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Nixing neutrality

Net neutrality issue may impact higher ed, casual internet use

Alycia Rock
Argonaut

The Internet has been relatively unregulated since its inception, but that could now change after a federal appeals court struck down the Federal Communications Commission ruling of net neutrality Jan. 14. Now paying different prices for different Internet services is a distinct possibility.

Net neutrality intends to ensure all websites are treated the same by Internet service providers (ISPs) — namely priced the same and given the same bandwidth priority. This includes those that stream content and those that have higher traffic, like Facebook, Netflix, YouTube or Wikipedia.

“Netflix is the single biggest user of internet bandwidth in the world right now,” said Dan Ewart, chief information officer and executive director of Information Technology Services at the University of Idaho. “You can see why large corporations

don’t like net neutrality.”

Net neutrality aims to make sure ISPs treat the Internet the same as any other utility, like electricity. For example: though electricity is paid for, there is no regulation on what it is used for.

The net neutrality rule was introduced by the FCC in 2010. Those in favor say net neutrality keeps big corporations from having too much power. Those against net neutrality think businesses — like Time Warner,

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Finding financial balance

Fiscal budget hearing presents education, mental health as top issues

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee heard public testimony on the state budget Friday and limited testimony to three minutes Friday.

After more than two hours of testimony, it was evident top subjects of budget concern are employee wages, education, Medicaid expansion and mental health funding.

Donna Yule, executive di-

rector of the Idaho Public Employees Association, was first to testify. Yule urged committee members to adopt the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy’s Responsible Alternative to the Executive Budget — a separate budget developed this year by longtime government economist Mike Ferguson. The alternative budget includes more funds set aside for education, as well as a guaranteed change in employee compensation every year that includes teachers.

The alternative budget is based on the same outline used by Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s Executive Budget, but adjusts spending to reduce the

amount of money set aside in the state’s rainy day funds and instead invests in state needs.

Yule said the alternative budget will finally give state employees and teachers the recognition and reward they deserve.

“For several years now, they’ve been told they’re important to the governor and to the legislature and every year their compensation falls farther and farther behind,” Yule said.

Yule said the 2 percent salary raise recommend-

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Jessica Greene | Argonaut

Author Michael Kinziger leads one of the group games published in his book “King Frog” with students in Business 378. The students will develop a project to update the book’s design, website and social network presence.

‘King Frog’ fun

UI students help business professor meet the market

Erik Fink
Argonaut

Mike Kinziger is a retired University of Idaho professor who, along with students from the University of Idaho Business 378 Project Management class, is working to market his “King Frog” activity book.

Kinziger said his book is a resource guide for anyone working with kids or groups for the purpose of team building or recreation. The book is a compilation of what Kinziger considers to be “100 of the best group games ever played.” He said this book is a result of being a recreation teacher

for 48 years.

“For years, people have been saying ‘put together a list of all those games,’ because that’s what I have been doing for so long,” Kinziger said.

Within a few years, Kinziger has managed to sell more than 1,000 copies of his book from his home and is now looking to take things to the next level.

Cody Lewis is a business student working on the King Frog project for two classes. He is one of 20 team members from Business 378, and one of four members from his Business 415 New Venture Creation class. These classes will handle the

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Make a difference after college

Teach for America offers graduates a chance to give back, educate

Amber Emery
Argonaut

With graduation day nearing, many seniors have questions they don’t know the answers to — “Where am I going to work? Where am I going to live? How am I going to make money? What I am going to be doing with my life?”

Psychology and organizational science senior Ada Fryer doesn’t have these questions. She has a full-time job lined up after graduation with Teach for America — a program that recruits leaders to teach in low-income urban and rural communities across the United States, in an effort to solve educational inequality.

“I’m graduating in May and I will leave in

June for San Antonio, Texas,” Fryer said. “I’m going to be a teacher for TFA and be responsible for an entire classroom of elementary-aged children.”

There are still placements available for the 2014-2015 school year and applications can be completed at www.teachforamerica.org and are due Thursday.

Justin Yan, managing director of recruitment for Teach For America West, said the benefits of participating in TFA are full-time salaries, graduate school partnerships, traveling to a new place and most importantly — working for a good cause and gaining leadership skills in a service-learning program.

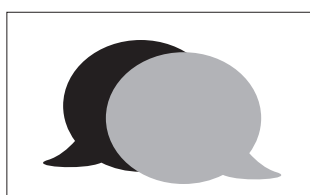
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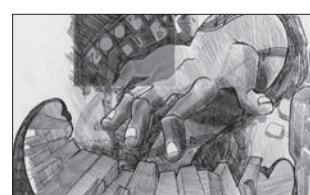
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Oven-baked mac and cheese

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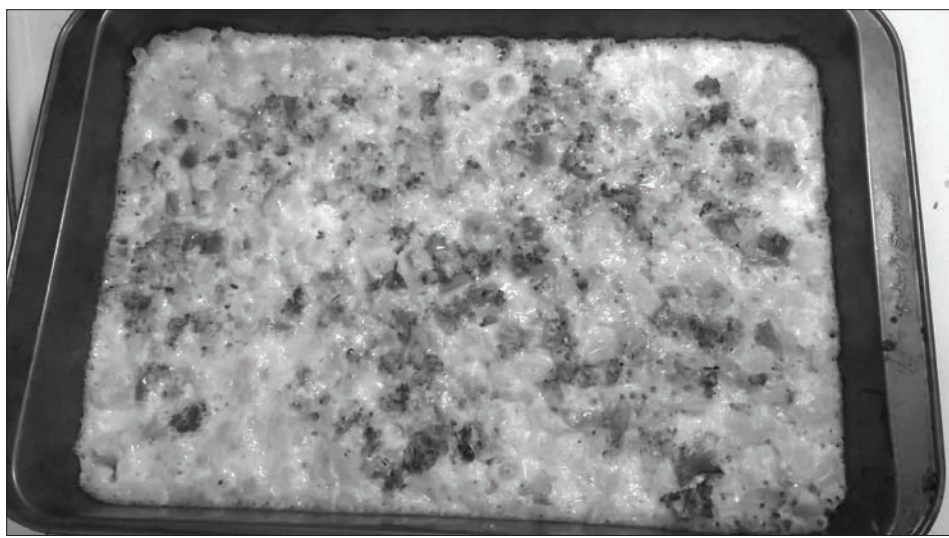
This chewy, gooey home-made macaroni and cheese is an alternative dinner for vegetarians. I threw some frozen broccoli in to add nutrients. This recipe serves five to six people. You can invite some friends over to finish this up, or simply save the leftovers for tomorrow's dinner.

Ingredients

- 1 ¾ cup uncooked macaroni
- 5 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup flour
- 3 cups shredded mild cheddar cheese
- 2 ½ cups milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups frozen broccoli

Directions

In a pot, boil macaroni until soft. Drain.



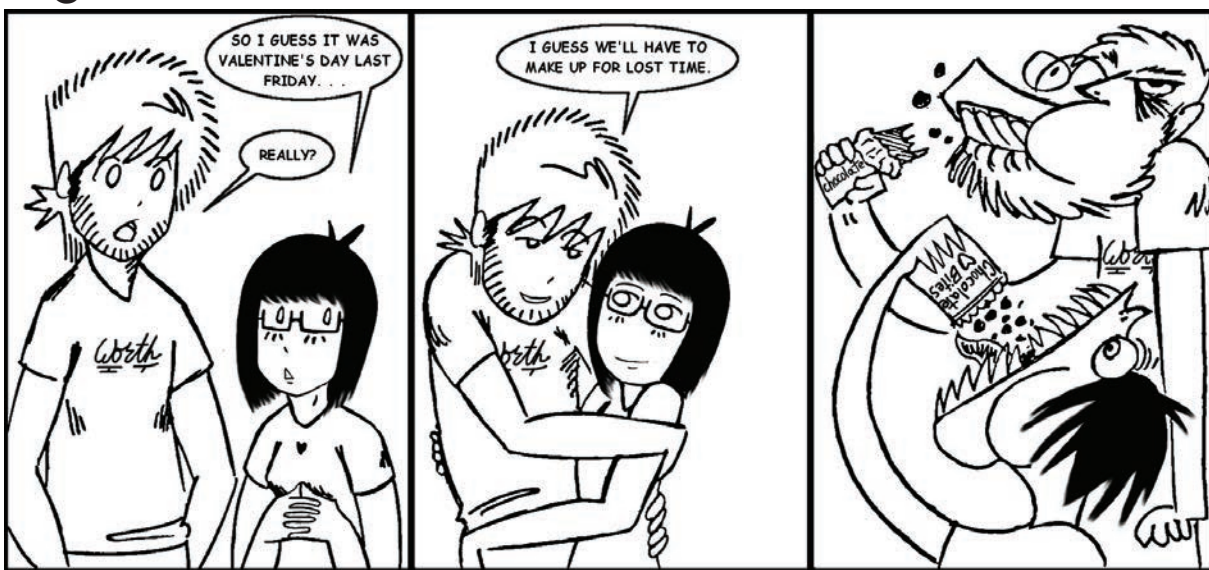
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Add 2 tablespoons butter and mix well. Set aside. Microwave frozen broccoli for about 2 minutes. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In another pot, melt the rest of the butter.

Add flour, salt, pepper. Stir well until it's thickened. Add milk, stir in medium high heat for 5-7 minutes. Set aside. Add 2 cups cheese and mix well. In a casserole dish, mix macaroni with broccoli and

the cheese sauce. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until the surface turns brown. Nurainy Darono can be reached at crumbs@uidaho.edu

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Drug trafficking scars rainforests

Researchers discover drug trafficking to be factor in Central American deforestation

Amber Evans Pinel
Argonaut

Seeing a 200-horsepower drug-trafficking boat in rural Central American communities would be the equivalent of finding a Lamborghini in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, according to Erik Nielsen, assistant professor in the School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability at Northern Arizona University, and one of the researchers behind the recently published article "Drug Policy as Conservation Policy: Narco-Deforestation."

Nielsen and Spencer Plumb, a University of Idaho doctoral student in Conservation Social Science, are part of a research team that went into Central America to research the clearing of rainforests — the results of which were unexpected.

"I did my master's work in Honduras, and so I was looking at what was driving deforestation and ways that you can create local governance that help slow deforestation," Plumb said. "So, putting control of lands back in local people's hands and indigenous communities. And while I was down there doing that research, we noticed that one of the things that looked like it was driving a lot of the deforestation was drug trafficking."

Plumb said the team saw large patches of deforestation that would be difficult for the local community to accomplish. That type of deforestation would require a lot of money and time, Plumb said. "Narco-deforestation" is a term the team coined to specifically describe the cause of the deforestation they saw: the effects of narcotic drug traffickers moving into those rural areas.

"Fundamentally what we're

talking about is deforestation in Central America — so the countries of Guatemala down through what we're really talking about is Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala — that is either directly or indirectly being driven by multiple activities by narco-traffickers," Nielsen said. "You start seeing evidence of the drug culture and the drug money and then we start asking what's causing this deforestation and everyone's saying 'los narcos,' the drug traffickers."

Plumb said when his team went to Central America, they did not know drug trafficking was a cause of deforestation.

"We didn't know that (deforestation) would be occurring at the rate that we were seeing it," Plumb said. "We knew that it was an issue and something that might be able to be addressed through some of the carbon programs that are being set up sort of internationally. So we thought it would be an interesting study to see how we might use a carbon program to fund local forest governance — that was more the focus — but we had no idea that drug trafficking was behind some of it. And certainly it's not the only driver, but it's a contributing factor."

Nielsen said they talked about the three main ways that narco-trafficking is leading to deforestation in the article.

The first is the clearing for runways and roads, so traffickers can land planes from South America in the rainforest. The second is the overall corrupting influences of narco-traffickers, and the third is the laundering of money by the traffickers by converting the rainforests into cattle pasture, Nielsen said.

"And what's really important



Nicole Tong | Argonaut

University of Idaho graduate Spencer Plumb drinks a cup of coffee in his office in the Natural Resources building. Plumb was one of the researchers on the article "Drug Policy as Conservation Policy: Narco-Deforestation." The article is available on the library website.

is the narco-traffickers are there because U.S. drug policy is chasing them, you know, from Mexico into Guatemala, from Guatemala to Honduras," Nielsen said. "So wherever we sort of push or chase the trafficking activities, they're going more and more remote out into these frontier rainforests. And you know, with this consequence of narco-deforestation."

Plumb said it's important to continue a discussion about drug intervention policies because of the social, environmental and economic costs of the drug trafficking issues.

"The (system) we have in place has significant costs, and we need to be aware of those costs in order to make an informed decision

about how to best address this situation," Plumb said. "... So we need to think strategically about what that policy should look like and consider working within the communities that are most affected. I think that's one thing that we can say is that involving local communities, and not just having strike forces or whatever come in and interdict. But working with people on the ground, being careful not to put them in harm's way, you know, involving communities is the key step."

Nielsen said that in the article they write about the need to rethink drug policy. The status quo with drug policy is a focus on outlawing and eradicating coca in the cocaine producing regions of the

world, Nielsen said. However, he said this strategy is not acceptable for the Latin American countries involved.

"So they were exploring what are the alternatives. So things like trying to reduce demand in Europe and the United States," Nielsen said "How we do that, I'm not exactly sure, that's not really an area of specialty. But focusing on more of the demand side than the supply side is kind of a major theme in the world of drug policy right now."

The article written by Nielsen and Plumb is available on the University of Idaho library website.

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Modern living downtown

Turnstone Flats LLC, "green" living, business space, now open in downtown Moscow

Danielle Wiley
Argonaut

A new apartment complex, Turnstone Flats LLC, is an energy efficient and historic building that offers its residents a convenient downtown location, beautifully designed space and a welcoming community. Or at least that's what the building's designers and landlords were hoping to create when they purchased the building.

The building was built in 1936 by the founder of Psychiana, a mail-order based religion, and was considered Moscow's finest building. Throughout the years, the building lost business and structural integrity was put on the market at a low price. That's when two creative minds came together and bought the building.

Elizabeth Graff and John Dunn started their project in 2011 when Dunn needed to relocate his land surveying company. Graff and Dunn had worked together before on similar projects.

"It's always been a life work dream to do some development downtown, where I really believe the core of energy, creativity and uniqueness is," Graff said. "We were both full time in our separate careers and we came together to start Turnstone LLC ... we had done a couple small projects together and we work really well ... we share a similar ideology when it comes to living and building."

The building was owned by the University of Idaho Foundation and only one-tenth of the space was in use. While the building was structurally sound, Dunn said the interior was in poor condition.

Graff said he saw potential immediately and came up with ideas right away.

Today the building is 100 percent occupied with a mix of businesses and residential apartments.

Graff and Dunn decided to step away from restoring the building back to its historic roots and chose to take a modern approach in the building's restoration.

"We were guided by two main principles," Graff said. "One was to really think about the energy of living and to create smaller building footprints in an urban environment."

Dunn said they also worked to incorpo-

rate common sense into their design.

"We had an existing building with historic character that was structurally sound ... we're not big time developers, we didn't have a ton of capital to work with ... let's do it smart ... let's make good decisions and do this right the first time," Dunn said.

With the installation of energy saving light bulbs, energy efficient windows, Energy-Star appliances and low-flow toilets, the building's heating load was cut by two-thirds.

Dunn and Graff also found creative ways to conserve space and resources in the apartments. In Graff's personal bathroom, she has a compact washing machine — but no dryer. Instead, she had the Internet cable for her apartment strung over her bathroom counter, coming out of one wall into the other wall, so that she could use it as a clothesline.

Structural changes to comply with city plumbing and electricity codes caused the building to lose its historic preservation status.

Graff and Dunn had to put in extra work to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. More than a dozen doors in the building were not compliant.

"Obviously we had to make the office spaces compliant with ADA," Dunn said. "We did put in two new public bathrooms ... also we wanted one of our apartment units to be compliant ... there are people with needs that need a place to work for them ... so our ground floor apartment is ADA compliant."

The three-year project cost \$750,000. Residential rent includes all utilities and Graff and Dunn provide the Internet in the building as well.

"We pay all the other utilities, we pay for the Internet and we have a dumpster in the back ... we pay for the trash and the recycling program we started," Graff said.

Graff and Dunn are the landlords of Turnstone Flats and they both have apartments in the building.

"We're there all the time ... and that was one of the big intentions was to build a community," Graff said. "We joke around because with the other people living in the building, it's like a house."

The building's hallways are decorated



Liam Donohoe | Argonaut

Modern practices intertwine with historical appeal as Turnstone Flats finishes renovation in downtown Moscow. The building has been renovated to include apartments and office space, and was designed to be environmentally friendly.

with art created by the tenants, the front doors to some apartments have been built from window panels and there is a community area for residents to use for business meetings or just coffee with friends.

Graff and Dunn also added a few extra perks for their residents. Each person has their own small storage space in the back of the building. There is a custom-built bike rack in the common area, and a small "guest room" that residents can rent for visitors. The room includes a

bed, side table, small closet and personal bathroom. Residents who have company can rent the room for a small fee for their guest. Outside visitors can also rent the room for private use.

The building is occupied by artists, architects, marketing companies and small families. It can be found on the corner of Third Street and Jackson in downtown Moscow.

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Helping students prioritize health

Andrew Deskins
Argonaut

Between class schedules and extracurricular commitments, staying healthy in college can be difficult, but for students who make time to prioritize their health there is another challenge — resource overload.

This is where Vandal Health Education comes in. The program was started two years ago, after the National Collegiate Health Assessment report showed University of Idaho students had a habit of risky sexual behavior, said Interim Program Coordinator Jen Deffenbaugh.

“We looked at what the difference was between us and other universities,” Deffenbaugh said. “We didn’t have a health coordinator.”

Since the program began, one of the main focuses has been holding events like Safe and Sexy Week to educate students about important health issues. According to Vandal Health Education intern Sarah Clark, they also hold “health huts” in the Idaho Commons each month to help inform students on how to take responsibility for their health.

Deffenbaugh said Vandal Health recently opened a resource room in the Student Recreation Center. She said the room gives students a place they can go to have their health questions answered during the week.

“We want to be a place where people can get answers,” Deffenbaugh said. “And if they need something, we’ll make sure to send them to the right place.”

Deffenbaugh has been splitting program coordinator duties with Daniel Trautvetter this semester, after the former coordinator Shannon Haselhuhn left for a new position. They are serving as interim coordinators, while the university looks for a person to fill the position long term.

“We wanted to ensure the program



Vandal Health Education Intern Bailey Hewitt hands out prizes during the monthly health hut in the Idaho Commons. The theme of the hut was sexual health which coincided with Safe and Sexy Week last week.

Andrew Deskins | Argonaut

had a smooth transition,” Deffenbaugh said. “Shannon had all of spring semester planned out, so we’ve just been following her plans. We’re working on planning next fall’s meningitis clinics and the health and recreation fair.”

Deffenbaugh said the position closed in February, but the university recently reopened it for more applicants.

Vandal Health Education also has a peer health education program where students can become certified through the Bacchus Network, a non-profit that focuses on health on college campuses.

The certification class began Monday and after participants complete the course, they will receive their certification at the Bacchus Conference, which the university is hosting this year on April 12. Clark said the conference gives campus health programs from colleges in Idaho, Oregon, Alaska and Washington the chance to meet and share ideas. Each school gets a chance to present at the conference.

“We actually got the idea for the health huts from Boise State University at a previous conference,” Deffenbaugh said.

Deffenbaugh said the university will cover

the initial cost of the conference, but they will be reimbursed with money raised from registration fees. They have reserved the Clearwater and Whitewater rooms in the Commons, and a few classrooms in the Teaching and Learning Center for the conference.

Deffenbaugh said hosting the conference is a big step for the program.

“We’re really proud to be hosting the conference here,” Deffenbaugh said. “It means people have noticed our program.”

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‘Got Sex’ returns

Erin Bamer
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The University of Idaho was ranked last out of 141 American colleges and universities when it came to offering sexual health resources to students, according to the 2010 Trojan condom sexual health survey.

In response, UI started the monthly event called “Got Sex,” an open conversation for students to safely talk about subjects that may not be acceptable to discuss in other environments.

This month the subject is called “Self Love,” and will address a variety of topics to do with masturbation.

Erin Chapman, assistant professor in Family and Consumer Sciences, will address the social stigma surrounding masturbation.

The event will take place at 5:30 Wednesday at Memorial Gym, room 109.

Julia Keleher, LGBTQA program coordinator, said “Got Sex” is great, because it is heavily audience driven.

“The information we come prepared with is less important than the questions that the audience has,” Keleher said. “And the students always have great questions. So that means that people are coming to these events and they want to know.”

Chapman said one of the social flaws when it comes to masturbation is that men are much more open with

the subject than women. She said this is because there isn’t much coverage of the subject for women in sexual education classes taught in middle school and high school.

“We don’t teach girls that they have a clitoris,” Chapman said. “We don’t talk about it. It’s like, ‘You have ovaries and a uterus, and you make babies and you shoot them out.’ We don’t talk about how that happens.”

Chapman said for there is an element of judgment toward the subject of masturbation. Chapman said it is all based on culture.

“For men, they’re all expected to be over-sexualized all the time — where sometimes that may not be the case,” Chapman said. “The opposite is true for women. If a woman is open with her sexuality, she is often seen to be ‘loose.’”

Despite the sensitivity of the subject, both Keleher and Chapman said they consistently see large turnouts, almost to the point where they have issues with the amount of space they’re given. Chapman said it’s because the issue is something people really do want to talk about, and there are only a handful of opportunities given for it.

“A lot of the topics we talk about are very taboo,” Keleher said. “People maybe practice them, or they have understandings of them, and they don’t have that avenue to talk about it.”

Monthly Women’s Center event to cover masturbation

Chapman said there are no medical consequences for masturbating often or not so often, and every student must find what is right for them. The only time it becomes unhealthy is when someone is doing it so often that it influences their social or academic life, or when they want to be doing it, but something is holding them back.

“Masturbation is very healthy actually,” Chapman said. “Because it’s safe sex, and it’s a way to explore your body.”

Keleher said contrary to popular belief, students don’t already know everything they need to know about masturbation.

She said there is always something new to learn. In fact, Chapman said she learns something every time she teaches a subject like this to her students.

“Come and add to the conversation then,” Chapman said. “If you feel like you know a lot, you’re welcome to come and help us talk about this issue. It’s not like we just want to talk to people who don’t have any information. We want to have a conversation and that includes people who are maybe very knowledgeable, and very able to add to the conversation.”

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Police log

Thursday

8:03 a.m. 1800 block, Rolling Hills Drive

Caller complained of a family of skunks living around her house.

Friday

11:23 p.m. Sweet Avenue, Deakin Avenue

Moscow police cited five members of the Delta Gamma sorority for minor in possession of alcohol Friday night after a routine traffic stop.

Lt. David Lehmitz with the Moscow Police Department said the driver was not impaired, however officers smelled alcohol coming from inside the car, which led to the citations.

Saturday

3:08 a.m. 2000 block, South Main Street

A UI student crashed into a building and was then arrested for driving under the influence. No injuries.

Monday

8:26 a.m. 500 block, Panorama Drive

Vehicle prowl. Lehmitz said a burglar stole \$80 of property, and entered through an unlocked car door.

Tuesday

2:01 a.m. South Main Street, Garden Lounge

Lehmitz said a man was drunk and causing problems at the Garden Lounge, and then moved across the street to Champions Bar and Grill before police officers could make contact with him. He said the man exited Champions when the police were called to remove the man from the property.

Lehmitz said the man was found by police officers at Moscow Bagel and Deli Shop moments later, where he was also causing problems for customers. He said the man was sent home in a cab.

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BALANCE

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by the Change in Compensation Committee in January doesn't begin to bring Idaho's living wages in line with average salaries of surrounding states. She said the 4 percent salary bump given to state employees in the alternative budget is necessary in hiring and retaining quality workers.

"I hope JFAC will give the alternative budget a very serious look," Yule said. "Everyone in this building seems to give lip service to the idea that education and Medicaid and state employees are priorities — and yet the spending in these areas belies that notion."

Frank Monasterio, representative of the Catholic Charities of Idaho also said legislators should give more attention to the alternative budget plan — especially in respect to allotting more state funds for Medicaid. He said the changes would bring increased support to those in poverty in Idaho and would allow for mentally ill individuals to receive medication at less cost.

"We see the struggles that hard working Idaho families face each year just to survive," Monasterio said. "Too many of these struggles are because families cannot get affordable healthcare."

Monasterio said one in five Idahoans lack any type of healthcare, nor do they have access to it. He said bringing Medicaid to the forefront of budget alignment would save lives and improve the standard of living for many.

"If Idaho would redesign our Medicaid system, we could prevent an estimated 590 deaths next year," Montesterio said.

Laura Scuri, owner of Access Behavioral Health and member of the Mental Health Providers Association of Idaho, said previous budget cuts have severely scarred the

ability to properly treat the state's mentally ill.

"We've stripped our system bare," Scuri said. "We have in front of us the amazing opportunity to restructure the delivery of behavioral health in Idaho ... we need to do it right."

Scuri said the state's current system isn't equipped with the ability to serve participants and patients with ranging needs — presenting a big problem for those currently receiving mental healthcare.

"We only address those who are significantly ill," Scuri said. "It's time to implement care that includes preventative services ... for all of Idaho."

Scuri also recommended that JFAC review the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy's alternative budget. She said the budget plan allows for Idaho to invest more in education and health, while still allowing the state to put an admirable amount in discretionary funding.

Idaho Future Farmers of America Association President Brett Wilder gave testimony and said funding for agriculture education is falling.

"Ag programs are receiving the same amount of funding that they received in 1998," Wilder said. "With over 20 percent increase in student enrollments over the past five years, that same amount of added-cost funding is just not enough to give students what they need to go through their agricultural education classes."

Wilder also urged JFAC to re-establish Idaho's FFA full-time executive director position. Wilder said the position was cut to part-time in 1982, and now Idaho is the only state in the nation to have more than 4,000 FFA members and no full-time director.

Eagle Rock Middle School students Derik Johnson and Shandy Gillman said their education is compromised for lack of adequate funding. They told JFAC their textbooks are falling apart at the bindings and teachers are unable to cope with growing class sizes.

"Currently, our class sizes are growing bigger and bigger," Gillman said. "When this happens, the teachers are unable to attend every student's needs — and in that case, students don't learn the material that is needed in order to pass."

Johnson and Gillman told JFAC they have seen the ways poor funding for education has affected their school. Gillman suggested setting a standard size for classes to bridge the gap between extremely large classes — often topping out at almost 40 students — to those that only hold 10 to 12 students. By creating a standard, the state will be able to get the most out of increased funding.

"Idaho can stop playing catch-up with other states and start being the leader," Gillman said.

Johnson said bringing advanced technology into the classroom does not make up for quality teachers. He said textbooks do not have the ability to adapt to students' learning styles and laptops take too much time away from class.

"Technology takes 10 minutes to turn on and off, so that's 20 minutes of class time that is wasted," Johnson said. "Technology can only go so far — you have to invest in a quality education."

Gillman and Johnson also addressed the low wages Idaho teachers now receive. Gillman, whose mother is a first grade teacher, said her mom doesn't earn enough to support a family and must help her grade assignments and with lesson planning on the weekends.

Johnson said it isn't right to treat teachers this way.

"We're losing out teachers to other states, because they can't even afford to live in the state with one of the lowest costs of living in the nation," Johnson said.

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MAKE

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"We aim to hire leaders," Yan said. "Lots of the people who do TFA gain a better understanding of educational inequality and go on to pursue careers in law, education, medicine and other professions that allow them to make a difference."

Fryer said TFA trains participants to become effective classroom leaders and places people strategically — so it is a good fit for everyone.

"They train you for the classroom and try to put you in something you're comfortable with," Fryer said. "So, like obviously a lot of us can understand the curriculum of an elementary class, but then if you're going to teach high school and your major is English, you're probably going to teach English. I'll be doing elementary, so I'm really excited about that."

Fryer said after nearly four years of being a TFA representative for the University of Idaho campus, she is excited to participate in the program, because of her experience with young children.

"I really enjoy kids," Fryer said. "Like I have been a camp counselor and I enjoy spending time with them and I think working for a good cause while you're teaching and being involved with a new community is a

really exciting thing. I'm excited for that and especially all the new cultures and people I'll be surrounded by."

Yan said there are 48 regions in the U.S. where participants can be placed and each person has a say in where they'll end up — there's even a new region in Idaho.

"We've had a long history with University of Idaho students participating in TFA," Yan said. "I've heard that a favorite aspect among them is the opportunity to travel. There isn't many situations in which recent graduates can travel and work a steady job at the same time."

Fryer said she's looking forward to the experience and hopes other UI students will see the benefits of the program as well.

"The biggest thing for me is personal growth and awareness, like knowing more about these issues and trying to find where my niche is and how I can help improve the educational inequality here in America," Fryer said. "I feel like this is a good place to start after college, it's only two years and you're getting a full-time salary. It's hard enough I think to get a paid job working for a good cause, so this is something everyone should apply for."

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FROG

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advertising and legal aspects for the project. Lewis said deciding on Kinziger's project was an easy choice.

"I have managed large projects in the past and as he began explaining what he wanted to do, my mind began racing with all the different options we have and how this small project could turn into a business plan and potentially a small business," Lewis said. "On a different note, I chose to join the project because I have six nieces and three nephews, ages range from 1-8 years, and that love to play games."

Lewis said the main goal of the King Frog project is to establish the intellectual property rights of the book, establish the King Frog brand, create awareness and produce the finished product on a large scale.

The four-man team from the 415 class will enter the King Frog

project in a business plan competition hosted by the College of Business and Economics. Lewis said there will be \$20,000 in prize money to be distributed, and a chance for the plans to generate startup capital that could launch a business.

Kinziger said he thinks the book should be attractive to a wide variety of groups to enjoy. He said he plans to spread the book to grade schools, colleges and any group that could use help coming up with team building exercises, or even just a fun way to stay physically active.

The name King Frog is actually the name of one of the games in the book, which Kinziger said really stuck out to him. In the first few pages of the book, Kinziger describes the information within as providing an "opportunity to maximize both the fun and effectiveness of leading play activities."

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NIXING

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Comcast or AT&T — should be able to do what they want with the service they provide, without government regulation.

In its Open Internet Guide, the FCC says one of the most important features on the Internet is its openness.

"It uses free, publicly available standards that anyone can access and build to, and it treats all traffic that flows across the network in roughly the same way," according to the guide. "The 'Open Internet' is the Internet as we know it, a level playing field where consumers can make their own choices about what applications and services to use, and where consumers are free to decide what content they want to access, create, or share with other."

While the principle of a free Internet is widely accepted, it's the idea that the government can tell a business how to run that worries some people.

Joe Oppegaard, chief technical officer at Montana Banana — a web and app development and design company — said although he believes in the principles of net neutrality, the slippery slope comes from private companies being regulated by the government.

"If there is a market for having a totally 'net neutral' ISP, then that will pop up," Oppegaard said. "If people value that, they'll start using that service over someone like Time Warner. It's optional."

The upcoming reactions to the net neutrality ruling are hard to project.

People will always find a way to get around it, Ewart said. He said it could spark a whole new industry.

"The problem is those ways to get around it would have some cost or difficulty associated with it, which goes back to the whole point of people not having the access that they have right now," Ewart said. "Then they're finding work-arounds, or paying more, or it's illegal."

From a university perspective, Ewart said, higher education is greatly in favor of net neutrality.

"The Internet was formed to equalize communication across the world," Ewart said. "We feel this is going to take that away. People will not have access to the same content anymore."

Ewart said the socio-economic impacts will create challenges to education, be it K-12 education or higher education.

"It regulates in a way that creates class distinctions," Ewart said. "It's an unknown frontier right now. I just think it sets a really bad precedent."

While it may have once been assumed that Internet issues like this were reserved for the tech-savvy and internet dwelling, a petition delivered to the FCC by Free Press to reinstate net neutrality gained 1 million signatures in just two weeks.

The regulation of Internet access opens up an issue of security too, Ewart said.

"It means they're looking at everybody's traffic," Ewart said. "That opens up a whole new can of worms."

Democrats in the House of Representatives proposed a new bill Feb. 3: The Open Internet Preservation Act.

If passed, the legislation would essentially reverse the Jan. 14 ruling against net neutrality.

The market narrows

On Feb. 10 and 11, Comcast hashed out the final details and acquired Time Warner Cable — not even a year after purchasing NBCUniversal, Comcast bought Time Warner for \$45 billion.

With this \$45 billion, Comcast effectively became the largest Internet provider in the U.S.

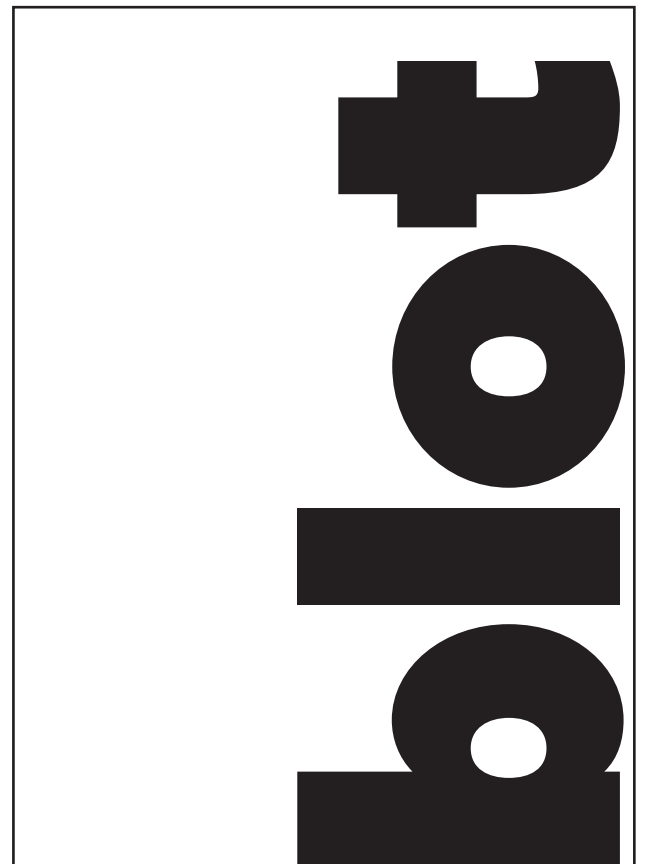
The merger would reduce the competition in the ISP industry. Comcast became a content provider as well as a cable and broadband provider after it bought NBCUniversal in 2011.

Comcast has agreed to abide by the principle of net neutrality, as a condition of its purchase of NBCUniversal. The rules imposed by the FCC as a condition of the merger will last until 2017, and Time Warner is now subject to the same terms since they are now one with Comcast.

James McQuivey, a digital media analyst with Forrester Research, said that as Comcast faces more intense scrutiny, he doubts they would "throttle" or slow online streaming from websites like Netflix — despite the fact that Comcast also provides a streaming service, Xfinity Stream Pix.

Comcast said the merger would benefit consumers, and regardless of an Internet user's feelings toward net neutrality, the issue is something to keep tabs on in the upcoming months.

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Catch up with the WAC men's basketball standings with this week's WAC Round up

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Back to winning ways

Idaho rebounds from loss, gets tough win against UVU

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Coming off its first WAC loss of the season, the Idaho women's basketball team rebounded with a win over Utah Valley Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum — but it wasn't easy for a team that has struggled playing at home.

The Vandals won 69-61, but the Wolverines kept it close in the second half. Utah Valley, a team with only one WAC win, had the lead with 5:17 remaining in the game and was within two points of Idaho at the 2:24 mark.

The win wasn't pretty, which may be surprising considering the Vandals beat the Wolverines by 41 points on the road earlier in the season.

The Vandals didn't secure the Saturday victory until a long cross-court inbound pass from Connie Ballesterero to Addie Schivo gave Idaho the seven-point lead on an old-fashioned three-point play. Schivo's free throw was the last score of a game Idaho had to battle to win.

"I think it's good to get this win out of the way," Ballesterero said. "We had a talk after the Bakersfield game about trusting each other more, and I think after that talk, we really came together as a team and showed that tonight."

The Vandals, who have been dominating most WAC opponents by double-digit blowouts, struggled inside against the Wolverines. UVU outrebounded Idaho 43-36, grabbing more offensive and defensive boards. Starting Vandal posts Ali Forde and Alyssa Charlston combined for only 12 points and 12 rebounds.

One bright spot inside was freshman post Brooke Reilly. Coming off the bench, Reilly had 10 points in only 17 minutes of play.



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Sophomore post Ali Forde attempts a layup during the second half of the Vandals' 69-61 win against Utah Valley Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

Hill, Idaho top CSUN

Men's basketball scores season high in win over Matadors

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

As Stephen Madison challenged the Idaho record books with 42 points Saturday against Utah Valley, so did Connor Hill with his 3-point shooting Tuesday against Cal State-Northridge hitting eight 3-pointers, just one shy of the Idaho record.

"I knew I made quite a few," Hill said. "But it was more of just trying to get the win, so I felt like I got to make another one to just try and extend the lead."

Hill led the Vandals with 28 points in a 96-88 win over CSUN. It was the highest point total for the Vandals this season, eclipsing the 89 points they had at Boise State.

"It was just feeling good tonight, my shot felt good," Hill said. "The first couple of 3s I shot just felt good, so I knew it could be one of those nights where everything I was throwing up would go in. It was nice being back at home in Mem (Gym). There is a comfort zone here, these new rims up here aren't bad — I kind of like them."

In an uncommon February non-conference game, the Vandals had nothing to lose. They didn't play like it, though.

"It was the only time we could fit it in," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "I'm glad we were at home and not on the road. We had a good practice yesterday, we took Sunday off and used it as a travel day. I thought we had some pretty good energy tonight."

Madison drew a double team most of the night and struggled to score in the first half with only six points. That opened the door for two freshmen to shine.

Sekou Wiggs had 16 points and Ty Egbert had 11 points and two blocks, in the Vandal win.

"They're going to be pretty good players in this program," Verlin said. "I've had high hopes for Ty, he finally got his legs under him and playing like I expect him to play and Wiggs is a really good player. We're going to see a lot of good things from Sekou Wiggs and Ty Egbert."

With CSUN lingering, the two freshmen would contribute in putting them away.

Egbert caught a pass in the paint and laid it in to give the Vandals an eight-point lead, with just over a minute remaining in the game.

"It was really big for us," Egbert said. "We were kind of starting to slow down and slack off. Once we had that, we started rolling again."

Then Wiggs would close out the game with two clutch freethrows

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Timely loss

The Idaho women's basketball team may benefit from first WAC loss of the season

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The body language was hardly becoming of the conference's most dominant team. Visibly frustrated on the court, it was easy to see how tense the Vandal women's basketball team was. The game was over at halftime — a situation Idaho was well used to but usually on the winning side of.

At 10-0 in Western Athletic Conference play, Idaho had pillaged its

opponents by an average of 23.8 points per game. Cal State-Bakersfield turned that around during a Thursday visit to the Cowan Spectrum. A 39-24 halftime deficit turned into a 69-50 loss. Stunned, Idaho walked off the court with its first loss in 11 WAC games.

It might have been the best thing that could

ever happened to the Vandals, whose ultimate goal is repeating as WAC Tournament champions next month in Las Vegas.

Undeclared no more, the pressure was wearing off, Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. Following its bounce-back 69-61 win over Utah Valley on Saturday, Newlee likened it to a pressure valve and said

they've loosened it halfway at least.

"The perfect record was a heavy thing on them," he said. "The regular season championship is great and all, it's a tight race, we can't look too far ahead."

Some pressure comes from what the team has to do in Las Vegas during the WAC Tournament. The only way to make a repeat trip to the NCAA Tournament would be to win the conference tournament again. Had the team been

16-0, Newlee isn't sure his team would've been able to get out of the locker room without being petrified.

"Perfect teams always lose in their conference tournaments, there was that talk from the team, I'm like 'Come on,'" Newlee said. "We just got to focus in like the end of last year and know that everyone is trying to knock us off."

One former WAC

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Adrian Wiggins
Ex Fresno State women's basketball coach

Athletes of the week

Stephen Madison — men's basketball



Stephen Madison

A couple nights after dropping 18 points in a loss to Cal State-Bakersfield, Idaho forward Stephen Madison had one of the biggest games of his career as a Vandal. In a losing effort, he was able to pour in 42 points while grabbing six rebounds against Utah Valley. With the 42-point performance, Madison now takes first place in the WAC standings with 19.2 points per game. He leads Isaiah Umipig of Seattle U by .2 points.

Madison's 16-for-21 from the field ties him for second in Idaho history for field goals made in a game and third for points scored in a game. He also surpassed the 1,400-point mark in his career with the scoring performance and former WAC Player of the Year and teammate Kyle Barone in the process. The Vandals return to Memorial Gym for their final two home games of the season this week, hosting Cal State-Northridge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday before hosting Grand Canyon on Senior Day at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Vandals finish 0-3 on road trip

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

The Idaho men's tennis team suffered its fifth consecutive defeat at the hands of the New Mexico Lobos Tuesday in Albuquerque, N.M. The loss dropped the Vandals to 3-6 on the season and 0-3 on their three-match road trip.

"We're still not fully capitalizing, playing up to our potential," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "Some good things (came) out of that match and you just work on getting better."

Beaman said the play and renewed confidence of No. 3 singles competitor Artemiy Nikitin, who defeated New Mexico's Rodolfo Jauregui, is something to build on going forward.

"As his confidence comes back, that will be a big plus for the team," Beaman said. "He's a guy that can win at No. 1 and as he moves up in the lineup and

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We're still not fully capitalizing, playing up to our potential. Some good things (came) out of that match and you just work on getting better.”

Jeff Beaman,
men's tennis coach

keeps winning, that puts less pressure on the other guys."

Alongside Nikitin's improved performance, Beaman also said that changes to the doubles lineup at No. 2 and 3 helped as well, despite not coming away with a victory at either spot.

Along with Nikitin, Cristobal

Ramos Salazar came away with a win at No. 2 singles in three sets over New Mexico's James Hignett.

This three game stretch was the first time this season that the Vandals had to brace the elements.

"Playing good teams in conditions you're not used to definitely affects the players," Beaman said. "We scheduled that trip because the conference tournament is going to be in Las Cruces."

However, he didn't use the elements as an excuse and said the team will need to learn to adapt its game and be able to handle the elements in order to compete in the WAC Tournament on April 25-27.

The Vandals will be in action again, this time in a more familiar indoor environment, on Thursday against Gonzaga and Saturday against Missouri-Kansas City in Spokane, Wash.

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WAC Roundup



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

Utah Valley (15-9, 9-2)

The Wolverines' men's basketball team had a nightmarish week, losing to Seattle U on Thursday and nearly dropping another conference contest to Idaho — another team below .500. Though a loss to the Redhawks stung, UVU can shake off the sweat after fending off a 42-point effort from the Vandals' Stephen Madison.



New Mexico State (20-8, 9-3)

There isn't any debate that the conference's best team is sitting in second place, at the moment. The Aggies are winners of six of their last seven games and NMSU's last two victories have come by a combined 54 points. Most importantly, this team



plays Utah Valley in nine days time — a team NMSU manhandled on Feb. 1.

Grand Canyon (12-11, 7-3)

There's been so much inconsistency between the fourth and ninth spots in this conference table that a few more wins could clinch a top-three finish for the Antelopes — a WAC newcomer. Though it won't mean a thing come March, when the 'Lopes will be ineligible for postseason play. GCU has Seattle and Idaho on the road next.



Chicago State (10-14, 5-5)

Here's where things get interesting. The Cougars, sitting at 5-5, could do one of three things with their upcoming home stand: beat Utah Valley and Cal State-Bakersfield and come that much closer to a three seed, split the games and stay where they are or drop a spot or two, or lose both and watch themselves drop to the eighth or ninth spot.



Seattle U (12-12, 4-7)

We know this Seattle team has potential, and coach Cameron Dollar certainly must, too. Yet the Redhawks, who have been all over the place in this new-look conference, fit the mold of a team struggling to find some consistency with their last road trip. Seattle squashed league leaders Utah Valley in Orem, Utah, but fell victim to an 18-point loss in Bakersfield, Calif., to a Roadrunner team three games below .500.



Cal State-Bakersfield (11-14, 4-7)

Inconsistency appears to be a trend with the bottom half of these conference standings. Bakersfield, which lost four straight games in a span of 12 days, turned things around by winning three of its last four games. Issiah Grayson has scored 20 or more points in three of CSUB's last five games and the senior guard will have to keep doing that should the 'Runners pick up a win on what looks to be a brutal road trip at Chicago State and UMKC.



Missouri-Kansas City (7-17, 4-7)

So maybe the Kangaroos are a bit more consistent right now. UMKC rides a five-game losing streak and the 'Roos, in need of their first conference victory since Jan. 25, will look to soothe the pain with four of their last five WAC contests at home.



Idaho (10-16, 4-8)

Stephen Madison needs help, and he needs it fast. The senior forward leads his team in five statistical categories and is the only player in the nation to do so. The most recent example, a 42-point performance that resulted in a narrow loss at Utah Valley. The Vandals have proven they can compete with the conference's best, tallying one of their four wins against NMSU — but the biggest question is can they do it in Las Vegas?



Texas-Pan American (8-19, 4-8)

The Broncs were in last place before this past week's home stand, having lost five straight games. Yet, the same UTPA team picked itself up and claimed a pair of crucial conference wins that will help translate some momentum to what looks to be a brutal home matchup against NMSU.



Invaluable

Madison makes strong case for WAC Player of the Year

This season has been full of ups and downs for the Idaho men's basketball team. But with all the bumps and turns during this season, there continues to be a consistent bright spot every game for the Vandals.



Rick Clark
Argonaut

That bright spot is the play of senior forward Stephen Madison.

He averages just over 34 minutes per game and his numbers definitely show because of it. The numbers might just be good enough to bring Idaho's second straight Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year award.

Madison leads the team in almost every statistical category. With the team lead in points, rebounds, steals, assists and blocks, he is the only player in Division I basketball to lead his team in the five main statistical categories.

What's even more impressive are his stats when it comes to rankings against other WAC athletes.

Madison leads the conference in points per game with 19.2, is fourth in the league in rebounds with 7.7 and is 13th in the league with 2.3 assists per game. He is the only player in the conference to show up in the top 15 of each of these categories.

With stats like these, he is the most valuable piece of the Vandals and very well may be the most valuable player in the WAC. Imagine next year without Madison — it's going to be hard to find a player that replicates the production that Madison puts up.

The WAC Player of the Year award is supposed to go to the player that has been

most valuable. As we saw last year, the award doesn't always go to the player that is considered the most "NBA ready." Former Vandal and 2013 WAC Player of the Year Kyle Barone had a great season last year, but was never really considered one to be ready to make the transition to the NBA.

That could be the case for Madison. There are players in the WAC that are considered NBA ready. One name that comes to mind is Daniel Mullings of New Mexico State.

Mullings isn't nearly having the kind of season that Madison is having, even though he might be considered the better player. Mullings' team is also sitting near the top of the WAC standings.

If you take him off the team, the Aggies won't miss him as much as if the Vandals lost Madison. The Aggies have the resources and talent to replace the production that Mullings brings. The Vandals would have suffered without the production of Madison.

It's hard to imagine what the record would be for the Vandals if Madison wasn't on the team.

With the special season that Madison is having, every Vandal fan should go out and catch the last two home games for men's basketball.

Who knows, maybe the fans that come out are looking at the future WAC Player of the Year. He certainly is making a case to bring it home.

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Junior guard Mike Scott makes a pass to teammate Sekou Wiggs during Idaho's 96-88 win against CSU Northridge Tuesday in Memorial Gym.

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with 13 seconds left in the game giving the Vandals the eight-point lead they finished with.

The Vandals had five players scoring

in double figures for the first time since 2011. Along with Hill, Wiggs and Egbert, the Vandals had Mike Scott with 10 and Madison with 21.

"It's always a lot better if we're evenly balanced," Verlin said. "We did a great job in executing the game plan, no question

about it."

Madison struggled early, but still made his presence felt late in the game.

"I thought he did a good job passing the ball," Verlin said. "Stephen Madison goes 21 and eight and we think it's a subpar performance. That's the sign of a

pretty good player."

Idaho plays again on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Memorial Gym against Grand Canyon, who beat the Vandals earlier this year 86-73.

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WINNING

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ATHLETES

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Christina Salvatore – women's basketball



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Coming off its first loss in WAC play, the Vandal women's basketball team rebounded against the Utah Valley Wolverines. One reason the Vandals were able to get back on track was Idaho guard Christina Salvatore. The sophomore from Anaheim, Calif., matched her season-high in scoring with 17 points, while adding seven rebounds. Salvatore shot 50 percent from 3-point range sinking five treys. She was one of four Idaho

players to score in double-digits. The Vandals return to the court on Thursday in Phoenix for a matchup against Grand Canyon. This is the final road trip for the team before WAC Tournament play.

Almudena Sanz – women's tennis



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The Vandal women's tennis team won two matches last week to improve to 6-1 on the season. One standout player for the Vandals was senior Almudena Sanz. Sanz, who hails from Oviedo, Spain, went 3-1 over the weekend playing No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles with partner Vicky Lozano. Sanz went 2-0 against Utah State and 1-1 against No. 66 Fresno State. Against Fresno State, Sanz and Lozano beat Aishwarya Agrawal

and Sofya Malysheva 8-4. Against Utah State, Sanz beat Kallie Sperry 7-5, 6-2 — before beating Sperry and McKenzie Davis 8-3 with Lozano in doubles play. Idaho beat both teams, handing Utah State its first loss of the season. The Vandals return to action Saturday against Missouri Kansas City in Lewiston.

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OUR VIEW

Idaho flunks education funding

Washington State University acts as a pied piper to University of Idaho employees, drawing them across the border to the tune of higher wages — a trend that has been occurring for years. The employees are not to blame for leaving UI in favor of WSU, but rather the state of Idaho, which consistently refuses to raise wages for state employees to ones that are livable.

The Idaho State Legislature passed a 2 percent pay increase in 2012, which was the first pay increase for UI faculty and staff in four years. Over those four years and the two that have passed since, the cost-of-living adjustment, which is based on changes in the cost of living index, increased in total by an average of 14.9 percent, according to the Social Security Administration. This means UI employees are expected to live on a salary that is approximately 12.9 percent lower than needed to cover the average cost of living.

It is little wonder that many UI employees make the short trip to WSU — a university that offers a higher minimum wage and generally higher overall wages. After receiving training and education to fill jobs in the university environment from UI, employees are well equipped to work at a much higher paying university.

Employees leaving presents a critical problem for UI. Each former staff member that goes across the border represents time and money that must be spent training and finding their replacement. Without money to retain the existing workforce, UI is trapped in a never-ending circle of hiring.

But alas, the necessary funds are unlikely to come any time soon. Idaho's long history of staunch "fiscal conservatism" is unlikely to disappear overnight or to provide all levels of education the necessary funding. It is far more likely the status quo of education funding will continue, which has resulted in Idaho being

ranked No. 48 in K-12 education, according to Education Week.

A glimmer of hope for the future of education in Idaho was found in Friday's public hearings on the state budget by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. Many people testified on the need for the state to raise education funding, and some supported an alternative state budget plan — Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy's Responsible Alternative to the Executive Budget, which would allot more funding to higher education.

Public support, such as what was shown on Friday, is critical in demonstrating to the Legislature and other branches of the state government that funding for education needs to increase. Because without the public demanding for elected officials to give public education the funding it needs, the pathetic status quo of Idaho's low education rating will continue.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Seattle

I'm going to Seattle for the weekend. Well, hello rain.

—Rainy

Short weeks

Same amount of work, less time in which to do it. Help.

—Kaitlyn

Happy Jazz Fest

It might be a little smaller festival, but there's still four days of live jazz music to be enjoyed and it makes me happy. Especially those saxophones. Do you think I could hire one to follow me around and serenade me all day?

—Kaitlyn

Epiphany

It took me an hour and a half to print all the readings for the next unit of one of my classes. So that's why I haven't done most of my readings over the last four years.

—Andrew

OrgSync

Why the University of Idaho continues to use the OrgSync system, a system that is rendered obsolete by Facebook and regular email features, is baffling.

—Aleya

I Love you, Mom!

It was my mom's birthday ... on Monday. And even though I reminded my brother the day was coming last week, I forgot when the actual day came and went. So sorry Mom! Happy Birthday! Can't wait for Friday.

—Jessica

Driving in the rain

I don't recommend driving in the rain when you have a broken windshield wiper on the driver's side. It makes things interesting to say the least.

—Stephan

City til I die

Not the result I was hoping for, but proud of my boys for fighting through down a man.

—Sean

Off-roading

Walking is great exercise and everything, but I really want my car back just so I can stop having dreams about being attacked by cows because my car wont start.

—Emily

Broken campus

Add Memorial Gym to the list of athletic venues with roped off bleachers. Fix it, UI.

—Theo

First the Spectrum, now Mem Gym

And you wonder why teams laugh at our facilities when they visit the campus.

—Ricky

Jazz Fest

I'm about to embark on the crazy adventure known as Jazz Fest. Good times will roll.

—Ryan

Mistakes

I'm all for learning from mistakes, but if my mistakes could stop being quite so expensive I'd enjoy the whole experience a lot more.

—Phil



Shane Wellner Argonaut

Add the Words, Idaho!



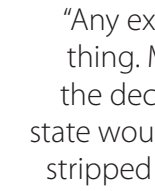
ANDAL VOICES

Q: The Idaho Senate passed a bill today allowing concealed firearms to be carried on Idaho college campuses. What you think of this bill? Do you think guns should be allowed on college campuses?



"I think it is an extremely poor decision by the Idaho Senate. They are making decisions about our campus life at a state level, instead of leaving it up to individual institutions. This is just like how they went over the head of students and made changes to our code of conduct without our input or knowledge."

—Anthony Joseph



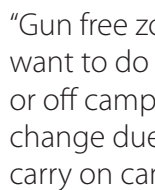
"Any extension of liberty and freedom is a good thing. Many people here have been saying that the decision should have been left up to UI. The state wouldn't have had to be involved if UI hadn't stripped this right away from us in the first place."

—Clayton McFarland



"I work on campus and I am not comfortable with this decision."

—William Kerr



"Gun free zones do not apply to criminals. If they want to do harm, they will no matter if it is on or off campus. Culture and crime at UI will not change due to this bill. How many people already carry on campus? I bet more than you and I know."

—Matt Kreizenbeck



"I dislike the process that the Idaho Senate went through to pass this bill. I think more input from representatives of the Idaho universities should have been taken into consideration. Regardless of the content of the bill, the process is not including representation of the citizens that the bill will affect."

—Kellie Koester

Legislative laziness leads to stagnation

Idaho lawmakers continually stop innovative legislation

Idahoans are great at letting their politicians know what they like, and in Idaho lower taxes reigns supreme. Lowering taxes is fairly simple on paper, but there is a lot to consider whenever the economic landscape of a state changes.

Recently Idaho Speaker of the House Scott Bedke toyed with, and eventually retreated, from an idea that would abolish the \$80 per person grocery tax credit for medium to higher income families. The grocery tax credit accounts for nearly \$80 million, and according to Bedke's bill, ending it would allow Idaho to lower its corporate tax rate from 7.4 percent to 6.95 percent.

Bedke hoped this change would help modernize Idaho's economy. It would also bring Idaho's tax rate closer to the six states it borders, who all have a lower tax rates, minus Oregon — who doesn't have sales tax.

Other plans for the \$80 million included education funding, but the support in the Idaho State Legislature wasn't present. On top of that, Idaho's former Chief Economist Mike Ferguson claimed the legislation would hurt middle-income families, as opposed to helping them.

The lack of support

prompted Bedke to drop the legislation, but this signals a bigger issue with Idaho's government. Education rankings, average income and the entire structure of Idaho's economy has remained stagnant, and any innovation is always met with intense skepticism and harsh criticism.

This happened to the Luna education laws and state level healthcare exchanges. Education and health care have been constant problems for Idahoans. Changes to education would have increased technology in the classroom, and could have ended teacher tenure — allowing schools to get rid of underperforming teachers.

Not that the Luna bills were without fault, teachers losing jobs and required online classes were two major problems with the legislation. It was something new though, it was a potential solution to a problem Idahoans have faced for over a decade.

The Affordable Care Act was met with hostile action from Idaho lawmakers, who have since been fighting hard to rid the state of its health care exchange. Just unlike Luna's policies, it's too early to see how the ACA will play out, but it's a potential solution to a big problem.

The lack of innovation shown by Idaho's government hurts everyone

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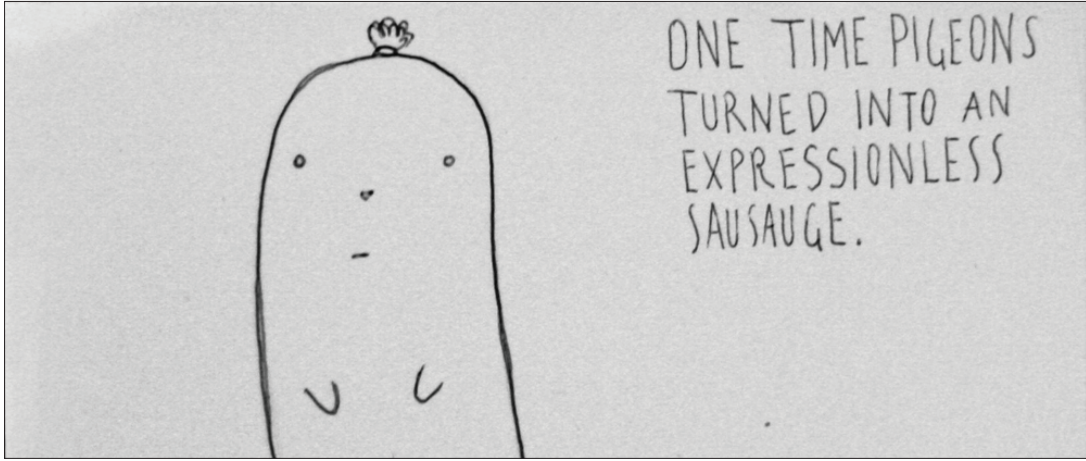
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Cloud Nine



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Stop treading on our rights

UI needs to keep safety in the hands of students, away from officials

The Dean of Students Office has officially started enforcing the expanded Student Code of Conduct, which now allows the University of Idaho to take disciplinary action on students if they engage in off-campus conduct that violates the Student Code of Conduct. Craig Chatriand, associate dean of students, said his office will look at the cases that arise individually and contextually. Of course, this has been added in the name of safety for University of Idaho students.



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Argonaut

As students, we really have to wonder about the span of this new policy. It would be nice if we could get some clear answers — right now, not over time — from our own university about what it means and how far it extends. Even if UI administrators claim the policy will not be far-reaching and unreasonable, we can't be sure it won't. It isn't such a stretch to see the policy go in that direction. Whether the university gives us clear answers or not, we can certainly give the university a clear response: back off. UI has become far too involved in our liberties. I'm not just speaking as a student, but also as an American citizen who exists outside of our precious school. Universities are going far beyond the limits of an educational insti-

tion, deciding they know how to ensure our safety better than we do. For example, UI Interim President Don Burnett recently testified against Senate Bill 1254, which would allow retired law enforcement officers and anyone 21 years or older with an Idaho enhanced conceal carry permit to carry a gun on campus. Burnett, on behalf of UI and the Higher Education Presidents Council, said bringing guns on campus is not a good idea, as the school is committed to providing a safe living and learning environment. Of course, Mr. President. Because, as we have seen in recent years with schools like Sandy Hook, gun-free zones are certainly the safest living and learning environments for children and adults alike. It's ludicrous to allow people in our school's administration to have any hand in our safety, especially when they expanded the school's jurisdiction to reach beyond the campus. Our school officials — like so many others around the country — know nothing about ensuring our safety. Please back off, UI officials, and discontinue thinking about our safety. We, the student body of UI, are adults and we can take care of ourselves — at least, we could if you'd let us.

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STAGNATION

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in the state. Nobody benefits from a stagnant economy, just like nobody benefits from bad education or costly health care. Bedke's idea may not have been perfect, but he's bringing something to the table. Idaho needs something new and change will always bring un-

certainty. It also might bring solutions, so it's important to keep an open mind. Open mindedness isn't exactly synonymous with Idaho, but combined with a small population with room for innovation, this could be a recipe to make Idaho rise to the top. *Justin Ackerman can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu*

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