical

space by men, for men and about men as they relate to the effort to end violence against women. Considering that a large majority of perpetrators are male, this is an incredibly important addition to the movement.

Men have a place in feminism and the V-Day movement. Because so many perpetrators are male, men are the most important key to ending violence against women.

It's important for men to realize, though, that just because they may not go around raping and hitting women, they can become complicit in a culture of gendered violence by staying silent.

Men need to have a voice in this, but they also need to tread gently around issues that so horrifically affect many women today.

Violence against women is a huge issue, not only in our country, but globally.

As with any form of injustice, if we are not actively working against something, we are complicit in it.

This doesn't mean everyone needs to go out and start a women's shelter or lobby to pass

“Men have a place in feminism and the V-Day movement.”

legislation, but everyone can incorporate moments of prevention in their everyday lives.

UI's own Vandal Green Dot program is one resource students can utilize to get helpful ideas on how to work toward ending violence against women in their own lives.

Until that time comes, here is how everyone — but especially men — can become actively involved in ending violence against women.

Be aware
Don't comment on your feminist friend's statuses about rape and violence statistics with snarky or dismissive comments. Take the time to educate yourself and interact with this topic in a sensitive way. As mature adults, we should all do our part to recognize areas we can improve, and

ways we can work to better our culture and society. Snarky dismissiveness of serious issues doesn't do that.

Speak up
People make rape jokes. Men make rape jokes. Don't make rape jokes. And if your friends are hanging out and someone throws out a rape joke or a joke that makes light of gender-based violence, call him or her out on it. No need to be rude, but a simple "not cool, dude" will suffice. And hey, maybe it will spark a discussion.

Get involved
ASUI President Max Cowan directed "The Vagina Monologues" this year and received a "Vagina Warrior" award from the UI Women's Center.

Cowan is a prime example of a man who has taken his role in ending violence against women very seriously, and kudos to him for that. While not everyone needs to be as involved as that, we can all do something. A male friend of mine volunteered for one night during the

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Academic

I'm slowly transforming into a good student this semester. Where was this seven semesters ago?

-Andrew

The single buzz

Thanks BuzzFeed for telling me the truth about why I'm single. I should have known that I'm "too perfect" and "like a sculpture by Leonardo Divinci." Problem solved.

-Emily

Too much lightroom

You know you've been doing too much editing when you start trying to use Lightroom keyboard shortcuts while browsing photo galleries on Facebook.

-Phil

Keep doubting

Just laughing at all the ignorant and uneducated naysayers who associate the word "cannot" with the U.S. men's national soccer team this summer. See you all in the knockout rounds.

-Sean

Finally

I'm getting out of Moscow for a weekend. This is going to be a good weekend to just relax and check out from school for a couple of days.

-Ricky

Pet peeve

I hate it when people are rude to any employee in the service industry. I get that you are having a bad day, but you are not the Queen of Sheba and

yelling at the cashier won't make your sandwich come any faster.

-Aleya

Spring time

The weather changed again. I wonder how long these sunny days will last in Moscow.

-Rainy

Started from the bottom...

Now I'm here. In the OTC section of the newspaper. It must be a sign I'm important or something. Well, on second thought, probably not.

-Jessica

Thai time

Looking forward to catching up with an old friend and some delicious Thai food on V-day.

-Kaitlyn

Comcast/Time Warner merger

When we look back in 15 years we will all come to the conclusion that we were living in the Wild West age of the Internet.

-Ryan

Three-day weekend

The extended weekend couldn't be coming at a better time. It will be nice to have a break and recharge, even if it's only one extra day.

-Stephan

Words of wisdom

Life isn't long enough, no matter how long you live it.

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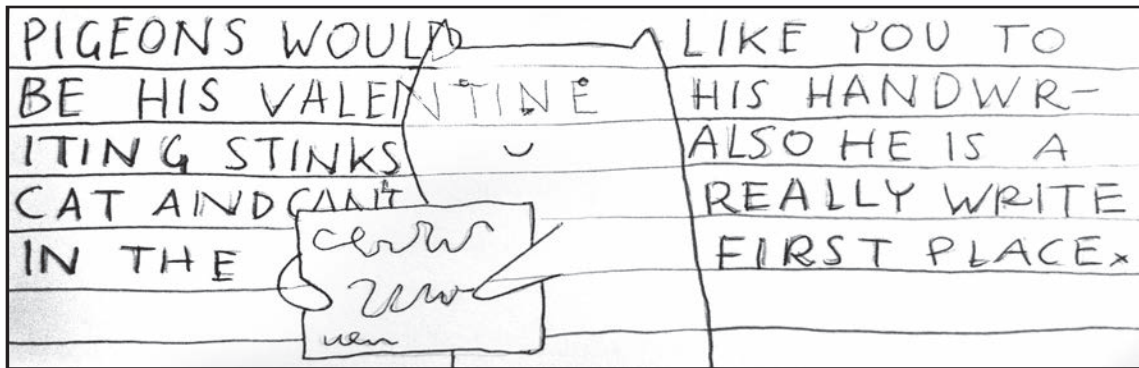
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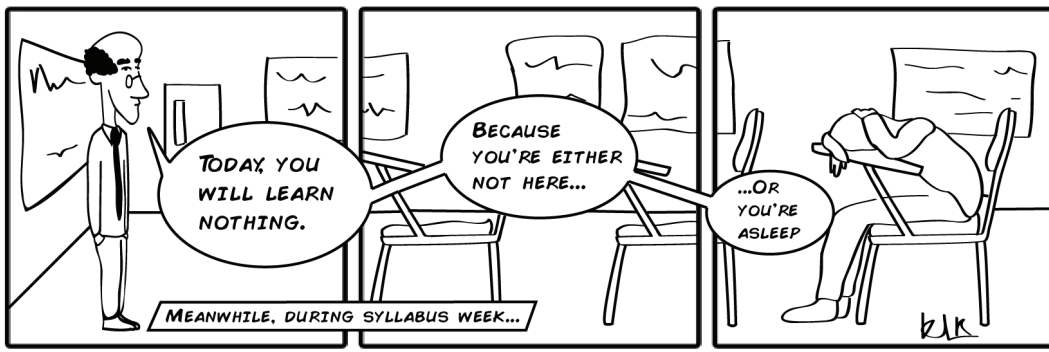
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Valentine's Day

A walk in the UI Arboretum and a dinner downtown is a solid way to spend a night with a significant other or you could watch "House of Cards." Either way, it's a win.

Special drinks

Don't be afraid to ask if your local barista has a few specialty drinks. It just might make you day.

A winning team

If you want to see a dominant UI sports team, check out the UI women's basketball team this Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

VALENTINE'S

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performance collecting tickets. Another friend of mine volunteers at Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse once a month for a few hours. Another friend of mine doesn't do much volunteer work, but he does a lot of online activism, engaging in online discussions and education. We can all do our part.

This Valentine's Day when you are spending time with your loved one, your friends or yourself, remember another V-Day. The one that aims to end gender-based violence, and the one that needs support of not only women, but men, if it is to succeed.

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