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Tuition increase proposed, less than 5 percent

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

In his first move as University of Idaho President, Chuck Staben has announced the university will ask the Idaho State Board of Education for a 4.7 percent increase in undergraduate tuition and fees.

The proposed increase would raise in-state and out-of-state undergraduate tuition and fees by \$308 and \$714 respectively — for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Keith Ickes, executive director for planning and budget, said the SBOE will vote on the increase at the April board meeting in Moscow. He said the SBOE can approve the proposed increase or a lower percentage if they choose.

Ickes said SBOE policy prevents UI from raising the percentage after the official proposal is announced, meaning the university now cannot ask for more than a 4.7 percent increase.

“We can go lower, but we can’t go higher, so that sort of sets the upper bound on our tuition,” Ickes said.

Max Cowan, ASUI president, said although it is unfortunate to see tuition rise again, it is a positive sign that the proposed increase is less than 5 percent. This is in contrast to the previous two years, which each saw more than a 5 percent increase in UI tuition and fees.

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nation,” Cowan said. “I’m excited to see the increase be under 5 percent, which we haven’t seen for several years now.”

Ickes said the increase is determined by analyzing how much money is needed to fund important budget items. He said UI increases tuition fees, as opposed to facilities or student fees, because it allows the university to be more flexible in how it distributes funds.

“We’re fundamentally looking at things that we think are absolutely critical, essential or mandatory to accomplish,” Ickes said.

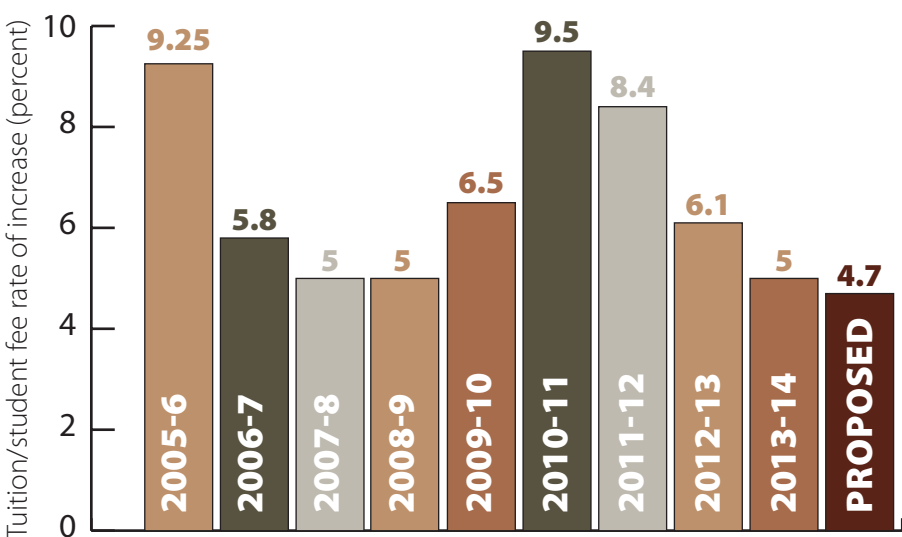
He said the tuition increase will also fund administrative salary raises and faculty promotions.

Ickes said during the university’s recent classification and compensation study, it was discovered UI is paying faculty and staff at 85 percent the current market share for their position. He said the state does not often fund salary increases, but usually allocates money to fix a specific problem or issue on campus.

“It’s important for us to stay competitive on salaries, right now we need some catch up,” Ickes said. “The state does not put money into salaries, and when they do it is a fraction of what we need.”

Ickes said many UI faculty who will receive promotions and complete their

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ASUI asks for increase to student fees

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

ASUI President Max Cowan said students expect more from their education at the University of Idaho than just the piece of paper at the finish line.

But for students this means paying a little more for those services intended to enhance the student experience.

A portion of the undergraduate student bill, known as the dedicated student activity fee, will likely increase 1 percent as part of a total proposed 4.7 percent increase to undergraduate tuition and fees for the 2014-2015 academic year.

“The dedicated student activity fee is important in that it provides for many different programs that are important for student success that create an active and engaged and lively campus life,” Cowan said.

The fee — which will total \$1,084.04 per student with the \$10.24 increase — is distributed among programs that are deemed beneficial for the student experience. For example, each full-time undergraduate student pays \$8 per year to

Violence Prevention Programs for its services. That \$8 per student then makes up a several thousand dollar portion of that program’s budget.

The fee covers and funds things such as the Student Recreation Center, ASUI, student admittance to athletic events and many other student-oriented programs and services on campus.

ASUI initially proposed a 1.55 percent increase, with concern for covering a 2 percent Change in Employee Compensation for employees in departments funded by the student activity fee. Cowan said if a CEC were to occur, a 1 percent increase will now be enough to cover the difference, thanks to state appropriations.

In determining the necessary fee increase, the Associated Student Fee Committee completed a review of all programs that receive funding from the dedicated student activity fee.

The committee recommended ASUI reallocate \$8 per student per year that was previously received by New Student

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Campus Card \$17.90

ASUI \$192.00

Breakdown of current dedicated student activity fee designations

JFAC sets budget

CEC, second year law school approved by JFAC

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — A second-year law school program in Boise and a 2 percent salary increase were granted to the University of Idaho following the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee meeting Thursday.

Other state budget allocations for Idaho’s four-year colleges and universities were set Thursday by JFAC — the legislature’s budget-writers — to offer a 7 percent increase in total funds for higher education in Idaho.

The allocation is a bit higher than Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s original 6.4 percent increase recommendation.

Now that motions have been passed for the post-secondary education, JFAC co-chair Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said budget-writers are on track to complete the state’s 2015 fiscal year budget by Friday, their target date.

“We’re in the final two days — we hope — of setting budgets,” Cameron said Thursday. “We’ll have a few (other budget items) come up, but we’re going to push to get through this agenda, so we can push through tomorrow’s agenda.”

The original motion to include a 2 percent salary increase — with 1 percent instated as a permanent raise and the other 1 percent as a one-time bonus for employees — as supplied by \$3.7 million in general funds and \$2.7 million from other state funding sources, passed by an 18-1 vote in JFAC.

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Representation in regents

ASUI supports formation of representative boards for each of Idaho’s public universities

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

In a resolution sent to University of Idaho administration and state legislators, ASUI declared the need for an institutional Board of Regents to supplement student representation at the state level.

The issue came to the attention of ASUI following the State Board of Education December decision to remove the requirement for student input to changes to the Statement of Student Rights, according to ASUI President Max Cowan. Cowan said this was when he realized the need for better student representation.

“Why should the State Board of Education, a body from all across the state that deals with K-12 through doctoral, be able to decide what the Statement of Student Rights at the University of Idaho says?” Cowan said. “There is another way to do it — for instance, other states have regents for their institutions. Those regents are in charge of policy decisions for each institution, and connects university advocates to university interests.”

Cowan coordinated the Student Voice Petition earlier this year, which he said has been well received by students. Despite student enthusiasm though, Cowan said the case for student representation isn’t one that can be solved overnight.

“First we need to be able to come together as students and all agree, which is a task in and of itself,” Cowan said. “Then we need to be able to mobilize a group to put our voices together to get combined weight by signing this petition. With enough energy, anything can happen. We can get movement and support from all the different institutions across the state, and once that happens we need to talk to state legislature ... it is by no means an easy task. But I don’t think the challenges are insurmountable, and I think it’s exciting to be involved in addressing directly concerns we have.”

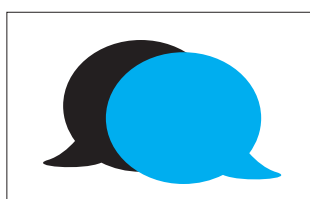
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Sweet potato balls

Nurainy Daron
Crumbs

There are other fun ways to cook sweet potatoes than just mashing or frying them. Mashed sweet potatoes are my favorite, but I decided to take it into a different level and came up with this recipe. I made these sweet potato balls healthier by substituting sugar with honey. I also added one ripe banana just for taste. Even though it takes time to make them, it is all going to be worth it. They also make great late night snacks and are easily refrigerated.

Ingredients:

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, cubed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 banana
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups bread crumbs

Directions:

In a pan, boil water. Add sweet potato cubes. Keep stove in medium high heat for 20-25 minutes or until the potatoes are cooked and soft-ened. Drain the water then mash sweet potatoes with a spatula. Add honey, butter and banana. Stir until combined.



Nurainy Daron | Crumbs

Let mashed potato to cool about an hour. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a bowl, beat the eggs. Place bread crumbs in another bowl. Form mashed potatoes into balls. If you don't want get your hands dirty, use latex cooking gloves. Dip the balls into eggs then cover with bread crumbs. Repeat the steps until mashed potatoes are done. Place them on a greased baking sheet. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown.

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In the Feb. 25 editorial, nutrition counseling costs \$10. In the March 4 story, In for the Laughs, comedy club meets every Monday and Friday. In the March 4 story, Challenge Accepted, state board member Bill Goesling introduced UI President Chuck Staben.

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Duke's reward

Police Chief David Duke receives recognition for 40 years in law enforcement

Andrew Jenson
Argonaut

A typical Moscow City Council meeting is overwrought with city business. While Monday's meeting was similarly business-related, the Council set aside time for a more pleasurable duty: recognizing the work of Moscow Police Chief David Duke.

Duke has served in law enforcement for 40 years. Duke served in Oklahoma for more than 20 years before arriving in Moscow in 1999. He has served as Moscow's police chief since 2011.

In honor of Duke's service, William Flink, division administrator of Idaho Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) presented Duke

with the Executive Certificate Award — the highest attainable certificate of the POST council.

"It's an award that not many administrators in the state — that being chiefs of police and sheriffs in this state — have attained," Flink said. "It's an award for service and it's an award for education and training standards."

Duke said it was thanks to his staff that he was able to receive such an award.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for those present here," Duke said. "Because, for my office chair, my responsibilities hinge on the capabilities of my support and the staff that go out and protect and serve every day and serve this community."

But Duke said he owed his biggest thanks to his wife, Jean Duke.

"My biggest thanks goes to the reason I'm here today and that's my wife Jean," Duke said. "She's the one that sacrifices day-in and day-out. I can't say enough for the support she's given me over the last 35 years of my 40 years of law enforcement. So I thank her also."



David Duke

Flink commended Duke for his 40 years of service in law enforcement, as well as for his roles in organizations outside of his primary occupation as police chief.

"He sits currently on the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children policy board and the Association of Cities, Drug Task Force Executive Committee," Flink said. "He serves also in his training as a member of the FBI National Academy, which is commendable by itself."

Upon presenting the award, Flink addressed

Duke directly.

"Chief Duke, you are one of the people who have made law enforcement what it is today in the state of Idaho and we salute you for your dedication and wish you continued success in your law enforcement career," Flink said.

Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert also commended Duke for his service to the community.

"The reason you have such a support team back there, Dave, is because everybody respects what you do in this community," Lambert said. "You've been a big portion of this community, you've been a big portion of some of the officers training. And a number of folks in this whole building and this whole city very much respect you. So, thank you very much for your service, David."

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Water sports and eye health

Delta Gamma philanthropy Anchor Splash begins

Daniel Durand
Argonaut

Anchor Splash, an annual fundraising campaign hosted by Delta Gamma Sorority, began Wednesday at the University of Idaho with games, synchronized swimming and food on the itinerary.

This year's activities include "Most Beautiful Eyes," a game in which donations are put toward pictures of Greek students' eyes to see whose are most attractive, a spaghetti feed and house tours on Thursday. An all-you-can-eat ice cream social will also take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Anchor Splash wraps up on Saturday at the Memorial Gym with synchronized swimming and pool games from noon to 2 p.m.

"It's just a long day of events," said Sydney Sperry, a junior in charge of this year's campaign. "A lot of people show up, even if they aren't swimming. They get a lot of support for the Greek community and the university community, as well."

Proceeds from Anchor Splash go to Delta Gamma's Service for Sight fund, Sperry said. She said the fund provides grants to other organizations that specialize in medical research and assistance for the vision impaired.

Other beneficiaries of Service for Sight are listed on Delta Gamma's chapter webpage, and

include the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind and the Lilac Blind Foundation.

Also responsible for this year's events is Anna Hammons, a sophomore and Sperry's self-described right-hand woman. Hammons said DG raised close to \$2,000 at last year's Anchor Splash, and if participation is any indicator, this year's event may be even better.

"I think we have almost every sorority participating and the majority of the fraternities, which is unusual for us," Hammons said. "It's a really fun event, it's unique and it's for a great cause."

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Job Located in Moscow

Aide - Lunchroom and Playground Duty - Job # 622

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Job Located in Moscow

Classroom Assistant - Job # 619

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Hours/Week: 10-15 hrs/wk

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Job Located in Moscow

Discussion delays disciplinary vote

Student Code of Conduct draft sparks debate in faculty senate meeting

Amber Emery
Argonaut

Members of the faculty senate decided to postpone a vote on changes to the new disciplinary review process for alleged violations of the student code of conduct Tuesday.

Senate members expressed concern about whether the code should include a right for University of Idaho students at extension campuses to appear via videoconference for meetings with the dean of students.

Other issues that postponed the vote included the wording that differentiates days from "working days" and whether or not the Dean of Students should send physical mail to students or only use email for communication with students.

Sen. Wendy Couture, from the UI Boise Water Center, said the student code of conduct disciplinary procedure should include language that gives UI students on extension campuses a right to appear via videoconference, in cases where the student would usually appear in person.

"This is important in terms of credibility," Couture said. "We need to give students at the Boise, Idaho Falls and (Coeur d'Alene) locations the right to appear before their reviewers — a right students going to school in Moscow explicitly get."

Associate General Counsel G Costa said while he recognizes that students studying at off-campus locations should have a right to a videoconference, he thinks the draft's current language serves that right.

"The language we use about meetings and hearings doesn't specifically say it's in person or not," Costa said. "I think without any edits or without any definitions being added, we can interpret words to mean in person or video conference and it's certainly beneficial to do so."

Associate Dean of Students Craig Chatriand said in previous disciplinary proceedings students have been offered to appear via videoconference and they choose to instead weigh in via teleconference.

Another issue that concerned the faculty senate was the possibility of students becoming confused about the timeline for disciplinary procedures because of the draft's language. The proposed draft says that anytime "days" appears in the code, it's referring to "normal university working days."

Some senators, such as Robert Perret, think the Student Code of Conduct should be more specific throughout the document so the language does not confuse students.

Costa said there are number of ways the concern can be addressed — including adopting a language style commonly used in legal documents to better identify defined terms.

"In most legal documents, when you have defined terms they're always capitalized every time you use them so you know it's a defined term," Costa said. "It's a stylistic choice that the Faculty Secretary's Office has interpreted away from that, but I think in policies where it's confusing and it would be helpful to have that, the option is on the table."

The senators also discussed adding the word "working" before the word "day" anytime it appears in the code. Sen. Steven Shook said while that would clear up confusion regarding the timeline students have to cooperate with the Dean of Students Office, it would result in the student code of conduct becoming a lot longer.

The contemporary accessibility to computers and the Internet also warranted discussion because the new draft still states students could receive a DOS notice via "regular mail to the mailing address." Some senators said references to normal mail should be eliminated completely, because UI students are required to have reachable email accounts.

Shook said the phrasing is still included in the code, because it serves as a backup.

"If email fails, then we at least want the option to use snail mail," Shook said.

Senators will vote on whether to eliminate two sections that outline the student judicial system and the appeal process to faculty senate in disciplinary cases at next Tuesday's faculty senate. If passed, the change would replace the two sections with one, all-inclusive section titled "University Disciplinary Review Process for Alleged Violations of the Student Code of Conduct."

"At our Friday meeting, we will address these issues," said Patricia Hartzell, chair of faculty senate. "We'll hold out on a vote until next week, so we can discuss these concerns and vote on a clean draft."

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UI receives tax help from VITA

Colleges team up to provide tax support to low income qualifiers

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The University of Idaho College of Law and College of Business and Economics are teaming up to provide free tax help for qualifying UI students and the Moscow community, courtesy of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The VITA program is an IRS sponsored program that offers free tax assistance for individuals making an income of \$52,000 or less. The program started on Feb. 15, and will continue through April 14 every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In order to get tax assistance, qualifying individuals will need a valid ID and Social Security card, as well as necessary tax forms such as the W-2 or the 1099. A complete list of necessary documents are available on the IRS website.

International students at UI do not qualify for the VITA program said Eric Nielson, a co-president heading the VITA program at UI. However, international students can receive tax help at the International Programs Office in the Living Learning Community.

Nielson said that six or seven accounting graduate students and one of the co-presidents of the VITA program at UI will be available to help qualifying individuals with their taxes. The program will be held in room 107 of the Menard Law Building. All program volunteers have



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Graduate students in accounting Ellen Kaasik, left, and Gabriel Hansen ready themselves to assist qualifying taxpayers living in and around Moscow. The College of Law and College of Business and Economics will provide free tax assistance to low income qualifiers through April 15.

IRS approved training. Volunteers will provide basic tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals, and can also inform taxpayers about special tax credits they may qualify for, such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

"The service benefits the community, and the experience of filing people's taxes is valuable to accounting students and law students before they graduate," Nielson said.

Linda Kiss is the supervisor for

the VITA program at UI, and the VITA liaison between UI and the IRS. She said between 150 and 200 people show up on a yearly basis to receive tax assistance, depending on how well the program is advertised. She said the program is advertised by posters around campus, as well as business cards distributed by law students. She also said many individuals hear of the program through word of mouth.

"I wish more people did know about it, it's a great place to get your taxes done for free," Kiss said.

"As soon as you walk out the door, we're e-filing your taxes."

The VITA program was originally founded in 1971 by Gary Ishkowitz of California State University-Northridge. Since its adoption by the IRS, thousands of VITA program sites have been established throughout the U.S. in universities, community centers, libraries and many other locations.

Nielson said many UI staff and faculty got their taxes done with the VITA program in mid-February, and the number of

people coming to receive assistance has dwindled since that initial rush. However, he said he does expect many more UI students and community members to attend as the program nears the April 15 cutoff date.

"[We] prefer them to come in earlier, but we're willing to help whenever they do come in, as much as we can," Nielson said.

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Fear Factor bridges gap

Greeks and non-Greeks to compete in fear face off

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ASUI Sen. Carlie Beasley spent her freshman year in Wallace, and Sen. Austin Karstetter is a brother of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, but both

first-term senators ran on the same platform and have worked closely to reach the same goal — reducing the divide between Greek and non-Greek students.

"Both of our platforms ... were to get Greeks and non-Greeks together," Karstetter said. "Although people say it can't bridge the gap between the living groups, that is one of the things ASUI can work on."

With hopes of bridging the gap between the living groups, and in an effort to give students a study break during midterms, Beasley and Karstetter organized a game of Fear Factor to take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

Beasley said that while they hope to schedule inclusive events regularly in the future, they decided to make their first event small and intimate — using only Facebook and word of mouth to advertise. They hope about 25 of both

Greek and non-Greek students will attend, according to Beasley.

"It could turn into a lot bigger thing," Karstetter said. "I know a lot of Greeks have been talking about, 'what are we eating?' They're very, very excited."

While students will have to wait to know exactly what the UI Fear Factor will entail, Karstetter and Beasley said it will involve good, competitive fun, and possibly whipped cream.

"It's not all going to be nasty snakes and spider stuff, it's going to be fun," Beasley said. "We're not lighting people on fire. It's something for all students to do, whether they just want to throw stuff or eat a bug, there's stuff for everyone to do."

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Small talk with Staben

UI president meets with ASUI representatives

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As the dust settles following the inauguration of new University of Idaho president Chuck Staben, many are eager to acquaint themselves with the man who now runs the university.

According to ASUI Vice President Taylor Williams, it is important to build a relationship with Staben early in his presidency. That's why ASUI senate invited Staben to an informal meet and greet in their office Wednesday before their weekly session.

"It was an informal and formal event mostly introducing President Staben to student leaders, but at the same time letting him meet students on a more personal level," Williams said. "We're hoping that this event will promote future collaboration."

With the passage of a

resolution addressing student involvement and the Student Voice Petition still circulating campus, there's no doubt student involvement is a hot-button issue on campus, according to Sen. Michael Lowe. Lowe said Staben seems eager to listen to student opinions and input, a quality Lowe is sure will resonate positively among students.

Falling enrollment was also an issue discussed with Staben. Lowe said, Staben was quick to instill confidence in the senate regarding the issue.

"He also had a lot of success at his last university getting enrollment back up, and he has really strong ideas about that," Lowe said.

Both Lowe and Williams said they were impressed by his knowledge and understanding of the issues facing UI, despite how little time he's been in Moscow. While Wednesday's pre-session was Staben's first interaction with all of ASUI, he has already met several times with ASUI President Max Cowan regarding guns on campus, student voice and

tuition increases.

ASUI extended the invitation to Staben in hopes of forming a personal connection and getting to know their president early on, and for members of ASUI senate, the meeting was successful. Lowe and Williams agreed they found Staben to be personable, intelligent, open to student questions and concerns and passionate about his job.

"I think he's a really nice guy," Williams said. "He's going to put the university's best interests first ... I would say that I think from what it seems that he is a good pick for UI president ... he is willing to take time out of his day with students, which I think is really important. He's just starting, but he has a good idea what problems are facing UI as far as things like enrollment. And I think he'll do a really good job, and I think we'll be able to tell more once things settle down and he kind of knows the ropes."

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The given budget also includes allotted funds to add second-year capabilities to the UI Law School in Boise, which currently only has the capacity for third-year students — much like Otter's executive recommendation.

"By adding instructors in targeted areas of study, we can help break up the logjam in our universities' upper-division classes, so students can keep progressing toward their degrees," Otter said. "And in response to growing demand ... (I recommend) that we expand Dr. Chuck Staben's law school program here in Boise to a second year."

Deputy Division Manager Paul Headlee presented the primary post-secondary education budgets to JFAC and said the budgets received for universities and colleges is broken down into three primary groups: 50 percent is dedicated to general funds and expense allotments, 47 percent gained from tuition and fees and 3 percent gained from endowment funds.

Reps. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow,

and Phylis King, D-Boise, crafted their own version of the post-secondary budget and proposed an alternative motion. The alternative motion included \$5 million to be dedicated to achieving the State Board of Education's "60 percent goal," — in which the board hopes to see 60 percent of all Idahoans with a professional or technical degree by the year 2020.

"We would like to see that money be used to help universities and colleges work with the (SBOE) to get the tools needed to recruit and retain students in our public universities and move them through in a timely fashion," Ringo said of the alternative motion.

Ringo and King's alternative budget plan failed by a 2-17 vote.

UI will also receive a portion of \$1 million in funding for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies — an amount to be shared with Boise State University and Idaho State University.

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tenure track throughout next school year deserve a salary increase.

"We have assistant professors who have been hard at work for six, seven years, they are up for tenure and promotion," Ickes said. "When they get promoted, they get a salary increase."

Ickes said the increase in tuition will also fund annual budget expenses such as campus utilities and library periodicals. He said maintaining UI's periodical literature costs approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year.

Ickes said the increase will also fund two new counseling positions that will be focused on deterring violence and alcohol abuse. He said the additional positions are a result of recommendations made by

a UI task forces on drugs and alcohol.

Ickes said Staben has met with student representatives for several weeks to gather input on the tuition increase, including ASUI, the Student Bar Association and the Graduate and Professional Student Association. Even though Staben had not officially assumed his position, Ickes said he was heavily involved in the decision making process.

In the meetings, Cowan said he emphasized that students are taking out more debt to afford college, and any increase to tuition should be done with careful thought and consideration. He said he stressed that UI students are willing to pay more for tuition, if the extra funds maintain the quality of their educational experience.

Cowan said changes in administrative compensation, and

other mandatory expenses, are long overdue and will insure that students continue to receive a quality education.

Ickes said in years past, the UI president, ASUI president and himself have traveled to meet with SBOE members to explain the issues and reasoning for the proposed increase. He said this process is beneficial to SBOE members, because it allows them to ask questions and clear up preconceived notions about the proposed increase.

"We have done a lot of groundwork to sit down and explain that this is not just a simple request," Ickes said.

Cowan said he will travel to meet with SBOE members this year to explain his role in the process, and provide student opinion on the increase.

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The resolution comes from Cowan's vision and was met with full support by the ASUI Senate.

ASUI Vice President Taylor Williams used the example of the guns on-campus legislation that is poised to pass at the state level. She said ASUI has opposed the bill, not because they fundamentally oppose firearms on campus, but because they believe the decision should be left up to each individual institution.

"It would have been really helpful if there was a representative sitting on the board that really understood what UI wants and needs," Williams said. "Having institutional representation at that level will hopefully help get student voice better understood ... I just don't think that (the State Board of Education) has a very clear un-

derstanding of each institution as a whole."

ASUI has yet to hear anything back from state legislature, but has received praise on the resolution from former Interim President Don Burnett. Regardless of state support, though, Cowan stands by the relevance of the issue.

"It's difficult for a lot of students to be involved in complex issues," Cowan said. "Unfortunately, this is why we have student representatives. Not every student can take a week off of school and go to the State Board of Education meeting to see how the system works ... so it's difficult to condense the issues down to their core clearly. But at the heart of the issue, we want decisions close to home, and that's a sentiment all students can get behind."

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Orientation to other departments funded by student fees. In order to compensate for the loss of funding to New Student Orientation, the committee recommended that a separate fee of \$100 be charged only to first-year students.

"Previously, the new student orientation fee was assessed to every student \$4 per semester and then there was an additional cost for every participant," Cowan said. "Instead, we've decided to streamline that process by incorporating it into a single fee that a student pays during their first semester on campus. They only see that fee once. We used the \$4 that was previously assessed to fund other changes in the student activity fee to better serve students as they continue their time on campus."

The reallocation allows ASUI to provide additional funding to various programs and service, without actually increasing the dedicated student activity fee.

In addition, the committee

recommended to remove \$2 of student fees from the marching band. The committee recommended the \$2 be applied to tuition costs to enable funding of marching band scholarships through the general education budget, rather than the student activity fee. The change will not reduce the total cost of tuition and fees to students. Instead that portion of the activity is freed up to reallocate funding to other programs.

"We're reducing the band fee to move the band scholarship from a student-fee funded item and incorporating them into the general education fund, so that they're funded by general education instead of student activity fees," Cowan said.

The committee also heard requests for additional funding from three student-fee funded departments, but determined that approving the requests would not be financially responsible in the face of more important increases.

"Though all of these were exciting new opportunities and would serve students at the University of Idaho, it was the committee's interest to try and maintain the fee

with a relatively small increase," Cowan said. "The requests that are contained for increases were more pressing concerns for mandatory compliance issues, for maintaining the excellence of student retention programming and for maintaining operations as usual at the University of Idaho."

The requests included additional fees per student of \$5 for Outdoor Recreation facilities, \$1 for the Soil Stewards Student Farm and \$3 for the Sustainable Moscow Area Regional Transit to fund fixed route service. Although the requests were denied, Cowan said it does not mean those services weren't deemed valuable to students.

"We want a community that allows us to grow and thrive ... we want a community that engages us as whole people and not just as readers of textbooks and in order to do that, it takes more than just a general education budget," Cowan said. "The difference between what students need from their education and what students want from their education is what the student activity fee is all about."

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Women's tennis gets 10th straight win with 7-0 win victory over Sacred Heart.

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Extending the bench

Trujillo Fernandez takes the show

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

With a thumbs up and a smile, Agueda Trujillo Fernandez celebrated with her teammates. Trujillo Fernandez had just nestled in a 3 early in the second half, getting double-digit points for the first time in her career. She had 12 at the time, but didn't end there. Trujillo Fernandez took over late in the second half as Idaho's second-leading scorer with 19 points.

Idaho never trailed, dominating Chicago State for a 91-41 win Thursday at the Cowan Spectrum to improve to 21-8 overall and 14-1 in WAC play. The Vandals will face Chicago State Wednesday in the first round of the WAC Tournament.

Trujillo Fernandez, the sparsely used freshman guard from Spain, had nine of her points down the stretch in the second half, as Idaho continued to extend its lead. She was the beneficiary of Idaho having clinched the WAC regular season title four days prior. With the No. 1 seed wrapped up, Idaho coach Jon Newlee used his bench against over-matched Chicago State.

"I'm not surprised, because offensively she's done a good job, and the last month she's really done such a good job in practice," Newlee said. "In fact, yesterday in practice I walked over to Jordan and said, 'man Agueda is running our offense better than

anybody right now from the guard spot."

Injuries to freshmen Karlee Wilson and Brooke Reilly and a suspension for forward Ali Forde stretched Idaho's depth Thursday night. Forde missed the first half because of a violation of team rules, Newlee said. In her place, junior Maren Austgulen got her sixth start of the season, leading the team in minutes with 34 played.

Forde came in late in the second half and grabbed nine rebounds, in only 12 minutes of action.

But it was Trujillo Fernandez who took over for the Vandals late in the second half, going 8-of-12 from the field and coming only a point shy of Alyssa Charlston for the game high in points. Trujillo Fernandez ended up with a career high in minutes and points and hopes her performance nudges her more into the rotation than she has been.

"I've been working so hard this season and finally, I had the chance to play some good minutes and I am so glad," she said. "I was just having fun. I miss playing games against other players, because in practice it's just the same people."

Trujillo Fernandez may get another chance at as many minutes next Wednesday when Idaho faces Chicago State in the WAC Tournament.

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Senior Alyssa Charlston defends the ball against Chicago State freshman Caillin Nix on Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals won the game 91-41.

Crumbling Cowan

Problems with Cowan Spectrum prompt continued discussion on new events center

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Picture this: It's a beautiful fall afternoon. Fans of Idaho athletics flood Moscow to enjoy a Vandal football game in the Kibbie Dome. Later that night, basketball fans pack the stands for an Idaho men's basketball game against national powerhouse Gonzaga.

This vision isn't possible in the current state of campus facilities. Idaho's basketball teams play their early games in the small Memorial Gym early since the Cowan Spectrum can't be set up in the Kibbie Dome until football season is over.

A high-profile team like Gonzaga isn't going to play in Memorial Gym, said University of Idaho Director of Athletics Rob Spear. He said that would change if the proposed events center comes to fruition.

"It's true that most schools don't want to come play us when we're playing in Memorial Gym," Spear said. "A new event center would help us attract a more quality non-conference opponent in the early season."

Future plans have included an events center since 1971, according to the University of Idaho website. But a new arena might need to come sooner, due to the Cowan Spectrum falling apart.

Prior to a game against Seattle U on Feb. 1, three rows of student-section bleachers fell off.

"It was pretty scary," said Philip Burkgart, a UI freshman who attended the game. "I don't really feel safe going to games anymore. It's tough to get some people to go to games now. But me and my friends are pretty big fans, so it's worth the risk."

Spear said the bleachers have exceeded their useful life, and the university needs to invest in a new bleacher system. He said he would rather see the university invest in a new events center, though.

The process for a new events center started back in 2007, Spear said, when a feasibility study was completed. The study called for a 6,000-seat facility connected to the North side of the Kibbie Dome.

"Unfortunately, back in 2007, the cost for a new event center came out to be \$70 million," he said. "That was a number that was too big for people on campus."

Spear was asked to rewrite the proposal. With a goal to keep the new building on the North side, a proposal was drafted to create a much smaller center — cutting the square footage from 180,000 to 90,000.

The latest renderings show a 5,100-seat facility. A lower bowl surrounding the court would seat 2,800 fans, while 2,500 upper-level seats fill one side of the arena.

New UI president Chuck Staben told Spear he wanted the seats to be even on each side, before moving forward.

"He wanted us to go back and re-evaluate to see if we could balance it out," Spear said. "That's where we're at now, we're in the process of balancing it out."

The Idaho State Board of Education has already approved the events center proposal for its six-year plan.

"Now we need to try to find a way to build this and control the cost," Spear said. "We're coming out with a new design. Hopefully in a few weeks that will show us how we can control the cost, and then the next step is to build a funding model to see how we would raise and build the funding."

Spear sees the process as a four-legged stool: fundraising by the athletic department, debt restructuring from the university, support from the community and help from students.

Student support for an events center happened just across the border.

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Close game in Chicago

Hill's strong first half carries Idaho over Chicago State

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

After leading by 15 points with nine minutes left in the game, the Idaho men's basketball team barely escaped with a 79-76 victory over Chicago State Thursday in Chicago.

It was a tale of two halves for the Vandals, taking a 14-point lead into halftime. Guard Connor Hill's 22 first-half points led all scorers. He went 6-of-8 from the 3-point line in the first half.

Idaho even enjoyed a rare six-point play. Hill hit a 3-pointer and in the process there was a foul away from the ball giving the Vandals an extra possession. Mike Scott inbounded the ball, got it right back and hit a 3-pointer, giving the Vandals an 11-4 run to start the game.

"I thought we played with a lot of energy and intensity, especially in the first half," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "We built a 14-point lead. I thought we came out and our ball really moved well tonight. We

got a number of easy looks in transition and I thought, for about 30 minutes of this game, we completely dominated them."

Hill eventually cooled off in the second half, only adding five more points to his total, finishing the game with 27 points.

The Vandals did an excellent job of executing their offense in the first half, Verlin said. He said the team was prepared for all of the traps thrown at them, leading Idaho to 46 first-half points.

The second half was a different story for the Vandals. After stretching their lead to 16 points, Chicago State crawled its way back. The Cougars' Quinton Pippen hit a 3-pointer to bring his team within one point of the lead with 2:13 left.

That was as close as CSU would get, thanks to four missed free throws down the stretch.

"With about 10 minutes to play, for whatever reason, we made some errors," Verlin said. "They're a good team, they made

some shots. Thank God they missed some free throws down the stretch and we pulled one out. This game shouldn't have been as close as it is, but I'm happy as heck we got the win."

Sekou Wiggs picked up some of the slack in the second half. He finished the game with 16 points, 10 of those from free throws, shooting 10-of-13 from the line.

Wiggs also had six rebounds in the game, including a possession in which he grabbed four all in the same play. Wiggs was then fouled and hit both free throws.

Despite battling the flu all week, Verlin said, Stephen Madison had himself a double-double, with 17 points and 10 rebounds. The stats may not have looked like it, Verlin said, but Madison wasn't his normal self tonight.

"It's hard to win on the road in Division I college basketball. Couldn't be prouder of our guys," Verlin said.

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Sports Briefs

Men's lacrosse undefeated, playing division leaders

The Idaho men's club lacrosse team is undefeated heading into a Friday game against Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL) Division I league leaders Simon Fraser Burnaby, British Columbia. The Vandals have three wins on the season including an 18-1 win against Central Washington, a 21-5 win over Great Falls and an 11-9 win over border rivals Washington State. In the Saturday win against WSU, Idaho was led by 17 saves from goalkeeper Craig Patrick while Patrick Tunison and club president Colton Raichl combined for nine goals. The Vandals are 0-8 against Simon Fraser heading into Friday's game. This is the first time the teams have played this season.

Football schedule dates finalized

Idaho's 2014 conference schedule has been released. Idaho will get early Sun Belt Conference exposure, heading to Louisiana-Monroe in the second week of the season.

Idaho will have four home conference games and four on the road, playing eight of the 10 other pro-

grams in the conference — missing Georgia State and Louisiana-Lafayette.

Homecoming will be Oct. 18 when Idaho hosts New Mexico State. The Vandals defeated New Mexico State for Homecoming 2012. Dads' Weekend is Idaho's home-conference opener on Sept. 27 against South Alabama. Times and television schedule are still to be determined. The full schedule can be found at thevandalnation.com.

Football to host pro day

Idaho will hold its football pro day on Thursday. Idaho's top seniors will work out for National Football League scouts in an attempt to increase their chances at ending up in NFL training camps this summer. Workouts will occur at the SprinTurf and inside the Kibbie Dome. Running back James Baker and defensive tackle Quay-Shawne Buckley will be the top players working out on Thursday. The pro day last season helped Benson Mayowa get signed to the Seattle Seahawks, where he spent the season on the 53-man roster and was a member of the Super Bowl XLVIII winning team.

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@PeteShowler
Massive congrats to Vandal WBB staff and players, WAC Champions...time to win the tournament n dance again #GoVandals

-Former Idaho soccer coach Pete Showler congratulating the women's basketball team on their WAC regular season title.



@Rob_Spear
Congrats to Women's Basketball on their 1st regular season conference championship in 29 yrs. #GoVandals

-Idaho athletic director Rob Spear brings up some history when it comes to the women's basketball conference championship.



@Meaghan_Mc3
YES!!! The Vandals will be represented at NAAs!! Go Jamie & #GoVandals!!!

-Former Vandal swimmer Meaghan McCloskey congratulating Jamie Sterbis on qualifying on the NCAA Championship meet.



@CoachShuTweets
Another great day of testing for the Vandals! We improved an avg of 22 lbs since our last bench test! #GoVandals

-Idaho running backs coach Jason Shumaker after a great day in the weight room for the Vandal football team.



@Idaho_Vandals
Congrats to women's tennis on climbing to No. 51 in the latest ITA National rankings! #GoVandals

-University of Idaho Athletics sending congratulations to the women's tennis team as they continue to climb the ITA National rankings.



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Drew Swenson prepares for the serve during the men's club volleyball practice Wednesday at the PEB Gym.

Finance issues not stopping Vandals

Men's club volleyball setting sights on Reno

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

To raise money for a trip to the National Men's Club Volleyball Tournament in Reno, Nev., the Idaho men's club volleyball team is teaming up with the Washington State for a fundraising exhibition game on Friday at Bohler Gym on the WSU campus.

The exhibition game starts

at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 at the door. All proceeds from the game will be split evenly between the Idaho and both WSU club volleyball teams. Any other donations are welcomed as well.

The Vandals recently finished fifth at a Pacific Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (PIVA) tournament in Seattle. PIVA consists of 14 teams from all over the Northwest, including WSU.

"We have really good team chemistry — we have a good

understanding of how our team works and how to get out of tough spots," club president Jared Toba said.

Toba is the only senior on the young nine-man Vandal team, consisting of five sophomores, two juniors and one freshman. But the overall experience level of the team is wide.

Some of the players never played competitively before this year, including the current starting middle, Toba said. Players of all levels are welcomed as long as they are com-

mitted, he said.

The Vandals are familiar with the WSU club team since they faced them in the championship round of the All Star Tournament last semester, in a losing effort. They beat the WSU second team at the PIVA tournament last weekend.

Toba said volleyball players can contact him or vice president Wesley Sjoerdsma, if they are interested in joining the team.

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Extending streak to ten

Women's tennis wins first of three in Honolulu

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

Days after becoming the No. 51 ranked team in NCAA Division I women's tennis, the Vandals wasted little time in proving themselves worthy of that ranking.

Idaho extended its winning streak to 10 matches Thursday, after sweeping the Sacred Heart Pioneers 7-0 in Honolulu.

"It's been a good effort from all the girls," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "We have talent and we've been working hard. The girls competed hard and we had a lot of good, close sets in tough matches and we pulled it off."

Led by seniors Almudena Sanz and Victoria Lozano, the Vandals (10-1) began the morning by sweeping the doubles matches — each by a score of 8-3.

Lozano won her No. 1 singles sets 6-3, 6-3 against the Pioneers' Katie DeRienzo. Sanz defeated Gabi Kaldan 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles and freshman Galina Bykova won 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 3 spot.

"Galina continues to be

really really impressive," Beaman said. "It was a pretty quick match but that's how she goes out — plays hard and takes care of business."

Bykova defeated Sacred Heart's Paige Olson for her eighth consecutive singles victory.

"I feel really good," Bykova said. "I'm in great shape right now. It was a little bit weird (today) because it was outside, and for a long time I've played inside. It was a little sticky, but it was good."

Playing indoor tennis and competing outside in humid conditions takes a toll, especially in the Hawaiian heat, Beaman said. However, he said it will help the team prepare for the conference tournament.

"It's humid and hot — certainly different than playing indoor tennis," Beaman said. "It's a lot more grueling on the body when you're sweating so much. It's a good test. We're getting practices in and matches to get used to the outdoor, sunny conditions to get ready for conference."

The Vandals will round out the tripleheader against Hawaii Pacific on Friday and University of Hawaii on Saturday. Despite Hawaii's 3-7 record, Beaman noted the quality of



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Sophomore Belen Barcenilla runs for a shot at practice on Jan 15. The Vandals swept Sacred Heart 7-0 Thursday in Honolulu.



We have talent and we've been working hard.

Jeff Beaman, coach

The Hawaii Pacific Warriors (6-0) are ranked No. 4 in Division II tennis.

"Tomorrow we play against Hawaii Pacific and they're a really good team," Bykova said. "They beat WSU, so they're going to be tough matches, but we're ready."

"Hawaii Pacific is a really good team," Beaman said. "They have a shot to win the Division II National Championship. They're always a highly ranked program, so it'll be a tough one."

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Junior guard Connor Hill takes a shot against the Grand Canyon Antelopes on Saturday Feb. 22 in Memorial Gym. Hill led all scorers with 27 points going 7-of-9 from the 3-point line in Idaho's 79-76 win over Chicago State Thursday at Chicago.

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COWAN

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In 2006, Washington State University students voted in favor of a \$10 million tax, the university website states, which adds \$25 to tuition per semester for 25 years.

ASUI Director of Athletics Taylor Vincent said she is in favor of a tax like this.

"I can't speak for all of ASUI, but if it is something they decided to do, I know we would support it and help promote however we can," Vincent said. "I will definitely be advocating for it and I'm definitely in support of a new event center."

As a student, Burkgart said he wouldn't mind paying an extra \$25 per semester, and said it would be worth it with all the new events.

"I hope the students would entertain a conversation about this," Spear said. "It would make their experience so much better here, and not only their experience, but the experience of generations of students to come."

The experience goes further than athletics. A new events center would make Moscow a more appealing destination for top-flight musicians, Spear said. Instead of going to Beasley Coliseum in Pullman, he said, they would choose Moscow.

Musicians don't want to play in 10,000- to 20,000-seat arenas anymore, Spear said. They want to play in smaller venues. If there are any concerts in the area, they are at WSU, he said, but a new events center would change that.

"I feel like we could have a lot more concerts," Burkgart said. "Last year, we had Macklemore. With the new event center, we could have a lot more of those."

Vincent recalled when musician Mike Posner came to play and had nowhere to perform.

"It was 2011 when Mike Posner came, and the Kibbie Dome was in renovation and we didn't have a place for him to perform," she said. "We had to host him in the (Student Union Building) Ballroom. So it would be awesome to have a facility that is constantly available for those types of things."

Athletics generate \$33-34 million a year, Spear said. He said that number would only grow with a new arena.

"It all indicates that we need an event center or arena on this campus," he said. "In my opinion, an event center would be awesome for all the students. It's not just about athletics. It's about making our campus the best residential campus in the country."

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EXTENDING

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The Cougars are already slotted as the No. 8 seed, and have now lost to Idaho by 50 points twice on the season.

While Las Vegas may not put money on Chicago State to upset Idaho, the Vandals' 2013 run through the WAC Tournament serves as a testament anything could happen in Las Vegas.

"I mean it's definitely another game of basketball. We don't go in with the attitude that we just beat them by 50, we learned that last year," junior guard Stacey Barr said. "We played San Jose State really close, and we had never beaten Utah State (last year) — we have to play that game with the same attitude we went in with tonight."

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BRIEFS

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Sterbis makes NCAA Championships

Nearly a week after the WAC Swimming and Diving Championships commenced, Idaho sophomore Jamie Sterbis finally received news that she qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 200-yard butterfly. The selection committee announced the qualifiers Tuesday. Sterbis' time of 1:56.77 at the WAC Championships is also a new school record. The NCAA Championship meet will be held March 20-22 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center.

"We knew after last year, Jamie had the ability to make the meet," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "She stayed all summer and it was worth it. We're not going to this meet just for experience. She's going to be in the picture. She hates to lose almost more than she loves to win."

Women's tennis improves in national rankings

The Idaho women's tennis team improved to No. 51 in the latest ITA National Top 75 rankings, released Tuesday. The Vandals are on a 10-match winning streak with their only loss coming in the season opener at No. 53 Washington State. Idaho's latest win came against Sacred Heart Thursday in Honolulu. The Vandals are currently on a three-match road trip in Hawaii.

"It is great to see the women ranked at 51," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "We want to see how high we can get for the potential for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, but our only true goal right now is continuing to improve and winning the automatic bid by winning the WAC title."

CLOSE

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"This is a good team, this is a team that's been playing well, a team that's ahead of us in the conference standings."

Idaho will be back in action when they take on Missouri-Kansas City Saturday in Kansas City.

"We're starting to play better," Verlin said. "What we gotta keep trying to do is keep being aggressive, keep pushing the ball. Scoring 80 points a night is a good number. We're probably going to have to score 80 points with the way our defense is playing right now."

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OUR VIEW

Tuition paradox

Tuition increases necessary for UI to function, state should fund higher education

Steep tuition increases have become the modus operandi for higher education. That theme has held true at the University of Idaho for the past decade, where students have seen year after year tuition increases that exceed 5 percent.

UI administration announced Wednesday they will ask for a 4.7 percent increase in tuition and fees from the State Board of Education in April, the lowest tuition and fee increase request in a decade.

Though this kind of increase would up the ante for undergraduate students paying to attend UI — a \$308 raise for in-state students and \$714 raise for out-of-state undergrads — the raise is a necessary one.

The 4.7 percent proposed increase is

lower than previous years, which comes as a slight relief to in-debt students after years of rising education costs.

“Over the past 10 years (tuition and fees) almost doubled, and that’s an unfortunate reality of higher education across the nation,” ASUI President Max Cowan said.

We can hope this lower percentage will serve as a precedent in years to come and does not end up as an anomaly. But the harsh reality is that any increase is an unwelcome one for students.

UI is in desperate need of these tuition and fee raises every bit as much as the next university. Sure, the additional dollars will be spent well, but it’s unfortunate that students are responsible for picking up the tab.

The state has failed to fund UI appropriately and only provides 50 percent of our general education budget. Compare that to 2001, when 71 percent of the funding came from the state.

The student body is left to fork over the difference, forcing many students to take out loans at higher rates than ever before.

The university’s undergraduate population has good reason to weep at the sight of another increase, though it can also sigh in relief knowing the current quality of education at UI will continue and that these proposals are the result of thorough studies conducted by student leadership and administrators who recognize where UI needs financial support.

— TL



Andrew Jenson
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Disabled, not unable

Disabled people benefit greatly from compassion, technology

A thief stole the Moscow Special Olympics team’s sporting equipment last month, and with it their chance to compete at the State Winter Games on March 1. Fortunately, the Moscow community and others rallied around the team with donations and an outpouring of support that enabled them to compete.

The kind gesture penetrates deeper than most would realize. Because unfortunately, the reality of living with a disability is one of dependence and reliance on community support and technology.

This reality of dependence is not one that Hollywood or general culture would believe exists. News stories on people with disabilities often feature people “overcoming” their disabilities and accomplishing amazing things.

For those with disabilities who struggle and need assistance with basic tasks — such as walking, talking or breathing — the cultural expectation of a person being able to shrug off a disability and accomplish heroics is crushing.

These heroics are often seen on the silver screen with disabled people becoming magically cured or literal

superheroes. In reality, genetic mutations often result in crippling disabilities that impede the ability to function and be considered part of “normal” society.

My disability, neurofibromatosis type II, is caused by a mutation in the NF2 gene and results in the growth of non-cancerous tumors on the central nervous system.

So far, the only superpowers I have gained is a hand tremor that’s faster than a speeding bullet, handwriting slower than a tortoise and balance so poor that I can fall down stairs in a misplaced bound.

Fortunately, advances in technology and changes in societal attitudes have enabled people with disabilities to accomplish more than ever before. These new attitudes are a significant shift from the past, where laws called the “ugly laws” in many U.S. states and cities banned people with disabilities from appearing in public. Before these laws were shrugged off as products of an intolerant era, the last “ugly” law was repealed by Chicago as recently as 1974 — nearly a decade after the Civil Rights Act was passed.

In 1973 in the U.S., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act — a statute designed to protect the civil rights of disabled indi-

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viduals — was signed into law and helped prevent atrocities such as the “ugly laws.”

In compliance with Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the University of Idaho Disability Support Services helps disabled students by providing technology and learning accommodations, so a disability is less of a hurdle in obtaining an education.

Technology allows people with disabilities to accomplish great things. DSS provides disabled students with speech recognition software and Livescribe smartpens. The speech recognition software is comparable to an advanced version of Siri that allows for

computer commands to be spoken. The Livescribe smartpen permits those with slow handwriting speeds to gain necessary notes from rapid-fire college lectures.

However, specialized technology is incredibly expensive. The high cost of specialized equipment, and general sporting equipment, is what made the initial theft of the team’s equipment so disheartening. The theft was \$4,000 worth of equipment, so replacing the equipment would have been extremely costly to the team.

Fortunately, people rallied around the team and they were able to compete in the winter games. This outpouring of support is a critical demonstration of a shift in societal values and community kindness. Leaving behind the ugly past treatment of disabilities, the community rescued the team when they most needed it.

The world is filled with people with all kinds of disabilities. From moderate to severe disabilities, they populate more classrooms, offices and walks of life than one would expect. While disabled people may not become superheroes, continued community support and the use of technology is critical in allowing us to live a successful life.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

A strange concept

Have never comprehended why people preface statements with, “Can I just say something?” 99.9 percent of the time they say it regardless, but I’m going to set out to be the first to say, “No, no you can’t say something.”

—Theo

A strange thought

You have never seen your face. Think about it, you have only seen reflections and photos of your face. Woah.

—Ryan

Spring break

Two papers, three tests, a research blog, and six days of class is all that’s left between me and Spring Break. Let’s do this.

—Kaitlin

Cliche’ collision

I am thinking about starting to carry my Bible around, so I don’t miss an opportunity to throw the good book at someone.

—Aleya

Kitchen

When I am stressed out, I always come back to my kitchen. I cooked three times and baked twice in the last two days. Yup, I think I need to spend more time in the kitchen than studying.

—Rainy

It’s been a good week...

And it’s going to be an even better one next week. #5days #VEGAS

—Ricky

Three months

I can tell focusing during the rest of the semester is going to be a very difficult task.

—Kaitlyn

Walking the runway

Amidst probably the most stressful midterm period of my college career, I agreed to coordinate a fashion show. I’m excited to see the result of my hard work on Saturday!

—Jessica

Football

I miss it.

—Sean

The nearest bear effect

A discussion of “the nearest bear effect” was brought up in Inorganic Chem the other day. It was mentioned that although the second or third bear might be twice as large, if the nearest one eats you, it’s game over.

On a side note, I wish I could just use human sacrifices to escape the bears, but I guess that’s where the analogy breaks down.

—Phil

Inside out

To the guy sitting in front of me who was wearing his shirt inside out—it is definitely one of those kind of days for me too.

—Emily

Science talks

When I attend a climate change seminar open to all majors, I expect the speaker to talk at a normal speed and explain things in a way the average person would understand. Rushing through the powerpoint using extremely technical lingo doesn’t help matters.

—Stephan

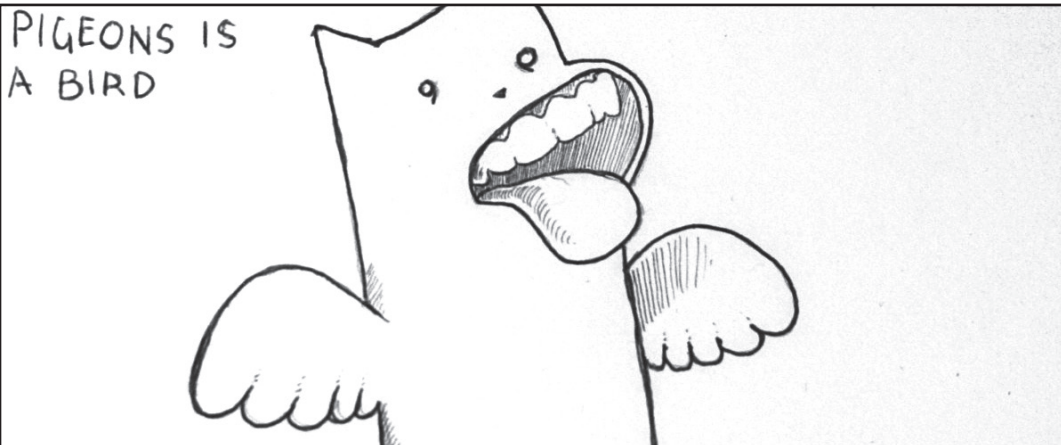
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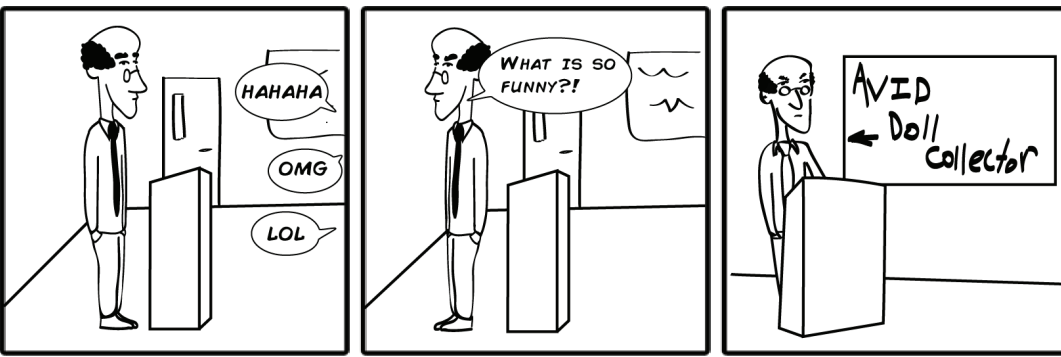
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'Ag-gag' bad move

Wake up at five, feed the cows, set the water and make it to school by eight. This was a typical morning on the small farm I grew up on. Located in the heart of the Magic Valley near the tiny town of Kimberly, my family raised alfalfa hay and I had a few steers on the side.

I've been involved in agriculture all of my life. For me, as well as most every farmer and rancher, it's not a career or a hobby — it's a way of life. I may be at college and for the first time in my life living within city limits, but that way of life is still at the center of everything I do. From this perspective, I offer the following observations.

Idaho Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter recently signed S.B. 1337 into law which, among other things, makes it a misdemeanor offense to "make audio or video recordings of the conduct of an agricultural production facility's operations."

Animal rights activist groups, such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society of the United States, have filmed livestock producers treating their animals "cruelly." I cite that as a quote because PETA's definition of cruelty can sometimes be ridiculous.

In some cases, genuine animal cruelty was occurring, but more often, accusations were a direct result of people not understanding why we do what we do. As an agriculturist, you would presume me to be a fervent proponent of this legislation. The truth is, I would have preferred it to fail.

Idaho dairies, or any agricultural production facility for that matter, are already protected by private property laws. If somebody is secretly filming me in my living room during one of my not-so-finest moments, I can ask them to leave. If they refuse, then I am able to call the police to have them forcibly removed or, in the true spirit of Idaho, ask again with my trusty 12-gauge at my side. The same goes for the dairy, beef, poultry, sheep and pork industries. To me, this addition to the Idaho Code is redundant and

harmful to the agriculture industry.

As a consumer, my initial reaction to this law would be "what are they trying to hide?" It's a fair question and the answer should be — and most often is — nothing. I'm not saying animal abuse isn't out there — it is. True cases of cruelty, however, are few and far between, but the media pounces on any opportunity it can to get a profitable story.

Picture a blank sheet of printer paper. Now take a marker and put a small black dot anywhere on the paper. Of that paper, 99.9 percent is completely pure, white, without blemish, but what is the one thing everyone will focus on? For this metaphor, we'll say the paper is the agriculture industry on the whole, and the black dot represents the operators who are truly cruel to their stock animals.

The vast majority of the industry respects, cares for and even loves their animals. I did. To me they were precious. The media, however, only reports the bad because bad sells.

My fellow producers will agree with me, when I say there is a major disconnect between producers and consumers in agricultural terms. Why then would we support legislation which continues to build the barrier when we should be working to bridge the gap?

To me, we should embrace the public with open arms, including the ones wielding video recording devices. We shouldn't push them away, but invite them in and help educate them. They may accuse us of abuse when they see things they don't understand, presenting an opportunity to clarify things for them. Castration, pregnancy checking and herding techniques are foreign to most people — let's take the opportunity to tell them our story and explain these practices.

The bill is now a law. Nothing I, animal rights groups or agriculturists do can change that now, but just because there are now specific ramifications for trespassing on agricultural grounds doesn't mean producers have to close their gates forever. Let's open them up. If we do, will you come and learn?

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