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FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK



Fighting for farmworkers

UI organizations observe Farmworker Awareness Week

Graham Perednia
Argonaut

The hands that pick the produce grown and consumed across the United States go without recognition, said Elena Perez, University of Idaho sophomore and Movimiento Activista Social (MAS) activist.

Perez said families work tirelessly for little money while sometimes being sprayed with pesticides, and work without breaks in the hot sun without access to shade, clean water and in some cases, restrooms.

"Forget about where these people come from," Perez said. "It is not about who these people are, it is about human rights."

To observe National Farmworker Awareness Week, MAS organized a protest Sunday to pressure Wendy's to join the Fair Food program and buy tomatoes from suppliers and farms that ensure farmworkers are treated fairly, able to report abuse and harassment, have access to shade and are paid a higher wage.

"We are protesting because we want Wendy's to sign on to the program," Perez said. "Students have the power. These corporations target us because they have cheap food."

Wendy's is the only fast food chain that has not joined the program, Perez said. Every other fast food chain signed on to the program, including Chipotle and Wal-Mart.

About 20 people turned out to the protest, which was independent of any UI department or event. Protestors marched from the Teaching and Learning Center chanting with large signs.

"Wendy's shame on you, farmworkers have families too," protestors said carrying tomato shaped signs saying. "I want fair food ... Farmworker rights are human rights."

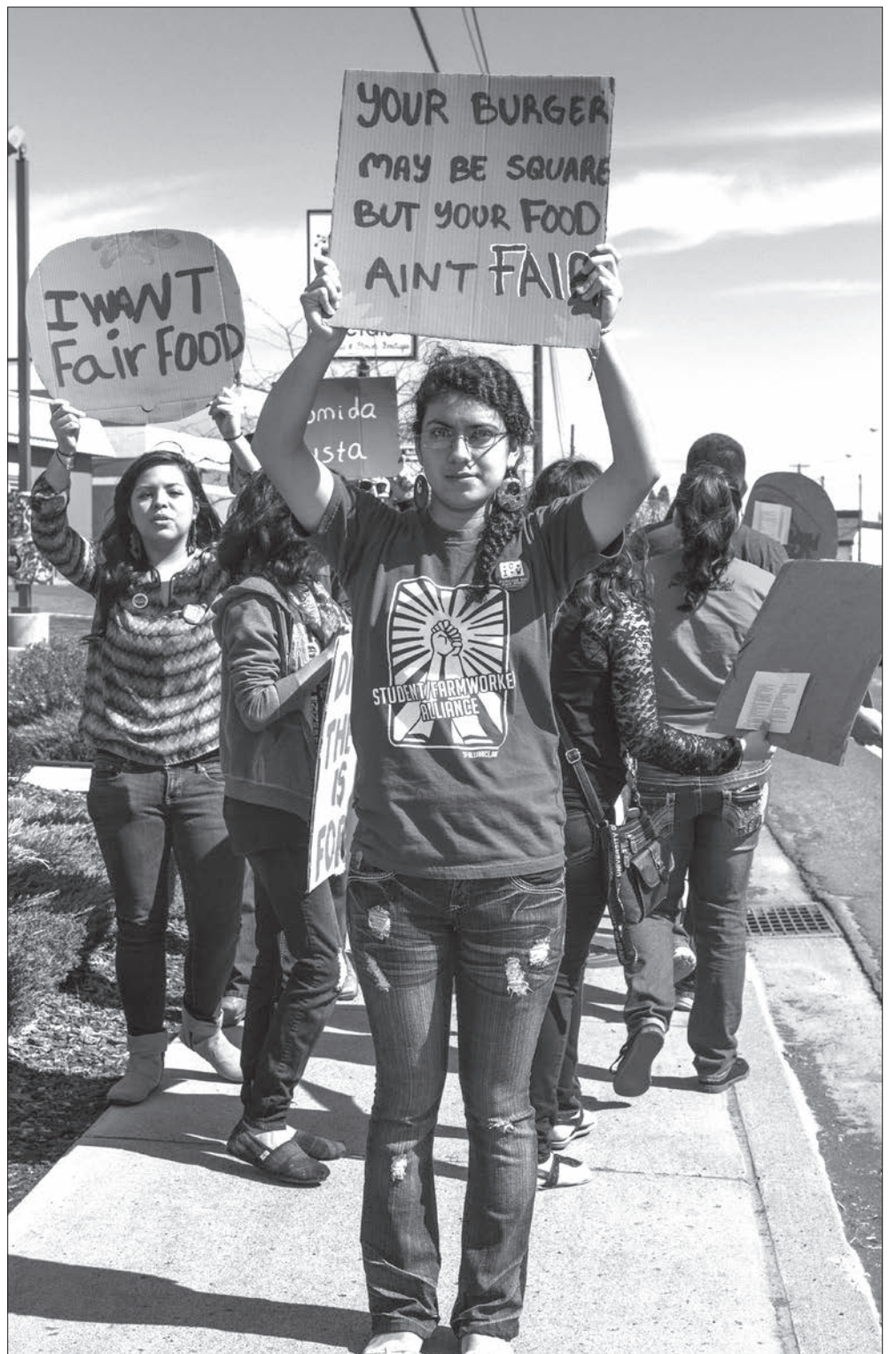
The UI and Moscow community have been at work planning and participating in other events over the last week to raise awareness about the plight of farmworkers across the country.

The UI College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) organized many of these events to also partake in National Farmworker Awareness Week.

"We are celebrating Farmworker Awareness Week because we serve students who come from migrant worker backgrounds," said Evelina Arevalos assistant director of CAMP. "It is important for CAMP to celebrate it and bring awareness to that."

Thursday, there was a screening of the documentary "Food Chains," which showed the conditions of the farmworkers in Immokalee, Florida, and talks about the origin of the Fair Food Program. Saturday, there was musical performance by Corazones Salvajes, a Latin band from Guanajuato, Mexico. Monday there was a blood drive as part of the National Cesar E. Chavez blood drive challenge.

Throughout the week, there was a long-sleeve shirt drive, to depict how farmworkers have long sleeves to protect themselves from the sun. All of events have led to a keynote speech by Yazmin Garcia Rico, youth director of the Student Action with Farmworkers.



Kira Hunter | Argonaut

Top: Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) members protest outside the Moscow's Wendy's for the corporation to sign the Fair Food Agreement. Above: Elena Perez, leader of the local CIW group holds a sign protesting outside the Moscow Wendy's Sunday.

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IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Staben's tuition freeze proposal rejected

Budget passed by legislature includes decrease in funding, rejects fund shift

George Wood Jr.
Argonaut

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature's budget appropriation of about \$520 million for all public universities for Fiscal Year 2015 will ignore University of Idaho President Chuck Staben's request to freeze tuition for the next year, as well as result in \$894,500 pulled from UI because of decreases in enrollment.

The \$520 million appropriation covers operat-

ing costs for all public universities in Idaho, as well as special appropriations.



Staben

For example, the funds allocated to UI include \$500,000 to fund new academic advisor positions, said Blake Youde, legislative affairs officer for the Idaho State Board of Education.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter recommended to the legislature during his State of the State address a 3 percent Change in

Employee Compensation (CEC) based on merit. The change would give UI department heads the discretion to raise the salaries of state-funded faculty and staff.

However, only about half of UI's faculty and staff are state funded state-funded employees.

"University of Idaho said we would like to be equitable and provide that equal increase to non-state funded employees," Youde said.

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FACULTY SENATE

Ubuntu fights inequality

Diversity committee tackles marriage benefits, gender and disability issues

Katelyn Hilsenbeck
Argonaut

With the recent change in marriage equality laws in Idaho, policies have been clarified by Human Resources to ensure all marriage benefits are available to same-sex spouses of University of Idaho employees.

Jeff Dodge, UI faculty member and Ubuntu committee member, said he reached out to the department shortly

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CITY

Extradited to Idaho

Suspect in Jan. 10 shooting returns to Latah County

Ryan Tarinelli
Argonaut

Latah County Jail officials confirmed Monday that John Lee, the suspect in the Jan. 10 shooting that left three dead in Moscow, has been extradited and is in Idaho.

Jail officials said Lee will make an appearance in court Tuesday.

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



Lee

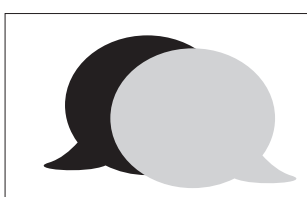
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CRUMBS



A Crumbs recipe



Claire Whitley | Crumbs

Taco seasoning

Claire Whitley
Crumbs

Until very recently, it never occurred to me that I could make my own taco seasoning. Of course somebody had to make it in the first place, but how could I do so? Well, if I can, now you can. It's simple and anyone with a spice cabinet will have everything on hand.

Ingredients:

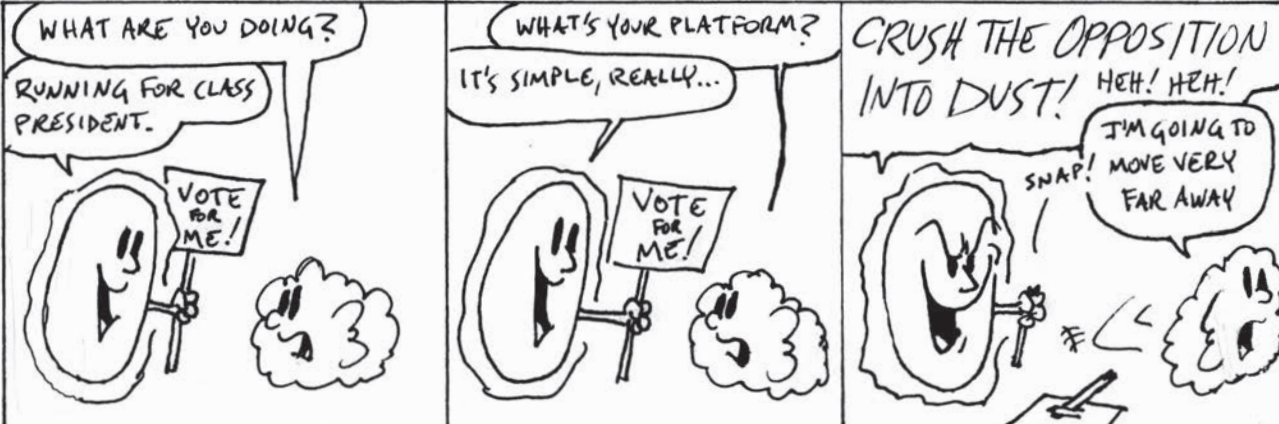
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

Directions:

Combine all ingredients and either store in a Ziploc bag until needed or use right away with chicken or beef.

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Cloud Nine



Panel 1: A character asks "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" and the other replies "RUNNING FOR CLASS PRESIDENT." The first character says "VOTE FOR ME!"

Panel 2: The first character asks "WHAT'S YOUR PLATFORM?" and the other replies "IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY..." The first character says "VOTE FOR ME!"

Panel 3: The first character says "CRUSH THE OPPOSITION INTO DUST! HEH! HEH!" and the other replies "I'M GOING TO MOVE VERY FAR AWAY." The first character says "SNAP!"

Andrew Jensen | Argonaut

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CROSSWORD

Across

- Deli request
- Shell game
- Itinerary
- Lip balm ingredient
- Hamster's home
- Garbage
- Real estate mogul
- Tempest
- More abstruse
- Monopoly equipment
- Soak
- Feudal lords
- Aromatic solvent
- Musical composition
- ___ profundo
- Courier
- European peak
- Wins
- Cousin of an ostrich
- Gulf of Mexico feeder
- Central position
- Passport endorsements
- Land on the Red Sea
- Tickled pink
- Idler
- Family group
- Taking the place (of)
- ___ of Forth
- Chose a team
- Get out of bed
- Spew
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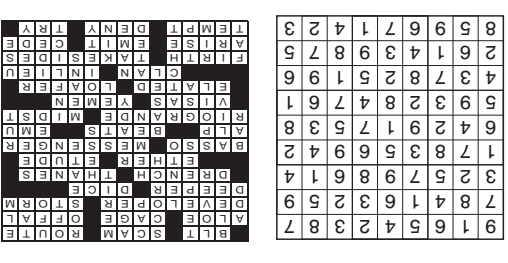
Down

- "Slippery" tree
- Contribute
- Slowly, on a score
- Kind of board
- Macho guys
- Abuttled
- Looks like
- Primed
- Place for a screwdriver
- Still in the game
- Turn sour
- Symbol of strength
- Furrow
- Swiss city on the Rhine
- Fed. property manager
- Mechanical device
- Wherewithal
- Impose, as pain
- Tribal social group
- Passé
- Pillow stuffing
- High-pitched
- Christen
- Don't waste
- Portly plus
- Boiling blood
- Canyon feature
- Recipe amt.
- Relations

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DIVERSITY

Speaking for sovereignty

UI College of Law hosts annual Native America Law Conference

Corrin Bond
Argonaut

Although the audience saw a dead, moldy fish on the screen in the College of Law courtroom Monday morning, Daniel Stone said the rotting fish actually served as the basis of an entire ecosystem.

"My grandfather taught us to respect salmon," Stone said. "They lay their eggs and die on the riverbank, and that's why we have healthy streams ... We see a dead fish, but it is really a provider of nutrients."

Stone, a policy analyst for the Fort Hall Reservation's Fish and Wildlife Department, was one of the many speakers who covered a variety of topics, from tribal stewardship to the legalization of marijuana, at the College of Law's annual Native American Law Conference Monday.

Stone's speech about the value of wildlife resources and management tied in to the greater theme of the conference, Tribal Stewardship of Plant and Food Sovereignty.

Angelique EagleWoman, a professor of law in the UI Native American Law Program and conference organizer, said this year's theme encompasses many emerging environmental issues reservations face.

"The theme really touches on how we don't view agriculture as a primary industry for most tribes,"

she said. "We're featuring speakers from the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Farm and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's tribal liaison will be speaking as well."

EagleWoman said many of the emerging issues with agriculture among reservations began with the General Allotment Act of 1967.

"One of the issues for tribal communities is that the reservation home base was broken into small parcels because of this act," she said. "The stated purpose of the United States government in doing that was to promote farming by households, but that didn't necessarily happen."

The theme of the conference explored the ways in which tribes are able to reconnect to agriculture while examining the plant and food sovereignty that is taking place across the country, EagleWoman said.

The conference, which began at 9 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m., featured speakers from a number of different tribes, including Nez Perce, Colville, Kootenai and Alaskan tribes.

Danielle Mayberry, a second-year UI law student, said she views the topics covered throughout the course of the conference to be of increasing importance and the conference itself as a significant



Karen Condon, Colville tribes program manager, talks about tribal research protocols Monday in the College of Law courtroom. She was one of the speakers in this year's Native American Law Conference.

annual event.

"I really like the conference every year, because it touches on topics important to tribal nations," Mayberry said. "It also humanizes them to people who are not as familiar with the issues Native Americans face in the courtroom or with our culture."

She said this year's conference was unique because of the range of contemporary issues covered.

"Food sovereignty is a new topic with my tribe, and the conference

was a way to inform tribal nations about issues they might not be familiar with," Mayberry said. "For example, they touched on everything from resource preservation to the legalization of marijuana and how it affects the tribes."

The conference, which UI has hosted for the past six years, is open to the public every year and is made possible thanks to the funds donated by the late James E. Rogers, EagleWoman said.

EagleWoman said she hopes

the conference will continue to serve as a means of beginning a conversation among tribal communities about relevant issues, such as environmental and agricultural concerns.

"We hope to jumpstart a conversation and tribal stewardship," she said. "It's important to look at what is happening now so we can gauge what will happen in the future."

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News briefs

Karstetter withdraws from presidential race

ASUI presidential candidate Austin Karstetter formally withdrew from the election Sunday after several days of deliberation with his running mate, Cassandra Michaud.

"(Michaud) and I, I think, are some of the most involved people on campus, so for me it was about the balance," Karstetter said. "I didn't realize that until Greek Week

was happening and Vandal Friday was happening, which was crazy. I just had too much going on."

ASUI Elections Coordinator James Morrell said while it's unfortunate, Karstetter's campaign efforts had been minimal enough that he isn't sure the race will be greatly impacted by his withdrawal.

"We want to have as much student involvement as possible and we want the election to be competitive," Morrell said. "However, I still believe the election cycle will be competitive enough that the correct decision

to fill the position of president and vice president will be made."

Karstetter said he plans to return to ASUI next year.

"I've always wanted to work on the executive board," Karstetter said. "If I get it, I'm on ASUI, and if not, I plan to run for president again next year."

Karstetter said while it was not an easy decision to drop out of the race, he feels confident it was the right move at this time. Karstetter said he would not endorse any of the other candidates.

"I'm excited to see what happens with this race," Karstet-

ter said. "I think it's going to be a close one and I'm excited to watch and relax a little bit and focus on some of the other organizations I'm involved in. Hopefully, I'll be involved in ASUI next semester and hopefully get the presidency next year."

Innovation showcase to highlight students

University of Idaho undergraduate and graduate students in all disciplines are invited to register for Innovation Showcase: Research, Scholarship and Vision, an event to highlight the research and

creative successes of UI students. The top showcase presenters will win up to \$500.

Innovation Showcase will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 22 in the Idaho Commons. Students will present their research and artistic and creative activity projects through poster displays and presentations.

Students not on the Moscow campus can participate via video conference.

For registration and additional details, visit uidaho.edu/cogs/research/innovation-showcase. The registration deadline is 5 p.m. April 3.

Sherman J. Bellwood
LECTURES



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Juan Guzmán
Former Judge and Justice

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Pitman Center, International Ballroom
Moscow

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Film Screening
1:30 p.m. (PDT)
"The Judge and The General"
SEL Event Center, Pullman

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GREEK

Homemade at the houses

Kitchen management company finds place at UI

Mary Malone
Argonaut

Fast food is a favorite among students, but having a nutritious and balanced diet is essential to success in college, according to Dave Tarrant, general manager of business operations for College Chefs, LLC.

College Chefs, a company that provides homemade meals to Greek houses across the country, has moved in at the University of Idaho. Two UI sororities have contracted College Chefs — Delta Delta Delta (Tri Delta) and Kappa Alpha Theta.

UI junior Kailey Holt, member and former house manager of Tri Delta, said members of her sorority felt they were not getting their money's worth when it came to the food and service they were receiving from the house's

previous kitchen management.

“One of the things we had found with our previous management was that it was really hard to be in communication with them,” Holt said. “When you are dealing with as much money as we are ... you kind of expect a certain level of service and a certain level of professionalism, and we just felt, at the time, our needs weren't really being met.”

In August, when the house was going through recruitment, Holt said she began looking for a new kitchen management company. As the house manager at the time, she said one of her jobs was employee management. She reached out to other chapters and discovered two sororities had recently changed their cooking programs.

Kappa Alpha Theta had recently hired College Chefs and Holt, after speaking to the different cooking companies at each house, decided College Chefs would be the best fit for Tri Delta.

“Not only was it the food aspect, it was

the business management aspect of College Chefs that we really like,” Holt said.

Tarrant said everything College Chefs cooks is from scratch. Even if the chefs cook something fried, they “do it right,” he said.

“One of the big draws for a chef in this job is they have full reign over the menus that they write, so they can try any type of food ... as long as it's okay with the house,” Tarrant said. “One of the consistent things we hear from our chefs all the time is that they love the creativity that we give them.”

Tarrant said the company chefs usually come from a restaurant, country club or catering background and most have a culinary degree. He said they provide the food and management as well as menu planning. Some houses are more involved in the menu planning than others, and he said most come to trust the chefs enough to let them make more exotic foods.

Master Chef Kevin Gadus started College Chefs in 2009. Tarrant said he

started the company after relocating to Champagne, Illinois, where there were not a lot of restaurants or opportunity for big-time chefs like Gadus. But, Gadus found potential in the needs of fraternities and sororities on college campuses, Tarrant said.

Holt said the food is excellent, and the chef caters to the needs of the house members. As a vegetarian, Holt said the chef is always willing to cook a veggie burger or tofu patty for her. She said even though she has different dietary needs, she feels she is still getting her money's worth and the service stays consistent.

“It's always been A+ expectations and A+ service throughout our entire experience with them,” Holt said. “What they told us we should expect is what we are actually receiving from the company.”

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STUDENT LIFE

UI entrepreneurs make money

Students awarded 40k for Mototrax business plan

Corey Bowes
Argonaut

Three University of Idaho students who developed MotoTrax, a system to convert dirt bikes into snowmobiles for winter riding, walked away from the annual Idaho Entrepreneur Challenge with the grand prize of \$40,000.

Students Randy Gentry, Tallie Gentry and Zak Garrett developed the system and business model over the course of several months and said they were glad to see their hard work pay off.

“We are the only company that makes them that actually feels like

a dirt bike when you turn it into this single-skied snowmobile,” Randy Gentry said.

The Idaho Entrepreneur Challenge is a series of workshops and events culminating into a state-wide business planning competition. Its purpose is to encourage Idaho students to engage in entrepreneurship. The challenge is open to teams from all Idaho colleges and universities and is sponsored by Zions Bank and is administered by the Boise State University Center for Entrepreneurship.

The MotoTrax team received \$40,000 in cash for winning first place in the business plan competition. They also received \$30,000 in in-kind prizes, \$5,000 of which is for trademark and branding purposes and the other \$25,000 is for business consultation, Randy Gentry said.

Randy Gentry said the team plans to use the prize money to build the first units and start the company.

“The prototypes are really expensive and building the first few production units is going to cost quite a bit, they're pretty expensive,” he said. “They cost a lot to build, and so we're using it all for startup costs.”

Randy Gentry said he is the primary engineer and designer of the MotoTrax system and handles much of the administrative part of the business. Tallie Gentry said she takes care of the operations management and shop work aspect of the business and Garrett said he handles almost all of the sales and marketing.

Another UI team won the \$10,000 third-place award for its development of Time Sage, an au-

tomated medical testing device that increases speed and accuracy of medical testing.

George Tanner, director of the UI entrepreneurship program, informed both the MotoTrax and Time Sage teams of the challenge, according to Randy Gentry.

Time Sage developers included UI students Shuai Li, Jacob Stevens, Michael Marsh and Verity Lectka.

Li is the president of Time Sage, Stevens is the chief operating officer, Marsh is the lead engineer and Lectka specializes on the science of how to test for cancer and research related to the system's functions.

Time Sage is a fully automated device that tests for diseases in samples. The diseases the device tests require a trained technician

to test for manually, Li said. The team said its purpose in developing Time Sage is to provide faster diagnoses so people don't have to be put on testing wait lists as they wait for a technician to be available.

Li said the team plans to spend the prize money on improving the prototype. Li said the team plans to use part of the prize money to buy the micro pump used in real medical procedures and they plan to look for an electrical engineer to help make the hardware smaller.

“We can scale it down with \$10,000 and make it more realistic approach to a more production-ready prototype,” Li said.

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Police log

Thursday, March 26

1:59 p.m. 400 block East Fifth Street

An iPhone was reported stolen from a gym locker at the high school.

3:26 p.m. East C Street; North Main Street

Report of road rage — an older female yelled at a young driver for driving too fast.

4:19 p.m. Moscow

Caller reported the front license plate missing from their car.

7:27 p.m. 800 block White Avenue

Caller was suspicious when they saw a kid on a bike riding by the business repeatedly. The police were unable to locate him.

Saturday March 28

11:21 p.m. East Second Street; South Main Street

A male was arrested for domes-

tic battery after grabbing his girlfriend's hair and throwing her down.

Sunday, March 29

12:02 a.m. 600 block East F Street

Complaint of loud fireworks — turned out to be a plastic cup filled with what appeared to be gun powder had been ignited in the street.

8:03 a.m. 300 block East Sixth Street

A female reported her deadbolt keeps getting locked and she is not doing it. She is worried someone else has a key. Officer advised her to change her locks.

2:50 p.m. 900 block West Palouse River Drive

Female reported her boyfriend grabbed her, threw her to the ground and covered her mouth with his hands. Officers were unable to locate the boyfriend.

STABEN

FROM PAGE 1

“Staben had a proposal for UI that wasn't representative for all universities ... and that proposal just didn't materialize,” Youde said.

Staben, in his address to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Jan. 26, said the money to fund a 3 percent CEC for non-state funded employees would come from tuition, and so he wanted the legislature to cover the merit-based pay raises for all faculty and staff to avoid a tuition increase.

The appealing nature of his promise to freeze tuition in exchange for the fully funded CEC did not win over lawmakers, Youde said. In fact, he said it was unlikely the legislature would have even considered the proposal due to “competing priorities.”

“The governor's recommendation didn't include any coverage of non-state employees for this

3 percent CEC, and by the time budgets are submitted in the fall, those issues have already been debated,” Youde said. “It's not that they won't debate new items. They had just made it very clear that K-12 education and transportation are the big budget items this time.”

According to SBOE Chief Fiscal Officer Matt Freeman, the last time the legislature fully funded a CEC increase was in 2009, prior to the recession.

According to Freeman, state appropriations to Idaho universities are based on minor changes to appropriations given the previous year and the exact level of appropriation is worked out at an SBOE meeting hosted in April each year.

He said enrollment is considered when funds are appropriated to universities, and the amount of funding appropriated is largely based off an “enrollment formula.”

“There is an enrollment formula

that, when you have enrollment growth and if the legislature funds the formula, then it will direct money to those institutions based on that formula,” Freeman said. “The enrollment formula cuts both ways if you have enrollment declines ... Last year, each institution had money pulled out of their budget back to the state, and this year that is true for three of the four.”

UI is one of those universities, and Freeman said it will have \$894,500 pulled from its appropriation because of enrollment decreases.

“You have factors that are decided statewide, like funding for health insurance and employee salary increases, that will be uniform across all institutions,” Freeman said “And then you have your enrollment growth and any other specific funding the legislature appropriates.”

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SPORTS



Soccer starts spring schedule with draw against Gonzaga.

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TRACK & FIELD

Winning despite weather

High winds highlight Mike Keller Invitational

Kyle Schumaker
Argonaut

Athletes competing in the Mike Keller Invitational Saturday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex enjoyed the beginning of outdoor season with sunshine and plenty of fresh air.

Perhaps too much fresh air, as winds of up to 40 mph posed additional challenges during the afternoon competition.

With the pole vault being delayed until Sunday due to the extreme weather conditions, Idaho athletes maintained a high level of composure in all other events and walked away from the inaugural event with multiple top-three finishes.

The Vandals competed against athletes from Lewis-Clark State, Gonzaga, Washington State, Spokane Community College and Whitworth over the weekend. Idaho will compete against many of the same teams again next weekend at the in Spokane at the Whitworth Sam Adams Classic.

Idaho coach Tim Cawley said the intense weather was unfortunate, but he and his athletes didn't attempt to escape the reality of outdoor track season.

"This is spring track — you never know how it's going to go," Cawley said. "You get those warm fronts mixing with cold fronts you get these nice windy days. But it's nice to get a meet in and get things going."

To start the day, Idaho's Juan Medina-Cuenca won the shot put with a toss of 48 feet. Later in the day, Medina went on to place third in the men's discus throwing for a mark of 145-02, edging out sophomore teammate Zac Homer, whose toss of 134-08 earned him a fourth-place finish.

Homer finished among teammates again in the men's hammer throw with seniors Zach Trumbauer and Al Taylor. The three posted throws of 137-05, 163-02 and 133 respectively, earning sixth, third and seventh place finishes.

Taylor, who set the goal of posting a 50-meter (164 foot) toss in the hammer this season, said he believed his performance left something to be desired.

"Overall, it was just kind of a bad day," Taylor said. "The weather has just been super off all week. It's tough without good weather not getting a great chance to prepare. It's very possible that it affected us. Pretty much everyone was under performing. There weren't a lot of smiles today."



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Sophomore distance runner Ally Ginther competes in the 3000-meter run during the Mike Keller Invitational Saturday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex in Moscow. The meet was Idaho's first outdoor competition of the season.

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OPINION

'Bobo' Brayton will be missed

Legendary WSU baseball coach Charles 'Bobo' Brayton impacted many



Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

I've only met Charles "Bobo" Brayton, a handful of times, but it feels like I've known him my whole life.

The legendary Washington State baseball coach

passed away over the weekend at the age of 89.

Brayton spent 33 seasons at WSU (1962-94), and in his time he won 1,162 games — which was nearly 70 percent of his games. His teams captured 21 conference titles, made 10 NCAA postseason appearances and had two trips to the College World Series (1965 and 1976).

As soon as I heard the news, I reached out to my dad. Baseball was a huge part of my life growing up and my dad was the reason for this. Up until high school, my father was the coach of all the baseball teams I played on — and every year he would tell his "famous" Brayton story.

My dad was a pretty good ball player back in his glory days. He played at Seattle's Roosevelt High School and earned a spot to play summer ball on Brayton's team. The two built a strong relationship that summer and when my dad played in the High School Metro District All-Star Game the next year, Brayton was there to watch him play.

As the story goes, my dad had a pretty good game. He had a couple of hits, including a screamer up the middle for a single. After the game, he talked with Brayton about his performance.

Thinking he had impressed Brayton, my dad was caught off guard when the WSU coach asked him why he didn't run hard to first base. My dad, taken aback, asked what he meant. Brayton went on to give him a lesson he would never forget. He said if the center fielder took time to get to the ball, bobbled the ball or the ball took a bad hop, he might have been able to take second base.

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Athletes of the week

Holly Stanton — track and field



Stanton

While Saturday's windy weather caused for certain events to be postponed at the Mike Keller Invitational in Moscow, it blew in favor of senior Holly Stanton as she was able to win the 800-meters with a time of 2 minutes, 22.97 seconds and the 1500 in 4:47.48. Despite the wind, her times were close to her personal-bests. Stanton, a long-time Vandal, has been competing for Idaho since the 2010 cross country season.

Juan Medina-Cuenca — track and field



Medina-Cuenca

Another Vandal who battled through the wind with success at the Mike Keller Invitational was thrower Juan Medina-Cuenca. The sophomore from Garden City, Idaho, and 2014 All-WAC honoree won the shot put with a heave of 48 feet. Medina-Cuenca didn't compete in the indoor season, but already proved he's a top thrower heading into the outdoor season. Next up for the Idaho track and field teams is a Saturday trip to Spokane for the Whitworth Sam Adams Classic — a meet Idaho competes in every year.

Felipe Fonseca — men's tennis



Fonseca

The Idaho men's tennis team went 1-1 over the weekend, but freshman Felipe Fonseca went undefeated in singles play. Fonseca, from Curitiba, Brazil, beat Weber State's Stefan Cooper 6-3, 6-2 Saturday in Ogden, Utah, before dispatching his Idaho State opponent in straight sets Sunday in Pocatello, Idaho. Next up, Fonseca and the 12-8 Vandals return to Moscow for weekend matches against Montana and North Dakota. The pair of matches are Idaho's only home matches of the season.

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FOOTBALL

Going full pads

Offensive, defensive lines draw even on first day in full pads

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

While it was only Idaho's third practice of the spring, Saturday was the first time players could put on their pads and go full contact against each other.

Players like senior defensive end Quinton Bradley and senior running back Elijah Penny were especially excited to finally hit their teammates and let out some excitement for the upcoming season.

"It's been a long time since we've been out here," Bradley said. "Finally get to throw some people around and get after it. Everyone's happy."

The feelings were mutual for Penny.

"It felt good," Penny said. "You know everyone on the defense, they all want to



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Freshman quarterback Gunnar Amos runs during practice Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

run by you and act like they tackled you. So today we actually seeing the guys who can really tackle and play defense."

After a disappointing 1-10 record last season, the Vandals have high hopes for 2015, and with the APR

sanctions lifted, the team has a chance to earn a bowl bid.

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From wide receiver to tight end

Two former receivers make switch to tight end

Korbin McDonald
Argonaut

Deon Watson saw an opportunity and now he's going into 2015 at a new football position.

As a wide receiver last season, the sophomore from Coeur d'Alene finished with 37 receptions for 343 yards and one touchdown, but that wasn't

good enough.

With aspirations to play at the next level, Watson sought a change to a new position — tight end.

"It's always been in the back of my mind," Watson said. "I've always thought that it would be a better change for me and better for myself in order to get that path to the (NFL)."

Watson said he talked to Idaho coach Paul Petrino about making the switch. Petrino agreed, and so did Watson's new position coach Al Pupunu.

"I was excited," Pupunu said. "He was not quite as fast as receiver, but he's a fast tight end."

Along with Watson, junior Buck Cowan also made the switch to tight end. Cowan is the brother of former Idaho All-American punter Bobby Cowan. In order for the two former wide receivers to be physically ready for their new position, Pupunu said they both need to add some size.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Splitting Matches

Idaho loses to Weber State, rebounds with win over Idaho State

Ben Evensen
Argonaut

Big Sky play continued for Idaho over the weekend with two road matches against Weber State and Idaho State Saturday and Sunday respectively.

The Vandals weren't able to pick up a win against the Wildcats of Weber State in Ogden, Utah, falling 5-2, but they did manage to take down the Bengals of ISU in Pocatello, Idaho, 5-2.

Playing without coach Jeff Beaman, who was absent for family matters, the team was led by assistant coach Art Hoomiratana in both matches. Only freshmen had success for the Vandals (12-8, 6-2) against one of the top Big Sky teams in Weber State (11-9, 6-1), as freshman Felipe Fonseca and Mark Kovacs were the only Idaho players to win their singles matches. Fonseca defeated Stefan Cooper of Weber State in the No. 2 singles match while Kovacs took down Hou-En Chen in the No. 5 singles match.

"Two freshmen played really well," Hoomiratana said. "Mark and Felipe won all their singles matches. They competed really well. It was good to see them, as freshmen, continue to improve."

Those two wins were nowhere

near enough to beat the Wildcats and Idaho fell 5-2. Weber State and Idaho are both among the Big Sky's best right now and the match could have major implications for the conference title. As it stands today, Weber State sits alone at the top of the Big Sky standings with a 6-1 record. Montana State is in second at 8-2, while the Vandals are tied with Montana at third with 6-2 records.

Idaho State (6-7, 4-4) on the other hand, is not in Big Sky title contention, though it isn't completely out of it by any means. The Bengals' chances took another hit Sunday as the Vandals crushed Idaho State.

It started in singles play where Idaho won all six singles matches. Junior Odon Barta took the No. 1 singles match, while Fonseca (No. 2) and Kovacs (No. 4) both won their singles matches to stay undefeated over the weekend.

The Bengals picked up wins in the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles matches, but the Vandals still were able to win the No. 1 doubles match over ISU. Ramos Salazar and Kovacs paired up and won the No. 1, while Barta and Fonseca's pairing lost the No. 2 and Jackson Varney and Sam Jankovich's No. 3 pairing wasn't successful either. Nonetheless, Idaho took the match 5-2.

"It was good — guys bounced back," Hoomiratana said of the win. "It was in Pocatello, which is 4,500 feet up in elevation, so the guys had to get used to that. They competed

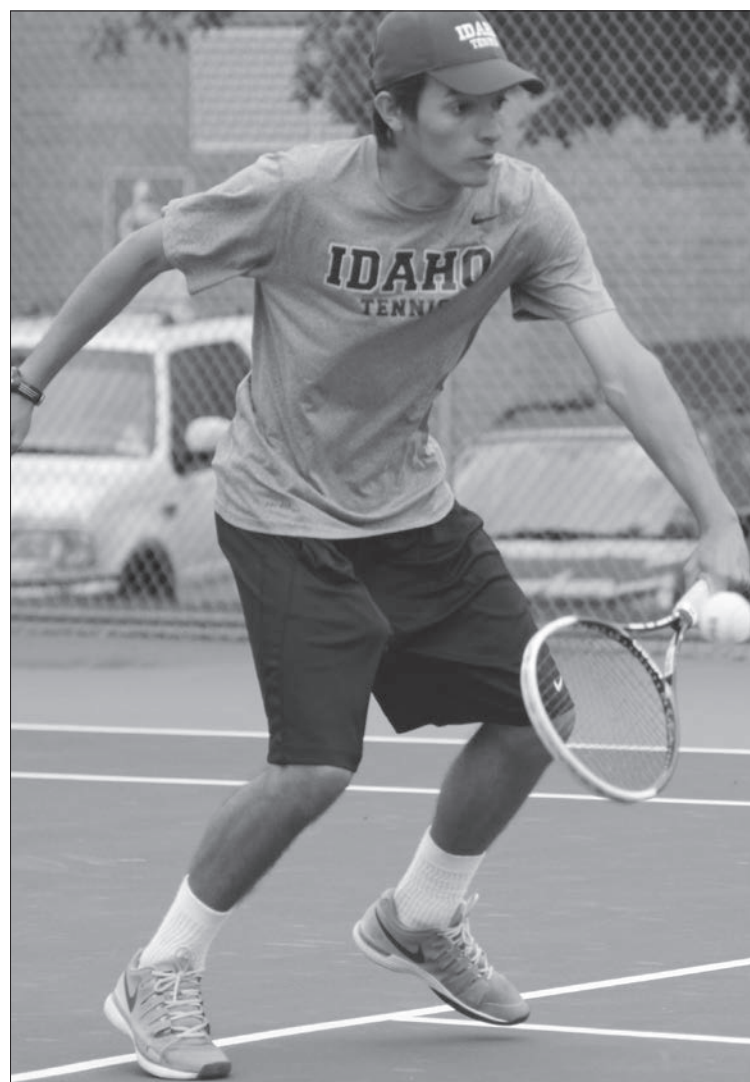


DOUBLES

1. RAMOS SALAZAR / KOVACS (UI) DEF. LOEBEL/ SCHEEPBOUWER (ISU) 6-1
2. STEMPIEN /GOODWIN (ISU) DEF. BARTA /FONSECA, (UI) 6-2
3. MILLER /DUFFIN (ISU) DEF. JANKOVICH /VARNEY (UI) 6-4

SINGLES

1. BARTA (UI) DEF. LOEBEL (ISU) 6-4, 6-3
2. FONSECA (UI) DEF. STEMPIEN (ISU) 6-2, 6-1
3. RAMOS SALAZAR (UI) DEF. SCHEEPBOUWER (ISU) 2-6, 6-0, 6-3
4. KOVACS (UI) DEF. GOODWIN (ISU) 6-3, 6-1
5. VARNEY (UI) DEF. MILLER (ISU) 6-2, 6-1
6. DUFFIN (ISU) DEF. JANKOVICH, SAM (UI) 6-1, 6-1



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Freshman Felipe Fonseca returns a volley Oct. 1 during practice at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Fonseca was one of the two Vandals to go undefeated in singles play over the weekend.

Idaho's first and only home matches this season and will feature two Big Sky opponents in Montana and North Dakota. Only three match ups remain after those matches

before the Big Sky tournament in late April in Sacramento, California.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

High elevation, better play for Vandals

Idaho goes into bye week on high note

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

Before last weekend, the Idaho women's tennis team lost three straight matches, two of which were against nationally ranked teams.

Despite those losses, the players said they felt they were going to help in the long run. They may have been right as the Vandals returned to conference play in a dominating fashion with a 7-0 sweep of Southern Utah and a 5-2 victory over Northern Arizona, both coming at higher elevations than the Vandals are accustomed to.

The team battled through the elevation changes and put together two of their best matches all season, Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said.

"The girls did a great job of staying calm and executing and working on the things

that we have been working in practice," Cobra said. "It was a great win for sure."

Along with the elevation, the Vandals also handled something else they hadn't had to deal with all season — a hostile crowd.

When the Vandals faced off with Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona, they had to deal with a crowd for the first time this season. But the team didn't let it affect their play on the court, which is a great sign, since the Big Sky Tournament will be held on the home court of the 13-time defending Big Sky Champions Sacramento State, Cobra said. The team will have to deal with it then as well.

The Vandals currently sit at second in the Big Sky with a 7-1 conference record, trailing the Sacramento State Hornets. NAU is currently third after the match Sunday.

"We were picked third and Northern Arizona was picked fourth and they have had some good wins this year and

playing in the conditions that we did, it was a huge win," Cobra said.

The Vandals will be off this weekend, which gives the team some added time to rest and prepare for another Big Sky heavy-weight — the fourth-place Montana Grizzlies April 10 in Moscow.

The added rest gives the Vandals the luxury of making sure they are rested and healthy when they host the Grizzlies in a match with major Big Sky implications.

Cobra said the team hasn't peaked yet, but they are on track to peak for the Big Sky Tournament April 24.

Every team wants to be playing their best tennis when it comes time for the conference tournament, which the team is on track to do, she said.

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DOUBLES

1. MARX/BYKOVA (UI) DEF. VANG/LEWANDOWSKA (NAU) 6-4
2. VICKERS/BARCENILLA (UI) DEF. BOX/ROCHIN (NAU) 6-0
3. DENESIK/HOLLOSZY (NAU) VS. BADILLOS/BERMUDEZ (UI) 4-5, UNFINISHED

SINGLES

1. BYKOVA (UI) DEF. VANG (NAU) 7-5, 6-3
2. MARX (UI) DEF. ROCHIN (NAU) 6-3, 6-3
3. VICKERS (UI) DEF. BOX (NAU) 6-3, 7-6
4. LEWANDOWSKA (NAU) DEF. BERMUDEZ (UI) 3-6, 6-0, 6-2
5. DENESIK (NAU) DEF. BADILLOS (UI) 6-2, 6-1
6. BARCENILLA (UI) DEF. BROWN (NAU) 6-3, 6-4



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Sophomore Galina Bykova returns a volley during practice Oct. 1 at the Memorial Gym tennis courts. Bykova and the Vandals went 2-0 with two Big Sky wins over the weekend.



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SOCCER

Vandal soccer back in action

Idaho opens spring exhibition season with familiar face

Joshua Gamez
Argonaut

With approximately 90 minutes separating the University of Idaho campus in Moscow and the Gonzaga campus in Spokane, the two teams face each other on a regular basis.

But there is more than just close proximity linking the two programs. Before becoming the head coach for the Vandals last January, Derek Pittman spent four years with the Gonzaga program. Since Pittman arrived on campus, the Idaho and Gonzaga programs have developed a little bit of a regional rivalry.

"Amy (Edwards) has done a great job over the last six years building that program to a positive situation," Pittman said. "They are always going to be a little bit more amped and a little bit more excited."

The two teams battled back and forth Saturday afternoon on the SprinTurf to a 1-1 draw to open Idaho's spring season.

Pittman said Gonzaga has become a model for what the Vandals can become one day. He said they are ahead of the Vandals in the process of fielding a winning program, but the team still looks at the Bulldogs as a measuring stick.

This was the first of seven games for the Vandals this spring. Saturday, the Vandals travel to Portland for a pair of exhibition games against a pair of NAIA opponents in Concordia and Corban.

"Today was an opportunity for us to come out and showcase that as a team," Pittman said. "I thought we did a good job of that and it's always nice to get out and compete with somebody else other than yourself."

Pittman's coaching tie to Gonzaga isn't the only connection between the two teams. Idaho sophomore Olivia Bag-



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Freshman defender and forward Olivia Baggerly battles a Gonzaga opponent for the ball during Idaho's 1-1 tie with the Bulldogs Saturday on the SprinTurf.

gerly played against her sister, Gonzaga's Karley Baggerly.

The two sisters didn't let the competition get in the way of their relationship off the field though. After the game was over, the two Canby, Oregon, natives embraced like most sisters would after not seeing each other for months.

Despite the ties that make the rivalry intense, Pittman said the Vandals try to not

let the rivalries affect the way they compete and prepare.

"We talk about it as much as we can," Pittman said. "To come out, no matter who we are playing and come out with that same intensity and that enthusiasm to represent the Vandals in a positive way."

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WINNING

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The wind may have affected performance, but Cawley said he was impressed with his teams' response.

"Did it affect some things? Yeah, but I mean I'm happy with everyone's attitude," Cawley said. "Everyone is coming out and is excited, not complaining about things and competing as hard as they can."

The teams' determination paid off, and the results showed. Senior distance runner Holly Stanton posted first-place finishes in both the women's 800-meter and 1500-meter races, accentuated by first-place finishes in the women's 200-meter and

100-meter dashes by sophomore Andrea Pikes.

Women's throwers had their own taste of success, as sophomore Kolcie Bates placed first in discus and second in the hammer. Sophomore Adara Winder also impressed the field as she posted two third-place finishes in discus and shot put. Junior thrower Tayler Feinauer also contributed, as she posted a second-place throw in the javelin.

Idaho has one more home meet on the schedule as the team will host the Idaho Twilight May 8 at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex.

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TOP PERFORMERS WOMEN

EVENT	PLACE	NAME	MARK/TIME
100	1ST	PIKES	12.17
200	1ST	PIKES	26.27
800	1ST	STANTON	2:22.97
1500	1ST	STANTON	4:47.48
DISCUS	1ST	BATES	139-07

TOP PERFORMERS MEN

EVENT	PLACE	NAME	MARK/TIME
SHOT PUT	1ST	MEDINA-CUENCA	48-00

GOING

FROM PAGE 6

Seniors like Bradley and Penny are entering their final year at Idaho with high hopes. This year's senior class has never won more than one game in a single season while playing at Idaho — and they experienced a bowl ban on top of this.

With their last chance to earn a spot in the postseason, winning a bowl game is the mindset the team, and especially the seniors, have going into fall.

"Get that bowl ring," Bradley said of his goal for his

final season. "This is my last year for sure, so all we want is to end this year with a bowl ring wherever we play and move on, be happy and bring something to the (Kibbie) Dome."

Bradley showed his excitement Saturday by disrupting a few offensive plays in the backfield. Bradley wasn't the only defensive player making big plays either, as safety-turned-linebacker Chris Edwards joined the fun, too. The senior had an impressive tackle on a running back about four yards behind the line of scrimmage, and got there before the play even had

a chance to develop.

Even with Bradley's disruption, the Vandal quarterbacks still had a decent amount of protection for most of the practice. Idaho coach Paul Petrino said he was satisfied with how both lines played throughout the practice, and said no side really had an advantage.

"I think it was kind of back and forth," Petrino said. "That's what you want it to be. I don't think either side dominated. There were some times both sides kind of got after it ... I'd say it was pretty even today."

Bradley got a firsthand look

at the offensive line, and said he likes what he sees so far.

"We got a lot of new people, a lot of new positions and people are getting better," Bradley said. "Everyone is still trying out guard and tackle and where they fit at. We've got the spring ball to work at it, so I believe in them."

As for the defensive line, Bradley didn't hold back thoughts on his position group.

"We're going to be good," he said. "We've been waiting for this for a long time."

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RECEIVER

FROM PAGE 6

Watson, standing at 6-foot-4, said he weighed around 210 pounds last season, but managed to pack on some weight and come into spring at 220 pounds.

"I'd like him to be about 240-plus (pounds) and be able to move," Pupunu said of Watson. "He can put on the weight — he went from 205 to 220 in what, three weeks?"

The switch could not have come at a better time for Idaho. Prior to the start of spring football, the Vandals' tight end position appeared to be thin and inexperienced.

Justin Podrabsky, the team's third leading receiver last season, graduated, and the only other tight end to register a statistic was Jared Klingenberg (one reception for 10 yards), but he left the program for unknown reasons.

The four remaining tight ends on Idaho's roster — freshman Daniel Bilafer, junior Eric Lemke, freshman Jack Claypool and sophomore Will Schmidt — all have little to no game experience.

While it's still early in Watson's development as a tight end, he still earned the majority of reps with the first-team offense.

"Deon is able to be kind of that hybrid sort of player," sophomore quarterback Matt Linehan said. "He came from wide receiver to tight end and he's made the transition seamlessly. He's got a natural feel for the position."

Watson said one of the toughest aspects of the tight end position has been blocking the huge defensive linemen. He said the biggest thing he needs to improve on is his footwork and positioning.

Without another upperclassman around to learn from, Watson said he's been picking the brain of Pupunu, who played tight end for nine seasons in the NFL.

"That's a great mind to pick," Watson said. "I was always a receiver ... It's been a big change for me, but I'm willing to work and study the plays, and I think I'll be there in no time."

Pupunu said he sees Watson's potential. "He's athletic, talented, but what we gotta do now is put on more weight and he'll be a solid tight end for us," Pupunu said. "He's struggling a little bit, but he'll be fine after a few more days of meetings and practice."

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ATHLETES

FROM PAGE 6

Sophie Vickers — women's tennis

When the Idaho women's tennis team secured two major victories on the road, it was senior Sophie Vickers who made the final push in the team's winning effort. It's no unlikely occurrence for Vickers to dominate play. Instead, it's becoming a key part of the success the team displays on a weekly basis.

Two 6-3, 6-0 sets were the scores of her final match against Southern Utah's Teresa De Enrique, and closed play for Friday. She continued her dominance Sunday against Northern Arizona where she beat Emelia Box 6-3, 7-6. Both matches took place at No. 3 singles, but Vickers and doubles partner junior Belen Barcenilla also swept two matches at No. 2 doubles over the weekend. Idaho returns to Moscow for Friday and Sunday matches against Montana and Montana State, respectively.



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BOBO

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A simple coaching lesson turned into a valuable life lesson for my dad — go hard, give it your all and take advantage of every opportunity given to you. My dad took this lesson to heart and gave it to every

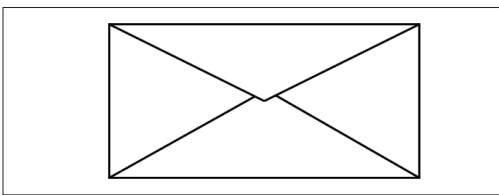
player he coached since.

Years later, at a WSU baseball game, my dad took me to meet Brayton. After a firm handshake, Brayton looked at my dad and said "But Mac, you still haven't told me why you didn't run hard to first base?" He remembered.

And this is how I will remember Bobo. He had an impact on me without even knowing it. He had an impact on thousands of players he never even coached. It's just who he was.

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OPINION



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OUR VIEW

A practical investment

New trading room offers valuable experience for business students

For a program that has produced so many success stories, the recent upgrade to the Barker Capital Management and Trading Program is well-deserved.

With the opening of the U.S. Bank Trading Room, the program moved from the basement of the Albertson Building to its new, updated space on the second floor.

The new trading room is now twice the size and triple the capacity.

It's good to see the College of Business and Economics invest in a program that allows students to gain practical experience in their

chosen career.

The new trading room has an increased number of trading stations where students manage real capital and buy and sell on the market.

The room has mounted flat-screens for students to stay up to date with the current financial news and a touch screen "market wall" to allow students to see the most up-to-date market information.

Programs like this allow students to develop their skills while permitting them to learn from their mistakes before heading into the real world.

For many students, gaining practical experience is often the most memorable part of their time at the University of Idaho.

But these practical experiences are not only reserved to

students in the College of Business and Economics.

There are many academic programs and student organizations across campus that help students receive valuable skillsets before entering the workforce.

There is only so much that can be taught in the classroom, and students who are serious about their education should seek these opportunities in their chosen field of study.

Experiences like the Barker program separate a good college education from an unproductive four years. Involvement in these programs can often mean the difference in receiving a job offer after graduation.

It's fitting for the trading space to have a prominent presence in the

Albertson Building, as a symbol of how practical learning is valued at UI and enriching the student experience is a primary focus.

In recent years, increased public pressure on higher education has required universities to show the value of a college degree. And the U.S. Bank Trading Room is a demonstration of UI's effort to do so.

These experience-based programs are critical to proving a college education offers much more than a degree.

The upgrades to the trading room are a significant improvement for the Barker program. On another level, it's a sign of the importance of learning skills outside of the classroom in any program at UI.

-RT

OFF THE CUFF

QUICK TAKES ON LIFE FROM OUR EDITORS

Just a number

I don't even care. I will continue to have a 5-year-old mentality and deny that I am an actual adult until my dying day.

-Erin

The Walking Dead

The season five finale of the *The Walking Dead* set up a great beginning for season six. Rick finally won over Alexandria, and all of the people there are going to come back in October ready to kick some ass.

-Amber

Wednesday

It's April. Where did the time go?

-Stephan

Spring advising

It seems weird to me that I only need 18 more credits to graduate. Unfortunately I need an additional 11 classes. I guess I'll end up graduating with a bit more than I need.

-Claire

Lists

I will become organized. I will make lists. Many, many lists.

-Jack

Made my day

Today I was reminded of the impact a few words can have. You can make someone feel awesome, or terrible, in seconds. Choose wisely, with great power comes great responsibility.

-Daphne

May 16

So close, yet so far away.

-Kaitlyn

Surprise!

Shout out to my boyfriend who came to visit me and bring me an Easter basket unexpectedly. You're the best.

-Katelyn

RIP Bobo

Never forget the first time I met Bobo Brayton. His hand shake was firm, but he treated me like I was one of his own players. I know he will be missed.

-Korbin

Words of wisdom

"Holy Week sets the standard for all of life. It teaches us to order every week according to, around and in Christ." Just as it should be. Thank you Adriane Heins for this reminder.

-Andrew

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ANDAL VOICES

Q: Unlike past years, students attending Vandal Friday will not be allowed to spend the night in Greek houses or residence halls.

Do you think this change will take away from the Vandal Friday experience? Why or why not? What do you remember from attending Vandal Friday?



This takes a lot away from the experience. Overnight stays allow students to get a feel for what going here might actually be like as well as meeting some of their future classmates and giving them a few connections for when they start. I applied for 14 colleges, but the only three I considered in the end were ones I spent the night at.

Aran Zephyr Burke

I attended Vandal Friday last year and one night I stayed in Wallace and the next night I stayed in a sorority. The experience definitely helped me make my decision to live in residence because I did not like the sleeping porches and being surrounded by so many girls. And I was able to tour all the Greek houses, which I would have never been invited to do otherwise. The main part of my experience for Vandal Friday last year (other than signing up for classes) was where I stayed the night. I hope they bring back staying on campus!!



Kate Wold

No big deal

UI students shouldn't waste time on ASUI ballots

In my four years here at the University of Idaho, I have not once voted in an ASUI election.

I know it's important to vote, even in the smallest elections, but it's also important to choose one's voting battles.

In the past, student government officials have tried to sell ASUI as a hugely important part of student life on campus.

Current ASUI President Nate Fisher wrote in the fall 2014 Argonaut elections guide, "While student elections are not necessarily the same scale as state and national elections, they certainly have significance and value to the student population."

Fisher said ASUI serves as the most direct link between students and the university's administration.

Despite their best efforts, the turnout in these elections has traditionally been low. It's clear the UI student body couldn't care less about ASUI — and who can blame them?

ASUI does a poor job of connecting to students, and it's not always clear how they serve the student body or how much power they actually possess.

The senate passes resolutions stating their support of a change to the tobacco policy on campus, but then they pass bills focused mostly on minute ASUI dealings — like the transfer of \$250 out of the senate budget to fund Waffle Wednesdays, adjusting the ASUI dress code so senators can display their "Halloween spirit" or allocating \$500 to fund an ASUI Senate retreat. Is this how they represent UI's student body?

It seems like an unimportant organization with a narrow focus. In my experience, ASUI has little to offer students outside those running for student offices.

According to ASUI, "ASUI is important because it takes the collection of suggestions and opinions from the student body and uses them to create events, programs and legislation that improve the undergraduate experience."

This is cute and all, but I'd rather improve the experience on my own, thank you. If this means no more Waffle Wednesdays or Finals Fest entertainment, I'll risk it.

I'm not trying to label ASUI as unnecessary. In attempting to represent the undergraduate population, the student government has a legitimate reason to exist.

It's still a student organization and, to be honest, it's difficult to take any student organization too seriously — even The Argonaut. We like to think of student government and the school newspaper as having great authority and power in the grand scheme of university life.

But really, these organizations are self-serving and have a small effect on university life.

ASUI appears to possess some power, but it's difficult to say they're integral in maintaining the student voice on campus or functions of the university. Their existence only seems to be integral unto itself, making the few participating students feel like they have a unified voice.

If they want more student involvement, ASUI student officials need to make a better case for the organization. Perhaps it might help if officials started taking stands on actual issues instead of repeating the need for student involvement and engagement. Otherwise, as exemplified by Wednesday's open forum, everyone involved sounds the same.

It might also be beneficial if they'd acknowledge the university isn't the beginning and end for every student on campus. Life doesn't center around UI, but listening to ASUI, you would think it does.

I haven't voted in ASUI elections since I first stepped on campus, and I won't in my last semester here. If you wish to vote, go for it. At most, you'll help build someone's résumé.

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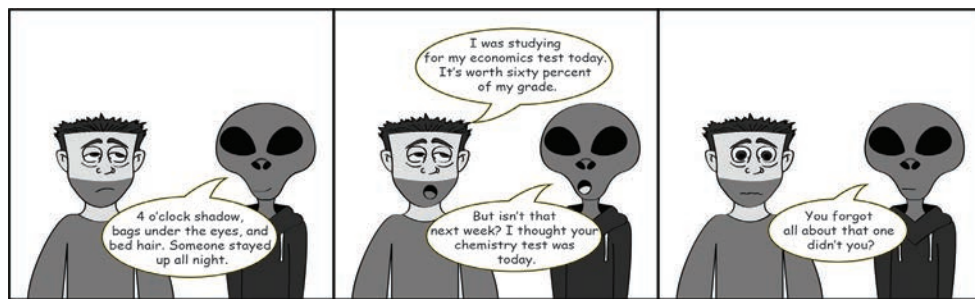


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