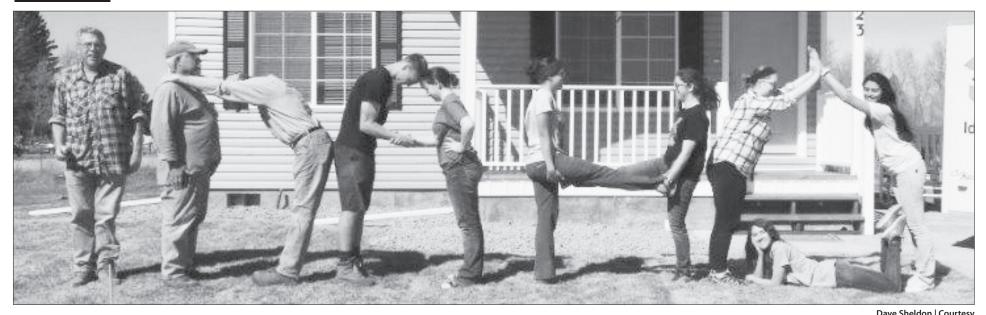
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The Idaho Falls Alternative Spring Break (ASB) team worked on three Habitat for Humanity builds within the community. The team finished the house, laid the edging, placed the gravel, placed sod for the lawn and stained the deck of the house depicted. Nine ASB teams worked in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Wyoming communities over spring break.

Spring builders

UI students serve in Northwest communities

Jamie Lunders Argonaut

Several University of Idaho students served in nine Northwest communities over spring break through the Center for Volunteerism and Social Action's Alternative Service Break

(ASB) program. According to Natalie Magnus, the center's coordinator, the spring ASB trips are weeklong domestic service trips open to all students. This year, she said the program focused on communities in the Northwest region of the United States.

The 2015 spring ASB trips were to Lima, Montana; Tillamook and Eugene, Oregon; Jackson, Wyoming; Cathlamet, Washington; and Lenore, Boise, Ririe and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"I've never been, so I didn't know what to expect, but it was a really wonderful experience," said

MaryAnn Roman, ASB student leader for the trip to Ascending Gardens Farm in Lenore.

Roman said her group stayed in a cabin the owners of the farm, Hans and Louise Mathiesen, had on the property.

"Hans and Louise have this big dream to provide a program for people to come and learn to be self-sustainable," Roman said. "It was really wonderful to be a part of helping them fulfill that dream."

The main project the group worked on was constructing two high-tunnel, metal-framed greenhouses, Roman said. They also did a lot of minor projects, such as clearing pastures of branches and thistles to prepare for future tilling, finishing roofing and siding a small herb garden greenhouse and cleaning stables.

Not only did the group do a lot

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Left: Breanne Pickens places sod at a home for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 21. The team placing the sod also fenced the yard for a dog. Right: Cailin Bary, Viviane de Oliveiva Chaves and Luke Shaw, members of the Idaho Falls team, dig out an area to lay edging to create a garden for a Habitat for Humanity build.

ADMINISTRATION

Wiencek secures provost post

Wiencek selected as provost, will begin position June 1

> **Ryan Tarinelli** Argonaut

John Wiencek was poised for a future in the private sector after college.

Wiencek, interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, said as his senior year concluded he had a job lined up at Procter & Gamble, student loans to pay off



and a father pressuring him to get a wellpaying job. It seemed his goal of becoming a pro-

fessor would have to be put on hold. "It was pretty clear that I was going to go work, because I couldn't

afford to be a professor in my mind," Wiencek said. That all changed when Wiencek took a required professional development course and was introduced to

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ADMINISTRATION

Notifying UI

Vandal Alert policy amended to include off-campus emergencies

Katelyn Hilsenbeck Argonaut

The updated Vandal Alert Notification System policy allows University of Idaho personnel to send alerts for emergent events off campus, said Matt Dorschel, Public Safety and Security executive director.

Dorschel said the change in policy is directly related to the university's delayed response to the Jan. 10 shooting spree in Moscow.

Dorschel said UI President Chuck Staben asked for an updated emergency notification policy to reflect the need to send out Vandal Alerts for events that happen off-campus and may not be an immediate threat.

Dorschel said if the new policy were in effect at the time of the shooting, a Vandal Alert would have been broadcasted as soon as the university learned about the incident.

The policy in effect at the time of the shooting did not include language about alerts about off-campus events. It provided language for two categories of events - timely

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Competition with camaraderie

Idaho Clean Snowmobile Team stands out at international competition

Corrin Bond Argonaut

While most students spent the beginning of March enjoying an early spring in Moscow, members of the University of Idaho Clean Snowmobile Team spent their week baring the cold and snow of Houghton, Michigan, to compete in

the SAE International Snow-

Mark Woodland, a second-year member of the team, said UI was awarded the Bill Paddleford Memorial Award for Most Sportsmanlike Conduct and placed fifth overall in the competition.

"We did really well for what happened to us," Woodland said. "We ran into engine troubles, there was some soot build up that resulted in problematic emission levels."

Patton said UI's snowmobile team has consistently performed well over 15 years of competition and has even placed first three different times.

The week-long competition, which began March 2, involved a number of events,

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Budgeting for security cameras

Security camera proposal considered by UI administrators

Ryan Tarinelli Argonaut

Unlike other universities, security cameras cover only a fraction of the University of Idaho campus.

According to Matt Dorschel, executive director of Public Safety and Security, the only functioning security cameras on campus are in University



Housing units.

"We have very little security camera coverage on our campus," he said.

In an effort to increase coverage, Dorschel submitted a proposal to upper administrators to establish a security camera infrastructure on

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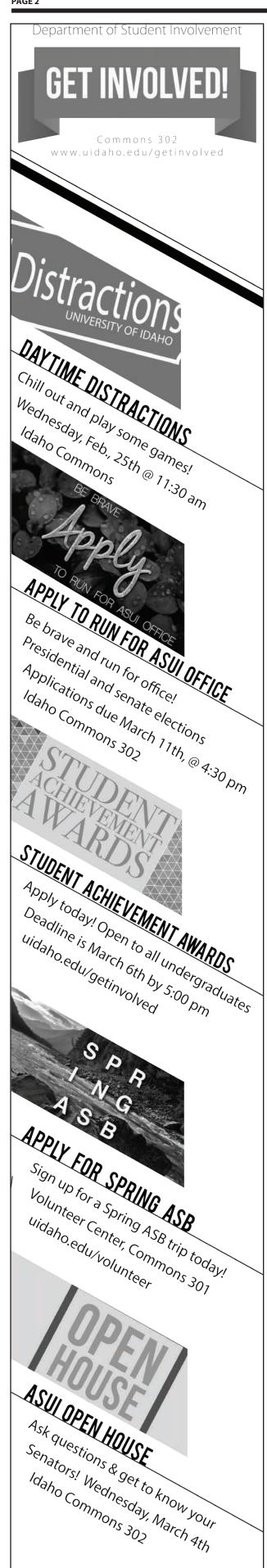
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A Crumbs recipe Thai pea soup

Silas Whitley Crumbs

Ingredients:

- Vegetable Oil
- 1 can coconut milk
- Zest of one lime ■ 1.5 inches of ginger
- 1 small shallot, sliced
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 serrano pepper,
- 2 pounds frozen peas
- Basil leaves ■ Chicken or beef bouillon cube
- Add a few basil leaves diced and seeded Add two cups water after sauteed

Directions:

in a large pot

frozen peas

Soften peas, then blend in a food processor or other appliance

Sautee shallot, garlic, lime zest and serrano pepper

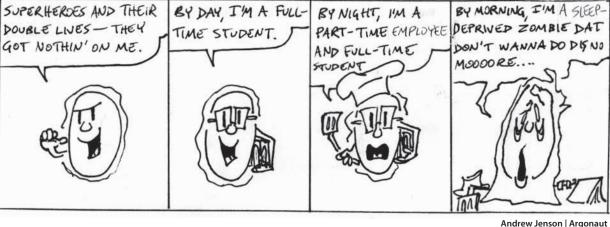
Add two cups water, bouillon cube and 1.5 pounds

- Return to pot and bring to boil
- Add remaining peas and 1/2 can coconut milk
- Top with basil and salt or pepper to taste

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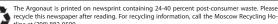
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STUDENT LIFE

Campaigning for a conversation

UI students join together to prompt social, political discussion

Corrin Bond Argonaut

The clouds were dark and the air was heavy with rain on the Wednesday of midterms week, but this did not deter a band of passionate students from speaking out and raising awareness about a variety of contemporary social issues within the state of Idaho.

The Show Up, Act Up! rally, hosted by the University of Idaho Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) March 11, served as a precursor to a social speak out GSA will put on Thursday, April 2.

Kyle Zeller, co-chair of the GSA, said the purpose of the rally was to reach out to students to help them start discussions about important social and political problems.

Zeller said the rally, and the events to follow it, are crucial because he strongly believes there are a number of social problems being ignored within Idaho.

"I'm afraid that as a state, we aren't questioning our ways," Zeller said. "It's easy to assume that the members of our legislation always know what's best, and that's unnerving to me."

The event, which started at the Free Speech Zone outside the UI library and was later moved into the Clearwater room in the Idaho Commons due to the rain, began at noon and stretched on late into the evening.

The rally operated under the #notmyIdaho and students were encouraged to share the elements of social change they would like to see reflected in the state's legislature.

"A state that doesn't care about education, that's not my Idaho," Zeller said. "Idaho has been consistently ranked as one of the worst states when it comes to the quality of our education, and that's not okay."

In addition to questioning the quality of the state's education, the rally also featured social issues such as racism, gender equality, class stratification and queer rights.

Members of the group and supporters spent the day explaining the purpose and importance of the rally, answering questions about social issues and encouraging other students to share their opinions.

Chalk, posters and markers were supplied so students could make signs expressing their opinions or write about topics that hadn't been included by event organizers.

Zeller said the rally showed him that other students share the same concerns he has

"This rally is meant to show that as a state, we don't have to blindly accept what our law makers are putting down," Zeller said. "Our opinions carry a lot of weight and the first step in making our voices heard is beginning a conversation."

He said there are a number of social issues they hope to prompt discussion about and the rally served as an opportunity to evaluate the issues students are most concerned about.

"We have a lot to be passionate about," Zeller said. "We want to hear from people who are passionate about these issues, regardless of the stance they take, and we want to raise awareness among those who don't know much about what's going on."

Kory Scyphers, UI physics major and GSA member, said while the rally aimed to target controversial social issues, including recent incidents of sexism and racism in the state, the most important element of the event was the encouragement of free speech



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Gender and Sexuality Alliance co-chairs Samantha Hansen (left) and Kyle Zeller (top) gather with UI students Cynthia Ballesteros, Jessy Forsmo-Shadid and Rachel Main for a students' rights rally March 11.

and promoting acceptance of individual opinions.

"I want this rally and all of our other events to be about reaching out to people," Scyphers said. "This rally is about a lot of different things. There's no one argument we're trying to make. We're just trying to get people talking so the event becomes what people bring to it."

Scyphers said although starting a conversation may not seem like a big deal, it is if it helps initiate change.

"Sometimes people want to start a revolution and see change happen immediately, but the truth is nothing can be done without first talking about it," Scyphers said. "If we all stay silent, then we cannot hope for change.

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STUDENT LIFE

Get ready at GradFest

Graduating students can buy regalia on sale Tuesday at GradFest

Mary Malone Argonaut

Senioritis is setting in and graduating students are preparing for commencement on May 16. GradFest, a one-stop shop for University of Idaho students gearing up to graduate, is available for students to grab their commencement gear before prices increase next month.

GradFest will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Vandal Ballroom on the second floor of the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly the Student Union Building. Hugh Cooke, associate director of Alumni Relations, said students can purchase regalia such as caps, gowns and tassels — at earlybird prices and take the merchandise home the same day.

"Students are encouraged to do this, they'll save money and see the product," Cooke said. "Even if they go home undecided, they can go back online and reorder, but it's nice to see and check and investigate the products."

Cooke said regalia can be ordered online last minute, but on April 5 the price will go up \$30. The early-bird prices are \$53 for a bachelor's unit and \$73 for a masters unit. He said students sometimes borrow used gowns or find them at thrift stores, which is acceptable as long as it is black. Individual items are available for purchase if they already have a gown and just need a tassel or cap to go with it.

Rental units for doctorate and faculty regalia will be available as well.

Students will also have an opportunity to purchase class rings at discounted prices. They can also pick out announcements, diploma frames and get graduation photos taken.

"That day they can get a picture taken

in a cap and gown and get one copy free," Cooke said. "So if they do nothing else they can stop and get their picture taken."

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, UI Creative Services will hold the "Confessions of a College Graduate" video shoot. The video is a montage of clips from students, individually or in groups, saying thank you to family or faculty, or to tell a memorable or funny story, said Kyle Howerton, UI digital media producer.

"It's cool to see that a lot of people are willing to share any story," Howerton said. "It's really just connecting with one student at a time. We set up all that stuff and it looks intimidating, but really, at the end of the day, it's just me having a conversation with whoever's in front of the camera."

Howerton said he talks to the students for 5-10 minutes, and takes the videos and edits them down into quick outtakes, about 10 seconds each. Howerton's team then puts the clips together into five, four-minute "episodes," which are played in the Kibbie Dome at the beginning of the commencement ceremony. He said the videos, spontaneous and informal, help lighten the mood of the formal ceremony.

Cindy Johnson, director of Creative Services, said she thinks the video shoot is a fun opportunity for students to capture their stories and be recognized at graduation —

"The university is proud of their graduates," Johnson said. "That really is what we're about is that kind of success, and so you get that vibe from hearing those stories ... and it's fun to do."

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DECEARCH

Bitterwolf wins big

UI chemistry professor wins national research award

Nishant Mohan Argonaut

After being awarded the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) National Honor for Research last month, University of Idaho chemistry professor Thomas Bitterwolf's office phone has been ringing off the hook.

He said his "academic grandchildren," or former students, called to congratulate him for the accomplishment. Current student Samuel Paktor said not only does Bitterwolf deserve the recognition and fellowship for his research, but also for his teaching.

"He is also incredibly fun to have as a teacher," Paktor said.

Bitterwolf is an inorganic physical chemist who works on chemical synthesis and physical studies. His research for which he received the award regards substances called reaction intermediates. He said he enjoys this area of research because there is always something new to learn.

"How you get from A to B is sort of this miracle," Bitterwolf said.

He said in the process of such

chemical reactions, reaction intermediates flash into existence and disappear before the final compound is created. In order to gain insight as to the process of these reactions, he said he uses photochemistry, a process involving shining a light on the reaction at liquid nitrogen temperatures.

"We can see the reactions that take place because the fragments stay frozen ... It's like a stop-motion reaction," Bitterwolf said.

His research is aided by computer models, he said, which easily visualize the physical structure of compounds to help predict reactions.

"It's the sort of academic stuff that first of all, nobody else does," he said. "And second of all, it's a very unique insight into certain kinds of reactions you couldn't do any other way."

Bitterwolf joined about 400 other scientists from across the country in February to receive the award at the annual AAAS meeting in San Jose, California. The AAAS has been recognizing scientists for their research and other efforts since 1874, and Bitterwolf said he is honored to have been nominated by his peers and subsequently selected by the organization.

Bitterwolf said although the re-



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

UI Chemistry professor Thomas Bitterwolf talks about being awarded an AAAS award in his office March 12.

search he conducts is rewarding, he loves being in the classroom and engaging with students.

"We get to involve undergraduates and in the laboratory doing very very good, fun research," he said. "They get their hands dirty. They start learning about chemis-

try, how to do chemistry, how to think like a scientist."

Bitterwolf describes his research work as his "intellectual fun time," but said he spends most of his time working with students both in and out of the classroom. He said it is the most important

work he does.

"The stuff in the lab is fun, but the teaching is actually why I'm here," Bitterwolf said. "It is the single most important thing I do."

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DIVERSITY

Gender equality on the big screen

Documentary on women's rights comes to Moscow

Kelsey Stevenson

Kay Keskinen was a freshman at the University of Idaho in 1966 studying math with a minor in physics and psychology. When it came time for her to apply for jobs, job positions were labeled as either for men or for women, and no jobs involving math or physics were available for her or any other women.

Keskinen said although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 included protections against discrimination based on sex, these rules were not enforced at the time.

Keskinen said she didn't let this stop her. She later worked for the University of Idaho Women's Center and served on the National Board of Directors for the National Organization for Women (NOW). Keskinen is president of the Moscow NOW chapter, and said when she saw the documentary "She's Beautiful When She's Angry," come out in select theaters, she knew she wanted it shown in Moscow.

"It covers the issues that affected women in 1966 and 1971, including the formation of NOW," Keskinen said. "The women who are pictured in this film are older and some have passed away, but that history could be lost very shortly if we

don't have an opportunity to hear their stories firsthand."

The film will hit the big screen at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. The film is free and open to anyone, but donations will be accepted and are encouraged. Donations will benefit the UI Women's Center, Keskinen said. The Women's Center, as well as the group Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower (FLAME), will table in the lobby and pass out information about NOW. The film will include interviews as well as actual film footage from the time period, Keskinen said.

Keskinen said she experienced discrimination based on her sex throughout her life, especially in the workplace, which is a large part of what the film deals with.

"I applied for a job at the University of Idaho in 1972 and was told they wanted to give that job to a man," Keskinen said. "And those are the sort of things that were happening overtly in that time period."

Director of the Women's

Director of the Women's Center Lysa Salsbury said the film is relevant to the Moscow community as well as to issues going on worldwide. Salsbury said many women in the community now in their 60s helped fight for gender equality in Idaho years ago, and these women lived through the struggles the film depicts.

Salsbury said the film is not only an important part of history, but is also important for today's issues. She said many women take for granted having some rights, such as job opportunities, and many people believe total gender equality exists today, even though there are statistics showing how women are behind in access to social, political and economic well-being.

"I think that this is a really important part of history that we should honor," Salsbury said. "These women faced a lot of discrimination and personal risk to move some of these issues forward, and I think that there is a tendency for us to forget that, to forget not only how far we've come and that that's something to be celebrated, but also we've got a ways to go yet."

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COMPETING

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including an emission-testing event, a speed test and a 100-mile endurance race.

According to Rob Patton, spokesperson for the College of Engineering, this year's competition included 22 teams as well as competitors from Finland and Canada.

Patton said the competition, originally held in Wyoming, first began in 2000 and was the result of national parks resolving to allow snowmobiles on their grounds.

"Parks like Yellowstone began using snowmobiles and they started to recognize there were some issues," he said. "The snowmobiles were noisy, not very fuel efficient and tended to get stuck on difficult terrain."

It was from the need to improve these issues that the competition was first born, Patton said. He said those three problems became the primary components of the

snowmobile challenge.

"The competition challenges students to take a stock snowmobile and modify it," Patton said. "All of the challenges test the noise level, fuel efficiency and overall performance of the webicle."

the vehicle."

Patton said UI's snow-mobile featured a number of new technologies, including a device to reduce noise and a wire system to make the vehicle more efficient.

"The team created an echo cancellation device that they connect to their exhaust

system and it cuts the noise in half," Patton said. "They also developed a new way of creating a throttle that talks to the engine to improve on their efficiency."

Patton said while the UI team receives partial funds from the College of Engineering, the majority of its funding comes from private sponsors.

"Money plays a big role in the competition, and UI's team does an amazing job with very little resources," Patton said. "These are students who are creating solutions that have never been done before."

Zachary Lipple, a freshman member and mechanical engineering major, first heard about the team through his academic advisor.

Lipple said preparation for the competition started out slow, but as the academic year went on, building a snowmobile became rigorous work.

"In the beginning, we all started out on different projects," Lipple said. "As the year moved on, we really started working together and functioned like a well-oiled machine."

Lipple said the team worked well together because there were a variety of components involved in building the snowmobile and each team member had their own niche.

"The team is very inclusive, but everyone usually sections off work based on what they enjoy most," Lipple said. "For example, I'm best at computational fluid dynamics and tunnel

efficiency so that's mostly

what I worked on."
Woodland said preparing
for the competition involved
long hours and a lot of strenuous work.

"We start with a stock snowmobile and then go about this extensive process," he said. "We design modifications through computer programs, machine them, test them, redesign them and this happens over and over again until we come up with a quieter, more efficient product."

Woodland said the most difficult aspects of preparing for the competition included finding a balance between school and working on the snowmobile, testing the vehicle and the redesigning process.

"There's a big time restraint because we work on the machine between classes," Woodland said. "It can also be fickle while testing sometimes — one day a part can be working just fine and the next day it's useless."

Despite the long hours and high standards of competition, both Lipple and Woodland said the team and the experience make all of their hard work worth it.

"The competition is the smartest place I've ever been," Lipple said. "You're surrounded by engineering majors, engineering industries, all of these amazing minds just together in one place doing what they love ... It's unbelievable."

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SPRING

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of labor work, but members also learned about different organic farming techniques and how to care for animals.

Roman said usually the day ended around 4 p.m. and her group made dinner every night. A few students brought along instruments, she said — a guitar, a ukulele and a fiddle — and they had sing-a-longs and played games. The group also did a daily reflection each evening to talk about the work they did.

"It was very fulfilling and it was nice to see that we made a difference," Roman said.

Romy Halpern, a UI senior on the trip to Jackson, said her group stayed at the Presbyterian Church in the city. She said her group worked with the local Habitat for Humanity to build a three-bedroom house for a single family.

Halpern said going on the trip gave her the opportunity to learn new skills and connect with the Jackson community in a unique

Another student on the Jackson trip, Kelly Christensen, said the trip inspired teamwork and personal growth.

"What I like most about it is you're actually able to see what good you're doing," Christensen said.

Magnus said three ASB student

coordinators created the trips — Brady Fuller, Courtney Stoker and Jessica Darney. They chose the locations and searched out the community partners, and Magnus served as their advisor and financial manager. They all worked together on recruiting student leaders and participants.

The trips cost \$150 for undergraduate students to attend and \$250 for graduates. Magnus said the reason there's a difference in cost is because the trips are subsidized by the undergraduate fees, and although they're open to graduates, they have to pay for their trip in full.

The UI ASB trips started in 2001, and there have now been more than 100 trips. Over winter breaks, the center runs both national and international trips at the same time, but does not do international trips during the spring.

There were nine trips this year, each composed of approximately nine students and at least one staff advisor, Magnus said. She said it was the first time students have been able to decide where they wanted to go. Before this spring, students were placed based on what they listed as the issues they wanted to work with in, among other factors.

Magnus said she received positive feedback on the trip signup changes, and said it was a great

Magnus said the university has yet to hold ASB trips in the summer, although they're hoping to expand and the center is looking into the possibility of doing summer trips in the future. The next ASB trips will be held during winter break 2015.

"There are lots of reasons students should participate," Magnus said. "A big thing is challenging yourself, putting yourself in a new situation. It's a great way to learn about yourself, to grow and develop and it's just so much fun. You meet a lot of new people, and regardless of where you go you see a different culture and a population that you don't interact with on a daily basis. It's a blast and you learn a lot."

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NOTIFYING

warning and adverse weather - required by the Clery Act, which mandates reporting of crimes on campus.

The first category, "timely warning," is for on-campus crimes posing a "serious or continuing threat" to students and employees. The second category is to alert the community of adverse weather. Dorschel said the previous policy did not necessarily permit the university to send alerts that didn't fall into the two categories.

The new category, "informational notification" would be used when emergencies or crimes do not fit within the original categories or for off-campus events.

In a guest voice in the Jan. 20 edition of The Argonaut, Staben said "UI should have issued a Vandal Alert letting people know that there was no danger on campus, an assessment we received directly from MPD shortly after 3 p.m. We will change our policy and practice on the use of the Vandal Alert, so that our public is better informed as situations like this one arise."

Dorschel said although the university did not issue an alert directly after the shooting, a communication was sent out later to inform the public that the situation had resolved.

'We didn't issue an alert. We did issue a sort of 'all-clear," Dorschel said of the alert released around 11:30 p.m. Jan. 10.

When UI fully knew the details of the shooting situation, Vice President of Finance and Administration Ron Smith said it was already resolved, so the university elected not to send an alert.

Dorschel said even if there was no direct threat to students or staff in the situation, Staben felt moving forward it would be better to put out some information on similar events.

"Sometimes that can help alleviate fear or concerns," Dorschel said.

Dorschel presented changes to the Vandal Alert policy to UI Faculty Senate

Marty Ytreberg, Faculty Senate chair, questioned who decides what events are of "significant interest," which is the language used to describe the informational notification category.

Dorschel said there would not be designated person to determine what is of significant interest, but rather the director of Integrated Communications or a designee has authority to broadcast an informational notification.

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WIENCEK

the idea of an academic stipend. "That's when I found out I could go to graduate school and someone else would give me a full tuition waiver and they would actually pay me a living

wage," he said. Now, with decades of experience in higher education, Wiencek will take another step forward in academics as the University of Idaho's next provost and executive vice president.

"I really am looking forward to a nice long stint as provost so that I can really make some substantial changes and differences for the university," he said.

Wiencek said he decided to apply for the position after meeting UI President Chuck Staben during a dinner at a conference last fall. After the dinner, Wiencek said it was clear he and Staben had complementary personalities and could work well together.

"We struck up a conversation and I was very impressed with his style and enjoyed talking with him," he said.

Wiencek will begin as provost

June 1 and replace Interim Provost Katherine Aiken, who has held the position since 2012 when former Provost Doug Baker left UI to become president of Northern Illinois University. Wiencek was one of five candidates vying for the position.

At VCU, Wiencek also served as senior vice provost — a position he took to gain more experience before applying for a permanent provost position.

"I realized that I probably needed to have some experience, an intermediate step before I went right to provost," he said.

As the provost's No. 2, Wiencek said he learned the inner workings of a provost position and became familiar with handling the responsibilities.

Wiencek said he also expanded his experience as an administrator by working with faculty members from a variety of disciplines.

Before VCU, Wiencek spent six years as dean of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at the University of South Florida. He has also held professor positions at the University of Iowa and Rutgers University.

As provost, Wiencek plans on

working with Staben to increase enrollment — something he said can provide more resources to faculty and programs, along with making the student experience better.

"There is plenty to do out of the gate, and I'm already starting to think about it," Wiencek said.

Wiencek said he also plans to focus on boosting selected academic programs into the national spotlight while working with Staben to address faculty morale and productivity.

Wiencek said although UI has dedicated faculty members, the university has struggled to provide them with proper compensation and recognition.

As for his administrative style, Wiencek said he plans on communicating openly with faculty, staff and students and doing a lot of listening as provost.

"It should be two parts listening and one part speaking, if not more parts listening," he said. "It's important to listen to other people and not to dominate conversations."

Aiken said Staben and Wiencek have complementary personalities and will make a strong team. Aiken said

Wiencek has a good track record in higher education and has experience serving in a provost position, something the search committee looked for during the hiring process.

"He's going to be a really terrific provost, and I'm pleased that he's coming," Aiken said.

Staben and Wiencek both have a background in hard science, but Aiken said Wiencek's ability to be a strong decision maker for the university is more important than his academic discipline.

Aiken said Wiencek would be included in internal conversations to try and make the transition as smooth as possible. She said Wiencek is congenial, bright and well intentioned characteristics that will serve him well as provost.

With children in middle school, Wiencek said he hopes to have a long tenure at UI and set up roots in Moscow.

"I'm humbled," he said. "But I'm thrilled and I am feeling confident that I can make a huge, positive difference for the University of Idaho."

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BUDGETING

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campus, adding 291 new cameras and funding a permanent operations center.

Upper administrators rated the proposal as one of the highest priorities on a list of university budget proposals, said Ron Smith, vice president of finance and administration.

"It's important that we have a safe campus," Smith said. "I think it fits in with the president's initiative of attracting and retaining students."

The leadership team, which consists of deans, vice presidents and the provost, prioritized budget proposals in the case that additional money is available in the annual budget, he said.

Smith said UI would find out how much money it has to work with, after the legislative session concludes and after the State Board of Education (SBOE) sets UI's tuition increase for the next academic year in April.

"When you put all those together, we will know how much money we have and if there are any discretionary dollars," he said.

At this point, Smith said the leadership team would meet again to decide which budget proposals would receive funding.

With a low proposed tuition increase of 3.5 percent, if the SBOE approves the full increase, the leadership team would be able to fund one or two of the budget proposals, Smith said.

"We've got a lot of critical needs, but infinite needs and finite resources," he said. "So not all of them will get funded."

If funded, the proposal would install 291 security cameras, set up an operations center and create a new manager position to oversee the operations center. The operations center would allow security personnel to monitor the cameras

at all times, Dorschel said. The proposal would cost \$305,308 in one-time costs and

\$250,000 in reoccurring costs to run the operations center.

Smith said the one-time costs for the security camera infrastructure are low compared to other capital projects, and the on-going costs are average compared to other proposals on the list.

At first, Smith said the ongoing costs could be reduced to \$120,000, but the cameras would be monitored a limited amount of time. He said eventually an annual cost of \$250,000 would be needed.

"There may be some wiggle room in the middle, just to get it started," he said.

Dorschel said it's encouraging to see the upper administrators prioritizing security on campus and hopes this year's budget will fund the proposal.

The perception of campus safety changed last year after the Idaho Legislature passed a bill allowing retired law enforcement officers and those with an enhanced concealed-carry

permit to carry firearms on campus, Dorschel said.

"I think in general people support safety initiatives, it's just a matter of resource prioritization," he said.

Dorschel said security cameras not only deter crime and theft of university property, but also can provide critical information in emergency situations, such as a shooter on campus or a fire. Cameras also help with perceived security, making students, staff and faculty feel more assured that their campus is safe, he said.

Despite the limited resources, Dorschel said he is committed to supporting a security camera infrastructure if the funding does not come through this year.

"I will be the most vocal advocate for it," Dorschel said. "If I don't get funding this year, I'll be asking again next year, and I'll just keep asking.'

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SPORTS



Idaho men's tennis finishes with three wins over break

SWIM & DIVE



Former Idaho diver Paige Hunt dives Feb. 16 at the University of Arizona. Hunt is training in Arizona in pursuit of competing in the Olympics.

Pursuing the Olympics

Former Idaho diver Paige Hunt trying to make Olympic trials

> **Garrett Cabeza** Argonaut

For some athletes, competing at the college level isn't enough — they want to push their careers to the next level.

This is the case for former Idaho diver and 2013 WAC Diver of the Year Paige Hunt. Hunt, a 23-year-old from Mesa, Arizona,

graduated from Idaho last May, but decided to continue her diving career by receiving training from Team USA and Arizona dive coach Omar Ojeda.

Hunt said she wanted to continue diving after her Idaho career because she simply felt like she wasn't done diving.

"I felt like I haven't reached my potential to see how far I could go," Hunt said.

There are multiple diving events in the Olympics, but Hunt will focus on the 3-meter dive.

Hunt said her ultimate goal is to make it to the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Indianapolis. The event determines who will represent the United States at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Before Hunt moved to Tucson, Arizona, for training, Idaho dive coach Kelly Gufford said she sent Hunt's recruiting videos to Ojeda and spent hours on the phone with him talking about if Hunt was ready for the challenge of competing with some of the best divers in the country.

Hunt has risen to the occasion as she has

been training under the guidance of Ojeda for about 10 months.

Gufford said Ojeda doesn't work with divers he thinks won't be able to challenge divers from other countries.

"NAU (Northern Arizona) is our biggest diving rival in our conference," Gufford said. "We're trying to beat NAU. He's trying to beat Team China. I mean, really to put it into perspective. So he's not going to just work with someone just to give them a chance."

Hunt took 22nd in the 1-meter dive at the 2014 USA Diving Winter National Championships in December. One of Hunt's training partners, Arizona redshirt senior Samantha Pickens, won the event.

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Athletes of the break



Odon Barta men's tennis

The Idaho men's tennis team didn't get much of a break over spring break, playing six matches during the

week. The Vandals went 3-3 over the week and 3-1 in Big Sky play. Odon Barta was the standout in the first match of the week, as he beat Sacramento State's Sean Kolar 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 in No. 1 singles. The junior from Budapest, Hungary, also contributed to the win at No. 2 doubles, where he and his partner Felipe Fonseca won 6-1. Barta went 2-2 in singles play and 3-2 in doubles play over the rest of the week.



Belen **Barcenilla** – women's tennis

Spring break featured the toughest week of play for the

Idaho women's tennis team as the Vandals competed against two ranked opponents. The Vandals lost all three matches during the week including losses at No. 42 Fresno State and against No. 35 Arizona. Still, one bright spot for the Vandals was Belen Barcenilla. The junior from Leon, Spain, went 2-0 in singles matches at No. 5 and No. 6 singles and 1-2 in doubles during the week. She was the only Vandal who didn't lose a singles match during the week, although her match against Arizona's Inge Hendrix went unfinished in the third set. Idaho's next match is Friday against Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah.

Dan Sutton – men's golf



Dan Sutton doesn't even compete in every golf tournament for the men's golf team, but he was Idaho's top finisher Saturday at the Desert Shootout in Goodyear,

Arizona. The freshman from Birmingham, England, tied for second in the tournament with a 10-under-par 206. He shot a bogey-free final round of 65 to lead Idaho to a fourth-place finish as a team. The Vandals continue play April 6 at the Wyoming Cowboy Classic in Scottsdale, Arizona.

"Dan played the last two rounds without a bogey," Idaho coach John Means said. "He has demonstrated this talent in practice, but finally got out of his own way in competition and did what we have been practicing."

MEN'S GOLF

Making his mark

Idaho freshman Dan Sutton ties for second in Arizona tournament

> **Garrett Cabeza** Argonaut

Freshman golfer Dan Sutton didn't even play in Idaho's previous competition the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Invite March 9-10 in Aiken, South Carolina.

However, Sutton made the most of his opportunity at the Desert Shootout Thursday through Saturday in Goodyear, Arizona.

The Birmingham, England, native shot a 10-under-par 206 to finish tied for second in the tournament.

"He played golf the way he's supposed to play," Idaho coach John Means said. "That's the kind of player he is. He's got that much talent and we need that talent every time he goes out to play."

Sutton shot a 7-under-par 65 in the third and final round Saturday to help solidify his finish.

Means said he was bogey-free Friday and Saturday.

"He hit all 18 greens," Means said of Sutton during his final round. "He actually missed three or four putts that he had dead in the hole that he left about an inch or two short. I mean, he could have shot 61 with another six inches of roll on his ball."

The Vandals have two more events to go before competing in the Big Sky Conference Championship April 27-29 in Stockton, California. Up next, Idaho will travel to Scottsdale, Arizona, to compete in the Wyoming Cowboy Classic April 6-7.

"What I'm hoping is I'm hoping that they finally start believing in who they are, and if that's the case, then they're going to continue to shoot scores that are competitive," Means said. "We can't stop the other teams from scoring, but you certainly don't want to get in your own way."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tougher than the WAC

Wins didn't come easy in Idaho's first season back in Big Sky Conference

Korbin McDonald

When the final buzzer sounded on Idaho's season, Idaho coach Don Verlin said he expected to have more Ws in the win column.

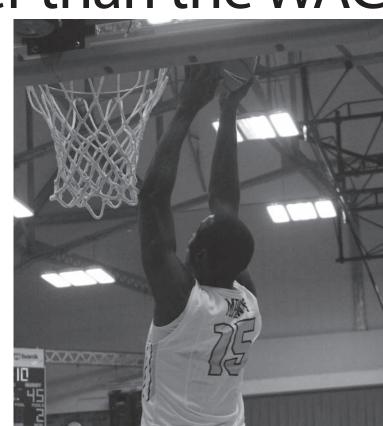
"It wasn't how we drew it up," Verlin said. "We thought we could win a few more games."

With the 91-83 loss to Eastern Washington in the first round of the Big Sky Tournament, Idaho finished with a 13-17 overall record and an 8-11 record in conference competition, including the tournament game.

Of the 17 losses, 13 came on the road, where the team only managed to win two games away from Moscow.

This was the Vandals' first season back in the Big Sky after they had spent the past nine years in the Western Athletic Conference.

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Junior forward Paulin Mpawe dunks over Eastern Oregon Nov. 14 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals finished the season 13-17 overall and 8-11 in conference play during their first season back in the Big Sky.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Time, light constraints hurt Vandals

Idaho comes up short in Arizona Invitational

Zack Ozuna Argonaut

Time constraints hurt the Idaho women's golf team in its last tournament over spring break.

The team competed in the Arizona Wildcat Invitational March 16-17 in Tucson, Arizona, and started off with strong performances from seniors Leilanie Kim and Kaitlyn Oster. A lack of sunlight caused play to be suspended on the first day and forced a third of the competition to compete the following morning where the Vandals finished 14th out of the 15 teams competing. USC won the tournament with a 30-under-par

Idaho coach Lisa Johnson said momentum was rising in the first round, but the adversity of suspending play affected the outcome.

"Play was suspended that first day, but our team's outlook on the tournament never changed," Johnson said.

A strong first-day performance from one of their leading seniors helped carry the attitude of the team in the first round. Oster was 1-under par before play was interrupted, but fell to 7-over for the remainder of the round.

"The way we played the second day doesn't represent our team and what we can accomplish the rest of the season," Johnson said. "This is a tournament that we have played in for four years now, and it definitely gave those two (Oster and Kim) an advantage that the underclassmen will eventually gain."

The preseason Big Sky favorites didn't live up to expectations in Tucson, but the Vandals have two more tournaments this season. The team wraps up its season next month with two tournaments — the Cowgirl Classic April 6-7 in Maricopa, Arizona, and the Big Sky Conference Championship April 19-21 in Chandler, Arizona.

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TOURNAMENT

POS.	TEAM	TO PAR	TOTAL
T26.	KIM	+7	223
T38.	OSTER	+9	225
T63.	MCKINLEY	+16	232
T77.	STRANKMAN	+23	239
T84.	GRAY	+32	248
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MEN'S TENNIS

Idaho drops one, wins one

Idaho defeats Southern Utah for another BSC win, loses nonconference matchup to UNLV

Ben Evensen Argonaut

For its fifth and sixth matches over spring break, Idaho hit the road again to take on Southern Utah in a conference match and a nonconference matchup with UNLV.

Already sitting at 3-1 in Big Sky play, the Vandals destroyed Southern Utah 7-0 Thursday. The Thunderbirds were unable to win a single match in singles or doubles against the Vandals. Junior Odon Barta won the No. 1 singles match, freshman Felipe Fonseca won the No. 2 match, senior Cristobal Ramos Salazar the No. 3 match and junior Jackson Varney the No. 4 singles match. Freshman Mark Kovacs won the No. 5 match and senior Alberto Sanz the No. 6 match to round out singles.

Idaho continued to dominate in doubles play. Varney and Ramos Salazar defeated Ben Spencer and Brandon Olcott in the No. 1 doubles match while Barta and Fonseca won the No. 2 doubles match over Troy Benson and Taylor Wilko. Southern Utah won the No. 3 doubles match.

"The guys played great against (Southern Utah), getting another conference win after the tough (Wichita State) match," Idaho coach Jeff Beaman said.

The win snapped a two-game skid for Idaho, but against UNLV the Vandals found themselves back in the loss column. Varney and Ramos Salazar lost the No. 1 doubles match and Barta and Fonseca lost the No. 2 match. Idaho at Southern Utah



DOUBLES

- 1. VARNEY/RAMOS SALAZAR (UI) DEF. SPENCER/
- OLCOTT (SUU) 6-2 2. BARTA/FONSECA (UI) DEF.
- BENSON /WILKO (SUU) 6-0 3. KOVACS/SANZ (UI) DEF.
- NIELSON /RIOS (SUU) 6-0 SINGLES
- 1. BARTA (UI) DEF. SPENCER
- (SUU) 6-2, 6-4
- 2. FONSECA (UI) DEF.
- BENSON (SUU) 6-3, 6-4 3. RAMOS SALAZAR (UI) DEF.
- RIOS, (SUU) 6-3, 6-0 4. VARNEY (UI) DEF. WILKO
- (SUU) 6-2, 6-2
- 5. KOVACS (UI) DEF. NIELSON (SUU) 6-2, 6-0
- 6. SANZ (UI) DEF. OLCOTT (SUU) 6-0, 6-0

Kovacs and Sanz lost in the No. 3 match.

The Vandals dropped the first three singles matches to finish, so the rest of the matches went unfinished and UNLV took the

Idaho competed in six matches in the first eight days of spring break, going 3-3 but 3-1 in Big Sky play. The fatigue clearly played a factor as the Vandals lost three of the last four.

"Six matches in eight days is 29 percent of your schedule in that short time, including van travel for matches in five different states." Beaman said. "But this was part of our progression plan with scheduling of pushing and seeing how the guys react and deal with



File photo by Nathan Romans | Argonaut Junior Jackson Varney returns the ball during practice Feb. 4.

physical and mental stresses that got harder and harder as the spring evolved."

Beaman said he doesn't see this being much of a problem in the future as the rest of the season has more evenly spaced matches with more rest time.

Idaho continues an eightday break before being back in action Saturday at Weber State. The Vandals take on Idaho State in Pocatello, Idaho, Sunday. Following those matches, the Vandals play their first home games of the season April 11 against Montana and North Dakota in a doubleheader.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Idaho finishes break With loss After tough nonconference stretch, Idaho returns to Big Sky play

Joshua Gamez

The Idaho women's tennis team didn't have what many would consider a relaxing spring break.

After a winless road trip in California capped off with a 5-2 loss to No. 42 ranked Fresno State March 15, they turned around and were swept by No.

"Against Arizona today we had a very tough match," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said following the match. "They are the strongest team we played all year and very likely the strongest team we will play all regular season."

against Cal Poly was one the Vandals had chances to win. The Vandals fell in a close 4-3 battle March 14.

The Vandals look to end this losing streak Friday when they travel to Cedar City, Utah, to take on Southern Utah. The Vandals are 8-7 overall, but they currently hold a 5-1 record in Big Sky play.

The losses they've taken at the hands of the Bulldogs and Wildcats will help them in the long run, Cobra said.

"Playing teams like Arizona that are likely going to be in the NCAAs is going to help our confi-

The first match of the break dence ... So I almost look at the loss like a positive," Cobra said. getting better and competing."

Cobra said she intentionally scheduled tough competition to help the Vandals get ready for the conference tournament. She said the team continues to improve each week, but it was important to not peak too early, which they haven't.

"You learn a lot more from losses than you do from wins," Cobra said. "Those losses will definitely prepare them to be successful when they matter."

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Idaho vs. No. 15 Arizona



DOUBLES

- 1. SHAYNE/BRIAR (ARIZ) DEF. BYKOVA/MARX (UI) 6-1
- 2. BARCENILLA/VICKERS (UI) VS. MARKER/HENDRIKX (ARIZ) 4-5, UNFINISHED
- 3. CHYPYHA/ OLDHAM
- (ARIZ) DEF. BERMUDEZ BADILLOS (UI) 6-4

SINGLES

- 1. NO. 113 MARKER (ARIZ) **DEF. BYKOVA (UI) 6-3, 6-1** 2. MARX (UI) VS. NO. 97 PRESTON (ARIZ) 2-0, UNFINISHED
- 3. OLDHAM (ARIZ) DEF. BERMUDEZ (UI) 6-1, 6-1 4. VICKERS (UI) VS. CHYPYHA (ARIZ) 3-6, 4-5, UNFINISHED

5. AUSTIN (ARIZ) DEF.

BADILLOS (UI) 6-4, 6-2







MARK

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Sophomore Jared du Toit followed closely behind Sutton by shooting a 9-under-par 207 to tie for sixth place.

"Jared's starting to hit the ball better," Means said. "He's been struggling this spring on hitting the ball."

Means said du Toit hit the ball pretty well Friday and Saturday, but said his putting was streaky.

"It's not from lack of effort," Means said. "I mean he's been working hard on putting and he has a beautiful putting stroke."

Idaho finished fourth as a team by

posting a 25-under-par 839. The Vandals had the lowest team score in the third round.

"This is the kind of talent that this team has if they just get out of their way and perform the way they're supposed to," Means said.

The Vandals improved their score each day, firing a 286 the first round, 280 the second round and 273 the third round. Means attributed the day-to-day improvement to his players playing calm.

Kansas won the invitational with a 35-under-par 829, Iowa State took second with a 27-under-par 837 and Wichita State finished third with a 26-under-par 838.

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POS.	PLAYER	TEAM	TO PAR	TOTAL
1.	ANTOINE ROZNER	имкс	-12	204
T2.	DAN SUTTON	IDAHO	-10	206
T2.	LOUIS COHEN BOYER	WICHITA STATE	-10	206
T2.	BROCK DROGOSCH	KANSAS	-10	206
T2.	SAM DALEY	IOWA STATE	-10	206
T6.	JARED DU TOIT	IDAHO	-9	207



Nathan Romans | Argonaut

Junior Scott Riley lines up a putt during practice Sept. 23 at Palouse Ridge Golf Club. The Vandals finished fourth at the Desert Shootout. Freshman Dan Sutton finished second and sophomore Jared du Toit finished sixth individually.

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Verlin said the Big Sky was a tougher conference than the WAC was last year and the team needs to make some adjustments to compete within the conference. One of the adjustments he mentioned was that the team needs to get quicker and add faster players at the guard position.

"I really like where our program is at," Verlin said. "We got to add a couple things to it, we got to get some guys better and we got to get some guys stronger."

To make things tougher, Verlin will need to find players to replace the production of seniors Connor Hill and Mike Scott.

Hill, a shooting guard from Post Falls, Idaho, will leave with the title of Idaho's best 3-point shooter ever. Last season as a junior, Hill became Idaho's all-time leader in 3-pointers made and padded his total this season with 108 made 3s. He'll leave with a total of 340 buckets from

behind the arc.

The only thing Hill's career was missing was to go out with a win.

Overshadowed by Eastern Washington's Tyler Harvey, who set a career-high and Big Sky Tournament record with 42 points against Idaho, Hill's last game as a Vandal was an impressive feat in itself.

"Two great shooters going at it, but Tyler Harvey just made some unbelievable shots," Verlin said.

Still trying to recover from the flu, Hill finished the last game of his collegiate career with 23 points and was 6-of-10 from 3-point range.

"He's sicker than a dog, but came out here and battled like crazy," Verlin said. "I thought Connor really showed his heart today in how hard he played."

In just two years with Idaho, Scott, a point guard from Los Angeles, quickly proved his worth and put his name in the record book with some of the best point guards in the program's history.

After playing sparingly his first year on campus as a junior, Scott earned the role of starter and team

captain for his senior campaign. He finished the season with 160 assists and was consistently near the top in the nation in assist to turnover ratio.

With his assist total this year, Scott finished fifth for total assists in a single season and moved to 12th on Idaho's all-time assists list.

"It never ends quite how you wanted it to, but it's been a blessing to coach these guys," Verlin said of his three seniors — Hill, Scott and Bira Seck. "At the end of the day, look at the body of work that these seniors have done — they're all going to graduate, they're all great kids, they're all going to go on and be successful."

Despite the departures, Verlin said he expects the program to compete in the Big Sky going forward.

"It's always hard when it comes to an end," Verlin said. "I think we got a little bit better feel (of the conference). We're excited about Vandal basketball moving forward."

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OLYMPICS

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When Hunt graduated from Idaho last spring, she left the school as arguably the best diver in Vandal history.

Gufford said Hunt holds the school record in the platform dive and had broken all the school diving records until her former teammate Mairin Jameson broke her 1-meter and 3-meter dive records at the 2014 WAC Championships.

Now Hunt is training in Tucson at the University of Arizona, which is almost a two-hour drive from her hometown of Mesa.

Hunt said her training in Arizona is more intense than her training at Idaho. She trains about four to six hours a day, which she said includes dry land, water and weight lifting activities.

The biggest challenge has been gaining muscle and in

turn, weight, Hunt said.

"I've been trying hard with whey protein shakes and eating way more protein than I am used to in general," Hunt said. "So that's been the hardest thing that I've had to deal with."

Gufford said Hunt has unlimited potential and that she can transform as a diver, wich is what Ojeda has done with her.

"He has embraced training her and pushing her beyond her limits, and it's not easy," Gufford said. "It's not easy being pushed outside your comfort zone every single day. He's a tough coach, but he's a world-class coach and he's getting results out of her that she never thought were possible."

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Sports briefs Spring football nearing

Coach Paul Petrino and the Idaho football team are set to begin spring football Wednesday. Spring football marks the start of Petrino's third year with the program.

"You have to identify who your best players are on each side of the ball," Petrino said. "We have to make sure coming out of spring ball we know who are top players are. Who are the guys we're going to get the ball to? Who are the protectors? Who are the best linemen you're going to run behind?"

A few of the things to watch heading into spring practice are the quarterback battle between sophomore Matt Linehan and freshman Jake Luton, how returning wide receiver Dezmon Epps fits back in with the team, how the early enrollees fair and how the team handles the new assistant coaches.

"Matt has a really good handle on the offense," Petrino said of his quarterback. "Jake has been around it for a year and understands it a lot better and (grayshirt freshman) Gunnar (Amos) is learning it."

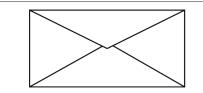
The NCAA allows a total of 15 spring practices in March and April. The spring practices conclude with the annual Silver and Gold Game at 6 p.m. April 24.





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OPINION



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A ridiculous fine Fisher's punishment for Argonaut story is foolish, discourages transparency

hen two former ASUI presidents — and at least two fresh faces announced their candidacy for the 2015 ASUI election, we knew campaign season would be interesting, to say the least.

But we hoped the competitive nature of the election would bring open discourse and fresh ideas for positive change, not petty governance from ASUI bureaucrats attempting to micromanage campaigns.

Incumbent Nate Fisher was fined \$15 for a story that ran in The Argonaut Feb. 9. In the article, Fisher discussed his ideas for redistricting ASUI, and in the process, announced he intended to run for re-election in order to accomplish this goal.

The Argonaut reported the story as it would any other and a few weeks later, ran a similar story about former ASUI President Max Cowan, who discussed a resolution he wrote related to redistricting and also announced his candidacy for re-election.

Cowan was not punished and

expressed sympathy for Fisher.

According to the ASUI Rules and Regulations, no candidate may campaign prior to the formal election season, with the exception of self-endorsement for announcement purposes. The rule is vague and is ultimately left up to the interpretation of the elections coordinators. Even so, it's clear Fisher was well within his rights to discuss the election and his intention to re-run, particularly as the incumbent.

Fisher has been nothing but transparent throughout his presidency, a trait that is refreshing in higher education which has become increasingly dysfunctional when it comes to open communication.

While it should be made clear The Argonaut does not endorse candidates and this editorial is in no way a show of support for Fisher or any other candidate, the idea that ASUI Elections Coordinators Emily Stephens and James Morrell considered suspending Fisher from the election is laughable at best and asinine at worst.

To disqualify a legitimate candidate based on a broad interpretation of a rule that while created with good intentions — is largely procedural, is a gross misinterpretation of the

rule's true purpose.

It's obvious this was nothing more than a petty display of power by the elections coordinators. To make matters worse, Morrell and Stephens declined to comment entirely on the issue, further showcasing their blatent disregard for transparency. They should be ashamed as representatives of ASUI and of the student body for their failure to encourage open communication and transparency.

Fisher spoke openly with a reporter and answered questions appropriately — an important aspect of his current role as ASUI president. He did not influence the nature of the article, he had no control over when or how it was printed and he was transparent with members of his cabinet, including the elections coordinators, when he informed them he had spoken with a reporter about discourages transparency

his intent to run for re-election. The university should value transparency, and members of its student government should, too. These students represent the student body, and as such they should be champions of

transparency and free speech. We live in an era where wisdom and logic in interpreting the law is often set aside for personal gain. In a state lacking leadership in government, it's no wonder our future leaders fail to understand these ideals.

Perhaps those who fined Fisher will have a bright future in the Idaho Legislature. If their recent actions are any indication, they'll be at home in the Idaho House of Representatives where productive, logical action is all but forgotten.

This petty application — and ultimate misinterpretation — of this ASUI rule will discourage free speech in the future and we, as students of this university, should have a problem with this.

- KK

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QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS**

Bar gigs

Rule No. 1: When you are done with the set, take a minute and put your instrument away before going to the bar. Yes, a drunk person will ask to play your instrument, and yes, they can get grabby.

-Rvan

Spring break

Anyone who hasn't driven through California on Highway 101 should definitely put it on their bucket list. I was disgusted by the beauty.

-Erin

Busted brackets

Is your bracket busted? Worry not, mine is as well thanks to NC State and a host of other teams. Gotta love March Madness chaos.

-Stephan

Section meetings

Everyone's all "Let's talk about all our stuff" and I'm over here alone like "What's a radio?"

-Jack

Back to the grindstone

Well, five days just isn't enough of a break. How many months until summer? And where did the nice weather go? -Claire

Cruz-in'

The senator from Texas is officially in the presidential race for 2016! Hoo-rah!

-Andrew

Where am I?

After a week off I'm suddenly second guessing my schedule.

- Katelyn

I ain't even mad

Ted Cruz's bid for the presidency is laughable, but it doesn't have me worried. This is the man who held American's hostage during the 2013 government shutdown to score political points, the man who has alienated members of his own party because "they're not conservative enough" and the man who refuses to reach across the aisle to work with Democrats. C'mon GOP, vou can do better than this.

- Amber

Spring football

A week after basketball season ends, football is back in session. Football season is truly year-round.

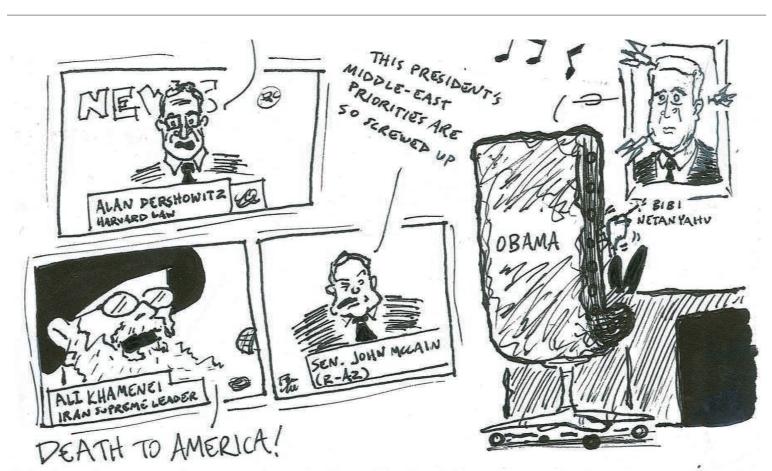
– Korbin

I need an adult

I had to go get a cap and gown yesterday, I'm graduating in less than two months and I still feel like I don't know what I'm doing. Did I just miss the day they explained adulting? – Daphne

By the numbers Thirteen Argonauts,

eight weeks of school, three classes and one graduation. I can do this. -Kaitlyn





Tracking tuition dollars



Answers to questions regarding university policies, procedures or student life

Why is my tuition so expensive? What does it even pay for?

Lets start by answering the question of where tuition money goes. It is complicated, because each individual dollar students pay is not allocated directly.

Instead, it is added to a pool of general education money, which also draws from state funds and the University of Idaho endowment. While the

university has other expenses for things like research, I'll focus on these general education expenses, which is where tuition money is used.

While students may think of the university as just a campus a collection of buildings the truth is only 17 percent of general education dollars pay for the physical university. The majority of our expenses pay for salaries. With over 1,200 fulltime equivalent faculty and staff paid for through general education, the heart of the university is the people.

So far, we have only talked about tuition, which is the largest portion of what students pay to UI. There are also student fees, which are about \$1,000 a year. Breaking down these fees could be a discussion in and of itself, but in simple terms this pays for events, activities, campus offices and athletics.

The total tuition and fees have risen dramatically in recent years. While in-state tuition was \$4,385 in 2006, it is now \$6,765. This jump of nearly 50 percent in 10 years is hard to fathom for many students.

While there are a lot of plausible explanations for this increase in the cost of schooling, there are two that are the most compelling. The first is the growth of what UI does as an institution. Universities nowadays have to compete with thousands of other institutions students could attend. To try and attract students, UI has increased the services it provides.

Higher education has seen an arms race of recreation centers, campus offices, dining options and student activities. While higher education started out as little more than professors and buildings, students increasingly demand more support and opportunities. These amenities have in part driven up the cost of higher education.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Things like tutoring and academic support, the Counseling and Testing Center and campus activities have helped make our institution thrive. An active and engaged campus helps students succeed and gain experiences that will serve us well when we enter the workforce. This growth in services would

explain a shift in cost over the long term, but it doesn't explain the steep increase in cost we have seen recently. The second reason, and per-

Tuition rates increased

as UI expanded and

Idaho cut funding

haps a more relevant explanation for the rise in the cost, is due to a decrease in state funding. Since 2009, state funding for UI general education dropped by nearly \$16 million. With this decline, the university is forced to raise tuition in order to fund the institution.

With tuition rising this much, we need to take a stand as students to address the underlying problems. First and foremost, be in touch with your state legislator. Millennials are the generation least likely to contact their representatives. If legislators don't hear from students about the importance of funding higher education, they will continue to cut support. The second thing we can do is communicate with the State Board of Education, a board that sets tuition increases for all state universities in Idaho.

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concern

UI should make pedestrian safety a priority and repaint crosswalks

Shannon Kelly

Argonaut

With flowers blooming and the weather warming up, this is the time of year

campus shines. This is why it's so disappointing that walking to campus can be such a scary experience at times.

The main culprit? Unsafe crosswalks.

UI crosswalks have deteriorated into unsafe territory, with poor visibility and maintenance being overlooked.

UI is a pedestrian-oriented campus, so logically crosswalk maintenance should be a priority. Even before spring hits, some crosswalks on campus are barely visible, scratched away by gravel and continuous road traffic.

The elements have done their job, wearing away crosswalk paint in various locations on campus. Crosswalks on Deakin Street, Greek Row and even outside the Student Recreation Center have all faded and become difficult to see.

The university repaints crosswalks from time to time, yet crosswalks should be repainted well before they are barely detectable. Although it may result in an added cost, repainting crosswalks on a regular basis would be in the best interest of the university and the faculty, staff and students who walk to and from campus everyday.

Visibility with crosswalks only gets worse at night. Some UI crosswalks are in locations with poor to no nighttime lighting. Many students can recall occasions where they had a close call as a pedestrian or as a driver on campus. In fact, earlier this month there were at least two traffic accidents involving pedestrians on campus in

a single day. No one wants to be at either end of such an ordeal. In what would be a new step toward safety, UI administrators should look at what our neighbors a few miles to the west are doing.

A lighted crosswalk system similar to that on the Washington State

University campus would increase safety for pedestrians at UI. At WSU, crosswalk signs light up whenever a pedestrian is crossing the road. While UI doesn't necessarily need a system elaborate

enough for four lanes of traffic, some sort of lighted system to efficiently alert drivers to crossing pedestrians will improve campus safety.

The next best solution, which can also be combined with a WSU a system, is to have better streetlights surrounding crosswalks.

Many drivers on campus would also benefit. especially visitors who are less familiar with the campus' pedestrian friendly nature. This brings up the other part of the equation — drivers need to be more alert and respectful of pedestrians.

It's easy to speed through campus, but being aware of the surroundings and slowing down is a critical step in reducing the chances of an accident. Be patient and let people cross the road.

In fairness, UI has made some efforts to keep crosswalks safe. The crosswalk in front of the Bruce Pitman Center, formerly the Student Union Building, is a shining example. It was renovated to include enhanced lighting, signs and textured surfaces in the crosswalk to give the area a pedestrian vibe. This is a great first step in promoting pedestrian safety, but more must be done.

As the university continues its fundraising efforts, hopefully some of the proceeds can be utilized to repair and improve campus-crossing areas. In the meantime, drive attentively and stop at crosswalks for fellow Vandals.

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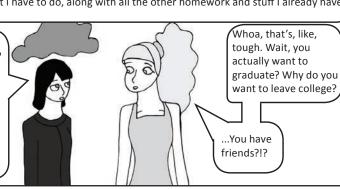
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Senka Black



I'm frustrated because the classes I need to take to graduate next year aren't being offered next semester and they weren't offered this spring, so I'm worried they won't be offered next spring. Now I have to email people and talk to my Dean to figure out exactly what I have to do, along with all the other homework and stuff I already have

Why would I want to stay? Don't get me wrong, I've made lots of friends and memories. but I want to continue on with my life.

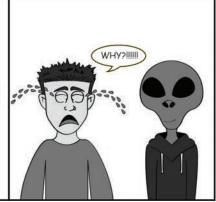


Samantha Brownell | Argonaut

College Roommates







Aly Soto | Argonaut



Q: Vandal Entertainment recently announced that Chance The Rapper will headline the 2015 **Finals Fest.**

Will you attend the concert? Why or why not? What do you think of Vandal Entertainment's decision?



Good to see us getting an actual artist instead of some indie no one. Didn't go last year but will go this year, as long as the artist is good, I am willing to pay \$5-10 #cocoabutterki\$\$e\$

Nicholas Mitchell

Who's this guy?

Cristian M. Mata





Chance is a talented artist but his music is definitely a tough pill to swallow at first. I remember hearing "Cocoa Butter Kisses," a long time before I really listened to "Acid Rap," and thought his voice was slightly annoying so I put him off as a no go. A while later I heard "Lost" and "Favorite Song" and realized that if you give him a chance — yeah — he'll surprise you. I recommend "The Writer" because that's my favorite of his songs.

every person.

Wade Schumaker

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