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STUDENT LIFE

## FAFSA on horizon

Students encouraged to submit FAFSA now

**Jake Smith**  
Argonaut

While filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year might make students worry about their grants or loans, UI Financial Aid Adviser Dan Davenport said students who submit their application on or before Feb. 15 can take a breather.



Deavenport

He said the priority deadline for submitting a FAFSA is Monday and applications submitted by the deadline are considered for a special pool of financial aid, including work-study, supplemental grants and the Perkins loan, an interest-free sum of cash to be paid back later.

Davenport said if a student misses the priority deadline, he or she should still fill out their FAFSA anyway because even after the Feb. 15 deadline, students are still considered for Pell grants and direct loans.

He said the FAFSA gathers information about the student, and often times their parents,

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Corrin Bond | Argonaut

Financial aid counselor Michael Placke talks to junior Brenna Tume about submitting the FAFSA. The priority deadline is Feb. 15.

## Financing a future

UI Financial Aid Office implements programs to minimize student debt

**Corrin Bond**  
Argonaut

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben said UI undergraduate students are likely to have less debt than other U.S. college students.

Staben reported to Idaho law-

makers in January the average undergraduate debt at UI is about \$25,637, less than the national average of around \$28,400.

Director of Financial Aid Dan Davenport said there are several reasons the gap exists, including the low cost of attendance relative to universities across the country.

"The specific number the president gave is the average debt of undergraduates who completed their degrees in the

spring of 2014," Davenport said. "The national average includes both public and private schools, so the biggest factor in our students leaving with less debt is likely that we have a lower cost of attendance than other schools across the country."

Davenport said regardless of why UI student debt is lower than the national average, it is ultimately a beneficial occurrence.

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**Average undergraduate student debt**



DIVERSITY



Genie Tran | Argonaut

All the performers in Shades of Black dance together during the final performance, including program creator and UI alumni Kwapi Vengesayi.

## A showcase for the people

Shades of Black event draws large crowd

**Emily Mosset**  
Argonaut

More than 700 people crowded into the Bruce Pitman Center International Ballroom Saturday night to watch dance and vocal performances in the 12th annual Shades of Black cultural showcase.

Among the mass of people were University of Idaho administrators Director of Human Rights, Access and Inclusion Carmen Suarez and UI President Chuck Staben.

"Well, it looks like a fun event, for one," Staben said. "But it's important also because it is a chance for our students to celebrate diversity and to celebrate Martin Luther King Day."

Interim Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs Jesse Martinez kicked off the event with a formal introduction of the winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Art and Essay contest, put on by Associate Dean of the College of Law and Ubuntu Chair Jeffrey Dodge.

Those enrolled in the MLK Art and Essay contest were asked to either write a 1,000-1,500 word essay or create a piece of art of any medium to portray their take on civil rights issues, such as racial injustices, gender equality and domestic violence, among others.

Before the winners were announced, Staben shared his thoughts on the winning entries.

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ASUI

## Fisher not finished

Fisher to seek re-election, ASUI redistricting

**Hannah Shirley**  
Argonaut

Nearly three quarters through his term as ASUI President, Nate Fisher believes he's been successful.

He organized an Idaho Student Association summit with other Idaho college and university student leaders, and he and

ASUI Vice President Sarah Vetsmany have placed an emphasis on sexual assault awareness and prevention on the University of Idaho campus. So far, he said he's satisfied with this term — but he believes there is still work to be done.

Although the official filing deadline for ASUI spring elections isn't until March 11, Fisher said he will seek re-election for the 2015-2016 academic year.

"With such a high rate of turnover in student govern-

ment, retaining any institutional knowledge or memory is tricky, so the experience I think is always lacking," Fisher said. "I'm still learning in my position, but by the time the election happens I'll have almost a full year of experience already done. I have some good ideas, I've made some great relationships and I'd say I'm confident I'm a good fit for it."



Fisher

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FACULTY SENATE

## Faculty hiring expenses

UI hiring process 'expensive' and 'time-consuming'

**Ryan Tarinelli**  
Argonaut

Hiring a new faculty member at the University of Idaho comes with a price tag. According to a report by a University Budget and Finance subcommittee, the costs

amount to almost \$13,000 on average for a search process and for moving expenses.

"There are real dollars tied to losing people, so I think that's part of the conversation we should be having," said Faculty Senate Chair Marty Ytreberg.

The report concluded hiring faculty members is an expensive and time-consuming effort for the university. The report accounted for the identifiable cash costs related to hiring new

faculty members, but did not take into account the time spent by faculty and staff members who serve on search committees, said Norman Pendegraft, chair of the University Budget and Finance Committee.

Ytreberg said UI's faculty turnover rate is double than its peer institutions, a factor that contributes to the number of new hires UI makes.

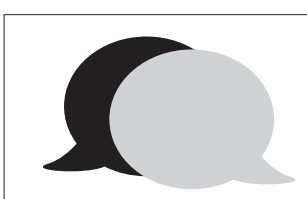
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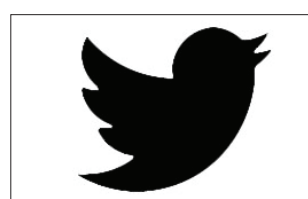
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CRUMBS

# A Crumbs recipe



## Goat cheese burger and potato chips

### Ingredients

- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce (optional)

### Directions

**Directions for burger:**

- Mix ingredients together with hands
- Form into four equally sized patties
- Pan fry in butter or grill
- Serve with favorite condiments

**Directions for potato chips:**

- Slice potato to desired thinness
- Coat a baking sheet in olive oil (or butter)
- Spread potato slices evenly across the baking sheet, but don't pile them
- Sprinkle rosemary and salt on the potatoes
- Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit until golden brown

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Cloud Nine



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**Across**

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- Ant, in dialect
- Cops and robbers, e.g.
- River to Donegal Bay
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- Western blue flag, e.g.
- "... that in mind ..."
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- Flea market deal
- Blood vessels
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- Plywood layer
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- Reply to a captain
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- amis
- Journey segment
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- Lunar New Year
- Santa \_\_, Calif.
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- Paddles
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- Bygone blade
- Kind of collar
- Pipsqueak
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- Like some sums
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- Work with mail
- Israeli financial center
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- "Cool" amount
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- Village green
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- Give it \_\_
- Gad about
- Poetry
- Piece in Harper's
- Look of disdain
- Greek monster with nine heads
- Colorful salamander
- Aware of
- Scorch
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- "C" \_\_ la vie!"

**Down**

- Patch up
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## STUDENT LIFE

# Magic on the SprinTurf

Moscow Manticores  
host first Komrade Cup  
Quidditch Tournament

**Shannon Kelly**  
Argonaut

Many people who passed by the SprinTurf on the way to the women's basketball game Saturday might have thought they took a wrong turn and ended up at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hundreds of athletes from across the Northwest visited the University of Idaho over the weekend for the first Komrade Cup Quidditch Tournament, hosted by the UI Quidditch team, the Moscow Manticores.

Lauren Blenn, president of the Moscow Manticores, said she was excited to see months of planning and training come to fruition.

"Running this tournament is a major project," Blenn said. "We have to get teams registered and have participants sign waiver forms. Volunteers have to know where to go and schedules need to be available."

Inspired by the game in the Harry Potter series, Quidditch is played at the collegiate level, as a co-gender, full contact sport. Blenn said the level of athleticism on the field was enough to prove to any skeptic that Quidditch is indeed a sport, because running and agility are both essential to surviving in the game.

Blenn said players got physical, and it was not unusual to see people take major hits to the ground and have to limp over to the team bench.

"Some might say this is just a bunch of nerdy kids running around with sticks, but if you watch, you'll see how athletic Quidditch really gets," Blenn said. "We've got some concussions and someone with a bruised rib. People get very competitive."

Tim Martin, Moscow Man-

## More info

Moscow Manticores Quidditch practices are at noon Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at Guy Wicks Field. More information can be found at the team's Facebook page, [facebook.com/UIQuidditch](https://www.facebook.com/UIQuidditch).

ticores team captain, said as the host team, the Manticores tried to make staying in Moscow convenient for visiting teams.

"As a courtesy, we try to house as many of the visiting players as possible so that they don't have to pay for hotels," Martin said. "We have teams like the Alberta Clippers, who traveled 15 hours to get here."

The Komrade Cup had nine teams competing against one another. The lineup included Western Washington University, a club team from Alberta, Simon Fraser University in Canada, two teams from University of British Columbia, two teams from Boise State University, a club team from Portland and UI's team.

Finding referees who are trained for Quidditch was a sizeable task, Blenn said.

"You have to go through a various levels of training and written tests before you can become a head referee. Many people field test," Blenn said.

Multiple head referee hopefuls were field tested at the Komrade Cup Tournament. Due to the lack of certified head referees in the Northwest, one from Utah came up to Moscow so the tournament could be official.

In Quidditch, players run around with a broom between their legs, requiring them to have to play with only one hand. Each team has three chasers who use a



Daphne Jackson | Argonaut

The Moscow Manticores played the Boise State Thestrals Saturday. After a close game, the Manticores won.

ball called a quaffle to score goals. The keeper is essentially the goalie, Blenn said. There are also two players called beaters who knock people off their brooms, requiring them to run back to their hoop and start over. The seekers — the position played by Harry Potter — runs after the snitch. Catching the snitch ends the game.

One of the most interesting elements of Quidditch as adopted for the real world is the snitch, Blenn said. Instead of a flying golden ball, there is a person dressed in yellow who runs around the field.

"The snitch itself is a ball

hanging off the back of the pants," she said. "The seeker has to be able to grab that ball without touching the snitch runner, which is not an easy task. That snitch runner does almost whatever he or she wants to keep the seeker from getting the snitch. They will throw people around, run around like crazy and push people away."

The winner of the Komrade Cup Quidditch Tournament was the Western Washington University Wyverns.

Quidditch has been at UI for four years, and the Moscow

Manticores have been a team for three years. Martin said the team is openly recruiting, and team members can teach new recruits regardless of skill or knowledge level.

"You don't have to be a complete Harry Potter nerd to enjoy the sport," Martin said. "We've had people join who have never even read the books or watched the movies, but want to play the sport. Many of our members do enjoy Harry Potter, but their love of Quidditch is almost a separate thing."

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## VANDAL HEALTH EDUCATION

## With great sex comes great responsibility

*Sexual Responsibility Week promotes safety, mutual respect*

**Jamie Lunders**  
Argonaut

Josie Bryan, an intern for Vandal Health Education, said Sexual Responsibility Week is about much more than using contraceptives, although safety is incredibly important.

"It's also respecting your partner, or partners if you have more than one," Bryan said. "There's a lot of different areas: pledging you're going to be respectful to what your partner wants to do, making sure you guys communicate and making sure it's pleasurable for both of you."

For the second year in a row, the

University of Idaho will host Sexual Responsibility Week Feb. 9-13. Bryan, who specializes in sexual, sleep and mental health, planned the week's events to allow students to talk about sex and share resources.

Bryan wasn't alone in planning. She and fellow Vandal Health Education interns Amy Monroe and Sam Berg teamed up with Vandal Health Education Coordinator Emily Tuschhoff to prepare special events.

Monday, the Vandal Health Education team will launch a sexual health blog, The Touchy Subject, where students can look up events and read about sex-related topics.

According to Bryan, the interns will head to Theophilus Tower Tuesday with the "bare essentials" — handouts, condoms and lubricants — which will be given to students by someone in a bear

costume. The plan is to show first-year students living in the Tower what resources are available to them, Bryan said.

The monthly Health Hut will be set up from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Idaho Commons, where condoms, sexual health handouts and "swag" will be given to students. The same day, interns will hold the Pledge the Bed event.

At Pledge the Bed, students sign a blow-up bed to pledge their commitment to sexual responsibility. It's a way to inspire students to actively take part in respecting their partners and having open lines of communication, Bryan said.

The bed will be showcased Wednesday and during Sexual Health Week and Sexual Awareness Week as well, so future UI students can participate in taking

the sexual responsibility oath.

The Vandal Health Education Office, the Women's Center and the UI Student Health Clinic have free condoms in their offices year-round available for students to take, Bryan said. They also have other resources, like STD testing and contraceptive information.

"It shouldn't be anything anybody's embarrassed or worried to talk about, it's a common thing," Bryan said.

Virginia Solan, coordinator of violence prevention programs at UI, said Sexual Responsibility Week promotes safe interactions. She has been an advocate for survivors of sexual assault, abuse, stalking and domestic violence for 30 years, and continues to work to raise awareness and provide resources to UI students.

"If you respect yourself, you're

way less likely to project onto somebody else and hurt somebody else," Solan said. "That's why I always encourage our students to reach out to Counseling and Testing, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and my office and my web pages."

Solan said she hopes Sexual Responsibility Week will help teach students they need to respect themselves, as well as each other. She encourages students to attend the events, even if they're abstinent, so they can be aware of what their options are and stay educated about sexual responsibility.

"(It's) important, because making the choices that are responsible always end up resulting in a healthier and happier outcome," Solan said.

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Just in time for Valentine's Day we'll be showing the slice-of-life romantic comedy *If You Are the One*. This film follows a middle aged bachelor who invests some time into a personal advertisement and meets some unique women as he searches for a wife.

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## IDAHO LEGISLATURE

# Idaho IDs noncompliant

Idaho legislators push to extend time for state ID compliance

George Wood Jr.  
Argonaut

BOISE — Idaho legislators are working to solve a problem that could deny Idaho driver's license holders entry into federal facilities by the end of the year.

Idaho driver's licenses and identification cards are not compliant with federal regulations mandated by the Real ID Act passed by Congress in 2005. On Jan. 19 the issue arose in Idaho, when the Idaho National Laboratory began to comply with the law.

The Idaho House Transportation and Defense Committee proposed a bill Friday requesting an extension for the amount of time Idaho ID cards would be accepted by federally regulated facilities.

If the Idaho legislature fails to pass legislation to request an extension from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS),

an Idaho ID would not be an acceptable form of identification at commercial airports, military bases and federal facilities such as the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) later this year.

Rep. Joe Palmer, R-Meridian, proposed the extension before the committee. He said even if the legislature does pass the request for a year extension, the decision is still on the DHS to approve Idaho's request.

"We did want to request an extension to make it easier for the people of Idaho to get off and on the INL," Palmer said. "We do not have any guarantee this piece of legislation will even do that. This is my personal try to see if they will accept that as an extension, and if they don't, they don't."

Congress passed the Real ID Act after 9/11 to protect driver's licenses from being duplicated by terrorists. Idaho is one of nine states that have yet to comply

with the federal mandate.

Multiple legislators at Friday's committee meeting said their constituents had communicated distress at the possibility of not being able to board airplanes or enter certain federal facilities.

To push back against what Rep. Richard "Rich" Wilis, R-Glenns Ferry, called an "unfunded mandate," the legislature passed House Bill 606 in 2008, stating Idaho would not abide by the guidelines set by the Real ID Act.

"The only thing I can remember is voting against it for privacy measures, there are a lot of other reasons though," Rep. Phylis King, D-Boise, said.

According to Alan Frew, Idaho Transportation Department motor vehicle administrator, an extension request must be submitted with reports about how Idaho updated its identification cards and how it plans to con-

tinue accomplishing different updates.

"We've done several things in conformance with the (Real ID Act), not intending to conform, but more intending to improve the security of our card and our own internal controls in our automated systems," Frew said.

Frew said extensions can only be granted for a year, and the legislature must continue to request annual extensions until the state is up to par with federal regulation. However, the federal government will no longer grant extensions after 2020, the year the Real ID Act requires each state be compliant.

Currently, the only alternative Idaho citizens have is buying a passport, which is an acceptable form of federal identification at all federal facilities.

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## ON CAMPUS

# The world responds to Ebola

Ebola response activist to speak at Martin Forum

Graham Perednia  
Argonaut

While West Africa's Ebola outbreak has been a global concern, Director of the Martin Institute Bill Smith said a sliver of good has come out of the situation.

"Ebola is not a positive story," Smith said. "But the way the (West African) governments and expatriate community responded is a positive story."

The Martin Institute will host Ernest Danjuma Enebi, a campaign engagement manager for Africa Responds at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Vandal Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly known as the Student Union Building.

Africa Responds is a nonprofit organization that helps raise funds for African organizations responding to the Ebola outbreak.

The Martin Institute partnered with several African-American organizations on

campus to put on the event in celebration of Black History month, Smith said. The goal of the event is to share a positive story.

The presentation Enebi will give will cover the response various stakeholders had to the Ebola outbreak, Smith said.

"People should come see what is possible when Africans come together," Smith said. "We wanted to tell that story."

According to Smith, an expatriate is someone who no longer lives in his or her country of origin. The West African expatriate community in the U.S. mobilized in an effective way to give aid to specific villages and regions, Smith said. He said this was because the expatriates have better connections to their home villages and regions than larger organizations like the American Red Cross or Doctors Without Borders. It was a way to get funds directly to the people who need them, he said.

"They can motivate giving and target the help," Smith said.

Many expatriates do not consider themselves to be from the region of West Africa, Smith said. They consider themselves to be from Sierra Leone, Liberia or whichever country they came from. However, the Ebola outbreak did not confine itself within national borders, Smith said. So expatriates responded to help the whole region, and not just their country of origin. Smith said they put their nationalities aside to help everyone in the region.

"In part because the nature of Ebola, (it) crossed those borders as well," he said.

Africa Responds has raised just under \$100,000 to help those who are affected by the Ebola outbreak, Smith said.

The West African governments also played a positive role in combating Ebola,

Smith said. These nations regularly communicate with one another and have plans in place to react when a crisis, such as Ebola, occurs.

"They are ready to work to prevent it from becoming worse than it was," Smith said.

Right after the outbreak, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sent advisers to the region to aid the governments, not to take control of the situation, Smith said.

The response to the Ebola outbreak was an international effort that affected everyone, Smith said.

"Ebola didn't happen on the other side of the planet," Smith said.

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## SHOWCASE

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After reading all the essays and seeing the art pieces, he said it was moving to see members of the UI community create things in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Civil Rights Act.

After the contestants were handed their prizes, the stage was taken over by the show's emcee, Los Angeles comedian Janet Kim.

Kim warmed up the crowd by sharing her experience of being an Asian woman in LA and witnessing the constant racism found in the city.

She told a story about a time when she was driving down the street and someone pulled up next to her and put his fingers on the sides of his eye to make them squint. Kim said she finds comfort in showing some sensitive issues in a comical light to

give others a better understanding of them.

There were 14 acts performed throughout the night. Each performance kept with the theme of the show, "Beauty is ..." Participating students showed the audience what their perception of true beauty was, in dance, song and spoken word.

Many acts touched on the idea of self-love. A dancer from Washington State University danced to "Try" by Colbie Caillat, following a vocal performance of P!nk's "Perfect."

The performances drew large roars from the crowd through the night. Audience members shouted and moved with the dancers and snapped at powerful points in spoken word pieces.

Returning guest performers also gave the crowd a thrill. The God's Harmony gospel choir from WSU had the audience clapping


and singing with them. The last act to go on stage was Eastern Washington University's dance group Code Red, which has performed at the UI Shades of Black event for more than 3 years.

To end the show, Kim asked Kwapi Vengesayi, UI alumnus and creator of the event, to come on stage. When he walked on the stage, the audience erupted in applause.

Kwapi thanked the crowd, the performers, UI and the Moscow community for making the event happen in the first place. He said he has enjoyed his stay back in his college town and looks forward to next year's event.

Vengesayi and the night's performers didn't end the show with a bow, they did the Cupid Shuffle and invited the audience to dance along with them.

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**FUTURE**

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"This is a positive thing," Davenport said. "We want our students leaving with as little debt as possible."

He said while UI's cost of attendance is slightly lower than neighboring institutions, he feels the financial aid types provided by UI also keep students from accumulating excessive debt.

"Our cost of attendance is similar to other institutions in the state of Idaho, and slightly less than some neighboring schools like WSU," Davenport said. "But I think what makes the most difference is we have a number of measures in effect that enable students to control the amount of money they take out in loans."

Davenport said students can choose to partially accept any loan they qualify for and his office en-

courages students to estimate the funds they will need for the school year before taking out loans because it makes it easier to borrow only what is absolutely necessary.

Keith Ickes, UI director for planning and budget, said the university also works to provide financial aid for a variety of students from different backgrounds.

"We have a lot of different financial aid types," Ickes said. "For example, we can provide out-of-state tuition waivers for non-residents, and we can set aside some money from our budget to create scholarships for residents."

Davenport said while debt is never a desirable thing at the end of the day, having student debt is better than having no higher education at all.

"I see student debt as an investment," he said. "Students pursue a higher education to gain value in themselves. They are a stock that

we are all investing in — students, parents and the university are all investing time and money in this stock with the idea that it will be successful in the future."

Davenport said students who hold undergraduate degrees are less likely to be unemployed, and on average individuals with a Bachelor's degree will earn about \$900,000 more in their lifetimes than those without an undergraduate education.

Davenport said the completion of higher education increases a person's value, and it's important to make the right borrowing decisions.

Future goals of the Financial Aid Office, he said, are to equip students with financial knowledge and increase financial literacy on campus to help students make smart borrowing decisions to minimize their debt.

Ickes said among the initiatives to minimize UI's undergradu-

ate student debt even further is an emerging program within the Planning and Budget Office called "Fifteen to Finish" — a program that encourages students to take 15 credit hours a semester to graduate within the smallest possible time frame.

One of the biggest financial aid packages a student can get, Ickes said, is graduating in four years.

"We cannot stress enough the importance of graduating in four years," Ickes said. "You save all of the cost of that fifth year, which means saving anywhere from \$15,000 to \$16,000, and that's no small chunk of change."

UI junior Sargon Hamad said he feels fortunate to know he is attending a university that works hard to minimize the debt of its students.

He said although he has had no trouble taking out loans, one of the biggest obstacles he's had when it comes to financing his education

is a lack of knowledge about loans and the borrowing process.

"I really only know the basics about my loans, that I'll have to pay them off one day," Hamad said. "The loan process is convenient ... You click to accept and that's that, but I don't feel informed about my debt at all, which concerns me."

Davenport said during the upcoming academic year, the Financial Aid Office will increase measures to reduce debt by informing students about topics such as debt management and default prevention.

"We are building new programs and starting to use social media as a tool to provide students with more information," Davenport said. "They've made the decision to get a higher education and are putting in the hard work. It's only right that we're there to aid them financially every step of the way."

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**HIRING**

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Elizabeth Brandt, who chaired the subcommittee, said she was taken aback by the amount of turnover in some colleges, and said faculty turnover at UI is a real problem that should be addressed.

"It was startling, and the amount of hires in some colleges like Engineering and Natural Resources were scary high," Brandt said.

While Faculty Senate members were thankful for the report, some said the real cost of hiring a faculty member was much higher than the report concluded.

"Some of these costs are vastly underestimated," said James Foster, a biology professor and member of Faculty Senate.

Foster said there are still many questions related to hiring new faculty members, such as how many resources UI loses when an experienced faculty member leaves. He said the report failed to include the costs associated with spousal accommodation and setting up a faculty line for a new professor.

A future report should also include a monetary value associated with the amount of time faculty members spend on search committees, Foster said.

Although Pendegraft agreed faculty members spend a lot of time on search committees, he said it does not physically cost UI anything to have faculty members serve on them. He said the cost is already factored into a faculty member's salary.

"It's not costing the

university a dime, cause it's coming out of your hide," Pendegraft said.

To retain faculty and cut down on search costs, Brandt said there should be a focus on increasing faculty salaries, along with addressing salary compression and inversion.

Ytreberg said Faculty Senate could take some sort of action to address faculty retention through changing the Faculty Staff Handbook. Beyond changing the handbook, he said the senate could communicate with UI administrators to work on a solution.

According to the report, the subcommittee asked UI deans about three different costs related to hiring a new faculty member: search process costs, moving expenses and startup costs.

Brandt said startup costs usually pay for specialized laboratory equipment and summer salaries. She said startup costs heavily depend on which field of study the professor is hired for.

The startup costs for faculty members can range from \$2,500 to \$600,000, according to the report.

Although the deans took a broad approach in assessing start up needs, Brandt said she anticipates some underestimation with liberal arts and social science departments, since they do not often deal with startup costs.

The report states the average cost of a faculty search is \$5,800, while the average moving expenses for faculty members is \$7,000.

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**FAFSA**

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and puts the information through a formula to estimate an index for expected family contribution (EFC).

Davenport said he calls it an index because he is not convinced it is the fairest formula for everyone.

"I think that (EFC) has been played with for so long by the political process that's it's not as accurate as we seem to think it should be," Davenport said.

Davenport said there are no alternative options to the EFC system.

UI senior Joseph Guerra said he was disheartened to find out the EFC his FAFSA yielded was not feasible for his lower-middle class family. He said his father laughed at the amount he was expected to contribute to his son's education.

Guerra said he decided to take radical action and marry his girlfriend, Melissa Finley, in part to gain independent status on taxes to become eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Guerra said the prospect of being qualified for more financial aid was a deciding factor in his marriage.

"It definitely pushed the decision

along much quicker to get married," Guerra said.

Davenport said UI receives FAFSA forms from all enrolled students and awards approximately \$120 million of financial aid. Out of those students, he said approximately 80 percent receive some type of financial aid.

Davenport said work-study is a need-based federal program awarded to some students who submit FAFSA forms by the priority deadline. UI has had the same funding for work-study for 15 years, and it hasn't changed because Congress hasn't increased the allocation.

Davenport said financial aid could only fund one in four work-study recipients who want to work. He said work-study is typically awarded to freshmen and sophomores because it serves as a retention factor to keep students in school.

"To be honest with you, we estimate only about one in four students we award (work-study) to will actually enroll and earn the funds," Davenport said.

Davenport said the Financial Aid Office counsels thousands of students a year regarding finances and the ability to pay for school.

Tyler Wickstrom, a campus staff minister, said he mentors and helps stu-

dents develop life skills, character and leadership influence.

Wickstrom said he coached one student on financial aid, and most of his coaching had to do with the anxiety of going through the process.

"What I've noticed is the emotional fortitude of dealing with financial stress and academic pressure is what closes people down," Wickstrom said.

Wickstrom said he thinks academic struggles and financial struggles are linked.

Guerra said the hardest time he had with FAFSA was before his freshman year of college.

He knew there were resources at his high school in Emmett, Idaho, but he said they were not convenient and the one or two people available to help with financial aid were always helping other students.

Guerra said attaining financial aid should be presented more plainly to high school students.

"It wasn't a priority, or we didn't have the resources, or someone overlooked it," Guerra said. "Something happened where kids weren't really prepared for (submitting a FAFSA)."

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**FISHER**

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With Vetsmany graduating in May, Fisher said he plans to run alongside ASUI veteran Katie Cramer.

"She's wonderful," Fisher said. "I've known her since my freshman year, and we served on senate for a semester together. I really value her critical thinking, and she always seems calm and collected. She's currently serving her second full term on ASUI senate, so she has a lot of knowledge of the inner workings and the structure of ASUI."

Fisher and Cramer are still piecing together the platform they will run on, but Fisher said he hopes to address several issues he ran on during his first campaign that didn't get the attention they needed, including class accessibility and institutional scholarships. He also has several new ideas he's excited about. The most ambitious, perhaps, is redistricting ASUI.

The need to redistrict comes from the lack of full representation of all students in ASUI, he said.

Fisher said in every election cycle young senators run hoping to "bridge the gap" between Greeks and non-Greeks. While the gap is widely perceived by the student body, Fisher said he believes it's indicative of a larger issue. He pointed out that despite the tussle for representation between students in fraternities and sororities and the residence halls, the nearly 70 percent of students who live off campus are somewhat forgotten.

The solution, Fisher said, is to take the emphasis off of living communities.

"As long as I've been here, student representation has always been based off living groups," Fisher said. "There may be similar, but better ways to represent the student body, though. I think the most accurate representation of the student body would be by college."

Fisher admitted a redistricting

process is a big goal, but it's one he is confident he could make significant headway on with a second term.

He said the first step would be to explore a partnership with each college. There are many questions to be answered, such as how many seats would be allocated to each college and what kind of structure would be required internally to efficiently pass information to respective constituents. Fisher said budgetary repercussions would also need to be examined.

It's certainly a big idea, Fisher said, but it's one he's spent a long time thinking about.

"We're definitely still crafting our platform," Fisher said. "We're not permitted to campaign until the two weeks preceding the elections, but I've given the redistricting piece some very serious consideration, and I think you can expect to see some of that, if not all, within our platform."

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# SPORTS



Men's and women's tennis teams go undefeated over weekend

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Griz outmuscle Vandals

Idaho women's basketball team faces uphill battle to make Big Sky Tournament

**Joshua Gamez**  
Argonaut

Normally, getting 27 points from the team's best player and a double digit lead at halftime is a recipe for an upset against the conference's top team.

However, after a sluggish start to the second half and a few key players getting into foul trouble, including four members of the starting five, Idaho's upset bid came up short as the Montana Grizzlies pulled away late to maintain their lead in the Big Sky by a final score of 87-74.

The Vandals currently sit at 11th overall in the conference with a 3-7 record. Unlike their last two seasons in the WAC, they need a late season run to even advance to the conference tournament.

"We need to start winning games or else we aren't going to make it to the tournament," senior guard Stacey Barr said. "That is probably the biggest thing. I think we are doing it to ourselves really."

Barr currently leads the Big Sky in scoring with more than 20 points per game including three consecutive outings with at least 25 points.

The Vandals will look to get on the winning track Thursday when they travel to Oregon to take on Portland State. The Vikings are the only team behind Idaho in the standings, sitting at 3-19 overall and 1-10 in conference play.

In the first half Saturday, the Idaho offense was humming, which was a far cry from Thursday night when they shot less than 30 percent on the night in a loss to Montana State.



Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

Junior point guard Connie Ballestero drives the ball against Montana Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum. Idaho lost to the Grizzlies 74-87 and sits at 11th place in the conference.



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## Standings

## Women

Team	Conf.	GB	Ovr.
Montana	9-2	—	16-6
N. Dakota	8-3	1	16-7
Sacramento State	8-3	1	10-12
E. Washington	6-4	2.5	13-8
Idaho State	6-5	3	11-11
N. Arizona	5-5	3.5	9-12
N. Colorado	5-6	4	11-11
Weber State	5-6	4	10-12
S. Utah	4-6	4.5	11-9
Montana State	4-7	5	10-12
Idaho	3-7	5.5	9-12
Portland State	1-10	8	3-19

## Men

Team	Conf.	GB	Ovr.
Sacramento State	10-1	—	16-6
E. Washington	9-1	.5	18-5
Montana	8-3	2	12-10
N. Arizona	7-3	2.5	12-11
N. Colorado	7-4	3	12-10
Portland State	5-6	5	11-10
Weber State	5-6	5	10-12
Idaho	4-6	5.5	9-12
N. Dakota	4-7	6	8-14
S. Utah	2-8	7.5	5-16
Idaho State	2-9	8	5-18
Montana State	1-10	9	4-19

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Vandals struggle on road, again



Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

Idaho forward Bira Seck rebounds the ball during the game against Northern Colorado Jan. 24 at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow. The Vandals fell at Montana 70-56 over the weekend.

*Vandals 1-3 on latest road trip, lose to UM*

**Korbin McDonald**  
Argonaut

The road struggles continued for the Vandals as they couldn't capitalize on an early seven-point lead against the Montana Grizzlies Saturday night in Missoula, Montana.

Montana closed out the first half with a 25-10 run to take an eight-point lead at halftime and never trailed again, ultimately winning the game, 70-56, over Idaho.

Idaho coach Don Verlin said early foul trouble caused problems for the Vandals. "Montana took it to us, and they were more physical than we were," Verlin said. "The early foul trouble really hurt us. We were out there with some odd lineups and we weren't nearly as good as we should have been offensively."

With the loss, Idaho falls to 9-12 on the season and 4-6 in Big Sky competition. After spending the last three games on the road, the Vandals return home Thursday for a game against Portland State — a team that beat them earlier in the season.

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## OPINION

## Postseason-less basketball

*Both Vandal basketball programs in danger*

**Korbin McDonald**  
Argonaut

The potential of a harsh reality looms for both the men's and women's basketball teams as both are on the cusp of not making the Big Sky Conference Tournament at the end of the season.

This wasn't how it was supposed to be, though.

The women's basketball team was supposed to make the transition to its new conference with ease and continue its championship ways. The men's team, if not for all the close defeats, could have exceeded its preseason expectations.

However, with less than a month left in the regular season, both teams look like they could be on the outside looking in come conference tournament time — something not many fans would have seen coming.

The women's team is the bigger surprise of the two. After back-

to-back WAC championships, the Vandals were picked to finish third by the Big Sky coaches in the preseason polls. After 10 conference games so far this season, Idaho sits near the bottom in 11th place out of the 12 programs.

With eight games left to play and a conference record of 3-7, Idaho is 1.5 games back of the current No. 8 seed, Weber State (5-6). A No. 8 seed or better is needed in order to make the conference tournament.

The Vandals have yet to play two of the remaining eight teams left on their schedule (Northern Arizona and Southern Utah), and have a 2-4 record against the other six teams.

There is still hope, although a very small amount, for the Vandals making the cut. In order for it to happen, Idaho needs to win most, if not all, of its games and for the teams ahead of them to lose games.

The reason not to give up hope,

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**Korbin McDonald**  
Argonaut

## Athletes of the week

### Mike Scott — men's basketball



The last two games for Idaho didn't go particularly well against Montana and Montana State. The Vandals split both games 1-1, but they didn't look great in either one. The one player who played consistently throughout both games was point guard Mike Scott. In the Thursday win over last-place Montana State, Scott put up a great stat line, tying for a team-high 13 points while adding six assists, five rebounds and two steals. Idaho went on to beat the Bobcats 80-71. Saturday against Montana, the senior from Los Angeles tied for the second-

most points on the team with 11 while adding five assists and pulling down four rebounds.

### Galina Bykova — women's tennis



Over the weekend, the Idaho women's tennis team easily handled Seattle U to improve to 2-1 on the season. The effort was backed in large part to Galina Bykova, who was victorious in her singles and doubles matches. Bykova, a sophomore from St. Petersburg, Russia, defeated Kelli Woodman of Seattle U in the No. 1 singles match by a score of 6-4, 6-3. She found similar success in doubles play. Bykova paired up with teammate Sophie Vickers en route to a 6-1 defeat of Barbara Carey and Madison Maloney in the No. 2 doubles match.

### Odon Barta — men's tennis



While the whole Idaho men's tennis team excelled last Saturday, beating both Whitman and Lewis-Clark State College by scores of 6-1, Odon Barta stood out from his teammates. The junior from Budapest, Hungary, won each of his two singles and doubles matches over the weekend. In his matches against LCSC, Barta beat Yonas Woldetsadik 6-4, 6-0 after beating Whitman's Colton Molkoves 6-1, 6-1. Barta paired up with freshman Felipe Fonseca to beat both their Whitman duo and their LCSC duo 6-1. Barta and the Vandals are 4-1 five matches into the spring season.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Idaho edges Seattle in Emerald City

Former WAC foe gives UI women all they can handle

**Joshua Gamez**  
Argonaut

Led by strong doubles play and dominant wins by sophomore Galina Bykova and senior Sophie Vickers on the singles side, the Idaho women's tennis team grabbed a dominating win Saturday afternoon in Seattle.

Facing the Seattle U Redhawks, the Vandals improved to 2-1 on the season thanks to a 6-1 victory. At press time, the Vandals were playing their fourth match of the season Monday against Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

After gutting out the doubles point against Seattle U thanks to victories by the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams, Idaho rolled through the Seattle U singles lineup, claiming victory in five of the six matches. Three of them were won in straight sets to seal the victory over the former WAC rival Redhawks.

Although the Vandals won in a convincing fashion, Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said it didn't come easy. She said Seattle U competed from the first point to the last.

"Seattle was a scrappy team, but we were able to gut out a victory, which is going to be huge going forward," Cobra said.

Cobra said although the Vandals had an impressive showing with a doubles lineup consisting of senior Emmie Marx and sopho-

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**Mariana Cobra, coach**

more Claire Yang at No. 1, Vickers and Bykova at No. 2 and junior Rita Bermudez and freshman Lucia Badillos at No. 3, they will continue to tinker with the lineup as the year goes on.

Cobra said she doesn't like to stick with one lineup too much since it is best to keep things fresh and keep everyone on their toes.

Despite UI winning five of the six singles matches, the win didn't come easy. Seattle U was able to claim a victory in the first singles match as Michelle Lui edged out Badillos. After that, the Vandals tightened up thanks in part to standout No. 1 singles player Bykova, who was able to defeat her opponent in two sets.

Seattle U pushed two matches into a third and decisive set and one other went down to the end before Idaho was able to notch victories and the win.

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**DOUBLES**

1. LUI/WOODMAN (SU) DEF. MARX/YANG (UI) 6-1
2. VICKERS/BYKOVA (UI) DEF. CAREY/MALONEY (SU) 6-1
3. BERMUDEZ/BADILLOS (UI) DEF. JAMES/KWEE (SU) 6-3

**SINGLES**

1. BYKOVA (UI) DEF. WOODMAN (SU) 6-4, 6-3
2. LUI (SU) DEF. BADILLOS (UI) 2-6, 4-6
3. MARX (UI) DEF. CAREY (SU) 4-6, 6-0, 6-1
4. BERMUDEZ (UI) DEF. MALONEY (SU) 6-3, 7-6(3)
5. VICKERS (UI) DEF. JAMES (SU) 6-2, 6-1
6. FLORES (UI) DEF. SCOTT (SU) 3-6, 6-1, 10-2



File Photo by Nathan Romans | Argonaut  
Senior Sophie Vickers serves during practice Nov. 5 at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Vickers and the Idaho women's team beat Seattle U Saturday in Seattle.

MEN'S TENNIS

# Idaho sweeps two schools over weekend

Idaho defeats Whitman and LCSC in a doubleheader

**Ben Evensen**  
Argonaut

After sweeping Portland State and Lewis & Clark College the weekend prior, Idaho took both matches again last weekend over Whitman College and Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston.

LCSC from Lewiston was a different team than Lewis & Clark College from Portland, which is the team Idaho beat the previous week.

"The guys put in a good performance today," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said. "Playing two matches back-to-back is both physically and mentally demanding, but they pushed themselves and took care of business."

Both matches ended with Idaho winning 6-1 behind strong play from across the roster. Against Whitman, the Vandals went 2-1 in doubles as junior Jackson Varney and senior Cristobal Ramos Salazar defeated Zach Hewlin and Jake Hoegler of Whitman in the No. 1 match. Junior Odon Barta and freshman Felipe Fonseca took the No. 2 doubles match, while freshman Mark Kovacs and junior Sam Jankovich lost the No. 3 doubles match. Against Lewis-Clark State in doubles, Idaho went 2-1

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Playing two matches back-to-back is both physically and mentally demanding, but they pushed themselves and took care of business.

**Jeff Beaman, coach**

again. Both pairs of Varney and Ramos Salazar and Barta and Fonseca defeated their LCSC opponents, while the No. 3 pair from LCSC won by default.

In singles, Idaho dominated both teams, winning all five singles matches against Whitman and five of the six singles matches against Lewis-Clark State. Against Whitman, No. 1 Barta and No. 2 Fonseca both won their matches in convincing fashion. No. 3 Varney, No. 4 Ramos Salazar and No. 5 Kovacs were all victorious as well.

All players kept their seeds against Lewis-Clark State and all five won again. Anthony Croteau of LCSC won by default for the sole LCSC victory in singles.

Idaho moves to an impressive 4-1 record as the spring season rolls on, and will have

**DOUBLES**

1. VARNEY/ RAMOS SALAZAR (UI) DEF. WOLDETSADIK/ ZHAKUPOV (LCSC) 6-1
2. BARTA/ FONSECA (UI) DEF. SPHUNTSOK/ CHIN (LCSC) 6-0
3. BUSTANI/CROTEAU (LCSC) WON BY DEFAULT

**SINGLES**

1. BARTA (UI) DEF. MOLKOVES (WHITMAN) 6-1, 6-1
2. FONSECA (UI) DEF. HEWLIN (WHITMAN) 6-2, 6-3
3. VARNEY (UI) DEF. LOCKLEAR (WHITMAN) 6-1, 7-6
4. RAMOS SALAZAR (UI) DEF. JIVKOV (WHITMAN) 6-0, 6-3
5. KOVACS (UI) DEF. RIVERS (WHITMAN) 7-6 (7-5), 6-2

a two-week break before its next matchup against Northern Colorado Feb. 21. It will be the conference opener for the Vandals and the first official Big Sky Conference game for men's tennis since Idaho's move back last summer.

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**STRUGGLE**

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"We turned the ball over way too much tonight," he said after the game. "A lot of those because I didn't have very good lineups in there. It's probably as much my fault, but we were in foul trouble ... We just couldn't get any continuity in this basketball game."

Senior shooting guard Connor Hill led the Vandals with 15 points on three 3-pointers and 4-of-5 shooting overall. Freshman forward Arkadiy Mkrtchyan continued to provide a lift off the bench as he finished with 11 points and two rebounds.

Montana had four players score in double figures and were led by senior guard Jordan Gregory, who finished with 17 points, seven assists and three rebounds.

Verlin said his team would have been happy with two wins on the three-game road trip. However, with just one win — against Montana State — he said the Vandals need to protect their home court with four of the last eight games played at home.

Idaho is now 1-4 in road games against Big Sky teams and 2-9 overall in road games. While the road hasn't been too kind to the Vandals, they have taken advantage of their home-court advantage as the team is 7-3 in games played in Moscow.

"We're not as far away as we think," Verlin said. "Our goal right now is to win our next game. Portland State coming in, we gotta do everything we can. We got to take care of our home court, we got to get on the road and get a few wins, get ourselves into that conference tournament and make a run like we did last year."

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**ATHLETES**

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**Stacey Barr – women's basketball**

Barr

As usual, it was star guard Stacey Barr leading the charge for Idaho this past weekend, despite the Vandals dropping both games. Thursday against Montana State, Barr was the only Vandal to reach double figures with 26 points and 15 rebounds — good for a double-double. She also had four 3-pointers, but shot worse from the

field going 6-of-21. Idaho lost 76-65. It was more of the same against Montana as the team struggled overall, but Barr came through with big numbers again. The Melbourne, Australia, native had 27 points and six rebounds in the 87-74 Idaho loss. Barr was recently named to the Capital One Academic All-District Team by College Sports Information Directors of America.

**Dylan Watts – track and field**

Watts

Senior Dylan Watts continued his strong spring season with another second-place finish in the pole vault Friday at the Cougar Indoor in Pullman. Watts' height of 15-feet, 7.25 inches was one of four marks at the height, but he finished tied for second based on number of attempts. The mark was well short of Watts' career best indoor height of 16-

6.75, proving even on an off-day, Watts can finish in the top three in his event.

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**TRACK & FIELD****Solid finishes in Pullman**

*Several Idaho track and field athletes finish in top three at Cougar Indoor*

**Garrett Cabeza**  
Argonaut

It was just a short trip across the border into Pullman for the Idaho track and field team Friday and Saturday. The Vandals competed in the Cougar Indoor over the two-day period, hosted by Washington State.

"We've had three really good meets in a row with a lot of PRs and a lot of people moving in the right direction," Idaho coach Tim Cawley said. "And then I think we stalled out a little bit with some momentum (at the Cougar Indoor)."

It was Idaho's second-to-last meet of the indoor regular season. Idaho competes in the Big Sky Indoor Championships Feb. 26-28 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Before that though, the Vandals head to Seattle to compete Friday and Saturday in the Husky Classic.

Cawley said the Husky Classic is the last chance for a lot of the Idaho athletes to solidify themselves in the top 16 of the conference and get a chance to go to the conference championships. He said the Husky Classic is also a good chance for some of the Idaho athletes in the top five to improve on their marks to gain some confidence and continue the consistency.

At the Cougar Indoor, several Idaho athletes finished in the top three in their events.

On the women's side, some of the underclassmen stepped up. Sophomore Adara Winder finished second in the shot put while fellow sopho-



File photo by Andrew Jenson | Argonaut  
Idaho coach Tim Cawley directs sprinter Andrea Pikes Jan. 15 in the Kibbie Dome. The Vandals competed at the Cougar Indoor Friday and Saturday in Pullman.

more Ana Pardo Cofrades took third. Junior Halie Raudenbush finished third in the mile run and sophomore Andrea Pikes finished eighth in the 60-meter dash finals.

The seniors led the way on the men's side. Senior Dylan Watts tied for second in the pole vault and senior Zach Trumbauer finished third in the weight throw. Senior Emmanuel Panchol placed third in the high jump and senior Alijah Medellin took sixth in the 200-meter dash.

Cawley said his team's performance wasn't the best of the season and he thinks his team pressed too much.

"I don't think this was quite as strong a meet as what we've kind of been having and expecting, but

I mean, that's going to happen too," Cawley said. "Not every meet's going to go amazing. But I thought, if anything, I thought the kids wanted it too bad. Sometimes that can happen."

Cawley said some good things happened as well. He said the team competed well even though the marks and times weren't as good as in previous meets, but sometimes a team has a bad meet. Now, the focus is on this week and the Husky Classic.

"That's the one thing is every time we're going we're just trying to self-improve and compete against yourself more than anyone else," Cawley said.

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however, is because this is still a championship team that only lost one senior last year, even if it was a very good player in Alyssa Charlston. It's only a matter of time before they snap out of it and starts playing like the Big Sky coaches thought they could at the beginning of the season — at least this is the hope.

Unlike the women's team, the men's basketball team holds its destiny in its own hands. The Vandals currently hold the final eighth slot in the conference tournament, but not by much. North Dakota sits lurking in ninth place, just a half game behind Idaho.

Might this be a similar team compared to last year's Vandals? The same one that limped into the WAC Tournament and surprised many by defeating two higher seeded opponents before losing in the championship game to New Mexico State?

This year's Vandals certainly have the same vibe, and while they've lost most of their close games, they've proved they can hang with the best teams in the Big Sky.

In the two games against Eastern Washington, who is currently in second place, Idaho lost by a combined six points. In the first meeting at Sacramento State, the team only lost by three.

It's certainly not out of the question to think this team can make a run in the final eight games of the season, make the conference tournament and, dare I say it, win the thing.

With games against Sacramento State, Montana and Portland State left on the schedule, as well as a trip to play a Weber State team looking to avenge its loss to Idaho, the path to this dream won't be easy.

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**GRIZ**

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Then halftime hit. This was when the Grizzlies came out firing. The Big Sky leader quickly erased the Vandals' 11-point lead thanks to some physical play down low.

"Once they went on that run, we needed to stop and make our own run — which we didn't — which was disappointing," Barr said. "That first four or six minutes was what kind of killed it for us."

The physicality the Grizzlies brought in the second half changed the way the game flowed and put Idaho in some tough spots, Newlee said.

"I thought at times we lost our composure because it became such a physical fight, because they were desperate," he said. "They wanted to turn it into that and they did ... and they won."

The Montana offense, predicated on posting up the guards, was punishing Idaho's smaller guards — namely Connie Ballesterero and Karlee Wilson, who are both undersized by NCAA Division I standards. Ballesterero stands at 5-foot-9 while Wilson is 5-foot-4.

After shooting 60 percent from the field in the first half, the Vandals shot an abysmal 25 percent in the second. Montana conversely went from 41.8 percent to 48.3 percent in the second half.

"We kind of went away from

what we were doing in the first half," Newlee said. "In the first half, we were sharing the basketball ... We built the lead and then too much one-on-one. We aren't a one-on-one team."

In the first half, there were stretches where it seemed like Idaho couldn't miss. Barr hit one 3-pointer that would've been good from NBA range, but in the second half they weren't so lucky.

"It is always frustrating when they are going in the first half and then we are coming out and getting the same looks and they aren't going in," Wilson said.

The Vandals also had to deal with the length Montana brought. In an attempt to combat this, Newlee changed up the way he used the rotation, and with the foul trouble Ali Forde has struggled with for most of the season, it forced his hand a little earlier than he would've liked.

"Ali's foul trouble has been a season long thing," Newlee said. "I made a different decision to go to with Tayla (Corrigan) to get some size in there to go against their size and get her some more minutes ... It was a conscious decision going in anyway, but then when Ali's foul trouble and Connie's foul trouble really forced my hand earlier."

Idaho has eight regular season games left on the schedule to get back on track in Big Sky play.

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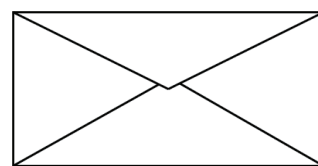
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## OUR VIEW

# Funding your education

Students should fill out FAFSA, look into other financial aid options

Tuition and fees at the University of Idaho have nearly doubled in the past decade, increasing the burden on students who have to find a way to pay for the steady growth in the cost of their education.

With no end to education inflation in sight and the FAFSA priority deadline fast approaching, now is the time for students to begin thinking about how they will finance their education for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Simple steps, like filling out the FAFSA prior to the Feb. 15 priority deadline, can help students qualify for substantial merit and need-based scholar-

ship funding from the university as well as federal financial aid.

For in-state students, the Idaho State Board of Education has a number of scholarship opportunities available, such as the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship and the Governor's Cup Scholarship. In-state students need only apply to be eligible for thousands of dollars in financial aid.

In addition to state and federal aid, students should visit their academic departments to see what scholarships might be available, as well as meet with a financial aid adviser on campus to find out more about what they can do to ease the cost of attending UI.

A dependent tuition waiver — which can save students up to 50 percent on their tuition — is available to qualifying dependents of university employees,

and some departments are able to offer various limited tuition waivers similar to the discontinued Western Undergraduate Exchange program.

The university also offers a tuition payment program allowing students to divide their tuition and fees into monthly payments to pay off throughout the semester without interest or late fees, rather than in one lump sum at the beginning. This is a great option for working students who can't afford to pay the full cost of tuition at one time, but are able to manage smaller payments throughout the semester.

These are all steps students should consider and take prior to taking out thousands of dollars in student loans, which they will have to pay back, often with substantial interest once they graduate.

According to UI President

Chuck Staben, the average undergraduate student at UI has about \$25,637 in student loan debt — about \$3,000 less than the national average — but it's no less of a burden on students.

While education is an investment and student loan debt is far more beneficial than credit card debt, it's still smart to avoid maxing out loan options if it's not essential. Many students make the mistake of taking out more money in student loans than is absolutely necessary to get by, and find themselves saddled with more debt than they realize after they graduate.

With tuition expected to rise yet again, students should be proactive in finding smart ways to pay for school so they aren't stuck with a lifetime of student loan payments.

— KK

## OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

### Shout-out to Scalia, Thomas and Moore

I thank God for these justices. They seem to be the only ones fighting the good fight in Alabama and across the nation. Stand fast, gentlemen!

—Andrew

### White collar

I know white collar crime isn't all suave or svelte people conning others and forging art, but I am seriously reconsidering my career path for \$140K a year. And a Neal Caffery.

—Claire

### Priorities

There is never enough time for everything.

—Stephan

### Choices

I got a notice in my mail last week that I have to decide by this Friday whether I want to renew my lease. Now would be a good time to have come up with a solid plan for myself.

—Daphne

### Grammys

Forever disappointed Kanye West didn't make his typical Kanye speech when that Beck kid won Album of the Year. Pretty sure that would have made everyone's night.

—Erin

### Student media love

Whenever an administrator says they love student media they are automatically put on my good list.

—Katelyn

### Jace Malek

What an unbelievable story. I can't wait to see him on campus and running out of that tunnel come game day.

—Korbin

### You know what's nice

When the sun doesn't go down at 3:30 p.m.

—Ryan

### Lesson learned

Never, I repeat NEVER, go to Moscow's U.S. Post Office to deal with passport stuff. Save yourself the trouble and go directly to the Latah County Auditor's Department. That is all.

—Amber

### When you're sad

Picture a t-rex making a bed//remember it's the dementors fault so it's perfectly OK to eat loads of chocolate//remember someone got benched so Air Bud could play//think about how Charmander must feel when blowing out candles on a birthday cake.

—Kaitlyn

### Sweatpants

Baggy sweaters and tennis shoes. When did athletes start dressing like mom on her day off?

—Jack

JAPANESE EXTREMISTS MAY HAVE BOMBED PEARL HARBOR AND GERMAN EXTREMISTS MAY HAVE DONE SOME TERRIBLE THINGS, BUT WE CAN'T FORGET THAT AMERICA DID HORRIBLE THINGS, TOO. MY FELLOW AMERICANS, WE REALLY CAN'T GET ON OUR HIGH-HORSE HERE.



IF OBAMA WAS PRESIDENT DURING WWII



Andrew Jenson  
Argonaut

# Activism on campus

College activism has changed, includes fewer protests but more events

Activism has a dramatic history on college campuses.

The topic conjures up images of students with peace signs and flowers in their hair going toe-to-toe with police.

In the '70s, students across the U.S. took to the pavement to protest America's involvement in the Vietnam War and the draft. Their protests spurred heated confrontations with police and helped change public perception of the war.

Where did all that passion for activism go?

On the surface, it looks like college students today have become passive to the world around them, too consumed in petty apps and their social lives to care about current events. It's an easy narrative to adopt, and it's one many baby boomers have taken a liking to.

Yet, activism on college campuses didn't go anywhere, it just changed. It morphed from public protests into tabling events and social media campaigns.

Although protests and ral-

lies are few and far between, student activism at the University of Idaho is more energized than ever.

The Women's Center routinely organizes outreach events, guest speakers, film screenings, slam poetry events and performances, such as the upcoming production of "Any One of Us: Words From Prison."

The Sustainability Center hosts many tabling and workshop events throughout the year, such as Bike Fix and Green Lunches. The center also organizes the UIdeas Symposium, a weeklong event featuring various speakers on topics related to the environment.

Not to mention the work done by the Soil Stewards to promote their goal of sustainable farming.

ASUI has also become an activism force on campus. In January, ASUI began the It's On Us campaign, aimed at bringing awareness to sexual assault. These campaigns may not be loud and grab the attention of every student, but they do have an impact

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Ryan Tarinelli

and can help shift public perception on a critical issue.

Besides events, many college activism campaigns thrive on social media and rely on it to promote their message.

In large part, college activism has been institutionalized. These events are sponsored by and funded through UI. Some may argue this happened at the detriment to real activism. Perhaps on some level, but it also allows students to be more effective in spreading their message with the university's resources behind them.

This new campus activism

allows students to bring about social change on campus while adding to their professional skill set. Although emails from the Sustainability Center are sometimes redundant, this activism enhances the student experience and is a positive contribution to campus culture.

Not to say a good protest can't still be productive and spread a message. There will always be campuses like UC Berkeley that exercise their right to protest frequently.

But for UI, it seems a different type of activism is here to stay.

Not all students have to be involved with activism. It's not everyone's thing — understandable. But students should at least pay attention, and when they can, be a participant.

Getting involved is part of the college experience. It's supposed to expose students to new ideas and challenge their beliefs on some level. Activism is a critical part in this process, and at UI, there is still plenty of passion to make a change.

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# Calling for cashiers

Food court design confuses students, more cashiers needed

University of Idaho students often look like lost puppies inside the Idaho Commons food court.

This is because there is no longer a general cashier waiting to ring up students wanting to purchase prepackaged food and drink items. Now, there are only cashiers at each of the specialized sections in the food court such as Mein Bowl, Jamba Juice and SubConnection.

If someone doesn't want a sandwich or Chinese food, for instance, they still have to wait in the same line as students waiting to be served hot food — even if they only have a bottle of Pepsi in hand.

Although it may seem like a small issue, reinstating general cashiers would not only increase business for the food court, but it would also make for a better customer experience.

Without a general cashier, the food court discourages people who have a 10 minute break in between classes from buying food. At the same time it annoys people who want to grab something on the go. If the lines are long, the would-be food court customers can hike up to the Vandal Express store on the 2nd floor instead.

While freshmen may be used to the food court being set up this way, upperclassmen know better.

Last year, and years prior, there were at least two general cashiers in the food court who were stationed near the court's exits. Those who opted for a salad or beverage could quickly pay for it and leave within a minute or two, while people who wanted hot food went ahead and spent a few minutes waiting in line. According to a story about McDonald's printed

in Business Insider last month, the reason McDonald's has gained such a following worldwide is because of its speedy, convenient service.

In the face of decreasing sales for the franchise, instead of investing in better food options McDonald's plans to, "create more memorable experiences and to deliver unparalleled convenience."

Vandal Dining — essentially Sodexo — should follow suit and consider putting general cashiers back in the commons food court to make dining there more convenient for UI students on a tight schedule.

I, for one, have not bought food or drink items from the food court in months because I find the service to be more convenient at other locations on campus. Toward the beginning of the fall semester, I grabbed a sushi tray and didn't know where to check out due to the layout change.

Then I walked up to the Mein Bowl cashier — who was not helping anyone at the time — to purchase the sushi. Consequently, I was told to go to the end of the Mein Bowl line, which extended out into the seating area of the commons.

I had class in about seven minutes, so I just put the sushi back and waited until after class to eat.

In an environment where people are constantly on the go, why make what should be a relatively simple process more complicated?

I commend Vandal Dining leadership for trying to make positive changes to the food court over the last few years, but taking away the general cashiers was a bad move. Vandal Dining should recognize that while students may enjoy their new food options, it's now inconvenient for some students to eat there.

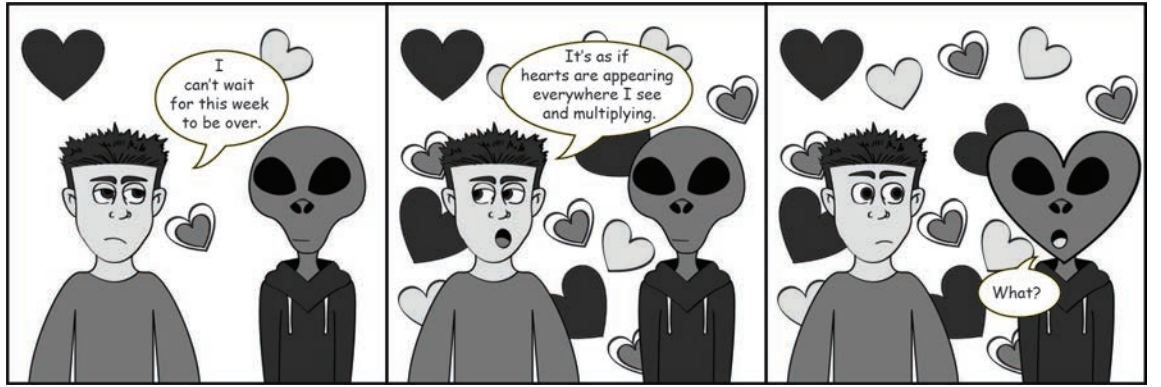
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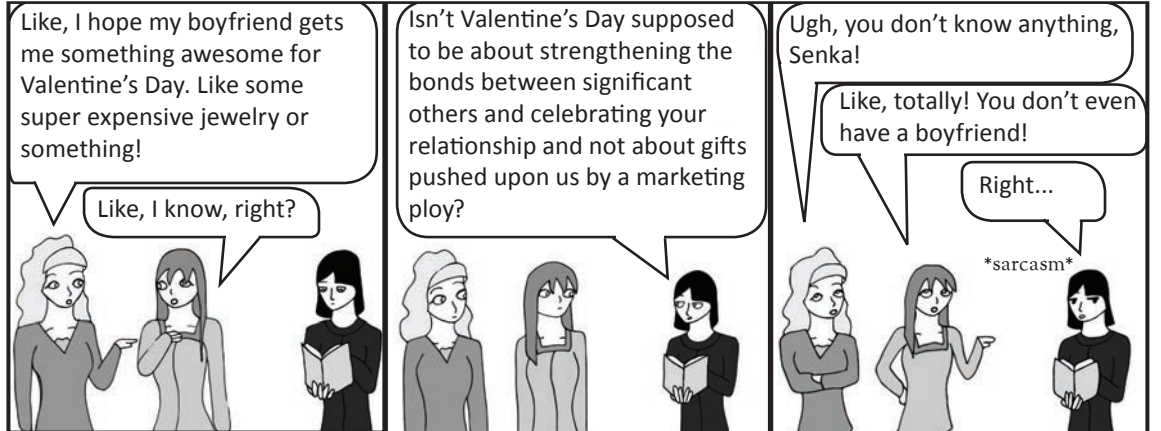
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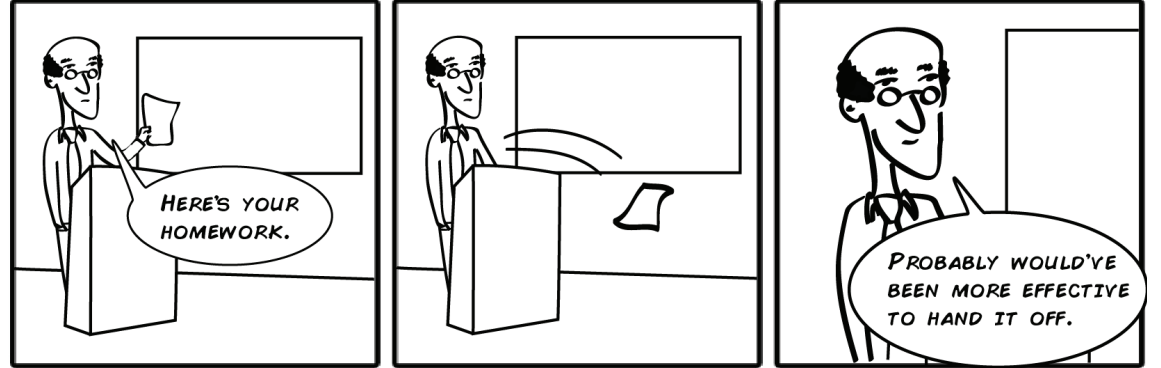
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