

KINGS of their RING

Its tenure was short-lived, but Vandal boxing holds deep roots in UI's history

Theo Lawson
Argonaut

An estimated 5,000-plus came out for the bouts and there wasn't a bad seat in the house.

From the 1930s on, the ringside view at Memorial Gym was just as intimate as the birds-eye view from the second deck, where fans gazed almost directly down on the canvas floor that Idaho's leather-pushers treaded for more than 20 years.

The atmosphere was second to none. So was the boxing.

Before the NCAA discontinued it in 1954, the sport had somewhat of a haven in Moscow, where boxers flocked to compete for the likes of coaches Frank Young and Bob Knox.

They came to the University of Idaho from small logging communities in Northern Idaho, mining towns in Southern Idaho and farming communities in Eastern Washington. They left with bruises, scars and broken bones — and with Pacific Coast Championships galore.

There were national titles as well. Armfuls of them.

And though UI put an end to the national brand that had been created by national champions Herb Carlsion, Ted Kara and Laune Erickson, the legacy of Vandal boxing lived long past its demise in 1953.

The house that Louie built

It was a college student from Spokane who

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It hadn't been a world shaking beginning, but the first blows had been struck and boxing at Idaho was here to stay.

Donald Theophilus,
former UI president

introduced boxing to Idaho.

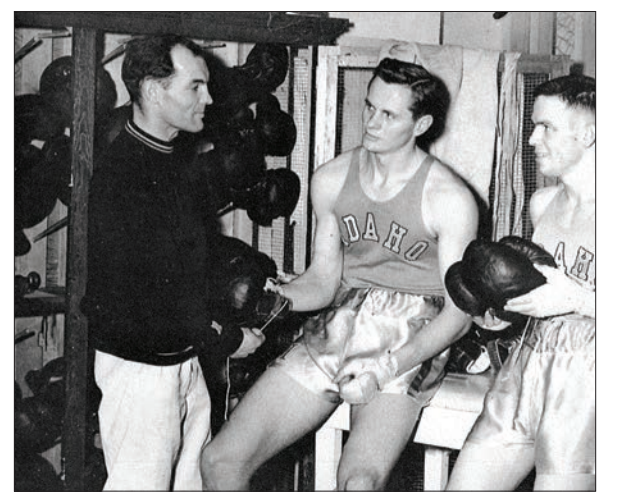
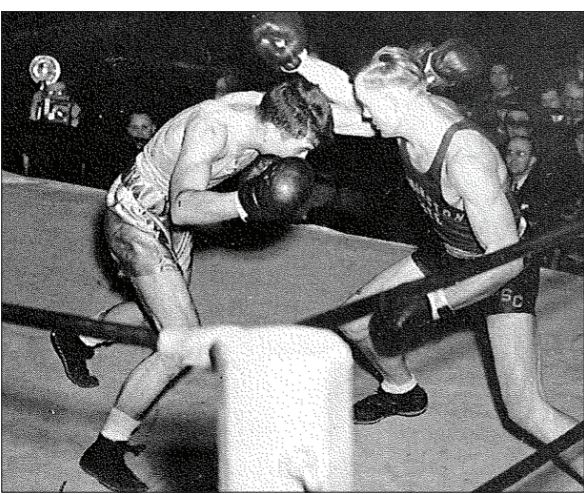
“When a young fellow, with a last name like the eighth month of the year, registered as a student at the University,” wrote former UI president Donald Theophilus in a biography dedicated to Louis August, known more commonly as Louie.

August, eager for an opportunity to teach the sport at his new home, introduced a boxing club in 1932, just three years shy of the school's first individual national championship.

With the approval of then Director of Athletics Leo Calland, August placed an ad in *The Argonaut*, and boxing at UI was born.

Three students came out to train with August, who had a Pacific Coast AAU championship to his name already. By February

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(Left) Idaho's Darrell Lott spars with a Washington State College boxer in 1942. "Shoot your right, Darrell Lott, that Cougar's wide open!" the Gem of the Mountains caption read. (Middle) Frank Echevarria poses with the 1952 119-pound national championship trophy and the LaRowe Trophy, which was given annually to the best boxer in the nation. Echevarria won Idaho's last national championship. (Right) Coach Bob Knox laces the glove of Vic Berllus, while Bill Williams awaits the same treatment. Berllus and Williams each won Pacific Coast Championships, at the heavyweight and 145-pound classes, respectively.

Faculty debates tobacco-free proposal

UI faculty doesn't endorse or reject tobacco free proposal

Amber Emery
Argonaut

University of Idaho faculty voted to neither endorse nor reject the Tobacco Task Force's proposal

of a tobacco-free policy effective Aug. 24, 2015, following debate on the proposal at the April 29 biannual all-faculty meeting.

With more than 170 faculty members casting their vote, 85 were in support of a university-wide tobacco ban and 70 were opposed. Patricia Hartzell, chair of faculty senate and a member of the task force, said the results — while

unfavorable by the task force — reflected that changes to the current tobacco policy are inevitable, even if not a full tobacco ban.

“I think it may end up that we will move in a direction of some policy, it may not be exactly what we've envisioned, but policies do get modified as they work through the process,” Hartzell said.

Several faculty members ex-

pressed concern about the proposed changes to the tobacco policy, including College of Education Dean Corrine Mantle-Bromley. She said tobacco use is a personal liberty that shouldn't be prohibited by a public institution.

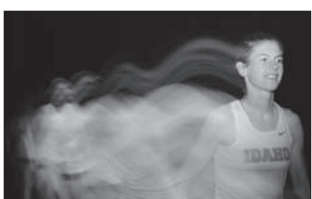
“I feel really strongly about personal liberties and personal choice, and as long as somebody smoking does not impact me, I find it actu-

ally offensive to tell somebody else that they cannot smoke,” she said.

Mantle-Bromley also said that if the university can ban tobacco products, she's skeptical as to what else the university may push to regulate in the future. She compared the prohibition of tobacco use on campus to the regulation of

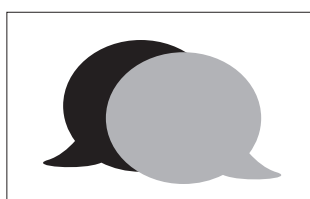
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Crumbs

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Ingredients:

- 1 tea bag
- ¼ cup milk

- 3 teaspoons honey
- Boiled water
- Pinch of cinnamon powder
- Pinch of ground nutmeg
- A slice of ginger

Directions:

Dip tea bag in a glass two-thirds full of boiled water. Add ginger, milk and honey, then stir thoroughly. Add cinnamon powder and ground nutmeg, stir. Take out sliced ginger from the glass.

Drink while hot or add ice cubes if serving cold.

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High Five



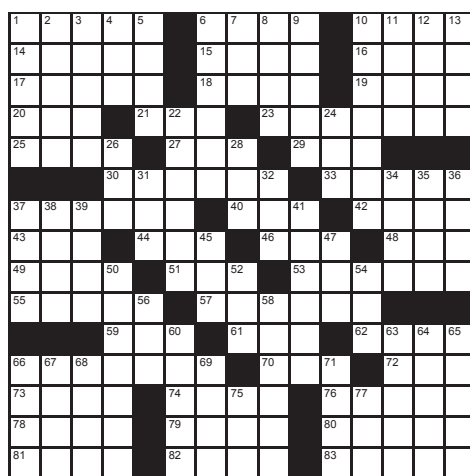
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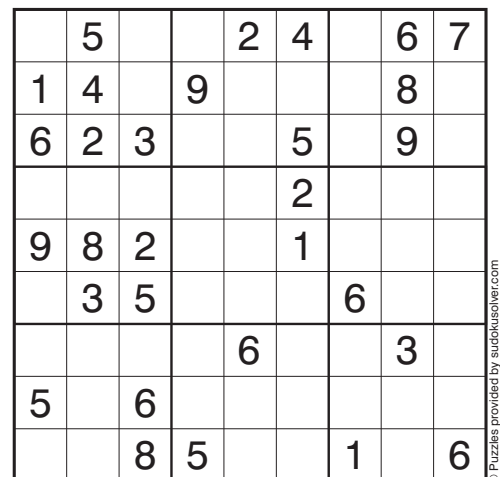


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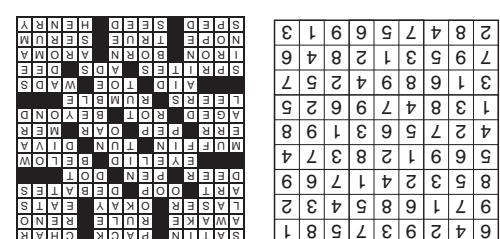
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CHAIR AFFAIR



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University of Idaho students set up their furniture designs for the "Chair Affair" gallery currently on display in the UI library. "Chair Affair" is an annual design competition held in Boise, where interior design students can enter their own creations.

The grass is greener

Pollinators, Plants and Wisescapes seminar will cover plant diversity and water efficiency for lawns and gardens

Andrew Jensen
Argonaut

Summer is on the way, and lawn and garden work lay ahead for Palouse residents.

With this in mind, the City of Moscow will host a seminar on Pollinators, Plants and Wisescapes, so that residents in the region may learn more about pollination and efficient planting. The event will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 13 at the 1912 Center.

The event will feature three speakers: Steve Sheppard of Washington State University, and Pam Brunfeld and Paul Warnick of the University of Idaho. Sheppard will discuss the basics of pollinators, Brunfeld will discuss what plants do well in the region and Warnick will discuss Xeriscape — also known as Wisescape — gardens and applying them in a home garden setting.

Water Conservation Program Coordinator Nichole Baker organized the event, and said the goal is to educate the community and inspire them to make water-efficient changes to their lawns.

"The city very much believes that you can have diversity in your yard," Baker said.

Baker collaborated with Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute Education Outreach Coordinator Heather Huston on the event. Huston will be the master of ceremonies at the seminar. Huston said the event came as a result of wanting to educate the community about lawn and garden efficiency and diversity.

"So we wanted to pair educating the community about the good guys, the pollinators out here and about native species which naturally require less water (and) are better

adept to our area, region, climate (and) do better with less water," Huston said. "And educate folks about perennials — flowers that provide different texture and colors that also ultimately will do better with less maintenance because they'll require less water."

Huston said the Moscow Public Library hosted a similar event on pollinators in 2013 and it was well attended. She said she and Baker hope to draw similar attendance for this seminar.

Baker said some ways residents can make their lawns more efficient and diverse includes lawn design and resources and choosing the right plants.

"We do like to educate others to use more water-efficient plants," Baker said. "So, reduced resources, proper design, putting plants together that use the same amount of water, using plants that use less water, considering the micro-climates in your yard."

Baker said efficiency is key, especially since overspray of sprinklers onto sidewalks is prohibited under city ordinance.

Huston said the event is an educational opportunity for the region.

"I think it's a really neat opportunity, it's an educational opportunity," Huston said. "We've got a rich culture, rich knowledge in both the Moscow and Pullman communities as well as surrounding areas. So, it's a really neat opportunity where anyone's welcome to learn more or just begin learning about pollinators and plants that do well in this area that require little water."

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News Briefs

JAMM receives accreditation

The University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media is now the only accredited journalism school in Idaho following a unanimous vote of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications Friday.

The JAMM school is one of 116 accredited programs in the world. The accreditation process began in 2012 with a self-study from JAMM faculty. A team of educators and media professionals visited UI in October to interview students, faculty and members of the JAMM advisory board.

Will Norton, dean of the Meek School of Journalism and New Media at the University of Mississippi, led the site team.

"This is a school that provides serious, capable students with quality instruction and hands-on, practical media experience," Norton said.

The site team found the school in full compliance with all nine accrediting standards.

Environmental Science students protest FFF

University of Idaho Interim Provost Katherine Aiken discussed the proposed movement of the environmental science

program to the College of Natural Resources with concerned students after they showed up outside her office Monday afternoon.

Wieteke Holthuijzen, a senior in ENVS, organized the initiative to meet with the provost. She said the students decided to just show up outside the provost's office after they had trouble getting in contact with her to arrange a meeting.

"We feel very strongly that we ought to be able to represent our voice," Holthuijzen said. "These are really big changes that are going to affect all students in the environmental science department."

The 12 students said they felt the movement of the program would be harmful to interests of the ENVS 300 students. Aiken said the current nature of ENVS, and other programs that don't fall into any particular college, makes it difficult for faculty and administrators to do their job. They arranged for a second meeting with Jan Boll, ENVS director for next week.

Aiken said she felt the initial meeting with the students was a positive, successful interaction.

"You want (students) to be interested in that education being quality, and being responsive to their needs, and so I appreciate their taking the time to come and talk about those issues," Aiken said. "I think we provided them another forum to comment in a more expanded way, and I think that will be a good step."

Police log

Tuesday, April 29

7:04 p.m. UI Frisbee golf course

Caller reported two intoxicated men arguing and about to fight. Both men walked away when officers arrived.

Wednesday, April 30

12:03 p.m. 100 block South Main St.

Police found a Moscow man dead inside his house last week. The officers were responding to a welfare check on the man.

7:35 p.m. 100 block South Monroe St.

Caller reported a burglar had tried to enter his and his neighbor's house but failed.

Thursday, May 1

11:15 a.m. West Sixth Street, Wallace Complex

Caller reported they had received an inappropriate text message of a sexual nature.

Friday, May 2

3:06 p.m. East F Street, Rotary Park

Police responded to a report of a stray dog in Rotary Park. The dog was returned to its owners.

11:28 p.m. 300 block North Jefferson St.

A man was cited for minor in possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after being contacted by police outside a party. The man has had past contacts with police.

8:49 p.m. 500 block South Almon St.

Caller reported there was an intoxicated man at the Renaissance Fair who was running into people. The man left after officers arrived.

Saturday, May 3

5:31 p.m. Taylor Avenue, behind A&W

Caller reported a broken taillight from a hit and run. A report was taken.

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Student Health Services
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Better buildings, NASA style

UI doctoral candidate connects conservation, people at NASA Ames

Daniel Durand
Argonaut

For the environmentally conscious, energy saving measures such as low-flow showerheads and compact fluorescent light bulbs have been a popular and affordable way to reduce one's environmental impact.

But what if people could do more? What if a building could be designed that utilized every conceivable energy shortcut, from strategically placed windows and computerized climate controls to solar panels and bioswales to filter rainwater runoff? And if this building could be built, what would people think about working inside it?

Angela Vanhoozer, a doctoral candidate in the University of Idaho Environmental Science Program, has spent the last three years finding the answers to these questions at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California. Her research has focused on the human side of eco-friendly design by analyzing feedback from nearly 200 workers at Sustainability Base, a \$20 million office building with state of the art technology.

"There's sort of a relationship going on there, where you're looking at the physical environment, people's satisfaction, comfort and how things have changed for them since they moved from wherever they were on base in those old Army barrack-type offices to this new facility," Vanhoozer said.

Sustainability Base is impressive, but the change in office space wasn't always welcome. Vanhoozer said at first, much of what determined the various office workers' outlooks had to do with the type of environment they had been in before they were relocated. Cubicle workers didn't notice much of a difference, but the move didn't sit well with those who had private offices and now found themselves in a shared space.

Feedback about the energy saving measures was generally positive, but the project was not without hiccups. Some workers weren't happy about the lack of control they had over basic things, like opening and closing a window shade or adjusting the thermostat,

which are controlled by a central computer system and thousands of sensors throughout the building.

Vanhoozer said it can be difficult to account for what building occupants do when developing these types of control systems, despite attempts to better quantify the human element and anticipate what they want.

"We want interfaces between supervisors and the web, but as far as what building occupants can control, there isn't a whole lot there," Vanhoozer said. "There's just one relationship that's a direct relationship that's also directly related to the supervisor, because it's a hierarchical organization."

Vanhoozer also kept an eye out for ways that human activity might come into conflict with the various energy saving devices. For example, one way Sustainability Base keeps heating and cooling costs to a minimum is by using a negative pressure system around the entrances, so that when a door is opened, air from the outside moves into the building instead of being forced out. Unfortunately, this also makes the doors so difficult to open that workers opted to hit the handicap button, causing the doors to stay open long enough to undo any benefit the system may have provided.

"It's kind of like the ideas are right, and then you have the practicalities," Vanhoozer said. "I've been picking up on those things and documenting them, because people are telling me about them and so I get to listen to people's stories."

But technological innovation isn't the only way Sustainability Base tries to conserve energy. During the course of her research, Vanhoozer found that people who worked at Sustainability Base became more aware of different ways to save energy in their own homes, and were more motivated to make changes in their lifestyles.

Generally, people were limited by costs or by circumstance — only one person actually installed solar panels at their house — but there were many more people who would have if they could have afforded to, or if their house had been in a location with access to enough sunlight

for the panels to make a difference. More commonly, workers stuck to basic means of energy conservation, like better energy use habits or swapping out older light bulbs for more efficient ones.

While this change looks promising, Vanhoozer said the results may also have been limited by the lack of manual controls available to workers, since they would have fewer opportunities to form habits that they could then take home with them. Transferability was also a problem, since some of the energy saving measures at Sustainability Base were designed for a 50,000 square foot office and could not easily be adapted for home use.

"What this tells you is, in a general sense, people are responding positively in terms of conservation," Vanhoozer said. "All of the results indicated a positive direction, it was just a matter of whether it was statistically significant at this point."

Vanhoozer said the type of people who participated in her research may have influenced the results. Many of the workers she spoke to, who are highly educated and live in the more progressive San Francisco Bay Area, scored in the 80th or 90th percentile when screened to see how sensitive they were to energy issues and the environment.

"There's definitely limits to generalizability here," Vanhoozer said. "You're talking about a population that's already highly attuned to these kinds of issues and are, for the most part, accepting. You have to keep the population in mind."

Sustainability Base is still being fully brought online, but Vanhoozer said NASA may expand and do more conservation projects in the future. Since NASA developed much of the technology that is now being used to monitor climate change, Vanhoozer said it only makes sense for the administration to continue research in that field.

As for Vanhoozer, now that her research is over, she's still planning her next move — she might take a vacation or she might jump right back into the workforce.

"I don't mind working for an architecture firm and doing post-occupancy evaluation and research, but my first love is the actual design, and I'm particularly interested in green roof and living wall systems," Vanhoozer said. "It depends on whether or not the value added that my skillsets would bring to their firm would be a good thing."

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DEBATES

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of other health-conscience initiatives such as exercise and dieting.

"I believe that we should all be exercising, I believe I shouldn't be eating potato chips," Mantle-Bromley said. "But I don't want you all to tell me that my exercise program isn't enough and that I should stop having potato chips. I think they're parallel, they are not equivalent and certainly the research and evidence would show us they are not equivalent. But I do want choice to remain for people and liberty is a higher value for me."

Another faculty member brought up the issue of enforcement. Jim Connors, an associate professor in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said the current policy of prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of buildings has not been enforced by the entity the Administrative Procedures Manual tasked with enforcement — UI Environmental Health and Safety.

Other faculty members wanted to know the exact boundaries the policy change would affect, if groups who use tobacco products for prayer — such as the Nimi'ipuu Nez Perce Native Americans — would be exempt from the policy and why a tobacco-free route was taken as opposed to a smoke-free direction.

Mathematics professor Mark Nielson said there may need to be more discus-

sion before a change in the current tobacco policy moves forward, because there are still many questions that need to be answered.

Hartzell said the faculty expressed valid concerns and if the policy moved on, the task force planned to solve any disputes within the 15-month period before the policy would go into effect.

Marty Ytreberg, an associate professor of physics and current member of faculty senate, said there simply was not enough time at the all-faculty meeting to have a complete discussion about the policy proposal and believes if there had been, the vote would have been more favorable of a tobacco-free policy.

"In a nutshell, I think it is likely that the faculty vote would have been quite different if we had the time to fully discuss the issue," Ytreberg said. "Based on discussion with senators in the past month, my sense is that nearly half were initially opposed to a tobacco ban, and this was mostly due to the idea of taking away someone's right to use tobacco. However, after several discussions and time to mull it over, the senate largely supported a ban."

UI President Chuck Staben said he has not made a decision yet on whether the policy will move forward, but is currently in "listening mode" and seeking feedback from all of the stakeholders.

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Traditional food, new ways of thinking

Multicultural fraternity battles women's issues with carne asada

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Cultural divides can sometimes be difficult to cross, but no matter what background a person has, everyone has to eat.

The 10th annual Sigma Lambda Beta Carne Asada Event took place April 27, and more than 100 people came to share in music, discussion and traditional Mexican food.

"This is one of our most successful fundraisers that we do," said Frederick Olmos, treasurer and recruiter for SLB. "One of our principles is cultural awareness. So being a Latino-emphasis fraternity, we like to share our culture with the people here on campus, and we truly believe that one of the best ways of sharing our culture is through our food."

The event usually brings in around \$500-\$600, but this year's Carne Asada Event was the most successful so far, bringing in 112 people and \$900 for SLB.

The whole night prior to the event is spent in preparation, Olmos said. Fraternity brothers prepare all the food themselves, often checking family recipes or calling their mothers to make sure everything is perfect, and some of the dishes take up to seven hours to prepare for so many people.

"Everything at that event is homemade," Olmos said. "It's served hot, right outside the grill and it's served on your plate."

Olmos said word tends to spread quickly for the event, but this year SLB put out extra advertising and told people on campus to attend in person. Usually, about 60 percent of patrons come from the Hispanic community, Olmos said, but there is usually a pretty good mix of people from all backgrounds, and everyone is welcome.

The money earned from the event goes to SLB's Women's Appreciation Day, when guest speakers are brought to campus to talk about women's issues, particularly

those that affect the Latino community.

"It's kind of like our philanthropy to raise awareness of the issues that women are facing," Olmos said. "As gentlemen of this fraternity, we believe that giving back and showing some appreciation to the women in our lives is very important, so that's what we do every year."

Some issues that have come up for discussion at Women's Appreciation Day in the past are the wage gap between men and women, and talking about ways to empower young Latinas, who Olmos said face traditional barriers and may be expected to start a family at a young age instead of building a career.

"When you're trying to fix issues, when you try to come up with ideas to solve a problem, we truly feel that educating people on what those issues are is key in dealing with those issues," Olmos said. "What we do first is that we let those issues out in the open and talk openly about those issues that are affecting women of color, and from there we build awareness on those issues."

The work SLB does in empowering women through guest speakers makes a difference, Olmos said, and the fraternity gets positive feedback from people who attend the event. People also stay behind and talk to the fraternity brothers, and Olmos said that they are usually appreciative and feel the speakers make a powerful difference in their lives.

"We live in a very male-dominated society, and for us, what we believe in is that in order to make something happen, men have to be on board," Olmos said. "I think that by understanding a little bit more from the women's perspective about how they feel about certain issues, I believe that we can implement that change."

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TEAM	1938	1940	1941	1949	1950	1951
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INDIVIDUAL	1934	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1947	1948	1949	1950	1952
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1933, the crop had grown by 22. After a successful exhibition fight drew 500 fans, August sought out local competition and Washington State College, less than 10 miles away in Pullman, seemed a perfect fit.

The border rivals sparred against one another for about 20 years and there was no doubt the Palouse boasted a couple of the nation's top clubs.

"It hadn't been a world shaking beginning, but the first blows had been struck and boxing at Idaho was here to stay," Theophilus wrote.

The club had initially been funded by the physical education department but in 1934, was moved to ASU's payroll. That spring, WSU coach Isaac Deeter suggested to August that his club transition to a full-fledged collegiate program.

In many ways, Deeter was a catalyst for this UI boxing project, which would transform into something much more meaningful down the road.

"Ike (Deeter), in my opinion, is the dean of boxing coaches nationally," late 1940s Idaho coach Frank Young told the Spokesman-Review in a 1998 article.

A national power indeed

At Idaho, boxing was labeled a "minor sport" by the university. However, August and his squad had major potential and the buzz that the Vandal ringmen created had the attention of high school boxers statewide. "They'd come in from all the little logging towns," Young told the Spokesman. "Loggers loved that boxing."

Idaho's sluggers hailed from all over the state and especially in Moscow's bordering towns — Kamiah, Grangeville and Potlatch to name a few. The townspeople would bus to Memorial Gym to support their local boxers.

Idaho's first Pacific Coast title came by way of Louie Denton, who claimed the 145-pound championship.

It'd be three more years before the school won another Pacific Coast Conference championship, but the program moved forward nonetheless. August was signed to a coaching deal that equated to \$750 per year, and in 1937 the coach fielded his first eight-man team.

He was well worth the money.

August's boxer, Rolly Shumway, won the school's first ever national title at 145 pounds in 1937, and Julian "Bud" Benoit was victorious in a 135-pound national bout a year later.

The Argonaut wrote about the team's triumphs at both the PCC and national tournaments: "Loaded with honors are Coach Louie August's fighting Vandals after their invasion of California and Virginia ... Benoit returned to the Idaho campus, not only with a shiny 8-inch copper trophy with a figure of a boxer, but with a big gold medal ..."

More than just the glistening hardware they were bringing home, the era in which the Vandal ringmen were thriving in was just that for one of the nation's booming programs — golden.

Ted Kara: Idaho's "biggest gun"

It wasn't uncommon for the nation's top swingers to crack the Olympic boxing scene and find success while doing so.

This caliber of athlete came few and far between, but Theodore "Ted" Kara was one of them. While the Olympic gold wasn't in his forecast — he reached the 1936 Games in Berlin, but never won — Kara was as dominant as they came at the collegiate level.

Ted and brother Frank were at the heart of a group that would later earn the university's first team national championship.

As a sophomore, Ted Kara was "the big gun in the attack once again," according to Theophilus, and won the 127-pound title. He'd be the first boxer in the history of the NCAA to win three consecutive individual titles, after dropping down to the 120-pound weight class to claim back-to-back titles his junior and senior years.

Thousands upon thousands flocked to the highly anticipated Memorial Gym bouts, which pitted Idaho against national powers like San Jose State, WSU and Gonzaga.

However, Idaho was still seeking another measure of respect. August's boys got it in 1940, when the team was awarded "major 'I' sweaters."

The sport had paled in comparison to football, basketball and baseball, which were labeled "major sports" by the university. The boxing team was the next to earn the honor — fitting for a squad earning as much respect nationally as it was in the state of Idaho.

The Vandals compiled heaps of national championships as both

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When the going got tough, those guys got going. They grew up fighting. They didn't walk away from a fight either. Whether it was in the bar or in the ring, it didn't matter to them.

Frank Echevarria

Kara brothers, Laune Erickson and John Webster combined to win seven individual titles between 1939 and 1941.

Proclaimed the best all-around team in the country, Idaho snapped up team titles in 1940 and 1941.

It would be six more years before the Vandals were recipients of another national crown. The team temporarily disbanded for three years due to World War II, but August and the Kara brothers had created something that wasn't going to die on its own.

The next generation of Idaho leather-pushers made sure of that.

Recollections of the late '40s and early '50s

Frank Echevarria, 84, still savors many of the memories he had fighting under coach Frank Young, who replaced Ken Butler in 1948.

There was the first blow he took in the practice ring.

"Norman (Walker) was a big contender and I was real conscious and real, kind of, sort of apprehensive and scared and he hit me in the chest and I couldn't even breathe but I didn't let him know it," said Echevarria, who currently lives in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Echevarria boxed for Idaho from 1948-1952. Then there was the rivalry with San Jose State's Manuel "Mac" Martinez. Martinez was the creme de la creme at 125 pounds as the defending national champion. The boxers' history dictated that Martinez was someone Echevarria just "had to beat"

The fighter out of Blackfoot, Idaho, came out tense and Martinez topped him in a split decision. They met again in the PCC Championships and Echevarria returned with a fresh game plan.

"He was kind of a slugger type, so I thought 'by God, I'll beat him at his own game,'" he said.

Echevarria was not cut from the

same cloth as Martinez. The smaller boxer, who resorted to boxing in high school, rather than football or basketball because of his small stature, was more adept at winning the mental battles in the ring and outthinking his opponent.

When the third go-around came in the next PCC championship tournament, Echevarria finally had his night.

"And everything worked my way that night and I beat him," Echevarria said. "It was the highlight of my career."

The teams in the late '40s were just as lethal, if not more so, than those of August's when the Kara brothers donned Idaho's satin robes.

The Walker brothers, Len (Leonard) and Norm, from the mining town of Wallace led these squads. Len laid claim to a couple of national championships (1949 at 135 and 1950 at 145) and Norm was a national runner-up.

"When the going got tough, those guys got going. They grew up fighting," Echevarria recalled. "They didn't walk away from a fight either. Whether it was in the bar or in the ring, it didn't matter to them."

The other Wallace native on Young's roster was Herb Carlson, one of just nine boxers in NCAA history who would earn at least three national championships.

He may not have been at Ted Kara's level, but Carlson held his own in the ring, and at three separate weight classes too.

Some would argue he was the best to ever bounce around the Mem Gym ring.

"What made him special is that nobody could beat him," Echevarria said. "He was Idaho's best."

Len Walker, Carlson, Laune Erickson and Echevarria won six national titles in the post-WWII era and Echevarria has Idaho's last — a 1952 title in the 119-pound division. He earned the LaRowe Trophy the same year, given annually to the best collegiate boxer in the nation.

Idaho boxing was in its prime and MemGym was more of a sardine can when hoards of fans traveled from across the state to get a glimpse of Young's club.

"We'd get as many people as we would for football and more than for basketball," said Young, who has passed away since interviewing with the Spokesman-Review in 1998. "The fire marshal was always raising hell."

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The last jobs

Though a national discontinuation of the sport at the collegiate level was in the works, Idaho's concerns about boxing's presence at the university came in 1954.

"Spectators should come to a sports contest expecting to watch a demonstration of skill and spirit," Theophilus wrote upon his decision to drop the sport. "Too many spectators come to a boxing match hoping to see someone hurt. Every precaution was taken to protect the collegiate boxer, but I was always afraid that spectators hoping to see destructive force in the ring might be satisfied."

Sixteen individual national titles, three national team titles and 24 total PCC crowns later, the abolition of Idaho boxing was complete. Six years later, the NCAA closed up shop after a Wisconsin boxer was killed in the ring.

All but a few of the Idaho ringmen have passed on.

Echevarria, meanwhile, lives in his hometown of Blackfoot, Idaho, with his longtime wife Norma. The boxer who once utilized savvy mind games to outsmart opponents, hasn't won as many battles since parting ways with the sport.

Echevarria hardly watches the sport on television anymore, but that may not be by his own choice.

"My wife hates it. Now she doesn't like it because, like she said, it's the kickboxing ... that's not boxing," Echevarria said. "She has control of me, pretty much."

One of Idaho's nine national champions, Echevarria still speaks highly of his four years in Moscow — a period he calls "the best years of my life."

Echevarria developed a liking for boxing in high school, only to love the sport by the time he fought in front of his first Memorial Gym crowd.

"There's a soft spot in my heart for the University of Idaho, because it was really good to me and great for me," Echevarria said. "I was really enthusiastic about it, because that was the only thing I had that was good for me. And it was good for a lot of guys, not just me."

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Abid Akbar has gone from student-athlete to much needed women's assistant coach in 2014.

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Idaho long distance runner Hannah Kiser is recovering from injury that has kept her out of competition for several months. Kiser was the 2013 WAC Women's Track Athlete of the Year. She returned to action this weekend at the Payton Jordan Invitational hosted by Stanford. She'll compete at the Vandal Jamboree in Moscow this weekend.

For the love of running

Injuries no obstacle for Kiser's devotion to her sport

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Hannah Kiser started her running career at age 11 with one goal in sight: to be better than her dad.

"The first time I ever ran it was like 90 degrees," Kiser said. "It was super hot and I was super bad because it was the first time I'd ever run, and I was kind of chubbier when I was younger and so I remember ... I got back and most people would be like 'I hated that, I'm never doing that again.' And I was like 'Oh my god, I was so bad. I want to get better. I don't want to suck. I want to be better than my dad.'"

Since then Kiser has gone on to be one of the most accomplished runners in recent Idaho history, winning the WAC four years in a row in cross country and racking up numerous accolades in both indoor and outdoor track. In the 2013 outdoor season, Kiser set a school and WAC record in the 5000m. Her time of 15:44.06 beat the 1982 Idaho school record by

nearly 26 seconds and broke the WAC record by 17 seconds. This year she was named the WAC women's cross country athlete of the year for the second consecutive year.

Despite her obvious success, Kiser wasn't a top recruit coming out of high school and said she had no idea what she was capable of. It wasn't until she received a Facebook message, with an offer for a full ride scholarship from Idaho coach Wayne Phipps in May of her senior year. She had originally planned to attend Western Washington University, but Phipps' Facebook message — which she thought was a joke at first — changed her plans.

"We always joke and I tell him, 'You probably thought it was someone else when you Facebook messaged me but you're too nice so you didn't want to be like — whoops, you're the wrong person,'" Kiser said.

Kiser said she didn't think Phipps had really seen her run, but for some reason he believed in her — a trait

Kiser said makes Phipps a great coach.

"He kind of just has this instinct about people because a lot of Idaho's team are people that aren't like the very best in the country but they have a lot of talent that is kind of untapped and so he kind of has this special way of finding those people and then making them really good," Kiser said.

Kiser said Phipps gives 110 percent all the time, which drives his athletes to do the same and trust the program. She attributed the four consecutive WAC cross country titles to Phipps' belief they could do it.

"He finds diamonds in the rough, but he is also a diamond," Kiser said. "We're kind of a small school ... but the kinds of kids that he gets and the kinds of athletes he makes out of them is really amazing. We surprised ourselves in the beginning and then after that it was something we realized we could do all four years."

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Kiser's resume

Team WAC Championships

2013 Cross Country
2012 Cross Country
2011 Cross Country
2010 Cross Country

Records

Outdoor

5,000m – WAC and school record – 2013
3,000m – WAC Championships record – 2013

Indoor

3,000m – WAC record – 2012 Indoor

NCAA

Championship appearances

2013 Indoor Track
2012 Indoor Track
2011 Cross Country

Awards

Women's athlete of the year – 2013 Cross Country
Women's athlete of the year – 2013 Outdoor Track
Women's athlete of the year – 2012 Cross Country

Wind blows Idaho out of contention

Harsh conditions at the WAC Championship in Las Vegas hampers men's golf to second place finish

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, except for the WAC Championship trophy — that's going back to Las Cruces, New Mexico, for the second year in a row.

Just like last week in Arizona at the women's WAC Championships, the conference championship for men's golf finished with New Mexico State atop the leaderboard, and Idaho right below it at second.

The Aggies dominated the 52nd annual WAC Men's Golf Championship, and finished the tournament 10 strokes in front of the Vandals, with an 8-under-par 856. Idaho finished at 2-over-par 866.

NMSU didn't dominate the entire tournament, though. After the first round, Idaho trailed by only two strokes.

"It was a good day for the

Vandals," coach John Means said of Idaho's first round. "They played well. The conditions were not very difficult."

Mother Nature made her presence felt during the second day, with winds reaching up to 25 miles per hour. The Vandals struggled with the conditions firing a 298, while NMSU thrived shooting 285, which gave them a 15-stroke cushion for round three.

"The wind showed up after about six holes," Means said. "That changed the complexion of the championship. We struggled with the wind."

Idaho made a late push on day three with a 294, but only gained 5 strokes on NMSU, which shot a 299 in the final round.

NMSU had players take the top two spots — senior Pat Beyhan and sophomore Kenneth Fadke.

Fadke, who won the tournament last year, finished second at 4-under-par 212. Beyhan won the individual title firing a 6-under-par 210.

In third place and only 4

strokes behind Beyhan was Idaho freshman Ryan Porch, who led the team with a 2-under-par 214.

The rest of the Vandals finished as follows: Jared du Toit finished eighth at 2-over-par 218, Aaron Cockerill tied for ninth at 3-over-par 219, Rylee Iacolucci tied for 12th at 4-over-par 220 and Sean McMullen tied for 20th at 9-over-par 225.

Idaho players didn't leave Las Vegas empty handed, though. Du Toit was named WAC Freshman of the Year by a coaches' vote. He and Cockerill also earned First Team All-WAC honors, and Iacolucci was the lone Vandal with Second Team All-WAC honors.

With Alex Pounds as the only senior, Idaho will return the core of its players for next season when it makes the jump to the Big Sky Conference.

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Athletes of the Week

Jared du Toit - Men's golf



Jared du Toit

The Idaho men's golf team fell short of its ultimate goal over the weekend at the WAC Championships, finishing second to New Mexico State by 10 strokes. But that didn't stop the Vandals from putting up impressive performances. Du Toit was named first team all-conference and the WAC Freshman of the Year. The true freshman from British Columbia should be a key contributor to the Vandals when they enter the Big Sky Conference next season.

Emmanuel Panchol - Track and Field



Emmanuel Panchol

Panchol claimed Idaho's first of three victories over the weekend at the Oregon State University High Performance Invitational. He scored a wind-aided time of 47-5 1/4 in the triple jump. He also tied for third in the men's high jump, with a score of 6-8. The junior from Sudan is competing in his first season for the Vandals after transferring from Ashford University.

Hannah Kiser - Track and Field

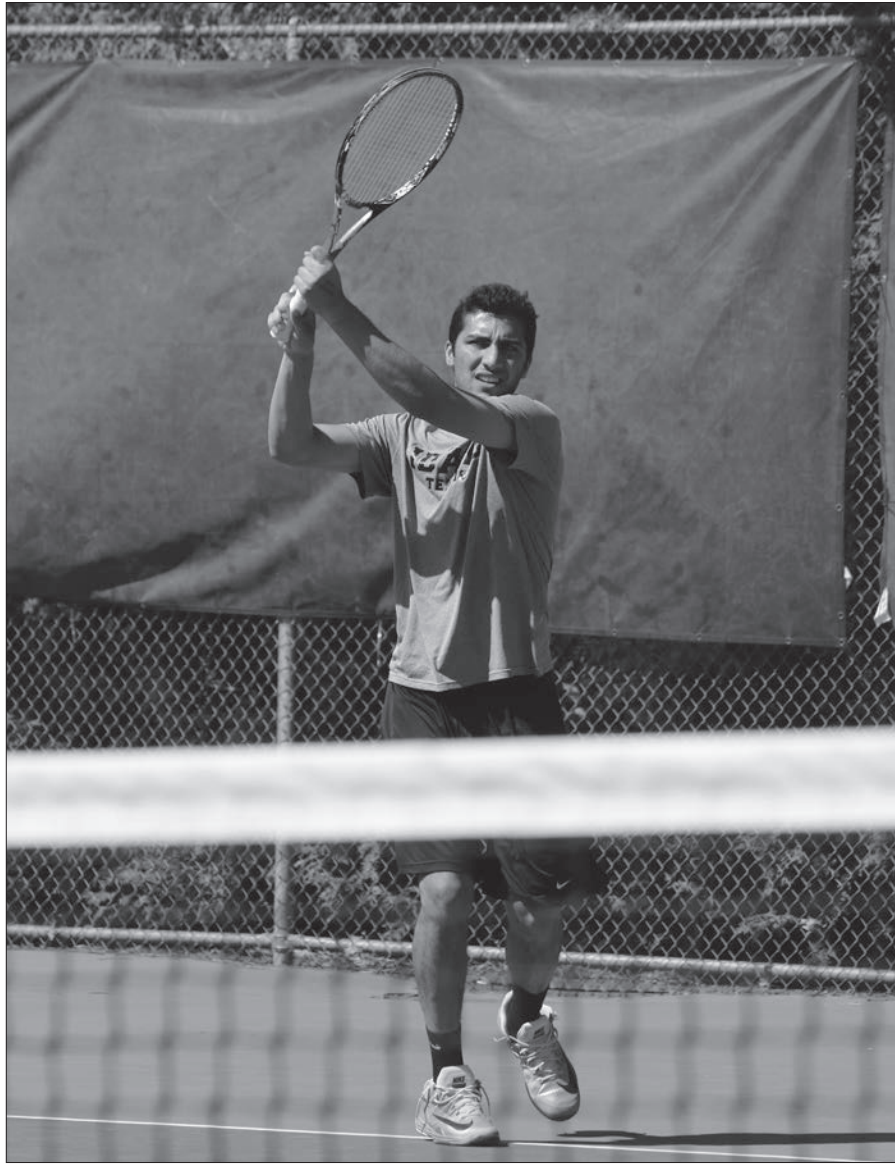


Hannah Kiser

Idaho's star distance runner is back on the track for the first time during the outdoor track and field season after recovering from an injury. She competed in Palo Alto, California, at the Payton Jordan Invitational. She finished ninth at the 5,000-meter run. Kiser has been a main reason why coach Wayne Phipps has so many trophies in his trophy case. The Vandals are looking for their first women's outdoor WAC Championship since Kiser has been on campus.

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From student, to teacher



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Assistant coach Abid Akbar practices with the women's tennis team at the Memorial Gym tennis courts in preparation for its NCAA tournament match on Friday.

Assistant women's tennis coach helps lead team to NAAs

Conor Gleason
Argonaut

Idaho women's tennis assistant coach Abid Akbar was faced with a tough decision after his college tennis career ended.

After three years of playing for the Idaho men's tennis team, he decided he wanted to stay and finish his master's degree.

The Pakistan native wanted to stay involved with tennis after he graduated with a degree in economics in 2013. With the women's assistant coach position vacant, Akbar was excited for the opportunity to assist his former program.

"I wanted to help out (Idaho coach Jeff Beaman) as much as I can," Akbar said. "He's given me the best four years of my life and given me such a great chance and I will definitely help him out and get my master's degree."

Akbar's decision to come to Idaho for college was influenced by his father, Mohamed Ali Akbar, who played tennis for Clemson.

"My dad knew Jeff," Akbar said. "He had been in some contact with him when he was trying to get my brother in college. So he looked at my video on YouTube and results and performances. I

told my dad 'if it sounds good to you it sounds good to me.' I trusted his decision and I think it turned out to be a good one."

Akbar made it to New York for National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in fall 2012 as a doubles player but is equally excited to go to the NCAA tournament as a coach when Idaho faces USC on Friday.

"In my four years, I've seen a lot of the United States just with tennis and with Jeff and with traveling — its been a wonderful ride just for that," Akbar said. "Southern California is one of the biggest hubs of tennis in America. There's so much tennis and such great places to play tennis there."

As a senior, Akbar began the season ranked No. 1 in the Mountain Region before posting a 22-6 record with partner Marius Cirstea.

"When I was playing, I went to nationals with the doubles team and actually beat USC's No. 1 team," Akbar said. "I have an idea how good the level is but I just want to go there and experience one of the best college tennis atmospheres."

Akbar said this upcoming weekend could be a career-changing moment for some

players on the team.

"For the guys and the girls that are playing right now, I think it's a great opportunity," Akbar said. "They definitely will learn from it. When you go play those people who you think are at the top of what you're doing, you actually realize and believe that you can compete with them. They should definitely make the most out of it."

This is the first year Akbar has spent coaching, and Beaman said him and associate coach Art Hoomiratana have made his job easier.

"Abid and Art have done an excellent job at filling in this season," Beaman said.

Akbar says he's received plenty of help.

"I never really took any major decisions on my own," Akbar said. "If Jeff isn't there, he was always in touch with me if I'm by myself or with Art. Both of us are new into tennis coaching. He did his best in giving us exact instructions what to do, practice plans and how to set the lineups. Obviously we had to make decisions now and then, but major decisions are still given by Jeff."

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A dynamic duo

Top recruits have led to big accomplishments

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Despite the inconsistency of Vandal men's tennis this year, one thing rung true — the No. 1 doubles pairing of Jose Bendeck and Cristobal Ramos Salazar was a force to be reckoned with in the WAC.

After being put together two-and-a-half years ago, Bendeck and Ramos Salazar have become one of the top pairings in the nation. The duo won the Indoor Regional Championships at doubles in the fall, before falling to Florida State's No. 3 ranked doubles pairing Benjamin Lock and Marco Nunez. The duo also defeated a Top 75 ranked Fresno State team last year in conference play.

"In your mind, you can feel you're good. But when they're going to play the No. 1 doubles team in the nation in USC, and you've already had a good match with the No. 4 team, it's all about going in with confidence and being able to play well," said Idaho coach Jeff Beaman.

It's not phasing his players either.

"I'm up for the challenge — I am excited to play against them and see the difference between their level and our level," Ramos Salazar said.

It also helps that many players on the team have experience playing in professional tournaments as amateurs, so being "star struck" shouldn't be a problem, Beaman said.

Bendeck, a native of Colombia, was looking for schools all over the country to play tennis at, sending emails to coaches and recruiters from all over the United States. Soon after Beaman contacted him, and Bendeck knew it would be a good fit.

Bendeck ultimately chose Idaho over Auburn and Louisville.

While being recruited by many programs, including Tulane and Northwestern, Ramos Salazar said he instantly threw out any college that didn't offer a civil engineering program. Before his recruitment began,

Ramos Salazar was training at the Guizar Training Academy in Orlando.

Although the Vandals don't generally do much traveling in recruitment, nor do they bring many potential Vandals in for visits, Beaman said after Bendeck and Ramos Salazar seemed interested he after he looked into their amateur careers.

Ramos Salazar was one of the few players to visit campus before signing with Idaho, and he verbally committed on a visit to campus.

The standout duo live together and over the last few years they have become close both on and off the court. Beaman said when you find a pairing that clicks as well as they have, you don't do anything to change it.

The duo had to spend a little bit of time apart on the court, as Ramos Salazar was nursing an elbow injury. The injury gave Ramos Salazar a chance to step away from the courts for a few weeks and really work on his conditioning.

With the graduation



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Doubles partners Jose Bendeck and Cristobal Ramos Salazar wait for a return volley during practice Saturday. The men's tennis team will face the No. 1 overall seed USC Trojans in Los Angeles Saturday, May 10.

of four seniors, including Bendeck and No. 2 singles player Artemity Nikitin, Beaman is expecting the Hermosillo, Mexico, native to really step up as one of the leaders on the team. Ramos Salazar has played most of the spring at No. 3 and sheer numbers could pencil him in as the No. 1 singles next

fall, Beaman said.

Bendeck plans on coming back to UI in the fall to finish his degree and help Beaman as a student assistant coach next year. Ramos Salazar also plans on helping out on the coaching side for a year or two after his career is over.

"That's something that

we've really done well with here," Beaman said. "Having kids that have been a part of the program stay on a year or two and get some experience coaching and they've also used that to transition into coaching jobs elsewhere."

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RUNNING

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Kiser's new quest was to take advantage of the opportunity and give back to the university by working as hard as she could. As it turned out, Phipps' intuition paid off.

"I was so thankful to have a full ride obviously, that was amazing," Kiser said. "So I was like I need to work really hard to pay back the school and Phipps for seeing something in me. But I wasn't expecting to really ever be an All-American or anything like that. Every year I continue to surprise myself about how much better I had gotten. I'm so happy that Phipps saw something in me because obviously it was a lot better than I had thought that I could be."

In addition to her success as a runner, Kiser has challenged herself in the classroom. She graduated in December with a degree in biochemistry. In order to maintain eligibility, Kiser is still taking classes as an undergraduate but plans to attend the UI College of Graduate Studies in Chemistry in the fall. She has one remaining indoor and outdoor track season. Once she's exhausted her eligibility, Kiser

plans to stick around to finish her graduate degree and continue to train with Phipps in preparation for the 2016 Olympic trials.

Kiser said her life mostly consists of running and schoolwork.

"I'm pretty happy just working on those two things," Kiser said. "Running is like the one thing in life I love more than anything so I spend a lot of time running and making sure that I'm eating well and resting and sleeping and all that stuff. I really have a passion for school. I enjoy it a lot. I like to study, that's something that sounds really weird, but I like to learn so it's not really a chore for me."

Despite her success, it hasn't always been an easy run for Kiser. From pinched tendons to respiratory infections to knee injuries, she's faced her fair share of adversity. She's currently battling a foot injury that requires her to get a cortisone shot every few months in order to manage the pain. The surgery to repair her broken sesamoid bone would take three months to recover from, and Kiser said she just doesn't want to take that much time off right now.

"I'm not where I was last

year at all and every year I've been here it's always been getting better ... and now it's kind of a step back," Kiser said. "Obviously when you're away from it for so long and it's something that you love so much you kind of wonder ... is it stupid of me to continue or do I just need to stick it out? Knowing when to quit and when to keep going is like the hardest thing, but the fact that I missed it and it really hurt me so much to be away from it really confirmed that that's really what I have to do. There's no choice. I like to think that I have free will but I don't. I have to run. I'm not going to be happy unless I do it."

Kiser said it was that first run at age 11 when she realized she was different than other people who likely never would've had.

"There's something in me that's a little bit different than someone who would rather do something else," Kiser said. "It's not really a choice. It's something that's internal that you discover. You surprise yourself."

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Well, ain't this the pits?

Both tennis teams win the WAC Tournament, but can't get funding for a facility

A few weeks back, I wrote a column stating how many WAC Championships the University of Idaho had brought in up to that point. Up until a couple weeks ago, three Vandals teams — women's basketball, men's indoor track and field and women's cross country — all brought WAC titles home to put in the Vandals' trophy cases.

Then last weekend, two other Idaho teams were able to add in on the race for the WAC Commissioner's Cup.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams walked into Las Cruces, New Mexico, last week and beat the hometown favorite Aggies to sweep the WAC Championships. Both teams, especially the women's team, worked hard all season to get to where they ended at the close of the season.

The women's team really succeeded this season going 19-5 and almost got a complete sweep in the WAC Tournament. They were at one point ranked No. 51 in the ITA tennis rankings and they ended up getting the No. 1 seed into the WAC Tournament.

The men's side had a different route to the title, ending the season 11-13. But with a 2-1 WAC record, they were seeded No. 2 in the conference tournament.

They had some hard fought battles on the way to a WAC Championship. In the championship match, it came down to the wire with the team escaping Las Cruces with a 4-3 victory.

Both teams competed hard and brought tons of success to Idaho, but they have had a big disadvantage — not just in this season, but for several years.

They don't have the facilities nor the coaching staff that other mid-major tennis programs and even other teams on campus have.

The facilities that both teams have are limited to the courts outside of the Physical Education Building, the courts outside by the Administration building and — when the turf is up — a set of courts in the Kibbie Dome.

For a couple of teams that just won the WAC title in tennis, these facilities are not what one expects them to have.

They have to schedule practices around other teams and sometimes can't even have their own home matches on a home court. When the Vandals are the home team, they are often either playing in Lewiston on LCSC's courts or playing in Pullman on WSU's courts. Both teams were only able to hold one match a piece in Moscow all season.

Outside of that problem, the women's team is still without a head coach. Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman has taken over as coach of both teams.

That in and of itself provides its own problem. When the teams are playing in separate places on the same day, Beaman can't be at both. He has to choose a team and the team that Beaman doesn't select ends up having a graduate assistant or assistant coach assume the role of head coach.

With these challenges, it is surprising that both teams were able to overcome and adapt to the odds. For the future though, it's time to start thinking about getting some facilities built for these teams.

That of course is easier said than done, because money is a big factor. Other teams that are under the Idaho banner need a new facility as well — hint, hint: basketball — and who knows if the athletic department has the money to hire a full time women's coach.

Both teams move into the Big Sky Conference next season, and while they were a combined 6-1 against schools in that conference this season, it is logical to think that the team could struggle.

There were times this season where the travel wore on both teams and they would go on a losing streak because of it.

Just imagine if the teams could come home after a big stretch away and not have to travel the next weekend. The Vandals could be even more dominant than they were this season.

In any case though, hopefully both teams can continue the success this season as they head down to Southern California for the first round of the NCAA tournament against the USC Trojans.

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Vicky Lozano - Women's tennis



Vicky Lozano

Lozano was named the 2014 WAC Player of the Year on the women's side, shortly after she came home with the WAC Championship. She was 17-6 on the season in singles competition and held a 15-5 mark at No. 1 singles. When combined with Almudena Sanz at No. 1 doubles,

the dup duo went 17-4 in all competition.

"That's just huge," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said of Lozano. "At No. 1, no matter what school you're playing, you're playing a tough opponent. If you go slightly over .500 at No. 1, that's a great accomplishment. We have other players who could have played at the No. 1 spot, but when you have the ability to play them lower, it builds the confidence for the entire team every match."

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OUR VIEW

UI's Title IX troubles

List of Title IX investigations should serve as an alarm bell

University of Idaho was named on a list released Thursday consisting of 55 colleges and universities under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for possible violations of Title IX for handling of sexual violence complaints. This was the first time a list of ongoing Title IX investigations had been made publicly available by the OCR, and marks an important benchmark for changing the campus culture of sexual assault.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments was passed in 1972 to protect people from sexual discrimination in federally assisted educational programs and activities. The OCR is tasked with

the enforcement of Title IX and investigating potential infractions. UI's presence on Thursday's list represents action taken as a result of a sexual harassment complaint stating that the university allegedly failed to provide a prompt and effective grievance procedure.

UI's presence on the list should serve as a reminder of the ever-present problem of sexual violence on college campuses. The list included a range of institutions from Ivy League universities to smaller colleges located across the country.

It was released as part of a recommendation from the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, which was founded in January 2014 as part of the Obama administration's

initiative to reduce sexual assaults.

This nationwide open dialogue on sexual assault raises awareness for an important issue. Recently, the task force coordinated with the White House's "1 is 2 Many" campaign and released a PSA featuring male celebrities that encouraged men to be part of preventing sexual violence by speaking up and seeking clear consent from sexual partners.

This PSA and the actions taken by the task force represent an important shift in society's attitude toward sexual assault. Far too often, women are taught that the responsibility lies with them to prevent sexual assault by investing in self-defense measures, not traveling alone and always keeping their

guard high. By encouraging men to be involved in the conversation, the PSA takes the important step of getting both genders involved in ending sexual violence.

Students should not leave the campaign to end sexual violence to the White House. UI should take this investigation as an opportunity to grow and have an open conversation about sexual assault on campus. There are several programs on campus that students can work with to address sexual violence issues. One such program, Vandal Green Dot, encourages bystanders to actively prevent violence. Get in touch with them to learn what we can all do every day to end violence against women.

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OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE
FROM OUR EDITORS

Because it's the Cup

Quack. Quack.
Quack. Quack, quack,
quack, quack.

-Emily

Because they're going to win the Pac-12

Quack. Quack.
Quack. Quack. Quack.
Quack. Quack.

-Theo

Blot distribution

After the last Blot distribution of the school year, I can successfully say I have not received any paper cuts. Cue in Ice Cube from the '90s singing, you know it, "today was a good day." I bet you just sang that in your head, funny how that works.

-Ryan

Manchester City

Sheikh Mansour went to Spain in a Lamborghini, came back with a manager, Manuel Pellegrini.

-Sean

Internet appreciation

Every once in a while, I have to sit back and comprehend the modern marvel of the Internet, which allows me to find thousands of pieces of information on Title IX in a matter of seconds.

-Aleya

I'll miss it when it's gone

I'm so beyond ready to be done and graduated. But I also know come August, I'll be missing college and everything about it.

-Kaitlin

Buckling down

Can't be distracted this week. Time to put on my blinders and get to work.

-Danielle

Idaho, 'Oh Idaho'

No matter where I end up in life, Idaho and its majestic yet underrated physical beauty will always have my heart and soul.

-Kaitlyn

Hard to get

Moscow weather is being a tease and I'm over it.

-Hannah

I just can't believe

That it is dead week. Where has all this time gone?

-Ricky

Beating Bloomsday

I finished Bloomsday on Sunday with my dad well under my goal! It was a very fun event made extra special because I ran it with my dad. Up next is a half-marathon in June. Cheers to accomplishing New Years Resolutions!

-Jessica

OTCs

Soon, I won't be doing these.

-Rainy



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Finals Fest flop

'Take me to your best friend's house,' not the Grouplove concert

If last year's Finals Fest cost students \$15, they might have complained about having to spend their beer money, but they would have done it anyway. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis were just reaching their peak fame when they rocked the Kibbie Dome last May.

This year, even students that don't drink decided to keep their money. I hate to say this, particularly because it has come to be known as the most exciting event of the year at UI, but Finals Fest has flopped. The decision to make tickets to Grouplove free was not a result of the university president winning the lottery, but an admission of defeat.

I want to make it clear that ASUI is by no means obligated to provide us with a concert for Finals Fest. That said, Grouplove was a bad choice for a college campus. As an al-

ternative rock band, Grouplove is a niche that doesn't particularly appeal to a college crowd trying to relieve the stress of dead week. After bringing in rappers the last two years — of

Childish Gambino and Macklemore. The target audience of Finals Fest expects nothing short of a party, which is exactly what you get at a rap concert.

Grouplove's particular brand of music appeals more to a group of singing middle school girls whose ninth grade friend just got their driver's license, than a campus full of frat boys and hipsters. College students yearn for authenticity and copious amounts of bass, not Kumbaya style sing-alongs.

A point of interest for me is the correlation between the level of perceived authenticity of an act, and college students' fondness for them.



Karter Krasselt
Argonaut

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Macklemore, though some might argue a few of his songs are cheesy, brought an authenticity that was the physical embodiment of cool at the time.

I'm sure the event's planners will be the first ones to tell you they lucked out with Macklemore, but the drop from an A-list act isn't the only reason students aren't talking about Grouplove.

The bottom line is that we are college students, not middle school glee club members and we like to be treated as such.

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A healthy summer

Summer poses different health problems, stay safe

Summer is one of everyone's favorite parts of the year. Finally finishing up with school graduating or not the three months off are the perfect time to relax and have some fun. There are plenty of opportunities to have fun in the sun, especially in Idaho. Here are some helpful tips to make sure your summer is as safe as it is fun.

First, if you drink alcohol, drink water in between every drink. Alcohol, although it is a beverage, dehydrates your body. This is a large reason the day after drinking can be so painful. Consuming enough water before, during and after your drink is important for your health, whether it tastes good or not.

With that, avoid drinking alcohol on an empty stomach. Just because students forget to eat before they start to drink, their body is still searching for nutrients.

Many summer holidays, including the Fourth of July, are synonymous with heavy drinking, and are also associated with an increase in vehicle accidents across the U.S. Be sure to make the best decisions for yourself and those around you.

Second, use protection. By protection I'm talking from the sun, bugs and also from STDs. Just because we are away from school where STDs tend to be more common, it doesn't mean they are not prevalent.

The only way to protect your-

self and others from STDs is to use a condom — male and female condoms are available. If you plan on sleeping with a new partner, get tested and encourage them to get tested to prevent the spread of any infections. All STDs can be treated and some can be cured, so it is important to keep in contact with your doctor.

When it comes to the sun, use sunscreen.

Every morning I use a daily moisturizer that has SPF 30. It provides me with instant protection when I walk out the door. However, if you apply once, don't think you are done. Don't forget to reapply, especially during prolonged periods in the sun to prevent sunburns.

My other favorite trick is to wear a baseball hat, which provides more protection from the sun and it is low maintenance.

To prevent mosquito and other bug bites, you can use sunscreen with Deet included or find another bug repellent that works best for you. Avoid standing bodies of water in the evening to prevent mosquito bites as well.

It's important to have a relaxing summer and relieve your body and mind from all of the stress the school year has caused. Exercise, social events, proper nutrition and overall relaxation are great ways to get back in touch with you.

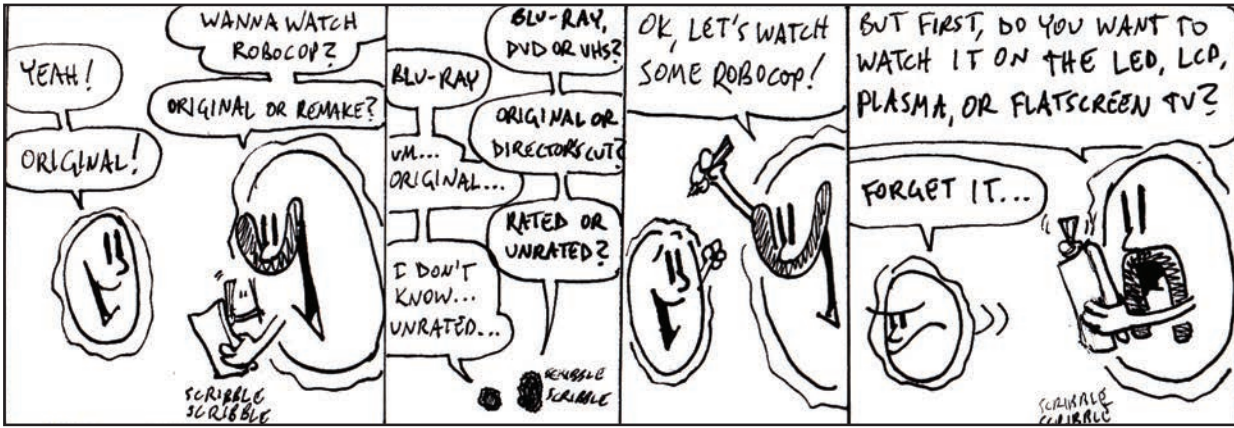
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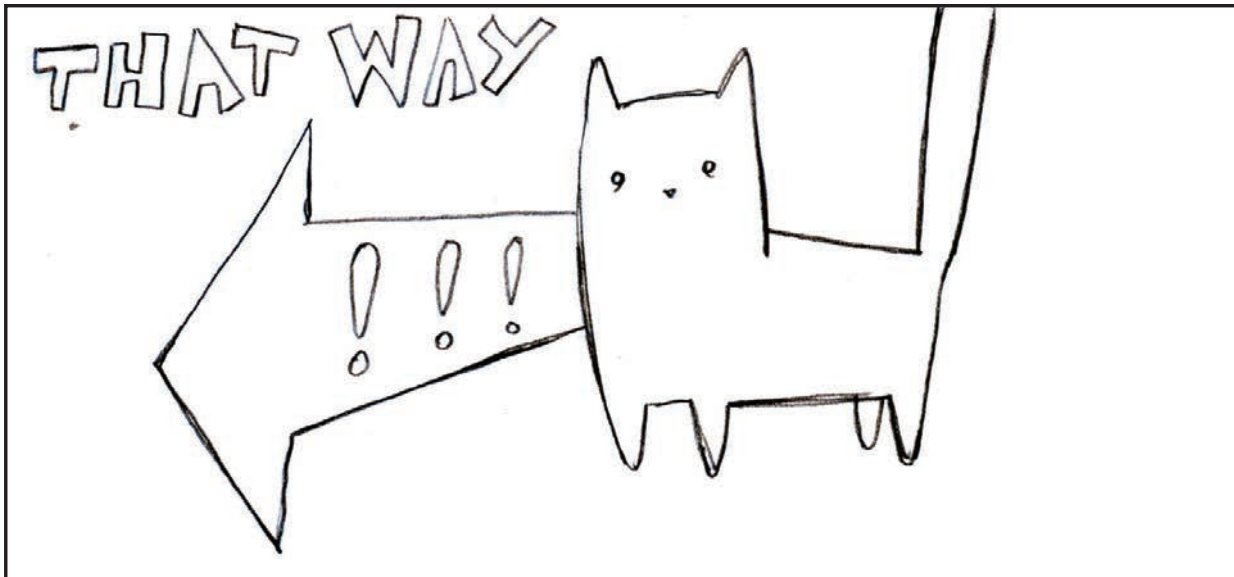
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FINALS

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The students behind Finals Fest worked hard to bring this group to UI, but failed to realize that if you can't book a high profile act, at least give students the music they enjoy. A rap artist with

a less recognizable name would have been a better selection than an alternative rock band with a couple of Zfun hits.

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