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(Left) Idaho director of tennis looks on as his men's players shake hands with New Mexico State after winning the WAC title. (Right) Jeff Beaman poses with seniors Ale Lozano, Almudena Sanz and Vicky Lozano during Senior Day against Oregon on April 18. Beaman oversees both the men's and the women's programs and has been coaching both teams this year after women's coach Myriam Sopel left for UTEP prior to the season.

A juggling act

Idaho coach Jeff Beaman pulls double duty of both tennis teams

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

University of Idaho director of tennis Jeff Beaman spent his time at the WAC Championships running between courts, coaching both the men's and the women's teams.

A weather advisory warning required tournament officials to reschedule, causing the teams to play their final matches at the same time. This forced Beaman to split his time between the two teams — like he often does during the regular season as coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams.

"I certainly got my workout in with running between matches," Beaman said.

Despite an early start time and rescheduling, both teams went on to win their respective WAC Championships, and assure their spot in the NCAA tournament. After Beaman and the UI athletic department campaigned to send the teams to the same site for their first round of matches in the tournament, their pleas were heard and both teams will play at the University of Southern

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Jeff Beaman, director of tennis

Sopel left UI for to be the coach at UTEP two days before the spring season began. It wasn't the first time in recent years the women's coach has left UI for another Division I program.

Daniel Pollock, the women's

The constant turnover means the women's tennis team has had four head coaches in the past four years.

"We've had some great people here, but it's hard to keep the good people when they get paying opportunities," Beaman said.

A tradition of turnover

John Wallace, associate athletic director for internal operations, said Pollock and Sopel were graduate students while serving as the women's tennis coach. Both were paid through an academic scholarship from the athletic department — Pollock at \$28,000 for one year and

ing positions — a base salary that comes to \$36,640, \$18,138 for the men's position and \$18,502 for the women's position.

Wallace said Pollock and Sopel were commonly known as graduate assistants, but were officially listed as associate coaches to comply with NCAA regulations.

Pollock and Sopel were not U.S. citizens, and attended UI on student visas

The salaried positions offered to Pollock and Sopel after they left UI allowed them to receive a work visa that wouldn't require them to continue their education. Pollock left UI because BYU

California on May 9 and 10.

Beaman took over coaching the women's program in January, after former women's coach Myriam coach from 2011 to 2012, left UI to take a men's assistant coaching position at Brigham Young University.

Sopel at \$30,000 for one year.

Currently, Beaman is paid for both the men's and women's coach-

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UI investigated by DEO for possible Title IX violations

Kaitlyn Krasselt Argonaut

The University of Idaho is among 55 higher education institutions currently under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights for possible violations of Title IX in handling sexual violence and harassment complaints.

UI Dean of Students Bruce Pitman released the following statement Thursday in response to the OCR's public release of the list of schools under investigation.

"Student health, welfare and safety is our number one priority. The UI takes all complaints of assault very seriously and remains intolerant of sexual harassment, sexual assault and other sexual misconduct. The UI is steadfast in its commitment to investigate all complaints as quickly as possible and to ensure that appropriate steps are taken

to stop discriminatory behavior, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects. The UI's victim care and concern infrastructure is robust, providing initiatives to educate as well as extensive services when sexual harassment and sexual assault occurs."

According to the statement, the OCR notified UI in April 2013 of a complaint of sexual harassment from March of the same year that the university had failed to adequately respond to. The university also allegedly failed to provide a prompt and effective grievance procedure for the complainant.

The university has cooperated with the OCR by providing all requested information and facilitating a visit from OCR officials in February

The list of 55 schools is the first comprehensive look at which campuses are under review by the OCR for possible violations of federal law

We are making this list available in an effort to bring more transparency to our enforecement work and to foster better public awareness of civil rights

Catherine E. Lhamon

in regard to sexual violence, and is part of President Barack Obama's initiative to change the culture surrounding sexual assault on college campuses. The list and a PSA featuring Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and many prominent male celebrities is the latest effort from Obama's White House Task Force To

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Faculty free speech

UI faculty vote for explicit right of free speechin faculty governance

> **Amber Emery** Argonaut

University of Idaho faculty voted in favor of changing the UI constitution to broaden the scope of academic freedom and include an explicit right of free speech on matters of faculty governance.

Patricia Hartzell, chair of faculty senate, said there were 173 faculty members who voted in favor of the policy change at Tuesday's all-faculty meeting.

Pending approval from the UI Board of Regents, the passed language guarantees UI faculty members can exercise their right of free speech in regard to faculty governance, programs and university policies without fear of being reprimanded.

"It adds the phrase 'faculty are entitled to speak or write freely without institutional discipline or restraint on matters pertaining to faculty governance and university programs or policies," Hartzell said.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Nicholas Gier said he introduced the free speech issue to faculty affairs in November 2012.

Although Gier's not a voting faculty member, he attended the all-faculty meeting to champi-

News brief **Search for UI** provost

In an email from the President's Office, University of Idaho President Chuck Staben announced the search for the Provost and Executive Vice President will begin early in the fall.

Staben is currently seeking nominations for search committee members, which includes representatives from faculty, staff, students and system-wide stakeholders.

Nominations will be accepted through the end of the day on May 15. They should be submitted via email to the Executive Assistant to the President Brenda Helbling at brendah@ uidaho.edu, according to the email.

Katherine Aiken has been the interim provost and executive vice president for the past year.



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CRUMBS Chicken tofu stirfry bowl

Nurainy Darono Crumbs

Coming back home after being away for the weekend, I found myself with no food. All I had was a half pack of tofu, a small piece of chicken and some vegetables. Making stir-fry is always the easiest thing to make at home. So, just like other stir-fry, I combined everything together and served it with white rice.

Ingredients:

- 1 small chicken breast, cubed
- 1/2 pack of tofu, cubed
- 1/2 cup corn

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- ¹/₄ cup broccoli
- ¹/₂ teaspoon minced garlic
- Salt and pepper for taste
- 2 tablespoons stir-fry sauce
- 1 tablespoon sweet soy sauce

Directions:

Heat oil in a pan, fry garlic until golden brown.

- Add broccoli, corn, tofu and cook for about 2-3 minutes. Set them aside in the pan, then
- add chicken.
 - Stir in a medium heat.

Season with salt, pepper, stir-fry sauce and sweet soy sauce. Taste while cooking and add desire amount of any other seasonings. Serve hot with

white rice.

Nurainy Darono

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Reform rally



The May 1 Rally for Immigration Reform was coordinated by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Movimiento Activista Social. Participating students marched wearing politically charged white shirts, held signs and chanted in support of immigration rights. "Originally, it started as protesters not buying gas or eating out and they were encouraged not to go to work or go to class in order to show how the immigrant community impacts the economy. We also took our protesting to the streets in a peaceful manner," said Jesse Martinez, interim director of the OMA.

Moscow Altered Alterations business to open in downtown Moscow

Jake Smith Argonaut

Buzzing blind hemmers and the soft sounds of needles will soon grace the streets of downtown Moscow. A new alterations business, dubbed Altered Ego, is scheduled to open to the public May 19.

The owners of the business, Sara Holden, Chelsey Byrd Lewallen and Caitlyn Johnson, moved Altered Ego into 208 S. Main St. Suite 3 Thursday and tentatively expect to host a grand opening celebration June 7.

Altered Ego is first and foremost a clothing alterations business, though its owners do plan to offer sewing classes as well. Alterations can be made not only to clothing, but also to other fabrics such as outdoor gear. Holden said sewing classes and events involving clothing such as a prom dress swap - will include the Moscow community in the business's day-to-day life. Altered Ego's owners plan to take on interns after a year of being open to the public. University of Idaho students will be provided workspace to use the machines at Altered Ego. Holden, Lewallen and Johnson recently won first place for their Altered Ego business plan in the small business track of an annual business plan competition called Vandal Innovation and Enterprise Works. The competition featured 35 participants. The VIEW Entrepreneurship competition took place April 26 and included more than \$20,000 in prizes in three tracks: innovative ventures, social entrepreneurship and small businesses. Holden, Lewallen and Johnson's reward included a \$4,000 cash prize. A panel of six judges read Altered Ego's 30-page business plan and asked questions about it. The cash reward will aid in investment for Altered Ego. Lewallen

said it would be nice to purchase a few new machines for the shop.

A major component of their business plan focuses on sustainability, which Lewallen said she has a deep passion for.

"I feel like a lot of people are aware of the (sustainable) food movement, but less aware of the damage that textiles produce and just the intense amount of waste that goes in," Lewallen said.

According to Lewallen, approximately 25 billion pounds of textiles are produced each year in the United States. She said 15 percent of those textiles are donated and recycled, leaving 21 billion pounds to end up in landfills. That equates to approximately 70 pounds per person going into landfills, Lewallen said. 'We feel that, at Altered Ego, we might be able to make an impact locally," Lewallen said. "(We) hope to spread the word of the sustainable textile movement by people just altering what they already have, renewing or reviving their wardrobe." Lewallen said upcycling also plays a role in sustainability. The process of upcycling involves taking a clothing item and reproducing it to create a new, altered product. Through classes provided on location, the owners of Altered Ego plan to teach the Moscow community how to upcycle their clothing. Johnson said the business will grow even more within the next few months and that she sees no problem sustaining the business. Johnson said she hopes within 10 years Altered Ego is still around and that the owners will open in more locations. A national franchise isn't off the table, and, according to Johnson, it's something the owners really want to do. But, Johnson said, there are fears when opening a business.

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"A lot are afraid to open, because they're afraid to fail in one way or another," Johnson

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UI students Caitlyn Johnson, Sara Holden, Chelsey Byrd Lewallen hold their \$4,000 reward after the VIEW Entrepreneurship Competition.

said. "It is scary, but I'm not afraid of us failing — I am, however, afraid that we're going to be a little short-handed."

Lewallen said she also has fears for starting a business. Lewallen said she already has at least four people asking her for alterations each day, and said she is fearful they will have so many alterations to provide that they won't get the alterations back in a timely fashion.

"I am most fearful that we will have more business than we will know what to do with," Lewallen said.

Lewallen and Holden said people don't want to do alterations and that it's not a glamorous job. Lewallen said alteration jobs can get difficult, often requiring the worker to take the garment apart and put it back to-gether.

Lewallen got started in the alterations business when she had an alterations business out of her home for three years called Little Byrd Alterations. It was an effort to produce income while she stayed home with her daughter. Because of this home business, Lewallen was able to stay with her daughter for the first year and a half of her life.

"That was really great, because I got to do something I loved while getting to stay at home with my daughter," Lewallen said.

Holden and Lewallen also have a background in theatrical costumes. Lewallen worked professionally for nine years, while Holden worked professionally for four. As an undergraduate, Holden worked with UI theater department, building and designing costumes.

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Last summer, Holden worked as a costume intern at the Theater at Monmouth in Maine. Byrd worked at the same theater in Maine, years before knowing Holden. Lewallen sewed professionally for theater companies in multiple states and with freelance designers. And for a single day, Lewallen was Elton John's seamstress. Lewallen mended Elton John's hand-painted, \$20,000 jacket.

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Day Camp Counselors

The City of Post Falls is accepting applications for Camp Counselors to work with children in an outdoor enrichment program June – August. Pre-season training begins in May. Must be at least 17yrs & able to obtain 1st aid/CPR cert. \$8-\$9ph DOE. Apps available @ City Hall, 408 Spokane Street, PF or www.postfallsidaho.org. EOE

From concept to creation

Students win business competition and move forward with product deployment

Jared Jonas Argonaut

What started out as another class assignment quickly became the opportunity of a lifetime for five University of Idaho students. On April 25-26, UI hosted its ninth annual Vandal Innovation and Enterprise Works (VIEW) Business Plan Competition. Thirty-one teams divided into three categories and competed for up to \$40,000 in startup funds.

The team of Samuel Kohl, Miles Hendrix, Peter Ritter, Natashia Saxton and Brandi Reid took first place in the Innovative Ventures category and was awarded \$15,000 for their business formed around ThermoSense technology.

ThermoSense is a technology developed by UI in partnership with the United States Forest Service to monitor soil erosion around over-water bridges and piers, Kohl said.

The idea to form a business around this

technology started in the team's Business 415 class, which is UI's capstone entrepreneurship course. The course requires students to take knowledge from the previous entrepreneurship class to form and develop an actual business proposal. Kohl said the culmination of the class is the VIEW competition in the spring, where the students get to present their business plan to executives from companies across the United States. Hendrix, Kohl and Ritter, saw an in-class presentation on the patent pending ThermoSense when they decided they wanted to form their business around the technology.

Kohl said from there they contacted their professor and expressed interest in the product, then conducted an informal application process to form their team. As the team developed their business plan, it became apparent that they had a chance to make something big out of it.

"It moves less and less from an academic exercise to, we're starting a business, what do we need to do to carry it forward?" Kohl said.

The VIEW competition was held in two parts, with one competition held Friday and the other on Saturday.

Kohl said the Friday competition re-

quired participants to give a quick, 30second pitch to executives in an attempt to get business cards for points.

"It's the closest simulation to selling an idea really quickly that you can get," Hendrix said.

The Friday competition only lasted around two hours, and Hendrix said they were one business card away from placing.

The second part of the competition was an actual business pitch in front of a panel of judges. Kohl said they were given 12 minutes to present their product and business idea with another 10 minutes for questions and answers.

The TermoSense team was the first to present their idea at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, Hendrix said.

After presenting, the team had to wait until around noon when the finalists were announced, where their team was the second group to go, Kohl said.

Both Kohl and Hendrix praised the other teams at the competition, saying all the people involved worked hard on their proposals.

"All the ideas were top notch," Kohl said. But the team didn't stop there, they're determined to make their business plan

a reality.

Kohl said they were already awarded a \$47,000 grant for lab testing and are waiting to hear back on a \$50,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Transportation to move forward with field deployment.

They hope to form a company around monitoring erosion of bridges for private entities and governments, Kohl said, as well as explore other potential uses of the ThermoSense technology.

"We're moving forward with field deployment, and it's going to yield test results that will determine other applications," Hendrix said.

Both Hendrix and Kohl were reluctant to share much more about their future endeavors, only letting on that there was still a lot of work to be done.

For aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners, Kohl said that the VIEW competition was an valuable opportunity.

"It is one of those experiences you will not regret, and that is something that you will only be able to get here at the University of Idaho," Kohl said.

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Solving problems

Engineering students display experiences, talk about problem solving skills at Engineering Design Expo

Daphne Jackson Argonaut

More than 50 teams of senior engineering students have an opportunity to display their skills during the 21st Engineering Design Expo today.

The Engineering Design Expo features several booth and poster presentations, 20-minute technical sessions and a keynote speaker. The event is open to the public.

These seniors have been working in teams to develop their projects over the course of the past year. Robert Patton, communications supervisor for the College of Engineering, said the expo is the culmination of student efforts in the senior capstone program — a yearlong, six credit class that requires students to solve real-world problems.

Patton said several of the projects are sponsored by the school's industry partners. In these situations, the business may approach the engineering students for help addressing a problem within a product, or coming up with a new way to use resources within the company.

"For example, an industry partner provides a problem ... they want to try to solve," Patton said. "So they say to this particular team of seniors 'okay, can you try to solve this problem?' and that's their project, solving the problem." There are a variety of topics involved in the student projects. Patton said one team developed a software program to solve problems using robotic arms that were a donation from Boeing. In another project, Ingrid Kooda a mechanical engineering major — is on a team working on robotic submarine technology in a joint project with Washington State University. Kooda said her team's project has involved a lot of computer engineering. She said they have been working on the project for BP in Alaska. Nate Pueschel's team has also been working with robotics. Their project involved a small robotic vacuum, which they remade into a scrubbing robotic cleaner. Their goal is to make a machine that can successfully clean a room on its own, which would operate on a timer

and run late at night after people had left the building.

Patton said the design expo is important, because of the people who get involved with it.

"Expo's a signature event, not only for the college, but it's also a marquee event for the university — because it not only brings in so many people, but it also brings back people," Patton said. "We have over 50 judges that are either alumni or members of our industry partners."

Joe Law, associate dean of engineering undergraduates, said there will be 58 judges this year. Patton said many of the alumni judges have a personal connection with the expo, after participating in it during their time at the university.

The honorary chair and keynote speaker, Virginia B. Valentine, is a UI alumna. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1980, and got a master's degree from the University of Nevada in 2000. Valentine's speech is on the importance of failure in succeeding — both in engineering, and in life.

There will be about 500 junior high and high school students in attendance at this year's symposium. Patton said this is a significant number of students to visit, and one that's possible largely because of the expo's sponsors. These students will tour the college of engineering, the college of music and the Kibbie Dome. "For the seniors, they've been working for four or five years, and they're showcasing their work, and some of their work is really cool - sothat's real exciting," Law said. "It's really exciting to have that many high school students come in. They're coming from Boise, they're coming from Sandpoint, they're coming from all over."

Nice nominations

Online campaign encourages individuals to share random acts of kindness

Daphne Jackson

Argonaut

The Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is trying to encourage the University of Idaho community to be kind through a campaign called Nice Nominations.

The idea for the campaign came from an online drinking game called Neknomination, in which "nominees" upload videos of themselves consuming an alcoholic drink — frequently, a pint of beer — as quickly as possible.

Nice Nomination participants are asked to upload a picture or video of themselves doing a random act of kindness within a set time limit, and nominate others to do the same. Uploads are marked with the hashtag #nicenominations.

Natalie Magnus, the center's coordinator, said this movement started at UI around the time of National Random Acts of Kindness Week, because the center wanted to get students' attention and participation in random acts of kindness. She said they decided to use the name Nice Nominations, because several other organizations are already participating under that name, and it was an opportunity to draw attention through the rebranding of something that many students already know about. act of kindness, instead of a spontaneous beer chug," he said.

Blake said workers in the center hope university community members can take control of the movement, and help it spread.

"It definitely originated in our office, but I think the beauty of it is that people who do the random acts of niceness are then able to nominate others to follow up on that, and hopefully those others nominate others, and it kind of perpetuates itself," Blake said.

Magnus said she thinks there are people who have participated, but have been unable to send a picture or video because they didn't have one. She said it's difficult to tell how many responses there have been — or if people are still participating — because not everyone who participates will send their evidence to the center's email address, which is what the initial participants did. Magnus said she thinks it's fun to have pictures or video to help increase the interest in the program, but that it is not necessary.

"The point of the program — if you could call it a program — is to do random acts of kindness, and random acts of kindness don't need to be posted on Facebook, they just need to be done," she said.

Micaela Iveson, outreach coordinator for the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, said she thinks Nice Nomination is twofold, because it both encourages people to spread positivity and helps people recognize ways in which they already have a positive impact.

Law said the students get a chance to get a look into the world of engineering, and see what it's actually like. He said that at some point, the advisory board — the group of organizers who organize the event — would like to expand the event so these students can get a better glimpse of university life.

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"I think

"It was definitely stemmed from the idea of doing something nice for each other, and something healthy instead of doing something that can be more or less destructive," Magnus said.

Andrew Blake, a student working at the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action, said the Nice Nomination project intends to offer a positive alternative to Neknomination.

"I think the idea was kind of to rebrand that program, or put a different value behind it, where it was people doing a spontaneous "I think that people tend to go around their daily lives doing kind things for people, without necessarily even realizing it," she said.

Iveson said she liked the idea that it was possible to change something silly into something positive for the community, and she hopes the campaign makes people's days a little brighter.

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offered him a salaried position worth approximately four times more than his scholarship at UI.

"If UI had offered me the same situation that BYU has offered me it would have been a no-brainer to stay," Pollock said. "I loved the team there, I had a great group of girls, we just brought in a fantastic class of kids that I loved working with."

Pollock said BYU sponsored his work visa, which allowed him more time to dedicate to coaching.

"I no longer had to go to school. I could really focus on what I really enjoy doing, which is working as a college coach, as opposed to being spread really thin and just being exhausted all the time," Pollock said. "BYU stepped up and offered to give me a great salary."

Pollock said he does not know of another Division I tennis program, besides UI of course, that has a graduate assistant serving as a head coach.

He imagines that the women's team would have some difficulty adjusting to four different coaching styles in such a short period of time.

"Those kids that came in four years ago, they haven't really had a continuous coaching philosophy in place," Pollock said. "I'd imagine that must be difficult."

Wallace disagreed and said Beaman has provided a clear vision and coaching philosophy for both teams. He said the replacement of women's coaches did not have a large impact on the performance or constancy of the women's team.

"There's been stability at the top of the program," Wallace said.

Wallace said there will always be a large turnover rate with assistant coaches as they try to move forward in their professional career.

Rita Bermudez, a sophomore who has had three coaches while at UI, said it would be beneficial to the women's program if UI had a salaried position for a full-time women's coach. She said a salaried position would allow for a coach to focus their attention to the women's team, instead of splitting their time between academics and tennis.

Bermudez said it has been difficult to readjust to a new coach every year.

"For me, it wasn't great having so many coaches," Bermudez said. "You make good connections with each coach you have, so making that connection is hard and then you have to make a new one."

Bermudez said the continuous coaching turnover has helped the women's team bond.

"You really had to pull together," Bermudez said. "Every time we have lost a coach, we have probably gotten closer as a team."

Abid Akbar, an assistant undergraduate coach for the women's team, agreed the program would be more successful with a full-time women's coach.

"Jeff has shown it is possible to run two programs with the help of three assistants, but it's not ideal," Akbar said.

Senior Alejandra Lozano said she learned about different parts of her game with each coach, and did not think the coaching changes negatively affected the team.

Lozano said she is grateful to have worked with so many coaches who each contributed to her success as a player.

"It wasn't really that hard, it was more just like an experience of learning different stuff from different people," she said.

Facilities and scheduling

Beaman seldom finds himself at home on the weekend during the spring, especially this past spring, which saw him travel with both UI tennis teams.

The week before the conference tournament was especially hectic, as Beaman coached the men's team in Missoula, Mont., on April 17, returned to coach the women's team at home against Oregon the very next day, coached the men's team to a home victory over Lewis-Clark State College on April 19, only to travel east once again with the women's team, which played in Missoula on April 20.

Beaman, who said it's uncommon for one coach to be responsible for two teams, has been on the road every weekend except for one since Jan. 15 with either the men's or the women's team.

"It's been a lot of time put in with both teams," Beaman said. "A lot of 7:30, 8 a.m. mornings, then finishing up back in the office at night just trying to get on top of paper work and recruiting."

The tennis program cannot host any home matches during the winter because of the limited number of indoor courts, and rarely hosts a match at UI during the spring. All but two of the 48 combined men's and women's

matches have been on the road. During the winter, both tennis teams often travel to Washington

State University and LCSC in Lewiston to practice because of the lack of availability of the Kibbie Dome courts at times. He said it's not unusual for tennis practice to start at 10 p.m. and go until midnight.

Bermudez said it is challenging having to balance practice with schoolwork, especially in the winter, when practices go late into the night.

Akbar said the late practices and consistent travel have had a significant effect on the athletes and their ability to perform.

"It affects your physical health, your mental health, you're not taking the best care of your body," Akbar said.

He said if UI had a tennis-specific indoor facility on campus it would give UI a better chance to recruit higher-level players, and reduce the amount of stress on players.

Pollock said Beaman has done a remarkable job with the resources he's been given by UI.

"What he has done, I think, is miraculous with the Idaho program, from any stand point that you look at it," Pollock said.

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plaint.

West said if there are consistent systematic failures to comply with Title IX or any other act that deals with funding for educational institutions, it could result in a larger civil rights investigation by the Department of Justice.

"For instance the department did an investigation of the University of Montana Missoula and there we found over a three year period there was a failure to address student rapes on campus, sexual assaults, other types of sexual violence," West said. "They were not adequately investigated, not adequately responded to."

West said the department reached a settlement agreement with UM, appointed a monitor and compiled a comprehensive strategy for improvement.

"Without passing judgment of course, one of the ramifications if a school is systematically on that list for a systematic failure is a civil rights investigation," West said.

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for the policy change and provide context for faculty members who weren't familiar with state and national laws regarding the free speech of public employees.

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"In 2006, the Supreme Court made a decision — the case was Garcetti v. Ceballos, a 5-4 decision — and they ruled that public employers can limit their employees' constitutional right to free speech in the performance of their official duties," Gier said.

He said two Justices -Anthony Kennedy and David Souter - mentioned university faculty might be exempt from the court decision due to academic freedom.

"Even with the qualification of two of the justices, Garcetti v. Ceballos was used in support of firing dozens (of faculty members) for speaking out in terms of faculty governance," Gier said.

Gier said the freedom of speech issue hit close to home when an Idaho State University professor, Habib Sadid, was disciplined for speaking out against university policies and procedures.

"If ISU had the language that we are now proposing for the U of I in place in 2009

VIOLATIONS

To Protect Students from Sexual Assault to bring transparency to the federal government's enforcement of the laws regarding sexual harassment and assault.

"We are making this list available in an effort to bring more transparency to our enforcement work and to foster better public awareness of civil rights," Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine E. Lhamon said. "We hope this increased transparency will spur community dialogue about this important issue. I also want to make it clear that a college or university's appearance on this list and being the subject of a Title IX investigation in no way indicates at this stage that the college or university is violating or has violated the law."

Tony West, associate attorney general in the justice department, said one of the offices under his supervision is the Office on Violence Against Women, which has awarded more than \$5 billion in grants to efforts to eliminate sexual assault and domestic violence. He said the department plans to award another \$4 million this year to continue to address the issues.

"Our work at the justice department is really part of this administration's effort to address campus sexual assault," West said. "It's an effort that not only includes the task force ... but also a nationwide tour of 11 college campuses by senior administration officials to raise awareness about this issue."

West emphasized the task force's efforts to get men involved in the effort to stop sexual assault. He said he knows that most men on college campuses want to be part of the solution, but that he also knows sexual assault prevention has historically been up to women protecting their drinks, taking self defense courses, only going out in groups and other efforts.

"I'm not saying that precautions aren't prudent, but that approach suggests that responsibility rests with survivors and I think it lulls us too easily into a blame-the-victim attitude, so we need to shift our thinking," West said. We need to do more ... to encourage our young men to explore healthy masculinity, how to be strong without being violent, how to recognize and respect what consent and what nonconsent means, how to support those men who are survivors themselves, and we need to teach men and women how to be active bystanders."

Lynn Rosenthal, senior white house adviser on Violence Against Women, said one of the biggest issues the task force heard was that individual schools don't know the extent of the problem on their campus. In an effort to change this, the task force has worked to develop a campus climate survey they hope can be adapted to fit every university. She said the task force recommends that by 2016 the survey be required for all institutions of higher education.

"When we say climate surveys we mean a survey not just of attitudes or knowledge of sexual assault, but of victimization rates on campus," Rosenthal said. "Prevalence and incidence. We recommend that schools do this now."

In addition, Rosenthal said the Department of Education recognizes that sexual assault happens in LGBTQA communities and clarifies that Title IX covers all members of the LGBTQA community as well as all people regardless of immigration status.

Rosenthal said this list is indicative of more reports of sexual assault than usual, but that this may not be a bad thing. Just because the number of reports are going up, doesn't mean there are more incidents, she said. It might simply mean people are comfortable coming forward.

"There are more complaints than there have been in years," Rosenthal said. "We've had more in this first part of the year than we've had before and that's because students and survivors are using this process."

In its response to the list released by the DOE, UI representatives said the university believes it fully complies with Title IX, and that it is constantly working to improve policies and procedures in regard to student safety and sexual assault.

The list is comprised of those schools under pending investigation. They are being investigated because they received a Title IX violation com-

before he was fired for insubordination, he would still be teaching," Gier said.

Universities across the nation - including the University of California and the University of Minnesota have adopted similar free speech policies that pertain to faculty governance, Gier said.

He said the presence of a free speech policy in the UI constitution is essential for future conversations concerning university policies and their implementation.

"I know that many faculty are speaking out already about the possibility of weapons in their classrooms, and it's essential that they know that they have constitutional free speech rights," Gier said.

Unanimously, faculty members voted in agreement with Gier.

Hartzell said she was happy to have more than 170 faculty members vote on the issue when only 101 were needed for a quorum.

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SPORTS

Track and field takes to the road to attempt to improve on its eight event leads in the WAC.

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Enter Troy

Idaho draws top-seeded Trojans in NCAA tournament

Ioshua Gamez Argonaut

Fresh on the heels of a 4-2 victory over New Mexico State in the finals of the WAC Championships, the Vandals may have gotten the toughest first round draw of the entire field in getting the top-seeded USC Trojans.

"They are a very good team with a lot of good players," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "If you're going to play somebody good, you might as well go play the best."

The Trojans rolled through the Pac-12 this season, going 7-0 in conference play and racked up 17 straight victories before being upset in the Pac-12 Championship by UCLA - who also handed them a second loss on Feb. 25. The only other team to defeat USC this season was Ohio State, the tournament's No. 2 overall seed. UCLA is the No. 6 seed in the tournament.

The Vandals are going into the NCAA Tournament riding a season long four-match winning streak and are playing, what Beaman said, is the best tennis they've played all year.

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Parker Wilson | Argonaut Idaho senior Artemy Nikitin returns a hit by his partner during tennis practice Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Gym tennis courts.



A look at the Trojans

Marks Stadium – Los Angeles

Men

NCAA tournament seed: No. 1

Overall record: 26-3

Pac-12 record: 7-0

Home record: 14-0

In a sentence: Had a 17-match winning streak prior to losing to UCLA in the Pac-12 championship match.



Player to watch: Ray Sarmiento



Parker Wilson | Argonaut Idaho senior Vicky Lozano bounces the ball with her racquet during tennis practice Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Gym courts. She'll face No. 16-seeded USC on May 9.

pportunity in 'City of Angels'

Idaho ready for opportunity to play top 20-opponent in NCAA tournament

Conor Gleason Argonaut

With both of Idaho's tennis teams making it to the NCAA tournament due to winning the WAC Championship on Sunday, coach Jeff Beaman was almost forced to choose which team he would travel with.

After a few calls, he learned the men and women would both play at USC.

"I'm not sure exactly how it was done, but I'm just very thankful it did work out," Beaman said. "John Wallace with the Idaho Athletic Administration put some calls and emails in. I also put a lot of calls and emails in just asking if any consideration could be given."

The women will play No. 16 USC in the

first round May 9. The men will play No. 1 USC the next day.

"It's motivating," senior Vicky Lozano said of facing USC. "We know they have very good players but we know that we have good players too. It's a challenge that we can take."

Lozano and the Vandals have only played one school ranked in the top 75 as USC is. Idaho defeated No. 66 ranked Fresno State, 4-3, with Lozano winning her No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles match.

USC presents an even bigger challenge being ranked in the top 20.

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instagram.com/p/nY57wNHUeF/

The senior half of the No. 1 ranked doubles pairing in the NCAA tournament.

Women

NCAA tournament seed: No. 16

ships.

Overall record: 16-7

Pac-12 record: 7-3

Home record: 9-2

In a sentence: Lost three of five to finish the regular season before winning a singles and doubles championship at the Pac-12 Champion-



Player to watch: Giuliana Olmos

The junior claimed two trophies at the Pac-12 Championships, taking a singles championship and the doubles championship.



@Idaho_Vandals

-University of Idaho Athletics, breaking the news on who both tennis teams

are playing in the NCAA tournament.

Both Idaho tennis teams

round of the NCAA tourna-

ment. #GoVandals http://

will visit USC in the first

@J Po16

Not the news we wanted to hear this morning, but it won't stop us from achieving the goals we have set for ourselves #GoVandals

-After the APR that news broke about the football team on Saturday, tight end Justin Podrabsky tweeting that nothing has changed with the team's goals.

@maxxforde



-Vandal defensive end congratulating the men's and women's tennis teams on their success.

@cable ID90

Looks like we gotta win the conference and make a statement!! #govandals

-Vandal defensive lineman Zach Cable stating one of the football team's goals for the upcoming season.



@UldahoWGolf

Congrats to @lilecours! WAC Individual Champion, WAC Player of the Year, and First Team All-Conference! #govandals pic.twitter.com/SRvbvHLvsC

-The University of Idaho women's golf Twitter account, congratulating Leilanie Kim on her individual WAC Championship.

T&F: One more weekend on road

Emphasis over weekend will be on obtaining NCAA qualifying marks

Josiah Whitling Argonaut

Idaho's track and field team has one more weekend on the road this weekend, in Palo Alto, California, and Corvallis, Oregon, before it can come home again. It's been a hectic road schedule that finally brought the Vandals back to the area for a successful meet in Pullman last weekend. The team spent the previous two weeks on the road with a vigorous schedule that included six different meets, before coming home for the Cougar Invitational.

Idaho coach Wayne Phipps said athletes at the meet in Pullman benefited from the chance to compete close to home. Senior Karlene Hurrel won both the 100-meter and 200-meter sprints in Pullman and junior Ben Ayesu-Attah took first place in the 200meter and 400-meter sprints.

The Vandal Jamboree, on May 9 and May 10, will give athletes an opportunity to improve their times on familiar turf. Phipps said that this also gives his athletes another chance to qualify for the NCAA championships.

"You don't have to worry about travel, you can stay on your own schedule, and

all that I think makes a big difference," Phipps said.

This weekend, the Vandals will split into two teams to attend the OSU High Performance Meet hosted by Oregon State and the Payton Jordan Invitational hosted by Stanford.

As the season draws to a close, opportunities to improve personal bests are rapidly fading. Athletes will look to improve their marks in the upcoming meets to make the cut for the NCAAs, which is based on their best performances from the season.

The Vandals are coming off of a strong showing at the CSULA Open, where senior Alycia Butterworth took second in the steeplechase with the second best time in Idaho history. Several other Vandal athletes also set personal bests at the meet.

Perhaps most importantly for the Vandals, this weekend will mark the return of senior distance runner Hannah Kiser. Kiser was injured at the end of the cross country season and has been recovering steadily. She will make her comeback at the Payton Jordan Invitational this weekend at Stanford.

"We just felt like giving recovery a little



Josiah Whitling | Argonaut Senior Ugis Svazs and sophomore Tayler Feinauer toss the javelin Thursday afternoon at the Dan O'Brien track & field complex.

bit more time was just going to be overall beneficial," Phipps said.

While the Vandal Jamboree will be the most visible event for the team, the WAC Championship meet in two weeks is the most important, freshman Faith Eruwa said. The WAC meet takes place in Orem, Utah, where the team hopes to win the outdoor

title after the men took the indoor title earlier this year.

the Vandals currently have eight athletes leading the WAC in their events.

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'Sin City' stakes

Coach John Means won't gamble with lineup heading into WAC championship in Las Vegas

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

Ranked No.113 on golfweek.com an NCAA tournament at-large bid is out of reach for the Idaho men's golf team. In order to extend its season, Idaho will have to earn an automatic bid by winning the WAC Championship this weekend in Las Vegas.

Idaho coach John Means said he's uncertain on how the team will perform at the WAC Championship.

"This is probably the most up and down season I have ever had in my life," Means said. "It's been frustrating, because I know what kind of talent they have."

Idaho played best during the first two tournaments of both the fall and spring seasons. In the fall, Idaho finished in fourth and second place, and in spring the team started out with two third-place finishes.

In those four tournaments, Means said the team played at a national championship caliber — in the other six tournaments, though, not so much.

Idaho failed to build on its early success, and through all 10 tournaments this season its average finish was 7th place.

"It's tough in golf because if one or two guys play poorly, your team plays poorly," Means said. "It's very frustrating, because I know how good they are and I know how hard they work. They have probably worked harder than any other team I've had here at Idaho."

Defending conference champion, New Mexico State, will be Idaho's toughest competition this weekend. Ranked 67th in the country, NMSU also has the highest returning finisher in sophomore Kenneth Fadke, who finished second with a 4-over par 220 in 2013.



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Coming to the end of the outdoor season,

Josiah Whitling

Javelin:

42.79 meters

Of the nine teams competing from the WAC, Idaho and NMSU are the only teams ranked in the top 125.

The rest of the conference ranks as follows: Utah Valley 148th, Missouri-Kansas City 158th, Seattle U 215th, Texas-Pan American 262nd, Cal-State Bakersfield 277th, Chicago State 285th. Since it is making the transition from Division II, Grand Canyon isn't eligible to receive a ranking.

"The WAC has been interesting this year," Means said. "Just about every team in the WAC has beat one another, except for New Mexico State. They have done a very good job of not playing anybody in the WAC."

Idaho played NMSU once this season in the Price's Give 'Em Five Invitational. NMSU won the tournament, while the Vandals came in eighth. After spending the previous five years at the Rio Secco Golf Club, this year's championship will be hosted at the Stallion Mountain Golf Club.

While Stallion Mountain is easier, Means said he prefers a course like Rio Secco, which is more difficult. The better players and teams can separate themselves on a harder course, and therefore the best team usually wins.

"Stallion Mountain is a nice golf course, but it's not a true championship golf course," Means said. "The one thing I don't like about it is that it tends to bring the field together ... If you don't have all the shots at Stallion Mountain, that's okay, you can still shoot a decent score."

With that being said, Means compared Stallion Mountain to the Palm Valley Golf Club in Goodyear, Arizona, a course they played earlier in the spring at the Deseret Shootout Invitational — in which they finished in third place.

"We shot 20-under-par there, so I got mixed emotions," Means said of Palm Valley.

This spring, Idaho has gone with the same lineup in all the tournaments, and Means said he won't change that.

Traveling to 'Sin City' will be juniors Aaron Cockerill and Sean McMullen, sophomore Rylee Iacolucci and freshmen Ryan Porch and Jared du Toit.

"It all depends on who shows up to play for us," Means said of his expectations for the championship. "Who will be ready emotionally and ready to play 54-holes, grind and give it all they got."

The WAC Championships will be held May 2-4 and live scoring will be available on the WACsports.com.

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Although the Vandals are new to the NCAA field, senior Artemiy Nikitin isn't. While at South Carolina State, he helped the Bulldogs win a MEAC championship and competed in the 2013 NCAA tournament at No. 3 singles.

After tinkering with the doubles lineup behind Cristobal Ramos Salazar and Jose Bendeck for most of the season, Beaman found two pairings that he liked with Odon Barta and Andrew Zedde at No. 2 and Cesar Torres and Nikitin at No. 3. The strong doubles play helped the Vandals finish the season strong, after stumbling out of the gates.

"We don't have any pressure," Nikitin said. "We have the confidence to compete from the first point to the last point and you never know what can happen. It will be a tough match against a tough team. They are No. 1 but we don't care, we are going to compete."

There are precedents supporting his confidence. Last year Denver, the team which Idaho fell to in the WAC championship match last season, went on to beat No. 9 seed Florida in the NCAA tournament last year. Upsets happen in most sports in NCAA tournaments, not just men's and women's basketball.

Beaman said he doesn't expect his team to lay down just because the Trojans are the top-seeded team in the tournament. The team underachieved for most of the season, but they showed late in the year how talented they really were, he said.

The Vandals have a little over a week to prepare for the No. 1 team in the nation. The team will be working hard to get ready for what could be its final match of the season, and in the case of the four senior Vandals, the last match of their careers. The break is giving the team a chance to rest and prepare both mentally and physically said Torres, one of the four seniors on the team.

"It will be a good experience for us," fellow senior Bendeck said. "We go there with no pressure. We know it's the No. 1 team in the nation. We just have to enjoy the moment and play as hard as we can and just leave it all there."

The Vandals were able to go toe-to-toe with the No. 22 ranked Boise State Broncos. Although the Vandals ended up losing, they had five singles matches go into a decisive third set. Beaman thinks it boosted the confidence of the team and demonstrated that they could hang with anyone in the country.

The Vandals also went toe-to-toe with Washington, who rose as high as No. 44 in

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Jose Bendeck, senior

the ITA national rankings.

The strong play down the stretch is a potential sign of things to come, as Idaho enters the Big Sky Conference next season. Victories over perennial Big Sky powerhouses Sacramento State and Montana might put the rest of the conference on notice that despite having a down year, Idaho could factor into the race next season.

The Vandal women also qualified for the NCAA tournament and will be traveling to Los Angeles to face the Trojan's women's team as well. Beaman, the Director of Tennis overseeing both programs, requested to the NCAA to send both the men's and women's team to the same location, so he wouldn't need to decide which team to go with. The women's team has been without a coach this season after former women's coach Myriam Sopel left for UTEP before the season began. After a series of conversations and phone calls with other coaches and members of the NCAA committee, a viable solution was worked out for Beaman.

Luckily for him, he won't have to coach both teams at the same time as he did during the WAC Championship games for both teams. The women will play on May 9 with the men going on May 10, so he won't need to cover 12 courts simultaneously as he did during the WAC Championships.

The coaching situation put an added emphasis on the assistant coaches and players who, at times, had to practice and travel without Beaman, but Nikitin felt that needing to practice on their own sometimes helped the team improve as whole.

Should the Vandals pull the upset over USC, they will face the winner of the Oklahoma State and Michigan in the round of 32. Joshua Gamez can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu

Petrino's response to Epps DUI will be telling

Paul Petrino has enough on his plate these days. In his second season in charge of the Idaho football program, he's tasked with making an 1-11 team a contender in the Sun Belt Conference, dealing with a bowl ban in 2014, all while dealing with the challenges of trying to recruit enough talent to Moscow.

On Saturday, he was dealt another blow, when Dezmon Epps, Idaho's No. 1 receiver, was arrested for DUI on Saturday night in Pullman.

It's not a good look for a program that dealt with enough embarrassment the day before, when we learned Idaho was

dealing with a postseason ban stemming from its Academic Progress Rate being below the 930 threshold.

Now, Petrino has to act. He has stated he'll handle the Epps situation "swiftly and decisively." What exactly that means, we don't know. But it'd be disappointing if that didn't mean a suspension of some kind.

In February 2013, when Petrino was barely two months into his tenure at Idaho, it was star defensive tackle Quayshawne Buckley with a similar DUI situation. Petrino's response to that was certainly decisive.

Buckley was dismissed from the team, missing all of spring practice before being able to rejoin the program in the fall. Buckley was only allowed back on the team because his name didn't come across the police scanner during that time, and has since been on the straight and narrow.

Granted, Buckley was a player with a past of run-ins with the police. Epps, since being at Idaho, not as much. Still, Epps' DUI is an opportunity for Petrino to continue enforcing the type of discipline that Idaho needs to get away from the problems of Petrino's predecessor

Low APR scores only underscored the numerous problems the program had under former coach Robb Akey. Shortly after Akey's dismissal, linebacker Homer Mauga, who had just



completed his senior season, was cited for delivery of a controlled substance.

Athletic director Rob Spear was only able to dismiss quarterback Dominique Blackman from the program for failed drug tests only after Akey was dismissed, since Akey refused to do it himself.

In terms of DUIs, kicker Trey Farquhar suffered no suspension for his DUI in the spring of 2012. While Epps doesn't seem

like type of player who is likely to be a repeat offender, a statement still needs to be made. A DUI puts lives at risk and shouldn't be taken lightly.

Based on the media interactions we've had with Epps, he seems like a hardworking player who represents the type of character Petrino has been looking for with his recruits. The hope here is that it was one-time mistake that he'll be able to learn from.

But just to reinforce it, Epps shouldn't be with the team when it runs out of the tunnel in Gainesville, Florida, on Aug. 30 to take on the Gators. If he does play in Idaho's 2014 season opener, then he should miss a couple of scrimmages during fall practice, allowing his competition to gain a leg up on him. Punishment has to come on the field to get the point across.

If Petrino handles this situation right, Epps could potentially reassume his position as a senior leader, which is what Idaho will need from him.

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"I really like that matchup," Beaman said. "It's a very storied program that's a very strong team. If you're going to go out, might as well play one of the best from the start. I think any team in the top-16 is going to be a tough opponent but we have the benefit of having our men there supporting the women. It's a good match."

Of the total 64 teams, the top-16 are given a seed in the tournament. The rest of the schools are put into blocks. Idaho is in the 49-64 block.

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"As far as I know, we're making history here," Lozano said. "I like that people around the campus are acknowledging my work and congratulating me." The bracket is set up similarly to NCAA Division I basketball. Following the first two rounds of regional play, the remaining 16 teams travel to Athens, Georgia, to complete the tournament on May 15. "The plan is to put the same team out there that won the conference tournament," Beaman said. "They had Monday off to touch base with their all professors and starting Thursday, we're back at it full steam with conditioning and getting ready to put in a good match next Friday."





"You have your seeds that are your top 16 seeds, and then you go into block seeds after that," Beaman said. "They do like to keep teams, if at all possible, geographically close."

Lozano said she feels fortunate for the opportunity to play against a highly ranked school in the national spotlight.

"It's a very gratifying, satisfying feeling," Lozano said. "You know when you accomplish your goals, it gives you confidence that you can achieve more things and that you're actually a good player. I've worked very hard inside of the court and outside of the court — so it's really nice to go there."

This is the first time in history the women's tennis program has gone to the NCAA tournament.

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This too shall pass

he sun is out. Deadlines are looming. Classes are wrapping up. Graduation is drawing ever closer.

It's easy to crash and burn, forget to take care of ourselves and lose patience with those around us. It's important to remember that this time of year is make or break. We either push through that one last stack of papers, tests, projects and presentations or we bug out and fall on our faces.

Everyone wants to be

in the first group, and here are some things to do to make sure it happens.

First, don't forget sleep and food. Going on two hours of sleep sounds like a good idea, until you realize you can't stay awake during your final. Lay out a specific schedule and pencil in everything you will be doing in the next two weeks: classes, work, homework, eating, sleep, exercise and time with friends.

It's easy to get caught up in homework and forget to eat, or to spend a night out when you should really be in bed sleeping. Nip potential problems in the bud and lay everything out ahead of time. Schedule it and stick to it.

Second, remember to be patient. We are all busy and overwhelmed, professors and University of Idaho staff included. Whether a group project member doesn't do their part, your professor is behind on grading or some department hasn't returned your phone calls — remember everyone is busy, many are struggling and we all need support and encouragement.

Yes, things get frustrating. But being patient, understanding and expressing things with kindness gets us all a lot farther than frustration and rudeness.

Finally, make use of the resources at your disposal. The UI Counseling and Testing Center is available to offer students support through stressful times. Counselors can give students the tools to be successful in these final days.

Many colleges offer free food during dead week and finals week —

UI students should plan ahead during final weeks of school

> get in touch with your department offices to find out. The Student Rec Center offers free yoga for students, faculty and staff every day during dead week.

> Most of all, just remember that in two weeks — pass or fail, win or lose — it will all be over and summer will be here, and with it a chance to recharge before we start it all again.

Unless you are among the graduates in which case, you're a lucky soul.



Mailbox Editorial was too kind

Get acquainted with more opinions and follow us on Twitter.

You had an opportunity on Monday to publish a hard-hitting editorial in Tuesday's paper and you wimped out. The powers that be at the university must really appreciate your tenure as Argonaut editor.

They could live in fear of a tiger's wrath but they feel safe knowing that you're a pussycat instead. What a joke!

The university is being torn down around your head and you and "RT" — apparently — remain blissfully unaware, bleating on about the need for more "open communication."

But that's OK, boys. You have earned another round of nice pats on the head from your elders. You've been "good," they will say, and they will let you skip merrily on, not a care in the world. Never mind that generations of past editors are shaking their heads at your folly, at your conscious decision to make the students' voice into a quiet whisper.

Pardon me while I go puke. All over your scribblings.

–John Pool,

Alumni

The need for feminism

Feminists and all others who strive for gender equity are not bashing the "man-o-saurus." Recognition of privilege — and being a man is a privilege — is not attacking every individual man. Identifying a wage gap between the genders is also not attacking individual men or drumming up "faulty numbers and statistics" to make these arguments.

This evidence is easily accessible through entities like the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which has been around for over a century. Women rarely earn more in any given occupation. Go look it up. Women are seeking education at an ever-increasing rate. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women have earned the majority of associates, bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in 2010. It seems that women are not stopping at education levels that would support the wage gap. Not all women choose "feminized" occupations, and even if they did, there should not be this disparity. Women are increasingly becoming breadwinners as more "masculine" jobs are being downsized in this country. Stay-at-home dads are becoming much more prevalent. Yet, the wage gap persists. The amount of hours per week that women work on average compared to men is also not significant enough to explain this 77 percent earnings rate. Comparing individual incomes does not promote the idea of equality overall. These studies and statistics are generated to explore this phenomenon in a broader context. Saying that one man and one woman earn comparable wages is an anecdotal fallacy. Are equal rights still considered special treatment? This logical fallacy in place of an argument is often employed to disparage efforts for equality. Opinions are fine. They are the basis of many — sometimes productive – conversations. However, your opinion must be informed. Making broad generalizations and false claims gets us nowhere. Do men and women earn the same wages? No. Are women already equal to men? No. They are not. And this is a problem.

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Ideological divide

True colors show during ideological debate

Idaho's 2nd Congressional District Representative Mike Simpson recently debated his primary election opponent, Attorney Bryan Smith, which provided Idahoans with a great opportunity to get inside the heads of both men. The debate topics covered most major issues such as immigration reform and gun rights, but in the end the topic at hand did not seem to mean much.

Just like an hour with Bill O'Reilly, the debate usually devolved into a shouting match of who is less liberal, or who is less supportive of "Obama's welfare economy." Yeah, that phrase was actually used multiple times, along with a slew of other sensationalized talking points.

Although incredibly conservative himself, Simpson provided a more concrete set of solutions and less fear of liberal rhetoric. For example, when immigration reform was discussed, Smith suggested closing America's borders should be step No.1, followed by deporting all those here illegally. Simpson's stance on the issue is considerably more moderate, suggesting year-round work programs and more efficient ways to gain citizenship legally.

Another portion of the debate discussed gun rights, and more specifically background checks at gun shows. Both men touted their undying commitment to the Second Amendment, and the approval it has garnered from the gun lobby.

Yet, Simpson showed his politi-

cal savvy in discussing the need for compromise during times where it might be politically necessary — like when Democrats threatened to pass strict gun laws unless Republican lawmakers acted quickly.

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liberal changed by the political climate of Washington D.C., which should not come as a surprise considering Smith's rigid ideology.



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This fear mongering and unshakable commitment to ideology is business as usual in Idaho, but it is just a smaller version of a much larger problem. A prime example of this problem would be the recent filibuster by senate Republicans on the Democrats Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013.

Ă Bloomberg National Poll

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Chokelahoma

Always good to see the Choklahoma City Blunder lose. Makes you believe in karma. -Sean

Finally

I can ride my bicycle without feeling cold breeze of winter days. Happy May! P.S. Spring is here everyone!

-Rainy

Wednesday

The weather is spectacular, all my friends are in great moods and I was offered a cool summer opportunity. I don't see any clouds in the sky.

-Danielle

To skip

Or not to skip class. That is the question. Oh, Fridays. –**Emilv**

The irony is killing me

To relieve the stress of finals, the LLCs had stressrelieving puppies in the Trout Room on Thursday. Unfortunately, I missed the event to help with Argonaut production. Why must all awesome on-campus events coincide with production? Everyone that produces the paper needs puppies. –Aleya

This just has been ...

... a bad couple of weeks for the University of Idaho. Hopefully, some good news comes after all this bad news. –**Ricky**

Input

I don't like making major decisions without talking it through with pretty much everyone around me. Laugh if you will, but one of these days it's going to keep me from doing something totally stupid.

–Kaitlin

Happy camper

Along with the beautiful weather and amazing week, I'm going camping with all my people this weekend and couldn't be happier. Solid way to start the end of the year festivities.

–Hannah

Thanks, Obama

Yesterday I asked my first question in a White House teleconference. Unfortunately, it was in response to the announcement that UI is under investigation by the Department of Education for potential Title IX violations. So really, thank you Obama, for your nationwide effort to change the culture of sexual violence on college campuses.

–Kaitlyn

–Jordan Clapper,

MFA and MA student



Cloud Nine



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The Honest Professor



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asked Americans last month whether they agreed with raising the minimum wage to \$10.10, as suggested by President Obama during the State of the Union.

Over 69 percent of those polled answered in favor of increasing the minimum wage, representing a significant portion of the American people.

Yet despite this support, Senate Republicans moved to filibuster the bill without providing a worthy compromise or solution of their own.

Just like endless attempts in the House to repeal the Affordable Care Act, this filibuster is a political move that at the end of the day does not

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May the fourth

Bloomsday this year is May 4, the nationally recognized day for all things Star Wars. My running partner thinks it'd be great to dress up like Han Solo and Princess Leia for the race ... I'm thinking no. –Jessica

solve many of the problems faced by Americans.

One vote in the House of Representatives will not be the end of the world, and politically Simpson and Smith are a mere stones throw away from one another. However, these two men represent two vastly different approaches, one being wholly more effective than the other.

Simpson understands the need for compromise and has continually found the most compromising conservative position he can. While Smith's worldview caters to obstructionism and gridlock, both of which have damaged the American political process and hurt the American people.

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Tick tock

Two more weeks until the end of my sophomore year at UI? Time is a strange thing.

Not a good look

couple of negative hits this week. My last couple of weeks here would be just dandy if these hits were kept to a minimum.

-Ryan

UI's image has taken a

-Theo



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