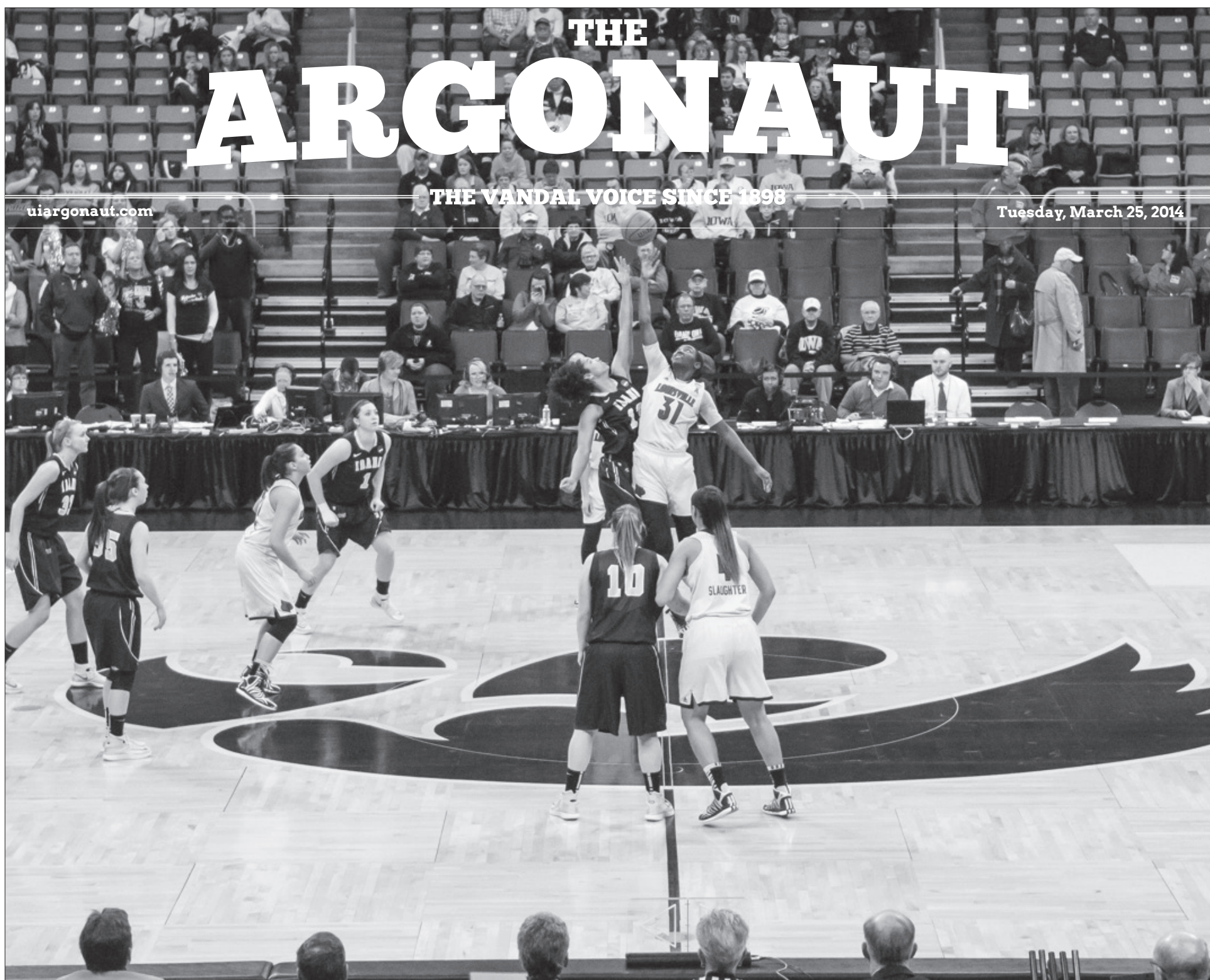


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The No. 14 seed Idaho women's basketball team tips off against No. 3 Louisville Sunday in Iowa City, Iowa. The Vandals lost to Louisville 88-42 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the second consecutive year the Vandals competed in the tournament, an unpredicted occurrence for Idaho women's basketball. The team ended the season 25-9 as regular season and conference tournament champions. It was the last season the Vandals will complete in the Western Athletic Conference.

Teaming up with Google

Google, university partner to increase marketing efforts, yields positive results

Amber Emery
Argonaut

Due to recent declines in University of Idaho student enrollment, the University Communications and Marketing team paired with Google to attract attention to UI with strategically placed Internet advertisements, said Senior Director of Marketing Chris Cooney.

"Google approached us last summer," Cooney said. "They offered three months of free consulting, free strategic consulting as well as the buying of the placements and the ability to adjust the campaign as it ran for the three month duration."

Known as the "Google Campaign," the six-week endeavor took place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 28.

Cooney said the marketing campaign targeted seven Northwestern states and focused on placing display ads on Google's website and a video ad on YouTube, as well as increasing the chance uidaho.edu would pop up in Google searches.

Cooney said Google's partnership is appealing to universities, because of its capability to reach out to specific audiences by considering browsing history when placing advertisements.

"One of the things that Google can do is target very specifically as far as interests," Cooney said. "So if someone's interested in say, law, we can target a campaign specifically to those interested in law. Those who have maybe searched 'law' or 'law school' through Google, for example, could easily see a UI law advertisement with this technology."

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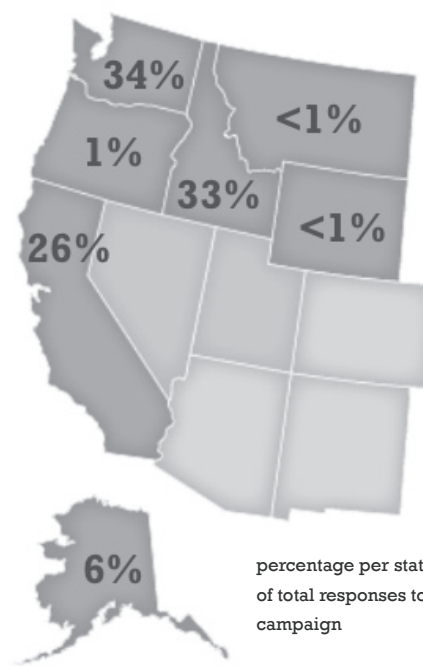
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Educating through ethics

Ethics symposium focuses on national security and media ethics

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

When Edward Snowden leaked thousands of classified documents detailing surveillance programs to multiple media outlets, it sparked a worldwide debate on privacy, national security and the media's role in covering it.

The ethical issues surrounding the coverage of Snowden made a perfect subject for the upcoming



Paul Farhi

ing Openheimer Ethics Symposium, said Steve Smith, University of Idaho journalism faculty member and symposium coordinator.

"There was no question that the dominant issue in the latter half of 2013 was Edward Snowden, and before that it was WikiLeaks," Smith said.

That will be the topic of this year's keynote speech given by Washington Post staff reporter Paul Farhi at 4 p.m. Friday in the Administration Auditorium.

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Prison improvement passing

Journey of justice reinvestment policies smooth, signed into law by Otter

Chloe Rambo
Argonaut

BOISE — Idaho has joined 18 other states in pursuing data-driven justice reinvestment policies in efforts to maximize prison efficiency, following 10 months of research on the subject.

Justice reinvestment has held a priority for Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter since the start of

the session, and all three branches of Idaho's government stand in support of reworking the state's prison funding system.

Senate Bill 1357 stemmed from the state's need to better utilize prison space and funds allotted for prison facilities, while also hoping to target discrepancies in the probation and parole supervision programs.

"We realized that unless we made some important changes, the prison population would continue to grow significantly," Otter said. "That would mean spending much more

without actually addressing the causes."

Otter signed S.B. 1357 into law March 19, after it unanimously passed through both the House and Senate. Policymakers and federal data analysts said investing \$33 million in the established policies will prevent the need to build a new \$288 million prison facility.

Now that Otter has signed the bill, the five-year investment plan will begin for the new fiscal year July 1.

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In Brief

An open forum to discuss the proposed 4.7 percent increase for University of Idaho tuition and fees for the 2014-2015 school year will take place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Idaho Commons Aurora Room.

The event will include a presentation about the proposed increase from UI Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes.

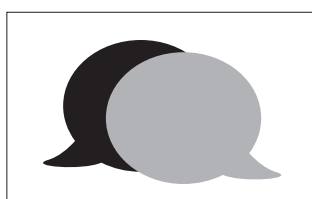
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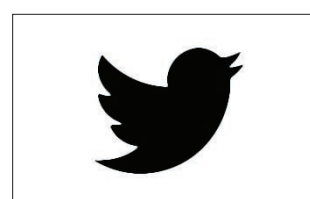
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Sweet Texas Caviar

Aleya Ericson
Crumbs

The word caviar conjures images of vastly overpriced fish eggs. Fortunately, this recipe is a much more affordable chip dip made from vegetables that is sure to be the delight of every party. This recipe makes 30 servings, which is the perfect amount for a party, and can also sit for hours without needing to be refrigerated. The dip soaks in oil and vinegar, enabling it to last a while as one person's chip dip.



Aleya Ericson | Crumbs

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 3/4 cup apple cider
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1 orange pepper
- 1 red pepper
- 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas
- 1 (15 ounce) can pinto

- beans
- 1 (15 ounce) can white Shoepeg corn
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans

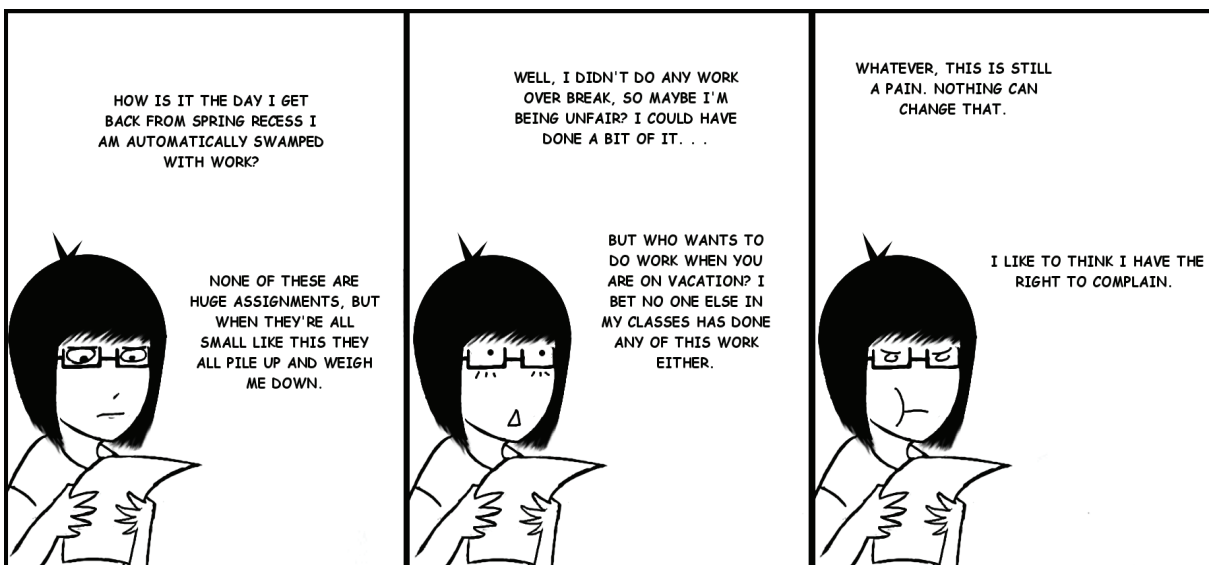
Directions:

Drain and rinse canned items. Dice vegetables. Add first four ingredients to large plastic contain-

er and mix well. Add all peppers to container and mix well. Add canned items to container and mix well. Allow to sit overnight in refrigerator. Serve with tortilla chips.

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Silver and gold chefs meet iron

Second Annual Vandal Iron Chef Competition Thursday

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

Only two University of Idaho student chefs will emerge victorious as Vandal Iron Chef Champions after they put their culinary skills to the test in a team-based cook-off.

The second annual Iron Chef competition will be hosted in Bob's Place Thursday, and two teams of two students each will be chosen from the crowd to cook a dish to impress the judges. Following this, two Vandal Dining chefs will compete with leftover ingredients to create a savory dish to be scored.

UI Campus Dietitian Marissa Rudley said the winning student team will receive gift cards to the Vandal Bookstore and to any Vandal Dining vendor. The winning team's dish will also be served as an entree at Bob's Place at some point after the competition, Rudley said. However, competitors are under pressure to think of a meal and then prepare it

in under 25 minutes.

"(Students) are going to have to think quickly on their feet," Rudley said. "Students get so into this, they have sweat dripping off their faces to show off their cooking skills."

She had no comment on the ingredients students will have at their disposal. But Rudley said students will work with regional and local seasonal ingredients, as well as products from Vandal Meats.

The student Iron Chef competition will start at 5:30 p.m. and the Vandal Dining Iron Chefs will follow an hour later. Between the competitions, Rudley said she will rely on students to volunteer to help with clean up, as well as setting up and tearing down the Iron Chef workspace.

"We are relying on student volunteers to help make this happen," Rudley said.

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File photo by George Wood Jr. | Argonaut

UI student Syafiq Fuller cooks teamed up with Maddie Brennan to win the Fall 2013 UI Iron Chef competition. Teams of two compete to cook up the best culinary masterpiece to impress the judges.

Mapping Idaho

Statewide geological map sent to Idaho schools as learning resource

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

When the Idaho Geological Survey released a new geologic map of Idaho in 2012, it concluded a decade of work for the department.

"It's really a relief to get it out, get it printed," said Reed Lewis, director of the Idaho Geological Survey. "There has just been a lot of good feedback on it."

Lewis said the map identifies potential land hazards across the state, including active faults and landslides. He said the map also shows the general distribution of minerals across the state, as well as the age and depth of the rocks beneath it.

Lewis said his department used 99 regional and local geological maps to compile the information into a general state map. He said the process required geologists to simplify the maps and present a broader view of the land.

"It requires using lots of information, other people's maps, so you have to interpret what they looked at," Lewis said.

Lewis said interpreting two conflicting geological maps is often the most difficult and time consuming part about compiling a map. A statewide map is also the largest project a state geological survey can take, he said.

That same map has been sent out to 360 middle and high schools across Idaho with the help of the University of Idaho's Department of Geological Sciences.

Lewis said the idea to send the current geologic map to schools across the state came from the Idaho Gem Club located in Boise.

Philip Neuhoff, president of the Idaho Gem Club, said the club sent out more than 425 maps to elementary schools across the state last September, in an effort to increase geological education.

"It's a really great resource for students to learn about the geology and natural history of the state," Neuhoff said.

Lewis said once the IGC had sent out maps, it only made sense to continue the project.

"Once they did that, then we thought 'Okay, we are part way there now, let's get one to all of the middle schools, all of the junior high schools, the rest of the schools,'" Lewis said.

Lewis said the geology department stepped up and paid for the printing of the 360 maps.

Neuhoff said he hopes the map raises interest and sparks curiosity about geology in schools across the state. He said funds from selling specialized gem state license plates were used to buy and distribute the maps to elementary schools.

Lewis said the geological map will help science teachers throughout the state educate their students on Idaho's geological history, as well as provide a holistic view of the state's geological resources.

"The science teachers at these different schools can put it on the wall and they can use it as a prop, whenever they are talking about the geology of Idaho," Lewis said.

Lewis said the map was not a high priority endeavor for the department, until the final two years of the project.

Neuhoff said it is wonderful that UI and the IGS could collaborate to bring the maps to a wider audience. Lewis said the IGS won the Charles Mankin Award from the Association of American State Geologists in 2012 for their work on the state map.

Loudon Stanford, manager of digital mapping for IGS, said he used a geographic information system to digitize geological data, which allowed him to make detailed boundaries and accurate fault lines.

Stanford said the survey also has an interactive map on their website where students can receive more information on specific rock formations. He said the survey is also in the process of developing a phone application that will feature the map.

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UI waste management success

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The University of Idaho recently implemented a new tow unit and compactor system for dealing with municipal solid waste — everyday items disposed by the public — and has managed to save more than \$52,000 as a result.

UI Facilities Director for Landscape and Exterior Services Charles Zillinger said the university borrowed \$164,000 in 2012 from an internal loan fund to purchase and install the new system. The purchase included an additional municipal solid waste compactor on top of the one already owned by the university and 60 toters (the brown dumpsters on wheels that can be seen around campus). The money was also used to get the program started.

Zillinger said the savings from the project have allowed Facilities to hire a new staff member. He said the university actually saved more than \$97,000, but used \$45,000 to make the first of three payments to repay the money borrowed for the project.

"Your idea actually has to be to payback the amount borrowed," Zillinger said.

He said the new system is a step up from the blue stationary dumpsters that were previously used. Zill-

inger said the new toters are able to be towed by vehicles like a Ford Ranger and carry a maximum of 1,200 pounds. This is beneficial because heavy dump trucks are not seen in the core of campus, which helps reduce street damage.

Despite the improvements, Zillinger's department still has to deal with the disposal of "unacceptable waste," which includes any hazardous or infectious materials. These include blood, body wastes, paints, spray cans, liquids, toxic substances, pesticides, oils and chemicals. Other unacceptable waste includes furniture, metals, electronic waste, wood and construction debris. Zillinger said there are different methods to deal with these different kinds of garbage, but they don't belong in the municipal solid waste toters.

Zillinger said the frequency of the problem has steadily declined over time. The university does have the ability to take care of things like furniture, but only if it is disposed in the proper ways. Zillinger recently sent out an article reminding the university community to pay attention to what they put in the toters.

"As long as we stick to that municipal solid waste then it's a win for everybody," Zillinger said.

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Police Log

Saturday, March 15

8:45 a.m. 500 block Ridge Road

Caller reported a vehicle break-in. A report was taken.

9:34 a.m. 2600 block Weymouth St.

Caller reported a moose. No report was taken.

Sunday, March 16

8:14 p.m. 800 block

Travois Way

Officer arrested female on a warrant. No report was taken.

11:56 p.m. 1200 block East Fifth St.

Caller reported a fire. No report was taken.

Monday, March 17

3:53 p.m. 800 block Pine St.

Caller complaint of theft. Report was taken.

Thursday, March 20

8:23 a.m. East Third St City Hall Finance Office

Alarm was activated. No report was filed.

2:59 p.m. North Main St and Rodeo Drive

Traffic accident with injuries reported. A report was taken.

6:51 p.m. 700 block East Public Ave.

Caller reported fatal accident. A report was taken.

7:56 p.m. Rosauers North Main Street

Officer arrested female for theft. Report was taken.



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Learning in the wilderness

Students have opportunity to take 16 credits in wilderness

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

The College of Natural Resources has opened applications for next fall's Semester in the Wild program — a semester-long program of five interdisciplinary courses taken while living in the remote Frank Church Wilderness. Applications for the program are due April 11.

Next fall will be the second time the University of Idaho offers this program. Last fall, 11 students from various universities were part of the initial program. Students received fifteen credits in English, leadership and science classes after spending an intensive semester living in the Taylor Wilderness Research Station.

Sadie Grossbaum, a UI student majoring in recreation and minoring in psychology, said she applied for last year's Semester in the Wild program, because she was tired of the traditional university environment.

"I went to get a semester out of the classroom," she said. "The opportunity to take all my classes in a wilderness area sounded awesome."

Grossbaum said she enjoyed drinking fresh mountain water straight from Pioneer Creek, and walking without seeing anyone else. She said she would recommend the program to anyone interested in the outdoors.

"You don't need to be a hardcore backpacker, you don't need to have gone camping before. You just have to have an open mind," she said.

Tom Gorman, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources, is the primary coordinator for the program. He said the program stemmed from ideas of previous faculty and leaders in the CNR and English Departments. Gorman said last year was the first time organizers could coordinate all the necessary elements enough to effectively start the program, which he said



Jodi Walker | Courtesy

Students from the Fall 2013 Semester in the Wild program participate in a lesson for one of their classes on top of a mountain in the Frank Church Wilderness. Applications for the Fall 2014 semester-long program are due April 11. Students from any university and degree program can participate in Semester in the Wild and earn 16 credits to be applied toward their degree and core requirements.

went very well.

"It (was successful) because of the dedication of the faculty, and the student group was just stellar," Gorman said. "They went into it wanting to make it succeed and did a great job."

Gorman said applicants for the program were handpicked based on several criteria, including their ability to coexist in close contact with others while living in a wilderness setting. Students interested in applying for the program must be working toward a bachelor's degree at an accredited university, and must be eligible to take upper-division classes. Applicants must submit several documents including a written statement showing interest or experience in

the emphasized academic areas, two letters of recommendation and a resume indicating the student's compatibility with the program goals and objectives.

"The things you've done in the past lead to your success in a Semester in the Wild experience," Gorman said. "It doesn't mean that you have to have already had summer jobs in the forest or anything, but you've had experiences that would lead to a successful three month experience in the wilderness."

The students this year will live in wall tents heated by woodstoves, rather than the single cabin used by the first group, which will allow up to 18 students to participate.

Tuition for the program is \$3,262 for residents and \$9,800 for

out-of state students. Additional costs include room and board for \$4,950 and a fieldtrip fee of \$450. Students are required to bring their own gear, and provide their own medical insurance while in the program.

Gorman said the program will offer the same five classes — Environmental Literature and Culture, Outdoor Leadership, Environmental Writing, River Ecology and Wilderness and Protected Area Management — with some modifications to improve credit transferability. For the next program, the course in river ecology will be four credits rather than three and count as a science course with a lab. One of the English classes may soon be

recognized as a university core class, though this development is still in progress, according to Gorman. He said transferability is an important aspect for many students, and something developers have been working on.

"I'd be glad to work with (students) on the transferability of these courses to their degree programs," Gorman said. "They should first talk to their adviser."

Preferential applications for Semester in the Wild are due by April 11. Gorman said he and the faculty will review and consider student's applications on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Dining with style *Students invited to annual etiquette dinner, learn professional skills*

Emily Aizawa
Argonaut

The University of Idaho Career Center will host the annual "Dine with Style" Etiquette Dinner for students to learn how to conduct themselves at a professional dining event from 5-8 p.m. April 2, in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

"It's really great," said Kylie Johnson, a sophomore who attended last year's dinner and plans to attend this year as well. "I like learning what's appropriate at professional dinners, because it will be such a big part of my adult life and it will be good to know how to act."

The Etiquette Dinner begins with tray-passed hors d'oeuvres and beverages of polenta fritters with marinara sauce, jumbo

stuffed olives and rosemary citrus spritzer, for students to learn how to mingle and network while eating, said Noell Kinyon, employer relations specialists for the Career Center.

During the rest of the evening, students will be seated at their dining table, she said. For the first time in the event's history, instruction will be given to students during the dinner instead of before — so that students have a better chance of knowing exactly what to do, Kinyon said.

Students will learn which fork to use, how to pass the salt and pepper, how to excuse themselves, how to work with the dining staff to accommodate dietary needs, what to do if you knock over your water glass and even topics for dinner conversa-

tion that are safe and enjoyable, she said. The dinner gives students plenty of time to talk and practice the skills they learn as they dine over chilled roasted tomato-basil soup, flank steak spirals with balsamic glaze grilled asparagus, roasted potatoes and a desert of chocolate torte with raspberry puree.

Students are to wear business professional attire, she said.

Christa Streat, a frequent Etiquette Dinner speaker from Spokane, will teach her first dinner at UI, Kinyon said.

After dinner, students have the opportunity to fill out a survey and receive a pamphlet with all the tips and tricks they learned to help remember how to behave professionally during a dining event, she said.

"There have been many success stories from students who have graduated who felt they got the job because they felt more comfortable during their dining interview," Kinyon said.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at the Career Center in Idaho Commons 334 for \$20.

Half the proceeds will go to the family of Delia Advincula, who worked for UI Sodexo and was on the first Etiquette Dinner Planning Committee, Kinyon said. Advincula recently died and had a wish to be buried in her hometown in the Philippines. The proceeds from the Etiquette Dinner will help pay for travel and burial costs.

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GOOGLE

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The campaign sought to generate traffic on UI's website as a whole, instead of individually targeting different areas of study.

"The degree finder was the landing page for this campaign," Cooney said. "So if someone was responding to this campaign and they clicked on one of the ads, where they would end up is degree finder, then they could search for their interests there."

The campaign yielded 12,627 website visitors in the six-week period and 76 percent of them were first-time visitors to the UI website. Additionally, since the campaign launch in September, there has been a 438 percent increase in requests for information via the website.

"I would say that that's a greater response than we were hoping for," Cooney said.

The advertisements used in the campaign were "visually appealing and clearly showed expectations," Cooney said.

The display ads used colorful images of students engaging in activities accompanied by the UI logo, a strong verb and a link reading "Find Your Degree."

Director of Integrated Communications Stephany Bales said the YouTube video ads also yielded success. There were 200,685 views during the six-week campaign with the cost of 13 cents per view — UI was only charged if the 30-second ad was viewed in its entirety.

Cooney said one of the most noticeable benefits of the cam-

paigned was affordability. In a world where university marketing campaigns can cost several hundred thousand dollars, only \$40,000 was spent on the advertising produced from the campaign, he said.

"That's keeping in mind those are the placement costs for the Google ad words, the display and also the YouTube. We didn't really pay for anything else," Cooney said. "That is very affordable, and one of the things that we got along with this was the training from the Google team for our internal team. So, in the future if we choose to do something like this again, one of the things that is going to make it affordable is that our team now has gained that expertise, all of this can be done internally now."

Cooney said the preliminary findings of the success of the Google Campaign would likely be indisputable when discussing future efforts in university outreach, particularly for more targeted campaigns.

"We're continually working with the University Enrollment Management and we've been discussing the Google Campaign with them for some time," Cooney said. "I think in the future, if we decide to, we can use a similar way of marketing to contribute to enrollment efforts."

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BRIEFS

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"People should attend to learn more about what happens with their money and provide feedback on what they think about the tuition increase," said ASUI President Max Cowan.

The Idaho State Board of Education will meet April 16-17 on the University of Idaho campus to discuss the proposed tuition increases for all four-year public

higher education institutions in the state.

Boise State has proposed a 6.1 percent increase, Idaho State University has proposed a 3.5 percent increase and Lewis-Clark State College has proposed a 2 percent increase to tuition and fees.

Declining enrollment and state funding are among the reasons cited for the proposed increases.

ETHICS

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Smith said a round table discussion featuring a number of media and law professionals including Farhi will follow the keynote speech.

The symposium will continue Saturday with speeches from Frank LoMonte, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, and Jennifer Sanchez, a member of the Society of Professional Journalists Diversity Committee, at 9:45 a.m. and noon, respectively.

Kenton Bird, director of the UI school of Journalism and Mass Media, said this will be the first year the entire symposium will be located in Moscow instead of Boise. He said in years past, the symposium had been geared toward media

professionals, and often covered a wide range of business, legal and media issues.

Smith said the move represents a shift toward a student-oriented symposium that benefits students in their professional development.

"The Oppenheims wanted to make sure the program really reflected their original vision, which is ethics education for UI students, faculty and the Moscow community," Smith said.

Smith said Farhi will comment on the federal government's push to restrict national security reporting. He said Farhi's extensive coverage on how the media has reported about Snowden made him one of the few people that could address the large and complicated issues surrounding national security reporting.

PRISON

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The initial steps to creating the re-investment policies were taken in early 2013, as Otter, Chief Justice Roger Burdick, Senate President Pro Tempore Brent Hill and House Speaker Scott Bedke requested support from the Pew Charitable Trusts and the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance to conduct research.

The overall goal of the policies was then established — Otter, Burdick, Hill and Bedke agreed Idaho needed a more systematic approach

to reduce corrections spending while increasing public safety.

Program Director of the Council for State Governments Justice Center Marc Pelka said Idaho is a state with multiple deciding factors. He said Idaho's crime rate is among the lowest in the nation, but the rate of recidivism — the number of individuals returning to prison after being released — is rising.

Pelka said the research pointed to Idaho as a state holding non-violent offenders behind bars for more time than any other state. "The state's prison population has increased 10 percent since

Smith said LoMonte will give a presentation on scholastic media laws, and new regulations associated with social media.

Bird said the symposium will conclude with an informal brown bag lunch with Sanchez to discuss reporting on race and cultural diversity.

Smith said Saturday's events will be more interactive and focus on scholastic journalism topics relevant to high school and college reporters.

Bird pointed out the symposium takes place on the first Vandal Friday weekend, and said he hopes many incoming students will attend the event.

"We are hoping to capitalize on the fact that there's a lot of people on campus that day, and that there is a nationally known speaker on a provoca-

tive topic," he said.

Bird said the symposium was created in 2011 through a gift from UI alumni Doug and Arthur Oppenheimer, executives with Boise-based food processor and real estate company Oppenheimer Companies.

Doug Oppenheimer, co-founder of the event, said he and his brother are glad they can help promote ethics education at UI, and create an event that will appeal and benefit UI students.

"We want the speakers and the topics to be something we think the students will be genuinely interested in," Oppenheimer said. "Hopefully by attending this symposium ... it could potentially make a difference in our quest to help people's perspective."

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Committee Chairman Patti Lodge, R-Houston, said the re-investment policies are critical to more effectively using taxpayer dollars.

"Addressing such significant criminal justice system challenges required tremendous bipartisan, inter-branch collaboration, which resulted in the Idaho solution that was signed into law," Lodge said. "This legislation will continue Idaho's history as a low-crime state, while reducing recidivism and the resulting costs from growth in our prison system."

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SPORTS



Men's golf finishes second straight tournament in third place

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An emotional Alyssa Charlston, center, answers questions with teammate Ali Forde and coach Jon Newlee in the postgame press conference following Idaho's 88-42 loss to Louisville in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday. Idaho made consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time in school history.

Historic season ends

Idaho's season concludes in first round of NCAA Tournament for second consecutive year

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

For the first five minutes of the game, Idaho looked like it could be the first ever No. 14 seed to upset a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament.

The Vandals held a 6-2 lead over the Louisville Cardinals with 15:28 remaining in the first half. Then the

Cardinals started making shots and showing how they made it to the 2013 NCAA Championship game, as they routed the Vandals 88-42 Sunday in Iowa City.

"It's a tough way to end what for us was a great season," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "We talked about our goals of winning the regular season WAC title, winning the tourney title

and getting back-to-back in the NCAA Tournament. The only goal we didn't achieve was going further in the NCAA Tournament."

Louisville (31-4) started the game shooting 0-of-7 from the court, allowing Idaho (25-9) to take an early lead. Sophomore post Ali Forde scored the first four points of the game and the first six points for Idaho. Then the Cardinals finally found their rhythm to go on an 8-0 run and garner a 10-6 lead over the Vandals.

Idaho bounced back with a 3-pointer by senior post Alyssa Charlston to bring the Vandals back within one point of the lead at 10-9. Following a jumper by Louisville's Shoni Schimmel, junior WAC Player of the Year Stacey Barr made two free throws to bring Idaho back within one point again at the 12:11 mark.

That was as close as Idaho would get to regaining the lead.

Louisville extended its lead to 40-21 in the first half before routing the Vandals 48-21 in the second half for the 88-42 win. Despite their slow start, the Cardinals ended the game shooting 57.4 percent from the field, shooting 42.9 percent from the 3-point line and had five players score in double figures. In comparison, Idaho shot 35.4 percent from the field and a measly 22.2 percent from 3-point land — a usual strength for the Vandals.

An unlucky exit

Tough draw dooms Idaho at NCAA Tournament



Theo Lawson
Argonaut

They didn't present quite the Goliath-like challenge that UConn gave the Vandals a season ago, but the Louisville Cardinals have asserted themselves as a contender within

the highest tier of NCAA Division I women's basketball.

And due to a rather questionable No. 3 seed, Idaho, given a somewhat expected No. 14 seed, was forced to duke it out with another one of the national heavyweights.

It was another battle Idaho coach Jon Newlee and the Vandals would find overwhelming. In Idaho's second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, the Vandals fell victim to an 88-42 loss, capping off a season in which they finished 25-9.

That mark included just one loss in conference play and a second straight WAC Tournament title, which this time around, was coupled with a regular-season conference title.

Newlee's back-to-back feat will likely go down as the greatest in program history — at least thus far.

And what is his reward for the season — one that even ESPN bracketology experts predicted would earn a No. 13 seed?

Louisville. The same Louisville that worked its way into last season's



Jeff Becker | Courtesy

Ali Forde drives to the basket during Idaho's NCAA Tournament loss to Louisville Sunday. Forde finished tied for a game high with 16 points.

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Pilots rob Vandals in nail biter

Idaho women's tennis moves to 11-3 with one month remaining in regular season

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

After a run of 11 straight matches, the Idaho women's tennis team has dropped its last two matches.

The second came Sunday in Spokane, as the Portland Pilots trumped the No. 70 Vandals 4-2. It was Idaho's first match in more than two weeks.

"It was a very close and competitive match," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "After a two week layoff, you can't replace competition — even if you're playing points against teammates."

The Vandals won all three matches in doubles play 8-5, 8-6 and 8-1 respectively.

No. 1 doubles pair Victoria Lozano and Almudena Sanz extended their winning streak to 13 matches.

"Every time we play doubles, we feel more confident," Lozano said. "I don't know if it's because we have each other and can support each other when we are nervous or missing some balls at

the beginning of the match."

Singles play went down to the wire, as the No. 3. And No. 5 matches ended in tiebreakers.

"Galina (Bykova) was up a break two different points in that third set," Beaman said. "It was a rollercoaster — really high pressure. We played a good team that played really hard."

Idaho junior Beatriz Flores won her No. 6 singles match 6-1, 7-5 against Portland's Emily Gould. Beaman said the other four matches were competitive and good for the team after such a long break.

"It's a good match in terms of getting your competing back," Beaman said. "After some time off, we certainly had the pressure. You'd like the result to go the other way, but hopefully they deal with the loss in the right way. It will get us ready for two tough matches."

Next up for Idaho are matches against Northern Arizona and Grand Canyon on Sunday and Monday. The team will also make up the postponed Feb. 8 match against LCSC in Lewiston on Wednesday.

"I expect to work on my consistency," Lozano said. "(Sunday), I was not erratic but

not as consistent as I wanted to be. I'd like to improve to get ready for the next match."

Grand Canyon is a conference match, but the result won't affect Idaho's seed in the WAC Tournament. The 'Lopes are still in the transition phase from NCAA Division II to Division I, but Beaman said not to take them lightly.

"I think it's a critical match in terms of playing a good team outdoors," Beaman said. "The conditions in Phoenix will be somewhat comparable to Las Cruces."

The Vandals are entering the final month of the regular season before heading to Las Cruces, N.M. — the site of the WAC Championship in April. The final regular season conference match will be played against New Mexico State in Las Cruces, N.M., on April 13.

"On paper, us and them are projected as two of the top teams in the conference," Beaman said. "We get a chance to play a team that we could be potentially playing in the finals on their home court in the same conditions two weeks after that."

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Athletes of the week

Stephen Madison — men's basketball



Stephen Madison

The Idaho men's basketball team got its first set of wins in the WAC Tournament March 13-15 in Las Vegas. Even though the wins were significant for coach Don Verlin, they were also significant for senior Stephen Madison. The senior averaged just under 23 points per game during the tournament and had a career high in rebounds with 17 in the Vandals quarterfinal matchup against Missouri-Kansas City. His performance in the tournament was good enough to get him a spot on the WAC All-Tournament Team. He also secured the second spot on the Vandal's all-time scoring list with 1,624 points.

Stacey Barr — women's basketball



Stacey Barr

Stacey Barr continued her amazing season in the WAC Tournament by helping the Vandals win

their second straight WAC title and second straight berth in the NCAA Tournament. In the WAC Tournament, she was named the WAC Tournament's Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row. Barr, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, was able to score 26 points per game in the tournament, including a career-high 35 points in the semifinal match against New Mexico State.

Ali Forde — women's basketball



Ali Forde

The Idaho women's basketball team lost to Louisville 88-42 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The one bright spot for the Vandals was sophomore post Ali Forde. Forde was the leading scorer for Idaho with 16 points on 7-9 shooting from the field. Forde tied for the game-high in points with Louisville's Sara Hammond. She also grabbed eight rebounds and had two blocks for Idaho. The Vandals finished the season at 25-9.

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Good start for men's golf

Jared du Toit leads the Vandals to second third-place finish



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Former Vandal Dylan Baker, left, and junior Aaron Cockerill practice at the University of Idaho Golf Course on Sept. 13, 2012. The men's golf team finished third at the 2014 Desert Shootout Saturday in Goodyear, Ariz.

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

The Idaho men's golf team struggled to find consistency during the fall season, but has found some to start off the spring, finishing in third place in the first two tournaments. The Vandals' latest third-place finish came Saturday at the 2014 Desert Shootout, in Goodyear, Ariz.

The tournament hosted a field of 15 schools and 90 golfers. All five of the Vandal golfers finished in the top half of the tournament field, with freshman Jared du Toit leading the team, finishing in second place.

Du Toit shot 66 in the final round, tying him for the lowest

score in the third round. He finished the tournament with a 13-under-par 203.

Du Toit is one Vandal who did enjoy a strong fall season, finishing in the top 30 in four of five tournaments — including fifth place overall in his very first tournament in Pullman.

As for the rest of the Vandals, junior Aaron Cockerill tied for 24th with 4-under-par 212, sophomore Rylee Iacolucci tied for 29th with 3-under-par 213, junior Sean McMullen tied for 39th with an even-par 216 and freshman Ryan Porch tied for 44th with 1-over-par 217.

As a team, Idaho finished with

834 strokes, placing them only one stroke behind leaders Brigham Young and Texas-Pan American, who were tied for first with 833.

The Vandals placed ahead of notable teams from the Big-12 such as Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State.

The team didn't get much rest, as it was back in action Monday and Tuesday in Eugene, Ore., competing in the Oregon Duck Invitational. At publication time, Idaho was in eighth place, with a 6-over-par 295. They were one place ahead of Boise State.

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Strong doubles play for Vandals continues

Idaho men's tennis team's up-and-down season continues

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

After a demoralizing 7-0 defeat at the hands of BYU on March 1, a two and a half week hiatus might have been what was needed to improve a disappointing season for the Vandal men's tennis team. Idaho holds a 6-9 record on the season.

"Sometimes that little bit of a break both mentally and physically is a really good thing," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "As bad as things were going, that break really let the guys get back on a positive note."

On March 17, the Vandals traveled to Stockton, Calif., to take on Pacific University. The Vandals lost to Pacific 5-2, but Beaman said the competitiveness was better than Idaho's previous trips to Arizona and New Mexico.

Pacific dominated the Vandals on the singles side, claiming victories in five of the six matches, with Caesar Torres being the lone Vandal to come away with a singles victory.

"(Torres) is really continuing to impress me with the way he's competing and getting matches out and winning," Beaman said.

Despite the loss, playing outdoors is going to help the team prepare for the conference tournament in Las Cruces, N.M., said No. 1 singles player Artemiy Nikitin. Previously, the Vandals played most of their matches indoors.

Idaho fared much better in the second match of the week as it defeated Big Sky Conference juggernaut Sacramento State 4-1 March 18 in

Sacramento, Calif. The match was a positive for the Vandals moving forward as they will be competing in the Big Sky starting next season.

"They are definitely the dominant team in the Big Sky," Beaman said. "It's not like we are competing against them for the conference this year, but it's definitely a good win against a good team that we will be competing against next year."

The Vandals earned the doubles point in both matches and despite an up and down spring, the doubles play has been a bright spot for Idaho. After some tinkering with the lineup earlier this spring, the Vandals have found a few successful pairings. Led by No. 1 pairing Jose Bendeck and Cristobal Ramos Salazar, Idaho has earned victories on the doubles side in seven of 15 matches this season.

"The guys are communicating well and putting good efforts in, so that's another positive," Beaman said.

The Vandals travel to Seattle March 28 to take on WAC opponent Seattle U.

The experience of this season should help in the rematch against Seattle, who Idaho defeated 5-2 to kick off the spring season in Cheney, Wash., Nikitin said.

"They've gotten a lot of matches in and it's been awhile since we've seen them," Beaman said. "But it's a team we are pretty familiar with — I think it will be a pretty tough match."

After the Vandals face Seattle on Friday, they will travel to Portland, Ore., to take on Hawaii and Portland on Sunday and Monday respectively.

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Sports Briefs

Post WAC season swimming and diving

Sophomore Jamie Sterbis was the lone Vandal to compete at the NCAA National Swimming and Diving Championships, but senior divers Paige Hunt and Mairin Jameson competed in the prestigious Zone E Diving meet to complete postseason competition for the Vandals. Sterbis finished 49th in the 200-yard butterfly at the championship meet March 20-22 in Minneapolis, Minn., with a time of 2:00.21. She also competed in the 100 butterfly. Hunt finished 13th on the platform dive at the Zone E competition in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a score of 232.95. Jameson finished in 33rd with a score of 185.

Idaho throwers commence season

The Vandal runners haven't hit the track yet for the outdoor season, but the throwers opened Thursday and Friday at the Whitworth Buc Scoring Invite in Spokane. On the women's side, freshman Ana Pardo won the shot put with a throw of 44 feet, 2.5 inches, while fellow freshman Katie Wardsworth placed second in the hammer throw with a mark of 155-6. On the men's side, senior Andrey Levkiv finished second in the shot put with a heave of 54-10.75 and second in the discus with a mark of 155-6. Wrapping up the men's highlights were Kyle Rothwell's second-place finish in the hammer throw (177-0) and junior Alex Taylor's ninth-place finish in the hammer (135-4).

UNLUCKY

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national championship game, where the Cardinals met the same UConn Huskies that Idaho played punching bag to in the Round of 64.

And this Louisville team may be a hint better than last year's national runner-up squad. After all, three of the Cardinals' four losses have come to — you guessed it — coach Geno Auriemma's unbeaten Huskies. The other loss was to No. 10 Kentucky.

For the Cardinals, also ranked No. 3 in the AP Top 25, the No. 3 seed came as a surprise. The idea that the NCAA tournament selection committee overlooked Louisville, then picked eight one or two seeds ahead of the Cardinals is laughable within itself.

While it originally appeared the Vandals might have been victim to an old-fashioned NCAA "snub" — Team Room C went silent when Idaho's opponent was drawn — it's without doubt that Louisville got the bad end of this deal.

Even Louisville coach Jeff Walz said so.

"What we're trying to do right now is prove that we belong. I think a lot of that, with our seed, has to do with respect," the coach told media members after disposing of the Vandals.

And surely the seeding process had its effect on Idaho, a team that may have been a few quality non-conference wins away from earning a No. 12 seed. Even without those RPI boosts, Newlee and company were justified in the moans and groans that repre-

sented their displeasure with the seeding process.

Even ESPN women's bracketology expert Charlie Creme projected 14-seeded Idaho to meet No. 3 seed Nebraska in Seattle. The location, for obvious reasons, was ideal and the opponent more manageable — though still a tall task for the Vandals.

Yet for all we know, the Cornhuskers may have provided the same kind of thumping Louisville did.

For an Idaho team still climbing the ranks of national respect, a 14 seed is better than a 16 and Louisville is better than UConn.

It can only mean progress for a program that has made leaps and bounds of it after just two years.

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Jamie Sterbis – swim and dive



Jamie Sterbis

The Vandal swim and dive team was represented at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship at the University of Minnesota, when sophomore Jamie Sterbis was able to qualify and compete in the meet. Sterbis, who hails from Brookings, S.D., competed in both the 100-yard and 200 butterfly. In the competition, she was able to swim her second best 100 butterfly time of her career. It wasn't good enough to advance in the meet, but it was a good start and warm up to lead into her specialty — the 200 butterfly. While it wasn't exactly the race that Sterbis wanted, she was able to finish 49th in the event.

"We are so proud of Jamie for representing the Vandals at our national championships as well as our conference," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "In two short years, she has turned herself into one of the best butterflyers in the country and she and her team have such a bright future."

Ana Pardo and Andrey Levkiv – track and field



Andrey Levkiv

The Idaho track and field throwers were in action when they traveled to Spokane to compete in the Whitworth Buc Scoring Invite over the weekend. For the women, freshman Ana Pardo competed well enough to claim the top spot in the women's shot put with a heave of 44 feet, 2.5 inches. On the men's side, senior Andrey Levkiv finished second in both the shot put (54-10.75) and the discus throw (155-6). The Vandals travel to Spokane next weekend to compete in the Sam Adams Classic, hosted by Whitworth.

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"We did some very good things defensively that threw them out of rhythm," Louisville coach Jeff Walz said. "But the way they shot the ball from the 3-point line tonight was not indicative of how they've been shooting the ball the entire year."

Defensively, the Cardinals used a full-court press that helped force an uncharacteristic 18 Vandal turnovers. The Cardinals' height — they have eight players 6-foot-1 or taller compared to Idaho's three — also contributed to turnovers and tough shot attempts for Idaho.

"They put on a lot of pressure," Forde said. "We handled it really well at the beginning of the game (but) drifted away from that towards the middle."

Forde was a bright spot for Idaho and, possibly, a sign of what's to come next season for the Vandals. The sophomore ended with a game-high 16 points and tied with Louisville's Sara Hammond. She also had a team-high eight rebounds and two blocks.

"This experience is a great experience to have," Forde said following the game. "Next year hopefully will be — like coach was saying earlier in the locker room — hopefully we'll have a higher seed and be able to come out stronger."

Barr, Idaho's go-to scorer, had only four points on the day. She played most of the game, despite taking a hard hit to the head midway through

the first half.

"At one point we thought she had a concussion," Newlee said. "Her symptoms got worse as the game was going along. At one point I had to take her out, because I'm not sure she was aware where she was."

The loss marked the last collegiate games for Idaho seniors Charlston and Addie Schivo. Charlston had 11 points, while Schivo didn't score in nine minutes coming off the bench.

Charlston's career ended with an Idaho record 130 consecutive games played. She played in every game over the past four seasons. Charlston also finished fifth all-time in scoring at Idaho with 1,587 career points, fourth in blocks with 128 and fourth in rebounds with 855.

"Any last game is going to be emotional. But, wow, what a ride it's been," Charlston said. "It's been incredible. I know that the girls behind me are going to take this program even higher than when I came here. They've got a powerful coaching staff to do it."

Charlston is the only senior in Idaho's starting five. Barr, Forde, Christina Salvatore and Connie Ballesterio have eligibility remaining after starting in NCAA Tournament games for two straight seasons. The two consecutive appearances in the Big Dance are a first in Idaho program history.

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LONG SHOT



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Stacey Barr attempts a fadeaway jumper during Idaho's loss to Louisville in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

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OUR VIEW

Communication breakdown

UI should have facilitated more communication with Targhee residents regarding move

For the next two academic years, the students of Targhee Residence Hall will be relocated to the Stevenson Wing of the Wallace Complex to create temporary office space for employees in the soon-to-be remodeled College of Education building.

The renovation of the College of Education is long overdue and highly necessary. It is understandable that finding a place to house all of the staff and faculty in the college is a difficult task that requires sacrifices on the part of different members of our campus.

But the chosen solution — moving an entire residence hall out of their current living quarters — was vastly mishandled by campus leadership. According to the hall president Jonathan Madrid, residents and hall leadership weren't consulted about the

move, or even informed of the change until the evening before the formal press release was sent out.

The decision was made after some students had already signed up to live in Targhee for another year. Those students are now forced to relocate to Wallace or consider alternative housing options. While these students do have the option to cancel their housing contract with no financial penalty, they have missed months of potential off-campus apartment opportunities given that people often sign leases for the next school year before spring break even rolls around.

The culture in Targhee is unique from other residence halls on campus. The small, themed community is made of fine arts majors who have chosen to live to-

gether based on common interests. It is sad that the opportunity for students to bond over those interests will be lost, as students are forced to move off campus or to non-specialized communities.

For the university to uproot an entire hall after contracts have been signed and decisions made is an egregious breach of trust.

Certainly this is an unwanted transition for everybody, but steps could have been taken to involve those students affected. The university could have been in discussions with Targhee residents from the beginning of this decision-making process and making them a part of the process instead of victims of it. Next time around, UI needs to do better.

-KM

Mailbox

Open letter to campus community

Dear University of Idaho Community Members,

March is Women's History Month. This year, we are also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Conciliation Agreement, which established permanent funding for a director for the Women's Center, created (under a different name) the Office of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion, included a specific directive for undergraduate recruitment through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and mandated the hiring of female professionals to offer health care services for women on campus. In the spring of 1987, Athena, the organization for faculty and professional women, began. In the years that followed, we have seen increases in the number of women enrolling and graduating from the University of Idaho, as well as a tandem rise in the number of female faculty. It is in this spirit and at this time that we would like to remind the campus community that progress has been made, but there is still much work left to do.

As is clear in the University of Idaho's Strategic Plan, "a climate that is civil and respectful" is central to the success of all students, staff and faculty. We are reminded in this same document that "future successes are achievable only when all voices and perspectives are included and valued." Thus, this is a fitting time to say we affirm the importance and value of work done by women at this university for its past, present and future successes.

Gender roles are evolving, and it is no longer the case that men and women must choose between career and family. In current economic times, it is far more typical that for the majority of households, all adults are working adults. Yet, women's rewards for that work are often

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The opinion piece "Ag-Gag animosity" that was printed in the March 11, 2014 edition originally contained information incorrectly linking Subway to a recent meat recall. The Argonaut regrets the error.

Not the new black

Same-sex marriage not comparable to black community's fight for equality

I've heard it time and again: Americans likening acceptance of homosexuality to the black community's fight for freedom and equality, claiming homosexuals are fighting a similar battle for civil rights in today's world.



Andrew Jensen Argonaut

This claim resurfaced in Idaho following Rep. Lynn Luker's introduction of House Bills 426 and 427 and with Arizona's Senate Bill 1062, which were essentially intended to protect professional licenses and businesses from legal action should they refuse service to individuals based on "sincerely held religious beliefs." In general, those who opposed these bills felt the bills would usher in legalized discrimination against homosexuals if passed — similar to the infamous Jim Crow laws.

Essentially, opponents of the religious freedom bills have tagged gay as the new black.

Some, like author and political commentator John McWhorter of the New York Daily News — who often covers race issues in his books and op-eds — even think that the black community has a responsibility to be "further ahead of the curve than whites on accepting gay people as full citizens" due to their heritage and history in American society. Yes, because gay people somehow aren't full citizens already.

To put it nicely, these claims and comparisons are idiotic and sickening.

Homosexuals face nothing like what the black community had to face in our country. I don't claim to fully understand anything that

the black community had to go through, nor do I claim that the black community today fully understands either. We can read and hear about what hap-

pened, but most modern Americans can't fully grasp what it must have been like to live in bondage or even in segregation.

However, where the black community actually had to fight for freedom and true justice under the law, the homosexual community is simply fighting for so-called marriage equality and recognition under the law. The two are absolutely incomparable — like comparing the Revolutionary War to the fight to legalize marijuana.

If one wants to talk about a demographic in America that has been oppressed to the point where they have been considered less than human (legally or otherwise), enslaved by fellow human beings and turned into property with which the owners may do as they see fit and generally discriminated against because of their appearance, then consider the fetus as the new black. The only human beings in America today whose suffering compares with the suffering the black community has endured are the unborn, not the homosexual community. Over 57 million children aborted since 1973, and the count continues as

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Economic factors affect female professorship at UI

I'm writing in response to Victoria Hart's article "Where Are the Women?" published in the most recent issue of Blot.

First, I want to applaud Hart and Blot for investigating this important issue. The numbers at the beginning of the article, which show the stark drop-off in the number of women in the higher academic ranks at the University of Idaho, reveal a puzzling question — why are there so few female full professors at UI?

However, though I think the article convincingly articulates the problem, I take issue with its conclusions about why the university has so few female full professors.

The article and its sources point to the difficulties of getting tenure, especially when one is juggling family obligations like children or care of elderly parents, as one of the main culprits in the inability of female professors to move up the ranks. But while tenure is certainly a big obstacle to advancement, I would argue that the answer is to be found more in the economics of the situation. I assume that Hart thinks so too, and that's why she interviewed UI economics professor Jon Miller for the article. However, it seems that for some reason Miller chose to indulge in retrograde speculations about female biology and the role of women in the workplace, rather than sticking to what is ostensibly his area of expertise.

I'm a rhetorician, not an economist, but I can point to three economic factors that have personally affected me as a female professor at



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the University of Idaho.

1. The inadequacy of the university's current family leave policy

The university is obligated by federal law to provide eligible employees 12 weeks of unpaid family leave. Meaning that if I give birth or have to take care of a sick or dying family member, legally they can't fire me if I take off work for this amount of time, though they don't have to pay me. Of course, many people can't afford to lose three months pay, especially if they've just produced another mouth to feed. So the university "generously" offers new parents the opportunity to use their accumulated paid sick leave, which can't total more than six weeks.

As someone who has been through it, I can tell you that six weeks is just barely enough time for the body to physically recover from giving birth, and this is to say nothing of the other disruptions (both physical and mental) that suddenly being in possession of a creature who requires nonstop care creates for new parents. Six weeks is simply not long enough. Moreover, because of the structure of the academic year, professors who have babies mid-semester (and owing to the caprices of reproductive biology, sometimes you just can't plan otherwise) are forced to either create serious interruptions

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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Fun times

Spring break is fun but coming back to the 'Scow to friends and good times is always great.

-Danielle

Coastal Carolina

Almost pulled it off. One of the best efforts we've seen in years.

-Sean

Sexism sells

I understand Pandora needs the money raised from online ads, but it is getting out of hand. Just because my profile contains my gender, I am subjected to constant ads for nail polish, Planned Parenthood and makeup. A company that has an online record of all of the bands and songs that a user likes should have better marketing than that.

-Aleya

Bike ride

My first bike ride of spring was yesterday. Oh, wonderful weather please don't go away!

-Rainy

Spring break

Why did you have to go so fast? I was just starting to enjoy you.

-Ricky

Doctor E

More and more each day I'm considering becoming a doctor. Why didn't I think of this three years ago?

-Emily

Spring break scheduling

I like having an early break, but sometimes I think it would be nice if UI scheduled its spring break for the same week as the Southern Idaho schools...

-Stephan

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hampered by interpersonal, institutional and structural inequalities that devalue women's labor. Financially, women typically make less than their male counterparts across all ranks and occupations. Furthermore, women are often expected to do additional labor at work, despite making less money. At the university, for example, women end up serving on extra committees and advising a larger number of students than male colleagues. This work is essential to the university, but is often invisible when it comes to promotions and increased compensation.

Traditional assumptions about gender roles and family composition persist, and frame women as having primary responsibility for child and elder care, creating inequitable perceptions about the contributions of women in the workplace. However, the reality of today's families demonstrate that increasingly, men and women face a second shift once they leave work, whether caring for young children, aging parents or other dependents. Further, we continue with stereotypes that family life somehow is disadvantaged if women work, as well as the reality that if women choose to step out of their career to be home full time, they face a disadvantage when returning to the workplace. These are not biologically determined inequities, nor are they without solutions. Formal workplace policies that allow for the flexibility to combine care work with paid employment for both men and women are the hallmark of successful organizations. These kinds of policies are directly related to workplace satisfaction for all employees, but they are particularly important in retaining women.

Whether as members of the UI faculty, staff or student body, women's achievements highlight the critical role of women in the university's overall success. Despite this, we are sometimes faced with a chilly workplace climate, and the discouraging reality that role assignment continues, and our work is not valued for its merits. The UI's commitment to a campus that values civility and respect is heartening. We are further encouraged by the fact that these are problems with solutions, solutions that the university has actively pursued, and has invested energy and time to address.

As proud Vandals, let us use this moment to examine how we can all play a role in creating a community and workplace that rewards and supports women.

Signed,
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states like Alabama struggle to fight for their protection under law.

Additionally, homosexuality is behavioral, while being black is not. One can argue that being homosexual is not a choice one makes, but engaging in a homosexual relationship — just like engaging in a heterosexual relationship — is. And that is where the issue lies. Where a black person could have been discriminated against by anyone or

any business because of their skin color, a homosexual person is not likely to be refused service by businesses unless they tout their lifestyle choices in front of religiously devout employees or owners — as in the case of the Oregon bakery Sweet Cakes by Melissa refusing to bake a cake for a lesbian couple.

It's time to cease comparisons between these two communities. Gay is not the new black and it never will be.

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for the students in their classes, or else to take the entire semester off, either going without pay or working out special deals dependent on the generosity and consideration of their department chairs.

2. The outrageous cost of child care at the University of Idaho

For faculty members, the cost for full-time child care for infants under a year at the UI Children's Center is an astonishing \$1,032 per month. In other words, female faculty members who do return to work immediately and who can't find other child care options have to pay, in essence, a second mortgage, which for many is economically unfeasible.

Compare this situation to that of Finland, the United Kingdom and many other countries, which legally grant new mothers up to one year's paid maternity leave. These countries typically also have reasonably priced child care. While I'm not delusional enough to think that this could happen in the U.S., I do think that if UI is serious about wanting to retain more female faculty members, it needs to implement much more family-friendly leave policies and child care options.

3. The comparatively very low University of Idaho salaries for all faculty

The numbers on the 2013 national faculty salary survey, conducted by the American Association of University Professors, show that while male and female professors tend to make almost the same amount at UI, all categories of UI board-appointed faculty salaries (assistant, associate and full) have a ranking of "Far below the median" of faculty salaries nationally.

"Where Are the Women?" implies that the steep decline in the numbers of women who are full professors, as compared to assistant and associate professors, is the result of

female professors not being able to hack the demands of family and job. Certainly, this may be a factor in some cases. But as someone who's been observing the comings and goings of faculty here for almost 10 years, I would like to suggest that many good female faculty members (i.e., those who have proven themselves by getting tenure) who leave UI may have simply discovered that similarly achieving females at other institutions are paid more than they are at UI.

I'm a tenured female faculty member at UI who is also the mother of a young child. In contrast to what Miller suggests in "Where Are the Women?" I did not need to quit my job even temporarily when I had my daughter, and I'm currently working toward becoming a full professor. I have many other female colleagues in the same situation. I count myself as very lucky — despite the normal hardships of parenting a small child while also working. I have been lucky to work for the English Department that is generous and sensitive to the needs of all its board-appointed faculty. I'm lucky to have a spouse who is also an academic, and who helps with child care. I am lucky that nature has been cooperative — I was able to get pregnant at a fairly late age (since, like many female academics, I waited until I was tenured to have a child). Luckily, my daughter was born without complications at the end of the spring semester, so I wasn't forced to rely on UI's inadequate maternity leave system.

However, many women don't have my luck. Pregnancies and births can be health- and life-threatening; children can be born with special needs; elders can fall ill; family relationships can be complicated. I don't think that luck should be the factor that ultimately determines whether female faculty members succeed in a workplace setting that is, when it comes right down to it, fairly hostile to them, not least in an economic sense. I think that UI can do better — and if it wants women represented in the highest academic ranks here, it will have to.

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Frozen

Next up: on Broadway. I'd pay so much to see that.

—Kaitlin

Venice Beach

I like you a lot and miss you even more.

—Hannah

Unnecessary attendance policies

I pay to attend this university, making me a "customer" of the university. Because of this investment, I attend classes regularly. If a student decides to throw away their money and skip class, let them. Don't treat us all like children.

—Jessica

Time flies

I'd be lying if I said I didn't want summer to get here now, but it'll be here before I know it. Here's to slowing down and enjoying all of the amazing people and opportunities of the next eight weeks, because you can't get those back once they're gone.

—Kaitlyn

Wall decorations

There's less than two months left on my lease and I'm just getting around to decorating. What's wrong with me?

—Phil



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