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LAW SCHOOL

## Burnett looks back

Former law dean a visionary for new law center

#### **Ryan Tarinelli** Argonaut

Don Burnett always had big plans for the old Ada County Courthouse.

"Every time I went down to Boise I'd walk past that build-

ing and I'd thought 'Boy, that is strategically located. Could you imagine having a law program right next door



to the state capital?" said Burnett, former interim UI president and former dean of the College of Law.

The old courthouse will undergo renovation and become the new Law and Justice Learning Center for the UI Boise law program and act as a venue for civic education programs, among other uses.

For more than a decade, the law school lobbied and raised money toward expanding its presence in Boise — and Burnett has been at the center of the effort.

"He's been the 'visionary," said Lee Dillion, associate dean for the Boise law program. "It takes someone with a real vision to continually press the issue and push it forward — Don's led that effort."

Burnett said it has been humbling to work on the project and gratifying to see it come to fruition through the Law and Justice Learning Center. He said much of the credit should go to faculty members and past administrators who gave their support to a UI law program in Boise.

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Renovations begin on UI law center in Boise

#### **Amber Emery** Argonaut

Renovations are slated to begin on the old Ada County Courthouse this month in preparation for the new Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center — the future home of the Boise-based University of Idaho College of Law.

The law school expects to move its second and third-year Boise law students from the UI Water Center to the historic building conveniently located between the Idaho State Capitol Building and Supreme Court by fall 2015.

"It's important for the law school to have a strong presence in Boise because our faculty and students can influence and help provide support for the legislature and the courts," said Mark Adams, UI College of Law dean. "It's just a fantastic location in terms of providing opportunities."

According to Lee Dillion, the law school's associate dean of Boise programs, the new center is more than a relocation of the law school. He said the center will also house the Idaho State Law Library, provide judicial education to the city's legal workers and offer civic education resources for the public.

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— they want to be around these political, business interactions.

Lee Dillion, associate dean of **Boise programs** 

The UI law school expanded its Boise law program last fall to include curriculum for secondyear law students, effectively doubling its enrollment potential, and Dillion said the new center is better suited for an influx of students.

"We already have a pretty rich program down here," Dillion said. "But we're finding more and more students find the externships and clinics Boise can offer appealing — they want to be around these political, business interactions."

Dillion said the concept of a robust Boise law center has been in the works for over a decade, and estimated about \$7.5 million of state and university funding has gone into the planning over the years.

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#### 1999-2000

Burnett serves on a special panel that concludes Boise will need a law school to accomodate population growth and an expanding economy in the Treasure Valley.

#### 2007

The State Board of Education rejects a UI proposal to create a full three-year law program in Boise, but approves a third-year law program in Boise and grants funds to look into a potential property for the center.

2013

SBOE approves plans for a second-year law program in Boise.

2006 Meeting occurs on expanding the UI law program to Boise. Meeting includes judges, lawyers and citizens from around the state to discuss the expansion. 2010 The third-year law program begins in Boise.

2015 Renovation begins on the Ada County Courthouse, which will become the new Law and Justice Learning Center.

Alene, won the \$3.16 million contract in December to lead the final phase and renovate the inside of the building to prepare for its fall opening.

Adams, who began his deanship last June, said the prospect of opening a new law center in the state's capital was a selling point for him when he first applied for his position because it presented a challenge.

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## Obama visits Idaho

POTUS talks middle class, ending gridlock in Congress

#### George Wood Jr. Argonaut

According to President Barack Obama, the bluest place in Idaho is in Boise State University's Albertsons Stadium, which is known for its deep blue football turf.

But, he said partisanship shouldn't be an indication of how the county moves forward.

"I want this country to be one that shows the world what we still know to be true that we are not just a collection of red states and blue states," Obama said to a crowd Wednesday at BSU. "We are still the United States of America.

Idaho was Obama's first stop following Tuesday's State of the Union address, in which he presented his political agenda to Congress. In Boise, he touched on many of the policy goals he mentioned during the address including improving middle class economics

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George Wood Jr. | Argonaut President Barack Obama leaves Gowen Air Force Base after stepping out of Air Force One moments before.

STUDENT LIFE

## Working on wellness

Six-week Vandal Fitness Challenge begins Jan. 29

#### **Mary Malone**

Argonaut

Many people want to incorporate healthier living into their lifestyle, but sometimes lack the motivation to do so. Katherine Pope, ASUI Recreation Board chair, said the annual Vandal Fitness Challenge is just the right incentive for those people.

She said the six-week challenge provides a support system for anyone interested in getting healthy and moving — from beginners to regular gym-goers. The competition also includes chances to win various prizes.

Students, staff and faculty members at the University of Idaho may participate in the challenge. Pope said there is no specific time commitment and participants can put as much effort into the challenge as they want.

"At the end of the six weeks the winners are picked by the biggest change in results," Pope said. "It's not really (about) weight loss, just your testing results."

The challenge consists of six initial fitness tests that take place 12-1:30 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 and 30 at the UI Student Recreation Center, where people can sign up to participate. Final testing will take place six weeks later, March 12, to measure each participant's progress.

Katie Mandler, Recreation Board vice chair, said the cost to register is \$10. She said the sign-up fee includes a water bottle after initial testing and a Vandal Fitness Challenge t-shirt after final testing.

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## Simple sweet scones

#### Crumbs

A hot breakfast is sometimes the best thing on a chilly January weekend. But who has time to make bacon, eggs and toast? Not me. Scones are easy, warm and delicious with butter melted on them.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar, 1/3 for sweeter scones
- 2/3 cup of milk

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit
- Stir flour, baking powder and salt into a large bowl
- fine granules
- Toss sugar to mix
- Stir milk in with a fork until soft dough forms
- Form dough into a ball
- Put onto a lightly floured surface and give it 10 to 12 kneads

#### Add butter and mix until mixture looks like Split dough in half and knead each half lightly

Flatten out into a circle and cut into triangles 10. Bake about 12 minutes until top is medium brown Claire Whitley

can be reached at crumbs@uidaho.edu

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Andrew Jenson | Argonaut

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SCIENCE

# Modeling Ebola problems

Researchers study Ebola issues using computer model

> **Daphne Jackson** Argonaut

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is an issue that can seem far away from a place like Moscow, but for some University of Idaho researchers, it's as close as a mouse click away.

Two teams, both of which are part of UI's Ebola Working Group, are working on two projects related to Ebola. One of these teams, led by UI faculty member and Faculty Senate Chair Marty Ytreberg, recently received a \$72,000 one-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the evolution of the Ebola virus through computer modeling.

"One of the things that we're planning to do is look at the evolution that's happened so far to see if we can understand some of the implications, specifically whether or not it affects the efficacy of the vaccine, or the natural immunity that people might have for the virus," Ytreberg said.

He said the team would also study the potential future evolution of the virus to examine how it could develop over long spans of time. He said that process would include creating a list of possible changes that could indicate a prospective problem.

Ytreberg said the team would use the knowledge of the three-dimensional structure of a single protein in the Ebola virus — the one targeted by the antibodies in the vaccine that they are also studying — to predict the effects of changing the amino acids within

the protein.

He said the accuracy of the predictions tends to depend on the size of the effect — predictions of a large disruption tend to be more accurate. He said the researchers hope to use a faster, less accurate prediction method to test every possible mutation, and a time consuming but more accurate method for a small group of amino acids.

The grant, funded though NSF's Rapid Response Research program, is only one year long, which means the modelers have a quick turnaround time to finish the research and share the information, Ytreberg said.

"I think that anytime you're funded by National Institutes of Health or the National Science Foundation — any places like that — the goal is to broadly disseminate the research findings," he said. "So of course we'll be looking to publish the results, but we'll also ... be contacting people like the World Health Organization."

Michelle Wiest is leading the other team, which is working on modeling the Ebola epidemic at a human interaction level. She said modeling starts with figuring out what other researchers have already studied, and what to do to improve existing information.

"We keep our big picture in mind of what the question is that we're trying to answer, because you can get bogged down in modeling," she said. "We identify what the best approach is going to be — whether it's existing mathematical models and just tweaking those or maybe it's developing a new methodology to address the problem."

Wiest said the Ebola Working Group has also participated in an international modeling coordination group that focuses on con-



Daphne Jackson | Argonaut

Faculty members and researchers Michelle Wiest and Marty Ytreberg study models of Ebola issues in the Engineering Physics building Tuesday. Ytreberg recieved a \$72,000 grant for his team's research.

necting modelers with decision makers like the World Health Organization and the World Bank to help share information with those who need it in a timely manner.

Ytreberg and Wiest are members of a university subset group known as the Collaboratorium for Modeling Complex Problems, which Ytreberg said was the original source of members for the Ebola Working Group.

Wiest, who is the director of the collaboratorium, found the grant information and brought it to the collaboratorium in October, where it soon became the first project attempted by members of the collaboratorium.

"It's very relevant. It's a good project to rally people around, because it is so relevant and interesting, and there's so many opportunities," she said. "So from there, we started coming up with ideas of how we can use our different expertise to tackle some of the issues around Ebola, we started this Ebola Working Group, Marty put in for this RAPID funding proposal and now we've got a funded project."

Ytreberg said the projects have a local effect and he hopes

the collaboratorium becomes a resource for research across the UI campus.

Wiest said the collaboratorium wants to engage students in its activities as well. She said one way the group would like to do this is through a journal club that explores ideas on Wednesdays.

"The theme right now is modeling Ebola, mostly because that's where our heads are at, but the topics are going to evolve over the semester," Wiest said.

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DIVERSITY

## Learning to become an ally

Danielle Wiley

In the LGBTQA community, there is a debate about what the 'A' actually represents. Some argue it stands for asexual while others believe it stands for ally.

Julia Keleher, director of the University of Idaho LGBTQA office, said for her, the 'A' stands for both.

"The acronym is very long, it's hard to include every single identity in that," she said. "But for this office and the work we do here on campus, it's important that everyone feels included in what we do."

To meet that goal, the LGBTQA Office will host a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Bruce M. Pitman Center's Vandal Ballroom, formerly the Student Union Building, for students who want to talk about what it means to be an ally to members of the LGBTQA community.

Keleher said the panel discussion will invite audience participation on a crucial topic —how

UI students, staff and faculty can become better allies to the LGBTQA community.

The discussion panel will include students from the office's Speakers Bureau, which was established to spread the message across campus about LGBTQA acceptance.

"We're usually invited into classrooms for students to tell their coming out story and let people ask them questions," Keleher said. "It provides that peer education about the gay and lesbian community ... they are from all over the spectrum."

Keleher said those of any sexual orientation or gender identity can be an ally for the LGBTQA community.

"I consider an ally to be someone who stands up for me," Keleher said. "Someone who stands by — stands up and stands for the LGBTQ community. Someone who educates themselves on it, wants to help out and provides that education to others in their community."

The 'A' in the UI LGBTQA represents at least two kinds of people, those who identify as asexual or those who consider themselves an ally. Keleher said asexual is someone who may not experience sexual attraction or be interested in sexual activity in or out of a relationship. As for ally, Keleher said students can come from any background to support equality.

"That would be hard to include everyone because then the acronym would be the whole alphabet," she said.

Keleher said the other focal point of the discussion is to show students that the issue of LGBTQA rights is still ongoing and it's not an issue of queer versus homosexual, but an issue of humans accepting one another.

"It's not to say that there is no place for heterosexuals in our community because there totally is," Keleher said. "I say if you stand up for me and you stand up for my rights and want to be a part of my community then you already are a part of my community."

Keleher said the panel discussion would be the first of its type and hopes it is something that becomes regular in the future. She said the students involved, as well as herself, will give the UI community a chance to ask questions about some of the politics and equality issues that have

The LGBTQA Office to host panel discussion, supporting equality

"We want to provide that information and space," she said. "I feel that people most of the time are not trying to be rude or be anti-LGBT but they need a place to start."

stirred in Idaho and the U.S. over the last

few months.

Keleher said several students have already started to show interest in becoming an ally and have attended LGBTQA office events and gatherings.

She said she she hopes many students attend Tuesday's panel to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the LGBTQA community.

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### Police log

#### Tuesday, Jan. 20

2:49 a.m. 500 block South Asbury Street

Police arrested a 34-yearold female for vehicle break-in resulting in more than \$1,000 worth of damage. Charged with burglary and felony malicious injury to property.

9:28 a.m. 1000 block West Pullman Road

Complaint of vandalism, tire cut on vehicle. A report was taken

#### was taken. 11:21 a.m. 900 block Paradise Creek Street

Female complained of ex-boyfriend harassing her via text messages and phone calls. Police contacted him and told him to stop. A report was taken.

5:14 p.m. 400 block South Main Street

Trespassing complaint,

intoxicated male was asked to leave restaurant. No report filed.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 21

7:53 a.m. 2400 block Weymouth Street

Caller reported someone entered his garage and got into the vehicles. Unclear if anything was missing. A report was filed.

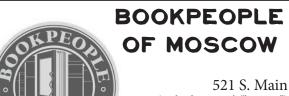
2:20 p.m. 300 block South Asbury Street Caller reported broken natural gas line. No report was filed.

4:15 p.m. 1400 block West Pullman Road

Someone drove off without paying for their gas. They were later contacted by Pullman Police and returned to pay.

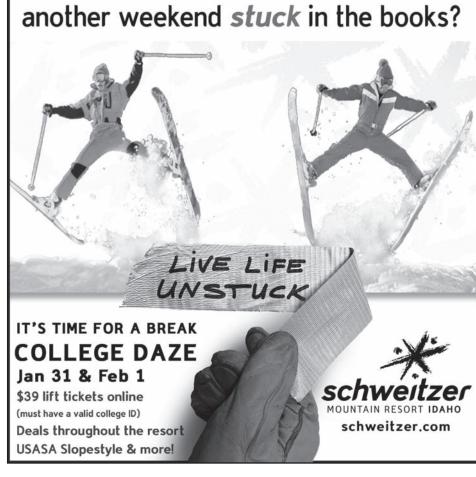
9:44 p.m. Northwood Drive; Styner Avenue

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STUDENT LIFE



Alyssa Pietz | Courtesy Moscow Undergraduate Mock Trial team member Max Cowan gives his closing argument in 2012 acting as the plaintiff's attorney in the simulated case Allen v. Neptune Diving Company in the Idaho Commons.

# Connecting in court

Students act as attorneys, witnesses in UI organization

**Corrin Bond** 

Arguments are a way of life for members of the Moscow Undergraduate Mock Trial team.

"We're all about the argument," said Alyssa Pietz, team spokeswoman. "Our members are people of all majors and interests who just really love to argue and prove that they're more right

The Moscow Undergraduate Mock Trial team is a competition club that creates simulated courtroom trial scenarios and competes in various tournaments against other schools throughout the academic year.

The competitions take place on regional, national and open-round championship levels in which students receive a single mock court case from the American Mock Trial Association and develop both plaintiff and defense strategies.

Pietz said the club began four years ago and has been growing ever since.

"It's a big building year for us," Pietz said. "We're a relatively new team and are just trying to get our name out in the mock trial world and also on campus."

The cases vary from criminal to civil, and can even present elements of both.

"This year we have a civil case," Pietz

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said. "It's about a couple who lost their child to a gun incident in their home, a neighbor came over and used the gun on their daughter so now they are taking the neighbor to court to sue for parental negligence or intentional shooting ... it's a civil case, but has a criminal aspect to it."

Team members perform different and often multiples roles in the court,

In this year's case she plays two roles - the plaintiff, the woman who lost her daughter, and an attorney.

Since the number of roles needed in a courtroom is limited, Pietz said members compete in smaller sub-teams composed of three attorneys and three witnesses.

Although students study, perform and develop arguments for a case as a team, each member is judged on an individual level in competitions.

Pietz, who has been a member of the team since her freshman year at the University of Idaho, said while many students believe the club is exclusively for pre-law students, the team attracts members from a number of different disciplines.

She said current and past members often major in varying subjects, such as Clare Haley, who received a degree last month in International Studies.

"Mock trial is great for people who are interested in debate or law, but philosophy is also a common department," Pietz said. "We even have members who are wildlife resources majors."

For Haley, a UI alumna and former mock trial member, the draw was more about the people than the competitive nature of the team.

"Joining the team wasn't really a conscious choice," Haley said in December. "They were meeting in my dorm and I was doing laundry at the time ... they invited me to sit in on their meeting and we all really clicked together."

Beyond competition and performing, Pietz said the team's priority is how they present themselves and relate to one another.

"Our members have been performing well individually this year, but our collective attitude is the most important," she said. "In the past, we've received the Spirit of AMTA award, which is given to the friendliest and most civil team ... even if we don't always make it to the next level of competition, we strive for that award every year."

In addition to the camaraderie, Pietz said the team is a combination of community and communication.

"The season starts in August, that's when we get new cases and when we look for new members ... mock trial helps with people skills, things like reading a room, constructing a solid argument, speaking to an audience," Pietz said. "The list of benefits is endless, it's a good life club."

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## A book to call their own

Nonprofit to host spaghetti feed for youth literacy

**Graham Perednia** 

Argonaut

Imagination is an essential part of childhood, and schoolteachers across the county agree creativity can be stimulated by the written word. In Moscow, First Book does its part by providing low-income children with books to foster their imaginations.

"(First Book) helps youth to have books to call their own," said Matthew Maw, spokesman of the nonprofit.

First Book, a national nonprofit with an active local chapter, will host its 7th annual spaghetti feed to support youth literacy at 5 p.m. Wednesday, at the 1912 Center in Moscow. Tickets are \$3 for children, \$7 for adults and \$20 for families. Although, Maw said there are a limited number of tickets available for lowincome families.

The event boasts a meal provided by Mikey's Greek Gyros and a free book for every child in attendance.

Maw said First Book distributes books to children at local events in the area, such as attending after-school community events in places like Plummer, Idaho. He said First Book recently had a table there with books organized by reading level and the children could come up and choose a book that interested them.

"It is really cool for them to have the option to pick a book," said Morgan Fisher, First Book UI student representative. "(There were) so many choices they had trouble picking."

When that happens, volunteers talk to the kids and point them toward books that match their hobbies or interests, Fisher said.

"It is important to give them a choice," Fisher said.

Fisher said she would often help children out who didn't have a specific topic that interested them. For example, the Plummer event had some Iunie B. Jones books her favorite as a kid — so she directed a lot of girls to them.

At that event, First Book gave 65 books to local youth, Maw said. At another event at the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Early Childhood Learning Center in Plummer, First Book was able to distribute 100 books to the local youth.

Maw said First Book exerts a lot of effort in fundraising these days because there changes within the national organization that forced local chapters to rely on local fundraising dollars to operate.

'The only way we can get books into the hands of low-income children is through fundraising," Maw said.

The annual spaghetti feed is the largest fundraiser of the year, Maw said. The event is more important this year because the majority of funds used locally have to be raised locally. He said if they don't raise enough money then their ability to provide books will suffer.

"It is a little unsettling to think what will happen next year," Maw said. "(You) can never support literacy enough."

First Book has a close connection to the University of Idaho. Both Maw and Fisher first got involved in First Book through Sigma Tau Delta, an English honors society that has a strong focus on community service.

"I like the satisfaction of knowing that I did something good for someone else," Fisher said. "(First Book) is a really worthy cause."

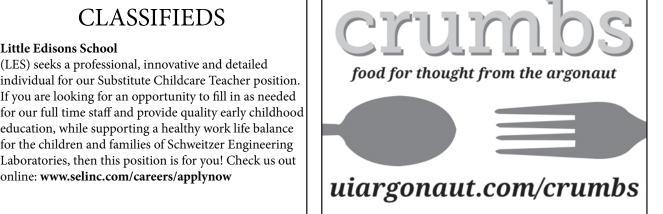
Fisher said it is important for students to remember there are families in North Idaho who don't have the same opportunities to read that others have. For that reason, she said First Book is looking for more student volunteers.

"It would be super awesome to see more UI students helping out," Fisher said

While there is a national push to improve literacy from coast to coast, Maw said he feels good about serving the Moscow community because things can only improve one step at a time.

"(Moscow) is a fertile environment for First Book," Maw said. "I would urge community members to never take lightly the power of reading to kids."

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#### BURNETT

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Burnett said the idea for a UI law presence in Boise started in 1999, when he was invited to serve on a special panel and write a report on the future of law education in Idaho. He said by the time the report concluded it was only a matter of time before there was a law school in Boise, due to the growing population and expanding economy in the Treasure Valley.

After serving as dean of a Kentucky law school, Burnett said he heard "the Siren song of Idaho," in 2002 and returned to his home state to become dean of UI's law school. It was then when he, with the help of faculty, began to create a strategic plan for a branch campus in Boise.

Initially, Burnett said there was a good deal of skepticism around the expansion and a considerable amount of anti-Boise sentiment in the law building. He said some wanted to relocate the entire law school, while others did not want to expand to Boise at all.

There were many two steps forward, 1 1/2 steps back intervals during this entire process," he said.

Burnett said he came to the conclusion that the law school had to have a presence in Boise, but at the same time could not leave Moscow.

"If you accepted both of those fundamental truths, then the pathway forward was pretty clear, we had to build a branch campus in Boise," he said.

In 2006, Burnett found out the Idaho State Law Library was stationed in a commercial building and needed a permanent home, so he contacted the Idaho Supreme Court about starting a collaborative project stationed in the old Ada County Courthouse. He said the concept gained support easily because UI had the personnel to manage and run the library.

Burnett said he continued to gather support for the center from chief justices, multiple UI presidents, influential alumni and legislators. He said the opportunity to help students have a greater educational experience was the unifying factor among the supporters.

"My role was to invite everybody to this opportunity," he said.

To make the courthouse operational for students, Burnett said UI raised \$1.5 million for tenant specific improvements along with funding from the Idaho Legislature.

As for his future involvement in the center, Burnett said he plans to help create public outreach programs focused on civic education. He said he is proud of the civic education component of the center and hopes UI can play an important role in increasing public knowledge about history, law and politics.

After stepping down as interim president in March 2014, Burnett said he keeps busy by teaching a few classes at the law school, along with organizing a new colloquium series to feature nationally known UI faculty members.

Burnett said he plans to retire summer of 2016 and hasn't given much thought to his plans afterward.

The family will have something to say about that," he said.

Regardless of retirement, Burnett said he doesn't see his involvement or "love affair" with UI ending any time soon.

"This place is a beacon for the mountain of the Northwest and the plains of the great West," Burnett said. "And it's truly quite a privilege to help the university reach its full potential."

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#### **OBAMA**

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and effectively working with the new Republican-dominated Congress.

"Are we going to accept an economy where only a few of us do spectacularly well, or can we commit ourselves to an economy that generates rising income and opportunities for everyone that's willing to try hard?" Obama said. "We don't want to just make sure everyone shares in America's success, we actually think that everyone can contribute to America's success."

About 6,600 Idahoans packed the Cowen-Williams Sports Complex to hear Obama give his remarks a little after 3 p.m. One of the Obama's main goals this year, he said, is to improve the U.S. education system.

He reiterated his desires to encourage more women and minorities to participate in STEM programs, increase funding for research and development, help students reduce their monthly loan payments through refinancing and recruit companies to provide apprenticeships along with other ways people can upgrade their skills.

Additionally, Obama said he was submitting a plan to Congress that would lower the cost of community college — to zero.

"In the new economy, we need to make two-year colleges free and as universal as high school is today," Obama said.

He also said he supports a "free and open internet," more affordable childcare options and paid sick leave for working Americans.

Obama acknowledged Idaho is a red state and asked the many Idaho Republicans to consider hearing his ideas and offering suggestions of their own — a process he said he wishes Congress would engage in more often.

"I know there are Republicans that disagree with my approach ... my job is to put forward what I think is best for America," Obama said. "The job of Congress then is to put forward alternative ideas, but they've got to be specific, it can't just be 'No."

Air Force One touched down in Boise at 1:20 p.m. at Gowen Air Force Base, approximately 15 minutes away from the BSU campus. About 100 family members with deployed relatives awaited in the cold weather for Obama to arrive. After shaking hands and taking pictures with many of those in the crowd, Obama waved goodbye and exited by a long motorcade that closed many Boise streets.

Once he arrived on campus, he made a brief stop at BSU's new product development lab in the Micron Engineering Building He said he was shown various innovations the lab was developing, such as a 3-D printed arm that would help disabled students open lockers without assistance.

"Here at Boise State, innovation is a culture you're building," Obama said. "You're also partnering with companies to do two things you help students graduate with skills employers are looking for, and you help employees pick up skills they need to advance on the job."

Some BSU students were waiting since 5 a.m. to buy tickets and secure a good seat before the speech, including BSU sophomore Katie Maddux.

"It was such an amazing experience and honor, because living in Idaho I never thought the opportunity would happen," Maddux said.

Anna Guida, another BSU student, attended the speech with friends.

"I thought it was really cool, of all the places he could speak, he came here." Guida said. "Initially I was concerned, because one of my teachers asked who is going to see Obama speak, and only five or six people out of a class of 30 raised their hands."

Hundreds of protestors waited outside of the complex to relay messages to Obama as he drove by in the motorcade, including those against Obamacare and the Obama administration creating a national monument on the Boulder-White Clouds, a treasured wild land in Idaho.

The most populated protest included Boise locals adorned in yellow, holding up signs that said "Save Saeed." According to protesters, the demonstration was to empower Obama to negotiate with the Iranian government to free former Boise area pastor Saeed Abedini, who was arrested in Iran in 2012 for alleged Christian proselytizing in Iran.

Naghmeh Abedini, Saeed's wife, was able to meet with the president for about ten minutes, and she said Obama assured her that Saeed was a top priority. Abedini said the president told her Saeed was constantly being mentioned in meetings between Secretary of State John Kerry and the Iranian Government.

Obama left soon after the speech to depart for Kansas, where he spoke at the University of Kansas Thursday.

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#### SPACE

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"I was attracted to the idea of trying to connect the two locations," he said. "I'm not interested in being the dean of two law schools. We need to have one law school providing opportunities for our students in both areas."

Adams said he plans to keep the two locations cohesive by investing in distance education technologies, encouraging faculty to teach at both locations and bringing the Boise and Moscow students together. He said there are already preliminary plans for an all-law school retreat in McCall.

The Moscow location will continue to place a strong emphasis on Native American and environmental law, while the students in Boise have greater access to public service and business legal opportunities, Adams said.

Dillion said the informal, day-to-day happenings that occur around the center

will be practical experiences for law students because it exposes them to their future employers and colleagues.

"It's almost those serendipitous moments where students can go over to the Capitol and maybe pop into a hearing on a particular bill they're interested in," he said. "They can go over to the Supreme Court building and watch an appeal or they can walk a couple blocks more and watch a criminal or civil trial between classes."

Although the center is expected to open in time for the fall 2015 semester, Dillion said he always has a backup plan, which includes staying at the UI Water Center until the building's completion. For now, he said he has enjoyed watching the project come to fruition.

"We just can't wait to get into that building," he said. "Hopefully we'll be on time and under budget."

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WELLNESS

Participants are required to take a body fat test, bent waist flexibility test, as well as a timed repetition testing of box squat thrusts for one minute and line sprints for two minutes. There will also be a bent arm plank test and a TRX row hold test, which participants will demonstrate for as long as they are able.

In addition to the initial and final testing, Mandler said the only other requirement of participants is that they complete a weekly survey regarding their progress.

Pope said the Vandal Fitness Challenge is for people with any level of physical shape and health. The participants are divided into three categories based on their abilities. The first category, Pope

said, is "Aspirational Joe and Jane," which is designated for those who don't work out at all. The "Athletic Joe and Jane" is for athletes and other active individuals. The "Average Joe and Jane," is for people who exercise every so often.

Pope said each category would have a male and female winner at the end of the challenge. She also said although the prizes have not been specified, the prizes

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### **More info**

Those interested in signing up for the Vandal Fitness Challenge can do so from 12-1:30 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 and 30 at the Student Recreation Center.

will likely be in the form of gift cards to places such as Tri-State Outfitters and the Moscow Co-op. Additionally, each participant who completes the challenge will be entered in a drawing to win a bicycle provided by Paradise Creek Bicycles. She said the bicycles are on display now in the SRC and students interested in the bike can check it out. One male and one female winner will be drawn.

Mandler said assistance is available to participants, from advice on how to nail the perfect yoga pose to learning how to eat more vegetables.

'We're pairing with the campus dietitian and the personal trainers in the campus Rec," she said. "For people who sign up we'll be sending out weekly newsletters and they will be getting good fitness tips and nutrition tips and things like that."

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# SPORTS



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## Vandals drop fourth straight

Idaho led by 12 in the first half, ND 20-5 run spoils home win

#### **Korbin McDonald**

Argonaut

It was a tail of two halves Thursday night in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals held an early 15-point lead, but saw that disappear as North Dakota opened the second half with a 20-5 run to take a 12-point lead with 10:49 left in the game.

North Dakota's Terrel de Rouen scored 15 points in the second half and guided his team to a 71-63-comeback win over the Vandals.

"We just didn't play good at all in that second half," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "Let a seven point lead at halftime get away from us, then it was anybody's game after that. I thought they dominated us in the second half."

After a poor shooting performance in the first half, North Dakota hit 63.6 percent of its shots in the second half.

Idaho struggled from the free-throw line throughout the game, as the team converted only 15-of-28 attempts.

"It's a pretty simple game," Verlin said. "Our job is to add more energy and enthusiasm in how we play ... We're not going to win a lot of basketball games given those percentages in the second half."

With the loss, Idaho

#### **More info**

Before Thursday's loss, Idaho had mostly excelled at home, where it holds a 6-3 record, but struggled on the road, where the Vandals are 1-7.

falls to 2-4 in Big Sky competition and is now on a four-game losing streak. The team will attempt to put an end to that streak 7 p.m. Saturday, against Northern Colorado in Cowan Spectrum.

Idaho is now tied with North Dakota and Southern Utah for the eighth and last seed in the Big Sky Tournament.

"They're all important right now," Verlin said of conference games. "This was a big one tonight ... I didn't think our effort was good enough tonight to beat North Dakota."

While North Dakota had four players in double figures, Idaho only had two. Senior guard Connor Hill finished with a team high 14 points, while freshman forward Arkadiy Mkrtychyan finished with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard Sekou Wiggs said the team needs to be able to respond when adversity hits them.

"I think it's just a matter of focus," he said. "We just gotta be able to stand in there and fight through adversity."

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Sophomore guard Sekou Wiggs examines the defense during Idaho's 71-63 loss Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum. The loss brought Idaho's losing streak to four games.

## **Road woes** be gone

Men's basketball needs to improve road record



being a studentathlete, especially when the team has to travel.

It can't be easy

Players have to juggle schoolwork, practice and a heap

of other responsibilities, and then put everything on hold for an away game. It's rare for a team to be good on

the road, and a successful road record can sometimes hover around .500. The Idaho men's basketball team, though, has not hovered around .500 for road games this season. In fact, they are well below it.

The Vandals are 1-7 in games away from Moscow and 0-7 in games away from the Palouse as the team beat Washington State in Pullman earlier in the season. The win over WSU is Idaho's only road win on the season.

Seven of the remaining 13 games are on the road for Idaho and the Vandals will need to improve on that record if they hope to make the Big Sky Tournament. Only eight of 12 teams make the conference tournament.

Despite the poor road record, Idaho has still showed glimpses of just how good it can be.

If it wasn't for a few minutes of bad basketball against a pair of the conference's best teams — Eastern Washington and Sacramento State - Idaho could be sitting atop the Big Sky standings.

The Vandals are close, and it seems like they can win on any given night, which couldn't be said at the beginning of the season.

Throughout the nonconference schedule, Idaho's play was inconsistent on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. With Idaho coach Don Verlin still playing around with his rotation, players didn't look comfortable and mistakes were being made.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

## Jpset bid comes up short

Tough defense, rebounding not enough for Idaho women's basketball

Joshua Gamez Argonaut

Despite a season high 20point performance from junior guard Christina Salvatore, the Vandals fell to North Dakota 68-62 Thursday night.

On a night in which Idaho's leading scorer, Stacey Barr, didn't make her first field goal until 11:26 left in the second half, getting a lift from the junior sharpshooter was huge.

"Christina really did a great job stepping up," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "That's what a leader should do. She stepped up and made some shots, fought hard, got some rebounds. This is definitely the best game she's played in a while ... We needed her tonight."

Barr had been on hot streak this season, averaging 20.4 points per game heading into the loss, which is ranked No. 23 in the country.

Salvatore gave the Vandals a

lift at the end of the first half by hitting all three free throws after she was fouled on a 3-point shot attempt, cutting the UND lead to 27-26 at the break.

The loss drops the Vandals to 8-9 on the season and 2-4 in the Big Sky. The Vandals will be back in action Saturday when they take on Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado.

As a team, the Vandals struggled offensively, shooting a mere 33.3 percent from the field on the night. But UND fared better, shooting 41.9 percent on the night.

Despite the loss, Idaho performed admirably on the defensive end of the floor, Newlee said.

"We left this one out here ... It is frustrating," Newlee said. "It is so disappointing to do what we wanted to do defensively, we wanted to shoot the 3. We did a pretty good job inside ... The dribble penetration in the second half cost us from a defensive standpoint, but we did a

pretty good job overall." Along with the defensive performance, the Vandals had a great night on the glass, despite being out rebounded 45-35 on the night.

The Vandals were dominated on the glass in the early going, but Newlee and the Vandals regrouped during a media timeout.

"After that first five minutes, when they really got on that glass hard, we had that immediate timeout," Newlee said. "We told them 'Hey, if you guys don't block out it is going to be a long night ... I thought our guys did a great job, especially with Ali (Forde) in foul trouble."

In the second half, Forde came out on fire, scoring each of the Vandals' first seven points of the second half. Along with a Brooke Reilly basket near the glass, the Vandals started the half on a 9-0 run.

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Joel Helbling | Argonaut North Dakota senior center Emily Evers, right, attempts a layup against Idaho's defense. The Vandals fell to UND 68-62 Thursday in Grand Forks.

## **Sports briefs**

#### Millet honored by WAC

Idaho's all-around standout swimmer Rachel Millet earned WAC Player of the Week honors after taking away victories in every event she swam in during Idaho's win over New Mexico State Saturday. Millet, a senior from Spokane, took first in the 200-yard freestyle (1 minute, 52.10 seconds), 100 free (51.97) and the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:05.58, almost five seconds faster than the second place finisher. She also swam a leg of the winning 200 medley relay against the Lobos. The Vandals continue their season Saturday against conference opponent Grand Canyon in the UI Swim Center.

#### Men's tennis tops preseason rankings in Big Sky

The Big Sky Conference released its 2015 Preseason Tennis Coaches Poll this week and the Vandals came notched in at No. 1 in their first year back in the conference. The Vandals had a strong fall season despite playing without an official head coach. Associate coach Art Hoomiratana has been leading the program since the departure of former Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman over the summer. Idaho led all teams with five first-place votes and 109 total points. In second after the Vandals is Sacramento State with 103 total points, in third is Weber State with 101 total points and Montana, last year's conference champions, finished fourth with a total of 87 points. The top

six schools at the end of the regular season advance to the Big Sky Conference tournament. The Vandals open their season Saturday when they take on Gonzaga in Spokane.

#### Women's tennis ranks third in preseason coaches poll

The Idaho women's tennis team heads into the spring season ranked No. 3 in the Big Sky Preseason Coaches Poll. Sacramento State led the poll with 117 points and nine first-place votes. Montana finished second with 110 points and three first-place votes. Idaho had 98 points in the poll. The Vandals began play Thursday against Washington State in Pullman.

'The Big Sky is a strong conference in women's tennis," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "Sacramento State has won the championship the last 13 years. I am happy with our third-place positioning. Although Montana and Sacramento State have the top two spots, they have the pressure when we play them."

#### **Soccer camps return**

The annual soccer camps hosted by the Idaho soccer team are back for 2015. The team released the schedule Tuesday. The Vandals will host four camps including the Elite ID Camp April 18, Youth Day Camp June 15-18, High School Team and Individual Camp July 21-23 and the Elite ID Camp Aug. 9. All camps are coached by the Idaho coaching staff, including coach Derek Pittman and assistant coaches Josh Davis and Laura Jackson.

## Dome meet advantage

Idaho track and field to host Friday meet in dome

> **Garrett Cabeza** Argonaut

Indoor track and field teams usually don't get to compete where they practice. In Idaho's case, it almost always competes at meets

away from Moscow. But that changes Friday as the Idaho track and field team hosts the Idaho Collegiate in the Kibbie Dome.

Field events are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and track events are scheduled to start at 12 p.m.

"It's always a really nice way for people to actually come out and support us," senior pole vaulter Dylan Watts said.

The Vandals travel to all of their other meets this season, besides the Vandal Jamboree March 28 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. That event will be a part of the outdoor track and field season.

"I mean home is just fun," Idaho coach Tim Cawley said. "It's nice for the athletes to get a chance to sleep in their own bed. They have a chance for their friends to watch and families that are close around and stuff, so it's always neat to have a home event."

Sophomore thrower Adara Winder said there is definitely an advantage to competing at home for the throwers.

"With throwing, it's nice to have the same knowing about where everything is and when you throw you want to have certain focal points," she said. "So when you have the same focal point you have every day you practice, that's a major advantage, and people that have never thrown here or are not used to here, they don't have that advantage so much. So it's more of a comfort zone thing."

Cawley said Eastern Washington and Gonzaga will be at Friday's meet, but doesn't know exactly which other schools will be competing. Eastern Washington is a member of the Big Sky, Idaho's new conference.

"Normally, at home meets, I feel pretty good about all the other throwers and jumpers because they know where to go, what time to be there," Winder said. "Normally we know the officials if we've been here long enough, and we can mess around with them a little bit before because they're always fun. But it should be good. I'm looking forward to it."

Idaho opened its season last Friday and Saturday at the Ed Jacoby Invite and Multi in Nampa, Idaho.

Senior thrower Zach Trumbauer won the weight throw with a 57-foot throw, and was the only Vandal to win an event.

Watts, who is ranked first in the Big Sky for pole vaulting, finished second in Nampa with a height of 16-2.75.

"I want to have a good year," he said. "I really want to stay healthy because I've had a lot of injuries in the past. But, I mean, last weekend started off



Andrew Jenson | Argonaut

Sprinters Paul Matejcek, left, and Benjamin Ayesu-Attah, right, practice Thursday in the Kibbie Dome in preparation for Friday's home meet. Ayesu-Attah participated in the 2014 indoor season, in which he earned two first-team All-WAC honors and one second-team All-WAC honor.

really great. I want to continue with that."

Winder had a strong performance in Idaho's first meet of the season also. She finished second in the shot put with a career-best toss of 48-3.5.

"It (her performance in Nampa) showed a lot of improvement over last year," Winder said. "My marks last year were not incredibly far back, but I'm starting above where I ended last season, so that feels really good. I know that the training is working so that's always a good thing when you know that your hard work is worth something."

Several other Idaho athletes had career-best marks at the invite as well.

"We had a lot of career bests, which was good to see," Cawley said. "I mean that's always what we're looking for. (I'm) never going to be upset with someone if it's a personal best. So I think it was a great opener."

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## New look for women's tennis Cobra ready to lead women's tennis in spring

Ben Evensen Argonaut

With a new coach at the helm, the Idaho women's tennis team is set to begin the spring season Thursday against border rival Washington State.

In the fall season, interim coach Mariana Cobra led the Vandals after former Idaho Director of Tennis Jeff Beaman resigned last July. On Nov. 3, Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear announced Cobra's interim tag was being stripped and that she would be the new head coach at Idaho.

Cobra isn't new to being in charge of a program as she was the coach at Northern Iowa for the 2012-2013 season. She also has been an assistant at Case Western Reserve and Middle Tennessee State.

A new coach isn't the only new

thing for this team though, as it also begins Big Sky play in its first year back in the conference. The preseason Big Sky Coaches Poll ranked Idaho as the third best team in the conference behind Sacramento State and Montana. The move back to the Big Sky puts Idaho in the same conference as many teams it saw during the fall season and renews many regional rivalries.

"The Big Sky is a strong conference in women's tennis," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "Sacramento State has won the championship the last 13 years. I am happy with our thirdplace positioning.

Perhaps the biggest story this season will be the play of sophomore Galina Bykova, who is entering the season ranked No. 9 in the Mountain Region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association women's rankings. Bykova, who came to Moscow from St. Petersburg, Russia, won WAC Freshman of the Year her first year with the Vandals, as well as All-WAC singles and second-team All-WAC doubles.

This past fall she defeated two ranked opponents - Natasha Smith of New Mexico and Denver's Maureen Slattery — in the ITA Regional Championships. All of her accomplishments now put her as the No. 9 player in the ITA Mountain Region, and Bykova will be expected to lead Idaho this spring.

"Galina has worked really hard over the fall," Cobra said. "Her efforts are recognized in these first rankings. She really deserves the recognition and I am very proud of her. I am excited to see her compete this spring."

The Vandal roster also features some veteran leadership with four upperclassman — seniors Emmie Marx, Sophie Vickers, Beatriz Flores and junior Rita Bermudez.

Vickers enters her third spring for Idaho and continuously put up good numbers in the fall. She was a second-team all-WAC selection in doubles in 2013, and in her final year for Idaho will try to earn a spot on an all-Big Sky list.

Marx, a senior from Mossel Bay, South Africa, transferred to Idaho from Illinois State and got her first experience in a Vandal uniform this past fall. In her one year at Illinois State, Marx was named to the Missouri Valley Conference 2012 All-Select Team.

Freshman Lucia Badillos and sophomore Claire Yang, a transfer

from Fresno State, are also expected to contribute this season.

After the fall season opener at Washington State on Thursday, Idaho will host Eastern Washington Jan. 31, though it will not count as a conference game. The match against WSU was still underway during press time.

After a quick trip to Seattle to take on former WAC-foe Seattle U Feb. 7, Idaho will play its first official Big Sky game against Sacramento State Feb. 13 in Cheney, Washington. For the rest of the schedule, Idaho plays all Big Sky schools as well as traveling to Gonzaga, Utah State, Cal Poly, Fresno State and Oregon. The Vandals will also host Arizona in nonconference play.

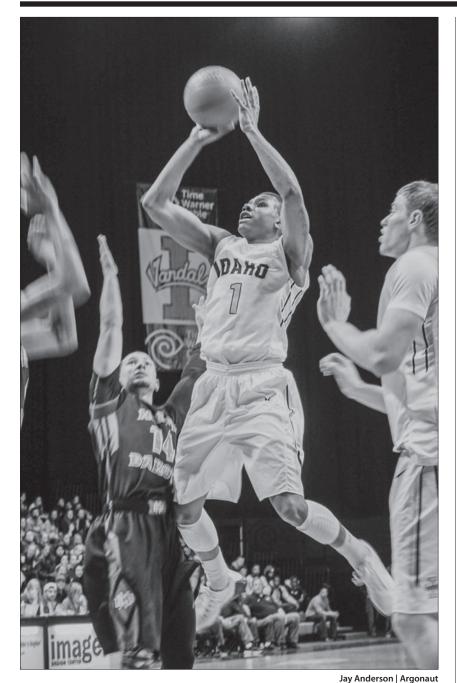
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Sophomore guard Perrion Callandret attempts a floater during Idaho's Thursday loss to North Dakota. Callandret finished with five points off the bench for Idaho.

#### **VANDALS**

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Verlin said he was disappointed with all aspects of Thursday's game. "As coaches we got to coach better,

players got to play better," he said. "We got to find a way to put a better product on the floor at Idaho."

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#### ROAD

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Idaho started conference play with two consecutive wins over Idaho State and last season's conference champion Weber State.

In the game against Weber State, the team looked confident and played a fast-paced tempo. That caliber of play has continued, but it hasn't resulted in wins.

The Vandals lost to Eastern Washington and Sacramento State by a combined six points and could have easily won both games.

Like last year, the Vandals have a chance to make a run in the conference tournament. They have proven they can compete with the best, but since the tournament will most likely not be in Moscow, the road woes need to end.

The team did it last year in the WAC Tournament before falling to New Mexico State in the champion-ship game.

Will they have a repeat performance? Only time will tell.

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#### **UPSET**

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After that, UND got into a rhythm offensively along with Idaho missing 15 layups. Newlee said his team can't miss 15 layups and expect to beat the Big Sky leader.

Despite those issues, the Vandals did everything they could to potentially steal a victory, but they couldn't get it done. The team shot well, defended well ... But they didn't hit the layups when they needed them.

"I said we did everything we came in here to do," Newlee said. "That is what's so rough about it. It's not like we are missing a bunch of 3s or taking bad shots."

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#### @VandalsWBB

Great win tonight! Thanks to the fans and the @VandalBand tonight! Vandals move to 8-8 (2-3)! #GoVandals

-Vandal women's basketball thanking the fans and band after its big win on Saturday.



#### @VandalNation

Quick scores and solid defense have extended the Vandals to a 20-point lead over the Vikings with 12 minutes left in the

game #GoVandals

-Vandal Nation on the Vandal women's basketball team's success over the weekend.



#### @TomTPPurvis

With 5 points today, @sbarr10 moves into 5th in scoring in program history. She would pass Alyssa Charlston. #GoVandals

-Tom Purvis, the voice of Vandal women's basketball, on Stacey Barr's impressive scoring accomplishment.



#### @MattLinehan\_10

Forgot to say this earlier this week but congrats to my brother @Mike\_Line35 on committing to Idaho!! Can't wait for

you to join us!!

-Idaho quarterback Matt Linehan congratulating his brother Mike on committing to Idaho and joining him on the football team.



#### @Idaho\_Vandals

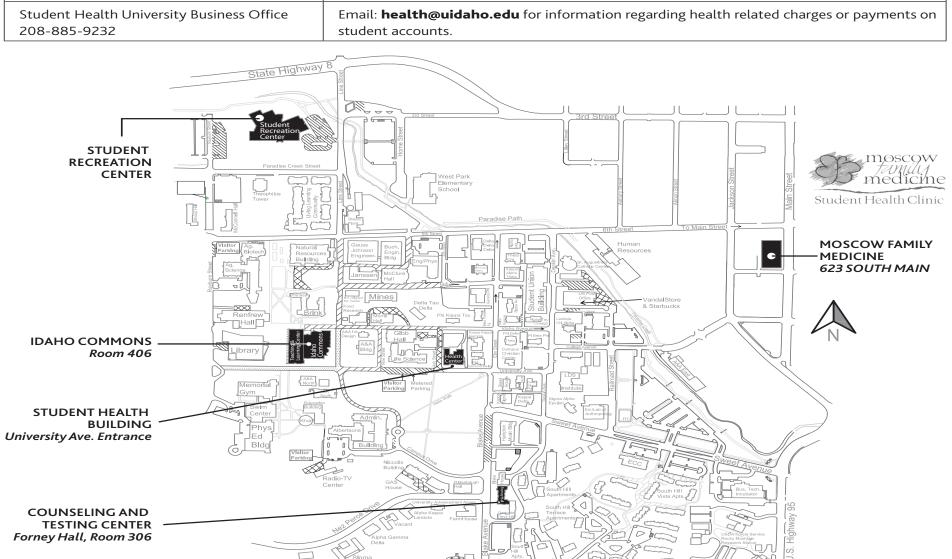
Scott bucket, Scott steal, Wiggs bucket and it's a two-point game 53-51. #GoVandals

-The Vandal play-by-play during an exciting comeback this weekend. Ultimately, the Vandals fell to Portland State.





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OUR VIEW

# Right move for UI law

Ul's law program heading in the right direction

After more than a decade of proposals, planning, discussions, setbacks and more, the University of Idaho Law program will finally have a physical presence of its own in the state's capital an improvement for more than just the students studying the judicial system.

UI's law school is the only one in the state accredited by the American Bar Association, and has a history of providing its students with opportunities in all aspects of law.

The Boise branch of the law program recently expanded to include curriculum for secondyear law students, allowing future lawyers to network in an area

with more businesses and opportunities than Moscow can offer for an extra year. While the Natural Resources and Environmental Law and Native Law Program thrive in Moscow, those wishing to pursue business or constitutional law can benefit from Boise's metropolitan landscape.

Boise is home to the Idaho Capitol Building and Supreme Court — landmarks of interest to any law student — and the buildings between which UI's Law and Justice Learning Center will be located once renovation of the old Ada County Courthouse is completed in the fall.

Along with its obvious locational advantage, the center will house the Idaho State Law Library, provide judicial education to the city's legal workers and offer civic education resources

for the public. This makes UI's law school more than just a university asset — providing legal education as the only accredited law school in the state is something Idaho as a whole can be proud of.

In addition to a growing program and expansion in the state capital, UI's program avoided the nationwide trend of declining law school enrollment. In 2014, enrollment for ABA-approved law schools fell an average of 6.9 percent, according to the ABA. În contrast, UI's law program saw an increase in enrollment of 52.8 percent from fall 2013 to fall 2014.

Administrators tasked with moving the UI law program forward are acting wisely by continuously expanding and improving the program at the height of its success.

The only other law school in Idaho, Concordia, is also located in Boise and will come before the ABA in June to seek accreditation. Striving to improve UI's law program before the only exsisting competitor gains validity is a smart move.

Improving UI's law school was worth every cent of the \$7.5 million of state and university funding spent in planning, and it's great to see a decade-long vision finally come to fruition. Capitalizing on the Boise program's location and opportunities will hopefully continue to bring the program success in the future. UI should be proud of the strides it has taken to improve the UI Boise law program, and should continue to recognize the key role it serves in the state.

-AE

**QUICK TAKES** ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS** 

#### **March for Life**

"We are for the distinct value and worth that are ours on account of Christ. We are for remembering the 55 million lives that have been purposefully ended since abortion was legalized in 1973. And we are for the day when abortion will be reduced to a painful memory and when each of God's children is respected as a person, no matter his size." - Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS president. Amen!

-Andrew

#### The dream of the '90s

Is alive in Portland ... and all 10 seasons of "Friends." Thank you Netflix.

-Kaitlyn

#### **Senior status**

I read a full chapter in one of my textbooks... for the first time ever. I guess it feels a little rewarding — oh wait, it's Friday? Psh.

## Goodbye

The Argonaut changed my life drastically and for the better. It welcomed me when I first started UI and has led me to some super cool things. I'm sad yet happy to say goodbye and take my next opportunity.

-Danielle

#### 'American Sniper'

It's hard to see someone described as a hero who ended that many lives for the sake of "protecting our country." On the other hand, the movie was well done. -Claire

#### **Marshawn Lynch**

The NFL needs to take it easy on the guy. I get the fine for his crotch grab, but these fines for not talking to the media need to stop. There are plenty of other players in that locker room that will happily talk — I mean, did you see that Doug Baldwin rant. That more than makes up for the lack of words from Lynch.

-Korbin

#### Lecture

I like to think that I have a decent attention span, but if the class is long enough a break is needed, maybe the class should be shorter and more frequent.

–Katelyn

#### Suas u Piob!

I'm off for an evening of bagpipes, haggis and dancing the Highland Fling at Boise's 112th Burns Supper. You take the high road and I'll take the low road, and I'll see you back in the bonny braes o' Moscow before long.

#### Do daily vitamins really help?

It seems daily vitamins might do more harm than good when people consider them vegetables in a bottle. It's still important to eat healthy.

-Stephan

#### **Obama**

What swagger. #IWon-BothOfThem

-Ryan

#### **Shel Silverstien**

You never appreciate how truly great some poets are until you try poetry yourself. Hats off to a man who wrote poems that managed to be both simple and profound.

#### **New Year's Resolution**

I promised myself I would go to the gym more in 2015. Three weeks in and my legs are at a steady, burning ache.



## **American** controversy

Movies must stop changing history

An Iraqi child's life is on the line in the opening of "American Sniper."

The sniper in question is Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, portrayed by Bradley Cooper, who must decide if the child is indeed carrying a weapon and poses a threat to Aleya Ericson U.S. troops. Surprisingly, this tense scene is low among the reasons why "American Sniper," a film that shattered box office records and earned six Oscar nominations, has caused an outpouring of well-deserved criticism.

The film is based off on the autobiography by Kyle titled "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History." The title hits the nail on the head, since the U.S. military credits Kyle with a record-breaking 160 confirmed kills between his four tours of duty. Many question Kyle's status as a hero and protagonist of the

film, since his main claim to fame involves death.

It is impossible to deny Kyle earned his place in history, due to his tremendous amount of dedication with four tours of

duty and successful military service. While some parts of history may be unpleasant, it is a disservice to sweep Kyle under the rug and ignore his historic accomplishments. The filmmakers had a chance to capture something

truly unique with adapting the autobiography of a man whose many tours of duty could offer a different perspective of war.

Unfortunately, the real Kyle does not match the moral rightness of the movie character. The Kyle of "American Sniper" is a religious man whose many tours of duty stem from a desire to save as many people as possible. The reallife Kyle may have had those intentions at one point, but he

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# The abyss of student debt

Student debt forgiveness may not be all it seems

Just mentioning student debt sends a chill down every student's spine. As many college students try so desperately to forget, debt is a ghost that's coming for most people after graduation.

The ghost looming over college students is Emily Vaartstra gigantic. The graduat-Argonaut ing class of 2014 walked across the stage receiving not only their hard earned diploma, but an average of \$33,000 in student debt, according to a government data analysis by Edvisors.

In the past, the government has done little to help college students. State funding on higher education has been down 23 percent since 2008, according to a May 2014 report from the Center of Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP). This report also detailed a decrease in state funding since the recession has resulted in a 28 percent tuition increase in public colleges

and universities. For Idaho, the CBPP found there was a 36.8 percent decrease in state spending per student between 2008 and 2014 — the sixth largest decrease in the country.

Now, you may be thinking that President Obama's Student Loan Forgiveness plan will save students from being outlived by their loan. But the forgiveness of student debt sounds so much sweeter than it actually is.

The key word here is "forgive." When one usually uses the word, it is meant as a letting go of something — be it anger or debt. So according to that definition of forgiveness, Obama's Student Loan Forgiveness Program should literally be the stoppage of requirement to pay money owed.

The bad news is that this program is far from this definition and has quite a lot of stipulations that come with it. To be fair, it's not like the over trillion

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–Erin

#### CONTROVERSY

reportedly describes in his novel that killing hundreds of Iraqis was "fun" and viewed Iraqis as "savages." Curiously, neither of these details are readily apparent in the movie.

Kyle's book also includes several unverifiable details, such as punching a man he later identified as Jesse Ventura in the face or that the government placed him in New Orleans to kill looters taking advantage of Hurricane Katrina. Ventura even was awarded \$1.8 million from a successful defamation lawsuit against Kyle.

The main failing of "American Sniper" is not a glorification of war or of the blood-stained accomplishments of Kyle, it's that it ultimately fails to capture Kyle as a person. Instead of portraying the real, controversial person as he was, the film manipulates events to create clear winners and losers.

One instance of this manipulation in effect was the villainous character of the Butcher, an al-Qaeda enforcer who is famed for his brutality and serves as one of Kyle's main antagonists. The hardest part of "American Sniper" to watch is when the Butcher shoves a drill through a screaming child's leg to punish his family. To heighten the stakes and perception of the brutality of war, the entire character was invented. In reality, Kyle's autobiography contains no mention of the Butcher.

"American Sniper" is just one of the latest victims to sacrificing historical accuracy for entertainment value. "Foxcatcher" and "Selma" are both films that have been widely hailed as Oscar worthy and widely questioned for elements of historical inaccuracy. It seems as though Hollywood writers and producers believe that movies based on actual events can't fill seats.

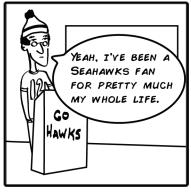
Now, that's not to say all movies based at all on history must evolve into documentaries. I will staunchly defend the entertainment value of "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" until the day I die. But if movies sell themselves as based on actual events, that claim should be substantiated.

It's difficult to believe the creators of "American Sniper" could not find an engaging tale from a man with so many historical accomplishments without having to add to history. It's sad to think people will leave the theater with a different impression of Kyle than who he really was, after watching the movie.

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#### The Honest Professor

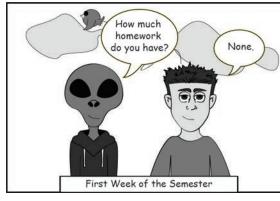


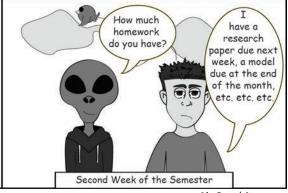




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#### **College Roommates**





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dollars of U.S. student debt can just disappear into thin air.

Here is what President Obama's Student Loan Forgiveness Program does offer students, according to Student Debt Relief.

First, students who took out new loans starting in 2014 will qualify to make payments based on 10 percent of their discretionary income. So if you took out loans before 2014, you don't qualify for this benefit.

Second, new federal loan borrowers are eligible for student loan forgiveness after 20 years, rather than 25 years on qualifying payments — that means most college students will likely be in their mid-40s by the time their loans are forgiven. Once again, all older borrowers are out of luck but new borrowers get to have five less years of loan payments before they are forgiven. Also, students will still have to pay taxes on those forgiven loans after the fact, since they count as taxable income.

Money from this program will go toward funding poor and minority students and increasing college funding.

This is where things get even stickier. There is already a good amount of funding in place for poor and minority students.

The real issue is students who come from middle-class families. These students don't qualify for Federal and State Financial Aid because their parents make too much money — yet those students still have to pay for their own tuition in many cases. Therefore, they take out whatever student loans they can and graduate with an average of \$33,000 in debt. But don't worry — after 20 years of payments they will

qualify for loan forgiveness. While the reality of student debt is still quite bleak, the important thing to remember is that at least some changes are being made. In a couple of years, we'll hopefully be able to see what kind of a difference the changes have made.

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Senka Black

I feel that early morning classes should serve complementary caffeinated beverages to help keep students awake as well as encourage them to attend class. It would also improve everyone's mood.





Samantha Brownell | Argonaut

## Obama eases college debt

President's proposal presents new possibilities for college students

Over half of campus probably cries at night at the thought of all the debt they will face after graduation. College isn't always easy, folks, and with the amount of money students must constantly spend between books and tuition, the thought of debt can make a person curl into the

Argonaut fetal position. Thankfully, President Barack Obama has a proposal that could help future college students refrain from tears and constant thoughts of the looming debt. In the State of the Union speech Tuesday night, President Obama spoke of a plan to make two years of community college tuition free

for some students. This proposal shocked the public and the media. The thought of saving two years worth of tuition by attending community college sounds incredible.

The pros that come with not having to pay for two years of community college tuition are great.

Community college students can take classes to get general education requirements out of the way and then transfer those credits to a larger university. Some associate's degrees would even be

nearly free, if Obama's

plan passes. There are so many great things that come with this proposal. But one has to wonder if this proposal is too good to be true. After all, the cost of paying for two years of community college

must come from some-

where. What really lies ahead for our country's education, if this proposal comes to light?

Students have been known to take on multiple jobs on top of going to school just so they could pay off future debt. There is a stigma for college students that one must be constantly working, because if you aren't, the end of your college education could be marked with a diploma and thousands of dollars in debt.

If Obama's plan goes into effect, the result would be a decrease of stress related to money. This ease of tensions would allow students to focus on classes without the looming threat of debt. A student could have decreased emotional and financial stress and therefore be able to breathe a little easier with less debt.

Not only would this proposal help students while they are currently in school, but could help people after they have graduated. Right now, most graduates can look forward to years of debt repayment. Without an extra two years of additional costs for college education, a former student can be more focused on their career and the life that they have built for themselves.

In any case, this proposal is exciting news for future college students. Future students have the opportunity to receive an education without the significant amount of debt that current students might have by graduation. The future holds the answer of whether this proposal will take effect and what consequences it will have on choices regarding college education.

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