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# Electing a president

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**Nate Fisher** 



Alejandra 'Vivi' Gonzalez



**Max Cowan** 

### Keeping momentum

he biggest flaw in any student government organization, ASUI President Nate Fisher said, is the high rate of turnover.

"Year in and year out, any sort of momentum is always difficult," Fisher said. "If I had another year, I could accomplish even more."

Over the last year, the Fisher administration has made headway on issues such as sexual assault prevention and establishing an Idaho Student Association. Fisher said another term as ASUI president would give him more time to tackle issues such as redistricting ASUI and managing student space.

The most interesting development in the Fisher administration, however, is Fisher himself. In the year since he took office, those who followed ASUI saw the incumbent grow from an eager and bright-eyed senator to a measured leader.

"I was confident in my leadership and communication abilities before this year, but the development that I've had to do has been an incredible experience and opportunity," Fisher said.

According to Fisher, working continuously with

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#### A new perspective

SUI Director of Diversity Affairs Alejandra "Vivi" Gonzalez never planned on running for ASUI President.

"I was encouraged by a lot of my peers in a lot of the offices that I work with," Gonzalez said. "They encouraged me to run — they saw the potential in me."

Running for ASUI president was another door that opened for Gonzalez and she made the bold decision to step through — something she, as a bright, first-generation student from a conservative small town in Idaho, is getting used to doing.

"I've been very lucky in my career and in my journey through higher education," Gonzalez said. "I've used all the resources available, taken all the opportunities I was given, and that's gotten me very far."

This wasn't always the case, Gonzalez said. In high school, she said Idaho's notoriously under-funded education system let her down, along with all the overcrowded classrooms, overworked teachers and outdated materials that came with it.

Gonzalez said her parents recognized the same issues she faced in high school affecting her 17-year-

### Ready to return

n the structure of ASUI, the senate parliamentarian is unequivocally the lowest rung on the ladder, University of Idaho senior Max Cowan said.

The job description includes printing the senate agenda, hole punching it, distributing it to the senators before their weekly meeting, recording the minutes, dotting i's and crossing t's. The job is essentially the secretary of the senate.

While a more anonymous role in the senate than what he may be used to, it's far from a fall from grace for the former ASUI president. Cowan, who was president for the 2013-14 school year, said almost a year ago exactly that he would not seek reelection, would not return to ASUI and his talents would be better utilized elsewhere.

What changed?

"To be frank, the job is difficult," Cowan said. "It's not a fun job. It's incredibly rewarding, it's very exciting, but it can be tiring. I decided not to rerun, but now, after spending that year and gaining perspective, I recognize that there's more that needs to be accomplished and that I want to share the message that ASUI can be there for students. We can actually be addressing things that matter."

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# Lee allegedly killed adoptive mother last

Court documents reveal timeline of Jan. 10 shootings

Ryan Tarinelli

Although police previously believed Moscow shooting suspect John Lee allegedly killed his adoptive mother before

going on a shooting spree Jan. 10, a court affidavit released Tuesday shows Lee allegedly killed his mother last.

Lee made his first appearance in Latah County Court Tuesday. He was extradited to Idaho Monday evening after Whitman County Prosecutor Denis Tracy filed a



Lee

motion to drop Lee's felony eluding charge in Washington.

Lee faces three counts of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated battery in Latah County, and is now being held without bail in the

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#### ADMINISTRATION

### Search begins for new VP

**Ryan Tarinelli** Argonaut

The University of Idaho has begun its search for a new vice president of Finance and Administration.

Bob Weis, executive director of the UI Foundation and head of the search committee, said he is not putting a time-

line on the search, but would be delighted to have a final candidate by June.

"We're going to go through all the proper steps and process and make sure we get the very best candidate we can for the University of Idaho," Weis said. "So if that takes longer than that period of time, great, we'll work until we get

Search begins for the next leader of Finance and Administration

the right candidate."

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The selected candidate would replace Ron Smith, who announced in February he would step down to become a professor with the College of Business and Economics. Smith has

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### SArb welcomes

spring

Alumni and Friends Easter Egg Hunt brings children together

#### Corey Bowes Argonaut

With flowers and cherry blossoms in full bloom, it's clear spring has arrived in Moscow, and along with it, the Easter bunny.

The University of Idaho Student Alumni Relations Board (SArb) will host its annual Alumni and Friends Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Administration Building lawn.

"It's one of the few times when we actually get to reach out to, you know, a younger potential generation of Vandals, and that's what's really fun about it," said Elise Moote, SArb chair of the Easter Egg Hunt Committee.

Moote said people will begin to line up around 9:30 a.m. to prepare for the hunt.

"Then everyone's kind of let loose at 10 a.m.," she said.

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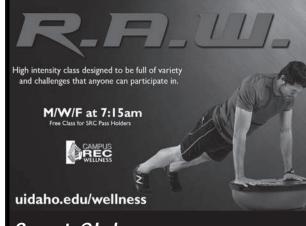
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# **Orange beef**

**Silas Whitley** Crumbs

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 clove garlic
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- zest of one orange
- juice of one orange ■ 2 tablespoons soy
- sauce, or to taste ■ 1 tablespoon brown
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- 1 tablespoon corn
- 1 small onion or
- shallot, sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil or butter
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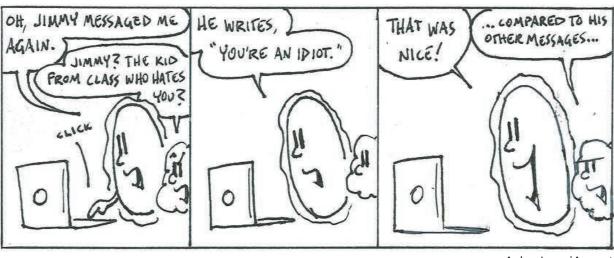
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#### **Directions:**

- Cook rice
- Slice beef thin and fry
- Add red pepper and half the ginger
- Add orange zest and half the orange juice
- Add onion
- Add brown sugar and soy sauce
- Mix corn starch with 1/2 cup cold water and pour
- Simmer until thick, then add remaining ginger and orange juice
- 9. Serve over rice

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#### **Cloud Nine**



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DIVERSITY

# A face for farmworkers

Rico gives Farmworker Awareness Week keynote address

**Graham Perednia**Argonaut

Farmworker Awareness Week came to a close Tuesday night, as a keynote speech drew a large crowd of the University of Idaho community to celebrate the birth of Cesar Chavez, a remembered civil rights activist and farmworker who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association.

Yasmin Garcia Rico, youth director for Student Action for Farmworkers (SAF), gave the keynote address and touched on issues farmworkers still struggle with today.

SAF is a national nonprofit organization that connects farmworkers to students so they can share experiences, with the hope of improving working conditions for farmworkers everywhere.

Farmworker issues are not about immigration, Rico said. They are about human rights and exploitation.

"The history of the U.S. is based on immigration and agriculture," Rico said. "Since colonial times, people have been forced to work in the fields, and many groups of people have been brought to the U.S. to cover that labor."

The first group of people who were forced to work in the fields were the Native Americans and then the African slaves and the

current group being exploited is Hispanics, Rico said.

"We have so many groups that have been coming to the U.S. and that have been oppressed," Rico said.

The reason why many Hispanics come to the U.S. for farm work is because the agricultural jobs they once had in Mexico no longer exist, Rico said. She said it is because of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, which she said caused two million Mexicans to lose their agricultural jobs.

"We really don't take the time to recognize that the United States has done a lot to make these people come," Rico said.

She said members of her own family lost jobs due to the agreement.

"I keep a lot of memories from my childhood," Rico said. "I remember being about 5 years old and going to the rancho with my abuelito."

Throughout Rico's grandfather's life, he worked hard to save enough money to buy a ranch to provide for his family. But times became harder, and he had to sell his ranch because he could not make ends meet, she said.

"I know that it was a really hard decision for him to come to that, because this was the land that he had worked for all his life," Rico said. "It was the land that had given him so much that had helped him make life easier for his family."

What happened to her grandfather is still happening to people throughout Movice Pice said

throughout Mexico, Rico said. "I know that if he had been



Genie Tran | Argonaut

Student Action with Farmworkers Youth Director & National Farmworker Awareness Week Coordinator Yazmin Garcia Rico discussed farmworkers rights Tuesday in the International Ballroom.

younger, he would have come to the United States, he would have ended up working in the fields in the United States," Rico said. "A lot of people in the United States are in my grandfather's situation."

When Rico was in college, she got a job working with SAF in North Carolina. She said the experience opened her eyes to what the conditions were like in American fields.

"I knew what it was like to work in factories, to work in restaurants — places where people don't see us," Rico said. "But I had no idea what was happening in my own backyard."

Farmworkers work long hours, through high temperatures, with dust and pesticides in the air. Today, farmworkers harvest 85 percent of the fruits and vegetables grown in the U.S., Rico said.

The way to improve the working conditions isn't by fixing the immigration system, she said, but instead fixing our agricultural system to provide additional protections for farmworkers.

"We need to make sure oppression against people who feed the

world ends," Rico said. "Farm work without that is modern-day slavery."

The most recent case of slavery happened in 2008 in Immokalee, Florida, she said, where people were chained in the backs of box trucks and forced to pick tomatoes without being paid.

"We have a lot of problems to solve," Rico said. "We eat every day. Let's not forget about those who feed the world."

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#### **News Briefs**

### Advancement finalists selected

The University of Idaho announced the finalists for the position of vice president of Advancement Thursday.

The candidates are Ron Dempsey, vice president for Advancement and University Development at Southern Polytechnic State University; Tim Mooney, associate athletics director for External Operations at UI; Mary Kay McFadden, vice president of Development, Family and Alumni relations at Olin College of Engineer-

ing; Patrick Kramer, associate vice president of Development Operations at the University of Colorado.

Campus visits and open forums are scheduled to begin next week for all candidates. All open forums will take place in the Borah Theater in the Bruce M. Pitman Center, formally known as the Student Union Building. All open

forums will be recorded and made available after the final candidate has presented.

#### Art and music festival

Student artists, musicians, dancers and other creative types still have time to sign up to showcase their talent at the ASUI Art and Music Festival in May.

Students interested in selling or showcasing their art should email ASUI Senator Zoe Ball at zball@uidaho.edu by 5 p.m. Monday.

The festival will be held 1-5 p.m. May 1 in the Idaho Commons Plaza and is free and open to all students who wish to buy, sell, trade, show or just enjoy the work of their fellow Vandals.



# Sowing seeds of harmony

Organic farmer branched off from previous life of music

> **Jake Smith** Argonaut

Adam Reed picked up a pair of drumsticks in the fifth grade and played for approximately two decades, but he doesn't have much time to tend to his kit these days.

Instead, Reed focuses his energy on the mice eating his tomato seeds, costing him hundreds in lost capital. Ten years ago when he was a musician, he never imagined he would have to resolve an issue like this.

Reed, a local organic farmer, said it wasn't long ago his life took a 180-degree turn. He said everything fell into formation while reading "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck — the book that helped him decide to move west and start farming.

"I joke about (how) four or five years ago I was living in Chicago and was a vegetarian," Reed said. "I didn't have a car. I was riding my bike everywhere. I was working in a restaurant, playing in a band. Now I'm living in Idaho. I'm driving a truck. I have a dog. I have a farm. I laugh about it, because I never really saw it for myself."

Reed is now the owner of Moscow Urban Farm Company and Victory Farm, although in the past he's filled a number of different roles — restaurant employee, urban nomad, drummer and vegetarian.

Reed said in his 20s he was afraid to put down roots anywhere, especially being a musician in a "progressive-rock-jazz" band. He didn't want to buy furniture or have any permanent ties, because he wanted the ability to pick up his life and move at a moment's notice.

He now owns a 200-square-foot greenhouse, a plot within Moscow city limits and 30 acres of land approximately three miles north of Moscow, he said.

He still works with restaurants to this day, Reed said, but the journey from restaurant employee to vegetable farmer was long and arduous.

Reed said he went to school at Washington State University in 2011 and enrolled in the Organic Agriculture program. As a student, he worked on an organic farm at WSU and over winter he worked on growing plants in greenhouses to market

to local restaurants - which he found to be his true passion.

In 2012, after the winter project in the greenhouses, Reed said he obtained half an acre of land in Moscow, where he still farms today. At this point, Reed said he was growing specifically for restaurants.

Reed began selling to the Moscow Food Co-op in 2013 and last year, he started selling in the Moscow Farmer's Market. Reed obtained a USDA farming loan to buy 30 acres of land north of Moscow in the fall

Reed said his newest project, the 30-acre Victory Farm, will be his life's work. Providing certified organic food for the community is the goal, he said.

Victory Farm is named after World War II era victory gardens, he said. Reed said people were urged to grow gardens in their backyards to support war efforts. It started to occur to Reed that the posters are still relevant in a different way.

Victory Farm is a way for Reed to respond to a food war waged by conventional agricultural techniques.

"I, personally, feel the conventional, agricultural system is really wreaking havoc on people's health and the environment," Reed said. "I feel like I'm embroiled in a little bit of a food war. I'm answering the call."

Selling produce to restaurants is satisfying, he said, because he gets to see the vegetables he grows treated with care and attention.

Seeing the vegetables on his farms being transformed into a dish is a thrilling experi-

"I get a lot of satisfaction just from knowing that people choose to buy and ingest the things I grow. It's sort of an intimate thing, when you think about it," Reed said. "I'm really thankful of that choice, and I get a lot of satisfaction from being able to provide people with that option." Reed said he worked with restaurants

in Chicago because he was trying to be a musician for so long. Hours and scheduling are flexible at restaurants, which made it easier for him. He said the restaurant industry is conducive to someone pursuing an artistic lifestyle.

"My interest in food, in general, came as a result of working in and with it a lot — it was sort of a natural evolution," Reed



Jake Smith | Argonaut

Adam Reed, a local organic farmer, works in his 200 square-foot greenhouse two miles from Moscow. Reed provides safe, sustainable, organic vegetables for local restaurants.

said. "I was a vegetarian for six years. I think that was part of it, when you draw some sort of dietary guideline for what you're eating. I think the decision to start farming was maybe some sort of byproduct of that decision."

Reed said being a farmer is stressful and financially difficult to pull off. It requires a huge capital investment, especially with the large-scale farm he's now attempting to grow, he said.

He said he feels the biggest difficulty is constantly spending money and not making any, especially in the spring when nothing is ready to sell. Contending with pests is another difficulty, as well as the weather.

Despite the hardships, Reed said he finds joy in what he does, and joy comes when he's able to look back at the end of the day and see that he did something he feels good about.

Reed, a man who had a difficult upbring-

ing with no agricultural background, said a lot of his principles came from farming.

He said he wants to be a steward of the land by using resources wisely to commit to providing a safe, healthy, sustainable food supply for the community. Broadly, music had a positive, formative

impact on Reed as a listener. To this effect, farming was similar. Music was a selfish endeavor, he said, because he wasn't doing it for anyone else — only himself.

Reed said to a certain extent, farming is also a selfish answer to how to live a meaningful life, but also a way to make an impact on his surroundings.

He said the impact he makes as a farmer is greater than the difference he could make as a musician, so the drumsticks may not be necessary in the near future.

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ON CAMPUS

# Borah confronts border issues

Annual symposium brings border policy experts to UI

Jamie Lunders

Foreign policy will collide with border affairs at the University of Idaho's 2015 Borah Symposium, a three-day annual lecture series supported by the Borah Founda-

tion and the Martin Institute.

Experts will give presentations regarding this year's theme, "Troubled Borders: Sovereignty, Disease, War, and Refugees,"

Monday through Wednesday.

Benjamin Kirchmeier, UI customer support manager in

Information Technology Services and co-chairman of the Borah Committee, said the committee decided to focus on troubled borders because it's both internationally and regionally relevant. He said he hopes audiences will gain the general understanding that there are a variety of things arousing conflict — not just political lines.

"Everyone knows about political borders and boundaries, and there are so many things that transcend borders — healthcare issues, climate and ecological issues and war," Kirchmeier said.

Martin-McClure Student Ambassador Alysha Van Zante will present "Healthcare and Refugees in Idaho" at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Bruce Pitman Center's Vandal Ballroom. Kirchmeier said this year is the first time the symposium scheduled a student speaker.

Van Zante's focus is related to world events and issues to the State of Idaho, Kirchmeier said. Van Zante spent the summer and fall of 2014 representing the Martin Institute and McClure Center for Public Policy in researching international refugees who relocated to Idaho.

"I think her topic will be really interesting, and it's cool how it applies to her experience with the McClure Center," said Samuel Hermann, UI senior and co-chairman of the Borah Committee.

A documentary screening of "Climate Refugees," a film directed by Michael Nash, will take place at 7 p.m. Monday at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. Kirchmeier said the film addresses issues such as drought and sea-level change that affect political borders of certain states.

Patricia Carrick, a registered nurse who recently returned from Sierra Leone, will present her lecture, "Global Pandemics and Cross-Border Medical Emergencies" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Vandal Ballroom.

Carrick will share her personal experiences in dealing with the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Kirchmeier said. She was there when tensions were high between African countries in the fall of 2014, she said.

Hendrik Spruyt, professor from Northwestern University, is the symposium's plenary speaker. Kirchmeier said Spruyt's address, titled "Development of Territo-

rial Sovereignty, Why It Matters," would bring together all of the elements presented throughout the symposium. Spruyt will give the address at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the International Ballroom.

According to Kirchmeier, Spruyt's 30 years of research has primarily focused on political sovereignty and border issues, which compliments the symposium's theme

perfectly, he said.

A panel discussion with Idaho's Consul General of Mexico Guillermo Ordorica and Washinton's Consul General of Canada James Hill called "Transboundary Issues in North America" will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Vandal Ballroom. Gillian Coldsnow, North-

west Public Radio assistant manager of Programming and Operations, will moderate the panel.

The last event is author and global affairs expert Thomas Barnett's keynote address, titled "Troubled Borders," and will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the International Ballroom.

Kirchmeier said Barnett's focus and experience comes from analyzing Russia, or the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Borah Committee hopes he will speak about the recent incursion of Ukraine, Kirchmeier said.

The Borah Symposium is sponsored by an endowment Idaho Sen. Borah left to UI. Kirchmeier and the Martin Institute manages it. Kirchmeier said there are other sponsors who helped fund some of the events, including the School of Journalism and Mass Media and the Environmental Science and Geography departments.

"Senator Borah wanted the study of the conditions for war and the possibilities for peace to be something that continually came up to students as they went through their undergraduate and graduate roles here," Kirchmeier said.

Members of the Borah Committee are appointed every two years, and the committee includes several staff members along with student representation, Kirchmeier said.

Hermann said he believes having students on the committee benefited the symposium.

"We get to see both sides of what people are going to think of the symposium," Hermann said. "We get to see both understandings — what students are going to think versus what faculty and staff are going to think"

Hermann said both students and the general public have incentive to attend the Borah Symposium, especially this year.

"This year it's really cool because there's a huge variety of topics and they relate to issues that are very pertinent in terms of world security and peace," Hermann said. "It's important for students and community members alike to have an understanding of how these different issues can affect issues like border security and sovereignty."

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### Facilities for the future

Campus construction projects to be completed on schedule

Corrin Bond

While the noise and closed roads brought on by the construction sites around campus may not seem immediately beneficial, Director of Architecture and Engineering Services Ray Pankopf said he views the sites as visions of the future.

"These projects were born out of a need for growth," Pankopf said. "That's actually the first step of construction — seeing a need and designing a facility for the future."

The two primary projects on campus are the construction of the Integrated Research Innovation Center (IRIC) and the reconstruction of the Education Building.

Both buildings first underwent construction in fall 2014 and crews have been making progress ever since, Pankopf said.

While the IRIC is reported to be ahead of schedule, he said the Education Building is a more complicated project due to the amount of asbestos in the building's materials.

"The building was constructed in the late '60s, and a lot of the building materials contain asbestos," Pankopf said. "It's sealed in the walls and paneling, so it's not a health hazard for the building's occupants, but it makes simple remodeling nearly impossible."

Guy Esser, project architect of the Education Building, said despite the asbestos, construction for the facility is progressing on schedule.

"The Education Building's construction follows the academic calendar," Esser said. "We are projected to start moving people into the building in June of 2016."

Unlike the IRIC, Esser said the construction of the Education Building was broken up into two phases.

"The first phase of building is demolition and the abatement of asbestos ... That step will be finished by the end of this month," Esser said. "The second phase is renovating and rebuilding the facility."

Pankopf said the reconstruction of the Education Building was partially prompted by the integration of technology and teaching methods available to modern facilities.

"The reconstruction will end in a building that accommodates technology," Pankopf said. "It will also be a building that is more flexible for future remodel."

Esser said construction crews are fortunate neither project has faced many difficulties.

"The Education Building threw us a curve ball and the contractor had to find the best way to remove all of the asbestos," Esser said. "That's been the only rough patch so far though."

Unlike the Education Building, Pankopf said the idea for the IRIC has been a desire of the university for almost 15 years, and funding for the project has been included in the annual appropriations request for the last several years.

"We developed a funding strategy and were given the green light to begin the project planning two or three years ago," he said. "The actual construction of the building began in the fall of 2014."

Pankopf said beginning any construction project takes a lot of planning, and builders must follow an extensive process.

"Once it is understood that there is a need to be satisfied by a capital project, a building team launches into the pre-planning and pre-design phases," he said. "This includes developing a capital strategy, or figuring out how to fund the project."

Pankopf said he is hopeful about the completion of both projects due to the solid funding strategy and quality construction teams for both buildings.

"The Education Building will be finished and ready to be occupied in the summer of 2016," he said. "The IRIC will follow soon after and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of the same year."

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STUDENT LIFE

# Students strike Gold(water)

Two students awarded high-profile scholarship

#### Daphne Jackson Argonaut

While scholarships primarily benefit their recipients, sometimes they also benefit those around the recipient, including their respective institution.

"The other thing I think these kind of awards do is, they give credibility to the university — that the students that come here are going to be very, very successful," said Alton Campbell, director of the University of Idaho Honors Program. "They're mentored well and they have lots of research opportunities."

Two UI students were recently selected to receive two of 260 Goldwater Scholarships awarded to students across the U.S. this year. The winners were selected from more than a thousand applicants involved with undergraduate research and with a focus on the STEM fields.

Each recipient will receive up to \$7,500 per year for school related expenses for up to two years. The two UI winners are Elyce Gosselin, a sophomore majoring in ecology and conservation biology and mathematics, and Ben Anzis, a senior is majoring in mathematics and computer science.

Campbell said the two students have been involved with research projects and professional papers, which have helped show their dedication to continuing education and working toward a higher-level education.

"They had sought out faculty, and had gotten involved right away ... and then they have each been involved in probably three or more undergraduate projects," he said. "I think Ben has published three papers and Elyce is about ready to submit

one, and she's on a trajectory to probably publish three or more papers before she graduates."

Gosselin said she didn't expect to win when she first applied, and her main goal this year was to increase her research and writing experience.

"I just kind of applied to practice writing essays like this and so that maybe next year I would have the materials prepared so I could apply again," she said.

Gosselin said she has worked on multiple projects with faculty and researchers at the university. Her work has ranged from testing genetic sampling methods to studying the way Harvester Ants affect their environments.

"I've also been able to go and present my research findings to some people, and I'll do a couple more presentations throughout the semester," Gosselin said. "I went to the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society meeting last month and presented there, and that was a really awesome experience."

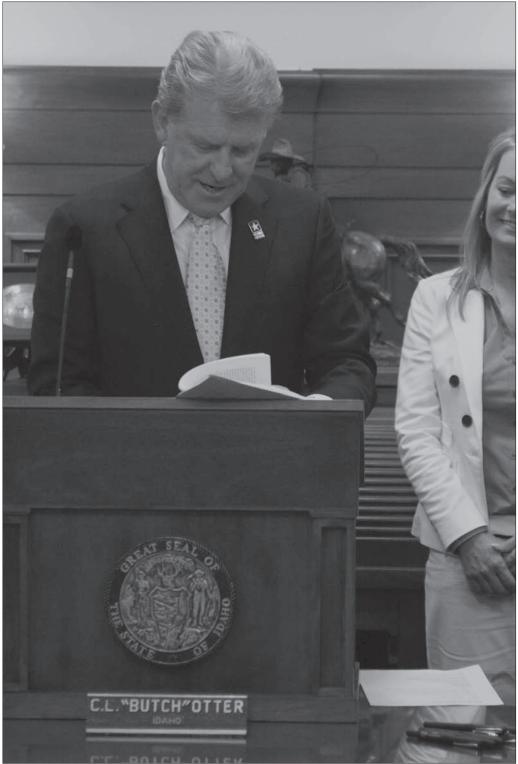
Although Gosselin said she has no primary areas of interest within her field yet, she said she plans to spend the second half of her time as an undergraduate experimenting in different areas of ecology and conservation biology.

Gosselin said she is starting to understand the different ways of looking at ecological issues. She said her interest in these subjects was major part of what drew her to study science.

"I've always been really passionate about environmental issues, and I've also just always really enjoyed science, so that seems like a good area of biology for me to study," she said. "And that was one of the reasons I was drawn to the University of Idaho."

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#### **OTTER GIVES TEACHERS CAREER LADDERS**



George Wood Jr. | Argonau

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter signs a bill into law Thursday that establishes a career ladder pay system for Idaho teachers. More than \$33 million has been committed to additional funding for teacher pay in Fiscal Year 2016. This is the first of five installments that will eventually increase funding for teacher pay by \$125 million. "I would declare this session really historic ... I don't ever remember a legislative session that was so focused by both sides of the aisle, by both sides of the rotunda, on the future," Otter said. "We've spent years saying, 'This is what we're going to do next year.""



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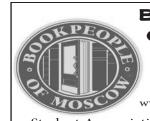
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### Regalia and rhythm to remember

*UI Native American* Student Center hosts annual powwow

#### **Shannon Kelly**

Most University of Idaho students know Native American tribes lived in North America long before European colonization, but what some may not realize is that those people and their culture are still here.

The UI Native American Student Center encourages students to learn more about Native American culture at the 15th annual Tutxinmepu Powwow, which take place Saturday and Sunday in the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandal Nation Drum Group, one of the few Native American college student drum and singing groups in the region, will perform.

student Shirley Guzman said the powwow takes more than half a year of planning.

We have mass meetings

with the other Native American students throughout the year to work together on how we want to do things and everyone has to be involved in some way," Guzman said. "Part of our scholarship requirements is to help with the powwow. We're assigned many different jobs to make sure it is a success."

The event is inter-tribal, Guzman said. It includes students and community members from various tribes around the area and from across the country, as well as non-natives. Powwow attendees will get to watch competitions of different traditional dance styles. People come from as far away as Alaska and Minnesota, Guzman said.

Guzman said one of best parts of the powwow is seeing the diversity among performers and audience members.

"It's great seeing all of the people from different tribes and reservations come to visit our powwow," she said. "I love watching the different dances. Everyone is happy to be together to keep the traditions alive."

Everyone is welcome at the powwow regardless of background, Guzman said.

However, it is important for attendees to understand powwow etiquette, said UI student Josh Begay. He said proper powwow conduct is about being respectful.

"Always ask for permission before photographing someone in their regalia or is dancing," Begay said.

He said the people involved in the powwow view the various dress and dances as sacred and regalia are not to be confused as costumes.

People should stand up for the grand entry out of respect for the dancers and listen to the master of ceremonies, Begay said. Listening to the emcee can save first-time attendees from a lot of confusion, because he or she will announce when behaviors.

such as using electronics, is off limits or when a dance is about to start. Powwows are meant to be positive, family friendly gatherings, he said, so alcohol is prohibited.

Guzman said students who have never been to a powwow before will have a new, but fun experience.

"Part of it is serious, but it is also fun," she said. "There are things you shouldn't do at certain times, but for the most part it's just a time to enjoy with others. It will definitely be something different and new, but I think it will be amazing to go to."

Show respect, refrain from negative thoughts or comments and do not enter with a prejudiced mind, Guzman said. UI students are encouraged to attend the powwow so they can enjoy and learn about the culture of their Native American neighbors.

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#### IDAHO LEGISLATURE

### Cannabidiol oil bill moves forward to House floor

Idaho Senators change their vote, pass bill

#### George Wood Jr. Argonaut

Following declarations of death by deadlock, the cannabidiol oil bill was rolled back into the House State Affairs committee Thursday morning and passed with a 12-4 vote after reconsideration.

Previously, the committee convened Monday to vote on passing the same bill, which resulted in an 8-8 tie and a subsequent hold in committee. However, an announcement followed soon after stating the committee would reconsider the bill.

The second visit to the bill revealed a change of heart on the issue for Reps. John McCrostie, D-Mountain Home; Ken Andrus, R-Lava Hot Srings; and Linden Bateman, R-Idaho Falls. McCrostie moved to pass the legislation to the floor with a recommendation to pass it.

"My analysis of the bill was that it is flawed and needed adjustments, and I still feel this way today," McCrostie said. "But with that flawed bill, why overlook — that these kids may be impacted in a positive way."

Rep. Lynn Luker, R-Boise, followed Mc-Crostie's proposal with a substitute measure to send the bill to the general order to be amended, sending the bill back to square one in the legislature. He said there was a lack of specificity in how many containers an individual could have at one time, among

"It's not clear this is an affirmative defense as it is written," Luker said.

Andrus rejected the substitute measure, citing the urgency of the bill.

"I fear that if we send this to general order it will not get taken care of this session," Andrus said.

Both he and Bateman said they researched the topic in greater depth following the Monday meeting, and heard further testimony from those afby fected intractable seizure disorders.

Bateman's voice rose as he explained his changed vote on the issue, which he said could be attributed to witness testimony.

"There was one testimony I had where I just about broke down in tears, 'My child is sleeping at night for the first time, sleeping for the first time since I started to use this drug," Bateman said.

The bill provides a defense for someone who possesses cannabadiol oil, if the person uses the oil to treat an intractable seizure disorder the individual, or his or her child, is diagnosed with.

This individual must also have a physician's written recommendation for the oil, and the amount of oil in possession cannot exceed 32 fluid ounces.

State Affairs Chairman Thomas Loertscher said the House floor's vote on the bill "probably won't happen until Monday."

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#### LOOKING

been vice president of Finance and Administration since 2011, when he left a vice president position at Seattle University.

In the position, Smith oversees a number of university departments, including Human Resources, Facilities and Information Technology Services.

Weis said the position serves as the chief financial officer for the university and is a key member of UI President Chuck Staben's executive team. He said the committee would look for candidates with management and financial experience — preferably someone with a higher education background.

The search committee had a meeting with Staben Wednesday to kick off

the search process, Weis said. He said UI has already started advertising for the position and anyone with proper qualifications — internal or external —

That's always, I think, the interesting part, to see who comes forward," he said. "And what candidates that we're able to attract."

Weis said the five-member search committee is comprised of a wide variety of stakeholders, including UI deans and professors who are familiar with the position and the university.

"We're a pretty diverse group of people," he said.

Once the final five candidates are selected, Weis said they would visit campus to meet with stakeholders and speak at an open forum.

Like all search processes, Weis said

is to bring the top five candidates

Staben would have final say over which

candidate is selected for the position.

"The job of the committee really forward," he said.

Along with picking the final candidates, Wies said he anticipates Staben will also ask the search committee for a list of the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

With the recent announcement of a new provost and the finalists for the new vice president of University Advancement, Weis said this position is a critical hire for Staben as he builds his executive team.

"Clearly, he is continuing to develop his staff," Weis said.

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#### **FISHER**

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university administrators, local and state government, university stakeholders and alumni for the past year gave him the breadth of experience to continue representing students.

"In many ways, being ASUI president has opened my eyes, and certainly given me a much better and appreciative understanding of the university and of ASUI, and how they both interact on the full spectrum," Fisher said.

Fisher said his time as ASUI president has also reminded him of his true passions. For the first time, the extroverted Fisher said he finds solace in the quiet moments at the end of the day when there are no hands to shake, events to attend or policy points to discuss, and he can sit and play his viola.

Fisher also said he has become much closer with his parents. His father, who served in the cabinets of three Idaho governors, has been a guiding figure during his term. Fisher said while he hopes to live up to what his father has accomplished, he also hopes to make his own way in the political realm.

"Working in government can be really hard — you're a very public figure with a public persona, and with that comes a lot of scrutiny," Fisher said. "Sometimes it can seem like it's always an uphill battle and you wonder, 'Is this going to be worth it?' You always have critics and people who want to see something done in a different way, and it can be overwhelming at times."

Despite the hardships of being a leader, Fisher said he's running for reelection because the public service aspect of the job is what fuels his ability to support students.

"When you step back and look at it holistically, it has been an incredible opportunity," Fisher said. "It's something I really do enjoy, and I take it one day at a time, because it truly is something I'm very passionate about."

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#### GONZALEZ

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old brother. They sent him to live with Gonzalez to be enrolled as a junior at Moscow High School.

Gonzalez said acting as her brother's legal guardian has greatly impacted her decision to run for ASUI president, as well as helped guide her campaign.

"I have two other sisters who are younger who are still going through the education system who are facing the issues that also affected me," Gonzalez said. "I want to be that role model to (my brother) and to other students who struggle with the education system."

While diversity and multicultural affairs are what Gonzalez and her running mate, Izaiah Dolezal, are well-versed in, her passion for other issues, such as Idaho's education system, makes her confident she could advocate for the student voice on a larger scale.

"I definitely think my work with diverse communities has shaped me into the leader that I am today, and that's a leader that works with integrity," Gonzalez said. "What sets me apart I guess is my innovation for seeing what issues are affecting our students, addressing those issues and causing our students to think critically about our time here at the University of Idaho and about each other."

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#### COWAN

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It's easy for ASUI to become focused on itself, Cowan said, which was part of the reason he left. Taking a year to focus on his studies has reconnected him with the passionate people who live and work at UI, and has reminded him what it means to be a Vandal.

"It's not about any one particular thing," Cowan said. "It's not about wearing gold. It's about valuing each other and valuing the experience we have here, and I've really gained that over the past year."

Returning to the senate as parlimentarian has only given him more insight, Cowan said.

"I think that perspective is important to understand that every person plays a role in making ASUI successful," Cowan said. "I think I really value the work that gets done by every member of ASUI, and I think it's really made me recognize what students are talking about."

Cowan said he and his running mate, ASUI Senator Stetson Holman, constructed their platform based on overarching initiatives with supporting policy points for each. Cowan said through the campaigning process, he thinks voters have been especially receptive and he has high hopes voter turnout will reflect this.

"I think it's an incredibly hard conversation to have when we as students talk one-on-one about what is troubling us at the university and what we think could be done better," Cowan said. "I think we talk about what's happening in our classes, what's going on on campus, and our platform is that simple. I felt I should re-run because this time, the campaign isn't about myself."

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#### **SARB**

EDOW DAGE

The egg hunt is open to children aged 12 and under, and each child must be accompanied by an adult.

"We invite children from the Moscow community, they don't have to be necessarily like a family member of someone who works at the university or a family member of someone who has attended the university," Moote said.

The Administration Building lawn will be divided into four sections — one for each age group. Moote said the hunts are staggered, so it will be easier for younger children.

"We have ages 0-3, then we have ages 3-6, 6-9 and then 9-12," Moote said. "The areas are set up a little bit differently, so 0-3 you'll be able to see the Easter eggs pretty clearly ... but then, you know, once you get to about 12 it'll be a little bit more hidden," Moote said.

The ordinary eggs children find during the hunt will be filled with candy.

"We've spent probably about four hours today stuffing over 1,000 eggs full of candy," Moote said.

There will also be golden eggs, which the children can turn in for prizes if they find them. Ayla Neumeyer, SArb president, said the organization partners with local businesses to provide prizes for the golden eggs.

Neumeyer said anyone in the Moscow community with kids 12 or under should attend.

"It's completely free, it's really easy ... They can just show up and it's ready to go, their kids can go and find eggs and leave," Neumeyer said. "It's pretty short and it's fun."

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#### LEE

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Latah County Jail.

Lee allegedly killed his mother Terri Grzebielski, 61, as well his landlord David Trail, 76, and Moscow Arby's manager Belinda Niebuhr, 47. Lee is also charged with shooting and wounding Michael Chin, 39, of Seattle.

According to the court affidavit submitted by Moscow Police Sgt. Tyson Berrett, Lee is seen on video surveillance footage putting in earplugs and pulling out a semi-automatic handgun before walking into Trail's office, where he allegedly shot Trail.

In an interview with Moscow Police Lt. James Fry, Chin said he thinks Lee intended to kill Trail but not him, according to the documents. Instead, Chin said he thinks it was Lee's intent to slow him down so he could not call the police, according to the documents. Chin said Lee had the opportunity to shoot him more times, but decided not to, according to the documents.

According to the documents, Berrett interviewed a local taxi driver who trailed Lee after witnessing him exit the Moscow Arby's, where he allegedly killed Niebuhr.

The taxi driver said he was filling his car up with gas at the station next to the restaurant when he heard multiple loud pops and saw people running from the building, according to the documents. Moments later, the taxi driver said he saw Lee, who appeared to be calm and in no panic, exit the building carrying a black handgun, according to the documents.

As Lee got into his car, the taxi driver said he moved his car forward and stopped briefly to see Lee grab the steering wheel and take a deep breath, accord-

ing to the documents.

The taxi driver said he called 911 and followed Lee across town to the 400 block of East Veatch Street where he watched Lee from down the street, according to the documents.

Fearing Lee had seen him, the taxi driver said he then circled the block and parked his car at CD's Smoke Pit where he had a clear view of Lee siting in the driver's seat, according to the document. After a minute of watching Lee, he said he circled the block again and saw Lee turn onto Highway 8, according to the documents.

Lee allegedly fled across the border and was apprehended in Whitman County where he had been held without bail since January on one count of felony eluding.

During Tuesday's hearing, Magistrate John Judge appointed Deborah McCormick and Charles Kovis as Lee's defense attorneys. Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson said Judge appointed two defense attorneys to represent Lee because of the seriousness of the charges.

If convicted of the murder charges, Lee faces up to three life sentences in prison or the death penalty. He also faces an aggravated battery charge for shooting Chin, which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Thompson said he plans to have a large number of witnesses give testimony during a preliminary hearing, which is set for 8:30 a.m. April 23. At that point, he said Judge, who is scheduled to oversee the preliminary hearing, will decide whether or not to move the case to Latah County District Court.

Thompson said he is still in the process of determining who will testify and how many witnesses will be called upon.

The case against Lee, Thompson said,

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So it has a substantial degree of complexity.

William Thompson, Latah County Prosecutor

has many different elements because it involves three different crime scenes and many witnesses.

"So it has a substantial degree of complexity," he said.
Since Jan. 10, Thompson said his office

has been continuously working with the police to gather evidence.

"We always work very closely with law enforcement in all of our cases," Thompson said.

In the motion that dropped Lee's Washington charges, Tracy said resources in Washington are limited and, realistically, Lee "will never be released from custody in Idaho."

Since the signed motion to drop the Washington charge was without prejudice, the eluding charge could be re-filed in Washington if Lee is not convicted in Idaho, according to the court document.

"While the allegations of defendant's conduct in Washington are very serious, the class C felony he faces here pales in comparison to the multiple charges of murder and attempted murder in Idaho," Tracy wrote in the document.

A preliminary hearing for the murder charges has been set at 8:30 a.m. April 23.

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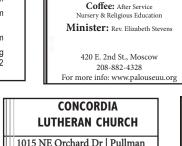


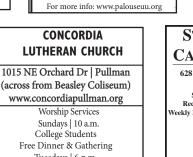
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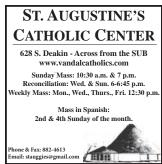
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# A long way from home

Bykova is quietly tearing up Big Sky in women's tennis

> **Wednesday Walton** Argonaut

Dedication is everything when it comes to collegiate athletics, but how many people are willing to dedicate themselves to playing a sport 4,837 miles away from home? Idaho's No. 1 women's tennis player Galina Bykova is.

The 20-year-old sophomore is from St. Petersburg, Russia, and it was there where her passion for the sport blossomed.

"I started about 13 years ago," Bykova said. "My grandmother wanted me to get involved, and thought tennis was a nice sport for me to try. My coach told me I had potential at a young age, so I continued to play. Each year I liked it more and more, so I kept playing."

In Russia, there isn't a system like the NCAA and college athletics aren't available. Bykova knew she had to search abroad in order to continue at a higher level.

"A former teammate told me about the University of Idaho and how great the opportunities were for tennis players in college," Bykova said. "I knew that coming to a university in America would help me achieve my goals to become a professional tennis player. I also knew that I would have better studies here."

Bykova said going from living in the center of a major Russian city with nearly five million people, to a little town like Moscow was a nice change. Her favorite aspect of America is that she is able to play tennis and study at the same time. She said the academic systems of Russia aren't as strong, and she wouldn't be able to study exercise science like she is able to in the U.S.

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#### More info

Galina Bykova is the only regular No. 1 singles player still undefeated in Big Sky play at 8-0. She beat the second-best player Alina Soltanici (6-1) of Sacramento State 6-3, 6-2 earlier in the season.



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Sophomore Galina Bykova returns a volley with teammate Sophie Vickers Feb. 17 at practice in the Kibbie Dome. Bykova is undefeated in Big Sky singles play heading into the final month of the season.

#### **Sports briefs**

#### Men's basketball lands Las Vegas commit

Nick Blair, a 6-foot-5 small forward for Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, has given a verbal commitment to play basketball for the Vandals. He announced his commitment on Twitter Wednesday. Blair has a composite rating of three stars on 247Sports after averaging 11 points and five rebounds per game as a senior in 2014-2015. With the recent transfer of Idaho's Sekou Wiggs from the program, there could be an opportunity for Blair to play right away next season.

#### **Outdoor track and field** polls released

The Big Sky released the Preseason Coaches Polls Friday for the conference's men's and women's outdoor track and field teams. Both Idaho teams were selected to finish 12th out of the 12 teams in the conference. In the men's poll, 2014 champion Northern Arizona was picked first with 140 total points and 10 first-place votes. Sacramento State came out on top on the women's side with 133 points and seven first-place votes.

"After where we finished during the indoor season, I think this is a pretty accurate representation," Idaho coach Tim Cawley said. "I don't worry too much about the numbers. We focus more on the process and getting better every day. We will worry about the end of the season when it comes."

#### Marx named player of the week

A stellar week by No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles player Emmie Marx of the Idaho women's tennis team earned her Big Sky Player of the Week honors. The senior from Mossel Bay, South Africa, went undefeated over the weekend in singles play and doubles play with partner Galina Bykova to lead Idaho to victories over Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. She improved to 12-4 overall and 7-1 in singles play with the wins.

"Emmie has made a positive impact on our program since she first arrived here," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "She has been working very hard and is very deserving of this honor from the conference."

#### Rehkow wreaking havoc Idaho's All-American is aiming for the sky, literally

Ben Evensen Argonaut

Not much has gone right for the Idaho football program these past few years, but if there has been one silver lining. It comes from Austin Rehkow's leg.

For a brief portion of each practice, the junior punter from Spokane's Central Valley High School trots onto the field and puts on a show. His booming kicks can often be seen soaring into the Kibbie Dome rafters — and when the rafters don't alter the football's path, the punts usually travel 50-plus yards.

Rehkow is the Vandals' All-American punter and will be one of the nation's best heading into the upcoming season. To go along with his punting duties, Rehkow also

appears to be the Vandals' kicker for the third straight year, as he is the only kicker and punter on roster right now.

Last year, Rehkow had arguably one of the best seasons in the program's history, as he was one of three finalists for the prestigious Ray Guy Award, which is given to the top punter in the FBS. He led the nation in punting average for the second straight season, with an average of 47.8 yards per kick and was honored with a first-team All-Sun Belt selection.

Continuing to put up some of the nation's best numbers this year is a big goal for Rehkow. Throughout the offseason and heading into this spring, he has been working to make sure he doesn't miss a beat.

"This season I'm getting healthy, which

is always nice," Rehkow said. "But the big thing so far is working on flexibility. (I've) been hitting the weight room hard, and then just getting plenty of practice in. It's just (being) repetitive. Repetitiveness is what's going to help."

Before Rehkow came to Idaho in 2013, he kicked a 67-yard field goal while attending Central Valley. It broke an 83-year old Washington High School record and almost tied the national record of 68 yards.

During his freshman season with the Vandals, he led the nation with an average of 47.8 yards per kick and was named a Walter Camp All-American, as well as being named FBS Independent Special Teams Player of the Year.

Offensive coordinator Kris Cinkov-

ich, who also serves as the special teams coach, said it's been great coaching Rehkow because he works hard in the offseason program.

"The less we use him the better, but he changes the field," Cinkovich said of using Rehkow in games. "The best part was when he led the nation in net punting. He's not kicking for average - he's kicking for the team when you lead the nation in net punting. To me, that's a huge weapon when you're the best in the nation in net punting."

Rehkow will be an early favorite to win the Ray Guy Award in 2015-2016. He said missing out on the award last season provides motivation for this year.

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### A perfect fit

**Korbin McDonald** Argonaut

At 6-foot-3 and 320 pounds, Ryan Edwards probably has some trouble finding things that fit properly — even his practice jersey is a snug fit, as it usually rides up over his stomach.

However, the senior nose tackle from Long Beach, California, fits perfectly into the Vandals' new 3-4 defensive scheme, which Mike Breske, the former Washington State defensive coordinator, implemented when he accepted the same position at Idaho.

"I think it's a natural fit for him," said Kenny Holmes, Idaho's new defensive line coach. "He'll be a huge asset to plug up that middle and then also being able to run down plays from the inside."

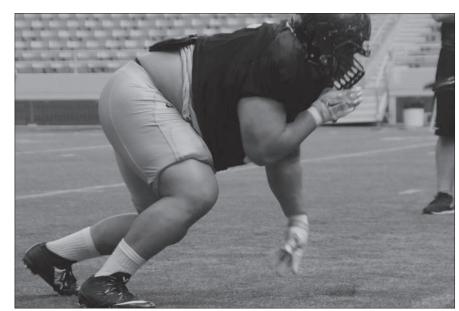
strength to be 3-4 nose tackle There won't be too much of a learning curve

for Edwards, as he lined up at nose tackle in the 4-3 defensive formation Idaho used last season. Despite the familiarity with the position, Edwards said there are still differences that will take some getting used to.

Edwards has the size,

"This year, especially with the new defensive staff, it is more tempo," he said. "(Breske) wants us to always keep running ... You gotta make plays. It's my last year. I got nothing but to just ball out, no excuses."

While the sheer size of Edwards is intimidating in itself, it's his strength that sets him apart from the rest. Idaho coach Paul Petrino said Edwards is one of the strongest players he's ever coached.



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

Senior nose tackle Ryan Edwards bursts off the line during practice Wednesday in the Kibbie Dome. Edwards has been thriving in Idaho's new 3-4 defense in spring practice.

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VOLLEYBALL



Yishan Chen | Argonaut

The Idaho volleyball team practices Wednesday at Memorial Gym. The Vandals play their first matches of the spring in a doubleheader Saturday in Pullman.

# Volleyball in spring action

Vandals battle injuries heading into spring

Luis Torres Argonaut

Idaho's volleyball team will start its spring season with a doubleheader at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at Bohler Gym in Pullman, as it faces both Central (19-8 in 2014) and fellow Big Sky Conference team Eastern Washington (9-20, 5-11 Big Sky).

The Vandals head into the spring with a light roster as several players are battling injury or illness, so the remaining players will see a boost in playing time.

Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said sophomore middle blocker Torrin Crawford (foot), rested during Wednesday's practice to heal up in hope of having both middle blockers ready to play this weekend. Other players include sophomore setter Sami Parris (illness), but she will play Saturday since primary setter Meredith Coba is still recovering from her knee injury sustained last November against North Dakota.

Despite those setbacks, Buchanan said the team has been preparing over the past month, but it still needs improvements on both sides of the court. Buchanan also said her goal for the spring season is the players' ability to learn different plays and play against other teams in order to improve from last fall.

"We set our goals based on how we finished in the fall," Buchanan said.

"Offensively, we did some great things. We're trying to increase our offense, but we really need to get better from the ball control defensive side, blocking, which is all defense, and then the serving."

Senior outside hitter Katelyn Peterson said the setbacks are an opportunity for last

year's freshmen, who didn't regularly play last season, to step up their game and fight for a starting spot, which won't be determined until August.

"It's gonna be a beneficial thing, so hopefully we can get those girls healthy and of course, the team is going to be ready to play," Peterson said.

Buchanan said the team must be able to run a quick offense, stay consistent and serve aggressively in order for the team to gain more experience, but she said playing an actual team matters more going into Saturday's doubleheader.

"At this point, it's not really about the results," Buchanan said. "Getting them to feel comfortable, having them compete for new positions, starting to get numbers, but then also looking at the things that we're doing. Are we going to get the return on what we've been doing at practice, like getting better defensively, so we can run the

offense like the level we want."

Looking ahead into Saturday, libero Jenna Ellis, another incoming senior, said it's important for the Vandals to come out aggressive to start the spring, but fundamentals like passing and serving are important as well.

After losing to Northern Arizona (21-8, 11-5 Big Sky) in three straight sets in the Big Sky Tournament last fall, both Ellis and Peterson said they have moved on from their loss as they are focusing on the current practices and spring season. The Vandals are going into 2015 looking for their 13th consecutive season with a record above .500 and to become stronger contenders in the Big Sky after finishing third in the North Division (11-5 Big Sky, 15-14 overall) during their first season back in the conference. The official volleyball season takes place in the fall.

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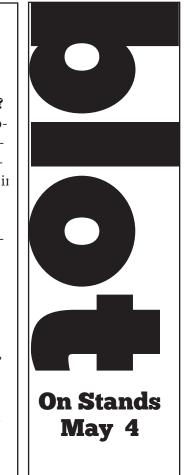
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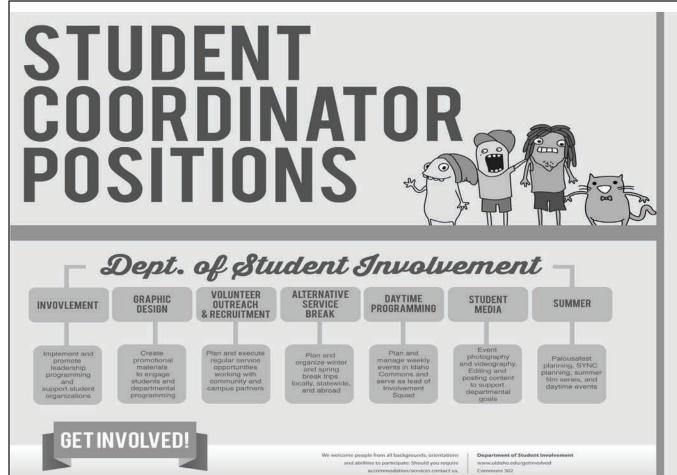
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After falling in all three matches in California, Idaho looks to bounce back in Oregon

#### **Ryan Pavel** Argonaut

While most students were out living up their spring breaks, the Vandal men's club lacrosse team was on a three-game road trip in California taking on Loyola Marymount, Chapman and San Diego State.

Idaho looked out of the opening faceoff, losing just barely to Loyola in overtime. But then the travel seemed to catch up to the team as it lost the next two games, notching only nine goals to Chapman and SDSU's 30 combined.

"We were just putting way too easy of shots for them to save," senior captain Patrick Tunison said. "We weren't making him move enough. We did a good job with the two cage, just not putting the shots in the right spot."

Idaho sits at a 4-5 record on the season, but with none of the road games thus far being in conference, the Vandals still remain at 1-2 in conference play. This leaves Idaho in the middle of the pack at fourth place in the conference standings.

"Chapman is No. 4 in the country and San Diego State is No. 10 in the country," Idaho coach Sammy Vogel-Seidenberg said. "So we went into those games as a learning experience for us to get better and play good competition."

Up next for the Vandals



Nate Mattson | Argonaut

The men's club lacrosse team practices through the cold and snow-ridden weather Wednesday at the Sprinturf. Idaho's next set of games are Saturday against Humboldt State and Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. The Vandals are 4-5 on the season and 1-2 in PNCLL play.

is a two-game road trip to Eugene, Oregon, to play the Humboldt State Lumberjacks and the Oregon Ducks Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Humboldt, sitting at a 3-3 record on the season, is Idaho's final nonconference game before entering

the final stretch of the season with four conference games.

For Idaho, the Oregon game is where they have their eyes set on.

"We take every game seriously, but that one has been marked on the calendar for a while," Tunison said.

The Ducks sit just below the Vandals in the conference standings with a 1-2 conference record but 1-7 overall, giving Idaho the tiebreaker in conference standings. With a Sunday win, the Vandals would move to 2-2 in conference and give them

a bit of a cushion in the conference standings as Washington State, Washington and Montana all have yet to get a conference win.

"For Oregon, that game is huge," Vogel-Seidenberg said. "For us, that is playoffs. We win that game, we have a much better chance at going to the playoffs. If we don't win that game, we're really going to have to fight and we're really going to have to sweep the rest of our games."

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senior Emmie Marx is the @BigSky-Conf Women's Tennis Player of the Week. @uidaho

-Idaho Public Radio reporting that senior Emmie Marx was named Big Sky Women's Tennis Player of the week for the week of March 24-30.



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TRACK & FIELD

# Changing for the better

Idaho track and field looking forward to second meet of outdoor season

Kyle Schumaker

With their first meet in the books, the Idaho men's and women's track teams will continue the outdoor season Saturday in Spokane at Whitworth's 10th annual Sam Adams Classic.

Despite the challenges presented by inclement weather, both Vandal teams enjoyed success last weekend when Idaho hosted a slew of Pacific Northwest area teams in the inaugural Mike Keller Invitational. With strong performances from athletes in multiple events, Idaho looks to build off of a good showing and welcomes the opportunity to make the adjustments necessary to remain competitive.

One of the adjustments being worked on is that of senior jumper Emmanuel Panchol. Even with winds exceeding 40 mph, the senior was able to stride his way to a mark of 47 feet, 10 inches in the triple jump over the weekend, which currently leads the Big Sky Conference.

With plenty of room for improvement, Idaho coach Tim Cawley said it would be wise for people to keep an eye on Panchol throughout the season.

"We're still trying to dial his run in a little bit," Cawley said. "He had a few jumps that he fouled, but got a good mark in which is now leading the conference, so that's a good spot for him to be in. I think even in the triple jump that was kind of an average meet for him. He's definitely got a lot more in him."

Panchol isn't alone. In a sport where athletes compete against themselves as much as they do against other contenders, the Vandals are on a perpetual quest for improvement. Cawley said this time of year is "high tinker mode," and sometimes the tinkering means enduring a transitional phase from one technique to another.

"You look at Zach Trumbauer, who's a fantastic hammer thrower — he's always been a three turner and we're working toward a four-



Nate Mattson | Argonaut

Sophomore Adara Winder prepares to throw her shot put Tuesday at the Dan O'Brien Track and Field Complex. The Vandals return to the track for their second meet of the season Saturday in Spokane for the Sam Adams Classic hosted by Whitworth.

turn release," Cawley said. "He had a decent day, though. I think it solidified what we're trying to do with him and the move we're trying to make."

This weekend, junior thrower Tayler Feinauer, the 2014 women's javelin WAC champion, will try to improve on her 133-foot, second place, javelin toss from last Saturday. Just like her teammates, Feinauer has a new plan of execution different from her performance at the Mike Keller Invitational.

"I haven't thrown since last year, so with

the meet last Saturday I was only taking a seven-step half approach going into my throws," Feinauer said. "This weekend, depending on what coach thinks I should do and how I'm feeling, I'd like to go with a full-speed approach."

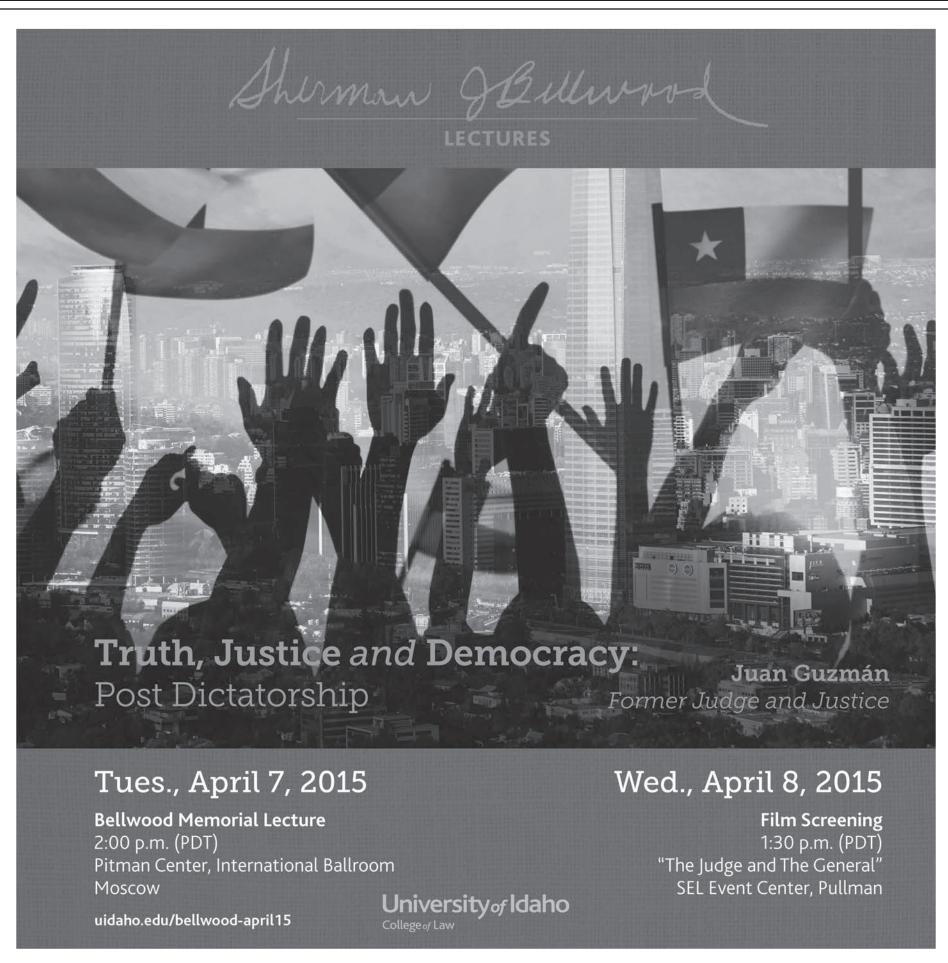
With a full approach, Feinauer hopes to capture a mark in the 140-foot range, but she said this early in the season, her main focus is simply going one day at a time.

"If I can just progress a little bit each week and eventually qualify for conference, I'll be happy," Feinauer said.

As Idaho continues to tinker, Vandals fans throughout the Inland Northwest can witness the changes themselves with meets in Spokane and Cheney this weekend and next, respectively. Idaho will also compete April 25 in Pullman at the Cougar Invitational, where the teams will face former Idaho coach Wayne Phipps.

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#### **HOME**

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Bykova is currently ranked No. 1 in the Big Sky and is undefeated in the conference. Her record is 12-4 and 8-0 in conference play thus far into the season.

"Galina has really bought into the challenge of playing in the top of the lineup both in doubles and singles and I think that's a personal goal for her," Idaho coach Mariana Cobra said. "She knows that ... regardless of who she's playing, she's going to have a strong match. I think her personal goals of continuing her tennis career after college, I think that really motivates her play every time regardless of who we play."

Cobra said Bykova has already beat the only ranked opponent in the Big Sky and a formerly unbeaten ranked Fresno State opponent, which has boosted her confidence. She continues to make the case for the best player in the Big Sky with her unbeaten record.

Bykova said her biggest collegiate achievement so far happened last year when the team won the Western Athletic Conference, qualified for the national tournament and she won WAC Freshman of the Year.

"I didn't even know that I was qualified to win it, but then my coach came up to me and told me I won," Bykova said. "It was so exciting."

She said her biggest inspiration for doing well in tennis is her mom, dad and grandmother. Growing up, her family traveled with her and supported her through every match. Even though they are an ocean apart now, she said they still support her just as strongly.

"We Skype all the time," Bykova said. "They give me the best advice and support me so well. We talk before and after every match."

After graduating college, Bykova said she hopes to become a professional tennis player, like her role model, Russian professional tennis player Maria Sharapova.

Once she is done playing, Bykova said she hopes to coach at a tennis academy or a university.

"I want to stay in America," she said. "There are more opportunities and I really enjoy learning a second language and getting involved in other cultures. It is a great experience."

But for now, it is time to focus on school and the upcoming matches.

Bykova will try to continue her undefeated conference season this weekend, as the women's tennis team takes on Montana and Montana State.

"She's come a long ways in both her academics and her tennis," Cobra said. "She's definitely a player we want to have for like 20 years. She's been solid, she's taken up the challenge and as a coach, she'll always do what I ask of her. (I'm) proud of her and all the success she's been having."

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#### **REHKOW**

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"I don't want to be just one of the top three, I want to be considered the best punter," Rehkow said. "As far as individual accolades, yes, that's obviously a goal just to prove to myself."

Despite this, Rehkow said there is more to football than the individual awards.

"As a team, the big thing is to lead the nation in net again — (that's) a big one," Rehkow said. "I mean obviously the goal is to win games. If we do that, all the other individual stuff goes out the door. That's the big thing with me."

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But the big thing so far is working on flexibility. (I've) been hitting the weight room hard, and then just getting plenty of practice in. It's just (being) repetitive. Repetitiveness is what's going to help.

Austin Rehkow, punter and kicker

# On stands May 4

#### **EDWARDS**

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"He's grown up, he's pushing himself, going hard all the time," Petrino said. "Look to see him have a great senior year. He needs to step up and know that he's the leader and he's going to lead those guys and it's his time — time to step up and get it done."

Idaho strength coach Jake Scharnhorst said Edwards is the team's strongest overall player in the three main lifts they do. He said Edwards power cleans 379 pounds, bench presses 420 pounds and squats 540 pounds.

Scharnhorst said Edwards is spending the same amount of time as everybody else in the weight room, but some players are just gifted with better genes than others.

"Genetics, obviously you have to have good genetics," Scharnhorst said. "Otherwise everyone could be that strong. Everybody has a ceiling in terms of their genetics. So that's part of it, and work ethic—the way he trains, the type of weight he handles."

Edwards echoed what Scharnhorst said, and gave credit to his family for his size and strength.

"(In) my family, strength always came,

I would say naturally," Edwards said. "But you always got to build on that. If you're strong, you always gotta be stronger ... You gotta have a mindset like that."

Holmes said Edwards impressed him from the first time he was able to watch his game tape. He said Edwards is athletic and light on his feet for a guy of his stature.

"He reminds me of Joe Salave'a, who I played with in Tennessee," Holmes said of his former teammate from the Tennessee Titans. "(Salave'a) was strong, athletic, could move, able to get off the block, rush the pass and (Edwards) is the same kind of player."

While nose tackle isn't the flashiest or a high-profile position, there's a high demand for good nose tackles in the NFL. Vince Wilfork has enjoyed a successful 11-year career at the position, and recently signed a \$5 million contract with the Houston Texans.

Holmes said he thinks Edwards has a good shot at making a career as a nose tackle in the 3-4 formation.

"I think that's what he'll play moving on, and years after he leaves here," Holmes said.

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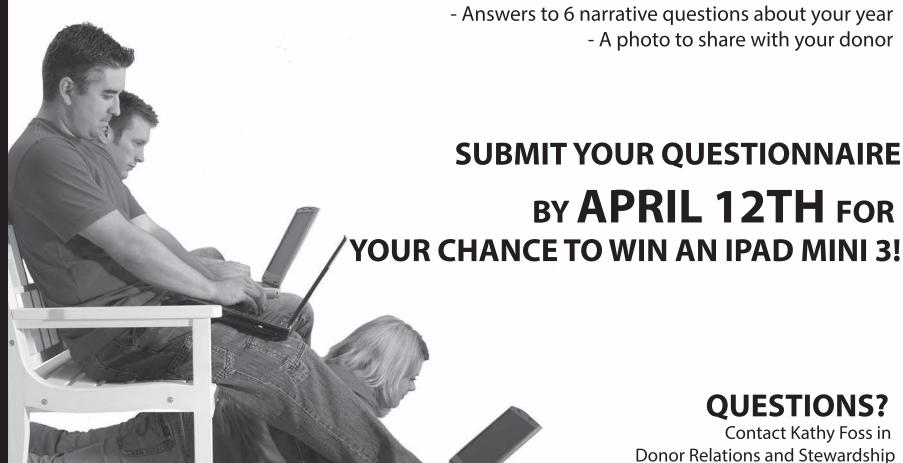
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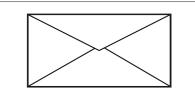
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# OPINION



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OUR VIEW

# A race to remember

Students should pay attention to ASUI presidential election

Last year, current ASUI President Nate Fisher was the only choice. This year he is one of many.

Fisher is running for reelection against former ASUI President Max Cowan and a third candidate, current ASUI Director of Diversity Affairs Vivian Gonzalez.

With three extremely qualified candidates each offering a wealth of experience and a unique perspective, the position of ASUI president is up for grabs.

While The Argonaut has been critical of minute details related to campaigning, this election will be one for the books. Students should be excited about the enthusiasm and experience displayed by this year's candidates, and pay close attention to what is sure to be a competitive race ending in a close call.

All three candidates are serious, experienced and represent different parts of the student body. They deserve the attention of students, as well as the few minutes it takes to vote in the ASUI elections.

The three presidential candidates have served a combined 15 semesters in ASUI, and that's not even taking into account their vice presidential running mates who have all served multiple semesters in ASUI.

All three of these candidates are qualified for the position and have the potential to do a great job as president, making this race anyone's game.

This doesn't mean students should use the high quality candidates as an excuse to not pay attention to the election process. Despite the candidates' competency, they are all different in their views and priorities.

Unlike most years, there is not a clear choice in this election. All of the candidates could bring change, new ideas and innovative leadership to ASUI.

Usually the student body is forced to choose between a qualified candidate and a student who had never stepped foot in the ASUI office, or they only had one choice at all. This year, voters have a tough decision ahead of them and it's not one they

should take lightly.

Rather than voting for their friends or based on living group affiliation, voters should take the candidate platforms and open forum comments into serious consideration, review the voting guide inside The Argonaut and make their choice based on the issues they most agree with and the students they feel will best represent their interests.

It is more important than ever for students to be aware of each of the candidate's platforms and stay invested in this year's race. And with the voting process made even easier with the introduction of email ballots, there is no excuse for students not to vote.

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### Off-campus housing info needed

University should provide more off-campus living information

I met my current roommates last year while living in Targhee Hall, a residence hall annexed this academic year by the University of Idaho's

College of Education. We left the dorms after our freshman year and occupied a twobedroom apartment, despite having a lack of information about leasing, rental applications and bills.

Don't worry, we figured it out. It was somehow possible without much guidance from UI — not because we didn't want the help, but because it wasn't readily offered at the time.

**Jake Smith** 

Living off campus is a valuable tool for students looking for privacy, independence and responsibility. Yet, if a student is not careful, off-campus housing can result in being taken advantage of which can lead to legal issues. UI does not provide enough guidance and education for students to avoid these problems.

Although there are some recent student-led efforts addressing off-campus housing issues, there needs to be more educational programs and resources available to students so

they can safely integrate into off-campus living arrangements.

In the past, ASUI offered Vandal Trading Post, an aggregate of off-campus apartment listings, but in recent years they've discontinued the service. Now students must find listings on Craigslist and property management websites.

UI's website is full of pages with step-by-step guides about how to become a member of University Housing, Greek Life and Steel House. The live-on campus requirement for freshmen is clearly outlined in the Dean of Students Office portion of UI's website.

Unlike Washington State University's Dean of Students Office website, UI does not clearly provide a guide for safely transitioning and living off-campus.

WSU provides online legal information, city regulations, leasing information, rental insurance information and other useful tools for their students, many of which may be transitioning into their first residence without supervision from their parents, or university staff.

ASUI acknowledged the potentially unfair treatment of students by rental agencies within the community through Sen. Stetson Holman's recent resolution. According to Holman's resolution, the Fair and Affordable Housing Commission should look into exploring city ordinances to provide student renters protection against unfair housing practices.

Holman also has plans to provide residence hall students with an educational program about offcampus living to give them tips on how to protect themselves legally.

The UI College of Law offers a general clinic for clients who cannot otherwise afford a lawyer. Landlord-tenant disputes are among the cases they typi-

cally handle. Moscow Mayor Bill Lambert even named April as Fair Housing Month last year.

ASUI, the law school and the City of Moscow are all on board to address off-campus housing issues. It's time for UI administration to step up and provide students with the resources they need.

These initial steps by Lambert and Holman are promising, and will likely heighten the amount of public discussion around the topic.

UI administration is the most apt to help students, but it is still sitting on the sideline.

The Dean of Students Office should work harder to correct the scarce amount of information provided to students transitioning from on-campus to off-campus living arrangements. These students, who were once a part of tightly-knit organizations that capitalize on community, should be educated more thoroughly on these topics.

Students are now leading by example in better educating their peers, and UI administration should follow in suit.

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**QUICK TAKES** ON LIFE FROM **OUR EDITORS** 

#### **Concealed carry** "rewrite"

So the Idaho Legislature wants to allow citizens the ability to carry concealed weapons without a permit ... And they wonder why so many students are leaving the state after graduating?

#### In the Times yesterday

Well, thank you Steve Easterbrook for the wonderful full page letter in the New York Times. I appreciate the ideas you are trying to promote, but a full page color ad in the Times is expensive and makes me wonder about ulterior motives. #itsallaboutthemoney

-Claire

#### The Hole part 1

What a miserable life it must be, living in that little hole. So says the bird, who's never rested in dirt. But thinks that he knows all. -Jack

#### **Good Friday**

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

-Andrew

#### **Mother nature**

I got beef with you. You tease us with some sun and beautiful weather, now it's cold, windy ... and did I see snow this morning?

-Korbin

#### **Intramural soccer**

Playing soccer reminds me how poor my fitness is right now and makes me miss when actually participating in sports was a huge part of my life. At least I get to write about them though, right? -Stephan

#### Safety

I'm thankful that I go to school on a campus where I feel safe. My thoughts are with the over 100 students killed in Kenya.

-Katelyn

#### One day at a time I forgot just how crazy the

end of the semester can be. It's days like this that I wish I was a little better at juggling.

-Daphne

#### **Cupcakes and** family

I am going to get a ridiculous amount of wedding planning done this weekend ... like I should pretty much be done soon. I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER ABOUT LIFE.

#### Perks of adulting

I can buy a bag of trail mix, eat nothing but the M&M's and cashews, and no one will get mad at me.

-Kaitlyn

#### **Good stuff**

Shout out to Skyler Mendell and Bowen Wolcott on two amazing trumpet recitals. I got my fair share of classical trumpet this week, but it was great seeing all of their hard work pay off. #slaying

# A modest university

UI offers good student experience without the extravagance

There is a certain nostalgia that surrounds Vandal Friday.

Seeing the crowds of soon-to-be students, the event has a way of bringing up memories of my first Vandal Friday and reminding me of why I chose the University of Idaho.

I'm proud to be a Vandal because UI offers a great student experience without the extravagance that has come to plague higher education.

There is a certain kind of modesty to UI that is often overlooked and unappreciated within higher education.

UI might not have many of the flashy, shallow amenities advertised by other schools, but it is a university that focuses on providing a quality education for Idaho residents.

In an effort to recruit and retain students, other universities used their resources to build extravagant dorms with a number of luxury amenities and over-thetop recreation centers.

The trend is particularly pervasive

among large research universities.

Texas Tech University dropped \$8.4 million on a water park with a 25-person hot tub, a 64-foot-long lazy river and a diving well with a water slide.

The Aquatic Center at the University of Missouri has an indoor waterfall and a cave-like swimming pool, supposedly inspired by the grotto at the Playboy Mansion, according to ABC News.

An initial construction boom has now turned into a fullfledged arms race between universities over the past 15 years. These luxury amenities have little or nothing to do with academics, but institutions continue to invest, often go into debt and saddle the cost onto students

through tuition increases.

There are many other factors that have caused tuition to increase, but in a time when Americans have \$1.2 trillion in student loans, the building of a new recreation center to attract students seems irrational.

Despite the misplaced funding priorities by other universities, UI has — to a large extent — not been caught up in the arms race over the past decade. The university has been relatively modest with its building projects compared to its size.

UI has used its limited funds in recent years to fix long-term needs, like replac-

ing roofs and HVAC systems, instead of building non-essential amenities like other land-grant institutions.

For the first time in years, UI has taken on two major construction projects on campus — the building of the Integrated Research and Innovation Center and the renovation of the College of Education Building.

While bonds play a role in funding the projects, both buildings are central to UI's mission statement and will have a positive affect on the undergraduate and graduate student experience.

With low tuition for in-state students and generous financial packages for many students, I don't worry for the high school seniors I see wandering from booth to booth on the Kiddle Dome turf.

If they work hard and take advantage of the numerous opportunities at UI, they will have a positive experience and have a bright future ahead of them. This university works for people who work hard, and the modesty of campus buildings and the students is a big part

I'm proud to call myself a Vandal not just because of the reputation of UI, but because of what it represents within higher education.

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#### **Mailbox**

#### **ASUI** provides important student representation

I get it. Many people often find frustration with government. Some disagree with certain actions that are taken, others find it hard to see the value of government.

I understand many of the concerns and acknowledge that ASUI is not perfect, but Andrew Jenson, in his article from March 30, "No Big Deal," gave a very misleading and hypercritical analysis of ASUI.

Jenson's conclusion is that ASUI is "self-serving," that we "have a small effect on university life," and are "an unimportant organization with a narrow focus."

And while he references some governmental functions that appear to contribute to these pointed, he neglects to address the full picture and fails to perform any type of due-diligence. ASUI does provide some truly valuable services to students.

Consistently, year-in and year-out, ASUI provides oversight and establishment of the Student Activity Fee — a \$1,100 component of full tuition, and ironically the revenue that funds Jen-

We provide representation and student voice on university search committees seeking to bring high-level administrators to the University of Idaho — this year alone ASUI has had members serve on the Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Provost and Executive Vice President, Vice President of Advancement and Dean of Students search committees.

Additionally, ASUI provides and disburses nearly \$70,000 to the university's 200+ student organizations in order to benefit the student experience and fund programming endeavors. These are, certainly, just a few of the tangible services that ASUI provides and help demonstrate the importance of student government.

I understand that, as Jenson writes, "the university isn't the beginning and end for every student on campus" and that "life doesn't center around UI".

But considering we are here for four years — five in my case — don't you think we should have some voice and influence in the things going on around us? This is what ASUI strives to do, and while we are not perfect, I think that we do a pretty decent job.

Nate Fisher, ASUI president



As the Editor-in-Chief of The Argonaut I've spent much of this past year defending Andrew Jenson's right to his opinion, despite the fact that I — and many of our readers — vehemently disagree with nearly every word he writes.

His latest column — No Big Deal — is no exception.

Aside from our differing opinions on nearly every topic under the sun, Jenson is a model Argonaut employee. He is ethical, professional and an outstanding leader in our video department.

I normally refrain from responding to Jenson's opinions. The Argonaut's readers typically need little assistance from me in debating Jenson's viewpoints.

But the topic of his latest column is one I fear many of our readers will brush off as an uncharacteristically mild Jensonism rather than the gross mischaracterization and misunderstanding of ASUI that it is because the topic is not nearly as flashy or heated as feminism or religion.

And as Jenson points out — and proves with his own ignorance — the majority of the student body is unclear on the purpose of ASUI and student government, so they're likely to blindly agree with Jenson or dismiss entirely the function of ASUI.

Jenson said he believes ASUI is "an unimportant organization with a narrow focus." ASUI is more than just a collection of students playing politics — it is every student club, every student-fee funded department or service and every undergraduate student on the University of Idaho campus. Those in the governing branch are responsible for ensuring the or-

> ganization as a whole carries out its duties in making sure these opportunities are available for students as a means to enhance the student experience.

For Jenson to suggest that he could do this on his own without a governing body that provides funds and structure for the organizations he has taken advantage

of is unrealistic and a complete dismissal of the value his own collegiate experience. Despite clarifying that he was not

trying to dismiss ASUI as unnecessary, Jenson did just that by undermining the value of any student experience that was not his own and failed to acknowledge the primary functions of ASUI as they relate to the university — and even to his own experience at the university as a four-year employee of The Argonaut.

The examples Jenson points to — such as providing funding for Waffle Wednesdays or changing the dress-code for Halloween — are minor in the grand scheme of all that ASUI does, and the bills related to these issues are merely functions of parliamentary procedure ASUI is subject to as a governing body.

In addition to analyzing and setting student fees, taking a stance on and representing the views of the entire student body on issues, such as smoking, which directly affect students, providing a

### point, ASUI has significant impact on student life

student voice in university administration, and yes, enhancing the student experience, ASUI representatives can have a little fun and wear a Halloween costume to their weekly senate meeting without negating their entire purpose for existing.

And as for Waffle Wednesdays, Jenson and his conservative counterparts would be appalled if any other branch of government spent any portion of their publicly funded budget without following proper parliamentary protocol.

It is important to vote in ASUI elections because these are the students tasked with spending thousands of student fee dollars, providing opportunities to students and standing up for issues that are important to the student body such as tobacco rights, student safety and sexual violence prevention, to name a few from the past year. While it's clear some students run for these positions as a resume builder, most truly believe in representing the student body. But determining who is best fit for the position is up to the voters, and choosing not to participate is no dif-

ferent than any other election. It is encouraging that the future leaders of this country are getting experience now in the functions of government, and we can only hope that once they take over the leadership roles of this country, their ethical and productive management of government will continue whether they're voting on waffles, war or women's rights.

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# Highlight your health

Campus resources focus on student health

At the beginning of the spring semester, it can be easy to make health a priority. New Year's resolutions, a new semester and starting with a clean slate after the holidays all

give people motivation to focus on their health and wellness goals.

By this time in the semester, some of those goals may have gone out the window. Health is not something to only focus on now and then. In order to be well, feel good and be successful, health must remain a constant priority.

Health is a broad term and is more than the absence of disease. Health, when thought about through a holistic lens, incorporates many facets of student life — sexual responsibility, safe alcohol use, exercise and nutrition, good sleep habits, emotional well-being, safety and having access to healthcare.

At the University of Idaho, students are exposed to a wide variety of services and programs to help them set health goals, stay healthy, engage in self-care and access resources as needed.

Vandal Health Education at UI is just one of the many resources for students to help them focus on their health. From information about the Student Health Clinic to free condoms, birth control options to nutrition counseling with the campus dietitian, our focus is to give students the tools they need in order to make informed choices about their health.

Vandal Health Ed also focuses on creating a healthy and safe environment for the campus community by offering free flu shot clinics during flu season and working to create a tobacco-free environment.

Certified peer educators staff the

Health Education Resource Room in the Student Recreation Center and students from across campus come in to ask questions about health topics, health resources and upcoming events. Many students also stop by for free condoms, hand sanitizer, flu kits, tobacco quit-kits and food from the

Vandal Food Pantry.

Do you have a health question and aren't sure who to ask, feeling embarrassed or don't have time to stop by the resource room? Check out our "Ask Anything" feature on the Vandal Health Ed website. Students can ask questions and choose to have them answered by email or posted on our Q-and-A page.

With the second half of the semester underway, Vandal Health Ed would like to remind students to take a renewed interest in their health and wellness.

Before the added pressures of final projects, papers and exams add up, make time to take a step toward health.

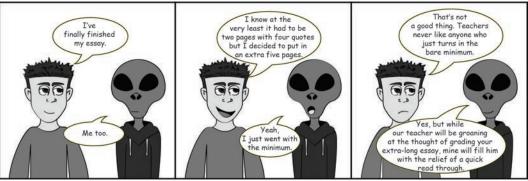
Whether it be scheduling an appointment at the Student Health Clinic for a checkup on a nagging pain, checking out the Counseling and Testing Center to develop a plan for the stress of graduation or finding a career, making an appointment with the campus dietitian to get ideas about low-cost dinner ideas, grabbing condoms in the Vandal Health Ed Resource Room or finding resources to help you take the initial step to quit tobacco — we got your back.

Stop by the Vandal Health Ed Resource Room in the SRC to find out how to access resources, ask your health and wellness related questions and find out about upcoming health events on campus.

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#### College Roommates



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#### **The Honest Professor**







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