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Nathan Romans | Argonaut

A photo of troops holding a University of Idaho flag in Afghanistan hangs on the wall of the Veterans Assistance Office in the Idaho Commons.

Tobacco task force stories were misleading

The Argonaut regrets errors made in Oct. 28 stories, editorial

In the Oct. 28 edition of The Argonaut, a series of front-page stories about a potential tobacco-free policy contained misleading and misinformed reporting.

A misunderstanding in the reporting process led to a false pretense for the series, which then misinformed The Argonaut's editorial board for an editorial in the same edition.



Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

Regrettably, the error in reporting resulted in incomplete, unbalanced stories that painted the actions of the Tobacco Task Force in a way that was not consistent with their actual pursuit of a tobacco-free campus. The series indicated the Tobacco Task Force was intentionally acting outside its authority. In reality, the task force has done nothing outside its power, and instead has only moved forward with planning for the potential approval of a tobacco ban.

After meeting with the task force, speaking with the reporters and considering the issue, it became clear we did not do our job appropriately as reporters and editors.

Everything we do at The Argonaut is subject to a journalistic process of reporting and editing, and it's clear our process was, in some way, broken during the production of these pieces.

The reporting misinformed the opinion of our editorial board, inaccurately portrayed the actions of the task force and provided erroneous information to our readers.

This is not a problem we like to have or a letter any editor wants to write, and it is with great regret we are doing so now.

Though this is in no way an endorsement of a tobacco ban — which may or may not be in the best interest of the University of Idaho — elements of our reporting on the task force's process were unfair and poorly done.

We cannot make this situation right, but we are taking every step we can to do so, starting with this letter, and continuing on page 9 of today's edition with a guest column from the task force outlining the process they've engaged in since beginning their research in 2012.

We have reviewed our process, and will do everything in our power to ensure this does not happen again.

The Argonaut will continue to report on the progress of the task force with every angle and source in mind. It is important that we continue to ask questions, consider all perspectives and — most importantly — report fairly and accurately on the issue.

The Argonaut regrets the error, and is dedicated to a future of fair, balanced and accurate reporting.

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Editor-in-Chief
The Argonaut

Just for the veterans

UI Veterans Assistance Office benefits veterans

Katrina Hicks
Argonaut

Along with educating more than 300 veterans, the University of Idaho boasts an entire office dedicated to helping veterans succeed in the classroom, and at home.

The UI Veterans Assistance Office, an arm of the Dean of Students Office, looks after the university's veterans. While many student veterans are undergraduates, Assistant Veterans Adviser Scott Oplinger said there is also a great diversity among UI's veterans, including the 50 graduate students, 60 engineering students and 10 law students who have served in the military and are pursuing degrees.

Veterans Adviser Dan Button said veterans sometimes face challenges converting back to a civilian

lifestyle and his office is there to offer extra support for those individuals.

"We dutifully and painstakingly work very hard," Button said.

Button said veterans often experience a complete shift in lifestyle when they enroll back in school after serving in the military. He said veterans often come from the "most responsible, accountable, structured environment" that they'll ever experience in their lives, and adjusting to the reality of a loosely structured college life is a struggle for many. Button said it's his job to help veterans with the transition.

In addition to changes in the environment, there are physical disabilities that may come from years of service as well as mental struggles, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, that are among the many challenges Button and Oplinger help veterans fight each day.

Rated in the top 50 schools in the nation for veteran education four years in a row, UI has numerous opportunities and programs available to veterans, including the Vet-

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Dan Button, veterans adviser

erans Club and the Operation Education scholarship fund. Oplinger said another program, the Yellow Ribbon Program, is designed to help out-of-state tuition and fees become inapplicable to veterans. Due to a common lack of residency or blurred lines as to where a veteran's residency lies, Button said the Yellow Ribbon Program is a service offered to those who have served in the U.S. military.

The Veterans Assistance Office is responsible for helping veterans apply for federal benefits available to them. They also help students

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By the numbers

309

Total veterans

240

Male veterans

69

Female veterans

50

Serving in the Guard Reserve while in school

88

Married veterans

Vandals for veterans

UI scholarship fund gives veterans an open door to higher education

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

While there are scholarship programs for each niche group at the University of Idaho, one scholarship program, Operation Education, strives to be more than just a lump sum of funds.

"We call it the Operation Education family," said Dan Button, UI veterans adviser and Operation Education Scholarship committee chair. "Our program is holistic, because it not only focuses on the scholars, but also those who help support them and everyone working hard to help them succeed."

Operation Education is a

scholarship program for post-9/11 veterans with disabilities obtained in the line of duty, said Jim Zuba, Operation Education director of development.

Zuba said while the program provides financial assistance, it also includes academic support for scholars, special equipment tailored to the scholar's disability, counseling and post-college career preparation.

"A unique aspect of this program is that the scholarships are customized to meet the needs of each individual recipient," Button said. "It addresses academic, home and social needs they might encounter throughout the school year."

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Back to the quiet life

Student veteran finds his place after combat

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Jeffrey Horgan has a taste for adventure — he said that's what drew him to the U.S. Army in the first place.

"I get to travel all over the U.S. for work, meet some interesting people," Horgan said. "(Joining the Army) was a personal goal and I would have kicked myself if I didn't do it — and of course serving my country was a big one."

Horgan, a first-year geography student at the University of Idaho, recently finished a tour in Afghanistan as an explosive ordnance disposal technician. When an improvised explosive device, bomb, rocket or mortar

was found, it was his team's job to take care of it, he said.

"I just picked it out of a list of jobs," he said. "It sounded interesting to me."

Horgan said training to become an EOD specialist was rigorous with a high turnover rate, but once completed, he had a very specialized set of skills. After that, his work was done mostly in a three-man team. He said one team leader would focus on the explosive while the other two manned the truck and the machine gun.

In Horgan's experience, the job was mostly slow, interjected with brief periods of excitement

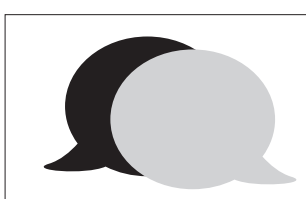
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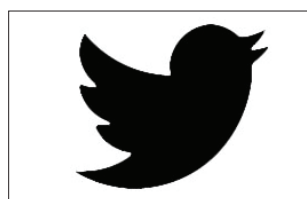
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CRUMBS

The perfect cup of tea

Jordan Hollingshead
Crumbs

It's that time of year when everyone is getting sick, and nothing feels better on a sore throat than this cup of tea. This is a great recipe to temporarily get rid of the pain, and it's extremely cheap and easy to make.

Ingredients:

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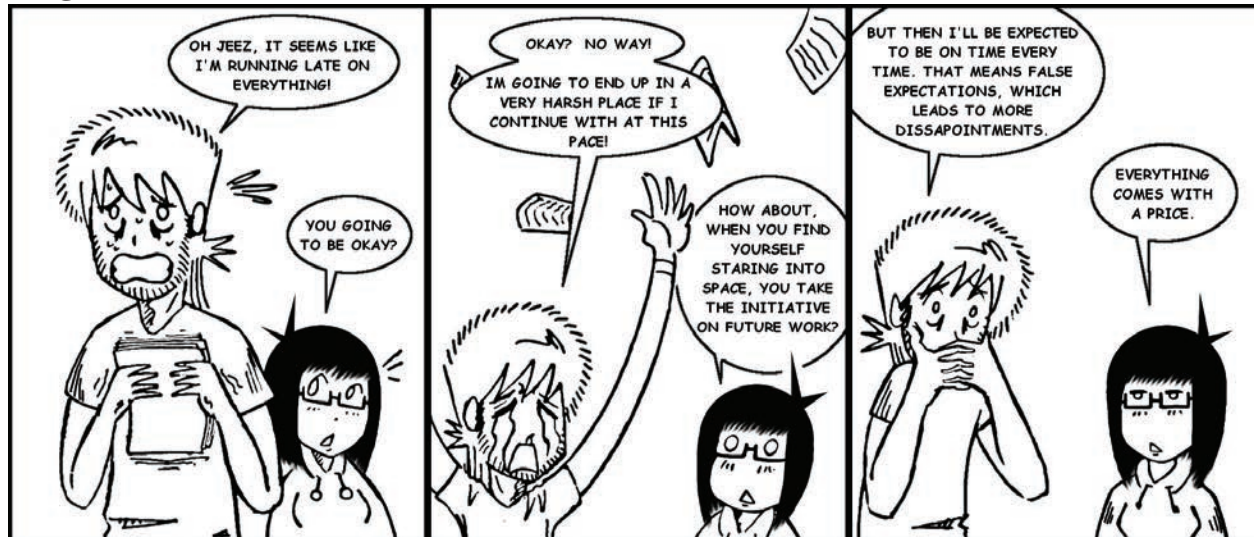
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3. Put 3 peppermints or 1 candy cane in each cup.
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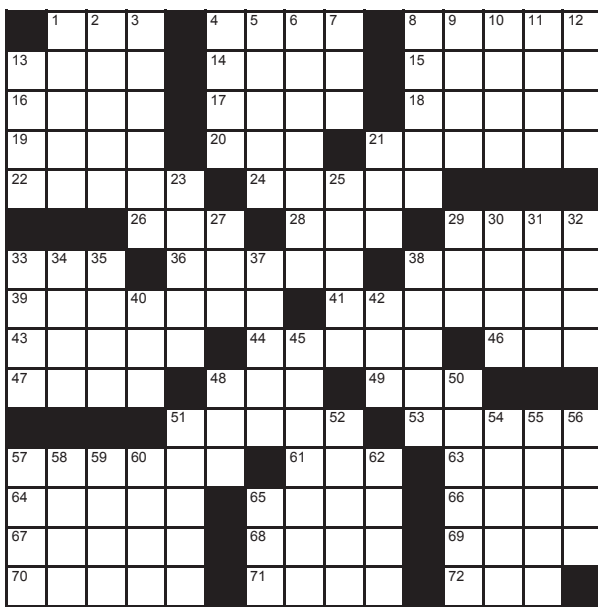
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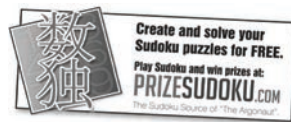
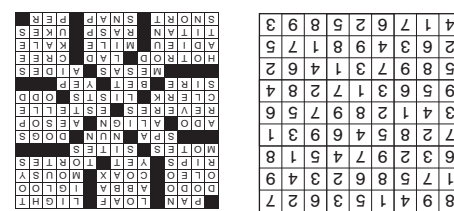
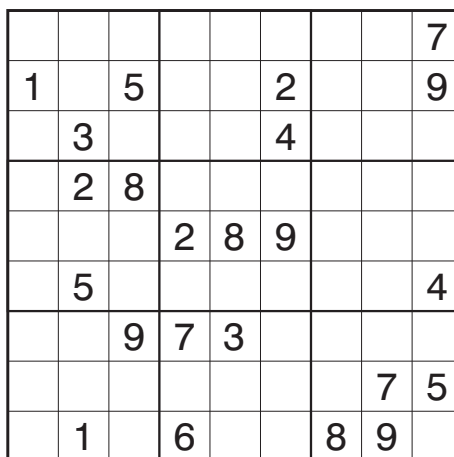
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SUSTAINABILITY

Planting on the Palouse prairie

UI Sustainability Center partners with Palouse Conservation District to replant native vegetation

Alyssa Baugh
Argonaut

A short walk around Moscow is all the proof students need to know the Palouse prairie is in serious danger of extinction, said Kyle Cooper, volunteer coordinator for the University of Idaho Sustainability Center.

Covered with farms and monoculture, he said the Palouse has historically been valued and abused for dry-land agriculture because of its productivity and high nutrient content.

Cooper said the program "Get Rooted" is all about reversing the trend of depleting soil and decreasing diversity of the Palouse. According to Cooper, the Palouse prairie is one of the most endangered ecosystems, with less than 1 percent remaining.

"When we're talking about planting native vegetation, we're trying to instill resiliency in that ecosystem so that it can persist on its own, rather than having to be overly managed," he said.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, 12 volunteers with the UI Sustainability Center took part in the fourth and final Get Rooted event of the semester. They joined four employees of the Palouse Conservation District — including

two WSU interns — one AmeriCorps volunteer and the natural resources coordinator for the Palouse Conservation District, Drew Schuldt, to enact change for the Palouse Prairie.

The initial goal of the event was to restore Paradise Creek, but recent weather conditions pushed the groups further into Washington, where a landowner was building a wetland on his property. The students and Palouse Conservation District employees spent their time replanting species at three spots along the creek where bulldozers had disturbed the prairie.

"It's important to replant what was destroyed," said Jesus Iniguez, volunteer from Kappa Sigma. "We need trees, especially up here."

The Palouse Conservation District provided immature shrubs and saplings, which were between one and two years old, from Plants of the Wild, a native vegetation nursery based in Washington. The plants were chosen based on the native plants in the area including ponderosa pines, lodgepole pines, chokecherry, woods' rose, snowberry and alder.

Cooper said based on the plant species, it could take anywhere from a few years to a few decades for a plant to reach maturity in its new ecosystem. However, the plants become useful to the environment long before maturity. In this case, the roots, which start spreading almost immediately,



Alyssa Baugh | Argonaut

UI student Jesus Iniguez, along with 11 other UI students, worked with UI's Sustainability Center and the Palouse Conservation District Saturday to replant native vegetation on the Palouse prairie. The property owner is building a wetland to improve local water quality, so the plants are needed to stabilize the ecology.

are vital for stabilizing the stream bank and wetland, he said.

"I think what the landowner is doing here is a really important project," said Schuldt, who started working with UI's Get Rooted program three years ago. "He's stabilizing stream banks and adding habitats. Getting a wetland established is just a really good water quality project. The Palouse isn't plentiful with wetlands, being as dry as it is."

Ryan Bird, an intern with the Palouse Conservation District, said the wetlands and plants do more

than increase water quality. When the trees mature, they also provide habitats for organisms and strengthen the diversity of the landscape.

Cody Satterthwait, volunteer and member of Kappa Sigma, said Get Rooted is a camaraderie activity that benefits the community and is ecologically important. According to Satterthwait, his fraternity family had fun while making a positive change.

"It's about getting people involved and getting them to learn about something that they didn't know about and maybe see some

places that they don't get to see on a regular basis," Schuldt said.

Though this event didn't reach record numbers, with the biggest Get Rooted boasting 82 volunteers, Cooper said the work that was completed was quite the undertaking.

"The event went really well. We only had 12 people, and we planted over 200 plants, and we normally don't see those numbers," Cooper said. "This was really an exceptional event."

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RESIDENCE HALLS

IACURH in Wonderland

UI hosts Idaho regional residence hall conference

Mary Malone
Argonaut

Delegates from 31 universities had a look into Disney's Wonderland over the weekend as the University of Idaho hosted the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (IACURH) annual conference.

IACURH is a branch of NACURH, the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

"Basically, the idea of NACURH, and by extension IACURH, is to build residence hall leaders and to advocate for residence hall involvement and living," said Jake Smith, IACURH Public Relations chair.

The 325 delegates who attended the conference traveled from eight states in the region including Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico and Arizona, and also included individuals from Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territory of Canada. Smith said there are usually delegates from South Africa as well, but they were unable to attend this year.

IACURH Co-Conference Chair Michelle Aoi said the purpose of the conference is to help resident assistants share their experiences in programming pertaining to things like diversity, sustainability and student involvement with other colleges and universi-

ties in the region.

"It's a conference to help promote leadership and to better our residence halls throughout our region and throughout the United States," Aoi said.

Aoi said the UI committee went through a grueling bidding process for the honor of hosting the conference. She said UI is one of the smaller schools in the conference, and this is the first time since 2006 that UI has hosted IACURH.

The bidding process began over a year ago — the committee wrote a 70-page document outlining its theme and plan for programming sessions, entertainment and philanthropy opportunities, and presented the plan at last year's conference.

The theme the UI committee chose for this year's IACURH conference was "Through the Looking Glass," from Alice in Wonderland. The goal, according to Smith, was to incorporate inclusivity and diversity into the conference and to create better student leaders through exposure to different perspectives.

"Our theme brings in Alice in Wonderland in that she fell down the rabbit hole and was exposed to this diverse world and was sort of intimidated and sort of nervous and anxious about it," Smith said. "But after she became exposed to it, she was able to more

comfortably exist there."

Seventy program sessions held Saturday and Sunday were spread across eight categories and corresponded with the theme of the conference.

The categories included "Following the path of the leader," aimed at building more competent leaders, according to Smith. The next category, "Supporting Wonderland's flowers," concerned environmentalism and how students and RAs could incorporate the issues into their programs. "Alternating worlds" was a category Smith said was meant to pinpoint the theme of diversity and inclusivity.

Delegates who did not attend most of the program sessions instead attended "Boardroom," where they went to vote on legislation and decide on things that would better their region and the national organization.

Evening entertainment opportunities included a TabiKat drag show put on by the local TabiKat Productions in Moscow, viewings of Alice in Wonderland, hypnotist Chris Pemberton and IACURH Feud, which Smith said was like Family Feud but with questions relating to IACURH, NACURH and resident living. Saturday, the conference held the traditional "Swap Shop," where all of the attending schools traded swag items.

Three philanthropic opportunities were

held during the conference, the main event being the American Red Cross' Holiday Mail for Heroes, where delegates wrote thank you cards to be delivered to U.S. veterans in December. Delegates also brought textbooks for contribution to Books For Africa and also participated in Random Acts of Kindness, doing little things to help out another person.

"It's basically just showing that we are all human beings, that we are all interacting together, that we can be kind to one another," Smith said.

The opening ceremonies took place Friday evening with a keynote speech by Butch Fealy, director of Intramural Sports at UI, who had been an RA and is still involved with helping assistants become better leaders.

"He (Fealy) is very open to assisting in helping get residents involved in programming," Aoi said. "He helps with the resident assistants and the area assistants every August when they come back for training to help build teamwork and to promote leadership skills."

The busy weekend closed out Sunday night with the "Unbirthday Dance," from 9:30 p.m. to midnight with karaoke and a video contest.

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Africa Night's packed house

Africa Night 2014 brings food, dance, traditions to UI

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

Beat-heavy, stomp-inducing attendees, shouting loud and smiling in the middle of a whirlwind of patterned fabric and rhythmic movement characterized the outcro of the University of Idaho's Africa Night Saturday in the SUB International Ballroom.

Dancing feet shuffled inches from the stage's edge, but shoulders rolled unbothered as the energy of the event gathered guests together and pushed the maximum capacity limit of the performance space.

Sophomore Ricky Ruiz, after breaking free from the dancing, provided one explanation for the masses attracted to the active energy on stage.

"The music, it just gets into you," Ruiz said.

Junior Carlie Beasley danced in the crowd and said she felt similarly motivated.

"There is something about African music that gets into your body and just makes you want to let loose and dance," Beasley said. "It was a breath of fresh of

air to experience an event that felt really alive."

Africa Night 2014 was hosted by the Idaho African Students Association and featured many performers who are members of the organization. The event was titled 'Jabulani Africa,' 'jabulani' being a Zulu word meaning rejoice.

The event began at 5 p.m. and attendees experienced a mini-African marketplace — selling jewelry, accessories and other wares. Next to the market place were a gallery of educational posters, where curious minds could learn about the Mombasa Carnival in Ghana, the achievements of Olympic athlete Blessing Okagbare, how Ethiopia fared under Regent Haile Selassie in the early 1900s and other remembrances of African history.

After members of the ASA welcomed the audience in a variety of different African languages, attendees were swept into the event by a flag ceremony introducing African countries by their respective banners.

Following the flag introduction, guests rejoiced in cultural presentations, including songs rooted in Nigerian culture, dances based out of Ethiopia and

other areas of East Africa and spoken word poetry by members of the ASA.

Local band Simba and the Exceptional Africans performed while crowds formed lines snaking around the ballroom to be served African cuisine. On the menu was goat light soup, Ampesi (boiled potatoes and plantains), Suya (goat meat with sautéed vegetables), spinach and egusi stew and a variety of other meal items patrons could wash down with sobolo (hibiscus tea).

In celebration of November birthdays in the audience, daring Africa Night attendees also ate a habanero-spiced hard-boiled egg as per a certain African tradition, President of the ASA Yvonne Nyavor said.

Junior Amaya Amigo said the many different things to rejoice over regarding the annual Africa Night event inspired her to take a trip to Africa last summer.

"Everyone should come to Africa Night, it's an amazing event," Amigo said. "Not only is it educational, but it's a lot of fun ... Maybe it will inspire you to go to Africa."

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The Eskista dance group perform a dance originating from Ethiopia during Africa Night 2014 in the SUB International Ballroom Saturday. The dance is known as Eskita.

DIVERSITY

Slamming the F-word in poetry

Annual F-Word Poetry Slam draws large audience

Kelsey Stevenson
Argonaut

The first reading of the night centered on body image issues. Titled, "Shame Game," by performer Hannah Chessin, the poem described how society's ideal standards of the perfect body affect the individual.

"I had no option but to hate my body," Chessin said at the beginning of the poem.

However, she concluded on a more positive note.

"Right now, because I exist perfectly, I am pretty," she said.

University of Idaho students, faculty and community members piled into the Borah Theater Thursday to attend the annual F-Word Live Poetry Slam. The theater was packed and many audience members sat on the ground or stood during the performance.

The UI Women's Center has put on F-Word Live since 2012, but saw its biggest turnout last week.

Assistant Director of Programs at the Women's Center Bekah MillerMacPhee emceed the event. She said the poetry slam is an important event that gathers members of the community together.

"This event is meant to give students, staff, faculty, community members and

anyone who wants to submit a piece a chance to express their own feminism and what it means to them," she said. "The only requirements that we have for submissions are that they somehow relate to feminism. We don't really have a definition for what that means. It doesn't have to be specifically how they feel about feminism. It could be a piece about a personal experience or traumatic experiences that they've grown from."

Participants performed pieces addressing a wide range of topics, from personal experiences, to their opinions on feminism — one performance even covered how men feel pressured to fit society's standards of masculinity. Six men and 10 women performed, and the audience was filled with an even mix of men and women as well.

One poem was a duet between Renee Hill and Greg Pierce. Both were new to spoken word, and their piece addressed issues of masculinity and abuse.

"Angry, violent men have shaped me," Hill said in the beginning of the poem.

Pierce responded from a male's perspective that was vastly different.

"I am a man, but I am not an angry, violent man," he said.

Other poems included "Dear Barbie," by Justine Peterson, "F is for Fear," by Zachary Lien and "I'll Make a Man Out of You," by Caleb Renshaw, among others.

During a 15-minute intermission, audience members were encouraged to walk about and view the visual art pieces on display as part of F-Word Live. This year was the first time in several years where visual art was a featured part of the event, MillerMacPhee said.

F-Word Live was well received by the audience as well — students Katie Harvey and Jacob Waggoner both had to sit on the floor for the event, but still said it was enjoyable.

"I'm loving it," Harvey said during the intermission. "It's very powerful."

The audience was full of energy and support, even when a performer lost momentum and forgot the lines of a poem. In one instance, the audience snapped, clapped and offered reassurance to a distraught performer until they were able to regain momentum and finish the poem.

Throughout the slam, the audience offered support — snaps, claps or giving a "Mhmm," each time the audience liked what they heard.

Many performers said they would like to do the slam again next year, including

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This event is meant to give students, staff, faculty, community members and anyone who wants to submit a chance to express their own feminism.

Bekah MillerMacPhee,
assistant director of Women's
Center programs

Lorelei Salt, a first time performer who performed "Undesirable Cats." Peterson, who performed "Dear Barbie," said she also enjoyed the experience.

"I'm proud of myself for getting up on stage," Peterson said. "It's a wonderful experience, just a little nerve-racking with all those people. It's my first time performing."

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Police log

Thursday, Nov. 6

8:54 p.m. 1001 Paradise Creek St.; Theophilus Tower
Caller reported odor of marijuana in the residence hall.
No report was filed.

11:09 p.m. Troy Road; South Main Street
Officer arrested male for DUI. A report was filed.

Friday, Nov. 7

4:09 p.m. 800 block West A Street
Officer arrested female for DUI. A report was filed.

9:46 p.m. South Logan Street; Hunter Street
Officer arrested male for driving with a suspended license. A report was filed.

Saturday, Nov. 8

5:45 p.m. 1000 block West Sixth St.; Wallace Complex
Caller reported odor of marijuana. No report was filed.

5:50 p.m. 600 block West Palouse River Drive
Officer arrested female for threats. A report was filed.

Sunday, Nov. 9

2:08 a.m. 200 block North Line Street
Officer arrested male for battery during a domestic dispute. A report was filed.

3:16 p.m. 100 block North Asbury Street
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Assistant Veterans Adviser Scott Oplinger, right, talks with senior landscape architecture student Jeff Gose in the Veterans Assistance Office in the Idaho Commons Friday.

VETERANS

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keep on track with the restrictions applied to their course work and remind them to pay attention to their Degree Audit. Oplinger said, on average, veterans could receive up to 36 months of benefits — equivalent to nine semesters.

Button said UI's veteran program stands out from other schools because the Veterans Assistance Office is its own entity — rather than combined with another office

as many other universities have. This allows for a private place for veterans to go, and provides them with specific people to support them, Button said.

Button said he thinks highly of the most recent post-9/11 GI Bill for veterans, which allows veterans to pass their benefits on to their spouses or children. He said UI has 100 students who are dependents of veteran students.

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VANDALS

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As a retired Marine lieutenant colonel, Button said he knows the difficulties that come with adjusting to life post-service.

"The help that we provide can be as simple as giving advice on which car repair service is best or coordinating class schedules to accommodate medical visits," Button said. "We try to help veterans tackle life challenges and to reduce the additional stress that comes with relocating to a new place."

Zuba said an additional aspect of Operation Education that makes it stand out from other programs in the nation is that it provides funds for the spouses of eligible veterans.

"Benefits can also be provided to the spouse so that the family can complete their higher education and improve their overall quality of life," Zuba said. "It is definitely rare for a state institution to have this type of program for veterans as well as for their families."

Button said while both veterans and their spouses may receive scholarships at the same time, in some cases a veteran may be severely injured enough to the point where they are unable to attend school.

"In those situations, the spouses receive the scholarships so that they can be provided with an education and get employment to support their family," Button said.

The funds for Operation Education are privately raised and the scholarship receives no state or federal funds.

"It's all out of the graciousness of our donors and support to the program," Zuba said. "At the last football game, the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity raised \$5,000 in support of Operation Education ... it's a cause that so many different people contribute to."

Since its inception in 2006, the program has raised more

than \$1 million, Zuba said.

Button said all of the donor support has made an impact, as there is now a history of high graduation rates within the program.

"We have had 22 scholars to date," Button said. "Sixteen of those have earned their degree, while the remaining six are currently enrolled at the university and are working towards completing their studies."

While many different groups support the program, its success is a result of the scholars in which it serves, Button said.

"We're extremely proud of the success of our scholars," Button said. "They do all of the hard work and the rest of us work in supporting roles ... it is an honor and a privilege for all of us who have a hand in helping these scholars do such great things."

Button said although it's a challenge to accurately anticipate the needs that may appear at any given time for the program scholars, UI staff and other supporting project members work hard to ensure the needs are met.

"It's really everybody that's working to help," Button said. "Sometimes faculty members don't even know that the scholars are veterans, and yet the UI staff has always worked closely with our scholars to accommodate their needs and help them overcome obstacles."

Button said through the success of the program, he hopes to inspire other universities to establish a scholarship fund for veterans similar to Operation Education.

"The need for education among veterans is going to continue into the indefinite future," Button said. "While I can't account for other universities, we are certainly intent on continuing the program, because we want to continue helping veterans and their families to achieve a better life."

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One degree, two options

Changes in curriculum in MNR to attract more students, fire ecology

Ryan Tarinelli
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The University of Idaho Faculty Senate approved to split up the Master of Natural Resources program into two degree options — an Integrated Natural Resources option and a Fire Ecology and Management option.

Ronald Robberecht, director of the MNR program, said offering the Fire Ecology and Management option would make UI an appealing choice to students looking for a specialized fire degree.

"It's quite a built up market already there," he said, speaking at the UI Faculty Senate meeting last week. "We get inquiries from people with fire interested areas where we can't really give them specialties."

Robberecht said the curriculum for the Fire Ecology and Management option would focus on wildfire science and management, whereas the Integrated Natural Resources degree option would follow the traditional curriculum laid out in the current MNR master's degree.

Like the traditional MNR degree, Robberecht said he expects the Fire Ecology and Management option to attract working professionals hoping to update their academic credentials.

Over the past decade, Robberecht said state agencies have pushed employees to upgrade their education credentials, which has partially driven the success of the current MNR program and other master's programs.

"That's actually driving a lot of professional programs across the country," he said.

Robberecht said about two-thirds of the students in the current MNR program are employed at state land management agencies, and most are between 35 and 50 years old.

Since many of the potential students are working professionals, Robberecht said both degree options would be fully available online. He said many MNR students cannot attend class on UI campus due to work and family responsibilities, but are still driven and self-motivated individuals.

"We have to really adjust our way of business for them," Robberecht said.

Students would also have the opportunity to take classes on UI campus or a hybrid between on-campus classes and online courses, Robberecht said.

Although the online classes allow more accessibility to students, Robberecht said UI has to compete with other western universities offering similar programs through online platforms. He said Oregon State University, Utah State University and Montana State University are just a few of the other universities vying for graduate students in similar programs.

Despite the competition, Robberecht said the traditional MNR degree has been a success at UI, with 70 students currently enrolled in the program. He said he hopes the new Fire Ecology and Management

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Ronald Robberecht, director of the MNR program

option sees a similar turnout.

Both degree options would be a course based, non-thesis degree program that would require 28 course credits and include a research project.

As for the cost of the programs, Robberecht said the new degree options are cost effective since most of the students pay their own way through the degree and don't use the campus infrastructure.

He said the fire ecology degree option could also have the potential to break into the international market, attracting students from South America and Africa.

The university's curriculum committee and graduate council approved the curriculum change, followed by the Faculty Senate. The curriculum change will now go to the Idaho State Board of Education for approval, Robberecht said.

If approved, the program would begin fall 2015.

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QUIET

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as well as long hours spent cooped up in a truck with the two other men. Luckily, though, he said they were able to get along, for the most part.

"Occasionally I'd get frustrated with Jeff, or Jeff would get frustrated with me," Horgan said. "But you're stuck in a truck with two other people for hours. You're stressed, you're hungry, you're 10,000 miles from home and you have to keep it in perspective — you're not necessarily angry at Jeff, you're just stressed or tired. For the most part, our team worked pretty smoothly."

Jeff was a member of Horgan's team. Horgan said they grew close because they were the same age and shared the same name. Jeff was a New Yorker with a penchant for cigars. He was well-read, well-traveled and good for conversation — something Horgan said was valuable in such close quarters.

His team leader, Drew, was older — Horgan said he thought he was in his mid-30s — and had a family back home. Horgan said Drew served two previous tours in Iraq, and he and Jeff often picked his brain about the experience.

"He was very quiet," Horgan said. "He said a lot of funny stuff with a straight face, and kept us in line and laughing at whatever

we were doing. He was always very relaxed — even if I was panicking, I'd see that he was relaxed and I'd think, well, it must not be that bad."

According to Horgan, Drew was the one who taught him to keep a sense of humor in the face of adversity — which he said is important to do overseas in wartime.

"If you get too high strung, you start to lose your focus, which is not a good thing to do," Horgan said. "If something bad happened, we'd make a joke about it to alleviate the stress of the situation."

He said since coming back to Moscow, he's learned to become a little less intense in daily interactions.

"You always have to be polite, and afford people common courtesy," Horgan said. "But here, you have to be a little bit nicer with your tone. In the military, you have to be a little more forceful and very forward, like, 'I need this kind of information, and I need it now,' and there's no time to mess around because people's lives are on the line. Here, sometimes people mistake my sternness for being angry."

Today, Jeff is stationed in Germany and Drew is at home with his family. Horgan said he still contacts them once in a while to see how the two are doing, but now that they're not in the military together, he finds there's not much to say.

"I enjoy being a civilian," Horgan said. "I can grow a beard, and not

get a haircut and I have a little more freedom to wear what I want to wear and go where I want to go. There are things I like and dislike about both, but at this point of my life, while I'm glad I did it, I enjoy being out of the Army."

Horgan said he has found a pleasant change of pace in studying geography.

"I like maps," Horgan said. "The skills are somewhat similar. Maybe not the tangible skills — obviously I'm not getting rid of bombs — but I think EOD is big on problem solving and autonomy and is very pragmatic in its approach."

He said he sees Geographic Information Systems, the system used to manage geographical data, being used everywhere, from government agencies, to non-governmental organizations to private corporations. He said he likes the broad range of options he'll have after he graduates and at this point, he's trying to keep his options open.

Going forward, Horgan said he's not sure whether he wants security more than adventure.

"I like traveling," Horgan said. "I like going to new places and experiencing new things. I also like to sit at home, read books, drink coffee ... I like a bit of both. I like to be adventurous and I also like quiet activities, like fishing or camping."

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SPORTS



Idaho volleyball gets fourth straight win Saturday

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last tune up game

LCSC gave Idaho all it could handle in last exhibition game

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Mike Scott wanted a new look for his senior season. So, when the senior point guard from Los Angeles went home during the summer, he decided a haircut was the best solution.

"I actually regret it," said Scott, who sported an afro last season. "I thought since it's my senior year I could go out with a new look and just be a new person and have a better year than last year. But at the end of the day, I just want my hair back."

While he might not like it, Scott and his new haircut looked impressive in the Vandals' final exhibition game against Lewis-Clark State Friday night.

Scott filled up the stat sheet with 11 points, seven rebounds, four assists, three steals and one block in Idaho's 75-57 win over the Lewis-Clark State Warriors.

The game was Idaho's last exhibition game before it enters regular season play against Eastern Oregon 7 p.m. Friday in Memorial Gym.

Idaho coach Don Verlin said Scott had a great fall camp and he expects big things this season from of his senior leader.

"Mike is our leader," Verlin said. "He's got to be a guy that brings it every night ... He's playing good basketball right now, but I expect him to play good."

The win didn't come easy, as LCSC led for most of the first half. In the final seconds of the first half, senior shooting guard Connor Hill hit a 3-pointer that gave Idaho its first lead since two minutes into the game.

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Freshman guard Victor Sanders attempts a layup during Friday's game against the Warriors at Memorial Gym. Idaho beat Lewis-Clark State 75-57 in its last exhibition game of the preseason.

Guards go off

Idaho shows strong perimeter game in second exhibition win

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Four Vandal players scored in double figures Friday in Idaho's exhibition basketball win over Lewis-Clark State College, and all four were guards. Senior Connor Hill and sophomore Sekou Wiggs led the way with 13 points apiece, while sophomore Perrion Callandret had 12 and senior Mike Scott had 11.

Hill, well-known for his 3-point shooting, scored his points while playing less than half the game. He was only on the court for a total of 18 minutes.

At point guard, Idaho had a rotation going. Scott is the leader and starter, but Wiggs and Callandret also took time between shooting guard and point guard duties. Idaho coach Don Verlin said he is still trying to settle on a rotation at guard early in the season.

"I don't know if I'm close yet," he said of the rotation. "We got too many new guys and too many young guys to say I'm solid on rotation. As we start moving into these next three or four games we'll figure it out."

Verlin said although the guard play was impressive, he wants to see more passing to the forwards in the post.

"We're always going to play three guards," he said. "We got to do a better job at getting the ball inside. I thought we missed our post guys on a number of occasions. When they're down there we need to get the ball to them."

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FOOTBALL



Ilya Pinchuk | Idaho Athletic Department

Idaho running back Jerrel Brown gets tackled by two Aztecs in the first half of the Vandals 35-21 loss Saturday at San Diego State. Idaho returns to the Kibbie Dome to play Troy Saturday for Senior Day.

Chalich starts for Vandals

Idaho once again competitive, failed to win in San Diego

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

For Idaho, the first half of Saturday's game was the Chad Chalich show. The sophomore quarterback ran all over San Diego State's defense en route to 80 yards rushing for the half.

His performance had the Vandals tied with SDSU at half-

time, 14-14 — but football is a game of adjustments, and Aztec coach Rocky Long did just that in the second half.

Chalich, who started for the first time since midway through the 2013 season when he went down with an injury, didn't gain another yard on the ground, and Idaho only found the end zone one more time. San Diego State scored three more touchdowns, and ultimately won 35-21.

"He played really well and ran really well," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said of Chalich. "I don't

think he could run as well in the second half because he hurt his groin ... If he wouldn't have done that, he probably would've ran more that way in the second half ... Hopefully he'll be OK."

Chalich started in place of regular starter freshman Matt Linehan, who has struggled since he went down with a concussion against New Mexico State Oct. 18. Linehan played sparingly against San Diego State, going 6-of-11 for 41 yards.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Swim and dive back in action

After tough loss, Idaho gets pair of conference wins

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Competing for the second time at the University of Idaho Swim and Dive Center this season, the Idaho swim and dive team put out an impressive showing in two meets Friday and Saturday, taking two wins and one loss.

The back-to-back meets were the Vandals' first home meets since Oct. 11, and only the fourth and fifth meets of the season. They are scheduled like that for a reason, too.

"In a championship meet, you will have a performance that is unexpectedly not as good as we want," Idaho coach Mark Sowa said. "What we do with that is going to determine how we finish."

No one is going to swim a perfect meet and what we try to do is learn from that and move on."

Friday, the Vandals competed against Northern Arizona who is historically one of the best teams in the WAC. NAU beat Idaho 185-115. Saturday, the Vandals beat Seattle U 218-76 and Cal State-Bakersfield 174-126.

"We just got beat by a really good team," Sowa said of the NAU loss. "There were a lot of points that we left out there that we could have gotten, but sometimes things just don't go your way. It is a bitter pill to swallow, but the performances were good, but they could be great and that to me is exciting."

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Sophomore Sophie Britzmann, top, and sophomore Kelly Giffey launch off platforms into the water to swim the 200-yard freestyle during Idaho's meet with Northern Arizona Friday at the University of Idaho Swim Center. Idaho lost 185-115 to the Lumberjacks.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Vandals wrap up fall season

Led by Bykova, Vandals finish season on high note

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

The women's tennis fall season came to a close for Idaho last weekend at the Gonzaga Hitting Dual in Spokane. After three days of matches, the Vandals have winter off to prepare for the spring season.

Unlike the other fall tournaments for Idaho, the Gonzaga Hitting Dual operated differently, pitting schools against each other in singles and doubles each day, instead of using a more random bracket.

"Overall, it was a great weekend," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "We got to see where we stand in the Big Sky. We had nice wins against Montana, who won the regular season last year. I am pleased with how we competed, but would like to see some more steady play from our doubles."

On day one, Idaho started the event against the Montana State Bobcats in doubles. The Vandals sent three doubles pairs with seniors Emmie Marx and Beatriz Flores, freshman Lucia Badillos and junior Rita Bermudez and sophomore Galina Bykova and senior Sophie Vickers. All three Vandal teams were victorious over MSU.

Later in the day, Idaho went up against Portland State with the same doubles teams, except Marx teamed up with sophomore Claire Yang. The new pair didn't fair quite as well, as they were the only Vandal pair to lose to the Vikings. Despite the one loss, Idaho still finished day one with a 5-1 record for doubles.

The Vandals found themselves against familiar competition in Seattle U to finish off the day, this time competing against the Redhawks in singles. Six Vandals competed, and Bykova, Vickers, Badillos and Flores all finished with victories.

Day two pitted Idaho

against host Gonzaga in doubles, and the Bulldogs took care of business, dispersing Marx and Badillos, Vickers and Bykova and Flores and Bermudez to defeat the Vandals 3-0.

In singles for day two, Bykova picked up another win over Precious Gbadamosi of Montana, while Marx, Vickers and Bermudez also won their games against Montana competition. Badillos and Flores were saddled with the losses to wrap up day two for Idaho.

Finally, day three rolled around and this time the doubles pairs took on Eastern Washington. Bykova and Yang took the first match against Erin Blessing and Dani Young, while Vickers and Bermudez and Flores and Badillos finished off the 3-0 sweep of the Eagles.

To wrap up the event, Idaho faced off with Gonzaga in singles again, splitting 2-2 as Bykova and Marx took home the wins. Flores squared off against Ana Carbo of Montana, battling back from a first set loss to take the win.

For Idaho, fall couldn't have ended on a much better note than it did. Bykova continued her on-court success after the ITA Regionals, winning three of her four doubles matches and sweeping all three of her singles matches. Vickers also had a solid weekend, going 3-1 in her doubles matches and 2-0 in her singles matches.

The Vandals return next spring for more tennis action, including their return to the Big Sky Conference.

"The girls have really bought in since day one of fall and it's great to see how much they have improved and grown so far," Cobra said. "We definitely have a lot of areas that we need to keep improving on, but it is great to finish the fall season where we are."

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VOLLEYBALL

Resilient again

Idaho beats EWU in four sets, ends regular season this week

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team trailed for the second consecutive conference match, but emerged victorious in both matches.

Idaho was losing 2-1 on the road against Southern Utah Thursday, but overcame the deficit and won 3-2. Saturday, the Vandals dropped the first set against Eastern Washington before storming back to win 3-1 in front of a home crowd at Memorial Gym.

"We started out a little slow," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. "One of the things that we told our girls is they're going to fight a lot harder. They're going to be a lot better than the first time around when we played them. They definitely were."

The win was Idaho's fourth in a row and its eighth win out of its last nine matches.

"I thought we did a great job of getting better each game," Buchanan said. "I thought we got a little more momentum each game."

The Vandals (15-11 overall, 11-3 Big Sky) wrap up regular season play this week starting with North Dakota (23-8, 11-3) 7 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Gym. Idaho concludes the season against Northern Colorado (17-9, 10-4) 7 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym. The Big Sky Tournament is Nov. 20-22.

"It's always fun to really compete," said senior Alyssa Schultz, a middle blocker. "Those are the games that really get your heart pumping."

North Dakota and Idaho are tied for first in the Big Sky North Division, while Northern Colorado is one game behind the two schools.

Buchanan said keeping the errors low will be the key to success this week against North Dakota and Northern Colorado.

"It's all going to be about us and our errors," Buchanan said. "If we're making a lot of errors, those are going to be tough ones. If we can reduce our errors, then we have a chance with any team - Idaho State, North Dakota, Northern Colorado."

Saturday, junior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson led both teams with 13 kills and a career-high 21 digs. She



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Senior outside hitter Jessica Hastriter scores a point through two Eastern Washington players during Idaho's 3-1 win Saturday at the Gym. Hastriter finished the match with 12 kills and Idaho won its fourth straight match.

said she takes pride in her digs.

"I love defense more than anything else and just being able to fly around," Peterson said. "We were all in sync, just going for everything was just a fun atmosphere."

Three other Vandals had double-digit kills including sophomore outside hitter Ali Forde and senior outside hitter Jessica Hastriter, who had 12 kills each. Schultz added 10 kills for the Vandals from her middle blocker position.

"It makes it fun when we can all be

on a certain night," Schultz said.

As in most matches, errors played a key factor in the outcome.

Eastern Washington had 28 attack errors while Idaho committed 17. The Eagles also made nine service errors while the Vandals limited their service errors to four.

Idaho also prevented some EWU kills, as the Vandals made 11 total team blocks. EWU had five total team blocks on the game.

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IDAHO

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The Vandals took a 32-29 lead into halftime and never trailed for the rest of the night.

"I think we're young, and we looked like it there for about 15 minutes in the first half," Verlin said. "I thought we kind of settled in a little bit in the second half and played with a lot more intensity. Overall, I'd give it about a C if I was giving it a letter grade."

LCSC started its regular season in the middle of October, and has yet to lose a game. The Warriors were 4-0 before playing the Vandals, with 36 points as their lowest margin of victory.

"It was great, I really appreciate Idaho letting us

come up here and play them," LCSC coach Brandon Rinta said. "It's good for our student body. They jump in the bus and come up and it's a close game against really good competition."

The pace of the game was completely different from Idaho's first exhibition game against Simon Fraser — a game in which the Vandals scored 139 points.

Sophomore guard Perrion Callandret turned the ball over six times in Idaho's first exhibition game. He said the coaches sat him down and told him he needs to take better care of the ball if he wants to play the point guard position.

"I felt a lot better than last week," Callandret said. "I came off a rocky season

last year, so it was nice just getting back into the groove ... I just felt more comfortable out there today."

Verlin said Idaho's style of play is different than what Callandret played at Bothell High School in Washington. He said Callandret worked hard in the offseason and he expects him to have a great year.

"I thought Perrion Callandret played a really nice game tonight," Verlin said. "His floor game, I thought he was under control. I thought he got us in the places we needed to get to, as far as running our offense ... He's a year older, a year more mature."

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Callandret said having so many athletic guards on the team opens up the perimeter shooting. The Vandals started slow against the Warriors, but ended the day shooting 34.8 percent from the 3-point line and 40.6 percent from the field.

"It opens it up a lot, because if one of us isn't going to shoot it, the next person, extra pass, they can shoot it," Callandret said. "We got drive and kicks. We got the best shooter ever, so that always helps." Both Callandret and Wiggs were more of driving guards than shooting guards last season, as Wiggs scored 9.9 points per game and Callandret added 2.5 points per game. They both worked on improving their perimeter shooting during the offseason.

"The biggest thing I worked on is my 3-point shot," Callandret said. "I shot a really bad percentage last year, and coming into this year that's a big goal for

me is to shoot way better from there and just my enthusiasm and my attitude on the court so I can play."

Wiggs also improved his free throw shooting in the offseason. He came into the 2014 season with a different release on his shot and it appears to be working, as he made all six of his free throw attempts Friday. He shot only 65.8 percent from the line last year.

With Scott, the team captain, and Hill set as leaders and Callandret and Wiggs rising the ranks, Idaho guard play seems to be a strength of the team heading into the regular season.

"The point guard has to be a leader anyway," Scott said. "As being voted as the leader, it's even more pressure, because now all the guys are looking at me. Everybody is following my lead, everybody is going off on how I go. So I have to pick my own self up, before I can pick them up."

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CHALICH

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The Aztecs improved to 5-4, while the Vandals dropped to 1-8. Both teams play in the state of Idaho Saturday as Idaho returns to Moscow for Senior Day against Troy, and SDSU travels to Boise to take on Boise State.

Idaho had its shot to tie the game early in the fourth quarter. Down by seven, on the SDSU seven-yard line, senior running back Jerrel Brown fumbled the ball and gave possession back to the Aztecs, who then closed out the win.

"Until we quit hurting ourselves in key situations, we're not going to get over the hump," Petrino said. "To come in here, at their place and play them that

competitive, again it shows how far we've come, but it's time to go to the next level and quit hurting ourselves and not beat ourselves and find a way to win."

Petrino said the offense played great in the first half, while the defense didn't, but in the second half, it was the other way around. He said the offense struggled to get anything going, while the defense played well enough to keep the game competitive.

San Diego State, known for its smash mouth approach on offense, took to the air in the second half. Aztec quarterback Quinn Kaehler connected with wide receiver Eric Judge four times in the second half for 107 yards and one touchdown.

"They look like they had a lot

of time, and any time you have that much time, it's hard to cover people that long," Petrino said of the SDSU passing game.

The Aztec's rushing attack was also effective. Sophomore running back Donnel Pumphrey rushed for 146 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries. SDSU is now 8-1 when Pumphrey eclipses the century mark.

The Vandals have been contenders in the majority of their games this season, and have had their fair share of chances to win.

"We had a chance to win our last five games, but we didn't," Petrino said. "We better get ourselves to do it and win these last two."

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SWIM

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Among those performances were the performances of freshman distance swimmer Christine Renzini and junior butterfly swimmer Jamie Sterbis, Sowa said.

The Vandals will be back in the pool Nov. 21 when the diving team travels to the Wildcat Invite in Tuscon, Arizona, while the rest of the team will participate in the Frank Elm Invite at Rutgers in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Friday, Sterbis and two Northern Arizona swimmers were separated by a mere 0.2 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly, which was encouraging because it is not normally her event of expertise, Sowa said.

"The young lady that beat Jamie in the 200 butterfly was

eight at German nationals in the 100 fly," Sowa said. "That is a very experienced, very good swimmer right there and so is Jamie. There is a reason why Jamie made our national championship meet last year. Sometimes you just get beat."

The effort was good Friday, and it was great Saturday, Sowa said.

"I am pretty impressed with Christine Renzini doing the 1,000 and the 500 again today, and winning them both and competing in the 200 backstroke for the first time this year," Sowa said. "That is a pretty tough kid and we are impressed with her."

After two extremely close losses in both Friday races, Sterbis came out Saturday and impressed with two wins as well, Sowa said.

The Idaho relay teams were also impressive both days, coming away with victories Friday and Sat-

urday. The relay teams are going to be one of the strengths of the team come the WAC Championship meet this spring, Sowa said.

After Friday's loss, Sowa said he and the coaching staff used the loss as motivation to get the Vandals to come out and perform better Saturday.

"It is tough to lose when you perform really well," Sowa said. "As a coaching staff, we really challenged them yesterday. 'What are you going to do about it? You have another opportunity tomorrow against two really good conference opponents, pull yourself up by your boot straps and go out and race again.' They performed really well today. I am very proud of them."

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Athletes of the week**Quayshawne Buckley – football**

Buckley

The Vandals lost Saturday at San Diego State, but defensive lineman Quayshawne Buckley had one of his best games of the season. The senior from Ontario, California, recorded three tackles for loss and two sacks in the game. He had seven total tackles. The tackles for loss bring his season total to 13 and his sacks bumped his total to four. He ranks second in the Sun Belt in tackles for loss, behind Christian Ringo from Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Vandals return to the Kibbie Dome this weekend for Senior Day against Troy.

Alyssa Schultz – volleyball

Schultz

Alyssa Schultz had a solid weekend in the middle for Idaho, as the Vandals beat Southern Utah and Eastern Washington. The senior from Issaquah, Washington, had 12 blocks and only one error against Thursday Southern Utah. She also added a match-high eight blocks on defense. Saturday Against Eastern Washington, Schultz reached double figures in kills again, with 10 on 28 attempts. Schultz and the Vandals round out their

schedule with two home matches this week.

Mike Scott – men's basketball

Scott

Usually, the shortest player on the court doesn't lead the team in rebounds, but that was the case in Idaho's second exhibition game. Senior point guard Mike Scott, who stands at 6-foot, grabbed a game-high seven rebounds in the Vandals' 75-57 win over Lewis-Clark State last Friday in Memorial Gym. He also reached double digits in points with 11 and added team-highs in assists with four and steals with three. Scott shot 50 percent from the field during the win. The Vandals open the regular season Friday against Eastern Oregon 7 p.m. in Memorial Gym.

Ali Forde – women's basketball

Forde

What's even more impressive than junior Ali Forde's seven rebounds and 12 points in Idaho exhibition win over Central Washington last Tuesday is the fact that she is also plays with the Idaho volleyball team. The two-sport athlete rounded out her performance in Idaho's first women's basketball game with four assists, two blocks and four steals. She shot 54.5 percent from the field. The Vandals are on the road this week

with a Friday game at Cal State-Northridge.

Christine Renzini – swim and dive

Idaho competed in two swim and dive meets over the weekend, losing to Northern Arizona Friday and beating Seattle U and Cal-State Bakersfield Saturday. Leading the way for the Vandals over the weekend was freshman Christine Renzini. Her time of 10:24.76 in the 1000-yard freestyle was three-tenths of a second off the school record en route to a second place finish. Renzini returned to the pool Saturday to win the event in a time of 10:27.24.

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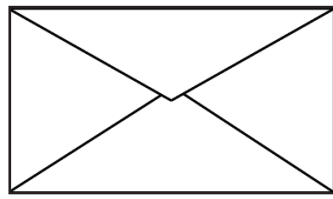
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OUR VIEW

Remembering veterans

Students should show gratitude to veterans

At 11:11 a.m. today, a solemn ceremony will take place on the front steps of Memorial Gym. The Moscow community gathers at those steps as part of a yearly University of Idaho tradition to commemorate Veterans Day, by placing wreaths to honor veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Unlike many other federal holidays, Veterans Day does not bring with it a day off from school or a rapid frenzy of consumerism that is a typical hallmark of the holiday season. Instead, Veterans Day is a holiday focused on men and

women who made great sacrifices in order to serve our country.

It is important students don't let today slip by unnoticed. UI is home to many student and faculty veterans, as well as current military members. Many also come from military families and understand the sacrifices made by those in the armed forces.

According to the Veterans Assistance Office, there are currently 309 veterans enrolled at UI. Since Veterans Day is dedicated to honoring those who chose to give so much of their lives in service to the country, it is critical students seize the opportunity presented today to demonstrate their gratitude.

There are many ways to

honor veterans. Participating in the wreath laying ceremony is an opportunity to take part in a UI tradition while simultaneously demonstrating gratitude for those who have served. If you see or meet a veteran today, take the opportunity to thank them for their service. A thank you — or even a simple nod of appreciation — may seem small, but to the men and women who dedicated their lives to protecting us all, every bit of gratitude is important.

After Veterans Day has passed, the need to support and recognize veterans does not disappear. There are numerous charities and programs dedicated to assisting

men and women after they leave the military that can benefit from student support. One program assisting veterans at UI is Operation Education — a scholarship program providing financial support, academic support and counseling for post-9/11 veterans who were injured in the line of duty.

Do not miss the opportunity today to honor and appreciate our veterans. These are the men and women who made many sacrifices to join and serve in the military and protect the freedoms granted to U.S. citizens. So it is more than necessary for their service to be met with gratitude every day.

—AE

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Thank you

Thanks to all the veterans who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedom. You are appreciated.

—Katelyn

10 days to go

The gobbling of frightened turkeys are getting louder by the hour. Gobble, gobble, gobble.

—Erin

Voiceless

I spent a weekend voiceless. Wanna know how hard it is to instruct someone how to cook without a voice? It should be a challenge on a game show or something.

—Claire

Another "lost Gospel"

And guess what? It says Jesus was married and had two children. Haven't heard that one before.

—Andrew

Detox

Coming soon, my new detox bath recipe. Get back to working hard in no time.

—Danielle

#Journoprobs

My friends with business majors are starting to get job offers with starting salaries of 50k, full benefits and vacation time. Meanwhile, I'm over here like, "Damn, I hope newspapers still exist in eight months."

—Kaitlyn

Class sign up

It's that time again. Here's to hoping your class isn't full by the time you get around to adding it to your schedule for next semester.

—Stephan

Battle for class

While I appreciate the university allowing DSS students to sign up for classes before everyone else, the stress of planning next semester may kill me. I have a class that Degree Audit says I need for my minor that is only available to JAMM majors. In all probability, I will end up one of those people who can't graduate based on not taking one class.

—Aleya

See ya

You got that right. Last night was the last time I use VandalWeb to sign up for classes. I think I'm coming down with a serious case of senioritis.

—Amber

It's a trap!

I signed up for my last semester of classes. I'm almost there, but I'm waiting for someone to tell me there's been a mistake and I can't possibly graduate next semester unless I battle the dragon around the corner.

—Daphne

Truth

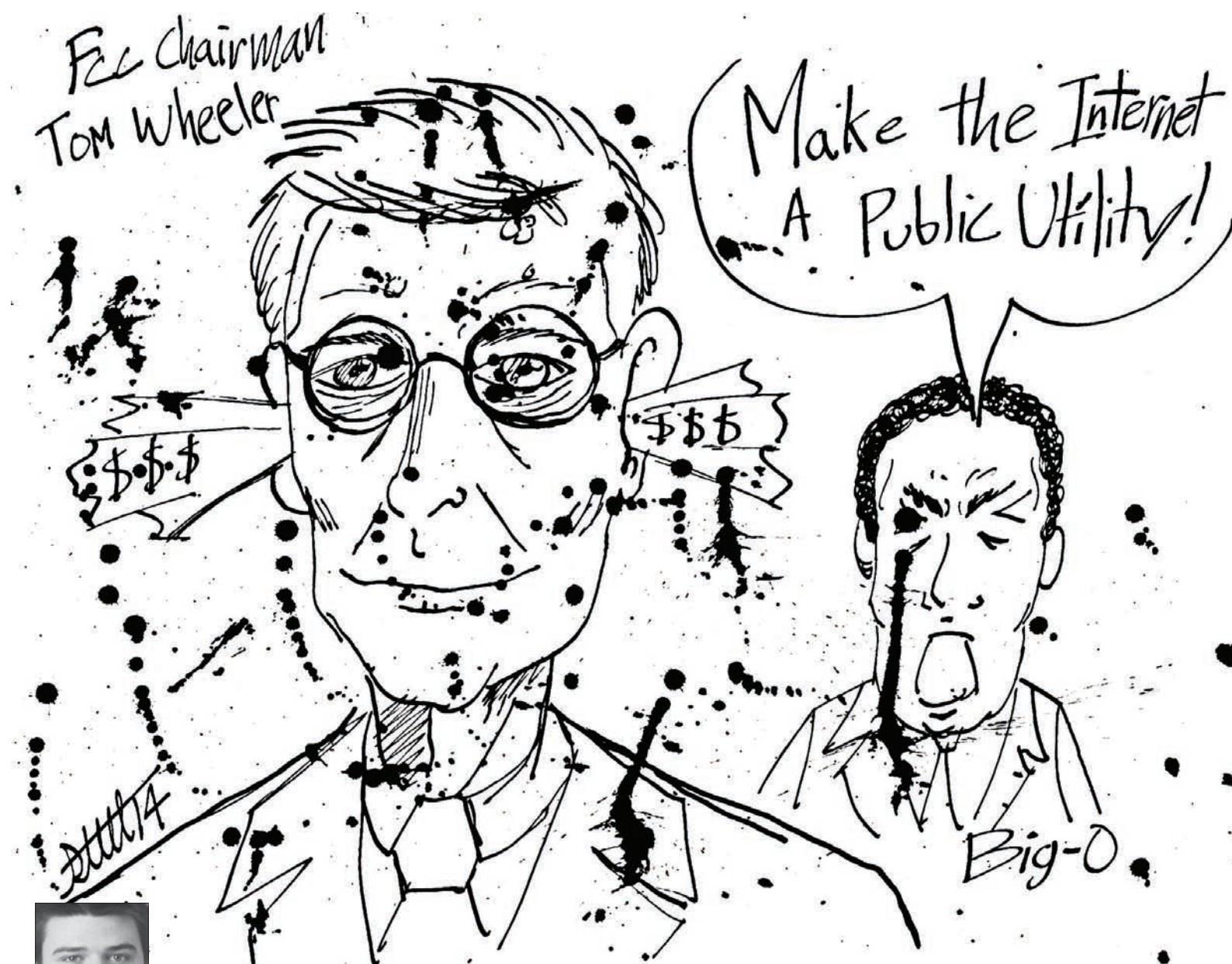
We live in a world of gray.

—Ryan

BRR

So fall was about two weeks long. I'm Not looking forward to winter.

—Korbin



Shane Wellner
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Grow up already

Acts of immaturity make UI campus hostile for students and faculty

Drug abuse, robbery, sexual harassment, abduction and murder are all crimes that are major concerns to every community. This is especially true for college towns, where crime can touch the lives of many people.

Last month, the University of Idaho Office of Public Safety and Security released the 2014 Security and Fire Safety Report, which indicated an overall decrease in Moscow's crime rate within the last year. Current students should be relieved at the news and prospective students should be drawn to UI by such appealing statistics. However, there are still some trivial problems making UI unpleasant on a regular basis.

Over Halloween weekend, residents of the 11th floor of the Theophilus Tower discovered someone had defecated in the shower stalls of the community bathroom. Although the trouble maker did not violate local laws

or endanger anyone, his or her behavior was immature and disrespectful to the janitorial staff. The action might not be felonious, but it's certainly problematic.

As a result, the housing staff decided each resident of the Tower will be fined for the damage — unless someone takes responsibility for the disgusting act. Needless to say, this announcement agitated everyone in the Tower.

The incident is only one example of the problems that happen on campus each day. Staff at Bob's Place have complained that eating utensils are carried out of the dining place and

never returned. Quiet study rooms in the library are disturbed by the conversations of loud, inconsiderate and obnoxious students walking by and ruining the peaceful atmosphere. Students arrive late to class because someone else was holding the elevator for a friend

None of these are as impactful as campus crime rates, so



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GUEST VOICE

Tobacco Task Force had extensive process

Task force research, process began in 2012

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Helen Brown
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Tobacco Task Force

In the fall of 2012, a group of four Movement Science (MVSC) students taking courses (MVSC 429 and 486) to assess, plan, market, implement and evaluate healthy active lifestyles responded to the challenge of working toward a tobacco-free University of Idaho.

The students were directed by MVSC faculty member, assistant clinical professor, Helen Brown and former Vandal Health Education Coordinator, Shannon Haselhuhn. Public Health - Idaho North Central District supported students with information and educational resources. In accordance with the course's learning objectives, the students conducted a preliminary assessment of the issues involved with a tobacco-free campus and investigated the best practices of tobacco-free campuses nationwide. To engage the UI community in

the assessment process, the students held events to raise awareness, presented tobacco-free campus information on the speech wall and created a tobacco-free campus Facebook page. The students interviewed campus leaders about the viability of a tobacco-free campus and learned that a statistically valid survey was needed to gauge student attitudes.

The students developed a simple four-question survey to gauge student support for a tobacco-free campus. The students sought assistance from the Department of Statistics to ensure an adequate random sample size was obtained (n=2,000).

Unlike many universities, this survey was conducted prior to large-scale information sharing about the benefits of a tobacco-free campus. Results showed majority support for a tobacco-free campus (51 percent) and higher support for a smoke-free campus (62 percent), consistent with other U.S. campuses.

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An app for harassment

On apps, some things can last forever

College students are the target audience for many recently launched apps. The newest hit app to hit University of Idaho is FADE — a free app that allows users to post pictures or text anonymously. With these posts, other users can comment on them anonymously.



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FADE's slogan is, "Nothing Lasts Forever," because whatever you post on this app only lasts for 24 hours. Posts only last for more than 24 hours if users vote them up enough. The more ups a post has, the more time it gets to stay on the app for everyone to see.

If certain posts gets enough ups, the post goes on the Hall of Fades. The Hall of Fades are different pictures and text taken from college campuses across the country. Once a picture is in the Hall of Fades, anyone is able to see it.

This app seems like a great thing, in theory. With this app, it should be easy to connect students on campus and could endlessly entertain with all the crazy things posted. Unfortunately, the app has morphed into a tool for harassment.

Since people can use FADE anonymously, it is easier to get away with certain things — such as taking pictures of people without their knowledge. There have been many pictures taken of a woman's backside without their consent and posted for the whole world to gawk at. Then, people abuse the anonymity to comment

harshly on said picture, as if the woman pictured was nothing more than an object.

There have also been pictures taken of people who look a little different than the average person walking around campus. Again, with the comments being anonymous, people say cruel and disgusting things about those who are photographed without any immediate consequence.

The people who make these comments probably don't realize everyone is able to get this app. Anyone is able to see their picture has been taken without their knowledge. Anyone is

able to see all of the ugly comments made about their bodies or appearance.

This kind of harassment shouldn't be taken lightly. Having cruel things said about your appearance can lead to more than just a bad day. Harassment can lead to a lower self esteem, depression, thoughts of suicide or even attempts at suicide.

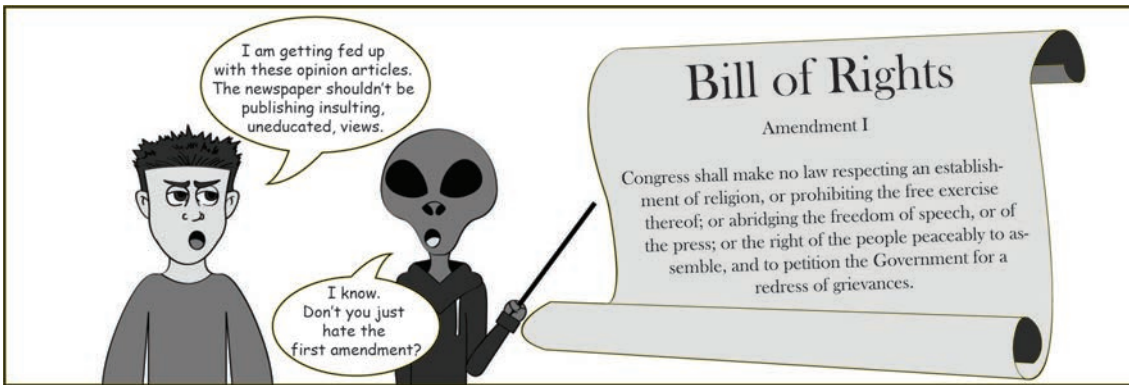
FADE should be a great app to have. It can be used as a tool to bring the campus together and let people know what's going on in Moscow. But by getting this app, be conscious of what you are putting out there for everyone to see.

Anonymous or not, comments posted online can still affect another person's well-being. Don't use FADE to take pictures of others without their knowing, since that counts as harassment. Instead, focus on the good of this app and stick with it.

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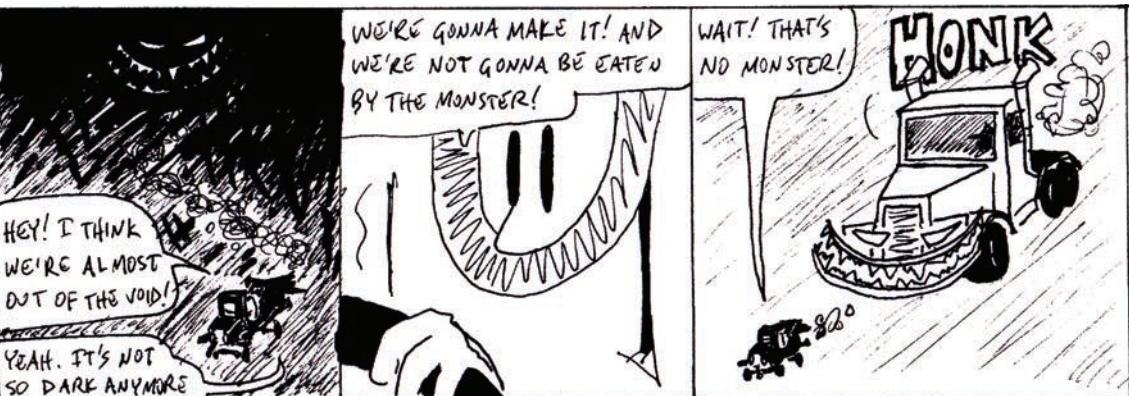
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the obvious question is, "Why should we care?" The ceramic bowl from Bob's that disappears should cost no more than \$5, the high-volume talks in the library should last no more than 5 seconds and the stairs are always

available for those who are impatient to wait for the elevators.

Then there's the defecation in the Tower bathroom. In the worst case scenario, everyone will be in the same boat and pay the same price — not just one specific individual. Problem solved, right?

Students need to care, because UI is our home for four years. We

don't want to make this place an unfriendly environment for everyone else. We are mature enough to act with consideration and thoughtful minds. We would be frustrated too if we were the victims of other people's irresponsible actions.

People experience enough trouble in life. Students can be preoccupied with the tests they did

poorly on, the parking tickets they were issued, the significant other they broke up with. If we can't make everyone's days brighter, we can at least avoid making them worse. No one wants to go to class in a horrible mood because cigarette buds were accidentally flicked on their shirt or chewing gum got stuck on the heels of their new shoes.

Before you decide to do something stupid, imagine how it would be if you ended up the victim of your own stupidity. If you had to deal with the consequences of your actions, maybe you would make better choices.

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TOBACCO

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The MVSC students continued to increase awareness and presented information to ASUI, Staff Affairs and the Safety and Loss Committee. They submitted articles to The Argonaut, held tabling events and continued to reach students through Facebook. ASUI did not vote in favor of adopting the tobacco-free policy, but did vote to further consider the issue and passed a resolution to support a change to the existing tobacco policy in both the spring and fall of 2013.

In spring 2013, former UI President M. Duane Nellis asked Faculty Senate leadership to explore the future of tobacco use on UI premises. This decision came after Nellis met with the MVSC students who were concerned about faculty, staff and student health.

Gail Eckwright (Faculty Secretary) and Patricia Hartzell (Chair of Faculty Senate) did the follow-up

work and met seven times with ASUI leadership, staff representatives, Vandal Health Ed Coordinator (Daniel Trautvetter beginning spring 2014) and UI students to discuss the state of the administrative procedures manual (APM) 35.28 (smoking), which addresses indoor and outdoor smoking.

Initially, some members of this grass roots committee, named the Tobacco Task Force, thought designated smoking areas might be a solution, but after months of research and discussion, the task force decided a tobacco-free campus best served the health needs and business and financial concerns of the university. The task force recommended the president modify APM 35.28 to state the intention to become tobacco-free, effective Aug. 24, 2015, allowing time to plan for this campus-wide change. Faculty Senate, university faculty and staff affairs each voted to approve the tobacco-free intention. The tobacco-free campus

initiative was discussed on several occasions with President Chuck Staben and his cabinet members.

Vandal Health Education activities to raise awareness of the proposed tobacco-free campus policy included Argonaut articles, Facebook updates, development of tobacco-free policy webpages, hosting tobacco awareness tabling events and litter clean-up projects. Moreover, to increase awareness, representatives from Fresh Air Challenge visited campus on Mar. 25, 2014 to talk with the campus community about tobacco and smoke-free initiatives. This forum, held in Renfrew Hall, was publicized via posters, display screen ads and email notices to faculty, staff and students.

By fall 2014, Staben voiced his support for the tobacco-free initiative and members of the original task force invited additional stakeholders to the table to explore implementation. The expanded group included

stakeholders vital to the planning and eventual implementation of the tobacco-free campus. Conversations about facilities logistics, cessation resources and communication efforts began.

The decision to go tobacco-free is ultimately Staben's decision. The task force identified four possible futures for tobacco on campus: tobacco-free, smoke-free, designated areas or no change.

Members of the Tobacco Task Force concluded that a tobacco-free campus provides the greatest benefit to our campus community. It protects the UI community from the dangers of second hand smoke and tobacco litter. It promotes cessation and protects new students from the hazards of tobacco addiction. It also best prepares students for future employment, as worksites increasingly restrict all forms of tobacco and penalize tobacco users in some cases. A tobacco-free campus is one that acknowledges the negative health impacts of all

tobacco products.

The Tobacco Task Force regularly hears feedback that a tobacco-free campus is important and beneficial. Students have stated the policy would provide the impetus they need to help them quit and they are grateful for the support the task force provided for help with quitting tobacco. Other students, staff and faculty are looking forward to a future when they no longer have to plan alternate routes on campus to avoid cigarette smoke that exacerbates their severe asthma or causes their migraines. Some first-year students who arrive at UI after spending 12 years in tobacco-free learning environments say they are shocked tobacco is even allowed on campus and are appalled UI is exposing them to second hand smoke.

The task force is always open to feedback, questions, comments and concerns and has set up informational webpages and a comment window at uidaho.edu/tobaccofree.

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