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Potential students take a tour of the University of Idaho as part of Vandal Friday, a two-day event welcoming potential students to the campus. The potential students take tours, register for classes and have the opportunity to spend the night on campus.

Introducing new Vandals

Vandal Friday brings prospective students to campus

Emily Aizawa Argonaut

Vandal Friday began in 1995 as a one-day event with about 200 prospective students. Now, 15,000 prospective students participate in an event that has expanded to several days.

Prior to the start of Vandal Friday, groups of students were coming to visit the campus during spring break. But because of the volume of students and lack of staff, they or their parents weren't receiving the information they needed, said Lori Krasselt, former visitation coordinator of New Student Services and one of the original committee members for the formation of Vandal Friday. Vandal Friday was founded to give students an opportunity to get to know the university and provide information they would need to become part of the Vandal family, Krasselt said.

"We provide opportunities for students to know everything they need to know for making a decision on what college to go to," said Angela Helmke, associate director of admissions and co-coordinator of Vandal Friday.

Many business-type opportunities are provided for students, she said, such as figuring out financial aid, a payment plan, health insurance, registering for classes and getting a Vandal Card.



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Angela Helmke, admissions

those classes," said Taylor Maloney, a current sophomore who attended Vandal Friday as a high school

just been to a college visit the day before and was set on going there. But my mom made me because she's an alumni and it is what changed my

mind to go to UI," she said. Talking with an adviser and learning all the necessary information made the prospect of coming to UI more comfortable, Maloney said.

"It's overwhelming, it's the spring semester of their senior year, a busy time and we want to make it as easy as possible so you don't have to be panicked," Helmke said.

Vandal Friday also gives students an opportunity to find out where they want to live. The residence

Tuition talk

Ickes broke down budget, talked tuition increase at open forum

Amber Emery Argonaut

The last step in the tuition and fee setting process, before the April State Board of Education meeting, took place Thursday with a presentation on the proposed 4.7 percent tuition increase from Executive Director of Planning and Budget Keith Ickes.

Dean of Students Bruce Pitman said the purpose of the open forum was to collect feedback and answer questions from students concerning the proposed tuition and fee increase.

"It's one more step in the process in getting feedback on the proposal that we have set forth," Pitman said. "It's an opportunity for those who have been involved with the process to make comment, as well as the student body."

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In Brief

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben announced in an email to students that he will form a task force in response to the passage of SB 1254 — the "guns on campus bill."

Staben said the task force will be made up of faculty, staff, students and law enforcement representatives who will assess the law, consult experts and propose a comprehensive university policy regarding

"I didn't know I had to register for classes, but it was nice to get a head start and there were a lot of people who helped me with choosing

student. "It made me feel more comfortable about coming in the fall."

Maloney's decision to come to UI was thanks to her experience at Vandal Friday.

"I didn't want to go because I had

halls and Greek houses open their doors to give prospective students a chance to see what living in both places would be like.

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Taking away tobacco?

University campuses going smoke or tobacco free, UI starts the conversation

Amber Emerv Argonaut

In recent years there's been substantial discussion regarding possible changes to the University of Idaho smoking policy. According to the university's administrative procedures manual, the current policy states smoking is permitted on campus, but prohibited within 25 feet of buildings.

But some Vandals think the policy doesn't do enough.

"Initially we thought maybe having zones on campus might be the way to go to phase things

in," Patricia Hartzell, UI chair of faculty senate said. "But after really talking to the experts and reading more literature and seeing what other campuses have done, I think we - I at least and a few others I've talked to — have come to the conclusion that going tobacco free might be the best approach for us." Due to the growing

concern of smoking on campus, Molly Reece, a coordinator for the Fresh Air Campus Challenge, visited **Û**I Tuesday to discuss the region-wide

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"Yeah, definitely for concealed weapons but no cigarettes. Sure." Dana Banks

"I don't believe a full tobacco ban is necessary, but it would be nice to have a change to the current policy. Having designated smoking areas on campus could be nice, as opposed to walking between buildings and having almost constant exposure to tobacco smoke."



Sage Francetich



"I do not think a full tobacco ban is necessary. There is already a policy in place that prohibits smoking within 25 feet of campus facilities, which I believe is sufficient enough."

Peik Kristian Wahl

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Hands off smokes

ASUI supports alternatives to a campus-wide tobacco ban

> **Hannah Shirley** Argonaut

As the University of Idaho faculty senate moves forward with discussions about the campus tobacco policy, it becomes possible that students will see a campus-wide smoking ban within the next several years.

However, there are still many viable alternatives to such a hard-lined crackdown that need to be explored, said ASUI President Max Cowan.

Surveys conducted by ASUI found that most students are in favor of changing the tobacco policy, but it was

unclear to what extent they supported a ban. In a resolution passed last year, ASUI Senate aligned itself against a full smoking ban, but in favor of re-evaluating campus tobacco policy.

Cowan said with tobacco policy, the question is one of public health.

"Students would like to see that we deal with issues relating to secondhand smoke," Cowan said. "I think that's a reasonable thing to want, and we need to do our job to do that. Discussion needs to be how to implement (the change) ... other campuses struggle when they go completely smoke free."

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CRUMBS **Your own** classic meatloaf Nurainy Daron Crumbs

There is no classic meatloaf, because different hands will make different types of meatloaf - so let's make it your own. This is my version of meatloaf, but you can adjust some of the ingredients as desired, like adding mustard or more pasta sauce or ketchup. I substituted ketchup with pasta sauce in the mixture, because I didn't have enough ketchup on hand. Luckily, the meatloaf still turned out to be good. You can also add some diced mushrooms, carrots, corn or more onions. To make it a complete meal, serve the meatloaf with mashed potatos and pan-seared broccoli.

choice

1 egg

¹/₂ cup finely chopped onions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

In a bowl, beat the egg and mix with

1 cup bread crumbs

1 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon salt

¹/₄ cup ketchup

Directions:

ground beef.

Ingredients:

1 pound ground beef ³/₄ cup Ragu or pasta sauce of your

High Five



Nurainy Darono | Crumbs

Slowly add pasta sauce to the mixture. Add bread crumbs, chopped onions, salt and pepper.

Press mixture in an ungreased 8x4inch loaf pan.

Bake for 45 minutes.

Let it cool for 10 minutes then brush the ketchup onto the meatloaf.

Nurainy Darono can be reached at crumbs@uidaho.edu



Shane Wellner | Argonaut

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Climate change and media coverage

Author and expert Max Bokoff spoke about media coverage of climate change Tuesday

Amber Emery Argonaut

Maxwell Boykoff, author of "Who Speaks for the Climate?" and expert on the media's role in public perceptions of climate change, spoke about the struggles of reporting on climate change in the U.S. on Tuesday at the College of Law Courtroom.

Boykoff, an assistant professor at the Center for Science and Technology Policy at University of Colorado Boulder, said his studies of climate adaptation, cultural politics and environmental governance led him to be interested in mass media's part of the equation.

"As climate change has become a larger segment of our coverage on the environment, it is a fascinating case study due to its high-profile and highly politicized nature," Boykoff said.

He said the idea of climate change becoming closely related to partisan politics has had an effect on its news coverage and that climate-related stories fight



George Wood Jr. | Argonaut Max Boykoff, author of the book "Who Speaks for the Climate?" speaks at the, Menard Law Building Courtroom on Tuesday.

for public attention in the marketplace of ideas.

"As the Pew Center for Research has actually found, environmental issues over time across different mediums make up roughly 2 percent of the news holds," Boykoff said. "And though climate change is an increasing part of that, it still makes up even

less of that coverage."

Boykoff said there's a paradox in the relationship between the quantity of news coverage by journalists and the public's understanding of the subject. He said climate change falls victim to inconsistency.

'We can make the case that more media attention leads to - at least the perception of greater public understanding of an issue," Boykoff said. "But we must be careful to separate, if you will, the signal from the noise."

A panel of UI educators including Juliet Carlisle from the political science department, Russell Meeuf from the School of Journalism and Mass Media, Barbara Cosens from the College of Law and John Abatzoglou from the geography department questioned Boykoff after his presentation - focusing on their respective areas of study.

Carlisle said while there was substantive conversation that took place, she was almost more excited to have met academics such as Boykoff and the other panelists, because it opens doors for more research on politics and the environment.

"There's really interesting work to connect what Max Boykoff is doing with stuff that I do and the other panelists at the event," Carlisle said. "As a new faculty member at the University of Idaho, it was nice to meet people who work and do scholarship in areas relevant to mine. So collaboration down the road is something that can develop out of that event."

Boykoff said future challenges for media practitioners in reporting on climate change is battling the idea that communicating in simple terms with the public is the way to convey and create open discourse about scientific research.

"There are folks who have talked about to make this issue resonate with the public, they have to dumb down their own research," Boykoff said. "We need to turn that on its head and folks need to really work to smarten up their work, to be taking time to communicate about what they do (in) ways that are resonate with the general public."

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Local activist joins Women's Center staff

UI Women's Center hires assistant director of programs

Erin Bamer Argonaut

When Lysa Salsbury accepted an offer to become the new director of the University of Idaho Women's Center, she left a vacant position for the assistant director of programs of the Women's Center.

Salsbury said one of the biggest challenges the Women's Center continually faces is a lack of staff. So, when earlier this month they hired Bekah MillerMacPhee as the new assistant director of programs, Salsbury said it was just what the center needed.

"That, for us, has been a blessing," Salsbury said. "We've been very short staffed and really kind of struggling against the current, fighting to keep our heads above water. We really needed someone who could just jump right in and she absolutely has."

MillerMacPhee graduated from UI in 2008. During her time as a student, Miller-MacPhee said she spent two years participating in the former women's group, Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower (FLAME). She said one thing she remembered was holding a gender inequity bake sale where male students were charged a little bit more than female students.

FLAME also brought performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to campus, organized the poetry slam event "F-Word Live" and met regularly in the Women's Center to speak about women's issues. This helped MillerMacPhee maintain a strong connection to the Women's Center.

"I remember thinking when I first met her that she had incredible potential to be a leader in gender equality work," Salsbury said. "I saw the personal commitment that she had."

MillerMacPhee said she kept her connection to the Women's Center after her graduation and throughout her six years of work for Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse (ATVP). MillerMacPhee said her connection to the Women's Center was one of the reasons she applied for the job of assistant director of programs.

"I'm really excited about being at U of I," MillerMacPhee said. "I mean since I went to school here, I'm really excited to come back in this capacity. This is like a dream, to be here full time."

MillerMacPhee said she hopes to bring more activism back to the Women's Center through her work there, as well as enthusiasm and optimism. Salsbury said she is excited to have



Nicole Tong | Argonaut Bekah MillerMacPhee works in her new office in the Women's Center. The university recently welcomed MillerMacPhee as the assistant director for programs.

someone with a background of work for ATVP to bring advocacy, but also someone who loves being at UI.

"She has a depth of knowledge, and a flexibility and an enthusiasm for this work that really stood out to me," Salsbury said. "She's an excellent presenter, she's an outstanding educator, she's very passionate about the issues we address, she loves the U of I, she's very well established in the community and she's very excited about the possibility of working in this capacity."

Whatever position they fill, Salsbury and MillerMacPhee both share a common interest in the Women's Center and a passion for what they do.

"I love this place," Salsbury said. "I can't imagine being anywhere else, or doing anything else. I really, genuinely believe I was meant to do this work, and I find tremendous satisfaction in it."

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Friendships, memories, service

Amber Emery Argonaut

Nine teams of University of Idaho students traveled to five states during spring break to give back to communities through the Alternative Service Break (ASB) program.

This year, the coordinators at UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action wanted to place a special emphasis on areas in need located close to Moscow. While some teams were sent to Washington, Pennsylvania, California and Louisiana for the trip, many teams traveled south to serve in nearby Grangeville and Boise.

Students who traveled to Washington worked with a program called L'Arche, which serves homeless persons with disabilities, ASB Coordinator Andrew Blake said.

The participants in Grangeville worked on land restoration projects, students in Boise served at a women and children's center, California-bound participants worked on a number of issues including animal cruelty and human rights and students who traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa. and Hammond, La. worked on home renovations.

Though the program can be challenging for students, Blake said, students keep signing up because it's a rewarding experience. Spring ASB participants were asked to write journal entries during the trip to reflect on their experiences.

Tacoma, Wash.

Charles Newbill — *freshman*

"Throughout this experience, although we have helped some of L'Arche, L'Arche has greatly helped us. Working on the farm and interacting with everyone has helped me find where happiness can rest. I have realized that people are people, and that we should start noticing people's gifts (as Pat would say) people spread to the world. Working with the core members and watching them smile, make others laugh, and being happy warms my heart and brings me the ultimate joy."

Boise, Idaho:

Lizzie Jossie — junior

"It's been awesome getting to know the people on this team and serve the needy people in our state of Idaho. I hope we all stay close friends in the weeks to come and that each one of us continues to serve and give back to the community."



Natalie Magnus | Courtesy A group of University of Idaho students work at an organization called Farm Sanctuary in Acton, Calif., as part of the Alternative Service Break program. Students completed service work throughout the region and country.

Jessica Marboe — *sophomore*

"Overall, this whole trip has been life changing. I knew service needed to be done in our state, but my eyes have been forever opened to the reality and extent of service that can be accomplished right here in our own state.

To the students who were on my team and served with me in Boise: I feel so lucky to have been given the chance to be your team leader and spend this week with you. You are all extraordinary people and the friendships created will stay with me forever. I experienced so much personal growth this week and I'm glad you all were a part of that."

Palmdale, CA:

Pilar Alfaro — junior

"The ASB trip to Palmdale was a completely new experience to me. Instead of volunteering for normal social issue organizations, we were able to work with a culture that was completely new to most of us. It was exciting to step out of our comfort zones into an environment that required hard work and motivation. The staff at Farm Sanctuary is so caring toward their animals and the passion for what they do is inspiring and admirable."

Hammond, LA:

Garrett Stauffer — senior

"As a trip leader, I couldn't have wished for a better group. Every single one of them could have led this trip seamlessly, and every misstep I make someone picks up after me and life carries on. I don't know if my laissez-faire approach is the best one, but it is working well enough so far. So if I could say one thing about this trip so far it would be that this is the one group of people I have

spent this much time with and am still quite happy with their company and having a great time, which given any temperament, is quite impressive."

Brady Fuller — junior

"This ASB trip was designed for us to give back for a week, but we got so much in return. The community of Hammond was so appreciative and I can just add that Southern hospitality is real. We learned how to work together to achieve the end goal. It was a great group made up of very different, unique individuals and I wouldn't change it for anything. The pastor at the church taught us (and we ended everything with) 'And all God's children said??? AMEN!""

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For three current UI students, the experience persuaded them to go Greek.

"There was genuine sincerity from everybody and they all had great attitudes and were explaining the benefits really well," said Ashley Cox, a UI sophomore. "They were helpful and no one was rude or trying to shove it down

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dents with enhanced

concealed-carry permits

to carry guns on public

Idaho. The law will not

take effect until July 1.

Current university poli-

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campus remain in effect

Matt Dorschel, executive

director for public safety

and security by email at

mdorschel@uidaho.edu.

Students can contact

until then, Staben said.

in

college campuses

The law allows stu-

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BRIEF

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my throat, they were just explaining."

For Ramsey Reed it was a different experience that yielded the same decision.

"I went to Memorial Gym where they were setting up a place to stay for the night," he said. "I wanted to stay in the dorms but a guy, who is now a friend, told me to stay in a fraternity. That was what made me go Greek."

SMOKES

nated smoking areas.

demics," he said.

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receptacles for cigarette butts, but as other cam-

puses have seen, this comes with an increase in

litter, according to Cowan. Better than a full-

smoking ban, he said, would be to mark desig-

In the event that faculty senate did reach

a consensus to implement a smoking ban,

Cowan said it most likely wouldn't go into full

effect until 2015 or 2016, and that the ban itself

would be preceded by a lengthy period of com-

munity education and posting of clear signage.

tion expands before it reaches that point.

Cowan, however, hopes that the conversa-

"It's not for our institution to encourage

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students to change a behavior unrelated to aca-

Calla Records, a UI

junior, stayed in a sorority both nights of Vandal Friday and became really excited about Greek life when she saw the Greek skits. She said she didn't know any other school that put on a performance like that.

"It's a great way to see the university in an informal setting of what it would be like to be a student here," Cox said. Emily Aizawa

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TUITION FROM PAGE 1

Fewer than 20 people sat in the Horizon Room of the Idaho Commons including student leaders, faculty and staff members. Only one student not associated with ASUI, GPSA or SBA attended the forum --Rachael Studebaker, a senior in graphic design.

"Art and Architecture is increasing their fees too," Studebaker said. "I decided to come and ask questions, because I wanted to know why tuition was being increased again."

Ickes broke down the general education budget - roughly \$180 million of the \$370 million budget UI runs on.

"We're talking really about the piece of the budget that relates to education and the education functions of the institution that's instruction, basic administration, basic university functions," Ickes said.

The general education budget is mainly made up of funds allocated to the university from the state, \$83 million, and the funds received from tuition, \$56 million. The remaining portion of the budget comes from landgrant endowments.

Ickes outlined four challenges the university hopes to work through with the anticipated 4.7 percent increase in tuition for Fiscal Year 15.

UI's primary challenge is ensuring a 2.2 percent increase in Change in Employee Compensation (CEC), which has already been approved by the SBOE. Ickes said the state has agreed to fund part of the increase, but is leaving the rest to UI to fund.

"The 2.2 percent salary increase comes to about \$2.2 million," Ickes said. "The state proposal is that 1 percent of that is permanent and 1 percent would be a one-time bonus, but we are going to propose that the entire 2.2 percent is permanent."

Ickes said UI falls short in terms of salaries compared to peer institutions, so the CEC has been a budget priority for years.

"Six years ago, our faculty salaries were at 92 percent of our peer average, we're now at 84 percent," Ickes said. "So we come from 92 — which isn't great — to 84, which is not at all good. The salary gaps are roughly, for full professors, about \$20,000 less than our peers."

In addition to CEC, Ickes said another challenge for UI is keeping up with the rising costs of medical expenses.

"We don't use the state insurance plan. We are self insured here and that's to our advantage," Ickes said. "The state is providing us with a little over 1 million and

helping to cover the cost again - like salaries they help cover a portion of the costs and in this case they cover a larger portion. In fact we're planning on adding \$350,000 to that to meet the plan costs of the university."

Ickes also said the university has obligations to fulfill that can be categorized as either mandatory or decision based.

Mandatory obligations include paying the costs for rising utility bills, promoting faculty and paying down the inflation in library resources. Ickes said decision-based obligations include funding the secondyear law program in Boise, an increase to athletics and campus safety initiatives.

Finally, the other challenge the university faces is capital replacement. But Ickes said the university does not use tuition to try and solve capital replacement and will use other means to fill the gap.

Ickes said he encourages students, faculty and staff who have questions or comments regarding the proposed tuition and fee increases to email studentfees@ uidaho.edu, so feedback can be taken into consideration before the SBOE makes its decision at the fee hearing in April.

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initiative that works to increase the number of smoke- and tobacco-free colleges in the Pacific Northwest.

"Basically this challenge is really a call to action," Reece said. "It asks college leadership to work towards a smoke- or tobacco-free campus by 2016."

Reece said the program was created to curb the onset of tobacco use that often begins in college settings, and has - so far — yielded success at other colleges and universities.

"Nationally, we see there are over 1,100 colleges and universities that have fully implemented a 100

percent smoke-free campus policy and of those, 811 have implemented tobacco-free policies - which include smokeless products like chew and electronic cigarettes," Reece said. "Here in Idaho, five out of the eight institutions of higher education are smoke or tobacco free."

Local Idaho Public Health tobacco expert Heidi Henson said she supports UI becoming a smoke- or tobacco-free campus. She said Project Filter, Idaho's tobacco prevention and control program, has resources available for students, faculty and staff - if a new policy is implemented.

Henson said free tobacco cessation classes, free signage for the campus and free nicotine replacement therapy — including patches, gums or lozenges — are available to schools that take part in the challenge. Two of UI's neighboring schools already have.

"Lewis-Clark State College has smoke-free zones and designated smoking areas at parking lots," Henson said. "The College of Western Idaho does have tobaccofree signs and we provided that to both of them."

Henson said while each school has their own policy according to their own needs, there's a difference between smoke-free and tobaccofree college campuses.

Tobacco free emphasizes the health of all, including the user," Henson said. "Smoke free is primarily about the health of other people due to secondhand smoke exposure. So you're creating an environment where it's healthy for everyone and you're encouraging those healthy choices. We're making the healthy choice an easy choice."

UI Health Education Coordinator Daniel Trautvetter said he supports the idea of a tobaccofree campus, as opposed to a smoke free one, because it sends a clearer message to the university community.

"I believe going smoke free versus going tobacco free sends mixed messages that one part of tobacco is okay but one part is not," Trautvetter said. "But we're looking out for everyone, the overall health

campus learning environment. And so I'd prefer the tobacco-free campus versus the smoke free just so we are looking out for everyone, not just nonsmokers." Reece said she said she hopes

of the university and helping that

UI will commit to the Fresh Air Campus Challenge.

"Knowing what we know about tobacco, campuses are recognizing that allowing tobacco use on campus doesn't support the mission and values of their institution in higher education," Reece said. "We hope to see that University of Idaho joins their peers and becomes a fresh air campus."

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Men's basketball season was anything but boring



Women's tennis team recovers from two straight losses with sweep of Lewis-Clark State College.

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Picking QBs

Spring football underway for Idaho

Sean Kramer Argonaut

It wouldn't really be spring football for Idaho if there wasn't a quarterback competition. For the third straight spring the Vandals will have two quarterbacks vying for the starting job.

This time it will be between redshirt sophomore Chad Chalich and redshirt freshman Matt Linehan, Idaho coach Paul Petrino said.

Linehan and Chalich will split repetitions, both working equally with the first team and second team offense, Petrino said.

"If Chad wouldn't have gotten hurt and played the whole year, then he probably would have come back as definitely the starter," Petrino said. "They both will take exactly the same amount of reps with the ones and the twos and have a great competition and see who the better player is in the spring."

Chalich started seven games for the Vandals last season, before a shoulder injury Oct. 12 at Arkansas State sidelined him for the rest of the season. Taylor Davis, who started the other five games, has graduated. Linehan spent the 2013 season redshirting and operating the scout team offenses.

Linehan shined in Idaho's "get better Sunday" scrimmages throughout the year, Petrino said.

"I just think we had those scrimmages every Sunday night and he really understands football and did a good job," Petrino said. "Really no matter what, they're the two guys who are going to compete for the job? The quarterback competition will headline spring practice for most. But for Petrino, what headlines it is the fact that his team has been together for a year now. He said the offseason has been spent fostering relationships within the team and coming together to squash the talk of "Akey's guys" and "Petrino's guys." "People say it, I know exactly what you're saying," Petrino said. "We just had a team meeting two days ago and I told them, 'We're all together, we're all in this thing together, there's no other people's guys, my guys. We're all in this together." After that, Petrino is most excited about the level of competition he's built at multiple positions. Offensive line, linebacker and the secondary are three positions that he said he is excited to have depth for competition. "There were some positions last year where there was one guy who was a starter and he kind of knew he was the starter and there probably wasn't anybody with a chance to beat him out," Petrino said. "Where, you look at the offensive line, there's competition at every single spot right now between the two people who are fighting for it." Idaho's starting bookend tackles from last season, Jesse Davis and Cody Elenz, will be limited this spring due to recovering from injuries but Petrino is returning nine

Argonaut Out of 34 games played this season by the Idaho men's basketball team, 26 of those games were decided by 10 points or less, 17 were decided by five points or less and six of those games were decided by just one point. The Vandals

Korbin McDonald

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were 1-5 in those onepoint games. If they had managed to come out on top in those five one-point losses, Idaho would've finished 21-13, a record that probably earns them an invite to a postseason tournament.

2013-14 The season wasn't for the faint-hearted as it took fans on a ride comparable to the ones at the Silverwood Theme Park just outside of Couer d' Alene.

Stephen From Madison hitting a buzzer-beating three against Texas-Pan American to send the game into overtime, ultimately leading to an Idaho win, to Madison dropping a careerhigh 42 points on Utah Valley, only to lose the game by one point.

Heading into the season, there was a lot of uncertainty surrounding the team. With the addition of 10 new players, Idaho assistant coach Tim Murphy said expectations were up in the air. First-year guys tend to struggle early on in the season and have a hard time finding their role, he said. It isn't until mid-season that things start to click point loss. for the players.

in the year, especially with our schedule," Murphy said. "We had a lot of games on the road, but we wanted to battle, we wanted to be in games, that was our goal. If we could've came around faster, that would have been great."

Early in the season the Vandals showed glimpses of being a good team, but couldn't find any sort of consistency, going 6-6 in the first 12 games. After beating in-state rival Idaho State 69-65 on Dec. 20, the Vandals went on to lose eight of their next 10 games.

"Everybody thought the WAC was going to be easy to play in this year," Murphy said. "Compared to playing Nevada, Utah State and those teams, but it wasn't. I thought Utah Valley, Seattle U, New Mexico State and everybody else tremendously was well coached and hard to play against."

The final game of the 2-8 skid came on Feb. 1, versus conference rival, Seattle U. Idaho held a 16-point lead with 14-minutes remaining in the game, which quickly changed, as Seattle went on a 23-2 run and took the lead.

The battled back to take the lead with 15 seconds left, but after poor decision making by Idaho and a clock malfunction, Seattle was able to reclaim the lead and give Idaho another one-

Theo Lawson | Argonaut Stephen Madison, right, attempts a block against Utah Valley's Zach Nelson March 14 in Las Vegas during the WAC Tournament semifinals. Despite a losing record, the Vandals made it all the way to the tournament championship game where they lost to New Mexico State.

figured it was going

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Optimism for future

What a wild end of the season for the Idaho men's basketball team.

After starting the WAC schedule 2-6, the team improved greatly in its last stretch of games — ending the season 5-3 and securing the No. 5 seed for the WAC Tournament.

In Las Vegas, the pressure was on the team who had not won a WAC Tournament game since Don Verlin had been hired as Idaho's coach in 2008.

With history on their minds, Idaho was able to shock fans by winning not one, but two games over the course of the tournament and was able to advance to the

conference title game against New Mexico State. Although the outcome of the title game was

unfortunate, the Vandals definitely impressed in the tournament as well as the last half of the season. One can only hope that some of what was seen **Rick Clark** at the end of the season Argonaut will be seen next season,

when Idaho moves to the Big Sky Conference. Idaho only loses three seniors

after this year, while also returning six players that played significant time over the season.

Losing Stephen Madison is certainly going to be a blow. It's always hard to replace a player that was a legitimate snub for WAC Player of the Year.

But the team can ease the loss of Madison with players like Mike Scott, Connor Hill and Sekou Wiggs, who were right behind Madison in points per game on the season.

With the offensive side projecting positivity, the defensive end of the floor could really use improvement.

In many games last season, the Vandals were outrebounded while also giving up 74.6 points per game — which was good for 285th in the nation. The times Idaho was able to outrebound teams, Madison would be at the top of the

rebound list.

With how season ended, men's basketball team

could be ready for breakout next season

Verlin should be looking to recruit a couple of players that will have a big defensive presence for this team. A couple of players that would be able to clog the lane, making it harder to drive the basket and force the opposing team to take bad shots outside of the paint.

The players don't even have to be that good on the offensive end. As long as they can get it done for the Vandals on defense, they could make this team dangerous.

Of course, the team could already have the pieces to get better at the defensive end with Ty Egbert and Paulin Mpawe coming

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Vandals kick off spring season Saturday

Joshua Gamez Argonaut

As the Idaho soccer team prepares for the first game of an eight-game spring tune-up season, they find themselves in unfamiliar territory — without coach Pete Showler. The winningest coach in Idaho history resigned at the end of a 4-16 season in the fall.

The eight-game slate starts with a Saturday game at Washington State where new Idaho coach Derek Pittman will make his debut.

Before spending four

years as an assistant at Gonzaga, Pittman was the head coach of the Arkansas State women's soccer team. While at ASU, he helped lead the Redwolves to the semi-finals of the 2009 Sun Belt Conference Tournament. He's also spent time as an assistant at Tulsa, Missouri and Georgia.

Pittman has had a few encounters with Idaho previously, including a 3-0 Gonzaga victory in fall 2011, but most of the players from that team have since graduated. He also saw the Vandals in action live last year, albeit not against his former team.

Pittman recognized that this team is very different form the team he saw previously as they graduated six players off the 2013 team including forward Katie Baran, who led the Vandals in scoring in 2013, and defenders Chelsie Breen and Nitalia Zuniga, who were both named to the 2013 All-WAC team.

Baran, Breen and Zuniga are among the six players

that the Vandals graduated in 2013.

"There's a lot of good young pieces right now. We've just got to find a way to put them all together," Pittman said.

Among those pieces, Alvssa Pease and Kaysha Darcy were pointed out as players that have really made strides so far this spring.

The sophomore duo started 12 and 13 games respectively for the Vandals as freshmen in 2013 and were the top two on the team in total

Pittman era kicks off in Pullman

shots with 24 and 21 respectively.

"We are going to be able to get out there and find out who we are and how we play," Pittman said. "We know we are going to make a lot of mistakes. It's just as much of an adjustment for our players as it is for me. They are all working their tail off and doing everything they can to grasp onto the philosophies that we are going to put into our style of play."

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Galina Bykova and Rita Bermudez prepare to receive a serve against Fresno State Thursday, Feb. 13, in Pullman. The Vandals beat Lewis-Clark State College 7-0 Wednesday in Lewiston after suffering two straight losses.

Backon track Vandal women's tennis team sweeps LCSC 7-0

Conor Gleason Argonaut

Two straight losses were quickly forgotten after the Idaho women's tennis team swept the Lewis-Clark State College Warriors 7-0 in Lewiston.

"I thought the girls played hard and took it seriously," Idaho coach Art Hoomiratana said. "They went in there and did what they needed to do."

Led by seniors Victoria Lozano and Almudena Sanz, the Vandals (12-3) handled the Warriors in doubles play, winning all three sets 8-2.

"Mentally we are different in the doubles than in the singles," Lozano said. "I think every time we play doubles we're more confident."

Lozano attributes the wins to strong teamwork and rallying each other when points don't go a certain way. She said the Vandals are more aggressive during doubles because one player can run up to the net without worrying about covering the back of the court.

The team rode the momentum from sweeping the doubles matches to bring success to singles matches. Lozano (No 1. singles), Sophie Vickers (No. 4), Belen Barcenilla (No. 5) and Rita Bermudez (No. 6) all swept their singles matches 6-0, 6-0.

Following a tense match against Portland Sunday, Lozano wanted to work on her consistency during singles. At the No. 1 spot, she's been an important factor in determining the team's success. Her singles record of 11-4 this season has helped her earn the top spot.

"Consistency is very important to me," Lozano said. "I expect to work on my consistency and have it ready for

next match."

The Vandals will hit the road this weekend, as they take on Northern Arizona on Sunday and Grand Canyon on Monday in the humid Phoenix weather.

"I don't know if they are really tough or at the same level as us, but we're going to go out there and play hard," Lozano said. There is a noticeable difference between playing outdoor and indoor tennis. Not only is the weather a factor, but fatigue and equipment come into play.

"It's different - sometimes my strings get tighter or looser depending on the weather," Lozano said. "It will be a challenge, but I think we are prepared."

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@MikeCrapo

Had the opportunity to meet with new @uidaho President Chuck Staben. Great to hear about his

vision and plan for #Uofl. #GoVandals

-Idaho Senator Mike Crapo tweeting after his meeting with new Idaho President Chuck Staben.



@cable_ID90

last 5:30 of the year! Time to ball out for spring bal!!! #GoVandals #Sunbelt

-Idaho defensive lineman Zach Cable getting ready for the rigors of spring football at the University of Idaho.



@TomTPPurvis

Tough loss to Louisville yesterday, but without a doubt, this season will go down as one of the best

in Vandal history thus far. #GoVandals

-Idaho women's basketball radio announcer Tom Purvis on where he thinks this season ranks in the Idaho history books.



@sbarr10

Great year overall!! Love my team! Can't wait for next yr! Will miss my seniors!! No concussion!

Little bump on my cheek! #GoVandals

-WAC Player of the Year Stacey Barr tweeting after the Vandals first round loss to Louisville.



@Alyssacharlston 4 years wearing an Idaho

uniform was an honor. Thanks 2 my team mates,

coaches & community. This was a season to remember!! Always a #Vandal

-Idaho senior Alyssa Charlston, tweeting after her Vandal career had ended in Iowa City.

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Pittman puts emphasis on attacking on offense, swarming to the ball on defense and values communication on the field, said senior defender Emily Ngan.

"Communication is definitely key for us right now, especially with us learning a new style," sophomore Elexis Schlossarek said.

Ngan and Schlossarek have really stepped up and taken on leadership roles on the young team consisting of only four seniors, two juniors, nine sophomores and two freshmen.

"I feel like I have a lot of knowledge and experience to share with them," Ngan said. "Hopefully they follow in my footsteps and help them achieve their goals."

Ngan said the team is ready to see all of their hard work — both in the weight room and on the field — on Saturday as the Pittman era of Vandal soccer begins when the Vandals take on Washington State.

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Derek Pittman, new head coach for the womens soccer team, oversees defensive drills in preparation for the Saturday game in Pullman.

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"It was just horrible how we lost," Murphy said. "To not be able to inbound the ball with four seconds to go, and the shot clock problem ... the whole game just left a bad taste in everybody's mouth."

The game proved to be the turning point in the season, though not all bad came from the loss. In preparation for its next game against conference power New Mexico State, the coaching staff wanted to implement a new game plan and test it out on Seattle.

"Going into the New Mexico State game we had planned, after getting our butts kicked down there, that we were going to run New Mexico State," Murphy said. "So if we were going to run them, we might as well run Seattle. I think we allowed our guys some freedom ... we saw how their minds were freed up. We didn't get out of the system completely, but we freed up their minds."

Idaho went on to beat NMSU 73-67, and in turn, sparked the Vandals to finish the season strong.

With the new game plan of upping the tempo, the Vandals had the look of a completely different team. Running threeguard lineups and moving Stephen Madison to the power forward position, not only upped the tempo, but increased scoring as well. During the losing skid early in the year when the Vandals went 2-8, they only averaged 67.9 points per game. When they changed the game plan and increased the tempo, the difference was night and day. During the 11-game span when it went 8-3, Idaho averaged 78 points per game, increasing its average by more than 10-points.

Idaho was clicking at the right time, and found itself one win away from an automatic birth into the NCAA Tournament. All that stood in its way was conference player of the year Daniel Mullings and his NMSU team in the WAC Championship game. Previously, Idaho had beat Missouri-Kansas City and regular season conference champion Utah Valley to get to the championship game.

Idaho hung tough only for a little bit before NMSU pulled away to win the game 77-55 ending any hope for Idaho to extend its season.

Silverwood has a rollercoaster called the "Aftershock," it's a ride that lifts you up very slowly, then quickly sends you into a series of dips, dives, loops and everything in between, but ends with a slow glide into the docking station, leaving you with a mixed bag of emotions. It's comparable to the latest, but not greatest, season of Vandal basketball. Always thrilling, at the very least.

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Parker Wilson | Argonaut

players who started on the offensive line at some point last season. That competition only gets stronger with the addition of junior college signees Jeff Travillion and Kato Fawkes.

Petrino also listed linebacker and the secondary as positions where he is looking forward to increased depth and competition, though he said he'll need those 15 practices to address where the strengths and weaknesses are.

Junior college signees added just in time for those competitions include defensive back Doyin Sule, and linebackers Irving Steele and Daniel Peterson.

Though the competition most will pay attention to will surely come back around to the signal callers, where Idaho technically only has two of in the spring. The third, senior Josh McCain, will be in a transition period from quarterback to wide receiver.

Petrino plans to give McCain some quarterback packages, but he'll mostly be split out wide.

"He'll take some snaps but we're trying really to make him a receiver. We still have to get a package for him at quarterback and he'll always have a package, similar to when he came in and ran last year," Petrino said. "But we're really going to work hard this spring at making him a receiver but he'll take some reps at quarterback." Sean Kramer can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu



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back next season. They are two players who

If the Vandals could get better on the

defensive side of the floor while remaining

regular season title, but they could contend

consistent on the offensive side, this team

could not only contend for the Big Sky

fans need to watch out for in the future.

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Welcome the future

Vandal Friday brings swarms of prospective students to campus. High school seniors, transfer students, exchange students, non-traditional students and parents buzz around campus trying to understand what the University of Idaho is all about.

The initial reaction, unfortunately, of many Vandals is to bemoan this twice-yearly occurrence as bothersome and an intrusion of campus space. These Vandals forget that once upon a time, they were most likely in the place of these students who are venturing into a strange, foreign environment for the first time.

As veteran Vandals, current UI students have a duty to be kind and welcoming to these visitors. Putting up with extra traffic on campus twice a year is not a lot to ask of current students. These fresh faces represent potential friends, club members, Greek brothers or sisters and classmates for the upcoming years. As a current UI student, you have the in-depth knowledge of the best classes, dorms, places to eat, things to do and can give those valuable tips that visiting students crave.

This role may seem insignificant, but a friendly face can sway a prospective student to

Current students need to be kind to Vandal Friday visitors

join the ranks of UI. The behavior of current students contributes to a visiting student's perspective of campus culture as a whole, which is a factor in every student's college decision process.

So take a visiting student aside, share some wisdom and maybe even swap looks at that unfortunate Vandal Friday photo on your Vandal Card that follows you for the rest of college. With UI tuition increasing, being courteous to Vandal Friday visitors may be the selling point the university needs. -AE



My time to quit

As representative for staff at the University of Idaho, serving as chair of Staff Affairs, I currently sit on a committee tasked with reviewing the current smoking and tobacco policies affect-



on to not spit as that gave the habit away to others I wanted to keep it from. My habit never took a back seat to work or play. I had a chew in regardless of the meeting, function, who

Women fight for women

Hobby Lobby's case highlights important need for women on the Supreme Court



lack of science to back up the claims these birth controls prevent implantation - but let it be known their very

OFF THE CUFF QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Vandal Friday

It's hard to believe that only two years ago I struggled to find Bob's Place and everything else on campus during Vandal Friday. So I want wish a warm welcome to all of our campus visitors and tell them that the University of Idaho is an excellent choice for college. Plus, I have heard the student newspaper is top notch.

-Aleya

Inspired

Hattie Kaufman was so wonderful to talk to. My future seems brighter now. -Danielle

Well

This semester just got more interesting. Note to all campus visitors and prospective students, don't slack off in your classes. Especially if it is one that you desperately need to graduate. -Ricky

Money

Why does my No. 1 problem always comes down to money? I just want to save up and not worry about it. -Rainy

Back in the pool

Signed up for a quarterlong swimming class and it was the smartest thing I've done all year. Exercise helps me relax and relieve stress, swimming is gentle on the body and it's three hours a week where I can't check my cell phone. I call that a win. -Kaitlyn

Respect the Student

I appreciate and thoroughly enjoy 99.9 percent of the faculty at the University of Idaho. The 0.1 percent I have a hard time dealing with are the ones that refuse to accept that maybe the students have experience and insight to bring to the class, too. Foster innovation and collaboration in the classroom, not dictatorship.

ing students, faculty and staff. I have been asked by fellow committee members (represented by ASUI, Vandal Health Education, Faculty Senate and other Staff Affairs members) to share my personal story concerning tobacco cessation. This really isn't about me, rather, information that may prove useful to others who would like to quit using tobacco.

I've been an on and off user of smokeless tobacco (chew) for over 20 years. I had a long hiatus from "chewing" between the fall of 1995 and spring of 2003, just to become fully engrossed in the habit again sparked by the close proximity of other chewers while building our first home that summer. I've quit more times than I care to think of and spent hundreds if not thousands of dollars for cessation aids.

My first cessation aids included Nicorette gum back in the early '90s. It tasted horrible, although through UI Student Health, it was free of charge as a student. It never really helped me quit, but did aid in lessening the amount I was chewing. I tried quitting cold turkey many times, but it never lasted.

Friends and family hated being around me when I tried cold turkey. I was always in a bad mood, easily aggravated and regularly lost my cool. I used nicotine patches to help quit in 2010, and spent over \$350 of my own money on them spanning a three and a half month quitting period. I was free of nicotine and my wife didn't kill me in the process ... this was a much better alternative to quitting cold turkey for me. Unfortunately, I had a momentary lapse of reasoning in the summer of 2011 and began the habit again.

Most people have no clue that I chewed, unless they were around me outside of work. My days always started with a chew and I wouldn't stop until bedtime. I learned early

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hand. I was good at hiding it. When the committee reviewing the current smoking and tobacco policies first began meeting, I had one in.

I began chatting with the former Coordinator of Vandal Health Education Shannon Haselhuhn this past September about quitting again. She was very helpful and gave me many tips, strategies and educated me on options that have proved successful. Of those, the best news was that my insurance through UI would pay for much of my tobacco cessation needs. I found out that insurance covers 100 percent of nicotine patches. While it doesn't cover the cost of nicotine gum or lozenges, it's still a great benefit. There was, however, a learning curve on how to make the coverage work best.

Haselhuhn and I worked out a schedule that would take me 16 weeks to complete. I had to meet with my doctor and share the program with him, ask him to write a prescription for patches that included the duration of the plan, as well as dosage changes along the way. At this point I was still a bit unclear about how I was going to get reimbursed ... I should have inquired.

I went to my local pharmacy and purchased a 21-milligram box for roughly \$60 and planned to get reimbursed for the amount. I began my program the Sunday before Thanksgiving and as of today, I have yet to get reimbursed for that first box. HR is still trying, but it has proven difficult to get money back after it has been spent. What I quickly learned was that I was supposed to take my prescription in from my doctor to the pharmacy, where they would place an order for the nicotine patches. I did that and two days later had a shopping basket full of patches, t-wqra



A column on society and culture from a feminist perspective

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case Hobby Lobby brought against the government, in regard to the contraceptive mandate outlined in the Affordable Care Act. This case, more than any other in recent history, highlights the extreme importance of having a diversity of voices on the Supreme Court — especially the voices of women.

David and Barbara Green, the owners of Hobby Lobby — a craft store retail chain — are religiously opposed to four kinds of birth control, out of the 20 that the FDA has currently approved. Ella (sometimes referred to as the "week after pill"), Plan B (the "morning after pill") and both types of intrauterine devices are what the Greens object to, on the premise that these forms of birth control may prevent implantation of a fertilized egg and thus, be the catalyst for early abortions.

I won't get into the fact pregnancy does not begin (medically speaking) until after implantation, or the

premise is flawed.

The Greens stated that providing these forms of birth control through their insurance plans to their employees violates their religious convictions.

This issue is one that directly affects every woman in America and their right to universal access to contraceptives - which the ACA guarantees. While Hobby Lobby is bringing this case in regard to their own company, the Supreme Court ruling could affect the ability of other companies to decide to not provide these four (or all) forms of birth control to their female employees.

During the oral arguments, it became glaringly obvious where each of the justices stood, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Elena Kagan and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg adamantly skeptical of Hobby Lobby's claims. Twenty-eight of the first 32 questions to the Greens' lawyer Paul Clement came almost rapid-fire from these women.

Those in support of Hobby Lobby may pull the ad hominem classic, "Well of course they are against Hobby Lobby, they're women!" Yes. They are women — three women seated on the bench in the highest court in the land who represent the voices of 50.8 percent of the population.

More than half of the people in United States of America are women, according to the 2012 U.S. Census. The first female justice was not appointed until 1981. -Jessica

You gotta love these guys

Another 75 win season on top for the Seattle Mariners!

-Sean

Frozen veggies

You'd think it'd be pretty hard to mess up a bag of frozen edamame. Apparently I was wrong.

-Philip

Chia seeds.

My new obsession. The possibilities are endless. -Hannah

The Madness

March Madness is about to turn into April Madness. Let the basketball madness continue.

-Stephan

Forgetful

I should really remember to do my OTC. As punishment for my wrongdoing, I will make all of the Argonaut editors cookies.

-Emily

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This week has such a weird mix of horrible stress and awesome things happening. I don't even know how to react. -Kaitlin



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enough for my entire program. When I picked them up I was asked for no payment whatsoever. What a blessing. I've been chew free since that first Sunday and have weaned to 14-milligram patches per day. I was supposed to be on 14 milligrams for two weeks, then 7 milligrams for another two weeks and then be done with the program. I have been feeling like that transition may be a little quick for my body to adjust to, so I had the pharmacy contact my doctor and see if they could extend the 14 milligrams to six weeks, as well as the 7 milligrams. A couple days later, I had two more boxes of 14 milligrams waiting for me ... free of charge.

I am supplementing the patches with nicotine gum and lozenges as suggested by Haselhuhn. A box of 100 usually last me about a month and costs around \$35. It's a small price to pay for my health, and what we pay up front gets reimbursed through our Health Saving Account (HSA).

All in all, I will have received 21 weeks of patches, many of which required two patches per day, 17 boxes total that would have cost me about \$850 without UI's coverage. My end date is May 10, and I'm certain that I've finally kicked the habit for good. I'm not here to suggest that everyone needs to quit the way I am, but hopefully knowing that much of the cost can be covered by our insurance may encourage cessation in some way. I hope my story was helpful and educational and that my own successes and failures may benefit others.

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It wasn't until 2010 that Elena Kagan became the fourth woman on the bench in history — and for the first time, part of a supreme court with three female justices at one time.

In a country where sexism still exists at a systemic level, where women make less than men in the same positions, where women's reproductive freedoms are a constant battle and where women hold less than 20 percent of congressional seats — it remains of the upmost importance for women to be represented in the Supreme Court.

It takes a woman to fully understand what other women face in our country, and it takes women to advocate for the rest of us. While individual men stand out throughout history as being champions for women's rights, as a group, men are historically pretty bad at understanding — much less advocating — for women through legislation and court decisions.

The majority opinion on this Supreme Court case may not turn out the way we might hope. But it is encouraging to see that one-third of the voices on the bench are speaking for the rights of half the country. I hope we continue to see diversity on the Supreme Court — more women, people of color and members of the LGBTQA community.

Until there is equity in leadership, there can't be equity in our society.

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