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Construction crews work on the future site of Jimmy John's on the corner of 6th and Jackson Streets Monday morning. The location was previously a parking lot.

## Food frenzy *Buffalo Wild Wings, Jimmy Johns coming to Moscow soon*

**Corrin Bond**  
Argonaut

Moscow is a town of many appeals, one of them being its local, small-town flavor.

"Moscow's local places provide a great atmosphere," said George Skandalos, owner of Sangria Grille and Maialina Pizzeria. "Nectar, Casa Lopez ... each of our respective local businesses contributes something different and great to the community."

Yet, as the school year progresses, rumors have begun to circulate about the development of more commercialized food chains in the area.

"The rumor of Panda Express has been floating around the com-

munity for some time," said Bill Belknap, Moscow community development director.

Belknap cannot confirm the rumors of Panda Express, but he has received and approved building permits for two establishments — Buffalo Wild Wings and Jimmy John's.

"At this point, we have not received building permits for any other establishments," he said.

Belknap said the Palouse Mall has likely been engaging in preliminary discussions involving development projects that would incorporate more restaurants. Buffalo Wild Wings, however, is the only establishment the Palouse Mall Management Office is able to confirm at this time.



Belknap

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**Louise Todd**  
Mikey's Gyros owner

Buffalo Wild Wings will move into the old Firehouse building of the Palouse Mall, Belknap said. The exact date of completion is tentative, but the appropriate building plans and permits to demolish an existing building have been approved.

Jimmy John's, which will be located on the corner of Sixth and Jackson streets, is already under construction.

The process of establishing a business is extensive, whether it is locally owned or a corporate chain, Belknap said.

"Food establishments must choose a location in an approved zoning district, and this location usually depends on if the business is going to build a new building or alter an existing structure," Belknap said. "Then plans of development are sent to our office and we review them for compliance with the city's building and zoning regulations."

While a common concern among many small-town communities is that commercialized food

chains could drive out local establishments, Moscow business owners have said these food chains are not necessarily bad for the community.

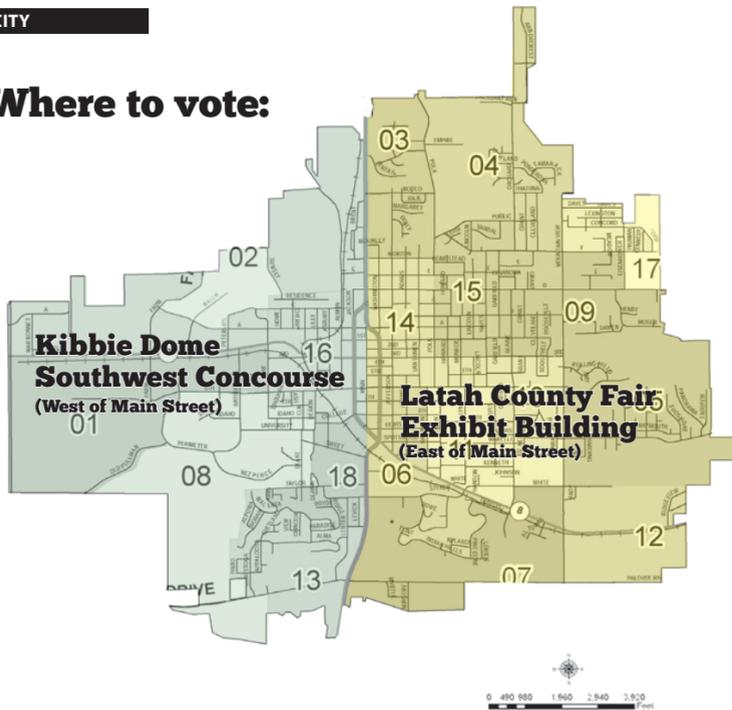
Louise Todd, owner and manager of Mikey's Gyros, said the introduction of new businesses to Moscow is ultimately beneficial for the community.

"Our philosophy is that new food establishments will not take away from us in the long run, because we have a secure enough strong hold," Todd said. "While about 10 percent of our customers are university students, most of our regulars are graduate students and professors ... people who know the area and know us well."

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### Where to vote:



## Election Day lowdown

Where to vote, how to register on Election Day in Moscow

**Karter Krasselt**  
Argonaut

Millions of Americans will head to their local voting booths Tuesday to voice their opinions and vote in the midterm elections. Latah County residents will vote on many public offices including governor, U.S. senator, U.S. representative, attorney general, secretary of state and Latah County commissioner, among others.

As absentee ballots are closed, residents of Moscow and the immediate surrounding area will have to vote at

either the Latah County Fairgrounds or the Kibbie Dome's Southwest concourse, based on location.

"Voters must be a resident of the county, and if they're already registered, they just need to bring a photo I.D.," said Susan Peterson, Latah county clerk.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and voters must be 18 years of age or older, but don't necessarily need to be registered already. According to the Latah County sample ballot, Election Day registration will be available with proper identification.

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## Accessing Elections

Voter friendly app to ease voting process, endorsed by Ysursa

**Shannon Kelly**  
Argonaut

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 "Young-Adult voting" report, American voters of ages 18 to 24 are the least likely group to show up at the polls to vote in an election. In fact, the report indicates young, college-aged voters are less likely to participate in state and local elections and midterm elec-

### More info

The application will be functional for voters on Election Day. The app is available for download on idahovotes.gov, the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

tions than they do in presidential elections that occur every four years.

Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa said Idaho is no exception.

"It's not something to write home about," Ysursa

said to an audience in Boise Wednesday. "I am disturbed, troubled and concerned about the decline in voter participation."

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ADMINISTRATION

## Hearing HR issues, suggestions

Open discussion about UI Human Resources, questions and suggestions

**Ryan Tarinelli**  
Argonaut

Members of the University of Idaho Faculty Senate had an open discussion with Greg Walters, executive director of Human Resources, about the issues, difficulties and concerns with the Human Resources department.

Most of the discussion surrounded ideas to streamline the hiring process, suggestions to reorganize staff pay grades and the staff's reaction to the new classification and compensation system that went into effect last year.

James Foster, representative from the College of Science, said HR practices are one of the main concerns among faculty

in his department — in particular, staff hiring policies and staff turnover. He said his department is understaffed in many different capacities, and hopes to see the HR process streamlined to fill those positions.

Foster said the current hiring guidelines make it almost impossible to hire an experienced and talented staff member. He said his colleagues have lost experienced staff members and have had trouble offering a competitive salary to fill positions.

"There are millions of dollars at stake if you don't get key, experienced personnel," he said. "And to get more experienced personnel, you have to pay competitive salaries."

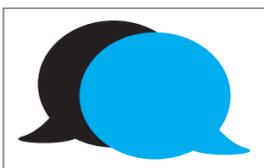
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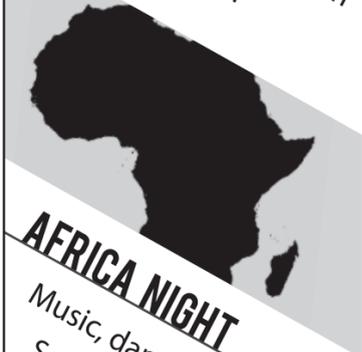
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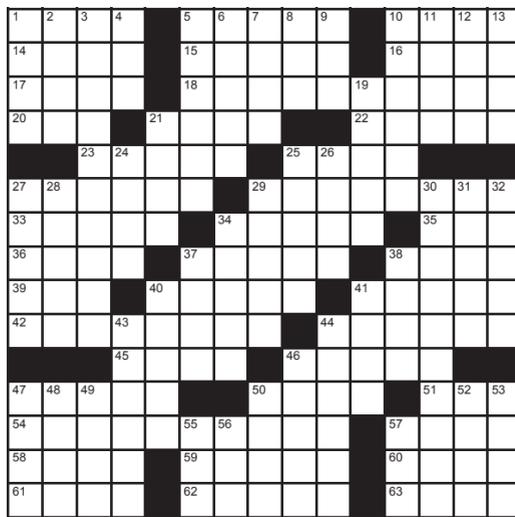
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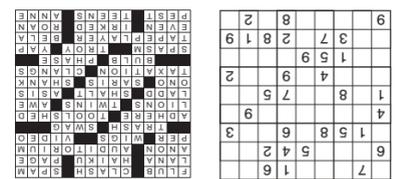
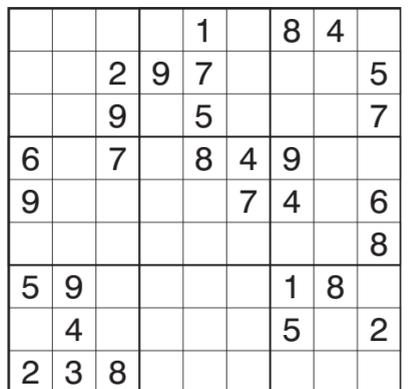
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STUDENT LIFE

# Fostering forest discussion

*Environmental groups team up to encourage public involvement*

**Daphne Jackson**  
Argonaut

Two local environmental groups, including the University of Idaho Ecology and Conservation Biology Club (ECB), will host a public lands social event to give insight on the main components of a potential revision plan for the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, in the Fiske Room of the 1912 Center.

Brett Haverstick is the education and outreach director for Friends of the Clearwater, a local organization working to protect the Clearwater Basin. Haverstick said the intention behind the upcoming event is to give the public an opportunity to learn more about what is involved in the proposed Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests revision, and encourage comments on the issue.

would be allowed within the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests over the next 10-15 years. The current stage in the revision process is the chance for individuals to voice their concerns and give input.

"This all takes a couple years," Haverstick said. "But it's incredibly important, because the forest plan revision is the guiding document that really guides the agency managers and officials of what needs to be done on certain parts of the national forest over the next 10, 15, sometimes even 20 years. So, just a fantastic and really important opportunity for the public to weigh in, and our goal is to do just that."

Tristen Beaudoin, president of ECB, said co-hosting the event is exciting because it gives people the chance to make a difference in a nearby area.

"One of our main goals, the one I've always been focused on in ECB club, is activism, and of course that includes educating the public, spreading awareness and allowing your voice to actually make a change

in some way," Beaudoin said. "This is significant to me, because this is the first time we might make a change in something that affects us."

Beaudoin said the club is involved in this event primarily in marketing and planning capacities, but looks forward to working with Friends of the Clearwater.

"With our main mission being activism, or one of our main missions being that, we were really excited when I met Brett last year, because it was apparent quickly that Friends of the Clearwater shared the same ideals," Beaudoin said. "We are really excited to partner up with them at any event, and we look forward to more in the future."

Haverstick said the public lands social will focus on five components involved in the revision plan: wilderness recommendations, wild and scenic rivers, fish and wildlife habitat, old growth forests and water quality. He said this is a narrowed-down version of what is involved in the plan, to make it easier for the public to give feedback.

Haverstick said an area could become a designated wilderness through an act of Congress, which is also required to designate a wild and scenic river. However, he said the Forest Service could recommend that certain places within a proposal should fall into this category.

"(Wilderness recommendations) are roadless wild lands that the agency themselves have studied and are now recommending for wilderness designation," Haverstick said. "Similar to designated wilderness, the forest service has an opportunity to study and designate rivers that they feel are deserving of permanent protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act."

Haverstick said the event will also focus on the strength of proposed protection for habitats, old growth forests and water quality.

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ASUI

# Student representation in Boise

*Zabala chosen for ASUI student lobbyist position*

**Cara Pantone**  
Argonaut

Recently appointed ASUI lobbyist Anne Zabala will be a fresh face in Boise next year, where she will represent the interests of University of Idaho students in the 2015 legislative session.

Zabala, a senior studying English and interdisciplinary studies in organizational science, said she is excited to get down to Boise in January.

"As a proud University of Idaho student, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to represent ASUI at the capital this upcoming legislative session," she said. excited to see what Zabala can accomplish in the upcoming legislative session.

"She had a great interview, great ideas and she did her research," Fisher said. "We were looking for a good communicator who would be able to articulate the interests of students and balance representing student interests, working with legislators and represent uni-

versity interests."

Zabala was first chosen as the ASUI lobbyist mid-October, but Fisher had to reevaluate the decision after he found out Zabala is not currently enrolled at UI.

"We worked on this for awhile," Fisher said. "There were some administrative difficulties, because if you are a student representative there is the expectation that you are a student, which I absolutely and whole-heartedly understand."

According to Fisher, Zabala was initially enrolled for the fall semester, but got a job working for the Idaho Democratic Party to be a field coordinator for the Moscow-Lewiston area. She withdrew from her classes at the beginning of the semester and currently works in Moscow and the surrounding area doing campaign work. At Wednesday's ASUI Senate meeting, Fisher said the issue was resolved.

"We plan to not put her on payroll or technically on staff until January 14th, which is the first day

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The lobbyist position requires someone who is tenacious and personable, two traits that seem like polar opposites, but really work hand in hand. Anne exhibits both of these traits, and we are proud to have her on the ASUI team.

**Tanner Beymer,**  
ASUI director of policy

of second semester, once she has paid her tuition and fees and her various ASUI activity fees," he said.

Fisher confirmed Zabala would begin work after officially enrolling for spring semester.

According to the ASUI Rules and Regulations, the lobbyist position pays \$800 every two weeks in

addition to a \$1200 living stipend.

Although it doesn't happen often, Fisher said the university agenda and the student agenda sometimes differ, and being able to distinguish the difference is an important skill for the student lobbyist. Fisher said Zabala's role is to advocate on behalf of UI students to state legislators.

Fisher said Joe Stegner, special assistant to the UI president, is the official university lobbying presence in Boise and will connect with Zabala on some issues. Though not Zabala's boss, Stegner shares his office space with the student lobbyist and works together to represent UI to the Idaho Legislature.

ASUI Director of Policy Tanner Beymer was also on the panel that selected Zabala and said he thinks she's a good fit for the position.

"The lobbyist position requires someone who is tenacious and personable, two traits that seem like polar opposites, but really

work hand in hand," Beymer said. "Anne exhibits both of these traits, and we are proud to have her on the ASUI team."

The lobbyist position will defend a list of lobbying topics to be finalized by Fisher and Beymer in the coming weeks. Beymer said potential items for the agenda include voicing further opposition to the recent allowance of firearms on Idaho college campuses and increasing funding for sexual harassment and assault prevention efforts.

Whatever is on the agenda, Zabala said her main objective is representing UI's student body.

"The students of our university, and higher education as a whole, must be a top priority here in Idaho and we need a voice in making the decisions that affect it," Zabala said. "Working with other students from around the state, I will be that advocate."

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# Police Log

## Friday Oct. 31

**7:08 p.m. 300 block Lauder Ave.**

Male caller said he was being followed. Said he would call back when he had time but did not. A report was taken.

**1:45 p.m. 300 block South Main St.**

Caller complained of aggressive panhand-

dlers. No report was filed.

**11:16 p.m. University of Idaho; Morill Hall**

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male for minor in possession of alcohol. Lt. David Lehmitz said he was not a student or staff member of the university.

**Saturday, Nov. 1**

**4:43 a.m. 1400 block West A St.**

Third-party caller reported possible

overdose of alcohol. Lehmitz said subject was vomiting and transported to Gritman Medical Center. No report was filed.

**5:53 a.m. North Highway 95**

Officer arrested male for DUI. A report was taken.

**8:58 a.m. 1500 block Levick St.**

There was a physical dispute between an ex-husband and wife. Officer arrested male for misdemeanor domestic battery.

## Sunday, Nov. 2

**1:30 a.m. 1000 block West Sixth St.**

Caller reported marijuana odor. A report was taken

**12:07 p.m. 300 block South Cleveland St.**

Officer cited a male for possession of marijuana. A report was taken.

**2:25 p.m. 400 block South Cleveland St.**

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# Practicing a profession

Second-year law student serves on Student Disciplinary Review Board

Hannah Shirley  
Argonaut

During his time at the University of Idaho, second-year law student Chris Schrette said he has witnessed a fair share of infractions to the Student Code of Conduct — yet he said he's also seen the university push many students into what he believes were unfair punishments.

"(Students in violation) would be taken to the Dean of Students Office and be told, 'You don't want a hearing, you'll be given a

stiffer punishment — just accept this suspension,'" Schrette said.

That's why Schrette said he applied for the position of student defender on the Student Disciplinary Review Board. He was appointed in September by ASUI President Nate Fisher and has subsequently sat in on fall semester disciplinary hearings.

The SDRB, according to Fisher, is a neutral entity on campus that handles and manages disciplinary violations pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct, such as academic dishonesty, alcohol-related violations and sexual violence. The board is made up of undergraduate and graduate students appointed by ASUI and faculty and staff members appointed by the Faculty Senate.

Fisher said Schrette was his first choice

due to his undergraduate experience at UI. Schrette served as director of policy in ASUI and was involved in Greek life as an Interfraternity Council president.

"In years past, the student defender has not been very acquainted with the rest of ASUI ongoing," Fisher said. "(Schrette) could be a good contributor as a law student."

Schrette said his experience in UI's law program has helped him become comfortable with the process, which resembles a typical judiciary. He said students have the opportunity to be cross-examined and make opening and closing statements. Now, he believes the process is even more equitable due to changes of disciplinary process and procedure made to the Student Code of Conduct last fall, which hadn't been revised since the 1970s.

The revisions sought to slightly redefine the role of the SDRB — most noticeably,

SDRB Chair Bob Stone said, by changing the name of the committee from the University Judiciary Council.

"The purpose of the revisions to ensure the image of the process was that it was educational — 'judicial' implies more of a legal role," Stone said.

While in the past Schrette said students have been disciplined on the basis of allegations or criminal charges that had already been dismissed by local law enforcement, he believes the changes will offer a fairer and more transparent process for students — and that, he said, is what's important.

"I enjoy representing student fairness and providing for student advocacy," Schrette said. "It's something lawyers do every day."

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Schrette

## CITY

# Growing a new generation

Reading buddies volunteer program helps children with basics, books and bonding

Daniel Durand  
Argonaut

At West Park Elementary, located between Ghormley Park and the University of Idaho, Principal William Marineau said volunteerism is key.

Volunteers donate their time to help with everything from painting walls and installing windows, to serving lunch and watching children at recess. In the classroom, volunteers act as reading buddies and help students master the basics of reading by listening and providing support.

Irene Fracz, retired French instructor and UI graduate, has been a volunteer reading buddy at West Park for 15 years. Once a week, Fracz ventures into a classroom for about an hour and listens to first-graders read.

"I love spending time with kids,"

Fracz said. "I think they're fun and they're usually pretty smart. They're full of interesting questions and they'll tell you just about anything that is on their mind."

Fracz volunteers at other schools and said she is motivated by the memory of how excited her son was when he first learned to read. Fracz said she tries to keep children motivated and focused on how exciting reading can be, especially when they are struggling. She said it is helpful to let them pick their own books so they can read the tougher parts together.

"I help them sound out words and stuff, but I do the best I can," Fracz said. "I try to make them feel that it's okay if they can't read, because I'm here to help them."

Sue Engels is another volunteer reading buddy. Also a UI graduate, she said she moved back to Moscow last year for the mixed small-town feel and cultural benefits. Engels became a reading buddy last October.

"Just giving young children any extra time reading is a good thing, because reading is so

important," Engels said. "The teacher doesn't have time to sit and listen to them read, so the volunteers are a big help."

While there are other resources available to help children who are struggling with reading, such as specialized reading instructors or practice sheets, Engels said the time spent building a child's confidence and knowing someone cares about their progress is what makes the volunteer program special.

"I have grandchildren that age, and it's fun," Engels said. "It's really interesting to see where they start at the beginning of the year and how well they learn through the year."

Engels said reading buddies can be especially helpful for students who are from other cultures and use the experience from the reading buddies in addition to extra practice.

Last year, Engels was partnered with a girl from a dry region of Spain, and had to explain the significance of the ants in the book they were reading — since there wasn't much grass where the girl

was from, she didn't understand picnics could be bothered by the insects.

Engels said because many of the reading buddies have children or grandchildren of their own, they usually have an idea of what the children need in order to learn and be engaged.

"I think one of the things that's really important about reading is to know that it's fun to read and that you can learn things," Engels said. "A lot of times, just the basic stuff you get in the classroom is OK, but I think hearing lots of stories, reading lots of stories, is what makes children want to read."

Marineau said the current volunteer program is largely based on the impact volunteers have on children through lessons he learned during his teaching career.

"I've been in education for 32 years now, and when I first started, I was teaching in inner-city schools," Marineau said. "A lot of my students didn't have a role model for multiple generations, they didn't have a grandparent."

For volunteers, a person's background, work experience or

education isn't as important as the time they spend in the classroom. What matters, Marineau said, is being there.

"Every class has a very structured time where you're presenting the information and whatnot, and then it usually breaks out to where you have some work time, some time to apply the learning," Marineau said. "That's where I wanted the volunteers."

Currently, West Park has between 20 and 35 volunteers per week and has had as many as 200 per week in years past. Marineau said the volunteers offer the children benefits from the time they spend with the volunteers and volunteers benefit from the experience of watching the students learn and grow.

"When you leave as a volunteer, you feel like you got 100 percent," Marineau said. "You had to take time out of your work week, you had to take time out of your retirement week, you had to provide time, but usually what they get back is tenfold."

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## DOLLARS FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



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Education Affairs Specialist of the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle Chihiro Ishii (left) presents a 2014 Salary Assistance Grant to the University of Idaho Chair of Modern Languages and Cultures Irina Kappler-Crookston. The \$14,715 grant was awarded to the department for an "outstanding initiative in expanding the Japanese language program."

## ACCESS

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Ysursa is working to break the declining trend by joining with the Voting Information Project (VIP), a national voter education program that seeks to make election information easily accessible to voters. A major component of the project is a free smartphone application that uses a citizen's location to determine which polling station they need to vote at. It can also send links with information about the candidates on the ballot.

VIP works with states to provide official information to voters about where to vote and what's on state ballots. The program is made possible by a part-

nership between The Pew Charitable Trusts, Google and participating states.

Ysursa has been a major proponent of the program in Idaho. He made an announcement of the state's participation in VIP on Oct. 21, and said Idaho voters would be able to utilize the smartphone app for the midterm elections Tuesday.

Jim Mairs, coordinator for the Secretary of State, said he realizes reaching out to college students and young voters for state and local elections has been a nationwide challenge for all states. He also recognizes the cohort is a technology-based group and may fare well with the availability of a smartphone app to educate them about elections.

Mairs said he hopes young voters will utilize the VIP app to become better educated about state and local government developments and participate in the democratic process of voting.

Mairs said an increased student turnout with state and local elections could shift the issues politicians prioritize.

"Improving student participation in state and local elections is a longstanding goal of election officials, not only in Idaho, but across the country," he said. "Although students are busy with school, social lives and work, their votes are important. Politicians may not speak to issues that students care about unless there are votes to be gained. When students as a group start

voting consistently, more of the issues that confront young people will be addressed by office seekers."

Jason Svedberg, a junior at UI, said he while he is a little apprehensive of electronic voting technology, he has overall positive feelings about the VIP smartphone app.

"While I like the idea of allowing better access for people to be more informed about where they can vote and who they can vote for, I have always been suspicious of electronic sources of information, because they can be changed and also be biased," Svedberg said. "However, the overall idea of this app seems to be well conceived."

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## ISSUES

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Walters said upper UI administration is aware staff compensation is a large problem and has heard people are working to address it.

"They have heard that many, many times, you can add one to the list right there," Walters said.

Walter said the staff turnover rate has stayed steady at 14 to 15.5 percent, which continues to be higher than UI's peer institutions. He said the high staff turnover rate is most likely due to low compensation levels for staff members.

The classification and compensation system rollout last year was also still on the minds of many Faculty Senate members at last week's meeting.

Alan Caplan, representative from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, said many staff members felt discouraged by the new system and its rollout by HR. He said he knows of staff members who did not feel valued by the university after the classification and compensation system took effect and began to look for jobs elsewhere.

"I think, had they felt welcomed, rewarded and respected, they might not have been looking very hard, if at all, for other positions," Caplan said.

Caplan suggested HR should spend more time conducting interviews with the employees who choose to leave UI for other positions, instead of just interviewing the supervisor.

Walters said the HR department issues an exit questionnaire and invites outgoing employees to visit HR and talk about their experience at UI. He said the department also requires supervisors to list the employee's reason for departure.

Many other faculty members at the meeting showed support for removing the level-one pay grade for staff members, which has a minimum hourly rate of \$8.34.

Faculty Senate Member Michael Murphy said he did not understand the need for a level-one pay grade when no employees are in level-one and the university has said it's committed to not hiring employees under an hourly wage of \$10.75.

Walters said there is no immediate reason to continue with the level-one pay grade. He also pointed out the minimum hourly rate for the level-two pay grade, \$9.41, still below the target hourly wage for all UI employees.

Brian Mahoney, associate director of Campus Recreation, agreed with Murphy and said it made sense to get rid of a pay grade no employees are classified under. He said the level-two pay grade should also be adjusted to not allow any employees to be paid under \$10.75, to align with the university's goal.

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## FOOD

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New businesses also stimulate community spending, which will help the local economy, Todd said.

"Even if it's not a relevant business, any new business will attract people closer to downtown and draw attention to other businesses nearby," Todd said. "I believe that newcomers will only end up strengthening the local business community as a whole."

Skandalos, who has been a local business owner in Moscow for 10 years, also believes the establishment of these food chains is a good thing.

He said his lack of concern for these new restaurants stems from his confidence that local businesses are a key part of what makes Moscow unique.

"In Moscow, we try to create unique restaurants to enhance the

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I believe that newcomers will only end up strengthening the local business community as a whole.

Louise Todd  
Mikey's Gyros owner

small-town dining experience," Skandalos said. "Corporate chains capitalize on people's need for the familiar ... it doesn't matter what state you're in, if you go to an Applebee's anywhere in the country you can expect the same interior and the same menu."

Similar to Todd, Skandalos said he likes to look at the long-term benefits of incoming businesses.

Skandalos said while corporate chains are nice when people are

looking for something familiar, local businesses create more personal and lasting connections.

"We have regulars from both Moscow and Pullman," Skandalos said. "We often see a lot of undergraduate parents who visit for Moms' or Dads' Weekend, and then continue returning to our restaurants for the remainder of their child's academic career."

Skandalos said the developments of these food chains serve as a sign of growth and expansion for the community, instead of a bad sign for local businesses.

"We've seen more food places come than go throughout the years," Skandalos said. "The restaurant industry in Moscow is growing, and it's clear that this is a positive thing."

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## ELECTION

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"If they are not registered, to register on Election Day they have to be a United States Citizen, 18, and they have to bring something with their name and their physical address. So, a utility bill, a lease agreement — if their driver's license has their Moscow address, they can bring that," Peterson said.

According to the Idaho Statesman, democrats will face a big challenge Tuesday, but some surprises may occur. The race for governor is slated to be much closer than in recent elections, and according to Public Policy Polling, 35 percent of voters

planned to vote Democrat and 39 percent planned to vote Republican.

Peterson recommended uninformed voters take a look at recent political inserts in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, the Latah Eagle, the League of Women Voters and other online sources.

She also stressed that being a student at the University of Idaho, unfortunately, does not necessarily give students residency, and therefore only a small portion of the student population will be eligible to vote at the Moscow polling locations.

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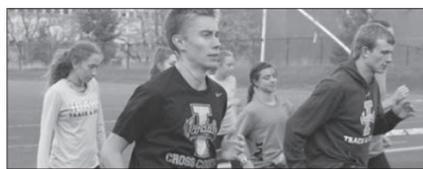
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Men's cross country finishes fourth, women's team finishes 11th at Big Sky Championships.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Hill's shooting lifts Idaho

Idaho offense impresses in first exhibition game of season

**Joshua Gamez**  
Argonaut

With six lead changes and eight tie games, Idaho and Simon Fraser gave the fans who opted to spend their Halloween night in the Memorial Gym quite the show Friday night.

Led by the sharpshooting of senior guard Connor Hill, the Vandals offense started hot and stayed hot en route to an eye-opening 139-115 victory.

The Post Falls native started the game by scoring 10 of Idaho's first 14 points. He didn't cool off either, finishing the night with a team-leading 31 points on a 10-of-15 shooting night, including 9-of-12 from three point range in just 23 minutes.

"In every game that you hit your first couple of shots you just get in a rhythm," Hill said. "But I've had games where I started out 0-for-8 from three — you just got to keep shooting."

The Vandals have one more exhibition game Friday at Memorial Gym against Lewis-Clark State before starting the regular season Nov. 14 when they host Eastern Oregon.

In total, Idaho had 12 different players see minutes, and six of those 12 ended up scoring in double figures. Idaho coach Don Verlin said he initially didn't intend for the minutes to break down how they did, but with a few players getting into foul trouble and sophomore guard Perrion Callandret going down with cramps, he had no choice.

However, the high-flying offense isn't something the Vandals have ran with Verlin, nor was it what he intended. Simon Fraser came out strong on offense and the Vandals had to adjust on the fly to their pressure, but they did so positively, he said.

For as good as the offense looked, the defense was the opposite.

"We are not quite there yet — our defense was horrendous," Hill said. "They were hitting shots and I thought we were playing hard, but our defense wasn't good enough, so that is something we are going to have to adjust to and work on every day."

The defense did tighten up. After giving up 70 points during the first 20 minutes, it held the Clan to 45 points in the second half.

The game also showcased the skills of Idaho's senior point guard Mike Scott. The Los Angeles native had a final stat line that any point guard would be proud of — 12 points and 12 assists and he was a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line. Many of those assists came off of his slashing ability in the lane that resulted in teammates being open on the perimeter.

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Senior guard Connor Hill shoots a 3-pointer during Idaho's 139-115 win against Simon Fraser Friday at Memorial Gym. Hill was 9-of-12 from three-point range and led the team with 31 points total in the win. The Vandals play Lewis-Clark State Friday at Memorial Gym.

## Vandals need to improve defense

Lack of defense raises red flag in Idaho's opening exhibition game

The final score in Idaho's opening exhibition game Friday in Memorial Gym was one more likely to be seen in an NBA game than in a college basketball game.

The Vandals' 139-115 victory over Simon Fraser offered a glimpse of what could be an exciting offense this season, but allowing 115 points to a NCAA Division II opponent raises questions.



**Stephan Wiebe**  
Argonaut

Idaho allowed 74.6 points per game last season — the third worst in the WAC. With only two starters returning from last season and a tougher conference in the Big Sky, Idaho needs to improve on the defensive side of the ball. Allowing 74.6 points per game against teams like Chicago State, Grand Canyon and Missouri-Kansas City would translate into more points against more competitive Big Sky teams like Montana, Weber State and Eastern Washington.

Outscoring opponents in shootouts every time isn't an ideal strategy either, as players will have inevitable off nights.

Simon Fraser beat Idaho in almost every defensive category, with only 22 takeaways to Idaho's 13, four blocks to Idaho's three and 14 steals to Idaho's six. If the Vandals hadn't vastly out-rebounded the Clan, they would have probably lost the game.

Still, there were positives Idaho can take away from the game. Senior guard Connor Hill is still a force behind the 3-point line. He made 9-of-12 beyond the arc to shoot 75 percent from 3-point land.

Sophomore guard Sekou Wiggs is ready for a breakout year, as he scored 23 points and freshman Chad Sherwood surprised with 22 points off the bench. Junior college transfer Nahshon George led Idaho with 13 rebounds and senior guard Mike Scott added a double-double with 12 points and 12 assists.

Exhibition games are a chance to let the younger guys play and shake off the rust. Redshirting players are allowed to play in exhibition games, so it also allows Idaho coach Don Verlin to wait to set his regular season lineup. They shouldn't be taken as seriously as regular season games.

Idaho has one more exhibition game to straighten out their defensive play before the regular season. Holding Lewis-Clark State College to half of what Simon Fraser scored on Friday would be ideal for the Vandals before heading into the season debut Nov. 14 against Eastern Oregon.

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## Athletes of the week

### Meredith Coba — volleyball



Coba

After Idaho State swept the Vandals back on Oct. 25, the team took out their frustrations on Montana State and Montana last week, as Idaho swept both matches.

Leading the way for Idaho was setter Meredith Coba. The junior from Salem, Oregon, accumulated 78 of the Vandals 83 assists from last week.

Against Montana State last Thursday, Coba finished with 41 assists, which marked her third-best three-set performance this season. Last Saturday, Coba finished with 37 assists and also netted two kills.

### Cody Helbling and Sierra Speiker — cross country



Helbling



Speiker

Both the men and women's cross country teams were in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Saturday for the Big Sky Championships. While the women's team finished 11th with a score of 220, the men's team placed fourth with a score of 143. After a second-place finish in the WAC Championships last year, senior Cody Helbling was the first Vandal across the finish line in the men's 8-kilometer race and placed 14th with a time of 24:43.3. Sierra Speiker was the first Vandal to cross the finish line on the women's side, finishing the 5-kilometer race in 13th with a time of 17:45.1.

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## FOOTBALL

# Idaho hurts itself with turnovers

Vandal football team commits eight turnovers in loss against Arkansas State

**Garrett Cabeza**  
Argonaut

Most of the time, whichever team wins the turnover battle wins the football game. In this case, Arkansas State (5-3 overall, 3-1 Sun Belt) won the turnover battle 8-1 Saturday to beat Idaho (1-7, 1-5) 44-28 in the Kibbie Dome.

"You can't keep turning the ball over and when you do that you don't give yourself a chance to win," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "It's just ridiculous."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Linehan and sophomore quarterback Chad Chalich combined for four interceptions and the Vandals lost four fumbles.

"You can't beat bad teams with that many turnovers, let alone a really good team," Petrino said. "They're a good team. What's sad is when it was 30-28, it was probably the best game we've played since I've been here in two years."

Despite the turnover gap between the Vandals and the Red Wolves, Idaho still had the opportunity to win until late in the game.

Arkansas State running back Michael Gordon took a handoff from quarterback Fredi Knighten and sprinted 23 yards to the end zone to extend the Red Wolves lead to 37-28 with 7:41 left in the fourth quarter.

Backed up deep in its own territory, Idaho senior running back Jerrel Brown fumbled and Arkansas State recovered at the 8-yard line.



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Arkansas State long snapper Ryan Eustace prepares to snap the ball in ASU's 44-28 win over Idaho Saturday in the Kibbie Dome. Eight turnovers doomed the Vandals in the loss.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Vandals setting sights high

With four returning starters, Idaho women's basketball set for season

**Joshua Gamez**  
Argonaut

A new conference offers new challenges for an Idaho's women's basketball team entering the Big Sky Conference after coming off consecutive WAC titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. The Vandals open the season 6 p.m. Tuesday for an exhibition game against Central Washington in Memorial Gym.

"It's a new beginning and a new challenge I think," senior guard Stacey Barr said. "We were in the WAC the three years that I've been here. I think it will be good to play against some new teams and new faces."

The Vandals have had experience over the last few years playing in big games at the biggest event of the year — the NCAA Tournament. Barr said the experience should help the team as it heads into a tougher conference.

In 2013, the Vandals played against eventual national champion Connecticut and last year they faced off with Louisville, a team that later advanced to the Elite 8.

The NCAA Tournament, which Idaho coach Jon Newlee has visited seven times as a coach, but only twice as a head coach, will always be the team's end goal, he said.

The move to the Big Sky, however, won't be the first time Newlee has coached in the Big Sky. He spent some time at Idaho State before coming to Idaho.

"We don't really know those teams, we have played a few of them in the past, but they are all new from the time I was in the Big Sky," Newlee said. "Some of the coaches are still the same, so I think I know the systems and how they are going to play, but talent-wise we have no idea."

The Vandals return four starters from last year's team that was able to hang with Louisville for much of their NCAA Tournament opening round loss. The experience has helped quicken the pace of practices early on, Newlee said.

"Any time you can return that many starters, you know the next year is going to go much more smoothly in the early going," he said. "We have been able to pick up the pace in practice and have put a lot more things in at this point than we ever have. It has been a great advantage so far."



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The Idaho women's basketball team huddles during practice Monday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals tipoff the season today in Memorial Gym against Central Washington. This season marks Idaho's first in the Big Sky Conference since 1996.

The lone starter that isn't returning is do-everything-player Alyssa Charlston, but Vandals are confident that they have more than enough talent to compensate.

"Alyssa definitely leaves big shoes to fill," Barr said. "We have a couple of girls who can definitely step up and take that role, but I think as a team we are all going to have to step up and fill the void together."

Barr, the reigning WAC Player of the Year, has really stood out so far in practice as expected, Newlee said.

Newlee said sophomore guard Karlee Wilson and sophomore post Brooke Riley, who are coming off of knee and back injuries respectively, have fully recovered from their injuries and have also stepped up.

Along with Barr, having two other players going into their third years in Christina Salvatore and Connie Ballestero could help as well.

"We are a team and she was a great player here, but we have great players still here," Newlee said. "Stacey (Barr) and I think Christina (Salvatore) and Connie (Ballestero) both have really stepped up as juniors now and have done nothing but win championships here. So yeah, you are going to lose one, but you are always going to lose somebody and we are more than capable of doing that."

Barr is going into the season with the lofty honor of being named the preseason Big Sky Player of the Year, but she is up to

the challenge it brings.

"I don't think it is too much pressure," Barr said. "I definitely am glad that other coaches and players around the conference respect me, but it's not a pressure thing."

Barr said the team is anxious to get out there and play against someone who isn't a teammate.

"At this time, everybody is ready to play somebody else," Newlee said. "They are tired of beating each other up I think, so it will be fun to get out there on Tuesday and see what we look like against somebody else."

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VOLLEYBALL

# Domination in Montana

Idaho volleyball beats Montana in straight sets Saturday

**Garrett Cabeza**  
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team dominated the two Montana Big Sky schools this season with the latest win coming over Montana in three sets (25-10, 25-21, 25-16) Saturday in Missoula. Idaho played Montana and Montana State each twice this season and didn't lose a set, going 12-0 against the two boarder teams.

"I thought we did a great job of staying mentally focused tonight," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "We were ready to go from the start. Offensively, we were able to mix in some things that we have been working on. I was super happy with the way we played tonight and glad to get the win in three."

The Big Sky Tournament is less than three weeks away and Idaho (13-11 overall, 9-3 Big Sky) has four matches left. The team plays Big Sky Conference opponent Southern Utah (13-11, 5-7) 6 p.m. Thursday in Cedar City, Utah, before playing its final three matches in Memorial Gym.

Idaho and North Dakota are tied atop the Big Sky North standings. The two teams will play each other Nov. 13.

Senior outside hitter Jessica Hastriter led the Vandals in kills, with 11 on Saturday night.

The ball was spread around to other players as well. Sophomore outside hitter Ali Forde contributed nine kills, hitting .444, senior middle blocker Stephanie Hagins added eight kills, hitting .400 and senior middle blocker Alyssa Schultz had

seven kills, hitting .462.

Junior setter Meredith Coba led both teams with 37 assists.

Montana (6-18, 6-6) came into the match against Idaho on a three-match winning streak.

In the first set, Montana scored the first three points, but Idaho was quick to erase the Grizzlies' lead and take a lead of its own. Once Idaho gained a 17-10 lead, it never let up, as it scored the next eight points to win 25-10.

Montana kept the game close in the second set. The Grizzlies led 21-20, but the Vandals closed the match on a 5-0 run to win 25-21.

In the third set, the Grizzlies stayed with the Vandals early, but Idaho separated itself

from Montana toward the middle and end of the set. Idaho led 10-9 and ended the set on a 15-7 run to win 25-16.

Idaho committed eight attack errors in the match while Montana had 18. The Vandals also had eight total team blocks compared to the Grizzlies' four.

"I thought we played fairly steady," Buchanan said. "We got five aces and finished with eight team blocks. Overall, I thought we just played a nice steady game. Our ball control could have been a little better at times, but I think for the most part they (Montana) had to work a lot harder than we did to earn points."

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## HILL

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The team has athletes to run the up-tempo offense if need be, but they need to play with that same tempo and intensity on defense, he said.

Along with Hill's shooting, the Vandals got a huge spark off the bench by red-shirt freshman and former walk-on Chad Sherwood. He came out firing midway through the first half, and much like Hill, he didn't cool off. Despite playing just 14 minutes, he scored 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting.

"I am so happy for Chad," Hill said. "He shot the ball extremely well and he played good on D — he is a

good player, I go against him every day in practice and he makes me better."

Having guys like Hill and Sherwood who can knock down open looks at the perimeter as well as big men who can finish at the rim gave Scott a number of ways to attack the opposition.

The improved play by the big men really showed on Friday, as the Vandals outscored the Clan in the paint 52-36 and out rebounded them 50-31. They also won the battle of second chance points 21-15.

Having a point guard like Scott and guys like sophomore point guard Sekou Wiggs and Callandret who are good at driving to the lane and

finding the open man on the perimeter makes shooting from long range that much easier, Hill said.

Despite coming off a successful junior season, Scott said he still has something to prove.

"I felt like I really can do this," Scott said. "I feel like I have some doubters on the outside, but I am ready to show them."

Along with Sherwood, freshmen Victor Sanders and Jordan Scott both performed well off the bench as well, Verlin said.

As a team, the Vandals shot an impressive 34-of-45 from the free throw line, including 13-of-16 from Wiggs, who shot a mere 65.8 percent from the charity

stripe last year coming off the bench.

"Sekou is a hard worker, he shoots a lot of free throws and he has worked his tail off to become a better free throw shooter," Verlin said.

Another change from last year was the improved game from Hill outside of the well-known long-range game. Friday night, he made a few nifty moves into the lane.

"I am trying to be an all-around player," Hill said. "I have to do that if I want to be the best that I can be... People are going to fly at me, so I have got to make them pay by going inside sometimes."

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## ATHLETES

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### Connor Hill — men's basketball



Hill

After leading the team in the Silver and Gold Scrimmage with 18 points, Connor Hill was at it again during the team's first exhibition game against Simon Fraser last Friday. The senior tallied 31 points on 10-of-15 shooting — nine of which were from beyond the arc. Hill's efforts led the Vandals to a 139-115 win against Simon Fraser.

### Mike Scott — men's basketball



Scott

After coming on strong at the end of last season, senior point guard Mike Scott finished with a double-double against Simon Fraser. In 25 minutes of action, Scott accumulated 12 points and 12 assists, while only turning the ball over four times. With last year's starting point guard Glen Dean graduating, Scott is expected to take over the duties as a leader this season.

### Elijhaa Penny — football



Penny

In the Vandals' 44-28 loss against Arkansas State Saturday, junior running back Elijhaa Penny rushed for a season-best 121 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries. The 6-foot-2, 254-pound junior college transfer leads the team with nine touchdowns on the year and is second in rushing with 368 yards. His nine rushing touchdowns puts him in a tie for fourth in the Sun Belt Conference.

## IDAHO

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After Knighten picked up four yards on a run, Gordon finished the short drive with a four-yard run of his own to put Arkansas State up 44-28 with 6:35 remaining in the game. The Vandals weren't able to put up any more points and the game ended 44-28.

Linehan completed 10-of-21 passes for 87 yards and threw three interceptions on the day. He was also sacked four times. Chalich finished 6-of-9 for 113 yards with an interception.

In regards to the quarterback substitutions, Petrino said he was "just trying to find somebody that could get it done."

As in recent weeks, the Vandals continued to pick up yards on the ground as they rushed for 243 yards in the game. Junior running back Elijhaa Penny rushed for 121 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns, while Brown nearly reached the century mark with 98 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns.

"They were running good for a while and then we didn't continue to do it and we didn't stay on the field long enough to do it," Petrino said.

For much of the game, it was a back-and-forth affair filled with turnovers.

Idaho's first drive of the game ended with an interception thrown by Linehan. Arkansas State took advantage of the turnover. After a two-

yard loss by Knighten, Gordon ran 44 yards for a touchdown to put Arkansas State up 7-0 with 10:15 left in the first quarter.

Linehan threw another interception later in the first quarter to cornerback Artez Brown. The pass was intended for receiver Josh McCain, who was sprinting down the sideline.

With 10:23 left in the second quarter, defensive back Rocky Hayes returned a Linehan fumble 93 yards for a touchdown after the Vandals had the ball second-and-goal at the 7-yard line.

Idaho responded on its next drive. Penny busted through the defense for a 27-yard run to the Arkansas State one-yard line. On the next play, Penny barreled into the end zone with 7:49 left in the second quarter to cut the Red Wolves lead to 14-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, returner Brandon Cox fumbled the ball and Idaho safety Tom Hennessey recovered at the Arkansas State 30-yard line. On the next play, Linehan fumbled the ball in the pocket while looking downfield for a receiver. The ball was recovered by defensive tackle Dexter Blackmon at the Arkansas State 34-yard line.

Later in the second quarter, Brown punched the ball into the end zone for Idaho from eight yards out to tie the game at 14 with 3:17 left in the second quarter.

Arkansas State's Luke Ferguson kicked a 28-yard field goal toward the end of the half to take a 17-14 lead

into halftime.

In the third quarter, Penny took a two-yard pitch from Chalich into the end zone to put the Vandals on top for the first time in the game 21-17.

Later, freshman wide receiver David Ungerer dropped a punt and Andrew Tryon of Arkansas State recovered at the Idaho 46-yard line with 7:00 to play in the third quarter.

Twenty-six seconds later, Gordon ran seven yards for a Red Wolves touchdown to retake the momentum and the lead 24-21.

The Vandals responded and put together a drive to take the lead again. Brown took the handoff and dashed 16 yards for the touchdown to regain the lead for the Vandals 28-24.

Later, Knighten threw a quick pass to Tres Houston for an 11-yard gain with 23 seconds left in the third quarter. Gordon scored on the next play to put the Red Wolves up 30-28 with seven seconds left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Artez Brown intercepted his second pass of the game. This time, Chalich threw it and the Red Wolves took over at the Idaho 38-yard line. From that point the game was out of reach for the Vandals.

"There was a time in this game this year where we were getting after them pretty good and we just didn't finish it," Petrino said.

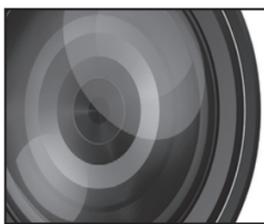
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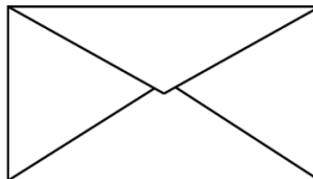
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# OPINION



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## Your vote matters

*Student voters can make difference in midterm elections*

Many people across the United States believe their votes in elections don't matter.

Students at the University of Idaho believe this common misconception as well. What students don't realize is the true impact of their votes — especially in today's midterm elections.

In the race for the governor's office, incumbent Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has a formidable opponent in Democratic nominee, A.J. Balukoff, compared to previous elections. Polls are showing the race to be close in Idaho,

with Otter only ahead by 12 percent. In the race for the new state superintendent, polls show as little as a 1 percent separation between Sherri Ybarra and Jana Jones. A few votes could be all it takes to change the outcome for the state, a decision that will severely impact the future of education in Idaho from kindergarten classrooms to university lecture halls.

Despite this, students are unlikely to vote in the upcoming election. Out of the 38,078 people that make up Latah County's total population, only 20,403 are even registered voters, according to the Idaho Office of the Secretary of State.

There is no reason why registered student voters should not

show up at the polls today. Some students who come to UI from out of state believe they are not allowed to vote because they don't count as an official resident. However, according to idahovotes.gov, the minimum length of residence to be qualified as a voter in Idaho is only 30 days.

Although pre-registration is closed, students can still register at the polls. Anyone who is able to present an Idaho driver's license or identification card, or any document containing a valid address in Idaho if presented with a photo ID can register today. Students may use a current, valid student ID card from a university in Idaho with a current student fee state-

ment that contains an address in Idaho if presented with an additional form of photo ID.

Being a midterm election, it affects everyone on a local, state and national scale. In Moscow specifically, student votes will make a large impact in the outcome of local elections. Moscow makes up a significant portion of Latah County and UI students make up about a third of Moscow's total population. So, contrary to popular belief, a vote from a student does matter in a huge way, at least locally.

Polls are open for voters all day in the Kibbie Dome as well as the Moscow Fair Grounds.

### OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

#### Brittany Maynard

I'm sorry to hear she took her own life Sunday. I want to put the best construction on this situation, but this is never OK. Murder of the self is just as bad as murdering another person. There is no dignity in suicide.

—Andrew

#### Brittany Maynard II

I would never pass judgement on a person who made a difficult decision in a situation that I have never come close to experiencing myself. Set aside religion, politics, ideologies and preconceived notions of life and death — it was her decision to make and she made it. Let it be.

—Amber

#### Vote!

Go vote right now!

—Danielle

#### Election Day

Don't forget to go vote today. The right to help choose our leaders is not something to be taken lightly.

—Daphne

#### Brain dead

There is only so much school work, journalism and traveling a person can take before they become a zombie. When a kitchen floor feels comfortable, it's time to catch up on sleep.

—Claire

#### Eating right

After eating amazing but mostly unhealthy food during a trip last week, I ate whole bag of baby carrots in one morning. Not sure whether that was a good or bad idea.

—Stephan

#### Spineless Internet trolls

I'm not a WSU fan, nor do I claim to know anything about their football team. But I do follow the news and am aware of Connor Halliday's horrific season-ending injury. The people who comment on the news posts about his injury with holiday puns and things like, "He was a jerk anyway," "Good riddance," and a number of other un-savory, insensitive remarks are quite literally the scum of humanity. Here's to hoping he makes a full recovery and the trolls can eat their words.

—Kaitlyn

#### Pity

The parking lot for my apartment building is being torn up and I pity the poor person who forgot to move their car from the lot before the madness started.

—Katelyn

#### Day maker

The best compliments are the random ones. Last week, a classmate of mine told me her roommate thinks I have good fashion sense. Totally made my day.

—Erin

#### Time management

It will be key this week. It's tough to come back to the real world after a week in Philadelphia for a college media conference.

—Korbin

#### CNR is disappearing

Construction is continually spreading across the University of Idaho campus. I am waiting for the day that the CNR building is completely enclosed by fences.

—Aleya

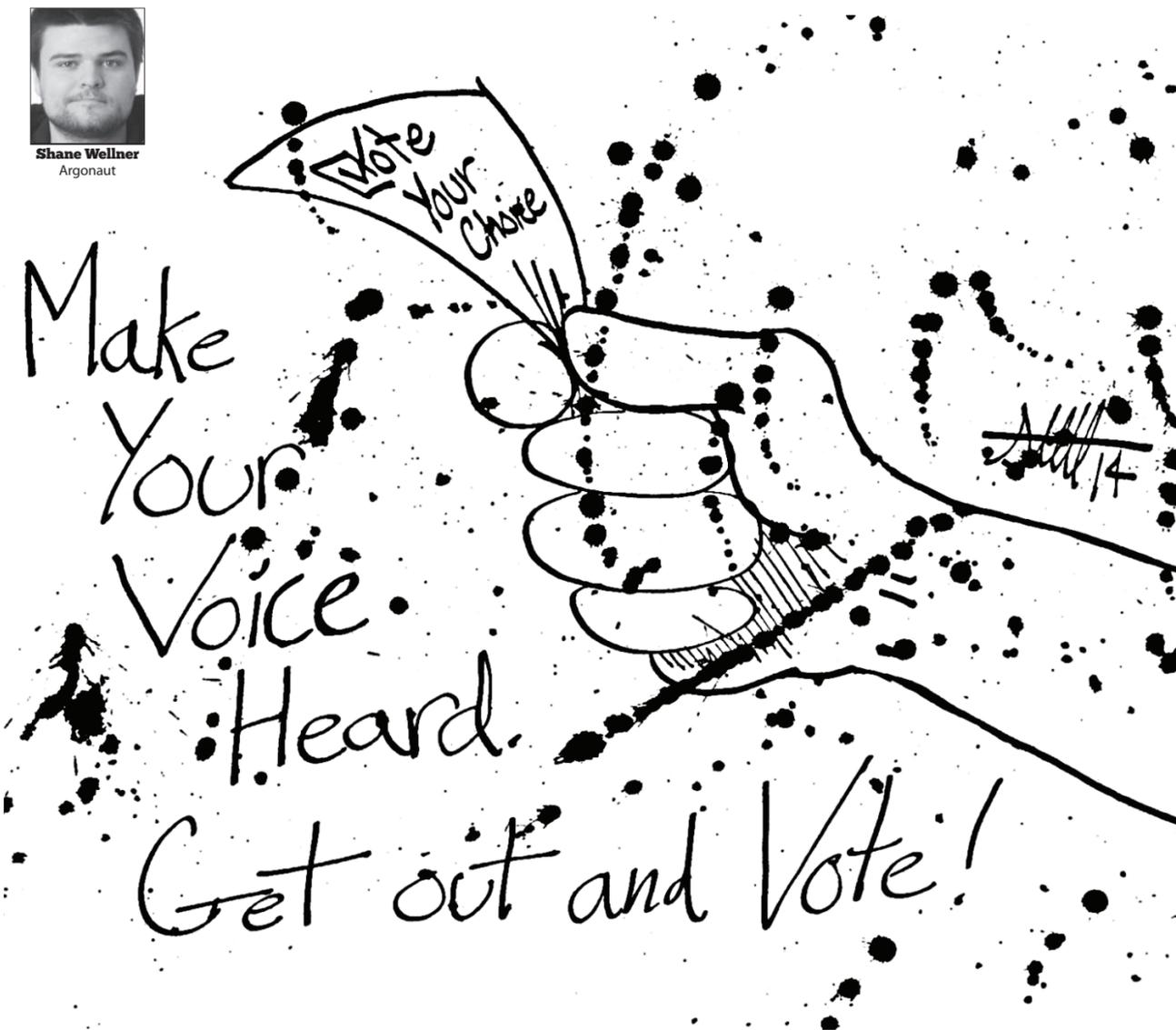
#### A high price

News organizations will have to shell out \$60,000 per reporter on Obama's upcoming Asian trip — a one-third increase compared to past trips. It was not a good week for presidential access.

—Ryan



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## The poison of feminism

*Feminism is a destructive force in American society*

Blogger Matt Walsh, contributor to The Blaze, put it best: "feminism is poison." It has done nothing less than destroy the heart of our nation — but that didn't stop University of Idaho President Chuck Staben from proclaiming his undying support for it.

Recently, Staben wore a shirt with the phrase "This is what a feminist looks like" printed on it when he spoke to Women's Studies students. He said he's been a feminist for a long time. He said his definition of feminism means valuing and respecting women as individuals. He added, "Women have a right not to be assaulted, to earn the same salaries as men (and) to resume a place of equality in society."

This all sounds nice on the surface. However, as shocking as this declaration is, what does it say about anything? Other than that

Staben is good at winning political points, it says nothing. This is the same ridiculous nonsense our generation has been spoon-fed since birth.

One doesn't have to be a feminist to believe women should be respected and shouldn't be assaulted or treated unfairly. Does one have to be a masculinist to believe men shouldn't be assaulted or treated badly? Of course not, because such a person believes in equality under the law.

Despite Staben's sentiments, feminism isn't about equality or justice. Feminism is about hatred of womanhood. That which makes women unique and beautiful, feminism tears down as vile and degenerate.

Generally, feminists champion causes like sexual freedom and reproductive rights, which have been the detriment of women and the family unit. In their fear of true womanhood, feminists have desecrated that which is good.

For example, the ability to conceive life — a truly remarkable gift — is turned into a burden and curse on a woman's career or life choices by feminism. A child turns into an inconvenience or a pest that must be avoided in the name of equality and fairness. Those aligned with feminism proclaim no one can tell a woman what to do in these situations — especially if she doesn't desire the hindrance within her belly.

This hatred of womanhood stems from marriage and our society's great misunderstanding of it. Since the time of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, women's suffragists and feminists in America have done everything in their power to dissolve marriage — the sacred institution in which true womanhood is fully realized. People like Stanton saw marriage as it is often seen now — a means for men to enslave women and hold ultimate power over them.

During her speech entitled "Marriage and Divorce," Stanton commented on marriage and stated, "When husbands and wives do not own each other



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# Workplace equality

*Gender equality in workplace not fully achieved*

Fortunately, some age-old prejudices have been largely overcome. Engineering, for example, was accepted as a profession exclusively for men.

After years of change and progression, some gender-based prejudices were overcome. Women are welcomed into the engineering field without any objection based on gender roles, and many industries work to diversify occupations dominated by men.

However, the battle for gender equality is not over and progress still needs to be made. Greater progress can be made with protests and lobbying.

Laws are enforced in response to protests and lobbying for equal rights. It was persistent protests by crowds of women that resulted in the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, for example.

But justice can only be as far-reaching as a piece of paper can allow. In individual minds, prejudices continue to exist, and they come with consequences.

Prejudices based on gender bring forth favoritism in the workplace. When the term "childcare" is mentioned, people automatically think of a female babysitter — instead of a male caregiver — caring for children the way a mother would her own.

From my own experience working at an assisted living home for the mentally disabled, tasks such as cooking and laundry are often assigned to female workers — regardless of the ratio of male to female workers.

This does not mean men are incapable of cooking delicious meals or too incompetent to operate a laundry machine. Men are expected, due to gender roles, to keep their hands off emasculating chores and focus on physically demanding work to demonstrate their strength. On the other hand, women are expected to keep away from physically demanding work since they are believed to be "fragile."

Keeping half of the workforce locked into archaic notions of gender. A study published by the National Academy of Sciences showed men are more likely to be hired for a math position than women. Not giving women the opportunity to contribute runs the risk of ignoring some of the great things they can accomplish. The world would have never known the power of radioactivity if not for the hard work by Marie Curie.

The power of women is also underestimated at the ballot box. When it comes to elections, voters tend to cast their ballots in favor of male politicians. In the U.S., only 18.5 percent of the seats in Congress are held by women. While other countries worldwide, such as South Korea and Switzerland, have elected women to the highest political offices. As a result of this and other economic factors, the U.S. ranks 20th out of 142 other countries when it comes to gender equality, according to a 2014 report by the World Economic Forum.

Gender equality should be encouraged and enforced everywhere, including in the workplace. This is not to put male workers out of jobs, but to ensure competition is fair and every person is guaranteed a chance to advance toward success regardless of gender. If a woman wants to make a difference in the world through hard work, she should not be discouraged from following her dream.

Hundreds of years ago, girls stayed home to learn the skills of sewing and cooking, while boys went to school to learn how to read and write. As of 2014, the roles of men and women are converging. Great strides have been made in the area of gender equality, but that does not mean the struggle for true equality is over — especially in the modern workplace.

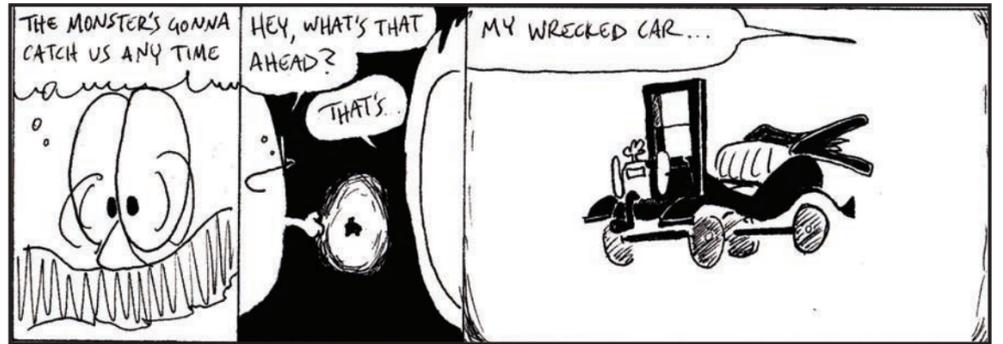
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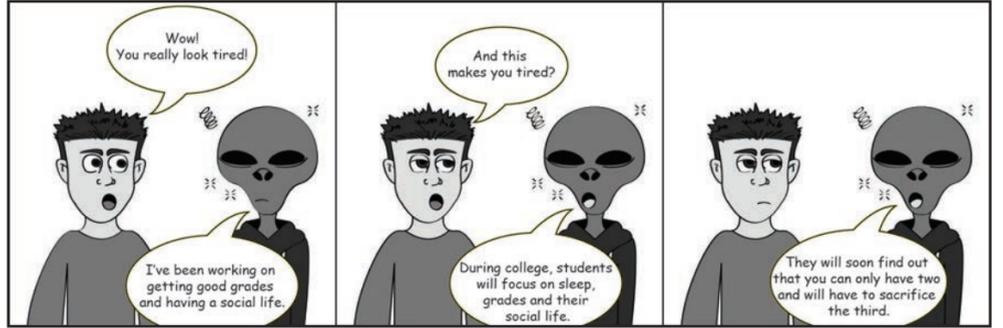
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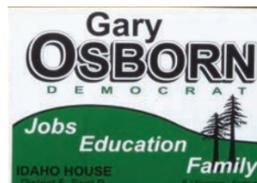
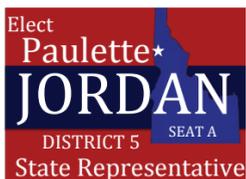
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