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COMMENCEMENT



Senior Clare Haley, 22, discusses her major while studying at the ASUI office Wednesday. Haley is a senior graduating with a degree in international studies and plans to travel in the coming months.

Growth from graduation

Senior Clare Haley views graduation as a time for growth

Corrin Bond Argonaut

Clare Haley makes a point of pushing the boundaries of her comfort zone. "It took me a long time to let go of the fear that comes with trying new things," Haley said. "But it's that space outside

She is very mindful of what other people say and she's always there with you, in that moment.

ate Mock Trail team to being elected twice — into the ASUI Senate, to even being a participant in the UI Outdoors Program, Haley immersed herself in the university.

Katie Dahlinger, UI interim director of Student Involvement, said she first met Haley at an event for incoming ASUI senators and was immediately struck by her genuine nature. "When you have a conversation with Clare Haley, she listens," Dahlinger said. "She is very mindful of what other people say and she's always there with you, in that moment."

Wise words to carry on

Smith to speak at graduation



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put in countless hours of studying and hard

work over the years, will

walk across the stage in

front of their family, friends and peers to

shake hands with University of Idaho admin-

istrators as they receive

Smith, UI associate vice president of the

Idaho Falls campus,

said he is humbled to preside over the ceremony as commencement speaker and

hopes students will

a degree is something

to be celebrated and it

is an accomplishment

to be proud of," Smith said. "But it represents

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By the numbers

747 Students will graduate on the Moscow campus

> 75 Degrees will be awarded

> 563 Baccalaureate awarded

152 Master's degrees awarded

Specialist degrees awarded

41 Doctoral degrees awarded

416 Students plan to attend the commencement ceremony in Moscow

to speak at this year's commencement.

"It is recognition from the university to do so, and I'm hoping that I'll be able to say something that will be of value to the students that are graduating this year," he said. Smith hails from West Linn, a suburb of Portland. He went to Oregon State University, where he received his undergraduate degree in geology.

of your comfort zone where you're able to grow the most as a person."

Haley is among the 747 University of Idaho students set to graduate Saturday. She will receive a degree in international studies with a double minor in music and Spanish and graduate with honors.

Yet, Haley did more than excel in academics — she involved herself in numerous activities, clubs, organizations and initiatives throughout her Katie Dahlinger, UI interim director of Student Involvement

years at UI.

Since moving to Moscow in 2010, the Idaho Falls native challenged herself on every level. From becoming a member of the Moscow Undergradu-

As an off-campus student, Haley's extensive participation is an asset that

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out of the 747 graduating students in the ceremony, with a reception hosted by the President's Office to follow.

Smith, who is also associate director for the Center of Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), said he was quite surprised, yet honored,

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STUDENT LIFE

Making it home

Chatriand emphasizes student safety, winter conditions

Bradley Burgess Argonaut

As students flock home for winter break, University of Idaho Associate Dean of Students Craig Chatriand said getting home safely amid winter conditions should be the No. 1 priority for all Vandals.

"For students that drive themselves, I think there's a couple of things you should keep in mind," Chatriand said. "First, (students) just got done with finals, so a lot of students are extremely tired.

The level of stress they've had on finals may affect them and fatigue them. So finishing your last final and jumping in the car to drive six hours might not be the best idea."

Almost every year lives are lost or students are injured in car accidents by making the journey home for the holidays. Chatriand said often times it's bad weather conditions that lead to vehicle accidents.

"If there's bad weather, wait a day to drive," he said.

Chatriand said peer pressure can also take a strong lead in

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Expanding gun policy

Policy to include bans on additional weapons

ADMINISTRATION

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

Humans vs. Zombies fans can take a sigh of relief - Nerf guns will not be banned from campus under the university's updated weapons policy.

"We had Humans vs. Zombies players who are deathly afraid that their favorite campus activity would disappear," said Connor Kennelly, undergraduate representative on the University of Idaho Faculty Senate.

Matt Dorschel, executive director of Public Safety and Security, met with Faculty Senate Tuesday to explain a new proposed weapons policy and receive feedback and suggestions from senators.

Dorschel said while Nerf guns are safe, the policy would ban non-culinary knifes longer than weapons policy came out of a task force formed to create a policy surrounding the concealed carry gun law that went into effect earlier this year, Dorschel said. He said the task force agreed there needed to be a policy to account for other dangerous weapons.

Since the passage of the concealed carry law, Dorschel said he has received calls from the parents of potential students,

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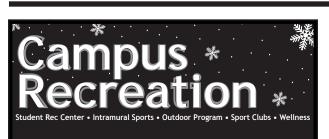


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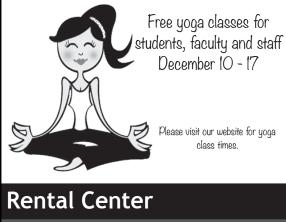
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Wellness Program

Stress Relief for Finals







CRUMBS **No-bake chocolate** chip cookies

Jordan Hollingshead Rawr

Do you have a sweet tooth that you just can't satisfy, or people coming over to hang out for the night but nothing to eat? This recipe for no-bake chocolate coated chocolate chip cookies are the perfect fix for these situations.

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- Toothpicks

Directions:

- 1. In a bowl mix butter, sugar, and vanilla. Then add flour and mix just until combined.
 - Stir in the milk chocolate chips and then make 1-inch balls with the dough and place them on a
- baking pan lined with wax paper.
- Freeze for about 30 or until dough is firm. 3.
- Melt the semi-sweet chocolate chips in the micro-4. wave at 50 percent power.
- Use a toothpick to stab the dough balls and dip them 5.

High Five



Jordan Hollingshead | Rawr

in the melted chocolate chips and then place back on the wax paper. You can put a little salt on top of the chocolate covered cookie dough if desired.

Place the baking sheet back into the fridge until 6. chocolate has hardened.

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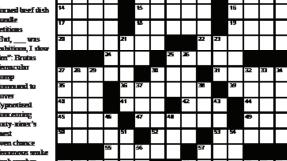
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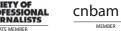
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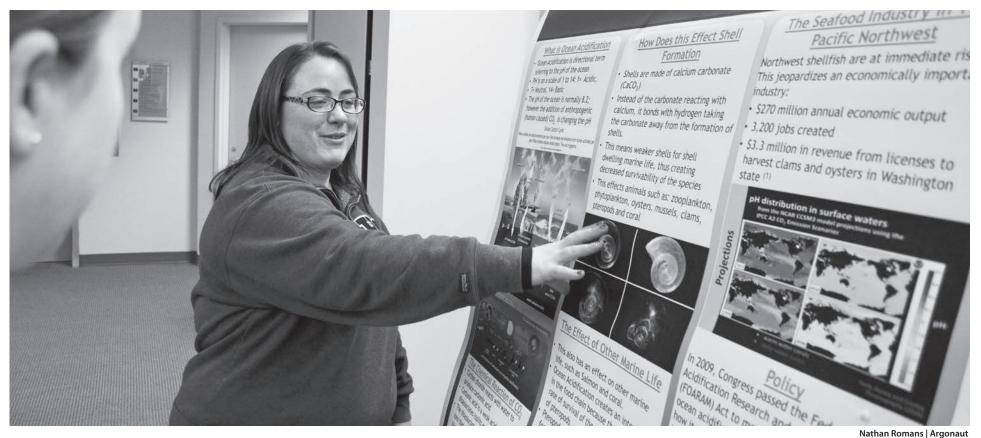
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SHOWING OFF SCIENCE



Senior Sarah Gussenhoven, a geology and secondary education major, talks about her poster on the effects of acidification on the ocean Tuesday in the Idaho Commons.



Argonaut

When University of Idaho senior Nathan Romans found out he won a full semester of in-state tuition and fees at UI through the Brain Game competition, he

thought it might be a scam.

"I got a text message during my class, and you know how you get those text messages you know that say like 'Congratulations, you know, you won a trip to Jamaica, all expenses paid by a Nigerian priest?' It was kind of like that," he said

Romans won a full semester of tuition and fees from UI through the Brain Game, a contest sponsored through a collaboration of three grants, the College of Science and the Office of the President. Romans is able to use the free semester through a tuition waiver.

Carolyn Bohach, Idaho program director of the IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence or INBRE, said the goal

> of the Brain Game was to raise awareness for scientific research being done by professors and students at UI.

"We partnered together with the goal to really inform the public about the kinds of research that happens at the University of Idaho," Bohach said. "The fact that the faculty

members on this campus are engaged in their creative activity... is one of the things that really sets us apart from a community college."

The Brain Game ran through the foot-

ball season and is gearing for another round during basketball season leading into the spring. To play the game, sporting event attendees can test their answer to the science-related question aired on the scoreboard during the game. For each correct answer throughout the season, a person is awarded one entry into the drawing.

At the conclusion of the football season part of the Brain Game, Romans was chosen at random from all of entries. During football season over 3,000 correct entries were submitted, Bohach said.

Anyone can enter the game and the prize is completely transferable, she said. Parents, students and staff can all enter and give the semester of tuition to whomever they choose. Each of the questions relates to science research being done at UI and contestants are given links to webpages

Nathan Romans takes home a free semester of tuition and fees

that explain the question and the research related to it.

The game will run through the basketball season and another winner will be chosen in the spring.

"I think it's a really excellent start for something that we didn't really advertise very much," Bohach said. "I don't know that the average student even realizes how much science research is going on here."

For Romans, he's just excited to redeem his prize and save a semester's worth of tuition and fees. While he has no plans to go out and celebrate wildly he has made a practical purchase. "I bought new tires for my car," Romans said laughing.

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Students relax for finals

UI provides resources to help students prepare for finals

Kelsey Stevenson Argonaut

To prepare for upcoming final exams, many students choose to cram alone in their rooms or at a coffee shop. However, the University of Idaho offers many resources for students to help them prepare for finals and relax in the process.

The library is one of these resources. Reference Librarian Beth Canzoneri said many organizations are partnering with the library to keep students hydrated and refreshed throughout the stressful weeks.

"For dead week, we are working with ASUI to provide - for three nights - healthy snacks like bananas, granola bars and smartpopped popcorn, coffee and school supplies," she said. "They also take a cart to second floor and walk around."

Thursday, a yoga instructor from the Student Recreation Center led a yoga session to relax the students cramming for exams in the library. While this semester

was the first time yoga was offered, it is the fifth semester the library and ASUI collaborated to provide snacks and coffee.

"We've found that dead week is a much more active study week," Canzoneri said. "That's why we concentrate activities for dead week."

Canzoneri said library hours don't change for finals or dead week and the library will still be open until midnight Sunday through Thursday.

'There are no distractions (in the library)," she said. "You also have some accountability when you're studying in the library. If you're in your room by yourself, you can suddenly find yourself on Facebook. If you're in the library, you have people around you that are really going to keep you on task."

She said librarians are on duty until 7 p.m. to assist students in finding relevant materials.

The Fishbowl, the windowed area on the north side of the library, is open 24 hours a day so students can continue to study even after the library has closed.

Although the library only provided snacks during dead week, from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday of finals week there will be a hot chocolate stand outside of the library provided by Vandal Health Education.

To kick off finals week, from 9-11 p.m. the Sunday before finals week, Bob's Cafeteria will offer a free meal, called Late Night Breakfast. University Housing spokeswoman Cara Lehman said they have done the breakfast for a few years and it's always been successful.

"It's an appreciation from housing and dining to students for a good semester, as well as just a time to celebrate and wish students good luck on finals week," Lehman said.

Located in the basement of the Wallace Residence Hall, the Student Success Center is another resource for students. The Success Center welcomes all students, not just those living in the residence halls. At 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday of finals week, the Student Success Center will host events to help students relax before and after their finals.

Activities will include games, origami and story time. Academic peer mentors, Area Assistant Vic-



Brenda Ely| Argonaut

ASUI Senator Austin Blacker hands out healthy snacks at the free snack table in the library Tuesday night to help students during finals.

toria Slichter and Student Success and Retention Coordinator Colton Bjerke host all activities.

'We are having them in order to give students a chance to get their minds off their academics," Slitcher said. "It's important for students to do this during a stressful time such as finals. We bought coloring books and crayons, and it's just kind of a fun way to just relax and take your mind off of your academics. We got Hello Kitty, Captain America and Lion King coloring books."

Bjerke will offer extended office hours during finals week to help students with their studies. Bjerke will be available from 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Tuesday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday.

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FACULTY Launchbaugh takes the win

Katrina Hicks Argonaut

University of Idaho College of Natural Resources professor Karen Launchbaugh, who specializes in rangeland

ecology and management, brought home an award from Washington, D.C., last month recognizing her as Idaho's Professor of the Year.

The awards were presented to the winners at the Washington, D.C., Press Club Building Nov. 20.

'It was amazing," she said. "I didn't think I deserved it. It was just really humbling."

Each year, a professor from each participating state is presented with a Professor of the Year award and this year Launchbaugh was one of only 31 profes-



sors across the country recognized for her teaching abilities.

In the last two years alone, Launchbaugh has received three other awards for her professorship.

Jodi Walker, UI College of Natural Resources spokeswoman, said she was involved in the process that earned Launchbaugh the award. The Carnegie Foundation, which includes some of Launchbaugh's past students, was partly responsible for her nomination as well, Walker said.

The award is based on dedication to teaching and Walker said she believes the award truly went to the right person.

"Karen exemplifies everything that is right about teaching. She is the most passionate and enthusiastic teacher that I have ever been around," she said.

Walker said Launchbaugh has a unique teaching style. She said Launchbaugh often takes her students on weeklong camping trips to study wildlife, rather than simply lecturing in a classroom every day.

"Karen is incredible for our college, and she's a fabulous spokesperson for her own program," Walker said. "Launchbaugh is the only rangeland professor to ever receive this award, and is honored to be the first in her field."

Each nominee had to fill out extensive paperwork, including letters of recommendation and a personal statement about their own personal passion for teaching. Launchbaugh's past awards and shining recommendations from her peers and colleagues recognized her incredible work ethic and

UI professor wins earns national recognition

played a significant role in her selection for the award, Walker said

Launchbaugh said she has an inherent passion for teaching and believes teaching has changed for the better since she was a student herself. She said she has enjoyed watching the profession change and shift over time and feels happy to have contributed to its growth.

"I'm the guide, I'm the coach, but we're all in it together," she said.

Launchbaugh said teaching is all about engaging students. She said as she continues to try to improve her teaching style and skills, she embraces the feeling of togetherness in and out of the classroom.

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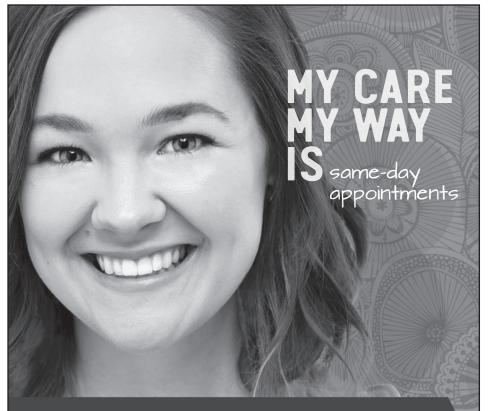
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A candid collaboration

Cara Pantone Argonaut

Staff Sgt. Edwin Latrell knows what it's like to go without during the holiday season. Growing up in a lower-middle class family, Latrell experienced both good and bad Decembers, where toys and presents were not a guarantee. Now, Latrell is helping to ensure other children don't go without.

Latrell helped to bring together the University of Idaho and WSU Navy ROTC programs and UI Greek system to deploy the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign for the second year in a row to gather gifts and monetary donations for families throughout the Palouse.

The final collection will take place Dec. 12-14 at the Wal-Mart in Moscow. Both toys and monetary donations will be accepted and be distributed to local families on the Palouse.

This year was an opportunity to build on last year's effort, a challenge Latrell said he was dedicated to.

"When I am presented with an idea, as this was the case, of 'Hey, how do we improve upon our performance?' It becomes a challenge of how we can take this wonderful event that we had last year and not only find a way to recreate those results, but find a way to improve them," Latrell said.

Latrell became involved with the Toys for Tots program last year when his wife, Julie, needed to create a community service program or adapt an existing one as part of her master's program. Latrell said his wife began investigating the Toys for Tots program in the area and began working to find ways to improve it.

Latrell said when he started to look into Toys for Tots he found out it unfortunately did not have a large footprint in the Moscow-Pullman area. Latrell's wife put forth the effort to see what would happen if the Marine Corps Reserves symbol were displayed on the box.

Through her efforts, as well as Latrell's, there was a significant increase in Toys for Tots participation turnout last year. The community collected more than \$2,500 and about 330 toys, Latrell said, while the area had previously raised about 150-200 toys and \$700 to \$800 in one season. This year, Latrell said getting the UI Greek system involved became a goal to increase the number of donations even more.

"I'm a member of the Phi Kappa Tau house," Latrell said. "I'm an out-of-house member, but I use the Greek system as a way to be a mentor to the regular college students in addition to the NROTC students, so it was very easy for me to approach Kappa Tau and say, 'Hey, why don't we set our house up as an organizer for the Greek community to get as many houses as we can trying to compete against each other to fill the boxes."

After approaching each Greek house personally, Latrell said the on-campus fraternities and sororities collected 636 toys and \$1,116 throughout the course of one week. The Gamma Phi Beta sorority was able to the collect most cash out of all of the sororities and the Pike house won for total amount of cash donated by a fraternity. Beta Chi donated the most toys from a fraternity, and Alpha Gamma Delta donated the most toys from a sorority. Latrell said he commended Alpha Gamma Delta for donating the most toys by far out of all the fraternities and sororities.

This ideology is also what local Toys for Tots Coordinator Jim White said motivates him to be involved and passionate about the Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots program began in Palouse area in 2004, and White said it has been working with local organizations and churches to gather lists for families in need and distributing gifts through those organizations

Joing forces for the greater good

ever since. White said giving is a rewarding process.

"That's the reason why you do this, is for the kids," White said. "Seeing the faces of the kids coming through, that's the reason why I do it."

White said while the Toys for Tots program is growing, the Moscow-Pullman area has grown significantly in the last two years after NROTC became involved. NROTC originally became a distribution site for Toys for Tots five years ago, but became involved in collection last year. Latrell said the collection for this year doesn't end with the Greek system, as the NROTC and Toys for Tots give the entire community an opportunity to give.

"In order to ensure the entire University of Idaho community, not only the students but also Moscow as a whole that supports the University of Idaho as a community, has a chance to participate and get involved, we do the big Wal-Mart collection day at the end," Latrell said. "This is everyone's chance to participate with the University of Idaho and the whole program."

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From the south came a coffee

Hannah Shirley Argonaut

When Boise-based coffee company Moxie Java began its rebranding process, Vice President of Business Development and Strategy Ken Stokes said it transitioned. Rather than market its blends by region, the company wanted to market them by attitude. One of those attitudes, he said, is Vandal pride.

Many of these new blends will ring familiar for Idaho natives. Celebrating things like Idaho's iconic green belt or firefighters, new blends include Sprocket Buster, Bunny Slope, Hot Shot, Bronco Blend and, for the first time in the company's history, the north-inspired medium roast Vandal Blend.

"Our promise to customers is to infuse every day with Idaho flavor," Stokes said. "We're really embracing a local strategy and celebration of both Moxie and Idaho lifestyle. Our partnership with UI makes complete sense in that we want to celebrate what goes on on campus day in and day out in the north."

Stokes and the rest of the Moxie Java team began communicating with the head of Vandal Solutions, a student-run, non-profit business group, about a Moxie Java presence on the University of Idaho campus about a year ago. Since then, they've come up with a development plan, and the first piece of the puzzle, Stokes said, is the launch of the 12-ounce bag of Vandal Blend coffee beans.

Vandal Blend became available for purchase after Thanksgiving Break. Stokes said it could probably be found at tables, kiosks or via door-to-door sales.

Stokes said the company is exploring opening a Moxie Java location on campus as well as in Moscow for the spring semester. No specific locations have been finalized yet, but Stokes said collaboration with Vandal Solutions and a group of Art and Architecture students is ongoing.

Besides distributing coffee and possibly opening physical locations, Stokes said there are several social media initiatives Moxie Java plan to implement, and he said he hopes to launch an app that will allow students to place orders from their phones to pick up in-house.

"It's exciting, and we have pretty aggressive plans for campus," Stokes said. "I don't want to talk about it at this point until we're just a little farther down the road, but we're looking at very exciting

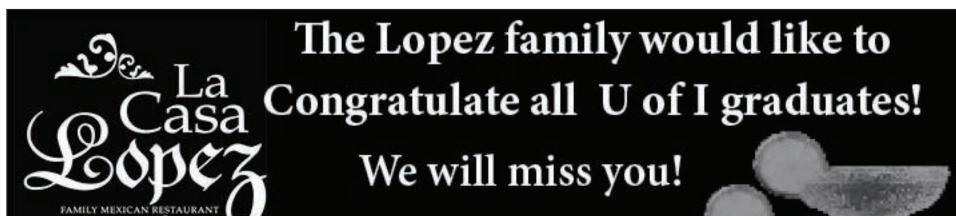
'Vandal Blend' coffee on shelves at Moxie Java

opportunities, not only for the UI business school, but for other schools as well."

If collaboration with UI continues to go well, Stokes said he expects to instigate projects with other Idaho universities, as well.

"This collaboration is very mutually beneficial," he said. "I would love to expand this to other schools in Idaho. This is our first run through. I don't see it as replacing our current business development model. I see it as a wonderful addition."

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STUDENT LIFE

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Taking a break

Career Center advisers discuss gap years, alternate careers, benefits

Graham Perednia Argonaut

Earning an education is a long and stressful process. The University of Idaho Career Center let students know at a presentation Wednesday that taking a year off after graduation could help students evaluate their future to make the "right" next step.

Eric Anderson and Matt Vaartstra, advisers at the UI Career Center, talked about the pros and cons of taking a gap year as part of the Vandal Career Development Series for fall 2014.

"It lets you get out there," Vaartstra said. "(To) explore passions and values."

"A gap year is any period of time spent doing something besides school or working on a career," Vaartstra said. It can be taken after college, before graduate school or before starting a career — he said it could even be taken during college. It is an opportunity to explore new cultures and ideas while gaining experiences that some employers will be interested in, Vaartstra said.

The practice of taking a gap year is common in Europe, Ander-

66 It can be that deep breath before jumping

back into school.

Matt Vaartstra, adviser

more common in the U.S. as well.

"What (you) want a gap year to be is meaningful," Vaartstra said. "It can be that deep breath before jumping back into school."

During that time a person could join the Peace Corps, work on a farm or teach English in another county, Anderson said. It is about what best fits what the individual wants to get out of the experience. He said a gap year could be taken anywhere like a hometown or in Moscow. One of the goals of a gap year is to jump out of an academic environment in order to take a break, Vaartstra said.

"I think of a gap year as an investment," Anderson said.

With any investment, a gap son said, and is starting to become year requires planning. It is important to start planning what to do during a gap year at least three months prior if the time will be spent in the U.S. and at least a year prior if the gap year will be spent abroad, Vaartstra said. If not planned out properly, he said a gap year can be stressful and expensive.

"You want to know what you want out of your life," Vaartstra said. "(The gap year) will change you."

There are numerous online resources and organizations to help plan gap years, Anderson said. There are also scammers who prey on students who are looking to take a gap year so it is important to verify the legitimacy of the organization, Anderson said.

Once the gap year is completed, the individual will have a different looking resume and while some think because it will have chronological gaps and appear to demonstrate a lack of commitment to any one thing, this is not the case, Vaartstra said. In order to make a gap year work to its full potential, one must learn how to talk about the experiences he or she had and Vaartstra said the UI Career Center would help students do just that.

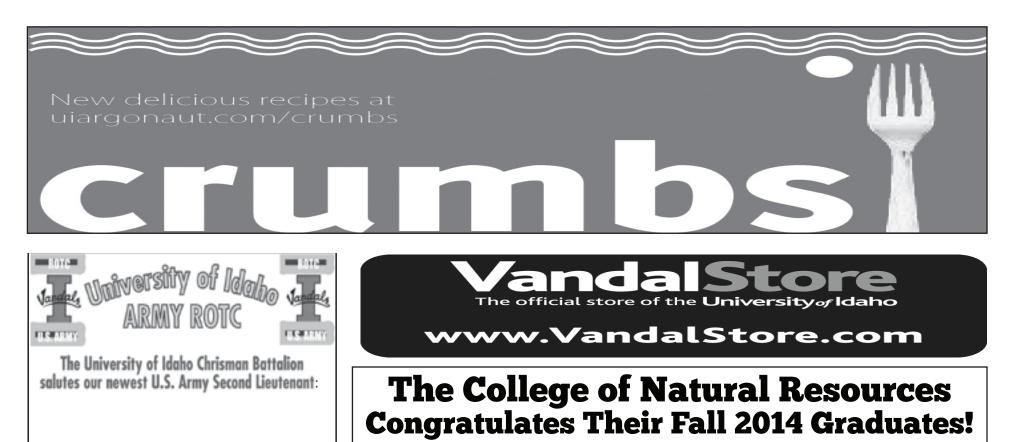


Eric Anderson from the Career Center shared his experience and advices about gap year and other alternate career options.

"(We have a) once a Vandal, always a Vandal policy," Vaartstra said

The Career Center will work with alumni and current students to plan and make a gap year the best experience it can be.

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JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazzing up the Palouse

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival tickets now on sale for general public

> Lyndsie Kiebert Argonaut

University of Idaho alumnus and trumpet performance major Kyle Gemberling grew up in Moscow and has attended the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival since fourth grade — often times as a student performer.

"I had a lot of fantastic experiences performing at the festival in school groups as well as vocal and trumpet solo performances," he said.

Although Gemberling cannot make this year's festival, he thinks it will be a good show. The festival will run from Feb. 25-28 and tickets are now available to purchase and range from \$20 to \$50 per night.

Gemberling said although the ticket prices may seem a little steep, the value of the jazz

artists justifies the cost to see them perform.

"It's hard for me to shake my head at the prices at the jazz festival, especially considering the caliber of the performers coming through Moscow every February,' Gembering said. "For students who are struggling with minimal funds, that makes it tough to justify, but when you've got some slick musicians in town, it's hard to say no."

According to Steven Remington, associate director of the festival, festivities begin with saxophonists Grace Kelly and Jeff Coffin, the All-Star Quartet, vibraphonist Stefon Harris and the Lionel Hampton School of Music Jazz Band 1 directed by UI Professor Vern Sielert.

The second day of the festival will encompass a dance-based event complete with an appearance from the Swing Devils of the Palouse. The Pitman Center will be alive with the sounds of

It's a very cool experience to have Moscow become so active and alive for that weekend. Kyle Gemberling, UI Alumnus

Meschiya Lake and the Little Big Horns, Bria Skonberg, and the All-Star Quartet. Other performances that Thursday include Holly Hoffman's Flutology and the U.S. Air Force's Airmen of Note, he said.

Friday will include performances from saxophonist Christine Jensen and trumpeter Ingrid Jensen, as well as four-time Grammy award winner Dianne Reeves and her band.

The last day of the historic festival, Remington said, will conclude with the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Big Band featuring return appearances from Stefon Harris and Dianne Reeves.

Remington said the festival began in 1967 as a celebration of the heritage of jazz music, and is named after the American jazz icon Lionel Hampton. In the years after 2005, the festival seemed to have hit its peak and began to feel the effects of a changing music scene, he said.

A combination of the recession and changes in the music industry resulted in a loss of interest from local band directors who traditionally brought students to experience the festival. That's when Remington said he became executive director of the festival, and used his background in marketing, administration and logistical planning to help restore the festival back to its previous glory.

One of his efforts was to put a larger emphasis on the educational opportunities that arise from bringing such large numbers of young students to UI. While a large part of the festival is the actual performances, workshops hosted by musicians and other professionals are also a notable attraction, he said.

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Remington said the festival has become a staple event in the Pacific Northwest. On a more local level, the event is one of the major annual happenings in Moscow.

Gemberling believes what makes the Jazz Fest special is the way it enriches the community as a whole.

"It's a very cool experience to have Moscow become so active and alive for that weekend," Gemberling said.

Remington agreed and said the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is an important event because of the identity it provides the university and the community.

"That's what these festivals do - they reinforce that sense of place," he said.

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GREEK LIFE Old friends, new titles IFC, Panhellenic councils elect new board members for 2015

Emily Mosset Argonaut

University of Idaho junior Becca Papineau said she decided to run for Panhellenic president because she wanted to be a friend

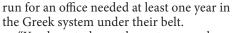
and leader in the Greek community. "I want to be that girl who someone can look up to and come to

and not be afraid to talk to," she said. On Sunday, UI's Greek community elected Papineau as Panhellenic Council president and Troy Lavigne Interfraternity Council president for 2015.

Other new board members for Panhellenic Council include Vice

President of Internal Affairs Nicola Costello, Vice President of Programming Ana Campos, Vice President of Public Relations Cassandra Michaud, Assistant Vice President of Recruitment Chantell Lowe, Vice President of Membership Development Rachael Miller, Vice President of Finance Julie Tollifson and Secretary Elizabeth Bailey Thomas.

New Interfraternity Council members consist of Vice President Chris Hudson, Assistant Director of Recruitment James Conway, Director of Public Relations Issac Shaw, Director of Membership Development Darion Marlin and Secretary Ian Thie. The positions for director of finance and director of philanthropy have not been nominated yet, Lavigne said.



"You have to know the system, you have to know recruitment, you have to know a lot about just being in a house," Papineau said.

> "And so we recommend that (candidates) are a sophomore or up and then they can run, they can run for any position."

She said as president she would like to see a more personable and strong relationship between the general Greek community and its leadership. She wants IFC and Panhellenic to host bi-weekly

open forums, where students, both Greek and non-Greek, can voice their concerns to the council.

'We want to know what (students) are thinking, and I think this is a very good chance to know," she said. "We can't guess so I want to take that away and I want to know ... I want to be that leader who people can come up to and state their concerns ... we want to make the Greek life here at the University of Idaho the best it can be."

Lavigne, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, agrees with the objective of easing the communication process between Greek members and IFC. He said one of his goals is to encourage people to become more aware of the resources IFC and Greek life have to offer.

to see that we take such care in our academics and strive to succeed in our classrooms."

Lavigne said he is happy to extend the lessons he has learned from his UI experience to younger members of the student body.

"Enjoy your time here," he said, directed toward new Greek students. "Enjoying your time as a Greek student and making the most of it by getting involved and even becoming involved with IFC or Panhellenic, and doing those types of things puts your name out there. And working hard in general and giving back to the community."

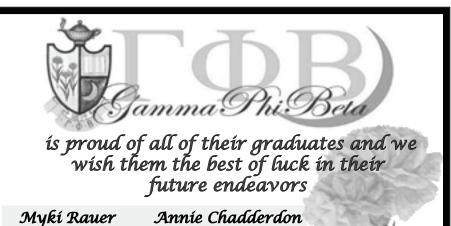
Papineau said she believes the Greek

system is a good community and encour-

ages those interested in Greek to make the leap and give it a chance. 'Experience it for yourself and listen to kids who are in the Greek system because it really does change their minds and it really does make a difference for some kid," she said. "They have a lot of opportunities during and after college because of the Greek life and it's just an amazing opportunity. Keep an open mind about the whole

system because there are a lot of positives

about the whole thing." Emily Mosset can be reached at arg-news@uidaho.edu





Becca Papineau Panhellenic Presidnet

societies are academically based so it's great

Papineau, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, said those who wanted to

"A lot of our core values are academics and our philanthropy," he said. "We have a 3.0 GPA as a system so I think it would be good if we kept it above that number. A lot of

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STUDENT LIFE

Snow on screen

VandalSNOW club deems Red Bull ski film fundraiser a success

Cara Pantone Argonaut

Climbing up ice for eight hours, plummeting through vertical rock chutes and flying through bluebird skies unusual pastimes for VandalSNOW skiers and snowboarders.

At the Moscow premiere of the Red Bull-sponsored film, "Days of My Youth," however, all of the winterfriendly attendees were able to experience these daring feats in the snow from the comfort of a warm auditorium.

The film premiere was this year's annual fundraiser for the University of Idaho winter sports club, VandalSNOW. The event included a raffle of ski and snowboard gear and day passes to Schweitzer.

Alex Fairbanks, vice president of VandalSNOW, said he thought the event was successful and had a better turnout than in years past — with an estimated 110 attendees. He said the film for the event is usually released by Red Bull Media and VandalSNOW provides an outlet for its viewing.

The film contributed to the event's success, Fairbanks said.

"I loved it — I thought it was great," he said. "I thought it was really playful and I definitely loved how they showed their kids skiing. It was awesome."

Fairbanks said the fundraiser is a good way to promote VandalSNOW and connect with other students on campus. The money raised through the event funds competitions and various opportunities for club members, according to Fairbanks.

"One thing that makes VandalSNOW different is we have a lot of options," Fairbanks said. "For people who are interested in winter sports and want to take them to the next level, we offer a competition component of the club, which is the freestyle ski and snowboard, and we also have people who are more involved in the ASUI student club aspect and don't compete, so that combination kind of makes it dynamic."

Ray Mosman, UI student representative for Red Bull, said he agrees the event was successful and works as a collaborative effort between Red Bull and VandalSNOW.

"This was a chance to support student activity on campus, so we supported the VandalSNOW club and we were also just trying to get something for students to do," Mosman said.

Mosman, who handed out free Red Bull drinks at the event, said he received a lot of positive feedback from people who attended.

"I spoke with students at the event and a couple days after, and everyone was pretty stoked about it," Mosman said. "The response was really positive, and I even talked to people who wanted to watch the movie again."

Mosman said the event benefited UI students because it was a good match and good timing for an event and film like this, giving students a place to vent in the weeks leading up to finals and reaching out to students with similar interests.

"I think there are a lot of outdoorsy-type students at the University of Idaho," Mosman said. "I think a ski film was a good way to connect some of those students together and give them something to do. I think it was a good alternative to other events on campus that maybe aren't geared towards outdoor activities." Fairbanks said VandalSNOW plans to hold a similar event next winter and encourages students who are interested in the outdoors and winter sports to look up the club.

Contests in creativity

Architecture students design hypothetical UI president's house for class contest

Daphne Jackson Argonaut

Each student received the same set of guidelines in August, yet over the semester they planned and sketched 18 completely different buildings.

Graduate architecture students enrolled in a design studio course over the semester participated in a competition to design the best hypothetical residence for the University of Idaho's president. The competition comes at a time when the president's house is undergoing plans to be remodeled in the coming years, giving participating students the tools and mindset to start from scratch.

Diane Armpriest, professor for one of the two studios in the course, said this was the third year the Idaho Forest Products Commission sponsored a design competition for architecture students. She said participating students had to come up with unique ways to incorporate wood into their designs.

"I thought it was a really good group of students who worked hard during the semester, and made good progress and demonstrated that they understood the use of wood, understood and valued the use of wood as a design and construction material," she said.

Armpriest said she and her colleague tried to make the environment for the studio as much like an architectural firm as possible — giving them a glimpse into the professional world of architects. She said the course required students to design a high-performance building.

"They need to demonstrate that they could be hired by a firm, and be a good intern architect," Armpriest said. "They have one more design studio, and that's a project of their own invention, and so this is the last time that they're all working together on a similar, same type, well, a project with very specific requirements."

Armpriest said the contest's firstplace winner, Kayla Stoker, received \$500 and a trophy. The next two places — Jacob Liddicoat (second place) and Tucker Haderlie (third place) — won \$250 each. She said there were also two honorable mentions, Crystal Nutsch and Alfonso Ramirez.

Stoker said the process of developing her building design into the final version was a long but worth-



Senior architecture students Derek Oliver (left), Kyle Jones, and Adriana De Giuli (right) admire the architecture graduate students' work displayed in the Reflections Gallery. The winner of the competition is Kayla Stoker, second place went to Jacob Liddicoat and third place went to Tucker Haderlie.

while project.

"It was a semester-long project that we've been working on since the beginning, so it went through a lot of different iterations, and different process, and just changing things along the way," she said. "This is first-year grad school, so we've done it (made designs) for so many years, but every project's different. You always come across different challenges you don't anticipate going in, and the program that you're given is challenging."

Armpriest said she and Bruce Haglund, the other professor for the course, chose the design project for the students. She said they decided on a hypothetical design for a president's house because it is a current project — an architecture firm from Boise is already in the process of designing the house — and fits the size usually undertaken in the studio.

She said the project turned out to be more complicated than expected because of the need to balance publicity requirements of the home with private living space.

Stoker said she enjoyed the challenge involved in the project.

"The public aspect of this one was fun for me," she said. "Sometimes we get into housing and stuff like that, and so it was interesting to do a more public building that still had that residential component to it."

Clay Cravea, one of the students in Haglund's studio, said one of the goals in the studio was to build a net zero energy building that would make more energy than it used. He said his design followed "passive house" guidelines, meaning it relies on natural heating and cooling methods, as well as uses solar panels and incorporates a method for using

runoff water.

"Sustainability's one of those things that won't go away for a long time," Cravea said. "Being at school and in this competition, I feel like not only do we learn of new materials or new ways to use wood, new wood technology in general, but this green architecture stuff is something that we can apply to our jobs immediately after school."

He said he enjoyed seeing the differences between the designs and styles of the students.

"You can have infinite possibilities with anything, but this is one of those projects where it's like 'Yeah it's a house,' and it has everyone have the same criteria, but you can see so many different ways of doing it," he said. "Solving issues from privacy to public visions and the use of materials, that kind of thing. So it's fun to see everyone's creativity."

Haderlie said he enjoyed working with the structure in his design and felt it was important to give the building a certain rhythm.

"I really enjoyed it, because that is kind of what I would like to do when I get out to be an architect. I would like to do large high-end home design," he said. "So to be able to have the opportunity to actually do a home and an event space design that's kind of focused on what I would like to do in the future was really fun and exciting for me."

Armpriest said she hopes to teach the class with Haglund again next year, as she believes they made a good team. She said the next project will feature a different building, but should be something local — probably another building on campus.

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"Look us up on Facebook," Fairbanks said. "And don't stop drinking Red Bull."

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Succinct stories

Alyssa Baugh Argonaut

Going big in show business doesn't necessarily mean going long, as the plays featured in the University of Idaho's 10-minute Play Festival this week proved.

Fourteen plays — each 10 minutes in length or less debuted on stage for three nights this week in the Forge Theatre. Each play was written by a UI undergraduate or graduate student, or alumni, and the actors were members of the UI community chosen from open-call auditions held in September.

"It's such a great experience working with peers and getting to go through the process with them. It really takes a group effort," said Lo Miles, who performed in "Pin It," written by Sondra Williams. "It's my third time and I'll do it forever, as long as I can." Writing, directing and performing in such short plays can be a blessing and a curse, said David Lee-Painter, the festival's faculty adviser.

"It forces them to be really lean and mean in terms of how they're going to tell that story," Lee-Painter said. "We used to do scenes, where the directors picked scenes from full-length plays, but it's a huge advantage to be working on a complete play, so you're not pulling anything out of context."

Though the playwrights and performers may have played the most obvious roles, directors interpreted the scripts, working with both the writers and actors. Directors came from Lee-Painter's upper-division directing class and each picked a play early in the semester to take the lead on.

Lee-Painter said his goal is to teach the directors how to lead

and inspire a group of people. They also get hands-on experience managing a production, which can be a lot of work.

One play, Robin Brooks' "A Thousand Little Cuts," was performed twice — with two different casts and directors. Lee-Painter said after seeing the two interpretations in rehearsals, they are completely different plays.

The playwrights stay involved with the production throughout the process. Playwrights who attend the university frequent the rehearsals, and those who don't use Skype to stay connected, Lee-Painter said.

"The playwrights are always pleased just to have a production of their play," he said. "I think the process helps it be a little less "That's not the way I would've done it' and more that they're having a dialogue all the way through. One of our alums, who lives in Pendleton, Oregon, comes every semester to see his play."

The 10-Minute Play Festival's defining characteristic is that it features students and graduates from all experience levels, Lee-Painter said.

Open-call auditions get a good mix of new and returning actors and he said the plays come from a combination of established writing students and rookies. The playwrights can come from anyone who is willing to submit their work to Robert Caisley, who is the head of the Dramatic Writing Program at UI. Lee-Painter said the festival is a good way for new writers to get involved because it's a pretty finite experience, whereas full-length plays are much bigger tasks.

Students from the Virtual

Ten-minute Play Festival features UI playwrights

Technology and Design (VTD) program also put together an introduction that ran on all three nights of the festival. The four students involved, Miguel Almeida, Shane Bruess, Taylor Kirkham and Rachel Midence, created a virtual actor who interacted with performers on stage.

Lee-Painter said that he and Caisley have worked with VTD for a number of years to find a place for them in the shows. Last year VTD worked on 'A Christmas Carol' and before that worked on a project called DNA for the 1-Page Theater Festival.

"We get to see actors who have never had their face seen on stage before," Lee-Painter said. "It's really exciting to watch them grow and to feel like they really belong here."

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STUDENT LIFE

Deck the halls with climate change

Class brings climate change knowledge, awareness to UI

Shannon Kelly Argonaut

As students rushed to classes and studied in the Idaho Commons during dead week, they may have noticed the halls are decked with poster boards.

University of Idaho students from a geography course on climate change were assigned to research a topic related to climate change and make a poster and present their findings to the UI community.

Students presented their posters Tuesday morning to students in the Idaho Commons and the posters stayed on display for the remainder of the week.

According to senior geography major and participant Nick Ness, the posters are a showcase of UI student achievement and raise awareness on important issues.

The poster topics range from forest fires to droughts and even common climate change misconceptions, he said.

Many of the displays, such as one on salmon runs, are locally relevant. Much of the subject matter is interdisciplinary and has something for students of every major.

Ness did his project on mountain water resources in the Pacific Northwest and how they are being impacted by climate change.

He said his group examined records, charts and other scientific data on winds that impact precipitation and confirmed that precipitation levels are down. "Decreased stream flow will limit hydroelectric possibilities as well as the water usage and storage that we get from the precipitation in the Northwest," Ness said. "Much of this region depends on dams for electricity and everyone needs access to fresh water. The Northwest is heavily snowmelt dominated as far as stream flow goes so if there's a decrease in stream flow there is going to be a decrease in hydroelectric and hydrothermal power."

Juan Chiquito, a senior political science and history major, said he thinks the poster display is a brilliant idea.

"It is a creative way to inform the average student about climate change since most of them don't always have time to sit down and read about the issues on their own time," he said. "The posters are easy to look at even on the way to class. It is also another way to make people less ignorant about the global environment and the issues that we as people should do something about."

Ness hopes his fellow students will take a look at as many of the posters as possible. He said everyone has something to learn.

"I'm hoping that my fellow students will see that climate is changing," he said. "There are some posters that even show the human effects like the increase in CO2 in the Earth's atmosphere that contribute. The global temperature is increasing and that is something that we need to be careful of."

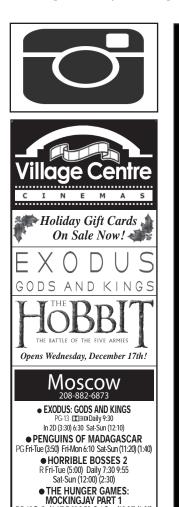
Both Ness and Chiquito said they learned valuable information from the semester-long project. Ness said he hopes the displays will persuade UI students to take action in regard to the environment.

"If we want to help the environment and ourselves we need to figure out ways to mitigate and adapt to climatic effects like forest fires and snow melt," he said. "It's something we all need to know about and work on."

According to Ness, his final project was a culmination of all he has learned at UI.

"It's my last semester here at Idaho and this project has been something that I really tried to take a lot of pride in and tried to put forth all the knowledge that I learned throughout my four and a half years here," he said. "I'm excited and I hope people get to learn from it."

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Dahlinger hopes will inspire other students of the off-campus majority to become more involved.

'Clare is a true voice for underserved students, she's engaged, and she always gets it," Dahlinger said. "When you ask her to do something, no matter how small the task, she takes that on as a personal responsibility and gets it done."

Haley's interest in travel and international studies led her to study abroad in South America her junior year, which she said was the most memorable experience of her life.

"I actually took a semester off to travel to Ecuador," Haley said. "The whole experience was probably the farthest out of my comfort zone I have ever gone, but it was also a time of great growth and it was just an amazing experience."

Haley said she was first drawn to Moscow by the campus' open atmosphere and the collective personality of the student body.

'The size of the campus felt right to me," Haley said. "I felt like I could spend four years in Moscow and not get bored of the people, but that the town was small enough to also have more personal interactions."

Although it is bittersweet for Haley to see her time at the university come to a close, she said that she feels prepared for the future.

"Graduation is a little surreal and I'm actually kind of sad about it," Haley said. "But more than anything, I'm grateful for the time I've spent at this school."

The best memories, Haley said, were made under the most unusual circumstances.

In an effort to be more involved in the Outdoors Program, Haley joined a group of nearly 30 students for a camping trip to Vantage, Washington, in the middle of the winter.

"It was cold and snowing, and it was this weird mix of people from all different walks of life at the university," Haley said. "We gathered together, built a giant fire and bonded over this shared experience in the snow that ended up turning into one of my favorite nights."



new people and gain new experiences by challenging myself and making myself uncomfortable. **Clare Haley, UI senior**

When it comes to the future, Haley plans to continue expanding on her wealth of experiences by traveling before settling down with a specific career. Haley said she plans to ski a lot this winter and is in the process of planning long distance backpacking trips for the summer.

The goal is to meet new people and gain new experiences by challenging myself and making myself uncomfortable," Haley said.

Graduation is her biggest accomplishment — she said it's on par with spending a semester studying abroad. She said she won't shy away from expressing her Vandal pride in the postgraduate world.

"The University of Idaho doesn't have great name recognition," Haley said. "But we have a lot of class diversity and the experiences that students can have on this campus are unique in a lot of ways that really contribute to an education that, I think, is more valuable than one from an expensive, well-known private school."

Haley said she believes her UI experience, although not as nationally revered as others, will fair her well in the years to come.

"Entering the work force is going to be a little intimidating, because I'll be competing with kids from these big name schools," Haley said. "But I trust that my time in Moscow and the opportunities that I've been afforded here will help get me through ... this is a place with a lot of great people who put effort into establishing meaningful connections with others and living in a place like this, that's not something that ever leaves you."

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Smith later went on to obtain a master's degree in geochemistry and a Ph.D. in geosciences from the New Mexico Institute of Technology.

Katherine Aiken, UI interim provost and executive vice president, said UI's commencement ceremonies are typically a time to display leadership from within the Vandal family.

perfect choice to speak to our graduates," Aiken said. "Dr. Smith has led our mission of research, teaching and outreach in southeastern Idaho with great success. I'm confident that our graduates will take away a great deal of insight and inspiration from his message."

Although Smith said he can't give away the main points of his speech, he is looking forward to spending time in Moscow and to be reminded of the impact UI has on so many lives.



File photo by Jett Jones | Argonaut

A UI Facilities employee clears the campus walkway the afternoon of Dec. 13.

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preventing accidents next week. "If you hear a friend who's

been up all week cramming for finals, say, 'Hey, maybe wait a day' or offer to go with them," he said. "Looking out for our friends is always a great way to stay safe."

UI sophomore Daniel Butcher, who said he is driving home himself next week, is taking extra precautions to avoid an accident.

"I like to hurry home ... but if it's bad conditions, never push it," he said. "And if it's really, really bad, pull off for the night and make sure you have a blanket or a pillow. Be prepared for the unexpected."

Yet, Chatriand said students have options when it comes to getting home safely. UI offers a holiday break bus ride that takes students on different routes to destinations such as Boise and Portland. The bus is offered through the Dean of Students Office and the cost of a seat is around \$110.

The Wheatland Express Company also offers shuttles that take students to the Spokane Airport for long distance trips.

"I think any of those buses and shuttles are always a good way to get home," Chatriand said.

Although weather related accidents are an ever-present danger in any city, Chatriand said UI students should be cautious of Palouse weather and the long, two-lane highways many students take home.

"We care a great deal about getting our students home

safely," he said.

Chatriand said there are many precautions students can make to prepare for a safe trip home.

"Drive with friends in the car to keep you awake and to talk to you," he said. "And also avoid texting and being on your phone."

Chatriand said everyone should take precautions, not just young drivers. He said he hopes to see everyone back in January as he returns to UI as the new dean of students.

"I would ask (students) to stop and think about what's going to be ahead of them," he said. "No matter where you go from Moscow... the possibility of (accidents) is pretty high."

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wondering what weapons are allowed on campus.

"We thought it was a good idea to restrict some of the more common dangerous weapons from being carried around on campus," he said.

The proposed policy lists a number of weapons not allowed on campus, including death stars, Nunchucks, artificial knuckles, Tasers and bows and arrows.

At the request of senators, Dorschel said he would add language to ban all items fitting a general description of weapons, even if they're not

final review.

As for fake weapons or props, the policy states fake weapons would not be allowed on campus under the new policy, unless they are associated with an academic program or university activity and approved by Dorschel's office.

Dorschel said receiving an exception to the weapons policy for a university course or activity could be as simple as calling his office for approval.

"I definitely don't want this to be a cumbersome process," he said.

The proposed policy would not allow stun guns or Tasers on campus, a point that raised not considered a very good self-protection weapon," Dorschel said. "They are more dangerous to the holder than they are to the assailant."

Although he has objections to Tasers, Dorschel said if he saw large support for allowing Tasers on campus he would be willing to alter the policy.

Dorschel said he is willing to meet with Faculty Senate members or ASUI representatives to refine and improve the policy language.

He also said his office is not in a big rush to approve policy into the Administrative Procedure Manual, but would like to see the policy go into effect sometime early

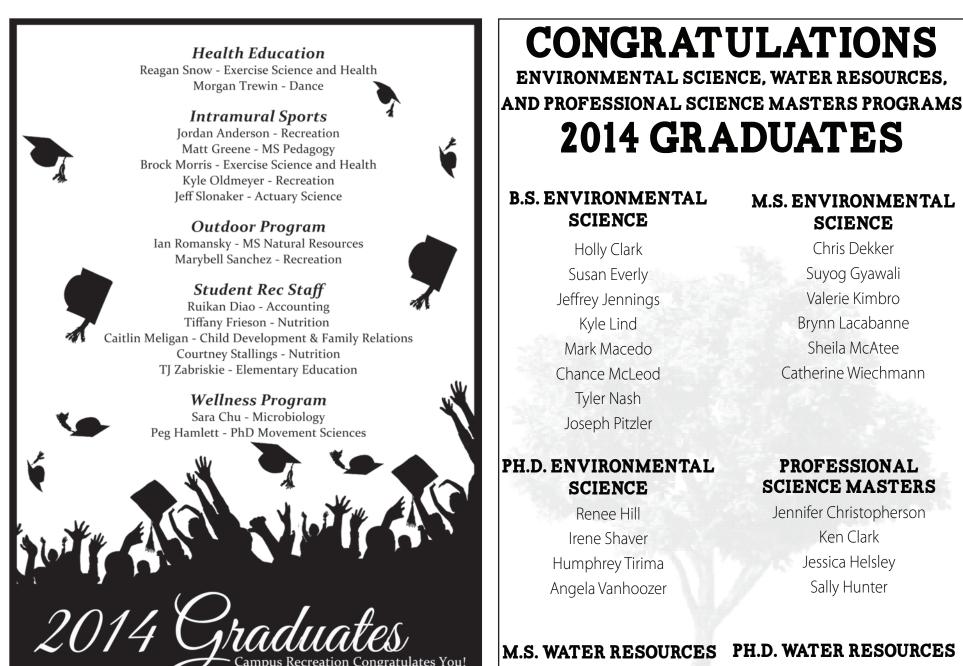
"As a highly respected researcher and leader at our Idaho Falls center and the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, Dr. Smith is a

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After the edits are made, Dorschel said he will send it back to Faculty Senate for a

concern from one senator who next year. knows individuals that carry Tasers as a self-defense weapons. "Stun guns and Tasers are

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SPORTS No. 9 Bayler pulls away in the second half to beat Idaho women's basketball 88-70 Wednesday. PAGE 7 FOOTBALL Leaving his mark

Idaho's Forde sibling duo losing Maxx to graduation something that was always emphasized."

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

One-half of Idaho's most wellknown sibling sports duo is graduating this fall.

Maxx Forde, a defensive lineman for Idaho's football team and a favorite among Vandal fans, is graduating after spending five years as a Vandal. His sister, Ali Forde, who plays on both the Idaho volleyball and women's basketball teams, is going to be the only Forde in a Vandal uniform in 2015.

Maxx was one of only five players from his original recruiting class who was still with the football team this season and graduating this fall. Joining him are Idaho mainstays Mike Marboe, Jesse Davis, Tom Hennessey and Justin Podrabsky.

"I just got good relationships with a lot of people and I think those are things that I'm going to carry on for the rest of my life," Maxx said. "Especially the class that I came in with ... Just being here with those guys for five years I think it's a special bond. We have gone through a lot of adversity together and we have each other's backs."

Maxx is leaving Idaho with a double major from the College of Business and Economics.

"It went well because my parents from a young age always emphasized that school came first," Maxx said. "If I wasn't doing well in school, I wasn't going to be allowed to play sports. That's Maxx's parents, Tracey and Brian

Forde, not only kept him and Ali on track in school, but his dad was also a role model as an athlete. Brian played football at Washington State, where he still holds some school records, before playing professionally with the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

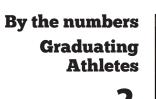
But even though Maxx's father played in the NFL, Maxx said he still didn't think about a long-term future with football while in high school.

"Honestly, it wasn't something I really thought about during high school," he said. "I just played for the love of the game. I wasn't even thinking about college because at that point when I was watching college football, watching USC and guys like that every Saturday, they looked like super heroes. I was like 'Yeah, I'm pretty good in high school, but those guys are on another level."

Maxx finished his career with 20 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks through four seasons at Idaho. He wasn't always just a football player though. As a youth and teen, he participated in soccer, baseball, wrestling, basketball and football often contributing to four or five separate teams in a given season.

Besides football, Maxx said his other primary sport was basketball - something he shares with Ali.

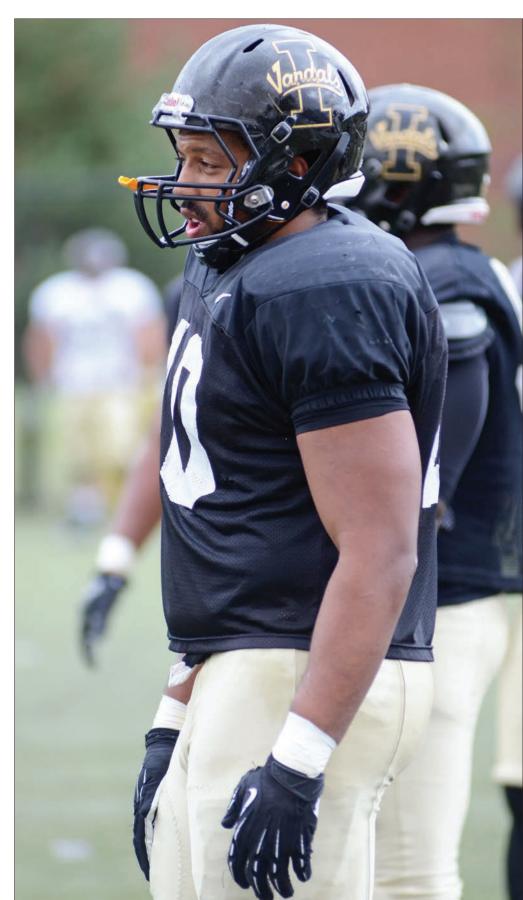
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Coaches graduating

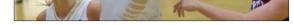
Football players graduating

15 Volleyball players graduating



Cross country runner graduating

Swimmer graduating



File photo by Jose Bendeck | Argonaut Junior post Ali Forde attempts to score on the Nov. 6 exhibition game against Central Washington. Ali will be the only Forde sibling left at Idaho ater her brother graduates this fall.

File photo by Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Senior defensive lineman Maxx Forde practices on the SprintTurf the week before the Sept. 6 game at Louisiana-Monroe. Maxx is one of five seniors from his original class graduating this fall.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WIU's 20-0 run beats Vandals

Vandals lose 17-point lead

Korbin McDonald Argonaut

In a span of seven minutes, the Vandals' 17-point lead turned into a three-point deficit after Western Illinois scored 20-unanswered points in the second half.

The Leathernecks carried that momentum all the way to the end and won the game 78-75.

"This is life on the road," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "You can't play for 20 or 25 minutes and expect to win. I mean for 23, 24 minutes of the ballgame we were really good ... then they go on the run and

we can't sit down and guard them."

The loss put an end to the Vandals two-game winning streak and brought their record back to .500 at 4-4. The team has two days off before it plays at South Dakota State — a team Idaho beat 82-77 back on Nov. 17.

"When we walk out of the Hampton Inn tomorrow morning at 6:30 a.m., we need to all go flush our toilets," Verlin said. "We need to flush this thing down and get ready for the next one."

After just two points in the first half, WIU's Garret Covington gained momentum in the second half. The sophomore guard led all players with 27 points and was 6-of-11 from behind the arc.

Covington was a player who gave Idaho trouble when the two teams played last season in Memorial Gym. As a true freshman, he scored 22 points in a losing effort as the Vandals won 67-63.

"Garret Covington got hot, and once he got hot, we couldn't stop him," Verlin said. "I knew this Western Illinois team was a solid basketball team, it's a good team and they've got some good players, especially one in Garret Covington."

The Vandals leading scorer was sophomore guard Sekou Wiggs, who finished with 17 points and was a perfect 3-of-3 from 3-point range.

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Defensive improvement

Solid defense has been one of the keys to success in the last two games when the

Vandals beat Washington State 77-71 Dec. 3 in Pullman and UC Davis 79-71 Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

Both games were against decent opponents. The Vandals had lost the last 11 games to the Cougars before they beat them Dec. 3. UC Davis was undefeated before it played Idaho Saturday.

Before picking up wins against the Cougars and the Aggies, the Vandals were on a three-game losing streak. During that



Garrett Cabeza Argonaut

streak, Idaho allowed an average of 81 points per game.

Idaho's offense has the ability to score 81, but that's usually too much to overcome. The Vandals stepped up their defense against Washington State and UC Davis.

Against Washington State, the Cougars shot 35.2 percent from the field and only 16.7 percent from 3-point range.

UC Davis actually shot the ball

well, but still scored 71 points. The Aggies shot 44 percent from the field and 41.7 percent from behind the arc.

Allowing 71 points isn't exceptional

Idaho men's basketball displays solid defense in last two wins

from a defensive standpoint, but it's an improvement for the Vandals. Seventy-one points are the lowest point totals allowed by the Vandals since they beat Eastern Oregon 77-65 in their first regular season game of the season.

Idaho's defense doesn't have to be exceptional anyway because their offense is there to back it up. The Vandals averaged 75.9 points per game, which ranks 46th in the nation, heading into Thursday's game.

Idaho's offense consists of great guard play, especially by senior point guard Mike Scott.

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Sports briefs

Seven Vandals earn Sun **Belt honors**

Despite finishing up a 1-10 season, the Vandal football team was able to earn the respect of the coaches and players of the Sun Belt and had seven players earn all-conference honors. Idaho had two players earn first-team honors, one with second-team honors, four earned honorable mentions and one found his way onto the newcomer team. The two first-teamers were senior receiver Josh McCain and sophomore punter and kicker Austin Rehkow. Senior center Mike Marboe takes home second-team honors and junior defensive end Quinton Bradley, junior linebacker Marc Millan, junior running back Elijhaa Penny and freshmen quarterback Matt Linehan earned honorable mention. Jordan Rose, a freshman offensive lineman, also landed his way on the awards list as he was named to the newcomer team. Rehow was also a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, given out to the nation's top punter.

Mike Scott named co-Big Sky Player of the Week

With big performances in two victories over Washington State and UC Davis, Idaho senior point guard Mike Scott was named co-Big Sky Player of the Week along with Eastern Washington's Venky Jois. In the victories over WSU and UC Davis last week he combined for 38 points, 10 assists and only one turnover. For the season, the Los Angeles native has only turned the ball over three times through seven games and is averaging more than 17 points per game.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Baylor Marketing and Communications | Courtesy Senior post Maren Austgulen attempts a block during Idaho's 88-70 loss to No. 9 Baylor, Wednesday at Waco, Texas.

Top 10 Baylor pulls away

Vandals battle in first half, fall short of upsetting No. 9 Baylor

Stephan Wiebe Argonaut

A season-high 31-point performance from senior guard Stacey Barr wasn't enough for Idaho to upset No. 9 ranked Baylor. The Bears beat the Vandals 88-70 Wednesday in Waco, Texas.

Idaho led for much of the first half and Baylor didn't start to create some distance in scoring until late in the period. The Bears went into halftime with a 39-30 lead over Idaho.

Now, the Vandals continue their road trip with the Glass City Tournament Saturday in Toledo, Ohio.

"I thought we battled against a team that has tremendous size and athleticism," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "Eventually that wore us down inside. Too much Kristy Wallace ... she had a heck of a game, probably the best game she'll ever have."

Wallace, Baylor's freshman guard from Loganholme, Australia, shot an astounding 67 percent from the 3-point line in the game to finish with 24 points, but she is not usually a great 3-point shooter, Newlee said. On top of that, Idaho played without starting post Brooke Reilly who is still out with an injury. If those two factors were switched, Idaho might have come out with the upset, Newlee said.

"For us, we battled. I loved our intensity, I loved the way we got after it," Newlee said. "There's no moral victories, but I'm really proud of our team, the way our team came in here and represented the Vandals. I think (Baylor coach Kim) Mulkey figured out there is more than potatoes in Idaho."

Idaho used a slim lineup for the game playing only eight players to Baylor's 11. It resulted in four of Idaho's starters scoring in double figures, but also led to some fatigue later in the game, Newlee said.

In addition to Barr, junior post Ali Forde, junior guard Christina Salvatore and junior guard Connie Ballestero had 10 or more points.

"It was nice to see Connie breakout and shoot the ball the way I know she's capable of," Newlee said. "She shot the ball great in practice yesterday, great in warm ups. I'm glad to see her translate that into the game because we need her to be a scorer for us when she's open and knock those shots down like she did tonight."

Forde had her best game of the season to date with 14 points and nine rebounds. She was also solid on the defensive end with three blocks and two steals.

"Ali was just battling," Newlee said. "She was getting tired in the second half ... Without Brooke Reilly tonight, it really hurt us inside."

Barr's 31 points were the most impressive stat of the night, but she also had 10 turnovers in the game. Newlee said Barr loves the big game atmosphere and playing against bigtime players.

"She's a big-time player and she proves it every time we go against teams of this caliber," Newlee said. "She proved it again tonight."

Newlee credited Idaho's solid performance against a top 10 team in the nation to how battle tested the Vandals are. In recent years, the Vandals have played national powerhouses UConn, Louisville, Cal and Gonzaga in addition to Baylor.

"I think we came in here with confidence," he said. "To be able to come into this kind of environment and play well as we did, it hurts not coming away with a victory playing as well as we did, but we'll just learn from this as well and continue to grow and get better as the year goes along."

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- Idaho running backs coach Jason Schumaker on accompanying punter Austin Rehkow to the College Football Awards Banquet on Thursday.



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Well executed plan tonight. Battled hard but final vs. Baylor was 88-70. Get behind this team guys, we're doing work!

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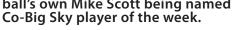
-Vandal women's basketball on their great attempt at taking on No. 9 Baylor.

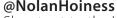


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Idaho's Mike Scott has been selected as the Co-Big Sky Conference men's

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Shoutout to the Vandals Hockey team killing WSU 12-6!! Great game and

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-Vandal Football's Nolan Hoiness congratulating Vandal club hockey on its 12-6 win against border rival WSU.

Vandals just fine at QB with Chalich gone

Chalich likely headed out, Idaho OK at quarterback

Chad Chalich has a choice — stay at Idaho and compete to be the starting quarterback next season or transfer to another school. In one year, Chalich was in a role some quarterbacks spend their whole college career trying to get to.

After he started the first seven games, Chalich missed the rest of the 2012 season ter with a head injury. Chalich stepped in and led Idaho to its only win of the season.

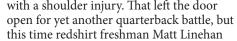
The chatter of quarterback controversy, which had been dormant for six weeks, was in full force when Chalich started playing. Fans started taking sides — Team Linehan or Team Chalich. In the first half of the San Diego State game, Chalich pulled off his best Russell Wilson impersonation and rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown. The chatter was growing rapidly. But in the second half, Chalich was ineffective and after the game Petrino said he suffered a hip injury. The injury sidelined him for the remainder of the season, and the transfer rumors began. The reason behind considering his option to transfer is still unknown. Everything was pointing toward Chalich being given an opportunity to compete once again for the starting job at Idaho. Petrino wasn't the head coach who recruited Chalich, and maybe that is a factor in his decision, but that's just speculation.

What we do know is the Vandals will have yet another quarterback competition this offseason, this time between Linehan and redshirt freshman Jake Luton. Luton fits the build of a Division I starting quarterback. At

Chalich has currently been granted permission to discuss transferring to three Big Sky schools either Montana, Idaho State or Sacramento State.

The transition from high school to college is tough for most players. They go from star of their team and playing every snap to low-man on the totem pole and buried on the depth chart.

After he sat out his first year, Chalich won the job of starting quarterback as a redshirt freshman. He beat out senior Taylor Davis and junior college transfer Joshua McCain — who later switched positions and became the Sun Belt's best wide receiver.



was vying for the position.

While no quarterback won the job outright when fall camp concluded, Linehan received the first opportunity to start. On the first drive of his collegiate career, the son of former Vandal quarterback Scott Linehan led the offense on a six-play, 75-yard touchdown drive.

Chalich had to wait five weeks before he took his first snap of the season against Georgia Southern where he passed once for a 41-yard completion.

The next week against New Mexico State, however, Chalich came off the bench when Linehan left the game early in the first quar6-foot-6 and 215 pounds, Luton arguably has the better arm between the two, as well.

Linehan showed glimpses of what he could potentially be, but at other times he looked like, well, a freshman quarterback. His 18 interceptions were not all his fault, and many of them came at the end of games when he was trying to make something happen out of nothing.

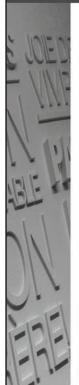
The good thing with both these guys is their ceilings are high and both are capable of leading the Vandals back to a bowl game.

The question is, will Petrino go with his third-straight season of starting a redshirt freshman quarterback in Luton or give Linehan a chance to improve on his upand-down first collegiate season?

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Austin Turpin | Courtesy Photo

Freshman Austin Turpin, right, and sophomore Tanner Mort hold up their first-place winning large mouth bass at the FLW championships in Clear Lake, California. The duo placed in two fall tournaments as part of the Idaho Bass Anglers fishing club.

Reelin' in big fish

Idaho fishing club members earn top five finishes

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North Idaho offers abundant rivers and lakes to fish.

Idaho students Austin Turpin and Tanner Mort take advantage of the plentiful water and are members of the Idaho Bass Anglers fishing club at the University of Idaho. The duo has placed at two national competitions this fall earning a total of \$4,500 in winnings.

Turpin, a freshman sociology major from Coeur d'Alene, and Mort, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Post Falls, Idaho, represented Idaho in two fishing competitions this semester. They will compete at a national competition in the spring.

The two fishermen placed fourth out of 27 teams at the Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) College Fishing Western Conference event on New Melones Lake at Angels Camp, California, Sept. 6.

Fresno State took first, second and third place since multiple twoperson teams from the same school can compete. pounds, five ounces. The Idaho duo also brought home \$500 in club winnings for their fourth-place finish.

The goal of the competition is to catch the five heaviest bass in the allotted time. The maximum limit is five bass. The weight of each fish is added together to get the combined weight of all the bass caught.

Teams can catch more than five bass throughout the competition in order to try to catch heavier fish than ones they already have. However, they have to release the extra ones so that they have no more than five. For example, if a team catches its sixth one, and that one weighs more than one of their first five caught, then it can release one of those first five in favor of the sixth one.

Mort said he and Turpin may use different types of bait during competition and will go with whichever method is working best.

"You have your tactic and go with it sometimes," Mort said. "I'll be doing a certain method and he'll be doing another. Then if one starts working better, we'll both start doing it for a little bit until it slows down. Then, we'll switch it up. You really have to play it by feel. Experience is the biggest thing."

With its fourth-place finish on New

Clear Lake in Lakeport, California.

Turpin and Mort did even better in this tournament, taking first place out of 40 teams. With the win, they won \$4,000. They will also advance to the 2015 FLW College Fishing National Championship April 17-19 on Lake Murray in South Carolina.

On the first day of competition, Turpin and Mort caught five bass that weighed a combined 24 pounds, five ounces. The second day they caught five for 17 pounds, six ounces. That brought the total to 10 bass that weighed 41 pounds, 11 ounces.

Turpin said trust is a huge part of their success.

"It's like every other team, you need to trust your teammate and work well together," Turpin said. "That's why I think we do so well just because we know how to work together."

As for the Idaho club, Turpin and Mort are looking to expand it with new members. They have about seven or eight members right now.

"We're still trying to get everything going, get everybody excited about it," Mort said.

For more information about it, Horrsaid. For more information about the Idaho Bass Anglers, students can visit the club's Facebook page at Idaho Bass Anglers, visit its web site at uidahobassanglers.com or email at uidahobassan-

Sports briefs

Men's hockey club let's Vandals get on ice

Opportunities for men to play hockey in college in the United States are few, but the club level of hockey provides many high school hockey players the chance to keep playing their sport. Idaho is one of those schools that offers men's club hockey, and it has become a popular club at Idaho. The club season is once again in full swing for the Vandals, and is about halfway through. The men's team currently stands at 3-5, but just had a key 12-6 win over rival Washington State Saturday. It was Idaho's first home game and attracted over 400 spectators - a number usually unheard of for club sports. The team also has played against other northwest teams like Gonzaga, Eastern Washington, Oregon State and Western Washington.

Women's hockey club going strong

The Idaho women's club hockey squad is almost halfway through its season and holds a respectable 4-3 record with a tournament championship as well. The team is made up of seasoned veterans like Brianna Smith, Marla Francis, Alena Cenis, Jenny Mattson, and Charlotte Hawes, as well as leading-scorer Lizzie Legossie who has been with the team for several years. With the veteran leadership, the Vandals have had a good season so far. They lost all three games in their first tournament, but Liz Brown, club president, said they were in a bracket too tough for their skill level. Nonetheless, the next tournament in the Tri-Cities went perfectly for the Vandals, as they won all four games and came away with the championship. Idaho still has a tournament at Washington and another one in Lewiston with Washington State in February.

Ultimate Frisbee club starts rebuilding year

The Idaho ultimate Frisbee club is coming off one of its best seasons, but lost a lot of talent for this year when the season begins in January. Mike Beacham, club president, said he expects them to be "middle of the line" this year. Throughout the fall the Vandals have been working in "practice mode" to get ready for competitive play this January, when they will be in a plethora of tournaments on the West Coast. There are scheduled games against Montana, Boise State, Whitman, Washington, Washington State and Gonzaga, along with tournaments in Corvallis, Oregon, Seattle, Spokane, Boise and one more possible tournament with a location that has yet to be determined. Each tournament consists of eight games. Idaho will also host a co-ed tournament here in Moscow and another one in Walla Walla, Wash-

Turpin and Mort made up the only team from Idaho. The pair caught five fish that weighed a combined 10 Melones Lake, Idaho qualified for the FLW College Fishing Western Conference Invitational Oct. 11 and 12 on

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Garrett Cabeza can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu ington. Beacham said to watch for Haden Powell, Andrew Hendrickson, Austin Anderson and Andrew Bobak to lead the team this year.

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From player to coach

Former Idaho lacrosse player now going into coaching

Joshua Gamez Argonaut

For many student athletes, graduation can be a bittersweet experience.

On one hand it is a new beginning — all of the hard work and long hours they put into the classroom are over — but on the other hand they are no longer able to compete in the sport that many of them have dedicated years, if not their entire lives to.

That is the case for Brittiany Graham, a member of the women's lacrosse club who is graduating this December. However, she has elected to stay in Moscow for the spring semester.

"I really miss playing but coaching has been quite the learning experience and I really like it," Graham said.

Graham will be officially done with school in December with a degree in Broadcasting and Digital Media, but she plans on staying in Moscow through the spring and walk with the rest of the class of 2015 in May.

After that, she plans on moving back to the Boise area where she is originally from and find a job in broadcasting — ideally in postproduction. After hopefully doing that for a few years she wants to move to Seattle or Los Angeles, she said.

Along with coaching, she will be assisting first year team president Willow Vero with all things related to the club, not just coaching. She was the team president for two years before Vero took the position this fall.

She has been helping out on both the coaching side and the bureaucratic side during this semester as she is finishing up the last few classes for her degree.

"With the coach it does help a lot because it can be hard for someone who is also playing to also coach," Vero said. "We had two student coaches who graduated last year, but because they were on the men's team before they were strictly coaches and I think that it is easier to have someone from the outside come in. It avoids confusion between coaching and playing."

The team president wears many hats being as the club is still rather small and new on campus. Vero does everything from communicate with the other teams in the league to handling the club bank account and everything in between, she said.

Graham said next year they plan on expanding enough to have a vice president as well.

Despite her new position as the coach this year, she was far from a seasoned veteran lacrosse player when she first came to UI. She had never played the sport before but decided to give it a try and she took to it quickly, she said.

The team varies in experience level. From novice all the way to players who have been playing for over a decade, Vero said.



The Idaho women's club lacrosse team sets up its defense against Whitman during the 2014 Boise Classic in the spring. Brittiany Graham, third from the left will coach the Vandals in 2015 after graduating this fall.

Lacrosse is primarily a spring sport but they usually play in one tournament during the fall in Boise. They also practice all year.

On Feb. 28, the club will be hosting a tournament on the

SprinTurf with schools from all over the Northwest.

If anybody is interested in getting involved with the women's lacrosse team in any facet, Vero and Graham said they are willing to help the first-year player along. They can contact Vero, the team president, at vero6686@vandals.uidaho.edu.

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Spectrum review

When football ends at Idaho, the basketball teams moves out of historic, but unsuitable Memorial Gym and head over

to the Kibbie Dome, which becomes the Cowan Spectrum. Seating 6,000 fans, the makeshift court creates an intimate atmosphere for the Vandals, and was named one of the 20 toughest home courts by Sports Illustrated in the early 1980s.

To review a sports venue, there are key aspects to address. Food and beverage are one, along with the

atmosphere and fans, neighborhood and access, return on investment and the extras.

Food and beverage

What would make eating at the Cowan Spectrum much more enjoyable would be some variety and uniqueness. The concession stands only have the basic food items like hot dogs, popcorn and soda. There isn't anything to make it memorable. The good thing about Cowan Spectrum concessions is the prices. Many arenas will overcharge on everything, but the Cowan Spectrum keeps prices fair. That makes up for the lack of variety.

Atmosphere and fans

The atmosphere of the Cowan Spectrum is different from many other college basketball arenas as it is one of the few where the teams actually play in the football stadium.

Ben Evensen Argonaut

Only Syracuse, Northern Arizona, South Dakota and Idaho State join the Vandals with that. The curtains that are hung make

> the arena seem a lot smaller than it actually is and doesn't make it actually seem like a basketball arena in a football stadium. As for the fans, while the Cowan Spectrumopener against UC Davis had a good turnout, the average attendance the past few seasons for Idaho overall has not been great. Even when Idaho was in the WAC

last season with the likes of Texas-Pan American, Utah Valley, Chicago State and UMKC, the men's basketball team ranked sixth in the conference in average attendance. Not an ideal mark for a school with a long history going against mainly Division I startup programs.

Neighborhood and access

The town of Moscow is one of the best small college towns in America and finding fun things to do and good places to eat or drink before and after the game is never a problem. Ideally, the Cowan Spectrum would be closer to a lot of these things, but a short drive shouldn't be a big deal if you don't have time to walk to and from the stadium. Finding a place to park isn't a big deal either, as the parking lot has more than enough room. Getting there by

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foot from anywhere on campus is not a problem as well.

Return on investment

Although students pay student fees in advance to get into all athletic events there, is there is no real investment at the door. For non-students though, the ticket prices online run at \$15, which seem a bit steep for what you end up getting at an Idaho basketball game. Students shouldn't have any worries though, as paying \$0 to get in seems pretty fair if you ask me.

Extras

Seeing the banners of Idaho basketball history hanging on the curtains is always nice, along with the retired numbers. The band, the cheerleaders and Joe Vandal will always keep the fans entertained and bringing out Pizza Perfection for the fans will always energize the crowd.

The Cowan Spectrum is far from perfect and plans for a new events center with a permanent home for basketball have been discussed, but when the curtains are hung and the bleachers are set up, the Cowan Spectrum becomes an intense and enjoyable place to watch some Big Sky basketball.

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I am an alumnus of the University of Idaho and a proud Vandal. All three of my sons have also attended the university, so it runs in our family. I am also an Idaho high school teacher, which gives me ample opportunity to promote UI to my students. And it is a source of continuing delight when any of my students choose UI as their post-secondary university. I want the University of Idaho to have a rich, long, and successful future. That is why I am writing you this letter.

I would like to start a movement to force the University of Idaho to return its football program to the Big Sky Conference. This is where we belong. Squandering university resources to compete in the Sun Belt is not only nonsensical, but it does nothing to promote the university to potential in-state students. And high school students do look at this. Instead, it forces comparisons between Boise State University and the University of Idaho where, of course, the Vandals come up short.

Why the University of Idaho insists on competing as perennial bottom-dwellers in Division 1 FBS football is beyond me. Is it to satisfy the ego of some rich donors? The Big Sky is where we belong: here there are natural regional rivalries, e.g. Idaho State, Montana State, the University of Montana, and Eastern Washington. Idaho has a rich history and traditions here — all the rest of Vandal sports compete here — and, gosh, just check out those banners handing in the Kibbie Dome. None of these reasons apply to the Sun Belt. None of them.

Thank you, and Go Vandals.

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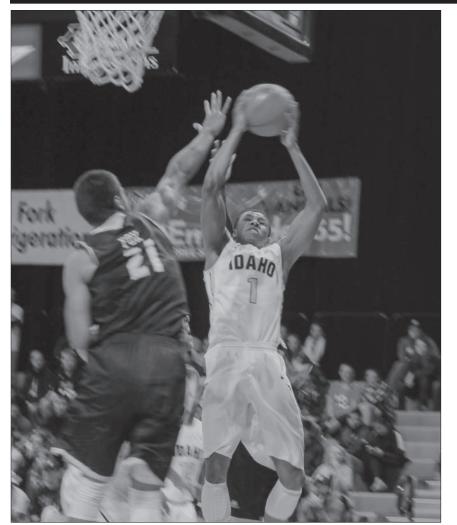
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Sophomore guard Perrion Callandret attempts a shot aganist UC Davis Saturday. Idaho fell to Western Illinois 78-75 Thursday at Macomb, Illinois.

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Idaho led by 11 points at halftime and appeared to have complete control. Verlin said the first half was some of the best basketball his team has played all season.

"We were moving it up and down the court, we were aggressive, we were moving the ball," Verlin said.

In the locker room at halftime, Verlin said he told the players they have to stay aggressive and not let up — his speech must have fell on deaf ears.

The Vandals had nine turnovers in the second half and finished the game with 17.

Senior point guard Mike Scott, who came into the game leading the nation in assists-to-turnover ratio, turned the ball over six times. He finished with 14 points, seven assists and eight rebounds.

"We just made a ton of mistakes," Verlin said of his teams play in the second half. "You can't turnover the ball the way we did ... it was probably our worst half in the second half, then we threw gasoline on the fire with some turnovers."

He said the team has to find a way to sustain its intensity for longer periods of time.

"We had our shortcomings tonight," Verlin said. "You got to move on and you can't dwell on this one, we gotta get to the next one ... we got a very good South Dakota State team that's playing very, very well."

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Floeck adds two for 2015

The Idaho cross country program recently added two more to the 2015 recruiting class as Drew Schultz of Boise and McCall Skay from Spokane signed their national letters of intent to run for the Vandals. These are two of the first cross country signings for Idaho coach Travis Floeck who is in his first season at Idaho as the distance coach. Schultz is coming off a senior cross country season in which he won the Idaho 5A Idaho State Cross Country title and is currently preparing for his senior track season at Capital High School. Skay is also preparing for her senior track season at West Valley High School. The two signees will be replacing the two graduating seniors on the cross country team — one from the men's team and one from the women's team.

Volleyball adds four

The Idaho cross country team wasn't the only program to sign some commits in December as four high school volleyball players have officially committed to the Vandals. Three of the four recruits hail from the state of Arizona in Laine Waters, Paige Rupiper and DeVonne Ryter. The fourth commit is a northwest product in Natalie Jensen from Tacoma, Washington. Waters and and Ryter are both middle blockers but Ryter can also play on the outside. Rupiper is also a hitter and Jensen is a setter. These four young Vandals will look to fill the void of four graduating players from the team that lost in the opening round of the Big Sky Tournament to Northern Arizona.

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"We both played basketball in high school so that was always fun," Ali said. "We had a hoop outside in our front yard for a while and we'd always compete. He'd always win. I blame it on his height and his size, but I got my wins I guess every now and then."

Ali, a two-time WAC Champion with the women's basketball team, may have had more collegiate success in terms of wins and losses, but she said she looks up to Maxx as a role model.

"He's honestly the best big brother I could ever ask for," she said. "It's hard sometimes because you want him to do things wrong but he never does. So it's funny because even when I want to be mad at him I never can because he always does the right thing."

Ali isn't the only one to praise Maxx though. Throughout the season, teammates and coaches would praise his efforts, but now he's on to the next step in his life.

Maxx said he's going to pursue a shot at playing professionally in the NFL. If that doesn't work out, he has his double major to fall back on.

His football career at Idaho didn't end with a favorable win-loss record, but Maxx said he never considered leaving Idaho and is a Vandal for life.

"We haven't had the win-loss column like we wanted to, but that also is a life lesson," he said. "It's not one that you want to learn that way, but it teaches you how to keep fighting even when things aren't going your way. No matter what, things aren't always going to go your way in life, there's going to be tough times. You need to know how to fight and claw through that."

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DEFENSIVE FROM PAGE B1

Idaho's defense doesn't have to be exceptional anyway because their offense is there to back it up. The Vandals averaged 75.9 points per

Vandals averaged 75.9 points per game, which ranks 46th in the nation, heading into Thursday's game. Idaho's offense consists of great

guard play, especially by senior point guard Mike Scott.

Scott led the team in points per game with 17.1 heading into Thursday's game. He also led the country in assist-to-turnover ratio with 36 assists to three turnovers going into Thursday.

Guards Connor Hill and Sekou Wiggs also put a lot of points on the board. Hill devastates defenses with his 3-point shot and Wiggs drives to the hoop for short-range baskets. Senior forward Bira Seck is a force on the offensive and defensive end. Going into Thursday's game, Seck was almost averaging a double-double with 9.4 points per game and 9.7 rebounds per game.

But the Idaho defense should be praised right now.

As the saying goes, "Defense wins championships." That is holding true right now for the Vandals as long as you replace "championships" with "games".

Scoring points usually isn't an issue for Idaho, and recently, neither is defense. If the Vandals can keep the pace at both ends of the court, they will be scary come Big Sky Conference play.

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A student's responsibility

Lack of amnestv policy doesn't excuse irresponsibility

fter weeks of discussion between the Moscow Police Department and ASUI, the Moscow police decided not to adopt an amnesty policy, which would provide legal immunity to minors who call the police for alcohol-related emergencies.

The University of Idaho added an amnesty policy to the student code of conduct last year - students caught drinking underage while assisting in a medical emergency cannot be punished by the university's alcohol policies.

But MPD declined to implement a similar amnesty policy because they felt it was not in the best interest of students. Whether or not the Moscow police even

have the authority to make a decision on what has been decided by state legislatures in 22 other states is another question entirely.

On a certain level, it is discouraging some sort of policy could not be implemented. The policy could encourage underage students who have been drinking - something no one denies is an issue - to call police and potentially save a life in emergency situations, rather than try to take matters into their own hands. A policy that could save lives is never a bad thing.

But the first priority of Moscow police is to protect the lives of people in the community, and the absence of an amnesty policy won't change this.

If police are called on to help someone who's suffering a medical emergency, officers are going to focus on the person in crisis, not

the inebriated minor who called for help to save their friend.

A lack of amnesty policy should not deter underage students - regardless of their intoxication level — from calling police when a peer shows signs of alcohol poisoning or any other medical emergency. A Minor in Possession or related charge is a small price to pay for saving a fellow student's life.

Moscow police have shown consistency in caring for the Moscow community. UI students should honor that precedent and trust officers to do their jobs well, as they have done for years. The department has built a reputation as an understandable and reasonable one, concerned with the safety of the public, not one that racks up fines and arrests on UI students.

The department's decision is

no doubt discouraging to advocates of the policy, but should not cause much concern for the UI community.

If a student's main concern is a potential MIP — which it shouldn't be when they are knowingly and willingly breaking the law — MPD offers an opportunity for first-time offenders to remove the citation from their record if they complete an Alcohol Diversion Program.

Many UI students are unaware of how many alcohol-related incidents are close calls. Students shouldn't resort to relying on luck, hoping their friend makes it through the night and risking someone else's life in dangerous situations. When the choice has to be made, it is always better to save someone's life than keep a clean misdemeanor record.

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Recap

Lots of writing and even more reading, but I think I'm going to survive this semester. Can't wait to start next year!

-Erin

Potato girls

This one is for Argonaut Editor-in-Chief Kaitlyn Krasselt. Not only have you been a terrific leader for all of us journos, but you have been an amazing friend. I don't think you get enough credit for all of the great work you do. Please enjoy winter break and I can't wait to kick ass with you next year!

-Amber

Big Bang Theory

Apparently, in the Czech Republic, scientists have created a laser simulation of asteroids colliding with Earth. They discovered RNA after the simulation, so that's pretty neat.

-Claire

Not so 'Eaten Alive'

After failing to live up to the hype and be eaten alive by an anaconda over the weekend, stuntman and naturalist Paul Rosolie is receiving backlash. He decided against being the snake's meal, after he felt like his bones were about to break. What did you think was going to happen, buddy?

-Stephan

Blindly following

When will certain people open their eyes and realize that their leaders don't have our best interests at heart all the time? They tortured people, they were cruel and worse it was all for not. We should punish the CIA.

–Danielle

Last-minute advice

Good luck on final exams, travel carefully and have a fantastic holiday. Thank you for reading

The Arg this semester, and I look forward to next year.

-Daphne

Getting sentimental

Thankful for everything I have learned and experienced this semester. However, I'm perhaps more grateful that it's coming to a close and the year is halfway over. –Katelvn

Star Wars

The U.S.S. Ponce has a laser weapon, and it works. Of course, the big question is: What will this mean for laser tag?

-Andrew

Laser Battleship

Now that the U.S.S. Ponce has a laser, Laser Battleship is a game begging to be made. Imagine the strategy of Battleship combined with the fun of laser tag. Make it so, Hasbro.

-Aleya

One more week

Can't wait to be home with friends and family. But most importantly — I get to catch up on sleep.

-Korbin

Hakuna Matata

It means no worries.

-Kaitlyn

The shed

Lock me in a practice room and I'll see you in January. -Ryan

You have put in four or more years at the University of Idaho. Countless hours have been spent studying, reading books, staying

too much

up until dawn the next day just to get the grade you deserve. Finally, you've made it. You are going to gradu-

ate and take part in the annual commencement. But wait, you are going to have to pay one more fee in order

to graduate. As if in four years students have not spent enough money on college, UI asks for \$25 in order to graduate. If one misses the payment deadline, that price rises to \$60. Granted, it is only \$25, which is nothing compared to the thousands of dollars spent on tuition, housing and books. Yet, is this

last small fee really necessary? The fee is used for the staff time for reviewing potential graduate records, printing and mailing diplomas and it also covers the fee of the black folder students gets when they walk across the stage at commencement, according to the UI Registrar's Office. These are necessary items for graduation, but it doesn't seem fair to make students who

have already spent thousands on tuition to pay extra for it.

University and Boise

State University. Add-

ing to that bill are food

and housing expenses.

It becomes overwhelm-

ing for many students

to even keep up with

Tuition per year at UI for an Idaho resident is \$6,784, which is higher than the two other popular public colleges in Idaho: Idaho State



Extra grad fee

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how expensive college is. It doesn't help that students are required to pay that fee before they are allowed to graduate.

It isn't wise of the university to leave a bad taste in the mouth of graduating students with one last required fee. Having one of the last memories of college being held hostage for an extra \$25 could leave a student with negative feelings towards UI no matter the fee price. This negative feeling about UI could cause a decrease in yearly alumni donations.

Vandal Connect is a telephone outreach program that contacts parents, friends and

Dead week stress

UI must enforce its own policy, reduce dead week stress

As many

University of

found out in

the past few

days, dead

Idaho students



week of the semester. Classes continue, final projects are due and an alarming amount of professors schedule finals on dead week - with or without student approval.

That last part is particularly important, considering it's against UI policy to give quizzes or exams during dead week in the majority of lecture courses. At UI, this policy seems to be disregarded or ignored at the expense of students.

In the traditional sense, dead week served as a period for students to study and prepare for final exams without worrying about other academic responsibilities. Although UI's policy does not match this traditional definition, the intention seems to be the same: students should have a reasonable amount of time to prepare for final exams.

Dead week at UI is anything but that.

The rescheduling of final

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finals week to dead week causes an unnecessary amount of stress on students. Work that was once spaced out between two weeks is now compacted into one.

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students could use to complete a for other exams. Due to the slow start of courses, some professors are known to cram exam material into the last few weeks of the semester, causing further stress on students.

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Students are still required to attend the majority of classes — a task that can eat up valuable time final project or continue studying

week is often **Ryan Tarinelli** the hardest Argonaut

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The Madonna-whore complex

Stop making women into virgins or whores

"Well, if you say you haven't, you're a prude. If you say you have then you're a slut. It's a trap."

Ally Sheedy from the John Hughes' movie "The Breakfast Club" couldn't have said it better. The character in the movie was discussing something called the Madonna-whore complex, a term

thought of by Sigmund Freud. The Madonna-whore complex, also known as the virgin-whore dichotomy, is a double-edged sword. If women don't participate in any sexual activities, then they're a prude. If a woman chooses to participate in sexual activities, then she is called a whore or slut. There is no winning situation here. You're damned if you do, you're damned if you don't.

Unfortunately, the dichotomy extends to a woman's personality and the ways they express themselves. This constitutes how one carries oneself and how they choose to dress.

Choosing to dress in a style that shows off a little more skin or hugs the body could get someone thrown into the whore and slut part

> of the spectrum. If one chooses to dress more conservatively and walks around with their head downward, they are put in the virgin and prude spectrum. Rape culture also

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goes hand in hand with t the Madonna-whore complex. Because the dichotomy has a lot to do with personality, people make the

assumption of whether someone is "deserving to be raped" depending on where they land in the virgin or whore spectrum.

With this, people also find it easier to believe someone who looks like or actually is a virgin when they say they have been raped. For those considered to be in the whore part of the dichotomy, people tend to think they brought their rape upon themselves. A lot of the time, the woman who was raped is even blamed for the situation because of how they acted or dressed.

Whatever category a woman falls into, it can effect how they are perceived if they end up being the nearly one out of five college-aged women who are sexually assaulted, according to the CDC. If the woman has had past sexual encounters, that could change how people think of her sexual assault compared to a woman who has not had any sexual encounters.

From victim blaming to lyrics from popular songs such as "Blurred Lines" by Robin Thicke, "I know you want it" is the reason rape culture and the virgin-whore dichotomy have such a strong connection.

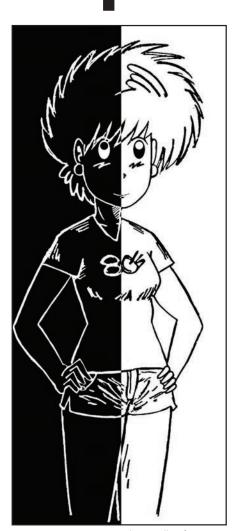
The virgin-whore dichotomy and rape culture have been a part of our society for a while. Through each decade, though, the issue has shown itself a little differently.

At this time, music plays a big role in our lives. It's hard for our society to consume a music video, such as "Partition" by Beyonce, without comments saying she is a skank or trying to remind Beyonce that she is a mother and shouldn't act in such a provocative way.

The same goes for artists like Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj, Ariana Grande or anyone who has shown off their sexual selves. Because they are comfortable with their bodies and aren't afraid to show that, our society deems them as whores, sluts or skanks. People are at the same time freaked out by women who show themselves off as sexual beings as they are drawn to them. Even artists like Taylor Swift — who is essentially the stereotypical picture of a virgin — get backlash because of the way they want to dress and act.

Either way, the virginwhore dichotomy and rape culture in our society needs to disappear. Women are who we are as individuals and shouldn't be thrown into the virgin-whore dichotomy.

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Mailbox

UI needs to go tobacco free

In April 2014, the Faculty Senate recommended adopting a tobacco-free campus. In November, ASUI passed a resolution recommending a smoke-free campus. Either policy would help protect the health of our students, but would not do so equally.

In comparing the two options, it is important to consider data trends. While the number of students who smoke cigarettes has declined, the number of students who use chewing tobacco has increased. According to the National College Health Assessment, the number of University of Idaho students who reported past 30 day chewing tobacco use increased from 4.2 percent in 2011 to 7.8 percent in 2013.

If we move to a smoke-free campus, I am concerned the number of students who use chewing tobacco will continue to rise as some students switch from cigarettes to chewing tobacco. I believe moving to a tobacco-free campus is the most effective strategy to reduce the number of students who use tobacco and is in the best interest of current and future students.

One of the concerns I have heard is how such a policy would be enforced. Enforcement does not play a prominent role. It is geared toward education and support.

There would be sufficient publicity and signage so people would know we have a

tobacco-free campus. There would be a norm that people don't openly smoke or chew. Other campuses that implemented tobacco-free policies report few problems and indicate the policy tends to be selfenforcing. Violations are often addressed through warnings and referrals to cessation resources. Over time, a tobacco-free campus would become the norm without the need for enforcement. Unlike other programs that require ongoing time and resources, this policy would have some initial costs, but would continue to pay dividends for generations.

Brian Dulin University of Idaho Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Program Coordinator

In response to Andrew Jenson's Dec. 8 article, "Woman up."

This article might be nice if Andrew Jenson's opinion wasn't based on fantasy. As reported in many news articles, UPS makes accommodations for those who are temporarily physically disabled (not related to pregnancy) and unable to lift a certain weight.

So the idea that Peggy Young was somehow asking for "special treatment" is ridiculous. She, like other workers who've been in similar situations, was asking for

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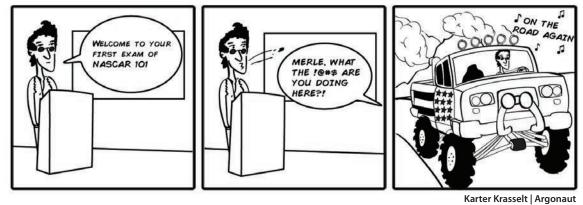
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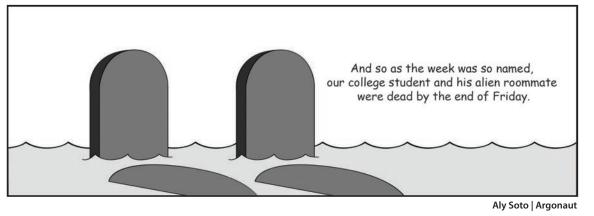
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College Roommates



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temporary accommodations, which UPS provides for others.

Jenson said it himself: "It would be unlawful, discriminatory and sexist for the company to treat a pregnant woman differently than they would other employees in similar circumstances." And that's the point. They did treat her differently than other employees in similar circumstances.

Jenson writes: "Men and women are biologically different, but if women are part of the workforce, they must be held to the same

are the only part of the species biologically capable of carrying children, they deserve to be fired from their jobs, placed on unpaid leave and suffer economic and social disadvantages? That again, is ridiculous. Women don't want to be "treated like men," they want to be treated as equals. This means being allowed the opportunity to be equal, which sometimes might mean giving a pregnant woman temporarily light work.

And finally, Jenson writes, "(Young) put herself in the position where she had to choose between work and family." This

choose between work and family, whereas men are rarely put in the same position.

With the exception of a trans individual, a man working for UPS would never be put on unpaid leave because of medical requirements related to pregnancy. But a woman has to worry about essentially being fired from her job because she is pregnant.

So when we talk about equality, this is what we are talking about. We're talking about women being forced into economic and social disadvantages by virtue of being women.

Textbook terrors

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High cost textbooks place financial burden on college students

Attending college requires students to become masters of their budgets. The tools in the average students' arsenal in-

clude an affinity for Ramen, living in an off-campus apartment instead of in a dorm with friends and searching for free food rather than wasting prepurchased meals. But when it comes to purchasing text-

books, there is little students can do to save money. The University of Idaho esti-

mates the cost of textbook and classroom supplies to be around \$1,200 per semester. With the advised workload of five to six classes each semester to graduate within four years, a simple math calculation results in an average of \$200 that students have to spend on textbooks for one class.

There are not many viable solutions to avoiding textbook costs. Buying used textbooks, most of the time, cuts down the cost estimate by more than half. However, when the newest edition of the textbook is required, this plan does not work.

Technology can't even save a college student's wallet. EBooks are limited only to textbooks with electronic versions available and to students with compatible electronic devices.

Splitting the cost and access of a textbook with a friend only leads to disputes if anything happens to the book. Without any other option, college students are forced into using more financial aid than should be necessary on textbooks.

Since most people promote the belief that college education is an investment in one's future, it seems logical that textbooks should be part of that investment. It is useful to own a textbook, so students can use it as a reference to review materials when they are in upper-division courses.

However, classes to fulfill the general education requirements often provide no necessary knowledge for a student's chosen major and

By the numbers

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Percent of college students who have not purchased a textbook due to cost



Percent of college students concerned that lacking a textbook would harm their grade

\$1,200

Estimated cost of textbooks and supplies per semester at UI.

48

Percent of students that have changed a class to avoid buying a textbook

Data from United States Public Interest **Research Group**

cost. Among them, 94 percent expressed a concern that doing so would penalize their grade in the course.

The same survey also found 48 percent of the surveyed students said the cost of textbooks altered their class selection. This is problematic because costs prevent students from taking classes that appeal to their interests. Sitting in a dreaded class just to save some money on textbooks makes college appear to be all about pinching pennies, rather than exploring one's potential to learn and grow.

Many argue that students always have the option of working a part-time job or taking out loans to compensate for the textbook expenses. As a fulltime student who wants to be involved in numerous campus organizations, it is impossible for me — and many other students — to fit 20 hours of work into my weekly schedule. With only the pay from eight hours of work per week, and expenses including fuel and food, buying textbooks gives me and all other college students more monetary problems to worry about.

intended career. As a chemical Regarding loans, most engineering student, I cannot students have already chosen see the future benefits of ownto give up on their expensive ing a Native American history dream school to avoid loans. They probably did not want to textbook in a career in the industrial workforce. graduate from a state school To avoid the consider-Sincerely, with a burden of paying off able cost of textbooks, many loans and the resulting interest. students seek riskier alternative Solving this problem can be simple but requires cooperasolutions. One possibility is to refuse buying the required tion from UI. The VandalStore should expand the option of materials, and do without an integral part of the course. renting textbooks for the se-Another solution is to enroll in mester. The library should carry a different course, if the degree textbooks available for upperpermits this option. classmen to check out for long And don't think people aren't periods of time, if they need to taking these risks. Last fall, the review old materials. United States Public Interest Textbooks do not have to be the bane of college students' Research Group conducted a existence. With a little help from survey of more than 2,000 students from over 150 campuses UI, costs for college students can greatly decrease. across the country. Of these students, 65 percent admit-Amanda Vu ted they refused to purchase can be reached at arg-opinion@uidaho.edu a textbook due to the high Congratulations

standards as men." So he is arguing because women is the crux of the argument. Women are often forced to

Kaitlin Moroney 2014 UI alumna

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alumni to gain financial support for UI to fund Vandal Athletics, the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and other UI programs. Gifts start at \$10, and annually UI raises almost over \$5.9 million through Vandal Connect. That is quite a large amount of money for one program. It seems that it could be feasible to pay for the graduating students' \$25 fee with a small amount of this substantial donation.

The Commencement held at the end of each semester is not free, nor are the caps and gowns. To spare the students additional expense, it would be wise of UI to look into a way to take a small portion of their budget and put it toward covering all graduation fees.

The graduates, after all, do deserve it. They put in countless hours and money and should graduate as a Vandal. That in itself should be a reward that any student should not have to pay extra for.

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lars, to give up one last \$25 to graduate UI. Instead, administrators should find a way to use a small portion of the donations received to give to the students. Parents and friends should be willing to give up some money for a college that has done great things for their child. That won't always be the case if graduates become frustrated with this requirement. Everything has a price tag on it in college, why should graduating, too?

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Many professors also schedule gradealtering final projects on dead week, such as a final research paper or a semesterlong group project.

With regular classes and final projects due on dead week, the workload is tough, but it's possible. It's strenuous, but not unreasonable to ask of a college student.

But, add one, two or possibly three finals on dead week and it's an urgent scenario.

Granted, college students are not known for being the healthiest creatures at the end of the semester, but the movement of final exams to dead week is sure to cause an increase in sleep deprivation, grogginess and stress on campus. Most of which could be prevented if final exams were put back in their rightful place on finals week.

Yes, it is a drag to wait around all week for a Friday morning exam, but it also provides students with necessary study time.

That said, exceptions within the dead week policy should be considered. For example, it would make sense for a class full of graduating seniors to want to take an exam early and rid themselves of all academic responsibilities before walking across the graduation stage. In this case, the decision to move a final should be put up to a vote among the students in the class.

It's not clear why there was a popular shift of exams from finals week to dead week by professors. Perhaps faculty wanted more time to grade or maybe professors wanted to relieve students of another burden going into a busy finals week.

Regardless, one thing is clear professors care about their students. They care about their student's grades and they care about their mental stability. And if students have a need to change the system as it is, they should start communicating to their professors that dead week could use some improvements.

If not, students can expect many future dead weeks like this.

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