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FINALS FEST

Chance The Rapper to headline Finals Fest



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Vandal Entertainment returns to hip-hop after failed 2014 Finals Fest

Kaitlyn Krasselt
Argonaut

A year after Grouplove failed to win the hearts of the University of Idaho student body, Vandal Entertainment is returning to a genre it believes will sell tickets.

Chance The Rapper, a 21-year-old independent hip-hop artist from Chicago, will grace the stage May 5 as the headlining act for Finals Fest.

“When we thought about what we wanted, we knew it had to be a rap/hip-hop artist,” said Vandal Entertainment Board Chair Lauren Pinney. “We know students want rap. Last year, we can all agree, was the wrong demographic.”

Tickets go on sale today and prices are set at \$15 for students and \$30 for the general public. Pinney said Vandal Entertain-

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Lauren Pinney, Vandal Entertainment Board chair

ment will sell a limited number of tickets at a discounted price — \$10 for students and \$25 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased online through the UI ticket office, but students will need to pick up their tickets and show their Vandal ID to get the student price. General admission tickets can be mailed.

Pinney said Chance The Rapper was Vandal Entertainment's first choice in artist for the 2015 Finals Fest.

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DIVERSITY

Organizing against injustice

Gay Straight Alliance to host rights rally Wednesday

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Samantha Hansen, co-chair of UNITY — a branch of the Office of Multicultural Affairs — said the Idaho Legislature is not addressing important issues of intersectional aggression and discrimination in the state.

To start a conversation about the problems facing Idaho residents, the University of Idaho's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will host the Speak Up, Act Up rally at 12 p.m. Wednesday.

Hansen said the focus of the rally is to start conversations about intersectional aggression, women's issues, LBGT issues and problems revolving around education and funding.

“We are a generation that knows none of these things are separate,” Hansen said. “All of these issues are intertwined and they all affect different people.”

The rally will take place at the free speech zone between the UI Library and the Idaho Commons.

Hansen said the rally is an open forum where anyone can voice their thoughts and opinions or listen to participating GSA and UI community

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Samantha Hansen, co-chair of UNITY

members speak out about a variety of social issues.

“The truth is that there are a lot of communities that feel marginalized right now,” Hansen said. “There are groups that don't feel safe, welcome or celebrated legally or socially, and that's a problem.”

The communities Hansen said rally organizers hope to have a voice for include LGBT, female and immigrant communities.

Hansen said the rally was originally inspired by an Add the Words protest, which she and fellow GSA members attended in February.

“We have been trying to pull a multi-issue rally together for a few years now,” Hansen said. “With the Add the Words campaign and recent events within our own administration on



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Gay Straight Alliance members work on creating T-shirts and advertisements for the upcoming rally.

campus, we felt that now was the perfect time to encourage others to talk about change.”

UI junior Margaux Birdsall said the Add the Words cam-

paign advocates for the Idaho legislature to add the words “gender identity” and “sexual

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ASUI

Fisher fined

ASUI president found in violation of campaign rules

Hannah Shirley
Argonaut

ASUI President Nate Fisher was fined \$15 following the publication of an article in The Argonaut Feb. 9 announcing his intent to run for re-election.

According to Fisher, the ASUI elections coordinators determined the story was in violation of ASUI Rules and Regulations, which states no candidate may campaign prior to the formal election season, with the exception of self-endorsement for announcement purposes.

The violation originally incurred the maximum fine of \$200 for Fisher, said ASUI Director of Policy and Fisher's campaign manager Tanner Beymer.

According to Beymer, ASUI Elections Coordinators James Morrell and Emily Stephens intended to charge Fisher \$15 for every copy of The Argonaut published Feb. 9, up to \$200. Beymer said he, along with Fisher and ASUI Student Defender Chris Schrette, eventually persuaded Morrell and Stephens that The Argonaut was a single entity, reducing the fine to \$15.

Fisher said he believes he did nothing wrong.

“Emily Stephens had mentioned at one point that her initial reaction was that she wanted to disqualify me from the election, and I thought that was absolutely absurd,” Fisher said. “It's a definitional issue that all comes down to the complete discretion of the elections coordinators. When it's up for some kind of judgment that's a little unclear or hazy, that's such a high punishment to consider.”

According to Beymer, Fisher reached out to both him and Morrell before and after his interview with The Argonaut to make sure what he said was acceptable, and neither party saw anything inappropriate with it at the time.

However, Beymer said in the most recent version of the ASUI Rules and Regulations, which he consulted when Fisher asked him about the interview, the subsection including the violated rule was



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CITY

Staying in Washington

Lee to face trial for felony eluding charge before extradition to Idaho

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Moscow shooting suspect John Lee will be extradited to Idaho after the conclusion of a trial for a felony eluding charge in Whitman County.

Whitman County Judge David Frazier signed off on the extradition warrant from Washington Gov. Jay Inslee Friday, officially ending the formal extradition process.

Lee, 29, faces three counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder in Latah County.



Lee

At the request of Lee's attorney Steve Martonick, Frazier rescheduled the trial date for the eluding charge from March 16 to May 11 to allow more time for the defense to prepare. In moving the trial date, Lee waived his right to a speedy trial and agreed to the May 11 trial date.

Martonick said he needs additional time to sort through the multiple witnesses because there was limited time to prepare for the case. He said he might

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Holiday break bus

To help students travel safely for spring break, the University of Idaho's Dean of Students Office offers the holiday break bus service, transportation for students to parts of Idaho and Oregon.

The office provides a chartered bus to transport UI and Washington State University students to the Portland and Vancouver areas by way of the Tri-Cities. The bus will stop in Kennewick, The Dalles and Hood River.

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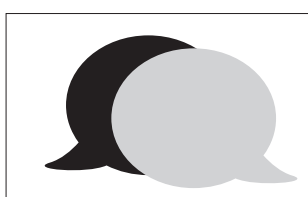
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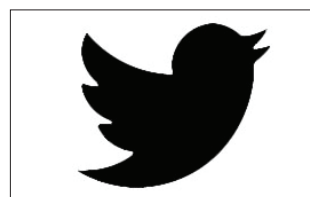
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CRUMBS



A Crumbs recipe

Kale beet salad

Silas Whitley

Crumbs

Ingredients:

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 bunch kale
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 shallot
- 1 beet
- 1 blood orange, juiced
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Goat cheese
- Dried cranberries

Directions:

1. Quarter the beet
2. Cover quarters in oil and roast in oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit until soft

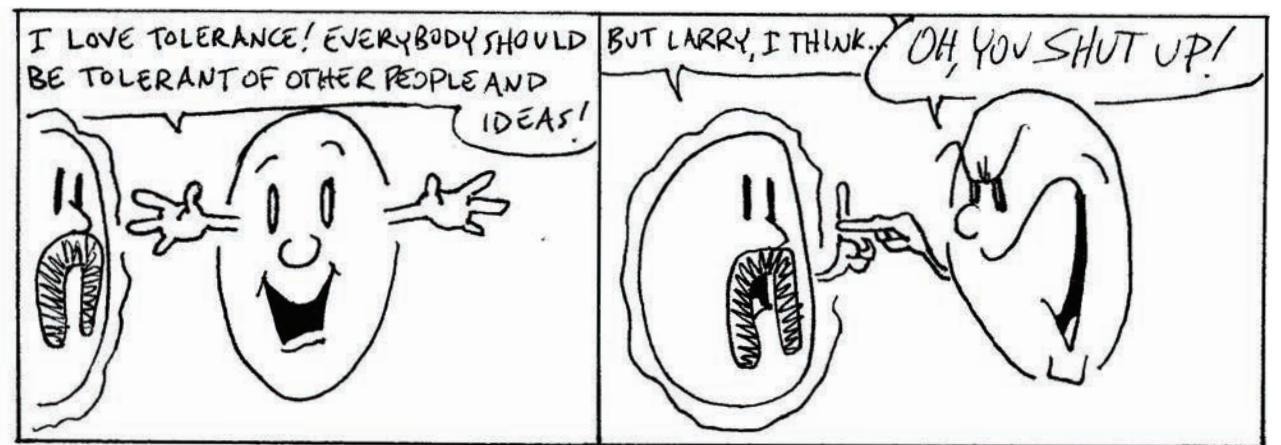


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3. Sauté the shallot in oil
4. Add the blood orange juice, balsamic and honey and reduce to taste
5. Massage the kale
6. Slice the beet into smaller pieces when roasted
7. Add beet, cheese, cranberries and sauce to kale in bowl

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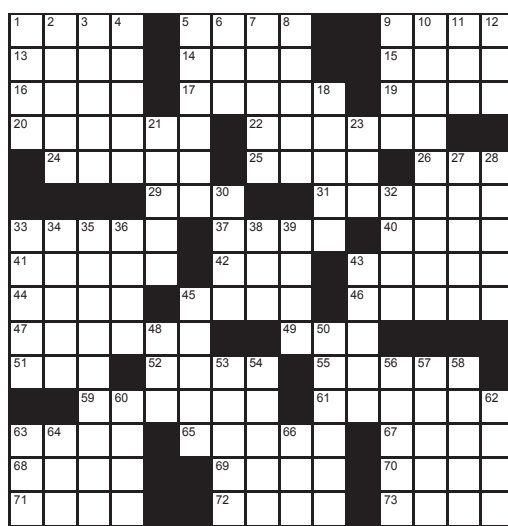
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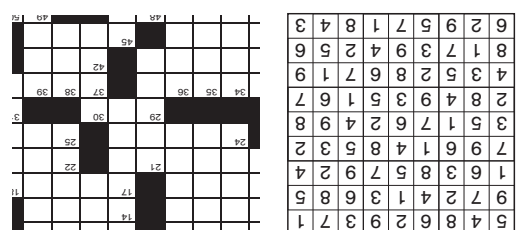
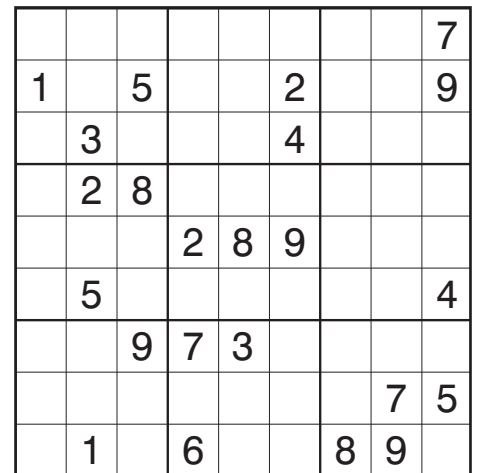
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STUDENT LIFE

Addressing food insecurity

CALS students collect food to help address local food issues

Daphne Jackson
Argonaut

There are many ways to help contribute to a cause. For some students, a friendly competition offers the chance to make a difference and spend time with other like-minded students.

Student clubs in the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) started a competition Monday to collect the most food donations in a week-long food drive.

"The CHS Foundation does this event called 'Harvest for Hunger' every year, where they work with local groups through their regional area offices to put on these food drives, and they'll match donations," said Ayla Neumeyer, a CALS student intern. "We were contacted to see if we'd be interested in doing something through the college ... and we're also pairing it with an event, hopefully, to help our students understand a little bit more about hunger."

Neumeyer said club members will collect food donations in the Ag Biotech Interaction Court from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. She said there is a bin for general food donations, but each

participating club has a specific bin as well.

"The effort to get food donations is targeted at each club, but that club can then decide how they want to get that food," Neumeyer said. "So we have one club that is going to work with local commodity groups to get food donated, we have another that's going to work with some members in the community to help them donate to our cause, so it's the efforts of a club towards getting food and however they want to do that."

Seth Pratt, an advancement intern involved with the food drive, said he is working with the Idaho Food Bank. He said since the nearest office for the Idaho Food Bank is in Lewiston, most of the physical food donations would probably be sent to a local affiliate location.

"For actual food donations, you've got more cost in shipping it than you do in just serving it where it's donated," Pratt said. "The financial (donations) goes to the Idaho Food Bank directly."

Pratt said a benefit of going through the Idaho Food Bank is its ability to make use of every penny when a monetary donation is made.

"Because they're able to order bulk, they can create a lot more meals with a dollar than we can in going and buying everything we can at the grocery store," he said. "So they do encourage financial gifts, rather

than actual food items. But sometimes, especially when working with youth, it's a lot more satisfying and tactile to actually bring in a food item — so both are good."

Anna Pratt, a CALS intern in engagement, said she and other organizers reached out to all CALS student clubs — she estimated there were about 23 or 25 — and said many expressed interest, but it was hard to tell how many would actually participate until the food drive started.

She said some of the clubs chose different strategies for collecting food donations, some of which were unexpected.

"We've been attending some different club meetings, and I went to one the other day and they were scheming about how to get the heaviest nonperishable food items, because we're judging it on pounds per club member," Anna said. "But I didn't foresee students being as creative as they are, so maybe we'll see a lot more food than we thought we would."

Anna said the club members would also hand out information about food insecurity in Idaho, both from the university and from the Idaho Food Bank. Food security is a USDA measurement of whether a person has regular access to food both sufficient in quantity and nutritional quality, she said.

CALS will have a related event



Daphne Jackson | Argonaut

Rebecca Hall, a member of the Horse Polo Team, volunteers at the first day of the CALS food drive Monday in the Ag Biotech building. The food drive will continue until Friday.

at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Ag Sci room 62, Anna said. There will be two speakers, one from CHS and the other from the Idaho Food Bank, and they will address food insecurity in Idaho and the role agriculture students can play in helping address the problem.

Shishona Turner, CALS assistant director for college retention, said food insecurity is more of an issue than most people realize.

"Idaho is one of the most food-insecure states in the nation and Latah County is one of the most food-insecure counties of Idaho," Turner said. "So, 18 percent of citizens in Latah County are food insecure. That, and I think two other counties have the highest percentage of the whole state."

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FACULTY SENATE

Securing safety

Faculty Senate approves formation of security committee

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

A proposal to form a committee to oversee federal compliance of the Clery Act was unanimously approved by Faculty Senate last Tuesday.

Matt Dorschel, executive director of Public Safety and Security, originally proposed the committee's formation on Feb. 17, but has since amended the proposal in response to concerns from Faculty Senate about the membership being too large.

The purpose of the committee, Dorschel said, is to handle matters regarding the Clery Act, which entails compiling and reporting all reportable crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Education.

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.

The committee's membership originally contained 16 members. Faculty Senate previously voted to add an additional undergraduate student and a faculty or

staff representative from a non-Moscow location to the roster, raising the size of the committee to 18 members.

The proposal was then sent back to Dorschel to review and reduce the membership.

"I was just using my experience in terms of who has a major role when it comes to Clery compliance," Dorschel said. "I looked at the list and decided that those offices that are no longer on there were the offices that had the least input into the Clery process."

The approved membership list contains 13 members: Dorschel and a representative from Staff Affairs, General Counsel, the Dean of Students Office, Moscow Police Department, as well as two faculty members, one non-Moscow representative, UI's Title IX coordinator, Environmental Health and Safety Fire Safety specialist, two undergraduate students and one graduate student.

The representatives eliminated include Human Resource Services, Athletic Department, Admissions, Women's Center and Information Technology Services.

Dorschel said he is con-

fident in the new size of the committee and thinks the productivity of the committee would not be hindered by the roster reduction.

"The Office of Public Safety coordinates with many offices on campus, almost daily," he said. "It was just kind of an effort to reduce the number, not to minimize the role all the offices have when it comes to helping to ensure we have a safe campus."

If issues do arise that require insight from outside the committee, Dorschel said the information is available.

"We'll just appoint a member of the committee ... to formerly coordinate with whatever office we'll need to," he said.

Dorschel said the goal is to have the committee meet at least three times a year. Members need to be identified and appointed through Faculty Senate's Committee on Committees. He said he hopes the process would be completed and the committee would be ready to work by May of this year.

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RESEARCH



Kent Apostol | Courtesy

Indigenous groups in the Philippines clear forest cover to create space for monoculture crops, a practice the UI team will focus on during their service learning trip during spring break.

Deforestation takes root in the Philippines

UI researchers aid Philippines in service learning trip

Jake Smith
Argonaut

There is strength in asking for help, and after regaining contact with an old friend, a Moscow resident learned help was needed across the Pacific Ocean.

Loreca Stauber and her friend, now the leader of the Socio-Economic and Gender Advocacy Association in the Philippines, said there are several challenges the Philippines faces, specifically with deforestation and water scarcity.

SEGAA, a group of indigenous Filipino women striving to make impacts on the region around them, not long ago began working on a project focused on some of these issues, however the group struggled with funding and reached out to the University of Idaho for help.

Stauber called Anthony Davis, director of UI's Center for Forest Nursery and Seedling research, and presented some of the group's efforts. Not long after the call, UI began the Agroforestry for Resilient Ecosystems Project in the Philippines.

Kent Apostol, a research scientist at UI, Kea Woodruff, a nursery production and lo-

gistics associate, and five UI students leave Thursday for a service-learning trip in the Philippines to focus on issues surrounding deforestation in the Cordillera Mountains region, Apostol said.

Rebecca Lieberg, one of the students on the trip and a first-semester UI graduate student studying natural resources, said ecosystem health is difficult to pay attention to because it isn't a subject that grants instant gratification. However, she said her group's work is attempting to make the Earth last longer.

The group will utilize agroforestry, which integrates crops and timber for productivity and profitability, and participants will teach local groups the techniques of maintaining a nursery and planting seedlings to implement long-term recovery from deforestation, Apostol said.

"There are other factors that actually drive success of reforestation, so you have to understand socio-economic factors, especially when you're dealing with rural, developing countries," Apostol said. "And the issue there is since they don't have any source of livelihood, they cut down trees and they convert them to charcoal."

Local groups convert forest land into unsustainable monoculture, or single species, vegetable farming with intensive pesticide application, Apostol said.

Lieberg said the health of Filipino land is

a great thing to focus on, but when citizens are worried about where their next meal is coming from, food takes priority.

"We have to convince them that (agroforestry is) economically beneficial for them, because otherwise they're going to be like, 'Well, this is all great and everything, but I can't feed my family or afford to live, so why would I plant all these new, different kinds of things?'" Lieberg said.

The total forest cover in the Philippines in 2010 was 6,839,718 hectares, with annual forest cover loss totaling 46,954 hectares, Apostol said. A hectare is 10,000 square meters.

He said deforestation also leads to water scarcity and erosion, which leads to nutrients in the soil being washed out.

The research group, specifically UI civil engineering student Nathan Suhr, will coordinate to find a water harvesting system by collecting rainwater during the wet season, Apostol said.

Stauber said the water issues in the Philippines are serious. Wells are running dry, dry seasons are longer and wet seasons are shorter, she said.

Without a forest with roots holding water in the ground, land is exposed and dry, Stauber said.

"It was not an overnight process," Stauber said. "Over time again and again,

people, I guess, misused the land and now they're realizing they can't go on."

Apostol, who was born and raised in the Philippines, said this is the group's first trip to the country, which means the group must conduct site assessment, data collection and build trust and connections with the Filipino people the group will work with throughout the project.

Apostol said the group from UI plans to work with SEGAA, citizens and local governments in Benguet, Santo Tomas and Tuding in the Philippines. SEGAA is an option for women in the Philippines to receive educational training and make an impact on the region around them, Stauber said.

Stauber said this grassroots project is a first chance for many women in the region to correct practices and procedures in the region.

Lieberg said UI's group will also work with a local university, Benguet State.

He said building mutual communication and understanding the needs and challenges of these local groups is imperative because his group will return and provide techniques for the local people.

"Initially, we made a commitment for two years, so by then, maybe our partners can do everything there with minimal supervision or contact," Apostol said.

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ON CAMPUS

Welcoming women

UI to host conference for women to work on professional development

Aleya Ericson
Argonaut

According to Elissa Keim, director of development and learning staff, the goal of the all-day Women's Leadership Conference on March 25 is to provide women in the community an opportunity for networking and professional development.

"It's a great opportunity to hear on a lot of different topics that are of interest to both women and men," said Keim, co-chair of the conference. "There's stuff that ranges on transgendered issues all the way through a working mom trying to juggle work and life and everything in between."

The University of Idaho will host the conference from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. March 25 in the International Ballroom of the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly the Student Union Building.

The opening event features a speech by Jessica Bearman, organization development consultant for Bearman Consulting, titled "Yes, And ... Now What? Thoughts on Living 'Yes, and' in Real Time." Nancy Chaney, former City of Moscow mayor will also speak during a luncheon held at the conference.

"I know the two main speakers personally, and they are incredibly engaging, dynamic speakers — professional women from our own community," said Lysa Salsbury, director of the Women's Center.

The luncheon will also reveal the winners of this year's Athena Woman of the Year Award. The Woman of the Year Award is an award honoring those who have shown dedication to women's professional enhancement at UI.

The conference is free for UI employees and students. A fee of \$20 is charged for those who aren't UI employees or students to help cover the cost of the meals provided,

More info

The deadline to register for the conference is March 18. Registration is available online and can be accessed on the UI web page.

Salsbury said.

This year's theme for the conference is "Yes, and ..." The theme originated from improvisational comedy, Salsbury said.

"The idea is in order to build a scene with someone, you have to be willing to step into the situation that they are placing in front of you," Salsbury said. "Because if you refuse to engage or you just say, 'Well, I'm not interested in that,' then you lose that opportunity for connection and collaboration."

The Women's Leadership Conference started in 2007 when Athena, a UI professional association, saw the need for a professional leadership conference to provide opportunities for women in the workplace, Salsbury said. The first conference was successful and well-attended, she said.

"I think people really liked the opportunity to take advantage of professional development that was in the local area," Salsbury said. "Going to conferences and trainings out of this region is expensive and not something that many offices and departments on this campus can afford."

After the 2008 leadership conference, the decision was made to hold the conference biannually. This year's conference was originally scheduled for October, Salsbury said, but the event was moved to avoid conflicting with another major campus event. She said future Women's Leadership Conferences will probably be held in the spring to allow for more planning time.

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Short films for strong women

Breast cancer fundraiser
LunaFest comes to Moscow

Kelsey Stevenson
Argonaut

Independent films by women filmmakers from all over the world will make an appearance in Moscow Tuesday, as LunaFest returns to the Palouse to entertain community members and help fight breast cancer.

The film festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. The University of Idaho Women's Center will host LunaFest, a travelling film festival put on by the LUNA bar company.

Bekah MillerMacPhee, assistant director for programs at the Women's Center, said LunaFest is a unique event showcasing women filmmakers in an accessible way to help people feel connected to the stories told on screen.

"Out of all of the Women's Center events, it really brings the campus together," MillerMacPhee said. "These are films that you can't see anywhere else, and they'll be right here in Moscow."

The films are all made by women filmmakers and tell stories about women from all over the world. The film festival has eight films, as well as five additional films created by local filmmakers. Although the films

begin at 7:30 p.m., there is a pre-show reception with hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar at 6:30 p.m.

General admission for the reception and films is \$12 — or \$6 for just the films. Student admission for the reception and films is \$6, and \$3 to view the films. Included in the ticket price for the reception is also a raffle ticket for prizes donated by local businesses. The raffle will take place at 8:15 p.m.

LunaFest has been touring the U.S. for 15 years and this is the 10th year the Women's Center will host it in Moscow. LunaFest will reach 150 cities in the U.S. this year, MillerMacPhee said.

The festival is a fundraiser, both for the Women's Center and also for the LUNA fund, which benefits research on environmental factors contributing to breast cancer, MillerMacPhee said. In fact, 15 percent of every dollar raised goes to the Breast Cancer Fund.

The event is also part of Women's History Month events put on by the Women's Center every year.

Director of the Women's Center Lysa Salsbury said LunaFest is a great way to showcase the work of independent women

filmmakers because women are drastically underrepresented in the arts.

"It's really about celebrating women's contribution to the arts, which not very many of our other events do," Salsbury said. "The films are all over the world, all different topics. They're touching, heartwarming, deal with really important issues and always a really eclectic mix of topics and themes that they explore. It's also just a really fun event."

Salsbury said there is usually an even mix of community members and students in attendance and many people attend year after year.

Many Women's Center events focus on the struggles women go through, but MillerMacPhee said LunaFest is different.

"This is a lot lighter," MillerMacPhee said. "For the most part it's really a celebration of women, and there are lots of opportunities for laughter. There's going to be food, there's going to be prizes, it's going to be fun. Something you'll leave with a smile."

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By the numbers

\$1,715,000
raised for local causes

\$757,000
raised for the Breast Cancer Foundation

25,000

expected to attend LunaFest's
2014-15 season

950

films submitted to LunaFest each year

\$2,500

awarded to each filmmaker selected to participate in LunaFest

1094

women's nonprofit organizations have benefited from LunaFest

AGAINST

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orientation" to the existing Idaho Human Rights Act.

"The bill got shot down, and it really said a lot about the political culture of our state," Birdsall said. "We realized it's time to take action and that begins with raising awareness about important issues on campus."

Hansen said it was at the Add the Words protests when she realized not only are many people passionate about prompting discussion and seeing a change within the state, but there is also more to the conversation than it appears.

"I realized at the protest that gathering and getting mad just

wasn't enough," Hansen said. "The protest didn't encompass all of the issues that we need to address as a state right now."

Birdsall said she's passionate about the rally, because not only is she a proponent of human rights, but she also does not feel like she is being represented within her state.

"Being a queer person myself, I don't feel like my state legislators are doing all that they can to protect me as an individual," Birdsall said. "I'm mad that I don't feel safe in my home state and I don't always feel safe around campus either."

The lack of security is partially why the rally is necessary, Birdsall said.

She said the first step toward making a difference

begins with raising awareness and prompting conversation, especially among the youth of Idaho.

"I'm a part of this because I want to see something happen," Birdsall said. "The culture of our youth is rapidly changing, and we need to find a way to apply that change to our legislature so that we can move towards acceptance in a productive way."

The rally is the precursor to a series of events aimed to raise awareness and begin a conversation on campus about important social issues, Hansen said.

"There is the rally on Wednesday, but things start getting really exciting after spring break," Hansen said. "We will be showing a film on

April 1 and then we will be hosting a community Speak Out shortly after."

Hansen said she and other student volunteers will spend the next three weeks preparing for additional events. Although the preparation includes reaching out to diversity groups and other advocates, Hansen said the rally is the first step toward raising awareness.

"The Show Up, Act Up rally is a springboard practice session to see what goes right and what we need to improve on," Hansen said. "It's also a way to get the word out and build a foundation for a campus conversation."

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HOLIDAY

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The Boise and Idaho Falls buses are almost full to capacity, so the office suggests students make their reservations as soon as possible.

The buses leave Moscow at 8 a.m. March 14 and return to Moscow March 22.

The cost for a round trip for the Boise bus is \$110, and the cost of a round trip beyond Boise is \$140. The cost of a round trip to Portland is \$110 for stops in Oregon and \$70 for stops in the Tri-Cities. One-way costs for all buses are half price plus \$5 or \$40 for one-way trips to the Tri-Cities and \$60 for one-way stops beyond the Tri-Cities.

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conduct an attitude survey to ensure the Whitman County jury is not biased by the media attention the case has received thus far.

"There's a number of hurdles to jump over and go through before we are ready for trial," Martonick said.

Martonick said Lee's case is fairly complicated and he needs additional time to investigate and research before going to trial.

Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy said he was not aware of any delay with the case and would have preferred to go to trial in March as previously planned.

Tracy said he would look at the felony eluding case and decide how to proceed given the new trial date.

Once the felony eluding trial is completed, Tracy said Lee will be transferred to Idaho as laid out in Inslee's extradition warrant. If convicted, Tracy said Lee would likely not serve any prison time in Washington as he faces more serious charges in Idaho.

"Realistically, I don't expect he's getting out of prison in Idaho, and so he's not going to have to serve time in Washington," Tracy said.

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removed due to human oversight. In the paperwork given to ASUI candidates outlining the rules and regulations for campaigning, the version of the document in which the rule is still included is used.

Both Morrell and Stephens declined to comment.

Beymer said ASUI Senate Parliamentarian Max Cowan, who will run against Fisher for the presidency, expressed sympathy to Fisher. Shortly after the article about Fisher ran, The Argonaut ran a similar article about Cowan announcing his intent to run and discussing his stance on redistricting ASUI. Cowan was not reprimanded by the

election coordinators.

Beymer said Cowan was not involved in the election coordinators' decision to fine Fisher.

Fisher said he doesn't believe the setback will affect his bid for the presidency, but he and Beymer agree they will be more cognizant of what is and isn't allowed during campaigning as the election season goes on.

"I'll be honest — there are some candidates who I do not trust," Beymer said. "We're going to be keeping a watchful eye on our opponents and making sure they're running campaigns that are ethical. What's the point of having these standards if we're not consistent about keeping them?"

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CHANCE

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"We're so confident with him as an artist this year that we have no concerns about the ticket prices or that the event is on a Tuesday," Pinney said.

Pinney said after an unsuccessful Finals Fest last year, board members had to be careful with their budget and make sure they were getting an artist students would pay to see.

The Vandal Entertainment Board faced some pressure from students with high expectations after Macklemore performed for a jam-packed Kibbie Dome two years ago. The concert was free due to the timing of contracts and Macklemore's quick rise in popularity in 2013, a factor that made the event the largest in Finals Fest history.

Last year's Grouplove concert was not as popular among students, and after tickets failed to sell, Vandal Entertainment made the decision to give tickets away for free. The decision meant this year's board had

a tight budget and less flexibility when it came to finding an artist they thought students would enjoy.

"We struggled trying to meet in the middle and find something that people want and that we don't have to sell a huge ticket for," Pinney said. "I continue to be surprised that we got (Chance) for the price that we did. I think students will really enjoy it."

Pinney said there will be an opening act, but the performer has not yet been chosen. The 2015 Finals Fest is sponsored by Sprint and the Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union. Pinney said they are still looking for additional sponsors.

"We're just really excited for the show this year, and we think students will enjoy it," Pinney said. "We don't anticipate any issues and we're confident students will buy tickets because they've told us they're willing to pay if we get the right artist and we think we did that this year."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tournament bound

Despite loss, Vandals earn postseason berth

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

The bad news is Idaho lost to Idaho State 67-65 in the final game of the season Saturday in Pocatello, Idaho. The good news is Idaho clinched a Big Sky Tournament berth with Portland State beating Southern Utah, 86-73.

"I'm glad we're in," Idaho coach Don Verlin said. "Bottom line is we had it in our own hands, we just didn't take care of it like we should have — we got a break."

Idaho (13-16, 8-10) enters the conference tournament as the No. 7 seed and will take on No. 2 seed Eastern Washington (23-8, 14-4), Thursday in Missoula, Montana.

"Now we get to play Eastern (who) has beaten us twice this year," Verlin said. "I was telling the guys in the locker room ... it doesn't matter if we get Eastern, Montana or whoever — we gotta beat them all anyway if we're going to go to the NCAA Tournament."

If Idaho beats Eastern Washington and the nation's leading scorer Tyler Harvey, the Vandals will play the winner of Sacramento State versus Portland State Friday in the semifinals.

With the Saturday loss to Idaho State, the Vandals go into the tournament on a two-game losing skid and an overall road record of 2-12.

Verlin said he expected Idaho State to come out and play well for its last game of the season — especially on Senior Night.

"Tough game tonight," Verlin said. "We knew it was going to be a different game ... You got to give Idaho State credit, they played a whale of a game on Senior Night ... I thought Chris Hansen was really, really good tonight."

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Big Sky Tournament

What: No. 7 Idaho vs. No. 2 Eastern Washington

When: 10 a.m. Thursday

Where: Dahlberg Arena, Missoula, Montana

The tournament concludes Saturday.



File photo by Jackson Flynn | Argonaut
Junior forward Paulin Mpawe dunks on Portland State Feb. 12 in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals play Eastern Washington Thursday in the first round of the Big Sky Tournament.

Big Sky Tournament predictions



Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

Champion: Montana

Before last weekend, I would have predicted Sacramento State to take the title and a couple weeks ago it would have been Eastern Washington.

Now, the Grizzlies

are the hottest team in the conference, having won seven of their last eight games, and they get to play the tournament in their own backyard.

Dark horse: Idaho

Idaho stumbled into the Big Sky Tournament off two losses, but the Vandals proved they can compete with the best by beating Sacramento State and only losing to Eastern Washington by three points on two occasions. There's no reason why they can't make a run to the championship game like they did last year in the WAC.



Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Champion: Eastern Washington

The Eagles make buckets. Not only do they have the nation's leading scorer in Tyler Harvey, who averages 22.9 points per game, but the team also has

the country's sixth best scoring average at 80.5 points per game. With Venky Jois back, this team has a lethal combo that won't only be dangerous in the Big Sky Tournament, but possibly the NCAA Tournament, too.

Dark horse: Idaho

With all the bias aside, Idaho really does have a shot at winning this tournament — only if it can overcome its road woes. The Vandals proved they can compete with the best teams in the conference and if they can get a win over Eastern Washington, look for their confidence to carry them the rest of the way.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'Tiebreak system is messed up'

Tiebreak rules ruin chance at postseason play for Idaho despite Senior Day win

Stephan Wiebe
Argonaut

A series of confusing tiebreak rules overshadowed a Senior Day blowout for the Idaho women's basketball team Saturday in the Cowan Spectrum.

Even after Idaho's win, it wasn't immediately certain whether the team would play in the postseason or not.

Senior Stacey Barr led Idaho with

27 points while senior Maren Austgulen closed the game out with a 3-pointer, but Idaho (14-15, 8-10 Big Sky) will not compete in the Big Sky Tournament despite the 77-53 victory over Idaho State (13-16, 8-10). The Vandals went into the game knowing they had to beat the Bengals to get a chance at the postseason tournament, though the win alone wasn't enough.

"My thoughts on it are the tiebreaking system is messed up in the Big Sky and the fact that also their schedule-making is messed up," Idaho coach Jon Newlee said. "So, if your schedule-making is not fair, they need to send everybody to the conference tournament."

After Saturday's game between in-state rivals, Idaho and Idaho State were both 8-10 in conference play and tied for the final seed in the conference tournament. Since the teams each beat each other on the season, the final seed had to come down to a series of tiebreakers in the Big Sky rulebook.

The tiebreakers depend on how the teams fared against the best teams in the conference. ISU and Idaho were both 0-2 against Montana while Idaho was 0-2 against Sac State and ISU was 0-1 against the Hornets.

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OPINION

Neutral site needed

Basketball in the Big Sky has major issues

The Big Sky Conference may be more competitive and stable than the depleted WAC Idaho left last season, but the new conference has a host of basketball tournament issues that need to be resolved.

Unfair scheduling and a wacky tiebreak system are some of the major problems in the Big Sky, but another obvious issue is the rotating host site for postseason tournaments.

In the WAC, teams and fans knew the postseason tournament would be held in Las Vegas every year. They also

knew the Vandals would be competing in the tournament each year.

This isn't true in the Big Sky, where the host site for the tournament is determined by which team wins the regular season conference title. This year for the men's basketball tournament, there were three possible locations heading into the final weekend of the season — Missoula, Montana; Cheney, Washington; and Sacramento, California. Montana squeaked out the first-place finish giving fans just four days to buy plane

tickets or make plans to head out to Missoula.

Every year, nobody knows exactly where the tournament will be, which makes it hard for fans to plan and actually get to the tournament to watch their teams play. Back in the WAC, yearly spring break trips and vocations to Las Vegas were the norm for many Vandal fans.

Both the men's and women's tournaments are in Missoula this year, but this wasn't guaranteed going into last weekend. If Sacramento State had won just one game last week, Big Sky fans would have had to pick whether they wanted to watch the women's tournament

in Missoula or the men's tournament in Sacramento rather than getting to see both tournaments at the same site.

Not only is the rotating tournament site a hassle, but not every team even gets into the tournaments. Both the Idaho men's and women's teams went into last weekend not knowing whether they would even make it to postseason play. The men's team made it, but the women's team wasn't so lucky. Not knowing if your team will even qualify for the tournament makes planning even more difficult.

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Athletes of the week

Mike Scott — men's basketball



Scott

Mike Scott was one of the few bright spots for the Vandals, as he put up two solid performances in his final two regular season games for Idaho. Against Weber State, Scott was the only Vandal starter to reach double digits in points. His 16 points were a team high, as were his three assists and an impressive three steals in Idaho's loss to the Wildcats. The senior from Los Angeles dropped eight points against Idaho State, which was tied for the second-highest on the team with Jordan Scott. Mike had three assists, two rebounds and a steal in the loss to ISU. The Vandals play Eastern Washington Thursday in Missoula, Montana, for the first round of the Big Sky Tournament.

Ali Forde — women's basketball



Forde

Last week had the last two games of the regular season for Idaho, and despite the two wins, the team did not qualify for the Big Sky Tournament. Forward Ali Forde was one of many Idaho players who had solid performances in the last two games. The sophomore from Woodinville, Washington, scored 12 points and had three assists and seven rebounds in the win over Weber State last Thursday. Saturday afternoon on Senior Day against Idaho State, Forde had 16 points and 11 rebounds for another double-double on the year. The season is over early for Forde and Idaho. The Vandals are not playing in a postseason conference tournament for the first time in more than 10 years.

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FOOTBALL

Long road to going pro

McCain, Forde hoping to be first Vandal NFL Draft picks since 2012

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Every spring, there are more than 200 college football players selected in the seven rounds of the NFL Draft and there are dozens of others signed as undrafted free agents.

Idaho seldom, if ever, hears an alumnus' name called on draft day, but there are a few players preparing to hopefully have their names called for the first time since 2012. Among those names are former Idaho defensive end Maxx Forde and wide receiver Joshua McCain. Both players spent most of the last few months at athletic training facilities in preparation for the Idaho Pro Day March 12.

Forde, a four-year player along the defensive line for Idaho, has spent his time at EXOS — formerly Athletes Performance — this winter in Arizona. He spent time there last summer as well. Forde has taken advantage of some of the NFL players who work out there during the offseason, including former Miami Dolphin and current Buffalo Bill Richie Incognito.

"You see these guys on TV and you don't think they're super human or anything like that," Forde said. "But that is taking nothing away from them. There are some great athletes that work out here."

McCain has also been hard at work at Sparta Performance Science in Menlo Park, California.

Neither player received an invite to the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis from February 17-23, but the former

Vandals said they are going to use the snub as motivation.

"I am not going to lie, it was a little tough to watch," Forde said. "I believe in myself as a player and I could've been there, but I wasn't invited and I am not going to throw myself a pity party. But I definitely feel like I was good enough to be there, so there's definitely a little bit of a chip on my shoulder now."

Forde said he watched some of the coverage on TV, albeit a little reluctantly. A few of the guys he's been training with were there, so he wanted to support them, he said.

McCain didn't get a chance to watch much besides a few highlight packages because of his training. McCain said he would have been honored to be invited, but he isn't going to let it get him down.

"I just am going to use that as motivation," McCain said. "Just looking at it I could be one of the top five or 10 receivers."

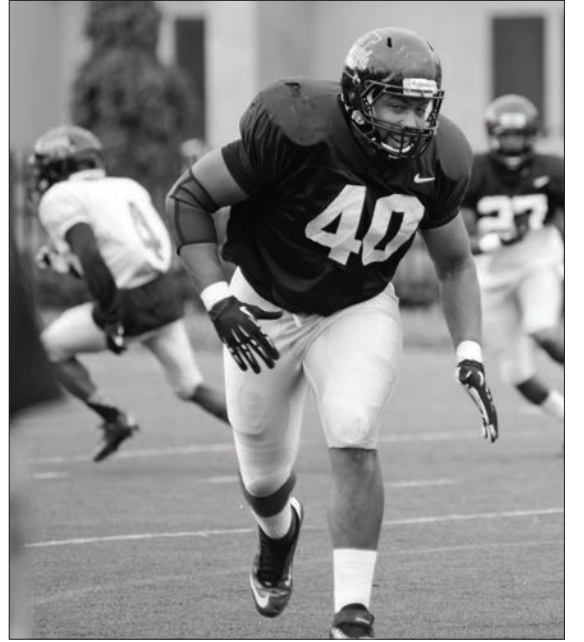
Along with the training at EXOS, Forde has another resource. His father, Brian Forde, played football at Washington State and had a career in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints, his favorite NFL team.

His father's NFL pedigree doesn't mean Maxx grew up with a helmet and shoulder pads though. He wasn't allowed to play organized football until he was in the seventh grade, his mother Tracey said.

Despite growing up as a Saints fan, Maxx said his favorite player is JJ Watt, the reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

Even though he excelled in football, Maxx played a variety of sports growing up, especially before he was allowed to play football.

"Sports was always a big part of our home," Brian said. "Football



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Joshua McCain, left, receives a pass in practice during the 2014 football season while Maxx Forde, right, goes for a tackle. McCain and Forde are two Vandals training in preparation for potential careers in the NFL. Idaho's pro day takes place Thursday in front of NFL scouts.

was one of those sports that I didn't want to push that on Maxx. While a lot of other sports are different, practices are a drag. There is very little that is fun about them."

For Maxx, he was always a defensive lineman throughout his college career. But for McCain, he wasn't always a receiver. Before last spring, he had always played quarterback except for one play during his high school all-star game.

"Sometimes I think about it," McCain said of switching positions. "But really I just love football and playing receiver gave me a great year, and I can't think about what-ifs. It was a great experience."

The switch to receiver was natural for McCain. He caught 76 passes for 1,162 yards, scored nine touchdowns and was named to the All-Sunbelt team after his

senior season.

While making the transition, he watched a lot of different receivers to pick up on little things they did well to incorporate into his game, he said. He said he is a student of the game and doing things like this help him get better.

Growing up in the Bay Area, McCain was an Oakland Raiders fan, but he also rooted for the Washington Redskins. To play for either team would be a dream come true, he said.

Should the NFL not work, however, McCain said he has put some thought into finding other ways to continue to play.

"I love the game of football," McCain said. "So, I mean if the NFL doesn't work out, I would love to play in the Canadian League or even the Arena league.

Obviously, the NFL is my love and my passion."

For Maxx, the emphasis his parents put on academics when he was growing up helped tremendously, Tracey said. The education he got in the classroom along with his cerebral personality will help him make the transition, she said.

"This is how these guys put food on the table, shelter for their families and clothes on their families' backs," Brian said of professional football. "Up until now, it has pretty much been a game for him. The next time he puts on shoulder pads, it's the real deal."

The 2015 NFL Draft goes from Thursday April 30 to May 2 and will be simulcast on ESPN and the NFL Network.

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Sports briefs

Hill, Scott make All-Big Sky team

The Big Sky Conference's postseason honors were announced Monday and Idaho seniors Connor Hill and Mike Scott made the list. The Vandal duo earned second-team All-Big Sky honors in Idaho's first year back in the conference.

Hill, a native of Post Falls, Idaho, is the most prolific 3-point shooter in program history with 334 career 3-pointers made. He also holds Idaho's single season record with 102. Hill is in the top five in the nation in 3-point goals per game (fourth) and 3-point goals made (fifth).

Scott, a two-year player from Los Angeles, leads the Big Sky in assist-to-turnover ratio (sixth nationally), assists per game (35th nationally) and total assists (43rd nationally).

Hill and Scott joined Quinton Upshur (Northern Arizona), Dylan Garrity (Sacramento State) and Joel Bolomboy (Weber State) on the second team. The first team consisted of Tyler Harvey (Eastern Washington), Venky Jois (Eastern Washington), Martin Breunig (Montana), Jordan Gregory (Montana), Kris Yanku (Northern Arizona) and conference MVP Mikh McKinney (Sacramento State).

Barr earns another player of the week honor

Idaho guard Stacey Barr was named co-Big Sky Conference Player of the Week Monday after her performances in Idaho's last two games of the season. The senior from Melbourne, Australia, shared the honor with Montana State's Jasmine Hommes. Barr averaged 24 points, seven rebounds and posted five total assists and four steals in the two Idaho wins. Barr is also a prime candidate for Big Sky Player of the Year, which will be announced Tuesday with the All-conference teams.

CLUB SPORTS

Battle of the border

Idaho men's club volleyball team secures win against WSU

Zack Ozuna
Argonaut

Three solid sets of play was all it took for the Idaho men's club volleyball team to come out on top Friday against Washington State.

Although the Cougars jumped out to a couple of early leads in the first two sets, the Vandals were able to rally behind key plays from their defense to gain the lead.

"It's great when we can get a win like this under our belt a month before Nationals," said Wesley Sjoerdsma, president and coach of the team. "We have a promising young team and I feel like we are capable of competing with anyone in our division."

The Vandals moved up to Division 2 AA this year, one division higher than last year. It is also one division below the highest competed at the tournament.

Sjoerdsma said he knows the competition is going to be tougher, but their team is stronger this year. He said a point of emphasis for the

team leading up to this season was improving on passing off services.

"If we can do that, then we will be in the best position to go deep in the tournament," Sjoerdsma said of the team's passing.

The Vandals competed in the regional tournament earlier this year, finishing in fourth place.

Sjoerdsma said the team's future plans include winning the regional tournament.

"We're keeping a lot of our players for next season," Sjoerdsma said. "With the exception of a couple of our Brazilians who are going back home, we'll be the same team."

The veteran group of guys should better the team's chances of achieving their goal of winning the regional tournament. One of the newer players is Tanner Haage, who is a first-year player as well as the team's setter.

"It's always nice having guys who can get up there and score for us when we need it," Haage said. "It's not much fun setting the ball to no one. It's like

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It's great when we can get a win like this under our belt a month before Nationals.

Wesley Sjoerdsma, coach

shooting a basketball at nothing."

Austin Chmelik, a third-year player, made a huge impact in the game Friday evening. In the second set, the match was tied at 17 when Chmelik picked up a kill to give the Vandals the lead.

Afterward, it was all Vandals as they went on to solidify the sweep and take the next step toward their goal of winning nationals.

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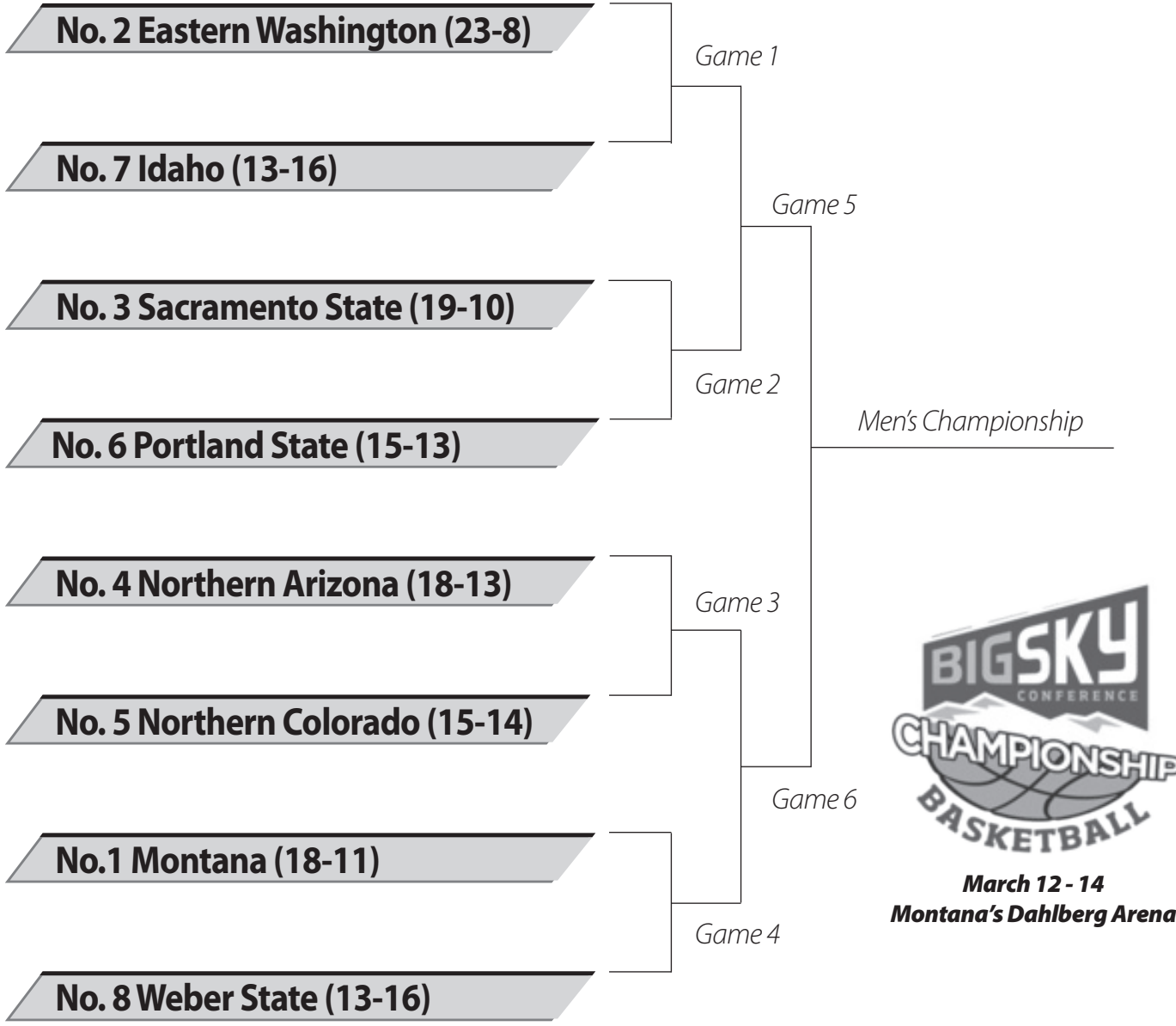
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CHAMPIONSHIP



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Hansen, who scored 13 points in the first half, came out in the second half on fire and scored his team's first seven points of the half. The Bengals went on an 18-8 run, and would eventually have a 15-point lead — their largest of the game — with less than eight minutes left to play.

Hansen was not going to be denied a Senior Day victory as the 6-foot-4, senior guard led all players with 23 points and was 5-of-10 from beyond the arc.

The Vandals battled back, however, and after trailing by 15, went on a 19-6 run to cut the deficit to two points with 14 seconds remaining.

"I thought we had a heck of an effort tonight," Verlin said. "We battled there. Our guys stayed in it mentally. We just didn't find a way to get this win ... We had two chances, one to tie and one to win."

After senior guard Connor Hill came up just short on a 3-point attempt that would have given Idaho the lead with three seconds left, the Vandals had one more chance to tie the game.

"We ran a little lob play that WSU ran against us a few years ago," Verlin said of the last play.

The final play was a lob pass from underneath the hoop to freshman guard Perrion Callandret who was in the middle of the key.

"We throw a perfect pass, and he's got the ball in the air — and then there's a collision," Verlin said. "He's not able to get the ball into the hoop. The officials obviously didn't think it was worthy enough of a foul call ... We executed it the way we wanted to and got a look."

With Callandret trying to gather himself on the floor after the violent collision, the buzzer sounded with no foul being called and Idaho State escaped with the victory.

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TIEBREAK

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Since the teams were still tied, the next tiebreaker came down to how the teams fared against Eastern Washington and Northern Colorado — but both teams were 1-2 against these teams.

The final tiebreaker came down to how Idaho and Idaho State fared against the teams tied at 9-9 (UND, NAU and MSU) and Idaho State had the best combined record with a 4-1 combined mark against the tied teams. Thus, the Bengals made the Big Sky Tournament as the No. 8 seed and Idaho was left out of postseason play.

Newlee said he is not happy with the current system because some teams play certain teams on the road and others get them at home. Additionally, each team doesn't play the other teams in the conference the same number of times.

It wasn't until about an hour after the game that the Big Sky gave Idaho the confirmation that the team wouldn't compete in the conference tournament. This meant Newlee had to give his team a postgame talk without knowing whether or not they would even be able to play another game.

"I told them we did a great job of taking care of our business and controlling what we can control," Newlee said. "And that was we wanted to come out and make a statement today — for our seniors and for our basketball team all-around — that we deserved to be in that conference tournament and



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Junior guard Connie Ballestero steals the ball during Idaho's 77-53 win against Idaho State Saturday at the Cowan Spectrum.

we're playing the best basketball of our year right now. It's a damn shame we're not going to get in that tournament."

Idaho took control of the game from the start, going out to a 20-8 lead through the first 10 minutes. The Vandals never looked back from there, cruising to the 24-point victory over a team that beat them by 21 points earlier in the season.

Barr's 27 points led all scorers and junior post Ali Forde scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for a double-double. Austgulen, Idaho's other senior, hasn't seen

much playing time all season, but she closed out her Vandal career with a 3-pointer in the final minute of the game.

"I got chills when Maren (Austgulen) hit that 3," Newlee said. "It's a great way to go out because Maren has meant a lot to our program. And we don't win anything without Stacey (Barr). I told her, one of the all-time greatest if not the all-time greatest Vandal basketball player here."

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All this aside, giving the hosting rights to the best team in the conference seems like a good reward for the winning team, right? That is until you consider that some venues, like Sacramento State's Hornets Nest, aren't even fit to host a tournament. Built in 1955, the Hornets Nest holds a whopping 1,012 fans — not exactly ideal for hosting an eight-team tournament.

Also, the No. 1 seeds in conference tournaments are already rewarded by having first-round byes or by playing the worst teams in the conference in the first round.

Why does the Big Sky need to reward these teams even more by giving them a home-court advantage?

A set neutral site would solve many problems with the Big Sky's rotating conference tournaments. Some place like Boise or Reno with entertainment, adequate facilities and a prime location for conference travel for most teams would be ideal for the annual tournaments.

The Big Sky has plenty of issues, but the rotating conference tournament is one that needs to be fixed sooner rather than later.

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Galina Bykova – women's tennis



Bykova

The Idaho women's tennis team had three matches in three days, winning against Idaho State Saturday and Weber State Sunday. Galina Bykova was key to the Vandals' success, as she clinched a victory in the No. 1 singles match and No. 1 doubles match in both of Idaho's wins. Against Kasey Bacon of Idaho State in singles, Bykova won both sets by scores of 6-4 and 6-2.

In doubles, she paired up with teammate Emmie Marx to take down Laura Theus and Marian Tangarife 6-1. She followed this up with a similarly dominating sweeps against Weber State. Bykova, a sophomore from St. Petersburg, Russia, and the rest of the Vandal squad return to action Saturday against Cal Poly, followed by a showdown with Fresno State Sunday. Their record stands at 8-4 on the season.

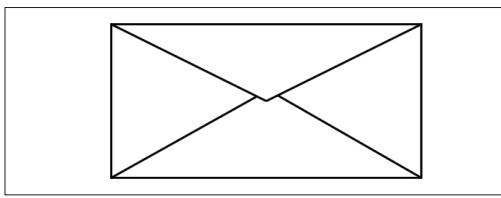
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OUR VIEW

Finals Fest frenzy

Students should appreciate Finals Fest entertainment

Vandal Entertainment has officially announced the headline act for the 2015 Finals Fest — Chance The Rapper.

The hip-hop artist was the Vandal Entertainment Board's first choice for the leading act at this year's Finals Fest. The event will take place May 5 and cost \$15 for University of Idaho students and \$30 for the general public.

Although this announcement should be viewed positively, some students will look to criticize the artist selection and have an overall negative outlook on this year's event, if last year is any indication. Whether they don't want the concert to be on a Tuesday, they don't want to pay

for tickets or simply don't want a rapper as the headline artist, some students are bound to complain about something.

This terrible attitude does nothing to help the student body or the university. It portrays our student body as a bunch of spoiled brats, and for a silly reason no less.

The impossible standards set for Finals Fests stem from two years ago when Vandal Entertainment was fortunate enough to sign Macklemore at a rate that allowed student tickets to be free. The event went down as the largest, most successful concert in UI Finals Fest history.

As a result, many UI students now set the bar far too high for Finals Fest. Nobody seemed to stop and realize that getting Macklemore was a stroke of good luck — he was an artist Vandal Entertainment happened to sign right before his popular-

ity exploded in 2013.

Vandal Entertainment boards of the last two years have worked just as hard to please students for Finals Fest, and they deserve the same level of appreciation the board received in 2013.

Last year, students infamously raised a huge fuss over the selected 2014 headline act Grouplove. Students complained about the genre of music and the cost of tickets, forcing Vandal Entertainment to hand out tickets for free, depleting the organization's budget and creating even more of a challenge this year.

Admittedly, Grouplove was a niche artist that catered to a small group of music lovers. It was an attempt to stray from the typical rap/hip-hop artists that typically perform at Finals Fest — Childish Gambino (2012) and Macklemore.

This year's Vandal Entertainment board took the criticism to heart and returned to the genre students have shown support for and said they wanted.

The board worked hard to find an artist students would want to see, even for a small price. The harsh truth of the matter is students can't afford to have a bad attitude about Finals Fest anymore, or else they risk ending the event for good.

The whole point of Finals Fest isn't to get a super popular artist to come and play for the university. The point of the concert is to bring students together for one last fun event before finals week starts. Instead of whining about music, students should instead embrace what Finals Fest is really about and enjoy it while they can.

— EB

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Stick a fork in me

I'm done. At least by the time this paper comes out I will be halfway through my midterms and in a much happier place than the one I'm in now.

—Erin

Vacation

I never realized my hometown (well kind of) was a popular spring break location until I moved here. #pdxrules

—Katelyn

21 years

My little brother had a birthday yesterday. I wish I could have been there to watch, and I hope he had fun.

—Daphne

#springbreak2015

Alas my final spring break as an undergrad is here. I plan on partying in Montana, sightseeing in Washington and camping on the Oregon coast. Have fun and be safe everyone.

—Amber

DIY apartments

Pinterest pages for do it yourself projects are the best. Now I just need an IKEA store, some tools and about \$300 extra.

—Claire

RIP Oreba Ward

One of the kindest, most warm-hearted people I've ever met. I wish I had spent more time with you, but appreciate the time I did get. You'll be forever missed.

—Korbin

Planet Fitness

Interesting situation over there. I'll just say for a place that proclaims tolerance and non-judgment toward patrons, they sure brought down the law on poor Ms. Cormier.

—Andrew

Take a break

Sometimes that's the best advice anyone can give you.

—Kaitlyn

It's time

I can feel the university slowing down to break mode. Classes are canceled, professors are smiling and the sun is out. Can't wait to see Herbie and Chick on stage together in Seattle. #hornsectionroadtrip

—Ryan

Big Sky basketball

Idaho's new conference has major issues. Tournament host sites, scheduling issues and unfair tiebreakers almost ruin what should be a great conference for Idaho.

—Stephan

Yep

Spring break plans: Netflix, Nutella, selfies, beach day, spa day, road trip, throwing whatcha know on a hike. I can't even.

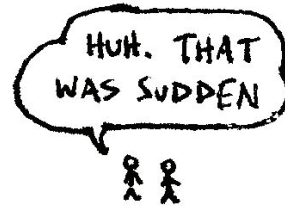
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Higher education troubles

Higher ed needs more cultural and financial support in Idaho

It's a well-known fact that Idaho has a difficult time with higher education.

While college is certainly not for everyone, many people who otherwise should attend are scared off or barred out.

While watching open forum sessions of candidates vying to be the next provost and executive vice president, an excellent point came from candidate Candis Claiborn.

Claiborn is a Vandal alumna and dean of the Washington State University College of Engineering and Architecture. She said the University of Idaho should make college education more accessible to Idahoans as well as sensible, including enhancing the system of

UI branch campuses across Idaho.

Many Idahoans do not have the means, financial or otherwise, to go to college. Not to mention many Idahoans are skeptical of higher education in general.

I went to high school with too many students who simply said, "If my parents didn't do it, then why should I?" or "Well my dad said it's a waste of time."

It's as if my classmates couldn't shake off their locked mindsets and see how a college education leads to a more successful future.

The solution, as Claiborn said, is to make higher education a plausible option for Idahoans. To do so, Idaho must step up its game on education and better fund its schools so students recognize the value of an education and become better equipped to go to college.

College education needs to be more affordable. In addition to the classic solution of keeping tuition prices down, Idaho's public universities need to receive additional funding from the state.

Higher education also must do a better job of showing why a college degree is relevant, especially in Idaho, where there seems to be a strong stigma against education. Idaho is known for the practical nature of many of its residents who see no point in college. Yet, much of what is learned at schools like UI directly affects Idaho residents.

Advances in agricultural science have led to better crop yields and livestock health. Graduates of programs such as forestry are researching methods to fight root disease and looking into sustainable logging practices so the logging industry can survive. One can be a raw pragmatist and still find a future with college.



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Spring break survival guide

Plan and prepare for a safe spring break

Every year students on campus count down to the next break that allows them to gain their sanity back. We have hit the point in the semester where students are lacking sleep due to multiple midterm exams, and an overload of projects and papers due. With all the added stressors that have accumulated in the past month, use this next week to unwind and de-stress. Take a road trip, go abroad, hit the slopes or just relax and enjoy a week away from class. Whatever you have planned, use these safety tips and tricks to get the most out of your spring break.

Travel

While traveling, students should make sure to pack a cooler and, to keep costs down, make sandwiches, have snacks and keep non-alcoholic drinks available — perhaps water to stay hydrated. For students traveling abroad this break, be sure to make copies of your identification or plane tickets and keep important documents somewhere safe during the trip. As always, make sure someone, parent, friend or relative, in the U.S. knows where you will be. Provide them with an itinerary of your travel information.

Sun safety

When outdoors, wear sunscreen of at least an SPF of 15 and sunglasses. Reapplying sunscreen after swimming, sweating or as directed on the bottle will help prevent skin damage. Sunglasses will help protect your eyes from both A and B UV rays. For those of you hitting the slopes, sunscreen and eye protection is needed too. While out, follow the shadow rule. If your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun's rays are at their strongest, which means you are likely to get sunburned. Don't forget lip balm, this will help prevent those pesky fever blisters and cold sores.

Alcohol tips

If you'll be enjoying alcohol over break, remember some of these safer drinking strategies. Play it safe and wait to drink until you have arrived to your destination. If you need a ride, have a designated driver. Drinking and driving can lead to many consequences.

Eat before you begin drinking and provide yourself with snacks throughout the day. Drinking on an empty stomach is never a good idea. And as a challenge, try drinking a bottle of water for every alcoholic beverage consumed. Make sure to use the buddy system. Make rules with your friends and never leave without someone you came with. Watch your drinks and never take a drink that you did not watch being made or opened.

Know the signs of alcohol poisoning: not responsive, slow breathing with irregular stops, vomiting while passed out or cold, clammy or bluish skin. If any of these signs occur call 911, turn the person on their side, perform CPR if breathing has stopped and don't leave the person alone. If you need more information, please contact the AOD program at the Counseling & Testing Center or Vandal Health Education.

Safe sex ideas

Sexual activity is not a requirement to have a great break, however, if you do, use protection every time. If you decide to "hook up," use enthusiastic consent and obtain enthusiastic consent from your partner. Remember, if at any time you no longer want to partake in the activity, you have the right to revoke your consent — and so does your partner — at any time, under any circumstance. Your stories might stay on spring break but STIs and the memories will come back with you.

Spring break is time for relaxation, fun and service. Catch up on your sleep, volunteer, take time for yourself and play it safe.

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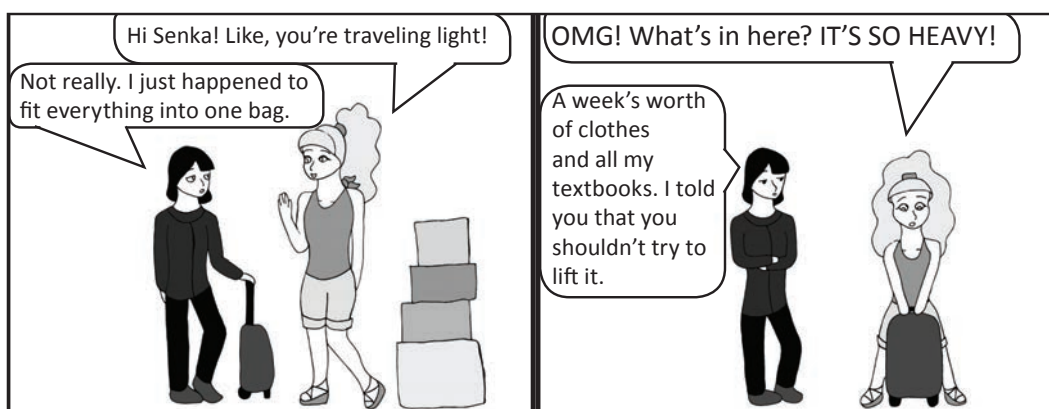
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Standing for faith

No apology needed for Sen. Nuxoll's comments

Following her protest of the first Hindu prayer in the Idaho Senate March 3, led by Reno cleric Rajan Zed, Sen. Sheryl Nuxoll of Cottonwood stated, Hinduism "is a false faith with false gods." Nuxoll made it clear that she couldn't pray to any false gods. Predictably, this prompted the apology brigade. Religious leaders of various faiths in Idaho and nationwide — including Christians from the Episcopal and Roman Catholic denominations — asked her to apologize for her remarks. According to a report from The Spokesman-Review, Rabbi ElizaBeth Beyer, a Jewish leader in California and Nevada said "(Nuxoll) should be called upon to offer a public apology and perhaps even be sanctioned by the Senate for her inappropriate, insensitive and insulting remarks."

Friday, Nuxoll revised her statement to point out Hinduism isn't a false religion, but rather one based on "false gods." She also said she wouldn't apologize.

She's a Republican with a backbone. Who knew they still existed?

This whole situation is hilarious. It's adorable to see various religious leaders demand an apology from another religious person for standing up for her faith. By asking for an apology, it's like they're admitting they don't believe any one faith is the true faith, even though they are all members of specific faiths.

If it's improper and insensitive for Nuxoll to denounce other faiths, why is it OK for them to become members of and proclaim their own faiths?

After all, by choosing to be a part of one religion, an individual immediately discredits all other religions.

By proclaiming Christianity, Christians not only discredit Hinduism, but also Islam, Buddhism, Mormonism, etc. By proclaiming Hinduism, Hindus discredit Christianity. It would be pointless to identify with a religion if one is not going to proclaim it as the singular, true religion.

If any religious individual occupies a public office, they should stand by their beliefs and not cater to public sensitivities. Of course, in this day and age it's improper to proclaim anything as "the truth," especially when it comes to religion.

According to society's

standards, Christ can be a way, but Christ can't be the only way to forgiveness and salvation. Proclaiming Christ as "the Way, the Truth and the Life" is now offensive and insensitive. The public at large must tolerate all religions as equal, with no one being greater than another or possessing the only truth.

Because as we all know, toleration and disagreement can't go hand-in-hand.

Nuxoll may have also said she thinks Zed should be the best Hindu that he can be according to his own faith and she was fine with him praying in the capitol, as long as the senate also offered a Christian prayer.

But she was not offensive and intolerant by saying it's not the true faith. This isn't to say it's OK for Nuxoll to insult others. If she personally attacked Zed, it might warrant an apology. However, she was making a statement of faith, and she shouldn't apologize for it.

The religious leaders demanding she apologize should seriously reconsider their request. If Nuxoll is forced to apologize for making a statement of faith, then they all need to follow suit. If she can't proclaim her faith for the sake of sensitivity, neither can they.

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