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President Pro-Tempore Michael Ryan, right, Senate Parliamentarian Max Cowan, center, and ASUI Vice-President Sarah Vetsmany participate in an ASUI Senate meeting Feb. 11. Cowan introduced a resolution Wednesday to support redistricting ASUI by college.

Cowan proposes redistricting

Resolution advocates collegiate model of student representation

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

Former ASUI President and current senate parliamentarian Max Cowan introduced a resolution to the senate Wednesday to support redistricting ASUI

by college.

Although the resolution merely expresses support, Cowan — who plans to seek re-election as ASUI president for the 2015-2016 academic year — said if a bill is eventually passed it would change the composition of the ASUI Senate, which is currently divided into districts representing Greek and non-Greek students.

The senate amended the

ASUI Constitution in spring 2011 to establish districts in student elections, and amended the ASUI Rules and Regulations to define districts by living groups — Greek and non-Greek. The districts aimed to make ASUI more inclusive, and encourage students from a wider scope of campus life to participate in student government.

The changes required ASUI

senate election results to include three individuals from the Greek district, three from the non-Greek district and two people at-large who could be from either district.

As a second-semester University of Idaho freshman in 2012, Cowan served on the first student senate following

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PROVOST SEARCH

Claiborn to cross border

UI alumna returns to interview for provost

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

While most candidates for top level administrative positions book a flight to get to campus, Candis Claiborn is only a short drive away.

Living just outside Moscow, Claiborn, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture at Washington State University, is a University of Idaho alumna and the fourth finalist in the search for UI's new provost and executive vice president.

"She loves Idaho and she'd like to do this," said Kelvin Lynn, director of the Center for Materials Research at WSU who has known Claiborn for 10 years.

Claiborn will speak at an open forum at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the International Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly the Student Union Building. She will also meet with the search committee and a number of stakeholders on campus. She is one of five candidates vying for the position.

At WSU, she has also served as associate dean for Research and



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PROVOST SEARCH

Wienczek set to present

Final candidate in provost search to speak at open forum Monday

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

John Wienczek, the final candidate in the search for a new provost and executive vice president, will be on campus Monday for an open forum and a series of stakeholder meetings.

The forum will take place at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Vandal Ballroom in the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly the Student Union Building.

Wienczek is the interim provost and vice president of academic affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University. On top of his interim position, Wienczek serves as senior vice-provost and as a professor in the department of Chemical and Life Science Engineering at VCU — a position he has held since 2013.

VCU is located in Richland, Virginia, and is one of the larger institutions in the state with more than 31,000 students enrolled as of 2014.

As interim provost, Wienczek is responsible for academic programming, faculty promotion, accreditation and budget planning and management.

In his vice-provost role, Wienczek served as a senior adviser to the provost on all academic matters and assisted in managing a budget of



Wienczek

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ADMINISTRATION

Smith steps down

Leaving VP position vacant, staying at UI

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

The University of Idaho announced Wednesday that Vice President for Finance and Administration Ron Smith will step down from his position at the end of June.

Smith said he does not intend to leave UI, but plans to teach in the accounting department for the next academic year.

"I'm 65, and I may not have as much time to teach after this," Smith said. "I think I could rekindle a passion. I would like to work with students, and I don't get to (do) that in my current job."

Smith said UI President Chuck Staben is in the process of establishing a search committee to find a replacement. He said the university would likely hire a "seasoned professional," which would not require Smith to assist with training.

"If he or she would need training, I would be on the other side of the parking lot," he said.

The Montana native has been in the position since 2011, and previously served as vice president for finance and business affairs Seattle University. Early in his career, Smith worked for eight years at UI in a number of positions in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

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Smith

ADMINISTRATION

'A modest request'

Dorschel prioritizes security upgrades, camera system

Amber Emery
Argonaut

University of Idaho Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Matt Dorschel is working with upper-level administrators to secure funds to support security upgrades related to the university's firearm policy.

UI upgraded its firearm

policy in August to reflect a bill passed by Idaho lawmakers last spring to allow individuals with an enhanced concealed carry permit to carry firearms on college campuses.

Dorschel submitted a proposal requesting about \$580,000 to install security cameras on campus, hire a security system manager and to fund technology infrastructure upgrades to support new equipment. While no money has been spent yet, Dorschel said it's

imperative it be done.

"One of the things that became clear in the aftermath of that law being passed was that the perception of campus safety was heavily impacted," Dorschel said. "(Parents) were having second thoughts about sending their son or daughter to the University of Idaho. And in my mind, I think this proposal addresses a lot of those concerns."

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CITY

Lee to face eluding charge before extradition

Extradition warrant received, eluding case continues in Whitman County

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

The Whitman County Sheriff's office finally received the extradition warrant Thursday morning for Moscow shooting suspect John Lee. The warrant, signed by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, approves the transfer of Lee, to Idaho authorities, said

29, to Latah County, where he faces three charges of first-degree murder and one charge of attempted murder.

In the warrant, Inslee left it up to the counties to determine if Whitman County should pursue a Washington felony eluding charge before turning Lee over to Idaho authorities, said

Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy.

Tracy said he does plan to prosecute Lee for the eluding charge in Whitman County before extraditing him to Idaho, unless it interferes with Latah County's case against Lee, at which point Tracy said he would



Lee

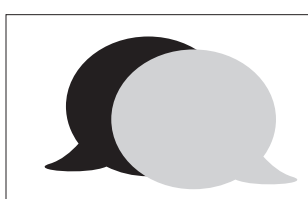
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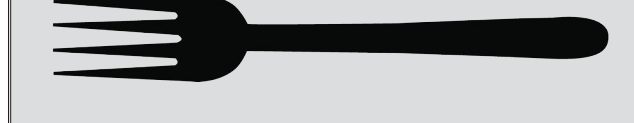
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CRUMBS

A Crumbs recipe



Bacon wrapped Little Smokies

Jordan Hollingshead
Crumbs

My family made these a few weeks ago. I finally bummed the recipe for myself, and they were extremely good. I recommend this recipe for anyone looking for an easy-to-make snack that will please your guests.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Little Smokies
- 1 stick butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 package bacon
- Toothpicks

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Cut bacon into thirds and wrap around Little



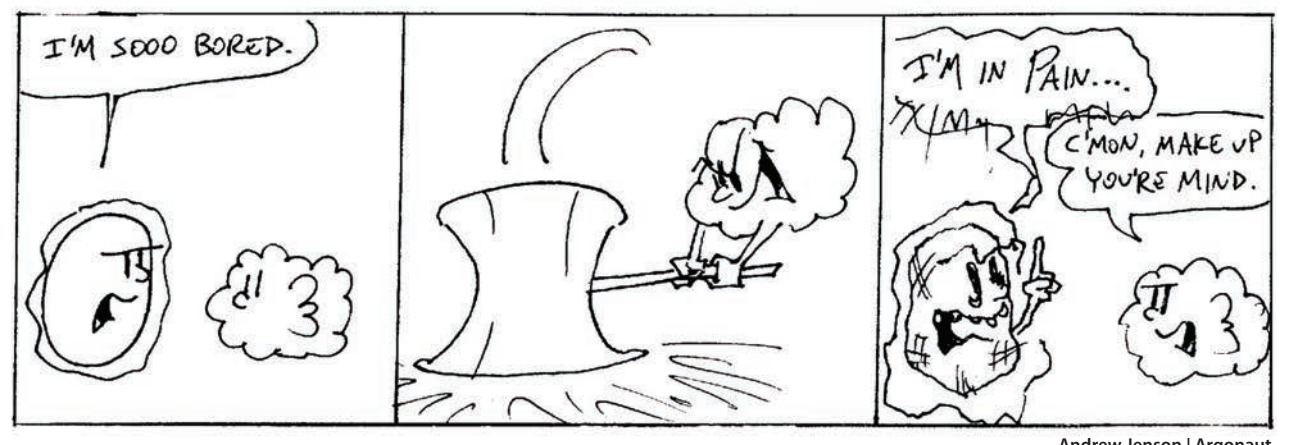
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Smokies, then stab the bacon wrapped Little Smokies with Toothpicks to keep the bacon from coming unwrapped

3. Melt stick of butter and then mix with 1 cup of brown sugar
4. Pour this mixture evenly over the Little Smokies in the baking dish
5. Sprinkle the remaining cup of brown sugar evenly atop the Little Smokies
6. Cook in oven at 375 for 15-20 minutes, and then turn the heat up to 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 5 minutes to make the bacon crisp

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ADMINISTRATION

Sodexo secures contract

UI renews altered dining contract with Sodexo

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — Sodexo will once again provide dining services for the University of Idaho, after the Idaho State Board of Education unanimously approved a contract renewal Thursday.

Julia McIlroy, UI director of purchasing services staff, said the old contract expires June 30 and the new five-year contract with Sodexo is slated to begin July 1.

“The new contract, operationally speaking, will look and feel very similar to the previous five-year agreement,” McIlroy said.

But there are some significant changes to the contractual pay structure, according to UI Enterprise Accountant Gwen Kylo.

Kylo said the previous contract established a tiered revenue pay structure where UI paid Sodexo a certain percentage based on the amount of revenue the company collected in a two-week pay period.

The new contract simplifies the pay structure by sticking to a concrete percentage to calculate what UI would pay Sodexo in a pay period. For the first three years of the contract, UI will pay Sodexo 81 percent of the revenue Sodexo accumulates in a pay period and 82 percent in the final two years of the contract.

Kylo said the 81-82 percent given to Sodexo would cover Sodexo’s operational costs and the cost of food, and the 18-19



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From left, UI Vice President of Finance and Administration Ron Smith, General Counsel Kent Nelson, President Chuck Staben, Interim Provost Katherine Aiken and Vice Provost for Student Affairs Jean Kim wait for their turn to present a slew of proposals to the SBOE.

percent UI retains pays for rental expenses, utilities and administrative salaries. She said UI’s 18-19 percent would also generate about \$100,000 annually to pay for equipment.

UI Vice President for Finance and Administration Ron Smith, who presented the new contract to the SBOE for approval, said the new pay structure has the potential to allot funds in a way that would cover upgrades to university facilities.

Smith said upgrades could include installing a gas line in Bob’s Place to save money on utility costs, and upgrading equipment in the Vandal Card office.

McIlroy also said the contract included a

renewed priority in making Sodexo’s practices more sustainable.

“Sodexo and UI have made an even larger commitment to sustainability and using regionally grown produce and food,” McIlroy said.

Kylo said the new contract creates an internship position responsible for tracking the amount of local and regional food purchases made. The contract also plans for a collaboration with the UI College of Business to create a class dedicated to tracking Sodexo’s utilization of local food purchases.

“Sodexo will also offer a zero waste catering alternative that, for an additional fee, Sodexo will cater using compostable items

that reduce the amount of waste in lieu of a less sustainable option,” McIlroy said.

The new contract will also replace the former flex dollar system attributed to the residence hall campus dining plans, and institute a “Vandal Dollar” system, McIlroy said.

Flex dollars are restricted to different Vandal Dining options on campus such as the 6th Street Market, Denny’s, Bob’s and the Idaho Commons dining options, McIlroy said. Vandal dollars could be used at the same stores and additionally at campus vending machines and the VandalStore.

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TOBACCO

Tobacco discussions continue

Staben to appoint tobacco implementation committee in coming weeks

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Argonaut

University of Idaho President Chuck Staben said he intends to create a tobacco implementation committee in the coming weeks to begin work on a revised tobacco policy for UI.

Currently, Staben is tasked with making the final decision on a Tobacco Task Force proposal that would ban all tobacco products from the UI campus. Staben has not yet approved or rejected the ban, nor has he appointed any specific individuals to the implementation committee.

Staben said an implementation committee would allow for a range of ideas to surface about a tobacco policy that best fit the university’s needs.

“We want to ensure the health and welfare of the students, faculty, staff and the public who visit our campuses without imposing upon people,” Staben said.

Staben said he intends to include interested students, faculty and staff on the committee. He also said he is interested in involving members of the Idaho Tobacco Compromise, another group proposing a different tobacco policy that would establish designated smoking areas on campus, rather than ban all tobacco products.

“(The committee) needs to encompass some range of viewpoints so that we ensure that all the people are well served by whatever policy we side upon and implement,” he said.

While Staben said he doesn’t favor one tobacco policy over another, he thinks the Tobacco Task Force’s proposed ban has

more support from the UI population than the Idaho Tobacco Compromise’s proposed compromise policy.

“If we look, we’ve had surveys on campus, we’ve had other groups meeting like the ASUI that have endorsed a tobacco-free policy,” he said.

Emily Tuschhoff, a member of the Tobacco Task Force, said the task force intends to move forward with whatever decision Staben makes on UI’s tobacco policy.

“We’re not going to go out on a tangent,” Tuschhoff said. “I think the task force did what we could do. We presented this to President Staben, and now it sounds like he’s getting ready to make a decision ... We’ll follow the route that we need to take.”

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ADMINISTRATION

Dusting off the books

SBOE approves facelift to UI library, working on design

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — After two years of preliminary planning, a proposal to renovate the University of Idaho Library was unanimously approved by the State Board of Education Thursday.

UI Vice President of Finance and Administration Ron Smith proposed the plan, and said the changes would affect the first floor of the building.

“The plan is to widen out the first floor to create collaborative spaces, access to state of the art technology and a coffee bar,” Smith said.

UI President Chuck Staben said the university is “anxious to start,” although a timeline for the renovations has not yet been established.

Lynn Baird, dean of UI Libraries, said the design process would likely occur over the summer. She said she has planned on the renovation since 1999, but “intensive funding” for the

project began last year, after Staben proposed the university match a level of private funding to support the project.

“President Staben challenged us to meet a \$200,000 challenge and the Library Advisory Board and other donors were able to meet that,” Baird said.

When construction begins, Smith said UI would likely complete the project “piece-wise,” so students are still able to access portions of the first floor as renovations are carried out.

While Smith did not give a specific date of completion, he estimated UI would not be finished with renovations before the end of the 2015-2016 academic year.

“I really think this is a space that students are going to love,” Baird said. “The library is iconic to what the university stands for, the pursuit of knowledge.”

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FACULTY SENATE

New evaluation criteria

Faculty Senate votes to adopt new course evaluation form

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

Faculty Senate voted 12-8 Tuesday to approve a new course evaluation form.

Andrew Brewick, of the Teaching and Advising Committee, presented to Faculty Senate with a revised teaching evaluation form aimed to improve the student feedback process.

"This is, to the best of our ability, to be an evaluative instrument," Brewick said.

Senate members approved the form after adding an amendment to it and discussing concerns over question wording and intent. Tuesday was the third time a revision of the document came before the senate.

Student course evaluations assist instructors in improving their teaching, and assist administrators in advising professors and evaluating them for purposes such as tenure, promotion and salary. Course evaluations are available for students to fill out at the end of each semester.

On the new evaluation form approved

Tuesday, the fourth question sparked debate among Faculty Senate members. The original question read, "Did you take advantage of available help outside the course by meeting in person or otherwise communicating (via email or through BbLearn) with the instructor?"

If the student were to answer "Yes," the question was followed by an opportunity to rate the helpfulness of the communication.

Brewick said the purpose of the question was to gauge the student's commitment to learning and the instructor's accessibility.

Connor Kennelly, ASUI representative on Faculty Senate, said the question did not provide a sense of if the instructor was available for students.

Senate members amended the question to ask if students tried to take advantage of outside help. They also added an option for students to explain why they did not seek outside help if they answered "No."

The first several questions on the evalu-

ation form are directed toward the student's performance in the class. Liz Brandt, Faculty Senate member from the College of Law, said she was concerned about students rating themselves at the beginning of the survey. Brewick assured Brandt the questions were ordered in such a way so students can go into the evaluation with context.

"We attempted to scalpel the instrument so the student gained some awareness of their own participation in the course before lodging some evaluative measure of the teaching," Brewick said.

Brandt suggested moving the student performance questions to end of the evaluation, but the senate did not make the change.

Another question on the evaluation senate members were concerned about was a statement to which the student could rate the professor's ability to set learning outcomes. The statement read, "The instructor expressed clear expectations for learning outcomes in this course."

Michael Murphy, Faculty Senate member from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, said he does not necessarily favor using the term "learning outcomes" in the course evaluation form due to its vague connotation.

"Learning outcomes, unfortunately, has become a lightning rod," Murphy said.

Senators discussed the clarity of the question and Don Crowley, faculty secretary, said "learning outcomes" is almost an insider term.

The senators did not vote for a revision of the question and left it as is.

Brewick acknowledged the evaluation form does not have the capacity to measure the complexity involved in teaching and evaluating professors and courses.

Despite the scrutiny, Murphy said the changes were needed.

"I think this is a step in the right direction," Murphy said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Questioning committee membership

Proposed committee to address Clery compliance

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
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A proposal to form a University Security and Compliance Committee was heard by Faculty Senate Tuesday, but was returned to committees for further revision of membership, which the senate deemed to be too large.

The proposed committee would ensure UI compliance with the Clery Act, which involves reviewing and reporting all reportable campus crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Education, according to Matt Dorschel, Public Safety and Security executive director.

He said the committee would also review and recommend changes to safety procedures and review the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, which is UI's version of a document mandated by the federal government.

"It's considered a best practice in higher education to have a Clery compliance committee," Dorschel said. "I think having a broader awareness and participation with a formal committee, like this proposal presents, would enhance our efforts."

The proposal outlined 16 members to serve on the committee, including Dorschel and representatives from Human Resource Services, the Athletic Department, Staff Affairs, General Counsel, Dean of Students Office, Moscow Police Department, two faculty members, Title

IX coordinator, Admissions Office, EHS Fire Safety specialist, Women's Center, Information Technology Services and a representative from both the undergraduate and graduate student population.

Senators questioned the size of the committee, but not the value.

Michael Murphy, Faculty Senate member from the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, questioned the purpose of the Moscow Police Department having a voting seat.

"They are actually required to help us comply with the Clery Act," Dorschel said in response to Murphy. "We cannot compile the required statistics without their support ... They are a valued member of our security and safety team."

Faculty Senate members further questioned Dorschel on the number of faculty and students planned to serve on the committee.

"It's really important to have buy-in from a wide group of people," said Liz Brandt, Faculty Senate member from the College of Law. "I think the committee might benefit from a couple more students and another faculty member."

Wendy Couture, Faculty Senate member from UI's Boise location, recommended having a representative from a non-Moscow UI location. In response, the senate voted to have a staff or faculty member fill such a position.

Senate members also voted to add an additional undergraduate student to the roster.

Although Faculty Senate members added two additional members to the committee, there was a consensus that in its current form, the committee is too large to be effective.

Dorschel said he currently works closely with each department proposed to be represented and would continue to do so if some of them were removed from the committee.

"I think we were trying to balance the need to keep it a workable size committee and also make sure we had the appropriate representation from our faculty and students," Dorschel said.

James Foster, Faculty Senate member from the College of Science acknowledged Dorschel's forward thinking, but maintained that the membership should be changed.

"I still think this is far too big of a committee to be effective," Foster said.

Various senators offered suggestions to which members should be removed from the roster, including Admissions, HR, the Women's Center and athletics. Alternatives for reducing the committee size were having departments share seats and having a core group of members, and invite others to attend meetings when pertinent.

Foster's motion to send the proposal back to the committee to reduce the number of members, taking into consideration the amendments made by senate, was approved.

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IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Sex slaves saved

Idaho senator proposes victim protection

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — An Idaho Senate committee introduced a bill Wednesday to assist victims of human trafficking and sex slavery to clean their criminal record and make it easier to adjust to a normal lifestyle.

"In Idaho there is human trafficking, both in the sex trade and in labor trafficking, and on occasion these victims do pick up criminal arrests and connections during the time they're enslaved," said Sen. Jim Rice, R-Caldwell, who proposed the bill.

The bill would add a new statute to Idaho Code, allowing former human trafficking victims to petition courts to expunge non-violent criminal offenses and arrest records filed during their enslavement.

"When you pick up a drug conviction, even a misdemeanor, you're ineligible for financial aid," Rice said. "That means, when you get out or someone rescues you ... we've now turned off the opportunity to go to school."

He said the prospect of former victims being denied the opportunity to advance in school and in a career is saddening.

"This leaves victims unprotected, with the light at the end of the tunnel turned off," Rice said.

Rice said the statute would provide the ability to sweep away crimes such as prostitution and drug offenses. The bill is similar to laws passed in several states, he said.

Rice said the captors of victims often supply them with illegal drugs until they are addicted. Sometimes the victims are even tattooed with their captor's name, he said.

"When I was in grade school, I was taught slavery ended with the Civil War, and it's not true," Rice said. "Victims are moved in and out of the state, moved around to various states ... It's one of the ways criminal gangs make money."

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COWAN

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2012, Cowan served on the first student senate following the implementation of ASUI districts based on living groups.

"Everyone was excited," Cowan said. "Everyone was asking questions."

During Cowan's first senate term in 2012, another senator attempted to take the redistricting process a step further by drafting a resolution advocating for representation based not on living groups, but on colleges.

It was a bold idea, Cowan said. But when voted on in the senate, he said it failed spectacularly.

"This is my fourth year on campus, and next year will be my fifth," Cowan said. "Over the past five years, nothing of substance has really changed within ASUI, and although the way the districts are set up was promising, it is a promise that has been unfulfilled."

Cowan said the time to redistrict ASUI is now. His proposed resolution is a resurrected version of the bill proposed in 2012 supporting ASUI representation

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Max Cowan, ASUI senate parliamentarian

based on colleges.

Cowan said the intention of redistricting hasn't changed. Four years ago, when the districts were created, the senate hoped to see increased student involvement. But Cowan said there hasn't been much of an increase in participation.

"There are not more senators running for ASUI Senate than previous years, there are not more off-campus students, there are not more from the residence halls, and I think we see a lot of people from the same Greek houses," Cowan said. "We have two students from the College of Natural Resources, and two, maybe three students who live off-campus, but if you were trying to apportion by percent-

age, we would see at least 10 senators should live off-campus."

There are two differences between the new resolution and the failed 2012 bill, Cowan said. First, according to Cowan, the current ASUI Senate has shown enthusiasm in tackling issues such as the redistricting process. Second, Cowan said he would seek support far outside ASUI to implement the new districts.

"We need the involvement of more than just ourselves," Cowan said. "We need (Interfraternity Council), Panhellenic, (Residence Hall Association), the colleges. We're not going to be a part of this process simply by sitting in a back room talking among other members of ASUI — that's not going to make us more inclusive."

ASUI President Nate Fisher, who was at an Idaho State Board of Education meeting in Boise during Wednesday's meeting, said he has made redistricting ASUI a prominent part of his platform as he also prepares to campaign for re-election. While Fisher said he was surprised to hear Cowan drafted a resolution addressing ASUI districts, he said he's glad he

and Cowan seem to agree ASUI should be redistricted by college.

Even so, Fisher said he's hesitant to rush into legislation just yet. "I think that this is a really large issue — what we need to do is research all options," Fisher said. "It's my understanding that (Cowan) is moving toward representation via colleges, and while I think that is one idea, it's certainly not all possibilities, and more research or data is a necessity. A collegiate model is my position, but it's a very large topic, and I don't want to be too hasty or rush into anything."

The ASUI Senate will vote on Cowan's resolution next Wednesday. In the meantime, Cowan said he's optimistic about the prospect of working with Fisher and other factions of campus to move the university forward.

"I think that in seeing how our campus works over the past four years, I've come to understand that no one succeeds in a vacuum," Cowan said. "Things get done through the collaboration of hard-working individuals"

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\$240 million. He also oversaw the university's summer session office and worked with the provost to provide oversight to eight vice provosts, eight deans and five directors of academic support units.

Before VCA, Wienczek served as college dean of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at The University of South Florida.

Wienczek also spent 12 years at The University of Iowa, starting out as an associate professor and moving up to become graduate director and department chair.

He began his academic career at Rutgers University in 1989 as an assistant professor.

If chosen, Wienczek would replace Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Katherine Aiken, who assumed the position after former Provost Doug Baker left UI to become president at Northern Illinois University.

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CLAIBORN

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Graduate Programs at the College of Engineering and Architecture.

Claiborn graduated UI in 1980 with a degree in chemical engineering before earning her doctorate in chemical engineering from North Carolina State University in 1991.

The same year, she began her academic career at WSU as an assistant professor. In her tenure, Claiborn received funding from the National Science Foundation, the University of Washington and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Before her career at WSU, Claiborn worked in the private sector as a senior process control engineer for Chevron.

Lynn said Claiborn has faced many challenges over the years as dean, but grew into the position as an administrator.

When the college faced a budget shortfall a few years ago, Lynn said Claiborn put together a strategic plan that would result in heavy cuts to programs and departments. Instead of going forward with the cuts, however, Claiborn reached out to the Washington Legislature and showed them there was a demand for more engineers in the state with large companies like Boeing and Microsoft in the region, Lynn said.

"She then got the state

legislators to support a real initiative to increase the budget for engineering in the state," he said.

With state support, the college survived budget shortfalls and Claiborn did not have to follow through with the cuts.

"The morale right now in the College of Engineering, I would say, is the best I've seen in a long time," Lynn said.

Claiborn is a straightforward administrator who cares about the faculty members, Lynn said, making a point to give input on faculty searches and give faculty fair wage increases.

"She's tough, but she's always friendly," he said.

Lynn said Claiborn has also played a large role in expanding engineering programs to satellite campuses within the state.

Despite her position over the border, Lynn said Claiborn is proud of her Vandal roots and has fond memories of her time at UI.

"She really liked it, and she had a good experience there," he said.

He said Claiborn had offers from other universities over the years, but thinks her life is centered on serving the Palouse.

"She's committed to staying ... That's the only place, in my opinion, she would go right now," Lynn said.

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Dorschel said his proposal, or budget request, was originally submitted to UI's Board of Regents last fall, where it was rejected. Now, he plans to work with UI's executive team to try and find internal funds to back the proposal.

Dorschel called the proposal "modest," and said it would align UI with peer institutions, respective to the amount of resources dedicated to campus security.

Dorschel said he has been an advocate for UI security upgrades for a long time.

"We didn't tie the need for security cameras to the new law initially," Dorschel said. "But as we discussed it more at the senior level ... we saw general public safety upgrades could also be needed for the new firearm policy."

The major request, Dorschel said, is installing security cameras on campus near the entrances and exits of buildings, as well as in highly populated areas. He said cameras would allow UI to better react to crimes or dangerous incidents on campus.

He said the proposal also includes the means to establish a campus dispatch and monitoring system in the campus security office.

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Matt Dorschel, Public Safety and Security executive director

"It would give us an opportunity to observe when we receive reports and then to respond quickly," Dorschel said. "We could assist responders from our law enforcement agency because we would have real time data from those security cameras."

The request for funds also takes into account the salary of a new security system manager, who Dorschel said would be tasked with maintaining the security systems, overseeing their functions and generally being an expert on the new equipment.

Also included in the proposal is supplemental funding for the hardware and software needed to introduce new equipment and security systems.

Earlier this month, the Idaho Statesman printed a story implying

LEE

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extradite Lee to Moscow immediately.

Tracy has said once Lee is moved to Idaho, he will not be returned to Whitman County for the eluding charge, so it makes sense to take care of the eluding charge first.

Tracy said he would like Lee to be held accountable for his actions in Washington.

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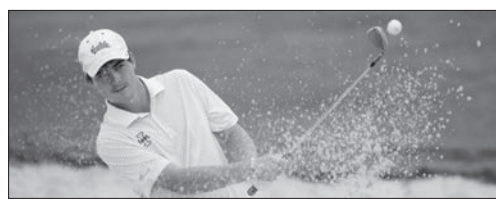
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SPORTS



Men's golf heads into season ranked No. 1 in Big Sky.

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CLUB SPORTS



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The Idaho men's club lacrosse offense and defense fight for the ball during practice Wednesday at the SprinTurf. Idaho plays Oregon State Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the SprinTurf. The Vandals are 2-0 on the season. A win would put them at first place in the PNCLL.

Lax is back

Men's club lacrosse 2-0 to start season, opens conference play Saturday

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Spring is usually consumed by basketball, track and field, golf and tennis, but there's one more Idaho sport making headlines this spring. The Idaho men's lacrosse team may be a club sport, but that doesn't mean they aren't competitive or don't have a large fan base.

The Vandals opened the season last Saturday with a win over Western Michigan 15-12. They also beat Gonzaga 24-6 on Sunday. Approximately 500 fans attended Idaho's first game of the season at the SprinTurf, according to Idaho coach Sammy Vogel-Seidenberg, and a similar

number is expected this Saturday when Idaho opens conference play against Oregon State at 12:30 p.m. at the SprinTurf.

"We consider ourselves more of a virtual varsity program," Vogel-Seidenberg said. "We do everything as what a Division III or Division II team would do, or even a Division I would do in terms of their on the field work, conditioning, practice-wise and even recruiting as well."

The Vandals compete in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) instead of the NCAA, but Vogel-Seidenberg said many MCLA teams compete with and beat NCAA teams.

"It's pretty high-level lacrosse," he said. "You look at Boulder this year, they beat Adam State and Colorado-Mesa, which are both high-level D II teams, so it's a very competitive conference that

we play in."

Idaho competes in the Division I section of the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL), a league within the MCLA. The other teams in Idaho's division include Simon Fraser, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State, Boise State and Montana.

It is the first conference game of the season for Idaho. The Vandals have never beat the Beavers, but Vogel-Seidenberg said he thinks Idaho has the team to beat them this year.

The 2014 season was Idaho's best since the program started in 2004, and the team returns many of last season's key players. The Vandals finished 7-7 in 2014.

One key returner and leader is attacker Colton Raichl. The senior is one of four team captains and one of only four players on the 24-



Next game:

Where: Kibbie Dome
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When: 12:30 p.m.
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What's on the line:
First place in the PNCLL

player roster not originally from Idaho. He has more than 100 goals through his collegiate career.

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Chopped

Vandals make late push, Lumberjacks answer for victory

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

In one swift basket, Northern Arizona's Quinton Upshur gave his team the lead and killed whatever momentum Idaho had at the time.

The Lumberjacks were down one with just under two minutes remaining when the 6-foot-5-senior shooting guard pulled up from behind the arc and drained a 3-pointer to give his team the lead. Idaho never answered. The basket sparked an 8-0 run and Northern Arizona cruised to a 72-65 victory over the Vandals.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win here against a good Northern Arizona team, but we didn't get it done," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "It's a frustrating defeat for us ... but I saw a lot of good things tonight."

With the loss, Idaho falls to 11-13 overall and 6-7 in conference competition. The team also drops one spot in the Big Sky standings to seventh place. Saturday, the team will be in Cedar City, Utah, for a game against Southern Utah.

Right from the opening tip, the Vandals struggled to shoot the ball as they started 0-5 from the field. Northern Arizona took advantage and led by as much as 11 points in the first half.

Along with the poor shooting, Verlin said another reason for Idaho's early struggles was poor effort on the boards. Northern Arizona out-rebounded the Vandals 20 to 12 in the first half.

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Don Verlin, coach

of the game," Verlin said. "In the first half, I just think we didn't get the effort we needed."

Down 10 points early in the second half, the Vandals, led by senior shooting guard Connor Hill, rallied back with a 20-7 run and took the lead 51-48 with 11:25 left in the game. Hill scored eight of his 20 points during the run.

Verlin said the team was able to grab defensive rebounds, which led to easy baskets in transition.

"I give credit to my guys, they came out and battled in the second half," he said. "We were able to get some stops ... We worked all week, but we didn't execute against the press. We went a little too fast, made a couple of bad plays and the momentum of the game changed."

The Vandals turned the ball over 14 times against Northern Arizona, with five of them coming against the press in the second half.

While they may have played better than prior road games, the

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Hope still alive

Idaho gets much-needed win at home

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

The Vandals (11-13 overall, 5-8 Big Sky) kept their post-season hopes alive by way of an impressive 78-43 victory over the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks (11-13, 7-6).

Idaho coach Jon Newlee said the team needs to keep winning if they want to have any hope of securing one of the eight spots in the Big Sky Tournament.

"We are home, the schedule is favorable to us if we can take care of business at home, and this was the first step," Newlee said.

Despite the 5-8 conference record, the team isn't lacking in confidence. They have hung with the best teams the conference has to offer, they just have had some bad stretches during games although tonight that wasn't the case, Newlee said.

Idaho will try to win back-to-back games for the first time since December when they host Southern Utah (12-11, 5-8), another Big Sky Tournament hopeful, Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cowan Spectrum.

Despite winning by 35 points, the Vandals struggled



Amelia C. Warden | Argonaut

Stacey Barr drives the ball during the game against Northern Arizona Thursday night at the Cowan Spectrum. Barr was the lead scorer of the game with 28 points. Idaho won 78-43.

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MEN'S GOLF



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Senior Aaron Cockerill pitches out of the bunker during practice Sept. 23 at Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman. Cockerill and the Vandals open the season Friday at the Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California. The Vandals start the season as the preseason Big Sky favorites. Sophomore Jared du Toit and Cockerill led the conference during the fall season.

No. 1 in Big Sky

Idaho men's golf preseason No. 1 in Big Sky

Garrett Cabeza
Argonaut

Rankings don't mean much to some people and Idaho men's golf coach John Means is one of those people. The Idaho men's golf team was picked to win the Big Sky Conference Championship in the Big Sky Preseason Coaches Poll, but Means said he doesn't think much about this. Idaho received five first-place votes and 47 total points in the preseason poll. "I would rather be the favorite to win the NCAA Championship," Means said. Sophomore Jared du Toit isn't too excited about the preseason honor either. "It's obviously pretty cool to be recognized like that, be the big dogs for a little bit anyway," du Toit said. "I think we just have to stay focused and keep

our eye on the prize and don't let the foot off the gas at all." The Big Sky is sponsoring men's golf for the first time since 2002. Last season, Idaho finished second at the WAC Championship. The Vandals open their spring season Friday through Sunday when they play in the Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California. Twenty-four teams, including Idaho, are scheduled to participate in the invitational. Oregon, which finished the fall season ranked No. 1 in the nation according to the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Coaches Poll, will be one of the teams competing. Southern Utah, which finished second in the Big Sky Preseason Coaches Poll with two first-place votes and 43 total points, will also be at the Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate. Northern Colorado, which tied for fifth with Weber State out of the eight

Big Sky men's golf teams in the preseason poll, rounds out the Big Sky schools expected to compete in Palm Desert this weekend. Means said the starting five golfers for Idaho this weekend are senior Aaron Cockerill, junior Rylee Iacolucci, sophomores du Toit and Ryan Porch and freshman Dan Sutton. Means said senior Sean McMullen, former WAC Freshman of the Year, tore his medial collateral ligament (MCL) in his knee in January and will probably miss the season. Means said it is possible McMullen will receive a medical redshirt this season. Cockerill said he is good friends with McMullen and hopes he can return. "It's horrible," Cockerill said. "I hope he can come back. I don't know if he can, but I hope that's not how he ends his career ... It's just not really the same without him." Means also said du Toit suffered a back injury about three weeks ago while lifting weights.

Du Toit said it is nothing serious, but it does annoy him while he takes a golf swing. Du Toit led the Vandals in the fall season as he recorded a conference-best 69.2 strokes per round average. He also won the Southern Dunes Invitational in the fall by carding a 10-under-par 206. Idaho won the invitational as a team by 17 strokes. Cockerill, who said he is turning pro when he is done at Idaho, averaged 70.8 strokes per round in the fall season, which was second-best in the conference. Since Cockerill is a senior, he said he cherishes the tournaments and moments like those ones. "I guess it makes you want to work a little harder, practice a little harder and just everything knowing that's the last semester," Cockerill said. "This is our last chance at it." Garrett Cabeza can be reached at arg-sports@uidaho.edu



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— Thursday, Rob Spear was in Boise at the State Board of Education meeting presenting a proposal for a new arena in Moscow.

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Rena Mokrzycki comes in and provides a HUGE spark off the bench. 3-3 FG, 6 points. #GoVandals

— Tom Purvis, the voice of Idaho women's basketball, on Rena Mokrzycki giving the team a boost during their game against Northern Arizona Thursday in the Cowan Spectrum.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Doubling up

Constantly changing lineups helped UI early in season

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

For any athlete, momentum is important. For an athlete who competes multiple times on the same day, it is crucial. The Idaho women's tennis team places a premium value on the momentum winning the doubles point in each match brings this spring. "We put a lot of work into doubles, and it has been very strong both in the fall and especially now in the spring," senior and team captain, Sophie Vickers said. "We have won every doubles point so far, and with doubles being the start of the day, winning the doubles point gives you so much momentum going into the singles." Winning doubles has been a theme so far for the Vandals and they want to keep the theme going for the future, especially as they prepare for a Gonzaga team with an extremely aggressive doubles lineup. "We talk about how gaining the first point is key and I think it has really helped us," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "We have won every doubles point so far and this Friday we are going to play a tough doubles team." Usually, most teams put emphasis on the singles side and ignore the doubles, and because of this, winning the doubles point can have either a positive or negative impact on a team's psyche, Cobra said. Through five matches, Idaho sits at 3-2, but the team could easily be 4-1 and tied for second in the Big Sky if a few sets had gone the other way. With the team having such success on the doubles side, it would be easy to think Cobra found three pairings who work well and stuck with it, but this isn't the case. Each match has had a different doubles lineup,

“We put a lot of work into doubles, and it has been very strong both in the fall and especially now in the spring,”
Sophie Vickers, senior

but Cobra said that is the way she likes it. "We keep changing things in our lineup," Cobra said. "Not because we want them to be tricky, but our girls are very good ... It keeps the other teams guessing." Vickers said the team identified areas to improve on the court from last Friday's match and everyone is working on them heading into the season. But along with improvements on the court, the mental aspect of the game is just as important. Last weekend, when they faced the 13-time Big Sky champions, the Vandals went in with nothing to lose since they were the major underdogs. "We competed really well," Cobra said. "That is one of the things that we talked about when we went in ... I don't care if we win or lose, we just need to go in and compete. I think if we go out and play competitively every time, we can win every time." The team was in a similar position last year when they lost to New Mexico State before they avenged the loss in the conference final. "We lost to them last year and then we ended up beating them in the conference final," Vickers said. "I think it is motivation for us. We lost to them once, so if we ever play them again they have the pressure on them."

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"I just try to keep it light with the younger guys," Raichl said. "I mean, it's their first year playing college lacrosse so they still have three years ahead of them unlike me and a couple of the other guys. They've got the talent to (win), so they've just got to have the confidence ... We're a big family here, so it's all good."

One of the main differences between varsity and club sports is funding. The club receives some money from the university, but not near enough to cover the entire budget. The players also have to pay dues to play on the team and fundraise to help meet team costs. In addition, the textbook company, Chegg, is Idaho's primary sponsor this year.

"We got new jerseys this year and part of the reason we were able to do that was because of Chegg's donation," Vogel-Seidenberg said. "We definitely appreciated that and we try to get local sponsors as well."

For those who don't follow lacrosse, Vogel-Seidenberg said the sport is sort of a combination of basketball, soccer and hockey. He said while in hockey you can hit people, in lacrosse you can hit people with your sticks.

"It's a fun, fast-paced sport," Vogel-Seidenberg said. "It was the first American sport because it was a Native American sport originally, so it's blowing up and been really popular lately. It's nice to see a lot of fans come out and check us out."

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early. The Vandals and Lumberjacks traded poor shots and turnovers through the first 12 minutes of the first half, but then everything changed.

Over the final eight minutes of the first half, with Idaho nursing a 16-13 lead, they went on a 20-0 run thanks to nine points from Barr, who finished the night three points shy of fourth place on Idaho's all-time scoring list. She finished the night with 28 points on 9-of-16 shooting, and this was with her spending most of the second half on the bench after Idaho opened up a 35-point lead on NAU.

When Barr gets going offensively, as she has over the last few games, it makes it easier to get to the rim, sophomore guard Karlee Wilson said.

"When they are practically face guarding Stacey it helps open up driving lanes for all of us," Wilson said. "When we are setting screens and running our offense it definitely opens up lanes."

Part of the big win could have been attributed to the 16 points Idaho got off fast breaks and the 20 turnovers the Vandal defense forced on the night.

"When we get up and get a few steals and get running it makes it a little bit easier,"

Barr said.

NAU's Raven Anderson started the game off with a spark for the Lumberjack posts with five points and three rebounds before Idaho did a great job of shutting them down and forcing them to take nine 3-pointers in the first half.

"I thought our posts did a great job of handling their shooters and shutting down their inside game, which I think is pretty dang good," Newlee said.

Along with the offensive explosion at the end of the first half that bled into the second, Idaho also put together a great defensive effort. The Vandals held NAU to 22.4 percent from the field with no NAU player scored in double figures.

"Defensively we really got after them," Newlee said. "Karlee got out there and was harassing that point guard and kind of choking things up."

Barr said Wilson's tenacious defense on the Lumberjack guards helped force some key turnovers and easy baskets. These, along with the stops they kept getting on defense, helped facilitate the offense.

"We can play with anybody," Wilson said. "It definitely boosts our confidence level going into Saturday's game."

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UNDER THE LIGHTS



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Freshman midfielder Charlie Dolar, right, catches a pass from a teammate during practice Wednesday at the Sprinturf fields. Idaho plays Oregon State at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sprinturf.

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finish at the tournament. Kim opened play with a collegiate-low round of 67. Her 4-under-par score was the low round of the tournament. She followed with a 3-over-par 74 to finish with a 1-under-par 141. The tournament was shortened to 36 holes because of high winds and cool temperatures in New Braunfels, Texas. Kim was the 2014 WAC individual champion. The honor is Kim's second career Big Sky Golfer of the Week honor.

Women's basketball adds Cancun to schedule

The Idaho women's basketball team was announced Wednesday as part of a 10-team field slated to participate in the 2015 Women's Cancun Challenge. The tournament

will take place during the 2015-2016 season Nov. 26-28 at the Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya near Cancun, Mexico. Other teams scheduled to play in the tournament include Duke, Georgia Tech, High Point, Iowa State, NC State, Northern Iowa, Seton Hall, Texas State and UAB.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "To be invited to play in a tournament with as much national prestige as the Cancun Challenge is a direct reflection of all the hard work we have put in as a team over the last few seasons. I would like to thank Rob Spear and our administration for allowing us to have this experience."

Cawley adds prestigious distance runner

Tim Cawley, Idaho director of track and field and cross country, announced the signing of

distance runner Kinsey Gomez to the Vandals Wednesday. Gomez, a Coeur d'Alene native, recently transferred to Idaho for the spring semester from Oregon State. She was a four-year letter winner in high school in cross country and track and field and she was also the Idaho Gatorade Athlete of the Year in 2010 and 2011. Gomez was a seven-time Idaho State Champion in cross country and track and field, making her one of the most decorated runners in the state of Idaho's high school history.

In college, Gomez broke the 6K school record at OSU during the 2013 cross country season and also holds the 10K outdoor record, which she set in 2014. She competed at the NCAA Track and Field West Preliminary Championships during the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

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Vandals rarely come out on top in games away from Moscow. Idaho is now 2-10 on the road and 1-5 in conference road games.

"That's kind of been the story of our losses this year — it's just the little things and that's what I told them afterwards," Verlin said. "I congratulated on how hard they played ... but we just got to finalize those details. What we got to make sure we do is get ready to go play a good Southern Utah team."

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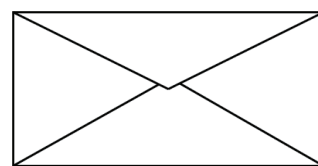
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OUR VIEW

Leadership needed

Legislature should abandon embarrassing politics, priorities

The Idaho legislature doesn't disappoint when it comes to being absurd.

It seems like every year legislators find a new way to show their misplaced priorities.

This week, the House State Affairs Committee approved a non-binding resolution to call on the U.S. Congress to impeach federal judges who make the conscious decision to change laws. The vote was along party lines.

The resolution is in response to federal court rulings in October that overturned Idaho's ban on same-sex marriage.

This resolution will go nowhere and has no authority on Congress, it merely serves as

a cheap political dig at federal judges. There are far more important issues deserving of legislators time and attention.

Rep. Paul Shepherd sponsored the resolution and criticized the federal judges of driving a political agenda from the bench.

The activist judge argument is petty at best and ignorant at worst. An activist judge is, simply put, a judge someone disagrees with.

Federal judges largely do not drive political agendas. They do, however, interpret laws in relation to the Constitution. When the judges were tasked with making a ruling earlier this year on the 2006 voter-passed legislation banning same-sex marriage, they made the clear and logical interpretation and effectively legalized gay marriage in several states.

Just because Republican legislators disagree with the

interpretation does not mean they should waste time showing their disapproval with immature legislation. Our legislators should be held to a higher standard, expected to move the state forward and address real problems facing Idaho.

Even Shepherd admitted he does not have high hopes for the resolution in affecting any change in Washington D.C. "Maybe it ends up in the garbage can," Shepherd said to the Idaho News Service.

Idaho is clearly a red state, and there is nothing wrong with that, but the silliness and unprofessional nature of Idaho politics is a detriment to its citizens, reputation and future.

Unfortunately, embarrassing moments like this are common in Idaho politics.

Last year, The Colbert Report rightfully mocked the

Gubernatorial debate that put horribly misplaced candidates into the limelight.

In last year's legislative session, legislators considered a bill essentially legalizing discrimination against LGBT members, allowing business owners to refuse service to anyone they disagreed with if they could site closely held religious beliefs. It never became law, but legislative time was wasted on another topic that had nothing to do with the real problems facing Idaho — education, transportation and economic development to name a few.

State legislators need to get their priorities straight. They must realize scoring cheap political points comes at a price to their constituents and the state.

—RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Parents

When I was in high school I did everything I could to avoid being around my parents. Now I get absolutely giddy when they say they're coming to see me. I wonder if it has a similarity to Pavlov's dog. #freefood

—Claire

No, Rob Bell

We are not "moments away" from embracing same-sex marriage. The world and various "Christian" denominations may accept it, but the true Christian Church never will.

—Andrew

Three day

Long weekends are a blessing when they're happening, but sure are an impediment to a successful week. I'm glad we're back to normal weeks.

—Katelyn

Ice cream

I'm going to hang out with my friends Ben and Jerry this weekend.

—Jack

I'm not a socialist, but...

Today I thought about how different my future children's lives would be if they grew up in a country where people didn't struggle to pay for education, basic health care and food. I have a feeling they would be a lot more compassionate than the majority of people I know today.

—Amber

Climb on

There's something about being 50 feet in the air that makes you really hope your friend at the bottom is as trustworthy as you thought.

—Daphne

Shades of blue

The Duke vs UNC basketball game Wednesday night was apparently everything a big-time rivalry basketball game should be. If only I had time to watch it.

—Stephan

Baseball

I'm so happy you're back. I know meaningful games don't start for over a month, but I've missed you. I can't wait to sit in my chair, eat some peanuts and watch the Mariners hopefully score more runs than their opponent.

—Korbin

May

I am simultaneously impatiently awaiting your arrival and also dreading it. Cheers to three more months of not-quite-adulthood.

—Kaitlyn

Baseball

Korbin, I feel it too. Want to play catch sometime?

—Ryan

Busy

I've gotten to the point where I literally have no idea what to do with my life when I suddenly find myself with free time, no matter how little of it I have. Since when have I become so reliant on a jam-packed schedule?

—Erin



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50 shades of nope *Movie perpetuates misinformation about BDSM*

"Fifty Shades of Grey" has been trending for a while now.

Many women confessed their love for one of the main characters, Christian Grey, a rich domineering man, and have swooned over his mysterious playroom full of blindfolds, whips and chains.

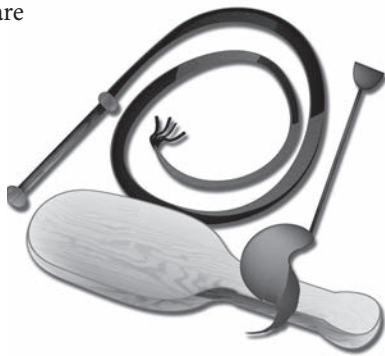
On the surface, this all seems like a fantastic concept — a handsome, perplexing man. However, in this particular case, things are too good to be true. A controlling, abusive man who has no respect for consent doesn't have my vote for sexiest man of the year. So why do women around the world want a Christian Grey over their shoulders?

Perhaps it could be because most women are expected to listen and praise men for their dominating personalities. We have trained ourselves to think excessive levels of control — like

ones exhibited in this film — are sexy and romantic.

It also could be due to a lack of understanding of what BDSM actually is. BDSM is an overlapping abbreviation that stands for bondage and discipline, dominance and submission and sadism and masochism. It includes a wide range of erotic practices and allows people to experiment with their sexuality.

Either way, people are falling for Christian Grey, while the BDSM community is left feeling concerned about their portrayal. The book and the movie have made the community seem like it's focused on the control and dominance over another person. It has created a misleading stereotype that one must be abusive and the other weak in order to be into BDSM. BDSM does not rule out



consent and safety. In fact, that's the main point about the community. One must give consent, have safe words and a sense of comfort in what they are doing.

Women are falling for the fictional character of Christian Grey without considering the abuse he inflicted on the women in the story.

It should be concerning how many people flock to this character. Although movies like this don't directly teach children about sex, with all the com-

mercials and other publicity the movie has received, it's sure to have an effect on how young women view sexuality.

Teaching young women about healthy sexual relationships is much needed. If anything, one needs to have respect. Respect for the word "no," respect for being ones own person and respect for safe words.

And though the book does talk about consent, it is not romantic when one doesn't use safe words in order to please their partners. The book and movie asserts that one needs to push themselves past their limits then have the other person blame the victim of the situation.

If anyone decides to see "Fifty Shades of Grey," make sure they know the relationship portrayed in the movie is not healthy. Please don't go and try to find your Christian Grey.

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Roads need attention

Idaho should increase taxes to repair roads

Idaho's bridges need some help. Nearly 22 percent of Idaho's 4,323 bridges are deficient in some way, whether the structure is in poor condition or the bridge is obsolete by design.

Unfortunately, deficient bridges can have some serious consequences. The most notable case came about two years ago in Mount Vernon, Washington, when a semi-trailer made contact with an overhead beam and caused the Skagit River Bridge to collapse.

Although there were no serious injuries, the collapse sent three cars into the Skagit River, resulted in long traffic lines and prompted Gov. Jay Inslee to order a state of emergency for the three surrounding counties.

Many of Idaho's bridges are classified under the same rating as the Skagit River Bridge was at the time of the accident, according to the National Bridge Inventory.

Bridges are only one part of an aging and ailing transportation infrastructure that extends across the U.S.

At least Idahoans can take solace in the fact the state ranks 22nd out of 50 when it comes to the amount of deficient bridge area compared to other states. And Idaho is doing better than a few of its neighbors — Washington has 38.9 percent of its bridge area classified as deficient where Oregon has 32.3 percent.

Safe roads are a necessity for rural communities. Driving is the primary transportation option and is critical to the statewide

economy and the movement of goods throughout the state.

Infrastructure funding seems to have taken a back seat in Idaho in recent years. Legislators did not take action on a task force recommendation in 2010 that called for spending an additional \$262 million to maintain deficient bridges.

Their inaction is understandable on a certain level, Idaho is a red state and raising taxes is usually met with intense opposition. Road repair is not a sexy topic and it's easy to adopt an "it's-not-broken-so-why-should-we-fix-it" mentality. But it's also careless.

That's why it's nice to see the legislature take on a topic deserving of their time and effort.

Recently, Rep. Joe Palmer, R-Meridian, introduced a bill that aims to fund transportation upkeep projects by increasing gasoline taxes by 8 cents per gallon and the diesel tax by 12 cents per gallon. This alone is estimated to bring in \$68 million in the first year.

The bill also looks at other ways to increase transportation funding and is estimated to raise \$200 million a year after a three-year phase-in period.

While there is little doubt the bill needs to be reworked, this is what Idaho roads need. Its introduction is an important first step in addressing a necessary issue that affects the economic stability of the state and the safety of its residents.



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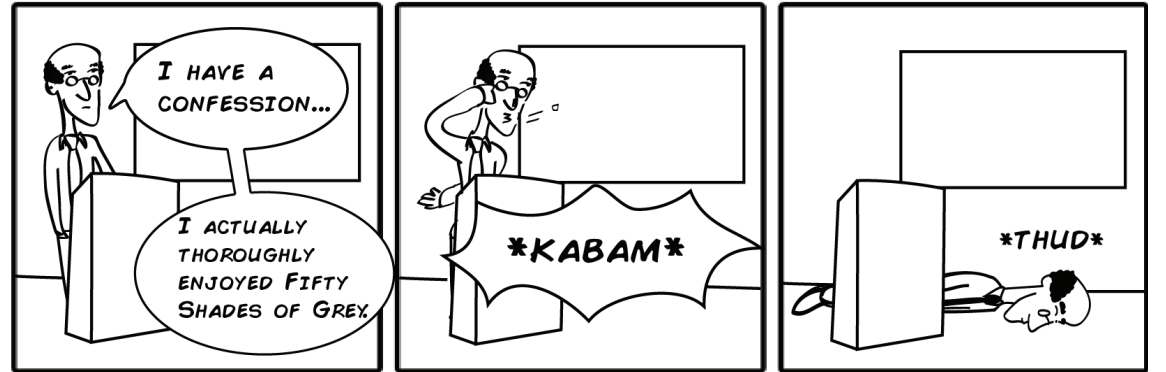
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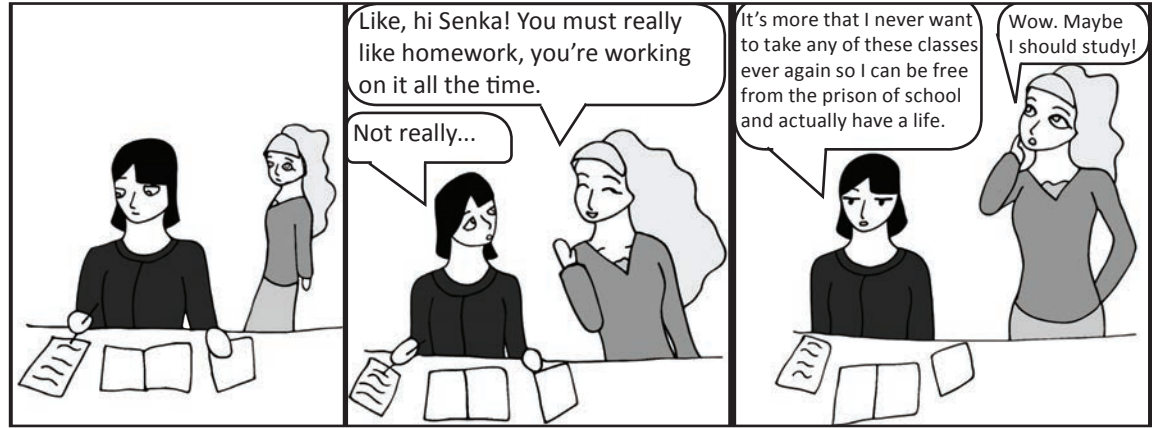
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