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DIVERSITY **Differing opinions** New advancements in same-sex Idaho on the national stage marriage debate, Idahoans weigh in **Hannah Shirley** Nov. 7, 2006 sible procreation and child Argonaut rearing were sufficient to Idaho effectively bans same-When the 9th Circuit uphold the ban." sex marriage and any "domes-The 5th, 8th and 11th Court struck down the tic legal union." Circuit Courts have yet to Idaho same-sex mar-November 2013 officially address the issue. riage ban early last month, Idaho lesbian couples filed a But with the most recent Moscow local Mac McCabe circuit court ruling causing lawsuit challenging Idaho's samesaid he wasn't surprised sex marriage — "Latta v. Otter." what legal scholars call a just disappointed. "circuit split," Sanders said "A state decides to put May 13, 2014 an initiative to the voters it is very likely the Supreme U.S. Chief Magistrate of Idaho Court will hear the issue to define in its state con-Candy W. Dale ruled Idaho's maybe as early as June. stitution that marriage is same-sex marriage ban unbetween one man and one For some, a ruling to constitutional under the 14th Oct. 7, 2014 woman, which passes," McCabe said. "Then a legalize same-sex marriage Amendment. nationwide would be a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Idaho appealed ruling to 9th Circuit Court rules the vote good change. Circuit Court of Appeals. "Obviously, each disof the people unconstituriage ban was unconstitutional. trict has their own ability to tional ... therefore, samemake their own decisions sex marriage is allowed?" Oct. 8, 2014 Though the 9th Circuit based on what those judges U.S. Supreme Court Justice feel is the interpretation of Court decision was hailed as Anthony Kennedy granted the law," said Julia Keleher, a victory by members of the Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's LGBT community and its UI LGBTQA Office Direcrequest for an emergency stay. tor. "That said, marriage supporters, a vast number Oct. 10, 2014 of voters — including a mashould be a right given to all Stay was lifted by the U.S. jority of Idaho's politically people in our country, and conservative constituency it should be regardless of who you love - I hope the - are apprehensive about Latah County. the implications same-sex Supreme Court will make the final, overarching decimarriage might have. sion to ensure equality is This contention was illustrated last week when the passed on." But McCabe said this isn't 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld same-sex marriage Oct. 15, 2014 bans in Michigan, Kentucky, when considering marriage, he said the best solution is to Ninth Circuit Court officially Ohio and Tennessee. Of the circuit courts to weigh in on lifted stay. Same-sex marriage stick to what works. became legal in Idaho. Ada the issue, this decision was "As far as I am concerned, County issued 100 same-sex personally, gays and lesbians the first to uphold the bans. marriage licenses. Oct. 21, 2014 "Basically, (the 6th have a right in this country Circuit Court) found that to live as they please," he

(the states) have historically had the authority to define marriage, including who can marry," said Shaakirrah Sanders, a University of Idaho law professor. "The reasoning here was that promoting respon-

said. "They don't have the right, however, to redefine marriage for the rest of us."

McCabe is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church based out of Seattle, where

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reaffirmed Idaho's same sex mar-

Supreme Court. Six same-sex marriage licenses were issued in



Otter filed a petition for 9th Circuit Court to rehear the case.

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ASUI supports smoke-free policy

ASUI takes stance on tobacco discussion

Cara Pantone Argonaut

After several weeks of silence on the issue of a proposed tobacco ban on the University of Idaho campus, ASUI unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday supporting a smoke-free campus policy, instead of a tobacco-free policy.

After ASUI President Nate Fisher introduced the

initial resolution last week which showed support of a smoke-free policy or desigsmoking nated areas, ASUI senators amended the



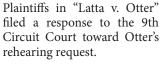
resolution on the floor Wednesday to only support the implementation of a smoke-free policy.

ASUI senators were asked to meet with their assigned living groups after the first draft of the bill was introduced to gather feedback from students. Senators were also asked to intermingle with students on campus to gain different perspectives on the issue.

ASUI has refrained from taking a definite stance on the proposed tobacco ban, a topic that has gained attention throughout the semester from many campus stakeholders including student organizations, staff, faculty and even UI President Chuck Staben — until now.

After resolution F14-03 passed Wednesday evening, ASUI released a statement addressing its action.

The statement reads "the ASUI Senate passed a resolution encourag-



Nov. 10, 2014



Brainstorming benefits

UI Faculty Senate discusses expanding staff benefits

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

Benefits and gestures of appreciation can go a long way especially when trying to retain staff members, said James Foster, member of the University of Idaho Faculty Senate.

"People with smiles on their faces often don't start looking for higher salaries elsewhere because they're happy here," Foster said, speaking at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. "So, the trick is to not insult and piss people off so they go looking. Because if they go looking, they'll find higher pay."

Faculty Senate brainstormed and discussed possible enhanced benefits for UI staff members in response to what they see as a problem — low salaries for university staff members. Along with raising staff salaries, Foster said the enhanced benefits are meant to increase the level of staff satisfaction and decrease staff attrition.

Senators gathered ideas for possible enhanced staff benefits internally in their respective departments. The input

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elsewhere because they're happy here.

James Foster, Faculty Senate member

resulted in a dozen categorizes that outlined possible benefits for staff members.

Discounted services and leave and schedule flexibility garnered the most support from faculty at the meeting. Discounted services included reduced rates for the UI Childcare Center, cheaper parking passes and free access to the Student Recreation Center, among other benefits. Benefits with leave and schedule flexibility included annual leave for holidays, increased annual leave and increased paid vacation days for professional development, among other benefits.

Some of the other ideas included tuition benefits, bonuses, travel benefits, retirement benefits, staff advancement and partner and spousal accommodations.

Despite the talk of extra benefits, Sen. Kattlyn Wolf said many staff would like to see salary increases.

"The overwhelming response that I got from everybody was 'It's a great idea, but at the end of the day you still need to talk about salaries, and if this comes at the expense of making salaries competitive, you shouldn't even discuss it," Wolf said.

Marty Ytreberg, chair of Faculty Senate, agreed and said low staff salaries was the main concern and something he said Faculty Senate is working to address. Although raising staff salaries is the most important action, Ytreberg said it should not stop the conversation of exploring other options, too.

"Salaries are the most important thing, but, here are some other things that we also think are worth looking into," he said.

Sen. Liz Brandt said there are cost values associated with many

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See the world in a day

IPO brings the world to Moscow with Cruise the World event

Emily Mosset Argonaut

University of Idaho Executive Director of International Engagement and Programs Susan Bender said leaving one's home country and entering another culture has often been compared to taking a fish out of water the fish doesn't know its environment is water until it is removed from its native environment.

Bender said most people who move to another culture often experience culture shock. Yet, it allows people to develop an awareness of things they took for granted back in their hometown and develop important intercultural skills.

To kick off International Education Week, the International Programs Office, with a sponsorship from ASUI, will host its annual Cruise the World event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, in the SUB Ballroom.

With nearly 80 countries being represented by 919 international students on campus, this event gives international students a chance to share their culture with the Moscow community.

Upon entrance to the event, attendees will receive a "passport," in which they can collect travel stamps from visiting each country they visit. The cost of admission is \$3 per person or \$9 per family and children under 5 years old can attend for free.

Elitza Kotzeva, the international outreach coordinator for IPO, said Cruise the World is not only the main event for International Education Week, but it is a tradition for the university and the community.

"It is particularly exciting for the whole area to have this happen," Kotzeva said. "People from all over, not only from Moscow but from the adjacent cities come and bring their kids and students with their teachers, we have school teachers participating by bringing whole classes in."

International Education Week is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Education, where universities all over the world particularly in the U.S. — come together to celebrate the significance of international education.

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CRUMBS Amazing hot cocoa

Claire Whitley Crumbs

I used to think my father made the best hot chocolate in the world. Then my sister showed me something mind blowing: hot chocolate with frosting in it.

Weird right? Wrong. It's delicious. I have since added my own twists, and friends seek me out to make this satisfying winter drink. It is perfect to snuggle up on cold afternoons and evenings. Peppermint flavor can also be added as the holidays draw closer.

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cream cheese frosting

- 1/4 cup French vanilla coffee creamer or milk 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
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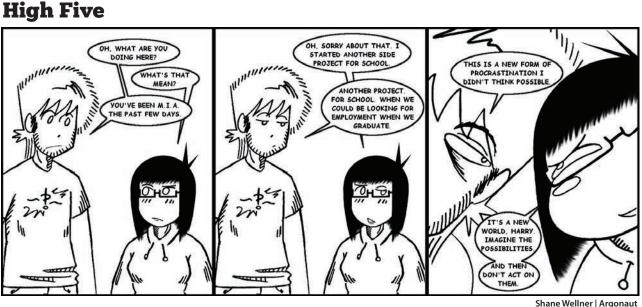
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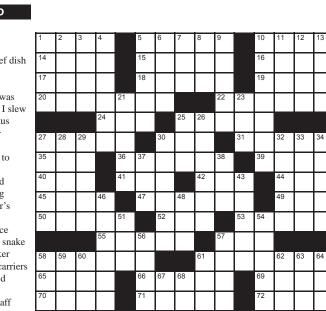
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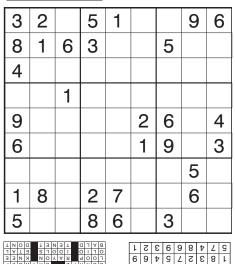
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STUDENT LIFE



Ian Barlett | Argonaut

According to UI Campus Suicide Prevention Center Coordinator Kayla Burke 1,100 college students die by suicide each year across the nation. From Nov. 10-15, Mental Health Wellness Week, 1,100 flags were staked in the Administration Building lawn to represent the deaths — the setup was deemed "Field of Memories."

In memoriam

Flags fill the Adminstration lawn in honor of Mental Health Wellness Week

Corrin Bond Argonaut

On a frosted Administration lawn, 1,100 bright yellow flags brave the chill of November, each with the words "Campus Suicide Prevention" written across them in bold black letters.

"In the United States, 1,100 college students die by suicide every year," said Kayla Burke, the University of Idaho suicide prevention coordinator.

The flags staked in the Administration lawn by members of the Suicide Prevention Program on campus also carry individual messages from students. Some messages are from those who have lost loved ones to suicide, while others are words of encouragement from concerned peers. Regardless of the content of the message, Burke said each one serves the same purpose — to honor the lives which were

lost too soon.

"We call it the Field of Memories," she said. "We had students write messages on the flags to someone who has died by suicide, but there are also messages of hope for those struggling with anxiety or depression."

The Field of Memories is one of the many activities put on by the Suicide Prevention Program in order to raise the awareness of mental health issues on campus for Mental Health Wellness Week, which takes place annually every November.

Additional activities include a "Hot Chocolate for Mental Health" table, a collaborative event between the Suicide Prevention Program and ASUI representatives and a speech wall displayed in the TLC.

Krysti Deines and Donna Johnson were two of the four peer educators who developed the speech wall. They said the wall is an excellent resource for receiving information about mental health on campus as well as learning about the different avenues of assistance that are available.

"The speech wall is where a lot of support information can be found," Johnson said. "We're trying use this week to inform students on campus and also to spread awareness and let them know that we're here and that we care."

Deines said while the week is a great way to get people talking about suicide prevention, the biggest challenge involved with encouraging others to seek help is the strong stigma against mental illness.

"So many students are afraid to go to the Counseling and Testing Center," Deines said. "I think a big part of this week is to talk about how common mental illness is on campus and in the community too."

Additionally, Burke said there's also a stigma of the high stress and chaos of college life that leaves students vulnerable to suppressing other associated emotions.

"There is definitely a huge stigma associated with mental illness but a lot of times people think that any negative emotions at all are also bad and should be ignored," Burke said. "Students are so busy that it becomes especially easy to push those feelings aside and not recognize them."

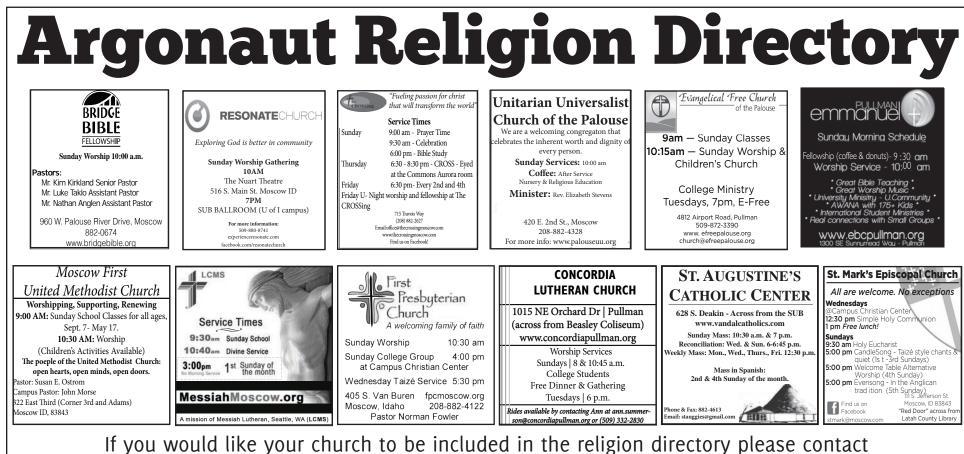
Through Mental Health Wellness Week, the Suicide Prevention Program hopes to begin the process of breaking the trend.

"I think the best thing to do is to continue to promote the idea that it's not uncommon to deal with stress or anxiety, and that there is help on campus," Deines said.

Johnson said it is also important to inform students of the full range of services provided by the UI Counseling and Testing Center, which boasts individual counseling, crisis intervention for individuals or loved ones, consultation and outreach and stress and anxiety management courses.

"The most important part of this week is to make sure that our students know that the Counseling and Testing Center is here for them," Burke said. "That no one ever needs to be afraid to reach out for help because harboring mental illness or stress or anxiety — that's a hard burden to carry, and we don't want them to carry that burden all on their own."

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ON CAMPUS Poetry, alive and well

Award-winning writer Naomi Shihab Nye visits Moscow

Graham Perednia Argonaut

A silence blanketed the University of Idaho Menard Law Building courtroom as Naomi Shihab Nye, an award-winning Palestinian-American Poet, read poems Thursday night to an audience of more than 175 UI students, staff, faculty and community members.

Nye read "Listening" by William Stafford first Thursday night. She said she first read it as a teenager, which led her to follow his work for the rest of her life.

"This is a voice that I want to follow," Nye said.

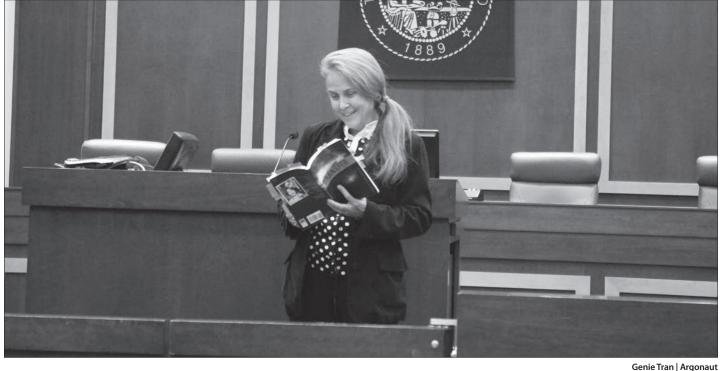
Nye visited UI as part of the Distinguished Visiting Writer Series sponsored by the UI English Department. She has traveled across the world during her 30-year career as a poet, author and speaker.

Nye was born in Ferguson, Missouri, and has lived in Palestine, Jerusalem and San Antonio. She has written several books ranging from poetry to children's literature and has won several awards from the International Poetry Forum and is the winner of four Pushcart Prizes.

The next poem she read was a self-authored piece, "Jerusalem." She said it was about her father being hit in the head with a rock while walking down the street in The Holy City and how the wound never really healed.

Her work discusses the human experience, said Bret Shepard, director of creative writing at UI. He said events like poetry readings expose students to things they would not normally be exposed to, which is part of the college experience.

She had a captivated audience as she en-



Award-winning Palestinian-American Poet Naomi Shinab Nye came and read her poems Thursday in the UI College of Law courtroom.

gulfed herself in her readings - she made hand gestures to emphasize the reactions of the characters in her work and her voice fluctuated as she read through emotionally driven passages.

Drawing inspiration from her own life, Nye said she has written poems and stories about the conflict between Israel and Palestine as well as her experience in a maximum security prison in New York. She said her poems focused on individuals, yet discussed ideas that affect entire nations.

She described herself as a "wandering poet" because she travels the world to teach writing.

"I have never been any place where poetry didn't live," Nye said ..

Some students in attendance were in awe of her reading, including Tessica Fox, a freshman studying music.

"It wasn't what I expected," she said. Some, who only attended to get a few

extra credit points in a humanities class, were intrigued with the rhythmic way in which Nye read the English language.

"I found it oddly musical," said Mckenzie Peterson, a senior studying music.

Nye closed her readings with a question and answer session, where students had an opportunity to discuss her work and writing process.

"I have learned what I know about the world, from writing poetry," she said.

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STUDENT LIFE Memories by moonlight SaRB to host Tradition Keeper tour Friday might

Shannon Kelly Argonaut

To be a University of Idaho Vandal is to go forward and innovate while standing on 125 years of tradition, said Ayla Neumeyer, UI junior and Student Alumni Relations Board (SaRB) spokeswoman.

She said the UI Tradition Keeper program, a mapped-out tour through the historic parts of campus, is a great way for students to discover the meaning and history behind the Vandal traditions, and make some of their own.

"It's incredibly important that we know how we got to where we are and what the significant steps were along the way," she said. "This is a really great opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and others to learn about different traditions and why they are important the University of Idaho's history." SaRB will host Monuments by Moonlight Tradition Keeper tour Friday. Participants meet 6 p.m. at the Alumni Office for a journey around campus. The event is free and open to all UI students, faculty and staff. Participants are advised to prepare for the cold temperatures and dress warmly and hot chocolate will be provided. The Tradition Keeper book, which is available at the VandalStore, is a tour and bucket list for Vandals. Goals include completing activities like



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Trevor Kauer, SaRB Tradition Keeper Chairman

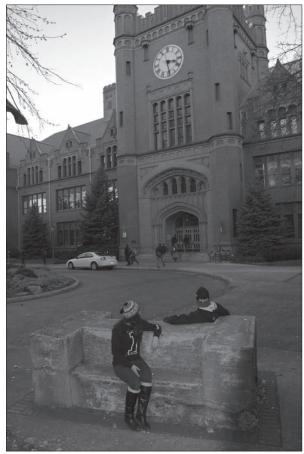
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Participants will take a tour of UI and learn about the facts and purpose of many monuments on campus.

"For example, as we walk along Hello Walk I get to take the opportunity to show the participants and tell them about the rich history of past presidents and the cracked concrete walkway," Kauer said.

There are also incentives to complete Vandal traditions. Kauer said he is excited to reward people for taking part in activity that he cherishes himself.

"The really great thing about this tour and the timing of this tour is that students and alumni who complete 15 traditions receive a free Tradition Keeper pin," he said. "Those who complete 35 traditions receive a free Tradition Keeper medallion to wear during commencement of their graduation year. We are directly marketing our tour to the senior(s) graduating this December, as it is the last opportunity for them as students to complete the traditions." Neumeyer said she is excited to both participate and help facilitate the event. She said her fellow SaRB colleagues feel strongly about upholding traditions and hopes the event encourages others to feel the same.



graph with a skirted sousaphone player in the marching band, among others. Each objective includes the history and significance behind it, so those who read the book can have an all-inclusive story of UI, Neumeyer said.

The event itself will consist of a tour of different landmarks throughout campus that are significant and covered in the Tradition Keeper Book," she said.

SaRB Tradition Keeper Chairman Trevor Kauer hopes many students participate.

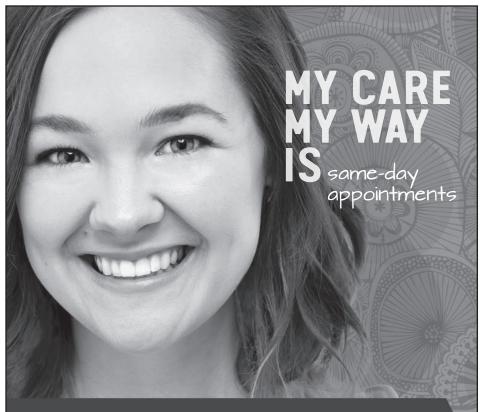
"I think it's important for us to continue these traditions because we are the essence of our institution and the traditions embody the spirit of UI," he said.

"As members of the Student Alumni Relations Board, we are heavily vested in the university's traditions," Neumeyer said.

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Jackson Flynn | Argonaut

The Tradition Keeper Tour will be Friday and will cover some of the UI's history and traditions. The concrete "I" bench located outside the Administration building, was a common location to meet when sports games and only seniors were allowed to sit on it.



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Caller reported a tree branch about to fall in the road; traffic hazard. No

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Caller reported a vehicle break-in. A report was filed. 3:49 p.m. 1700 block

Caller complained of intoxicated person. No report

Wednesday, Nov. 12

8:01 a.m. South Highway 95 Caller complained of an

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10:45 a.m. West Sixth Street; Rayburn Street

Caller complained of a speeding vehicle. No report was filed.

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Senior Pastor Ernie Lassman lives and works.

Lassman said while homosexuality is a sin, it's no more extraordinary than any other sin, such as alcoholism or pre-marital sex. According to him, members of the church have come forward to repent and seek forgiveness for their homosexual desires, and they have been welcomed and forgiven, just as they would be forgiven for any wrongdoing for which they were remorseful.

Lassman said it's the individuals who refuse to seek forgiveness who worry him. He warned that while society may not see immediate consequences, there would certainly be societal implications that come with redefining an institution as old as marriage.

"Although we know homosexuality is known in other cultures, to the best of my knowledge, no culture has had what we call gay marriage," Lassman said. "They knew homosexuality, and they practiced it, but that was outside the confines of marriage. We're really breaking new ground historically speaking, and only time will tell since it's a new innovation."

In Moscow, where the LGBT community is prominent and close-knit, many local Republicans are happy to call gay men and lesbian women their friends, neighbors and co-workers, said Latah County GOP Chairman Thomas Lawford.

Even so, Lawford said same-sex marriage is not an issue at the forefront of his political agenda.

"For most people, it's something private," he said. "There are not heterosexual sex parades down Main Street saying, 'I have heterosexual sex with my wife. Like, I assume you do.' I'm real happy for you, but I've got to get back to work on issues that affect the whole community, like water quality, or air quality, or resource availability - it just doesn't seem like it should be that high of a priority."

Lawford said the National Republican Party is concerned with issues like tax rates and protecting U.S. borders, and same-sex marriage is not necessarily what his party is about.

"I love these people," Lawford said. "We're not against people. We're not against anybody - race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, we're all for them, but when it comes to legalized marriage status, I'm not interested."

When it comes down to it, many Idahoans can agree with McCabe when he says all he wants to see is a better future for his children.

"I see an increasingly divided society that is so entrenched in their sociopolitical ideologies they are entirely incapable of working together to follow in the steps of our ancestors by leaving things a little better than they were before," McCabe said. "So, why don't I just 'go along to get along?' Well, any logical-minded individual can see the flaw in this thinking - it is a self-

defeating logical fallacy." Hannah Shirley can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu

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of the discounted services. She said giving out benefits with monetary value would shift costs onto specific university departments, something that could diminish the value of said department.

For example, she said providing staff members with free access to Student Recreation Center without any reimbursement could affect the quality of the center.

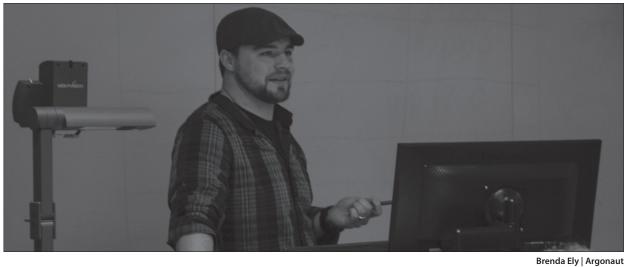
someone responded, it included that. So it seems like it's a really important issue to a number of people," she said.

Senators also showed support for providing enhanced benefits related to schedule flexibility and annual leave days, which count as paid days off for staff members.

Brandt said she supports offering staff more flexibility with schedules and annual leave days.

Katherine Aiken, "I want to be careful interim provost and executive vice president, said one

CREATING CHARACTERS



Rayce Bird, illustrator and concept artist, held a workshop about character design techniques Thursday evening.

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ing the university to move toward a smoke-free campus. ASUI had, until this point, remained neutral on the issue but has since found the need to address the matter in order to accurately reflect the student voice. This said, ASUI has, and will continue to, place higher importance on more pressing issues facing the student body."

The resolution, written by Fisher and sponsored by ASUI Sen. Michael Ryan, initially stated ASUI recognizes student support for a change to the current campus smoking policy, while ASUI "remains ambivalent toward a tobacco-free campus."

"ASUI has largely remained neutral, and that was intentional," Fisher said. "We have and will maintain that there are issues that we are more interested in addressing. That said, I think it was time for us to take a stance once and for all."

Although the senate has officially taken a stance, Fisher said the language of the resolution is not necessarily ideal, nor is it fully inclusive of the array of student perspectives. However, Fisher said he does believe it was a progressive and productive step for ASUI to take, and it is good to have a statement released that represents the majority of the student voice.

Students Trevor Ahrens and William Robinson, who are against changes in the smoking policy, voiced their concerns to the senate Wednesday evening before the vote took place.

"I would just like to point out that we are adults and are entitled to make our own choices," Ahrens said. "Additionally, the only time I really see students actually talking to each other and socializing on campus is when they are smoking, and I personally have made friends through those encounters."

Robinson said he also felt there were voices that weren't being heard on this issue, particularly international students who smoke.

"I have literally dozens of friends from Brazil alone that smoke and it's a part of their lives," Robinson said. "They are really concerned about whether or not this smoking or tobacco ban would be passed and have talked about not coming back here if it is."

ASUI determined the supportive majority of students through the feedback offered by on-campus living groups and surveys conducted on the issue from 2012 to 2014. ASUI states within the resolution that a survey administered by ASUI in the fall of 2012 involving 304 undergraduate students shows 67 to 77 percent of students support smoking in designated campus areas, while only 27 to 37 percent of students support a tobacco-free campus. The same survey shows that 41 to 49 percent of respondents support a smoking ban. Fisher said all of these percentages are given with 95 percent confidence.

During the open forum portion of Wednesday's senate meeting, Director of Health and Wellness Nick Wren referenced an additional survey included in F14-03 that was also conducted during the fall of 2012.

Wren said a fact often overlooked in this debate is that this separate survey was approved by the UI Institutional Review Board and is therefore, scientifically valid. He said it is the only scientifically valid survey that has been conducted in relation to this issue. The survey was initially conducted by four students for a project within a movement sciences class, a student group that began the development of the UI Tobacco Task Force. This 2012 student group survey involved 985 students - 51 percent of whom favored a tobaccofree campus and 62 percent favored a smoke-free campus.

According to members of the task force, including faculty members Helen Brown and Patricia Hartzell, the task force has looked at research from other universities concerning this issue for over a year and has concluded a tobacco-free policy would be best for the UI community.

Elicia Hunt, a current member of the student group involved in working towards a tobacco-free campus, also addressed the senate with student perspectives and a breakdown from facilities of the expected costs of implementing the various potential policy changes.

"Specifically our group is looking at the education of students on campus about the tobacco-free policy," Hunt said. "Something that we've talked about as students concerning a tobacco-free campus versus a smoke-free campus is that a tobacco-free campus shows you're concerned about the health and well-being of all students, not just the users of tobacco or the non-users of tobacco."

Hunt said the cost of designated smoking areas would be much higher than a tobacco-free campus implementation, but it's ultimately up to the president to make the decision of whether or not the campus will be tobacco-free or smoke-free.

Fisher said in the ASUI presidential communications Wednesday that while there may be added costs to designate smoking areas or other methods, he encourages senators to keep the student voice a priority, although he feels ASUI has taken their appropriate action with this resolution. Fisher said Staben's final decision would be what brings ASUI back to this issue.

"Once he has made a decision, I think ASUI will play a very vital role in helping communicate and implement what the policy change will do," Fisher said. "That's what will bring us back to tobacco - serving and helping implement and helping students understand what happens with the final decision."

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that we've thought about hidden cost pass-alongs that might be associated with some of these discounts," Brandt said.

Wolf said enhanced benefits associated with childcare would be well received with many staff members.

Staff Affairs Chair Ali Bretthauer, who was in attendance Tuesday, said there was large support for enhanced benefits to help with childcare costs.

"Every single time

extra day of annual leave would cost UI \$386,000. If the university were to give three extra annual leave days, the total amount would equal approximately the same amount as a 1 percent salary increase, she said.

"And that's real money," Aiken said. "So, one day, 386,000 bucks.

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The ballroom where the event will take place will be filled with bright colors and vast set-ups for each country, made by respective international students, Bender said. Each table or culture will usually display items or food from their country and the students will talk to their visitors about the cultural meaning behind each item.

participating Usually, students will demonstrate different skills for their audiences. For example, the Confucius Institute table will have a traditional calligraphy demonstration. Most of the students tabling will also dress in their culture's traditional outfits.

"So it will be a carnival for the eye." Kotzeva said. "We do have lots of dances from all over the world - we even have a performance by a Libyan teacher

on how to drink tea properly in her country."

The coordinators for Cruise the World expect at least 500 people to attend this year's event. Bender said she encourages UI students to attend this event because they should inherit "a worldly mind".

With a community of international students, Bender said UI students and the Moscow community members have the great opportunity to meet people from around the world.

"We wish every student the opportunity to be able to go overseas to one of our 400 universities that we are connected to all over the world," she said. "I think that what we hope for is that this is 'a taste' — sometimes you have to have a taste of an opportunity to test your appetite on another culture or to spark that interest."

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Total seniors

Seniors spent their entire collegiate career at Idaho

3

The number of coaches those nine players have had during their time at Idaho

5

Total wins during their tenure as Vandals

2

The number of conferences played in by the nine career seniors. They also played one season as an Independent

46

Consecutive starts by senior center Mike Marboe. Saturday will be his 47th start for the Vandals

Photos by Nathan Romans | Argonaut Clockwise from left: Tom Hennessey, Justin Podrabsky, Bradley Njoku, Mike Marboe, Maxx Forde, Jesse Davis.

Last 'Dome' game for 19 seniors

Petrino expects to play both quarterbacks for Senior Day

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

Nineteen seniors will play their last game in the Kibbie Dome 2 p.m. Saturday as the Vandals attempt to earn their second win of the season against a two-win Troy team.

Idaho has played its fair share of close games this season, and the San Diego State game last Saturday was no different. With one win, the team has felt what it's like to win, but that's not enough for some. "We've touched our toe and tapped the water and felt the water and we've done everything — we just need to put it together to get it done," said offensive cordinator Kris Cinkovich of the Vandals progress this season. After leading Idaho to its only win of the season against New Mexico State Oct. 18, sophomore quarterback Chad Chalich played his way into the role of starting quarterback against SDSU.

head injury. Linehan had started every game of the season before the injury.

In the two games since NMSU, the two quarterbacks have been splitting time at the position.

"No matter what you do, you're always just trying to find what's best for the team," Idaho coach Paul Petrino said. "You just try to find whatever way you think is best that's going to help your team win."

Petrino said Chalich suffered a hip injury in the game against SDSU. He said if he's healthy, both quarterbacks will play against Troy.

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Nine players began at Idaho, will finish Saturday

VANDALS

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

Out of the 19 seniors being honored prior to Saturday's game against Troy, only nine of them have been with Idaho for their whole college career. While some arrived and redshirted in 2010, most contributed in 2011 — and it's been anything but easy.

The group endured arguably the toughest four-year stretch in the history of the Idaho football program. The players had three head coaches, played in two conferences and even spent a year with no conference as an FBS Independent. It all resulted in just five wins in four seasons. "This group of seniors that has been here the whole time, I would take with me into a fight any day of the week," senior offensive lineman Mike Marboe said. "It's a tough group. We've been through a lot and we've fought and clawed our way to stay here. We've worked hard and been through some highs and some lows, and just never quit."



Mike Marboe, senior center

Chalich entered the NMSU game after freshman quarterback Matt Linehan had an early exit because of a While some might dislike a twoquarterback system, Cinkovich thinks it's an advantage for Idaho.

"It's a whole bunch of offense for an opponent to prepare for, because they don't know which of those quarterbacks is going to step on the field," he said. "And there is some differences in what we do with them and how they do it."

With a variety of options in his multiple-style offensive scheme, Petrino said it allows them to call plays for player's strengths.

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With the turnover at head coach and the APR sanctions this year,

players had multiple opportunities to abandon the program and transfer to a new school.

Senior defensive end Maxx Forde didn't think twice about staying he's a Vandal through and through, he said.

"I've put in so much here and I've got good relationships with the people around here," Forde said. "I didn't want to just leave that and go somewhere where everything's new ... I don't want to treat that like it's nothing, because it does mean a lot to me."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Season tips off

season opener

Joshua Gamez Argonaut

Two exhibition games later, the Idaho men's basketball team is ready for its regular season opener against NAIA opponent Eastern Oregon. The 6-2 Mountaineers come to town to open the 2014 regular season at 7 p.m. Friday in Memorial Gym.

Idaho may rely on many of their 10 underclassmen on the roster this year early in the season as the rotation outside of the starting five is still in flux going into the opener, Idaho coach Don Verlin said.

"The first exhibition game, it wasn't very good for evaluating because of the way they played us. But the second one was very good as an evaluation tool," he said. "I thought we did a lot of really good things in the second exhibition game, especially after the first 10 minutes of that basketball game. We played very well offensively and defensively and I was happy with that."

The Vandals are largely unfamiliar with Eastern Oregon, but based on the track record of EOU coach Jared Barrett, Verlin said he expects them to come out shooting, which could prove troublesome for the team if they are not prepared.

Despite the massive youth movement on the team this year, the Vandals do not lack in upperclassmen talent and leadership, starting with senior guard and all-time leader in 3-pointers, Connor Hill. The 3-point specialist

averaged more than 14 points per game last year player for Verlin after his freshman history, Verlin said.

may wish he had redshirted Hill, but this year he's glad he's ready to go.

Shooting is what Hill is good at, and although he has spent some time in the offseason becoming more

arc is where he is at his best and will be able to help the team the most.

He will be relied on heavily as the focal point of the Vandals offense, Verlin said.

Along with Hill, Sekou Wiggs and Perrion Callandret have been among the players to really stand out in the two exhibition games, Verin said. The sophomore duo could help provide a veteran spark on the largely young team.

Hill, Wiggs and Callandret are all guards quite so solidified.

"(Bira) Seck had been hurt and didn't play in the first exhibition game, (Ty) Egbert didn't play in the last game," Verlin said. "I don't know if anybody has took the positon and has broken out, but we've got five or six guys that will contribute there."

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Milt Palacio, director of player development, shoots over senior guard Mike Scott in practice Nov. 5 at PEB gym. The Vandals open the regular season Friday in Memorial Gym against Eastern Oregon.

> and he should become an even more vital part of Idaho offense during his senior year.

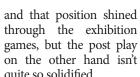
"Connor has done a great job this season, especially in getting himself in very good physical condition," Verlin said. "He's worked really hard on his jump shot — I think he's increased his range a little bit. I know he's looking forward to this year, as all guys do during their senior year."

The Post Falls native has been a four-year

breifly wearing a redshirt vear before entering the lineup after three games. He hit five 3s in his first game as a Vandal and the rest is

He said next year he

well-rounded, beyond the



Joshua Gamez



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Vandals to face Mountaineers in

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Starting against the best

Idaho women's basketball starts regular season against another 2014 NCAA Tournament opponent

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

Idaho women's basketball coach Ion Newlee doesn't start the season with easy wins for his team. Instead, he schedules top-level opponents. Last season, the Vandals opened the regular season with No. 25 Gonzaga and this year the team starts with another NCAA Tournament caliber team, Cal State-Northridge.

"They are an extremely talented, quick, athletic team with a lot of experience," Newlee said. "They have all five starters back from a team that went to the NCAA Tournament and played No. 1 South Carolina even throughout much of the game. They're extremely well-coached."

Newlee said he likes to schedule tough opponents to start the season because it will allow him to see where his team stands talent-wise right from the beginning.

The style of play CSUN brings is also similar to what the Vandals will face in the Big Sky Conference later in the season.

"It will be a rough, rough test to open up the season," Newlee said. "We're going to have to bring our intensity level down there. It's their home floor, their home opener and all that brings. That brings a lot of emotional intensity to your home team so we're going to have to match that intensity on both ends of the floor."

Cal State-Northridge plays in the Big

West Conference where they are picked to repeat as champions in 2014-15. The Matadors went 18-15 overall and 12-4 in conference play last season.

Going into the game, the Vandals will be without a key player this weekend as junior post Ali Forde stays home to play the final two matches of the regular season with the volleyball team. The Idaho volleyball team is still vying for the No. 2 seed in the Big Sky Tournament as it rounds out the season with Senior Night Saturday against Northern Colorado.

"She made our exhibition game because it happened to work out with the schedule, but we will not be able to have her for the trip down to southern California and that's a big hole for us," Newlee said of Forde. "Our other people ... are going to have to step up because Ali gives a lot to our team."

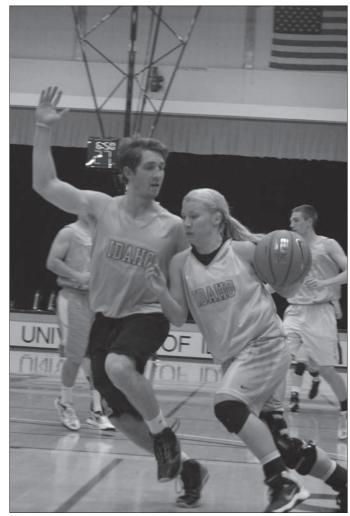
Senior guard Stacey Barr said it will probably be a team effort to fill the void that Forde leaves in the middle.

"Definitely Geri (McCorkell) and Brooke (Reilly) and Maren (Austgulen) pretty much all our bigs are going to have to step up," she said. "Hopefully someone can come in and take Ali's role. That would be great for us."

The Vandals will stay in California over the weekend as they follow up the game against CSUN with a contest at UC Santa Barbara Monday.

"I think everyone is really excited for this first game," Barr said. "Lots of energy just preparing for Northridge and excited for the trip to Cali."

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Jose Bendeck | Argonaut Sophomore guard Karlee Wilson drives past a practice player Tuesday in Memorial Gym. The Vandals open the season at 2 p.m. Friday at Cal State-Northridge.



Sports briefs

Newlee adds three, Verlin one

The Idaho men and women's basketball programs added some talent for the 2015-16 season as the early National Letter of Intent signing period started Wednesday. Women's basketball coach Jon Newlee added three players, while men's basketball coach Don Verlin signed one.

The three players joining the women's basketball team next year are Taylor Pierce from La Costa Canyon High School in Carlsbad, California, Mikayla Ferenz from Walla Walla High School in Walla Walla, Washington and Sue Winger from Mead High School in Spokane.

"I think this is one of the best, if not the best class we have ever signed," Newlee said. "All three players can come in and be impact players for us."

Pierce has averaged 14.8 points per game and made 235 three-pointers in 94 career games at La Costa Canyon High School. Last year, the 5-foot-7 guard help lead her team to its first state playoff appearance, advancing to the quarterfinals.

Newlee said Pierce is one of the top 3-point shooters in the country and expects her to play both the point and shooting guard position.

Ferenz has started all three seasons of her high school career. The 5-foot-11 guard heads into her senior season with 927 career points at Walla Walla High School.

Winger stands at 6-foot-2 and started as a sophomore on the Mead team that went 25-1 and won the 4A Washington State Championship where she scored 16 points in the title game. ESPN ranked her as one of the top 75 prospects in the country.

"With all three of these guys coming in we have added so much to our program," Newlee said. "It is rare when you go after the top three players on your list and get all three. They are all excited to be Vandals."

Tyler Brimhall is the lone player Don Verlin added thus far in the early signing period. Verlin said he's known Brimhall since he was a kid and has been able to watch him grow on and off the court.

Brimhall was an all-state player at Logan High School in Logan, Utah. The 6-foot-4, 195-pound guard will be a four-year starter and averaged 17 points and 5.6 rebounds last year as a junior.

Tyler has very good size for a shooting guard," Verlin said. "He is an excellent shooter and really has improved his ability to finish at the rim ... We are very excited for Tyler to be an Idaho Vandal."

Cross country heads to regionals

Almost a comeback

Idaho volleyball comes up short against North Dakota

Garrett Cabeza Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team almost came back from a 2-0 deficit Thursday night in Memorial Gym, but the Vandals fell to the North Dakota Fighting Sioux 3-2 in a battle between the top two teams in the Big Sky North Division.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan gave her a team a pep talk after the first two sets.

"You got to still compete," she said. "Every little play is going to matter. You got to go hard. If you guys want to win this, you got to go out and you got to show it."

Down 2-0, Idaho didn't give up as the Vandals came out of the locker room to win the third and fourth sets 25-21 each. Idaho grabbed a 6-5 lead in the fifth set, but eventually lost 15-11.

In the middle of the fifth set, junior setter Meredith Coba went down with an apparent knee injury and was helped off the court. The crowd, which was rowdy all game, fell completely silent as Coba laid on the court in pain.

"Sami (Parris) came in and did a great job off the bench," Buchanan said of Cobra's backup. "She wasn't affected at all so that's all we can ask for ... It's always hard when you take a little break. We can tell it affected us a little bit. We got a little tight. The bottom line is though I think we were in all those plays to be in a position to win. We just have to fight through that."

With the Idaho State Bengals having clinched the top seed for the Big Sky Tournament Nov. 20-22, Idaho and North Dakota were two teams in the hunt for the No. 2 seed.

Senior Stephanie Hagins, who is a middle blocker, led the Vandals with 15 kills on a .235 hitting percentage. Three other Vandals had double-digit kills, including sophomore Ali Forde with 14, freshman Becca Mau with 12 and senior Alyssa Schultz with 11.



Brandon Miller | Argonaut Idaho fell short in the fifth set against North Dakota Thursday. The Vandals play Northern Colorado at 7 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym.

Buchanan said one of the differences between the first two sets and the last two or three was ball control.

"I think they out ball-controlled us the first two games and the next two we passed better," she said. "We dug and played defense better. We started hitting better. Offensively, we outhit them in games three and

four. We have it in us."

Idaho (15-12 overall, 11-4 Big Sky) concludes the regular season against another top team in the Big Sky North, Northern Colorado, at 7 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Gym.

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Club soccer features diverse lineup

Ben Evensen Argonaut

For many players, the chances to play soccer after high school are slim, and getting a scholarship for soccer is even slimmer. At Idaho, men's soccer is not even offered as a scholarship sport, but at the club level, students can find a competitive-level of soccer for the best players at the school.

Competing in the Northwest Collegiate Club Soccer Conference, the Vandals play against other members of the NCCSC as well as other school's club teams in tournaments around the region. Along with Idaho, the NCCSC is the home to Central Washington, Washington State, Eastern Washington, Gonzaga and Seattle U's men's club teams, whom the Vandals compete with for the conference title every season.

Volunteer coach Luke Ordway is in his first season coaching Idaho and a former player as recently as 2011.

"Everyone has fun, it's a club, and they just like to play with other good players," Ordway said. "That's why intramurals can be frustrating, you don't get the best competition every time."

When tryouts come around every year, Ordway has about 50 players come out to see if they no-cut program and have multiple teams, but the way the league is set up each school is only allowed one team," he said. "If I wanted to create two teams, Washington State could probably create three teams. Then it's like intramurals."

In his first year as coach, Ordway is impressed with how the team turned out, especially with its diversity.

'The turnout was good," he said. "We're down to about 30 (players) over the course of two weeks. We traveled to Seattle this past weekend with 15 players traveling. We have a very ethnic team, with players from Brazil, players from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and the homegrown boys from Idaho somewhere, or anywhere in the US ... it's pretty good."

In total, Ordway said six or seven nationalities are represented on the team. Ordway doesn't do it all alone though, and has high praise for the team's president and financial coordinator, James Wendell.

"He's (Wendell) done a really nice job handling all the coordination for the team — the hotels, who's driving and making sure they get gas money, attending all the club-required meetings that all UI club athletic presidents have to attend and dealing with the scheduling of field space," Ordway said. The team currently practices on the SprinTurf outside the Kibbie Dome and plays their home games at Guy Wicks Field. In just his first year as coach, Ordway said he does his best to give Idaho a quality men's soccer club team based on all his experience around the sport.

"I just think every coach I've had as a player ... has kind of helped mold my soccer philosophy of things I didn't or did like of a coach," Ordway said. "I hate yelling at kids. Sometimes as a coach you're nervous and want to be out there as a player."

One area Ordway said he is concerned with is establishing men's soccer as an official athletic sport at Idaho. Coming from Moscow originally, he sees soccer as something the community would rally around, and has some strong opinions about it.

"We don't have a men's team because of Title IX, and Title IX is a good thing but now that we're in 2014 and 2015 the idea of having equal scholarships is hard because football takes up so many scholarships," Ordway said. "(Football) is a money-making sport. I just think the community around UI would support a men's (soccer) team at the college level."

One idea he has to equal out the scholarships is to establish new women-only academic scholarships for women to come study at UI. Cost-wise, he doesn't see much of a problem for the athletic department.

Idaho fields a completive men's club soccer team

coach is the same as the women's team. If they created ten more men's scholarships for soccer, they would just need to create ten more women's scholarships."

Both the West Coast Conference and Western Athletic Conference offer men's soccer, and Ordway would like to see an Idaho men's team join either one. The Big Sky Conference does not sponsor men's soccer. He said adding a men's soccer program would be a great contribution to UI and the soccer community in Idaho.

"There's no reason a leading university in the state of Idaho, or the two state universities in Idaho, shouldn't have a men's soccer team," Ordway said. "Why can't Idaho beat Boise State to the punch? All kids in Idaho need to look outside the state (for soccer at a Division I school) and they might not have enough money."

Despite his concerns, Ordway said he is focused on his club team and is already looking forward to spring tryouts.

"There will be two weeks of supplemental tryouts, and any interested players will get ample time to showcase their abilities through a variety of technical drills and scrimmages," he said. "Time and location, to be determined. Make sure you stay fit for spring tryouts, make sure you're going on some runs."

The Idaho men's and women's cross country teams head to Stanford, California, for the NCAA Regional Meet Friday at the Stanford Golf Course. The race will feature some of the top Cross Country teams in the nation from Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon and Arizona. The Vandals are led by senior Cody Helbling on the men's side and freshman Sierra Speiker on the women's side. Helbling finished 14th at the Big Sky Championships in the men's race while Speiker finished 13th in the women's race.

'We're absolutely ready for this weekend," Idaho coach Travis Floeck said. "I feel they have a lot of momentum after running so well in the conference meet. Anytime a competitive team gets toward the end of the season they have to keep their energy and focus up and just be excited. I feel we're very prepared and I expect them to do well.

can make the squad. Cuts aren't easy for any coach and Ordway said he wishes he didn't have to cut anyone.

"Initially, I wanted to run a

"The facilities are already there. The cost to field a team and hire a

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"We have a pretty big volume in our offense," he said. "It's really always been about what our players do best and that starts with the quarterback and the olineman and whatever the best way is to get the ball in our skill players hand. That's kind of how we've always adapted."

The rushing attack has been the offense's strength in recent weeks. After a pass happy attack in the first half of the season, Petrino has found success with the running game, which has gained 746 yards in the last three games.

"We feel really confident that we can run the ball against anyone we face," senior running back Jerrel Brown said. "Our offensive line, this whole team, the coaching staff, all feel very confident that we can move the ball on anyone in this conference."

Success shouldn't be too hard to find against Troy. Opponents have averaged 247.9 rushing yards on the Trojans defense, which ranks 120th nationally.

Petrino said Troy has changed up its defense in recent weeks and has moved more guys into the box to try and stop the run.

The Trojan offense has found success in the past couple games, especially in the running game. Idaho defensive backs coach Ashley Ambrose said Trojans have been getting the ball into their playmakers hands. He said Trojan wide receiver Chandler Worthy is one of the best players in the Sun Belt.

Ambrose said they like to get their receivers the ball on fly sweeps or quick screen passes.

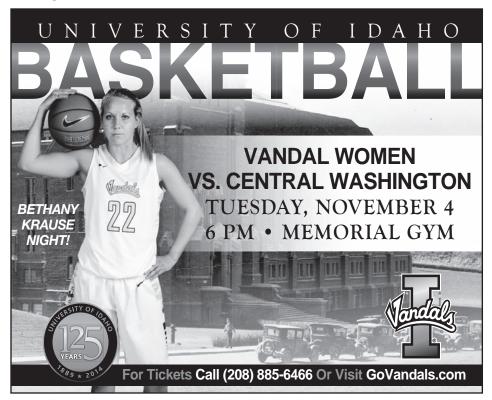
"I'll tell you what, they got some athletes," he said. "They got some playmakers. I'm kind of surprised it's been a down year for them because they got a lot of good athletes, guys that are good

in space, guys that can run."

Petrino said he has a lot of respect for Troy coach Larry Blakeney, who is retiring this season after 24 years as head coach of the program.

"It's a game that I think we believe that we need to win - we need to go out and get it," Petrino said. "Their head coach has done an outstanding job there ... I have a lot of respect for him. He's going out, this is his last year, so I'm sure his players are going to play really hard for him, too."

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Despite the lack of victories, Idaho coach Paul Petrino said the nine seniors have all had great attitudes since he's been here. He said they're winners as people because they stuck around through all the difficult times.

"They're going to be able to be successful in whatever they do," he said. "As opposed to some people who change schools every other year ... those are the guys that aren't very successful and aren't very happy later in life."

Marboe didn't just stick around through all of the off-field issues, but the senior from Wenatchee, Washington, hasn't missed a game his entire career at Idaho. When he takes the field Saturday, it will be his 47th consecutive start.

Marboe said he's had a few close calls throughout his career.

"Last year was probably the closest I came when I broke my hand," he said. "I was playing in a cast. I didn't know if I was going to be able to go or not, but I fought through it and finished out the season."

Marboe takes pride in playing through injuries and said he thinks of himself as a tough football player. When he started his first game in 2011, Marboe said he didn't want to miss a single one.

'Some of these guys call me 'Gumby' because I've been rolled up on pretty bad but still manage to get up and come back out on the field," he said.

Marboe said he wants people to remember the seniors as the class that put the program in motion. With the obvious improvement from a year ago, Marboe envisions multiple conference titles in the near future.

"They've meant a lot," Petrino said of the seniors. "I think this senior class, there's some really special guys in it ... It will be a lot more emotional day this year, for me personally, than it was last year just because I wasn't around some of those guys that long. We need to make them finish it right and walk out of this dome with a win."

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OPINION

OUR VIEW

Mind mental health

Mental health is a serious issue, seek help if needed

weather-induced gloom has settled over the University of Idaho.

Students are finding ways to stay indoors as much as possible to avoid exposure to the extreme cold lurking outside, the world grows dark around 5 p.m. and workloads for classes are increasing in preparation for upcoming final exams. These conditions could set the stage for a huge blow to morale, as many UI students could be coming down with seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

Fortunately, in honor of Mental Health Wellness Week, ASUI and UI's Suicide Prevention Program are working to raise the awareness for mental health issues and support available on campus. Notable efforts included the Hot Chocolate for Mental Health tabling event earlier this week and the Free

Speech Wall located in the TLC, which was filled with information on mental health.

With all the stresses of college life, keeping aware of one's mental health and the well-being of others is incredibly important.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, many people experience the first symptoms of depression in the early years of college, but usually do not receive the help they need. UI provides free counseling services to all students. Yet, according to the institute, students don't choose to get help because they believe their symptoms are merely due to the stressful nature of the college environment.

It's crucial to stay aware of the common signs of depression in yourself and others. Most of the time, people suffering from depression don't realize it. If someone close to you is showing symptoms of depression, it is your responsibility to support them and simply be there

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if they need it. According to the institute, some frequent signs of depression include persistent sadness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, insomnia and loss of interest in activities that were once enjoyable.

Many people are under the impression that depression is a taboo topic, like many other mental health issues. But depression shouldn't be something people are ashamed of, it's a medical condition and it's

OK to seek help. No one will place judgment on a decision to speak about the issue, and if they do, they are ignorant to the problems depression can cause. Depression is something that requires medical attention, like any other medical issue and ignoring it can simply make the problem worse.

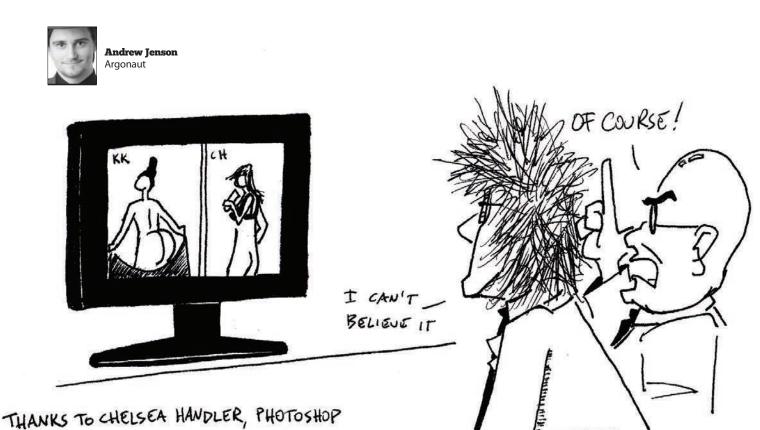
ciently help someone with depresaffected by depression and offer an open ear.

In college, it can be tempting to ignore mental or physical needs to focus on homework or other matters that seem more important. But at the end of the day, what's most important is taking care of personal well-being.

Some people believe to effi-

sion, they need to try and cheer them up. Depression is more than a temporary state of sadness, so trying to force someone into happiness could make the situation worse. Students should instead provide support for their friends

– EB





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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Cold

It's not the temperature that gets me, it's the wind. -Rvan

Senior Day

The seniors who've been with the football program for the past four or five years deserve a huge ovation this Saturday for their last home game as a Vandal. They have stuck with the program through thick and thin — and anything less than a standing ovation would be a shame. -Korbin

Things that irk me

I just shelled out thousands of dollars over the past four years to earn my diploma and now you're telling me I have to pay a special fee to graduate? Isn't that simply called tuition? -Kaitlyn

Schedule

For the first time in my college career, I actually got into all of my first-choice courses without being put on the wait list. Success is sweet. -Erin

Wait listed

It seems like a lot of my friends and myself have been wait listed for at least one class, if not half their needed classes. I know we want more students, but can we also get more professors and class selections as well? -Danielle

Hey you in the marching band

Tomorrow is the last time I'll be in a halftime show. I'm so grateful to have been a part of this ensemble. I've had the time of my life in this band, and I'm going to miss all you Bandals like crazy next year.

-Daphne

SPECIALISTS WERE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH KIM KARDASHIAN'S PHONY PICTURE! NEED LESS TO SAY, THE WORLD WAS SHOCKED.

Time for blood equality

We must rethink a decades-old policy on blood donation blood

It is incredibly easy to find a location to donate blood. Here at the University of Idaho, blood drives are held in the Idaho Commons frequently, making donation a simple affair for anyone who wants to shed some blood for a noble cause. Unfortunately, some people are left out of this process and can't donate at all.

The Food and Drug Administration has a policy that excludes any man who has ever had intercourse with another man from donating blood. On Thursday, the Obama administration began a series of hearings that may result in an easing of the ban on gay donors, and it's time for that outdated policy to be removed.

According to the FDA, the policy went into effect in 1977 at the height of the HIV and AIDS crisis. On the required questionnaire in order to give blood, a question reads, "Have you had

sexual contact with another male, even once?"

Answering yes means that the person can never donate blood again. A lifetime ban is not only exclusionary, but it is also completely unnecessary and provides no added safety to blood donation. Keep in mind, the FDA will



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let people donate blood even if they have previously had an STD, as long as they wait 12 months and obtain a clean bill of health before donating. One central question to ask about this policy

is why it exists in the first

place. According to the FDA website, this policy is in place because "MSM [men who have had sex with other men] are, as a group, at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B, and certain other infections that can be transmitted by transfusion." The site goes on to assert the claim that this policy isn't discriminatory because it "is not based on any judgment concerning the donor's sexual orientation."

The primary issue presented is that the FDA wrongly views sex with another man as some sort of riskier behavior than sex

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between a man and a woman. If a man has sex with one man, and another man has sex with 10 women, what makes the former so much riskier? Anyone can obtain an STD no matter what, and let's not forget that there are plenty of straight people who have or have had HIV/AIDS as well. Eazy-E of the rap group NWA and Fela Kuti, a famous musician, are just a couple of straight people who have died from AIDS.

Regardless, there are ways to avoid contracting STDs and there are risk behaviors associated with an increased likelihood of contracting certain infections.

None of these behaviors are solely associated with your sexual orientation, however.

The single biggest problem with this policy is that, even with a clean bill of health, someone who has had sex with another man can not donate blood under any circumstance. Modern medicine has granted the gifts of STD screenings. Despite this, the FDA's policy seems completely bent on providing an assurance that blood from a man that has had male sexual partners is still somehow a threat to the overall blood supply. Testing can verify that this is not the case, and healthy blood can speak for itself regardless of who the possessor has slept with.

Banning men who have had same-sex intercourse from donating blood does nothing more than perpetuate an outdated stereotype, while mongering fear in the misused name of patient safety. It's time for the FDA to let blood screenings and individual physicians make the final decision on blood safety and put an end to this outdated, offensive policy.

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Come on Vandals

How about a win on Saturday? I'd sure love to film that instead of another loss. -Andrew

A correlation

With the frigid cold, comes laziness. -Amber

Sometimes

A little break is necessary. That break came yesterday when two out of three of my classes were cancelled. Unlike at home in Portland, however, it wasn't due to snow.

–Katelyn

Human popsicles

It's hard not to laugh at the non-Idaho freshmen as they run into the Commons. You, sir or madam, should invest in wool socks, warm wool coat, hats, scarves and gloves. If you run around in that skimpy little sweatshirt, you'll get frostbite. -Claire

As the Brazilians say

Faz muito frio.

Class registration woes

It seems like that everyone had trouble with registration. You would think that as long as the University of Idaho has been around, there would be a better system than a giant online free-forall for enrollment.

–Aleya

-Stephan

Beginning a new life

Dorm life is necessary and convenient for first-year students

It was 11:30 p.m. and I was ready for bed, excited for my first night of getting 8 hours of sleep ever since the start of college. Then I heard a voice shouting my name, "We need you! It's an emergency!"

It turned out that a friend of mine was Amanda Vu experiencing severe Argonaut stomach pain and needed to go to the Emergency Room. Despite the late hour and the strong wind blowing outside, four of us rushed to my car and sped to the hospital.

After staying in the hospital for four hours straight, I had nothing better to do than think about all the valuable lessons dorm life has taught me. Like other students with financial struggles, I once wished the college system would just allow all freshmen to live off campus for the sake of saving money, rather than forcing us to spend excessive amounts of money to live in a dorm. But just a few weeks into the school year, I realized the experience was worth every penny.

The entire purpose of living on campus and having a meal plan is to leave students a spare hour or two on their daily timetable to be productive or to simply have fun, instead of cooking or worrying about what to prepare for dinner. If there is a need to bake some cupcakes or experiment with pots and pans, each dorm is supplemented with a kitchen to fulfill any students' eating needs.

Residing in a dorm also makes college life more convenient with the available facilities. The computers from each dorm have engineering-specific programs so students can do homework

without having to purchase the program for their own laptops. Additionally, access to printers becomes handy when students need to print off a paper at 4 a.m. — after the library is closed.

But nothing tops the social connections students

create while living with each other on campus. Roommates do not just coexist. They become best friends - nicknamed "roomies" — or even "homies," if they end up renting a house together after college.

In a dorm, knowledgeable floor neighbors become mentors when it comes to homework struggles. The whole hall soon becomes a little family, with sisters dressing up for a girls' nightout and brothers gathering to practice for a competitive intramural game.

Of course, people cannot stay in dorm rooms for the rest of their lives. It is hard to resist feeding off of prepaid meal plans at Bob's Place every day and having Resident Assistants to keep down the chaos that comes with living in close quarters.

As a first-year student unfamiliar to the new town and the new schooling system — I have experienced the dramatic and rapid change that is coming to college. Living in a dorm allows students to be surrounded by classmates who are experiencing the same situation. Those who live in dorms understand each other's struggles and are able to help themselves slowly adapt to the new life.

I drove my friend back from the hospital and thought to myself, "If I did live off-campus by myself as expected, who would help me out if I got seriously injured? Probably no one."

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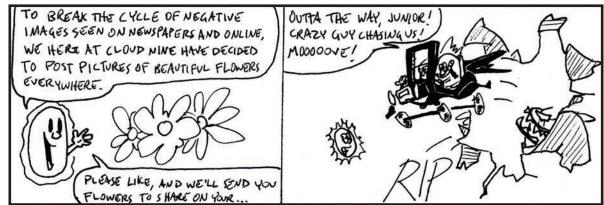


College Rommates



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The Honest Professor



One for the men This is not another feminism column

The caricatured feminist is dead. The bra-burning, man-hating, mouth-frothing, perpetually angry cat lady stereotype is tired and outdated as, after decades of being a niche ideology,

feminism finally breaks into the mainstream. The new face of

gender equality is a much more modern woman. Emma Watson is empow-**Hannah Shirley** ering women on a global Argonaut stage. Michelle Obama strives to be a model for girls everywhere. Beyonce is, well, being Beyonce. Even our own Chuck Staben said "Of course I'm a feminist, aren't you?" Feminism is a course our society needed to take, and it was a long time coming. Though we still have a long ways to go, it'd be tough to argue society hasn't made huge strides forward in the last few decades — in the last few years, even. Now that the proverbial socio-political feminist ship has set sail, it's time to start another conversation.

the same culture that tells women to look sexy — but not too sexy.

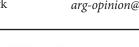
The culture where when a man slaps a woman it's an outrage, and

when a woman slaps a man it's a punchline. The culture where we tell our girls to look pretty and laugh softly and we tell our boys that real men don't cry.

Because boys are messy, strong, know what they want and jump first and apologize

ger, tougher, more aggressive and more sexually dominant, many suffer quietly. The man who deviates even slightly from the ideal — who dares to be expressive, "emotionally messy" or in any other way "unmasculine" - are subject to any number of micro-aggressions by both men and women alike.

It's no secret that men can be emotional, insecure and touched by beauty, no more than it is that women can be intelligent, ambi-





This one's for the men. It's for the men who grew up in

later. Boys will be boys, and boys who won't are weak.

Objectifying men is that easy. Emotion-shaming starts young. An endearing "Hey little slugger, look at how strong you are" in the crib is just the beginning of a man's worth being defined by what they can do before anything else. There's a reason the stay-at-home dad is perceived as shameful - when traditional gender roles are swapped, it's not polite to talk about the man who doesn't work to provide for his family.

Beyond that, harsh sanctions are imposed by society on those who are unfortunate enough to be unable to prove their masculinity. Under immense pressure to be bigtious and indecent.

And while I claim this column isn't about feminism, when it comes down to it, it really is. Because feminism isn't just about empowering women to look how they want, do what they want and be what they want — it's about empowering men to do the same thing.

Our culture of shame has to end. This is something we're realizing and something we're beginning to discuss. Even in a "man's world," not even the men get off easy, and that's not something we can afford to forget.

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