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A mule's life

UI is home to cloned mule named Utah Pioneer

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On the edge of the University of Idaho campus, there is a farm that is home to many animals, all of which were born the old-fashioned way — where the male's sperm fertilizes the female's egg.

All except for one

A mule named Utah Pioneer was born from a petri dish. Utah Pioneer is a clone.

He was born in 2003 along with two others, Idaho Gem and Idaho Star. They were immediately thrown into the limelight, as a result of their unusual birth.

The mules went to fairs around the country, with news cameras constantly in their faces and they even had their own trading cards.

Life has since calmed down for the three. Utah Pioneer still resides at UI, enjoying retired life, rolling in mud and eating all the grass he can.

Life is easy for the cloned mule today, but getting there was difficult.

The process started in 1997, when Idaho businessman and mule-racing enthusiast, Don Jacklin, wanted to create the perfect racing mule.

He saw Scottish scientists were able to clone a sheep, so he presented the challenge to a team of UI researchers to clone a horse or a mule.

"He laid down the challenge and then had the money to help the project along," said Bill Loftus, public information officer for the College of Agriculture and Life Science.

Armed with Jacklin's financial support, the team of UI researchers embarked on a mission to produce the first clone of a

horse or mule.

How it's done

Cloning is only a two-day process, Loftus said.

After taking an egg from a mare, they put it under a microscope, take a fine micropipette and suck out all the mare's DNA and chromosomes, Loftus said. Next, they take a mule's skin cell off a fetus and shock it with electricity to make the egg think it's been fertilized.

Loftus said scientists keep the embryo in a broth-like substance until it starts dividing — this takes about one day. After

that, the embryo is inserted into a mare, and from there, it should start developing normally, he said.

For the UI researchers few did, Loftus said. Out of 300 to 400 tries, only three developed and were born — Idaho Star, Utah Pioneer and Idaho Gem.

Loftus said the UI team took the clones around the country to find additional funding for further research.

"Our scientist thought it was really important for people to understand cloning," Loftus said. "Most people will never see one in person in their life time ... They could really see the animal up close and talk to the scientist about it."

Using clones to understand cancer

"We had really high hopes in 2003 — when these clones were born — that they'd give us information on how the cells worked,"

Loftus said. "That was really the hope for the cloning project, was to take that information

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Utah Pioneer chews on hay with some fellow horses in a pasture near the other farm animals located past the meat lab. He is the UI's third cloned mule.

Finding the money

SBOE tuition decision leaves UI with \$300,000 budget deficit

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Keith Ickes, University of Idaho executive director for planning and budget, said he is disappointed in the State Board of Education's April 16 decision to raise in-state undergraduate tuition and fees by 4 percent — .7 percent lower than the increase proposed by UI administrators.

"We had thought we made a very compelling case," Ickes said. "But we will move on and get things done, and do everything we possibly can with the dollars we have got."

Ickes said UI will face a budget deficit of \$300,000 next

year, because of the lowered tuition increase. He said the reduced tuition increase will save every in-state UI student \$46 in the upcoming year.

"I don't know if \$46 made any big difference to anybody, to be honest, it did make a little difference to us," Ickes said.

Ickes said UI will look toward the medical benefits plan to address the \$300,000 shortfall.

He said the medical benefits budget is \$20 million and will be large enough to absorb the deficit, without changing medical benefits for UI employees.

"We won't change benefits, we are not going to be changing support for employees or their medical plans," Ickes said.

Ickes said it is easier to

move funds around and find extra revenue when working with a larger budget.

The lowered tuition increase will not affect funding for the Change-in-Employee-Compensation, as it was a top priority for UI administrators, Ickes said. He said the deficit will not affect funding to mandatory budget items, including utility bills, faculty promotions and UI's research library.

The SBOE also approved a 3.6 percent increase in out-of-state undergraduate tuition for 2014-2015.

Ickes said although the lowered tuition increase for in-state students will make it harder to plan next year's budget, he is confident UI will be able to fund all mandatory

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ISA to submit policy requests

College affordability and campus safety priority for ASUI

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

At last week's State Board of Education meeting, ASUI President Max Cowan and other student body presidents from across Idaho discussed the most pressing issues facing students at their respective institutions.

Together, they decided on seven issues to bring before the SBOE, with hopes they would be incorporated into the board's lobbying priorities. According to Cowan, the issues focused on college affordability and campus safety.

Cowan said this is the first time the student presidents have taken a collective interest in state policy. In the past, Cowan said student governments have given their suggestions to their respective institu-

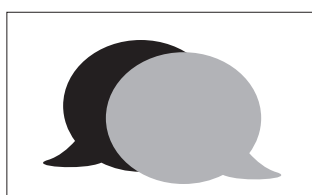
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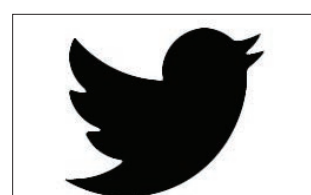
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Veggie breakfast burrito

Nurainy Daron
Crumbs

The benefit of having leftovers is practicing creativity in the kitchen. The leftovers from the spring fish fillet recipe led me to create veggie breakfast burrito. I had plenty of brown rice, corn and tomatoes left, and at the same time I have some eggs and tortillas — let's make some breakfast burritos.

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs, whisked
- 2 tortillas
- ½ cup corn
- ½ tomato, diced
- ½ cup cooked brown rice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Salt and pepper for taste
- Shredded cheese
- Sour cream
- Salsa

Directions:

In a skillet, heat butter. Cook egg by scrambling it and wisely season with salt and pepper. Move the eggs on a side of the skillet. Add corn, tomatoes and brown rice. Cook for a couple minutes. Combine scrambled eggs with the rest of the ingredients on the skillet. Taste, and add more seasoning as desired. When done, set it aside. Heat tortilla on a plate for 20-30 seconds. Place filling in the middle, add shredded cheese, sour cream and salsa as desired. Roll up burrito-style. Serve for two.

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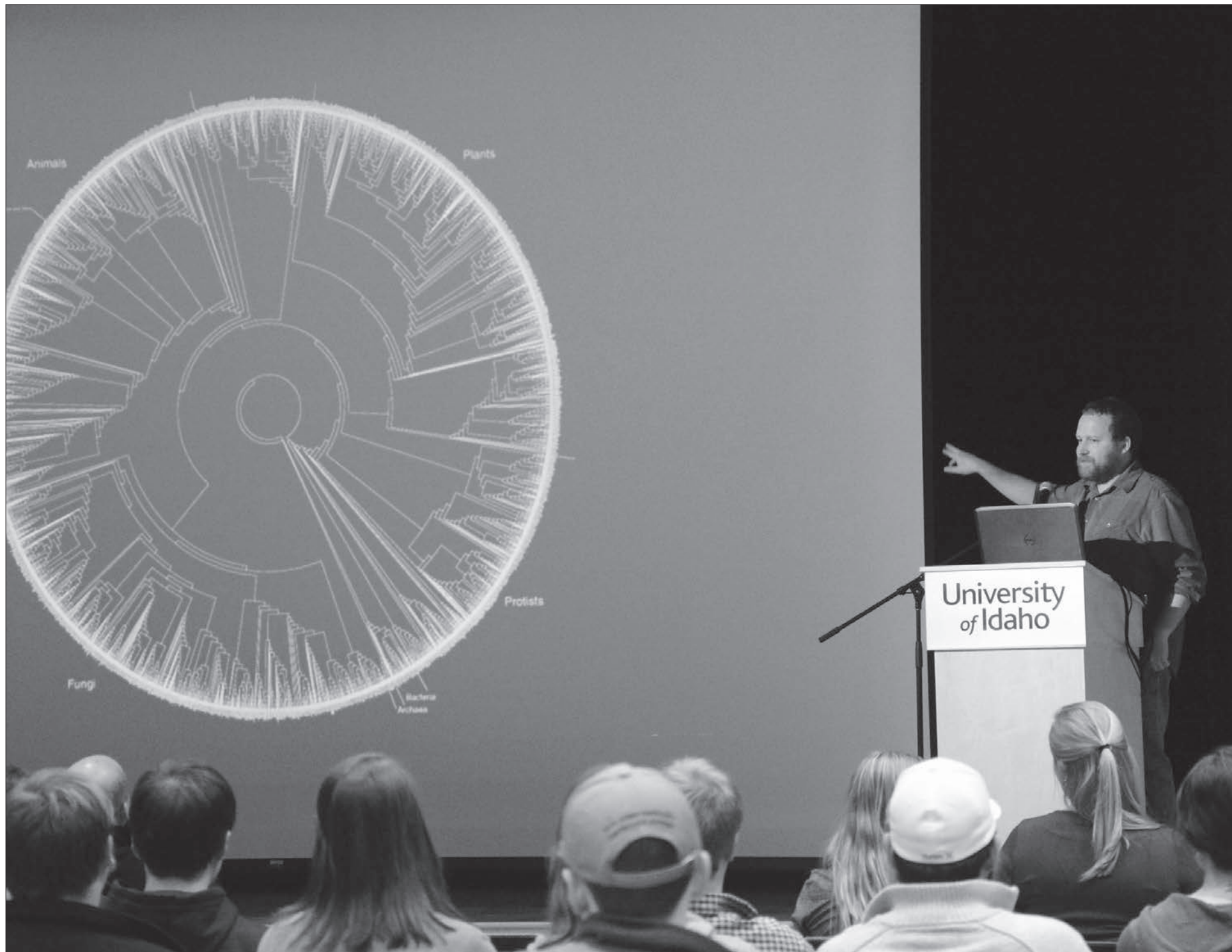
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UI IDEAS SYMPOSIUM



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Luke Harmon, associate professor in Biology speaks at the Uldeas symposium about, "The Deep Time Perspective: Where We Came From and Where We're Going." Uldeas is an interdisciplinary symposium hosted by the UI Sustainability Center. The symposium gives UI faculty and staff a chance to share what they do, why they do it and how it relates to sustainability, the UI campus, and the Moscow community. UI student Brita Olson was heavily involved in the development of the event.

Weekend warriors for community

Annual Saturday of Service arrives at UI

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

University of Idaho students from all living communities will band together Saturday to take part in the annual Saturday of Service event, hosted by the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action. Beginning at 9 a.m., students will have the opportunity to volunteer in the Moscow community in a variety of ways, and will also get a discount to the Finals Fest concert and a free event T-shirt.

"In an ideal world, altruism is enough to get people to do service, but bribery is also effective," said Micaela Iveson, Saturday of Service assistant coordinator.

Volunteers will meet at the Memorial Gym for breakfast provided by the event coordinators, and then will be sorted into groups that will help organizations around the Palouse. Volunteers will work until 12:30 p.m., and all UI students are invited to participate.

"We are trying to bridge the separation between the University of Idaho and Moscow through service," said Natalie Magnus, volunteer coordinator for the Center for Volunteerism

and Social Action. "The students are positively engaging with the community around them, seeing what it has to offer and what its needs are, as well as meeting new people through the volunteer work."

Iveson said part of the fun of the program is the many types of work available for volunteers. Depending on the organization they are paired with, student volunteers could be sorting donations for the, Salvation Arm Moscow, walking and grooming horses at the Orphan Acres horse sanctuary, interacting with residents at local senior living communities or a variety of other activities.

Saturday of Service at UI began as an event that focused on environmental preservation and other Earth Day related activities, Iveson said. However, it eventually grew to help around 25 local service partners and attracts anywhere from 400 to 500 student volunteers, he said.

However, volunteer numbers are lower than usual this year. As of April 23, 240 students are signed up to volunteer for the event. Saturday of Service coordinator Sam Hermann attributes this to scheduling conflicts with some of the

Greek communities, who supply many of the Saturday of Service volunteers. Hermann said he learned a lot through coordinating the event, and would have also addressed classrooms with large student enrollment to gain volunteers if he could do it again.

"The Greek support has been huge, Hermann said, "and I've attempted to get in contact with the residence halls ... but I haven't seen a lot of feedback, I don't think the time commitment is huge, and I really thought students would rally behind this ... but it didn't quite pan out like I thought."

Nevertheless, the program sees representation from many different living groups and UI organizations, and Magnus said this is important for the Saturday of Service experience.

"It isn't this sorority or this residence hall, or this community doing this service," Magnus said. "You have the larger UI community connecting with peers they may have never met."

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ASB trips restructured

Changes made to ASB trips to encourage student involvement

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ASB Volunteer Coordinator Natalie Magnus believes any student who wants to take a service trip should be given the opportunity. That's why, Magnus said, the ASB service trips had to be changed.

Every winter and spring break, students hop borders — city, state and national — to help those in need. Two winters ago students went to Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Peru and Ecuador, to tackle issues such as homelessness, housing, sustainability and education.

The application process to go on an ASB service trip has been the same since they began in 2001. Students filled out an application online, then waited until they were called for an interview. Selected students were then organized into groups and notified of their mission.

Not only were many students turned away during this process, Magnus said they had little say in where they went. The current process misses the point, she said — if a student is willing to do service, they should be given the opportunity — regardless of GPA, previous experience or even writing or interviewing abilities.

"If you're willing to go on a service trip that you know is a sober experience and you know it's about service, who are we to stop you?" Director of Student Involvement Colleen Quinn said. "We should be embracing students, lowering the costs and providing more slots, not turning people away."

Magnus said that while online applications work well for universities with small programs, the UI ASB program has outgrown such a process. Once the people in the UI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action realized this, Magnus said they began looking at universities with programs of comparable size, and found that most institutions bypass an application process.

"The time lag is a deterrent," Magnus said. "Especially because these breaks are important times and sometimes they fall over different holidays that family and friends make plans for, if you apply for something and don't find out until four weeks later, it's really hard to plan."

That's why, starting next year, the online application and interview process will be done away with completely and replaced by a one-day, first-come-first-serve event.

According to Quinn, tables for each des-

tinuation will be set up so students can see where exactly they would go and exactly how they would be volunteering. Based on that information, they will be able to pay their deposit and sign up for their destination of choice at the table, so their position will be secured.

Quinn said she hopes this becomes a tradition on campus, with students camping out to secure the spots they want.

A signing day is not without potential kinks. One major concern is that, without a screening process, there's nothing to stop an entire Greek house or a single group of friends from signing up to go on one trip together.

"There's very much value in the aspect of ASB that you go into a trip not knowing your group," Magnus said. "It can be a chance to learn from students who you wouldn't necessarily interact with otherwise. We really value that diversity of the team, so that's something we hope we don't lose in a different sign-up."

Even though students can expect the new process to start next year, Magnus said the restructuring of the ASB trips will be an ongoing process.

Currently, international ASB trips are coordinated by an agency called United Planet. Magnus said they are exploring the possibility of cutting out this middleman in hopes of saving several thousand dollars, which could then be reallocated to send students on more trips, or make more spots available on the existing ones. In all likelihood, Magnus said they will use United Planet again next year, but in future years they have high hopes of expanding the program.

"There are just so many reasons to become aware of other issues out there," Magnus said. "You can probably relate any experience, international or national, to back home. Where maybe there are issues in Moscow we can work with that will look different in a different location — no problem is unique to one country. There's so much opportunity to learn about different cultures, learn about the world ... I see that as a huge value, and just as important, you learn from your peers, and generally become very close to them, and it can be really impactful and powerful, so I think it can create really powerful connections among students."

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Support for microelectronics

Micron Foundation donates \$1 million to electrical engineering

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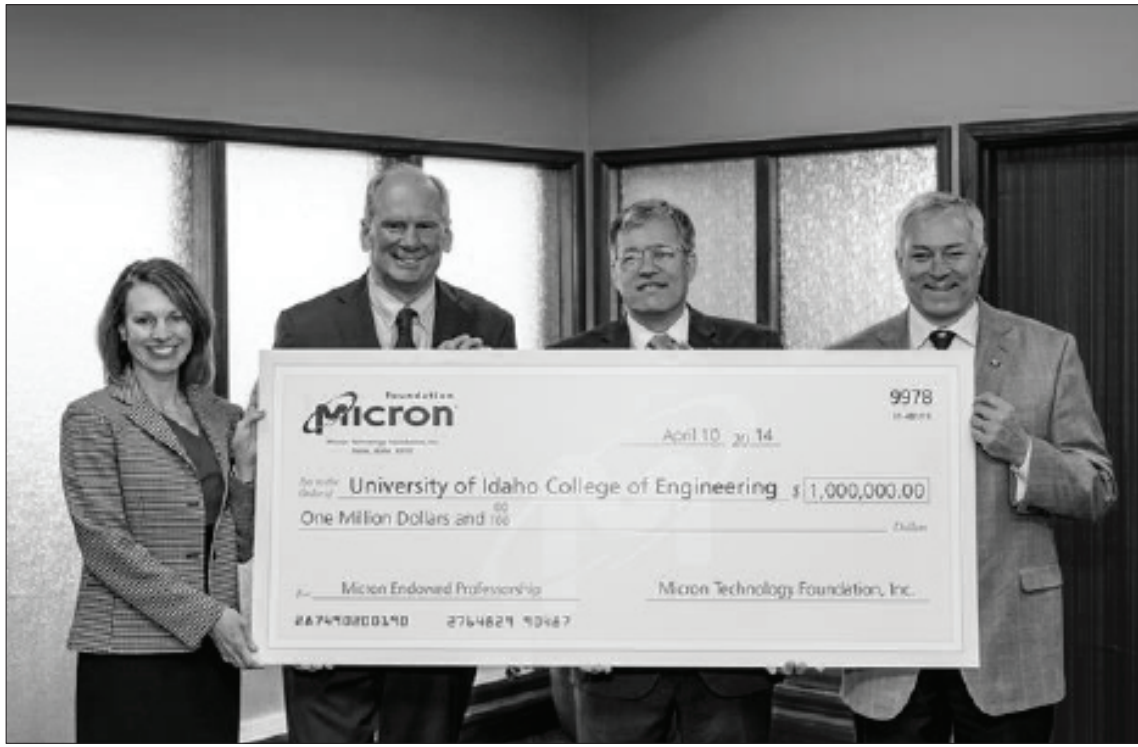
The University of Idaho Electrical Engineering Department intends to use a recent \$1 million donation from the Micron Foundation to improve the school's microelectronics program.

The department will not spend the donation directly, but instead will use the revenue generated from investing the money to fund research, hire students, do experiments and travel.

Larry Stauffer, dean of the College of Engineering, said the investment should yield between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year, and that this number should grow over time.

He said one of the primary functions of the donation is that it allows the department to fund an endowed professorship — a position that allows a tenured faculty member to direct the use of the revenue from the donation to fund research projects, student employment and related travel costs.

Stauffer said a search committee decided on Fred Barlow, a microelectronics professor within the electrical engineering department for the position. He said this appointment will last five years with the option of a single renewal for five more years, after which time the department will need to select



Micron Foundation Executive Director Dee Mooney, CEO Mark Durcan, University of Idaho President Chuck Staben and College of Engineering Dean Larry Stauffer stand with the \$1 million check from Micron.

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a new candidate.

Barlow said the Micron Foundation's donation will help Micron, in addition to helping the university.

"(Micron) would like us to generate more students with that set of expertise. So the fact that we can hire more students, and that we can have more resources for that area enables us to have a stronger program," Barlow said. "The students benefit, the university ben-

efits and the company benefits. So it really is a win-win-win kind of a situation, and I think that's what's pretty exciting about this."

Stauffer said having a named professorship that is backed with an endowment gives the university additional credibility, and had already helped encourage a new Texas-based researcher to work for the university.

"That actually made a big difference in recruiting that new

professor, because he got to exercise some discretion over some of those funds, and of course, the idea of working with a named professor was a big deal to him," Stauffer said.

Stauffer said the department will also use the money to help fund trips to China and Singapore during the summer, where they will meet with people from other universities and electronics companies. He said they will also be

able to hire more student employees to run research projects.

Stauffer said part of the money will be used to start a new research center, which researchers will use to explore issues within the microelectronics industry. He said these researchers will do research on electronic packaging, which focuses on how to package a microchip's circuitry in a way that it can be placed on a circuit board, and then into a product.

Barlow said microelectronics is a wide-reaching science, and microchips have become inexpensive enough that they can now be found in everyday items such as coffeemakers, refrigerators and even pets.

Stauffer said this donation will help make the electrical engineering program stronger, and help students get more experience in microelectronics.

"It really helps solidify some of the expertise in that program. We have one of the best power engineering programs in the country. That's a program that tends to serve power utilities, but (also serves) other power applications," Stauffer said. "So now, complementing that, we're growing the microelectronics side of electrical engineering. So it really helps make our whole (electrical engineering) program that much more comprehensive."

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Cycling for charity

Delta Sigma Phi kicks off annual Bike to Boise

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Bike to Boise, Delta Sigma Phi's annual philanthropy event, began Thursday when fraternity members and alumni set off on their journey to the state capitol via tandem bike. Bike to Boise has been a fixture of the organization since the 1960s, and this year marks the fraternity's 51st trip.

Donations were raised through PayPal in support of the event, and will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) — an organization that raises money to support research into neuromuscular diseases.

The trip spans about 300 miles over two days, and chapter members alternate between the tandem bike and a caravan of cars that follow close behind. Both current and former fraternity members participate.

"The first night we camp out and have a little brotherhood and hang out," said Josh Journey, Delta Sigma's philanthropy chair. "We reflect on how the year's gone and how we've done on the philanthropy this year itself."

Safety is always a concern, which is why Delta Sigma Phi takes precautions to keep bikers safe. Caravan drivers keep their

hazard lights and headlights on for the entire trip, and the police departments of each town Bike to Boise passes through are notified in advance.

"All the police stations are fully supportive of what we do," Journey said. "The only thing they ask is that we don't ride through the canyons."

There are usually about 30 to 35 people who go along for the ride. Once they get to Boise, fraternity members meet in front of the Capitol Building with representatives of the organization they have chosen as the recipient of that year's donation, and present the check in full chapter dress.

Bike to Boise has benefitted several organizations in recent years. In 2010, Delta Sigma Phi raised more than \$9,000 for Hope House, and last year the fraternity raised about \$3,400 for the Redside Foundation — a nonprofit that supports commercial outdoor guides in Idaho.

Delta Sigma Phi chooses which organization to contribute the funds to in a variety of ways. For example, the Redside Foundation was chosen because of a Delta Sigma alumnus who worked as an outdoor guide. Bike to Boise raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for several years in the '90s, but helping them again this year was largely because of Journey's own chal-



Delta Sigma Phi | Courtesy

Delta Sigma Phi chapter members hand a check to members of the Redside Foundation after the 2013 Bike to Boise. The 2014 Bike to Boise is currently underway.

lenges with muscular dystrophy.

"Other chapters donate to whoever they feel like needs it the most and really want to help out," Journey said. "My dad, grandpa and I have muscular dystrophy, and being the philanthropy chairman, a lot of brothers felt that donating to there and seeing how committed I was to MDA, and seeing that I have it, they felt that it was a good organization to donate to."

Journey said local businesses and community members have shown a lot of support for the fundraiser. In the past, there

has been a lot of positive feedback from donors and the organizations Bike to Boise has helped, and Journey said it goes a long way toward bringing people together.

"Bike to Boise is one of the best events at University of Idaho that the Greek system can do," Journey said. "It brings everyone together and it really just shows how much commitment each person has that is involved with this."

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Local breweries to participate in environmentally friendly event

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When most people talk about drinking responsibly, they're talking about limiting the number of drinks consumed and staying off the road afterward, but this phrase has a whole different meaning when it comes to BrewFest.

BrewFest is an event for people in Moscow to try locally made drinks and learn more about how alcohol can be consumed in a more environmentally responsible way.

The event will take place from 5-9 p.m. at the 1912 Center in Moscow today. Tickets for the event are available ahead of time at Mikey's Gyros, the Moscow Alehouse, Camas Prairie Winery and Moscow Brewing Company until 4 p.m. Friday. Tickets for five drinks are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Louise Todd, the president of Buy Local Moscow, said BrewFest started last year in conjunction with the University of Idaho's EarthFest, as a way to connect people within the Moscow and university communities.

"It was a way for us to try to bridge the gap between the community and the university, like things we would be doing for EarthFest," Todd said. "And so, we kind-of figured, 'well, everyone loves drinking. Let's try to make like a local, 'drink beer' fest that showcases how you can lessen your carbon footprint by purchasing beverages that are produced locally."

Todd said the festival focuses on cutting down transportation costs, and includes suppliers that actively participate in green production practices, such as Camas Prairie Winery.

Jeremy Ritter, the owner of Camas Prairie Winery, said the company tries to focus on being completely green, and implements ideas in several ways — including the use of lightweight bottles and avoiding harsh chemicals for cleaning.

"We're the only winery in the state of Idaho, as far as I know... that (is) IDEQ (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality) approved," Ritter said.

Todd said organizers are trying to make BrewFest as green as possible by eliminating sources of unnecessary waste, and using decomposable cups for the drinks.

Todd said the events of BrewFest should be enjoyable, and will include two local bands as entertainment — Mise and Simba and the Exceptional Africans.

"There's live music, and then there's lots of raffle prizes. So all of the breweries bring swag and stuff like that and so every time you use one of your drink tickets then you get entered into the raffle," Todd said. "And so every 15 minutes, we'll be giving out growlers, shirts, hoodies, stuff like that."

She said, based on last year's sales, she expects all 250 event tickets to sell out.

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to take that information and figure out what was going on when cells turn cancerous and why they started dividing if unchecked and if we could figure out how to regulate that and maybe stop cancer."

Loftus said Gordon Woods, the lead scientist of the project, had a strong hypothesis and was making progress with the research, before he died unexpectedly at the age of 57.

Woods sought out to understand how cancer worked in the body, Loftus said. There is no record of a stallion developing prostate cancer, but human males are more prone to the disease as they age.

Woods thought one of the reasons men get cancer while horses don't was all in the diet, Loftus said.

Most people in the West consume diets with a lot of red meat, which contains zinc, Loftus said. In contrast, people in Eastern countries eat diets high in cadmium, an element most commonly found in grassy foods. While horses don't often consume diets high in zinc, cadmium is a staple in their diet.

In a study Woods conducted, men who were on the Eastern diet had fewer incidents of prostate cancer than men who were on the Western diet.

Tobacco is another product that contains cadmium, Loftus said.

"I think for smokers, the incidents for prostate cancer

is lower," he said. "So is the cadmium helping them in that way? It's killing them in other ways, though."

Loftus said Woods was gathering the data and making progress, but when he died, the project fell to the wayside and nobody has taken it up since.

The racing world

"When we cloned the mules, nobody else in the world had been able to clone a member of the horse family," Loftus said. "Our mules were cloned from a mule fetus that was produced by the two parents of world champion racing mules."

These mules served multiple purposes, one of which was to try them out at the track.

Idaho Star and Idaho Gem won their first races, but Utah

Pioneer didn't take to the training and never made it out to the track, Loftus said.

Retirement

It's been some time since the three mules were in the news, and have since gone their separate ways.

The youngest, Idaho Gem, is privately owned and living in Hayden, Idaho, Loftus said. The oldest, Idaho Star, is owned by Jacklin and is now a working mule on his farm. Utah Pioneer, the middle sibling, resides on the UI campus.

"(Utah Pioneer) just lives his day-to-day life in leisure with his three buddies here," said Michael Gutierrez, the operations foreman responsible for taking care of Utah Pioneer.

Utah Pioneer lives with three

mares, one of which is his surrogate mother. They aren't being used productively anymore and have been brought out to live the retired life, Gutierrez said. Gutierrez described Utah Pioneer as an independent.

"He's his own mule," he said.

Utah Pioneer hasn't had any race or work requests, Gutierrez said, and now that he's 11, he seems comfortable where he is.

"They're just living normal lives," Loftus said. "It's like a baseball player after he's out of the major leagues. He's still a human being, he still has an important life to lead, he's just not in the show anymore, just like these mules."

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stitutions to submit to the SBOE. This year, they will be sending their seven points directly to the board in what Cowan called a "shotgun method." While they don't expect all seven things to be accomplished next year, Cowan said their hope is to throw them all at the wall to see what sticks.

Advocating state funding for education to offset tuition increases

Some money in the university's budget — like building funds or agricultural research — is earmarked. According to Cowan, this money can only be spent on what it was designated to be spent on.

Theoretically, Cowan said, asking for stronger support of general education would offset tuition increases because, in the eyes of the institution, tuition and general education money can be used the same way.

"Instead of asking for money, which is what we've done in the past, we're saying support higher education," Cowan said. "Students have a vested interest in supporting general education."

Requesting funding for state scholarship endowment

When Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter took office, he hoped that a

\$100 million payout from the state scholarship endowment would be put to work, Cowan said. But Cowan said the issue with that is the endowment was never fully funded and only \$10,000 was going into it each year — but even that stopped once the recession hit.

"If the state has a surplus, they can put that money to use in the state scholarship endowment," Cowan said. "If they were to put it to use for the university, that money would go away next year."

Cowan said UI has \$20,000 to spend and if they put that into the state scholarship endowment, they would receive a payout of \$500 a year — something Cowan called a smart investment.

Tax incentives for nontraditional students

Many nontraditional students in the workforce face something of a Catch-22, according to Cowan. Usually, he said, these students have returned to school because they aren't happy with their job and would like to move up, but because their income may still be enough to live on, they're eliminated from many scholarships that would make college attendance affordable.

Cowan said the solution to this is to provide tax incentives such as making tuition expenses tax deductible for these students.

Creating state-funded application fee waiver program

the memo from Aiken included future recommendations for both academic and non-academic programs.

The employee classification and compensation process was part of the already completed proposals. In addition, the university is proposing to close the UI pharmacy this summer.

"There are a whole number of things on this list that say it's going to take us two years to do this in a lot of cases, and I think that's true," Aiken said at the faculty senate meeting.

The program prioritization was started under the supervision of Aiken and Interim Provost Don Burnett. The pair defined the way all programs would be rated, and based the process off a previous prioritization program completed by UI.

Aiken told The Argonaut in November that as higher education

Many state universities, including UI, charge applicants a \$50 to \$100 fee to process their application. Cowan said this is a problem because if someone's parents can't or won't pay the fee, and they don't necessarily see themselves going to school anyway, there would be little reason for them to apply.

This barrier could be broken down by a state program that funds application fee waivers for Idaho students in need, Cowan said.

Creating state run student loan program

Federal loans, according to Cowan, are a net revenue generator, and generate more than \$100 billion for the federal government in a 10-year span.

Theoretically, though, a state loan program would pay for itself — if the state is willing to offer lower interest rates than federal loans.

"If the state of Idaho is willing to not necessarily make money, but simply cover the cost, Idaho students can be better funded through loans with better interest rates or better payment plans," Cowan said.

Empowering Threat Assessment Teams

Following the Virginia Tech Massacre in 2007, Threat Assessment Teams (TAT) were implemented in schools to investigate individuals who are at serious risk of causing harm to themselves or others.

Currently in Idaho, TAT records are treated as educational records,

and under public records law, an individual is entitled access to any record in which they are named. According to Cowan, this means that an at-risk individual under investigation can theoretically gain access to their own TAT record.

"I think it's a pretty widely held belief that if we are trying to ensure safety, then those individuals being investigated for making campus unsafe shouldn't ... know they're being investigated, and ... know what the investigation contains," Cowan said.

This could be solved, Cowan said, if TAT records were treated as police records rather than educational records.

Amending nondiscrimination policy to protect students

In the state of Idaho, most universities have nondiscrimination policies that include gender identity and sexual orientation — most, but not all, Cowan said.

If the SBOE amends their own nondiscrimination policy to include these terms, then the policies of all the institutions in the state are automatically changed as well. This essentially guarantees no one will be discriminated against, which, Cowan said, is a matter of campus safety.

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The full memo can be viewed with the list of proposed program changes online at uiargonaut.com.

Aiken said she expects many changes will be made to the proposals after the two-week review period.

The program prioritization process began almost exactly one year ago when the SBOE asked all four-year Idaho higher education institutions to do a full-scale evaluation of every program. They defined a program as any identifiable entity that consumes resources. It refers to any and all academic programs, as well as administrative and support units. Aiken said there are more than 400 programs at UI that fit this definition.

In addition to the proposed actions for academic programs,

for prioritization is unacceptable, Aiken said she feels confident in the process and is not fearful the board will be unsatisfied.

"We asked questions — how do we measure success and efficiency in those programs? How do we rate those programs compared to other programs? We did that," Aiken said.

Aiken said she believes the process is far from finished, as the SBOE further determines what they'd like the institutions to do with the data they've collected.

"They have asked that I be able to say — and I said I think that I can — that we have not given anybody a pass and that we have looked comprehensively at every program at the University of Idaho," Aiken said.

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budget items.

"I still think we can accomplish all of the major goals we were trying to do," Ickes said.

ASUI President Max Cowan said although this year's reduced tuition increase is a solvable problem, it is an indication of Idaho's struggle to fund higher education. He said students see the impact of yearly budget deficits, and are concerned about maintaining the quality of their education.

Cowan said the state does not properly fund higher education, which forces students to pay higher tuition rates to preserve the quality of their university. He said the SBOE board meeting raised the topic of what role the state should have in funding higher education in Idaho.

The smaller tuition increase was approved by the SBOE by a 5-2 vote. Ickes said the only SBOE board member in vocal opposition to the lowered rate was SBOE Chairman Milford Terrell.

"His whole argument was students in Idaho, from Idaho, ought to have top quality competitive universities to go to, and his concern was that if the board, or the state or both, continued to restrain the revenue, that would not be true," Ickes said.

Ickes said Terrell even argued that the tuition increases should be raised by 1 percent.

Ickes said UI administrators might need to re-evaluate the budget depending on how many UI students graduate in the spring. He said as more students graduate in the spring, UI will receive less tuition funds in the fall — which could have an impact on the 2014-2015 budget.

Ickes said UI reduced the total credits needed to graduate from 128 to 120 effective spring 2012, which resulted in 250 extra students graduating in spring 2013. He said the 2013 graduating class and the upcoming graduating classes were the largest UI has seen in many years, and might have an effect on next year's budget.

Ickes said UI administrators will know how many students UI has officially graduated in June, and will be able to determine its impact on the budget at that time.

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Men's tennis looking for payback against New Mexico State in WAC Championships

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Sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan throws the ball on the run during Wednesday's practice at the Kibbie Dome. Linehan is competing for the starting quarterback job with Chad Chalich and is looking to impress during Friday night's Silver and Gold spring game.

Friday night lights

Football gearing up for second Silver and Gold game under Paul Petrino

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

The freshly painted logos on the Kibbie Dome turf represents Idaho football's immediate future. The Sun Belt Conference logo made its debut during Wednesday's practice, painted on the 25-yard lines on each side of the field.

Fans will get their first look at it during Friday night's Silver and Gold spring game, one that Idaho

coach Paul Petrino thinks will show a markedly improved Idaho football team.

"I'm happy, we've done better (this spring) than I thought we would be at this point," Petrino said. "It's been good, now we just need to finish it with a great night Friday night."

The Silver and Gold spring game is the fourth scrimmage of the spring practice schedule for

the Vandals, and another opportunity for Idaho to get two games worth of plays in.

There will be a short warm-up period before the team goes for a full scrimmage. While some scrimmages depend on certain situations and plays that coaches want to run, the spring game will run close to how an actual football game would, with play calls and schemes based on the situation of the scrimmage.

"Sometimes in practice it's scripted and you chalk every single play," Petrino said. "Anytime they can just go out and play a whole bunch of football and have it not be scripted, that's good for us, because it gives us more reps of just improving."

This is most important for the two quarterbacks who will

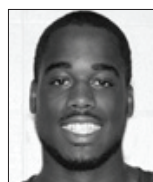
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Players to watch

These Vandals have stood out in spring ball, looking to have big spring game

Sean Kraner
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Irving Steele, LB, Jr.



Irving Steele

The junior college transfer has added speed and physicality to an already deep Idaho group of linebackers. Steele has played both the inside and outside linebacker positions during the spring, competing for the starting job of senior Juan Martinez. Steele has led the linebackers in tackles in each of the three scrimmages in the spring.

"I think I'm a sideline to sideline linebacker, I really just like to tackle," Steele said. "I've been tackling all my life since I was 7 years old, I just like to get to the ball and make the play, I just like to tackle."

Including junior Broc Westlake, the Vandals are five-deep at linebacker with players with starting or extended experience in defensive coordinator Ronnie Lee's system. It's possible that Idaho will run a rotation at the position in the fall.

Josh McCain, WR, Sr.



Josh McCain

The quarterback turned wide receiver looks like a natural at the position, despite having never played it. McCain has been a quarterback since high

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Unfinished business in N.M.



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Senior Vicky Lozano practices Monday in preparation for the WAC Championships in Las Cruces, N.M. The Vandals will be the No. 1 seed.

After a successful season, women's tennis looking to finish with a WAC title

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

It's championship season, and the Idaho women's tennis team is the favorite this weekend in Las Cruces, N.M., the site of the WAC Championships. Not far behind at No. 2 and 3 are Texas-Pan American and New Mexico State.

"We have pressure at (the) No.1 seed," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said.

"We have a competition mindset," senior Vicky Lozano said. "I'm a little bit nervous, which is good for performance, but I'm excited for the tournament."

The Vandals have a first round bye, and will play the winner of Chicago State and Kansas City at 9 a.m. on Saturday. If victorious, there's a chance Idaho could run into the only team in the WAC to notch a win against it — New Mexico State.

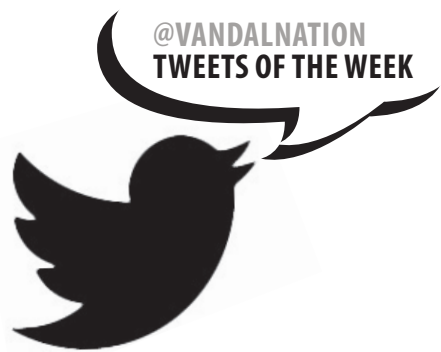
"It gives our team motivation," Beaman said. "The other thing is we've played them once. We know what we have to do to beat that team. If we play them the finals, there is going to be a lot of people there expecting them to win the conference championship."

Beaman scheduled its April 13 match at New Mexico State so the team could play in the humidity and get a taste of the Aggies' tendencies.

Lozano said she's glad the Vandals played NMSU a couple weeks ago, and will make a few small adjustments to her game before the weekend.

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Just a little workout with the Miami Dolphins for @bake7_bih #NBD #govandals pic.twitter.com/wJB-keaskQI

-Idaho Strength and Conditioning tweeting that running back James Baker had a workout with the NFL's Miami Dolphins.



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Cooper and Ellie wishing @kaitlyn_oster and @UIdahoW-Golf good luck this week at WAC Championship. #govandals pic.twitter.com/wmRQuAgEc9

-Idaho women's golf coach Lisa Johnson and her children wishing the women's gold team good luck as they travel to Mesa, Ariz., for the WAC Championship.



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Vandal sweep!!! Congrats to Jose Bendeck and Almudena Sanz on the WAC athlete of the week honors. #GoVandals http://ow.ly/i/5kuhU

-Idaho SAAC congratulating Bendeck and Sanz on sweeping the WAC Tennis Athlete of the Week honors.



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-A University of Idaho alumna embracing the rivalry in the land of the blue turf.

Feeling like favorites in Las Cruces

Idaho men's tennis looking to overcome favorite New Mexico State in WAC Championships

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

After a tumultuous spring season, the Vandal men's tennis team now sets their sights on the WAC Championships in Las Cruces, N.M.

Despite the losing streaks in the regular season, the Vandals (9-13) fared well in conference play, notching a 2-1 record — which was good enough for the No. 2 seed and a first round bye. The Vandals will be facing the winner of the Seattle U and Texas-Pan American quarterfinal match taking place on Thursday, both of which are teams that Idaho coach Jeff Beaman thinks the Vandals will fare well against.

The Vandals will also benefit from playing in Las Cruces, N.M., earlier this season, albeit in a losing effort that gave them a taste of the humid, windy conditions of the Southwestern desert. The Vandals also played games in Arizona and most recently in Moscow in windy conditions. They also played in Utah and Montana this season. Although those contests were held indoors, they were played at higher elevations than the Vandals are used to, which is yet another obstacle that will come into play this weekend.

"All of the guys know how to play there already," senior Jose Bendeck said. "It's always good to

have experience in outdoor conditions."

The Vandals will have an extra day to prepare for their first opponent, albeit not in Las Cruces. Former Idaho women's tennis coach Myriam Sopel, now coach of the UTEP women's tennis program, has allowed Beaman and the Vandals to use their facilities in El Paso, Texas, to practice before the WAC Championship on Friday.

"It's going to be pretty hot there, so that extra day without competing can help us a lot," Bendeck said.

The Vandals played well in the final two matches of the season in wins against Montana and LCSC, which Beaman feels boosted the teams' confidence going into the conference championships. The team is also as healthy as they have been all year, another positive, he said.

Among the most prominent name on the injured list going down the stretch was doubles standout Cristobal Ramos Salazar. He had taken time off to nurse a forearm injury, but is returning for the tournament.

"I love playing tennis — so the time off was tough. But I feel refreshed and ready for the WAC tournament," Ramos Salazar said.

Ramos Salazar and partner Jose Bendeck have been stellar on the



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Senior and WAC men's Tennis Athlete of the Week Jose Bendeck practices Tuesday. The No. 2 seeded Idaho men's team will play in the WAC Championships April 26, in Las Cruces, N.M.

doubles side this spring, dropping only one match in doubles play and despite the inconsistency the team has suffered, the doubles lineup has been consistent all spring.

Although the standout No. 1 pairing has played a ton of tennis together over the past two years, getting a few more matches together before the WAC Championships should help the ITA No. 89 ranked doubles pairing. But

Ramos Salazar thinks the little break was good for them.

"We play well together, when we play our best we have a good chance to win," Bendeck said.

Beaman said the extra rest should also help alleviate some of the jet lag that may have come in to play had they not earned a first round bye.

After tinkering with various lineups throughout the spring, Beaman said he finally has settled

on a lineup he likes. His doubles lineup includes: Bendeck and Ramos Salazar at No. 1 doubles, Odon Barta and Andrew Zedde at No. 2 and Artemiy Nikitin and Cesar Torres at No. 3. The singles lineup will consist of Bendeck at No. 1 and Nikitin, Ramos Salazar, Barta, Torres and Zedde at No. 2 through No. 6 respectively.

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Idaho T&F finally comes home

Sean Kramer
Argonaut

Prior to returning to Moscow on Monday, Idaho track and field coach Wayne Phipps estimated he's spent maybe 36 hours in the Palouse the two weeks prior. He spent the last two weekends in Tempe, Ariz., and Walnut, Calif., though his program had split to compete in six different meets over that time period.

The schedule isn't as hectic or complicated this week — the Vandals will be in Pullman on Saturday participating in the Cougar Invitational.

"It's awesome, especially after two hectic weekends," Phipps said. "It's really nice having our team all together, playing at WSU. We won't compete everybody, but anybody who's competing will compete at WSU. (It's like) having a home meet without all the work that has to go into hosting a home meet."

The Vandals competed in meets from Los Angeles, to Azusa, Calif., Spokane and Walnut, Calif., and split the squad between meets in Spokane and Tempe, Ariz., the

weekend prior.

Phipps split the squad between so many meets to try and peg athletes in events that would best help them achieve NCAA qualifying marks, which is a mark that results in a top 48 rankings nationally.

"Logistically it's pretty hectic, but we're usually prepared for something like this weekend — we've done it in the past," Phipps said. "As logistically challenging as it was, it was definitely a good plan to try and get as many opportunities to get in there with as many good performances as possible."

Split squads are largely done with. Idaho will spend two of its next three weekends on the Palouse, beginning with Saturday's meet at Washington State. Idaho will host the Vandal Jamboree on May 9 and 10.

Phipps highlighted his throwers as a group that's been consistent throughout the year and that he expects to have big weekends in Pullman.

"We've also had some good performances from our throwers and I think we've had a number of people who are performing well and are ready for a big breakthrough to move up into that top 48 or to bump up even higher than

Track and Field in Pullman for Cougar Invitational after two weeks traveling

they are currently in the top 48," Phipps said.

The Cougar Invitational starts a stretch where the Vandals will generally stay close to home. Next weekend the team will go to Corvallis, Ore., for a meet, with some going to Palo Alto, Calif. The WAC Championship is three weeks away, taking place in Orem, Utah.

"I like having some home meets later in the year, weather is better and then also with how hectic it for the student at this time of year, preparing for final exams and getting final projects," Phipps said. "It's just a lot easier on them when you can stay close to home. We've got good competition and we can stay close to home, that's an ideal situation for us."

For Phipps and the Vandals, the push is still to prepare for the WAC Championships and to set up NCAA qualifying marks. So far, eight Vandals lead the WAC in their respective categories. This includes Alycia Butterworth, who set her mark in the 3k steeplechase last weekend at the Mt. Sac Relays with a time of 10 minutes 14.26 seconds.

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Golf chases title

Idaho coach Lisa Johnson chasing first WAC championship for Vandals down in Arizona

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

This weekend, the Idaho women's golf team will be in Mesa, Ariz., competing in the 24th annual WAC Championships. The team is looking to win its first conference title since 2007.

Winning the conference tournament earns more than just a trophy, it also comes with an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, which Idaho hasn't been to since 2010.

"Our goal is to win," said coach Lisa Johnson, who is trying to win her first conference title at Idaho. "We're one of the best teams in the WAC. The team is well aware of our position heading into the conference tournament, and our goal all year has been to win it."

The WAC Championships will be held at the Longbow Golf Club. Longbow is a desert golf course equipped with fast and firm greens, which Johnson said the team has seen a lot of this season and should be ready for.

Johnson said this is the team's fifth consecutive year playing at Longbow. The only other schools in the WAC that have played the course are New Mexico State and Seattle U.

"We've scored well on the course in the past," Johnson said. "I don't see any reason why this golf course doesn't set up well for our team."

Of the five players competing, Johnson said freshman Amy Hasenohrl is the only player who has yet to play at Longbow.

With senior Rachel Choi failing to make the cut, no seniors will be competing. Joining Hasenohrl will be junior Leilanie Kim, soph-

omore Cassie McKinley, junior Kaitlyn Oster and sophomore Kristin Strankman.

"The top of the lineup was solid, and knew they were going," Johnson said. "The bottom of the lineup was competing for the last two spots, which Cassie and Amy won ... Statistically it's our best team ... These five players have the best five scoring averages on the team."

Idaho enters the championship the highest nationally ranked team in the conference, coming in at 105th on golfstat.com. New Mexico State sits closest to Idaho, ranked at No. 114.

Not only is Idaho the highest ranked team in the championship, it also has the highest ranked player. Ranked No. 371 in the country, Kim is the top player competing in the tournament.

Even coming in as the highest ranked team in the WAC, Idaho failed to earn a top five finish this spring. The best finish for Idaho came at the Gold Rush Invitational and at the University of California-Irvine Invitational, finishing ninth.

Johnson said in the two weeks prior to the conference championship, the team has changed the way they've been practicing. Instead of working on their game with practice and drills, the Vandals have been playing more rounds of golf.

"We haven't achieved at the level we're capable of yet," Johnson said. "We've had many conversations regarding that ... and changed the way we've practiced leading into the conference tournament. We are hopeful that all of our hard work will pay off."

Idaho is the only current member of the WAC to have won a conference championship, but will be joining the Big Sky Conference next season.

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Defensive lineman Zach Cable and the defensive line gets ready to pass rush during Wednesday's practice at the Kibbie Dome. The defensive line has been one of the most effective position groups for the Idaho defense in the spring and hope to continue that in today's Silver and Gold spring game.

PLAYERS

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school, only recently making the change to wide receiver over the winter when he realized his chances weren't good at getting playing time at quarterback this season.

"I went to (Idaho coach Paul Petrino), I knew I wanted to get on the field, didn't want to sit on the bench. I wanted to have my talents out there to help the team out. I knew if I'm on the field I can help the team out, it's all a team aspect, that's all it is," McCain said.

McCain made an impression early in the spring and backed it up with his performances in the spring. In three scrimmages he's racked up 387 yards on 19 catches. At the rate he's going he'll be one of the top three receivers on Idaho's wide receiver depth chart, along with sophomore Deon Watson and senior Dezmon Epps.

Steven Matlock, OG, So.



Steven Matlock

The sophomore guard from Capital High School in Boise has not only added himself into the mix of the 10-player deep com-

petition on the offensive line, he's made himself a player to beat. Matlock started late in the 2013 season as a true freshman on the right side of the offensive line at the 'strong guard' position. In the spring he's inserted himself as a favorite for the 'quick guard' position. Petrino said Matlock is one of three offensive linemen who has stood out during the spring.

"We want to get as much film of all of them at different spots because it's really going to come down to the five best and there's a couple of them that can play both guard and tackle so we need to get them on film to look," Petrino said. "He's probably solidified that position. I'd say (Mike) Marboe at center, Matlock at our quick guard, probably but I don't know if anyone has a spot for sure. But if anyone has kind of stepped up, those three have."

Matlock would be the youngest player on the offensive line, having not redshirted. The third player Petrino referred to is Mason Woods, the redshirt sophomore who's stood out at strong tackle.

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FRIDAY

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be competing for the starting job in the fall, redshirt sophomore Chad Chalich and redshirt freshman Matt Linehan.

The two have created little separation from each other throughout the course of the spring, though the spring game could help set the tone for the summer. For Linehan, this is his first spring game. Chalich has experience on this stage from when he outclassed former senior Taylor Davis in last year's spring game.

"I think preparation is the most important thing. As long as we come out prepared, I don't think there's going to be a lot of nerves because we have to know what we're doing," Linehan said. "If we come out prepared and ready to go, I don't think the nerves will be there."

If everything goes as well as Linehan hopes, the defense will get some cracks as well.

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Matt Linehan,
quarterback

The defensive front seven was the story of last Saturday's scrimmage, holding the offense to only 11 touchdowns. Cornerbacks Desmond Banks and Jayshawn Jordan also demonstrated that they wanted to secure spots atop Idaho's secondary depth chart. It's a linebacker that's made the biggest impression of the newcomers, though, with over 30 tackles combined among the last three scrimmages.

Irving Steele, a transfer from Ellsworth Community College, vaulted his way to the top of the depth chart with his performances in the

spring. He plays middle and outside linebacker, depending on the formation and teams with Marc Millan in nickel packages.

"I think I'm a sideline to sideline linebacker, I really just like to tackle," Steele said. "I've been tackling all my life since I was 7 years old. I just like to get to the ball and make the play. I just like to tackle."

The spring game will set the tone for the summer, a phase that Petrino thinks is every bit as important as the spring. Coaches won't be able to work hands on with players on the field until the start of fall practices, but doesn't stop players from watching film or working out on their own or with their teammates.

"We just have to have a great summer, the year is broken down into five phases," Petrino said. "Spring ball is one of them and summer is the next one. We've had a great spring and now we have to have a great summer."

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FROM PAGE 6

"It definitely helps that we played them already," Lozano said.

Much like NCAA Division I basketball, teams who win their conference tournament receive an automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA tournament on May 9, 10 and 11.

"It's been our goal all season to go to nationals," Lozano said. "I want to accomplish that and the girls want to accomplish it."

If the Vandals win, Beaman must submit an application to the NCAA to accept its bid to the tournament. From there, a committee will rank the teams and decide where Idaho will travel for the tournament.

"We could play anywhere," Beaman said. "We're probably going to play a team in the first round that's a top-six team in the nation. We might be at North Carolina, we might be at Duke, we might be at UCLA. You just never know."

Lozano is excited for what is to come if Idaho wins the WAC championship. It would be her first time in four years going to the national tournament.

"A lot has changed since I came here," Lozano said. "Even my personality, my game style and style of playing. It'll be nice to play against higher ranked universities, if we get the chance."

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Idaho freshman Galina Bykova follows through on a serve during Monday's practice at the Memorial Gym tennis courts.

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OUR VIEW

Traveling the wrong direction

Modifications to ASB application process will hinder volunteers

An Alternative Service Break can be a priceless opportunity for University of Idaho students hoping to volunteer in a new environment.

These trips, offered during winter and spring break, have allowed students over the past 13 years the chance to serve communities in need across the country and even the world.

The process for selecting students wanting to serve on one of these trips has

been thorough and organized. Hopfuls apply online and wait to be called for an interview. Those selected are carefully organized into groups based on their interview and application.

That is, until the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action decided to make a change, believing that the ASB program has outgrown its process. In an effort to increase the capacity of the trips, the center is nixing the old process and implement-

ing a new one.

Now, the application procedure will take more of a free-for-all approach, with a one-day, first come, first serve tabling event that will give students a single opportunity to register for a trip. The tables will be set up by destination, letting students pick their location.

If the program really has outgrown its process, a modification was necessary. But now, the process has been simplified in a way that will prevent

those who can't attend the daylong tabling from taking a trip.

Not only that, but this will allow groups of friends a chance to sign up for the same trip — something that may create separation between service volunteers.

The current method relies on a process that uses a student's application and interview to place them onto a team with the intention to create diverse groups. This allows students the chance to interact

with, and work alongside new acquaintances from a variety of demographics and backgrounds, an important and integral part of the ASB experience.

The current process also utilizes interviews to ensure students who apply are dedicated to the "service" aspect of the trip — weeding out the occasional few who anticipate they'll be sprawling out on an Ecuadorian beach soaking in the South American sun for two weeks. These trips

ideally attract those who want to embrace a new culture and spend hours upon hours working in a food kitchen, reconstructing houses or rebuilding a community.

Essentially, these trips are anything but a 14-day vacation.

While the expansion of the program is positive in more than one way, the restructuring of the application process will create a jumbled mess, rather than an organized reform.

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OFF THE CUFF

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To finally be done with my minor.

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Hanny Lynch

I made my official website for my designs to-day! Check it out at hannylynch.com.

-Hannah

Dear Oklahoma City

You guys like baseball? Let's make a trade.

-Sean

OPT

I finally got my OPT card! The hard work has paid off. All I need now is somebody to hire me.

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Aneurysms

About 6 million people in the U.S. have an unruptured brain aneurysm.

-Emily

What is this madness?

Effective May 1, the AP Stylebook will change to spell out all state names in the body of stories. I feel like my entire copy editing career has been based on lies.

-Aleya

Internship interviews

I've got an interview for my dream job today. Please consider sending good vibes my way!

-Jessica

Keep that head up

A week of bad news is throwing my post-graduation plans down the drain. I guess this is what you get when you don't have a Plan C.

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-Theo

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QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT MARI-NERS BASEBALL. Thanks.

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It is a good day whenever you get to play Shostakovich and Mussorgsky. #justtrombonethings.

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I MUST RESPECTFULLY DISSENT.



Don't catcall

How catcalling is a form of verbal assault and objectification

The F-Word



Kaitlin Moroney Argonaut

A column on society and culture from a feminist perspective

The weather is warming up, we see the sun occasionally and we all wear a little less clothing. For women, this time of year also brings a less pleasant thing — catcalling.

And no, some random guy rolling down Sixth Street who yells out the window about a girl's ass and drives away before she even has a chance to respond is not a compliment. That is gender-based harassment.

When women bring up the issue of catcalling, all too often they are told, "just take it as a compliment" or "if I had random women telling me how hot I was, I'd be excited!"

Start by asking,

"what's the purpose of catcalling?"

It certainly isn't to get a stranger's number or connect with the woman on any real level. I would be surprised, if ever in the history of mankind, a woman has experienced a primal urge to jump on the bones of a man who just yelled obscenities at her from across the parking lot.

The only purpose of a catcall is for a man to make it known that he thinks a woman is hot — or not, if he happens to be one of the men who've called my friends "fat ass." As whole people who are worth far, far more than just our looks, this is sexist and objectifying to women.

Penn, Schoen and Berland Associates conducted a nationally representative telephone survey in 2000. They found that 87 percent of women between the ages of 18 and 64 have been harassed by a male stranger, and over half of them experienced "extreme" harassment, which includes being physically touched, grabbed or followed by a male stranger

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We are not play things or objects for admiration or approval. What think of our appearance or our body doesn't matter...

in public.

There are two easy things every person can do to stem this epidemic of objectification and harassment.

First, don't do it. No matter how good her ass looks, no matter how tan her skin or nice her clothes. No matter how "nice" you think you are being about it. No matter the context, the place or the time. Don't do it ever.

The very act of shouting out what you think of a woman's appearance without her consent or ability to respond is harassment. We are not playthings or objects for admiration or approval.

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What wage gap?

Liberal rhetoric concerning equality for women is wrong, erroneous

Equality regarding men and women has been in question since — well, it seems like forever. From the inception of the Declaration of Sentiments to the cries of today's feminists, women have fought time and time again to gain equality in a man's world.

Most recently, the wage gap between men and women has been one of America's hot topics — especially around Equal Pay Day. And naturally, the classic "77 cents to every man's dollar" argument found its way into the debate.

Democrats and liberals naturally expressed their profound disgust that women are so unfairly treated. Our dear president came out and daringly compared such inequality to the workplace policies found in the hit TV show "Mad Men." Clearly, he understands the wage gap is so mid-20th century.

Indeed, liberal politicians have made known their unconditional and unshakable love of women.

They will not stand by and watch as fellow human beings are trodden underfoot by the evil man-o-saurus, and will use whatever faulty numbers and statistics they have at their disposal to prove just how oppressed women are.



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It doesn't matter that women tend to choose different career paths, work different hours and graduate at a varying education levels compared to men — as PolitiFact, The Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal have pointed out.

It doesn't matter that the apparent wage gap decreases significantly when one does a proper and accurate comparison between a man and a woman working the same jobs.

It doesn't even matter that the Obama White House has a pay gap of its own. Or that the administration's policies have caused expansive economic difficulties for all Americans — to the point where one job

isn't enough to support a family.

That's because democrats just love women — clearly unlike their Republican counterparts. Sure, they can do everything that a man can do in this day and age. They can be the breadwinners of their own household if they so desire. Heck, they can even make the decision to terminate a pregnancy without needing to consult the father.

And sure, women have been endowed by God with unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — just like men. And no one is really talking about taking away their rights.

In reality, it seems women are already equal with men. Sure, fairness may be a problem — but that's the case for anyone who enters the workforce. And the fairness problem is nowhere near as bad as it's made out to be.

The true problem lies in our thinking that women need special treatment when they don't. That's where the real discrimination can be found.

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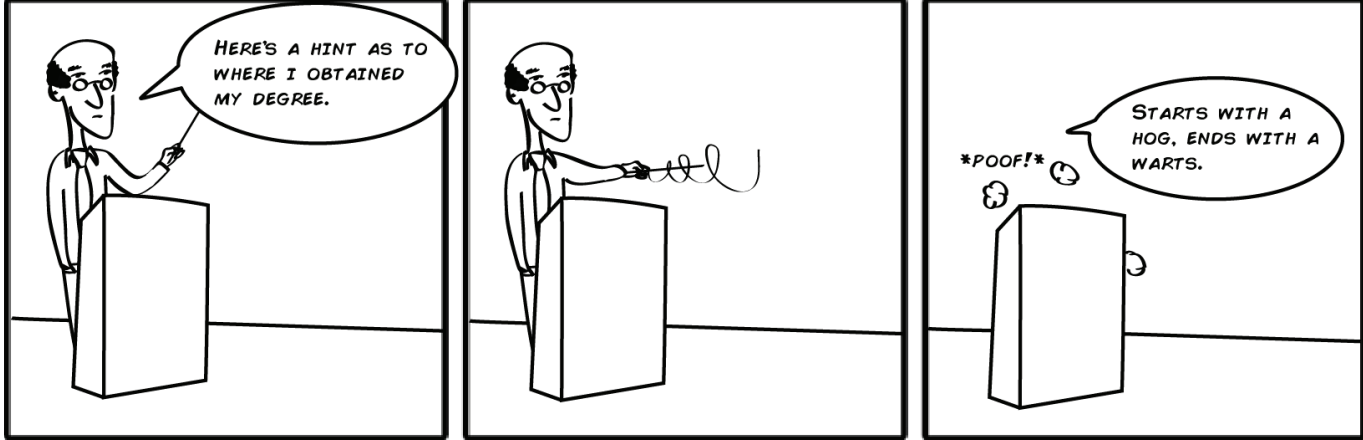
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CATCALL

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What you think of our appearance or our body doesn't matter, and you shouting at us from across the street won't change that. It only makes you look like a jerk. Second, don't let your friends catcall. Following the first tip is easy. This one is more difficult, but as equally important. Don't stand silent while your friends treat women like pieces of meat for them to salivate over. Jump in with a "hey man, that isn't cool, don't just yell at her like she's a dog or something." Simple as that. And don't let them laugh it off and say you're being too serious about it. We need men to stand up for us in those situations. Let's be real here, not all men catcall, and not all men who catcall know that it's a problem. It isn't about blaming men or acting like they are all evil, because they aren't. They are part of a culture and a system that teaches everyone it's OK to objectify women, and to treat them in ways that are demeaning. But that isn't OK, and education is the first step to changing behavior. So whether you've never catcalled in your life, or you consider it a summertime hobby, you now know. It isn't okay. Now it's up to each and every one of us to take steps to change it.

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